

April 4, 1978

TSU Sponsors Basics Conference

NASHVILLE...Over 22 consultants and speakers, representing some of the nation's leading authorities on reading, English and mathematics, will participate in the first national conference on basic instruction to be held April 23-26 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The conference, with the theme, "Forward to the Basics--A Matter of Sur-

vival," is being sponsored by Tennessee State University.

The three speakers for the two-and-one-half day conference are, Dr. Mary Berry, assistant secretary for education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C.; Maya Angelou, noted author and Dr. Charles A. Lyons, president of Fayetteville (North Carolina) State University.

Dr. Ruby Martin said the University is sponsoring the conference because of the eroding basic skills of America's young. "Unless a person can read, write, and compute simple mathematical problems, he or she will find it most difficult, not only to succeed, but, to survive in the final years of this century."

"We support the back to basics movement and we think the conference will provide the forum from which specialists in all areas of basic instruction can exchange ideas and develop a national strategy to combat the erosion of basic learning," she said.

Dr. Lyons will address the first general session which will be at 9 a.m. Monday. In addition to his role at Fayetteville State University, Lyons is president

of the National Association for Equal Opportunity.

Ms. Angelou, author of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," will be the banquet speaker Monday Night. Her works include the novel, "Gather Together In My Name," and two books of poetry, "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water fore I Die," and "Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well."

Ms. Angelou has also been a singer, educator, dancer, author, historian, lecturer, actress, producer, editor, songwriter, and playwright. She toured Europe with a company performing Porgy and Bess, wrote for newspapers in Egypt and Ghana, lectured at UCLA, and has had articles published in the New York Times, Playboy, Redbook, and Cosmopolitan.

Dr. Berry, the luncheon speaker Tuesday, was born in Nashville and attended Pearl High School. Before becoming assistant U.S. Secretary for Education in 1977, Dr. Berry was chancellor of the University of Colorado, Boulder. She was the first black woman ever named chief administrator of a major American university and only the second woman to be appointed to such a position.



Maya Angelo, noted author

COMING UP!

TSU WEEK

April 9-14

Profile

The fervent young man who "Praises God," sings and preaches a little on WSM's Nashville Gospel is Bobby Jones. The serious young man whose questions probe the mood of Blacks in Nashville and the world on WDCN's Symposia is Bobby Jones. The TSU faculty member who expresses a deep concern about the reading level of students is Bobby Jones. According to Bobby Jones, all the parts fit neatly into a whole.

Jones may be better known in Nashville and Middle Tennessee, by a broader range of people, than any other Black. He is seen by about 100,000 viewers each Sunday at 9 a.m. on Nashville Gospel. He calls the response to the show "extra ordinary." It has drawn a significant number of white viewers and its success is seen in the station's decision to move it into a better viewing period. Originally the show was shown at 8 a.m.

"We hope to eventually expand to an hour and we hope to tape with a live audience at Opryland," Jones said. "We have also taped a pilot for syndication."

The format for Symposia is entirely different. The 30-minute show, broadcast at 7 p.m. Tuesday on WDCN, is usually a news interview with one or two news makers. Jones has spotlighted a number of TSU faculty and staff members, as well as students, alumni and TSU programs. A focus on the



Dr. Charles Kimbrough and Police Chief Joe Casey join Bobby Jones on his Symposia television program

National Basis Skills conference, sponsored by TSU, is scheduled for this month. Beginning in May, Symposia will be broadcast twice a week - Tuesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m.

"Symposia is continually growing," Jones said. "It is required viewing for at least one class - Mrs. Waldine DeBerry's social welfare class.

Jones's past seems to have been more hectic than his present lifestyle. A native of Paris, Tenn., he came to TSU to major in elementary education.

"I wanted to be a teacher and a singer," he said.

After graduation he taught in St. Louis, Hawaii and Nashville schools and moved to become an international consultant for McGraw Hill Publishers. His work took him to France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Mexico and Canada.

"While I was teaching in Metro I helped on a science program on WDCN," Jones said. These taping led to a role as host of WTVF's Fun City Five. Later Joe Davis, WDCN producer, contacted him for Symposia.

Jones's plans are to earn a Ph.D. in Multi-cultural

development from Peabody.

"All my activities tends to focus toward one general concept. They all deal with people," he said.

These activities include acting as president of Black Expo, director of Love Train, "a 50-voice singing a ggregation designed to raise funds for indigents," a member of the NAACP and Temple Baptist Church, a model for Flagg Brothers, and director of Oproject Help. He solicits canned goods for the latter organization.

"My activities generally enhance my teaching," Jones said. "Some students signed up for my classes because they've seen me on television. They like to spend some time talking about the shows.

"The Reading Department has become a very vital part of the University," he said. More people are aware of the more importance of basic skills. Many TSU students fall short of expected reading levels due to poor educational experiences."

As for carrying out his many activities, Jones said its not hard. It just takes planning.

News Briefs

SOCIAL WELFARE FACULTY HONORED

MRS. ANNIE B. MARTIN, chairperson and Mrs. Eugenia, Turner, instructor in the Department of Social Welfare attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, February 25 through March 1 in New Orleans.

The program emphasized education for practice and knowledge building in the 1980's, with special interest directed towards the rights of women, the area of health and the influence of ethnicity and culture. Mrs. Martin was one of twenty-seven distinguished National Social Work Educators honored during the conference.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY AT THE ADVENT THEATRE

The second monday of each production at the Advent Theatre has been designated Tennessee State University Night. The Advent Theatre will honor any 20 or more persons from your group with wine and cheese after each show. You can meet the performers, look around backstage and enjoy all four plays for as little as \$20.

Anyone buying season tickets will be known as Charter Subscribers and will have their names inscribed permanently in the theater Foyer.

DR. JAMES H. REEVES, dean of the Graduate School, has been elected president of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools. Last year he was vice president and program chairman.

The group met last month in San Antonio, Texas. Reeves has also just completed a year as president of the Conference of Deans of Black Graduate Schools and was appointed to the Executive Committee. TSU will host the Conference of Tennessee Deans on April 21. Reeves is vice-president of this organization.

DR. GRETCHEN PAYNE, DR. DARLENE HUDDLESTON, DR. DEAN ROBERTS and DR. JERRY MCGEE attended the 33rd annual meeting of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in San Francisco. The theme of the meeting was "Enduring and Emerging values and Competencies." Dr. Payne and Dr. Huddleston went to Honolulu to a post-conference Seminar-Multicultural Education.

Dr. Jerry McGee, associate professor of education, published a research monograph entitled, "A Three-Year Study of Brown Middle School, 1974-1977." The monograph was co-authored by Dr. Earl Keese, MTSU and Dr. Robert Krajewski, Auburn University.

McGee also serves as editor of the Tennessee Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. The association publishes the journal twice a year and it has a circulation of more than 800.

ELECTRICAL COURSE UPDATES ENGINEERS

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.'s intensive three-day Microprocessor course featuring a "Take Home Microprocessor" will be sponsored by the Educational Activities Board and IEEE Sections at Tennessee State University on April 6 - 8.

This new course was developed by William J. Eccles of the University of South Carolina. It is designed to update mid career engineers on developments in this area. The course features a laboratory based on the Motorola MEK6800D2 Evaluation list, power supply, operating notes, and "outrigger" boards that contain devices for numerous programming devices.

Enrollment is limited to fifty (50) registrants. Those wishing to apply or to seek information are requested to call Prof. Mohan J. Malkani, head of the TSU Department of Electrical Engineering 320-3268.

Had your teeth checked and cleaned lately? Dental Hygiene students are looking for patients to be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays Telephone today for an appointment at 320-3372 or 320-3371.

The Dental Hygiene Clinic is located in Clement Hall.

Reading Masters Offered This Fall

NASHVILLE...The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has granted approval to Tennessee State University's School of Education to begin offering, in the fall of 1978, two new master's degree programs in reading.

In the announcement made this week, the Commission's approval will allow the institution to offer courses leading to a master of arts in education (MA.ED) and a master of education (M.ED). The program had earlier received State Board of Regents' approval.

According to Dr. Ruby Martin, professor of reading competencies and skills of secondary school teachers, the program is designed to alleviate the critical situation which exists in dealing with the competencies of students and teachers, in heading," she said.

The program objectives are focused on preparation of reading specialists who will be trained for a number of job demands; clinical diagnosis, correction of student reading difficulties in classroom in-service program with regular teachers; supervision; techniques and materials; classroom methods and inter-personal relations.

"The program will offer the same benefits in reading instruction for Metro-Nashville that programs at the University of Tennessee and Memphis State University offer to east and west Tennesseans, Dr. Martin added.

Though the program is expected to attract classroom teachers and special reading teachers who will need preparation in reading,

there is also a need, Dr. Martin said, to provide graduate courses in reading for principals and persons in special education who must meet certification requirements and who desire to become more aware of special reading needs of pupils.

Students admitted to the program as candidates for either degree must satisfy the regular University requirements for graduate study. In addition, the student must

hold or qualify for a standard teaching certificate. Students completing the 30 hours requirement in reading and reading-related courses will be certified as a part of the program.

Prior to the approval of the new degrees, TSU offered three programs of reading certification, approved by the Certification Board for the State of Tennessee. They included k-12, k-9 and 7-12 grades which will be included into the new degree program.

This Week

Tuesday, April 4

Examination: STEP 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon A Bldg.
Baseball game: Vanderbilt vs TSU, Hadley Park.

Wednesday, April 5

Baseball game: TSU vs UT Martin (Away)

Friday, April 7

Dedication of Edward S. Temple Track-Women Bldg.
Baseball game: TSU vs Lambuth College (Away).

Saturday, April 8

Women's Track and Field: TSU Olympic Development Meet
Baseball game: Fisk University vs TSU (DH)-Hadley Park

Sunday, April 9

TSU Week (9-15). TSU Today 7:30 a.m. WMAK

DR. BAQAR A. HUSAINI, Assistant professor of Sociology, has been selected to co-chair a session entitled "Rural Mental Health: The Present and the Future" for the Annual Mental Health Section Meeting of the American Public Health Association. The meeting will be in Los Angeles, October 15 to 19, 1978.

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