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Miss TSU Mia Evans, Mr. TSU Reco Chapple, and the royal court, Miss Freshman Tolaison Johnson, Miss Sophomore Tiffany Bryant, Miss Junior Robin Atkinson, and Miss Senior Robin Ursey on their float in the Homecoming parade.

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Consent decree brings NEW OPPORTUNITIES to TSU

The consent decree that brought an end to a 32-year-old lawsuit charging segregation in higher education in Tennessee has provided a unique opportunity for Tennessee State University.

"The Tennessee State University community is proud of the possibilities the consent decree affords it to grow and prosper in new ways in the new millennium," said TSU President James A. Hefner. "We have rolled up our sleeves and begun the hard but very fruitful work of expanding what we offer the citizens of Davidson County and surrounding communities. Our work already has been tremendously encouraging and productive."

Since January, several initiatives have been set in place in accordance with the consent decree. For example, President Hefner has appointed a racially diverse coordinating committee to monitor the progress of consent decree activities at the university. The coordinating committee includes faculty, administrators, traditional and non-traditional students, and Nashville area business leaders. Additionally, the chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission have appointed one representative each to the committee.



Coleman McGinnis, TSU; Nancy Eisenbrandt, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; and Howard Smith, Right Management Consultants



TSU President James Hefner; Deb Varallo, Varallo Public Relations; and Doug Regen, Image III

Coleman McGinnis, professor of political science, and Raymond Richardson, professor of mathematics, serve as co-chairpersons for the TSU Coordinating Committee. McGinnis and Richardson have been plaintiff-intervenors in the Geier case since 1984 and 1973, respectively. Additionally, Jacqueline Mitchell, professor of communications, has been appointed special assistant to President Hefner for the consent decree.

The TSU Coordinating Committee is charged with fulfilling TSU's portion of the issues related to higher education in Middle Tennessee. These issues include increasing the number of non-traditional students (those age 25 and older) and other-race students (those other than African American) who attend TSU and enhancing the image of the university. The committee has formed a number of subcommittees to carry out the mandates of the consent decree.

"There are universities that are going down the tubes unless they change," said Richardson, citing one institution that recruits only non-traditional students. "They are not user friendly, or student friendly."

At Faculty Institute, McGinnis said, "You ask, what is the role of the faculty? Everything. Everywhere we've gone, everyone has said all must buy into the consent decree. The consent decree gives us the opportunity to do a lot of things

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Third Annual John Merritt Classic

Richard Dent hosted his annual golf tournament.



The Sophisticated Ladies and Aristocrat of Bands gave the fans a great show.



Carrie Gentry (third from left), former director of the TSU majorettes, was this year's honoree. She is pictured with TSU President James Hefner, her daughter Carol Gentry Johnson, and her granddaughter Christiana Gentry.



Tight end Steve Farmer, a junior from Michigan City, Ind., ran away with it.

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NEWS

Daughter of dean rescued from Afghanistan

Dayna Curry, daughter of College of Business dean Tilden Curry and stepdaughter of Sue Fuller, professor of psychology, is free from Taliban capture. Curry, who had been held by the Taliban government since Aug. 3 under threat of execution, was one of eight Western aid workers lifted out of Afghanistan by helicopters on Nov. 14. The group was to be tried on charges of attempting to convert Muslim Afghans to Christianity.



Dayna Curry

"It was a great thrill to have [it] ended," said Tilden Curry. "When I left the office after five there was no news but we learned at church [about the release]. It's a great sense of relief. I got a call after church. Dayna said, 'Dad, I'm free.'"

Dr. Curry shared about his daughter's ordeal over her last days of captivity as relayed to him: She was taken by truck three to four hours out of Kabul "with bombs going off all around," by Taliban forces fleeing Kabul. At first, the detainees were asked to write letters for money for the Taliban. Then another group came by and told them, "The Taliban is gone; you're free." Dr. Curry said the workers took off their head covers and burned them so the helicopter could find them during the night and take them to Pakistan.

"We're just so elated and relieved and just excited to hear her story," said Fuller. "It's been uplifting and inspiring, a happy ending to a scary experience."

"I want to thank the TSU faculty and staff and the larger TSU community for their support, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time," said Dr. Curry.

Technical Institute President George Van Allen and Volunteer State Community College President Hal Ramer.

Following are some of the suggestions presented by attendees, which included faculty, staff, students, alumni, retirees and other citizens:

- Have only one governing body for higher education in Tennessee, in place of the TBR, University of Tennessee system and Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC).
- Establish a community college at an existing facility, if one is needed.
- Make the TBR and its schools more accountable for their financial resources and how they are being used.
- Be more active in prompting the legislature to support higher education.
- Utilize TSU's main campus more often at night and on the weekends.
- Garner more pay-through-performance funding through outreach to K-12 students.
- Implement a new income tax.
- Establish a college center blending two-year and four-year college programs.
- Encourage faculty and staff involvement in the community.
- Reduce the number of low-producing programs.
- Focus on existing programs rather than developing new ones.
- Use more part-time and temporary faculty.
- Increase tuition for students taking more than a certain number of hours toward a given degree.
- Re-engineer administrative structures.
- Seek ways to increase the productivity of existing employees through such means as a merit pay system.
- Offer fewer sections of various classes, thus increasing class size.
- Reduce the number of semester hours required for some undergraduate degree programs.

One issue that had been raised earlier is the possibility of moving remedial and developmental courses to two-year colleges. Monetha Reaves, TSU's director of developmental studies, expressed concern over this idea, saying it would hinder accessibility to classes. She shared that her department has the highest retention rate from year to year (89 percent) of all TBR institutions and serves 2,000-plus students. She asked how the programs could be moved to two-year colleges when there is no funding to support such a move. She also asked where the staffs at the four-year colleges would go if the move to two-year colleges were made.

TSU hosts TBR Town Hall Meeting

On September 13, Tennessee State University hosted a town hall meeting for the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), one of several such meetings around the state designed to cultivate ideas about how the state's colleges and universities can serve students and citizens more cost effectively. About 250 people attended the meeting, hosted by TSU President James Hefner, Nashville State

BRIEFS

TSU produces top producers

In the 10th annual report of the top degree producers published by *Black Issues in Higher Education*, TSU ranked in several categories. It ranked 103rd nationwide for total minorities (African American, American Indian, Asian American and Hispanic) earning master's degrees in all disciplines. It ranked 33rd among all higher education institutions and 11th among historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) for master's degrees

awarded to African Americans in all disciplines. TSU ranked eighth for master's degrees in biological sciences awarded to African Americans. It ranked 16th for number of master's degrees in education awarded to African Americans and 28th for master's degrees in engineering awarded to African Americans. TSU ranked sixth for master's degrees in mathematics awarded to African Americans. In psychology, TSU ranked 42nd for all minorities and 23rd for African Americans. *Black Issues in Higher Education* analyzed data from the U.S. Department of Education submitted by institutions. Rankings are based on the review of preliminary data from 1999-2000.

“Put your goal to paper”:

TSU scientist and alumna charges faculty, staff and students to take action toward their aspirations

Tennessee State University officially opened its 90th academic year with a convocation Thursday, Sept. 6. Marquita Qualls, a 1994 graduate of the university, a 2001 Ph.D. graduate of Purdue University and an investigator for GlaxoSmithKline, was the speaker.

“One of the most important things we can ever do for ourselves is to set some goals,” said Qualls. “Goal-setting has been said to be crucial to a successful life—yet many of us neglect to make concerted efforts to establish any measurable or definable goals. Sure, we all have those consequential goals like completing our tax filings before the deadline, or losing weight, or making it to class on time. Those are all fine, but what about those goals that we should be setting for ourselves that will ultimately direct our paths?”

“Chances are that if you've not put your goal to paper, then it might end up being just another good idea. Writing your goal down does a couple of things. First, it makes you accountable. Second, you can go back to that goal and periodically review it to check your progress.”

Qualls also stressed the need to identify mentors to hold people accountable and encourage them toward their goals. “A mentor is someone who teaches us those little nuances about how to best navigate our journey, how to best reach our goal.”

Qualls is the first African-American female to receive her Ph.D. in the organic chemistry division at Purdue University. She is only the fourth African-American female to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry from Purdue and one of an elite few African-American women to hold the degree nationwide. She said what matters in setting goals is having the “commitment to seeing that goal come to fruition” and seeing it through despite “real and perceived setbacks.”

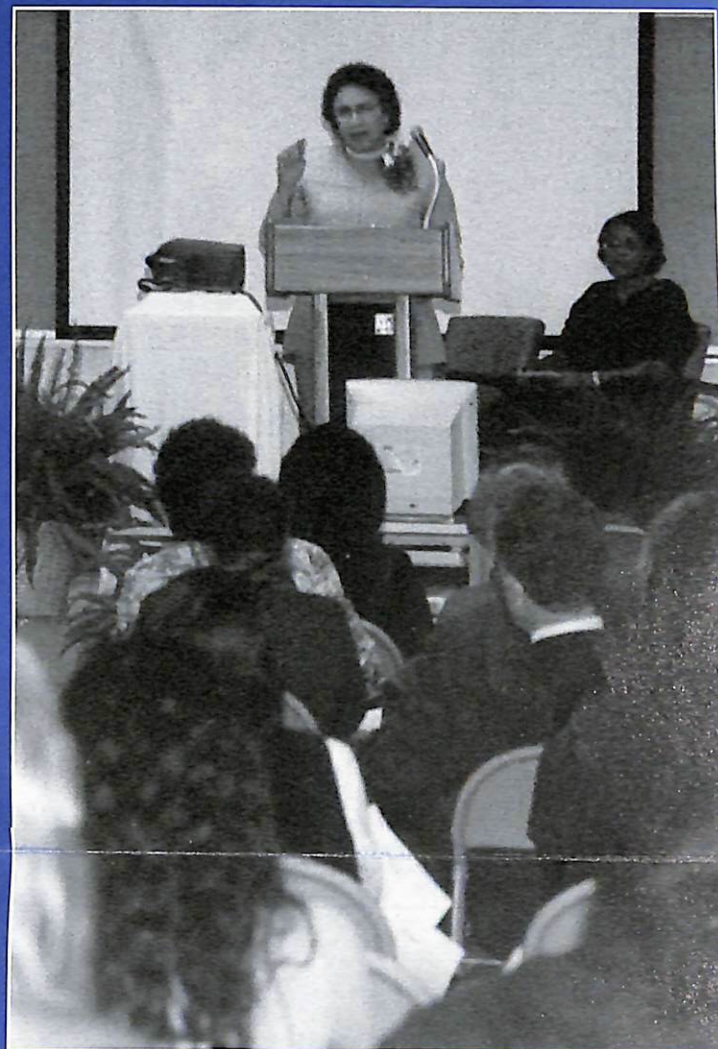
“But I must caution you. The road to achieving your goal will not be easy. There will be challenges and there will probably be more disappointments and you will make more mistakes that you could have ever imagined,” Qualls said. “What you learn from these experiences, however, will far outweigh the adversity itself.”

“In my mind, there really is no such thing as a failure. Instead, I view it as though my methodology to my experimental design was not conducive to the environmental conditions and hence my reaction did not proceed forward. Yes, I truly am a chemist!”



Marquita Qualls (right) with Prem Kahlon, TSU chemistry professor and advisor to the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program.

Noted expert on aging speaks at TSU



Mary L. Wykle (at podium), a nationally recognized expert in the field of aging and president of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, was the lecturer for the second Christine Sharpe Distinguished Lecture Series at TSU Oct. 11. Wykle is the dean of the Frances Payne Bolton School of Gerontological Nursing at Case Western Reserve University. She has researched and written extensively on such topics as geriatric mental health, family care-giving, and the African-American elderly. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nurses and was the first recipient of the “Pope Eminent Scholar” designation at the Rosalynn Carter Institute in Americus, Ga.



Mary Wykle and Christine Sharpe

we haven't done before. If we are going to compete in a competitive marketplace, faculty are critical. The consent decree gives us the chance to build relationships with the business community. Faculty and students are critical to our success."

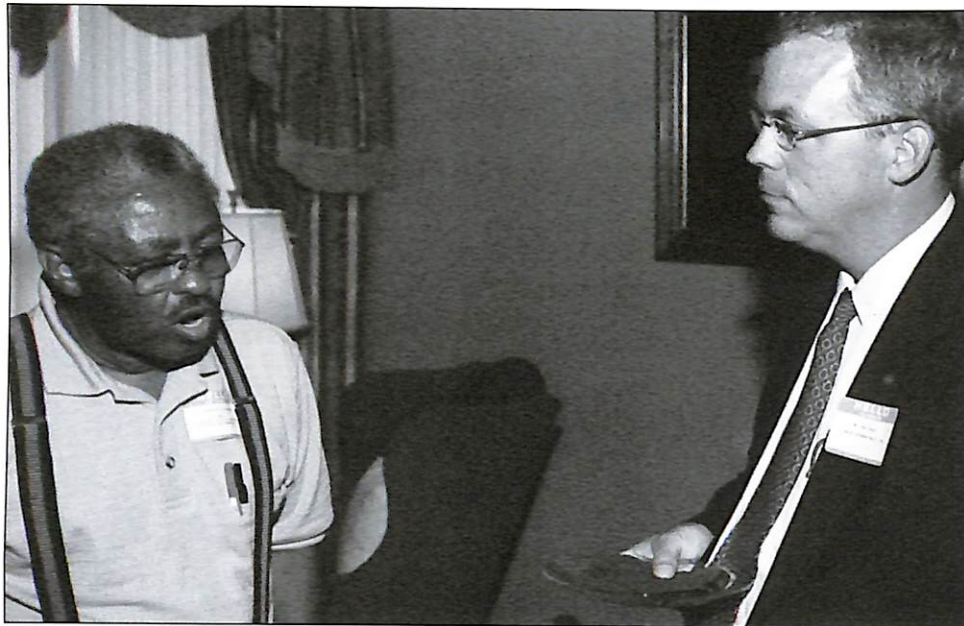
In addition to the committee and subcommittees, TSU will use the services of consultants from a variety of specialties to assist in assessing the effectiveness of specific areas at the university that have a direct impact on its image and operations, namely the offices of admissions, the registrar and financial aid. TSU will enhance its efforts to recruit other-race and non-traditional students by employing at least two additional recruiters in the Office of Admissions and Records, along with staff and other resources needed for the university to achieve this goal. A consulting firm will also study how to incorporate the administrative functions of the main campus with those to be established at the Avon Williams campus in downtown Nashville. As part of the consent decree, TSU is charged with attracting non-traditional students to evening and weekend courses on the downtown campus. The university will be working to streamline admissions, records and financial aid services for students who will take their classes at TSU's downtown campus.

Another major activity under way is a boost to institutional public relations. TSU officials say they will "establish a marketing campaign to convey the image of TSU as a racially diverse institution and strenuously broaden the reach of TSU, especially among those who have not traditionally been aware of the opportunities available at the university."

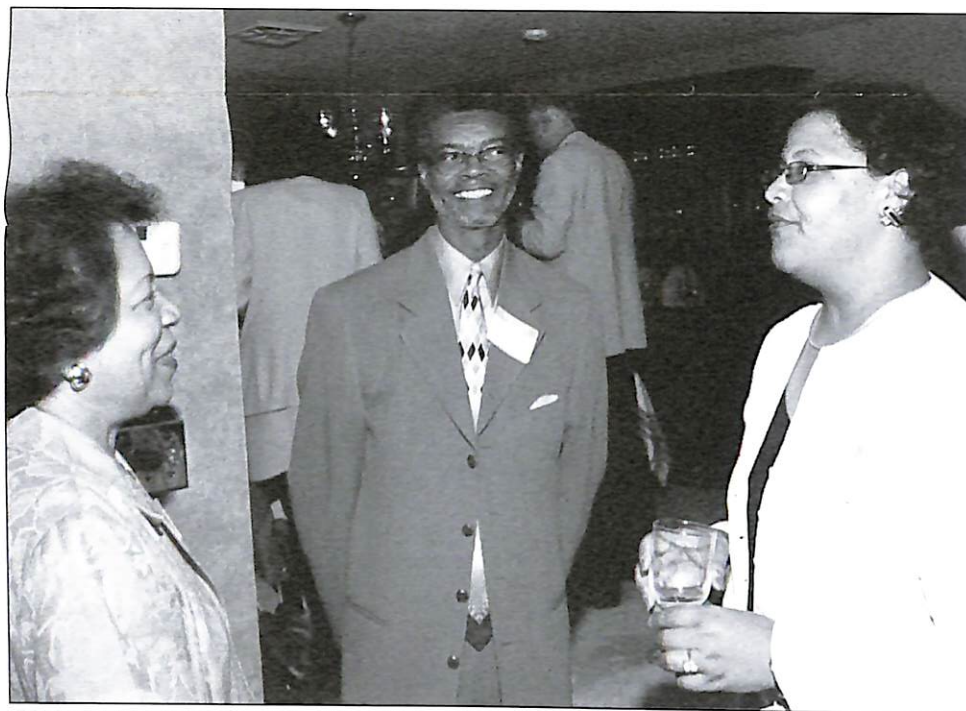
"As we reach out, Nashville is reaching back," said Mitchell. "The questions to ask are 'What is our image in the business community?' 'What are business's expectations of us?' and 'What do we do internally to prepare?'"

According to the terms of the consent decree, the state will provide funding for implementing the court's mandates. The decree calls for a provision of \$70 million to \$75 million total, and Tennessee State University is

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Raymond Richardson, TSU; and Dan Ryan, Smith Seckman Reid Consulting Engineers



Edwina Hefner, TSU; John Cade, TSU; and Wendy Thompson, Tennessee Board of Regents



Steve Shao, TSU; and Neal Darby, Greater Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce

to receive the lion's share of those funds. TSU will receive up to \$400,000, or up to 65 percent, of the cost for an image-building campaign in the Davidson County area. TSU will receive \$750,000 for scholarships for full-time and part-time non-traditional students who take classes at night or on the weekend at the Avon Williams campus. The university will receive \$1 million per year for 10 years and one-to-one matching funds up to another \$1 million per year from the state, for a total of \$30 million for the TSU Endowment for Educational Excellence.

TSU will receive \$10 million in capital funding, \$5 million in start-up funding and up to \$2 million in matching funds for a public law school, if one is established at the university. A task force appointed by the Tennessee Board of Regents is working with officials from the Nashville School of Law on a proposed merger of the school with TSU. If a law school is not established, TSU will receive funding to implement a "high-demand doctoral degree program" through a new College of Public Service and Urban Affairs. TSU also will receive funding for up to two new baccalaureate or master's degree programs on the Avon Williams campus that do not duplicate programs at other public higher educational institutions in Middle Tennessee.

The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce have provided significant support for achieving the mandates of the consent decree. The TSU National Alumni Association and Nashville Chapter of the National Alumni Association are lending support as well, along with numerous prominent business leaders in the community.

Ed. note: Photographs were taken at a reception for the coordinating committee and sub-committees, held at the president's residence.

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committees working on
the mandates of the
consent decree.



2001 HOMECOMING

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest



The contestants pose with Jacqueline Mitchell (fifth from left), chair of the contest, President Hefner and Barbara Murrell, widow of Robert N. Murrell.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Mr. Esquire Pageant

A dramatic entrance ...



... a dramatic performance ...



... and, in the end a new Mr. TSU, Reco Chapple.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Miss TSU's Tea

TSU First Lady Edwina Hefner greets former queen Della Shute.



Miss Freshman Tolaison Johnson greets Miss TSU 1947, Harriet Johnson, after pinning on her corsage.



Former queens pose with Miss TSU Mia Evans (third from left) in the traditional group shot.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Miss TSU Coronation

Miss TSU Mia Evans watches the festivities from her throne.

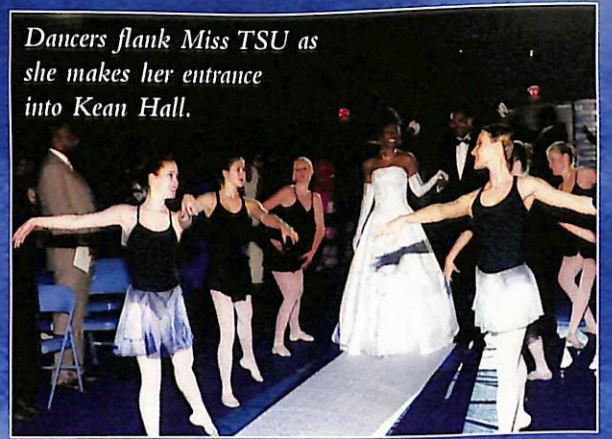


Miss TSU with her mother, Mamie Evans

Miss TSU, her court, and their escorts



Dancers flank Miss TSU as she makes her entrance into Kean Hall.

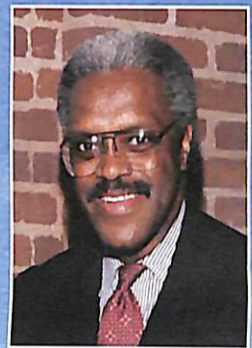


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Nashville Chapter of the Alumni Association Fish Fry



Friends meeting friends equals a great Homecoming weekend.



Ralph Boston

Ralph Boston Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Pep Rally

The cheerleaders share their winning spirit on the eve of a TSU win.



Kean Hall is packed with fans and enthusiasm.



T-S-U-T-S-U!!!

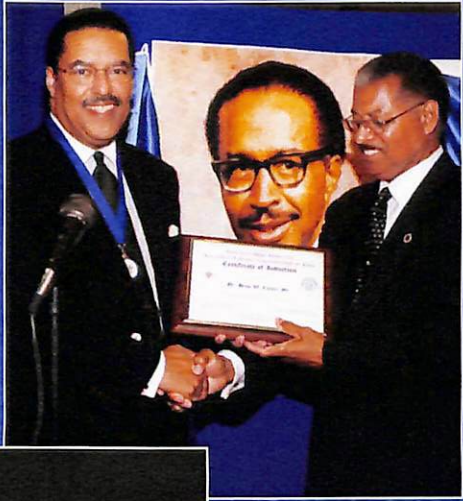


Members of LYLAS ("Love You Like a Sister") love their Tigers, too.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

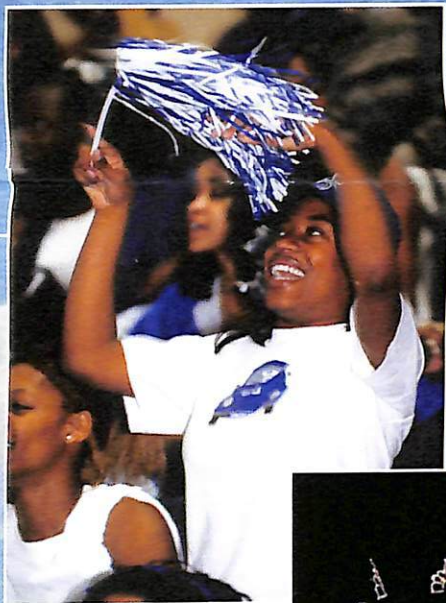
Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame Induction

Hazo Carter Jr. accepts an award for his father, Hazo Carter Sr., from Will Nesby, TSU USDA liaison.



Comedy Show

Comedians Bruce Bruce and Company keep the crowd laughing.



A happy Big Blue fan

The Tiger introduces himself to Miss Sophomore Tiffany Candace Bryant.



Wearing her Tiger spirit

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

Parade

(Right) President and Mrs. Hefner greet the crowds.

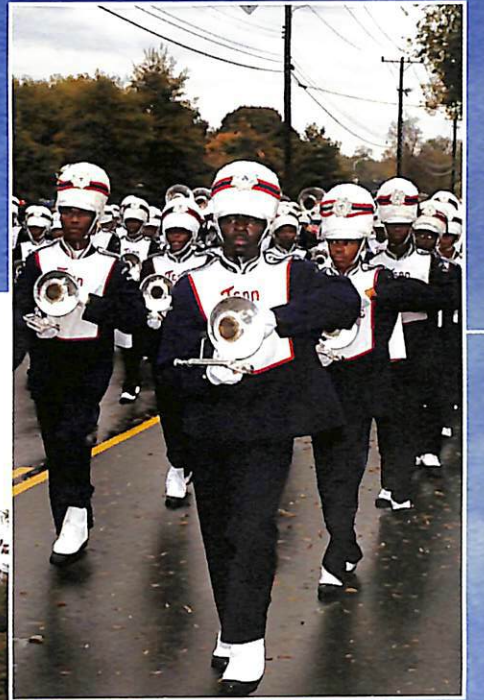


Vice president for student affairs Thomas Martin and his wife Elaine Martin, assistant professor of biological sciences



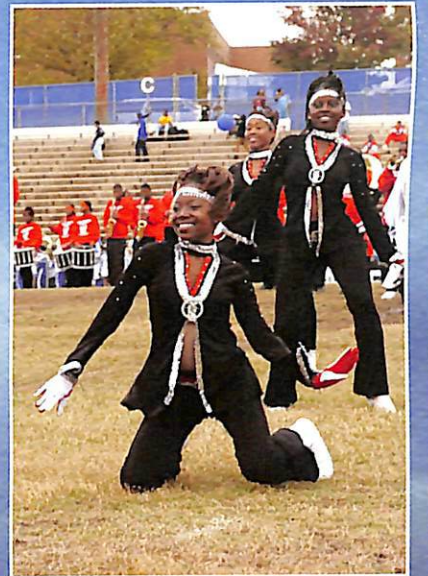
Members of the Alumni Association take the trolley down Jefferson Street.

A drum major puts on a show.



The Aristocrat of Bands plays everyone's favorites.

Battle of the Bands



A dance team in action

Tailgate



Good friends ...

... and good food!



SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

Pregame festivities



Latrisha Stewart, vice president of community development for AmSouth Bank, gives President Hefner a check for \$37,500.



Alumni from General Motors, present President Hefner a check for \$40,000 for the fifth consecutive year. Representing General Motors were Sharon Claxton, Florine Harbour, Fred McQuiston, Carlton Burford, and Lisa Pirtle.

Alumnus Amos Otis of Fairfax, Va., presents a check for \$17,000 to TSU President James A. Hefner. The contribution will support student scholarships.



Former cheerleaders show their spirit as they lead fans in a familiar TSU chant. The rain didn't dampen their spirits.

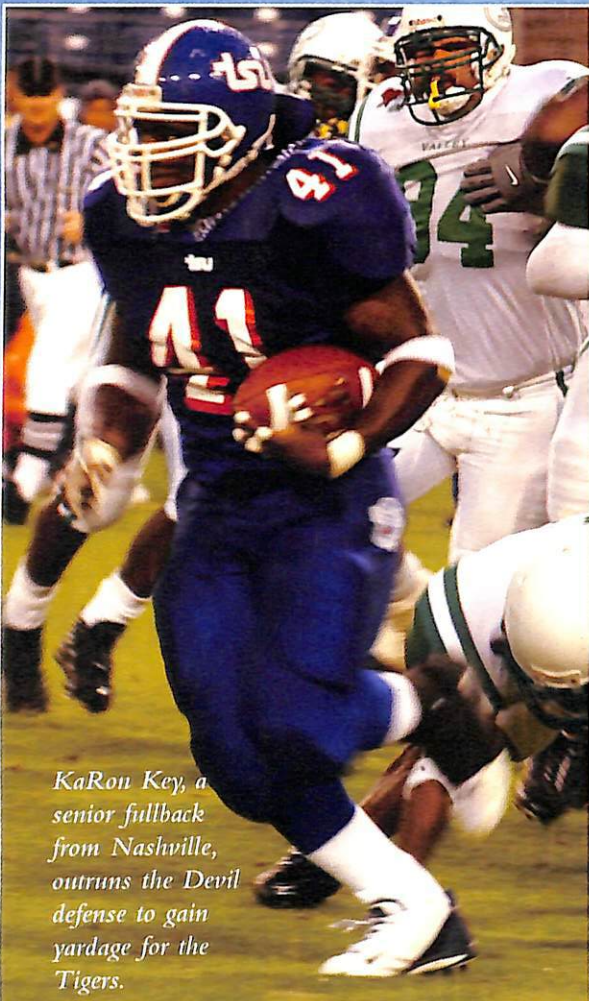


President Hefner accepts a check for \$22,400 from the class of 1950, represented by alumnae Madeline Allen Haynes (center) and Della Shute.



TSU alumni who are current and former professional football players were the honorees for Homecoming 2001.

Football game: TSU 41, Mississippi Valley State 3: TSU goes 5-0



KaRon Key, a senior fullback from Nashville, outruns the Devil defense to gain yardage for the Tigers.

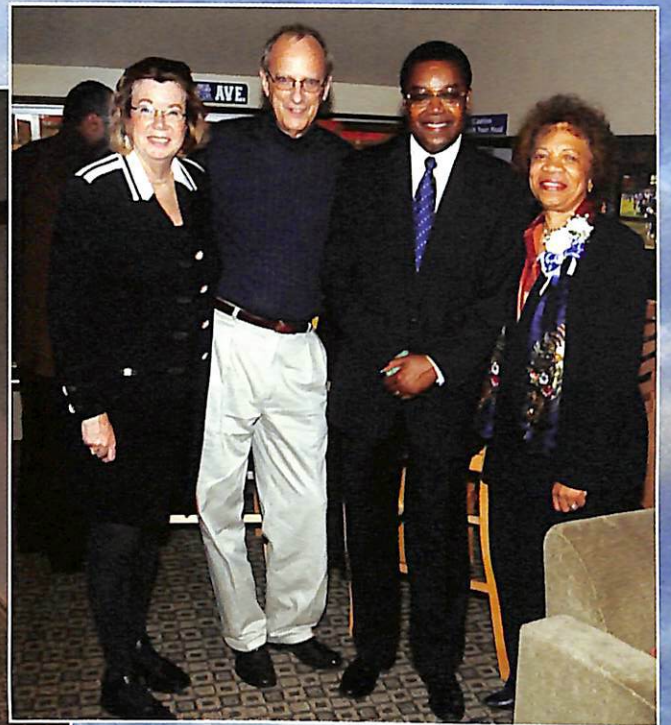
The Air Force ROTC color guard (front), with members of law enforcement and emergency officers, take center field for a moment of reflection on the lives lost in the tragic events of Sept. 11.



Seen at the game



Natalie Cole (center) attended the game with her husband Bishop Kenneth Dupre of Nashville. Joining the couple is Eunice Bell, director of the Gentry Center at TSU.



Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning (second from right), with his wife Sherry and President and Mrs. Hefner.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT DECREE

Jacqueline Mitchell, special assistant to the president for the consent decree, TSU
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Paulette Coleman, AME Review
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Alexander Murray, TSU Facilities Management
Brian Gafford, TSU Facilities Management
Steve Gillette, TSU Campus Planning
Jerry Preston, Tennessee Board of Regents
Wendy Thompson, Tennessee Board of Regents

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Three inducted into Agriculture Hall of Fame

This year during Homecoming, the university inducted three men into the Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame: Hazo William Carter Sr., Kieu-Van Vo and Lewis J. Wiley.

Hazo Carter Sr., a 1943 graduate of TSU, began his long tenure of outstanding service as an assistant county agent in Wilson County. He joined the TSU agronomy faculty in 1948, where he served until his retirement in 1985. He retired as a full professor and principal investigator of a research project in the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program.



Hazo Carter Sr.

Carter earned his master of science degree from TSU and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. From 1966 to 1967, he engaged in postdoctoral studies at the University of Illinois in the areas of plant breeding, statistics and research techniques.

One of Carter's greatest contributions to agriculture at TSU was the role he played in securing permanent funding for agricultural research. As research coordinator, he was instrumental in obtaining permanent funding for the 1890 land-grant institutions and TSU. He worked with Tennessee congressional delegates to obtain

their support for agricultural research at the 1890s institutions. The passing of Section 14445 of the National Agricultural Research Teaching Policy Act of 1977 is the foundation of funding for current agricultural research and extension at TSU.

Among Carter's professional achievements were numerous professional publications, an award for "Outstanding Service to the Agronomy Club at TSU," and the Founders Day Citation in recognition of 39 years of service to TSU (1986). His professional affiliations included the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science of America, American Growers Association, Sigma Xi Scientific Honor Society and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Carter was inducted posthumously.

Kieu-Van Vo was born in Hue, Vietnam. He began his career in 1973 as an instructor at the College of Veterinary and Zootechnical Science in Saigon. After a three-year tenure, he became a research assistant at Clemson (S.C.) University, where he received the master of science degree in poultry science. In 1980, Vo earned his Ph.D. in poultry science from Texas A&M University.



Kieu-Van Vo

Vo joined the TSU faculty in 1980 as an assistant professor and principal investigator in the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP). During the 1990-91 academic year, he taught at Tuskegee University. In 1995, he became a full professor. Vo's contributions to the university, the animal science profession and the nation included developing many society-ready agricultural graduates, generating new and valuable knowledge in the field of poultry production and positioning the CARP animal and alternative livestock research team as leading researchers in the field.

Vo was principal or co-investigator in funded research projects that brought over a million dollars to the university. He authored or co-authored approximately 40 publications and made 34 professional presentations between January 1985 and January 2000.

Vo's professional honors included the university's Outstanding Service Award and a citation as charter diplomat of the American College of Animal Physiology by the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists in 1995.

Vo died January 20, 2001.

Lewis J. Wiley earned his bachelor of science degree from Tennessee State in 1952, following a stint in the Army, and his master of science degree in plant science from TSU in 1968.

Wiley distinguished himself as a teacher of agriculture in his hometown of Somerville, Tenn.,

and throughout his 36 years, he touched the lives of numerous students, families, rural farmers and community leaders with his dynamic interpersonal skills and expertise in agriculture.

Wiley has been called a pioneer for his achievements in moving from a racially segregated system to an integrated one. He brought together the New Farmers of America and Future Farmers of America in Fayette County without conflict. Former students credit him with supporting their career choices and not only teaching them the subject matter, but also preparing them to be good men and women. He is credited with referring many students to TSU.



Lewis J. Wiley

Wiley continues to be active in his profession. He has served as chairman of the Agriculture Teachers Association, District 4, which honored him as Alumnus of the Year in 1997. He was named Teacher of the Year by the Tennessee Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association in 1981 and was the recipient of the University of Tennessee Urban Gardening Award in 1991 and the Fayette County Basic Education Level 3 Award. Wiley is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, TSU Chapter, and the NAACP. He has continued to serve as a judge for 4-H for years after his retirement.

university notables

Gifts, grants and resources

The **Center of Excellence for Information Systems Engineering and Management** has received \$100,000 from the NASA Ames Research Center for the "New Mexico Super-computing Challenge." **Willard Smith** is principal investigator.

Departmental and organizational news

The accrediting body for the **TSU College of Business** has changed its name. It is now AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Research, presentations and publications

Joel Dark, department head of history, geography and political science, spent five weeks in Vienna, Austria, this summer at a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, "The People of Vienna in a Century of Turmoil, 1848-1955."

Richard Enochs, director of the health care administration and planning program, has published two articles recently, in collaboration with the University of Alabama-Birmingham: "Increased Risk of Agricultural Injury among African-American Farm Workers from Alabama and Mississippi," in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, and "The Impact of Agricultural Injury on Farm Owners and Workers in Alabama and Mississippi," in the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*.

An article by **Rodney Stanley**, assistant professor of public administration, "Can Students Enjoy the Benefit of State Lottery Revenues?" has been accepted for publication in the *Social Science Journal*.

Roger Wiemers, director of public service and outreach in the College of Education, made a presentation at the 2001 meeting of the World Council on Curriculum, held in Madrid, Spain, this summer.

Honors, awards and achievements

Augustus Bankhead, vice president for academic affairs, has received the 2001 Education Leadership Award from the Tennessee Hospitality Education (THE) Council. Bankhead's contributions toward developing a hospitality education curriculum that is being implemented in high schools and colleges statewide were recognized by THE Council's board of directors recently in Nashville.

"We are very proud of the work and support that Dr. Bankhead and TSU have provided to help build educational opportunities that will attract quality students to study and work in the hospitality industry," said Shannon Bowles, president of THE Council. "We truly appreciate his efforts and cannot think of anyone who is more deserving of this honor."

Arie Halachmi, professor of public administration, was presented the Harold Lasswell Award of Policy Studies at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. The award recognizes outstanding scholarly contributions to the understanding of the public policy-making process and the evolution of specific public policies.

Millicent Lownes-Jackson, associate dean of the College of Business, has received the 2001

Dr. R.H. Boyd Award of Minority Business Advocate of the Year. The award is presented on behalf of the R.H. Boyd Publishing Corporation, Inc., the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Nashville Minority Business Development Center.

Monetha Reaves, director of academic enrichment, has been named president of the Tennessee Association of Developmental Education.

New faculty and staff, new appointments

Emily Bergen has been named instructor in the Department of Speech Communication and Theater.

Kristen Blalock, **Heather Smith** and **Michael Wade** have joined the staff of the Center of Excellence for Research and Policy on Basic Skills as early childhood parent involvement coordinators for the Bureau of Evaluation and Research Services.

Pamela Braden has been named media specialist in the media center.

Jeremy Butz, **Kathleen Ferris**, **Danya McMurtry**, **Beverly Whalen-Schmeller** and **Edric Thompson** have been named instructors in the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy.

Clinton Craun and **Pamela Hull** have joined the Center for Health Research as research associates.

Phyllis Danner has been named project director of financial affairs in the Center of Excellence for Information Systems Engineering and Management.

Samuel Dunson has been named instructor in art.

Helen Houston has been named interim head of the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy.

Brenda Hunter has joined the staff of the Cooperative Extension Program as director for the National Extension Leadership Development Program.

Adel Ibrahim is serving as a visiting instructor in business information systems.

Aaron Jerome has been named ticket manager in the Department of Athletics.

Anthony Kahtz has joined the staff of the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program as a post-doctoral associate.

Kimberley LaMarque has been named assistant professor and director of forensics in the Department of Speech Communications and Theatre.

Phillip Morris has been named professor and department head of art.

Caron Peterson has been named program director of social work.

Edria Ragosin has been named assistant professor of speech pathology and audiology.

Bradley White has been named director of budget and fiscal planning.

Roger Wiemers has been named director of public service and outreach for the College of Education.

Ida M. Williams has been named assistant professor of academic enrichment, advisement and orientation.

Terry Witherington has been named assistant professor of nursing.

Student news

The following students were winners in the freshman division in the Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest: **Frederick Harris**, first place, **Candace Jones**, second place, **Alicia Cottrell**, third place, and **Kerry Mackey Jr.**, fourth place. Following are the winners in the upperclassman division: **Keri Day**, first place, **Malick D. Badjie**, second place, **Kristian A. Campbell**, third place, and **Delali Potakey**, fourth place.



Keri Day



Frederick Harris

The **TSU Forensics Team** placed in two recent tournaments. At the Cosmic Country Breakdown Tournament at Middle Tennessee State University, **Amber Brumfield** won second place in the discipline of dramatic interpretation and **Yosha Seabrooks** won fourth place in the discipline of oral interpretation. At the Tiger Tournament at Clemson University, **Mia Bankston** won third place in poetry interpretation; Amber Brumfield won fifth place in informative speaking; Mia Bankston and **Frederick Harris** won fifth place in dramatic duo interpretation; and Mia Bankston and Amber Brumfield won sixth place in dramatic duo interpretation.

We remember

Mildred Cater, retired payroll supervisor, and the first employee to retire after 50 years' service, died Oct. 18.

Ruth W. Crenshaw, adjunct faculty member in the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy, died Sept. 22.

Bessie Kean, widow of TSU coach Henry Arthur Kean, died in September. She retired from TSU as head of the circulation department and professor of library services in 1974 after 30 years of service.

Quotable QUOTES

Transforming ugliness into beauty: If there's any place you can look to begin that transformation, it's at our institutions of higher learning. Creativity here can inspire change.

There are three things we must do [in the wake of the events of Sept. 11]:

- Face it. The attack was a byproduct of things that have been festering a long time, the convergence of issues and problems that have existed for generations. We must face the truth of how things came to be the way they are.
- Deal with it. We need to understand that all that God created is good. It is up to us to understand how we can restore, rediscover and regenerate that which is good.
- Believe. We have to believe that the horror is not the final statement. There is a God who is bigger than this moment.

—Rev. Edwin Sanders
Metropolitan Interdenominational Church,
at a service on the TSU campus commemorating
the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center
and Pentagon

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2001-2002 Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 27	Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	Wright State	Dayton, Ohio	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 1	University of Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	2 p.m.
Dec. 3	Fisk	Nashville	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Oral Roberts	Tulsa, Okla.	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 8	Middle Tennessee State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Dec. 20	Murray State	Murray, Ky.	7 p.m.
Dec. 28	UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	7:35 p.m.
Dec. 30	University of Houston	Houston, Texas	2 p.m.
Jan. 3	Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Southeast Missouri State	Cape Girardeu, Mo.	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	UT-Martin	Nashville	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	David Lipscomb	Nashville	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Tennessee Tech	Nashville	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Morehead State	Nashville	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	Southeast Missouri	Nashville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Eastern Illinois	Nashville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Murray State	Nashville	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	UT-Martin	Martin, Tenn.	TBA
Feb. 11	Eastern Kentucky	Nashville	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	Austin Peay	Nashville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	TBA
Feb. 21	Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	TBA

2001-2002 Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 1	David Lipscomb	Nashville	2 p.m.
Dec. 5	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	TBA
Dec. 8	Southern	Illinois-Carbondale	2 p.m.
Dec. 12	UT-Chattanooga	Nashville	6 p.m.
Dec. 17-18	University of Hawaii Tourn. (Cleveland State, UNC-Charlotte)	Honolulu, Hawaii	TBA
Jan. 3	Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Murray State	Nashville	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	UT-Martin	Nashville	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Southeast Missouri	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	UT-Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	7 p.m.
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Feb. 18	Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	5:15 p.m.

Home games in blue.

OVC Tournament: Feb. 26, March 2-3