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Welcome Letter to All Alums

Cassandra Griggs ('93)

Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving



Dear Alumni and Friends,

This year's theme *New Century, New Direction for Excellence* is rather fitting as we cross into a new era at the university, and welcome our eighth president — Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover ('74). I hope you are making plans to be a part of the Homecoming Celebration scheduled for October 20-26, 2013.

Homecoming at Tennessee State University is unlike any other...it's a time to reconnect with old friends, classmates and reminisce about the days you walked the campus as a student. If you have not returned to campus, it is truly a must see. The positive changes and growth are remarkable. Although there has been much expansion, the traditions of "Tennessee State A. & I." remain sound.

Please take a moment to review this publication as it is filled with information regarding Homecoming Week. As you peruse the events schedule and decide which activities you plan to attend, I especially hope you will stop by the Alumni Blue Out Mixer. Also, Homecoming is just not Homecoming without attending the Charles Campbell Fish Fry. We will end the weekend with a bang by supporting the All-Access Granted VIP Farewell Finale hosted by the National Alumni Association.

Last, but certainly not least, I encourage you to support our students by making a gift to the President's Challenge through the New Century Brick campaign. Yes, the bricks are back! For a limited time, you can support the President's Challenge and leave your legacy all at the same time (please see page 12 for details).

Your participation is important to the success of our university and our students. Tennessee State University is special to all of us, and I hope you will take the time to share with our students what TSU means to you.

I look forward to you seeing you and your family in October.



Homecoming Week

October 20-26, 2013

Student Schedule of Activities & Events

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Robert Murrell Oratorical Contest

Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Floyd Payne Campus Center
Robert N. Murrell Forum

Gospel Explosion

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Floyd Payne Campus Center
Kean Hall

Caravan/Block Party

Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Amphitheater

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Courtyard Show

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Welton Plaza (old Courtyard)

Battle of the Residence Halls

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Floyd Payne Campus Center
Kean Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Pre-Blue Sapphire Awards

Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Walter S. Davis
Humanities Building
Lobby

Blue Sapphire Awards

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Walter S. Davis
Humanities Building
Poag Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

*Inaugural Presidential Processional

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: President's Home to
Amphitheater

Student Organizational Yard Show

Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Amphitheater

*Exclusive Student Luncheon

Time: Noon
Location: Floyd Payne Campus Center
Student Dining Hall

Mr. and Miss Tennessee State University Coronation and Ball

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Floyd Payne Campus Center
Kean Hall

Courtyard and TSU Organizational Yard Show

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Welton Plaza (old Courtyard)

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

*Inaugural Symposium

Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Avon Williams Campus Auditorium

Courtyard Show

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Welton Plaza (old Courtyard)

Mr. & Miss TSU Reception

Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: President's Home
(*by invitation only)

Homecoming Concert

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Floyd Payne Campus Center
Kean Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

*Investiture of President Glenda Glover

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Howard C. Gentry Complex

Homecoming Pep Rally

Time: 11:45 a.m.
Location: Hale Stadium (the "Hole")
*Inclement weather –
Howard C. Gentry Complex
(limited seats)

TSU National Pan-Hellenic Step Show

Time: 5:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 4:00 p.m.)
Location: Howard C. Gentry Complex
Cost: \$10 in advance (for students)
\$15 at the door (for students)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Homecoming Parade

Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 14th Avenue & Jefferson Street to 33rd Avenue and Albion Street

Showcase of Bands

Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: LP Field– Downtown Nashville
Cost: Game Ticket

Pre-Game

Time: 3:45 p.m.
Location: LP Field – Downtown Nashville
Cost: \$15-\$35

Homecoming Game (TSU vs. Eastern Illinois)

Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: LP Field – Downtown Nashville

*Inauguration Event

Sustaining the Legacy: Celebrating 100 Years

Highlights from Centennial Homecoming: September 23-29, 2012





Alumni Homecoming Week

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ALUMNI ACTIVITIES & EVENTS—UNIVERSITY SPONSORED

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(the "Barn")

*Inaugural Symposium

Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Avon Williams Campus
Auditorium

President's & Legacy Societies Luncheon (by invitation only)

Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Jane Elliott Building
Jane Elliott Hall

*"From the Rough" Reception (by invitation only)

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Avon Williams Campus
Atrium

*"From the Rough" Movie Presentation (by invitation only)

Time: 6:45 p.m.
Location: Avon Williams Campus
Auditorium

Alumni Blue Out Mixer

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: Gaylord Opryland Hotel
Delta A Ballroom
Cost: \$10.00 per person in advance
\$15.00 at the door
Attire: TSU Blue

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Time: Noon
Location: Kean Hall

Charles Campbell Fish Fry

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: President's Lawn
Cost: \$10 per person
**Advance tickets are available.*

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Cost: \$15 in advance (for non-students)
\$20 at the door (for non-students)

*Inaugural Reception & Scholarship Gala

Time: 6:00 p.m. (reception)
7:00 p.m. (gala)
Location: Gaylord Opryland Resort
Delta A Ballroom
Cost: \$150 per person

Jesse James Football Mixer

Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: Gaylord Opryland Resort
Washington B Ballroom
Cost: \$10 in advance (\$15 at the door)

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Location: Gaylord Opryland Resort
Tennessee Ballroom
Cost: TBA
Contact: www.tsu-alumni.org

*Inauguration Events

Homecoming Week

REUNIONS & ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

October 20-26, 2013

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TSU Football

2013 Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
JOHN MERRITT CLASSIC		
Sunday, September 01	Bethune-Cookman	Nashville, Tenn.
Saturday, September 07	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.
SOUTHERN HERITAGE CLASSIC		
Saturday, September 14	Jackson State	Memphis, Tenn.
Saturday, September 21	Tennessee Tech*	Cookeville, Tenn.
GATEWAY CLASSIC		
Saturday, September 28	Central State	St. Louis, Mo.
Saturday, October 5	Southeast Missouri State*	Nashville, Tenn.
Saturday, October 12	Jacksonville State*	Jacksonville, Ala.
Saturday, October 19	UT Martin*	Martin, Tenn.
HOMECOMING		
Saturday, October 26	Eastern Illinois*	Nashville, Tenn.
Saturday, November 2	Eastern Kentucky*	Richmond, Ky.
Saturday, November 9	Austin Peay*	Nashville, Tenn.
Saturday, November 16	Murray State*	Nashville, Tenn.

*Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) game



98-year-old Burnece Walker Brunson, a member of the Tennessee A&I College cheerleading squad from 1934-1935, cheered during the Centennial Homecoming game Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 at LP Field. (Photo by John Cross, University Media Relations)

Alumni cheerleaders continue to ignite TSU spirit

By K. Dawn Rutledge

At most football games, one would be hard-pressed not to find cheerleaders on the sidelines rallying team support and energizing the crowd. These ambassadors of school spirit create an atmosphere of excitement that galvanizes fans and encourages players.

At last year's Homecoming pep rally, parade and football game, Tennessee State University's alumni cheerleaders reunited to help the university celebrate 100 years. The affinity chapter is currently comprised of 50 members which includes alumni cheerleaders as far back as 1934. While many no longer participate in flips, jumps and stunts, they haven't lost their edge in delivering fiery chants and cheers to get TSU fans enthused.

"It was a really exciting time," said Kevin T. Davis, president of the TSUNAA Alumni Cheerleaders, who cheered from 1984 to 1985. "Some of us had not been back to a TSU Homecoming

since graduation, so we were glad to get this organization together."

The idea to start an Alumni Cheerleaders chapter was sparked in conversations by Davis, and current chapter vice president, Tanya Allen in 2003. The two felt it would be a good way to reunite with classmates and do meaningful work in support of the school they promoted through their cheers. In 2012, the chapter was officially chartered. Davis said there are big plans on the horizon for the group.

"We will remain involved in Homecoming and the Blue and White games and look forward to establishing community activities and partnerships that bring awareness to TSU," Davis said, adding that among the chapter's goals is to create The Maxine Merritt Cheerleading Scholarship, named after the long-serving cheerleading coach, to support scholarships for students.

Davis said to prepare for the centennial, he went to the library at TSU and pulled all the yearbooks to collect names of former cheerleaders. Also, the chapter has a YouTube Channel in which videos are posted of the routines for members to learn. Davis, who has a professional background in design, also creates concepts for their uniforms.

"I love TSU," the Nashville native said. "I had cheerleading scholarship offers from other schools, but I chose TSU."

Burnece Walker Brunson, a member of the Tennessee A&I College cheerleading squad from 1934-1935, came back to TSU ready to cheer minus the back flips, pyramids and cartwheels. She is the oldest member of the Alumni Cheerleaders chapter.

"We didn't do all of that fancy stuff back then," Brunson said of the flips, dance routines and stunts performed by today's spirit leaders.



"We did some jumps here and there but we did not do all that tossing and throwing."

Brunson, 98, sees cheerleading as not just a passion, but one of many ways to stay connected to her alma mater.

"Tennessee State is in my blood. I love this school and I will do whatever it takes to keep coming back," said the retired schoolteacher. "Cheering for your favorite players and entertaining your fans makes you feel like you are also part of the game."

Brunson, a native of Mount Pleasant, Tenn., moved to Chicago for a better education. There, Brunson got her first taste of cheerleading while in high school.

"It fulfilled my desire to stay physically active since there were not many sporting activities for girls during those days," said Brunson, who considered herself a "tomboy."

"As a child I liked climbing trees; I just liked to be out there where the

action was, hanging with the boys or just playing rough," she said.

So, it was no accident that after high school, she opted to attend TSU (A&I College) in 1933. The following year she joined the cheerleading team.

After receiving her teaching certificate in 1936, Brunson later went back to Chicago and earned a bachelor's degree from the Chicago Teacher's College, and a master's degree from the National College of Education in Evansville, Ill. But not even the time away would separate Brunson from TSU and her memories of the institution.

The longtime retiree and writer is the author of about a dozen books, including *Food for Thought: Nourishment for the Soul*, with tips on how to navigate through life's challenges. She was the first female hired to serve as a lifeguard in the city of Chicago, and since 1998, she has been a regular contributor to the annual calendar of the National Black Child Development Institute of Washington, D.C.

"Cheering at Tennessee State was just different," Brunson said. "We did not only take part in activities, we were part of the activities. We got to meet and talk with the visitors including the important guests and speakers. In Chicago, we were only cheerleaders. We did not talk to the people or even mix with them."

When asked recently about Brunson's appearance with the TSU Cheerleading Team, Davis ('84), and Vice President Tanya Allen ('74), said they were elated and moved by Brunson's commitment and passion for "anything" TSU.

"I think it's wonderful that she has the drive and spirit to continually participate," Allen said.

Asked if fans can expect to see her again cheerleading with the team after the Centennial Homecoming, Brunson said, "Don't count me out; my love for Tennessee State has no end."

Emmanuel Freeman contributed to this article.



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