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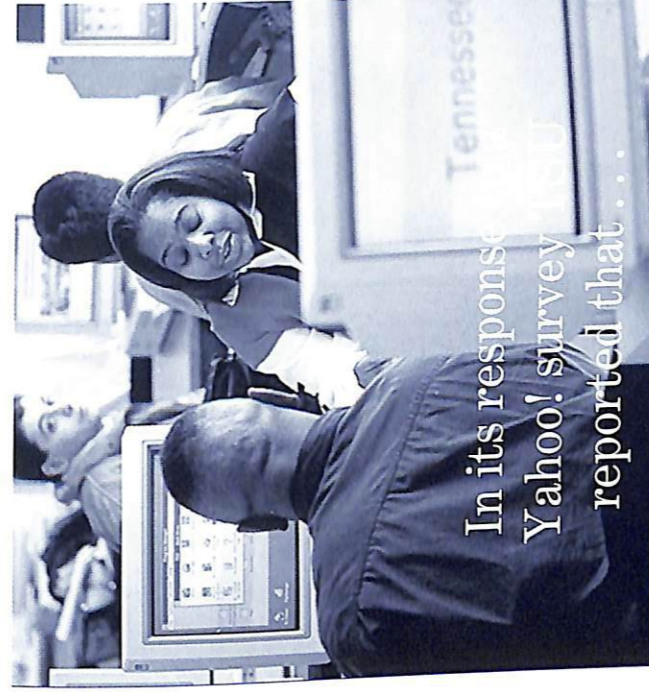
Tennessee State makes list of “Most Wired” universities

Tennessee State University has made the Yahoo! list of the nation's “100 Most Wired Campuses 2000,” an annual ranking of higher educational institutions that offer students the most comprehensive computer technologies. TSU debuted at No. 55.

“TSU's strong placement on the list of America's most wired campuses indicates our commitment to being a 21st century institution,” said TSU president James A. Hefner. “I think being listed proves that we are providing avenues of technological opportunity and extending state-of-the-art education to our students, faculty and staff, as well as to the citizens of Tennessee and beyond.”

Yahoo! Internet Life, published on ZDNNet, invited all 3,631 open-enrollment, accredited, undergraduate two- and four-year institutions in the United States to participate in an on-line survey to determine the scope of computer resources available to students. It based its rankings on how colleges and universities fit criteria in the following categories: access and infrastructure, administrative services, general resources and student support. TSU achieved an overall score of 78.73 out of 100.

“We benchmarked ourselves against the



In its response to a Yahoo! survey, TSU reported that . . .

. . . 100 percent of its public-access computers have been purchased in the last two years.

. . . 100 percent of residence halls and buildings are equipped with computers with Internet capabilities.

. . . students may apply to and register for classes at the university on line.

. . . each student is allotted between 11 and 25 megabytes of web space and network file space.

. . . students can print an unlimited number of pages per semester at no charge.

. . . students can reserve library books electronically.

. . . large-screen monitors, voice-to-text and text-to-voice technology, and wheelchair-accessible computer terminals are available to students with disabilities.

universities that offer the best in technology,” said Dennis Gendron, associate vice president for academic affairs at TSU. Gendron chairs the university's Technology Vision Committee, a group comprised of faculty and staff from across all disciplines, which has worked for the past three years to improve the quality of computer services available to students.

“Many students now have their own web pages, and the amount of e-mail they generate is phenomenal,” Gendron said. “Students are using e-mail to turn in papers and communicate with their professors and classmates. More and more of them are sophisticated users when they get here and we want to meet their level of expectation as far as technology is concerned.”

The Technology Vision Committee is working to increase the number of courses offered on line. Plans are in place to train more faculty on using the web to teach classes and to enhance traditional classroom teaching. TSU already offers its orientation class and select education and English composition courses on line. The TSU Institute of Government and Department of Sociology also are planning to offer courses via the Internet and, beginning this fall, the School of Nursing will be offering on-line classes in conjunction with Columbia State

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and Volunteer State community colleges. Additionally, TSU has several computer-assisted courses in its current curriculum.

How will TSU remain a "most wired" campus? According to Gendron, the TSU Technology Vision Committee is supporting the goals of the Department of Communication and Information Technologies to

provide "widespread wireless" service to students. Using wireless cards, which eventually may be checked out from the library, students will be able to access the university network in more areas on campus. Those with laptop computers will find more outlets in key campus areas, such as the dining hall and Kean Hall, to plug in to the network

"We hope to give free Internet access to off-campus students," Gendron added. "The most wired universities—the Carnegie Mellons, the MITs—allow free access to the Internet. We also want to give students unlimited personal space on the Internet and create more 21st century classrooms."

America's Most Wired Universities, as listed by Yahoo! Internet Life on ZDNet

1. Carnegie Mellon University
2. University of Delaware
3. New Jersey Institute of Technology
4. Indiana University-Bloomington
5. Dartmouth College
6. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
7. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
8. University of Virginia
9. Washington State University
10. University of California-Los Angeles
11. State University of New York-Buffalo
12. Pennsylvania State University-University Park
13. University of Idaho
14. Rochester Institute of Technology
15. Georgia Institute of Technology
16. Drexel University
17. *Ball State University*
18. Florida State University
19. Wake Forest University
20. Iowa State University of Science and Technology
21. University of Dayton
22. North Carolina State University
23. Worcester Polytechnic Institute
24. George Mason University
25. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
26. University of Pennsylvania
27. Illinois Institute of Technology
28. University of Colorado-Boulder
29. New York University
30. Seton Hall University
31. University of Missouri-Rolla
32. University of Cincinnati
33. Kansas State University
34. University of Missouri-Columbia
35. Oregon State University
36. University of Texas-Austin
37. Stevens Institute of Technology
38. Ohio State University
39. University of California-Santa Cruz
40. University of Maryland-College Park
41. Northwestern University
42. University of Miami
43. University of Scranton
44. University of Illinois-Chicago
45. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
46. Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis
47. Villanova University
48. James Madison University
49. University of Oregon
50. Rutgers University
51. Kent State University
52. University of Connecticut
53. Miami University
54. University of California-San Diego
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56. New York Institute of Technology-Utica/Rome

57. University of Alaska-Fairbanks
58. University of Wisconsin-Madison
59. Syracuse University
60. Michigan State University
61. Temple University
62. Catholic University of America
63. Marshall University
64. Grand Valley State University
65. University of Denver
66. Pacific University
67. University of Richmond
68. Western Carolina University
69. West Virginia University
70. Pace University
71. University of New Mexico
72. Hampton University
73. University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
74. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
75. University of North Carolina-Wilmington
76. University of North Dakota
77. Georgetown University
78. Brigham Young University
79. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
80. Minot State University
81. Creighton University
82. State University of New York-Geneseo
83. University of Houston
84. University of Notre Dame
85. Clemson University
86. Western Washington University
87. Baylor University
88. University of Central Florida
89. University of Toledo
90. University of Southern California
91. University of Washington
92. University of Vermont
93. University of South Carolina
94. North Dakota State University
95. College of Mount St. Joseph
96. University of South Florida
97. Bridgewater State College
98. State University of New York-Binghamton
99. Nova Southeastern University
100. Tulane University

Of note:

-Hampton (Va.) University, ranked No. 72, is the only other historically black institution on the list.

-TSU reported a conservative 50 percent of classrooms wired for high-speed Internet access. Actually, the university installed a fiber-optic network system through its recently completed \$112 million capital improvements project, thus "wiring" virtually every classroom on campus.



Delphine Ford, a 1980 TSU graduate, is among several alumni who purchased bricks to raise funds for scholarships and for improving the historic Air Force ROTC building, located at the entrance to Hale Stadium. The walkway of bricks was unveiled during the national alumni convention, held June 15-18.

TSU Alumni at NAFEO Convention *(National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education)*

Alabama State Supreme Court Justice Ralph Cook (class of 1964), Matthew Kinnard (class of 1957), TSU president James A. Hefner and Delbert Mullens (class of 1968).



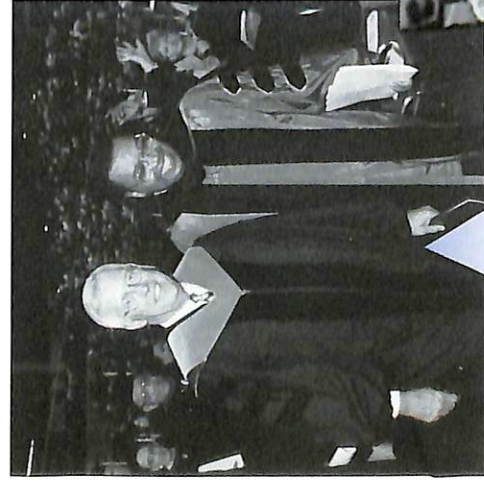
Past recipients of the TSU Distinguished Alumni Award, offered annually at the NAFEO conference: T.B. Boyd III (class of 1968), Ada Jackson (class of 1959, president of the Nashville chapter of the TSU National Alumni Association), Tommie Morton-Young (class of 1951), and Richard Lewis (class of 1966).



Cook, Kinnard, Hefner, Mullens, TSU first lady Edwina Hefner and Joni Neal (class of 1979, president of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the TSU National Alumni Association).



Tennessee State University will excel in the face of “lightning-speed change,” Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist told the nearly 900 graduates during the university’s spring commencement exercises, because “TSU has always proven to the world that dedication, devotion and raw talent can move mountains.”



Two leaders lead the procession: Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist and TSU president James A. Hefner make their way to the platform.



TSU quarterback and Washington Redskins signee Leon Murray receives his diploma from Bobby Lovett, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



Michael Thompson, an all-OVC offensive lineman for the TSU football team and NFL draft pick of the Atlanta Falcons, looks out at the crowd as he exits the stage. Thompson earned his bachelor of science degree in health, physical education and recreation.

Ready to go forth



“Whatever course you choose in life from this day forward, you can be certain that TSU has prepared you well,” Sundquist said. During his speech, he recalled the annual \$15,000 allocation from the state the university received very early in its history and noted that to stay competitive in the educational arena today, TSU, like other state-supported institutions, must seek greater financial investment from the private sector.

“You will be called on to help propel your alma mater to world-class status. I encourage you to give back to the community, whether it’s through public service or financial support to TSU,” Sundquist said as he

praised the TSU community as one where people “pursue excellence instead of indifference.”

Recalling the words “Big” John Merritt, TSU’s legendary football coach, used when he thought his team was ready for a game, Sundquist concluded his remarks with, “‘Baby the hay is in the barn.’”

“You’re ready for the game. Get out there and show the world your best self.”



Hasanat Kuzait (left), with her brother, Ammar Qazait, just after he received his master’s degree in business administration.

Pamela Harquail, assistant professor of psychology, hoods Antionette Rawls. Rawls, assistant professor of nursing, earned her doctorate of education degree.



Ramona O’Neikia Bryant, class of 2000, with her grandmother, Martha E. Woods, class of 1950.



Helen Barrett (left), dean of the Graduate School, congratulates Student Affairs staff member Deborah Watson, who received her master’s degree in administration and supervision.



Rhonda Spencer-McLin accepts the diploma awarded posthumously to her daughter, Kimberly Gail Spencer, a psychology major from Milwaukee, who died April 25 in an automobile accident. Her stepfather, Joseph McLin, stands in the background beside Franklin Jones, dean of the College of Education. “It was her dream to be here,” said Spencer-McLin.



Graduating Air Force ROTC cadets Tabidrik Malone, Kimberly Sanders, Nneka Raye, and Garland Mobley accept their commissions as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force.

DIAMONDS ROOTED IN TENNESSEE SOIL

A tribute to three
inductees into the
TSU Agriculture
and Home Economics
Hall of Fame

"We [have] set three diamonds in the history of agriculture and home economics, indeed, in the history of the university."

So Alma Hobbs declared as she spoke in honor of the 1999-2000 inductees into the TSU Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame: Arthur Brown, Gladys Williams and William Vasser. Hobbs, deputy administrator for Families, 4-H and Nutrition for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, member of the national Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Initiative, and former interim extension administrator at TSU, said she could not have taken her life's path had the inductees and others like them not made the way.

"They have focused on solidarity, justice, and civil rights and helped us solve problems through the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s—even the '90s—so that we can follow their leadership with one accord into the next millennium.

"I often wonder what life would have been like for blacks had it not been for TSU," she said. "Think about it. The Morrill Act of 1890 founded an education system for the children of former slaves. When one reflects upon

it, one wonders how it survived, indeed, how it amassed its amazing litany of accomplishments. Perhaps it was the spirit of the people, not the law of the land, that allowed survival under sometimes quite hostile conditions.

"Our honorees had that spirit: tenacity, unselfishness, caring. Our 1890s institutions are national treasures of leadership, and we must be sure they remain viable, sustainable."

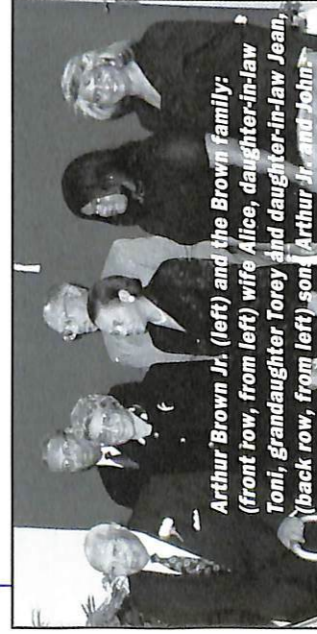
TSU is an institution that has changed a great deal since her husband's day, said Dorothy Vasser, widow of William Vasser, adding, "My family and I are so grateful to you all for honoring my husband."

"My mother helped to pick up rocks off this campus, and I'm still very much dedicated to TSU," said Gladys Williams, honoree, of the formative years of the university, during which students, faculty and staff helped clear the land for buildings and beautification.

Together, the most recent inductees served the people of Tennessee 120 years.

Arthur Brown Jr. began a distinguished career after graduating from Tennessee State in 1948 with a bachelor of science degree in vocational agriculture. He first taught vocational agriculture for two years at Douglas Junior High School in Stanton, Tenn., then was hired by the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service as a "4-H and farm agricultural agent in Negro work" in 1950. In 1964 he was reclassified as an assistant county agent in Davidson County, performing both adult and 4-H youth agricultural work.

Brown's colleagues describe him as one with a talent for reaching and relating to people of all ages, one who practiced diversity before it was recognized as "diversity," and one with a mission to "reach the unreachable." He is credited with being instrumental in making a smooth transition from the segregated program to which he was hired in 1950 to an integrated program in 1964. He worked with an expanded Davidson County 4-H staff of 10 agents and four program assistants to develop the program which, at its peak, enrolled 10,000 youth in Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County. He also worked with the livestock program, taught classes in plant science



Arthur Brown Jr. (left) and the Brown family: (front row, from left) wife Alice, daughter-in-law Toni, granddaughter Torrey and daughter-in-law Jean, (back row, from left) son Arthur Jr. and John.

and woodworking, and recruited and trained 4-H volunteer leaders.

Brown was listed in *Who's Who in Agriculture in the South*, was initiated into Epsilon Sigma Phi National Honorary Extension Fraternity and received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. In 1982 he was named an honorary member of the Tennessee State Senate and House of Representatives.

Although he retired in 1982, Brown continues to be active in the agricultural community. He also is a veteran of World War II.

Gladys W. Williams began her career as a teacher of home economics, science, and biology at O.H. Bernard High School in Centerville, Tenn., after graduating from Tennessee State in 1945 with a bachelor of science degree in vocational home economics.

Williams joined the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service in Giles County, Tenn., in 1947, teaching homemakers how to "better utilize their resources for wholesome living." Three of her 4-H students earned national awards and many others have gone on to become extension agents and leaders in their chosen fields.

Williams conducted many economically beneficial workshops and programs, on such topics as upholstery, food preservation, nutrition, and family gardening, which translated into an estimated \$3.5 million in savings to Tennessee families.

In 1959 Williams returned to TSU to earn a master of science degree in home economics and later participated in continuing education and professional organizations. She remains a member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Tennessee Association of Extension Home Economists, Epsilon Sigma Phi National Honorary Extension Fraternity, and the Nashville Area Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She also lends her talents to the American Red Cross, the TSU Alumni Association, and the TSU Extension Advisory Leadership Council, which she serves as vice chair.

Williams has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Negro Home Demonstration Agents Service Award, the Epsilon Sigma Phi National Honorary Extension Certificate of Meritorious Service Award, and Epsilon Sigma Phi's National Certificate of Life Membership Award for her 43 years of outstanding service as a cooperative extension service professional.



Gladys W. Williams (center), with sister Alphonsa Thomas and nephew Andrew Thomas Jr.

William Vasser began his career as an agriculture teacher at Fayette County Training School after graduating from Tennessee State in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in vocational agriculture. He earned a master of science degree from TSU in 1967 and attended North Carolina State University for post-graduate studies.

Vasser distinguished himself at Fayette County Training School, becoming principal and implementing new programs that improved the effectiveness of instruction in Fayette County schools.

Following his career in the school system, Vasser became an extension agent for the University of Tennessee. His signature projects were the urban gardening and Dial-A-Tip programs, which

were the only ones of their kind funded by the USDA in the state. He also sponsored and promoted the 4-H Club and Young Farmers of America.

Vasser extended his talents and service to his community, church and alma mater. He organized the first adult education classes in Fayette County and was instrumental in changing the name of Fayette County Training School to W.P. Ware High School. His other community affiliations included Citizens for Progress, the Delta Area Agencies Committee, the original Welfare Pacific League Board, and the United Way. He served as chair of the Fayette County Red Cross and was president of the American Legion Lodge. Vasser was active in the promotion of the annual West Tennessee Seniors Expo, the Tennessee Sheriff's Department, and the agriculture and commerce departments.

In 1953, Vasser organized the Fayette County Chapter of the TSU Alumni Association and, while serving as president, helped provide scholarships to W.P. Ware High School graduates. He died in 1997.



Dorothy Vasser, widow of William Vasser

Tennessee State University dedicated four structures to important individuals in its history this April and May: the **Laura M. Averitte Amphitheater**, the **Harold M. Love Sr. Learning Resources Center**, the **James E. Farrell-Fred E. Westbrook Agricultural Research and Extension Complex**, and the **Walter S. Davis Humanities Building**.

"It is only fitting that the individuals recognized by these dedications receive the honor they deserve," said TSU president James A. Hefner. "All of them alumni, they sacrificed deeply for following generations, and today we are all their beneficiaries."

The magnaolia-edged **Laura M. Averitte Amphitheater** that now graces the heart of the TSU campus bears no hint of the roadway that once bisected the campus. Instead, it holds the spirit of its namesake.

"I'm sure Cousin Laura is smiling on you now," said Averitte Corley at the dedication ceremony April 28. "I am one of those she befriended at TSU, and she helped so many before and after I came. She dedicated her whole life to motherhood and Tennessee State University."

Laura Averitte's career at the university spanned 48 years. She is most remembered for writing the lyrics for TSU's alma mater, as well as for founding the Literary Club, for being a Shakespeare enthusiast, and for teaching children's literature and other similar courses. Averitte organized and directed the Dramatic Club (which became the Tennessee State Players Guild) widely regarded as a pioneer of the Little Theater movement among black colleges during the 1920s. She died in the early 1970s.



Averitte Corley (left), cousin of the late Laura M. Averitte, and President Hefner untie the ribbon to mark the official dedication of the amphitheater.

On May 3, the learning resources center, informally known as the "Old Library," was renamed the **Harold M. Love Sr. Learning Resources Center**. It houses the media center, which has multimedia study carrels and an inventory of audio-visual equipment, as well as the offices of developmental studies, academic advisement and orientation, and the University Honors Program. The building also features the campus radio station, a 300-seat auditorium, and offices for institutional research and effectiveness, conferences and special events, and Gentry Center programs.

"My father never sought public acclaim; he just did what was needed for the public good," said the Rev. Harold Love Jr. "I hope when students ask, 'Who was Harold Love?' they'll be told of a man who came from poverty and elevated himself through his own personal will and God's will."

Harold M. Love Sr. was a distinguished, multi-term elected official who befriended his alma mater,



Members of the Love family who attended the LRC dedication (left to right), with President Hefner (fourth from left) were Candyce Love, Kendall Butler, Mary Love, Caralyn Love, Cheryl Love Harris, Jakari Harris, Harold M. Love Jr. and (not pictured) Crystal Love Cunningham and her family.

seniors in high school, fostered a basic education program for adults, developed a system of off-campus programs throughout the Middle Tennessee area, and

Tennessee State University, throughout his public service. In 1961, he became only the third African American elected to serve on the Nashville City Council. He was elected a state representative to the 54th District of Tennessee in 1968 and went on to serve 24 consecutive years. Milestones of his legislative career include sponsorship of bills providing \$9 million to build the Gentry Center, \$1 million to establish the TSU College of Business, \$500,000 for the renovation of Hale Stadium, \$120,000 to establish the university's Student Support Services, \$30,000 for the TSU Department of Social Welfare's elder abuse program, and \$5,000 for the renovation of the campus radio station. He served as both national president and executive board member of the TSU Alumni Association. Love died in 1996.

On May 4, the Agricultural Research and Extension Complex or "The Barn," was renamed the **James E. Farrell-Fred E. Westbrook Agricultural Research and Extension Complex**. The

original barn now houses a banquet room, greenhouse, laboratories, and offices for cooperative extension, sponsored research, and the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program.

"He loved his TSU," said Chirelle Jefferson, Farrell's granddaughter. "When he retired he told his friends and family, 'In leaving I have fond memories and no regrets.'"

"Mr. Westbrook was not only my father; he was my mentor, my business partner, my fraternity brother, and my friend," said Fred Westbrook Jr. of his father. He added that there were 12 Westbrook family members currently at TSU as students, faculty or staff.

James E. Farrell was vice president of continuing education and public service at TSU, where he served for 20 years. Before coming to TSU, Farrell assisted the Republic of Liberia in the preparation of elementary education teachers, for which he was made honorary African chief of the Kpell Tribe. He came to TSU in 1969, where he developed an early entry college program, promoted a basic science program for juniors and seniors in high school, fostered a basic education program for adults, developed a system of off-campus programs throughout the Middle Tennessee area, and



Virginia Westbrook (left) and Lena P. Farrell join President Hefner in cutting the ribbon for the complex named for their late husbands.

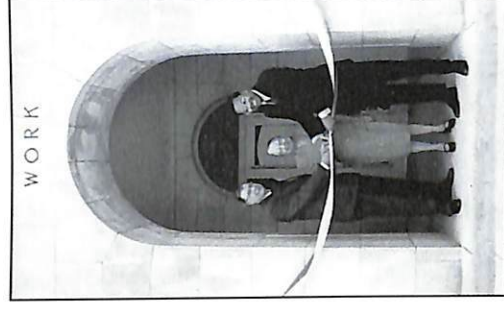
On May 5, TSU dedicated the **Walter S. Davis Humanities Building**, known previously as the "Administration Building" and then the "Humanities Building." In addition to the restored Thomas E. Poag Auditorium, the building houses the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy, as well as offices for computer services.

"My mother and family and I are appreciative of this gesture by the university. This building has a special place in our hearts," said Ivan Davis, son of the late Walter S. Davis. "His work here was a labor of love. He would be so proud to see how his university has evolved to a multicultural, multicentric institution of learning."

Walter S. Davis was the second president of Tennessee State University, serving from 1943 until his retirement in 1968. Davis earned his bachelor of science degree from TSU and his master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees from Cornell University. He established

TSU's schools of arts and sciences, education, engineering, and agriculture and home economics, as well as its graduate school.

Twenty-four buildings were erected during his presidency, and he was responsible for hiring such notables as "Big" John Merritt, Coach Ed Temple, John McLendon, Henry Arthur Kean Sr., and others. In 1999, the national electorate of the Afro-American Hall of Fame inducted Davis into its ranks. Davis died in 1979.



Ivan Davis, son of the late Walter S. Davis, and Ivanetta Davis, President Davis's widow, in the entryway to the humanities building.



and honors abound in building dedications

established the master's degree program in adult education at TSU. Farrell died in 1993.

Fred Westbrook chaired the department of plant science at TSU and then joined the Federal Extension Service in Washington, D.C. While there, he served as federal agronomist, national program leader for agronomy programs, and special projects liaison between the Extension Service and other agencies of the federal government. Following his retirement in 1973, he remained influential at the state and federal levels. He was appointed by two Tennessee governors to the Forestry Commission, which investigates forest management statewide. He also continued to serve TSU, helping develop programs and curricula for the School of Agriculture and Home Economics. Westbrook died in 1997.

IN CELEBRATION OF Service

TSU president James A. Hefner and the university community honored 72 individuals during Kudos 2000, the eighth annual service awards program, held April 17. The theme for this year's event was "Blazing Trails in the New Millennium."

Distinguished University Service Awards, recognizing exceptional service to the university, were presented to Wayne Guyette, Lora Springer and Betty Wilson.

Wayne Guyette, department head of hospitality and tourism administration, has developed a unified hospitality and culinary arts common core curriculum, the first of its kind in the nation, as well as the first phase of a statewide certification program for graduates of hospitality and culinary arts programs. Guyette also has secured funding to develop the Regional Hospitality Education Center in Nashville.



Lora Springer

Lora Springer, assistant director of career development, has implemented technologies to serve students and alumni better as they pursue their career goals. Springer also has worked with Opry Mills, Nashville's new entertainment and shopping venue (on the former grounds of Opryland), to sponsor a learning center.

Betty Wilson, assistant professor of nursing, has worked extensively to present health care information to underserved citizens in Nashville. Wilson also has



Betty Wilson

been published widely in the nursing profession and has served as principal investigator for several projects.

Distinguished Public Service Awards, recognizing those whose community service has made a significant impact at the local or state level, were presented to Arie Halachmi, Mary Olivia Pleas and Diana Poe.



Arie Halachmi

Arie Halachmi, professor of public administration, frequently serves as a guest speaker for national and international governments and universities. His recent engagements have taken him to Belgium, Germany, Slovenia, Spain and the United Kingdom. Halachmi, who is associate editor of *Public Productivity and Management Review*, has had numerous books published.



Mary Olivia Pleas

Mary Olivia Pleas, professor of nursing, has made presentations and conducted research on the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases among African-American adolescents. She volunteers with the American Cancer Society to educate citizens on prevention and early detection, and she has presented her expertise on parenting skills for incarcerated women internationally.

Diana Poe, director of the TSU Showstoppers and chair of the



Diana Poe

university's Cultural Affairs Committee, has been instrumental in organizing Nashville's annual "Let Freedom Ring" concert, which honors Martin Luther King Jr., with the Nashville Symphony. She and the Showstoppers regularly perform for local, regional and national events and organizations.



Doris Daniels

Distinguished University Longevity Awards

were presented to employees with 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years' service to TSU. Among them were **Doris Daniels**, professor of English, who was honored for 35 years' service, and **Nancy Callhoun**, accounting clerk, who worked at TSU for more than 40 years before retiring in March.



Nancy Callhoun

Distinguished Ambassador Awards

which were initiated by TSU president James A. Hefner to recognize retirees and alumni who remain active in promoting the mission of the university, were presented to five alumni this year:



Mary Pruitt

state senators **John N. Ford** and

representatives **Mary Pruitt** and **Edith Taylor Langster**, and **Dwight Lewis**, editor and editorial board member of *The Tennessean*.



Edith Taylor Langster

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African diplomats meet with President Hefner (second from left) and Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist (third from left) during spring commencement activities. They are (from left) Tony Kandiero, Ambassador of Malawi; Hassan Adamu, Minister of Environment of Nigeria; Serge Mombouli, Charge d'Affairs of the Republic of Congo; and Leonard Madu, president of the Pan-African International Organization.

TSU Retiree Inez Crutchfield (standing) greets Hassan Adamu (right), his wife Inna (second from left) and other dignitaries at the reception following spring commencement.



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The TSU College of Education dedicated the Dr. Ruby Martin Curriculum Lab April 12, in honor of the late department head of teaching and learning. Among those who paid tribute to her was former colleague Dean Roberts (pictured at left holding a photograph of Martin). Angela Martin, Ruby Martin's daughter (pictured below, right), told the guests, "This was home for my mother ... she would be so pleased."



university notables

Gifts, grants and resources

Amir Shirkodaie, associate professor of mechanical engineering, has received a \$240,000 grant from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Armaments Command in Detroit for research on automotive robotics applications. **Kimberly Griffin**, an electrical engineering major, is assisting with the project.

Departmental and organizational news

Following are the members of the **TSU Technology Vision Committee**, the group instrumental in helping the university achieve its status as one of the nation's "Most Wired Campuses": **Dennis Gendron**, associate vice president for academic affairs and committee chair; **John Cade**, dean of admissions and records; **James Elzy**, department head, business information systems; **Edmund Ford Jr.**, Student Government Association (SGA) representative; **William Gittens**, director of cooperative education; **Elliott Hammer**, assistant professor of psychology; **Eric James**, SGA representative; **Peter Jordan**, professor of English; **Ken Looney**, dean of extended education; **Quint Martin**, director of academic computing; **Luke Powers**, assistant director of institutional effectiveness and research; **Willard Smith**, professor of computer science; **Yong Tao**, associate professor of mechanical engineering; and **Larry Wakefield**, associate vice president for business and finance; and **Anand Padmanabhan**, former director of communication and information technologies. (See cover story for details.)

TSU and the PENCIL Foundation again co-sponsored the *Caterpillar Financial Student Writers Showcase*, a competition for students in Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Schools. The **College of Arts and Sciences** participated in the judging of student entries and hosted the awards banquet.

The **College of Education** now offers its graduate degree programs in educational administration and supervision and curriculum and instruction at Centennial High School in Franklin, Tenn., in response to positive interest from numerous educators in Franklin and Williamson County.

The **School of Nursing** recently held a seminar on holistic nursing with Barbara S. Joyce, clinical specialist in psychiatric and holistic nursing and chair of the graduate programs in nursing at the College of New Rochelle in New York. Joyce co-created the first master's degree program in holistic nursing in the country; TSU launched its program this summer.

The **Office of Public Relations** received an Award of Excellence for public affairs programs from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's southeast district.

Research, presentations and publications

An article by **Elliott Hammer**, assistant professor of psychology, "Codependency: Correlates and Psychometric Issues," was published recently in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*.

Cornell Lane's review of the book *Equity and Excellence in Educational Testing and Assessment* was published in a recent issue of *The Journal of Psychoeducational Assessment*. Lane is associate professor of psychology.

An article by assistant professor of psychology **Amy Silbulkin**, "HBCUs as a Context for Instruction and Research with a Multicultural Perspective," was published recently in *Affirmed Action*. She also made a poster presentation, "Mentoring Undergraduate Research Assistants at a Historically Black University: Program Description and Preliminary Results," at the Association for Women in Psychology's annual convention in Salt Lake City.

Wade Smith, assistant professor of teaching and learning, is writing a web-based text on curriculum development and analysis for Bell & Howell Information and Learning Company.

Michelle Thomas, professor of psychology, made several presentations in the 1999-2000 year, including "Spirituality and Psychotherapy: Successful Strategies in Taiwan and Hong Kong," at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision in New Orleans; "Spiritual Direction and Psychotherapy: An Experimental and Research Comparison," at the 57th annual convention of the International Council of Psychologists; and "Similarities and Differences among Psychotherapy, Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction," at the International Conference on Celtic Culture and Spirituality at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Honors, awards and achievements

Howard Gentry Jr., interim assistant vice president for university relations and development, recently received the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award from the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America. Gentry currently serves as the organization's vice president for urban scouting, or Scoutreach.

Richard Renfro, professor of teaching and learning, serves on the board of directors of the Appalachian Educational Laboratory.

Entrepreneur **Frances Barkley**, owner of Tennessee T-Cakes, was featured in April in *The Tennessean*. Barkley is a "graduate" of the Nashville Small Business Incubation Center, located on TSU's Avon Williams campus.

Alumni news

Jewell Brazelton, a 1998 graduate and university retiree, received her master of social work degree from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis this spring. Brazelton, a Harriett Tubman Scholar, was selected as student marshal for commencement, an honor based on "academic excellence . . . and excellence in field work." She will begin studies this fall in the doctoral program in social work at the University of Chicago.

Jannie D. Nero, a 1973

graduate, has been promoted to assistant vice president in the Bellevue office of Regions Bank in Nashville.

Mildred Saffell-Smith, a 1968 graduate and principal of Martin Luther King Magnet High School in Nashville, received the Phi Kappa Phi award of the year from the Phi Kappa Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Student news

The **TSU Forensics Team** recently earned first place in its division in the Forensics Association championship tournament at Ohio University. Two members of the team won two awards in a national competition of 103 institutions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln: a quarter-finalist award in the "prose interpretation" category, by **Sameerah Walker**, and a quarter-finalist award in the "dramatic duo interpretation" category, by Walker and **Shundrice Tucker**.

We remember

Eldridge Dickey, a former TSU football standout and NFL player, died May 22 following a brief illness. Dickey, who was a minister in Houston, was one of the first black quarterbacks to be drafted into the NFL, going in the first round to the Oakland Raiders in 1968 after starting at TSU from 1964 to 1967. He played with the Raiders through 1971. He ranks second on TSU's list for career completions (430) and total offense (6,628 yards).

Actress **Helen Martin**, who attended TSU and is best known for her roles on the television sitcoms "Good Times" and "227," died March 25, at the age of 90.

Cecille Crump, former associate dean of the College of Business, died June 4. Her 39-year career at TSU includes a stint as interim dean of the college, which made her the first female dean at TSU. "I never met a student that I believed could not succeed," she said.

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Nolan "Notes" Richardson III, who coached under his father for 10 years, including an NCAA championship season, said, "The only difference between the way that my dad plays and the way I play will be that his teams are dressed in red and my teams are going to be dressed in blue."



TSU named Nolan Richardson III (wearing cap) head men's basketball coach in April. He replaces Frankie Allen, who resigned in March and has since been named head coach at Howard University. His father, Nolan Richardson Jr. (at podium), head men's basketball coach at the University of Arkansas, attended the news conference introducing the new coach.

Quotable QUOTES

TSU has always proven to the world that dedication, devotion and raw talent can move mountains.

—**Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist**
from the commencement address

It is not necessary to demolish Tennessee State's pride in its past in order for it to emerge as a more significant player in Nashville's future.

—**Rubel Shelley**
Nashville author and minister

The Morrill Act of 1890 founded an education system for the children of slaves. When one reflects upon it, one wonders how it survived, indeed, how it amassed its amazing litany of accomplishments. Perhaps it was the spirit of the people, not the law of the land.

—**Alma Hobbs**
deputy administrator with the
U.S. Department of Agriculture and
former interim extension administrator at TSU

My father never sought public acclaim; he just did what was needed for the public good.

—**Harold Love Jr.**
at the dedication of the newly
renamed Harold M. Love Sr. Learning Resources Center

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TSU TIGER FOOTBALL: 2000 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept. 2	Alabama State <i>John A. Merritt Classic</i>	Nashville	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	North Carolina A&T <i>Riverfront Classic</i>	Cincinnati	Noon
Sept. 16	Jackson State <i>Southern Heritage Classic</i>	Memphis	6 p.m.
Sept. 23	Florida A&M <i>Atlanta Football Classic</i>	Atlanta	3 p.m.
Oct. 7	Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	UT-Martin <i>Homecoming</i>	Nashville	6 p.m.
Oct. 21	Western Kentucky	Nashville	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Nov. 11	Murray State	Murray, Ky.	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	SE Missouri State	Nashville	1:30 p.m.

Home games appear in bold.

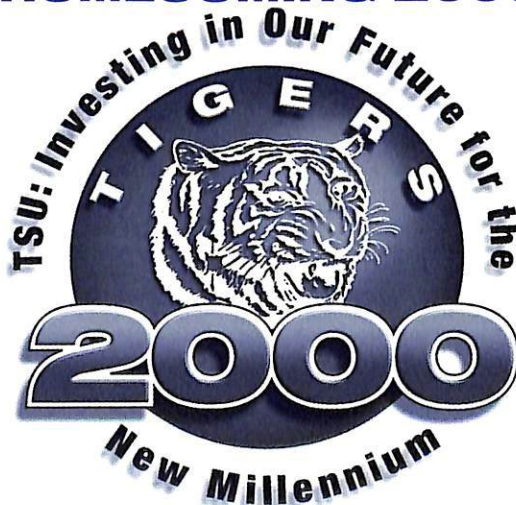
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