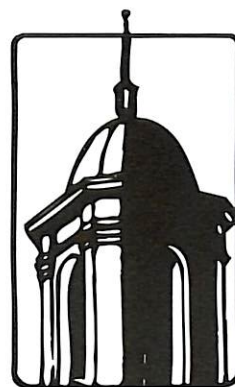


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Tennessee State University: One of the Best



Tennessee State University is ranked among the best institutions in the United States according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 1995 Guide to America's Best Colleges. *U.S. News* included TSU in a comparison of national universities, which the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching defines as the largest and most well-known institutions. These institutions offer "a wide range of baccalaureate programs, place a high priority on research and award large numbers of Ph.D. degrees." "Our University is and always has been committed to

providing a top-quality education for our students," said TSU President James Hefner. "It is an honor for us to be recognized in the same category as such high-profile universities as Harvard and our Nashville neighbor, Vanderbilt. When you consider their reputations and resources, the fact that TSU is included among their ranks is indeed proof that we are succeeding in our efforts to make our University one of the best in the United States."

This is the first year TSU has been included in *U.S. News's* annual listing. According to President Hefner, "We can no longer say that Tennessee State University is the best-kept secret in Nashville."

TSU is one of only four historically black colleges and

universities included in the listing. The others are Howard University, Clark Atlanta University and Texas Southern University.

The magazine based its rankings on such factors as student selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni satisfaction. TSU continues to grow steadily and was the only Tennessee Board of Regents institution with an increase in enrollment over fall 1993 figures. The University has also secured two endowed chairs or professorships in recent years and earned the highest satisfaction rate of any four-year state-supported institution in the annual survey of alumni for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Quotable Quotes

from John Merritt Plaza dedication:

"Coach Merritt had a saying, 'Baby, the hay is in the barn.' I just want to say to him that we're gathering up the crops and baling the hay. We're not there yet, but we're getting there."

—Head football coach Bill Davis

"John Merritt should have been the governor of Tennessee, but he was the governor of North Nashville and we'll never forget him for that."

—Senator Thelma Harper

"Big John did more to bring the races together in Nashville than just about anybody. In one election he endorsed 10 candidates. No one else could — or would — do that."

—Kindell Stephens, announcer for TSU games on the WVOL Tiger Broadcast

from interviews with members of the TSU monitoring committee for the disabled:

"We're just like everybody else; we want to be accepted."

—Roger Ammons, University Counseling Center

"No one wants sympathy; it gets you nowhere. But empathy may get me the help I need."

—Tara Diller, speech pathology and audiology

Taking the Question Marks out of Disabilities

Building awareness, together with improving physical facilities, will make Tennessee State University more "user friendly" for persons with disabilities.

Roger Ammons says that when he came to Tennessee State University as a graduate student 24 years ago, he personally met every mud puddle, pole and other obstacle on the campus.

Today, as vocational rehabilitation counselor in the University Counseling Center, Ammons works to make sure that no other student with a disability has to encounter such unnecessary challenges. Ammons, who is blind, is responsible for coordinating readers, tutors, proctors and assistants for students with physical impairments.

TSU did not have a vocational rehab counselor when Ammons was a student. In fact, it was he who suggested to the then-director of the Counseling Center that the University needed the service. And as soon as an opening occurred, the position was his. Since that time, especially in the past two to three years, TSU has moved toward improving its facilities and, more importantly, improving awareness and understand-

ing of disabilities throughout the campus community.

"We can't level the campus and start over," said Tara Diller, an instructor in speech pathology and audiology. Diller, who has used a motorized scooter for 10 years as a result of post-polio syndrome, said she and others with disabilities do not expect unreasonable changes. They just want to help foster understanding while working on ways to improve the physical accessibility of the campus.

"Attitudes can be created (or destroyed!) from the top down," said Diller, who applauds the efforts of many administrators to understand the importance of not only complying with the stipulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but also encouraging employees to consider how their actions may impact persons with disabilities.

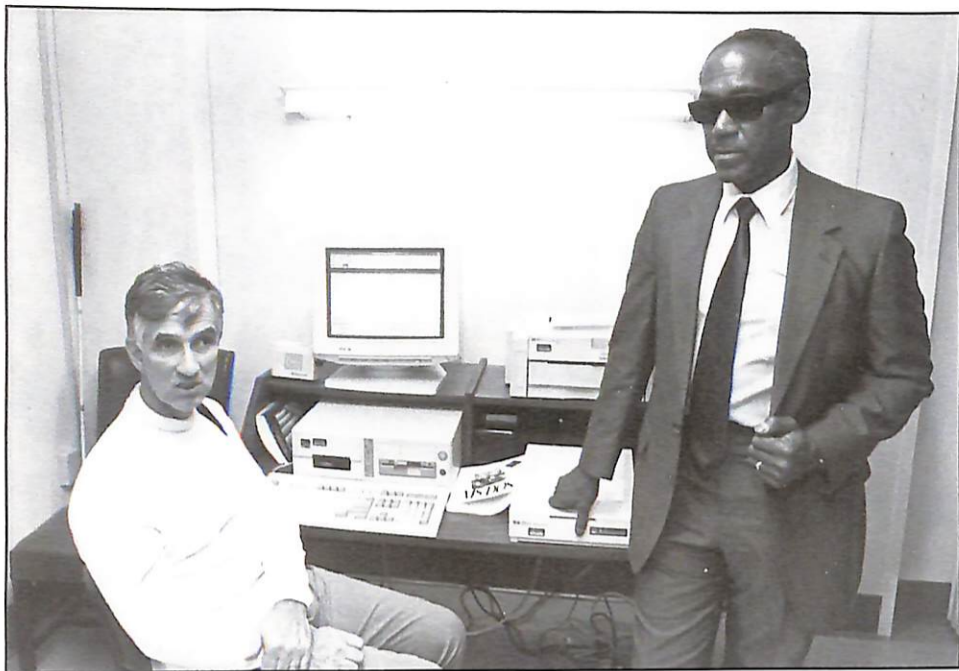
For instance, employees and visitors alike should remember that when parking on ramps or

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Dolly Swisher, physical therapy department head and member of the campus monitoring committee for the disabled, assists President Hefner, who last year spent a few hours exploring campus in a wheelchair to put himself in the place of those with disabilities. Members of the committee say that developing greater awareness of all types of disabilities will go a long way toward improving services for the disabled.

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Roger Ammons (right) of the University Counseling Center, is learning from consultant John Harden (left) how to use a new computer available to those with visual impairments. The computer has a voice synthesizer that "talks" to users, letting them know what instructions are appearing on the screen and reading back documents that are being typed. The computer also enlarges type.

in handicap parking spaces, they may be inhibiting someone's access to a building or ability to attend meetings or classes. To get that kind of information out, the University has sanctioned a monitoring committee for the disabled. The committee, which consists of students, faculty and staff, and of those with and without disabilities, looks at physical improvements to the University, recommends changes and works to improve the overall knowledge of disabilities on campus.

According to a study conducted by former physical therapy students Rayne

Counts and Janet Badger, TSU rates above 50 percent in its accessibility in key areas most students would use (campus center, residence halls, English 102 classroom, administration building, etc.).

In studying TSU along with two other public Middle Tennessee universities, TSU is comparable in terms of access to exterior doors, elevators, libraries and restrooms and ranks higher in terms of accommodations for students in dormitories. Last year's report also indicated areas in which TSU could improve, including parking, and since the study was completed the University has

expanded handicapped parking. Like many other companies and organizations, TSU is working to bring its facilities into compliance with the stipulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act in a timely manner.

As a continuation of the student project, Dawn Ballard and Rebecca Scaniliato, physical therapy majors in the School of Allied Health Professions, will conduct surveys of faculty, staff and students this semester to assess the general level of knowledge about disabilities on campus. They will then develop a video and fact sheet to try to strengthen awareness on campus.

Likewise, the monitoring committee is beginning to develop a handbook for students and visitors, with a campus map and maps of buildings detailing the easiest access to facilities. They also hope to conduct seminars and publish a guide for faculty, informing professors and instructors about the legal parameters of the Americans with Disabilities Act and offering simple solutions for teaching the disabled.

For instance, Diller said that just repeating answers for students with hearing impairments or allowing these students to tape lectures could make a big difference in a student's academic success. And that's only helping one kind of disabled student.

"Having such a visible handicap, I act as a lightning rod," Diller said. "People just come up to me and start telling me their stories."

Sam Shannon, professor of history and

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The Truth Helps

Honest communication goes a long way toward improving campus life for those who are disabled. That's what D'Andrea Oglesby thinks.

Ask D'Andrea Oglesby, a senior political science major with cerebral palsy, what some of the obstacles she faces are and she'll tell you the truth.

"Well actually . . . being singled out and having people admire me as if I'm doing something odd or unusual," she said. "I'm here for the same reasons as everyone else."



D'Andrea Oglesby

Throughout her studies at TSU, Oglesby has advocated for students with physical challenges. She has been involved with the campus monitoring committee for the disabled since its formation and has seen some much-needed improvements in accessibility begin to take shape. For example, Oglesby's biggest problem on campus has been steps with no rails.

"It's very hard for me to walk up and down steps with nothing to hold on to, and it's even harder when I'm carrying books," she said. "But most students are friendly and I can usually find someone who'll offer to help."

Since the time the monitoring committee was formed, rails have been installed on part of the stairs leading into the Administration Building and automatic doors have been installed at the library. The committee is currently making requests to have automatic doors in buildings throughout the campus and to have raised numbers on hallway doors for those with impaired vision.

Beyond the challenges of accessibility, Oglesby has one other significant concern about her experience on campus and the overall climate for students with disabilities: assumptions.

"I've had more than one person come up to me and say, 'Oh, my father had polio, too' or 'I know someone else with MS,'" Oglesby said. "I would much rather have someone come to me and ask me questions than just to assume."

The Unseen Disabilities

This disabled veteran knows life with a not-so-visible disability and is devoting his life's work to helping others like himself.

He parks in a handicap spot and someone looks at him like "Why are you parking there?"

Dale Barnes, a doctoral student in counseling psychology, can walk, yet he suffers painful consequences if he has to walk long distances or negotiate stairs.

"My scars don't show," Barnes said.

"Is it worth it to climb three flights of stairs to go to class and have to miss two days of work because of the reciprocity?" he asks. But he does have a solution for those who do not have disabilities: Leave the elevators free as much as possible and don't park in handicap spaces.

Having suffered multiple wounds in the Vietnam War, Barnes has worked for years to clear a path for veterans.

With the help of the Carter administration, Barnes said he founded the first veterans' outreach program in the country in Wichita, Kan. He also went back to class and earned his bachelor's degree from Wichita State University.

When he returned to Nashville in the mid-1980s, he helped start Base Camp, Inc., through which he assists impaired veterans with counseling, job training and placement into independent living and acts as liaison between veterans and their employers. Often, Vietnam veterans suffer not only physical, but mental disabilities: post-traumatic stress disorder

and substance abuse, for example. Barnes' hope is that more people will become comfortable with co-workers and classmates suffering mental disabilities.

"The fear people have about people with mental disabilities dumbfounds me," said Barnes. "We could benefit from a change in attitude. We need to stop looking for the negative and find the positive, not only in disabilities but in all walks of life."

Barnes would not have attained the success he has if he had listened to the negative voices in his past. A medical expert told him that he would be confined to a wheelchair by age 30 and dead by the time he reached 40.

"So I didn't make any future plans," Barnes said. "I didn't listen to what he said, but I didn't discount it either. Most successes occur when you focus on abilities rather than disabilities."

Barnes, a member of TSU's monitoring committee for the disabled, said he feels TSU is making strides toward improving services for the disabled. While some of those changes are slowed by a lack of funding, the biggest need — greater sensitivity — is free. Barnes thinks that sometimes, people view those with disabilities as incomplete, that somehow people lose something (like feelings) through their disabilities.

"It takes honest communication with disabled persons, with the expectation that they are complete persons" to be successful, he said, adding that if people "try to focus on what people with disabilities can do, the success is much greater."



Vietnam veteran Dale Barnes' scars aren't visible, so he has to let people know what his needs are. He hopes his choice to be open about his disability will encourage others with unseen disabilities to seek the resources they need for a successful experience at TSU.





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chair of the monitoring committee, said that's exactly what the committee is designed to do — be an advocate for those who indicate that they have disabilities and be a resource for the entire campus on disabilities issues. Shannon said the University also plans to open an office of disabilities services this academic year, staffed with a full-time professional who can work steadily on improving services for the disabled.

"We want to make the campus comfortable for people with disabilities and make this a campus where people feel welcome," said Shannon.

While all the physical changes and modifications the University is completing and evaluating — new automatic doors, more access ramps, more equipment to assist the hearing and visually impaired, etc. — make the campus more user-friendly for people with disabilities, it is the attitudes of everyone in the TSU community that will create a network of understanding on campus more valuable than any renovations could be.

"A significant part of my job is educating," said Ammons. "A lot of people in the community just don't know about some of the programs, such as adaptive physical education, that TSU has for students with disabilities."

Ammons' advice for those who are unsure of how to react to an individual with disabilities is simple. "Talk to them. Ask if there's some way you can help, and offer assistance when you think it's needed."

"Most disabled people are happy to educate people and welcome questions. We're just like everybody else; we want to be accepted."

Diller agrees.

"I try to make my encounters pleasant and educational," she said. She adds that having a disability and working with others with disabilities has given her a "built-in ability to empathize."

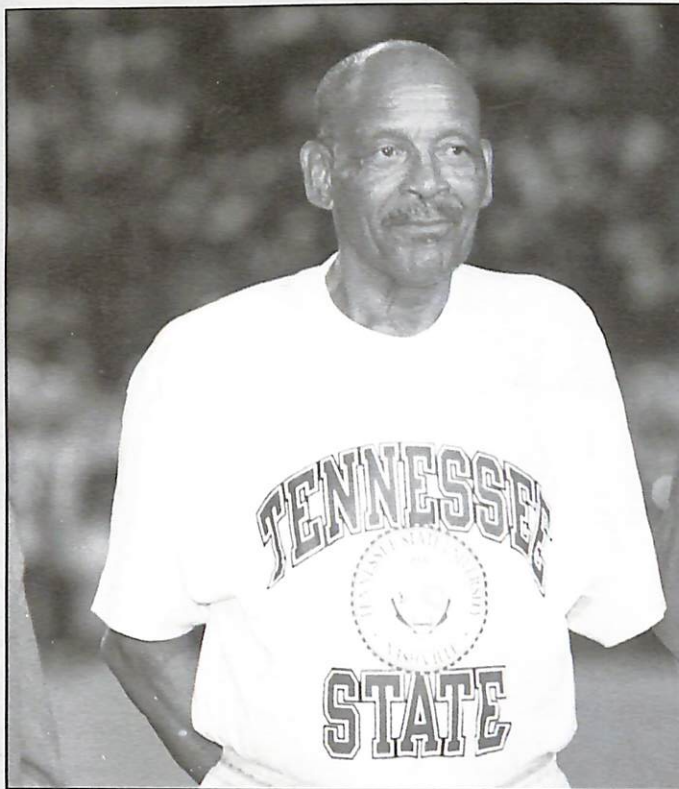
"No one wants sympathy; it gets you nowhere," Diller said. "But empathy may get me the help I need."

To illustrate her point, Diller believes that all people, at some point or in some way, have experienced unjustifiable difficulties only because they differ from the mainstream. From that perspective, she thinks, we can develop greater sensitivity for those with disabilities.

Perhaps asking ourselves questions like "What if that were me in that wheelchair?" or "What if my best friend, sibling, parent or spouse needed special accommodations for a learning disability?" will help build the understanding necessary to bring about significant changes for those on the TSU campus who are disabled.

Putting Ability Ahead of Disability

Former Harlem Globetrotter, Harlem Star and TSU Sports Hall of Famer Boid Buie looks at life with a disability through different lenses.



Boid Buie, a former TSU basketball standout and Harlem Globetrotter, thinks our biggest disabilities exist in our attitudes.

Boid Buie has an instinct to see things differently, to follow the flow of life without asking too many questions.

In 1943, he boarded a train from his home in Pine Bluff, Ark., bound for Fisk University. He recalls his experience with a big laugh.

"When I got to the train station, the Tennessee [State] bus was there, so I didn't pay any attention. I just got on the bus and I arrived at Tennessee State, so I decided to stay."

Whether he took it as fate or a funny mistake, Buie decided to give TSU a try. He started with one of the things he did best: play basketball. The men's basketball records start in 1944-45 with Henry Kean as coach, but according to Buie, it was in 1943 that he helped pull a team

together with the blessing of President Walter Davis. The women's basketball coach coached the team "because the men that knew basketball wouldn't fool with us," said Buie. The team dressed in boxing shoes and shorts. It was wartime and the funds for sports equipment had already been allocated to other schools. ("We had no Footlocker stores, so we did the best we could," Buie recalled.)

But Buie and his teammates didn't mind what they played in, just so they played well. And they did just that, gaining national attention by beating Langston University, which hadn't lost a game in three years, including contests against the Harlem Globetrotters.

After earning his degree in health and physical education with a minor in science in less than three years, Buie joined the Globetrotters, with whom he played for nine years. People often focused on his handicap, but that way of seeing himself hardly occurred to Buie.

"Quite naturally, when people would see me with one arm, they didn't think I would be able to make it," Buie said. "But I've always had a knack for doing things that people thought I couldn't do."

Buie lost his arm when he was in grade school. It took him a year or so to regain his balance, but it wasn't long before he was playing like a champion.

"I would go out and practice with the basketball team," Buie explained. "Our school was losing some games and one of the teachers said, 'Well, why don't you let the one-arm boy play? He can shoot better than anybody you have out there.'"

"And the coach came to me and asked 'Do you want to play?' and I said, 'Sure, I'll try anything.' They say I was handi-

capped, but I didn't realize I was handicapped because I played against some of the better basketball players in the United States."

Just as sure as concentration will help a player sink a free throw is Buie's conviction that the key to a successful life — with or without a disability — is to focus on one's abilities rather than one's shortcomings and disabilities.

"The most important thing to me is to try to find things you can do and do them well and things you find you can't do, you don't fool with them," said Buie. He would add these instructions: Maintain a sense of priority; seek the support of those around you; help others find their abilities. His beliefs come together in his approach to education.

"In my family, it was just understood that we would always finish college," he said. "My grandfather, he was an AME preacher. He was also president of a college. He could speak seven different languages. All his children finished school."

"My mother, she was a school teacher for years. She instilled education in us. See, when I first came to Tennessee State, I had a contract to go with the Globetrotters but I knew I had to finish college before I went to the Globetrotters."

Now a successful owner, with his brother, of a construction company in the Los Angeles area, Buie turns his efforts into offering the opportunity for higher education to deserving young people.

"We try to give people who can't afford to go to college or stay in college a chance," said Buie, whose family has helped students from all over the country, many of whom are enjoying successful careers.

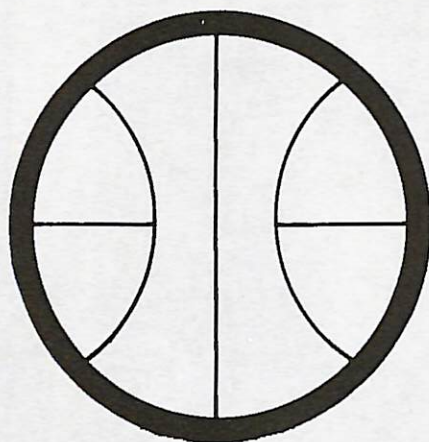
"I try to get them to come to Tennessee State first," Buie said. "But the object is to get them started somewhere."

Buie recalled attending private school, where tuition was five dollars and he and his brother only had one five between them.

"So my brother had to go to work and earn enough money to pay my five dollars so I could go to school." In turn, Buie provided for his brother's education at UCLA, which allowed his brother to earn two Ph.D. degrees.

It is that support from family that has fueled Buie's dreams and philosophies. "You can do anything you want to do as long as you work together, especially as a family."

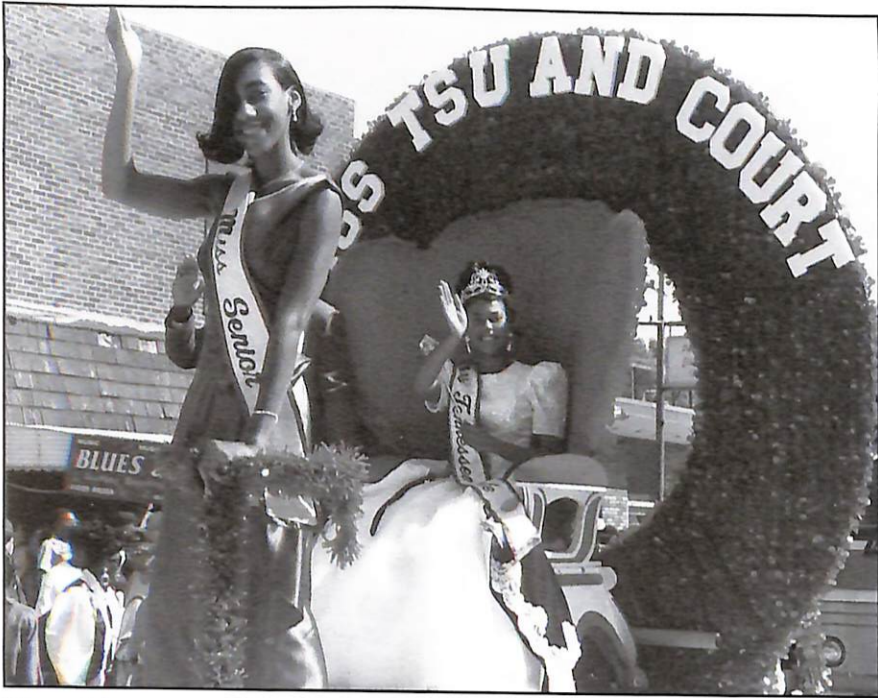
And in 1994, more than 50 years after Buie got on the wrong bus (which for him turned out to be the right one!) to Tennessee State University, Buie continues to build a foundation that will support new generations for winning at whatever educational or career game they play.



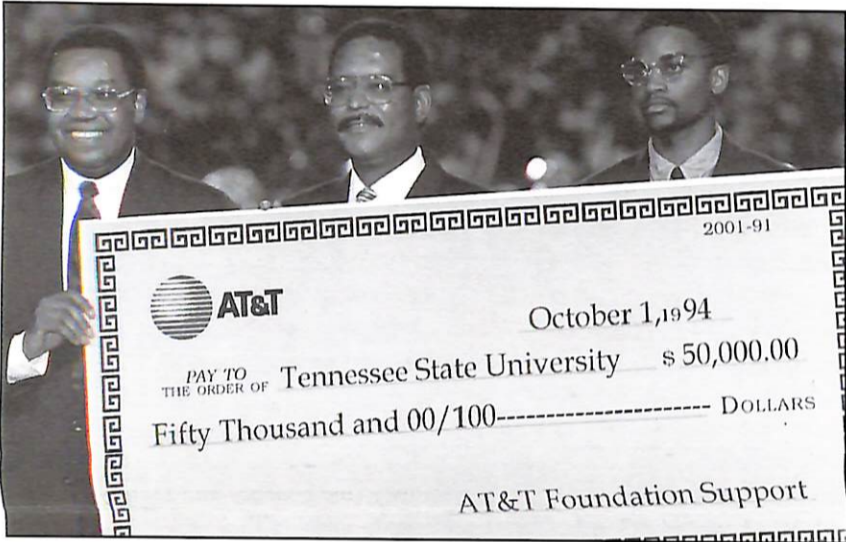
Ed. note: Many thanks to all those on Tennessee State University's monitoring committee for the disabled who provided information for these articles. October was Disabilities Awareness Month, and the ACCENT Staff enjoyed researching and writing these articles.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about TSU's services for the disabled, contact Sam Shannon, professor of history and chair of the monitoring committee for the disabled, at 963-5471.

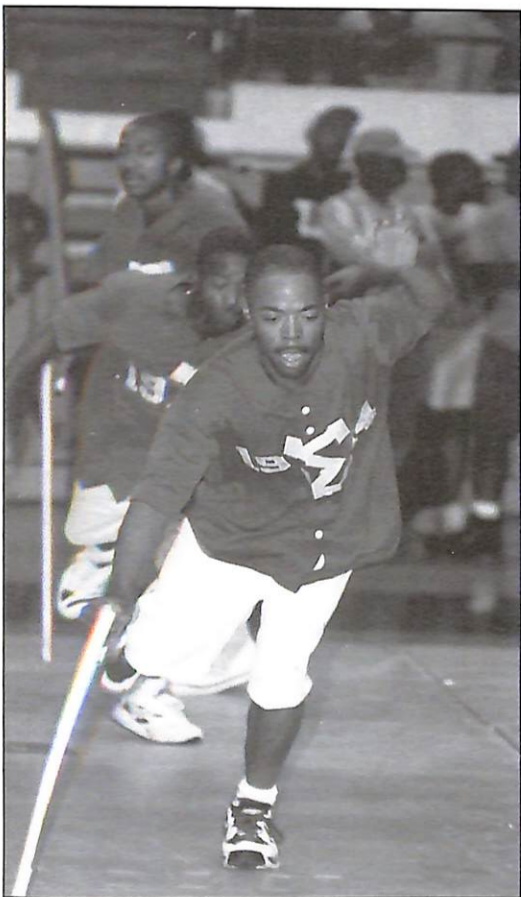
Homecoming 1



The mild, sunny weather and the bright floats created a wonderful Homecoming Parade. Seated above is Angela Carroll, Miss TSU. Standing is Miss Senior, Felecia Taylor.



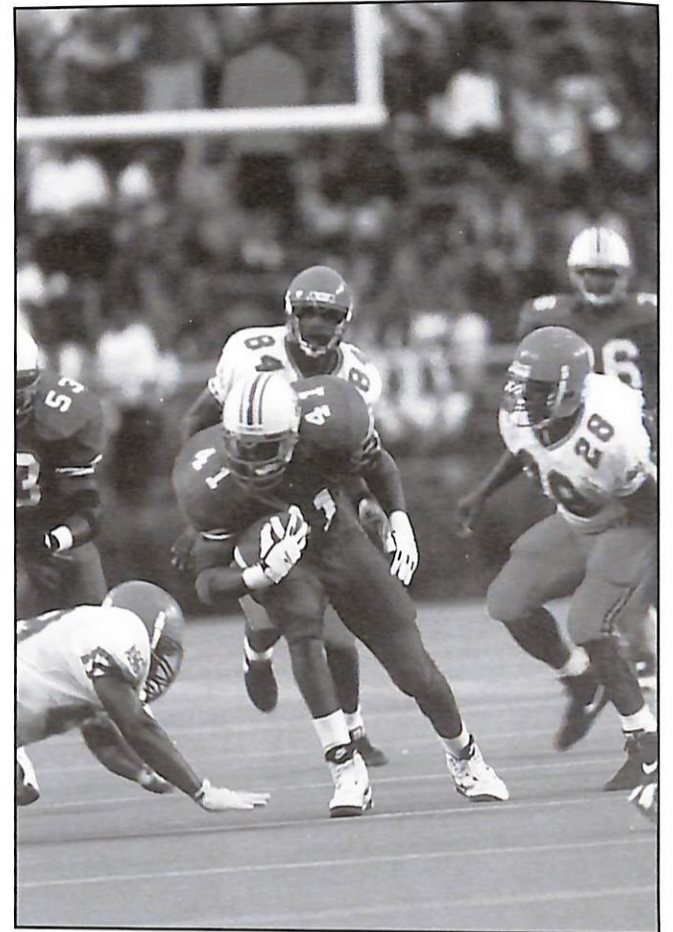
Michael Holmes (center), vice president of switching systems/transmission for AT&T, presents President Hefner with a contribution to the College of Engineering and Technology and the Department of Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science. Holmes and other TSU engineering alumni (Irvin Brown, Renee' McCleary and Marcus Shute) spent most of Homecoming week on campus participating in Career Fair, conducting seminars and making presentations.



Steppin' out! These fraternity brothers entertain the house at the annual Greek Step Show.



Current Miss TSU Angela Carroll (center) joined former Miss TSUs for the annual tea at the home of TSU first lady Edwina Hefner. The former queens are (l-r): Caprenia Robinson, Dale Williams, Patsy Whitmon Thomas, Deborah McFadden Weathersby, Mary Rucker Bryant, Mary Williams Churchwell, Lela Gracey Streater, Barbara Murrell, Madeline Allen Haynes, Della Shute, Harriet Johnson Pippen and Marie Davis Harris.



Linebacker Michael Holcey runs around a FAMU Rattler in a thrilling Homecoming game. TSU lost a close one to long-time rival Florida A&M but won with attendance: A record crowd of 39,543 alumni and fans cheered for the Tigers.



Will he be TSU's drum major in 2007? This young man marches with the style and precision of a pro as part of the Aristocrat of Bands' show.

994 Highlights

TSU "Merritts" Loyalty



Sizing up the putt are Thomas and Elizabeth Robinson, two of the players in TSU's second Homecoming golf tournament at Ted Rhodes Golf Course. Larry McLaurine and Art Campbell took first place; Tyree Vaughn and Tommy Summers took second; Joe Smith and Jerry Robinson took third. Mary McIntosh and Patricia Gregory took the prize for the women. Eric Brown had the longest drive and Paul Grigsby was closest to the pin.

Former coach and faculty member Sam Whitmon and granddaughter Victoria visit during the second annual Samuel R. Whitmon Seminars. Dr. Sandra Bruce Nicols, director of the Arkansas State Health Department, was the featured speaker for the event, sponsored by the TSU Biology Department. Six other alumni spoke during the event.



The Hall of Fame inductees pose for a shot. They are (l-r): Cynthia Thompson (women's track), Arthur Lee "Rube" Robinson (football), George Newbern (football), Carrie Gentry (director of majorettes), Clarence Cash (basketball head coach), James Bass (swimming) and Joe "747" Adams (football). Joe "Turkey" Jones (football) of Baltimore was also named to the Hall of Fame.

He never endured a losing season at Tennessee State. He is the ninth winningest coach in college football history. And meeting him made Ed "Too Tall" Jones, who would go on to play in three Super Bowls with confidence, as nervous as he'd ever been.

Of course, he is the late John Ayers Merritt, whose winning prowess and spirit still pervade this campus, and more than that, still inspire his former players to reach high places and remember their roots. Jones told his story at Homecoming '94.

"I remember not really feeling comfortable at any of those major universities," Jones said. "I mentioned it to my brother-in-law. He asked me if I would attend the Homecoming game at TSU with him.

"We drove up from Jackson [Tenn.] and watched Tennessee State pound on somebody — I don't remember what the team was — good ol' days back then!"

Jones remembers watching King Dunlap, 6 feet, 7 inches tall and around 300 pounds, playing in his senior year.

"I was a six-seven, 211-pound skinny kid. My brother-in-law said 'Ed, if we put a little weight on you, you could be another King Dunlap.' And I looked at my brother-in-law like he had head problems, having never played football.

"So anyway, he introduced me to John Merritt after the game. I've played in three Super Bowls but never felt so nervous before in my life walking into his office.

"My brother-in-law said, 'Coach Merritt, this is my brother-in-law Ed Jones. He's interested in a scholarship to Tennessee State to play football.'

"There was a moment of silence for about five minutes. Coach Merritt called [basketball] Coach [Ed] Martin and said 'Coach Martin, get down here right away!'

"Coach Merritt introduced me and said 'Ed is interested in going to Tennessee State on a football scholarship.' Coach Martin said, 'Give him anything he wants!'

"I felt a warmth there in that office. I felt comfortable; I felt at home. Riding back to Jackson, I told my brother-in-law I was going to Tennessee State."

Of course, Merritt and Martin thought they could run Jones off the football field onto the basketball court, but Jones would prove he could do both well.

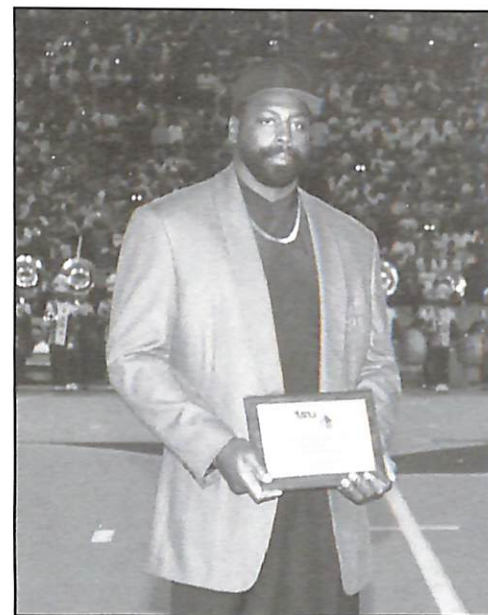
"Coach Merritt devoted a lot of personal attention to me. That meant a lot. Because of that, normally I was the first player on the field and the last player to leave. And when they detected that I was trying as hard as I possibly could, they worked with me.

"The same thing goes for the faculty here. I was one of those students who always believed in doing just enough to get by. But the faculty saw potential in me and put forth that same effort to get me to apply myself. They made me aware that even if you're lucky enough to make it in professional sports, it's not going to last forever. That's what the coaching staff here, the faculty here taught me.

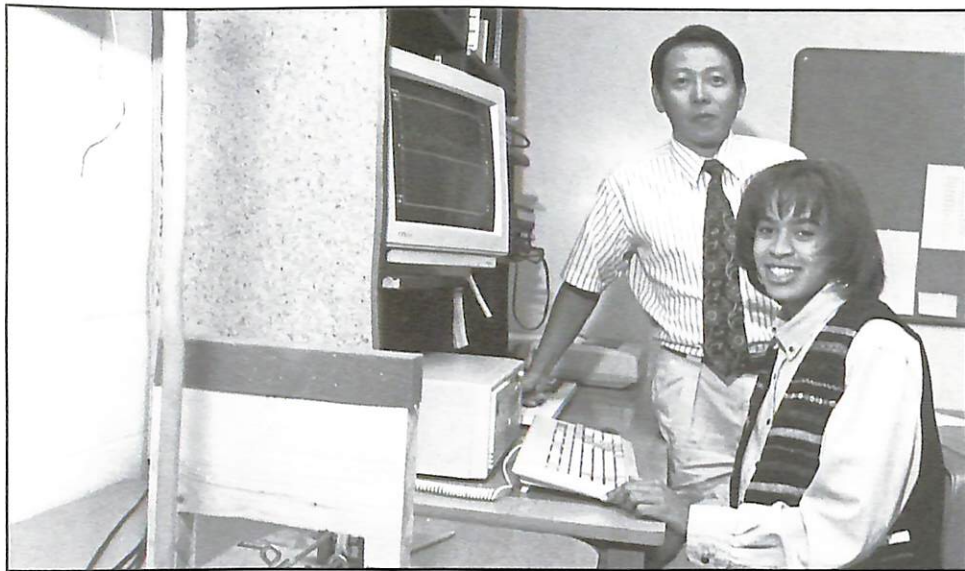
"When I travel around, people are aware that I was the first player picked in the [NFL] draft. They say 'Why did you go to a Division II school?'

"I'm never reluctant to speak up about Tennessee State University because of all they [the coaches and faculty] have meant to me. I will always make every effort I possibly can to encourage other students to go here."

So, more importantly than victorious final scores and highly acclaimed win-loss records, Big John Merritt's principles and logic about winning at life live on in such athletic greats as Ed "Too Tall" Jones.



In his remarks at the Homecoming reception, Ed "Too Tall" Jones remembered the coaches and faculty who encouraged him to give 110 percent. Jones was honored at Homecoming 1994 as the parade grand marshal.



Mechanical engineering major Monica Page and her research advisor, Jiann-Shiun Lew, demonstrate the type of controller simulated in their research, which recently won a national award from the National Science Foundation.

Student Wins Award at National Science Foundation Conference

Monica Page, a senior mechanical engineering major, recently won the Phi Beta Kappa Student Award at the National Science Foundation's (NSF's) Conference on Diversity in the Scientific and Technological Workforce.

In her award-winning research, Page used the mathematical technique of interval analysis, developed by Jiann-Shiun Lew, research specialist in TSU's Center of Excellence for Information Systems, Engineering and Management, combined with finite element analysis, to design a

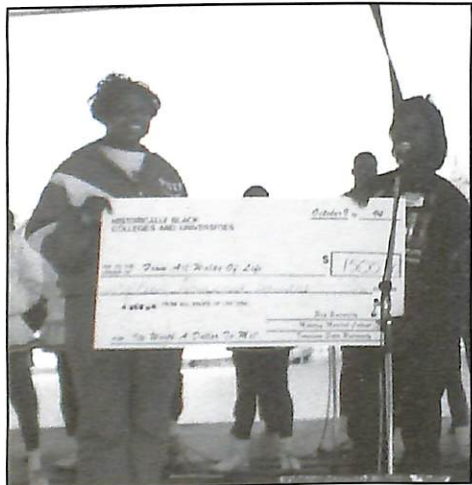
flexible robust controller, a beam that can simulate control of changes in systems. For instance, Page's research may help fine-tune the effectiveness of an airplane to adjust to changes in weight from decreasing fuel levels and other variables.

Page was selected from a pool of 337 students who made presentations at the conference in Washington, D.C. According to reports from NSF, those 337 students represented nearly 380,000 minority students who are involved in comprehensive and systemic programs supported by NSF in education and research. Page's complete presentation will be published in NSF's conference proceedings and ultimately in a refereed journal.

Page's research is supported by NSF's Research Improvement in Minority Institutions program.

TSU Students Walk to Raise Money to Fight the Spread of AIDS

Over 200 students from Tennessee State University put on their walking shoes to help educate people about AIDS and provide services to those who have



Presenting the check for \$1,500 raised by Nashville HBCUs are Angela Dixon (left) and Catrina Buggs (right).

already contracted HIV. The fund raiser was part of the annual AIDS walk for Nashville CARES, a non-profit, community-based, organization providing AIDS service and education.

Using the slogan, "It's worth a dollar to me," students asked each student and faculty and staff member to donate at least one dollar to the cause. Students raised over \$1,500 in their efforts.

Angela Dixon, Student Government Association president, said, "As college students and future leaders, we need to be concerned about AIDS, its effect on so many people, and the particularly higher incidence of AIDS among African Americans. We believe we can help by educating people about the risks of this disease. If people knew better, I believe they would do better."

In the United States, it is estimated that 1.5 million people are infected with HIV. According to the Tennessee Department of Health, in all statewide HIV cases in 1993, 55 percent were African American. Almost half were between the ages of 13 and 29.

The Student Union Board of Governors (SUBG) sponsored the event. Catrina Buggs, SUBG chairperson, said the visible participation of the students "shows that we do have a heart and we do care."

Brigadier General Brings Message of Success to TSU

Limitless opportunities exist for people to do what they want to do if they get an education. That was the message Brig. Gen. George H. Walls Jr. brought to students and professionals at the 1994 Career Fair Banquet.

"Take your education, set a goal for yourself, and keep after it until you get it," was his advice to those attending the Career Fair banquet. Walls believes everyone has the ability to "go out into society and be successful."

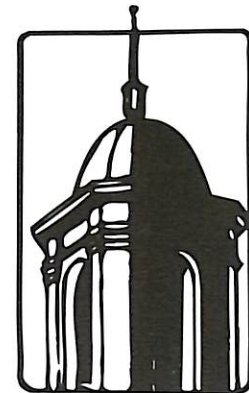
Walls, who retired from the U.S. Marine Corps last year, now spends his time trying to help young people start their path to success. He serves as special assistant to the Chancellor of North Carolina Central University and considers helping a student find financial aid to attend college as rewarding as his experiences in 1991 and 1992 commanding the task force which provided humanitarian relief to Haitian migrants at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Walls said the move to higher education was as easy as hanging up a military suit for a business suit.

"I do the kinds of things I've always been satisfied with — work with young people in a service capacity," said Walls, who carries a message of "Yes, you can" to as many students as he can.

Walls retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1993 as the highest-ranking African American in that branch of service.



Brig. Gen. George H. Walls, who was the highest-ranking African American in the Marines when he retired, shared his insights at the Career Fair Banquet.



College of Education Faculty Notes

- Governor Ned McWherter recently appointed Dorothy Granberry (psychology and interim associate dean) to a six-year term on the Tennessee Civil Service Commission. Granberry also serves as a member-at-large of the executive committee of the Southeastern Psychological Association.
- Carole Stice (teaching and learning) and John Bertrand (educational administration) have co-authored a textbook, *Integrating Reading and the Other Language Arts*, published by Wadsworth Publishing.
- Ellen Brier (educational administration) has been appointed program chair for the 1994 annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association.
- The college helps sponsor Project Getting There, an after-school enrichment program for students ages 10 through 14 in the Greater Edgehill Community in South Nashville. Operated through Greater Bethel AME Church, the project is funded by the Tennessee Department of Health.
- Franklin Jones (educational administration and interim dean) attended a Quality Education for Minorities Conference in Washington, D.C., and an Association of Teacher Educators workshop in Utah.
- James Stewart (psychology and interim director, Title III programs) attended an Advanced Seminar on the Use of the National Assessment of Educational Progress Database in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Department of Education sponsored the seminar.

The 36th Annual Farm, Home and Ministers' Institute

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Former Miss America Debbye Turner featured speaker

Packard Foundation Makes Significant Award to College of Arts and Sciences



Jeanetta Williams will direct the Packard Science Institute for Freshmen at Tennessee State University. The program, designed to recruit minority high school students to the University to study mathematics, physics and chemistry, is funded by a \$400,000 grant from the Packard Foundation.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has awarded TSU's College of Arts and Sciences \$400,000 to implement the Packard Summer Science Institute for Freshmen. The University will receive \$100,000 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 1995. The program will provide instruction for promising African-American students who have expressed interest in pursuing a college degree in chemistry, physics or mathematics and a subsequent career in one of those areas.

The Packard funding will allow the University to conduct a six-week Summer Science Institute as a pre-freshman program for talented students who have already been admitted to TSU. Students will receive instruction in all three disciplines (chemistry, physics and mathematics), participate in joint research projects, hear guest speakers and visit local businesses and industries which employ mathematicians and scientists.

Clayton Reeve, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, coordinated the grant proposal. He said the institute would not only provide a solid background in students' fields of study but also would "improve their study skills before the first year of college, as well as introduce them to career possibilities in these fields and encourage them to seek lives and careers in sci-

ence." Reeve said the University will award scholarships from the Packard grant to students who maintain their commitment to the sciences and mathematics.

Jeanetta Williams, assistant professor of mathematics, will serve as director of the program and mathematics instructor. Moinuddin Sarkar, assistant professor of physics, will be the physics instructor, and Peter Iyere, assistant professor of chemistry, will be the instructor in chemistry.

Reeve said he hopes the program will motivate eligible high school juniors and seniors to enroll at TSU. For more information on the program, contact Reeve at 963-7518.



Clayton Reeve

DIANE Puts High Technology to Work for Business, Education

The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Project DIANE, is introducing a series of seminars to link businesses, educational institutions and other organizations in highly technological ways.

Stephen Shao, project DIANE director and member of the TSU College of Business faculty, and Sam Hinton, vice president and director of Small Business Resources at NationsBank, conducted

News from the Tennessee Board of Regents

TSU Master Plan receives highest priority.

At its quarterly meeting on September 23, the Tennessee Board of Regents approved the recommended two-year capital budget request, which places top priority on the completion of Tennessee State University's Master Plan, at a cost of \$9.53 million.

The board also recommended \$54 million for construction, renovations and additions at seventeen technology centers, a new technology center facility at Oneida and instructional equipment. Over \$30 million was requested for completing other capital projects and nearly \$240 million was requested for capital outlay projects.

The total requested budget of over \$333 million will be forwarded to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for final approval.

TBR creates Committee on Economic Development.

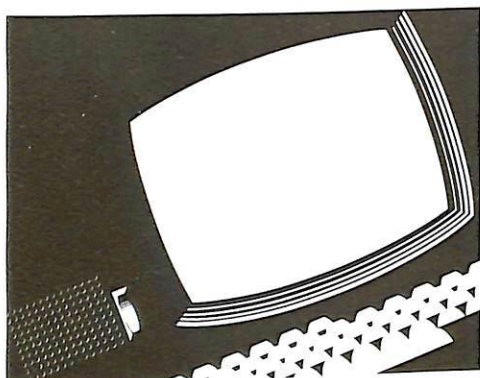
To further the Tennessee Board of Regents' initiative to play a more viable role in the state's economic development efforts, the Board has passed a recommendation to form a Committee on Economic Development. Mike Magill, TBR executive director for economic development, said that the institutions in the Regents' system have vast resources, which are oftentimes not utilized in communities.

"We will evaluate our resources and better utilize them in businesses and companies throughout the state," said Magill. "The Board has a high level of interest that our system be involved in as many aspects of our communities and economy as possible."

Robert Jack Fishman will chair the new committee, with Robert L. "Bud" Gamble, Thomas H. Jackson, Jane G. Kisber, Carl R. Moore, Wayne Qualls and J. Howard Warf as members.



Posing behind the plaque at John A. Merritt Memorial Plaza (l-r): Councilman Willis McAlister; Don Merritt, nephew of John Merritt; Howard Gentry, TSU director of athletics; Senator Thelma Harper; TSU President James Hefner; Lula Collier, TSU vice-president for administration; Kindell Stephens, voice of the Tigers on WVOL; Angela Dixon, president, TSU Student Government Association; and Hope Hines, local sportscaster and former host of "The John Merritt Show."



the first seminars at Business Expo '94, a business-to-business trade fair presented by the Chamber.

According to the October 10-14 issue of the *Nashville Business Journal*, "Sessions are to test and explore how Middle Tennesseans can use the 'information highway' for educational enrichment and economic development." Participants also learned about how to access and use hypermedia databases and the Internet.

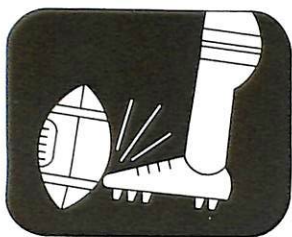
On November 17, another DIANE session will allow the Country Music Association to conduct its annual executive planning meeting through a video teleconference link connecting Nashville and London.

On December 14 at Grassmere Wildlife Park, DIANE will link high school students from Nashville and Caen, France.

DIANE is an acronym for Diversified Information and Assistance Network. It is a consortium-based public service telecommunications network developed in 1992 by the Office of Applied Research at TSU. Current information and communication capabilities of this growing service network include interactive video teleconferencing, collaborative PC-to-PC applications, and on-line multimedia databases.

For more information on DIANE projects, contact Stephen Shao at 963-7171.

Up-to-Date Sports



Football Notes

- Three former Southeastern Conference players have seen plenty of action at TSU this year: defensive end David Bell (Tennessee), defensive back Ralph Thompson (Georgia) and linebacker Michael Holcey (Auburn).
- Through seven games, junior wide receiver Lawrence Segree has found himself in good company on two TSU career lists. He is tied for fourth in career receptions with 110 catches and he is seventh on the career receiving yards list with 1,468 yards.
- Through seven games, Tennessee State has played in front of 185,362 fans this season, with an average crowd of 26,480.
- Through seven games, TSU linebacker Michael Holcey is third in the Ohio Valley Conference in sacks (6 for 36 yards) and is second in tackles for loss (10 for 52 yards).
- TSU tailback Darron Davis is still on pace to become the first 1,000-yard rusher in TSU history. He has compiled 726 yards through seven games.
- *A bit of trivia:* Tennessee State is 140-1 (99.3 percent) when scoring 35 or more points in a game. The lone defeat was a 51-38 loss to Mississippi Valley State in 1983.



Women's Basketball

The Tennessee State women's basketball team will open the 1994-95 season on November 25, competing in the OVC/Southern Conference Clash in Statesboro, Ga. The Lady Tigers will play Furman one day and Georgia Southern the next.

The team's regular season begins November 30 with a contest against UT-Chattanooga.

The women, who went 20-9 (13-3 OVC) last season, will also participate in the MCI/First American Bank Tournament at Vanderbilt University December 2-3. The Lady Tigers will play Wake Forest in the opening round, while Vanderbilt meets Massachusetts.

Men's Basketball

The Tigers, who finished the 1993-94 season with a 19-12 (12-4 OVC) record, are hoping to make it "three-in-a-row" for appearances in the NCAA tournament.

Prior to the season opener, the team will host two exhibition games. On November 15, the Tigers host the Sports

Crusaders. On November 19, TSU plays Zadar, Croatia. Both games begin at 7:30 p.m. in Gentry Center Complex.

The Big Blue will open the 1994-95 season with three games in a row at home. TSU will play Bryan College on November 26, East Tennessee State on November 28 and UT-Chattanooga on December 5. The UT-C game will be broadcast live on SportsSouth.

Contests against North Carolina A&T, Virginia Commonwealth, Kansas State, Florida A&M, Western Kentucky and Jackson State highlight this year's schedule.

Women's Volleyball

The TSU women's volleyball team is wrapping up this season's schedule.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Ernie Gilbert, the team still has home matches remaining against Eastern Kentucky (November 4), Morehead State (November 5), Murray State (November 10) and Tennessee Tech (November 11). The final three matches will be played in Kean Hall beginning at 7 p.m.



Track

Head coach Chandra Cheeseborough will introduce her first edition of the Tigerbellees on December 10 as Tennessee State opens the women's indoor track season at Middle Tennessee State. The men's indoor track team, under the leadership of second-year head coach Allen Robinson, will also open its season at MTSU December 10.



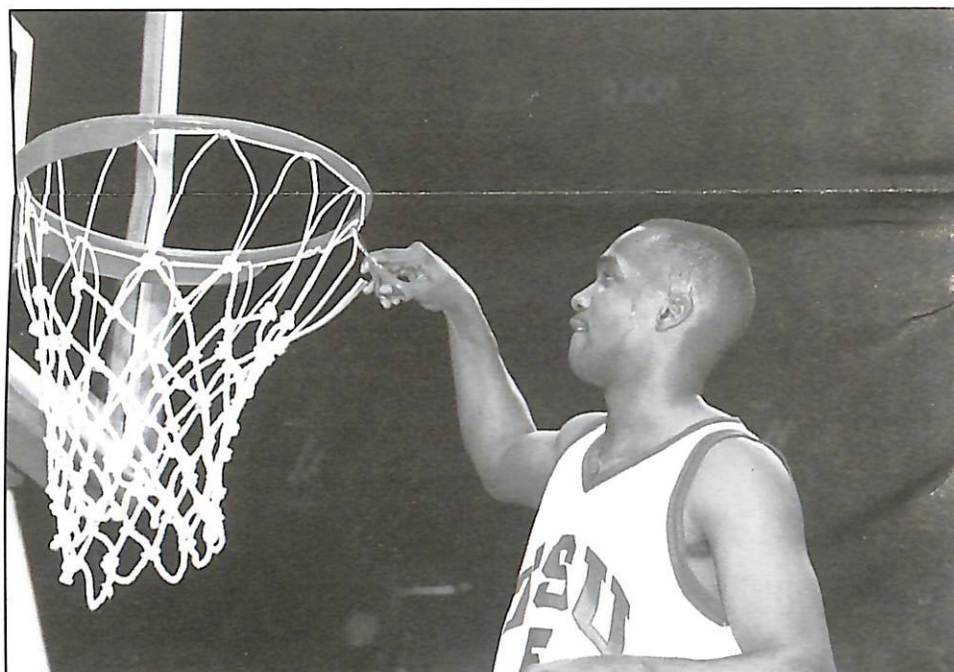
Men's Golf

The men's golf team is enjoying a successful fall. Highlights so far include a third-place finish in the Coca-Cola Black College Invitational in Atlanta, September 23-24. Adrian Adams tied for second in the tournament with a two-day total of 139.

TSU finished second by one stroke to Florida A&M in the Alabama State/SWAC Invitational October 8-9 in Montgomery, Ala. Adams was second in the tournament with a two-day total of 146. Chad Carroway tied for third with a total of 149 strokes, while Robert Matthews tied for eighth.



Senior guard Carolyn Aldridge plans to help the Lady Tigers repeat their conference championship and NCAA berth. Last season, Aldridge was named first-team All OVC. She average 18.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.



Will it be "three-in-a-row" for the TSU Tigers? This player cuts the net at TSU's OVC Championship in 1993. TSU repeated the championship in 1994 and plans to celebrate another victorious season in 1995.

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