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## 80-81 Budget Cut Forseen

The proposed budget for 1980-81 must be reduced \$1.7 million, President Humphries announced recently. The reduction is due to carry forward and revenue shortfall and appropriation impoundment, along with some one-time expenditure requirements.

In order to balance the current year's budget the following actions have been taken:

All vacant and unfilled positions have been frozen and will be eliminated from departmental budgets. Any position that is filled without the paperwork having been completed and approved by the president will result in the payment of the person hired by the individual responsible for the hiring.

Total dollar amounts by each functional area (i.e., public service, academic support, student services, etc.) must be reduced. Since the organizational responsibilities of various vice-presidents cross functional lines in some cases, the dollar reduction will be reorganized according to areas of responsibility. These reductions must come from supplies and expense, travel, equipment, or reduction of existing personnel since all vacant and unfilled positions have already been eliminated.

Other efforts that must be made to conserve dollars this year include: improved security on equipment, reduction in telephone equipment and long distance usage, enactment of energy conservation and decrease in travel.

All of the budget directors and vice-presidents are working closely together to make the necessary adjustments. And while it is felt that these actions will balance the budget for the current year, President Humphries cautions that next year will



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**Frank E. Gethers, college relations representative for Union Carbide presents Dr. Edward Isibor with a \$5,000 check from the company. Dr. Calvin Atchison (left) vice-president for research, planning and development, looks on. Gethers is an alumnus of the School.**

require even more severe financial restrictions. The administration is currently developing a planning model which will involve each functional area of the University community to deal with this situation.

## Miller Keynote Speaker

Dr. Louis Miller (business) was keynote speaker at the Second Annual Tennessee Women's Career Convention held recently at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium. Dr. Miller made two presentations on the "Art of Supervising Others" for working women interested in building skills for career advancement and one presentation on "Stress Management" for women ready for upper management and/or self

employment. The convention was attended by approximately 5,000 participants.

Dr. Miller also presented "Stress Management for Public Officials" at the 41st Annual Conference of the Tennessee Municipal League at the Opryland Hotel, for 100 mayors and city managers of Tennessee towns and cities and another address entitled "Bridging the Management Generation Gap" at the Annual Conference of the Association for systems management, held in New Orleans, La.

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Two new signs bearing the CARP and TSU logos announcing the presence of the "TSU Experimental Farm" were erected last week. The large signs face Schrader Lane and are visible to vehicle occupants traveling either direction along the highway.

# "TSU Philosophers Would Rather Fight Than Switch"

"Philosophers would rather fight than switch," said Dr. John Arthur, head of the new department of philosophy and religious studies. It seems that they have all adopted the attitude of their great teacher Socrates who would not deny his positions but instead drank hemlock and died. Today's philosophers are just as serious as Socrates when it comes to what they think is correct. This is a definite reflection on TSU students philosophers, says Dr. Arthur, because they are taught to reach their own positions about an issue and then support them to the end. Regardless of what an instructor or any one else says about their opinion they must defend what they think is right.

Philosophy has no real definition, it simply addresses the problems of the world. "If one would look for a definition," said Dr. Arthur, "philosophy means the love of wisdom."

Dr. Arthur describes philosophers as being philosophical and anti-dogmatic. Some agree and others disagree on certain issues. The one thing they have in common is that they seek wisdom about the basic questions that face human beings in all aspects of their lives.

"Even though the department came along as a package with the merger of TSU and the University of Tennessee at Nashville, in 1979, people are discovering this new academic unit," Dr. Arthur said.

"We want to build up the department so that it will be comparable to other university philosophy departments," Dr. Arthur added. Philosophy has only two full time instructors, Dr. Arthur and assistant professor, Dr. William Shaw and three part time instructors. They hope to get a third person in the department next year.

The main goal of the department is to teach students logic. Courses are conducted so that students learn to think critically and improve their reasoning skills. They are taught to monitor controversial problems in today's society, such as abortion and capital punishment and to establish their own positions about them. They must also examine enduring problems and focus on the traditional questions, such as "Does God exist?" or "Does man have the freedom of will?"

Dr. Shaw believes there are two sides to philosophy. "Students need to think for

themselves logically, but this is also where we as instructors enter because everything a student may think is right may not be right. Therefore, we teach them to employ logic and reason to get the right answers," he said.

As fighters, philosophers cannot resist giving their opinions, especially on world



Drs. Shaw and Arthur.

problems. "Since Iran has been so much in the news I believe that country and their people have a notion of what's right and wrong," Dr. Shaw said. He also noted that the people of Iran need to be more critical, because it is dangerous for them to listen to one man without thinking critically. The media's control over the population concerns Dr. Arthur. "One point that is extremely troubling is that the media makes very little effort to present evidence. For instance, on the presidential campaign, they spent entirely too much time talking about the polls and election strategy rather giving evidence of whom we should vote," he said.

Both Dr. Arthur and Dr. Shaw are interested in ethic and political philosophy. They are doing research in that area and publishing books and articles. Three books have come out of their efforts so far. They are: "Morality and Moral Controversies," edited by Dr. John Arthur; "Justice and Economic Distribution," by Dr. John Arthur

"Marx's Theory of History," by Dr. William Shaw. Professor Shaw is one of a half dozen leading scholars on Marx and easily one of the best according to Dr. Arthur. His book has also been translated into Portuguese.

"Another book is on the way," they both said smiling.

The department of philosophy and religious studies is on an upward swing guided by a two-man team who'd rather fight than switch," and as one Tennessee philosopher said about the department and its staff... "man for man its the best philosophy department in Tennessee." This just further proves the point that its TSU people who really make us great.

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The United Way Campaign is still in progress. Send all pledges to Carol Wade, a personnel office, Alumni Building, Main Campus.

The T.E. Poag Players Guild of the communication department recently completed payment on a \$1,000 pledge to the Tennessee Performing Arts Foundation. This gift was in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Poag. A plaque on a seat in one of the auditoriums reads: In Memory of Dr. Thomas E. Poag-was given by the T.E. Poag Players Guild-Tennessee State University.

The project was a result of the Guild's participation and a grant funded by the Tennessee Committee for the Humanities, directed by Dr. Joan C. Elliott, head of the department of modern foreign languages and Dr. Jayme C. Williams, head of the department of Communications.

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Dr. Surendra P. Singh, associate professor in the department of rural development and leader of a CARP project call "Small Farm Development Program in West Tennessee," authored an article for the *Journal of Human Services in the Rural Environment*. The article, entitled "Rural Health and Health Care Delivery," which appears in the July / August edition is based on an earlier study led by Singh.

Singh and his colleague, Sam Comer, Instructor in the Department of Rural Development and also a CARP principal investigator, have co-authored a paper entitled "Part-Time Farming and Farm Management Needs of Part-Time Farmers." This paper has been accepted for publication by *Farmstead* magazine.

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Dr. Desh R. Duseja, associate professor in the department of plant science, recently reported the successful completion of three senior projects by students who had worked on his study of the "Use of Farm Manure and Sewage Waste as Soil Amendments in the Growth of Two Species." The senior students, who completed their projects last spring are Clifford William Mann, David Lawrence White, and Tosin Adeleye.

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Howard Green (health, physical education and recreation) was guest lecturer for student teachers at Fisk University recently. Green's topic was "What is Teaching?" With special emphasis on lesson plans, unit plans and human relations in teacher-learning activities.

## Faculty and Staff Briefs

Judy Gentry, dance specialist and instructor in the department of health, physical education and recreation, will provide the half time activities for the first home basketball game, Dec. 2, in the new athletic complex. She is the daughter-in-law of Howard C. Gentry Sr., for whom the building will be dedicated.

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A workshop focusing on computer operations and the PILOT language was held recently in the social science laboratory on the main campus. The PILOT language, which is computer oriented, is a highly adaptable language for classroom instruction. Developed by the medical profession PILOT has been quite useful in the liberal arts academic settings. Because of its flexibility, it can handle both quantitative and qualitative problems.

Workshop participants included faculty and assistants from the departments of sociology, government and public affairs, communications, history, geography, psychology and social welfare.

Dr. Ernest Rhodes is the coordinator of the social science laboratory, and is assisted by Debbie Moore a computer operator and Nora J. Jenkins, secretary.

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Congratulations to Greg Ridley and Nina Lovelace (art), both winners in the Second Annual Black Artist Exhibition held in Louisville, KY.

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The School of Business in conjunction with the department of conferences co-Association, the Small Business Administration, the American Society for Industrial Security and the Chamber of Commerce-Retail Board of Trade. The program focused on retail theft in small businesses and how the individual retailer can combat the situation.

The University is making available a new group total disability benefits insurance program for all active full-time faculty and administrative employees. The plan is being underwritten by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA) which together with its companion organization, the College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF), currently provides benefits under our Optional Retirement Program for faculty. For further information contact Dr. George Cox, ext. 3410 or Carol E. Wade, 3445.

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Dr. Irving J. Spitz, Jr., general secretary of the American Association of University Professors, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the campus chapter.

The TSU A.A.U.P. Chapter also hosted the fall meeting of the Tennessee Conference of Faculty and Administrators.

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Dr. Michele Thomas (psychology) was recently elected president of the Tennessee Association for Counselor Education and Supervision in a statewide mail ballot. Dr. Thomas will begin a two-year term and will serve as a Tennessee representative to the Delegate Assembly at the national level of the ACES. Dr. Thomas also presented a program at the Southern Association for ACES in Hot Springs, Ark., entitled "Dyadic Interactional Analysis" and chaired the resolutions committee.

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Dr. Edna Masuoka, (sociology) participated in a conference on the Experimental Student Internship Program with the 1980 census held at the Bureau of Census Headquarters in Suitland, Maryland, recently. TSU was one of the participating universities which conducted a classroom course and had students interns assigned as enumerators during the spring semester 1981. Drs. Juanita Gaston, Nancy Hendrix and Edna Masuoka were co-instructors of the course.

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The University honors program recently held its annual induction service for incoming freshmen. Dr. James Stewart (speech pathology and audiology) served as guest speaker and spoke on "You, and Me and Us."



## WTSU Radio 58AM

### Fall Programs

#### Information

Good News ..... Daily  
Healthline ..... Daily  
Money Talks ..... Mon. & Wed.  
Spectroscope..... Daily  
Muslim Perspective in U.S. .... Weekly  
Political Update ..... Weekly  
Campus Calendar..... Daily  
A Look at Books ..... Weekly  
Tiger Tales ..... Weekly  
TSU Today ..... Weekly

#### News

**News & Weather** \_\_\_\_ **4-Times per day**  
**Report From France** \_\_\_\_\_ **Weekly**  
Bulletins as they occur .....

#### Entertainment

La Musica Latina ..... Weekly  
Tempo (Records) ..... Hourly  
Jazz Odyssey..... MWF  
Concert Hall..... Weekly  
Mediation ..... Daily

## Dates To Remember . . .

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

November 27-28  
December 3-5  
  
December 9-12  
December 15-Jan 2

Thanksgiving Holidays  
Brown Bag Theatre (One act Play Festival,  
12 noon and 6:00 p.m.)  
Final Fall Semester Examinations  
Christmas Recess (Faculty & Students)

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

#### Football

November 15  
  
November 22

TSU vs N. Carolina A&T (Hale Stadium  
1:30 p.m.) Fort Campbell Day  
TSU vs Kentucky State (Hale Stadium,  
1:30 p.m.)

#### Basketball

November 25  
  
November 29

TSU vs. N. Kentucky State (Away)  
TSU vs Southeast Louisiana (Away)

## Computer Workshop Held

The Department of Medical Records Administration received accreditation of its programs. Dr. Andrew Bond, dean of the School of Allied Health, confirmed that the American Medical Association and the American Record Association in cooperation with the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, surveyed the facility and awarded them a certification of accreditation.

The students in the program, now in its third year, can finally receive privileges and recognition that were previously denied because the program had not been accredited, according to Lois Jenkins, acting director of the Department of Medical Record Administration. "Now our students hold membership on the national level, in the American Medical Record Association (AMRA); at the state level, in the Tennessee Medical Record Association (TMRA); and at the local level, in the Medical Record Council of Nashville."



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Alumna and state representative, JoAnn North and Dr. Humphries take a time out from the homecoming pre-game reception held at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym.