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Admissions Awaits Audit

The University can expect some good news when a team from the Board of Regents completes its audit of the Office of Admissions and Records (OAR), this spring, according to Dr. Grey Hall, acting director of the office.

"We requested this audit back in January because we are proud of the progress this office has made in the past year," Hall said in a recent interview. "We haven't achieved everything the previous audits requested of us but there have been dramatic improvements in virtually every area of the office."

Hall said that one recommendation made in 1977, involving remodeling of the quarters of the OAR, has not been implemented but that plans are being made to implement it shortly.

"The crux of the problems we have been working to overcome in admissions and records is that we had an outdated and poorly constructed records system," Hall said. "I would say that 90% of our problems have been computer related and by the end of April we should have those problems corrected."

The problems, Hall said, are related to not having an adequate course catalog in the computer system, to an inadequate repeat module for transcript preparation and to a card feed system for data entry which was too prone to mistakes.

"Previously class rolls were just never right because if a student's card had incorrect information, such as a social security number, or if the machine ate the student's course request card, the

roll reflected totally inaccurate information," he said.

A new computer course catalog was completed last June which allowed the generation of a class schedule. Merger-related problems of new entries delayed the use of the new program until the day of registration in late July and getting the bugs out of the system took a while longer.

"That registration was an inconvenience to everyone, but the amazing thing is that the records for the Fall Semester are correct," Hall said. "Scheduling is now under control, coordinators and department chairpersons are working together better and things are smoothing out."

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Founder's Day Observance



R. GRANN LLOYD

Dr. R. Grann Lloyd, professor of economics at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, will open the celebration at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, with a public address. Lloyd is a former head of the Department of Business Administration at TSU.

At 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Brown-Daniel Library, the School of Education will sponsor a seminar focusing on the historical development of TSU from its founding. Participants in the discussion will be Drs. John Crothers, Evelyn Fancher, Lloyd and Samuel Shannon, and Edward Temple, women's track coach.

The University Band, under the direction of Edward L. Graves, will present a spring concert in the Administration Building Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Choral readings from classes in the Department of Communications and poetry by Helen Cotton, English instructor, begin Friday morning at 10 a.m. in

the Recital Hall of the Marie Brooks Strange Music Building.

Julian Bartley, assistant chief recruiter for the U.S. Department of State and a TSU alumnus, will lecture on "Past, Present and Future Opportunities in the Foreign Service and the U.S. Department of State" at 1:30 p.m. on Friday in Room 212 of the Graduate Building.

A banquet honoring retirees with 40 or more years of service at the University will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening in the Elliot Hall Auditorium (Women's Building). Honorees at the banquet will be Christine Alexander, A. V. Boswell, Mary Forbes Carter, Lois Daniel, Alma Dunn Jones, Mizilla Lynum and Frances Thompson.

Ms. Ola Hudson, coordinator of home economics at East High School in Nashville and a graduate of TSU, will be the banquet speaker and Erskine Lytle, an alumnus, will serve as toastmaster.

The public is invited to all activities surrounding Founder's Day.

A series of lectures, seminars and artistic activities will highlight the celebration of Founder's Day, April 17 and 18.

The theme for the celebration, which will take place on the Main Campus, is "Challenges and Projections of the Eighties."

WTSU

"A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE"

Parliament. The Bee Gees, Commodores, Bootsy Collins and Earth, Wind and Fire will all have to wait their turn at WTSU because the station manager digs educating not imitating.

Danny Owens, soul operator of the station, says that his thing is to inform people of what's going on and not keeping people posted on the latest top disco tunes.

"We emphasize information, news, and entertainment," says Owens, "and in that order." "People who listen to us can learn because we stress information," he added.

Owens feels that it takes more than playing records to make a good radio station. He says it takes good organization, programming and management.

"Anybody can play records. People who listen to us can enjoy what they hear. We are not here to keep people popping their fingers or stomping their feet," he explained.

A graduate of West Virginia State College and Carnegie Tech, in Pittsburgh, Owens came to the University in 1963 as an arranger for the Aristocrat of Bands. In 1972, he was encouraged and appointed by the late Walter S. Davis to begin a radio station for the campus.

"It was just an empty room," he recalled. "No people, no equipment, no nothing. That's how it was."

Only a one man operation for many years, Owens says that he never complains and is satisfied with doing his job. This is his way of earning a living and he would never do anything to jeopardize it. So he began putting together a station and format that he feels is one of the most unique operations in the southeast. Moreover, it is as well equipped as any station in Nashville.

In 1975, he got his first full-time employee, Perrienne Day, a technician, to assist him in running and manning the ship. But the bulk of the work at the station is mostly done by Owens and 18 student broadcasters.

WTSU is a business and he is there to teach the students to be business like and professional. And like any business there are rules and guidelines. Most of his students are either on the dean's list or in the honors program, he proudly commented.

"There are a lot of good students around here," he said.

Owens said that he recognizes that the

work is demanding, but he wants only those who are willing to work and be on time. If they fail to adhere, he simply replaces them.

"There are no excuses or alibi's. I keep a record of the transcripts of students who work here. If their grades drop while they are working here they have to go," he said.

Owens also warns the students that WTSU is not a personality station.

"I am a teacher, he said, and I teach technique. We can't run a program and advertise disco at the same time."

Once the station goes on the air at 8:00 a.m., it stays on the air until 7:30 p.m., and that is very important to Owens.

"And we are always on time," he cheerfully added.

Programs like "Tiger Tales" - a five minute sports talk, "A Look At Books" - current books by black authors, "Campus News," - 15 minute TSU news and actualities, "Jazz Odyssey" (contemporary and traditional jazz) and "Genius on the Black Side" - one black recording artist, are the basic type shows on the format to add variety to the programming so that it will include information, news and entertainment.

Although WTSU has only nine transmitters, it can be heard Monday thru Friday in 10 buildings on the campus. But because it is not a promotional station people often don't listen and therefore don't know the kind of things it has to offer.

"There is just no way we can go into every one of those buildings and turn the channel to our station," he pointed out. "We've put signs all over the campus, but people just don't see them. Promotion is what we need.

"It could be because the reception is not clear in most buildings," he concluded.

Shunning the disappointment of the small listening audience, Owens quickly paid a high tribute to one area that he thinks has been very good to the station.

"Student activities are really good to us. They've been our salvation and I'll

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PERRIANNE DAY, TECHNICIAN; AND OWENS photo by John Cross

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WTSU

thank them forever," he says.

He praised student activities because WTSU can be heard over the intercom throughout the building for students during the course of a day.

"But there are others who listen to us," he added.

A great deal of credit is given to Owens for the successful job that he has done, but he feels that without the help of his part-time engineer, Clinton Hooper, his operation might not be the same.

"The heart of a good station is the engineering," he said. And ours is real good."

"Everything here was either purchased or assembled," he stated. "Considering the amount of money we have, we are very well equipped. I'm really proud of what we have."

Although the station manager is very happy with what he has, his long range goal is to have an "FM" station that will broadcast all over Nashville. Being an FM station would give him the opportunity to compete with other stations in the area and also advertise.

"We have applied to the FCC (Federal Communications Commission), since 1977," he said. "Now we have appointed a lawyer to handle it."

Until then, he says he'll continue to do the best he can with what he has, and accept anything that has to be.

Owens advises those interested in

something different, to tune in daily. He won't Funk you out of your seat, but he will Owensize your mind to death.

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ADMISSIONS

The improper class rolls led to greater problems when grade time came and the same types of problems were experienced with the system which used the same sort of cards to record course grades and to enter them on permanent records.

"It became a cumulative sort of thing," Hall said. "All of the problems in the early part of the process multiplied and we wound up with inaccurate permanent records."

The permanent records were further disorganized by a faculty repeat module, the computer system which matches repeated courses with the courses they are meant to replace.

"The system we had required a perfect match," Hall said. "If Math III was entered that way on the permanent record and the student repeated the course and Math III was entered, the computer rejected the repeat and listed both courses."

"Additionally there was no way to determine what changes in curriculum had taken place and no way for the computer to judge that a course with a new number was to substitute, for repeat purposes, for the original courses."

These problems have now been worked out and permanent records are

much more accurate.

"I would say that by the end of this semester we will be in really good shape with regard to our records," Hall said. "It hasn't been easy but it is worthwhile because we see students approaching the clerks in our office with problems and expecting a hassle in getting them solved. Then they find that, in most cases, it takes just a few minutes and we are able to call up on the screen all of the records we need to solve the problem."

But students and faculty are not accustomed to the new system yet and they will have to become comfortable with it before it works fully.

"The major task is about to be accomplished," Hall said. "Then it takes about a year for everyone to get used to it. Now we're experiencing a change in staff and student attitudes due to the level of good service they are beginning to get."

TSU should become one of the most efficient and effective institutions in the nation with regard to its admissions and student records, Hall said.

"What we're building is a system which is certainly going to be one of the best in the nation," he said. "We're on the leading edge of a lot of things and we're putting technology into our system that most people haven't even thought of yet."

Hall expects this year's audit of records to be a far cry from 1977 and 1978 when the recommendations which have been implemented over the past year were made.

"In 1977 the State Board of Regents auditors picked 10 student names at random and looked for their records but found only one," he said. "They specified several changes that needed to be made but when they came back in 1978 they found that little or no progress had been made.

"This time we know that they will find dramatic progress has been made and we are eagerly awaiting the new audit."

BIRTHDAY SALUTE

Each month the Bureau of Public Relations will publish the birthdays of University personnel in ACCENT. If you want to salute your staff members and/or co-workers, please submit the names and birth dates to our office by the end of the month prior to the birthday month.



DANNY OWENS

photo by John Cross

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MARGARET HARGREAVES

photo by Jackson Goff

Hargreaves Joins CARP

Dr. Margaret R. Kirkcaldy Hargreaves has joined the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP) as associate investigator for a study that will test the effectiveness of teaching methods designed to improve people's diets.

Hargreaves comes to TSU from the University of Ottawa in Canada, where she was an assistant professor of nutrition in the Department of Dietetics.

She will assist Dr. Mary Greer, professor and head of the Department of Home Economics, on a study entitled "Multi-Technique and Behavior Modification Stimulus Control Approaches to Dietary Change," which will involve teaching nutrition to more than 100 low-income women in rural Wilson County. The effectiveness of traditional teaching methods will be compared with behavior modification techniques in the study.

"I came to TSU because I wanted to participate in this study, since I've done a similar study in Canada," Hargreaves said. She was principal investigator and project director for a multidisciplinary attempt to improve the health of a group of firemen by reducing their smoking, increasing their exercise and improving their diets.

CARP supports two other nutrition studies, one led by Dr. Ozie L. Adams, health and nutrition specialist with the Agricultural Extension Service, the other led by Dr. Troy Wakefield, Jr., assistant

professor of nutrition. Adams' study is an analysis of the nutrient intake and plate waste of children in school lunch programs. Wakefield leads a study of the nutritional health of adolescent females in rural Tennessee.

Hargreaves studied at MacDonald College of McGill University in Montreal, where she earned the B.S. degree in home economics in 1959, with a major in nutrition and dietetics. She then earned the M.S. degree in community nutrition in 1963 at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1970, she earned the Ph.D. degree in nutrition from the University of Toronto.

Kiddie Olympics

Kiddie Olympics competitions for children ages 2-6 are scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, at the University's W.J. Hale Stadium.

The competition, sponsored by the TSU Early Learning Center, will include dashes, softball throw, frisbee throw, shot put with a wooden block, the high jump, running and standing long jumps, wheelbarrow races, three-legged races, an obstacle course and relays.

Registration deadline is April 16 and a \$25 registration fee per child will be charged. It is suggested that each child have a sponsor--a business, organization or parents.

The Early Learning Center located in the Department of Home Economics, has a strong commitment to quality education for children. Its major goals are the development of critical thinking, inde-

pendent functioning and aesthetic appreciation and expression in the children it serves.

The olympics program is open to any child in the age 2-6 group.

Further information is available from Ms. Ruth A. McDowell (3375) or Maj. Helen Wright (3710).

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photo by Joe Zinn

Turner Appointed Bursar

Betty R. Turner, corporate banking officer for Commerce Union Bank, has been named bursar of the University.

Turner replaces Leroy Hines, who resigned. She will primarily be responsible for the collection, receipting and depositing of funds, due and incoming to the University.

"I am excited at the prospect of making positive contributions and helping solve problems in an organization with the potential and history that TSU has in the community," she said.

A native of South Pittsburgh, Tenn., Turner holds the M.S. degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and the B.S. degree in mathematics from Vanderbilt University.

She has served as a graduate researcher for the Department of Finance at UT-K, instructor of business finance at Vanderbilt and Middle Tennessee State Universities, and worked in research with the state treasurer's office.

Speaking Out

This issue of ACCENT introduces a new feature entitled "Speaking Out." This feature will appear periodically and it will provide a mechanism for you, the faculty and staff of the University, to either ask questions, answers questions, or comment pro or con on issues of concern.

Criteria for submitting the material will be published in the next issue of ACCENT. The following comments were sent to us in response to the lead story published in our March 24 issue.

During the turbulence of the sixties, when racism, militarism, and imperialism were even more rampant than they are today, and when many of us were engaged in active protest against and criticism of what we felt were some mistaken directions our country was taking, reactionaries and rednecks were fond of flaunting the slogan, "America: Love It or Leave It."

The implication of the slogan was clear: only those who accepted uncritically - who wholeheartedly embraced - every policy of the imperial presidency had a right to stay in America (the land of the free?). Those who marched for peace, sat in at lunch counters, or raised questions in other ways about our country's policies should get out - and get out fast. After all, these "un-American," "disloyal" activists were destroying our country's oneness, weakening her in the face of her enemies.

I hope you will agree with me that to deny people the right to criticize their country, as this "love it or leave it" faction would be delighted to do, is to deny the very essence of democracy: the free exchange of comment, criticism, and ideas. Perhaps you will also agree that though our country still has many profound faults and problems, what progress we have made has been in large part because people spoke up in criticism of policies and procedures they felt were deeply mistaken. Certainly no change of any kind could ever take place if no one ever criticized anything.

As important as maintaining a spirit of free exchange of ideas in a democracy as a whole, is maintaining this spirit in our universities, where creative thinking is essential and where new ideas must be born and nurtured if the university and the society which it should serve are to

flourish. Our TSU faculty handbook recognizes the importance of this spirit of intellectual freedom: "Members of the Faculty are charged to seek and to say honestly and persistently the truth that lies within their respective fields." A university without academic freedom - and academic freedom, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to debate and criticize and to suggest new ideas - is no university at all.

Yet we find the lead headline in the March 24, 1980, *Accent* (the official administration house organ for TSU) telling us, "TSU - Love It or Leave It," in an ominous echo of the right-wing slogan of the sixties. In the body of the article, we find our President insisting on "oneness," insisting on uniformity of thought to such an extent that he actually advocates driving out of the University anyone who differs with one or more of the University's current policies.

In the 1930's, a number of Western European nations had a similar insistence on "oneness" and on purging themselves of diverse ideological or racial elements. We all know the tragic results. Among the logical conclusions of this line of thought would be to burn any library books which suggest offensive or divergent philosophies: this would certainly help us toward intellectual "oneness."

As for myself, I must admit that, though I like many of its characteristics, I don't "love" TSU - if to "love" means to embrace uncritically every policy, person, and building in the University. I don't "love" the way the Main Campus has suffered years of physical neglect at the hands of a discriminatory legislature, I don't "love" the management difficulties which have created such problems for students as financial mix-ups, transcript difficulties, and registration delays; I don't "love" the inefficient management information system which has difficulties getting the right word to the right person at the right time; I don't even "love" all of our academic policies. And I might add a personal note: I happen to be white. Perhaps I should feel guilty about this, but I don't. Consequently, I don't "love" the insistence on "blackness" which pervades many factions at TSU.

On the other hand, there are a good responses. Our reasons for making this

its tremendous potential to become a major urban university; the many sincere, highly qualified, and dedicated faculty members from both campuses; the many hard-working students who take their education seriously and make commitments to learn even at the price of great personal sacrifice . . . the list could go on - not forever, but at length.

I guess where this leaves me - in terms of the two alternatives proposed in your headline - is that I should leave. Otherwise, the article threatens, I will be driven out. I haven't yet decided about leaving, however, and you haven't yet driven me out. Meanwhile, perhaps you agree with me that TSU has some problems, even if we may disagree about what the problems are or how serious they are. If you do agree that we have some problems, then perhaps you might also consider that we need to debate and discuss them if we are to have any hope of solving them. Can a university ever make progress if its response to problems is merely to drive out individuals who recognize them? For that matter, is complete oneness ever possible in any healthy institution, and is it even conceivable in a real university?

Dr. Peter Jordan, Associate Professor of English

We knew prior to release of the story and the headline in ACCENT that "TSU-Love it or Leave it" was a strong statement that could conjure negative responses. Our reason for making this the headline of the story was not intended to identify ACCENT with any un-American feelings lingering from the sixties. We intended to, as poignantly as we could, point to the concern of a majority of persons employed at TSU that too many elements of the campus are not working toward the oneness mentioned in the Presidents' speech.

ACCENT, as you partly noted, is the voice of the staff, faculty and administration. It may not have been that in the past, but you can be sure it will be that in the future. To illustrate this point, we are printing your letter. Any other comments or criticisms you have, we believe ACCENT should be the forum from which to speak to the campus.

Certainly debate within the University should be encouraged. The operative
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Speaking Out

phrase here is "within the University." Any faculty or staff member who "love" the University should understand that many matters should be fully debated within the University before they are debated in the press. This does not mean that they should not or will not be publicized. It simply means that the University should be given an adequate chance to solve its own problems before the media are enlisted to help it solve them.

We solicit your help in making ACCENT the true voice of the campus and we implore you to encourage others to utilize our services. This cooperation will surely obfuscate those who seek otherwise. Recently, a person suggested to the news media that they are running too much positive news about the University. Obviously that person has little love for the University and the success of the merger. The only thing unhealthy at TSU is this lack of love, concern and commitment. Thanks for bringing this to our attention.

Harold Jackson, Director of Public Relations

The two lead articles in last week's ACCENT have undone a half year's efforts on your part and mine to make me feel at home and useful at Tennessee State University. Perhaps the purpose of this issue was to intimidate the downtown faculty; I doubt that it has had that effect. In my own case, I feel anger, contempt, and dismay for the sentiments expressed in "Love It or Leave It." It would be best, I think, to send no further issues of ACCENT downtown nor any other demands for unquestioning loyalty. After another six months, I may get over my anger.

Dr. Wayne L. Billings, Associate Professor of English

ACCENT'S SCHEDULE

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Upcoming Events

April 7.....	Dental Hygiene Open House
April 9.....	Career Awareness Conference
April 9-10.....	Research Day
April 10.....	Basketball Banquet
April 11-May 9.....	Annual Student Art Exhibition
April 12.....	Big Blue Banquet of Champions
April 13-19.....	Founder's Week Observance
April 16.....	AAUP Meeting
April 17.....	General Faculty Meeting (4:00 p.m.)
April 21-26.....	National Secretaries Week
April 29-May 2.....	Final Examinations
May 3.....	Commencement

Cotton Dies

Ronald R. Cotton, 19, a freshman student, died Monday, April 1, of a heart seizure in Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. He was scheduled for a bone marrow transplant operation on April 2.

Cotton, who suffered from acute lymphomatic leukemia, was the object of a massive community effort to raise money for his operation which was expected to cost more than \$50,000. The University faculty, staff and students participated in raising more than \$37,000 alone with civic, church and social groups, and students at Meharry and Fisk.

"He was a young, vibrant and intelligent man who had a great spirit and a great will to live. He will be missed by us all," said Dr. Robert Hardy, Cotton's personal physician.

Cotton was to have received the bone marrow from his sister, Marjorie, also a student at TSU. Doctors said that with the operation he would have had a 50% chance of living another three years, perhaps longer.

News Briefs

A meeting of the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) will be held in Room 206 of the Women's Building on the Main Campus on April 16, 1980.

The agenda will include the election of the 1980-1981 officers.

WTSU (58-AM) will broadcast from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., starting Monday, March 24.

REMINDER

General Faculty Meeting

on

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at 4:00 p.m.

Economics to Host Seminar Scenes

The Department of Economics will host a series of seminars featuring research report by members of the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP) and by researchers in the economics department, beginning Thursday, April 10, at 3 p.m., in room 320 on the Downtown Campus.

CARP agricultural economist Dr. F.S. Bagi will report on his analysis of farm resource utilization and the role of credit on limited resources farms and economists Drs. Gayle Riggs and A.E. Fareed will report on their study of the role of blacks as consumers in the first seminar.

The following week, April 17, the seminar series will return to the Main Campus with reports by economist Dr. Dinkar Desai and CARP agricultural economist Dr. S.P. Singh. They will speak in Room 218, Lawson Hall (Agriculture Building), at 3 p.m.

The seminar series is free and open to the public. For more information on the series, contact Charles Yoder at 320-3353.

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