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 miss a single day of school. Another young girl that has suffered injuries has to go to school 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. 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 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 mtstoday.com - you can know, that ridiculous Website that supposedly tells you what to expect from a professor? Com 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 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 making excuses. Everyone has stuff to deal with. Everyone has sleepless nights. Everyone gets sick. It’s how you handle this that matters.

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