Impressionable, influential, inspirational, irreplaceable, humble, wise, compassionate, Father, Author, Son, Brother, Uncle, Black philosopher, friend, professor, teacher, colleague, orator…

These are all words that can be used to depict such a remarkable man—Dr. Melvin Tuggle. Nevertheless, he was a force to be reckoned with. He was known and loved by many! No doubt that the world has taken a loss. As I write this tribute my heart weeps with grief and disbelief at such a loss. If Dr. King, Gandhi, Mandela, and Socrates were all combined in one person—that one person would’ve been Dr. Melvin Tuggle. He was born September 17, 1949 and departed February 17, 2015. Although, I knew Dr. Tuggle for a short period of time. His teachings were so powerful that they made a tremendous impact on my life. He came highly recommended by word of mouth and via ratemyprofessor.com. He has taught here at Southwest formerly known as Shelby state since 1993. He was humbled yet prestigious. He was an active member of Southwest’s faculty senate as well as an active trustee at New Philadelphia Baptist Church. He was one of the 3 Black Doctors of Philosophy in the United States in 1995. In fact for years he was the only Black Philosopher in Memphis, TN. Dr. Tuggle was also a published author. He was/is widely known for his analytical book entitled, “Why We Can’t Wait?” Which is sold in our local Southwest bookstores. Dr. Tuggle was also the owner of Tuggle Books.

In class, he often read printed emails from former students that emailed him just to inform him how he impacted their lives. He kept a record of all such emails. Those emails sentimentally touched him to know that he had made some kind of difference. He was so passionate about his students and their well-being. He was a true philosopher. He believed in uplifting the youth. He often spoke of how he could’ve taught any place else for x amount of money, but teaching philosophy wasn’t about monetary gain nor location of prestige. He said, “I rather be where I’m needed the most, where it starts. If I can just reach a handful of students then maybe they will reach someone else. Then I have done my job because I know I may not be able to reach them all.” Although, many have never heard him raise his voice, you could feel the passion and intensity of his level tone. In the last weeks leading to his death, he frequently lectured about death and the state of one’s soul, ironic enough. I spoke to Dr. MaLinda Wade; his close friend and colleague, and this is what she stated, “Dr. Tuggle was an excellent Instructor, mentor, researcher, author…but, above all…he had a very special rapport with students. His smile was worth a million dollars and he had SWAG’like no other individual at Southwest! He was very kind, and a great colleague, friend, and he was a good listener and he could enjoy a good joke. He always supported me with his students participation; rather it was Carter G. Woodson, programs, Conversation Peace, whatever. He will be greatly missed…and personally, I have experienced a great loss of a friend and colleague. All of us share the loss…he will be forever “a gentle Giant!” There will never be another Dr. Melvin Tuggle. He was one in a million. In his last lectures, he raised the question about if we believed in earth angels or not (angels who take a human form). Dr. Tuggle was a genuine example of such an analogy. He sincerely cared for any person he came in contact with and left an impression, too. He set a standard for many to follow. Dr. Tuggle you’ll forever be in my thoughts and heart. I think I speak for everyone when I say that you are GREATLY missed!!!!

Gentle Giant—Dr. Melvin Tuggle

By: Stephanie McAtee

A poem in dedication to Dr. Melvin Tuggle

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep,
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn’s rain.

Do not stand at my grave and mourn.
I am the dew-flecked grass at dawn.
Where tranquil oceans meet the land
I am the footprints in the sand
To guide you through the weary day.
I am still here; I’ll always stay.

When you wake up to morning’s hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the stars that shine at night,
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there; I did not die.
-Lucie Storrs

Picture taken from Dr. Tuggle’s obituary.

Artwork by: Stephanie McAtee
In March, Southwest hosted the 2015 TCCAA/NJCAA Region VII Basketball Tournament. The Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA) is made up of several schools including Roane State, Motlow State, Columbia State, Jackson State, Volunteer State, Cleveland State, Walters State, Chattanooga State, Dyersburg State, and Southwest Tennessee. On March 3, Roane State versus Motlow State kicked off the Women’s First Round. Roane State versus Dyersburg State got the ball rolling in the Men’s First Round later that evening. Because the TCCAA is made up of schools from all across the state, many teams had to travel long distances. On Wednesday, the Lady Saluqis lost to Volunteer State in the Women’s Quarterfinals. Overnight, temperatures plummeted more than thirty degrees. Southwest students were delighted to hear that classes had been cancelled, however, basketball players had to bundle up because the tournament continued in spite of the bitter blast. The athletes were resilient and did not let the frigid temperatures outside keep them from playing their best. In the Men’s Quarterfinals, Southwest defeated Roane State, 74-62. On Friday, Southwest crushed Chattanooga State, 74-59. On Sunday, Southwest took on Columbia State for the Championship. At the end of the first quarter, the game was neck and neck, however, at the end of the fourth quarter, Columbia State triumphed and took home the win. An interesting fact is that Columbia State won by default in the quarterfinals because Jackson State was unable to travel due to the weather. If the storm had not hit, would there be a different champion? Overall, Southwest had an exciting year in basketball and students are proud of their teams.

By: Ashley Shores
You Go Girl!

Former female generations would marvel at the roles of the modern woman. Women are no longer perceived as strictly domestic, and their options are now unlimited. Present-day women are astronauts, engineers, doctors, lawyers, politicians, mothers, and wives. Many programs that Southwest offers today were once only available to men. The Southwest automotive department warmly welcomes females into their program, stating that it is no longer a man’s vocation. Women today are afforded many freedoms that were attained through the efforts of the past.

In 1980, a group of women noticed that little of women’s history was being taught. They called for Congress to recognize women’s achievements so that they were not forgotten. In 1987, victory came when Congress designated March as National Women’s History Month. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the National Women’s History Project. In the past 25 years, the NWHP has taught countless Americans about the powerful women who shaped the nation we love. The most notorious campaign led by women in America was the women’s suffrage movement, where women demanded their right to vote. Their fight was won on April 18, 1920 when the 19th Amendment was ratified by Tennessee, gaining two-thirds majority of the States.

Southwest student Anna Stocks acknowledges that the struggle for women’s equality is not yet complete. She feels that men still do not see women equally, especially in the workplace. Anna states that women are still not afforded equal pay or job advancement, sentiments echoed by actress Patricia Arquette at the recent Oscar’s. Arquette stated “To every woman...we have fought for everybody else’s equal rights, it’s our time to have wage equality once and for all...” Arquette’s speech got a standing ovation from actress Meryl Streep. It was also applauded by Hillary Clinton who said, “I think we all cheered at Patricia Arquette’s speech at the Oscars because she’s right—it’s time to have wage equality.” In today’s society, there is controversy over the modern feminist movement. When asked how she defines feminism, Anna stated, “There are lots of ways to define feminism, and I think it is misunderstood. Feminism is being for the equality of women. Men are not bad. You have to have equal respect for each other.” She believes that women should be able to work in a research lab or to stay at home with their children if they please; they should not be looked down on for it either. She believes the same standards should apply to men as well. Overall, Anna thinks that women have come a long way, “We are still not there yet, but we are definitely further than we were.”

Exercise Your Rights!

It’s a fact that many students cannot quote their First Amendment rights. The First Amendment protects freedom of speech, religion, and the press, and also grants the right to petition and the right to assemble. These are not freedoms to take for granted. Students in Hong Kong and elsewhere in the world do not possess such privileges. The National College Media Convention recently spoke about the importance of students expressing their opinions. It is time for our generation to speak up and be heard. We should proclaim what we envision for our future. Do we care about the environment, gender equality, immigration, death with dignity or international affairs? We have a duty to declare whatever we hold dear. One way to express your voice is by joining the student newspaper. Student newspapers are protected under the First Amendment right to free speech and freedom of the press. Do you have great ideas for future articles? The Southwest Source is always looking for interns to write articles, snap statement photos or to simply design graphics. We will also be looking to fill Executive Administrative staff positions for the Fall 2015 semester. If you meet the qualifications of a 2.5 GPA and have completed at least 6 hours of enrollment, you are welcome to apply. Perhaps you cannot commit to being an intern or a member of the Executive Staff. However, The Source always welcomes articles submitted by students. Email members of the staff for more information. Becoming a member of The Source is a great way to exercise your rights.

By: Ashley Shores

smART Auction

The annual smART on Cooper Art Auction was a success. On March 28th, the Honors Academy once again hosted an art auction at Burke’s Books Store. Burke’s prides itself on being a literary landmark in Midtown Memphis. Their moderate size and eclectic atmosphere create a charm that keeps customers coming back to this local gem. For months, the Honors Academy has been promoting the event and asking students and faculty alike to donate pieces of their art. All proceeds benefit the Southwest Honors Academy Student Activities Fund. This year, over fifty pieces of art were donated. These pieces included photographs, sketch drawings, paintings, and even an old refurbished church pew. Each item received a bid card that stated the required minimum bid and in what increments one could add. Guests mingled, sipped free refreshments and bid on their favorite pieces throughout the evening. A fifteen minute warning was given before items closed. Guests began to guard their treasured pieces and bid higher to guarantee their win. There was much excitement and merriment as the auction came to a close. Guests really enjoyed the event and left with many unique pieces of art.

Illustration by Gary Clear

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Amnesty, Whether You Like It or Not

Ex-ecutive order, President Barack Obama, and amnesty are key terms associated with the issue of illegal immigration in America. There are twelve to twenty million illegal immigrants in America, and President Obama’s recent executive order will give amnesty to these individuals if they learn English and pay the associated fine. This will give them the opportunity to gain citizenship. Whether you like it or not, Tennessee will benefit from this because it will allow Tennessee to have a more educated workforce. More educated people will create more jobs and lead to a stronger economy. The downside of this is that more people will be able to get a job, so employment will be more competitive.

Disease, Drama, and Disney

Disneyland has had a series of outbreaks and drama recently. Because the measles can prove deadly, and the people of Tennessee have voiced their concerns about this, the Tennessee Health Department is monitoring免疫ization records of all visitors. The hope is that with more educated employees, there will be a stronger overall economy. The discussion about mandatory immunizations is still ongoing and will continue to be discussed.

BP Oil Spill Fine Reductions – Why We Should Care

In 2010, BP spilled an estimated 3.26 million barrels of oil in the Gulf of Mexico. The ruling for their fine, however, was later reduced by nearly 4 billion from its original maximum of 17.6 billion. The US government is now appealing it to attempt and fine BP the original amount of money. Why should we care what BP has to pay? Well, the idea of a large corporation, an oil company no less, getting a cut on what they must pay for a catastrophe so large is scary. This kind of decision sets the precedent for the future. Justice must be blind to work correctly, and even make sense, she must be blind. This blindness is of the utmost importance because when justice ceases to be so, it can cause all kinds of problems with how our country is fundamentally run. Allowing companies to get away with breaking the law, they would not die from measles, proving that modern medicine does save lives.

By: Cassie Richardson

By: Ethan Willis

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If there is one word, that sums up summer time in Memphis that word would be hot. Summers in the south are scorching, blazing, unbearable, and any other word that describes the incredible heat and humidity of Memphis weather. Fortunately for Memphians Slide the City is coming to the rescue and will be helping us escape the torturous heat. Slide the City is a company that travels across the U.S. with a 1,000 ft. water slide in tow. That’s longer than three football fields! The day is filled with music, food, drinks and, of course, fun. Sliders can bring water buckets, water guns, and anything else that will get people soaked and keep them cool. The slide is also padded, so there is no need to worry about getting banged up on the asphalt. According to two Southwest students, Alma Dimas and Jessica Miller the slide, “is a waste of money and Memphis doesn’t need it.” If you disagree with them then here is what you need to know in order to get wet and wild this coming summer. In order to participate you need to register at this webpage http://www.slidethecity.com/events/memphis/ where you can choose to be a single slider, triple slider or VIP slider that ranges in price between $15.00 and $60.00 and stay up to date about when and where this event will be. All sliders will be given wristbands and a mouth guard when they check in at the registration table that day. Slide the City also requires all sliders to use an inflatable tube, which can be bought there or you can bring your own. So let’s have fun and beat the heat with Slide the City this summer!

By: Cassie Richardson

If you are not a little girl who is obsessed with princesses and fairytales, chances are you haven’t seen Disney’s movie Tangled unless you are a Disney movie freak like me. So, let me fill you in. Tangled is about the classic fairytale story Rapunzel, but with a family-friendly twist. Rapunzel is the daughter of a king and queen but is locked in a tower by the woman who kidnapped her because she has hair with magical powers. Rapunzel does not know she is a princess and desperately wants to see the floating lights that appear every year on her birthday. She makes it to the festival as in seen in the picture above. If you want to know the ending, watch the movie, and if you want to know what this has to do with Memphis I’ll tell you. There is a company that is bringing this lantern festival to Memphis. Lighting a lantern and setting it free is symbolic of letting your deepest regrets free and lighting the sky with your deepest wishes and dreams. Sounds like a pretty awesome festival. Just look at that beautifully amazing picture! While there isn’t a date set or any details, you can go to this website for all of the available details http://www.thelanternfest.com/events/memphis/. Southwest Student Katie Zazzara thinks, “Donations would be better than a fee. I probably would go, but putting a price on it is a turn-off.” Whatever your thoughts are about this event you have to admit that this event looks like something right out of a fairytale.

By: Cassie Richardson
What’s Happening

BEALE STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015

Friday, May 1st
Lenny Kravitz
The Flaming Lips
Five Finger Death Punch
Pixies
Ryan Adams
Breaking Benjamin
Awolnation
Slash
Featuring Miles Kane & The Cadillac Three
Jenny Lewis
In This Moment
Spin Doctors
Myslovitz (Poland)
Robert Randolph & The Family Band
Alejandro Escovedo
Ira Walker
Preston Shannon
Butch Mubbone
Terry "Harmonica" Bean

Saturday, May 2nd
The Avett Brothers
Paramore
John Fogerty
Band of Horses
Bleachers
Wale
Flogging Molly
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band
Lindsey Stirling
O-Boy
George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic
Big Head Todd and the Monsters
Lecrae
Soul Asylum
Kim Simmonds and Savoy Brown
Ana Popovic
Matthew Curry
Copeland
The Vespers
Dead Soldiers
Kenny Brown Band
Kelley Hunt
Leo Bud Welch
Terry "Big T" Williams

Sunday, May 3rd
Ed Sheeran
Wilco
Cage the Elephant
Hozier
St. Vincent
Rise Against
Bela Fleck & Abigail Washburn
Of Mice & Men
Kaiser Chiefs
Scott Weiland and the Wildabouts
Shovels and Rope
Ella King
Bettye Lavette
Star and Micey
Prosevere
Tinsley Ellis
Will Tucker
Myslovitz (Poland)
Indigenous
Jarekus Singleton
Blind Mississippi Morris
Deak Harp-N-Lee Williams


What to Watch!

Gotham:
FOX's Gotham follows the story of Detective James Gordon as he fights to bring justice to one of fictions most infamous cities. The show highlights the early beginnings of many popular Batman villains as well as the early childhood of Bruce Wayne himself. This series is a different take on gritty crime drama and is a great choice for any comic fan.

Viewer Rating:

Game of Thrones:
HBO's Game of Thrones follows the story of several different houses vying for control of the Iron Throne in the kingdom of Westeros. However, while these lords plan their coups and betrayals, Daenerys the usurped Queen, builds her armies and readies her dragons to conquer her kingdom by birthright. But can any of these houses stand against the undead legions massing north of the land?

Viewer Rating:
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