Dr. McPhee's letter to the campus community on the loss of Tina Stewart

University President shares his condolences

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I am writing you to convey my sorrow and grief - not only as the president of our University, but as a father myself - over the loss of Tina Stewart, a wonderful, talented and vibrant young woman and gifted student athlete.

Tina, a junior from Memphis and a member of the Lady Raiders basketball team, was killed at her apartment earlier this evening. Murfreesboro police, who handled the investigation since the incident happened off campus, made an arrest about 11 p.m. tonight. There are no other suspects sought in connection with the crime.

I spoke with Tina's father this evening to personally express our sorrow and let him know that our University family is united in grief with him. The anguish we feel cannot be adequately expressed.



Our campus counselors have been alerted and are ready to assist and comfort students in dealing with this horrible tragedy. Right now, we are focusing on Tina's teammates, coaches and friends. Starting at 8 a.m. Thursday, counselors will be available to any students needing assistance. They can be found in room 329 of the Keathley University Center or by calling 898-2670.

We are planning a vigil in honor of Tina at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Murphy Center. More details will come later Thursday. Meanwhile, I know many of you are looking for ways to express your grief and concern immediately, so I wanted to let you know people can leave expressions of remembrance on

the steps at the northeast corner of the Murphy Center, the entrance closest to the Kennon Hall of Fame building.

On behalf of all of us who love and treasure Tina, our hearts are heavy with grief and our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Sidney A. McPhee President

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