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Campus To Host Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting

Tennessee State University will host the Tennessee Board of Regents quarterly meeting December 10-11, on the main campus. TBR members and staff will discuss issues, and review policies for the 46 member institutions across the state. Attending the meeting will be presidents, designated faculty, and selected staff from the Regents' institutions.

HOSPITALITY PLUS SHOWCASE

"We wish to provide the Board members, staff, presidents, faculty, students, and others with our warmest TSU hospitality," said President James Hefner. "We intend to use this opportunity to showcase our University in every way...our building projects, academic programs, and student, faculty and staff activities," he added.

MEETING AT AG FACILITY

The two-day meeting will convene in the newly renovated Agriculture Research and Extension Facility. "We look forward to hosting the meeting

and showing our growth and improvement campus-wide," said Dr. Lula Collier, Vice President for Administration and Chairperson of the TSU/TBR Planning Committee.

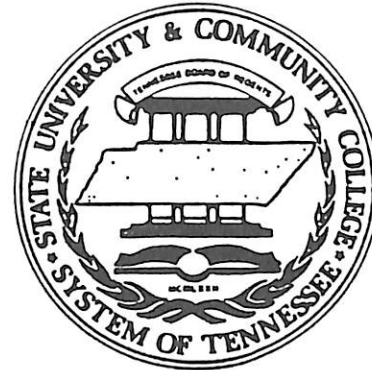
SPOUSE PROGRAM

A Spouses Program, hosted by "First Lady" Edwina Hefner, has been arranged for Thursday and Friday. The schedule includes a visit to the Hermitage and W.O. Smith Music School and a brunch at the President's residence.

SPONSORS NAMED

Business and community organizations are sponsoring activities associated with the meeting. At press time, sponsors included Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Bob Frenley Chrysler-Plymouth Inc., Loews Vanderbilt Plaza, Kroger Company, Robert Orr-Sysco Food Services and the Pollett Corporation.

"The Planning Committee is working tirelessly to make this a successful meeting," Hefner said.



Campus Center Dedication Marks Historic Occasion

"We present this building to be dedicated to the Universal Good, for the enlightenment, development, and service of the students, alumni, friends, and future generations of Tennessee State University," said TSU President James A. Hefner.

The President's words, during the Litany of Dedication for the new campus center at Tennessee State University, summed up the primary purpose of the \$15.6 million facility.

HOMECOMING DEDICATION

The building was dedicated Friday, October 23, during the week-long Homecoming Celebration. The dedication of a facility of this magnitude marked an historic occasion at the University. The structure is the centerpiece of an unprecedented \$112 million capital improvements project.

HONORS FLOYD AND PAYNE

The facility, named the Otis L. Floyd-Joseph A. Payne Campus Center, pays tribute to former University President and Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor, Dr. Otis L. Floyd, Jr., and the late Dr. Joseph A. Payne, Jr. Dr. Payne was the first Vice President for Student Affairs and served as the Dean of Students at the University. He is credited with shaping the lives of many black youth during his long and distinguished career at TSU. Dr. Floyd was instrumental in getting the state's commitment to upgrade facilities at TSU to a level comparable to other state universities.

The three-story building stretches a complete block from 33rd to 35th Avenue North on John Merritt Boulevard, and is combined with the newly renovated Kean Hall athletic building.

STUDENTS LOBBIED "GOVERNOR"

The Governor of Tennessee, Ned McWherter, spoke to the crowd of more than 500 faculty, staff, students, alumni, retirees, and friends, in the courtyard of the Center. He told a story of how a group from the TSU Student Government came to see him in his office in 1986, when he was the Speaker of the House. Governor McWherter explained that an agreement was made with the group. "One of the young men said—Mr. Speaker, if you will promise to help rebuild our campus—we will endorse you and do everything we can to help elect you governor."

DREAM BECOMES REALITY

"With the help of those TSU students, I was inaugurated Governor with a commitment to *stop* talking and *start* doing something about TSU," said Governor McWherter. Before taking his seat, the Governor thanked TSU students for helping him to turn a *dream into reality* at Tennessee State University."

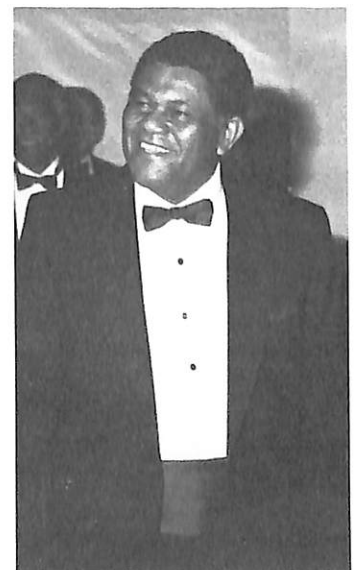
Following the Dedication, Dr. Floyd said, "I am so honored to have my name on this fine, new center with Joseph Payne, in this place that we both have loved so much."

GRETCHEN PAYNE GETS PLAQUE

Dr. Gretchen Bradley Payne, who retired as Department Head of Curriculum and Instruction at TSU and the widow of Dr. Joseph A. Payne, accepted a plaque on behalf of her late husband.

Following the ribbon-cutting, a tour of the new facility and a reception was held. Full occupancy of the Floyd-Payne Campus Center is expected to be completed by January of 1993.

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OTIS L. FLOYD: President/Host In '87; Chancellor/Guest In '92

Dr. Otis L. Floyd was president of TSU the last time the University hosted a Regents meeting in 1987. Now, five years later, when TSU again hosts the quarterly meeting, Dr. Floyd is Chancellor of the Board. A life-long educator and native Tennessean, Dr. Floyd is known for his love for learning and a commitment to helping others receive an education.

PRESIDENT TO CHANCELLOR

Dr. Floyd's elevation from president to chancellor is only a small measure of his efforts to make available a quality education for all Tennesseans. Dr. Floyd was appointed Interim President of TSU, on June 5, 1986, by former Chancellor Thomas Garland. In March of 1987, Dr. Floyd received an appointment to serve as President of TSU. He was named Chancellor in 1990.

FOUGHT FOR MASTER PLAN

While President, Dr. Floyd was instrumental in securing the General Assembly's approval of a \$112 million master plan project. Recently, the largest building in that project, the Campus Center, was co-named in his honor and in honor of Dr. Joseph A. Payne, former Vice President for Student Affairs.

WORKFORCE FOR 2000 AD

When asked about the coincidence of the two meetings, Dr. Floyd said, "It is always good to come home." At a recent TSU faculty retreat, Dr. Floyd emphasized to vice presidents, deans and faculty the need for a quality education in our state and country, stressing that public higher education has a serious responsibility to provide a world competitive workforce for the year 2000 and beyond. He noted that TSU could be among the best institutions of higher education. "You can be what you want to be. You are sitting on a gold mine—just mine the gold," he added.

RHODA RETURNS WITH FLOYD

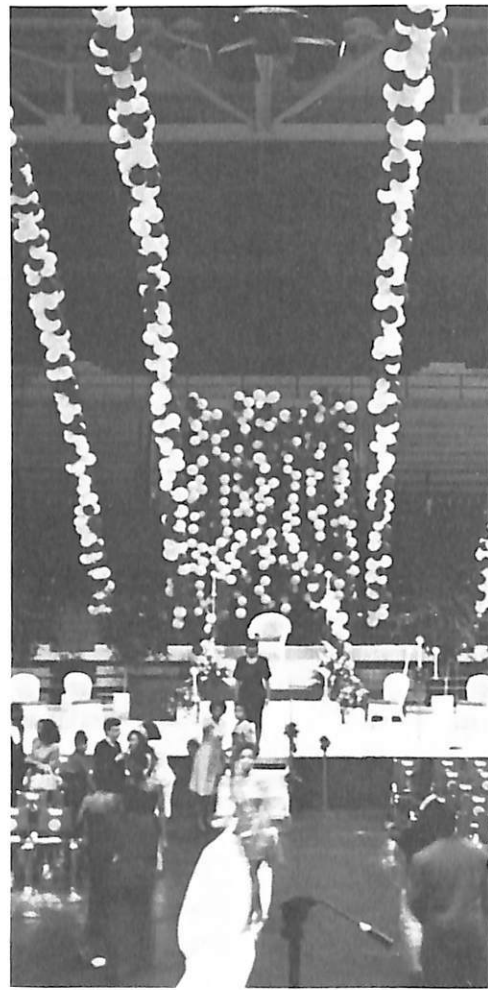
Dr. Richard Rhoda, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Media Relations at the TBR, was a member of Dr. Floyd's administration at TSU at the time of the 1987 TBR meeting. Dr. Rhoda served as Executive Administrator of the Avon Williams Campus and was Chairman of the TBR Meeting Planning Committee for the 1987 meeting.

"Many things have changed at TSU since we hosted the meeting in 1987, but something that has not changed is the dynamic feel of the campus, which is exciting and unique to TSU," said Rhoda.

A Reunion of Tradition & Spirit



with Father Lukey Williams.



Mark Your Calendar
for Homecoming '93
Oct. 24-30



Making colorful preparations.



Dr. Alice Lowery, Sen. Thelma Harper and Andrea Moore.



Always room for freedom of speech on campus.

BRIEFS Programs

• The College of Engineering and Technology has received \$50,000 for the Engineering Concepts Institute from General Electric Foundation. Dr. Decatur Rogers, Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, says that the funds will support 50 high school graduates who plan to pursue a degree in engineering in 1993. ECI is a bridge program which strengthens youth skills in math and problem-solving in a college environment in order to make the transition from high school to college smoother. Engineering faculty, supporting companies, and the students have been pleased with the higher scholastic achievements of those who participate in the program. The program was featured in the *Nashville Tennessean* this summer.

• Nashville Metro Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Benjamin was the guest speaker at the Department of Home Economics' Fall Semester Meeting in November. The noon meeting was held in the Home Economics Building. The Metro School Superintendent discussed developments in Early Childhood Education.



Metro Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Benjamin

• The Civil Engineering Department in the College of Engineering and Technology recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Federal Highway Administration to research highway accident claims in the State of Tennessee.

Ida McClain, Instructor, Department of Civil Engineering says the research project, "Tort Liability: Database Identification of Roadway Features That Result in These Claims," will incorporate use of components of the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Roadway Information System files, along with accident reports and claims to create a database match of tort claims against a roadway and geometrics features inventory.

One of the goals of the project is to encourage student involvement in order to interest them in careers in transportation.

According to McClain, the outcome of information received will assist planners, designers, and managers of transportation projects with identifying areas that provide great hazard to road-users, when matched with an existing and continually updated database.

• The College of Engineering and Technology held the dedication ceremony of the National Science Foundation Mobile Engineering Laboratory in November. The National Science Foundation awarded TSU an equipment grant of \$233,020.

• TSU will be featured on "In Living Color." Dancers from the Fox Network program will wear Tennessee State University tee shirts on an upcoming episode. "In Living Color" can be seen on WZTV-Channel 17, Sundays at 7 p.m.

Events

• The Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy held a Career Forum in Technical Writing in November at the Boswell Science Complex Auditorium. Digital Equipment Corporation co-sponsored the Forum which was geared toward giving students an overview of jobs available in technical writing and related programs at TSU for students. A consulting technical writer with Digital, Dr. Richard Howard, was one of the presenters.



Tennessee Lt. Governor John Wilder tours the Floyd-Payne Campus Center with Assistant Director of Personnel and Charles E. Warner, President, Warner and Associates at the Personnel Benefits Fair.



Tennessee Valley Authority Chairman John Waters and Director William Kenoy receive TSU jogging suits from President Hefner when the Authority held its board meeting on campus.

• Tennessee State University professors, Esen Ozgener, Professor of Early Childhood Education and Deanna Tate, research director for the Child and Family Studies Unit, Center of Excellence for Research and Basic Skills at Tennessee State University, presented findings on behavior intervention and at-risk children recently.

The professors' research, "Implications of a Behavior Intervention Program on Cognitive, Social, Emotional and Physical

Development of At-Risk Children," was presented at the Tennessee Association for Young Children Conference.

• Women's issues were the focus of the First Women's Fair in November. The Fair was sponsored by the Women's Group of TSU and featured exhibits related to the needs and concerns of women. The purpose of the Fair was to inform, educate, and celebrate womanhood with members of the community.



Dr. James A. Hefner expresses appreciation to Michael Holmes for AT&T's contribution to the University.

People

• Betty Greer, TSU's Food and Nutrition Specialist in Cooperative Extension, has been busy during the fall as many people do their annual freezing and canning of fruits and vegetables. Ms. Greer has been sharing insights on what is in season and how

to package it for optimum freezing, without compromising quality. Greer also assisted the Nashville area extension home economist in planning and setting up an exhibit on food preservation at the Tennessee State Fair.



Evelyn Cannon, Warner and Associates; Margaret Wade, Assistant Director of Personnel and Charles E. Warner, President, Warner and Associates at the Personnel Benefits Fair.

Christmas Holiday Activities & December Events

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
December 2
6:30 pm, Welton Plaza
Student Union

RECITAL
December 3
Wilma Mosely
Brooks Strange Music Building

HEALTH FAIR
December 3
9 am-3:30 pm
Jane Elliott Hall
Department of Psychology
Contact: Barbara Murrell at
321-1276

GOVERNORS A+ AWARDS
December 3
Avon Williams Campus

TAX FORUM
December 3-4
Avon Williams Campus

BIOLOGY CLUB DANCE
December 4
Jane Elliott Hall

DRAMA
December 4-5
"Streets Paved With Black Folks"
Administration Building
Tickets: \$12.50 at Ticketmaster

KWANZA CELEBRATION
December 9
10 am
Lecture by Author James Anyike
on *African American Holidays*.
Learning Resource Center

7:30 pm
Kwanza Celebration
Administration Building

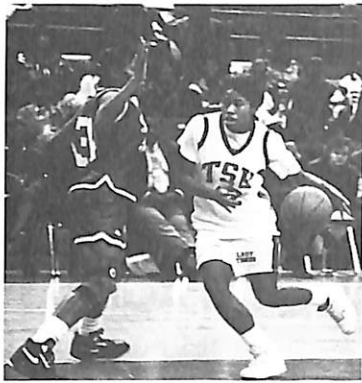
GREAT DEBATE
December 11
7:30 pm
Administration Building
"Reparations, Affirmative Action
and Self-Determination."

**STUDENT ART EXHIBITION
SHOW AND SALE**
Now-December 11
Van Gordon Memorial Gallery

**DELTA SIGMA THETA
HALFTIMERS JAMBOREE**
December 12
9 am
Gentry Center Complex

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
December 13
4 pm
University Choir and the
Meister Singers.
Brooks Strange Music Building

1992 Women's Basketball Outlook



Last year's edition of the Lady Tigers allowed several freshmen to gain valuable playing time. "We had obvious disappointments, losing a lot of top players," said head coach Teresa Lawrence Phillips. "We made it through last year, and we are pretty much intact with the people who are supposed to return." This year's squad features eight letterwinners from last year, including three starters. Tennessee State only lost three players, including starters Sonya Campbell, who averaged 13.2 points and 8.5 rebounds, and Sabrina

Holmes, who averaged 6.3 points and 2.3 boards per contest.

The nucleus of this year's team is a strong one. Several players will push for starting time.

"That's good and that's bad," stated Phillips. "We are going to look at it as it's good. It has already gotten the competition level up with our players in their pre-season conditioning. They are working very hard because they know they are going to have to do that to get to play."

The guard positions will feature Darlene Crawley (So/5-7/130), Kim Graves (So/5-6/133) and Felicia Sweatt (Jr/5-7/135).

At center, Kim Butts (So/5-11/160), Shawanda Clay (So/5-10/150), Renee Foster (So/5-11/150) and Pam Moreland (So/6-0/189).

The forward positions will feature returnees Mimi Crenshaw (Sr/5-11/175) and Sheila Jackson (Sr/5-10/155) and the new faces of Traci Boone (Fr/5-8/140), Wendi Jones (Fr/5-9/150), Connie Swift (Fr/5-9/145) and LaShonda Teague (Fr/5-11/155).

Coach Phillips feels that the potential for a good season does exist.

"If our game works, we can be pretty good," said Phillips.

1992 Men's Basketball Outlook



Optimism is running high this year for the Men's basketball season.

With one of the best recruiting classes in the last ten years, head coach Frankie Allen and his staff are building the foundation for a bright future.

"It's going to take us time to get the team to blend," said Allen. "I think we have better talent. It's going to be a process of us trying to find out what players can do what things

and how they will fit into our system."

One of the concerns for the program this year is that expectations are not too great early on.

"The big key is for our fans, players and coaches not to become discouraged early," added Allen. "We are just not going to be ready to play as well as we are capable of playing."

Nine new faces will join four returnees from last year's squad. The returnees are guards Tim Horton (So/6-1/190), Duane Wilson (Sr/6-2/185), Neil Jones (Jr/5-9/155) and forward Michael Moore (Sr/6-8/205).

New faces on the perimeter include Rico Beasley (Jr/6-3/170), Curtis Jenkins (Fr/6-0/160), Greg Watkins (Jr/5-10/160) and Monty Wilson (G/6-4/190).

The inside game will get a needed boost with the additions of Kelvin Briggs (Jr/6-4/185), Curtis Davis (Fr/6-6/170), Royce Gurnell (Jr/6-7/215), Carlos Rogers (Jr/6-11/210) and John Ruffin (Jr/6-9/210).

With the right team chemistry, the Big Blue could find themselves in a position of enjoying sweet success this year.

1992-93 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Dec. 4	Mid-American Classic	Columbia, MO	6:00 p.m.
5	(Missouri, TSU, Toledo, Alabama State)		8:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	Georgia State University	Atlanta, GA	5:00 p.m.
DEC. 14	FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:30 p.m.
DEC. 18	GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	Univ. of Tennessee-Chattanooga	Chattanooga, TN	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 30	Mercer University	Macon, GA	TBA
Jan. 2	Florida A&M University	Tallahassee, FL	TBA
JAN. 9	*SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:15 p.m.
JAN. 11	*MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:15 p.m.
Jan. 13	*Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro, TN	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	*Morehead State University	Morehead, KY	5:15 p.m.
Jan. 18	*Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, KY	5:15 p.m.
JAN. 21	*UNIV. OF TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	NASHVILLE, TN	6:00 p.m.
JAN. 25	*UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-MARTIN	NASHVILLE, TN	5:15 p.m.
Jan. 28	*Tennessee Tech University	Cookeville, TN	5:30 p.m.
JAN. 30	*AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:15 p.m.
FEB. 6	*MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:15 p.m.
FEB. 8	*EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:15 p.m.
FEB. 11	*MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:15 p.m.
FEB. 15	*University of Tennessee-Martin	Martin, TN	5:30 p.m.
FEB. 18	MERCER UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 20	*Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, MO	5:15 p.m.
FEB. 22	*Murray State University	Murray, KY	5:15 p.m.
FEB. 25	*TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:15 p.m.
Feb. 27	*Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN	5:15 p.m.

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Mark Your Calendar to Attend the TSU Basketball Games...

Support The Tigers!

1992-93 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Dec. 1	JACKSON STATE	NASHVILLE, TN	7:30 p.m.
4&5	Southwest Missouri Pizza Hut Tournament (S.W.MO., Idaho, Univ. Ark-L.R.)	Springfield, MO	6:00 p.m. or 8 p.m.
DEC. 7	DAVID LIPSCOMB	NASHVILLE, TN (Vanderbilt)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	George Washington Univ. Tournament	Washington, D.C.	TBA
12	(George Washington, Columbia, St. Francis)		
Dec. 21	St. Louis University	St. Louis, MO	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 30	L.S.U.	Batrou, Rouge, LA	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Wake Forest	Winston Salem, NC	7:30 p.m.
JAN. 9	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	NASHVILLE, TN	7:30 p.m.
JAN. 11	MURRAY STATE	NASHVILLE, TN	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	M.T.S.U.	Murfreesboro, TN	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Morehead State	Morehead, KY	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, KY	7:30 p.m.
JAN. 23	UNIV. OF MISSOURI-K.C.	NASHVILLE, TN	7:30 p.m.
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Feb. 15	Univ. of Tenn.-Martin	Martin, TN	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Southeast Missouri	Cape Girardeau, MO	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Murray State	Murray, KY	7:30 p.m.
FEB. 25	TENNESSEE TECH	NASHVILLE, TN	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Austin Peay	Clarksville, TN	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 4-6	O.V.C. TOURNEY	Lexington, KY	

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Memories Of Christmas Past

Dr. Bobby Lovett, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

"The best Christmas I ever had? I got a Western Flyer bicycle. In order to get the bike, my mother and father took out an account at Western Auto. I had to pay for the bike with earnings from my after-school job. It was my first credit account. I was in the sixth grade and once a month I would take the earnings from my paper route and go down to the Western Auto in North Memphis and pay my bill. That was the best Christmas I ever had, although I had to pay for it."

NOTE: Dr. Lovett was reading in the newspaper recently where, the Western Flyer bicycle is now an antique and can cost between six to seven hundred dollars.

Homer Wheaton, Interim Vice President for Administration

"The best Christmas surprise I recall took place years ago, when I was a little boy. I always wanted to do things like my father, who was a farmer. My father was a farmer and had horses and wagons. I wanted a pretty red wagon that I saw in the

Sears Roebuck and the Montgomery Ward catalogues. I had dreamed about Santa Claus bringing me a wagon many times. To actually wake up one Christmas morning to find out that I had the wagon was almost unbelievable! I want you to know that it took me some time to convince myself that I wasn't dreaming."

Renae Golden Bell, Secretary

"My fondest memories of Christmas has to do with family togetherness and giving. My mother always taught us that it is better to give than to receive. She would say that you get more blessings out of

giving than receiving. Today, I have instilled that belief in my children. On Christmas eve, we (husbands, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, in-laws) meet at my mother's house in Cayce, South Carolina and we begin our evening with a prayer of thanksgiving. After that, we share gifts and enjoy the wonderful blessing of our still being able to unite as a family. This conversing goes on until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. We then each depart to enjoy our immediate families on Christmas morning. We unite at my mother's house again Christmas evening to continue to share the excitement of the reason for the season "CHRIST."