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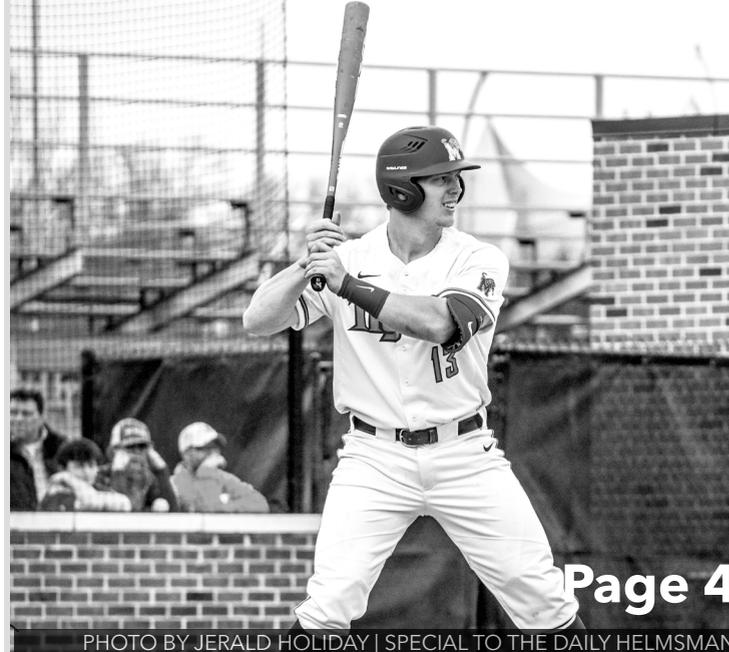
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What do you think about Snoop Dogg's latest music video mocking Donald Trump?

BY MAISA JABI AND MITCHELL KOCH

Veteran hip-hop artist Snoop Dogg released a video March 12 for his new song "BADBADNOTGOOD," showing a clown universe and clown citizens just doing clown things like eating roasted peanuts and green Snoop Loops for breakfast.

The video also depicts a much more real world in which a clown police officer shoots and kills a clown citizen who has a toy gun while someone else filmed and put the incident on ClownTube. After this, clown President Ronald Klump takes the stage for a press conference to say he wants to deport all Doggs.

Snoop Dogg, being the quintessential Dogg, does not like this announcement. Snoop looks out his window and sees Klump in his essence puffing on a cigar. He grabs his gun and goes to confront Klump. He holds the gun to Klump and fires, releasing a classic "bang" flag out of the gun with the shot.

This video was met with resentment from many on the right, and the President tweeted his issues with the video.

"Can you imagine what the outcry would be if @SnoopDogg, failing career and all, had aimed and fired the gun at President Obama? Jail time!" Trump tweeted.

The likelihood that Snoop would have gone to jail if Obama were substituted in the video is slim, thanks to the First Amendment. But any time a celebrity fake assassinates a public figure, and it probably has not happened often, many people will have opinions. We wanted to know yours.



"I think it is pretty funny and entertaining. It shows how a lot of people don't like Trump. I would agree with everything the video is saying."

- Nathan Martin, computer science



"I have a neutral standpoint. It is not good or bad — it's just media — and something needs to be circulated on the Internet to get views and people to talk about it."

-Mathew Transou, Civil engineering



"I'm not personally offended by it, but I can see how it can be offensive. I'm not a Donald Trump supporter, but he still is an individual person, and to joke about killing someone of influence over America is out of line because, at the end of the day, he is the President!"

- Amanda Gray, IDT



"Hearing all of the things Donald Trump says about everyone else, it doesn't seem like that should be a big deal that someone doesn't like him. Trump doesn't hesitate to put out his opinion toward people, so I don't really think that anyone should be slammed that they feel the same way toward him."

-Brittney Sledge, biology



"I think the video is pretty funny, and he is clearly trying to say something about Donald Trump and the current presidency."

- Jodu Montgomery, electrical engineering



"I think that every American citizen has the freedom of speech and expression. Art comes in different forms and shapes, and these art forms are triggered by emotions, and Snoop Dogg, as an artist, has the influential power to express his chain of thought and voice toward many generations of people."

- Jasmin Allousi, biology

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New student organization advocates for women's rights

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The University of Memphis has a new group advocating for women's rights on campus: Generation Action.

The students had their first meeting Wednesday in the Elma Roane Fieldhouse to set the group's goals and introduce officers. They wanted to educate young women about their social health and dispense condoms around the campus, said Vice Secretary Maria Bui, who said she wanted to have STD screenings on campus as well.

Generation Action is a branch of Planned Parenthood with "young organizers and activists across the country who organize events on their campuses and/or their communities to mobilize advocates for reproductive freedom," according to the Generation Action webpage.

Kelsey Bowen, secretary of Generation Action, said she started the organization because she wanted to "bring a part of Planned Parenthood advocacy to campus."

"It's important to me that everyone knows what's going on in the political sphere and what options are being provided for them," Bowen said.

Another reason she began the Memphis chapter was because she liked the belief system of Planned Parenthood.

"I stand by the ideology of Planned Parenthood,"

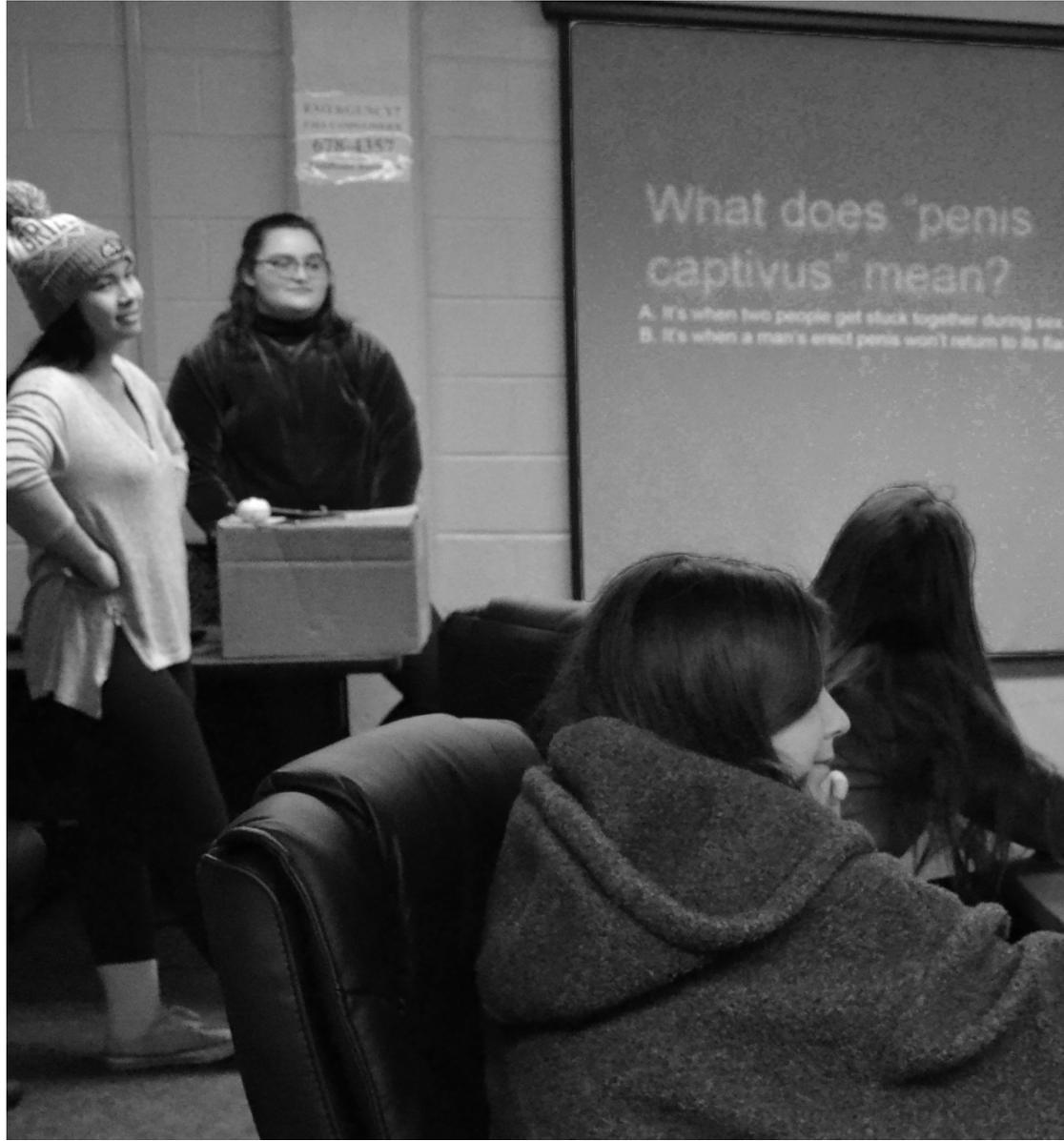


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Organizers of Generation Action, Maria Bui (left) and Kelsey Bowen (right), ask sex trivia questions during their first meeting. The new group was created to bring Planned Parenthood's advocacy to a college campus.

Bowen said. "Planned Parenthood was a place that taught me how to think for myself and form my own opinions."

Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest provider of sex education, according to their website. They demand access to

reproductive services and advocate for reproductive rights.

One in five American women visit a Planned Parenthood health center once in her lifetime, their website said. The organization fights for women's human rights and fights back

when the government tries to outlaw abortion or to take away affordable birth control.

One of Planned Parenthood's goals is to educate young people about sexual health, such as safe sex.

Students can join the group through Tiger Zone.

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Dining dollars don't buy food at U of M games as at some Tenn. colleges

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Nearly half of major universities in Tennessee allow students to buy food at sporting events with their respective forms of campus currency. The University of Memphis is one of the schools that does not.

At the beginning of each semester, all undergraduate students enrolled in 12 or more hours at the U of M have \$300 in "dining dollars" with which to purchase food at any vending or dining location on campus. Despite having the ability to purchase food from Chick-fil-A, Steak n' Shake, Panda Express and more by simply swiping a student ID, some U of M students say that the additional use of dining dollars at sporting events would benefit them.

Accounting sophomore Yazi Qin often has leftover dining dollars at the end of each semester. The 19-year-old said she wishes she could use the remaining amount on food at games at FedEx Forum and Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

"I never use up all of my dining dollars," Qin said. "If I could use the remaining amount when I go to games, especially when the food is so expensive, that would be great."

The other Tennessee campuses that join Memphis in not allowing campus dollars to be spent at sporting events include the University of Tennessee Martin, Belmont University, Tennessee Tech University, Middle Tennessee State University and East Tennessee State University. The four colleges that do allow the use of campus funds at games are Vanderbilt University, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga



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Cashier Barbara Hampton swipes a student's campus card at the P.O.D. in the Tiger Den. As of now, campus cards only work in campus restaurants, but some colleges in Tennessee allow students to use campus card money for concessions at sporting events.

and Christian Brothers University.

One of the factors in determining which schools allow campus dining currency to be used at basketball and football games is who owns the athletic venues. Some colleges and universities play their games on campus, while the U of M plays basketball and football in off-campus publicly-owned facilities.

Some students, like 18-year-old computer science major Amar Ibrahim, said being able to use dining dollars at games would be a good way to save money. Ibrahim also said it might draw in a larger crowd to the venues as well.

"The food over there is crazy expensive," Ibrahim said.

However, 19-year-old English major Trina French said she thought it would be a "hassle" for vendors at games to be required to process dining dollars.

"I work at Domino's on Highland, and students are allowed to use Tigerflex," French said. "We have a whole separate system for Tigerflex at work, so I could see it being a hassle for vendors at the FedEx Forum and Liberty Bowl to have to make a whole new system for dining dollars."

In addition to the possibility of dining dollars being a "hassle" for vendors, students like 23-year-old music business major Mariah Powell said vendors might lose money if dining dollars were allowed at games. However, she did offer a compromise.

"I think there should be a separate school vendor at games," Powell said. "That way students can use their dining dollars on food, and vendors can still make their money."

On-campus carjacking three men with guns and rifle jack student's car

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Three men armed with pistols and a rifle robbed a student of his car at the University of Memphis parking lot near Southern Avenue and Goodman Street Wednesday night at about 8:40 p.m.

The victim told police he had just gotten inside his car when an African American man wearing a red bandana over his face opened the door and told him to get out. The victim got out of the car and was unharmed.

The suspect was between 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall and about 18 to 21 years old. He wore a dark hoodie, jeans and was armed with a silver

semi-automatic handgun, police said.

The victim saw two other men, police said. Both were African American and between the ages of 18 to 21 years old as well, police said. These men were also armed with a black pistol and a rifle or shotgun.

The robbers drove off with the victim's 2016 white Toyota Corolla. Police said the car was headed down Southern Avenue toward Highland Avenue. The car's license plate reads GWB2237.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the U of M Campus Police at 901-678-4357 (678-HELP) or the Memphis Police Department at 901-545-2677 (545-COPS).

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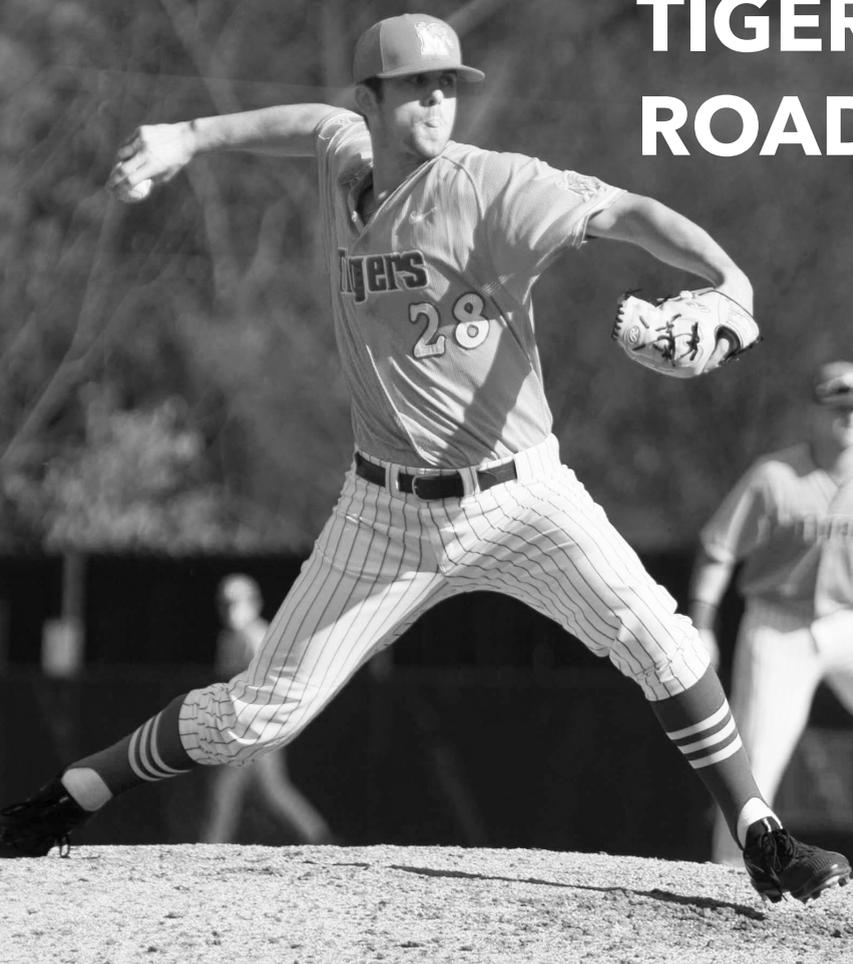
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TIGER BASEBALL PLAYS FIRST ROAD SERIES OF THE SEASON

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The University of Memphis baseball team (10-6) will play Missouri State (12-3) for their first road series of the year. The Tigers are looking to build on their recent success this weekend, after winning three of their last four games.

Last season, the Tigers started off 6-10 and did not have a win against a ranked opponent. This season, the Tigers upset No. 8 Ole Miss on the road.

Look at Opponent:

Missouri State finished last season 38-21 and swept Memphis in a three-game series at FedEx Park. The then No. 12 ranked Bears scored 21

runs in the series to the Tigers' 15.

This year, Missouri State is not ranked, but they did receive 27 votes in the USA Today's coaches' poll. Memphis has won their only game against a ranked opponent this season, which was also their lone road game.

The one common opponent for the two teams is MTSU. The Blue Raiders beat Memphis twice this season and lost their only game to the Bears.

Keys to win:

The Tigers have found ways to produce runs most games. They have been shut out just one time and are averaging 5.7 runs per game.

Memphis' pitching and fielding has not been

consistent. The Tigers allow opponents to score more than 5.4 per game and have not held a team scoreless.

Through the first 16 games, the Tigers have allowed opponents to score 10 or more runs three times. In those games, nine of the 32 runs were unearned because of the 10 errors committed.

Missouri State averages 6.7 runs per game and is beating Memphis in almost every offensive category. They are a solid offensive team, and the Tigers' pitching and defense will have to play well.

Players to watch:

Outfielder, Chris Carrier:

Carrier started the season off slowly after

being selected to the AAC preseason all-conference team. He had one hit in the team's first four games going 1-15 in those games. Since then, he has risen his batting average from .067 to .250.

With his bat coming around, the Tigers' offense can improve on its already impressive season.

Relief pitchers Blake Bennett and Colton Hathcock:

Bennett and Hathcock have been the two main pitchers out of the bullpen for the Tigers. They combine for 15 appearances on the season.

Bennett leads the team with a 1.59 ERA and hasn't allowed an earned run since Feb. 25. In that same time frame, he has pitched 8.2 innings in

relief and allowed just three hits.

Hathcock has five of the six saves for the Tigers this season and has pitched in the most games. He had five straight appearances with a save before giving up two runs and the lead in a loss against Southern Illinois.

Third baseman Jake Burger:

Burger leads the Bear's high-scoring offense with seven homeruns and 19 RBI through 15 games. Batting third in the lineup, he brings more than power to the lineup.

He is batting .322 on the season and has a .400 on base percentage. His ability to get on base has resulted in Burger scoring 14 runs, which is second on the team.

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