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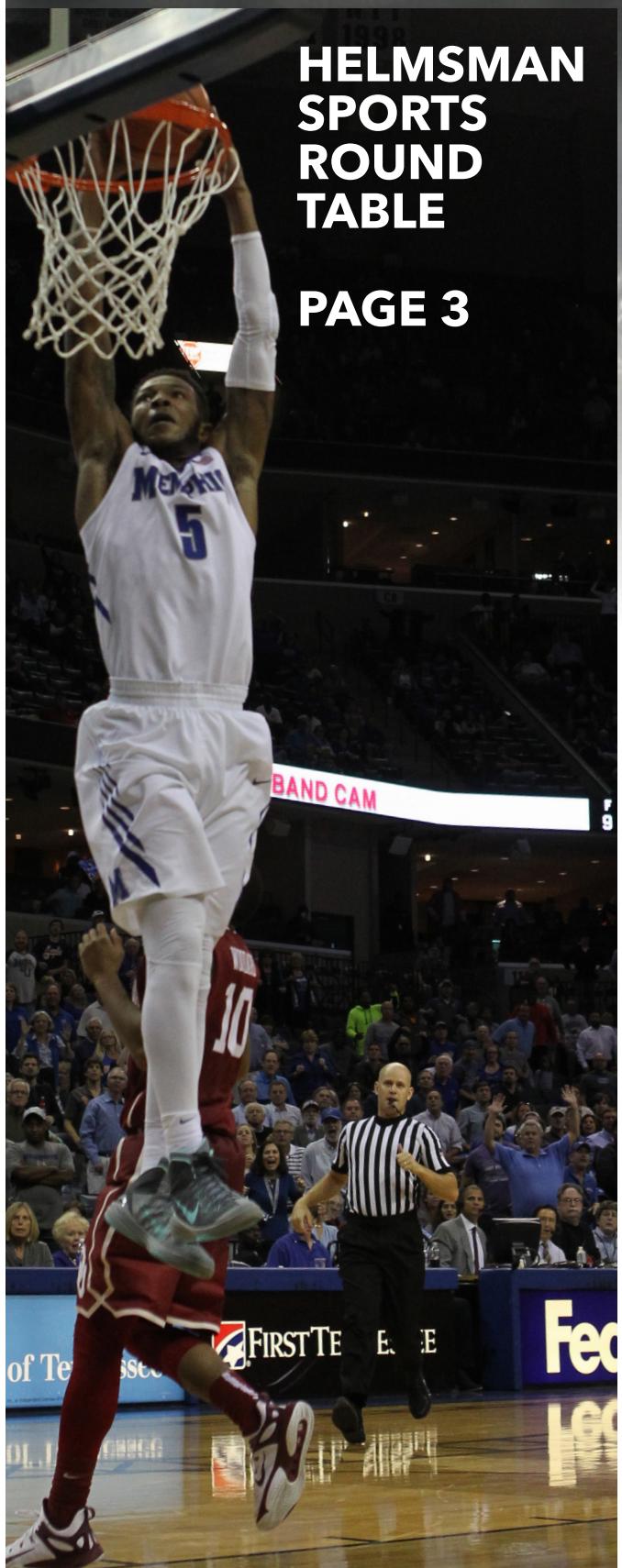
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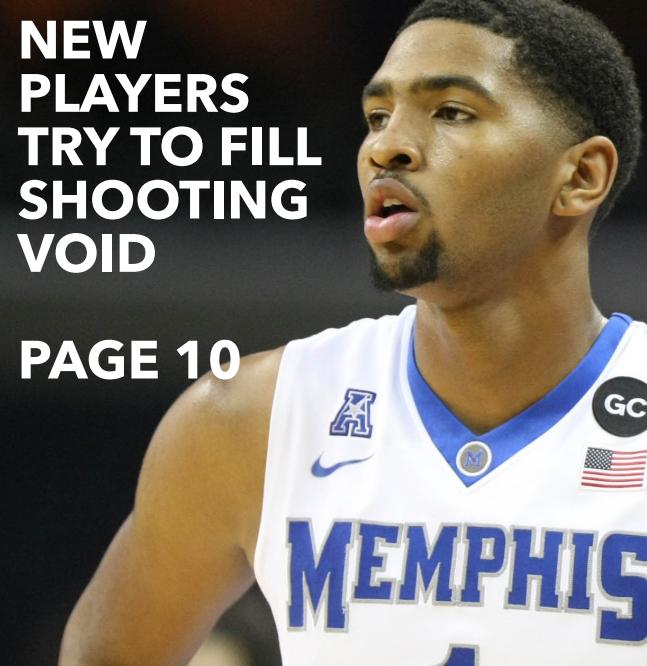
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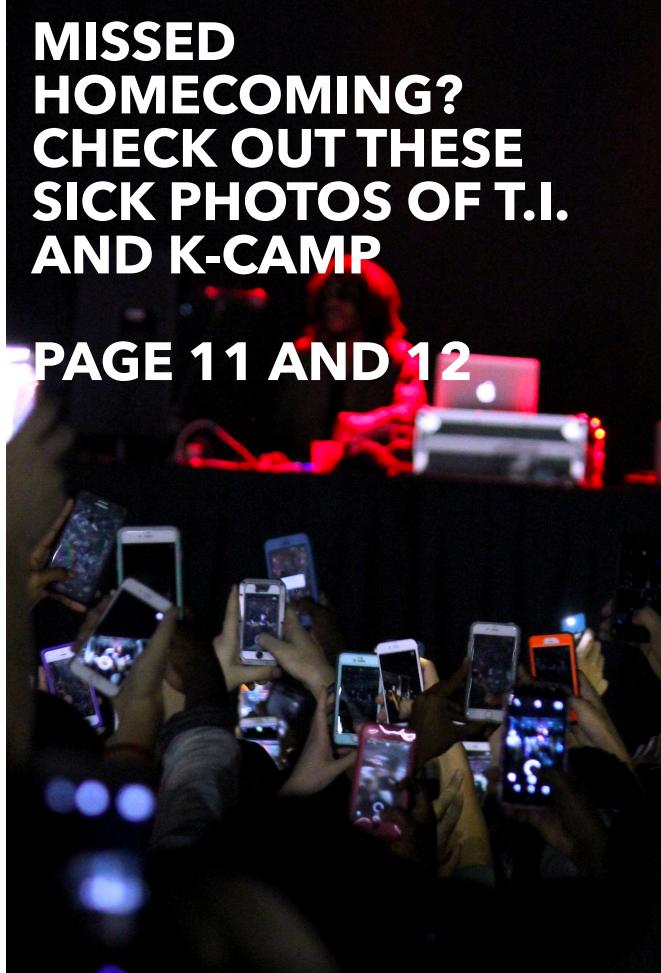


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Seven bold Tiger basketball predictions for the 2016-17 season

By Chip Williams
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Dedric Lawson will win the 2016-17 American Athletic Conference player of the year.

This isn't an outlandish prediction considering Lawson was named the preseason co-AAC player of the year. Lawson had one of the most prolific freshman seasons in the history of Memphis basketball, joining the likes of Derrick Rose, Tyreke Evans and Dajaun Wagner, among others, as the only freshmen to score over 520 points in a season; and his 307 rebounds were only outdone by Lorenzen Wright and Keith Lee as freshmen. Lawson tested the NBA Draft waters this summer before ultimately deciding to return to school after receiving feedback from NBA personnel. He's now had a full summer and fall camp to work with Tubby Smith on improving his game and his body—putting on nearly 10 pounds in the offseason since one of the knocks on him at the NBA Draft Combine was his frail-looking body.

Markel Crawford will double his career scoring average.

Markel Crawford came to Memphis as one of the highest-rated shooting guards in the country. Injuries derailed his career early, but he's been able to play the last couple of seasons; albeit in crowded backcourts that featured guys like Ricky Tarrant, Trahson Burrell and Avery Woodson taking the majority of the shots. For his career, Crawford has averaged 5.6 points per game, and I wouldn't be surprised to see him with double-digit points per game this season. He's the most experienced guard the Tigers have this season, and he will be relied upon heavily.

Tubby Smith will not win as many games as Josh Pastner did in his first season.

But that's fine because neither did John Calipari, and I think we all know how that worked out. I do think that Tubby could come close to tying Calipari, who won

21 games his first year at Memphis, but it's not likely that he can reach Pastner, who won 24 games. It's also different circumstances. When Pastner took over, Memphis was still in Conference USA, and the AAC is much more challenging. I do think there's a good chance that Tubby can surpass Pastner's win totals from his final two seasons of 18 and 19, respectively.

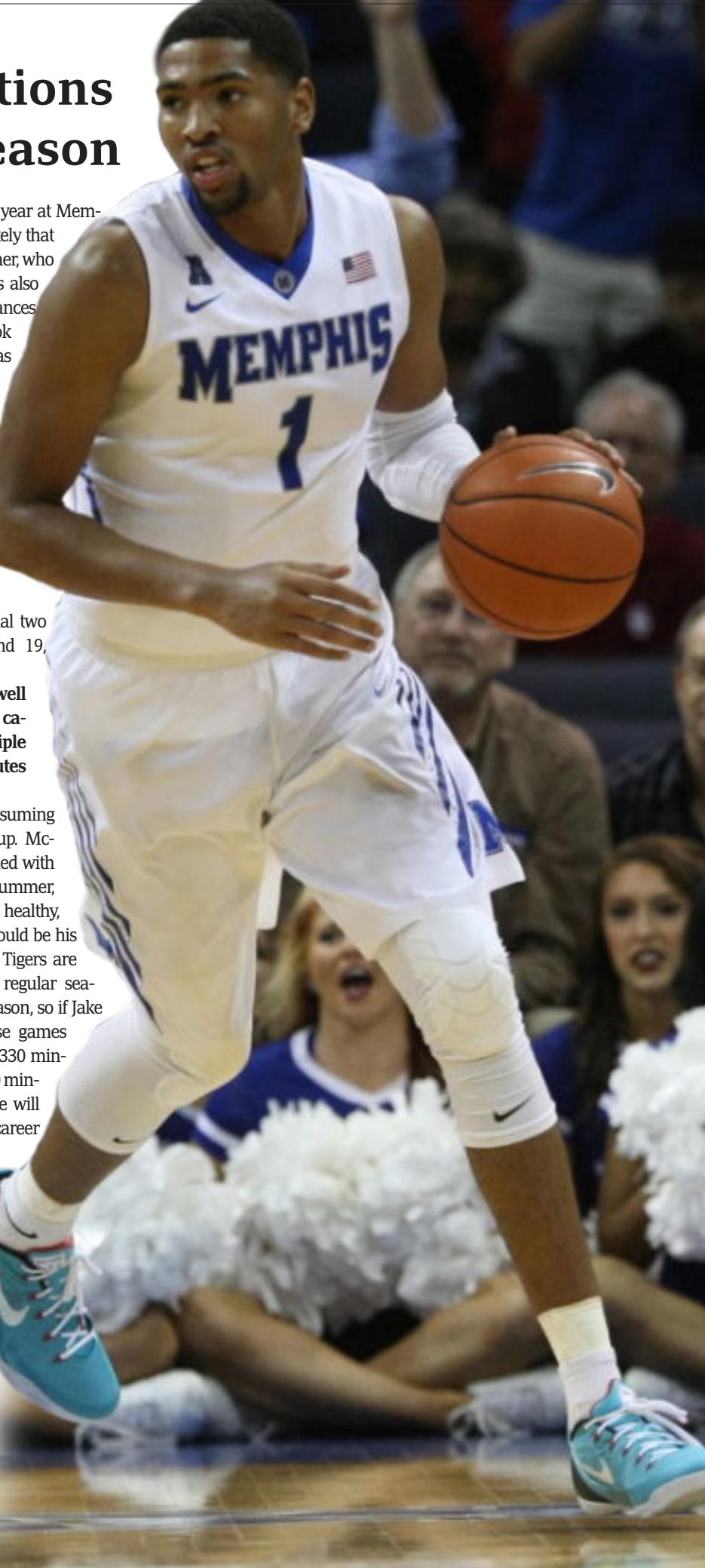
Jake McDowell will double his career starts and triple his career minutes played.

But that's assuming his health holds up. McDowell has struggled with knee issues this summer, but if he remains healthy, his senior year should be his most prolific. The Tigers are scheduled for 31 regular season games this season, so if Jake starts two of those games and plays at least 330 minutes (or roughly 10 minutes per game), he will have doubled his career starts and tripled his career minutes played.

K.J. Lawson will be an all-conference player.

It's easy to forget about the other Lawson because

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Dedric was so good, but before suffering a season-ending injury last season, K.J., a borderline top-50 recruit coming out of high school, was averaging 8.8 points and 3.5 rebounds in under 20 minutes per game. K.J. should see a vastly expanded role this season, and with his talent level, it's not out of the realm of possibility to think that two Lawsons could make the AAC all-conference teams.

Memphis will have the best big man duo in the AAC.

With the offseason addition of Chad Rykhoek and the return of Dedric Lawson, the Tigers are poised to have the best starting big-man duo in the conference. Lawson at 6-foot-9, 236 pounds and Rykhoek at 6-foot-11, 230 pounds have the necessary size and length to cause problems for teams on both ends of the court. But it's their unique and versatile skill sets that will separate them from other talented bigs in the league. Smith has raved about Rykhoek ever since he set foot on campus, and if Dedric can improve on last season's 15.8 points and 9.3 rebounds per game, the Tigers will have an interior advantage in every game they play in this season.

Tubby Smith will land the best 2017 recruiting class in the AAC.

And he will do that with a commitment from Rayshaun Hammonds, a 6-foot-7, 190-pound power forward from Georgia who's ranked as the 50th best prospect in the country according to 247Sports' composite rankings. Memphis has only landed one player ranked in the top 50 in the composite rankings since 2014: Dedric Lawson. If Hammonds were to commit to Memphis, he would join Jamal Johnson, David Nickelberry and Victor Enoh in the class of 2017, giving the Tigers four commitments and competing with UConn for the best class in the AAC. Hammonds visited Memphis on Sept. 23 and visited Miami on Oct. 7. He also has visits scheduled with UConn and Texas in November.

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Sports staff offers opinions on upcoming basketball season

By *Helmsman* sports staff
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The Daily Helmsman sports writers Jon Bell, Thomas Simpson and Mohamed Bah answer six questions about the upcoming Memphis Tigers basketball season in our first roundtable discussion.

1. Which transfer do you expect to make the biggest impact?

Jon Bell: The transfer from Baylor, Chad Rykhoek. He is one of the few big men on the team, and everyone has been very impressed with him so far. He has the ability to be the Tigers' second best player.

Thomas Simpson: The Tigers were near the bottom of the league in three-point shooting last season and lost their top shooter, Avery Woodson, to transfer. I expect Christian Kessee, who hit 88 threes for Coppin State last season, to make a Ricky Tarrant-like impact this season with double digit scoring.

Mohamed Bah: I really see Karim Azab having a great year for the Tigers. Azab is a big presence down low who can really move his feet and disturb shots.

2. Outside of Dedric Lawson, who will be the Tigers best player?

Bell: I just mentioned that Rykhoek has a chance, but I'll go with Markel Crawford. He is a redshirt junior who has been at Memphis for a while. Tubby Smith praised him as an emerging leader, and I think that he will have to be the main scoring option from the wing.

Simpson: Dedric's brother, K.J., injured his Achilles early last season and played in only 10 games, posting 8.8 points and 3.5 rebounds per game. The elder Lawson was a top 50 recruit coming in last year and, with Tubby Smith's ability to get the most out of players, has the potential to be a dangerous weapon for the Tigers with his slashing ability and rebounding.

Bah: I believe that Markel Crawford will have a great season. What I really like most about his game, is that

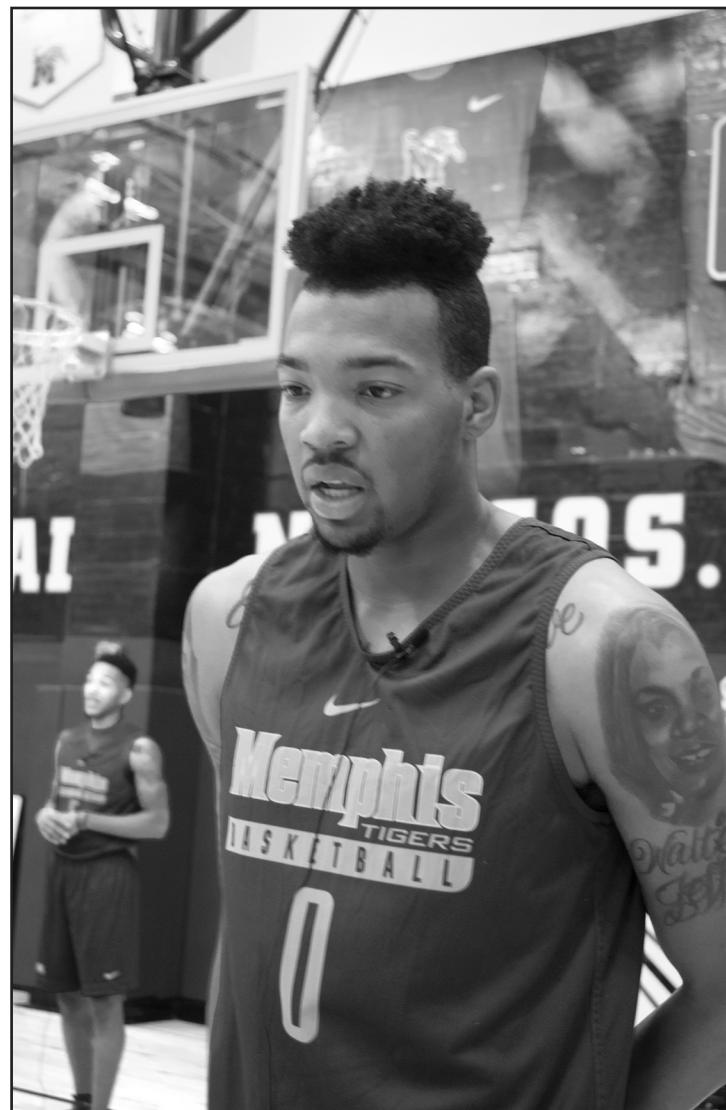


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Despite missing much of last season because of injuries, Helmsman sports writer Thomas Simpson believes K.J. Lawson has the potential to emerge as one of the best players for the Tigers in his redshirt freshman season.

his defense is something we don't really see at his position.

3. Which player do you expect to have a breakout season?

Bell: I know that Dedric Lawson was our best player a year ago and that he is a conference co-player of the year, but I think that he improves tremendously. I think he can put up numbers that make him a lock for a first round draft pick, and possibly a lottery pick.

Simpson: Markel Crawford struggled with consistency and saw his minutes go down last season. However, he received praise from Josh Pastner as the best defender on the team several times throughout his career and is on CBS Sports' top 20 breakout players entering the season. If he can find a rhythm,

he could become Memphis' best two-way player.

Bah: Chad Rykhoek will have a great year for Memphis. What I like most about him is he has a tremendous ability to score for his size.

4. Do you expect the Tigers to make the postseason? If so, what tournament and how far will they go?

Bell: Never underestimate Tubby Smith's ability to get the most out of his teams. I think that they will make the big dance, as an 8 or 9 seed, and advance to the round of 32.

Simpson: Tubby has gotten to the big dance with much less talent before, but he inherits a rough situation with only 10 scholarship players and one double-digit scorer returning, albeit this year's preseason AAC

co-player of the year. I expect Memphis to be on the bubble towards the end, but slipping into the NIT in Tubby's first season.

Bah: I believe Memphis, with this roster, could make it to the NCAA Tournament. They will probably get knocked out in the first round.

5. Give me one prediction that you haven't heard anyone else make.

Bell: Christian Kessee will lead the AAC in three-point shooting. He was a shooter at Coppin State University and put up great numbers. But he was relied on as the team's leading scorer, and he will not have to do that now. He will have the chance to play off guys like Markel and Dedric who will get him open looks.

Simpson: Jimario Rivers will be Memphis' best defender. Rivers comes in as a wiry, athletic combo forward, and I believe he will use his length and athleticism to cause problems with opposing players.

Bah: I believe this team will have a better home record than they had last year. They will also win more than 60 percent of home games, in my opinion.

6. How many games do you expect the Tigers to win this season?

Bell: I think the Tigers will win about 22 games on the season, not including the conference tournament. The schedule is not stacked with many unwinnable games, but they will have to take advantage of the games they are favored in.

Simpson: The Tigers enter this season with a fairly easy non-conference schedule, with their toughest possible matchup against Austin Nichols and No. 7 ranked Virginia. However, the conference will be tough as Memphis was chosen to finish fifth in the league. I can see the team grabbing 20 wins.

Bah: Truth be told, out of 32 games, I see them winning 19. I like how Tubby has recruited a lot of players who are not only physical but can score as well.

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Memphis fans are excited for the dawn of a new era in Memphis Tiger basketball as Tubby Smith takes over as head coach. Many fans are bullish on the future of Memphis basketball with Smith at the helm.

Tigers fans around the Mid-South eager and anxious for the new season

By Mohamed Bah
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With the basketball season on the horizon, many fans are not only excited, but also eager for the season. We asked 10 fans what their thoughts are on this Memphis Tigers basketball team.

1. Austin Robinson, Southaven. "I love the Tigers' roster this year. We have a couple of new faces, but there's this power forward we signed who is really good. I think his name is Chad (Rykhoek) I don't know, but that dude gets buckets like crazy. He will definitely help out Dedric (Lawson)."

2. Nathaniel Putnam, Olive Branch. "Tubby [Smith] has a history of coaching at a high level from his days at Kentucky and now at Memphis. We will have a better season than people think because we surrounded our best player with a significant amount of talent. If we make it to the Final Four, you heard it here first."

3. Marco Mims, visiting Memphis from Ohio. "I've never really been too deep into the Tigers for some reason but have always been a big fan of Tubby Smith. He's always been one of my favorite coaches because he always makes his teams play hard and compete at a high level."

I would expect this team to not only play better under Tubby, but to move the ball more on offense."

4. Kris Michaels, Memphis. "We no longer have to worry about Coach Pastner. We can finally begin a new chapter in the basketball program at Memphis. This first year under Smith, I don't think we'll make the postseason but could certainly come close."

5. Janet Bridges, Southaven. "I saw on the news like a week ago, I think, of us signing some Egyptian guy. That guy is huge because he weighs what 300 pounds, I think. If he gets playtime, that's another big body we have down low. But for his size, I'm interested in seeing how well he moves around the court."

6. Mike Walls, Memphis. "I honestly don't see any major moves for me to have extreme confidence in this team. Quite frankly, Dedric is literally our only scorer on the f***** team, and we aren't surrounding him with enough talent. We are literally the Pelicans of college basketball because we have one great player surrounded by guys who don't play at a high level."

7. Gerald Evans, Memphis. "Ever since D-Rose left Memphis to go to the NBA, we

haven't really made major moves to get to the next level. For some reason, I really love this Tigers squad this season. All we really need are some more guards who can not only shoot but also score. If we do that, we could probably slide into the NCAA March Madness."

8. Joe Evans, Memphis, brother of Gerald Evans. "I don't know what my brother is talking about honestly. No way the Tigers make it to March Madness, but I hope they do. I think in two years time they will succeed because Tubby is great at recruiting talent. So we'll see."

9. Corey Hill, Memphis. "We will struggle the first couple of games due to now playing in a new system. However, [by] February tops, I feel like we will turn everything around and make a deep push for a post-season tournament."

10. Colton Wells, Hernando. "I read somewhere the other day that he's getting respect from his players, which is important because if he builds a great relationship with them, it could help us out not only during the game, but in the long run as well. Many people in the community are excited for the season, but we have to take it one game at a time. It's not a 100-yard dash."

Tubby Smith brings impressive coaching pedigree to Memphis

By Mohamed Bah
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8. 18 – Number of times Smith has been to the NCAA Tournament.

9. 5 – Number of NCAA Sweet Sixteens Smith has taken his team to (twice with Tulsa, once with Georgia, and twice with Kentucky).

10. 3 – Number of NCAA Elite Eights Smith has taken his team to—all coming while at Kentucky.

11. 5 – Number of schools Smith has taken to the NCAA Tournament. He is currently one of only two coaches to lead five different programs to the NCAA Tournament.

12. 3.09 million – Smith's current salary from the University of Memphis, which, according to a 2016 USA Today report, would make Smith the 11th highest paid coach in college basketball.

13. 2000 – The year Smith helped coach the U.S. Olympic Basketball team to a gold medal in Sydney.

14. 16 – The number of siblings Smith has.

15. 3 – The number of sons Smith has, all of whom are currently following in their father's footsteps as coaches. G.G., his eldest, is coaching at Loyola (Maryland). His middle son Saul is coaching with Smith at Memphis. His youngest son, Brian, is coaching at Windermere Preparatory School in Windermere, Florida.

Smith has had a lot of success in the basketball world. Now, he will look to add to that with the Tigers. Memphis tips off the season against Christian Brothers on Nov. 7 at the FedEx Forum at 6:30 p.m.

TIGUrS in trouble:

'Beautiful' U of M garden to be paved over

By Abigail Warren
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As the semester begins to end, so does the life of the current TIGUrS Urban Garden.

The University of Memphis' administration has decided to move the garden that Karyl Buddington, U of M director of animal care facilities, started nine years ago. Their reasoning is to make enough room to add 120 parking spaces behind the priority parking lot on Zach Curlin. The current location of the Urban Garden, west of the Elma Roane Field House, will effectively be paved over for the new parking spaces.

On Facebook, the TIGUrS Urban Garden page posted that

doing so is a "blatant disregard for the students' concerns set forth in the University of Memphis Green Fee Policy whereby students pay a \$10 Green Fee as a part of their tuition intended to support sustainable projects."

Students who work for the garden heard rumors about the plans before it was official. Anna Vo kept working despite these rumors.

"Karyl came and told us what had happened," the 19-year-old said. "We wanted to petition, but it was final."

Vo said they are still trying to spread the word about the university's plans.

The university has promised to provide green space for another garden, but it will be

only one fourth the size of the current garden, according to Vo. Those who work at the garden have been told they will also be able to build gardens elsewhere around campus.

As the university plans to begin construction for the new recreation center at the end of this semester, parking concerns grow. During construction, the parking lot on Southern Avenue will offer students approximately 300 fewer places to park.

David Zettergren, the vice-president for business and finance, is "responsible for arriving at strategies for the loss of parking that will occur once the

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University of Memphis health studies students Anna Vo and Alexander Schyer work with the plants in the Tigers Initiative for Gardening in Urban Settings (TIGUrS) community garden.

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Millennials “clamoring” for a third-party candidate: Johnson and Stein share social views but otherwise are politically “day and night”

By Gus Carrington
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Potential voters packed the decorated room of Amurica Studios on N. Cleveland Street to catch a glimpse of a living, breathing presidential candidate last month.

Dr. Jill Stein, the Green Party's presidential nominee, spoke to Amurica about America and more specifically, how to bring “social movements into the political battle.” She then took questions from the multigenerational crowd.

Winston Belisle, 63, said that Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton was actually politically “too far right” for his liking with “too many corporate interests.”

“I think we need a third party,” Belisle said after the rally. “I’m not satisfied with what we got. I’ve been a Democrat all my life; then when Bernie stepped down and started rooting for her, it let the air out of the balloon.”

Memphian Trenton Brown, 23, also began researching Jill Stein after Bernie Sanders dropped his presidential bid.

“I’m voting for Jill this election,” Brown said. “I just got tired of the established candidates—Republicans and Democrats, so I decided to vote for third party that can actually offer a solution.”

Dr. Jill Stein and Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson are the two major third-party candidates in the current election that younger voters are gravitating towards as they shun “the two major political parties on a scale not seen since Ross Perot’s third party bid for the presidency in 1992,” according to The New York Times. Surveys by Pew Research Center show that half of the millennials polled describe themselves as political independents, but vote heavily Democratic and for liberal policies on many social and political issues.

While both the 2016 Green Party and Libertarian Party candidates align on issues like abortion being a woman’s unrestricted right, the legalization of marijuana, the pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens and avoiding foreign entanglements, some attendees at October’s Stein rally described the two’s politics as “day and night.” Dr. Jill Stein herself criticized Gary Johnson’s policies when questioned by

The Daily Helmsman on Oct. 4.

“I think Gary is sort of coasting on this idea that he’s the alternative,” Stein said. “We’ve been trying to get Gary into a debate, and he won’t debate. He won’t actually stand up and defend his positions and where he stands. Many people fear that the Libertarians are about getting government out of the way so that corporations can just run roughshod over us.”

Dr. Stein also said she disagrees with Johnson’s plans for income tax, climate change and student debt. While in Memphis, the Green Party nominee claimed that the Libertarian nominee has “no solution” for the “job crisis.”

“In my mind, we have three candidates here which are sponsored by multinational corporations,” Stein said. “Gary Johnson doesn’t want to get money out of politics. He thinks that it’s just fine for corporations to buy our government. He thinks they need to wear the logo to identify where the money’s coming from, but he’s not identifying where his money is coming from. He’s got a Super PAC, which is basically how you hide the money.”

30-year-old Walt Granecki, the vice-chair of the Libertarian Party of Shelby County, refuted some of Stein’s accusations. He said that he

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couldn't speak to Johnson's Super PAC but believes Johnson's experience and background as a two-term governor of New Mexico speak for themselves.

"Whether Stein, Johnson, Clinton or Trump is elected in November, come January of 2018, I don't think that the money will be out of politics," Granecki said. "But I think there's policies that can begin to be set in place to help us establish that. I think that we're fighting within the rules to get as much media coverage as we can and currently, the only way to do that is to raise money."

According to insidegov.com, Johnson has raised significantly more money than Stein—\$11.3 million to \$3.53 million. He also was closer to getting on the debate stage with Clinton and Trump.

The Commission on Presidential Debates established in 2000 that for a presidential candidate to be included in the national debates, they must collect at least 15 percent of voters' support across five national polls.

According to a Sept. 22 Washington Post/ABC News poll, conducted before the first debate, Clinton and Trump were tied at 41 percent among registered voters, with Johnson at 7 percent and Stein at 2 percent. At his peak, Johnson was polling at 11 percent according to a Sept. 13 NBC News/Survey Monkey poll. This was despite Johnson's "Aleppo" gaffe, when he questioned what the city of Aleppo was in an interview with MSNBC's Mike Barnicle.

However, by the time the 2016 presidential debates began, Johnson did not get to participate as third-party candidate Ross Perot was able to

in 1992.

Before the debates, Granecki felt it was Johnson's "role" to debate the Republican and Democratic nominees. "It's hard to change the system outside of the system," Granecki said. "We're just trying to make real progress and pick and choose our battles."

Stein believed a debate specifically between Johnson and her should be the first order of business.

"We think there needs to be a debate here because people are clamoring for another political party, but they need to know what the choices are," Stein said.

While Johnson and Stein's platforms are separated with Johnson taking a more conservative stance and Stein taking a more liberal stance specifically on domestic and economic issues, some worry that either candidate could "split" the vote in a similar way that Ralph Nader's Green Party presidential run of 2000 did. The "splitting" of votes that could have otherwise gone to one of the major-party candidates allegedly cost Al Gore the presidency.

Memphian Jaron Weidner is the secretary of the Libertarian Party of Shelby County is not concerned about the Libertarian candidate splitting the votes come Nov. 8.

"I've heard kind of an equal number of people tell me that if you vote for Gary Johnson it's only going to help Hillary," Weidner, the co-owner of Avenue Coffee, located near the U of M campus, said. "But I've heard an equal number of people say it's going to help Trump."

Weidner describes himself as being "socially accepting," but that opening his own business encouraged him to become "economically minded" as well. He was drawn towards

Republican candidate Rand Paul at first. Then, after Paul dropped out, Weidner decided on the Libertarian option.

"Historically, the Libertarian party pulls equally from both Democrats and Republicans," Weidner said. "The Libertarian Party kind of coincidentally has a list of things in common with each side, and so it's possible to definitely attract people from both of the major parties. Some of the other third parties might not have that same advantage. The Constitutional Party is kind of like a Republican Party and Green Party is kind of like a Democratic Party."

Kate Culver, the co-founder of the Green Party of Tennessee, believes that her party is actually a place where Republicans, Democrats and even Libertarians can "find a good home."

"I know a lot of people want to place the Green Party further left than the Democrats, but I don't think that's true," Culver said. "I don't think this is some linear continuum. It's a circle. Everything is a circle, and so we have a place where some Republicans could find a good home. We have a platform where some Democrats could find a good home, or a Libertarian could find a good home. The main thing is that people who care about their children, who care about their environment, who care about justice in the world and that it's all fair and that we respect each other—these people are going to find a good place here in the Green Party."

Culver said she represents the stereotype of her party as a "Birkenstock-wearing, tree-hugging hippy," but said by no means is she the majority.

In the past, Culver has also worked with Libertarians.

"I won't vote for them, but I am so happy they are there," Culver said. "My feeling is we need a multi-party democracy. We need more voices and the lawsuits that I have undertaken with the Green Party of Tennessee against the state of Tennessee have one time been with the Constitution Party and one time been with the Libertarian party. Even parties that I have a very different political view with, we have a common ground and an understanding that more voices at the table does everybody good."

Granecki agreed.

"I think the Green Party and the Libertarian Party certainly do need to come together regarding ballot access in the debates instead of throwing shade at each other," Granecki said. "I still want to be able hear that other voice and keep Republicans and Democrats honest. Getting as many voices heard as we possibly can... to [open the] rest of the public's [eyes] up to who Jill Stein and Gary Johnson and the Green and Libertarian Party represent."

According to Weidner, ballot access is definitely an important struggle for third-party candidates. For example, while Gary Johnson is technically on the ballot in all 50 states, he is listed as a Libertarian option on only some of them. On others, such as Tennessee, Johnson is listed as an Independent.

The distinction is that after the election, all the votes cast in the states where he's listed as a Libertarian will be counted "for the party." If the party gets five percent of the

popular vote, they will receive federal funding for the 2020 campaign. However, any votes in Tennessee, where Johnson is listed as an Independent, will not count towards the party's five percent of the national popular vote. They will still count toward the candidate's 2016 presidency, however.

"In Tennessee, the current law says that Republicans and Democrats need 25 signatures of voters—just 25 people to sign petition so they can be on the ballot," Weidner said. "Any third party needs 33,844 signatures of valid Tennessee voters just to be on the ballot with their party name. So that's why you don't see other parties in [political] office or the House of Representatives."

Granecki said these numbers are "very unfair" and Culver said she doesn't believe the presidential election is "not a rigged election."

"In the past, I would have never said my candidate could win," Culver said. "I've been working in Green Party politics for 16 years, and it's always been about building the party—seeing the long-term goal. But I never deluded myself [into thinking] that my candidate could win. This year, I'm not going to predict anything, but I'm also not going to hold back the tide of the crazy change that's upon us. Who knows? I have been surprised every time I turned around in this election cycle."

Weidner hopes that next Tuesday, voters actually consider the party they choose to vote for.

"I hope that it's not just a vote out of spite for the other two," he said.

Decision(s) 2016: Representatives in U.S. and Tennessee State government up for re-election Nov. 8

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The Republican Party's nominee for President is Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence.

United States House of Representatives

Residents in Tennessee's Eighth Congressional District, which consists mainly of the northwestern portion of Tennessee as well as the outskirts of Shelby County, can also vote for who they want representing them in Congress:

Rickey Hobson (Democratic); Shelia L. Goodwin, James Hart, Adrian M. Montague, Mark J. Rawles, and Karen Free Spirit Talley-Lane (Independents); and David Kustoff (Republican).

Residents in Tennessee's Ninth Congressional District, which consists mainly of the city of Memphis and parts of Shelby County, have the choice

of Steve Cohen (Democratic), Paul Cook (Independent), and Wayne Alberson (Republican).

Tennessee State Senators

Senators of Tennessee Senate District 30 and Tennessee Senate District 32 are up for re-election; however, only one candidate is running in both districts. Sara Kyle is running unopposed for senator of Tennessee Senate District 30, which encompasses North Memphis. Mark Norris, who is running for senator of Tennessee District 32, which encompasses parts of Covington, Atoka, Arlington, Lakeland, Eads, and Collierville, is also running unopposed.

Tennessee House of Representatives

Here is a list of state districts whose representatives are up for re-election:

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Transfers and young players to try and fill outside shooting void

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As the 2016-2017 Memphis Tigers men's basketball season draws closer ahead of the exhibition game Nov. 7 against Christian Brothers University, the Tigers will hope to improve this year after missing the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season.

One chance to do just that is to improve the team's perimeter scoring.

Memphis returns a team that finished 32.4 percent three-point shooting on average, good for eighth in the conference. The Tigers also lost three of the team's four best shooters to transfer or graduation.

Avery Woodson led the Tigers with 43 percent from the arc and 77 three pointers made, but he chose to use his graduate transfer option to transfer to Butler University. Trahson Burrell and Ricky Tarrant, Jr. combined for 74 threes made but exhausted their college eligibility.

With former head coach Josh Pastner leaving for Georgia Tech during the offseason, it would have been nearly impossible for a team like the Tigers to improve from the perimeter. However, new head coach and likely future Hall of Famer Tubby Smith still inherits

a couple of potentially lethal pieces while bringing in several newcomers to make an impact from the arc.

Memphis' top returning perimeter threat, Dedric Lawson was recently voted the AAC's preseason co-player of the year and will be relied on heavily as Memphis' number one scoring option.

While the forward from Memphis is known for banging around in the post and grabbing tons of boards, Lawson is also known for his versatility and his skill set outside the paint.

Last season, Lawson knocked down 28 out of 80 three pointers, good for 35 percent from the field, and helped stretch the defense for Shaq Goodwin to get scoring chances in the paint. Lawson also averaged 2.5 assists per game, good for third on the team, showing off his versatility as a perimeter scorer and playmaker.

Outside of Lawson, Craig Randall has the best chances of becoming a deadeye shooter for the Tigers.

Randall, a guard from Arizona, shot 35.3 percent from the arc in high school and came in as a possible perimeter threat last season.

However, Randall struggled during his freshman year, hitting 8 out of 43 shots from three, good for 18.6 percent. If the combo guard can shake off his freshman jitters and



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Dedric Lawson can do it all on the basketball court including shoot from behind the arc. The Tigers lost the majority of the top three-point threats from last season but players like Lawson, transfer Christian Kessee and Dedric's brother K.J. could provide the outside shooting Memphis needs this season.

respond with an improved sophomore campaign, he could become a sparkplug off the bench.

In regards to newcomers, the biggest name to take over Woodson's title of top shooter is Christian Kessee.

Kessee, the graduate transfer

from Coppin State, averaged a team-leading 14.6 points per game and hit 88 three-pointers at a 39.5 percent clip. The senior guard was especially impressive during the second half of the season, averaging 16.8 points and hitting 44.3 percent of his perimeter shots over

Coppin State's final 17 games.

It is unclear whether the 6-foot-2 guard will take over the point guard duties, but he will be expected to roam the arc and knock down several shots per game.

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new recreation center construction begins around the end of the semester."

"I have met with Dr. Buddington and several others to discuss the relocation of the garden, and we are working on the beginnings of a plan to relocate before spring planting time," Zettergren said in an email to *The Daily Helmsman*. "I am an avid gardener myself, and I know most of us on campus are huge fans. I can assure you we will make sure the garden is successful, no matter where it is located. It is now very much a part of our campus!"

Still, some students are already nostalgic for the current location of the garden.

Jeremiah Davis, 19, works for the sustainability office in the food recovery department. Monday, he spent some time in the garden.

"The school prioritizes parking over green space," Davis said. "They don't see the importance of the garden....Every time I come out here to dispose compost, I see people looking at the greenery. [Administrators] don't see the importance of the garden."

Dylan Thomas, a lifeguard at the current U of M recreation center, is also disappointed as the university moves

forward with plans to pave over the space.

"I would take girls on dates there," the 23-year-old said. "I would bike there many times for fresh okra, peppers and other veggies to go back and cook with. It was a great place to observe progress and learn from their ways of gardening. I've been watching the garden die and come back to life for eight years."

When Buddington started the garden, she said that she wanted to show students how to grow their own food, provide them with organic vegetables as well as herbs and retain students by creating jobs.

"When you look at a map of campus, there are only three green spaces," Buddington said. "This is one of them."

Many departments, including architecture, biology and anthropology have hosted several events at the garden. Buddington doesn't believe changing the location of the garden for parking is a good trade.

"We were told his what the students wanted," she said. "This is only 120 spots, which is not going to solve the problem."

Now, just shy of existing for a decade, the current location of the TIGURS Urban Garden has its days and daisies numbered.

"It's a beautiful space, a beautiful garden," Buddington said. "Soon it will just be pavement. You can't get that back."

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91: Raumesh Akbari (Democratic) vs. Samuel A. Arthur Watkins (Republican)

93: G. A. Hardaway (Democratic) vs. William King (Independent)

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96: Dwayne Thompson (Democratic) vs. Stephen McManus (Republican)

97: Jim Coley (Republican)

98: Antonio Parkinson (Democratic)

99: Ron Lollar (Republican)

City of Memphis Home Charter Amendment

This amendment would allow the Memphis City Council to decide how much of Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division's annual payment goes to local municipalities instead of taxes. Brian Collins, director of finance for the city of Memphis,

said the net annual increase in revenues to the city if the amendment passes is estimated to be \$5 million. Voters can vote either for or against the amendment.

Shelby County Home Rule Charter Amendment

This amendment would change the Shelby County charter to require both the Shelby County Mayor and the Shelby County Commission's approval before they could dismiss the Shelby County Attorney from office. Voters can vote either for or against this amendment.

For more information about the upcoming election, students can visit www.shelbyvote.org.



A Weekly Devotional For You

Evidence that He is God

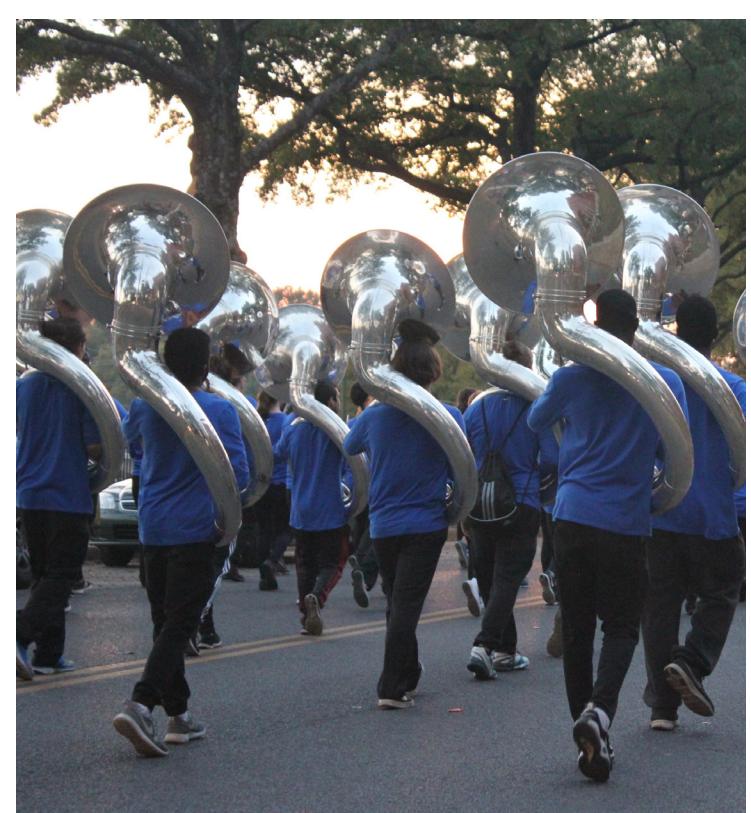
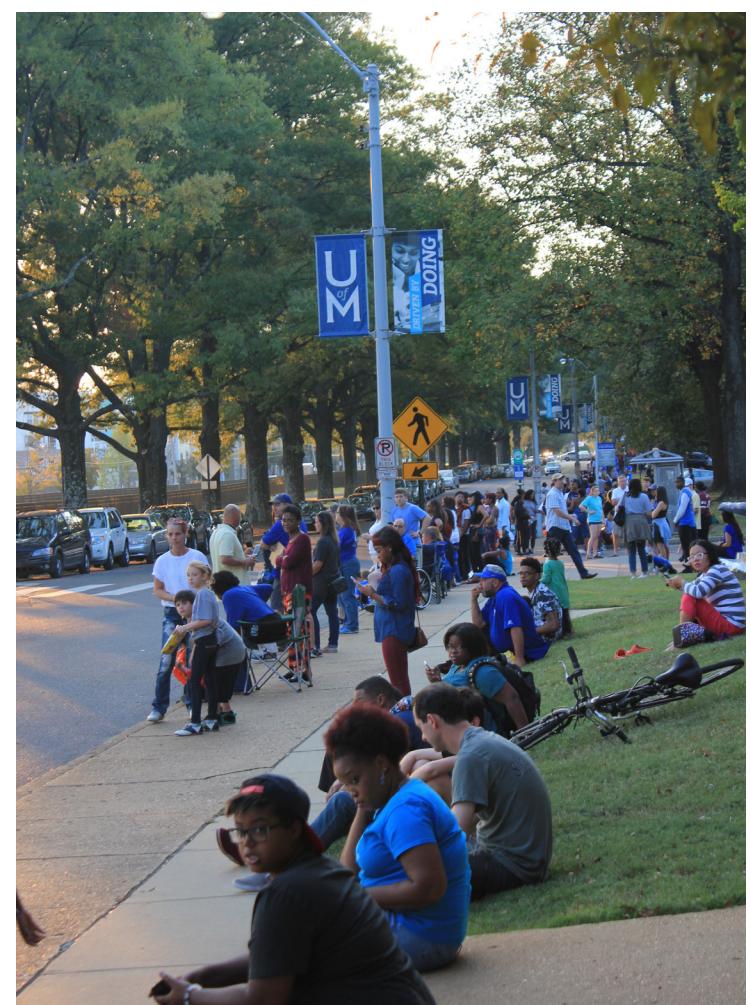
Last time we saw that Jesus Christ cannot be regarded as a good man, if He is not God. He plainly claimed to be God, as we shall soon see. If He were not God, He was either a blatant liar or a deluded lunatic. The Scriptures are plain that Jesus Christ is indeed God incarnate. In Matthew 1: 23 He is called "Emmanuel" which means "God with us." In John 20: 28 the disciple Thomas called Him "my Lord and my God," and was not rebuked by Him for doing so. Acts 20: 28 says that it was God who "purchased the church with His own blood." This is an unmistakable reference to His death on the cross. In Hebrews 1: 8, God the Father called the Son "God." On many occasions, Jesus Christ received worship, but only God is to be worshipped. The apostle Paul refused to receive worship in Acts 14: 8-18. An angel would not allow the apostle John to worship Him in Revelation 22: 9. However, speaking of Jesus Christ, God the Father said "And let all the angels of God worship him." (Heb. 1: 6). In John 8: 58 Jesus Christ referred to Himself as the "I Am." This plainly identifies Him with the Jehovah of Exodus 3: 14. From this and much other evidence, one who holds the New Testament to be a part of the inspired word of God has no other choice than to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is, indeed, God manifest in the flesh.

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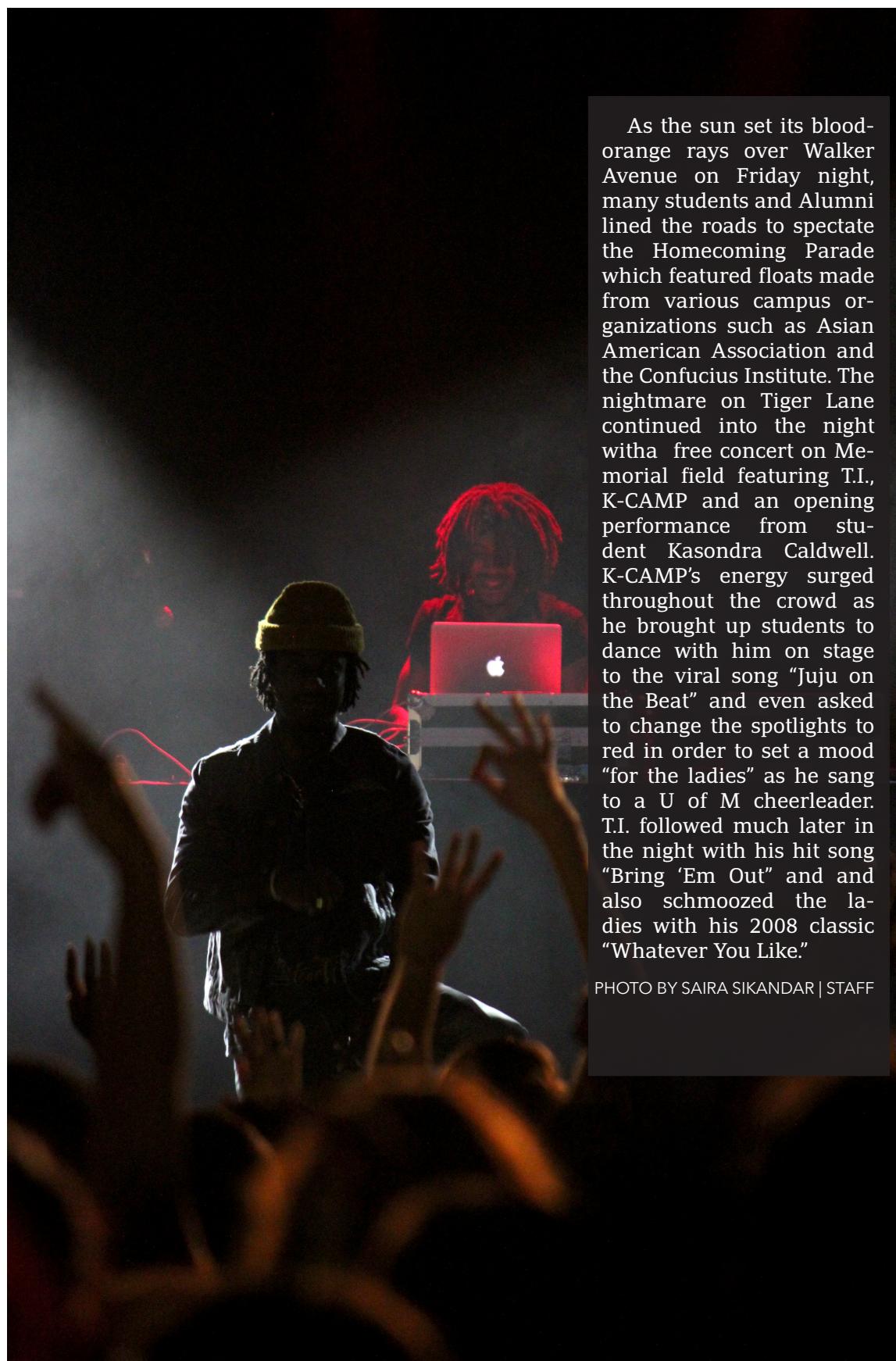
University of Memphis homecoming parade



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K-CAMP and T.I. perform for students at Memorial Field



As the sun set its blood-orange rays over Walker Avenue on Friday night, many students and Alumni lined the roads to spectate the Homecoming Parade which featured floats made from various campus organizations such as Asian American Association and the Confucius Institute. The nightmare on Tiger Lane continued into the night with a free concert on Memorial field featuring T.I., K-CAMP and an opening performance from student Kasondra Caldwell. K-CAMP's energy surged throughout the crowd as he brought up students to dance with him on stage to the viral song "Juju on the Beat" and even asked to change the spotlights to red in order to set a mood "for the ladies" as he sang to a U of M cheerleader. T.I. followed much later in the night with his hit song "Bring 'Em Out" and also schmoozed the ladies with his 2008 classic "Whatever You Like."

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