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## Temple Track Dedication Nears

Nashville ... Since the spring of 1977, when a Nashville bank spearheaded a successful drive to raise funds for a modern track for Tennessee State University to replace its potted cinder track, University track coach Ed Temple has stood patiently

like an expectant parent as construction crews molded and shaped the new 440-yard oval track which will become the Edward Stanley Temple Track and Field early next month.

The new track and field complex, which was completed in January at a cost of over one-half million dollars, will



Edward S. Temple

ing the years, his Tennessee State University Tigerbelles have won over 20 Olympic gold medals and 26 Pan-American Games medals. He has coached the U.S. Olympic Team more times than any other coach and he has brought fame and recognition to everything and anybody he touched.

At 11:40 a.m. ceremonies will be held to dedicate the new field in the name of Edward S. Temple. The Tigerbelles have returned to campus en masse. They are returning to assist in the dedication of the new track.

## THEC Approves Reading Degree

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has recommended the approval of the Master of Art in Education in reading and the Master of Education in reading for TSU. The move was made in the March 20 THEC meeting.

host an Olympic Development Track meet for women, Saturday, April 8 beginning at 8 a.m. with over 400 women athletes representing the southeastern AAU region and high schools from Tennessee participating.

In 27 years as coach, Ed Temple has extracted more from women sprinters than any other track coach in American history. Dur-

There will be a special banquet on Friday, April 7 at 6 p.m. on campus to honor Temple and all of his great sprinters: Wilma Rudolph, Wyomia Tyus, Lucinda Williams, Mae Faggs, Madeline Manning, Martha Hudson, Edith McGuire, Barbara Jones and Mamie Rollins. In addition some of the current Tigerbelles will also participate in the two-day event: Brenda Morehead, Chandra Cheesborough and

Kathy McMillan (all were on the 1976 Olympic squad) and Wilma Rudolph's daughter, Yolanda Eldridge.

## News Briefs

The Tennessee State University baccalaureate social work program has been granted continuation of accredited status until November, 1980.

Phillip Fellin, chairperson for the Commission on Accreditation for the Council On Social Work Education, advised University president, Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, of the Commission's action recently.

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Dr. Everette Witherspoon, Dr. Darlene H. Huddleston, Dr. Elizabeth C. Reed, Dr. Wendolyn Y. Bell and Dr. Paul Madden attended the Fall meeting of the Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teachers Education at the Nashville Ramada Inn. Dr. Bell, an elected Board member, serves as secretary of the Association. The theme of the conference was



Georgia State Legislator Julian Bond, is greeted by SGA Vice-President Cynthia Sayles and Dean of Men, Robert N. Murrell. Bond spoke on campus prior to protest of the Davis Cup Tournament at Vanderbilt.

### "Continued Professional Development."

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Seven TSU professors and twelve students will attend the Sixth Annual Minority Biomedical Support Program Symposium in Atlanta, March 26-29. Papers will be presented by Dr. James A. Campbell and Dr. Prem S. Kahlon, both professors of biology. Students who will present papers are Cleo Carter, Monday Itiat, Gary Mitchell, Ricky Perry, Paulette Rawley, Ronald Thompson, Michael Winrow, and Paul Young.

Others who are to attend are Dr. Gregory Komives, Dr. Richard Hogg, Dr. Rother Johnson, Dr. Frederick Smith, Dr. Henderson Wood, Edward Essien, Linda Holloway, Vickie Jones and Tyrone McKinnie.

BOBBY L. LOVETT, assistant professor of Department of History and Geography successfully completed the oral defense of his doctoral dissertation entitled "The Negro in Tennessee, 1861 - 1866: A Locio Military History of the Civil War Era." Lovett will receive the Ph.D. in American History from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville on May 12, 1978.

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## Purchasing Requests Requisitions

Requisitions requesting proposals for annual service contracts, athletic equipment and other items for purchase as of July 1, 1978 (NEW BUDGET) are to be submitted DIRECTLY to the Purchasing Department not later than April 1, 1978. At the proper time, we will obtain approval from the Budget Officer for utilizing 1978-79 funds.

It is vitally necessary that sufficient time for processing contracts be allowed, as we are required to obtain the Board of Regents approval for all contracts exceeding \$500.00 prior to executing such contracts.

Please remember that it is extremely impractical for the Purchasing Department to short-cut the system to solve problems that are manifested due to a lack of advance planning.

Alfred J. Sharpe, Jr. Director of the Department of Purchasing.

## Profile

By Brenda Cannon

The old cliché, "if you can't do anything else you can teach" is untrue according to Dr. Everette Witherspoon, Dean of School of Education.

The school's primary function is to prepare students to become good teachers by bridging the gap between the theory and the practical.

They also prepare students to become supervisors and administrators. This is provided through the Field Based Program. As early as the freshman year students have this exposure in the public school and continue through the senior year.

"There are a surplus of teachers, but there is always a need for a well qualified teacher," Witherspoon said. The school has a varied program which includes the Sophomore Exam, Sequential Test of Educational Progress, and the Teachers Education Examination Program. These exams are not administered to screen students out but to find their weaknesses, and strengthen the students in those areas. The state of Tennessee has just begun to use this procedure while TSU has used it for years.

There are six departments in the School of Education. They are Health and Physical Education,



DR. EVERETTE L. WITHERSPOON

Music, Art, Psychology, Criminal Justice, and Administration, Curriculum, and Instruction. There are approximately 700 undergraduates and 900 graduates in the school. Eighty percent of the Black teachers in Metro are graduates of TSU and an ever growing number of white teachers.

The master's program is growing every year. Emphasis is in Administration. A master's in Special Education is provided now. The doctorate has been proposed and is now in the process of being approved.

Under Witherspoon's administration the school has made several improvements, including an or-

ganized division of pre-service field experiences, student teaching, Approval of Master's in Reading education, and other field experiences.

Goals for the school include a Department of Reading in special Education, and approval of the graduate program by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Witherspoon is a native of North Carolina. His undergraduate degree was received from North Carolina A&T University in Industrial Arts education. His graduate work was done also at A&T in education. He did post-masters work at Wayne University. His Ph. D was received from the University of New York at Buffalo. He was a public school teacher on elementary, junior high, and high school levels. In 1971, he came to TSU to serve as head of industrial arts. In 1975, he returned as acting dean of the School of Education and became dean in 1976. Just recently, Dr. Witherspoon became the proud father of a son, Everette Witherspoon, Jr.

"Out of my experiences teaching I like the college level best and enjoy serving as Dean of Education," Witherspoon said.

## This Week

ACT (National) Examination- 7:30 a.m. - noon - A. Aud.

"TSU TODAY", 7:30 a.m. WMAK Radio - 1300- Guest will be Wilma Rudolph and James Presley, president of the Big Blue Club.

# Big Blue Club Honors Athletes

## Gifts

Past and present athletes will be honored at the Third Annual Big Blue Banquet of Champions, Saturday, April 1 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Guest speaker will be Walter Payton, running back for the Chicago Bears, NFL rushing champion of 1977 and NFC Player of the year.

Tickets this year are \$20.00 per person, and can be purchased from the Big Blue Club, Inc. The Club meets each Thursday, at 7:30 in the Home Economics

Building. For additional information or tickets contact Carol Wade, Personnel, 320-3446 or Clinton Gray, 309 Courthouse, 259-6080.

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.	Cocktails & Fashion Show
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Buffet
8:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Program
9:30 - 2:30 A.M.	Dance

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### ETA KAPPA NU MEETS

The Sixth Annual Induction Ceremony of Eta Kappa Nu, National Electrical Engineering Honor Society will be at 6 p.m., Friday, March 31 in the Student Union.

Mickey Shelton, Carla Walker, Zara Weaver, Mita Desai, John Lee Merrell, Dr. Kun-Shan Lin and Dr. Gradforf Hadnot.

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Keynote speaker will be Larry Perry, a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The induction ceremony will be followed by a social hour and the banquet in the Faculty Dining Room.

The Nashville Chapter of the Association of Black Psychologists is sponsoring a public lecture on parenting training by Dr. Donald Green of the Meharry Medical College.

The lecture will be in room 306 of the Education Building on Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

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NOON- 5 p.m.

Students and faculty members who are to be inducted are: Michael Burrell, Emory Dickerson, George Davis, Norman Francis, Andra Muhone and Bonita Joyce.

Others include Wanda Moses, Gregory Ryans,

Caterpillar Tractor Company of Peoria Illinois donated \$350 to University Career Counseling and Placement Office.

BECHTEL POWER CORPORATION of Gaithersburg, Maryland presented \$2,000 to be used by the School of Engineering. Lyle B. Padgett, director of College Relations for the firm, noted that the unrestricted gift will be followed by further contacts from the Bechtel Foundation.

The School of Engineering received a gift of \$3,000 from 3M - Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Foundation Inc.

Union Carbide Corporation of New York, N.Y. donated \$200 to engineers. American Society of Mechanical Engineers received \$100 while the other \$100 went to the Student Chapter Soc. of Women Engineers.

H. G. Hill Company donated \$250 to the University foundation Scholarship fund.

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