In a venture to end domestic violence on campus, Student Activities and the Student Government are joining forces during Domestic Violence Week, October 13-17th, 2014. In response to the recent Campus SaVE Act that took effect on October 1, 2013, schools must establish sexual violence prevention programs. SaVE stands for Sexual Violence Elimination. This Act has four main goals, which include transparency, accountability, education and collaboration. Transparency includes informing the proper authorities when violence has taken place or is being threatened. A student should know the actions to take if they feel endangered, for example taking safe walking paths or obtaining restraining orders. It is vital to let the administration help you determine the best course of action. They can guide you to on-campus or community help and support services. Accountability stands for the standards that must be followed by all institutions to provide fair treatment of both parties. The Act strives to make all proceedings “prompt, fair and impartial.” Education aspires to inform institutions about awareness and prevention. Today’s generation faces new threats that include domestic and dating violence, sexual assault and even stalking. Stalking has become a considerable threat thanks to social media and our modern tech-savvy society. We must be cautious about how much information we share or throw out into cyberspace. Finally, collaboration between US Government Departments work to keep the SaVE program moving forward. During the Domestic Violence Week at Southwest, men will be asked to take an online pledge against violence. The theme is “REAL men don’t REEL.” A “Real Man” will treat women respectfully and properly. Each male student who completes the survey can bring it to school and receive a free t-shirt! Check the Southwest website for the survey and be a “REAL” man.

What Is Project M.O.S.T.?

According to the Project M.O.S.T website, http://www.southwest.tn.edu/most/, the Project M.O.S.T. program (Men of Southwest Tennessee) is grant-funded through the U.S. Department of Education’s Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI) initiative. It is designed to assist African American male students adjust to the college environment as well as aid in retention and graduation efforts. Project M.O.S.T. promotes and strengthens its constituents by building upon intrinsic potential through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives. Project M.O.S.T. seeks to increase the retention and graduation rate of African-American male students by providing them with resources that will enable them to achieve their educational and career goals. Project M.O.S.T provides summer training camps, learning support services, mentoring, leadership training, and monthly stipends. This program provides an opportunity for our African-American male students to participate in a dynamic experience that allows them to earn cash while they learn, develop excellent leadership skills and positive attitudes, and excel in their classes. This year Project M.O.S.T. received the College Retention Committee’s Student Success Award for Excellence. The organization completed a fall to fall retention rate of 87%. It is definitely a model on how to improve retention. There have been over one thousand men who have participated in this organization since it began at Southwest Tennessee Community College in 2012. The “Men in Black” affair acknowledges men with a 3.0 GPA or better. The “ICE” (Into College Excellence) and the Fatherhood Initiative are programs designed to increase the awareness of its members. I like this program because it has given me the opportunity to meet, and to be encouraged by my fellow brothers. This program provides an opportunity for our African-American male students to participate in a dynamic experience that allows them to earn cash while learning, developing excellent leadership skills, a positive attitude, and excel in their classes. I would like to encourage every man to participate in the Project M.O.S.T program.
The Mid-South Book Festival

According to Literacy Mid-South, “Somewhere between 20% to 30% of adults in the Memphis metro area are functionally illiterate.” Literacy Mid-South (LMS) believes that “it’s never too late to start learning.” They work hard to train the youth and adults in the Mid-South, striving to reach 100% literacy. To do this, the LMS not only trains adults but also seeks to inspire a future generation of readers. LMS recently hosted the first annual Mid-South Book Festival to promote literacy in the Mid-South. When word spread about the event, enthusiasm peaked and plans were quickly adapted to accommodate a four-day event that took place on September 25th-28th. The festival brought in over 2800 attendees and consisted of food trucks, live performances, a children’s area and numerous bookstores including Burke’s Books. The main attraction at the festival was the host of celebrity authors. I had the privilege of being a room leader for author Daniel Wallace. Wallace wrote Big Fish, which was adapted into a movie and is currently being turned into a major Broadway production. He read several passages from his writings and discussed how to become a writer. Wallace teaches writing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and challenges students to start a journal, writing 20 minutes every day about whatever they wish. In a year, one will have written enough to edit and print an entire novel. Southwest’s professor, Mrs. Julie Lester moderated for the teen authors. Amber McRee Turner wrote two teen novels published by Disney-Hyperion, Sway and Circa Now. After working 40 years for Newspapers, Vince Vawter decided to share his own story in his award-winning novel Paperboy. Barry Wolverton used to work for National Geographic and is now on the LMS advisory board and just finished Neversink, the first in a trilogy. The Mid-South Book Festival was a huge success and plans for next year are already underway! See you there.

Written By: Ashley Shores

Happy Halloween!!!

It’s the most wonderful time of the year…to me anyway. I know most people probably attribute this statement to Christmas, and don’t get me wrong I love Christmas too, but there is something so magical about Halloween. It could be due to the fact that it lies in the middle of fall, my favorite season. What is there not to like about beautiful leaves, the crisp air, cozy scarves, riding boots, corn mazes, apple cider and pumpkin everything? I could literally go on all day. Then on October 1, a unique kind of excitement rises. Ghosts, Goblins, Witches, Zombies, and every other imaginary creature come out to play. So what is so alluring about Halloween? I can’t specify one specific thing, except to say that fear is fun. Most of think it’s funny to play pranks on friends or family. Growing up in my house, I had to be on alert all the time, but it was all in good fun. Experts from Discovery News believe that people like fear because it is a craved human emotion. Once you have watched a scary movie, chances are it won’t scare you a second time because you already know what’s coming. Halloween is alluring because it allows us to experience this fear without being in any real danger. It could also be due to the fact that my birthday is October 30, aka National Candy Corn Day, just in case you were wondering.

Check out these spooky Halloween events in Memphis:

- Mid-South Maze Corn Maze, Agricenter International $5-$10
- Cordova Zombie Paintball $25 for 100 paintballs
- Festival of Fear, Jones Orchard $6-$18
- Wicked Ways Haunted House, benefits St. Jude $15
- Haunted Web of Horrors, benefits Youth Village $10-$20
- Spooky Nights, Shelby Farms Park $5-$10 per activity
- Zoo Boo $10-$15
- Festival of Fun and Fright, Bob Hailey Athletic Complex $4
- Flick-Or-Treat, Memphis Botanic Gardens – October 25 $8-$10
- Costume Twilight Tour, Elmwood Cemetery -October 25 $15-$20

See more events at www.ilovememphisblog.com

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TSU Transfer Scholarships!

Students, are you interested in a two-year full scholarship when you transfer? If so, the new Student Transfer Partnership Agreement might be for you! On September 11, 2014 Southwest’s President Dr. Nathan Essex signed such a transfer partnership with Tennessee State University. This signing is another example of Dr. Essex’s commitment to Southwest and his care for students. Through this, not only will TSU accept completed courses from Southwest’s Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP), TSU will also award 10 two-year full time scholarships beginning in the fall of 2015. The scholarship will cover tuition as well as room and board. This agreement marks the second such direct scholarship available to Southwest students. The first, offered by the University of Memphis, provides one special Saluqui a scholarship each year. Certainly, this new opportunity from TSU provides better odds for students. It is definitely a step in the right direction! Many of us probably know someone who owes student debt. With the fear of becoming a debtor looming over today’s college community, we question which institution to attend if any. Instead of excitement, school brings anxiety and concern over how much debt we will leave with, and that’s not mentioning grad school. In our ever-evolving society, higher education is essential for future success. Scholarships and other forms of financial assistance can literally define our future. This new scholarship from TSU might just define yours! If you are graduating this May, be sure to apply for this great opportunity. Thank you Dr. Essex!

A Week to Remember

From September 26th to October 4th 2014 our school graciously hosted forty-two students from Denmark. Our wonderful International Studies department arranged a packed full week showing them our beautiful Memphis. During this week the students were put in host homes, and I happened to be one of them. I decided to open up my home to Xenia Nimand Westphal and Thea Lynggren Henriksen. I had never done anything like this before and my anxieties were definitely heightened, but I was determined to make this week work. I wanted to known these girls, their culture, as well as share my own culture. The first meeting was a little awkward, but that was to be expected. As we walked to the car they immediately notice that The Volkswagen Passat, which by American standards is small was actually extremely large according to their own standards. From then on the similarities and comparisons were discussed daily. As their host it was interesting to watch someone else experience American culture; especially southern culture. Xenia and Thea loved the fact that sushi was inexpensive and that if you had extra food after eating out you could take it home. They even brought up the fact that they notice people are in general friendly, something that is not normal in Denmark. However, as the week went on I noticed that our conversations turned from comparisons and similarities of our different cultures to simply talking about life. I didn’t just meet Xenia and Thea from Denmark and learn specifically about their culture and they mine. I learned that despite our different backgrounds, cultures, countries, etc. there are two girls around my age who go through the same things, as I do like dealing with mean people, sorrow, joy, and laughter among other things. This revelation is what made this week truly memorable.

On a side note their Jerry’s Sno Cone visit with a cookie dough supreme was a success!

Written by: Cassie Richardson
# Student Life

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Scotland loses vote for independence!

During the month of September Scotland was rallied by two sides of an age old debate; should Scotland be its own country? The numbers were close but when the voting came to a close only 44.7% of Scots voted for independence. This was attributed to a number of reasons according to independentscotland.org. Some of these reasons consist of; Scots being unsure about their future as an independent country, and the UK government and media spreading controversial information stating that Scotland would be a poorer nation after the divide. According to the Financial Times this is far from the case. “An independent Scotland could expect to start with healthier state finances than the rest of the UK.” Scotland subsidizes the UK by billions of dollars a year and has for decades. A lot of this money comes from Scotland’s oil revenue in the north. If Scotland and the UK split, England would be forced to buy oil from their former UK counterpart and would lose millions. According to Pro Union Economist Professor Brian Ashcroft, if Scotland had been independent since 1981 it would have an accumulated basic budget surplus of over 68 billion euros. Given some of these estimates Scotland might not have had such a struggle as a sovereign nation.

Many blame the ending vote on the media for favoring the no campaign with less than accurate information about Scotland’s finances. And while the voting is done, many are still trying to push for another vote. In reply PM David Cameron is urging the “Yes” party to hold to their word that the vote would settle the dispute for at least a generation. While the polls have closed and the matter seems to be settled man Scotts are biding their time until they have a chance at independence once more.

Written By: Walker Montgomery

Local News

STEPS TOWARD AN EASIER FAFSA

On September 4th, 2014, Southwest Tennessee Community College, had the honor of hosting the FAFSA Reform Forum. Among those in attendance were several leaders including the Senator of Tennessee, Lamar Alexander; Senator of Colorado, Michael Bennet; Mayor A.C. Wharton and our very own Southwest President, Dr. Nathan Essex. In June of this year the Financial Aid Simplification and Transparency (FAST) Act was introduced. The FAST Act is for those students, like me, who have to complete a FAFSA application, giving them an easier way to complete it. Possibly this and other changes will help increase low-income student attendance. Leaders including the superintendents of Shelby, Collierville and Bartlett County City Schools, as well as several other colleges around Memphis had representatives there as well. Dr. Essex fully supports the FAST Act and spoke about the effects it could have on college students.

Another leader, Mark Luttrell, spoke about the importance of education. He recognized Senator Alexander for pulling together a group of people who shared the same interests. Alexander had an actual FAFSA application and a revised application to show the drastic changes being made. He proposed the application be downsized to two questions or a minimal amount, depending on the student’s situation. The rest of the application will depend on tax information. President Essex said, “The application process is perceived to be one of the barriers that many potential students encounter, which results in hardships and untimely delays as they pursue college enrollment. We were delighted to host the Forum as we also wish to remove barriers that our students encounter as they pursue their career goals and aspirations.”

I appreciate the supporters who are trying to help college students and hope that the FAST Act is passed soon.

Written By: Kieara A. Johnson
A Big Salqui Welcome!

FOR OUR 2014-15 SOFTBALL SEASON WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME ASSISTANT COACH COLBY SMITH

Written By: Cassie Richardson

Smith has played softball since she was 6 or 7 years old and worked her way up through the recreational league. Her dad gave her all the resources that she needed to be successful, and ultimately that was the one factor that kept her in the game.

Her path to coaching is one full of turns, but as she put it, “I finished my General Studies degree and I knew I had found my calling after I spent a year coaching at Dyersburg State Community College. I knew that I was going to be a coach and I knew that it was where I was supposed to be.”

“What strikes me the most about her is what she hopes the team will learn from her, “I hope that I can teach these girls to overcome adversity in a positive way and to never give up. There is always a way to overcome negative situations in the game and in life. (She wishes) to help them understand that no one can take away their education or their friendships that they gain over the years.”

You couldn’t ask for a better softball coach than one who has stuck with the sport, knows she wants to coach, and hopes to influence her team on and off the field.

Work hard, learn from each other, and most importantly have fun and enjoy the blessing and opportunity that we have.”

(CLUB AND ORGANIZATION TRIVIA)

When I first began college I became eager to maintain good grades as well as become involved. Wondering how to do so-so I began to ask different people about various opportunities to get involved around campus. Reading flyers, emails, and computer screens became the norm for me. Luckily I was able to come in contact with the right kind of connected people around campus. I realize that everyone doesn’t receive or is directed to the correct information or people in regards to becoming involved. Too often other students come up to me inquiring about clubs, organizations, and jobs around campus. Unfortunately, I’m not able to come in contact with all inquiring minds to help them on their quest of student involvement. This article will give you general ideas of some clubs that I chose to touch bases on. All of this information I provide as well as additional-can be found in your student planner/handbook. The most popular clubs/organizations around campus are: SGA (Student Government Association), CAB (Campus Activity Board), The Southwest Source (College newspaper), and Southwest Cheerleaders. All four of these clubs have GPA standards, a certain semester hours you are require having before joining (except for cheerleaders), and mandatory meetings-a person has to attend. Sound kind of harsh but its not! All of the clubs that I mention-are great opportunities to be apart of! There are other clubs/organizations student(s) can join without having any of those prior requirements that I previously stated. For example,

American Institute of Architectural Students (AIAS),
Baptist Student Union (BSU),
Chess Club,
Pierian Society,
Science Club,
Robotics Club, & many others.

Southwest provides plethora of clubs and organizations a student can join-depending on their interests, major(s) and or beliefs. All of these clubs/organizations and more can be found in your student planner underneath the subtitle ‘Student clubs and organizations’ on pages 36-42. There you can find depictions, criteria (if any), and contact person(s) to reach. I hope I was able to help more inquiring minds! Being involved-always a great opportunity for many reasons. See you around campus!

Written By: Stephanie McAtee
Lights, Charity, Fun: The Black Light Run!

Saturday September 14, 2014 was an epic night! I attended the Black Light Run along with some friends, Elizabeth White (Liz), her daughter Madison (Maddie), my cousin Donavan (Donny), Rachel, and Deidra. We all had an amazing time. The BLR is a 3-mile (5K) marathon that donates the proceeds to charity, where you get to exercise while having fun in glow in the dark attire. At different areas around the event called black light zones, glow powder was thrown on us. I interviewed Liz shortly after; she gave great ravings about Saturday. Liz said, “It was AWESOME!!!! I loved it and so did Maddie!” We walked the entire 3 miles and loved every bit of it. Although we had two younger children with us, we didn’t miss a beat. Out of all of us the kids had the most fun and the biggest smiles on their faces. BLR was started to get people active and have a good time exercising and there were people ranging from all different shapes and sizes present.

To get into the BLR you had to sign up online, purchase a ticket for $20, and show up in a white t-shirt. From that point, you show up, sign in, and receive your care packet. This consists of a bib with your race number, a glow in the dark tattoo, and a free t-shirt. I first heard about the BLR through Liz, my friend from Southwest. I really loved the fact that I went and cannot wait until next time. Ending my interview with Liz I asked her if it was “awesome” enough for her to do it again; she responded with much enthusiasm, “YES”!!!!!!!!!!!. I don’t know how much was donated but there were about 7500 people in attendance and each ticket cost $20. That alone is an awesome amount. The Black Light Run was an amazing experience and I’m looking forward to doing it again.

THE COOPER YOUNG FESTIVAL

“Celebration of the arts, people, cultures and Memphis heritage” is the description given to depict the Cooper Young annual festivities. (http://about.com) This festival typically takes place around Cooper Street and Young Avenue, hence the name. The first festival was held in the year 1977 and had an estimated 7,000 visitors. On the contrary, the event hosts and entertains up to an estimated 100,000 people in recent times. Cooper Young is identified as “1 out of 10” in the Great Neighborhoods of United States, by the American Planning Association. (http://choose901.com/cooper-young-festival/) Cooper Young always caters to the needs of its residents and neighborhood. Speaking from being a participant in this event two consecutive years in a row- this annual event is epic! Visitors can have their kids or their friends accompany them; they’ll find intriguing, fun filled, and resourceful things at this festival. This event is for all ages! They have over 400 artists selling their original works, vendors from boutiques selling their apparel and live performances on three different stages. There is all sorts of food to partake in, a designated area for kids to play in during the event- bouncers, games, art activities, and obstacle courses all sponsored by Yarnell’s Ice Cream, the Memphis College of Art, and Civitans. This event takes place in September during the 4-mile run of the festival. The admission to this festival is FREE! I encourage all Memphians to attend this event next year!

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