

Peabody's Board Votes Merger Out

The State Board of Regents in their quarterly meeting voted overwhelmingly to approve the concept of consolidation of George Peabody College for Teachers and Tennessee State University's School of Education.

The meeting, which was held on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, was attended by Governor Lamar Alexander, who serves as the ex-officio chairman and Commissioners of Education and Agriculture, Clyde M. York and Ed Cox, two members of his cabinet who are voting members.

The Peabody Board of Trustees voted overwhelmingly to merge with Vanderbilt University. This action eliminated the TSU proposal.

Prior to approving the plan for the Peabody-TSU consolidation, the Board listened to debates on a proposal by Dr. Kenneth Ezell, who wanted the Board to table the proposal until members had an opportunity to review the plan in detail. The motion failed as the governor and members of his cabinet voted with the majority.

The Board approved two other recommendations by the chancellor: 1) that the chancellor continue discussions with officials at Peabody and TSU; 2) submit proposal to the governor, state legislature, chairmen of the House and Senate, Finance committees and the Tennessee Higher Education Commissioner.

In other Board action affecting TSU, the university was granted permission to retain the services of three faculty members who will reach retirement at the end of the current year. Included are: E. Preston Mitchell, Robert Armstead, and Pearl Gasaway. The three, according to chancellor Nicks, are being retained because of new HEW guidelines which specify that faculty reaching retirement of 65, can request from the University not to take retirement. These guidelines are renewable until 1982, when the mandatory retirement age will be 70, provided the state legislature and or the Board of Regents do not create a policy before then.

Rev. Dogan Williams of Nashville, representing a coalition of concerned citizens, requested to read a prepared statement reinforcing that group's support of the UTN-TSU merger. He also urged the Board of Regents not to

abandon the plan and assure through an adequate plan, that black administrators are not a sacrifice.

In concluding remarks to the SBR, Chancellor Nicks urged the Governor and members of the legislature to assess funding for Regent institutions. He noted that even though SBR institutions

composed 63% of all students in Higher Education in the State, the institutions only received 47% of state funding. In addition the Chancellor asked all SBR presidents to reduce their 1979-80 budgets where possible. He suggested this could be done through cutting down administrators and institutional support areas.



MARCH 23, 1979

Art and Lecture Series

Benny Andrews' Exhibits

Works by Benny Andrews, prominent New York writer, social activist, and artist, will be exhibited at Tennessee State University beginning March 25.

Andrews will conduct a special slide and lecture presentation at 2:00 p.m. in the Women's Bldg. Auditorium with a reception and exhibition immediately following. The exhibition will continue through April 14 in the TSU Art Gallery. The exhibits can be seen Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 2:p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each Sunday.

Andrews succeeded in accomplishing national recognition through exhibitions of his art in well known places like the Philadelphia Academy of Art, Boston Museum of Fine Arts and Whitney Museum of Modern Art. Butler Institute of American Art and the University of Kansas.

A native Georgian, Andrews expresses the black experience articulately as well as artistically. He attacks the



Benny Andrews

need for blacks to be represented in the museums and the ignorance of blacks about their culture. He believes blacks should be superintendent over their Black art in the museums.

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Growth of Department Webster's Pride

By Karen F. Brown

The two things that have given Dr. Sherman Webster his greatest sense of achievement, during his 19 years at TSU, are the growth of the Department of Sociology and the success of his students.

Webster came to the University in 1960 to become head of the Department of Social Sciences.

"I came because I always wanted to work in a large, **Black** public institution," he said. A native of South Carolina, he has degrees from South Carolina State College, New York University and Indiana University.

Webster said the growth of the Department of Social Sciences is reflected in the number of departments that have branched from it. The departments of History, Government and Public Affairs, Social Welfare and Criminal Justice were previously part of the Social Sciences.

"The Department of Sociology has been one of the largest departments ever at TSU," Webster said. "In 1971 we graduated 210 students." At that time the department included Social Welfare.

Webster is also proud of his students.

"The first black newscaster for a Nashville television station was one of our graduates," he said. Reginald Stuart appeared on WSIX (now WNGE). Stuart is currently manager of the Detroit bureau of the New York Times.

Another Sociology major, Henry Ray, is a district manager for Sears. Sociology graduates have gone on to earn degrees from most of the nation's large universities, Webster said. He also asserted that the first white student to finish TSU was in Sociology. Doug Taylor, who graduated in the 1960's, went on to study at other area colleges and universities. He told Webster and local newsmen that the counseling and teaching that he received at TSU were better than that he received at other schools.

Webster's special study interest have been in industrial sociology and in race relations. During the 1960's he was a consultant on race relations to the Community Relations Section of the



Sherman Webster

Commerce Department of the United States Government, consultant to the South Carolina State Department of Education, South Carolina Baptist Convention and for local organizations. He conducted workshops in several southern states.

"There has been a definite change in race relations," Webster said. "There doesn't seem to be as much fear and suspicion between the races. Some myths have been eradicated."



Samuel Watkins (left) and Donald Long (right), listen attentively as Dr. Akeju explains the purpose of the Model United Nations.

"A negative aspect of integration is that education has not improved," he continued. "There was something lost by destroying the predominately black

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SPA Student In Model UN

Dr. Rufus Akeju and eight students from the department of Government and Public Affairs, attended the First Model United Nations, in Daytona Beach, Fla., on February 28-March 2.

Joining over 1200 other students from different universities, the group participated in role playing situations representing different countries around the world.

"The students solve questions of international importance, such as population, women's rights, poverty and other international problems," said Dr. Akeju.

Students representing the University were, Rodney Smith, Donnel Long, Kevin Williams, Belinda Walker, Donald Tatum, Samuel Watkins, Mose Osenwegie and Willie Dudley.

In addition to role playing the students were instructed to learn the language of the countries they represented as well as wearing the apparel of the country.

MEMORANDUM

SPRING, 1979

TO: Candidates for Saturday, May 5, 1979 Graduation
FROM: R. J. Hudson, Chairman Commencement Committee
DATE: March 7, 1979
SUBJECT:

- 1) Tentative Schedule of Baccalaureate-Commencement Events
- 2) Clearances
- 3) Commencement Participation-Seating Assignment
- 4) Degrees in Absentia
- 5) Commencement Rehearsal
- 6) Caps and Gowns
- 7) Invitations
- 8) Final Exams for Graduating Seniors

1. Schedule of Baccalaureate-Commencement Events

The tentative schedule of events for the May 5 Baccalaureate-Commencement is herewith presented:

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1979

- 10:00 a.m. Academic Awards Day Convocation - University Auditorium
Speaker: (To be announced)
- 7:30 p.m. Banquet for Academic and Co-Curricula Awardees - Cafeteria of the Women's Residence Center
Speaker: (To be announced)

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1979

- 5:30 p.m. Baccalaureate - Commencement Rehearsal - Kean Hall (See Item 5 of this Memo)

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1979

- 5:00 p.m. Informal Reception - Cumberland Lounge, Student Union
- 6:00 p.m. President's Buffet Supper for Graduates, Parents, and Guests - University Cafeteria

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1979

- 10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate-Commencement Exercises - Kean Hall
Speaker: (To be announced)

2. Clearances

Candidates for Spring graduation are reminded that they must be cleared by the following agencies as early as possible: The BUSINESS Office, The PLACEMENT BUREAU and the LIBRARY.

3. Participation and Seating Assignments

All candidates are expected to participate in commencement activities. Baccalaureate - Commencement Exercises will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 1979.

Assignment of seats for candidates will be made on Thursday, May 3, 1979. Candidates may pick up seat assignment cards on the first floor (Rm. 106) of the Graduate Building beginning at 1:30 p.m. All seat assignment cards should be picked up before 5:00 p.m.

4. Conferring of Degree in Absentia

Candidates who cannot participate in the Baccalaureate-Commencement Exercises should request that their degrees be conferred in absentia. Graduate students should address their written requests to the Dean of the Graduate School, and the undergraduates to the Commencement Chairman.

5. Commencement Rehearsal

Candidates are expected to report for commencement rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 3 in Kean Hall. Schedule of rehearsal activities is as follows:

- a. Checking of Seating Assignments
- b. Instructions by the Chief Marshal
- c. Recessional/Processional Practice
- d. Run-through of Program
- e. Final instructions concerning dress, placement services, alumni relations et al.
- f. Announcement / Dismissal

6. Caps and Gowns

Academic attire will be distributed under the supervision of Mr. Al Thompson, Manager of the University Bookstore. Measurements will be taken through March 23, 1979. Attire will be distributed on Monday, April 23 through Friday, April 27. All graduates MUST pick up Self-Measurement Packets and return them with purchase amount on or before March 23.

PRICE: Bachelor Attire \$9.54 (Includes tax)
Masters Attire \$23.85 (Includes hood and tax)

7. Invitations

Commencement invitations will be distributed through the School of Arts and Sciences in GB 106 on or before April 20, 1979.

8. Final Examination for Graduating Seniors

Final Examinations for Graduating Seniors: APRIL 19-20
Clearance lists are scheduled for release: MAY 1, 1979.

NOTE: Graduates should bring their academic caps to the commencement rehearsal.

Robert J. Hudson, Chairman
Commencement Committee

Please address questions about and suggestions for improvement of these arrangements to the Chairman of the Commencement Committee. This is your graduation and we want it to be the best.

Jobs Available

Memphis State University, Director of Media Relations, Bachelor's degree in journalism or a related field; plus demonstrated successful work experience in journalism and knowledge of public relations. Manages university media relations; writes, plans and develops media relations programs and activities; etc. Salary \$16,500. Deadline for applications is March 30. Interested applicants should submit their information to, Office of Director of University Community Relations, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tn. 38152, or call (901) 454-2606.

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Custodian Supervisor: Physical Plant. Capable of working under supervision; oversees cleaning assignments, performs custodial duties etc. High School degree, with accredited vocational or correspondence training in janitorial preparedness. Salary commensurate with position.

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Secretary: ADI. Typing will be main function, with routine clerical work. High School diploma, and a minimum of two years advanced training in Business Education or Office Administration. Capable of typing 60-70 CWPM. The salary is \$7,200.

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Secretary: Internal Audit. Applicant should like to work and type 60 to 70 words per minute and take dictation with shorthand at 80 words per minute. Degree in secretarial Science at the College level preferred. Business School training may be substituted with adequate experience. Salary is up to \$8,063 annually.

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The American Society for Engineering Education, of Washington, D.C., donated \$4,000 to the School of Engineering.

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The School of Engineering and Technology received \$2,000 from Babcock and Wilcox, of New York.

Beta Kappa Chi Inducts 22 Candidates

The University Chapter of Beta Kappa Chi, Scientific Honor Society, inducted 22 candidates on February 21.

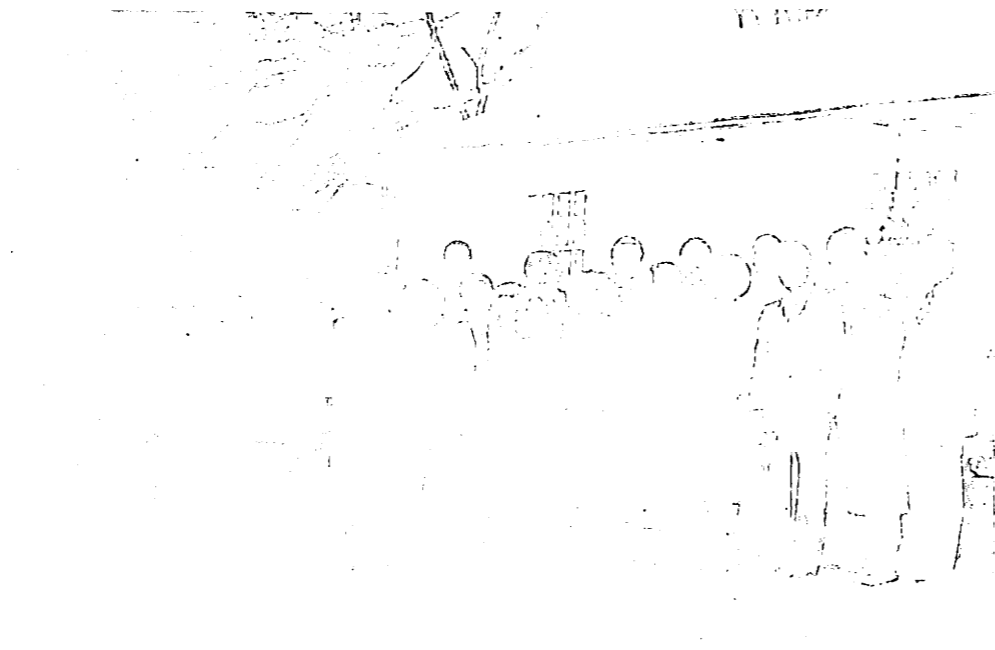
Undergraduate students must complete 64 semester hours of college work, sixteen semester hours of which shall be in one of the sciences recognized by the Society with a grade point average of 3.00 in the science area and a general cumulative average of at least 3.00.

The activities included an inspirational speech by Dr. Henry Moses, Treasurer of the National Organization and com-

ments by Dr. Frederick Humphries, president of the University.

Those inducted were: Deborah Addison, Sara Michelle Adams, Cappie Baker, Teresa Bills, Ronald Bond, James Cates, Trevor Crowder, William Fields, Thomas Gaiter, Phillip Iaevehair, Vicki Jones, Edward Martin, LaVoriour Maye, Robert Nelson, Deborah Oliver, Rickey G. Perry, Felix D. Prince, Darryl V. Smith, Marcia Thomas, Regina Thomas, Felicia Udoji and David Vincent.

Sharon Williams, Miss TSU, and president of the Honor Society and Carol Duncan, vice-president officiated the ceremony.



Newly inducted Beta Kappa Chi members

Revised Calendar of Events

March 18-24, Sunday-Saturday—Alpha Psi Alpha Week
 March 21 & 22, Wednesday & Thursday—Cluster Meeting
 March 25-30, Sunday-Friday—Southern Association
 March 25-April 14, Sunday-Saturday—Arts & Lecture Series—Benny Andrews
 April 2, Monday—Classed Dismissed—1st Election Day
 April 2-6, Monday-Friday—Student Election Week
 April 5, Thursday—Miss TSU Pageant
 April 5, Thursday—Founder's Day Convocation

April 5-6, Thursday-Friday—USDA Seminar
 April 6, Friday—Founder's Day Symposia & Banquet
 April 6, Saturday—Big Blue Banquet
 April 15-21, Sunday-Saturday—AFROTC Week
 April 19, Thursday—Men & Women Basketball Banquet
 April 20, Friday—Research Day
 April 25, Wednesday—Baseball & Men's Track Banquet
 April 27, Friday—Football Banquet
 April 27, Friday—Academic Awards Day, Academic & Co-Curricula Awards
 April—Band Jazz Concert
 April—Retirees' Recognition Activities

Cluster Meets on Campus

Tennessee State University's quarterly Cluster will be held March 21 and 22.

Cluster, founded ten years ago, was initiated to insure that graduates of traditionally black colleges are competitive with the graduates of established institutions for positions of responsibility in business and industry.

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Additionally, he co-edited "The Attica Book," published by Artists and Writers in Protest and the Black Emergency Cultural Coalition and authored "Between the Lines," a 110 page book of seven of his essays and 70 reproductions of his drawings.

In 1958, Andrews graduated from the School of Arts Institute of Chicago. Following teaching experiences at New School for Social Research in New York City and California State College in Hayward, he has taught at Queen's College since 1968.

To Benny Andrews, teaching involves more than the scheduled hours. It involved experiences shared by the teacher and the student doing things together—painting, visiting museums, art shows and attending lectures.

He has taught classes at the Manhattan Men's House of Detention, the Bronx House of Detention for men, the Women's House of Detention at Riker Island and the Elmhurst Prison Hospital. In addition, Andrews co-founded the Black Emergency Cultural Coalition (BECC), an organization which lays the groundwork to get projects started in the prisons and leave those trained to help others.

Most recently, he received the O'Hara Museum Prize in Tokyo, Japan, the MacDowell Fellowship, Elizabeth C. Mora Award of Excellence and several others.

Married to a professional photographer, Mary Ellen, Benny Andrews lives with his family in Manhattan West Village.

The agenda for the assembly includes a World of Work Seminar, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Business Building (Holland Hall), followed by a reception at 7:30 at the Vanderbilt Holiday Inn.

On Thursday the meeting begins in the Home Economics Building on campus. Eugene E. Barr, Senior Vice-presi-

dent of Union Carbide, is the guest speaker. Afternoon activities include a business meeting of Cluster Representatives.

TSU has a total of 45 local and national companies participating in Cluster activities and the State University of New York in Buffalo.

WEBSTER'S PRIDE

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school. There should be integration, but the black school should not be destroyed."

Upon his retirement, Webster plans to write and do research on the problems of black educators. A special project that he is interested in is setting up a family memorial fund in memory of his parents, Arthur and Mamie Webster.

"My parents were very interested in education," he explained. "They were interested in seeing their children excel."

Webster, who was one of six children, would like to have his relatives establish a fund that can be used for educational and social advancement by future members of the family. He and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Bass Webster, the director of personnel at Meharry, hope to pass their possessions on for the success of the younger generation.

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Prepared statement read by Dr. Bernard Crowell on March 19 after the news reports indicated that the Peabody Board voted to merge with Vanderbilt University.

STATEMENT

We have not received official notification from George Peabody College for Teachers, however, if the news reports are true, we can assume that their Board of Trustees have voted to consider a merger with Vanderbilt University. We believe that action would deny favorable reactions from the THEC and the

Legislature for any hope of a Peabody/Tennessee State University consolidation.

We would be less than candid if we were to say we are not disappointed. We are disappointed because the Peabody/TSU Plan would have given TSU the ability, beginning this fall, to offer education programs leading to a doctorate degree.

We begin to envision new directions for Tennessee State University accented by a broader academic program that would enable the University to attract a broad student population. We even had hopes of beginning this fall establishing a long, fruitful, and beneficial relationship with one of our sister institutions in Nashville, George Peabody College for Teachers. However, the Peabody Board of Trustees, with a broader picture of that institution's needs have voted not to merge with Tennessee State University, but to seek a similar relation with another institution in the city. As an institution, our anxieties were focused on this proposal for the last month. We saw great potentials for the University and the Middle-Tennessee area. The plan would have allowed us not only the doctoral degrees, but the ability to offer them at a low cost which would have afforded many more educational practitioners access to higher education.

We applaud them for making a decision that has been an issue constantly before the public and making that decision to benefit Peabody and to assure their presence in Nashville. If the President were here, he would probably echo me when I say that the Peabody Board's decision happened at a time when the University was pursuing a course in education not only geared to add doctoral programs but to assure that an institution like Peabody College for

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News Briefs

The Meritorious Awards Committee is in the process of accepting application for the Highest Achievement Recognition Award, Distinguished Achievement Award and the Outstanding Service Award to be presented at the May commencement.

Submissions of names for nomination can be given by calling the Meritorious Committee, at extension 3504 or writing Box 632, for the nomination form and detailed information. Action should be taken at once to submit your name for the Screening Committee.

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Students interested in applying for financial assistance in the School of Engineering and Technology for the academic year of 1979-80, may pick up applications from Dr. Devgan, room E-109

The last day to apply for aid is Friday, March 23. No late applications will be accepted. These applications will be considered for the entire year.

Students must be a U.S. citizen, have submitted a financial aid application with the university's financial aid office and a financial aid form to BEOG. These forms may also be picked up in Room E-109

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Lionael Richard, an entomologist from Haiti toured the University research sites Friday, March 9. Richards is one of a group of Haitian scientists visiting Nashville and other U.S. cities as part of an exchange program.

Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP) projects of interest to Richard, included a livestock study being conducted on the campus experimental farm and the development of hybrid peach trees, also on the farm. Richards also visited the teaching laboratory in Lawson Hall.

Scientists in the CARP program, were interested in Richards work, which includes the control of tropical pests and diseases, and U.S. Agency for International Development programs in Haiti.

CARP researchers may become increasingly involved in studies designed to aid developing nations in such areas as nutrition, agricultural production, economics and agriculture science.

The last date for accepting requisitions will be March 20, for unrestricted requisitions or those from the general fund of the institutions and the state. Restricted grants, those from grants and contracts, will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 15. The purpose of the cut off dates is to allow the purchasing cycle to be completed prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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Dr. Evelyn Fancher, Director of the Library, received a valuable set of property management books at the annual meeting of the association at the Airport Hilton Inn. The books will be processed and made a part of the business collection.

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The State University and Community College System of Tennessee (SUCCST), is the ninth largest system of higher education in the nation in 1978-79, according to a recently released national study. The 88,800 students attending the six state universities and ten community colleges of the SUCCST in fall 1978 earned this ranking which the SUCCST has maintained for four consecutive years in studies conducted annually for the American Testing Program by Dr. Garland G. Parker at the University of Cincinnati. The study also discussed and revealed an enrollment decline of .3 percent nationally for institutions reporting comparably for this and last academic years.

Dr. E. L. Risby, Head of the Department of Biological Sciences, and Mrs. Eva B. Sanders, Pre-medical Advisor, have coordinated a multidisciplinary course aimed at improving student performance on the Dental Admissions Test (DAT), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

The project is funded in part by the Faculty Development Research Grant from the University and participating units, Department of Biological Sciences, Department of Chemistry, Department of Mathematics and Physics, Counseling and Testing, and Special

Admissions Programs at Meharry Medical College.

The class schedule is 6 to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, March 17-April 21. Two hours credit will be given for sessions in Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics and Testing Techniques. In addition, a Pre-test and Pro-test session will earn three credit hours. For other information contact the Department of Biology.

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"The Black Rural Landowner—Endangered Species: Social, Political and Economic Implications," written by Robert Boone, Director of Public Service and Leo McGhee, former Assistant dean of Continuing Education and Public Service, will soon be available for readers.

The book contains facts about the black rural landowner and their struggle to keep southern land and the uncertain future of the black landowner.

A twenty member visiting team of peer educators from across the southeast region, will be at the Brown-Daniel L. Library, March 25-28. The group is in connection with the reaffirmation of the accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The team headquarters is Holiday Inn-Vanderbilt.

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Teachers would remain in the city of Nashville. We regret it won't be an affiliation with Tennessee State University.

The University will begin immediately to look into ways in which we can pursue the acquisition of a doctorate degree program. Many educators in the Nashville community have expressed a strong desire for a program of this nature, and we believe as a public institution of higher education it is our duty to develop and implement a program which the community desires.

CALL 320-3690

FOR DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABOUT TSU