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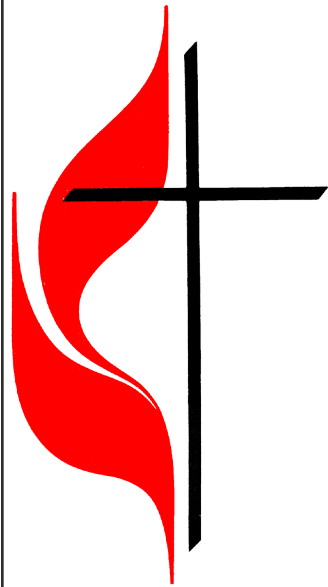
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Library Hours Proposition

Autumn Lowry
Assistant Editor

With our record-breaking enrollment at 988, an important issue has been brought to the attention of the Student Government Association. Proposed by Philip Ross and Matt Dannel, these students petitioned to extend the weekly hours until 12 a.m. instead of the current closing hour at 9pm. Their reasoning is to utilize the resources, such as the library, more effectively. Also, these students propose having Merner-Pfiefer open until midnight on weeknights could make us more competitive to other schools of similar size, such as Bryan College, Covenant College, King College, and Lee College, all of which have library hours that

extend to 12am. These students have strong ideas for their petition and have received almost two-hundred student signatures,

which roughly represents a fifth of the student body.

This idea seems great on the surface, but the biggest



obstacle that faces the library is receiving staff to accommodate these changes. These extended hours would require another staff member or one of the current staff members to extend their hours, and that poses a problem with budgeting. Also, student workers would be needed at night to help as well, but with work study funding being cut, there aren't the funds to pay these students. The librarians love for students to utilize Merner-Pfiefer; after all, that is what library and the staff are there for. However, they cannot accommodate this request without extra staff. I talked to head librarian Sandra Clariday, who stated that she would keep the library open as long as she had the personnel...

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McCain Has Experience

By Mallory Hayes
Staff Writer

In just a few days, voters across the country will be taking part in one of the most highly-anticipated elections in American history. This decision is, in many ways, the most crucial of any election thus far. The United States is facing simultaneous battles against terrorism and the economy, and the time to choose the most effective leader is now! That leader is Senator John McCain of Arizona.

John McCain has proven his leadership in ways that his opponent, Barack Obama, has not. Sen. McCain served twenty-two years in the United States Navy, demonstrating tremendous courage, commitment, and love for his country. He has also served more than twenty-five years in the U.S. Congress,

compared to Barack Obama's only three years of experience at the national level.

John McCain has a plan for the failing American economy. A stark difference between the two candidates is their positions regarding taxation. Sen. McCain wants to continue the Bush tax cuts, while Sen. Obama wants to end tax breaks for large corporations and small businesses. While Obama insists that it is only fair to "spread the wealth" by redistributing the income of wealthy businesses to the folks who really need the money, McCain knows the importance of keeping American businesses strong. Obama brags that his tax plan will give a tax cut to ninety-five percent of Americans; he fails to note that much of the five percent that will receive tax increases are the businesses that hire the...

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Obama for Change

By Jon M. Heatherly
Editor-in-Chief

Our country is faced many issues today such as economic crises, minorities demanding civil rights, health care needs, and war. It takes a strong leader to spearhead solutions to these many problems, and I believe that Obama symbolizes the "Change" in which the United States has been waiting.

What exactly does this man stand for? First and foremost, Obama strongly believes we should be out of Iraq. Many argue that Bush had a hidden agenda, beginning with his father, of eliminating Saddam Hussein. September 11th, 2001, allowed him that chance. Now that his supposed goal is accomplished, why are we still over there? Although some Iraqis are for Democracy, many are against it and wish to remain

as they are. In my opinion, it is not the business of Americans to force matters on other countries, so long as their interests do not affect the security of our nation.

On some other issues, Obama stands for leaving health care available through employers. If health care is provided through McCain's plan, many might not have as easy access to it as before, and this provides a problem to all those barely scraping by. On issues of civil rights, Obama is for gay rights, women's right to choice, and affirmative action. He is also for more stringent gun control and clean energy alternatives. I feel some issues are not as impending as national security, health care, and the economy; in fact, I'm willing to overlook a few disagreements in opinion for the greater good. However, some prioritize these issues...

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Dr. Doug's Dozen

By Dr. Douglas Manley
Faculty Contributor

The top twelve ways to recognize it's getting close to finals....

12. Dazed looks from the students.
11. Dazed looks from the faculty.
10. A general daze.
9. Cars seem to break down.
8. Dogs seem to eat homework more often.
7. Computers and servers seem to break down.
6. Printers seem to have neither paper nor ink.
5. Weather patterns seem to be reflective of the apocalypse.
4. Costa Rican tsetse fly malaria flumonia seems to be rampant.
3. "Oh, I forgot."
2. "Oh, so 'due today' means due today."

And the number one way to recognize that it's getting close to finals:

1. "I didn't know there was a final exam."

Presidential Facts

By Brittany Tipton
Staff Writer

Since our great country was established over 230 years ago, there have been 43 United States presidents. With those 43 presidents came a large array of unique qualities and abilities, which many people do not know of.

George Washington was an avid gardener, the first person to breed roses in the U.S.. John Q. Adams owned a pet alligator. Martin Van Buren was the first president of Dutch ancestry. Ulysses S. Grant, was fined \$20 for speeding on a horse. To have fresh milk, William Taft kept a cow on the white house lawn. William McKinley was the first to campaign by telephone. During Woodrow Wilson's term, there was a flock of sheep on the white house lawn. The wool was sold to raise money for the Red Cross during WWI. Ronald Reagan was the first actor elected president. He was in 53 films.

Who knows what our future presidents will add to the list. Soon, we may either have the first African-American or the oldest elected president at the age of 72.

Opinion: Bush' Presidency

Brandon Keys
Staff Writer

In light of a new administration taking power after January 20th 2009, I thought it would be a great idea to take a look back at the last 8 years of George Bush's administration.

Obviously the administration has been marred with a number of decisions that have been deemed questionable if not ridiculous, but I would like to discuss some of the good things that took place in America as a result of George Bush being in office.

He decided to undertake a number of different tasks. He increased funding for the National Science Foundation and

the National Institute of Health. He helped change Medicare by signing the Medicare Act of 2003, which gave elderly people better choices and more control over their healthcare. He also spear headed the No Child Left Behind Act, which despite current sentiments against it has actually helped increase American student's test scores in math and reading. He also has made an attempt to reform social security, which is in desperate need of it.

In addition to his ideas for social reform, he has also made an attempt to make our country safer. After the attacks on our country in 2001, he announced a global war on terror that not

only has decreased terrorist attacks in America but also the world.

Some people consider the last 8 years to be some of the darkest in our country's history but most of the misfortunes that have happened to this country in that time have not been his fault. When a new administration takes power in a few months, remember the last 8 years and the struggle it takes to be a great president. Maybe the next administration should take some notes because despite what you've heard about George Bush, the highest approval ratings for an American president in the history of our country speak for themselves.

Are you voting and why?

By Tara Fleury
Advertisement Rep.



"Yes, because it is our right as Americans. We are lucky to be able to choose who runs the country."

- Ransom Coslett



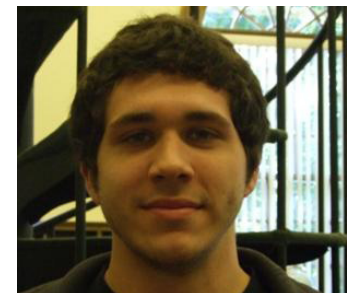
"Definitely. It is our right as women. Women were jailed and beaten to give us the right to vote and we owe it to them."

- Jill Busch



"Yes, I have grown up in a political family my entire life, and I realize how important it is to exercise our right to vote. It's your voice, so use it!"

- Ciara Frisbie



"Yes. In this time of economic crisis, we, the youth of America, need to spearhead a movement for change and prosperity."

- Cody Brown

Editor's Pick

Everyone should be exposed to new things. Check this section every issue to see what's cool to hear, read, or watch.

Hear:
"Season Song" by Blue States

Read:
The Journey of the Lost Boys by Joan Hecht

Watch:
Chicago (Musical)

McCain

By Mallory Hayes
Staff Writer

...lower ninety-five percent. Many American businesses, as a result of Obama's tax increases, would consequently move their operations outside the United States to other countries where they could make more money. McCain's stance in keeping the Bush tax breaks for even the largest corporations will keep businesses strong and more importantly in the United States.

Sen. McCain also plans to stimulate the economy by reducing America's dependency on foreign oil. Not only will achieving this goal eliminate the money that is being sent to other countries, but it will create jobs on American soil that have previously been going overseas. In addition, the new energy technology will focus on "clean" resources such as

wind and natural gas, which will be better for the environment than our current overwhelming dependence on oil.

Ultimately, there is one major question on voters' minds. Who can be counted on to represent America in the White House? John McCain has a long history of service and putting his country first; Barack Obama simply has no such history. In his short political career, Sen. Obama has done several good things for his constituency in the Chicago area and has diligently served the state of Illinois. This limited experience at the state level, however, does not qualify him to lead the entire country. John McCain has over two and a half decades of experience in the U.S. Congress; he has worked with Republicans, Democrats, and Independents not only from Arizona, but from across the nation. This experience in uniting leaders from all across America demonstrates John McCain's

ability to unite the country and to lead the United States as the next president.

Obama

By Jon M. Heatherly
Editor-in-Chief

...What exactly does he mean by "Change"? Well, many see the past eight years of American history as a downward spiral. It's quite obvious that taking frequent vacations and changing the English vocabulary has gotten George W. Bush nowhere, and voting for someone who agrees with him 90% of the time would seem to lead to a similar State of the Union. Obama would have the drive and focus to bring this country back to the world leader it once was. We need that.

Behind the rhetoric of his speeches, there is truth in his words of "Yes, We Can" and "Change". The people of over

others. America need to unite as one to combat the many things a country can face. Throughout history, humanity has not progressed by one, single person changing society. It is true that it can take one person to think differently and bring to the mainstream ideals that will better our tomorrow, but it takes all of us to make these ideals actually happen. Obama sees the power of each and every American, and he wants everyone to stand side-by-side, as equals, for the greater good. Do you want an intellectual who is ready and willing to bring back justice and prosperity to this country? Obama might just be the person for which you are looking. And with Biden at his side to compensate for his supposed inexperience in certain areas, he is more than prepared to do a great job for his country.

Library

Autumn Lowry
Assistant Editor

...to cover the extended hours. However, Mrs. Clariday or any of the other library staff have not seen the proposal nor been asked about it. They only heard of this through students conversing about it.

It is obvious that extended hours for the library would be a great asset to campus; it would benefit students, the campus' ability to compete with other colleges, and the library would be used more. However, in order for this to happen, the staff of the library need to be informed as well as worked with on hours and proposed staffing solutions. If this could happen, I believe that the library could extend its hours and all parties.



Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show

Where: McMinn Senior Activity Center

205 McMinn Avenue

Athens TN 37303

When: Nov. 22nd – 9am-5pm

Nov. 23rd – 1pm-5pm

Info: (423) 745-6830



Open Door Cafe

By Meredith Galyon
Staff Writer

If you ever find yourself wondering where a good place is to hang out, get a great meal, use your laptop, watch sports and listen to music, or all of the above, then you should definitely check out the many divisions of the Robert E. Lee Building.

Located at 3 North Jackson Street, The Robert E. Lee Building features a restaurant and a sports bar. It will soon feature an internet café, and is currently

internet-accessible through all parts of the building.

The restaurant, managed by Mr. Blair Strong, features many lunch specials with a variety of foods such as salads and sandwiches, and dinner specials including everything from Italian foods to steak, seafood and specialty brick oven pizzas. Some of my favorite dishes are the Fettuccini Primavera and the Veal Parmesan, both of which are served with salads and garlic bread. The dining room offers a very relaxed atmosphere, with dim lighting

and music playing through all sections of the building. In addition to the dining tables, there are also lounge areas set up specifically for internet access. The sports bar features all games except pay per view, which can be viewed on either a 52", 42" or 32" screen TV. Towards the end of the year there will be a room linked to the sports bar that will contain a pool table and a jukebox and other entertainment sources. Both the restaurant and the sports bar open at 11 AM, seven days a week.

Live entertainment is featured every weekend, with drink specials and discounts on cover charges to students who present a current student I.D. The building is available for rental space for parties, and also offers a catering service.

The internet café is a work in progress, but will be located towards the front of the building and will provide an area for people to hang out, drink coffee, and access WIFI.

There are different specials and entertainment featured each week, so check out www.blairspace.com.



Cedar Springs Methodist Church's Annual

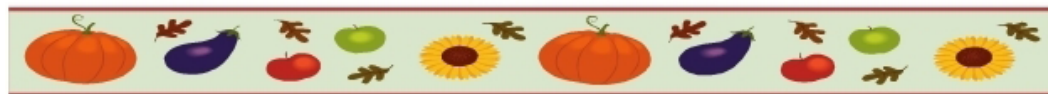
FALL FESTIVAL

November 15, 2008
7:30am – 12:30 pm

Serving breakfast all day, Cedar Springs Methodist Church is hosting their annual Fall Festival.

Drop by and purchase some canned goods, baked goods, or make your own coffee and tea all in time for Thanksgiving. To reach the festival, go to Co. Rd. 700 on Cedar Springs Road at the city limit sign. It's the white church on the top of the hill just down from Wheatland Hills.

For further information contact Tara Fleury at 368-7484.



Presidential Firsts

By Lonnie Mays
Staff Writer

This election will make history because of two possible firsts in United States History. If Barack Obama is elected he will become the first African-American President. If John McCain is elected, Sarah Palin will become the first woman Vice-President. If Hillary Clinton had won the Democratic nomination she would have been the first woman to run for President.

Baseball firsts include Lyndon Johnson, who was the first to dedicate a new baseball stadium: the Houston Astrodome in 1968. William Howard Taft was the first President to throw out the opening day pitch, a tradition carried on since April 14, 1910. Before his Presidency George W. Bush was a managing partner of the Texas

Rangers. Andrew Johnson watched the first game of baseball between teams of two different states. Benjamin Harrison, a native Cincinnati, was the first President to watch a game between professional players on June 6, 1892, when Cincinnati beat Washington 7-4.

The first televised press conference was January 19, 1955 by President Eisenhower. President James K. Polk was the first photographed. Abraham Lincoln was photographed during his second inauguration; John Wilkes Booth is seen in the crowd of spectators. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first to appear on television.

James Monroe was the first to ride a steam boat. Andrew Jackson was the first to ride a railroad train. Theodore Roosevelt was also the first to ride in an automobile. Franklin Roosevelt had the honor of riding in an airplane.



The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) at Tennessee Wesleyan College focuses on service and leadership as stated in the mission of the College. The Development of Servant Leaders: A Plan for Enhancing the Writing and Speaking Skills of Undergraduates through a Service Learning Model is the working title for the QEP.

Once the QEP is approved by the on-site visiting team of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, students will complete the new Freshman Experience which will contain components of service and leadership, in addition to providing ample opportunities for enhancing the writing skills of first-time freshmen. After the freshman year, students will be placed in the Servant Leadership Track or the Service Learning Track. Both tracks will permit the student to enroll in SL designated courses

and gain a minimum of 10 additional service hours per year. The Servant Leadership/Honors Program Track will introduce students to a variety of leadership theories as well as provide in-depth study of historical leaders who made significant impacts on the world.

A QEP Student Road Map will help incoming freshman in 2010 navigate their way through this exciting academic plan.

In short, the QEP at Tennessee Wesleyan College will permit students to put theory into practice in a real world, hands-on environment while at the same time equipping students with the communication skills that are required of effective and compassionate servant leaders. Learn, Serve, Lead...and Believe.

All the best,
Dr. Hine