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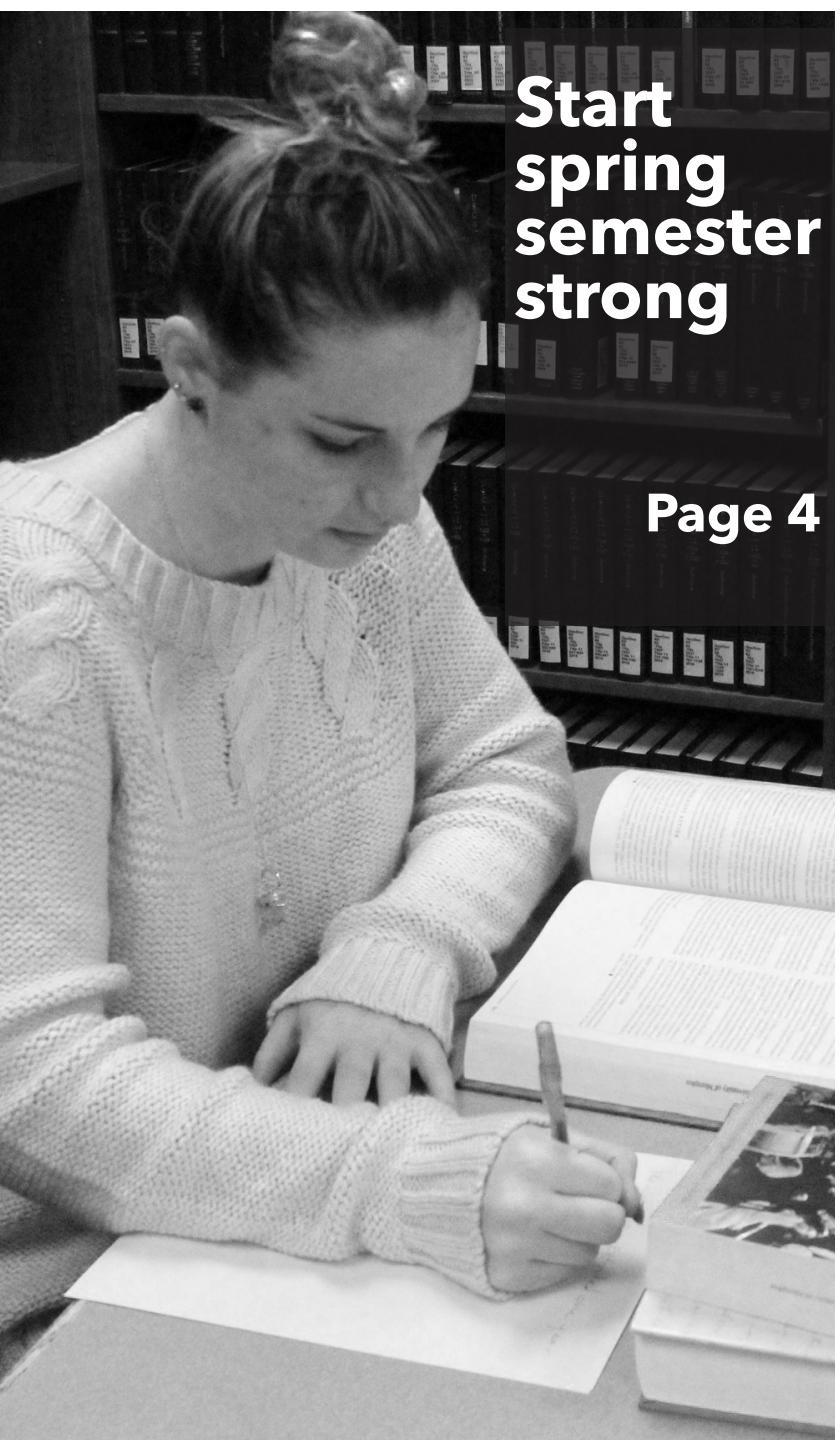
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Campus crime log

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1. Two students assaulted in Patterson parking lot

600 Block of Patterson Street

Dec. 17, 2016

An assailant punched a student multiple times and pushed another student on Dec. 17, as stated in a campus police report filed by officer Stephen Grisham. The victims were parked in a lot on Patterson Street when a black Nissan blocked the victim's car.

The victims waited 30 minutes for the suspect to move his car. When the suspect did not move his car, a victim and the suspect exchanged words. The suspect pushed one victim and hit the other one five times, injuring his right eye area. Police are looking for a black Nissan and a 20-year-old African-American male with a fade hairstyle.

2. Trespasser found near Dunn Hall

3725 Norriswood Ave.

Dec. 26, 2016

A 32-year-old man was seen walking on campus on Dec. 26, as claimed by a police report filed by officer Tavious Ward. Officer Ward responded to a broadcast about a trespasser who was last seen wearing a University of Memphis hoodie with a heavy jacket, dark pants and tan boots.

The man had already been caught trespassing on campus once, as stated in a police report filed Nov. 11, 2016. Campus police issued him a



misdemeanor citation and a warning.

3. Burglary at Carpenter Complex

3882 Tiger Paw North

Dec. 29, 2016

A resident at Carpenter Complex found her door unlocked and a few electronic items missing on Dec. 29, according to a campus police report written by officer Darlene Armstrong.

The second resident of the apartment called campus police to report the stolen items.

Campus police say the suspect is a 37-year-old white female.

4. Money stolen from student's vehicle at Centennial Place

3615 Central Avenue

Jan. 2, 2017

A female student found her car door unlocked and her money stolen on Jan. 2, according to a campus police report written by officer Chanancy Donaldson. The student told police she parked her car in the southwest corner of the Centennial Place parking lot. When she

returned to her car at 9 p.m., her money was missing. No suspect has been identified.

5. Landscaper's truck vandalized

972 East Park Loop (Park Avenue Campus)

Jan. 3, 2017

Vandals spray-painted the truck of a landscape worker on Jan. 3, according to a campus police report filed by officer John Hudgens. The landscaper could not make out what the vandals wrote on his truck, but he will be able to remove the paint.

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FedEx Institute to host film contest



PHOTO BY JACQUELINE HANNA | STAFF

The FedEx Institute of Technology, located on 365 Innovation Drive, will host the 2017 Film Innovation Challenge on Jan. 26.

By Jeremiah Graham
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The FedEx Institute of Technology has partnered with Indie Memphis, a non-profit arts organization focused on independent filmmaking, to host the 2017 Film Innovation Challenge.

Young filmmakers across the country were invited to enter. The screening includes films from seven countries, said Cody Behles, the manager of innovation and research support at the FedEx Institute. The new contest is an "expansion" of a previous event.

"Indie Memphis partnered with us last fall when we [hosted] the GoPro challenge," Behles said. "We wanted to take it a step forward this year and involve all things regarding film and film innovation. I believe this will encourage students to make more creative films."

The competition will showcase technological advances. Contestants submitted films between five and 10 minutes long into two categories: film innovation and technical innovation. There will be special categories in this year's competition for U of M students.

"Categories have been made for alumni, undergraduate, and graduate students," Behles said. "They

can submit to either the tech innovation or the film innovation category. They will also be judged in a separate pool from the national competition."

In the film innovation challenge, films submitted utilize emerging trends in technology and science as their primary subject matter. They were presented to judges in the form of experimental pieces, documentaries and original fictional work.

In the technical innovation challenge, films submitted incorporate new or emerging technology such as advanced CGI, micro filmography, immersive technology and virtual reality.

The winner of the film innovation challenge will be entered into the 2017 Memphis Indie Film Festival and will be awarded \$500 dollars as well as an Oculus Rift. The winner of the technical innovation challenge will also be entered in the Indie Film Festival and will be awarded \$1000. The winner of the U of M student prize will receive \$500 as well as a GoPro. The contest will be Thursday, Jan. 26 in the FedEx Institute of Technology building.

In last year's GoPro Challenge, University of Memphis student Kevin Brooks won the grand prize for his film entitled "Skate is Life."

Temperatures continue rising

By Maisa Jabi
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The year 2016 was the hottest year in Earth's historical record, according to independent investigations by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The average global temperature in 2016 was 1.78 degrees Fahrenheit or 0.99 degrees Celsius warmer than the mid-20th century average. The rise in temperature makes 2016 the third year in a row to set a new record for average global surface temperatures. President-elect Donald J. Trump has a different theory.

"The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive," Trump wrote in a tweet on Nov. 6, 2012.

It is worth pointing out Trump changes his

opinion on matters fairly frequently. For example, during one of the debates he told former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton he was going to "instruct [his] attorney general to get a special prosecutor to look into [her] situation," referring to her use of a private email server to receive government-related messages. Since being elected, he has told "The New York Times" he wants to move forward and does not want to "hurt" the Clintons.

Climate change is a controversial issue around the world, and it affects all aspects of the country.

"Politicians can't change the state of scientist literature about global warming," said Dorian Burnette, an Earth science professor at the University of Memphis.

The major reason for climate change is the emission of greenhouse

gases such as carbon dioxide, Burnette said. Carbon dioxide is found in the excrement of humans and animals. Plants use carbon dioxide in their respiration.

This year should see cooler overall temperatures than the past year because of El Niño, an irregular variation in winds and sea surface temperatures over the tropical eastern Pacific Ocean.

"The current mode [of El Niño] is cooling mode, and that will drag some heat out of the atmosphere," Burnette said. "The tropical pacific has a dramatic impact on the climate across the planet annually. When we have another El Niño, that will break another record."

The immediate solutions on how to cool down the planet are not so clear.

"It's a global problem, so it is hard for an individual to make a change," Burnette said.

"What do you think about climate change?"

BY SHAYNE DOTSON | STAFF



"I think global warming is a really prevalent issue that we tend to ignore in today's society."

-Olajuwon Salami, 22, communications



"I think it's a huge problem. It's really important, and we really need to do something. We are seeing a lot of animals, like polar bears, endangered."

-Sunny Wu, 22, art



"Pollution needs to cut down for sure, maybe find a more efficient transportation so there is less pollution in the air."

-Madison Ray, 20, health professions



"I think the seasons are shifting, but I don't really believe in global warming."

-Ian Allen, 23, pre-nursing

Dedric Lawson shaping up to become AAC Player of the Year

By Jon Bell
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Dedric Lawson's performance this season is putting him on track to receive the AAC Player of the Year honor.

Dedric Lawson was voted the American Athletic Conference preseason Co-Player of the Year with Cincinnati's guard, Troy Caupain.

At six-foot-nine, 228 pounds and more than a seven-foot wingspan, Dedric is a force in the paint. With his basketball skills and jumping ability, he is arguably the best basketball player in the AAC.

After an impressive freshman season that featured 15.8 points and 9.3 rebounds per game, Dedric was awarded with AAC Rookie of the Year, Second-team All-Conference and First-team All-Rookie.

He declared for the NBA draft at the end of last season but decided to come back after a work out with the Lakers and not standing out at the combine. He planned on working out for several different teams, including the Grizzlies, but he came back for his sophomore season.

Dedric, who led the Tigers in scoring and rebounding his freshman



PHOTO BY DAVID MINKIN | STAFF

Dedric Lawson (1) jumps to block a shot in the win against McNeese State. Lawson is third in the AAC with 51 blocks this season.

year, has improved his numbers greatly under head coach Tubby Smith.

Last season, he was near the top of many of the Tigers' statistical categories, and this year he is at the top of the conference in many categories.

He leads the AAC in

rebounds, free throws and two-point field goals. Dedric is in the top five in points and blocks. He also leads the conference in advanced stats such as player efficiency rating, points produced, win shares and plus/minus categories.

Last year, Dedric tied Keith Lee's freshman record of 17 double-doubles, and he is tied for third in the nation with 13 this season. Dedric does have some competition for the AAC Player of the Year, but the other players' are not as impressive as his.

Caupain is filling stat sheets, but he has not improved on his numbers from last season. His shooting percentages are up from a year ago, but his scoring totals and assists are not.

Houston guard Robert Gray, Jr. is leading the conference in scoring, edging Dedric by 0.3 points per game. However, Dedric is outperforming him in nearly every other area.

Dedric is not just putting up good stats, but the Tigers are winning consistently because of his play. Because of the lack of depth for the Tigers, they rely on Dedric to carry the team at times. In 13 games with a Dedric double-double, Memphis is 12-1, but they are 1-4 when he does not produce one. They are also 1-4 when he shoots under 40 percent. Dedric is shooting 48.5 percent from the floor this season, but when he has a down game, the Tigers do not win often.

With the stats lining up and Memphis starting off well, Dedric is on his way to becoming AAC Player of the Year. Gray is the only player in the conference who can rival Dedric and push for the Player of the Year honor, but Lawson has the upper hand with the season more than halfway finished.

Students hope to raise grades and GPAs in spring semester

By Adreonna Williams
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Students are making resolutions to do better in their classes this semester with the help of campus resources and sheer determination.

For some University of Memphis students, the fall 2016 semester may not have been their best.

"Partying every week and hanging with my friends at all times of the night were my main distractions," said Patrick Woods, a student at Southwest Tennessee Community College.

Some students said they entered the last semester with the mindset of excitement and eagerness, but, like many of college

students, they may have forgotten to set aside goals and plans on how to succeed in classes.

"I need to utilize the school's study aids such as the tutors in the library and the writing center to help me this year because I didn't know those things were available for the students," said Gabrielle Nelson, a communications major with minors in Spanish and theater.

Nelson said eating healthier meals would establish more brain function, which would help her apply herself more in classes.

"I eat too much junk food; I also miss breakfast a lot which is not good," Nelson said.

Being on time for class is the most important thing to criminal justice major Brandy Jones. Being late causes students to miss material, which can cause lack of success in the course, and some may find it difficult to get to class on time.

"[Time management] is the key to success," Jones said.

Jones emphasized that students should review their work before class begins to help them become better prepared.

"Taking about 30 minutes out of your day to study versus waiting until the last minute to review the material will increase your brain power to become more knowledgeable of the information," Jones said.

Ned R. McWherter Library's tutors who can assist with anything, and students could always take advantage of their professors' office hours.

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- Academic Counseling Center: Wilder Tower 212
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