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Holiday Recipe

By Brittany Tipton

Easy homemade fudge

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 2 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 (12-ounce) package semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

Preparation:

Place chips and milk in microwave safe bowl. Microwave on medium power for 2-3 minutes, stirring after 2 minutes. Microwave, stirring at 1 minute intervals, until chips are melted and mixture is smooth and thick. Pour into greased 8" square pan and cool. You can also melt the chips and milk in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Makes about 2 pounds candy.

From: <http://busycooks.about.com/>

Handicap accessibility

By Jessica Sutton
Staff Writer

There are twelve handicap parking spaces on the Tennessee Wesleyan College campus for over 900 students. Two of them are by the tennis court, which makes them almost unusable for most people on campus, and two by Wesley Commons, making them only accessible to anybody that needs to get into the Commons.

That leaves seven parking spaces for the students who need a place to park near their classes. The number of reserved handicap spaces meets only the minimum required by the city of Athens. Several lots have no reserved spaces marked,

including the lot for Townsend, which houses the Student Services offices. That is remarkably insufficient for the number of students and faculty on campus.

Dean Mashburn said that he was "slightly aware of the problem," but the New Exponent's interview was the first time the issue has been taken to him as a student concern. There is a lot of planning to expand the amount of parking, which will be the reason for any delay. How many and where to put the spaces are the big questions.

There has also been a problem with maintenance vehicles parking in some handicap spaces, but it was immediately rectified when the problem was brought to Dean Mashburn's attention. Students

parking in handicap spaces without a permit will be ticketed by campus security.

Dean Mashburn is looking for as much advice and input he can get on this issue. And for everybody that needs these handicap parking spaces, he would like to get a crew together and propose these changes to the administration and student government as soon as possible. You can email him at smashburn@twcnet.edu or you may call him at 423-746-5216. Students needing accommodation for physical disabilities should also contact Dr. Mashburn. Students needing assistance with learning challenges should contact Dr. Patsy Ging at pging@twcnet.edu or 423-746-5237.

Sarah Roy also contributed to this article.

TWC: 2058

By Lonnie Mays
Staff Writer

The year 2008 is very close to becoming just another year in history. With the election of Barack Obama as our first African American President, the raising of gas prices to four dollars per gallon and then the return back down to under two dollars per gallon are all significant pieces of history. We turn now to the future, 2058, at Tennessee Wesleyan College.

In 2058 the college will top another all time record enrollment of 2058, the same amount of students as the year.

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Athens Arts Center

Grayson Wattenbarger
Staff Writer

Forget what you know about the arts for a moment. Now, let's talk about The Arts Center, brought to you by the Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA). The Arts Center is working to reinvent what it means to work in and enjoy the arts. They are striving to introduce to fellow Athenians new and fresh artists, performers, and actors to the stage at The Arts Center, and are working to make them fun and exciting for the people of Athens.

So, how exactly are they

'reinventing' the arts, you ask? By combining experimental artists with classical groups, holding round table play readings, and even offering classes to further your experience in the arts. Since 1979, the AACA has been bringing fantastic new artists to the stages of Athens. There is a constant array of performers and artists, and there are even local performers and artists who have come together to showcase many of Athens' talented citizens!

The Arts Center was completely renovated in October of 2005. Who would believe the...

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Photo by Tara Fleury

Election wrap-up

By Mallory Hayes
Staff Writer

After a long, demanding election season, the ballots have finally been tallied, and the United States of America has a new President-elect. Barack Obama secured victory by claiming 365 delegates over Sen. John McCain's 173 delegates in the Electoral College. This decisive margin was achieved through the capture of virtually all of the battleground states, including several traditionally-conservative states such as Florida, Indiana, and Virginia.

At approximately 11:15 EST on the evening of November 4, Sen. John McCain addressed an enthusiastic crowd of supporters in Phoenix, Arizona. His concession speech began with the announcement that the senator had already called and offered his congratulations to Barack Obama for winning the election. Supporters' reactions ranged from silence to angry booing, which was silenced by Senator McCain as he called for unity between the parties for a brighter

future. McCain graciously thanked his running mate, Sarah Palin, as well as his family and supporters for a tough-fought campaign.

Minutes later, President-elect Obama gave his victory speech in Chicago, Illinois. The Obama camp had taken heat in the weeks leading up to the election for the extravagance of the \$2 million event. No one could deny, however, that it was quite the spectacle. Obama appeared in front of an estimated crowd of 240,000, accompanied by his wife and two daughters. To his numerous supporters, Obama insisted, "This is your victory."

While Democrats are relishing the taste of their first Presidential victory since 1996, the GOP is struggling to regain its bearings after disappointing finishes in both the Presidential and Congressional contests. Now that all is said and done, however, both parties must reconcile and move forward cooperatively in order to tackle the many challenges that face the nation—putting the country ahead of personal and party interests.



Photo by Tara Fleury

Athens yearly festivals

By Meredith Galyon
Copy Editor

For many people who are new to the area, it is sometimes difficult to get caught up on all of the local activities and festivals that downtown Athens has to offer. If you are finding yourself in a similar situation and would like to get more involved with your new community, then here are three of Athens' biggest festivals that will be sure to get you out of your dorms during the year.

First, there is MooFest in May. Taking place in historic, downtown Athens, it is a celebration of the important role that the dairy industry plays within our town. There are many educational activities to teach people about how agriculture supports our economy and community. It has plenty of craft activities, food, ice cream, and entertainment to offer, various vendors to buy unique gifts from and also the Ice Cream Crankin' contest and the Dairy Recipe contest in which to participate. Admission is \$3, free to children six and under. Be a part of this celebration on May 30, 2009.

Next there is Pumpkintown, a festival of history, harvest and heritage in downtown Athens, in the fall. It showcases the culture of East Tennessee with storytelling, dancing, live music, crafts, and food. There are plenty of activities from which to choose - such as hay rides, horse drawn carriage rides, antique car and tractor shows, recipe contests and entertainment from bluegrass bands such as Reliance and Hiwassee Ridge. There are several opportunities for learning the history of Athens, with re-enactors from three wars recollecting life back then, and the annual Historical Walking Tour led by gentlemen in full costume of the past. Cherokee culture is also featured with storytelling and dancing.

The marketplace is full of booths featuring fresh produce, barbeque, funnel cakes, and pumpkin rolls, as well as unique gifts of everything from jewelry to hand woven quilts and local artwork. Admission is free for all ages. Check with the Downtown Business Association for next year's date and times.

Wrapping up the year is the Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas. There are so many activities to choose from, it is hard to know where to start. First, there are trolley tours given of beautiful historic homes in downtown Athens. As you round each corner you can see a variety of shows, including performances from the local jazz band and hand bell choirs. A horse-drawn carriage is set up to take visitors on rides around the square to see the lights, stopping at Knight Park to see the Live Nativity Scene with real reindeer. Little kids can see Santa and his elves around the area, and also at the Arts Center, where you can participate in numerous craft projects. Our own students at Tennessee Wesleyan gave lantern tours of the campus. You can also enjoy a variety of holiday treats and hot cider at Keith Manson and other various areas, and have the pleasure of browsing the local shops until 8 pm. Admission is free.

Check with the Downtown Business Association for next year's date and times. If you thought that the Athens community had nothing to offer, think again. Be sure to become a part of our town's history by visiting at least one of these festivals next year.

<http://www.athensdba.org/>



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Arts Center

...fantastic arts center was once a grocery store? With over \$700,000 of renovations and improvements, The Arts Center is a great place to go explore the arts. Complete with a 200 seat theater, exhibition space, art market, and classroom space, The Arts Center is ready to accommodate anything art and performance related!

Located just across the street from the new TWC entrance, The Arts Center is a great place to visit any time of day. Whenever you visit The Arts Center, you can always find something to do. The Arts Center is always looking for volunteers. In fact, you can volunteer not only your time but your talents, too! They are always looking for people to help out with publicity, office

work, and productions. The Arts Center is even looking into doing a special singer/songwriter performance to help showcase some of TWC's talented students!

When it comes to learning more about the arts, look no further than The Arts Center. With three sets of classes spanning six weeks, they are always offering you something new to learn. The Arts Center is just now completing classes in clay sculpting, portrait drawing, oil painting, knitting, yoga, and watercolor painting. Classes at The Arts Center are extremely affordable and are all evening courses, allowing TWC students to attend after a long day of classes.

Mrs. Ellen Kimball, Director of The Arts Center, has asked Tennessee Wesleyan students to please contact her with any ideas or suggestions that may help The

Arts Center improve involvement with TWC. The Arts Center and TWC have partnered up to offer many free performances and convocation credits to students who attend performances and concerts. The Arts Center is very proud of the Contra Dancing classes going on now. There are three more performances; December 12, January 3, and February 7, and all are convocation credits.

Supporting The Arts Center is such an easy thing to do, especially if you want to get involved within the community. To get involved, you can call or email Mrs. Kimball, the Director, or you can stop by. I encourage you to get involved because The Arts Center is always looking for students within the community to help out. Who better to do that than TWC Bulldogs?

G.L.I.M.P.S.E.

By **Angie Wilcox**
Faculty/Staff Contributor

Maryville College was host to the first annual GLIMPSE Conference the weekend of November 22, where more than 40 black students from Tennessee Wesleyan, Maryville College, Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Lincoln Memorial University and Berry College gathered. GLIMPSE (Gathering Listening Igniting Mending Persevering Surviving Empowering) was inspired by the spirit of Ubuntu, an African humanist philosophy, which states that we are human only through the humanity of other human beings. This spirit resonated throughout the weekend as students shared

their histories with each other and formed a sense of kinship and common purpose.

TWC was represented by Jarvis Moore, a junior from LaGrange, Georgia, and Willie Rucker, a junior from

Chattanooga. In addition to the spirit of change, students also enjoyed the conferences' fellowship component. "I enjoyed meeting people, networking, and being able to voice my opinion," said Moore. Rucker and Moore commented that the conference was uplifting and inspirational.

The TWC Student Government Association sponsored Moore and Rucker to attend the conference.

Write to troops

By **Esther Meyers**
Student Contribution

With the upcoming holiday season nearing, I urge all students and faculty to show your support for the military personnel by becoming a "Volunteer Writer" or pen pal. It only takes a few minutes to write an encouraging card or letter to a military soldier serving overseas or here in US. Here are a few names of nonprofit organizations that might help you:

Tennessee Marine Family = www.tnmarinefamily.org

Tennessee Helping Hearts = www.tnhelpinghearts.org

Keystone Soldiers = www.keystonesoldiers.org

Operation Troop Aid = www.operationtroopaid.org

Adopt-A-Soldier = www.adoptasoldier.org

Please thoroughly read through their website and look for their instructions on becoming a

"Volunteer Writer" or pen pal. If a website does not specify their instructions, please contact them through email. Every organization has different rules for the safety of the military personnel and for you as a "Volunteer Writer" or pen pal. If you find out that this will not work out for you, then please email them and tell them your situation. They will understand and may even ask for your pen pal names so they can take over. Please do not give up if you do not hear from any of the military personnel right away.

At the time of writing this article, I am proud to say that I am a "Volunteer Writer" for all the above mentioned organizations. I started writing for "Keystone Soldiers" and I kept writing letters every week. A month later, I heard from my first pen pal through email. I can still remember how excited I was, and we still email each other almost daily. I also remember how excited I was when I saw a handwritten letter waiting for me from another pen pal. To this day, we

correspond with each other at least twice a month. I currently have ten pen pals who I email or write letters to every month.

Please volunteer a few minutes of your time by becoming a "Volunteer Writer" and I know you will enjoy this experience and so will your pen pal. Please email me if you have any questions and I will do my best to give you more information. shorte765@hotmail.com

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Holiday dorm decor

By **Brittany Tipton**
Staff Writer

Let's face it: the dorm rooms can get a little dull, and around finals the dorm rooms can seem like a little box, especially if that is where you do most of your studying. Here's a few decorating ideas on a college budget.

1. Snowflakes. Get white paper or colorful construction paper. Cut into circles, and then fold them up. After that, cut a variety of designs into the paper. Unfold it and hang it on your door or window for a little snow effect.

2. The local dollar store has small trees, lights, and ornaments to decorate the dorm. More can be bought if roommates pitch in and buy together.

3. Battery operated candles can be used to light a menorah.

4. Personalized stockings. Get plain red stockings and personalize them with your name and your roommate's name with glitter or a colorful marker.

5. Cotton ball snowman. First, cut three circles from construction paper. The circles should be in three different sizes ranging from a diameter of 1 1/2 - 2 inches to 4 1/2 - 5 inches. Next, attach the circles together, biggest to smallest. Cotton balls then need be glued to the circles. To finish your snowman, cut additional snowman features such as a hat or carrot from construction paper and glue to the snowman.

The most important thing is to remember to have fun with the holidays. Start your own Holiday tradition here at college with roommates, old friends, and new pals.



Profile: Dr. Windt

By Karessa Cunningham
Staff Writer

Dr. Nathan Windt, native of Chicago, is the new professor of the music department. More than just the choir/chorale director, Dr. Windt is also one of the professors of music appreciation, conducting, and studio voice. Although he has an “unhealthy” obsession with the Chicago Cubs, he has also made time to pursue his passion in music. Dr. Windt first graduated with his bachelor’s in music education from North Park University, and later he obtained his master’s and doctorate from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincin-

nati. Dr. Windt is married to Amy and has one son, Ethan, 4. They are expecting their second child in February of 2009.

Placing emphasis on the concert choir, Dr. Windt will be taking them on a tour over the coming spring break to Knoxville, TN, Cincinnati, OH, his hometown of Chicago and possibly Louisville, KY. He hopes to build the choir, which is currently just under 50 people to over 50, filling the choir room. If such a number is produced, he hopes to divide the choir into an auditioned music major choir and an entry-level choir for freshman or those who are less experienced and combine them for special events. Doing Hebrew love songs

and African percussion ensembles have already been on the agenda for the choir. Currently, one can join the choir by coming to rehearsals in Sherman Hall (12:00–12:50, MTWH). Dr. Windt only requires a “low stress” vocal exercise in or-



Photo by Tara Fleury

der to determine vocal placement. On an audition basis, the Chorale is a chamber group specializing in music of the Renaissance, but it also performs a wide variety of other musical styles. They recently performed for Homecoming with the Concert Choir.

The sixth annual Lessons and Carols, an event on the college calendar, is the opportune moment for those interested in joining the choir to see what it is about. They will be singing traditional carols like O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and more diverse songs such as Betelehemu. He hopes to have the spring semester be as productive as the fall and welcomes all, with or without experience, to come and encourages the campus to fully support the group.

Fulmer fiasco

By Brandon Keys
Staff Writer

The college football season is almost over. Just like last year, this year’s games have been interesting, to say the least. There is one thing different about this year though, despite Alabama winning games and Nebraska giving up 70 points a game (actually that happens every game). The difference resides in Knoxville, where after 17 years without change the Volunteers will have a new coach.

It is not uncommon for teams going through an unforgettable season, like the Vols, to make a coaching change. In fact, it is almost normal for teams to do so during the middle of the year, just like UT. The difference is a numbers game. 151--that is the number of wins Phillip Fulmer has won in his tenure. 97 of those wins have come in one of the toughest, if not the toughest conference in football. Those 97 wins rank him 5th all time in the SEC. From 95’ to 98’ the Volunteers were an astounding

45-5. Teams kill for wins like that, for consistency. Total domination like that had not been seen in the SEC since Bear Bryant’s boys or when Spurrier had his hay day in Florida. Both of those men left on their own terms. Their fans appreciated the dedication put forth to winning. Sometimes excellence takes patience, but UT fans weren’t ready to wait.

The years have been so kind to Fulmer’s Vols since that 98’ National Championship. They are a combined 11-16 against Florida, Georgia, and Alabama since 2000. The numbers game has hurt Fulmer, but I hope UT fans will be ready for what is to come. No matter who takes the reins, the numbers game will still be a factor. The Vols offense ranks 114th out of 119. There could be something to build on but, fans will have to be patient. They now have a problem on their hands that might not be as easy as subtraction: trying to find a coach to duplicate the same success as Fulmer.

2058

Dr. Katie Morgan the college President will be overly enthusiastic about the news.

The newly built Dick Pelley Psychology center is dedicated on April First.

Dr. Janice Ryberg will still be teaching music classes.

Dr. Katherine Ging will be the head of the education department. Her favorite topic will still be “No Child Left Behind.”

Convocations will be a lecture course worth two credit hours, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00. This is required of all full time students.

A new sandwich at J. Wesleys’ Grille called the Thelma will be considerate helping of beef with zesty cheese sauce, with optional condiments on the side.

The fall theater group will be performing The Wizard of Oz and the show will be held over for three weeks.

The Bulldogs soccer team will have won the national title, but disappointed that they have to share the stadium with the new

football team.

The Lacrosse team of 2008 will be honored with a picture of them hanging in the cafeteria.

A new pedestrian skywalk will be built over Green Street.

The Student Government Association changes the tradition of going to Washington D.C. opting instead for Charleston, South Carolina.

Kathryn Paden will do a performance in the Sutherland Amphitheatre after returning from her fifteenth world tour.

Adam Yarber is the school’s public relations director.

Jon Mychal Heatherly will be the advisor for the New Exponent.

Dr. Doug’s Dozen

By Dr. Douglas Manley
Faculty Contributor

12 ways to know you’re having a redneck Christmas—

12. Your lights are already strung on the porch;

11. Your Christmas tree is approximately the same size as your satellite dish;

10. Household objects, such as hubcaps, are used as ornaments;

9. The horn on your 4-by-5-U-something plays “Grandma Got Run Over by a John Deere;”

8. Your Christmas hearth consists of propane and God knows what else;

7. You have more plastic people lit up in your yard than real people lit up in your house;

6. You win a gift card to Walmart for the best decorations in your mobile home community;

5. Your Uncle Leroy needs bailing out after unfortunate incidents as the mall Santa;

4. Your nativity scene includes a Confederate flag;

3. Aunt Mabel makes some colorful uses of the “tree” skirt;

2. You wait on gifts from others so you can regift;

And the number one way to know you’re having a redneck Christmas—

Your wreath is square as that was the shape of the box the pizza came in.

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