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## Gerontology Program Expanded

The Department of Social Welfare has received funding from the Administration on Aging to expand its Career Preparation for Human Services Practitioners in Gerontology Program.

The project period is from 9/30/79 through 9/30/82.

The objectives of the Career Preparation for Human Services Practitioners in Gerontology are: (1) to provide knowledge and skills in the area of gerontology and health care to undergraduate students, (2) to provide staff development and in-service training for practitioners working in the public and private sector in aging programs, (3) to develop two field units; one in a high rise home for the elderly, and one in a 202 high rise complex for the elderly and the handicapped, (4) to provide consultation to the public and private agencies within the community that services the elderly with emphasis on black and minority content being an integral part, (5) to secure employment commitments from agencies and institutions that serve the elderly, (6) to sponsor a state wide conference addressing issues, problems, and services to the minority elderly with special emphasis on black elderly, which includes special workshops concentrating on securing employment opportunities for working with the elderly.

This Career Preparation for Human Services Practitioners in Gerontology Program is designed to expand the undergraduate curriculum in gerontology, upgrade existing faculty competence by the use of workshops and consultants and to recruit and place social welfare majors and minors in field practical experiences in co-operation with various interested agencies.

The primary impact of this program is on the inner city minority aged. Currently and historically there has been a

vast shortage of individuals whose training and sensitivity has prepared them to identify and relate to the needs of people in the above category. This program is designed to train individuals to meet these needs.

The expected outcomes of this project are: (1) the expansion of the undergraduate curriculum in gerontology, (2) the development and expansion of a pool of undergraduate students who are committed to gerontology as a career option, (3) the exposure of a wide variety of students and faculty members to the field of gerontology, (4) to provide an inter-agency process for establishing a linkage between the academic community and gerontology human services agencies by utilizing the field placement approach for training students, (5) to secure employment commitments from the agencies with field placement units to employ 50% of the students who have been placed in these units.

The following field placement sites are being utilized for the spring semester, the Metropolitan Development Housing Agency, The Elderly High Rise Apartments, Rural Senior Employment Program and Knowles Home for the Aged all in Nashville, and the National Center on Black Aged in Washington, D.C.

Each student will receive a stipend while in field placement.

With this grant the Department of Social Welfare will be in the forefront in training undergraduate students to work effectively as human service practitioners in gerontology in meeting the needs and demands of providing quality services to the elderly population in the 1980's.

Any social welfare major or minor who is enrolled at the main campus or downtown campus is eligible for the program and interested students may contact Roderic N. Burton, director of gerontology in the Woman's Building, office—300-A, or may call 320-3645.

## Conference on Women Seek Papers, Art

Two professors at Georgia State University in Atlanta have issued a call for papers and works of art in conjunction with a conference to be held in March, 1981 entitled "A Fabric of Our Own Making: Southern Scholars on Women."

The conference is a major part of a project, funded by the Women's Educational Equity Act Program, U.S. Department of Education, entitled "A Model for Gender-Balancing the General Curriculum in Higher Education."

Interested educators and artists are requested to submit proposals for papers, workshops and works of art pertaining to women and sex-or

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## Dental Health Week Approaches

In honor of Children's Dental Health Week, the University's Department of Dental Hygiene will sponsor a free dental health clinic all day February 4th. Faculty and staff are invited to bring their children to Clement Hall (35th and Alameda St.) between the hours of 9-4 p.m.

For those persons unable to get their children to the clinic on campus, dental hygiene students will be working in the following Metro schools throughout the week; West Meade, Martha Vaught, Lavergne, McKissack, Lakeview and Neely's Bend Elementary Schools, Harpeth Jr. High School and First Methodist Preschool.

For more information about the activities contact Eileen Ellis, coordinator of the program or Toni DeBaise, co-coordinator, ext. 3565.

## How To Plant Your Spring Garden

Asparagus crowns, early cabbage, head lettuce, onions, and rhubarb can all be planted during the first two weeks of February in Tennessee.

Mustard and hardy spring spinach can also be planted then, according to a planting calendar prepared by Dr. Clarence Johnson, a TSU plant scientist.

And if you haven't already planned your garden, he advises, now is the time to do so. If you've already selected a site for your garden, begin putting down organic matter such as compost, peat moss, and sawdust.

For most Middle Tennessee gardens, this organic matter is needed to increase the capacity for holding water and nutrients in the root zone. Sandy and clay soil throughout the region makes gardening difficult without such soil amendments, Johnson cautions.

Johnson is a researcher for the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP). His CARP research project will help determine the optimum time for farmers to begin irrigating sweet potatoes. Watering is laborious and, in the case of irrigation, expensive. Johnson may find that sweet potato seeds need little or no watering for long periods of time. That would be good news for the farmer.

But Johnson enjoys helping would-be gardeners as well. In fact, he teaches a course in vegetable gardening and many of his students are beginners.

He advises the beginners to take care in selecting a garden site. Find a sunny spot near enough to your residence to make watering and weeding relatively easy, he says. Gardeners should also plan the garden layout.

"Plan to keep the tall vegetables at an extreme end of the garden to minimize the potential shading of the lower vegetables," Johnson said.

Having made the necessary plans and preparation for your garden, you can begin shopping for seeds. Johnson suggests the early shoppers may get seeds before prices rise.

The second half of February is time to plant asparagus, radishes and any of the vegetables you neglected to plant during the first two weeks of February, according to Johnson.

Beets, carrots, potatoes, peas, cabbage, and cauliflower can be planted in

March, although sweet corn and tomatoes should not be planted until mid-April. Many beans, cantaloupe, collards, egg plant, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, watermelon, and squash can all be planted during the first two weeks of May.

### Speaker Available

Attention faculty! ACCENT has received notice that Rear Admiral Frederick F. Palmer, Chief of Naval Research, is available for speaking engagements on the campus.

He will be available to speak on international affairs and foreign relations and sea power. Dates can be arranged with C. J. Carlson, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve, by calling 251-5976 during business hours.

Lt. Carlson says that the Admiral will be available late February and early March.

## TSU Awarded New Head Start Grant

Tennessee State University has been awarded a Health, Education, and Welfare contract to provide training and technical assistance to Head Start staff and programs throughout Tennessee. The Region IV Department of HEW awarded the contract at the close of a competitive bid review during September, 1979.

To carry out the state training office project, the Center for Training and Technical Assistance was established in the TSU School of Education. The contract will continue through September, 1980, with a two year renewal option. Seven (7) training specialists, in administration, education, parent involvement, social services and health and handicap services, began providing services to local Head Start programs in October.

Contract services are provided to serve a total of 7,600 preschool children and families. Intensive assistance is provided to 8 of 19 Head Start grantees and routine assistance is provided to 11 other Head Start agencies. A total of 90 Tennessee counties are served. State-wide conferences and workshops, library services and development of media and materials are also accomplished by the project.

Barbara A. Nye is director of the Center for Training and Technical Assistance. Other Head Start Training staff

members are Keytha S. Jones (Union City) administrative and social service specialist; Rodney Ritchey, (Smyrna) administration and parent involvement Clarice Cole, (Nashville) parent involvement and social service specialist; Jewell McDonald, (Gordonsville) education and social service specialist; Gloria Reed, (Nashville) education and parent involvement specialist; Mary Fairless, Nashville, administrative assistant; Kenneth Nye, (Nashville) executive consultant and Tennessee State University director of grants and contracts development.

Head Start personnel of others interested in the services of the staff training office can inquire in writing to the Center for Training and Technical Assistance, School of Education, Tennessee State University, Downtown Campus, 10th and Charlotte, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

### University Co-Sponsors Hazardous Materials Meet

Dr. Everett Witherspoon welcomed the International Seminar on Hazardous Materials to Nashville on Tuesday, January 22. TSU co-sponsored the week-long conference in cooperation with the Nashville Hazardous Risk Advisory Committee, of which Dr. James L. Cox and Dr. George Cox are members, and the Colorado Committee on Hazardous Materials Safety.

Dr. Witherspoon told the group that "as a university, we are committed to excellence as we seek to answer the problems which plague our communities. As a reflection of this commitment, we extend our public service to participate in solving those problems."

Tennessee State University is involved in education to help solve hazardous materials problems. TSU offers a BS in engineering with an emphasis in industrial safety, and an associate degree program in fire science.

The Center for Urban and Public Affairs coordinates TSU's participation in the Hazardous Risk Advisory Committee. The center is a joint program of TSU and MTSU. Its primary responsibility is to lead in the development of programs which involve the faculty in research and public service projects.

Thursday, January 24, President Humphries addressed the banquet of the professionals gathered from all over the nation.

# News Briefs

Dr. Baqar Husaini, psychiatric epidemiologist and a researcher for the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program, recently wrote several articles on mental health for professional journals and sourcebooks. All report aspects of his research for CARP and are on mental health needs.

Already in print are an article on psychiatric impairment in rural communities for the *Journal of Community Psychology*, and a report on the mental health needs of a rural Tennessee

## Engineering School Holding Memphis Workshop

A free workshop on identifying prospective engineers for the 1980s will be offered for high school teachers and counselors at the Holiday Inn-Riverton, Memphis, on Thursday, February 7.

The workshop, sponsored by the TSU School of Engineering and Technology, will begin at 3:30 p.m. with registration. It will conclude at 7 p.m. after an informal reception.

"This workshop is designed to better inform high school teachers and counselors about their role in identifying prospective students who have a strong desire and potential to pursue a career in engineering," said Dr. Edward I. Isibor, dean of TSU's engineering school.

"Through this and other activities we hope to substantially increase the quality of enrollment in our engineering programs," Isibor continued.

Dr. Andrew Ryal, assistant dean of the engineering school, will welcome participants to the workshop. The featured speakers will be Dr. Fred Johnson, assistant superintendent for instructional services of the Shelby County School System, and Clifford Stockton, associate manager for economic development of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce.

Isibor will also speak on opportunities for engineering education at Tennessee State University.

The workshop is being sponsored under a grant from the General Electric Foundation.

community in a handbook published by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Two additional articles have been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Community Psychology*, as well as articles for *Science and Medicine* and the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*. Also scheduled for publication is a report on the prevalence of psychopathology in rural Tennessee and Oklahoma in a handbook of rural community mental health.

Husaini and his colleague, Dr. James Neff, have also presented their research findings to symposia and other scientific gatherings throughout the country.

T. E. Poag Players Guild will perform in *The Unexpected Guest* February 11 and 12. The production is directed by W. Dury Cox, II.

Since there has been a changeover to daytime cleaning, the custodians will no longer turn out classroom and office lights. When you leave your office or classroom in the evening, please make sure all the lights are turned off.

Also remember to save energy by turning off all machinery and lights when not in use.

A reminder that the RONALD COTTON fund still needs donations. The address is:

The Ronald Cotton Leukemia Fund  
Citizens Savings Bank  
Post Office Box 2624  
Nashville, Tenn. 37201

Dr. Mildred Hurley made a presentation on inner-city minority elderly for the Department of Social Welfare Gerontology program on January 18.

Dr. Paul Madden and Dr. Franklin Jones attended the Tennessee Association for Curriculum Development at Memphis State University January 25 and 26.

Dr. Calvin O. Atchison, vice-president of development, research and planning discussed "Black Colleges Facing the 80's in Fund Raising" at the Case III conference held in Atlanta, January 21.

Dr. Joan C. Elliott, (modern foreign languages) co-authored a paper entitled "White Reaction to the Black Handshake Under Three Experimental Conditions," with Walburga Engel of Vanderbilt University. The article was read at an international meeting on linguistics at the University of Upsala, in Sweden, and also appeared in a book entitled *Language and Ethnic Relations*, edited by Howard Giles and Bernard Saint.

Dr. Frederick Humphries, president of the University will serve on the Committee on Urban Affairs of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges for 1980.

Weight Watchers will offer a free class on weight reduction for state employees, including TSU faculty and staff, on the Downtown Campus in Room 270 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For further information call Andy Harris at 741-1646 or call Weight Watchers at 383-5900.

## Conference

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gender-related differences or similarities on four broad topics (psychomotor development; socialization, societal roles; politics, law and society) from five general areas of knowledge (humanities, social sciences, math and natural sciences, health and career development).

The project directors are Dr. Diana Fowlkes, assistant professor of political science and Dr. Charlotte McClure, assistant professor of comparative literature.

Proposals for papers, workshops and works of art must be received by the directors no later than May 30, 1980. For complete details write or call WEEA Project, Box 673, Georgia State University, University Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 658-3152.

# **DEPARTMENT OF ART**

## **EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

**Art Faculty Show**

**January 25 - February 20, 1980**

**"Art Jamboree" sponsored by  
The Lyceum Committee  
Tucker-Anderson Show  
Ceramics & Photography**

**March 2 - 7, 1980**

**Annual Student Exhibition**

**April 11 - May 9, 1980**

**Bibb - McGruder Exhibition  
Painting & Sculpture**

**August - September, 1980**

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In cooperation with Dr. Herman Beasley, Acting Chairman, Department of Art, Dr. W. Y. Bell, Associate Dean, Dr. Robert Hudson, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Bernard Crowell, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Frederick Humphries, President.

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**Art Exhibition Committee  
Greg Ridley  
Ted Jones  
Nina Lovelace**

NOTE: Any Individual or Group interested in Exhibiting at the University may contact the above committee.