

The University of Memphis

Adult & Commuter Connection

Show True Blue Pride at Homecoming 2005

Join in the celebration this October as the University of Memphis presents Homecoming. The festivities begin Friday, Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. with the Family and Friends Homecoming Parade and Party, hosted by the Alumni Association and Student Activities Council. The parade route includes Patterson Avenue and will end near the Central Avenue crosswalk.



Tom II

The parade will feature music from Sound Fuzion, the float and banner competitions, and food and drinks. President Shirley Raines will appear, along with the U of M Marching Band, Tom II, the Memphis Blues Queens, and others.

A pep rally immediately follows the parade at 6:30 p.m. Tigers football coach Tommy West will be the special guest. The rally also features the Alumni Association's True Blue Tradition Award.

Everyone is invited to the Alumni True Blue Barn Bash BBQ on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. The picnic will be at the Arena Building, located on the west side of the Liberty Bowl.

Homecoming culminates that afternoon when our Memphis Tigers face East Carolina University at the Liberty Bowl Saturday, Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m. For tickets, visit www.gotigersgo.com. Show your True Blue pride and support the Memphis Tigers football team and Homecoming 2005.

Flu Shots Available on Campus

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		Flu shots cost \$20; Flu Mist and pneumonia	

vaccinations are \$30 each.

Student Health Services Director Jacqueline DeFouw says it is very important that people protect themselves against the flu. "The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reports that up to 50,000 people of all ages die each year in America from influenza (flu) and related complications."

Many people fear they will get the flu if they get a flu shot. While that was true in the past, DeFouw says that is no longer the case. As for side effects, she says, "Some people experience a mild fever for a day as the body's normal reaction to setting up your body's immunity. Any anti-fever medication

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Online Carpool Information Channel

Students, faculty, and staff members can exchange carpool find or offer rides to campus via the new carpool information channel located in the new Spectrum portal, <http://spectrum.memphis.edu>. Get on board by following these steps:



1. Log into the Spectrum portal using your UUID and Tiger-Lan password. The Carpool Information channel block will appear in the right-hand column.
 2. To view listings, click the "Current U of M Carpool Listings" link.
 3. To Register or edit your own listing, click the "U of M Carpool Registration/Edit" link.
- For general information, call Adult and Commuter Student Services at 678-2644. For technical assistance, call the ITD Helpdesk at 678-8888.

Wild Wednesdays! Seminar

Tiger Technology

Facilitated by Venitra Hollingsworth

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

FedEx Institute of Technology, Room 226

Students will receive a hands-on experience that will guide and enable them to successfully use the various technological resources on campus, including the IAM site, Tigerweb, UMDrive, and the new Spectrum portal. Space is limited, so RSVP to Heather Hampton, Adult and Commuter Student Services, at 678-2644. Lunch will be provided.

Share a MEAL with ACSS



Adult and Commuter Student Services is having its first Multicultural Eating at Lunch (MEAL) on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Students are invited to bring a cultural dish to the ACSS office, University Center

424. The potluck will provide an opportunity for students to meet and greet, and learn about other cultures. Call 678-2644 for more information.

Flu Shots (continued from pg. 1)

will relieve this.”

If you don't care for shots, you can be vaccinated against influenza with the Flu Mist nasal spray if you are a healthy person between ages 5 and 49. Unlike the flu shot, Flu Mist is prepared from a weakened form of the live virus. However, the nasal spray is more effective for flu prevention. Call Student Health Services (678-2287) 3-5 days before your appointment to reserve your Flu Mist.

The Shot Nurse is also available for tetanus/diphtheria and pneumonia vaccinations. For more information, visit www.shotnurse.com and www.cdc.gov. Payment by cash or personal check payable to The Shot Nurse is accepted. Online payments with credit or debit cards can be made at www.shotnurse.com.

Services Available After 5 PM

Academic Counseling Center	M-Th	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
	F	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Admissions (UG & Grad)	M-Th	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
	F	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Bursar's Office	M-Th	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Business Learning Center	M-Th	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Center for Counseling, Learning, and Testing	M-Th	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
	F	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Financial Aid	M-Th	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
	F	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Library (McWherter)	M-Th	7:30 a.m.-Midnight
	F	7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Sat.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
	Sun.	1 p.m.-10 p.m.
Parking Services	M-Th	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	F	7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Police/Public Safety Registrar	7 days	24 hours
	M-Th	7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
	F	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Adult Student Association (ASA) News

The first ASA meeting was held on Friday, Sept. 16. We had a fantastic turnout of potential, new, and returning ASA members. During this meeting we discussed the need to establish membership/recruitment and social committees this semester. If you're interested in serving on one (or both) of these committees, please contact Alyce Richmond at



Alyce Richmond
ASA President

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Watch for emails announcing our next meeting.

Don't Forget Upcoming Weekend Workshops!

Saturday, Oct. 8 Researching & Writing Papers
Saturday, Nov. 19 Debt Management

Arts & Entertainment



Authors **Kaylie Jones** and **Jill McCorkle** visit the University of Memphis this month as

part of the River City Writers Series. Jones's novels include *A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries* and *Speak Now*. She will present a reading of her work Friday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. in Patterson Hall 456.

Novelist and short story writer Jill McCorkle will read selections from her work Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Dixon Gallery & Gardens (4339 Park Ave). McCorkle will also host an interview Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson Hall 456, and a fiction workshop later that day at 3 p.m. in Patterson Hall 403. McCorkle's latest

short story collection is *Creatures of Habit*, and she is currently working on a novel. All events are free and open to the public.

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The **Memphis Symphony Orchestra** performs at the Harris Concert Hall (Music 100) Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with a University ID; \$10 for the general public, and \$7 for senior citizens and non-University of Memphis students. Call 678-2541 for more information.

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The Art Museum of the University of Memphis (AMUM) will sponsor a knitting performance directed by **Lindsay Obermeyer** on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 10 a.m. in Dunavant Plaza (outside McWherter Library). The



Participants in red knit caps connected by a red thread.

event is in conjunction with Obermeyer's exhibition, "Red Thread: Visible & Invisible," on display at AMUM Oct. 22-Nov. 23. The performance communicates the idea that an invisible red thread connects those who are destined to meet regardless of time, place or circumstance; that thread may stretch or tangle, but it will never break. The event is free and open to the public. Call AMUM at 678-2224 if you are interested in participating in the project.

Lunch and Learn

Career and Employment Services host the following seminars in Brister Hall 220 at 12:30 p.m. Pizza and beverages are provided. Call 678-2239 for more information.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
10/5	Networking	Rob Hoerter, Sossaman & Associates
10/12	Journalism Careers and Cover Letter Writing	Otis Sanford, The Commercial Appeal
10/26	Basic Interviewing	Naseera Lewis, AutoZone
11/2	Careers in International Trade and Business	David Spann, US Dept. of Commerce and Trade

Student Spotlight

Richard Liptock is the ultimate comeback kid, pardon the cliché. He first enrolled at the former Memphis State University in 1962, but dropped out after one semester. Following that brief stint, Richard took a minimum wage job unloading trucks for a wholesale plumbing supplier. Over the years, he was promoted to every job within the branch. As warehouse consultant, Richard oversaw 45 branches in 13 states. He says, "I thought this was the best job I ever had in my life."



Richard Liptock

Richard held several positions in various organizations since then, including a period as a police officer. But it was his last major job as operations manager for a medical supplier that set him on the path back to college. Richard enjoyed great success in that role. However, the medical supplier was "gobbled up by a conglomerate" that wanted operations managers to have college degrees. Forced out of the job, Richard looked for other options. But by this time, want ads for college educated workers were the rule, not the exception. Then Richard had a stroke. Though he recovered, he was left unable to do much physical labor, restricting his choices even more. So in 1991, Richard Liptock became a freshman at the University of Memphis, the same university he had attended nearly 30 years before.

Today, Richard is a senior majoring in History and English. He has persevered for 14 years, never missing a semester, even if he only took one course. The adjustment

from career man to adult college student has not always been easy. "When I first came back, I certainly felt out of place," Richard says. "Everybody was so much younger; I was kind of old-fashioned. You want to feel comfortable...but that's kind of hard when you're older." He says reacquiring good study skills and finding time to study was tough. Richard's 95-mile commute from Humboldt, TN, to Memphis doesn't help either. He says the 3 ½ to 4-hour roundtrip drive time could be better spent studying.

The commute does not allow much time for extracurricular activities. One thing Richard does make time for is volunteer service. Richard won the Adult Student Scholarship this year, which will pay for his tuition for several semesters. A condition of the scholarship is to complete 75 service hours on campus during the academic year. Richard fulfills this obligation by working at the Adult and Commuter Student Services office, usually at the reception desk. "I enjoy meeting people, so naturally it's not a hard job," he says. "I'm just not afraid to walk up to anybody and start talking."

That comfort with talking to complete strangers, coupled with his law enforcement background, should serve Richard well as an attorney. Richard hopes to go to law school "if time permits and I'm financially able." He wants to serve the "old and disadvantaged, the poor and uneducated," because when they get into trouble, they either do not know how to get out of it or do not have the money for legal services. Richard says he has seen too many attorneys who cared more about their fees than their clients. "If you hire me to represent you," he says, "I'm going to feel obligated to represent you as best I can. It would hurt my feelings if I didn't."

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