

April 5-6

Three Score and Seven Observed

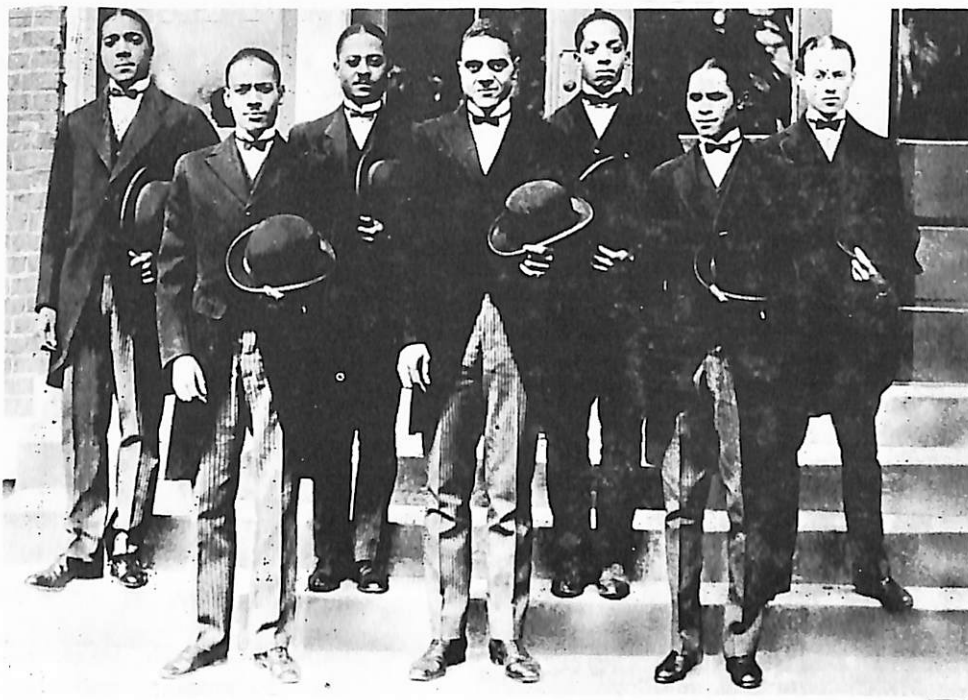
In the beginning four men, 247 students and an act passed by the General Assembly of Tennessee in 1909, created, instituted and pursued what was to become the legacy of one of the greatest institutions of the state of Tennessee, Tennessee State University.

In 1912, when the doors opened to admit the first students to the Agricultural and Industrial Normal School for Negroes, a program of excellence in higher education started.

With only two dormitories, one building and a president's residence, William Jasper Hale, along with a faculty and staff of fifteen, began shaping and molding young men and women. Nineteen-twenty-four marked the first college graduating class.

Over a period of 70 years, the institution's name has changed from Agricultural Industrial State Normal College, Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College, Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State Uni-

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First Graduating Class

FOUNDER'S DAY EDITION



APRIL 5, 1979

USDA Seminar

Dr. Wallace Feted Speaker

"Outreach '79," a seminar implemented by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), kicks off April 5 and 6, in the Women's Building, Tennessee State University.

Dr. Joan S. Wallace, Assistant Secretary for Administration,, USDA, is the featured speaker.

Her most recent awards included the Delta Sigma Theta, Meritorious Award in Education and Administration, honorary membership, Toastmasters International, Honorary Colonel on the staff of Cliff Finch, Governor of Mississippi and the Capital Hill Kiwanis

Club Award for Outstanding Achievement and Service to the nation. In addition, she is the recipient of such honors as Who's Who in America, the World Who's Who of Women, Outstanding Educators of America, Who's Who in Black America and several others.

"The seminars are designed to improve communications between persons responsible for delivering the more than 300 programs of the people who are recipients," said Dr. Wallace.

Other Universities participating are

Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.; North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, N. C.; University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX.

The seminars are coordinated by the department's office of equal opportunity.



Dr. Joan S. Wallace

Sports History

TSU Maker of Champions

TSU has an OUTSTANDING record in competitive sports.

Starting with the football team, 125 of its players have been drafted into the pro ranks. Since John Merritt took over as head coach in 1963, TSU has compiled a stunning 120-25-5 record. In the last 13 years, it has not had a losing season and in 1977 was named the "winningest major college team" over the last eleven years.

Continuing into basketball, championship competition abounds. In the last quarter century, TSU has a 556-176 won-lost record under coaches like Johnny McLendon (who coached the three straight championship teams), Harold Hunter and now Ed Martin who has a 403-183 career record. It has been in the NCAA tournament every year but one. In all, it has been in the tourney nine times.

Track and field has probably gained the most nationwide and internation-

SERI Publishes Solar Education Directory

The Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI) has published the first *National Solar Energy Education Directory*.

The 300 page *Directory* is a comprehensive up-to-date listing of solar-related courses, programs and curricula offered at nearly 700 post-secondary institutions nationwide.

It contains very detailed information, all of which is stored in the computerized data base. It provides the name, city, state, zip code and tele-

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versity and now Tennessee State University.

The intervening years brought presidents, Walter S. Davis, Andrew Torrence, and Frederick S. Humphries (present) to achieve what seemed to be the impossible, the survival of TSU. These men witnessed the growth and maturity of the University.

Presently the institutions employs over 1000 faculty and staff members, serves an estimated 5,500 students and exists on some 470 acres of land.

al recognition for TSU. At least 32 TSU women have represented the USA from the 1956 Olympics through Montreal in 1976.

Known as the Tigerbelles and coached by world famous Ed Temple, they have won a total of 11 gold, five silver and four bronze medals during the past five Olympiads.

Temple has not only been coach of the U.S. women's team for the '60 and '64 Olympics, but was also named coach of the '59 and '75 Pan American Games for the U.S. He has been the Tigerbelle Coach for over a quarter of a century, and in April, 1978, a beautifully constructed modern tartan-surfaces track was dedicated to him.

TSU has also produced major league baseball players and with its baseball and swimming programs moving up, the future looks extremely bright in these sports, too.

phone number of each institution. Detailed course, program and curriculum information exists for each entry; the instructor's name, course and department number, how many credits are offered, whether it is a graduate or undergraduate course, the duration of the course, the topics that are covered, the number of times taught and even the average enrollment are all included in the listings.

The *Directory* is available through the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for \$4.75.

An order by deceased Judge Frank Gray, of Nashville, TSU will merge with the University of Tennessee at Nashville in July. The two combined institutions will remain under the name of Tennessee State University and possibly double the inrollment. In addition, it will have access to a modern facility located in the downtown area.

The belief in scholarship, the emphasis of academics and the skills of leadership together, embraced in the minds of the past, conquered racism and left by the "Cumberland's fertile shore," Tennessee State University. — Happy Birthday, TSU.



COACH MERRITT



COACH MARTIN

Bureau of Public Relations

Accent is published each Monday through the fall and spring semesters for the faculty and staff at the University. Deadline for inclusion is 10:00 a.m. each Thursday.

The Presidents

TSU has had four presidents since its inception. William J. Hale became the first president at age 37. He headed the school from 1912 when the school was called the Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School for Negroes to 1943. During his tenure the name of the school changed several times, including Agricultural and Industrial State Normal College, 1924 and Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College, 1927.

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Dr. William J. Hale

Dr. Walter S. Davis, president from 1943 to 1968, started his affiliation with TSU in 1931. In addition to his unusual ability in agriculture and related sciences, he was a good football coach from 1933 to 1936. While he was head coach the college was admitted to the Mid-western Athletic Association. Under his presidential leadership the physical plant of the university expanded.

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Dr. Andrew Torrence, president from 1968 to 1974, was an alumnus of the University. He took over leadership of TSU at age 48, and the school was given its present name during his tenure. He, like Dr. Davis, was a product of the land-grant philosophy of education. The greatest need at the University when Dr. Davis became president was general management, student unrest and a desegregation lawsuit.



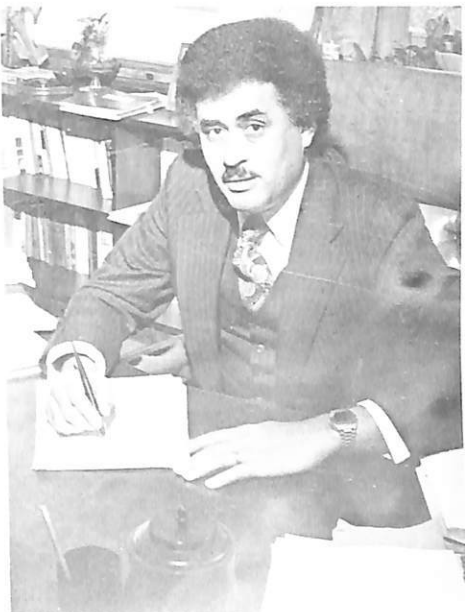
Dr. W. S. Davis

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Dr. Frederick Humphries' appointment as president dates from January, 1975. The University has continued its expansion under Dr. Humphries' leadership. His main involvement has been with the court ordered merger of UTN at Nashville and TSU, as well as developing innovative academic programs.



Dr. Andrew Torrence



Dr. Frederick S. Humphries

School Name Changes

- Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School for Negroes, 1912
- The Agricultural and Industrial State Normal College, 1924
- Tennessee Agriculture and Industrial State Teachers College, 1927
- Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College
- Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State University
- Tennessee State University at Nashville, May 8, 1969

Gifts

Hercules, Inc. donated \$2,000 to the School of Engineering for unrestricted use in maintaining and improving engineering programs.

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Matthew J. Peck of Columbia, Tennessee donated \$20.00 in unrestricted funds to the University. It has been added to the General Scholarship Fund to aid students.

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The Schools

The Graduate School, as it is known today, was founded in 1942 with its first graduates in June, 1944. It offers graduate degrees: Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Education; Master of Education; Master of Science and Specialist in Education. The School has been housed in the modern 4-story Graduate Building since 1967.

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The Graduate Building also houses the Arts & Science classes leading to the AB degree. Two types of undergraduate programs are offered. One program prepares the student for teaching and the second program for professions other than teaching. When the School was elevated to University status in August, 1951, the School of Arts and Sciences was approved.

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Dr. Everette Witherspoon's domain is The Education Building which was erected in 1958. This School also achieved its recognition in August, 1951. It is composed of six departments; Administration; Curriculum and Instruction; Art Education; Music, Criminal Justice; Health, Physical Education and Recreation; and Psychology concerned with preparing teachers for service.

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Authorized by the State Board of Education in 1974, the School of Allied Health Professions is jointly supported and administered by Meharry Medical College and TSU. The school presently offers programs in Dental Hygiene, Health Care Administration and Planning, Medical Technology, Nursing Education, and Medical Records Administration, the only program classes actually taught in the Industrial Arts Building.

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The State Board of Education approved The School of Agriculture and Home Economics in August 1958. The W. W. Lawson Agriculture Building, erected in 1956, houses the classes in major fields of rural development, animal science and plant science. The Home Economics Education and Home Economics majors receive their instruction in the Walter S. Davis Home Economics and Nursing Education Complex, built in 1970.

The School of Engineering which emerged by an Act of the Legislature in 1948, was formally organized in 1950 with the move into the Jim Nance McCord Building. Now Dean Isibor is looking forward to a move into a newly proposed engineering school. Students are able to choose degrees in Architectural Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Art and Technology and Mechanical Engineering.

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This School is responsible, in conjunction with the seven schools, for establishing and maintaining all continuing education activities of TSU, including noncredit programs, short courses, conferences, and institutes. The activities and classes of continuing education are within the confines of the Women's Building.

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A Division of Business was authorized by the State Board of Education in 1958. It was not until 1976 that the School of Business was authorized. In 1977 it moved into the newest structure on the campus. Its three stories are irregular overlapping box-like in design, with brightly modern classrooms filled with tiered theatre type seating. The Bachelor of Science degree seeking students are offered curricula in accounting, business education, business administration, management and office administration. One may pursue a non-degree two-year stenographic and clerical program. Business education majors may also pursue an M.A.

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Founder's Day Activities

Thursday, April 5

- 10:00 a.m.—Convocation, University Auditorium
- 1:00 p.m.—SEMINARS—Music—Recital Hall, Music Building
Business, Business Building
Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Kean Hall, Room 113
- 2:30 p.m.—Communications, Graduate Building-413
- 7:00 p.m.—CONCERT—Bob Holmes Ensemble: Recital Hall, Music Building
- 2:30 p.m.—SEMINAR—Poetry Reading, East Wing, 1st Floor, Old Library
- 8:00 p.m.—Banquet



Left to right—top: Dr. James Reeves, Dean of the Graduate School; Dr. Robert Hudson, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Everette Witherspoon, Dean of the School of Education; Dr. Andrew Bond, Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions; Dr. Roland Norman, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Home Economics; Dr. Edward I. Isibor, Dean of the School of Engineering; Dr. James E. Farrell, Dean of the School of Extension and Continuing Education; and Dr. John Masten, Dean of the School of Business Administration.

Merger Update

JAMES E. HANEY, Coordinator of Merger

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According to Sandra Ivey, Staff Writer of *The Tennessean*, the proposed TSU-Peabody Consolidation came as a result of the prevailing belief in higher education that "states involved in desegregation cases like Tennessee's will at some point come under HEW guidelines for desegregating traditionally black colleges." Viewed in light of these guidelines, the TSU-Peabody consolidation, like the TSU-UTN merger, would have enhanced "the role of traditional black colleges by the addition of programs likely to attract a racially varied student population."

Discussion of the proposed consolidation became public on February 13, 1979, and for the next several weeks the principals involved (the State Board of Regents, Tennessee Higher Education Commission, TSU, Peabody and Vanderbilt) debated the merits of the proposal through the two daily newspapers, the *Nashville Banner* and *The Tennessean*.

Chancellor Roy Nicks of the State Board of Regents was the moving spirit behind the proposition and regarded it as "one of the most significant developments in higher education in this country." The area's need for doctoral programs at an affordable rate, was the motive behind Chancellor Nicks support of the proposition. It came after the Tennessee Higher Education Commission denied plans for a TSU doctoral program in education last fall on the grounds that George Peabody College for Teachers was meeting the area's need for the degree. Peabody officials who opposed a cooperative arrangement between Memphis State University and Tennessee State University to offer the doctorate in education, believed that it would hurt Peabody "which would have been charging \$115.00 per graduate hours to TSU's \$25.00."

Nevertheless, studies showed that between 100 and 150 persons in the area would enroll in doctoral degree programs in education if they were offered at state university tuition rates of \$25.00 per graduate hour. These people would have enrolled in such programs had Peabody consolidated with TSU, but many will not be able to afford the higher tuition rate at Peabody as an independent school or merged with Vanderbilt.

It is impossible to deny the advantages the proposed consolidation offered Tennessee State University. TSU would have become a major urban university with "multiple advantages it does not now possess." It would have, according to an editorial in the *Tennessean*, allowed "the university to move away from a curriculum designed at the outset to limit opportunities to farming and industry." A curriculum that recognized that "society offered few choices to black graduates and to broaden programs was seen as a waste of money." As President Humphries explained in a letter to friends and alumni of the university: "the TSU-Peabody proposal presents some enormous benefits for both institutions while allowing Tennessee State University to continue its long-standing mission and acquire the capacity to offer doctoral degrees and provide broader services to the State of Tennessee." Such a consolidation, President Humphries believed, would have allowed Tennessee State University to "accommodate the educational aspirations of a much wider portion of our society."

Despite the prospects offered by the proposed consolidation, the proposal by Vanderbilt University that Peabody become George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University, a professional school concerned with "education and human development," helped to undercut, if not defeat, the efforts of the State Board of Regents, Tennessee State University, and others in favor of the measure.

Following the acceptance of the Vanderbilt proposal by the Peabody Board of Trustees, (without voting on the proposal offered by the SRB), the question was raised as "to whether Peabody, as part of Vanderbilt, would compete with TSU for doctoral programs through a contractual relationship with the state?" For example, the state would subsidize some students in designated doctoral programs, thus helping to lower the higher tuition Peabody students are expected to pay as a result of the merger with Vanderbilt. This proposition was first discussed in November, 1978, with George Peabody officials after THEC requested officials of the school to "consider a contractual program under which the state would pay the difference between private and public tuition for selected Tennessee residents studying there."

Chancellor Nicks has indicated the opposition of the SBR to any scheme that would "put money into a private institution for programs we could offer at TSU." He noted that the TSU-UTN merger placed the state under a court order to desegregate TSU and enhance programs and it would seem that for the state to put money directly into a private institution in competition with Tennessee State would be in conflict with that."

Bernard Crowell, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, said that TSU will renew its efforts to get doctoral programs in education and suggested that the school "may be able to take over the programs offered by Peabody that may not survive the transition to Vanderbilt." President Humphries best summarized the administration point of view when he noted that "ultimately, the losers in the deal is not Tennessee State University but the citizens of the community. We feel that there is a need in this community for doctoral programs at TSU. The community has got to come to understand that and make its own statement." He feels that "this community needs to have the option of public doctoral programs. . . . I think that's going to happen at TSU."

While the proposed consolidation did not materialize, the discussion nevertheless, offered significant encouragement for the future. More specifically, it demonstrated the need and support for affordable, public doctoral degree programs in the area and the commitment of the SBR to the desires of TSU to offer such programs. This commitment was demonstrated by the support given by the staff of the SBR in favor of the cooperative arrangement with Memphis State and the Chancellor in favor of the TSU-Peabody consolidation. Most significant, it demonstrated the desires on the part of the administration and faculty at TSU to place their jobs on the line in the interest of making Tennessee State University the comprehensive, doctoral degree granting institution it will ultimately become.

News Briefs

The Birmingham Chapter of the Big Blue Club hosted its "First Annual banquet of Champions," March 24.

Head "Tiger" Football Coach, John Merritt, was the featured speaker.

Special invited guests were, Coach Eddie Robinson of Grambling, H. Casem of Alcorn State, and Paul (Bear) Bryant, of the University of Alabama.

University participants Dr. George Pruitt, Dr. Don Watkins, Coach Samuel Whitmon, Evelyn Bell, Edward Gooding and Archie Cooley also attended the affair.

The banquet was held at Lawson State Community College, in Birmingham, Alabama.

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The TSU Foundation will sponsor a one-week Caribbean Tour during the month of June.

The trip will include: round trip jet service to Miami, Florida, three port calls, seven meals and a snack a day, welcome aboard party, full range of night entertainment abroad, duty free shopping and many other complimentary features.

For further information contact Dr. Calvin Atchison, Vice-President for Research, Planning and Development, ext. 3700 by May 1.

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There's a "Rap Session" every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in Room 106, School of Business Building. Contact Dr. Cecille Crump for further information or questions. If you're interested in getting your opinions aired, DO ATTEND. It's fun and informative!

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Dr. Bobby L. Lovett, Assistant Professor of History, is writing a chapter on Nashville's Fort Negley, to be included in a volume of the series on *Tennessee History* being published by Memphis State University Press. His most recent article, "The Memphis Riots: White Reaction to Blacks in South Memphis, May 1865-July 1866," will appear in the *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Spring 1979.

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Second Year Nursing Students and Faculty attended a "Care of the

Burned Patient" Workshop at the University of Alabama Burn Center in Birmingham on January 31, 1979.

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Dr. Roland Norman was proclaimed "The Ag-Man of the Year by the TSU Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy at its annual awards Banquet, March 24, 1979. The award recognized his achievements in promoting agricultural programs at TSU.

Dr. Troy Wakefield, Jr. received an award for Outstanding Graduate Research in Home Economics in the area of nutrition from the Tennessee Home Economics Association at its annual meeting on March 30-31. This award recognized his research on the relationship of biochemical and dietary parameters to growth in preadolescent black and white girls.

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Jobs Available

Clerk Typist: Person must have the ability to type 60-65 WPM accurately. Must have excellent telephone personality and be able to receive visitors and clients entering the Center. Must be able to maintain in strictest personal confidence all confidential information related to clients. Must work well with others, be punctual, dependable, articulate and perform other clerical duties as may be required by the professional staff. Must be available for duties during test administration on Saturdays. High school diploma with at least one year of specialized secretarial training. Good grammar skills. Experience not necessary. Excellent reference from training school. Salary: \$6800. Deadline

for application is April 8, 1979. **Guidance and Counseling** to provide a broad range of counseling services to university students. Must have some knowledge of individual and group counseling relative to alcohol and drug related problems, developing preventative alcohol and drug abuse programs and counseling in educational/vocational planning and personal/social concerns. Must have interest and experience in outreach activities. Will also be involved in other activities of the Counseling Center. Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology or Guidance and Counseling required, with at least three years of ex-

perience. Salary: \$13,500. Application deadline is April 29, 1979.

Secretary (Steno): Performs secretarial and clerical duties in connection with management of the Bookstore. Receives, opens, sorts incoming mail. Codes and date-stamps invoices. Screens out those items she can handle and distributes the rest to appropriate personnel for action. Receives and screens telephone calls. Takes and transcribes dictation, types letters, revisions and purchased orders as required. Must demonstrate ability to deal tactfully with the University community and the general public. Knowledge of office methods and procedures. Basic knowledge of accounting principles and bookkeeping. Ability to type 60 WPM. Some overtime required. Must be graduate of an accredited high school and must possess a two-year Business Certificate. Salary \$6,435. Deadline for application is April 5, 1979.

Assistant Researcher: Will be responsible for field research, collecting samples to be analyzed and for maintaining a well organized research area. In addition, the individual may interact with other faculty, graduate and undergraduate students on research related projects. The type of research involved will consist of nitrogen molybdenum and sulfur determination. B.S. plus at least three years of experience in agronomic research or some related area required. He/she should have a good science background (instrument and equipment). In addition, the individual should be able to use analytical balances, spectrophotometer, and pH meter and to do soil hydrometer studies, total nitrogen sulfur and molybdenum. Salary: \$8,000. Application deadline is April 26, 1979.

Co-Investigator: Is responsible for the developing procedures, conducting experiments, setting up the research lab, and assisting in field research development. The individual will also be called upon to write research proposals; in addition, he/she will be responsible for conducting theses or projects to be developed from these studies, and for maintaining field plots and the overall area. An M.S. is required, with a strong background in biochemistry and/or five years of experience in agronomic research, including field and lab. This type of research will include nitrogen, molybdenum and sulfur determination, along with the use of analytical balances, automatic titrators, pH meters, automatic absorption, and spectrophotometer. Salary: \$12,000. Application deadline is April 26, 1979.