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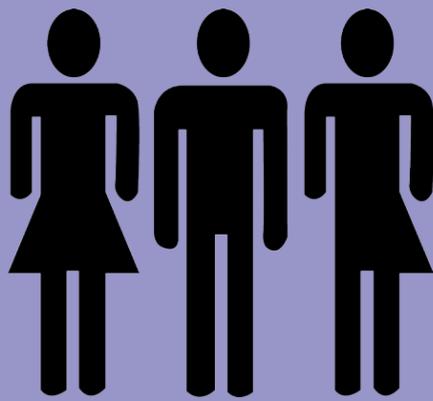
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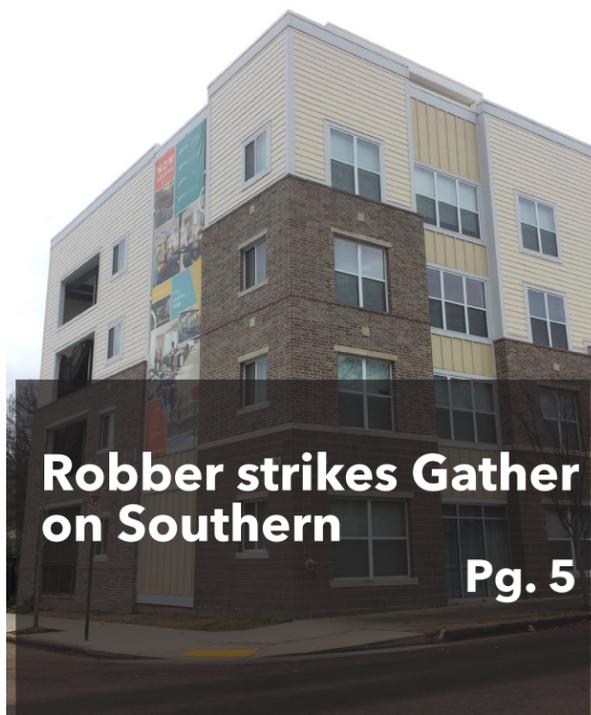


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U of M joins nationwide trend of gender-neutral restrooms

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Across the nation, gender-neutral restrooms are popping up on college campuses, promoting an environment that encourages equality and safe spaces for students who do not identify with their biological gender.

The University of Memphis is no exception after the establishment in 2015 placed gender-neutral restrooms in 11 different locations across the campus. The move is getting high praise from the transgender community on campus.

“Having gender neutral restrooms definitely has affected my college experience in a positive manner,” said Lane Emory, 21, a junior communications major at the U of M who identifies as a “non-binary gender.” This means he has both masculine and feminine gender identity. Emory finds comfort in having gender-neutral restrooms on campus.

“I experience gender dysphoria when I have to use a male bathroom, and I think using a female restroom would cause an issue for some people if they saw me,” Emory said. “For most

people, using the restroom is not a daily worry, but for me, it is.”

Emory is biologically a male and is built like one, but he enjoys to dress femininely, and it is a great relief having locations across campus that allow him to use the restroom with no hesitation.

“They are incredibly helpful,” Emory said. “However, they are quite scarce if one doesn’t have a list of the locations. Having them on campus though helps make me feel less stressed and afraid to use the restroom since my gender expression does not match my biological sex.”

Currently, the U of M campus has gender-neutral restrooms in Jones Hall, Johnson Hall, McCord Hall, Manning Hall, Campus School, J.M. Smith Hall, Music Building, Meeman Journalism Building, Fogelman Executive Center, Panhellenic Building and Community Health Building.

Joshua Taylor, president of Stonewall Tigers Gay-Straight Alliance, is



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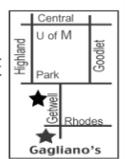
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enthusiastic to have gender-neutral restrooms at the U of M.

"For me, having gender-neutral restrooms as an option makes me feel more included," Taylor said. "Although I don't use them on a regular basis, I know students who do, and it feels awesome to be able to tell someone we have bathrooms where they can express their gender without fear of harassment."

Taylor said having these restrooms on campus provides a positive environment from whatever a student could be dealing with at home or any other outside stress. These restrooms provide a security to students who

experience these issues.

"Gender/sexual minority students have many issues outside of the classroom to deal with, be that homophobic roommates, parents or students," Taylor said, "This gives them hope that this campus is a safe place."

Stonewall Tigers Gay-Straight Alliance was founded in 2015 on the U of M campus, and it has done its own research with concerns over the gender-neutral restrooms.

"Regarding gender neutral bathrooms, we actually looked into it," Taylor said. "We have students in our organization who identify outside of the gender binary or as transgender who would prefer to at least use single stalled gender-neutral restrooms. After searching through campus, a student found

most, if not all, single stalled gender-neutral restrooms on campus."

From there, the Stonewall Tigers Gay-Straight Alliance created a map of where each restroom is located.

"In a student advisory council meeting, I showed it to President M. David Rudd," Emory said. "President Rudd said that it was very doable to add an icon to the official U of M map to allow students who identify as gender/sexual minorities to find restrooms that they can be themselves without fear of harassment."

Katelyn Chambers, 20, is a sorority member at the U of M who came out a year ago as a lesbian to her friends and family. She understands that gender-neutral restrooms cause concern for some who

are afraid that people will take advantage of them, but she also knows that the LGBTQ community is primarily concerned with their safety when it comes to this particular issue.

"I don't think it's a safety issue," Chambers said. "I understand where people are coming from, but it's as much of a safety concern for the LGBTQ community mentally and emotionally. If they're forced to go into a restroom that they don't identify with, it's just one more thing for them to deal with and adds to suicide rates and mental health problems."

Chambers' ex-girlfriend goes to the University of Wales-Trinity St. David, a university in Europe that just now began the process of implementing gender-neutral restrooms.

"Gender-neutral

restrooms give people who identify as gender fluid or transgender one less stress and helps make them feel less isolated during their daily routine," Chambers said.

Chambers is pleased at how the U of M is starting to implement these gender-neutral restrooms and forming groups that are acknowledging the basic human rights of transgender and gender-fluid people.

"I think with Stonewall Tigers becoming an organization and the different policies coming on campus about LGBTQ+ inclusion is promising and comforting," Chambers said. "We're in the South and seeing a progressive movement and giving the community a sense of acceptance, and safety is really nice to see, and I hope the university continues to foster that and realize that LGBTQ people are people and are fighting for their human rights."

From a 2016 post on the Education Advisory Board website, Ann Forman, senior consultant on the Facilities Forum with the board, wrote an expert insight explaining why campuses should create gender-neutral restrooms and how many are located on campuses across the nation.

"To this date, over 150 colleges and universities have created gender-inclusive restrooms on campus, and more are preparing for the move," Forman wrote.

The U of M is only one of many colleges taking this initiative. However, some campuses are moving drastically in favor of gender-neutral restrooms. According to the "Inside Higher Ed" by Josh Logue, Cooper Union, a college in New York City, is implementing every restroom to be gender-neutral by replacing the signs designating men or women's restroom with "Restroom with Urinals and Stalls," "Restrooms with Only Stalls" or "Restroom Single Occupancy."

The former president of Cooper Union, Bill Mea, said in a campus email that it is important for those in positions of power to take a stand for people who sometimes do not feel safe in campus buildings.

"I cannot change the outside world and how it treats transgender and gender-nonconforming people, but I can change the Cooper Union environment to help everyone feel safe when they are inside our buildings," Mea wrote.

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College ridicule aided by social media

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He was cautious not to shuffle his feet, focusing on each step with escalating intensity. "Don't trip," he said to himself. Maybe it was paralysis by analysis, but his self-awareness actually made the situation worse - thump.

Red-faced and panicked, he quickly gathered himself off the dirt and dusted off his blue jeans, all the while ignoring the verbal jabs and laughter from the surrounding peanut gallery.

This is just another day on campus for college student Mark Knebel.

Knebel, a shy junior at a university in the Northeast, has a history of being antagonized and bullied, dating back to his days in middle school.

"People are cruel - the youth especially can be downright mean sometimes," said Knebel, who for his personal safety, wanted his school to be kept anonymous.

Incidents of bullying do not stop once high school concludes. For some, like Knebel, acts of cruelty continue into college. With the pervasiveness of social media, bullying has even more weapons to aim at its victims.

"Harassment is not

just relegated to the classrooms or the dorm rooms - Twitter, Facebook, Instagram - all of this social media can be utilized to bully and antagonize," said Phil Chamberlin, PhD, a Cordova psychologist. "The antagonists can hide behind the veil of anonymity and feel absolutely no repercussions for their actions."

Knebel, who has a speech impediment and a slight limp due to a birth defect in his right leg, has dealt with abusive behavior online. He has seen his fair share of Internet pranks via e-mail, instant messenger and social media.

"I have seen classmates video tape me and put me on Instagram or Snapchat," said Knebel. "They will make memes or jokes about my walking."

Knebel keeps to himself - shying away from any attention and refusing to press charges. Many victims choose to internalize their experiences. The intense pressure from their peers and the fear of retaliation are big reasons behind this.

"When you are in college, you are in a different spot than you normally find yourself," said Dr. Chamberlin. "Kids are becoming young adults,

and they are away from their parents for the first time. This adds to the pressure of college, and the urge to fit in takes precedent."

Unfortunately, fear of retaliation does not stop some students from lashing out in a major way. According to a recent article by Reuters, college shootings have more than doubled within the last five years - 101 incidents from 2011 to 2016, compared to 40 incidents from 2001 through 2006.

In many of these instances, bullying was a driving force behind the shootings. Two of the most famous school shootings in recent memory, the Isla Vista Massacre in 2014 at the University of California at Santa Barbara and the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, were fueled by bullying. The two shooters, Elliot Rodger and Seung-Hui Cho, both dealt with varying degrees of ridicule from their peers before reaching their boiling point.

"It is absolutely paramount that bullied individuals have a strong support system, especially within their own family," Dr. Chamberlin said. "Parents need to be more involved, which includes staying in contact with their children and visiting them on campus."

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U of M student awakens to robber in room

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A University of Memphis student discovered a male robber in her room at Gather on Southern on Dec. 30.

Although some of the student's belongings were taken, she was unharmed and managed to scare the suspect away.

According to a report on the Memphis Police Department's Facebook page, the suspect attempted to use the student's debit card at a nearby Walgreens on Park Avenue. Surveillance footage from the pharmacy showed a white male in a black University of Memphis hoodie.

Chief Strategy Officer of Gather John Wilkinson said the investigation is ongoing,

and they are continuing to work with the police department to determine the suspect's identity and his ability to intrude in the student's room.

The presence of the robbery has caused safety concerns for U of M students. Jalen Garrett, a sophomore international business major, thinks criminals are drawn to the Gather because of the amount of people that enter and leave the complex.

"I think the Gather should step up their security and patrol to prevent certain things like this from happening," Garrett said. "With as much activity that goes on there, the apartment manager should step up the security patrol for the safety of the students."

Rodney Douglas, a

sophomore in sports and leisure management, thinks that the presence of parties may be the reason the robbery happened.

"I believe it's a direct correlation between the robbery and the parties that happen there," Douglas said. "The lack of security enforcement also serves as a factor."

Despite students' concerns, Gather officials say they will continue to focus on the safety of their occupants.

"We have policies and procedures to ensure the well-being of our residents, as that well-being is our primary concern," Wilkinson said.

Anyone who has information about the wanted robbery suspect should call Memphis Crime Stoppers at (901)-528-2274.

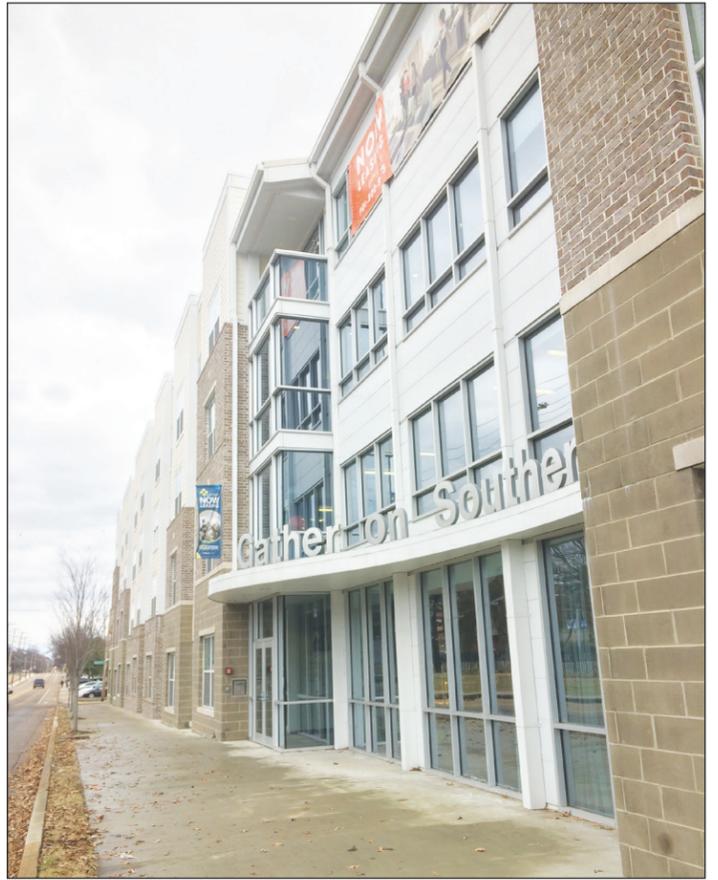


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A resident of Gather on Southern awoke to a robber in her room Dec. 30. The apartment complex says the case is under investigation and resident safety is a "primary concern."

Students prepare for new semester

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Classes have started for this semester, and students are trying to find a way to manage their time effectively.

Some students and faculty have a difficult time adjusting to a different sleeping pattern after several weeks of break.

"Getting back into a rhythm of a normal sleeping and studying routine is always challenging after a break," Dallas Johnson, sophomore at the University of Memphis, said. "Enjoying life again is pretty difficult, but we all have to push through to get that degree."

A break from university-level coursework does not cause higher levels of stress and anxiety before or after the time off, as stated in a study by Brock University. A majority of students reported that a break decreased stress and anxiety levels, but even the most prepared student has difficult things to deal with during that first week of classes.

"There is a definite correlation between time management and stress reduction," said Pamela Cogdal, associate clinical professor in the Department of Counseling

Educational Psychology & Research at the U of M. "For me, a lot of it comes down to good planning and organization. I find that if I give myself some prep time in advance to be ready for the semester, it helps reduce stress that first week."

Getting back into the swing of the semester is stressful and creates some anxiety, so students need their own mechanisms of easing the stress.

"I like to get a lay of the land first and know what I'm getting into," Sydney Trujillo, third-year law student at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, said. "Also, I like to get organized right off the bat. Highlighters, sticky notes and calendars are my best friends."

Some students have to adjust to incorporating school back into their work schedules. It is difficult for some students to delegate time to all of their responsibilities.

"I definitely struggle meeting my deadlines at the first of the semester," Lisa Turner, sophomore at Southwest Tennessee Community College, said. "I work full-time, so adding classes back into my schedule is very demanding."

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Foodies rejoice: New restaurants open on Highland Strip

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Several new restaurants and eateries are sprouting up along the Highland Strip and taking the University of Memphis area by storm.

Insomnia Cookies, Burgerim, Cook Out and the Casual Pint have either already moved in to the neighborhood or will soon.

Here's a summary of what's new in the neighborhood:

Insomnia Cookies

Insomnia Cookies is a bakery that specializes in delivering cookies until 3 a.m., and it's coming to the Highland Strip early this winter.

The bakery offers traditional cookie flavors like chocolate chunk, oatmeal raisin and sugar as well as more specialized types such as s'mores and chocolate peanut butter cup. They also sell ice cream, brownies with toppings, cookie cakes and milk. Customers can order any number of cookies from one to 300.

"Memphis was the most logical option for a new location," Alexis Laursen, marketing manager for Insomnia Cookies said. "Memphis was an easy choice for us given the proximity to the University of Memphis, as well as many local businesses, both of which we love to be involved with."

Started by a college student at the University of Pennsylvania in 2003, the national chain has over 100 locations. Most of them are near university campuses.

"We...love giving back to the community and getting involved and thought there were some great opportunities for that in Memphis," Laursen said.

Burgerim

Burgerim, a fast-casual burger restaurant founded in the Middle East, is set to open soon on the Highland Strip.

Customers will be able to buy duo, trio or party boxes of 2.8 ounce burgers with flavors such as beef, salmon or even lamb. Burgerim also offers different toppings, like a sunny-side up egg, avocado and pineapple. They deliver and serve beer and wine.

"All of our burgers are made to be transported," Juan Munoz, vice president of operations for Burgerim, said.

He said guests get the feeling of fine dining at an affordable price.

"We create an aesthetic that looks like you're eating at a fine dining restaurant," Munoz said.

Cook Out

Cook Out, a fast-food burger restaurant, opened for business over the break near the Highland Strip.

Cook Out serves hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, barbecue and quesadillas. Customers can also get hushpuppies, fries, onion rings or a corn dog on the side. Cook Out offers over 40 different flavors of milkshakes. There are the regular flavors like vanilla, chocolate and strawberry as well as more unique flavors such as chocolate cherry, orange push-up and Hi-C Punch.

Cook Out closes at 3:30 a.m. Saturday through Wednesday and 4:30 a.m.

Thursday and Friday. It opens back up at 10:30 a.m. daily.

The Casual Pint

The Casual Pint, a craft beer market and restaurant, has set up shop in the Highland Row apartment complex.

The restaurant, with a casual but upscale atmosphere, offers customers bottles, cans, six packs and kegs of craft beer as well as hot dogs, pizza and wraps. They will also refill growlers.

The Casual Pint is open 2-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 2 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday.



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Booksellers at Laurelwood closing in late February

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Walking into the Booksellers at Laurelwood has always been a great feeling for book lovers. In front of the entrance are the new and noteworthy books, sometimes about local history and writers or books to celebrate the time of year.

To the left, there are new paperbacks and to the right, new hardbacks. From this angle, shoppers can see the fiction section veering off toward the children's books, and in the other direction is a little restaurant in the back of the store.

The Booksellers at Laurelwood might be a great place to spend time for avid readers, but that time is about to come to an end, as Booksellers has announced it will be shutting its doors soon.

"It's complicated," Eddie Burton, general manager of Booksellers, said about why the store is closing. "We've had declining sales - the space is too large. There are just a lot of things that are outside of the store's control."

The Booksellers is the largest independent bookstore in Memphis and has been there since it was a David Kidd Bookstore, which went out of business in 2010. The store changed its name and managed to stay open at the time.

Some aren't letting Booksellers go without a fight—change.org petition to save the store has nearly 2,500 signatures. It is unclear if it will do any good in stopping the store from closing, however.

"I think it's too late for this location," Burton

said. "Maybe if it was a smaller store, but for this one it seems unlikely."

With large support from the community, it might seem odd that the Booksellers is closing. Social media posts about the closing have been rampant, and Burton said the first couple of days of the closing sale were some of the busiest the store had ever had. Now the shelves are beginning to thin as the books start to sell at discount prices.

While there is still construction going on in the shopping center because Sears closed. Construction on those businesses likely will not be finished for another year. New businesses might have helped with the foot traffic for the old store.

"I guess it's not surprising to see another bookstore close," Whitney

Trujillo, a second year law student from the University of Memphis, said.

Trujillo went to the store the Sunday after the closing sale began.

"It's just sad to see a local business go down like this," she said. "It's bad enough to see the shelves empty, but the price tags on the tables and furniture just add to the depressing vibe and kind of cement that it's closing

for good."

There are still books to choose from in the store, but they are going fast. Burton said the latest the store might be open is the end of February, but it is possible could close before then.

There are still a few signing events scheduled at the store for the month of January, but some time after those, the doors will close for good.

Upcoming Events at Booksellers at Laurelwood

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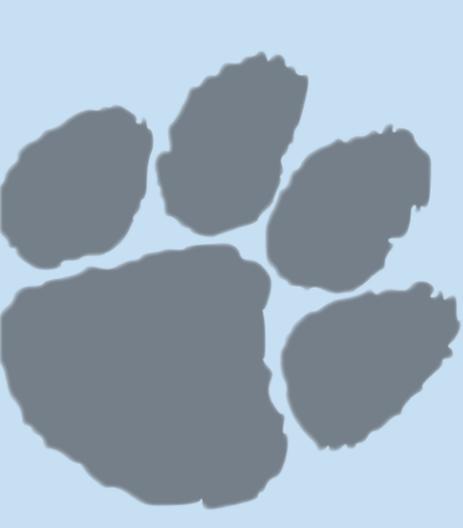
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EpiPen price hike causing hardship for those with life-threatening allergies

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Carol Randolph is severely allergic to bee stings and corn products, so for the past 20 years, the 55-year-old has to watch everything she consumes and what comes in contact with her body.

Common things such as hand sanitizers and powdered medical gloves can constrict her airways, cause her to break out in hives and turn her lips purple. An EpiPen, which was almost free at one time, can save her life. Now, even with her retired military insurance, it costs \$100 every time she buys one.

"There wasn't even a co-pay for an EpiPen," Randolph of Munford, Tennessee, said. "Now I have to come up with \$100 dollars to save my life."

An EpiPen is an auto-injecting device that sends a drug called epinephrine into the blood stream when someone is having an allergic reaction. This shot of adrenaline causes the heart

to beat faster and the airways to open up.

Millions of people with life-threatening allergies use EpiPens. In the past few years, the increasing price of an EpiPen has caused many people to question the healthcare system and their safety. For people such as Randolph, who need to keep an EpiPen within arm's reach in case of an allergic reaction, paying more than \$600 is almost unacceptable.

"This could financially wipe out a family or a senior citizen living on a fixed income," Randolph said.

A pack of two EpiPens sold for \$106.32 in Nov. 2004 as reported by the Elsevier Clinical Solutions' Gold Standard Drug Database. As of May 2016, a two pack cost more than \$600. Just three years ago, the price was only \$252, meaning the price has doubled since 2013.

Mylan, the company who owns the patent for the EpiPen, has received criticism for raising the price of EpiPens. After buying

the EpiPen in 2007, Mylan has increased revenue and awareness of the device. Alternate uses for epinephrine releases, such as Sanofi's Auvi-Q, cannot quite match the brand recognition that Mylan has set with the EpiPen.

For EpiPen users who face higher out-of-pocket costs, Mylan is offering a savings card for up to \$300. The company also is doubling eligibility for patient assistance program to 400 percent of the federal poverty level. A family of four making up to \$97,200 would not pay out of pocket for their EpiPen. Mylan would continue focusing on offering EpiPens in schools, called the EpiPen4Schools program.

"The program, launched in August 2012, has provided more than 700,000 free epinephrine auto-injectors and educational resources to more than 65,000 schools nationwide to help them be prepared for anaphylaxis events among students," the



SPECIAL TO THE HELMSMAN BY GREG FRIESE

EpiPens send epinephrine into the bloodstream of someone suffering from an allergic reaction. The devices were almost free at one point, but now cost \$100.

company said in a press release on Aug. 25.

Mylan CEO Heather Bresch told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee members the company only makes \$100 for every pack of EpiPens listed at \$609

after rebates and other costs. Lawmakers accused Mylan of profiting from an inexpensive life-saving drug. The Federal Drug Administration has also faced backlash for not approving other company's epinephrine

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Bluff City rap group excels at S. Parkway show

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Underground music fans pay \$5 to access a dark room with pizza, colorful visuals projected on a white wall and the sound of the Memphis hip-hop scene at One Sound Studios on S. Parkway.

That is, until technical difficulties stop a group of emcees in their tracks.

"A lot of songs we performed for the first time, and it was great," performer Krucial said. "Other than the computer b*** s***, it was cool."

The "computer b*** s***" and the entire backing track cutting out during the openers' set made for an interesting start of the Qemistry/Spekulate Lab show on Nov. 4. The event celebrated both the release of Qemist's new EP as well as Spekulate the Philosopher's debut album "Come With Me." Luckily, rapper Jayy the Pro was true to his name and spit an entire verse a capella once the music suddenly

stopped.

"It actually came out of nowhere," Jayy said. "It was like one of those downfalls when you just want to recover like you got to win it back and I did it. I bounced back ... for the sake of Dojo Fam and Higher Class you know?"

"Higher Class x Don't Pass" is a Bluff City-based hip-hop duo composed of Jayy the Pro and fellow artist "+hank Aaron," pronounced "thank Aaron." According to the group's SoundCloud page, the two have been making music together since "the age of cassette tapes and Walkmans." Their newest single, "Locked In" has reached around 630 listens in around 18 days. An older track, "Pigeons," has reached 980 listens and was released two years ago. "Dojo Bando," a song produced by XIV and released by Hippy SOUL features the Higher Class duo and has reached 4,887 plays in 10 months.

"We've been doing it for a while," +hank Aaron said. "Long



SPECIAL TO THE HELMSMAN BY DANIELLE SKLAR

Local hip-hop group "Higher Class x Don't Pass" perform on stage at One Sound Studios on S. Parkway in November. The Memphians toured New York and Missouri and shared their music over the past year.

enough to make a strong bond off of it to where we're actually out here doing shows and connecting with different people."

The group even embarked on a "mini-tour" with a few of their show mates earlier in 2016

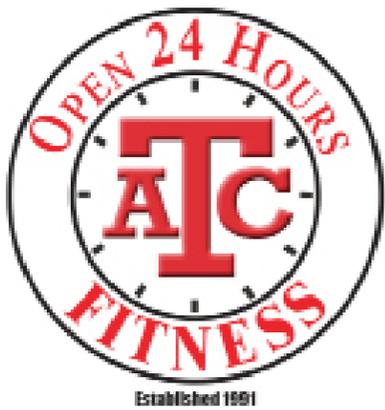
visiting New York and Missouri as well as returning to their hometown, Memphis.

"It was actually straight - it was our first tour," +hank Aaron said. "Putting our own money from our own funds together

and just making some s*** out of it."

The full lineup of the November Qemistry/Spekulate Lab show included Bored Lord,

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Youth Villages' event raises money to help troubled youth

By **Shayne Dotson**
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Youth Villages will host its 28th-annual Soup Sunday event Jan. 29 at FedExForum, offering over 50 Memphis-area restaurants' specialty soups and desserts.

The fundraising event gives Memphians an opportunity to come together to raise money for the children of Youth Villages and taste food from local eateries.

Soup Sunday "has raised almost a million dollars for our programs," Patrick Hampton, a volunteer and development manager at Youth Villages, said. "It's a really big event."

Youth Villages is a nationally recognized non-profit organization that offers programs to help troubled youth and their families.

Soup Sunday was started in 1990 by Danny Sumrall and Mike Warr, two of the original Youth Villages event organizers. They got the idea from a similar event held in Little Rock. Now, almost 30 years later, Soup Sunday has become a major attraction in Memphis.

Local restaurants and food trucks come out and provide specialty items, and all proceeds from the event help with programs at the nonprofit organization.

Babalu Tapas and Tacos will be on the menu for its second year and will serve its chicken tortilla soup. The Midtown-based restaurant loves volunteering for events in Memphis.

"Any time we get the

opportunity to get involved with the community, we definitely like to try to reach out and be a part of everything," said Chandler May, catering and community outreach coordinator for Babalu Tapas and Tacos.

Eat at Eric's Grill and Catering, which is a locally-owned food truck, will be volunteering at the event this year for its first time. The food truck will offer a kale salad and its chocolate bread pudding with rum sauce. Owner Eric Meyers said he loves supporting local charities and has wanted to be a part of this event since the beginning of his company.

One of the programs at Youth Villages that Soup Sunday's profits will benefit is the mentoring program, which helps children build positive relationships with influential volunteers.

National Mentoring Month is a campaign that runs every January to promote youth mentoring in the United States. Soup Sunday can help with matching more mentors in the community, according to Hampton.

The event will offer live music and entertainment from Pam and Terry and the Memphis Doctors Dance Band. It will also feature a magic show, mascots from Memphis-area teams and many other activities.

Soup Sunday will be held on the concourse level of FedExForum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 29 and is expected to see over 2,200 visitors, according to Hampton. Tickets can be purchased on the Youth Villages website now.

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injectors quickly enough. The FDA said they approved four products, but nothing has happened yet.

The general cost to patients for an EpiPen before insurance coverage is about \$700, Amanda May, a clinical pharmacist at LeBonheur Children's Hospital, said.

EpiPens are used for life-threatening allergic reactions in which anaphylaxis, a reaction in which the airway swells and a person stops breathing, occurs, May said. This can cause brain damage or death if not responded to immediately.

EpiPens currently last for 18 months from the manufacturing date. They are not reusable, so they need to be replaced after use or every 18 months.

Gina Swords, a mother from Millington, has a son who has been allergic to peanuts and amoxicillin since he was born.

"Last year, before the price went up, I had a free co-pay card," Swords said. "I could get them refilled for nothing. So I stocked up on EpiPens."

Swords said she had previously bought a two-pack from Walgreens for \$50, but they expired in three months.

"Once they made EpiPens that didn't have expiration dates, it was easy to get a lot and keep them," Swords said. "You just have to watch the color of the medicine to know if it's still good."

Swords said she will not pay \$600 for an EpiPen.

"We have been fortunate to not have to use an EpiPen in an emergency, but I still want to have them just in case," Swords said.

►►Group

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minivan markus, Higher Class, Krucial, Spekulate the Philosopher, and Qemist. Spekulate's set featured appearances by singer Sandie Soulette, rapper Trees, and the lively group T.A.N. who performed the comedic rap single "Butter Biscuits" and ended the set on a high note.

"It's awesome, y'know; it's different," Jayy the Pro said about Spekulate the Philosopher's music. "It's different. He brings a lot from that aspect ...this aspect. He takes from a lot of genres, pop, R&B, hip-hop, and just puts it into one. Plus EDM with the glitches ... it's crazy."

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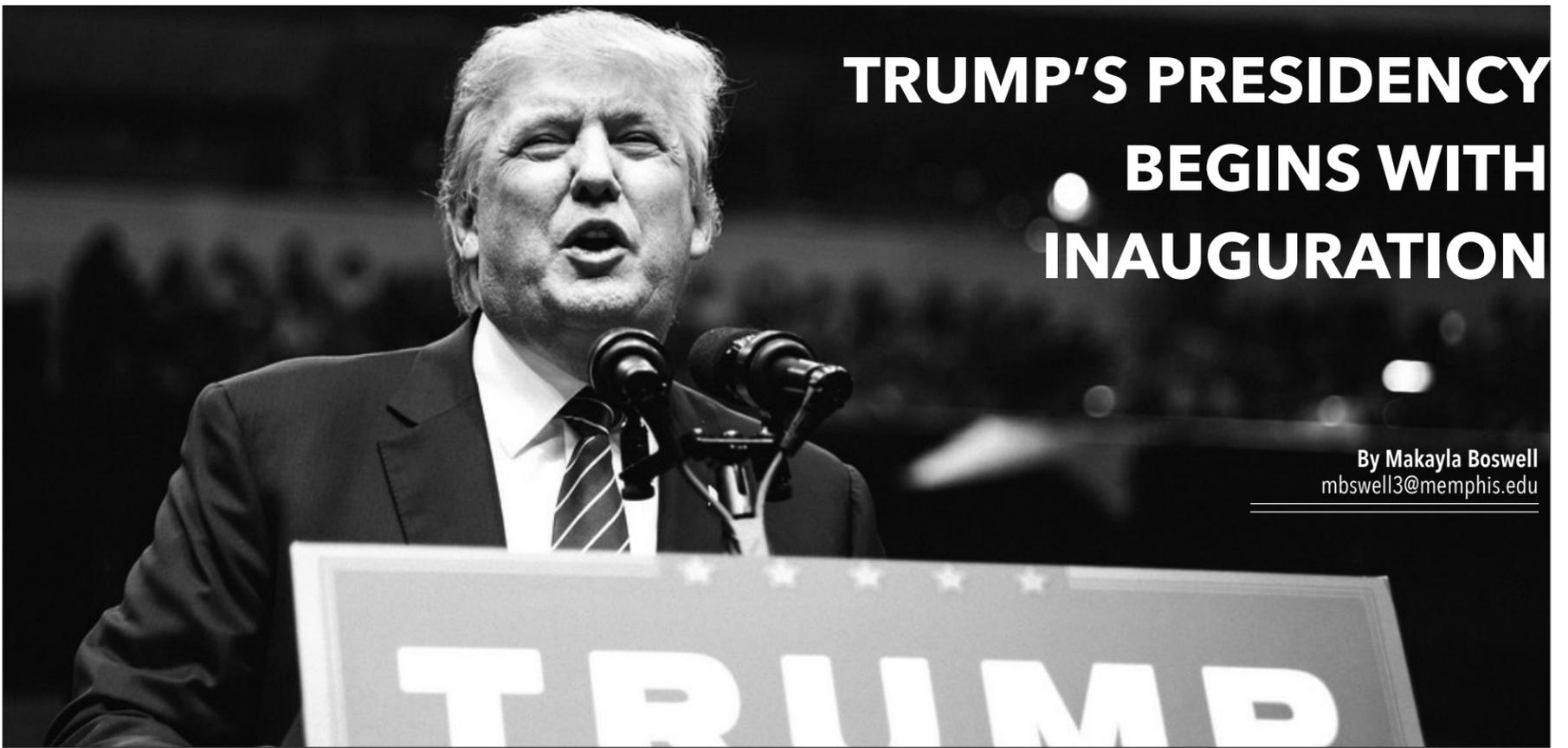
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TRUMP'S PRESIDENCY BEGINS WITH INAUGURATION

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SPECIAL TO THE HELMSMAN BY JAMELLE BOUIE (@JBOUIE)

President-elect Donald Trump will be sworn into office Jan. 20 at the United States Capitol Building, thus becoming the 45th President of the United States. Trump had a list of followers and haters since he announced his decision to run for president in June 2015.

People across the country have celebrated and protested since Trump won, and that has not changed in the weeks before his inauguration.

the Radio City Rockettes and the Missouri State University Chorale.

the people who say they're scared because he's president, that's ridiculous. People who think he's racist should do more research - especially people who think Hillary Clinton would be better as president."

Trump was elected on Nov. 8, beating former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Trump won the Electoral College with 306 votes to Clinton's 232 votes, although Clinton won the popular vote.

After the inauguration commences, the new president and vice president will walk from the Capitol Building to the White House. This parade will head down Pennsylvania Avenue with high school and university bands, Boy Scouts of America, veterans and other organizations.

Makennon Doran, 22-year-old criminal justice junior, said he will be watching the inauguration and Trump to see if he follows through with his promises.

Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence will attend a wreath-laying ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery in honor of the nation's veterans Jan. 19. Later that day, the "Make America Great Again!" welcome celebration will be held at the Lincoln Memorial. The Inauguration Gala will be that night, featuring country artists Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy.

Three official balls will be held for the inauguration. Two will be for people across the country, but the other is an invitation-only event for armed services, first responders and other service personnel called the "Salute to Our Armed Services."

"He keeps saying that he's going to fund the military more than we do now," the Ozark, Missouri, native said. "I'm interested to see if the budget will allow for that. He won't be one of the worst that we've had, but he won't be the best."

On Jan. 20, Trump and Pence will be sworn in at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on the west front of the Capitol Building. Former America's Got Talent contestant Jackie Evancho will perform at the event, along with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir,

Some University of Memphis students will be watching the three-day event, while others will not.

Carrie Taylor, a 20-year-old biology junior from Brighton, Tennessee, said she does not really care much about watching the inauguration.

Jason Kimmert, 20-year-old civil engineering junior, said he is looking forward to what Trump will bring as president.

"I wasn't necessarily pro-Trump, I was just against Hillary," Taylor said. "He is a great business man, and he handles money well, so hopefully he can help out with the debt."

"If Trump's presidency is anything like his companies, he will be successful as president," said Kimmert. "For

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Lawson and Crawford lead Tigers to 7-4 holiday break

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During the holiday break the Memphis Tigers basketball team (12-5, 2-2 AAC at press time) went 7-4 behind the continued solid play of Dedric Lawson and the offensive emergence of Markel Crawford. But they lost their starting center, Chad Rykhoek for six to eight weeks with a dislocated ankle.

Many of the Tigers successes and struggles can be attributed to the play of Dedric, who is the frontrunner for American Athletic Conference player of the year. He has filled the box score with big numbers in wins, but when he struggles, the Tigers do not play well.

In the four losses during the break, Dedric averaged 16.5 points and eight rebounds compared to 21.4 points and 11.7 rebounds in wins. In each Memphis win, Dedric has earned a double-double, but he failed to get one in three of the four break losses.

Due to his foul trouble against Ole Miss, Lawson had 8 points and 6 boards which has been his least productive game of the season, and despite scoring 18 and 14 points in losses to Monmouth and SMU, he went a combined 9-25 from the floor.

Coming into the season, the biggest question was, "Who will help Dedric offensively?" and during the holiday break, Crawford has solidified himself as a strong second scoring option.

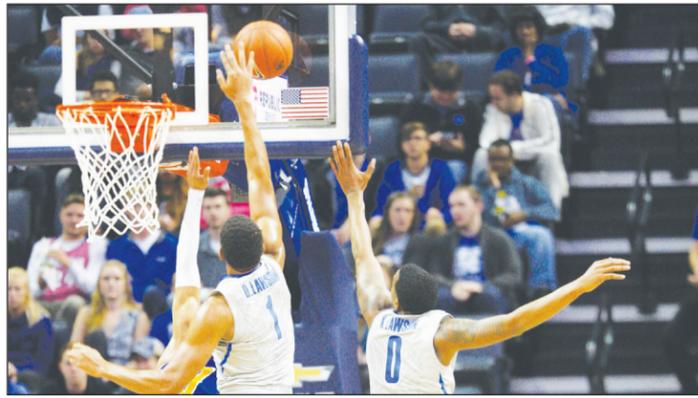
Slowed by injuries in his first two seasons as a Tiger, he did not play to his full potential averaging about five per game while playing about 20 minutes. He has played well this season, averaging 14.9 points and playing 32.9 minutes, but he has picked up his game since the break started.

Crawford scored 20 points for the first time in his Tiger career December 12 against Oklahoma and has then topped 20 two more times when he scored 28 and 24 against South Carolina and Tulane.

In the Tigers' loss to Tulsa, Crawford had one of his lowest scoring games of the season with eight points on five shots.

The Tigers had four losses during the break, to Ole Miss, Monmouth, SMU and Tulsa. But they dominated South Carolina, who have reached as high as No. 16 in the AP rankings this season, 70-54 and handing the Gamecocks their worst loss of the season.

The three-point line has been a problem offensively for the Tigers, shooting 31.5 percent on the year. But in half of the holiday break losses, Memphis struggle to shoot from and defend the three.



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Dedric Lawson (1) (left) and Markel Crawford's (5) solid play has helped the Tigers during teammate Chad Rykhoek's absence.

three-pointers to the Tigers' three in an 82-79 loss, and SMU beat Memphis 58-54 while holding them to 3-15 from deep.

There were ups and downs for the Tigers in the 7-4 break, but the biggest loss was when Rykhoek got carted off the

floor in the Dec. 17 win against Oklahoma.

The loss of Rykhoek has shortened the regular rotation to

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Tiger basketball hopes to continue current successful streak

By Abigail Warren
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The Memphis Tigers play two conference games this week, looking to secure a spot near the top of the American Athletic Conference standings.

Memphis (12-5, 2-2 AAC at press time) will continue conference play when they travel to Houston (13-4, 3-1 AAC at press time) Thursday and come back home Saturday against Central Florida (12-4, 3-1 AAC at press time).

Last season the Tigers went 0-1 against the Houston Cougars and 2-0 against the UCF Knights under former head coach Josh Pastner.

Houston is tied with Central Florida for third place in the AAC, while the Tigers are fifth. If Memphis wins both games, they can pass both teams, taking a top three spot in the AAC, along with SMU and Cincinnati.

Room for improvement

Improvement from the

3-point line will be a key to winning for the Tigers. In the losses to SMU and Monmouth during the holiday break, Memphis allowed 18 3-point makes and made just seven.

Head coach Tubby Smith has been forced to cut down on an already short rotation because of the injury to starting center Chad Rykhoek. Now playing seven players for consistent minutes, starters will have to stay out of foul trouble, which hurt the Tigers in the loss against Ole Miss.

A look at the opponents

Houston is led by Robert Gray, Jr. and Damyeon Dotson, who are averaging 20.1 and 15.4 points per game, respectively, but they shoot the ball well as a team from the 3-point line. The Cougars' 40 percent from deep as a team ranks them No. 20 in the nation.

Memphis has struggled to guard the 3-point line in losses this season, so they will

have to close out on shooters and force them to shoot contested shots when they travel to Houston.

UCF does not rely on one player to create the majority of the offense. They have four players that average between 10 and 16 points per game. The Knights are also balanced on the boards with five players averaging more than five rebounds per game.

Because Memphis cannot focus their defense on just one or two players, they will have to do a good job of playing team defense against UCF. The Tigers will also have to box out and rebound after each shot to keep the Knights off the offensive glass to limit second chances.

Conference players to watch

Memphis forward Dedric Lawson

Lawson has arguably been the best player in the AAC to this point, and the Tigers are highly dependent on



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Dedric Lawson attempts to slip past a LeMoyne-Owen College defender and drive the ball to the hoop. The sophomore forward has been the leader of the Tigers' offense.

him. Lawson has shot under 40 percent from the floor in four games this season, and all four of those games have resulted in losses. His offensive efficiency can win or lose games for the Tigers.

Houston guard Damyeon Dotson

Dotson is shooting 45.6 percent from three on the season and the team's second leading scorer. He has the

ability to have a big game if the Tigers focus their defensive efforts only on Gray.

UCF center Tacko Fall

The 7-foot-6 center can impact the game in many ways. He is second in the nation with a 79.3 field goal percentage and 13 in the nation in rebounds per game. Fall is also a proven shot blocker with 39 blocks on the season.

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Tiger football continues improving

By Jeremiah Graham
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The University of Memphis football team finished the season 8-5 after a 51-31 loss in the Boca Raton Bowl Dec. 20 to Western Kentucky and had the fifth best record in the American Athletic Conference.

This year was a slight step back in the win column for the Tigers, finishing at 9-4 last season, but there are many things Tiger fans can look forward to.

Junior Riley Ferguson filled the vacant spot left by first round pick and current Denver Broncos quarterback Paxton Lynch and exceeded expectations by playing well. The University of Tennessee and Coffeyville Community College transfer threw 32 touchdowns and more than 3500 yards this season.

Ferguson had a 63.2 percent completion percentage in his first season as a Division I starter. His 284 passing yards per game was good for second in the conference, only trailing Houston's Greg Ward.

Arguably, the most impressive player for the Tigers this season was wide receiver Anthony Miller. The red-shirt junior, Memphis native and Christian Brothers High School graduate became the main weapon for Ferguson this season.

He gained more than 1400 yards on 95 catches and scored 14 touchdowns, all of which are improvements from his sophomore campaign. His performance this season earned him the



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Wide receiver Tony Pollard races downfield against Houston. The Tigers lost to Western Kentucky in the Boca Raton Bowl on Dec. 20.

honor of being named to the second team all-AAC lineup. Miller established himself as one of the best playmakers in the conference, finishing second in receiving yards per game behind East Carolina's Zay Jones.

The 2016 season was also Mike Norvell's first full season as a head coach. He seemed to pick up where former head coach Justin Fuente left off and continued to produce quality offense.

The former Arizona State offensive coordinator and Tulsa wide receivers coach is known for the fast-paced, high-scoring offenses he has coached over the course of his career. He continued that tradition this season by finishing third in the conference in total points, averaging 38 points per game.

The Tigers also finished fourth in yards per game, with more than 460 yards of total offense, which neared the stats from last season's team.

Norvell is now bringing in the highest rated recruiting class in school history. The Tigers currently have three four-star commitments, and they have the No. 48 ranked recruiting class in the nation, according to rivals.com.

As of now, Memphis will bring in the AAC's top-ranked recruiting class, which improved 16 spots from last season. If Norvell keeps this pace, the Tigers football program should continue the improvement it has seen since hiring Fuente.

Upcoming sports events

MEN'S TENNIS

JAN. 20 VS. MICHIGAN STATE
7 P.M.

JAN. 22 VS. LSU
1 P.M.

RIFLE

JAN. 21:
WITHROW
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MURRAY, KY.

TRACK AND FIELD

JAN. 20-21:
VANDERBILT
INVITATIONAL

NASHVILLE, TENN.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JAN. 17 AT USF
6 P.M. ON CBSSN

JAN. 21 AT TEMPLE
1P.M. ON ESPN3

WOMEN'S TENNIS

JAN. 20 VS. UAB
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