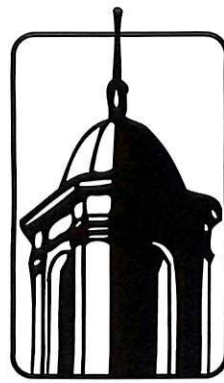


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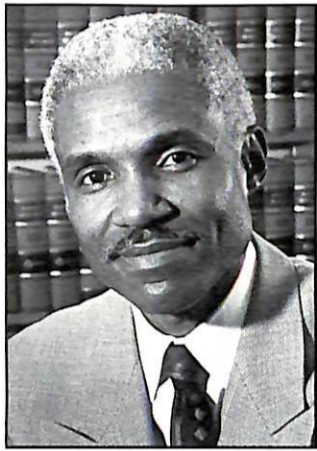
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## From Past Tense to Future

Established alumnus addresses summer class of '94; Vintagers join celebration



Memphis attorney A C Wharton is this summer's commencement speaker.

About 300 TSU students will receive degrees during Summer Commencement ceremonies August 6. Addressing the future alumni will be noted alumnus A C Wharton.

A 1966 graduate of the University, Wharton is a partner/attorney with Wharton & Wharton & Associates in Memphis. He is chief public defender with Shelby County, Tenn.

Wharton is a member of the Tennessee Higher Education

Commission and also serves as adjunct professor of law with the University of Mississippi, where he earned his juris doctorate.

TSU has a long-standing tradition of inviting an outstanding alumnus to deliver the Summer Commencement address. As part of another tradition, alumni who graduated 50 years ago will receive their golden diplomas during the same exercises. These honorees are part of The Vintagers Club, which annually holds events around Summer Commencement for alumni celebrating the 40th or 50th anniversary of their graduation.

### Quotable Quotes

*"Everywhere I go I feel the spirit of TSU."*

— Alumna Xernona Clayton, vice-president for Turner Broadcasting, at the National Alumni Convention in Atlanta (Story, page 6)

*"If you go someplace in ignorance, don't start talking."*

— A favorite saying of former faculty member Merl Eppse, recalled by Ms. Clayton in her speech

*"Awareness of this particular program should raise our energy consciousness. We need to know that by wasting energy we are mortgaging our future. If we can do a better job of conserving energy, we need to."*

— Congressman Bob Clement, addressing student participants in a light/energy conservation project (Story at left)

*"We often recognize athletes as heroes when they achieve great success, but many times we forget the academicians. Today the heroes are the academicians."*

— State Representative Harold Love, at a luncheon recognizing the College of Business for its recent AACSB accreditation (Story, page 7)

*"Making a difference is what TSU is all about and a primary reason we so enthusiastically embrace partnerships like these. I consider it a major responsibility of the University to participate in reducing violent crimes and resolving issues that prompt them."*

— President Hefner, in an address to participants in a community partnership workshop with the Metropolitan Police Department (Story, page 6)

## U.S. Congressman Joins TSU Students in Conserving Light Energy and Enhancing Environment

A keen interest in the environment and education brought U.S. Congressman Bob Clement to Downtown Nashville to join TSU students as they "audited," or analyzed, the lighting in the Rachel Jackson building. Clement supported students in their efforts to determine whether the lighting is adequate for the building's function and what measures could be taken to conserve light energy.

The architectural and electrical engineering students participated in a 10-week summer program where they analyzed light in more than one million square feet of space in

buildings operated by TSU and the State of Tennessee's Department of General Services.

"This is simply a one-of-a-kind educational experience allowing students to gain invaluable hands-on skills in a highly specialized field," said Walter Vincent, chair of the TSU Department of Architectural Engineering. "They have worked side by side with some of the nation's most respected engineers, an advantage not often available to students."

The first three weeks of the Lighting and Auditing Fundamentals program consisted of workshops taught by some of the nation's premier engineers. A different lecturer spoke each day on topics ranging from the

environmental impact of lighting to control and computer system monitoring. Cassie McKay, a lighting specialist at Hermitage Lighting Gallery, was on loan to the University as part of the development team. The visiting engineers voluntarily paid their own expenses to participate in the program.

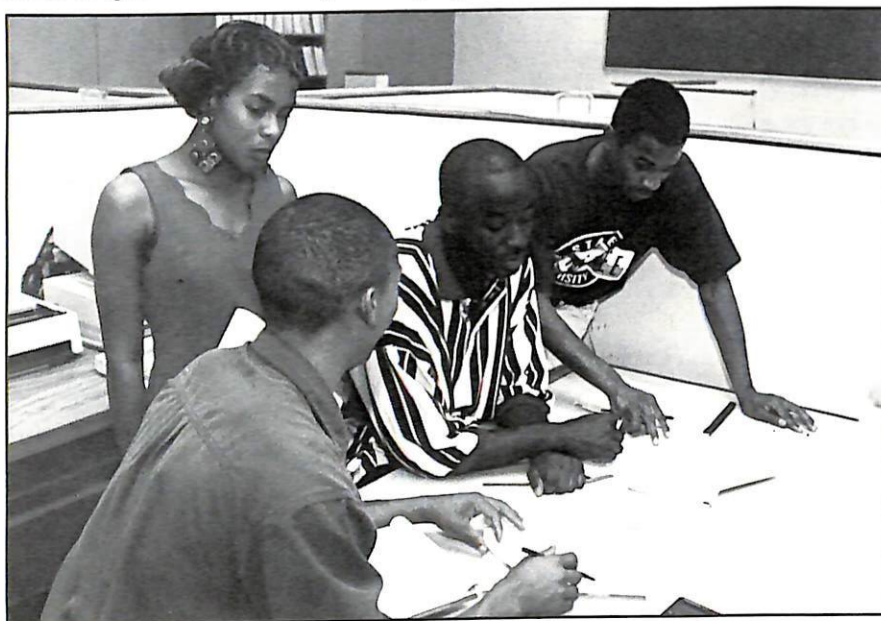
The twelve students selected for the program received stipends for their work, and the project was funded jointly through a \$48,000 agreement between TSU and the State of Tennessee. All tools and equipment have been purchased through the agreement, with hopes of establishing a lighting lab for the Architectural Engineering Department.

Students not only learned skills that will be invaluable to them in their careers but also determined ways to conserve energy, which will have a significant impact on the environment. They examined lighting intensity to assess the need for upgrading or downgrading lighting. They then made recommendations for more energy-conserving measures, estimated their costs and figured the annual energy savings.

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Congressman Bob Clement



Students learn to audit lighting as part of a 10-week program at TSU. Hopefully, their discoveries will have far-reaching effects on energy conservation.

### IN THIS ISSUE

We touch the world! In almost every activity we undertake, Tennessee State University supports the growth and improvement of our community, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Look for stories in this issue marked with the bridge symbol, indicating some of the ways in which we serve the public.





# From Generation to Generation to Generation

Another generation of the Daniels family is set to graduate from Tennessee State University. Meet all three proud Tigers.



Generation 1: Vernal Daniels in her 1953 yearbook picture

In the archives of the Brown-Daniel Library, Natasha Daniels sits quietly, flipping through the pages of a 1953 Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State University yearbook. She gazes at an uncanny family resemblance of herself in her grandmother's face of 41 years ago. Then, she picks up the 1961 yearbook, opening to her father's picture. On August 6, 1994, at summer commencement, she, too, will become a part of her family's legacy.

Natasha Daniels will soon become the third generation of the Daniels family to graduate from Tennessee State University.

The TSU that Natasha knows is far different from the college her grandmother Vernal and father Shelly attended. She recalls what she learned by visiting her family and talking with a family friend earlier in the summer.

When Vernal Daniels first came to Tennessee A & I University, she had already married and raised two children. But her role as housewife did not defer her dream of becoming an educator.

Vernal left her home in Dayton, Tenn., near Chattanooga, and enrolled in Tennessee A & I as a freshman. After attending college full time, including going to summer school, she received her bachelor's degree in education.

"Everybody on campus knew Vernal because she was so smart and she made those good grades," said Della Shute, a TSU alumna and retiree.

"Even though Vernal was an older

student, she fit right in with the rest of the students because she was very versatile. She lived in on-campus housing and attended all the campus activities.

"What I remember most about her was her appearance. When she walked in the cafeteria for dinner, all heads would turn because she was always well dressed and very neat."

After attending Tennessee A & I, Vernal went on to get her master's from Columbia University and later worked on her Ph.D. at Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University. Throughout her years as educator, she served as a junior high school teacher, a principal and a librarian.

"Tennessee State University prepared me not only for a career in education, but for all my future endeavors. It wasn't just the curriculum, but the concerned faculty, who always took time to give students encouragement and advice about the school, as well as the real world," said Vernal.

Only five years after Vernal left Tennessee A & I in 1953, her son Shelly, now a mechanical engineer in Chattanooga, became the second generation of the Daniels family to attend Tennessee A & I, after a stint in the military.

"Before I chose TSU, I considered attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, Knoxville College, Fisk College and several other reputable colleges," said



Generation 2: Shelly Daniels in his 1961 yearbook picture



Generation 3: Natasha Daniels, a volunteer intern in the Bureau of Public Relations, prepares to embark on her career and life as a TSU alumna.

Shelly. "TSU was a bigger school and it had a lot more to offer.

"In the late '50s, most people travelled by train or bus and many of the historically black colleges and universities were not easily accessible to those who didn't own cars. But TSU was centrally located in the state's capitol and just minutes from downtown."

Shelly said that because TSU was funded by the state, college was also affordable compared to the other mostly private HBCUs.

While Shelly was a student, TSU was not only a good choice for academics, but also for athletics. He recalls those days with a smile.

"TSU had a football team that could not be beat, and for all the years I was there, they won every single game by large margins," he said.

"TSU's football team had no competition to the point that people lost interest in going to the games," he said, recalling that TSU won some games by 50 points, which made for predictable game days.

"In track, TSU was known throughout the country. The track team, of course, triumphed over other college teams, but also went to the Olympics, led by Wilma Rudolph. Attending Tennessee A & I was

definitely something to be proud of.

"The atmosphere at TSU then most definitely motivated a young student. I got a lot from TSU as far as learning to be a better person. All the people who encouraged me when I was in high school were TSU alumni. Della Shute and Dr. Eppse (a history professor) were key mentors for me while I was at the University.

"One thing about TSU that I believe made learning pleasurable was the family environment. There were no strangers at TSU. Drugs, theft and other campus crimes were not a problem. You could really trust your fellow students," said Shelly.

Nearly 30 years later, in 1994, Natasha's TSU has undergone many changes. The student population is approaching 8,000. The students and faculty represent all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and the football games are less predictable, with fiercer competition. With the end of segregation, TSU has become more representative of America today.

Natasha closes the yearbooks that include the first two generations of the Daniels family to attend TSU. She gazes out the window, envisioning what TSU will hold for her children.

## The President Speaks

Dr. Hefner comments on the upcoming academic year

Welcome back! Whether you serve TSU as a faculty or staff member, alumnus or friend, the beginning of a new academic year brings anticipation and expectations.

Of course, we must first focus on students. No matter what our official capacity may be, we must all rally around the fundamental purpose of this institution: to instruct students of increasing diversity for an increasingly more technological world. At TSU, we must be about the business of teaching, the most fundamental element within the academy.

How can we improve the delivery of our services? First, and most simply, we must continue to enhance those activities that strengthen us as a family. Such activities as the brown bag lunches, spearheaded by Dr. Raymond Richardson, and informal gatherings of faculty and staff help create a network for constant exchange of ideas, whereby we become more of a family. This year,

in addition to our Faculty Senate, we will explore the reformation of the Staff Senate in efforts to solidify and channel common goals and concerns.

Secondly, we must improve the quality of the academy by nurturing students in every conceivable manner, pushing them against intellectual walls, while demonstrating sensitivity to their collective and individual needs.

Thirdly, I envision a thriving Center of Excellence for Teaching at the University, through which professors can assist colleagues wishing to enhance their teaching skills. While we have worked hard to establish an Academic Intervention Center, we must likewise formulate a center—complete with various computer facilities as well as modules—for ensuring the best in quality education for all our students.

Finally, I challenge each of you to set your own goals for the coming year, goals which, when attained,

will push TSU to greater heights.

TSU values your participation in the progress of this growing institution. Let's make 1994-95 a banner year!

**Over 160,000 served!**



While it would be impossible to document every person TSU reaches in an academic year, we can total up the results in some areas. For instance, last year, the Office of Conferences and Special Events scheduled and implemented 951 events for 160,760 participants. These figures do not include academic classes or athletic events.



## Gore Begins National Conference at Tennessee State University



Vice President Al Gore recently visited the TSU campus. He selected the Floyd-Payne Campus Center as the site to begin the Family Re-Union III conference with a planning session/panel discussion.

"Family Re-Union III: The Role of Men in Children's Lives" brought Vice President Gore, Tipper Gore and experts in family development together to seek ways of reuniting children with their fathers. Gov. Ned McWherter, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Robert Grunow, commissioner of the Department of Human Services, also participated in the conference.

## McBride's Mural Helps Younger Lights Shine



He stands in front of five blank panels, each four feet wide and eight feet tall. But shortly, possibilities are born and the mural comes alive with the artistic touch of Michael McBride and students from the Edgemoor Center. They worked hard for two weekends on the project, which thousands of area residents and visitors viewed in Church Street Centre during the annual Summer Lights Festival.

"We try to get the best artists to represent the center, those who are truly interested in art and being artists," McBride told *The Tennessean*.

It not only takes talent and discipline, but also a look ahead to where you want to be, according to one participant in the program, who told *The Tennessean*, "I want to own a comic book company. I have big visions. In fact, that's the name of it [the mural] — Visions."

"Conserving Light Energy" from cover

TSU and the Department of General Services have agreed to put in place any lighting system changes that would pay for themselves in less than four years. So far, students have found that most changes will pay for themselves in one and one-half years.

According to a 1990 National Emission Factors report, energy efficient lighting can greatly reduce the amount of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide released into the earth's atmosphere. Scientists point to excessive carbon dioxide as a cause of global warming, to sulfur dioxide as a cause of acid rain and nitrogen oxide as a cause of acid rain and smog.

The report says that by switching to energy efficient lighting, for every 10,000 kilowatt hours saved (equal to the lighting in 1,500 square feet of office space), 18 barrels of crude oil and 4.72 tons of coal — and several kilograms of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide — are

saved. Saving 10,000 kilowatt hours of light energy is equal to planting 2.9 acres of trees per year.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that by changing to energy efficient lighting by the year 2000, the reduction in carbon dioxide would be equivalent to removing 44 million cars from the road. The reduction in sulfur dioxide would be equal to all sulfur dioxide in Texas and Kentucky, which are the first and the fifth largest coal-burning states. Additionally, the reduction in nitrogen oxide would be equal to the emissions from all utility companies in California, New York and Ohio.

It is also estimated that energy efficient lighting would free \$16 million annually for production reinvestment in this country.

If the lighting program at TSU proves successful, officials at the Department of General Services hope to continue the program next summer and implement it at other colleges and universities across the state.

## Homecoming '94

September 25 - October 1, 1994

TSU: A Living Legacy Soaring into the 21st Century

Look for more details on Homecoming events in the next issue of *Accent*.

## Students Get Chance to Explore Health Careers



Approximately 30 students from Tennessee, Kentucky, Colorado, Ohio and Georgia explored careers in allied health during the six-week Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP).

Revlon Spear, program coordinator and counselor, said TSU selects rising high school seniors and college freshmen and sophomores for HCOP. The students come from disadvantaged backgrounds, based on lower income or lack of other educational opportunities, and must meet such other criteria as a minimum 2.25 grade-point average, or a score of at least 16 on the ACT. Participants receive a stipend and room and board.

Courtney Moore, who will enroll at TSU in the fall, said that HCOP has given her "a head start for the fall and better direction for her career and life goals." She said field trips to local medical facilities inspired her to choose respiratory therapy as a major.

TSU student Kevin Johnson said the program instilled in him "a commitment to stay with my work." A member of the men's track team, he is considering a career in physical therapy.

Spear said the School of Allied Health Professions will accept applications for next year's HCOP through April 15, 1995. For more information, contact her at 320-3143.



"Which health career is right for me?" These participants in the annual Health Careers Opportunity Program had the chance to explore this question during a six-week stay at TSU.



# News You Can Use

## TSU tapped for 1994 Lilly Endowment Grant

TSU was one of 33 institutions nationwide selected by the Lilly Endowment to study solutions for improving liberal arts education. Faculty members **Gloria Johnson, Clayton Reeve, David Broad** and **Katherine Bryant** attended a conference at the University of Colorado this summer. They considered writing and learning activities likely to enhance student performance in these target areas of the ACT-COMP, the University's chosen exit test: 1) functioning within social institutions; 2) using science and technology; 3) using the arts; 4) communicating; 5) solving problems; and 6) clarifying values.



The TSU Lilly Endowment team: David Broad, Gloria Johnson (front row) and Katherine Bryant. Clayton Reeve also participated in the program.



Roderic Burton

## TSU teams up to serve at-risk elderly



**Roderic N. Burton** of the Department of Social Work and Sociology will team up with Alma Pillow, deputy director for the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in Nashville as part of an effort to establish a consortium with the AAA and historically black colleges and universities on the project "Gerontology Education and Training of Minorities to Serve at-Risk Elderly." As part of the project, five students will be selected to conduct field experiences with AAA and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship or stipend for their participation.

## ACCENT needs your news!

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We want to know about what you're doing so we can publish it.

## TSU/MMC Students Achieve 100 Percent Passing Rate

*Program also receives praise from American Dental Association*

Tennessee State University/Meharry Medical College dental hygiene students recently passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam with flying colors. They achieved a passing rate of 100 percent, with scores slightly above the national average of 85. Seventeen students took the test.

**Marion W. Patton**, director of the program, said, "We are very proud of the outstanding job our students have done both in the classroom and on this important exam. As one of the largest Schools of Allied Health in the nation at historically black colleges and universities, we believe we are serving our students admirably by providing the highest quality education that will prepare them for the work world."

These are not the only high marks the dental hygiene program has received recently. The Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association gave the program four commendations for excellence in the following areas: superior educational credentials of faculty; the unique relationship between TSU and Meharry; the advantages this partnership offers to students; and the high priority the program places on following safety policies and procedures. The commission also noted TSU/MMC's library facilities, which offer students access to the latest in information systems.



Marion Patton

## Oak Ridge Recognizes TSU

Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) has recognized TSU as one of its newest member institutions. ORAU is a consortium of 82 colleges and universities, which provides and develops capabilities critical to the nation's science and technology infrastructure, particularly in energy, education, training, health and the environment. The organization works with member institutions to help faculty and students gain access to federal research facilities; to keep members informed about opportunities for fellowships, scholarships, and research appointments; and to organize multi-university research alliances. ORAU also administers the application process for the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program, which annually provides 1,000 predoctoral fellowships.

## TSU Professors Learn More about South Asian Culture

**Uthaiwan Wong-opasi**, assistant professor of Spanish and linguistics, participated in the Summer Institute on South Asian Culture and Civilization. She and her colleagues, **Sandra Franklin**, associate professor of history, and **Kah-Eng Kuah**, professor of electrical and computer engineering, participated in another institute at the University of Hawaii, "Infusing Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum."

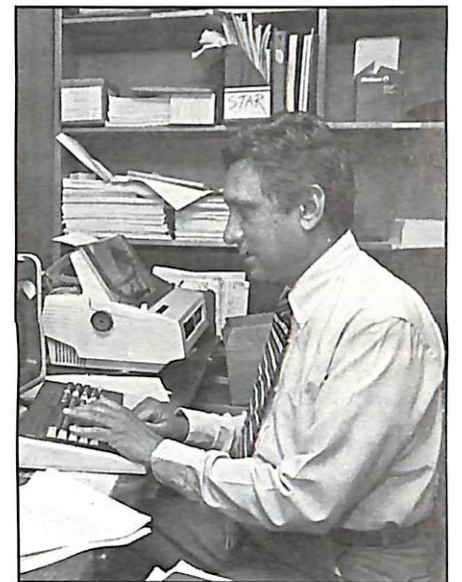
Because of rapid growth in political and economic power in various Asian countries during the past two decades, business is pushing for more education in this area, according to Wong-opasi.

"The U.S. government, as well as corporate America, have recognized the urgency of a curriculum reform in higher education to develop a global view in American students, through foreign language and cultural studies," she said.

"TSU has a long tradition of integrating multicultural studies in its curricula," said Wong-opasi. "We have been a leader in adding African and African-American dimensions and now we are proud to be studying more about Asian culture to pass along to our students."

## Husaini presents in Portugal

**Baqar Husaini**, director of the Center for Health Research, presented a paper at the annual congress of the International Council of Psychologists in Lisbon, Portugal. The paper was the result of a collaboration with Drew University of Medicine in Los Angeles, in which Husaini and Mohsen Bazargan evaluated treatment of depression in elderly females. Analyses indicated that prior depression, medical problems, stress and small network size were common indicators of current depression among both black and white females. The two samples differed, however, with regard to some dimensions of social support as predictors of their depression. White females had fewer confidants, low social integration, lack of instrumental and emotional help from friends, and less reassurance of worth, which predicts higher depression among them. Further, the impact of acute life events emerged as an indicator of higher depression among white females.



Baqar Husaini

## TSU wins first NAFEO mini-grant for AIDS education



The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) has awarded Tennessee State University \$5,000 to participate in a program to provide innovative education and prevention for HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The award is the University's first from NAFEO, which offers the grant through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Through the grant, TSU will develop a video program based upon students and HIV patients at Meharry. The video will focus on changing risky sexual behaviors by increasing knowledge about AIDS, changing personal attitudes about sex, and increasing peer support for safer sexual behaviors. The program will be used first for TSU students. Later it will be implemented at other HBCU campuses.

**Baqar Husaini** directs the project. **Delorse Lewis**, NAFEO campus liaison, will also work to implement the program.



## Oprah Winfrey Wins Emmys

TSU alumna and world-renowned talk show personality Oprah Winfrey won best talk show and best talk show host honors at the 1994 Daytime Emmy Awards.

"TSU is fortunate to have outstanding role models like you for our students," President Hefner told Winfrey, who has supported the University by funding the Vernon Winfrey Scholars Program and for whom a distinguished seminar series sponsored by the Department of Communications is named.



Oprah Winfrey

## Graduate receives fellowship to Duke's Fuqua School

The Fuqua School of Business at Duke University has awarded Melonie Cecile Coleman, a 1994 graduate, a fellowship for \$41,800 to pursue her MBA. "These fellowships represent a major commitment on the part of the school to enroll students who exhibit strong potential to excel in their academic and professional lives," said Paul West, Fuqua's director of financial aid.

## Halachmi's Research Reaches World



Arie Halachmi, professor, Institute of Government, presented a paper this summer at the Seminario Sobre Xestion de Calidade nas Administracions Publicas in Spain. He also had an article included in *The Chinese Public Administration Review*, entitled "The Utility District and Local Control: Public Management and Public Policy or How Private Interests Can Survive as Public Ones." Louis J. Baltz III, assistant to the city manager for the City of Brentwood, Tenn., co-wrote the article.



Arie Halachmi



Sam Shannon

## Shannon Awarded for Achievement



Sam Shannon of the Department of History recently received the 1994 Personal Achievement Award from the Nashville-Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Greg Winnett, MDA chapter president and assistant vice-president for Service Merchandise, told Shannon, "After having reviewed your community involvement and commitment toward the dignity and independence of Americans with disabilities, it was agreed that you are most certainly worthy of receiving this award."

## President Hefner Honored for Efforts with Disabled



The Coalition for Tennesseans with Disabilities recently presented President Hefner with an award for his work in championing the cause of the disabled and increasing public awareness of their needs. Last fall, President Hefner spent a morning travelling the campus in a wheelchair to learn first-hand the challenges a disabled student, faculty or staff member or guest of the University would face on campus.

## Getting FOCUSED

To meet the needs of non-traditional students, the Developmental Studies Department has developed FOCUS (For Older College Undergraduate Students). FOCUS provides peer tutoring, peer mentoring, lectures, seminars and a lounge area for students age 23 and older. Developmental Studies formed the group last spring to respond to this age population, which represents over 66 percent of the overall student population.

"This student population is the fastest growing in the nation and at TSU," said Vera Owens of Developmental Studies, who explained that adults return to the college classroom for several reasons. Among those are seeking a new career after losing a job, enhancing career skills for current employment, fulfilling life-long goals of earning a degree, and completing the education postponed after high school.

## Technology Rings!

*TSU is on the way to a new phone system*

This fall, TSU telecommunications should reach higher levels of sophistication with a fiber-integrated telephone system.

According to Tim Warren, director of computer services and telecommunications, the system will bring the University in line with other colleges and universities in the TBR system.

"We're going to the top," he said, indicating that TSU will, indeed, match or surpass the technology used at other institutions.

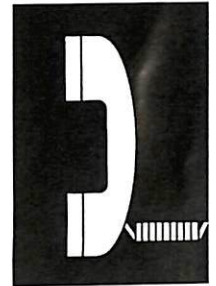
Warren said the University completed wiring for the system last spring and hopes the system will become fully operational in early fall.

"We'll, in effect, be our own phone company," said Warren, explaining that currently, every time someone dials an extension on campus, the call is filtered through South Central Bell offices downtown before coming back to the party dialed. With the new system, calls will filter through a private switchboard system (PBX) in the Floyd-Payne Campus Center. Additionally, everyone

at TSU will have voice mail capabilities, accessible from any phone on campus and can enjoy numerous features that are now limited with the almost exclusively rotary phone system. And, all employees will be connected to the Ethernet system, to further enhance internal and external communications.

The new phone system will bring not only added convenience but also added savings — to the tune of \$1 million per year — for faculty and staff. Students will reap the benefits of improved long distance services through MCI.

TSU may also look forward to continued technological improvements, including touch-tone registration for the Spring 1995 semester.



## Hale Stadium Improves

University officials this summer began to put to use the \$500,000 designated by the State for renovating Hale Stadium.

The stadium will receive a new fence and renovated ticket booths, probably before the home opener on September 3 against MTSU. Tentative plans also include construction of a walkway from the Gentry Center parking lot to the stadium and long-range plans include installation of new lights and a new sound system, as well as improved restrooms and dressing rooms.

"We are pleased that the State of

Tennessee has shown interest in the improvement of Hale Stadium," said interim athletic director Howard Gentry, Jr. "This is a positive step in the direction of a first-class football facility."

## Sports information office receives regional honors

The College Sports Information Directors of America have recognized Johnny Franks, TSU sports information director, for having the best football game program among NCAA Division I-AA institutions in district four (Tenn., Ky., Ohio, Mich., and Ala.). This accomplishment marks six consecutive years the program has been first or second in the competition.

## August Events

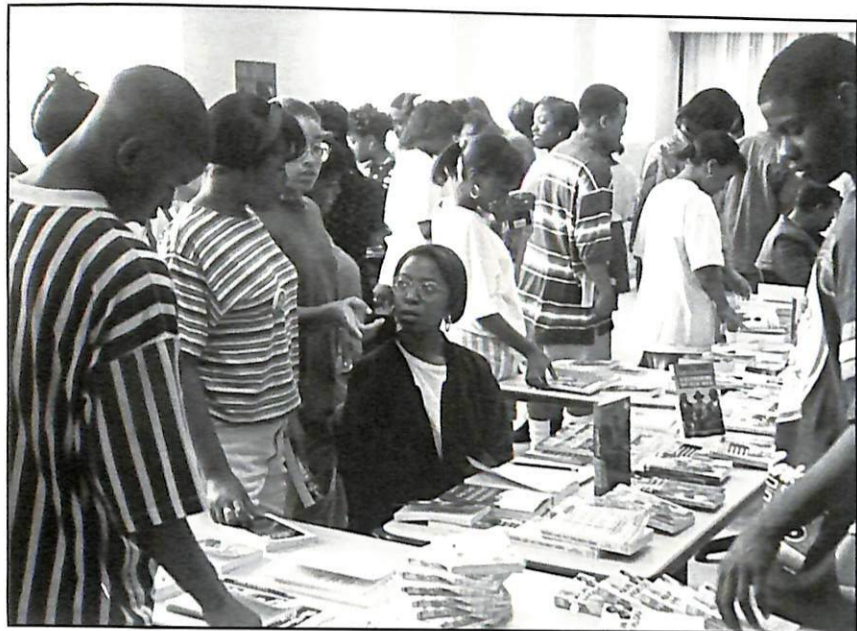
The 1994-95 academic year is fast approaching, with all the events associated with it. Remember that **Opening Orientation** will be held Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m. in Gentry Center Complex. (Contact **Fannie Hyde-Perry**, 320-3626, for details.)

**Registration** for what promises to be another record enrollment year begins August 23 with advisement and registration for **freshmen and new students** from noon until 7:00 p.m. in Kean Hall. Registration for **returning students** takes place August 24 through 26. Advisement and registration for **students taking evening, weekend and graduate classes** takes place August 22 from noon until 7:00 p.m. on the Avon Williams campus. Classes begin August 29.

**Faculty Institute** is scheduled for Monday, August 22, at the Avon Williams Campus.



## Upward Bound's Busy Summer



TSU's successful Upward Bound program continued to reach out to the community this summer. Pictured above are students taking advantage of the Upward Bound/TSU Bookstore Book Fair, which allowed "customers" to purchase most reading materials for \$2 each. Over 100 students participated in the Upward Bound program, which provides programming to encourage disadvantaged young people with potential for postsecondary education.

United States Senator Harlan Matthews said, "It makes me proud to know that Tennessee State University will have the opportunity to encourage students to continue their education, graduate from secondary school and enroll in a postsecondary education program. I appreciate your efforts in furthering educational excellence in Tennessee."

Upward Bound also offered its summer food service program this year, assisting eligible local citizens. The U.S. Department of Human Services funded the program.

## TSU Teams up with Metro Police to Improve Community Relations



Open the newspaper on any given day, and the headlines grab you. Vandalism at a church or synagogue. Violence outside a clinic or an establishment frequented by gays. Someone getting murdered or harassed because of their race or sex.

TSU and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MPD) are working to reduce these stories about hate crimes.

The Center for Extended Education has for two years co-sponsored "Community Partnership Seminars" with the MPD to improve working relationships between officers and the community. This year's curriculum focused on diversity issues as they related to hate crimes.

"Anyone can be singled out for hate-based crimes," said MPD Captain Bill Hamblin. "Race, gender, sexual orientation and religion are among the top motivators."

According to Hamblin, a Federal Act

passed in 1990 requires cities to provide statistics on hate-related crimes. He believes that because these types of crime are seeing an increase nationwide, they are probably on the rise in Nashville.

Those attending this year's two-day seminar participated in group and lecture activities on sexual harassment, gay and lesbian issues, information on cultures, the dynamics of prejudice and discrimination and law enforcement perspectives on these issues.

"I hope this conference is only the first of many that will foster greater awareness of such devastating concerns as hate crimes, domestic violence and violence in the workplace," President Hefner told the seminar attendees.

"TSU does not wish to be merely a figurehead in these efforts; we want to roll up our sleeves and do what it takes to improve the quality of life for all Nashville citizens."

## TSU Mourns Maxine Merritt

Maxine Merritt, former instructor and head women's basketball coach at TSU, and wife of the late head football coach John A. Merritt, died July 4, 1994, of a heart attack. She was 65. Mrs. Merritt is survived by daughter Bonnie Traugher and two grandchildren. Howard Gentry, Jr., interim athletic director, said those wishing to contribute to the John A. Merritt Scholarship in memory of Mrs. Merritt may do so through the TSU Foundation.

## Alumni Convention Celebrates 50th Anniversary in Atlanta

From New York to L.A., from D.C. to Dallas, representatives from all chapters of the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association (TSUNAA) gathered in Atlanta this summer for the association's 50th convention.

Those attending not only saw the nationwide representation of the university on the alumni level, but heard from President Hefner and several TSU officials about the status of the University.

Thedda Edwards, president of the TSUNAA Atlanta Chapter, said "Our theme this year 'A Proud and Rich History - A Future

Committed to Excellence' is an appropriate theme. We reflect on all of our past achievements and look to the future with a determined commitment to excellence in recruitment, increased membership and image-building."

Herman Reese and A. Leon Rhodes co-chaired the planning committee for the convention. Retired women's track coach Ed Temple

received TSUNAA's Humanitarian Award.

The following alumni were elected as national executive officers:

- Mary Adams /President
- Robert Smith/Vice President
- Joyce Long/Executive Secretary
- Gertrude Davis Scruggs/  
Recording Secretary
- Leonard Stephens/Northeast  
Regional VP
- Kenneth Benion/Southast  
Regional VP
- Joseph King/Midsouth  
Regional VP
- Robert McAdory/  
Midwest Regional  
VP
- Dorothy Goodrich/  
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- Celestine Lowe/Membership  
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- Sherman Barton/Program Chair

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## A Training Partnership



Once again this summer, students from area high schools held on-campus jobs, funded by the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and supported by the Mayor's Employment and Training Resources Agency (METRA). Pictured above are Jesse Bush, a rising freshman at Hunter's Lane Comprehensive High School, and Harold Davis, a rising sophomore at Maplewood Comprehensive High School, who were selected for this year's program

"The goal of the JTPA program is to assist youth in building a competitive foundation to meet the labor market demands of their future," said Woody Bell of Maplewood, lead teacher for the program. He says that for most students, TSU is providing them with their first jobs.

In addition to 17 hours per week on the job, students received 13 hours per week of classroom instruction, to enhance basic educational skills and encourage students to complete school or enroll in supplementary or alternative school programs. The program also included recent high school graduates like Letrice Mayfield, who are gaining valuable experience and exposure at TSU to help them secure jobs.



# Business/Education Partnerships Encourage Future Engineers



Ask a student in the fourth grade, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" and you'll probably get an answer like: "Fireman," or "police officer," or "movie star." More than likely, at that age, they won't be concentrating on professions like engineering. In fact, even in high school, students tend to shy away from careers like engineering because they already have some preconceived notion that the math and science courses they would have to take are too difficult.

However, Tennessee State University helped turn that trend around this summer, offering a host of programs this summer to interest students in grades four through twelve in math, science and engineering. Professors designed courses specifically for minorities, females, and students at risk of dropping out of school.

TSU's College of Engineering and Technology offered seven different programs, which introduced students to such subjects as electronics, math, biology, computer science, computer graphics, chemistry, algebra, aeronautics, physics and pre-calculus. Students also learned more about African-American history and gained special insight through field trips to local scientific and industrial companies.

Local engineers and scientists conducted seminars with students, encouraging them to stretch their imaginations by building their own scientific mechanisms and by participating in a science fair.

Decatur Rogers, dean of the College, said, "We have found that students learn the best when they are interested in

what they are doing and when they can participate in the learning process. By giving students opportunities to see first-hand what engineers do, to talk with professional engineers about their work, and then to apply what they learn by making something with their own hands, I believe we are providing the best possible learning environment."

Sharon Dixon, coordinator of one of the summer programs, said, "A lot of kids I meet say they find school boring, often because they can't visualize how the things they are learning will help them later in life. With these programs, students understand they are not just working for an 'A': They can apply what they are learning immediately."

Other organizations who have teamed with TSU to sponsor this program include General Motors Corp., 3M Corp., the Department of Energy, NASA-Lewis Research Center, the Proctor and Gamble Co., ALCOA, the State of Tennessee Department of Health, the Department of Defense, and the Office of Naval Research.

According to Rogers, all of these organizations also are extremely interested in making sure students not only stay in school but are provided with opportunities early in life to begin preparing for math and science oriented careers. Business/education partnerships benefit both parties because companies realize the quality of employees they will have in the future depends on the quality of educational experience we provide now. The University benefits from additional funding, from company experts who are eager to share their knowledge with students, and from other means of support.

# Cheeseborough Chosen to Succeed Temple

The baton has been passed! Chandra Cheeseborough has been selected to succeed Ed Temple as head coach of the Tigerbells.

Cheeseborough was serving as a physical education teacher and track and cross country coach in the Duval County, Fla., school system. She won two gold medals and one silver medal in the 1984 Olympics. She also became the first female to win gold medals as a member of both relay teams (4x100m and 4x400m) in the same Olympics. Her silver medal came in the 400m dash.

Cheeseborough received her bachelor's degree in 1982 from TSU, where she was a Tigerbelle. The three-time Olympian (1976, 1980 and 1984) has been named to the TSU Sports Hall of Fame and the Florida Track Hall of Fame.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Cheeseborough attended the summer track program at TSU as a junior and senior at Jacksonville's Ribault High

School. At age 16, she emerged a star by winning a gold medal in the 200 meters in record-setting time at the 1975 Pan-American Games in Mexico City. She placed second in the 100 and 200 meters in the USA Olympic trials at Eugene, Ore., in 1976, which won her a spot on the Olympic team. She finished sixth in the 100 meters in the Olympics that year held in Montreal and qualified for the 1980 Olympic team, which boycotted the games, in the 100- and 200-meter sprints.

"TSU awaits more Olympic champions from the tutelage of Coach Cheeseborough," said Howard Gentry, Jr., interim athletic director. "I have every confidence she will carry the torch lit by Coach Temple."



# TBR Corner

## TBR, State Salute College of Business



The Tennessee Board of Regents recently honored TSU at a luncheon, officially recognizing the accreditation of the College of Business by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

TBR Chancellor Charles Smith said, "On behalf of the Board of Regents, we are very proud of what Tennessee State University's College of Business has achieved. You have brought great credit to the institution and to the university system statewide. The College of Business has long offered quality academic programs, but accreditation strengthens greatly the reputation of the College and paves the way for even more success in the future."

During the occasion, State Representative Harold Love presented President Hefner and the business faculty with a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives commending the University on its achievement.

Pictured above are President Hefner, TBR Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Nebraska Mays, Chancellor Smith, Representative Love, TSU Vice-President for Academic Affairs Augustus Bankhead, and College of Business Dean Tilden Curry.

## Tiger Pride Gala

to benefit the TSU Department of Athletics

Friday, September 2, 1994

6:00 p.m.

Loews Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel

Reception, followed by concert featuring The Original Mannhattans

Tickets: \$50 Reservations: 320-3594 or 320-3787

## College 101, through NYSP



"When are they coming?" is the question HPE assistant professor Jesse James hears until 500 young people (ages 10-16) arrive on campus for the National Youth Sports Program . . . then everyone knows they're here! While the NYSPers got their share of activity through dance classes, swimming lessons, volleyball and basketball, they also got a fuller taste of campus life. "We bring them out and let them see what goes on on a college campus," said James, who served as activity director of the program. He also said NYSP gives participants the chance to meet area professionals and benefit from such enrichment programs as drug education. James hopes to see "graduates" of NYSP as TSU students, local professionals and national role models.

Above — These swimmers show off after their lessons. They were among 500 participants in this year's National Youth Sports Program at TSU.



## National Championships held at Tennessee State



This gymnast was among 700 competitors in the National Championships for the American Trampoline and Tumbling Association, held in the Gentry Center Complex.

With hope in their eyes and a dream in their hearts, about 700 excited, energetic athletes from around the country travelled to TSU in July to compete in the National Championships for the American Trampoline and Tumbling Association.

"TSU is honored to have been a part of encouraging these athletes in achieving their dreams of becoming the best in the nation and ultimately, the best in the world in their sport," said Lula Collier, the University's vice-president for administration.

Athletes from ages six to 45 tested their skills in four categories: trampolining, power tumbling, double mini-trampolining and synchronized trampolining. They were judged on form, skill and degree of difficulty. From the elite group, judges selected the team that will represent the United States in the World Championships, which take place in Portugal this October. Two men and two women were chosen from each of the four competition categories.

Ann Sims, executive director of ATTA, said, "We were thrilled to be

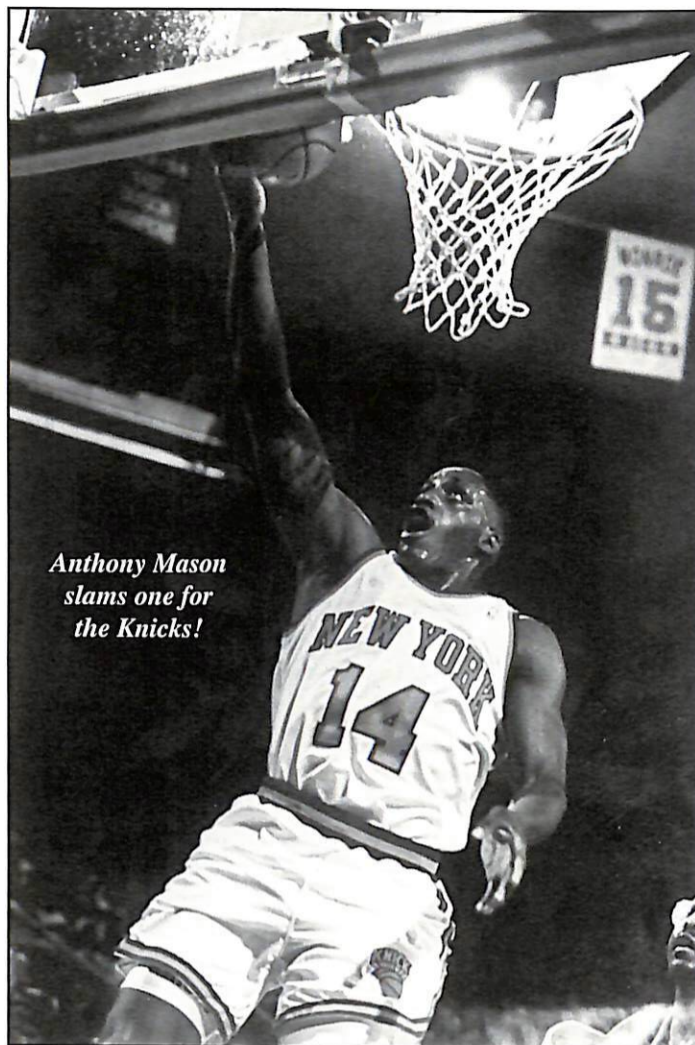
competing this year in Nashville at Tennessee State University. This year's competition was one of the best ever. These people represent some of the most skilled athletes and we are extremely proud of their stellar accomplishments."

Jerrold McRae, director of the Gentry Center Complex, where the ATTA held its competition, said the University's state-of-the-art facilities were designed specifically with large-scale events in mind. In 1993-94, the Gentry Complex also hosted numerous other athletic competitions and events. Additionally, it housed the majority of Student Orientation events and commencement ceremonies for other local high schools and colleges.

### In Related News . . .

. . . TSU holds an impressive record of its own in producing world-class athletes. Former women's track coach Ed Temple alone coached 40 athletes who competed in the Olympics and who won a combined 23 Olympic medals (13 gold, six silver and four bronze).

## TSU in the NBA



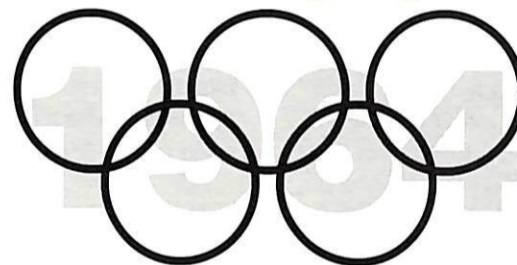
Anthony Mason slams one for the Knicks!

Tennessee State University salutes the recent success of former TSU basketball players, Anthony Mason and Carlos Rogers.

Mason, who played for TSU from 1984 to 1988, played a pivotal role as a key reserve for the New York Knicks as his squad made it all the way to the NBA finals.

Rogers, who was the OVC Player of the Year for the last two seasons, was drafted in the first round of the recent NBA draft by the Seattle SuperSonics. He was the eleventh pick overall. Rogers was recently traded to Golden State.

## Tennessee State Olympic Moment



### 1964: Summer Olympics, Tokyo, Japan

Tigerbelles Wyomia Tyus and Edith McGuire raced to Olympic history. In a rare Olympic moment, the Tyus-McGuire combination finished first and second, respectively, in the 100m dash to bring home the gold and silver medal for the United States and Tennessee State University. Coach Ed Temple said TSU was the only college or university in the world to hold that distinction.

### 1994 TSU Football Schedule

Sept. 3	Nashville, TN	Middle Tennessee State University
Sept. 10	Memphis, TN	Jackson State University
Sept. 17	Morhead, KY	Morehead State University
Sept. 24	Atlanta, GA	South Carolina State University
Oct. 1	Nashville, TN	Florida A & M University
	(Homecoming - Vanderbilt Stadium)	
Oct. 8	Richmond, KY	Eastern Kentucky University
Oct. 15	Nashville, TN	Austin Peay State University
Oct. 22	Nashville, TN	UT-Martin
Oct. 29	Nashville, TN	Open
Nov. 5	Cookeville, TN	Tennessee Tech University
Nov. 12	Murray, KY	Murray State University
Nov. 19	Nashville, TN	Southeast Missouri State University

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