Net Neutrality: Why it Matters and How the People Won

What is Net Neutrality? Net Neutrality is the concept that the Internet should be an open place for everyone to experience equally. Internet providers, cable companies, should not be able to determine what sites or customers receive high speeds and who does not. This feat would be accomplished by charging companies or any owner of a domain, larger and larger amounts of money for the cable company to allow them more bandwidth. Effectively allowing more speed for their users to connect to their website.

The idea is for the cable companies to be able to distribute their resource, access to the internet, selectively. This would mean large streaming services, such as Netflix as an example, would have to shell out large amounts of money to ensure that their customers continued to receive good speeds for their streaming. But what that means is that competitors would then have to pay more money to ensure fast speeds as well.

Ok, so a competitive market, that’s good, right? Well, the problem is cable companies can’t just make faster speeds. They have to reduce speed somewhere else to give it to the paying companies. This creates something called speed lanes. Organizations and companies who cannot afford to pay for “Fast Lanes” would be stuck in “Slow Lanes”. This, for obvious reasons, severely limits their potential and harms their business.

So, this is good for some companies, but why should we care? Well, think of all of the free content we get access to, that free Spanish dictionary site run by a single person, a brand new start-up designed to compete with Facebook and bring even better services, etc. Those sites would either cease to exist altogether, be incredibly slow or be forced to charge for their service or bombard you with ads so they can pay for fast connection to their consumers, you. And I don’t need to explain why none of those are good options.

So, how’d we win? Well, the Federal Communications Commission, the FCC, are the ones in charge of regulating how the internet is distributed so that cable companies can’t destroy Net Neutrality.

Meeting Our Voice

Life is full of changes, and no one is excluded from this fact, including our school. This year will bring many changes to Southwest Tennessee Community College. One of those changes is quite a hefty one at that. Our President Dr. Nathan Essex is retiring June 30. 2015 per his announcement last fall. With such a gigantic change, there will be an even greater decision to be made. So how will this decision be reached? The school has formed an advisory committee that is comprised of local business leaders, Tennessee Board of Regents members, school faculty, and two student spokespersons. The two student spokespersons are Toletta Patterson and Ashley Shores. This committee has a huge task in front of them. As students, we should be extremely concerned with who becomes our next president because their decision will directly affect us. Fellow Southwest Student Amber Selph would like a president who cares about the students and is involved. I took the time to ask Ashley Shores what it felt like being chosen, what she will be looking for in a new president, and what she would like to inform her fellow students about. “I feel very honored to be chosen as a student ambassador for the presidential search committee. I look forward to speaking with students and representing their voice in the committee. I hope that the future president will display both humility and strength. The president must recognize the vast needs of the student body and then strive to implement such things. The future president must be willing to tackle modern issues and lead the next generation of students to success.” She also mentioned that students should make their voices heard through the surveys offered at the Chat with Administration events this semester. So let your voices be heard, in the words of Martin Luther King Jr. “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.”

By: Ethan Willis

Meet The Staff

Ashley Shores

Dr. Nathan Essex

http://studentsforliberty.org/blog/2015/03/04/net-neutrality-a-solution-looking-for-a-problem

It’s not just a good idea. It ought to be the LAW.

The specifics of how the FCC protected the Internet are, of course, complicated, but basically, they made it classified as a utility. This makes it so that cable companies can’t discriminate who gets to connect to their users the fastest, just like how MLGW can’t decide who gets water the fastest because they can pay more. That would be insane! Everyone gets water at the same speed because it is a utility, something everyone needs. So by classifying internet as a utility it is treated the same way, everyone gets it at the same speed, because it is, in this time, something everyone needs.

By: Cassie Richardson

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Baseball Scores:

Saluki Men's Baseball Team

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A Tennessee Rarity

The Natural Sciences Department at Southwest has been hosting a series of seminars this year. The most recent seminar, “Sunflowers, Biodiversity and Conservation,” took place on the Union campus on February 25, 2015 with guest speaker Dr. Jennifer Mandel. Dr. Mandel is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Memphis. She spoke with students about the importance of plant conservation. Many plant species today are becoming endangered due to the growth of the human population, city expansions, and climate change. Many people may not know that plants play such a diverse role in modern society. Dr. Mandel informed students that plants are not only used for medicine and agriculture, but also for industrial purposes, like manufacturing rubber. Sunflowers are being used for biofuels because they naturally produce so much oil. Most plants that are used for modern applications have been genetically engineered for their specific purpose. Genetic engineering means that the organism’s genes have been modified. An example of this would be when crops are genetically engineered to be resistant to diseases, pests or herbicides.

Dr. Mandel educated students about the importance of conserving wild relatives of plants. The wild, or indigenous, relatives of plants serve as reservoirs of new alleles. Alleles are responsible for creating different variations in organisms, like color or size diversities. When a plant becomes endangered, usually its variations are dramatically reduced. Dr. Mandel studied the Helianthus Verticillatus or Whorled Sunflower and found that this particular species only exists in remote areas of Georgia, Alabama, and two areas of Tennessee. She proved its rarity by researching its genes and comparing them to other sunflowers species. Her work helped put the Whorled Sunflower on the endangered species list. With the arrival of spring students will have the perfect weather to search for this rare sunflower.

Dual-Enrollment, Now Cheaper!

At the start of the fall semester next academic year, a bill is going into effect that will likely change Southwest’s populace greatly. The bill in question lowers tuition for dual-enrollment students because they can’t gain access to most scholarships.

What does this have to do with you? You aren’t a dual-enrollment student. But what this means is a much larger population of Dual-Enrollment students will start to enter Southwest and other Board of Regent's colleges in Tennessee.

After speaking with a number of students and teachers about this development, I couldn’t help but be surprised by what they had to say. When asked whether or not they thought this was fair, a teacher responded, “No, the reason I say that is because tuition already only accounts for about half the price of the class. The other half comes from state money. Reducing that even further would make so that the college doesn’t get fully compensated.” A student on the other hand responded this way, “Absolutely, anything to motivate youth towards education is great.” I then went on to ask them about whether or not they would be happy to see more or fewer dual-enrollment students at Southwest. The teacher had this to say, “Oh, of course, my dual-enrollment students are among my finest. In fact, the lowest grade I received from one was a B.” A student on the other hand spoke to the social aspect of this occurrence. “You get a bunch of high-school students on a college campus and there are bound to be kids who are mature enough to handle it. On top of that you have people in their thirties who have been working in their profession for years just now coming back to college, and that creates an entirely different dynamic.”

Right now, the percentage of Dual-Enrollment students at Southwest is only 3% of the total population at 360 students. Right now, that may sound small, and you would be right, but now that the classes would become far more affordable for those students you can bet on an increase in dual-enrollment students. Maybe slow at first, but the number will almost surely steadily cruise higher. Seeing whether or not this will affect current normally enrolled students will take time. Hopefully this change will be for the better.

By: Ashley Shores

http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/dualenrollment

By: Ethan Willis
The turn of the Wheel has reached its end,
From death to life to death again.
The harvest's done, and the fires now burn,
The Lady's Consort takes the throne.

The forest dressed in her autumnal glory,
Trees aflame in crimson, rust, and gold.

Soon the forest will go into mourning,
Until the Queen is born once more.
So let us celebrate the dead tonight
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**SAMHAIN**

By: Barbi Maness-Martin

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**Name:** Zachary Willoughby  
**Birth date:** September 1  
**Zodiac Sign:** Virgo  
**Favorite Color:** Yellow  
**Favorite Artist:** Samuel L. Jackson  
**Favorite sport:** Football  
**Favorite Food:** Soul food  
**Major:** Medical Administration  
**Role model:** Dr. Martin King Jr.  
**Ideal person:** Loyal  
How is your college career going thus far? “Great. I graduate in May and I'm currently on the Dean’s list.”

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**Name:** Treston Coleman  
**Birth date:** April 12  
**Zodiac Sign:** Aries  
**Favorite Color:** Pink  
**Favorite Artist:** Kid Cudi  
**Favorite Sport:** Soccer  
**Favorite Food:** Chimmy chargers  
**Major:** Undecided  
**Ideal person:** Cunning  
How is your college career going thus far? “I can’t complain.”

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**Name:** Tang Coon Beasley  
**Birth date:** January 18  
**Zodiac Sign:** Capricorn  
**Favorite Color:** Green  
**Favorite Artist:** Maroon 5  
**Favorite Sport:** -  
**Favorite Food:** French fries  
**Major:** Film making  
**Ideal person:** -  
**Favorite artist:** Spike Lee  
**{Performing arts}**  
How is your college career going thus far? -
Do You Know Boris Nemtsov?

Boris Nemtsov was a major political figure in Russia. More importantly a major opponent to the current president Vladimir Putin. So what’s the importance of this opponent to President Putin? There are plenty of them right? Well, Nemtsov spoke openly against Putin frequently and is now dead by assassination. He was gunned down in Moscow on Bolshoy Moskvoretsky Bridge. There are many theories as to who could’ve committed this crime, though the most prominent, and most simple, is that Putin ordered it. If this is true, then it is just another piece of evidence in the ever-growing case charging Putin with advancing his agenda through vile, inhumane, and simply barbarous means.

Okay, so Russia’s president might be crazy, so what, I live in the United States. Well, Russia is one of the largest Nuclear World Powers. Putin advancing his insane agenda doesn’t bode well for anyone, because he has the power to start a World War. The perfect way to do that is exactly what he has been doing, silencing internal opposition and overtaking smaller countries, Ukraine. Putin is incredibly dangerous and is acting on his delusions of the “Mother Land.” It is important that we all become aware of the dangers that are presented to our country and start seriously caring about how they might affect our future.

Chinese Hackers – Their Power in Our Industry

By: Ethan Willis

We are all familiar with the most recent hack on Sony that apparently came from individuals who accredited North Korea. They stole footage from The Interview and proceeded to sanction it with threats on theaters in the US. Seemingly, this is far from the beginning of hacks on American corporations. Ex-NSA Director Mike McConnell had this to say, “The Chinese have penetrated every major corporation of any consequence in the United States and taken information. We’ve never, ever not found Chinese malware.”

That is a terrifying reality, one that affects us all. Not only does it mean that Chinese companies can make decisions and generally more strategic moves, which affects anyone going into business and all consumers. But also rather beyond the economic side, they have access to mass amounts of personal data of individuals in the US. This is a terrible thing for American privacy and American business and can mean calamitous things for the future of our economy, our debt, and our dependence on China. At this point, the best thing we can do is be aware of the problem and bring it into the public’s eye more readily by simply showing we care about such issues. As citizens, we have an obligation to use our voice in such matters.

Stephanie’s POV: Does racism still exist?

Some Americans like to believe that racism is no longer in existence. Or that the brute actions of European Americans were justified in a sense. No reparations were ever made accessible for free labor, killings, and other tyranny, African Americans were subjected to. Although, other minority groups were compensated for oppressed subjections. Furthermore, based on recent events such as SAE fraternity leaked video, continued racial profiled shootings of Blacks, and the Mississippi Black man found lynched; can those same Americans continue to argue that point? Can America unravel the very social fabric of this country? Should race relations be solved? And how? Should the majority of Americans be concerned about the 13% (blacks)? Should the prison population be addressed as well? At the Grammy’s, singer, John Legend, addressed the prison demographics. John legend stated in his acceptance speech that there are more black men under correctional control than in 1850. This stat. can be proven by searching the U.S. Census’ website. Additionally, Michelle Alexander, the author of the New Jim Crow, also analyzes this issue in her widely known publication. Also according to academic statistics, if a young black man isn’t reading at grade level by 3rd grade he is at a greater likelihood of being incarcerated. Many may ask well they have programs to combat such circumstances, so how is this our problem? The late Dr. King said, “An injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere.” Meaning we are all affected somehow by seemingly indirect situations. America pledge of allegiance even states “justice for ALL”. On the same token, if there is a need for a stronger support system needed academic wise, why would city Officials budget cut academics in public school systems? Unfortunately, most African Americans are poverty stricken and attend public schools. Education is vital because via education people of all kinds can make or break their circumstances. For instances, during seasoning (process of breaking slaves) the European slave traders knew of the essence of education. Which lead to prohibiting slaves to read or write. Will America ever be ready to face the truth about modernize racism? Will it take another 340 years to fix a certain set of circumstances? Will America continue to invade other countries and assist their (foreign countries) rights, but deny U.S. citizens theirs? How can a man be sentenced longer for killing an animal vs. a black male of any age? Do Black lives really matter? In conclusion, there are other situations that can support my theory, however, I shall end my article briefly. Additionally, Starbucks even felt the urgency of addressing racial tensions by placing a controversial image to begin the race talk at their coffee shops. Has racism faded or is still effective? Perhaps, evolved with the modern times. 50 years later race continues to be an arduous/hot topic for this country. Let’s fix it people—together!

By: Stephanie McAtee
A Whole New Kind of Map

It’s no surprise that Memphis has a large population of bikers since there are designated lanes of traffic just for them. However have you wonder where those bike lanes end up or why they sometimes just end? Know need to wonder anymore because a committee of local cycle enthusiast, bike-related business owners and the Memphis Convention and Visitor’s Bureau have teamed up with professional and experienced map makers to make a map that is specifically related to those bike lanes that were implemented a few years back. It is still a few more weeks until the map is complete with information on where to obtain a copy.

This map will be a huge difference for people and visitors who want to ride or rent a bike and see the sites of Memphis or to get some exercise. The map will be named the Memphis and Shelby County Bike Map and will include the Memphis area with about 60 miles of bike lanes, trails, and bike-friendly thoroughfares marked, plus info on bike repairs and rentals. The handy dandy map will be free and available to everyone. Once the map is completed, there will be several places around town that will provide hard copies to who anyone who wants them. If you don’t want a hard copy of the map, there will be access the map online and on your smartphone. If you want to know more or just to stay updated go to this link http://www.ilovememphisblog.com/2015/03/announcing-the-memphis-bike-map/. The Harahan Bridge Project will connect downtown Memphis and Arkansas with a pedestrian- and bike-friendly bridge crossing the Mississippi River. It will be added to the Memphis Bike Map once it's completed next year. So if you’re all about saving the environment by riding your bike or just like the exercise than it sounds as if this map will be the perfect fit for you.

Walking Through the Tree Tops

Ever wonder what it would be like to walk among the tree tops? Well, a Company called Go Ape is coming to Memphis and making it possible to walk among the tree tops at Shelby Farms Park. Go Ape will provide people with two to three hours of outdoor fun and exercise while walking through the trees just like any ape species would. For the last few years, Memphis has been making sure that the park is progressing while remaining a friendly and beautiful park that everyone can enjoy. With major improvements being made at the park to the children’s play area, the Green Line, the beloved Buffalo, and Patriot Lake, the tree top course is sure to make the park ten times more fun for everyone. This course allows for people to see the park from a different perspective that would otherwise be unobtainable. If you’re worried about safety, don’t be. Go Ape will make sure you are prepared by using harnesses and by giving you a thirty-minute safety talk before you even start your adventure. Instructors will also be watching as you make your way through the course.

Here is what the Shelby Farms Park course will look like, the course is made up of numerous rope ladders, 41 exciting crossings to include the Log Swing, High Tibetan Bridge, Flying Carpet, Yamazoe Steps, 2 Tarzan swings and 6 zip lines, 5 of which take you soaring across Pine Lake at Birdseye view. Overall, there are six individual sections within the course, each section taking you higher into the forest canopy and finishing with a zip line more exciting than the previous one! Zip Lines #2, #3, #4 and #5 are all well over 450 feet in length, and the entire course consists of over 2,500 feet worth of zip lines! Sounds like a wild ride and if you’re looking for something fun and wonderful to do outside this just might be it.

By: Cassie Richardson
What’s Happening

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April Awareness

- Alcohol Awareness Month
- Arab-American Heritage Month
- Autism Awareness Month
- Cancer Control Month
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Donate Life Month – Organ and Tissue Donation
- Jazz Appreciation Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- Mathematics Awareness Month
- Mathematics Education Month
- Poetry Month
- School Library Media Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Spring Ahead for Life Month
- Sports Eye Safety Month
- STDs Education and Awareness Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- Tartan (Scottish American Heritage) Month
- Volunteer Month
- Work Life Enrichment Month

What to Watch!

*Avengers Age of Ultron:*

*Age of Ultron will be the eleventh movie in the Marvel cinematic universe, taking place shortly after Captain America Winter Soldier. The story will follow the acclaimed super hero team as they face their biggest threat yet, Ultron, a sentient AI bent on the eradication of human kind. The Avengers will make their second debut May 1st.*

*Viewer Rating:*

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*Pitch Perfect 2:*

*The sequel to the hit 2012 musical comedy includes the same goofy and loveable cast from the first film. The story follows Fat Amy and Beca through their senior year at Barden University as they strive to win an international a cappella competition no American team has ever won.*

*Viewer Rating: N/A*

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