

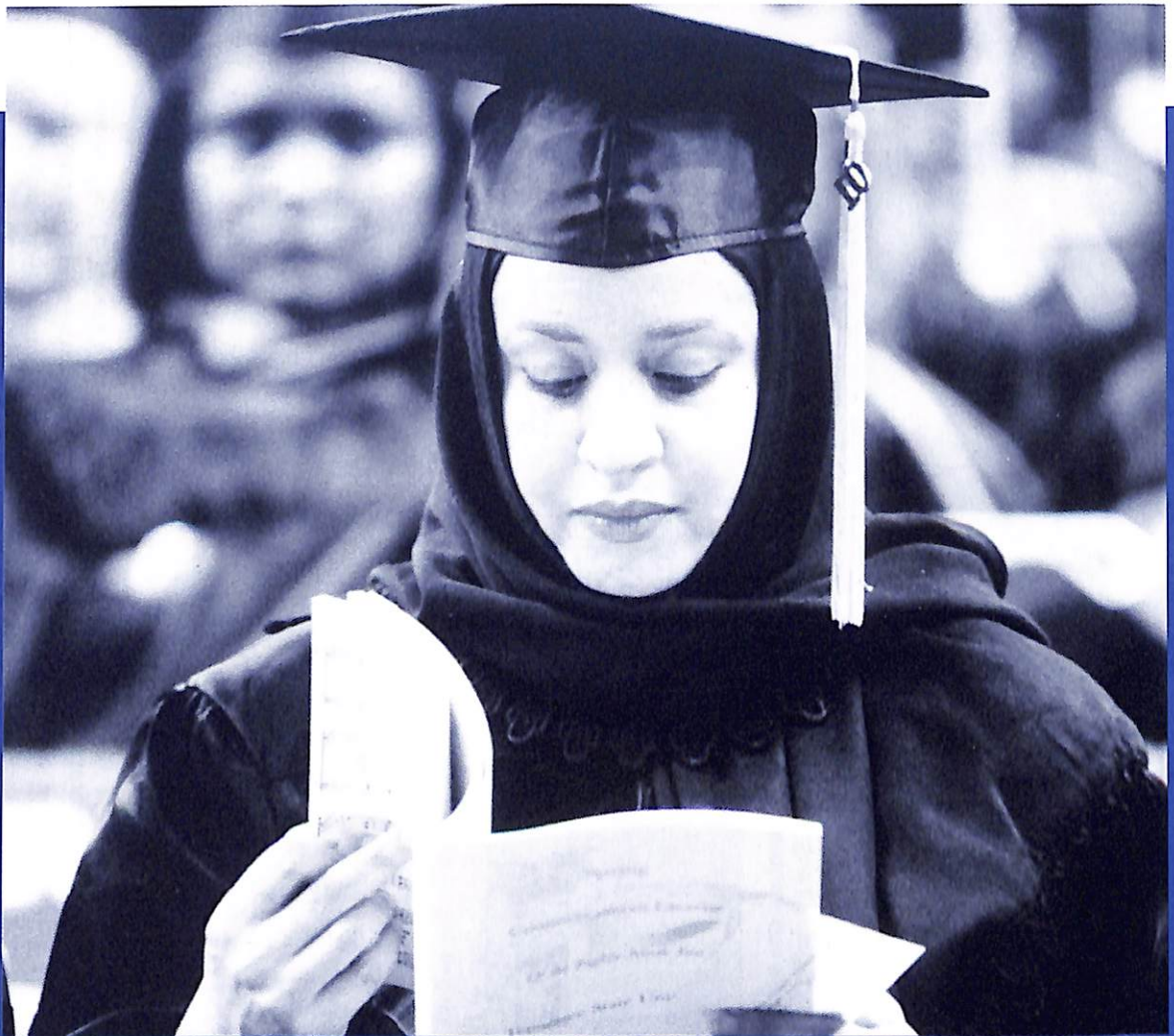
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Hebatalla Elsayed Elkateeb, a doctoral candidate in curriculum and instruction, reviews the commencement program prior to the exercises.



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Senators, representatives honor Ford family at TSU building dedication

Tennessee State University celebrated the contributions of Harold E. Ford Sr. and John N. Ford by officially naming the Heiman Street Residential Complex for them. The Ford brothers were joined by other family members for ceremonies held April 18 on the grounds of the complex.

"It is wonderful to see so many senators here today; we can hold a budget meeting right now," Harold Ford said, as he pointed out dignitaries in the audience. They included Lt. Gov. John Wilder, Deputy Gov. Wendell Moore, Sen. Gene Elsea, Sen. Douglas Henry, Sen. James Kyle Jr., and Sen. Randy McNally.

After receiving commemorative gifts, the Fords surprised the audience with a gift to TSU of \$500,000.

"This is a truly outstanding donation, and the Fords can be sure Tennessee State University will put it to good use," said TSU President James Hefner.

There are 12 siblings in the Ford family, most of whom graduated from Tennessee State University. On hand for the presentation were brother Joe Ford, sisters Joyce Ford Miller and Ophelia Ford; nephews James Ford Jr. and Edmund Ford; and Autumn Ford, John Ford's daughter. U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr. relayed his regrets for not being able to attend, as did Gov. Don Sundquist and former vice president Al Gore.

"I am proud today," said Lt. Gov. Wilder. "Is it because of the bricks and mortar we are recognizing

today? No, though we need bricks and mortar. Is it because of Tennessee State University? No, though that is reason to be proud.

"I am proud because I can look back to Purdy, Tennessee, where Otis Floyd [former president of Tennessee State University and Tennessee Board of Regents chancellor] attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. He let me walk by his

side. I am proud when I think of Odell Horton [United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee] working in a cotton patch in Hardin County. He let me walk by his side. But nothing makes me prouder than this family. I love you; God bless you."

Harold Ford Sr. became the first African American from the state of Tennessee to be elected to Congress and served from 1975 until his retirement in 1997.

John N. Ford has served in the Tennessee State Senate since 1974. He has been a key supporter of Tennessee State University throughout his legislative

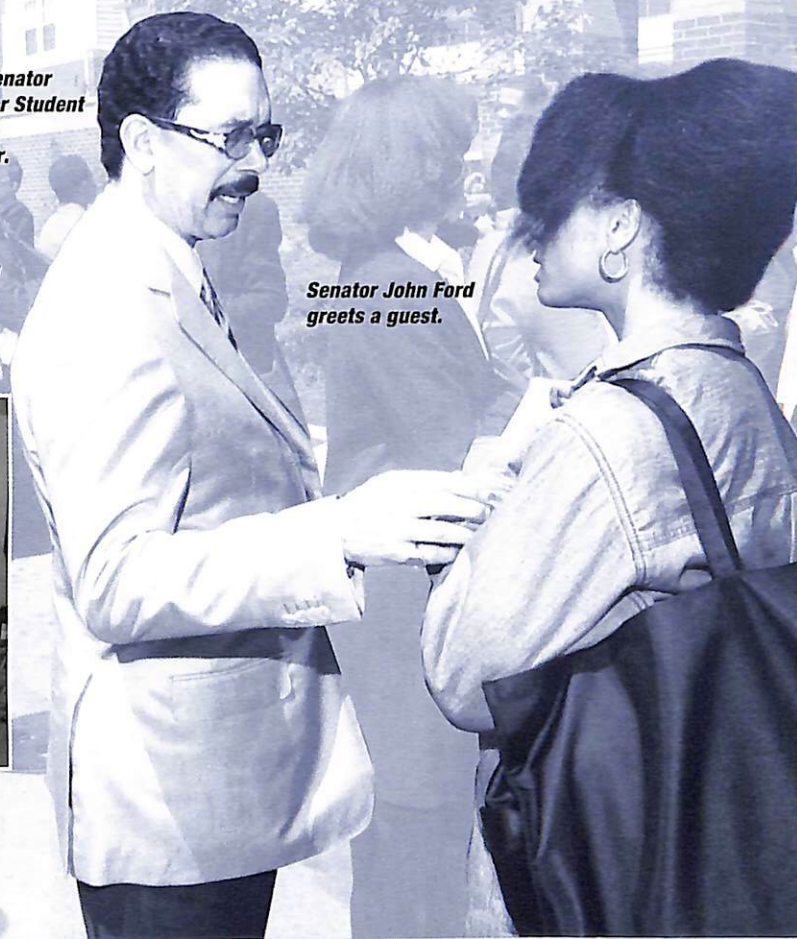
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(above) President Hefner, Senator John Ford, Vice President for Student Affairs Thomas Martin and Congressman Harold Ford Sr.



(left) John Rudley, vice chancellor for business and finance with the Tennessee Board of Regents, with Senator John Ford



Senator John Ford greets a guest.



Harold Ford Sr. (right) and Deputy Gov. Wendell Moore



Congressman Harold Ford Sr. with Peggy Earnest, associate dean of students and director of residence life

Ford building dedication

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tenure and played a significant role during the development of the \$112 million master plan for campus improvement.

Both Congressman Ford and Senator Ford are alumni of TSU who have continually supported the university throughout their careers.

The Harold E. Ford Sr. and John N. Ford Residential Complex is a 122-unit dwelling with single-occupancy, two- and four-bedroom apartments. The \$11.4 million complex has a well appointed community center complete with computer lab, beauty salon, exercise room, and activity area. Residents' rooms are cable TV- and computer-ready, and computer workstations are part of each fully furnished bedroom.



Senator John Ford and Nebraska Mays, faculty member in education



President and Mrs. Hefner, Senator Ford and Congressman Ford



Senator Ford, Miss TSU Tamara Moore and Congressman Ford

Howard Gentry, assistant vice president for university relations and development, President Hefner and Congressman Ford



Leonora Kellman, staff member for Senator John Ford, Ophelia Ford, the Fords' sister, and JoVita Wells, associate director of sponsored research

More than 1,100 graduate

More than 1,100 graduates received their diplomas at commencement exercises at Tennessee State University Saturday, May 12. The large number of graduates prompted university officials to host two ceremonies this year, one at 9 a.m. and another at 2 p.m. The morning's featured speaker was Earl Graves, publisher of *Black Enterprise* magazine, and the afternoon's speaker was Reginald Stuart, a TSU alumnus and executive with Knight Ridder news services.

At the morning ceremonies, the university awarded diplomas to graduates of the colleges of arts and sciences, business, education, and engineering, technology and computer science, as well as the

graduate school in those disciplines and the Institute of Government. Graves told more than 900 soon-to-be alumni that they should regard themselves as corporations and their diplomas as a return on their stockholders' investments.

At the afternoon ceremonies, the university awarded diplomas to graduates of the schools of agriculture and family and consumer sciences, allied health professions, and nursing, as well as the graduate school in those disciplines.

Monica Grinage, a speech communication and theatre major, makes her walk across the stage.

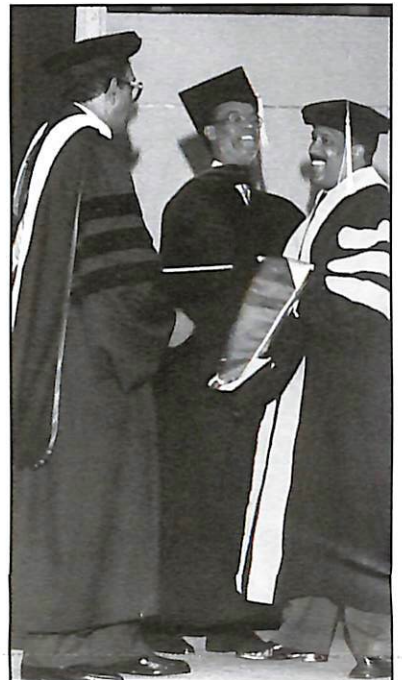


Stuart asked the 200 graduating students,

"Do you know how special you are? Half the students you started high school with will never graduate from college."

Summer commencement exercises are slated for Saturday, August 11, at 10 a.m. in Gentry Center; the speaker will be Art Benjamin, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Access.1 Communications Corporation.

(Right) Peggy Enochs, assistant director of the University Honors Program, receives her hood. She earned her doctor of education degree in administration and supervision. Her daughter, Regina Enochs, received her baccalaureate diploma in accounting during the same commencement exercises.



Gregory Clark, director of recruiting, receives his diploma from Augustus Bankhead, vice president for academic affairs, as John Cade, dean of admissions and records, looks on. Clark earned a doctor of education degree in administration and supervision.



(Above) Accounting major Dwight Stewart (right), an employee in finance and accounting, receives his diploma from Tilden Curry, dean of the College of Business.

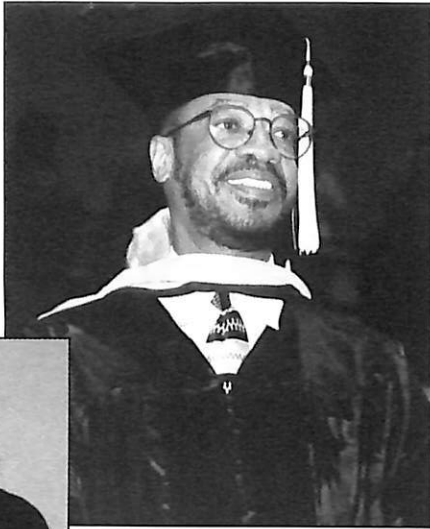


(Left) President Hefner presents the Distinguished Service Award to Marion Anema, dean of the School of Nursing.



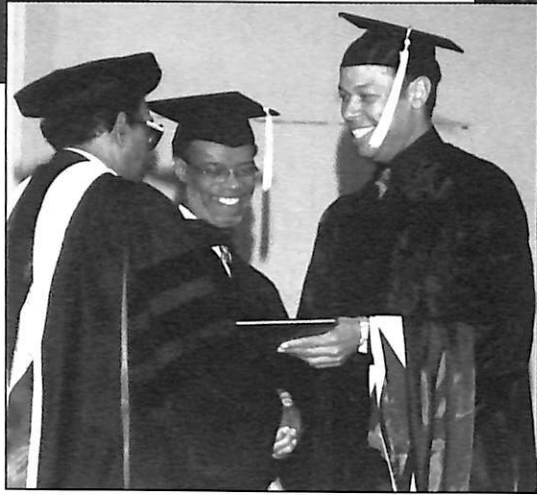


President Hefner presents a Highest Appreciation Award to Herman Brady, who retired from the speech communication and theatre faculty this spring.



(Above) John Rudley, vice chancellor for business and finance at the Tennessee Board of Regents and doctoral candidate in administration and supervision, is hooded.

(Right) William Hytche Jr., director of off-campus housing and assistant dean of students, receives his doctorate in education from Augustus Bankhead, vice president for academic affairs, as John Cade, dean of admissions and records, looks on. Hytche earned his doctor of education degree in administration and supervision.



A STOCKHOLDER'S VISION

Earl Graves, chairman and publisher of *Black Enterprise* magazine, addressed the graduates of the colleges of arts and sciences, business, education, engineering, technology and computer science, and the Institute of Government. He offered each of the graduates a free one-year subscription to *Black Enterprise*. In return, he asked each of them to "become financially active" with the alumni association before the end of the calendar year.

"It's not just about money," he said. "Your personal involvement is also expected—no, it is required!"

"Money can buy a lot. But it can't buy compassion. It can't substitute for personal responsibility. It can't touch the lives of those trapped without hope as effectively as you can.

"Your community, your family, your institutions, yourselves—these are your stockholders. Each one is equally important. Each deserves your best effort. Obstacles are steep. But you have to win. Enemies surround you. But you have to win. The outcome is in doubt. But you have to win. And you *will* win because you have what it takes to win.

"I don't expect that years from now you will remember a lot of what I have said today. But if you remember one thing, I hope it's this: Whatever your profession, you owe it to your stockholders—the people who made it possible for you to prosper—to touch at least one other life with your personal example of hope and opportunity.

"When you walk out of here, I want you to hold up your heads and walk proudly. I want you to walk with that certain confidence that your hard work will pay off in success beyond your dreams—that confidence that says you will lead others to find ways to achieve success they never before dreamed of attaining.

"I want you to say to yourselves: Here I come, world ... I have worked hard and I am prepared to compete with anyone for the opportunity to practice my profession. Every day of my life, I will strive for excellence. I will pass this way only once, and I intend to make a difference while I am here.

"I want you to say to yourselves: Every day people will depend on me for my skills as a professional, for my warmth and understanding as a sensitive human being, and for my attention and care as a parent. These are *my* stockholders and I do not intend to let any of them down.

"Above all else, I will not lose the vision I see so clearly on this day. I will always remember the vision of a better world for those still trapped in the absence of equal opportunity—the vision great men and women have died for so that I could stand here today."

Earl Graves talks with TSU First Lady Edwina Hefner at a pre-commencement breakfast.



"Your assignment for the new millennium": 10 guideposts



"This event stands as the last barrier to your full acceleration," said Reginald Stuart as he began his address to the graduates of the schools of allied health, agriculture and family and consumer sciences, and nursing. Stuart, a veteran journalist who began his career with *The Tennessean*, has been a reporter for the *New York Times* and several Knight Ridder newspapers and now is a corporate

recruiter for Knight Ridder, working for the company's 32 papers to identify talent for newsroom and business positions. He also is a former national president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

"I propose 10 guideposts that can carry you through the rest of your life on a positive note," he continued:

1. **Be prepared for the unexpected, but never let the unexpected topple you.** If you lose a job, you can find another. Be willing to move out of your comfort zone and take a risk every now and then.
2. **When you see someone who needs help, don't ignore him or her. Do something to help.** One day the person needing help could be you.
3. **Smile a lot.** Humor is the best medicine for the hard times and the good ones.
4. **Drop the baggage.** It will slow you up and drag you down. Baggage is time- and mind-consuming. Drop the baggage and get on with your life.
5. **Be sure you know the difference between life's boulders and life's pebbles.**
6. **Meet at least one new person every week.** The fastest way to a stale life is to allow yourself to do the same thing with the same people every day. And read something new every week.
7. **Learn a language different from yours.** If you only speak English, you are going to have a very frustrating life in this century.
8. **Always have a plan B.** It amazes me how many times we resolve to do things without a back-up plan and then go off the deep end when plan A fails.
9. **Do good along the way.** It is easy to punish people. It is better to figure out why they are doing what they do and coax them into turning that energy into something positive.
10. **In the event you get financially rich in your pursuits, be sure you do good as you are doing well.**

"Don't think for a minute this assignment for the new millennium is beyond you, for nothing is beyond a graduate of Tennessee State University. You have entered to learn; now go forth to serve. Do well. Do good."



Reginald Stuart (right) receives a Distinguished Service Award from President Hefner.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summertime is a time when TSU reaches out to the community. Here are some of the ways.

National Youth Sports Program (NYSP)

June 1-July 6

Contact: Jesse James, 963-5605 or 963-5889

NYSP gives hundreds of economically disadvantaged young people from ages 10 through 16 exposure to campus life while teaching about physical fitness and career and educational opportunities in sports. Faculty members in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation coordinate the program; the TSU School of Nursing organizes health assessments for all participants.

Upward Bound and Summer Food Program

June 10-July 20

Contact: Mary Love, 963-7461

Upward Bound equips high school students with the skills and motivation they need for educational success beyond high school. The program provides academic instruction and tutoring; career, academic, individual and group counseling; and cultural enrichment activities. The students spend six weeks in residence at TSU during the summer, then participate in a 22-week phase during the school year. The university's Office of TRIO Programs sponsors Upward Bound. The Upward Bound program sponsors a summer food program, administered by the Tennessee Department of Human Services and funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Free meals are available to people 18 years old and under. Participants receive breakfast, lunch, dinner and an evening snack.

Engineering Summer Programs

June 3-August 4

Contact: Decatur Rogers, 963-5401

The College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science offers several different programs in science, math and engineering for students in grades 4 through 12. The programs introduce the 400-plus combined participants to such subjects as electronics, math, biology, computer science, computer graphics, chemistry, algebra, aeronautics, physics and pre-calculus. Engineering faculty members and students assist with the programs; engineers and scientists from the area also conduct seminars with the participants.

Minority Introduction to Engineering

Session 1 June 17-30

Session 2 July 8-21

Session 3 July 23-August 4

Engineering Concepts Institute

June 24-July 28

Engineering Bound

July 8-28

College Bound

July 8-21

Summer Transportation Institute

June 3-30

David and Lucile Packard Institute in Science

June 10-July 20

Contact: Jeanetta Williams-Jackson, 963-5869

TSU has developed a five-week residential summer pre-college program for recent high school graduates, who receive instruction in chemistry, physics and math. Students also receive scholarship support and academic service during their freshman year at TSU.

Ida B. Wells Summer Journalism Workshop

June 3-23

Contact: Princess Patton, 963-7488

TSU offers hands-on experience during this workshop for high school students interested in journalism.

Summer Stock Theater Program

June 14-July 29

Contact: Barry Scott, 963-5742

TSU offers a summer stock program for high school students. The program brings in nationally known actors and directors to work with people interested in acting and theater.

AUGUST SPEAKER

Corporate executive to address summer graduates

Arthur Benjamin Jr., a 1955 graduate of Tennessee State University, will be the summer commencement speaker. Commencement exercises will take place Saturday, August 11, at 10 a.m. in Gentry Center.

Benjamin is senior vice president and chief financial officer at Access.1 Communications Corporation. The corporation owns and operates radio stations in New York, Louisiana and Texas. Access.1 also owns the American Urban Radio Networks, an affiliation of 365 radio stations throughout the country that provides news, sports and entertainment. The corporation is the only radio network in the nation owned by African Americans.

Prior to joining Access.1, Benjamin completed military service and held financial officer positions at several corporations, including Whitehall Laboratories Division of American Home Products Corporation, International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and Wallace and Wallace Enterprises. Throughout his career, Benjamin has received several honors and awards, including a certificate of appreciation for the Black Executives Exchange Program from the New York Urban League, recognition from the Harlem Branch YMCA for Black Achievers in Industry, and the New York State Black and Puerto Rican Caucus Corporate Leadership Award.



Arthur Benjamin Jr.

Benjamin's service to non-profit organizations includes membership on the Council of Concerned Black Executives, a visiting professorship in the Black Executive Exchange Program of the National Urban League, and consulting for the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity. He has served as chairman or president of the following organizations: Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults, the Queens Borough Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the Jamaica Business Resource Center. Benjamin recently completed a five-year tenure as chairman of the board of directors of the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, an organization for the economic revitalization of downtown Jamaica in Queens, New York, which suffered economic decay during the social unrest of the 1960s. The corporation has attracted investment by federal, state and city governments and the private sector to its urban center, creating thousands of jobs and business opportunities for women-owned and minority-owned businesses, as well as major corporations.

Benjamin has been an active member of the New York chapter of the TSU National Alumni Association for 38 years, holding the positions of treasurer, vice president and president.

In his own words: President Hefner spends a week with the military

I recently spent nine of the most informative and rewarding days of my life participating in one of the oldest existing Pentagon programs for civilian public opinion leaders. I joined others who, like me, only have a very basic knowledge of national defense issues. We rode on aircraft carriers, discharged firearms, "flew" in fighter wing simulators, visited various installations, observed military exercises, met with enlisted men and women, attended debriefings at the Pentagon, met the nation's top military leaders, saw a demonstration of a response to a chemical biological incident, and more. We began most days at 5:45 a.m. and dismissed for the evening between 9 and 11:30 p.m. (Our rigorous schedules made many of us feel as if we were enlisted.)

The Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) is a multi-service orientation program for approximately 60 civilians, who are given a first-hand view of our Armed Forces' personnel and capabilities. The JCOC helped me reach a new level of enlightenment. I came away confident in the strength of our military and the quality of our military personnel. The monumental power of America's Armed Forces impressed me and renewed my belief in America's ability to remain the primary stabilizing force for democracy in the world. In particular, the JCOC shaped my opinion about the young people who comprise the enlisted forces—or "American quality at work," as Captain Richard O'Hanlon, commanding officer of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, stated. Observing them, I saw the nation rallying around its young people, the people who protect us, who learn honor and values and discipline—and who operate the most sophisticated equipment in the world.

"There's no other company in the world that can take a group of new employees, from a wide variety of backgrounds, and ... make them part of a cohesive, organized and productive work team," reads a statement on the JCOC web site I visited in preparation for the conference. Indeed, from my observation, the military provides the best leadership development for young people I have ever seen. I met with enlisted personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, from all backgrounds; I learned that their common denominator was self-esteem. The military has given these young people aspirations for doing better, a reason for making something more of themselves. As an educator and higher education administrator, I delighted in hearing some of the enlisted personnel talk about finishing high school or getting their GEDs, then going to college. Even

though I am a college president, the CEO of an organization that "sells" college education, I realize that college may not be for everyone at first. I believe that the military prepares young people for productive lives and helps them develop the ability to succeed in college and their careers.

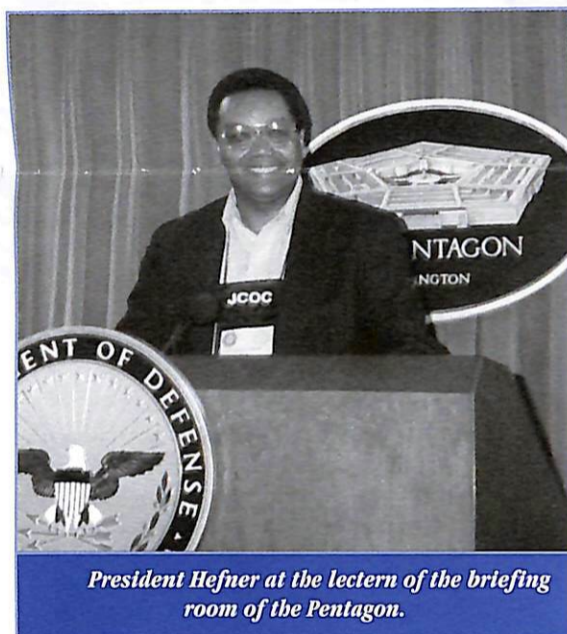
Among the many young people I met during JCOC were those from low-income housing, those who have faced first-hand the devastation of drugs and violence and those from other seemingly hopeless walks. But being in the military has given them self-esteem and the encouragement to achieve. I learned from some of the personnel on our tour that some high schools won't allow military recruiting. I couldn't help thinking that public high schools in the nation could benefit much from the discipline and training young people receive in the armed services, or at least that public high schools could allow recruiters from the military on their campuses to present the options the Armed Forces offer. I believe if they had witnessed what I saw, they would reconsider. While there are other solutions to disciplinary problems and for students who are not on track for college, the military certainly is one to present to high school students. The JCOC affirmed to me that we are the No. 1 power in the world not only because of our arsenal; we are No. 1 because our military does an outstanding job of educating young people, of teaching them discipline, technical skills and values.

Once the military recruits our young people, it must provide them the basic necessities to help them live comfortably. A young woman who accompanied us on a bus that transported us during the JCOC indicated that the military needs to provide adequate housing for enlisted persons who are married and have families.

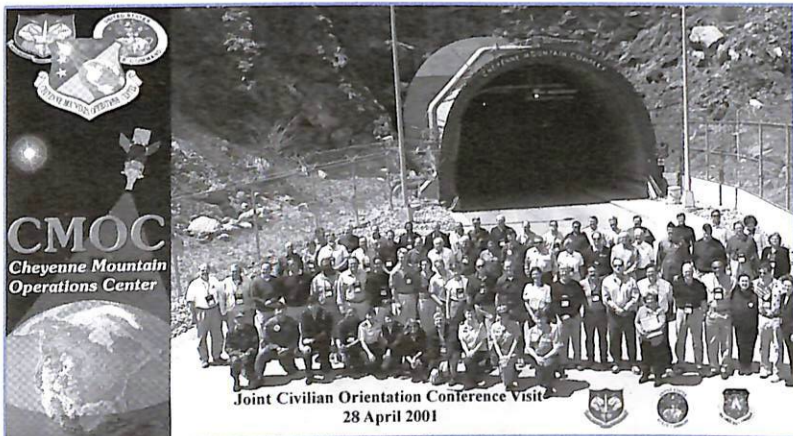
Of course, the solution to that problem is one of funding. It is clear that our military must have a level of funding that enables us to maintain supremacy as a superpower and provides the amenities our enlisted personnel deserve. And the Armed Forces must market themselves in a different way, to show the metamorphoses young people undergo as a result of enlisting.

The military transforms lives. The Armed Forces must herald that message and present to the public some of the success stories they have helped create. They must dispel the

disconnection with Americans, so that civilians respect, understand and appreciate the military. In turn, society must increase its support for the military as a significant contributor to the quality of life Americans deserve and demand.



President Hefner at the lectern of the briefing room of the Pentagon.



The Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) orientation program participants get a first-hand view of the U.S. military personnel and capabilities on board the USS Theodore Roosevelt (above right) and at Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center.



university notables

Gifts, grants and resources

The **TRIO programs** have received nearly \$219,000 in federal funding, which will enhance the university's Student Support Services, under the direction of **Mary Love**.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded \$198,335 to the TSU **College of Education** for the project "Special Education-Personnel Preparation to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities." **Cornell Lane**, associate professor of psychology, is project director.

Oscar Miller, department head of social work and sociology, received a grant of \$20,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to study "Barriers to employment among at-risk youth in North Nashville." Miller also has been named to the community advisory board of Nashville Public Television.

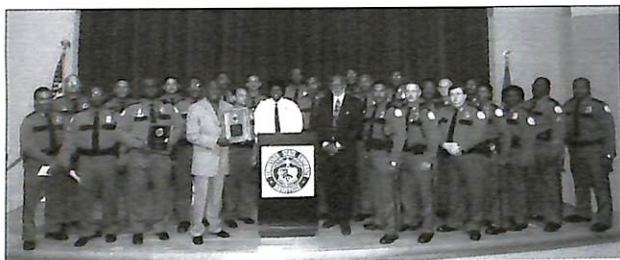
Departmental and organizational news

The **Office of the Frist Chair of Entrepreneurship**, under the direction of **Ruthie Reynolds**, has launched a youth entrepreneurship program, Kids Incorporated, at the Vine Hill Community Center in Nashville. Participants have started their own businesses and developed a web site to promote them. The program is a collaboration of TSU and Entrepreneur Guidance and Training, Inc.

The **College of Education** reports that TSU's pass rate for the Praxis (formerly National Teacher Exam) is 97 percent, compared with a 91 percent pass rate statewide.

TSU Campus Radio now airs on cable channel 99. According to **Barry Gresham**, operations manager, the station is in the final stages of connecting new low-power AM broadcast transmitters in the residence halls and campus center. Additionally, the station is installing a new low-power stationary antenna on the roof of the Love Learning Resources Center to strengthen its signal throughout campus and the surrounding community. The station airs on 580 AM.

Thirty men and women were sworn in by Justice Alphonso Birch as police officers in the **TSU Police Department** May 25. The TSU Police Department consists of more than 50 officers and administrative employees. It was upgraded in 1998 from a security force (TSU Department of Safety and Security) to a police force. Commissioned officers are required to complete state law enforcement training and participate in 40 hours of in-service training annually to be certified.



Members of the TSU Police Department with Justice Alphonso Birch (right of the podium).

The **Department of Hospitality and Tourism Administration** sponsored the annual culinary arts program retreat for Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Schools. O'Charley's, Inc., hosted the event. Topics covered included food safety, fund raising, budget development and use of technology. The department also sponsored a recognition luncheon for the Hospitality Academy at Stewart County High School.

Research, presentations and publications

Several TSU faculty and staff made presentations at the eighth annual conference of the National Sponsored Programs Administrators Alliance: **Goli Sotoohi**, research specialist in the Center of Excellence for Information Systems Engineering and Management; **Maria Selassie**, research and technology specialist in the Office of Sponsored Research; **Terri Woodmore**, assistant director of public relations; **Maurice Mills**, director of sponsored research; **Mohan Malkani**, associate dean, College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science; **Bobby Lovett**, professor of history; **Fletcher Moon**, assistant professor and head reference librarian; **Oscar Miller**, department head, social work and sociology; **Landon Onyebueke**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; **Baqar Husaini**, director, Center for Health Research; **Peter Millet**, department head of psychology; **Lonnie Sharpe**, Samuel P. Massie professor of environmental engineering; and **JoVita Wells**, associate director of sponsored research. Wells currently is vice president and president-elect of the National Sponsored Programs Administrators Alliance.

A recent issue of the *Journal of Technology Transfer* features articles from the College of Business faculty. It includes "U.S. MBA Management Training Programs in Central and Eastern Europe" by **Galen Hull**, director of the Office of International Business Programs; "Informational Technology Transfer to African Nations: An Economic Development Mandate" by **Godwin Udo**, professor of business information systems; and "The Transfer of Small Business Assistance Strategies to Emerging Countries: The Case of Malawi" by the late **John Masten**, professor of economics and finance and former dean of the College of Business. Masten and **G. Bruce Hartmann**, professor of economics, wrote the symposium introduction. The issue was dedicated to Masten, who died in 2000.

Helen Barrett, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, participated in a panel presentation, "Graduate students and professional behavior," at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools in Richmond, Va. She is a member of the executive committees of the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools and the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools and serves as the TSU coordinator for a subcontract under a grant to Middle Tennessee State University. The grant, U.S. Department of Education Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need, funds two graduate fellowships for TSU students in biology and chemistry.

Barbara Buchanan, associate professor of nursing, made a presentation on mentoring to School of Nursing faculty at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and has served as a mentoring consultant to UT-K on a grant to assist with the RN-BSN on-line curriculum. She also is conducting an ongoing investigation of the physiological and psychological effects of stress on African-American faculty in higher education and recently presented her findings at conferences in Houston and New Orleans. Buchanan is a program evaluator of the National League of Nursing Accreditation and a Geier Fellow at the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Elizabeth Dachowski, assistant professor of history, presented a paper, "Imitators of *Publilius Optatianus Porfyrius* in the Early Middle Ages," at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association.

Arie Halachmi, professor of public administration, served on the conference program committee for the 2001 American Society for Public Administration conference. He was a discussant on two panels, "Governance and Civil Society: National and International Perspectives on the Challenges," and "Governance Reform: A Multinational Perspective." He contributed an article, "Franchising in

Government: Can a Principal-Agent Perspective Be the First Step toward the Development of a Theory?" to *Entrepreneurial Management and Public Policy*.

Michael Ivy, assistant professor of biological sciences, co-authored an article, "Molecular cloning of a cDNA for a putative choline co-transporter from *Limulus* CNS," that was published in the May edition of *GENE*, an international journal on genes and genomes.

John Miglietta, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper, "The Ramifications of Arms Transfers on Political and Economic Development in the Third World: The Persian Gulf and the Horn of Africa," at the International Studies Association Conference. He presented a paper, "Presidents and Foreign Policy Formulation: the United States and Iran from Truman to Clinton," at the Southern Political Science Association conference.

N. Carolyn Owens, associate professor of psychology, made a presentation, "Secret Companion, Silent Illness, Invisible Acquaintance—It's Always with You: Counseling Clients with Chronic Pain," at the annual conference of the American Counseling Association, held in San Antonio, Texas.

David Padgett, assistant professor of geography, had an article, "Public Participation GIS Applications for Environmental Justice Research and Community Sustainability," published in *Proceedings of the Conference on U.S. EOA Environmental Problem-Solving with GIS*. He also served as a consultant to *Black Enterprise* magazine's "Best Cities for African Americans" on-line survey.

Jyotsna Paruchuri, professor of political science, served on a panel discussing "Balancing Work, Family and Social Life" at the sixth annual seminar of the Tennessee Hindu Cultural Center.

Ann-Marie Rizzo, director of the Institute of Government, presented a paper, "Comparing Moral Measures in Public Administration," as part of a panel, "Thinking Ethically around the Globe," at the American Society of Public Administration conference in Newark, N.J.

Erik Schmeller, assistant professor of history, presented a paper, "God, Queen Victoria and Football: British National Identity through American Eyes, 1876-1909," at the Southern Conference on British Studies.

Alex Sekwat, associate professor of public administration, presented a paper, "Structural Budget Deficits in the Midst of Prosperity: The Case of Tennessee," at the Western Social Science Association meeting.

Troy Wakefield, dean of the School of Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences, and **Sam Comer**, assistant professor of agricultural sciences, traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, in March to present a paper at the International Conference on Globalization and Higher Education. They also met with officials from Technikon Northwest, a higher education institution located outside Pretoria, with whom TSU is engaging in a partnership to enhance the academic program of the institution.

Honors, awards and achievements

Carol Helton, associate professor in the Academic Enrichment Department, **Nathaniel Perry**, manager of technology and distance education in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Administration, and **Bruce Rogers**, professor in the Institute of Government, received Innovations Awards from the Tennessee Board of Regents. The awards recognize outstanding achievement in the use of computer technology in education.

TSU Foundation Dinner

Saturday, October 20, 2001

7 p.m. • Opryland Hotel

Anthony Blasi, professor of sociology, is president of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. He was a guest lecturer on "Russia at the Threshold of the 21st Century" before the Associazione Culturale Studi Asiatici in Trento, Italy. He delivered a paper to the Southern Sociological Society in April. He currently is editing a book and co-authoring another.

Fannie Cathey, associate professor of reading and special education, and **Karen Stevens**, assistant professor of administration and supervision, received Teacher of the Year awards from the College of Education. Stevens is conducting research on "Creativity in Leadership" this summer through Title III funding. She also has been appointed to the board of directors for World Disaster Aid.

Yvonne Y. Clark, associate professor of mechanical engineering, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, part of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

TSU softball coach **Cindy Connelley** received Ohio Valley Conference softball coach of the year honors after guiding the team to a fifth-place regular-season finish, its best ever. Olympic gold medalist and women's track coach **Chandra Cheeseborough** received OVC women's track coach of the year honors following the Tigerbelles' first-place outdoor track finish.

Leslie Drummond, associate dean of the College of Education, serves on the board of directors for the BRIDGE Program, an academic enrichment program for select groups of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Schools students to encourage college enrollment. Drummond also has been named to the *College of Education Wall of Fame* and served as vice chair of the search advisory committee for the director of Metro Nashville Schools.

Jewel Green-Winn, superintendent of administrative services in facilities management, has been elected president of the Tennessee Association of Physical Plant Administrators. She is the first woman to hold that position. **Dan Wooten**, superintendent of construction maintenance in facilities management, has been elected secretary/treasurer of the organization.

Baqar Husaini, director of the Center for Health Research, received the Excellence in Research Award from HBCG Health Services Research Network. An article he co-authored, "Prevalence and Cost of Treating Mental Disorders among Elderly Recipients of Medicare Services," appeared in a recent issue of *Psychiatric Services*.

Bobby Lovett, professor of history, is a board member of the Tennessee Historical Society and member of the Belle Meade Plantation education committee. He recently published an excerpt on Wilma Rudolph in the *Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*, vol. 4.

Mahgoub Mahmoud, assistant professor of sociology, presented "Militarism and Human Rights" at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association. He presented a special study on democratic organizational activities to the National Democratic Alliance (Sudan) at its annual meeting. He is convening a session on religion, power and change at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in California in August.

Coleman McGinnis, associate professor of political science, has been elected president of the Tennessee Political Science Association.

Sam Polk, director of facilities management, has been elected president of the Southeast Regional Association of Physical Plant Administrators.

Alumni news

Lori Peterson, a 2001 graduate in political science and native of Gary, Ind., has been selected to the 2001-2002 governor's fellowship class. Fellows serve 12-week, rotating assignments with executive staff at various Indiana state agencies.

Student news

Four TSU student-athletes have received the Arthur Ashe Jr. Award from *Black Issues in Higher Education* for outstanding academic and athletic achievement during the 2000-2001 year. **Tracy Bonner** made first team in softball. **Sean Jones** made third team in men's track and field. **Jackie Rudolph** made honorable mention in women's track. **Tamara Washington** made third team in women's basketball.

Velvette Clayton, a senior majoring in agribusiness, received a \$3,000 scholarship and summer internship from the DuPont Agricultural Chemicals Company. She received the award this spring at the 16th Annual Career Fair and Training Conference of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Science, held in Washington, D.C., and attended by 15 TSU students.

The **TSU forensics team** captured three awards at the National Forensics Association Championship Tournament at Western Kentucky University. The team won second place in its division, and **Mia Bankston** was a semi-finalist in poetry interpretation and quarter-finalist in prose interpretation.



Members of the forensics team with their awards from various competitions

Jarvis Smith received program manager of the year and **Patience Barton** received best on-air personality of the year for TSU Campus Radio at the Black College Radio Conference in Atlanta.

New faculty and staff, new appointments

Randall Brady has joined the staff of the Center for Health Research as an investigator.

Leslie Drummond has been named associate dean of the College of Education. She previously served as interim associate dean and director of teacher education, certification and student services for the college.

Hamid Mamidzadeh has been named department head of mechanical engineering.

Christopher Nugent and **Stephanie Nugent** have joined the staff of the Center of Excellence for Research and Policy on Basic Skills as parent involvement coordinators for the Bureau of Evaluation and Research Services in the Center of Excellence.

Hollis Price has been named interim executive assistant to the president. He had been serving as a faculty member in the College of Business. He replaces Everette Freeman, who left the university to become senior vice president and provost at the University of Indianapolis.

Mani Sangaran-Hull has been named assistant director of the Career Development Center. Prior to coming to TSU, she was human resources manager for Panalpin Southeast-Midwest Region.

Linda Spears has been named director of human resources. She formerly served as manager of human resources for the Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

We remember

Nkem Nwanko, professor of English, died June 12. He taught courses in African, African-American and British literature and creative writing. He was the author of such works as *Danda*, *My Mercedes is Bigger Than Yours*, *The Scapegoat* and *A Song for Fela and Other Poems*.

Fourth graders from Brookmeade Elementary School in Nashville got a taste of college life and exposure to varied educational and career possibilities during College Day in April. The event was the culmination of year-long activities for the students, all members of BEEM (Business Exchange for the Entrepreneurially Minded). Other BEEM activities included entrepreneurial classroom training, field trips, a career fair, newsletter and entrepreneurial business ventures. Millicent Lownes-Jackson (standing to the left of the Tiger mascot), associate dean of the College of Business, founded the BEEM program, which has operated at Brookmeade Elementary since 1991. The program has received several awards, including the JC Penney Golden Rule Award for Community Service, the Governor of Tennessee Award for Service to Youth and the Tennessee Legislative Caucus Model Youth Program.



Quotable QUOTES

Higher education is a matter of national security.

—**Sen. Fred Thompson**
honoree of the 2001 TSU Foundation Dinner

Money can buy a lot. But it can't buy compassion. It can't substitute for personal responsibility. It can't touch the lives of those trapped without hope as effectively as you can.

—**Earl Graves**
Spring Commencement speaker for
the morning exercises

It is easy to punish people. It is better to figure out why they are doing what they do and coax them into turning that energy into something positive.

—**Reginald Stuart**
Spring Commencement afternoon speaker

It is wonderful to see so many senators here today; we can hold a budget meeting right now.

—**former U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Sr.**
at the dedication of the Harold E. Ford Sr. and
John N. Ford Residential Complex

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SEPTEMBER

1 Alabama A&M Nashville 7 p.m.
JOHN MERRITT CLASSIC

8 Open

15 Jackson State Memphis 7 p.m.

22 Florida A&M Atlanta 4 p.m.

29 Southeast Missouri Nashville 1:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

6 Howard Indianapolis 4 p.m.

13 Mississippi Valley State Nashville 6 p.m.

HOMECOMING

20 UT-Martin Nashville 1:30 p.m.

27 Eastern Illinois Charleston, Ill. 1 p.m.

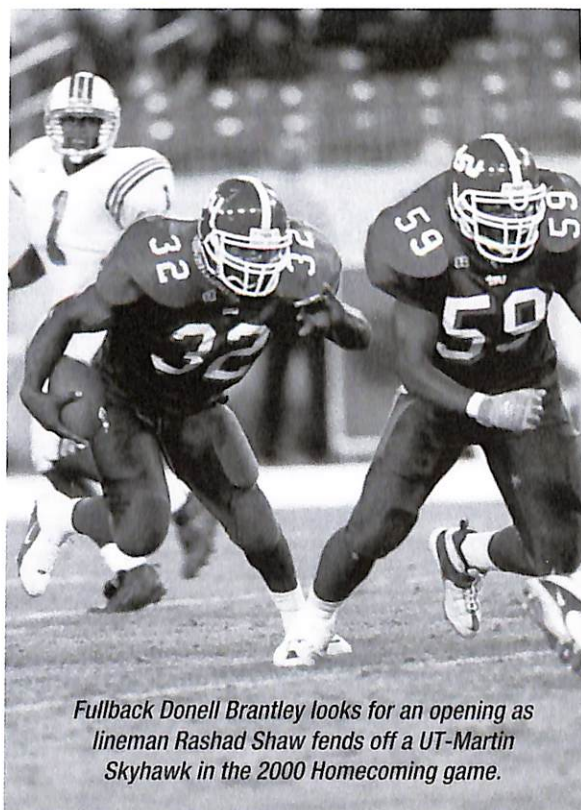
NOVEMBER

3 Murray State Nashville 1:30 p.m.

10 Tennessee Tech Cookeville 1:30 p.m.

17 Eastern Kentucky Nashville 1:30 p.m.

Home games in BLUE



*Fullback Donell Brantley looks for an opening as
lineman Rashad Shaw fends off a UT-Martin
Skyhawk in the 2000 Homecoming game.*