

# The 67th Spring Baccalaureate - Commencement

The University will confer approximately 473 undergraduate degrees and 82 graduate degrees at the Baccalaureate-Commencement Exercises in Kean Hall, at 10:00 a.m. on May 5.

Dr. Humphries will also confer com-

missions on nine members of the AFROTC. Dr. Jesse M. Stone, Jr., President of Southern will be the keynote speaker.

On May 4, at 5:00 p.m., there will be an informal reception for graduates, parents and friends of the University in the

Cumberland Loung, Student Union Building.

President and Mrs. Humphries will host the Annual Buffet Supper for Graduates, Parents and Guests in the University Cafeteria at 6 p.m. following the reception.



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The Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management recently donated a set of property management books to the Tennessee State University Library. The books were presented to Dr. Evelyn P. Fancher, Director of the Library by Mr. C. Campbell Brown, Jr., President of the organization.

## Carnation Milk Incentive Award

Miss Lillian Thompson, a graduating senior, was selected as winner of the Carnation Milk Incentive Award. This award is presented each year by the Carnation Milk Company to the most outstanding student teacher who plans to teach in urban or inner city schools. Miss Thompson was selected from among 12 candidates by an awards committee, composed of University faculty.

Mr. Gene Gilley, of the Carnation Milk Company, will present the cash award of \$500 to Miss Thompson at the "Awards Day Ceremony." This is the fourth year that the Company has presented an award to encourage excellence in teaching to a graduate student teacher.

The award is based on scholarship, initiative and dedication to serving urban schools, and potential success as a teacher. Miss Thompson, a Modern Foreign Lan-

guage student currently student teaching at the new Comprehensive Whites Creek School, is supervised by Dr. Martin Deschenes. Second place recognition was given to Miss Vivianne Hudson in Health, Physical Education and Recreation and third place recognition was given to Miss Rhonda Flemings, Elementary Education. The others who were considered and also reported to be outstanding candidates were: Misses Sue Cannon, Speech Communications and Theatre; Adrennia Gates, Felicia Warren and Karen Miller, Home Economics; Naomi Gooch, Business Education; Anita M. McKay, Speech Pathology and Audiology; Viola K. Patterson, Health Education; Lisa Pugh, Physics & Math; Ruth W. Sanderfur, History & Geography; and Doris Scott, Art Education.

Miss Thompson is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul W. Thompson of Nashville.

## Assistant Professor Outstanding Researcher

Accent would like to profile Dr. Kun Shan Lin, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, and outstanding researcher of the University.

Dr. Lin joined the staff in August of 1977. He has been actively involved in research projects including conducting a program with the psychology department at Meharry Medical College. His research interests include Digital Signal Processing, Communication Systems, Design of Digital Systems, Optical Image Processing and Coherent Optics.

Before he joined the University family, Dr. Lin was a NSF Postdoctoral Fellow and also an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Mexico. His research has been highly recognized throughout the nation. He has published and presented two papers at the 1979 IEEE Southeastern Conference on "Sampling Theorems for Time Limited Functions" and "On Aliasing of High Frequencies in Sampling Theorems" at Roanoke, Virginia on April 2. He has also been invited to present a paper on "Degrees of Aliasing in Sampling Theorem," at an IEEE International conference on Communications, which will be held this June in Boston.

Students have selected Dr. Lin as the Outstanding Electrical Engineering Instructor of 1978-79. He is a member of IEEE, ASEE, Eta Kappa Nu, and Optical Society of America.

A native of Taiwan, China, Dr. Lin received the B.S. degree in Control Engineering in 1970 from the National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of New Mexico.

## Mathematics Instructor Retires

By Karen Brown

Mathematics at the University has meant an encounter with Miss Pearlise Gasaway for many students. For 22 years she has met students who try to avoid taking math and ushered many through to a better understanding of the subject.

Miss Gasaway is to retire at the end of this semester.

"It's been a pleasure to work with the students," she said recently. "I have enjoyed the contact with the students and the staff.

"I think my greatest achievement has been to inspire students, who have had some mathematics, to work and achieve."

A native of Memphis, she was educated at LeMoyne College in Memphis and earned the B.A. in mathematics at Lane College. She earned the M.S. in mathematics at Columbia University of Wisconsin.

She was a teacher at Booker Washington High School in Memphis, visiting professor at Lane College, part-time teacher of Mathematics at Fisk and an instructor of math in the University Upward Bound Program. The math component of that program was written by Miss Gasaway's sister, Dr. Sadie C. Gasaway, and founded by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Gasaway was head of the Department of Physics and Math when Miss Gasaway and her mother moved to Nashville.

"We did not have a math building when I came in 1956," Miss Gasaway said. Classes were all over campus. Also, the average class has changed from an average of 53 to 30 students."

Upon her retirement Miss Gasaway plans to pursue of her hobbies: sewing, reading, music and working in varied civic organizations.

She was the organist at Avery Chapel AME Church in Memphis and is now a member of St. John's AME Church. She is secretary of the church's Trustee Board, a Sunday School teacher and a member of various church committees.

Miss Gasaway is a member of the executive committee and former secretary of the Nashville Branch of the NAACP. She also has affiliations with several other professional, civic and social organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is advisor of the University undergraduate chapter of AKA.

"My best wishes will always be for the progress and growth of TSU," Miss Gasaway said. "Any time that I can lend any assistance toward that improvement, I shall be found at your service."

## Gifts

The Hardeman County Chapter of the TSU Alumni Association, gave \$200.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

## Workshop on New Business Ventures

A one-day workshop for prospective small business owners to find out what it takes to start and operate a successful business will be held at the University on May 11, in the Lewis Holland School of Business Building, starting at 8:30 a.m.

The workshop is sponsored by the School of Business and co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration and Citizens Savings & Trust Bank.

All individuals considering a new business or who have been in business five years or less are invited to attend. Business financing marketing and promotion and inventory control are the main topics to be discussed.

The charge for the workshop is \$5.00; it covers the buffet lunch and workshop materials.

## Sociology Students Honored

Dr. Andrew Jackson, Associate Professor of Sociology, addressed Annual Honors Recognition Day on April 10.

Corliss A. Davis received the coveted E. Franklin Frazier Sociology Scholar Award. Miss Davis holds the highest cumulative grade point average among the graduating seniors.

Everlean Bell, earned her third Ira De A. Reid Community Service certificate and Antonette Humphries received the Charles Spurgeon Johnson research certificate.

Scholarship certificated were also presented to Mohamed Yusseff, Olivia Flakes, and Carolyn, highest ranking in the freshman, sophomore and junior classes respectively.

A reception followed the presentation of awards.

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## The International Dimension

The Office of Pre-Service Field Extension in The School of Education will hold its final activity of 1979 on April 29, at 4:00 p.m., in their cafeteria of the Women's Residence Center. The theme for the occasion is the "International Dimension." Four student teachers who have been teaching in Mexico City, Mexico, and prince, Haiti, will be featured at the dinner meeting.

The Office of Pre-Service Field Extension has set a goal of developing a visible, productive multi-cultural education component. Their workshop conducted in January first addressed this goal, to be continued next year.

A display of staff development activities during the past two years will be viewed preceding the dinner meeting. Parts of the exhibit will include slides and photographs of activities of the four student teachers.

## USAF-SCEEE , Summer Faculty Research Appointee

Dr. Bronel R. Whelchel, Associate Professor, in the School of Business, has received an appointment as a 1979 Research Associate from the USAF-SCEEE Summer Faculty Research Program.

He will be doing his research in systems analysis and design and environmental studies at the Human Resources Laboratory, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.

After Dr. Whelchel completes his summer research, he plans to continue his research at the University by taking advantage of the mini-grant available to the University. This \$10,000 grant is only available to a Research Associate in the USAF-SCEEE.

Dr. Whelchel, who is completing his first year at the University, received his M.E.A. and Ph.D. degree from Stanford University.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Martha W. Stratton, an instructor in the Department of Biological Sciences, presented a paper "PCP: The Whack Attack," in a Chautauga Type Short Course on 'Mechanisms of Drug Action,' at the Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tn. The course was sponsored by NSF and AAS, on March 26 and 27.

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Alumni, Deborah Ensley, is the first graduate of the University to be employed by the "Big Eight" Accounting Firm. Ensley, is currently working at the Citizens Savings Bank.

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WTSU will sign off on Friday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m. and will resume daily broadcasts on Monday, June 4. The new music format will be JAZZ (traditional and contemporary) with special gospel and classical programs. The station will continue to be a source of instant information, news and entertainment. WTSU may be heard at 58-AM on your radio in each of the six residence halls, the Student Union, Graduate, Administration and Alumni Buildings.

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The Department of ACI will host the Tennessee Professors of Education Administration Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, at the Home Economics Building. Dr. Franklin Jones, is president of the group for next year.

# "The Teapoddy Affair"

## Second Installation

Many, many years later, after the Uggams Institution had blossomed, had flourished, mainly as a predominantly Black Institution, after Thaddeus Uggams had succeeded in establishing himself as an important force, as an influential figure in Caperton, a strange thing happened. A young woman by the name of Usita Theadora Naples came to town. She looked around at all of the schools in the community to find out what they were lacking, then she would open her own school to offer those courses. She also stated that she could not and would not operate her school full time, that she would just open her school during the evening, that way she would appeal to the working masses. Most of the legislators and influential congressmen, as well as other leaders voted to allow her to operate, with the public declaration that she would not duplicate offerings of other schools in the area. She was then given her license to operate. Soon her school began to flourish, so much so that the very people who stated that its operation would be restricted, began to advocate that the restrictions be removed so that it could expand. Soon the people of Caperton joined the advocates to insist that the school which had just been founded by Ms. Usita Theadora Naples, be allowed to grow into a major institution. Ironically, Usita had been a good friend of Thaddeus at first. In fact, she wooed him and borrowed his ideas, his workers his methodologies, and she found out all about his weaknesses, just as she knew where his strengths were. Actually, Usita was an attractive woman, so she felt that that in itself would help her to learn.

Thaddeus—Ms. Usita Theadora Naples, who was called Ms. UTN by her friends, was only dating him to pick his brains, while she devised plans to build her own business to a giant, possibly forcing him out of business. Well, as stated previously, Thaddeus was very enterprising. As soon as he realized Usita's plans, he immediately asked her to restrict her to the areas for which she was licensed originally. She promised him that she would comply with that. He continued to date her occasionally, but he kept a guarded look on her activities. She could sense that he was suspicious of her, so she tried to put him at ease.

But Thaddeus was too smart for her. He knew that she would not relent because he could see that her good looks made her appealing to the men in town. He could see that she was going to use her body as a weapon. Thaddeus then devised a plan; he would act as if he did not realize what was going on. He would continue to date this

attractive deceptive hypocrite. He would let her borrow whatever materials and personnel she needed. He would watch to see how far she would go with her little scheme. In fact, he would help her to expand and extend herself, so much that soon she would have to ask the legislators, her influential friends, for much more monies. He would help her to become a giant.

Soon she became too big, her programs became too large, so large that she could not handle them. She went to her influential friends for help, and they tried to help her. But, at that point, Thaddeus appeared and reminded them of her license. That she was licensed to operate a limited and restricted business and that for several years she had successfully violated the rules and regulations; that she had been operating some aspects of her business illegally. Thaddeus asked that her license be revoked, and that she be stopped from operating in Caperton. Well, her friends could not really help her, for Thaddeus had exposed her. Besides, some of her most influential friends were angry with her, because they heard that Ms. UTN had been friends with young Dr. Thaddeus Uggams, the man that many of them despised. These people had seen her with him too often to deny the rumors, so they did what they had to do. They allowed it to go to court. It was risky, but they felt that they had a chance to win. So, the battle started for weeks, for months, for several years, and finally the judge ruled that Usita's license should be revoked. When that happened, the judge also said that he would close down her institution, since she would not be able to run it. But rather than closing it, Usita made a masterful suggestion: "Let Thaddeus take over the institution. He knew all about it, he was a good businessman, and he would nurse it and it would prosper." The Judge agreed.

Judy Scarrit, a second cousin to Teresa Teapoddy, was really concerned about Teresa's plight. She didn't like the way Vincent Fenderbelt snubbed Teresa, so she told Teresa that she knew of two wealthy and famous men who would probably love to marry her. She had met them during her travel to various conferences in the larger cities. Judy convinced Teresa to venture out with her, to date some men from out of state. This proved to be a wise decision. Teresa Teapoddy then travelled to the District of Columbia, where she met Dr. George U. Washington, a famous eastern educator, who had established his place in history following his forefathers in the world of higher education. When Teresa met him, she liked him instantly; he was very charming, suave, smooth, polite, and worshipful. Teresa

found him to be interesting, but a wee bit too serious. Dr. George U. Washington could not believe that Miss Teapoddy was really his date. He dreamed of having her with him forever, but he could sense that he was only dreaming. She did not express too much interest in him. "I don't want to live in the east, I want to stay in the south. I like southern men," she would say, "they understand me better."

Duke Flannigan was a southern man. He was the other out-of-stater that Judy Scarrit told Teresa about. Tall in stature, southern drawl, Disco lover, lots of money, carefree, but an egotist. "The bigot" Teresa would wisper when she dated him. "I don't mind him coming to see me, but we could never make it, he's just too far away. I want a man who can be here in Caperton with me. Duke wants to stay in North Carolina, so you know we can't make it." Her romance with the Duke was very short-lived, but they kept in touch. Duke would marry her if she would agree to his terms. But she had her own terms. He had to come to Caperton to live there. Duke would not yield though, he was a veritable god in his hometown, just as she was a goddess in Caperton. But they lid the idea of being with each other in the eyes of the public, it was good business, even though they were always at each other's throat behind closed doors. Soon, Ms. Teresa Teapoddy got tired of the publicity and stayed somewhat out of sight.

But Judy Scarrit, her illustrious cousin, continued to look after her Judy kept the reporters busy, by feeding them information about her cousin's good times. It was she who kept the public informed and curious about Teresa's adventures. It was she who popularized the romantic engagements of her fabulous cousin. It was she who teased, titulated and titillated the people of Caperton, so that they could be overly concerned about Teresa's fate. By doing so, she kept Teresa in the limelight. It was Judy who invited Teresa to attend the Governor's Inauguration Ball. It was Judy who introduced Teresa Teapoddy to Usita Thodora Naples. It was Judy who introduced Teresa to Dr. Thaddeus Stephen Uggams. And it was Judy who arranged for Thaddeus to attend the Midcumberland Educator's Ball. But it was probably not Judy who arranged the sequence of events that followed. The events were too bizarre and shocking. What really happened to start it all was strange. Some of Teresa's friends were there. They knew what she had said and they knew what she was after. They liked to tease her now and then. One of them made a remark jokingly, "Teresa, actually, for what you want, the only real

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## Sociology Students Honored



Standing (left to right) Alice Archer, Dr. Andrew Jackson, Brenda Franklin, Dorothy Stephens, Sherman Webster, Nora Roy, Dr. Eugene Grisgy, Dr. Edna Masuoka and Dr. Levi Jones. Sitting (left to right) Mohammed Yusseff, Antionette Humphries, Corliss Ann Davis, Olivia Flakes, Carolyn Gamble and Everlean Bell.

### "THE TEAPODDY AFFAIR"

game in town is Thaddeus. Why don't you see if he's interested." She and her friends, laughed uproariously, for such a thought, normally, was unthinkable. And besides, Thaddeus was already engaged to Usita Theodora Naples, the woman he referred to as Ms. UTN. But Thaddeus was there, and he laughed with them for he knew that that could never happen.

As stated previously, Thaddeus had a romantic life long before Ms. UTN came along. He had dated Tamara Stephanie Beauregard for years. Because of that longevity, people referred to her as Ms. TSU. But because Thaddeus had dated other women, just as other single men would, some people frowned upon this and tried to dissuade him from doing so. They said that he did not take care of Ms. TSU as he should have, that he dissipated his energies in too many directions. Teresa felt lonely and secluded. So, she entered into a state of soliloquy:

How can this be? Here I am so much to offer. Yet, to whom? Who will take me on my terms? I'm willing to bend a little. I don't want to leave town. I guess I can't blame my out-of-town friends. They don't want to leave their

city either. And Vincent Fenderbelt is not interested. Actually I don't care too much for Michael Thomas Sadler Underwood (called Dr. MTSU). So, what am I to do? I know I could not even think of Thaddeus Uggams. That would stir up a fury in Caperton. Besides, Thaddeus wouldn't be interested. He's got enough problems with Usita Theodora Naples. Now, That's a situation there. I've always been curious about that one. I wonder how he really feels about Usita. She really pushed and forced herself on him. That must be awful for him. I think I'll call him up. I'll ask him about his relationship with Usita. That sounds like a good idea. I'll call him up, just to chat.

History revealed that he had been a good administrator, despite the malicious cries to the contrary by the prejudiced Capertonians. This man had built a thriving empire in the black world, even though many whites looked at it with disdain and distrust. Teresa knew of the economic sanctions and the deprivation he encountered for she had heard her famous father, Dr. Kenneth Teapoddy, speak of the injustices levelled on the TSU family by the legislators, citizens, and influential official. She told him "My father would always say,

'that man must be made out of steel.' "

Well, Thaddeus and Tera started to see each other regularly. Soon the word got out that they were dating openly, that they were dating heavily, that they were serious about each other. Thaddeus was black, Teresa was white. Thaddeus's institution was a public one, Teresa's was a private one. Actually Vincent's family had an institution too, Fenderbelt College, but it was restricted too much to mention here. It was deemed an ultra private, restricted institution, unaffordable to most people. Yet, due to their close proximity, the two families, the Theapoddys and the Fenderbelts, would be able to join each other, if Vincent Fenderbelt would leave his research laboratory, just for one week; and if the Fenderbelt family would look at what they stood to gain in the long run, instead of dwelling on what they would lose in the beginning. The Teapoddy family was upset, the Uggams family was upset, the Fenderbelts were distraught. The Capertonians were shocked, the legislators were infuriated. "How can this happen in Caperton?" people would say. "How can we let it happen?" they would ask.

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