

Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee to Perform at TSU



Ossie Davis

Noted playwright, director and actor Ossie Davis and his talented actress/wife, Ruby Dee, headline top cultural performances at Tennessee State University during the Semester.

They will be presented in "An Evening in Black America," January 29 at 7:30 p.m., which will include dramatic readings, anecdotes and short scenarios by Black authors.

On February 25 at 7:30 p.m., the Nashville Symphony, conducted by Michael Charry, will be presented in concert. During the first week in March, Bennie Andrews will be presented in a special on visual arts. Date to be announced later.



Ruby Dee



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Alpha Kappa Mu Seeks New Members

The Phi Beta Tau Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, TSU's highest and oldest honor society, is now welcoming prospective qualified students to join the organization. The Society works to promote high scholarship and good character as well as strong leadership and service.

To be eligible for membership in Alpha Kappa Mu, one must have completed at least sixty (60) semester hours of college work and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.30. All interested persons should contact one of the following persons no later than Friday, January 26.

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Phone: 320-3261. (AKM Adv.)

RayCeil Lewis, Phone: 320-4635
(Chapter President)

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(Dean of Pledges)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29—7:30 p.m.

OSSIE DAVIS and RUBY DEE
(Free and open to the public)

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January 20—7:30 p.m.

Indiana State University, Evansville

The husband-wife team are currently heard on sixty (60) National Black Network Radio Stations throughout the country on their one hour show, "The Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee Story Hour." The emphasis for the program is the Black writer, and the recognition of him as an outstanding literary artist. They read stories and poetry and (talk/rap) with children, novelists and dramatists.

Miss Dee is an example of the hard working talent which constitutes the life-force of the theatre and the promise of its solidarity and integrity in the future. She began her career in New York on Broadway performing in "Raisin In' The Sun." Miss Dee's other credits include: To Be Young, Gifted, and Black; Buck and the Preacher; East Side/West Side; Sesame Street; and others. Davis also began his career in New York on Broadway in the noted, *Purlie Victorious* which he wrote. He was the Director of motion pictures: Cotton Comes To Harlem, Gordon's War Black Girl, Countdown at Kusini, in 1974 sponsored by 500 chapters of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The couple have received numerous honors and awards for their outstanding versatility in the area of Black arts.

Sponsored by the Art and Lecture Series Committee, all performances will be held in the "A" Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Merger Update

THE PLAN FOR MERGER AND THE DOWNTOWN FACILITIES OF UTN

JAMES E. HANEY, Coordinator of Merger

A number of questions have been raised relative to the use of the downtown facilities housing the University of Tennessee at Nashville after merger. One of the most important questions is: Who will have controlling authority over these buildings following the merger of the two institutions? Will the facilities be part of the expanded TSU? Or, will they revert back to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees?

While this question is not addressed directly in *The Plan for Merger*, the court-ordered merger plan drawn up by the State Board of Regents, it is touched upon indirectly. Indeed, the *Plan* is based upon the assumption that these facilities will become part of the expanded TSU.

In commenting on the proposed "Administrative Structure of the Expanded TSU," the *Plan for Merger* noted a "downtown campus," and a "Centennial Boulevard," campus. These campuses will compose the multiple campus institution of the expanded TSU.

The highest ranking administrative officer at the downtown campus will be the Vice President for Public Service and Continuing Education. Two deans will report to this Vice President, the Dean of Continuing Education and the Dean of Evening Programs and Off-Campus Credit Instruction will have offices on the downtown campus. This Dean will be in charge of the day to day operations taking place on this campus and will coordinate the day and evening use of all classrooms within the building.

All other vice presidents will have offices on the main campus on Centennial Boulevard. However, several colleges will have faculty located on both campuses and, in some instances, a complete department may be located on the downtown campus. For example, the School of Nursing will operate its associate degree program at the main campus and its baccalaureate program

at the downtown campus. The baccalaureate nursing faculty and the Director of this program will be housed on the downtown campus. Alternatively, the School of Arts and Sciences will maintain faculty offices at both locations, since the School offers service courses to the majors of all of the other schools.

Student needs will largely dictate the number and type of faculty to be located at either campus as the expanded TSU will provide "full services" to its students at both locations for the academic programs offered at each location. These full services will be provided at both locations for day and evening students. In particular, the Dean of Evening Programs and Off-Campus Instruction will maintain office hours during the evening and will have a staff available to provide all student needs.

From this information several conclusions can be drawn. First, the *Plan for Merger* envisions a downtown operation centered around a Vice President for Public Service and Continuing Education and the Dean of Evening Programs and Off-Campus Credit Instruction. The assumption would have to be that this operation will be housed in the present UTN facilities. The *Merger Plan* is more specific when it notes that the Dean "will be in charge of the day to day operations taking place on this (downtown) campus and will coordinate the day and evening use of all classrooms within the (main) building."

Second, the *Plan* made special provisions for "several colleges (to) have faculty located on both campuses and, in some instances, a complete department may be located on the downtown campus."

Third, without the use of the downtown facilities the expanded TSU could not carry out its charge of providing "full services to its students at both locations for the academic programs offered at each location," as required by the *Plan for Merger*.

Who's who Contest



These are faculty and staff members when they were younger. Try to guess who is who and win a prize. There will be more "baby" pictures in next week's issue of Accent.



DOT Jobs Available For Summer

Several hundred summer jobs for high school graduates, college students and faculty members paying from \$7,400 to more than \$19,000 are available for those who qualify under the Department of Transportation's summer program.

Jobs are available in professional, technical and clerical positions throughout the department. In addition, a limited number of summer jobs for engineering, science, math and computer aids, and highway safety program technicians paying from \$7,422 to \$9,391 annually also are available for high school graduates and college undergraduate students.

The summer work program work period starts in mid-May and extends to the latter part of September.

Persons seeking further information, (including information about jobs in other DOT agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,) should contact: U.S. Department of Transportation, Central Employment Information Office, M-18, Room 2223, 400 7th Street, S. W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

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Non-Credit Courses Being Offered

A new addition to this year's Public Service Department's non-credit course offerings is one entitled, "Financial Management for the Small Business," a 10 week seminar to be sponsored and implemented by Third National Bank.

The course is to start February 5 and will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. daily in the School of Business Building, recently named the Lewis R. Holland Building, at a cost of \$130.00.

Other Continuing Education unit courses being offered this year, January 25 through May 31, are Beginners Swimming (for adults), Photography, Ladies' Slimnastics, Interior Decorating, Learn to Sew, GED Preparation, Real Estate, Sign Language, Refresher Typing, Gardening and Income Tax (1978-79).

Robert Boone is director of the Continuing Education Public Service Program and may be contacted on 3998 for further information concerning registration, scheduling and fees for the course offerings.

News Briefs

Dr. David Wise, full time exchange teacher from UTN, has been granted a leave of absence by the UTN administration for the spring semester. Dr. Wise will be writing a book about eighteenth century London.

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Dr. Alberta Barrett, Mrs. Helen Cotton, Dr. Jo Railsvack of the Honors Faculty, together with Dr. Helen Houstin and Dr. Tyree Miller, have edited a textbook, *Through a Glass Darkly*, for use in Freshman English 102. The book contains nine short stories, seven essays, 25 poems and a section on the research paper.

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Fourteen of the 52 mathematics majors or 27 percent in the depart-

ment, have averages of 3.00 or better for the '78 fall semester. They are: Robin Cobbs, Freshman, Nashville, 4.00; Marilyn Rutledge, Junior, Nashville, 3.94; Reginald Robertson, Freshman, Nashville, 3.93; Lisa Pugh, Senior, Brownsville, Tn., 3.88; Karen Sharp, Senior, Memphis, Tn., 3.85; Kathryn Hymes, Freshman, Nashville, 3.81; Jerome Clayton, Freshman, Memphis, Tn., 3.71; Malleswari Paruchuri, Sophomore, Nashville, 3.67; Denise Bills, Sophomore, Detroit, Mi., 3.65; Terry Brooks, Freshman, Millington, Tn., 3.63; Anthony Phillips, Freshman, Chicago, Ill., 3.47; Claude Mitchell, Freshman, Ridgeland, S.C., 3.44; Mary Jones, Senior, Waldorf, Md., 3.17, and Barbara Little, Senior, Nashville, 3.06.

Leon King Named Director of Alumni Affairs

Tennessee State University has named 39 year old Leon King, director of its office of Alumni Affairs, succeeding Mrs. Gladys Burgess Adams, who resigned the post after



25 years, in November to assume full-time teaching duties in the University's Department of Biology.

Announcement of King's appointment came from the University's vice-president for Development, Dr. Calvin

O. Atchison, who says the plan is for King to "spend much of his time during the rest of the year in chapter and individual visitations of alumni throughout the nation."

"He will assist in helping to carry out our commitment with the Title III grant in developing fund raising capability among alumni," Dr. Atchison added.

King, a native of LaGrange, Tennessee, is a 1970 graduate of Tennessee State and received the B.S. degree in agricultural economics. In 1973, he acquired the M.S. degree from TSU, majoring in agricultural science.

Holding affiliations with the professional organizations of National Association of Health Service Executives and Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, he is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Prince Hall Masons.

King is married and served in the U. S. Army from June, 1966 to June, 1968 with a tour of overseas duty in Korea. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist E-5.

King comes to Tennessee State from Meharry Medical College, where he was assistant director in the office of Alumni Affairs.

Spectroscope

Bi-weekly—5-10 minutes

SANDRA BAXTER

Talk: Unusual & Interesting Topics