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Famous footballer

Shick Happens

By [Eric Scicchitano](#)

Chip Esten is coming to the Kirby Center next Thursday as part of the cast of *Whose Live Anyway*, a traveling rendition of the famous television show of nearly the same name. Coming with him are two names surely recognizable to TV watchers, and you can read about the show on Page 16. But what's funny, to me at least, is his brush with fame at a young age.

Esten is a Titan of T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va. That was the school immortalized by Disney's *Remember the Titans* starring Denzel Washington as Coach Herman Boone. You remember — the pseudo-inspirational football movie where whites and blacks conquer the odds to kick the hell out of their mostly racist opponents on the gridiron. (And depending on what you read, not even nearly representative of the facts surrounding the Titan football team, but more compelling!)

"It's very strange when you come out to be an actor and your high school is more famous than you are," Esten shared with a laugh.

Esten himself played on the football team, but long after Coach Boone retired. However, Boone was his driver's education teacher. At the time, Esten didn't know much of the history of the famed Titan football team, or just how much respect he should have paid to Boone back then.

"I was just a punk kid," he said of being a class clown in the affable Boone's class. "If you looked at my driving record, I don't want to attach any blame to him."

Funny what you can learn about someone on Wikipedia. And hell, this time it proved to be true.

Well played

It's not all that infrequent to hear some ass shout "Free Bird" as a request during a local band's late-night set at a watering hole.

The wit of calling out the Lynyrd Skynyrd classic is lost on me, which is certainly not a first. But I found it funny that said band took it as a challenge and without having rehearsed the complex song — cue Dale Dobak's dad from *Step Brothers* — rocked the shit out of it.

J.C., Aaron, Dustin and A.J. did just that last Monday night at River Street Ale House, and it was altogether surprising, entertaining and funny. Well played, sirs.

Not-so-free press

The editor of Towson University's student paper, *Towerlight*, was pressured to resign over an anonymous "Bedpost" column giving tips and insight about mutual masturbation. That editor's name? Carrie Wood. Coincidence?

It's a fairly sexy, instruction-y yet not-so-inappropriate column aimed at college-aged adults, and that it got someone shit-canned is laughable. However, here's guessing big ol' Wood will reap the benefits of this incident when she enters the job market. The link at TheTowerlight.com still works, so if you're up for a stimulating read about pleasing yourself in the company of others, I suggest you do so before it's scrubbed from the Web.

Jazz show rescheduled

The Rich Goldstein/Andy LaVerne Quartet jazz concert at Misericordia University originally scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 29, has been rescheduled to Friday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.