

# OPINIONS

## It might be wise to grow up

Students need to start taking responsibility, looking to the future



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Looking back upon this fall semester, it appears as if not all MTSU students have gotten the memo, so I will relay it to you: this is not high school, folks.

In September, Starlett Custer decided that she should be able to take whatever parking spot she wanted, regardless of the fact that someone else, a 17-year-old freshman in this case, had been waiting for the spot, with her blinker on, long before Starlett came along. Because of Starlett's false sense of entitlement, a young girl now has to endure multiple surgeries and lasting scars – both physical and emotional – for the rest of her life. Luckily, she won't likely have another showdown with Starlett, as she no longer goes to school here.

Justin Davis obviously didn't study for his mid-

terms, did he? So, instead of sucking it up and taking the tests, he decided to threaten bodily harm on students and administrators in October if school was not canceled. Let's run some estimated numbers here. On a college campus of roughly 23,500 students, we'll say that on any given Thursday, 10,000 of them are in class. Average the cost of each class individually, and consider that Friday's classes were canceled too, and Justin Davis collectively cost his fellow students an easy two to three hundred thousand dollars. And that's a conservative estimate. Thank you for being so mature, Justin, and throwing a terrorizing temper tantrum instead of taking responsibility for the fact that you decided not to study. I guess you'll never have to worry about taking midterms again.

Has MTSU added a section on its application for admission? Nestled in between GPA and extracurricular activities, is there now a question that asks, "Are you a spoiled brat?" Obviously it's either an influx of people who answered "yes" to that question, or there's something in the water, but either way, there are some people on this campus who need a reality check.

An excellent example of this is mtsureview.com – you know, that ridiculous Website that supposedly tells you what to expect from a professor? Comb through any random professor's comments, and you're more likely to encounter whining than anything constructive. What!?! The professor actually lectured?!? And oh my gosh – you had to write a 5-page paper?!? Oh, the horror. These comments are a sad commentary on our student body, where people

would prefer to coast through every class without lifting a finger rather than actually work for a good grade and learn something. It would be laughable if it wasn't so sad, but what's worse is the thought that these very students will be entering the workforce soon. I can see it now. "Mom – my boss hates me! I had to work for eight whole hours yesterday! And he never notices me ever!"

As much as you might like to go through life assuming that you are more important than everyone else and that the world does not understand your plight, it may be easier, not to mention more

grown-up, to take responsibility for yourself and your actions and realize that you are but a small speck of dust on this planet.

You can start this evolution today! First, go to class. Seriously. That is why you are here. Second, do the best you can in said class. Yes, there may be a professor that has it in for you, and it sucks, but as a friend of mine said, "Even if a professor doesn't like me, it is not an excuse for me not to do well." Stop

tion by always having some sort of crisis for everyone to sympathize with.

In the end, school is preparing you for the working world. Nowhere in MTSU's mission statement does it state that college is a way to live out more of your high school years. I know that it's super-fun to be Homecoming Queen, and in high school, you might have been right. But now that you are 20 years old, it might be wise to focus your attention on

something more tangible.

Something that will actually help you get somewhere in your career. Because I don't know of many

people who are impressed by a resume that includes "college popularity contest winner." I don't know of any job applications that allow you to write down all of your excuses as to why you had a 2.5 GPA. And I certainly don't know of any bosses who are eager to hire a worker who whines when he or she has to work.

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making excuses. Everyone has stuff to deal with. Everyone has sleepless nights. Everyone gets sick. It's how you handle this that matters.

So, you can go through life constantly making excuses or you can accept the fact that sometimes, you make mistakes. Third, learn from things and move on. Don't hold grudges. Don't dwell. You know LC and Heidi from "The Hills?" Are you totally sick of both of them yet? Don't be that person. The one who garners atten-