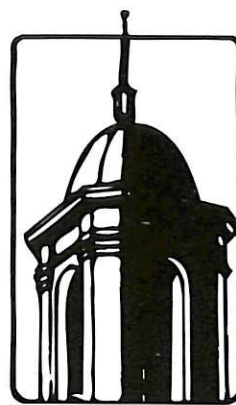


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## Tennessee State University again among America's best universities

Tennessee State University once again has been selected by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best educational institutions in America, according to the magazine's 1996 Annual Guide to America's Best Colleges.

Tennessee State University is ranked among the largest and most well-known national universities, as defined by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. These institutions offer a wide range of baccalaureate programs, place a high priority on research and award many Ph.D.s. Ratings were calculated based on several measures of academic quality: student selec-

tivity, faculty resources, financial resources, retention and alumni satisfaction.

TSU President James Hefner says, "The *U.S. News* survey is yet another indicator of the positive strides the University is making. Our quality is unquestionable; our commitment to academic excellence unwavering. Tennessee State University continues to grow in its rich heritage, looking toward the year 2000 with values, diversity and resources that will ensure we continue to attract the nation's best and brightest students."

The September 18 cover story in *U.S. News* said that nearly two out of three of June's 2.5 million high school graduates are enrolling or have enrolled in some form of post-secondary education. Hefner says that the University's growing reputation is one reason more and more students are choosing TSU to reach their higher education goals. Just this fall, the University experienced another record-breaking enrollment with 8,448

students. This year's freshman class, with 1,085 students, represents a 22 percent increase over 1994. The number of honors students enrolling at TSU also increased — by a remarkable 43 percent.

Augustus Bankhead, vice president for academic affairs,

get from faculty, alumni and mentors, according to Thomas Martin, vice president for student affairs. "Our students are our No. 1 priority and we work diligently to make sure that they are successful not only in school but in their future careers."



*Providing students with quality academic opportunities in facilities equipped for the 21st century has placed Tennessee State University among the nation's best universities.*

says, "We are attracting a greater number of students than ever before because we have an expert faculty, numerous opportunities for research and top-notch facilities."

Students choose TSU because of the one-on-one attention they

At a time when the public is watching closely to see if higher education will provide the value, quality and service its students demand, the nation's historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), includ-

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*"Sometimes the best you can be is right where you are."*

-Clifton Taulbert, author of *Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored* and *The Last Train North*, during a recent visit to Nashville and TSU

*"It's not making a living that matters; it's making a life."*

-Betty Siegel, president of Kennesaw College, at the 1995 [Tennessee] Annual Conference for Women in Higher Education, held on the TSU Avon Williams campus

*"Now I know how Lou Gehrig felt. This is one of the great moments of my life."*

-Clinton McCord, at the dedication of the baseball field in his honor

*"We need a foundation of knowing who and whose we are."*

-Paula Woods, editor of *I, Too, Sing America: The African American Book of Days* and other anthologies, during a Cultural Affairs lecture

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**The Carl M. Hill Auditorium**  
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Tues., Oct. 31, 10 a.m.  
Ceremony in Jane Elliott Hall Auditorium

**The George W. Cox-Charles B. Fancher Computer Center**  
Wed., Nov. 1, 10 a.m.  
McCord Hall

**The Thomas E. Poag Auditorium**  
Thurs., Nov. 2, 10 a.m.  
Administration Building

## TSU research paves way for safer roads

It's noon on Friday. You're headed to lunch at the end of a hard week. The sun is shining; the skies are clear; the roads have dried after Wednesday night's heavy rains. According to Dwight Martin, conditions are just right for there to be an accident in the work zone you'll pass through.

Martin, a member of the architectural engineering faculty at Tennessee State University, is conducting a three-year study to examine vehicular accidents in work zones on Tennessee's interstates, state routes and other highway routes. The Federal Highway Administration is funding the project, an offspring of Martin's study of tort liability for road accidents.

At this stage of the study, Martin is compiling data on the number of accidents and evaluating environmental conditions, human factors and operational procedures in work zones. He

has based his research, entitled "1992 Work Zones and Their Effects on Vehicular Accidents," on a database of accidents provided by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, supplemented by narratives from investigating officers and descriptions of the accidents.

Surprisingly enough, the majority of accidents in the urban

counties (Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Shelby) of Tennessee occurred between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. — not after dark, as one may expect. Martin explained that the cause of the accidents is not so much environmental as it is psychological.

"The environmental conditions don't indicate a climate for accidents," Martin said. "They occur in broad daylight,

on dry roads, rather than at night, on wet roads."

Martin said the primary cause of accidents seems to be the psychological response of drivers. "They challenge the work zones, thinking 'Can I go through here as fast as I can go normally?' or there is a platooning effect, with anywhere from two to 10 cars trailing each other as they speed through the work zones."

Of 567 work zone accidents in the sample used, the majority occurred on state highway routes, followed closely by interstates. In Davidson County, State Route 254 (Old Hickory Boulevard) had the most accidents. Across Tennessee, Interstate 40 had the most accidents.

According to Martin, most accidents are rear-end collisions caused by driver inattentiveness, following too closely, or speeding. Martin said often, dri-

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Research conducted by Dwight Martin may lead to ways of making work zones on highways, state routes and other roads safer.



## Holy laughter and Annie Oakley source of professors' research



Annie Oakley, as portrayed by Gail Davis in the 1950's television series, became a mythic figure for the Baby Boomer generation, according to TSU sociologist David Broad.

Holy laughter and Annie Oakley were topics two TSU professors presented at the Popular Culture Association annual meeting.

Louise Watkins, professor of English, presented "Holy Laughter: Ancient and Modern." Her paper analyzes the present movement in some Christian churches of entire congregations or large parts of congregations being struck by uncontrollable laughter. Watson said the present wave of holy laughter emanated largely from Toronto, in a movement often referred to as the Toronto Blessing. The phenomenon of holy laughter has spread in Christian congregations throughout the world.

In her research, Watkins shows how the present movement ties in with literary and historical traditions. She cites Sir Thomas Mallory's works about King Arthur and his knights, where Bishop Baldwin has a dream of Sir Lancelot being taken into heaven. During his sleep, he begins laughing and some of the monks wake him up, much to his dismay, because he was feeling so happy in his sleep. He shared his dream with the monks, who thought it was ridiculous, because Lancelot was still living. Shortly afterward, however, the monks find Lancelot dead.

Watkins also discusses the occur-

rence of holy laughter during religious revivals — in the United States during the early 18th century and at the Welsh Revival of the 19th century.

David Broad, head of the Sociology Department, presented "The Goddess Annie Oakley: The Making of an American Myth," which explores the development of the pistol-packing young heroine portrayed by television as a mythic figure.

Annie Oakley (1860-1926) was an important figure in American history. During the heart of the Victorian Era, she established that a woman was capable of unequalled skill in what had been the male domain of shooting. Through her long association with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, she became a great star and symbol of the Western woman. After her death, the character of Annie Oakley underwent several incarnations in popular culture, in books, movies, a Broadway musical, and a TV show.

Broad said, "It was only in the TV show that the mythic stature of the character surpassed that of the historical figure."

In his paper, Broad said the TV Annie Oakley, played by Gail Davis, was a combination of two mythic forms of goddess. One form, rooted in the paleolithic period, proclaims The Goddess is the source of all life — the central myth of human society from its beginning and a persistent feature of most religions today. The other form, recently developed and rooted in patriarchy, portrays the goddess as beautiful and strong, but under the control of more powerful male deities, similar to Artemis and Diana, the Greek and Roman goddesses of the hunt.

Broad believes the Davis Oakley represents elements of both types of goddess: "She is nurturing and protective of her kid brother, and she is heroically skilled and the leading exponent of justice in her community."

"I believe that the Gail Davis portrayal of Annie Oakley was a major shaper of the Baby Boomer sense of social justice and of that generation's expectations of the place of women in society."

Broad said it seems that the writers, producers and star of the show were aware of the power of the mythic character in their stories. In fact, he has maintained correspondence with Gail Davis to explore her reaction to the subject.

supervision, curriculum and instruction, and psychology.



TSU AMONG BEST, from cover  
ing Tennessee State University are being recognized for their quality, according to research cited in the *U.S. News* article.

Tennessee State University continues to grow as a major comprehensive, urban, land-grant university with 43 bachelor's degrees, 24 master's degrees and doctoral degrees in four areas: public administration, administration and

## Slate full for Homecoming '95

Schedule includes several dedications

Dedications, coronations, open houses, parades, contests, a football game against Tennessee Tech, rekindled memories and revisited friendships will fill the schedule for Homecoming '95, October 29 through November 4. This year's theme is "TSU: Pulling chains from the past to link together the future."

Kicking off the week's activities will be the **dedication of the Robert N. Murrell Forum** in the Floyd-Payne Campus Center at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 29. Immediately following the dedication, students will compete in the eighth annual Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest.

On Monday, October 30, at 10 a.m., TSU will **dedicate the Carl M. Hill Auditorium** in the Alger V. Boswell Science Complex. On Tuesday, October 31, the University will honor another of its outstanding leaders as the **Honors Center is named for McDonald Williams**. The event takes place in the Jane Elliott Hall Auditorium at 10 a.m. On Wednesday, November 1, at 10 a.m., the University will **dedicate the George W. Cox-Charles Fancher Computer Center** in McCord Hall and on Thursday, November 2, at 10 a.m., the University will **dedicate the Thomas E. Poag Auditorium** in the Administration Building.

Several of the University's colleges and schools have planned special events during the Homecoming celebration. Among the College of Education's events is a panel presentation, "Going forth to serve: TSU and Tennessee Education," at noon on Wednesday, November 1. The College of Engineering and Technology has planned its Engineering and Technology Cluster Meeting for 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, and its scholarship and alumni awards luncheon for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 4.

On Friday November 3, at 1:30 p.m., the School of Nursing will present a program highlighting its MSN program and covering such topics as trauma and shock, stress reduction, cancer, diabetes, therapeutic touch, gerontology and RN-BSN career mobility. The School of Agriculture and Home Economics will host its annual alumni homecoming breakfast on Saturday, November 4, at 7:30 a.m.

On Thursday, November 2, Will Campbell, Dwight Lewis, Helen Cotton, Lou Berry and other local and TSU alumni writers will lend their voices to

the fight against hunger by participating in Share Our Strength's fourth annual Writers Harvest. The TSU reading is part of a national reading to raise funds to fight hunger, and writers reading at the University will join more than 1,000 writers nationwide who will read from their works at more than 300 bookstores and colleges.

The Department of Athletics' annual **Tiger Pride Gala** takes place Friday evening, November 3, at the Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel. Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes will be the featured band. For information, contact Carl Pillow at 963-5841.

Here are other events scheduled for the week:

**Sun., Oct. 29** \* 9 p.m. \* Bonfire and Fireworks Display \* Gentry Center Parking Lot

**Mon., Oct. 30** \* 7 p.m. \* Battle of the Dorms Talent Show \* Kean Hall

**Tues., Oct. 31** \* 7 p.m. \* Trick or Treat Career Forum \* Robert N. Murrell Forum/Floyd-Payne Campus Center

**Wed., Nov. 1** \* 7 p.m. \* Mr. TSU Pageant \* Kean Hall

**Thurs., Nov. 2**  
4 p.m. \* Reception for Alumni Authors \* Foyer, Robert N. Murrell Forum/Floyd-Payne Campus Center  
7:30 p.m. \* Miss TSU's Coronation \* Kean Hall

8 p.m. \* Alumni Reception \* Snaffles Lounge/Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel

**Fri., Nov. 3**  
11 a.m. \* Nashville Alumni Chapter Fish Fry \* Grounds of the former student union building

Noon \* Student Pep Rally \* Plaza/Floyd-Payne Campus Center  
8 p.m. \* Homecoming Concert (The Def College Jam) \* Gentry Center

**Sat., Nov. 4**  
9 a.m. \* Homecoming Parade \* 21st to 33rd avenues along Jefferson Street/John A. Merritt Boulevard

Noon \* Showcase of Bands \* Hale Stadium (Admission: \$1 per person)

2 p.m. \* Greek Step Show \* Gentry Center

3 p.m. \* Homecoming Tailgate Party  
6 p.m. \* Homecoming Football Game: TSU vs. Tennessee Tech \* Hale Stadium (For ticket information, call the Athletic Ticket Office at 963-5841.)

10 p.m. \* Homecoming Victory Dance \* Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel (Admission: \$10 per person).

Tennessee State University  
thanks and congratulates  
1995 Homecoming Honoree

**Della Shute**

former Miss TSU, retired TSU staff member and loyal TSU and Nashville  
community volunteer

&

1995 Homecoming Parade Grand Marshall

**Dr. Levi Watkins**

cardiac surgeon and associate dean of the  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine



## Honors Program reaches record number of gifted students



Sandra Holt (center), director of TSU's Honors Program, and her staff will be busier than ever in 1995-96 with a record number of Honors students.

"I really couldn't see myself at any other school or in any other Honors Program," said freshman Robin Smith about TSU and its Honors Program. The program has enrolled 205 new honors students this fall, compared to 143 last year, proving the fact that more high-achieving students, like Smith, are making TSU their choice for a quality education.

When asked why she decided on TSU and its Honors Program, Smith, a native of Memphis, said, "My aunt being a graduate played a big part in my decision, but the great engineering program and the fact that the school is historically black also played important roles in my decision to come to TSU."

Smith anticipated a quality program upon arrival and said that's exactly what she saw. "The directors are excellent and the program looks promising for the future," she said.

Honors director Sandra Holt said she believes news about the benefits of participating in the program are major factors that attract new students.

"The Honors Program provides exceptional students with a host of challenging, enriching, rewarding and exciting academic experiences," Holt said.

"When our students are excited about learning and then go on to be successful in reaching their goals, they become role models others can't resist following."

TSU's Honors Program is designed to provide special challenges and opportu-

nities for academically gifted students. Students are encouraged to take a greater role in the learning process through such activities as debating, writing, research, attending off-campus educational programs, and participating in internships.

Honors course work is concentrated in the freshman and sophomore years, when students take enriched versions of general education courses. At the junior and senior levels students supplement courses in their major with interdisciplinary honors seminars. To participate in the program, students must have a 3.0 grade-point average or above or an ACT score of at least 21.

Smith feels that University President James Hefner has played a major role in making the program a success. She said, "Dr. Hefner being pro-Honors has made a big difference that has definitely been positive."

There is one project Smith would like to see in the works soon. With all the recent construction taking place at TSU, and with all the growth in the Honors Program, Smith wonders if an Honors building is in the University's future. "This is an excellent program and I expect it to continue to grow, which means we need our own facilities," Smith said. "I would like to see that plan in action before I graduate."

Pam Watkins, a senior communications major and intern in TSU's Bureau of Public Relations, wrote this article.

## Looking at vampires through an expert's eyes

Mentioning the word "vampire" might bring images of Dracula saying, "I want to drink your blood," to mind. But to Jeff Thompson, instructor of remedial and developmental English in TSU's Writing Clinic, vampires are literary figures worthy of much study.

People across the country are seeking Thompson's expertise on vampires, as interest in vampires has exploded nationwide. Thompson recently helped author J. Gordon Melton prepare several entries for *The Vampire Book: Encyclopedia of the Undead*. The book summarizes the writings and films about vampires and popular culture. Thompson, who is an expert on popular culture, classic horror and *Dark Shadows*, the highly successful television series

the United States and England, which produce regular publications. Additionally, there are fan clubs devoted to such popular TV shows as *Dark Shadows*, vampire interest computer bulletin boards and clubs for vampire role-playing games.

Thompson said he first became fascinated with vampires as a young boy. "When I was nine years old in 1967, I was flipping channels and watched an episode of *Dark Shadows*. I was hooked instantly! Even after *Dark Shadows* was cancelled, my interest never waned. In the mid-70s I started writing for fan magazines and collecting *Dark Shadows* memorabilia. I've been at it ever since," he said.

Thompson has devoted three rooms



Jeff Thompson, surrounded by part of his *Dark Shadows* memorabilia. Three rooms of his house are devoted to his complete collection.

which aired on ABC from 1966 to 1971, wrote several entries on the TV series for *The Vampire Book*. He also wrote entries commenting on writings by vampire novelist Dan Ross, whose historical novels were the subject of Thompson's master's thesis at TSU.

According to Thompson, belief in vampire-like creatures probably dates back before the written word. However, the specific concept of the vampire found its strongest expression in the 19th century with the release of the novel *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. This phenomenal book initiated the modern era of vampire fiction that has continued to this day, in such works as Anne Rice's vampire novel series, which includes *Interview with a Vampire*.

So much consideration has been given to the subject of vampires in recent years that the term "vampirology" has been given to the field of study of the vampire and the myth that it has spawned. Today, popular interest in the vampire is evident in the more than 20 active vampire interest organizations in

of his Nashville home to his *Dark Shadows*, horror and science fiction collections. He owns all major *Dark Shadows* memorabilia, including videotapes, books, records, vampire models, trading cards, comic books, masks, and autographs. Some of his rarest collectibles include the character Josette's ring and music box, just like the ones used on the TV show. (The music box still plays the tune used on the show.) Thompson also owns a rare model called the Barnabas Vampire Van. (Barnabas was the name of the vampire who starred in *Dark Shadows*.)

Thompson's keen interest also made him instrumental in bringing the Sci-Fi Channel to cable television in Nashville in 1993. Eleven years ago, Thompson formed his own acting troupe, the Collinsport Players, a fan-led *Dark Shadows* dramatic group. (The group is named for the town in which the Collins family resided in the TV series.) The Players perform annually at the national *Dark Shadows* Festival, an event for which Thompson usually

The Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension Program presents the

### 37th Annual Farm, Home and Ministers' Institute

Friday, November 3, 1995

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Avon Williams Campus

Theme: "Building Family Strengths to Empower Homes and Communities"

Keynote speaker: U.S. Representative Harold Ford

#### SAFER ROADS, from cover

vers do not adhere to reduced speed limits or other instructions posted at work zones. But there are solutions and Martin will provide his recommendations in the spring of 1996.

Perhaps his efforts will eliminate such fatalities as the recent one on an interstate in Nashville, where a work zone crew member was killed in an accident.

Martin's findings and similar findings in Virginia and Kentucky, as well as several northern and eastern seaboard states, should lead to blanket recommendations for improving safety throughout the

country.

In the meantime, keep your eyes on the road and proceed with caution, especially on those near-perfect, blue-sky days.

#### Coming soon in *Accent*:

How the construction on campus impacts you

Olympic kick-off: TSU — an Olympic tradition

End-of-year review in pictures



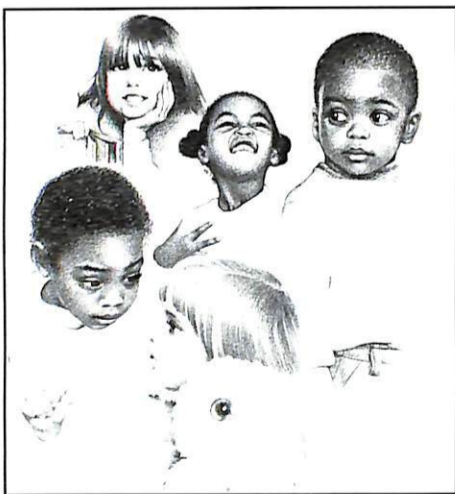
## Faculty member studies abroad under Fulbright Grant



Uthaiwan Wong-opasi

Uthaiwan Wong-opasi, assistant professor in the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy, was awarded a Fulbright-Hayes grant for a five-week field program in China and Hong Kong this summer. The grant enabled 20 participants from 18 institutions in 15 states to experience the multi-faceted Chinese culture first hand. Participants studied Chinese philosophy, economics, language and regional differences. They also visited Beijing, Tianjin, Qingdao, Qufu, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Fuzhou, Xiamen and Hong Kong. Daily activities included Taiji Quan, a soft-form exercise that is over 1,000 years old; lectures; cultural performances; and visits to schools, a hospital specializing in Chinese medicine, the Shanghai International Stock Market and high-tech parks.

The participants also met with eminent Chinese scholars to discuss such contemporary issues as gender discrimination and population growth. "China currently has a population of 1.2 billion, while having fewer resources than the United States, yet, it presently enjoys a high economic growth rate," said Wong-opasi.



## TSU forms child development partnership with VUMC

TSU's Diversified Information and Assistance Network (DIANE) is launching its newest community development initiative this fall. Under the joint auspices of Tennessee State University and the Child Development Center at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC), the project will create online

linkages between families of children with disabilities and other special needs and child development organizations. A newly formed Tennessee Child Development Partnership will carry out the valuable mission of the project.

Project DIANE director Stephen Shao of the TSU College of Business said DIANE will help VUMC offer its services more efficiently. The link with DIANE will enable Vanderbilt's experts to observe children individually at a much more affordable cost.

Angie Thompson, assistant director of VUMC's Child Development Center, said using DIANE will allow professionals to observe children remotely, without disrupting the classroom. She said DIANE also will allow for remote consultations with parents throughout the 40 counties served by the center.

Several child development demonstrations were conducted at the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo Conference October 11 and 12. Additionally, on October 17, Nations-Bank Corp. sponsored a reception for community and business leaders to formally announce the Tennessee Child Development Partnership. In addition to live demonstrations, the kickoff included remarks by TSU President James Hefner, Martha Sundquist, first lady of Tennessee; Marguerite Sallee, president of Corporate Child Care Management Services; Former Senator Howard Baker and others.

Founded in 1992, Project DIANE is a nonprofit statewide information highway service network which uses newly emerging telephone, video and multimedia computer technologies to support programs in education, community service and economic development.

## Tracing the Roots of the African-American Family

Demonstrating the importance of tracing one's roots in the African-American family, as well as celebrating the history and contributions of the family, was the focus of the Black Family Heritage Conference held October 21 on the Avon Williams Campus. Conference participants examined the how and why of black genealogy and learned from keynote speaker Charles Blockson, co-author of *Black Genealogy* and curator of the Black Studies collection at Temple University in Philadelphia. In addition, families displayed their heirlooms and artifacts.

The conference also honored the founding of the African-American Genealogical and Historical Society in Tennessee. Founded in 1994 by Tommie Morton-Young, TSU alumna and adjunct faculty member, the society is open for membership to persons of African descent who are interested in tracing their African roots and in developing an understanding of the events that have impacted the black family.

According to the African-American Genealogical Society, "The family is the foundation of any society. It is the hope of any race. Focusing on black family

## Alumni profile

## Graduate garners one of engineering's highest honors



Jesse Russell talks to Sheryl Harris about the cellular telephone. Russell was the lead designer on the AT&T development team that brought the cellular telephone to a level of practicality.

Tennessee State University alumnus Jesse E. Russell Sr. recently was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering, thus receiving one of the highest professional honors accorded an engineer. Russell is recognized as the lead designer on the AT&T development team that brought the cellular telephone to a level of practicality.

The Academy honors those who have made important contributions to engineering theory and practice, including significant contributions to the literature of engineering theory and practice and those who have demonstrated unusual accomplishment in the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology. Approximately 77 engineers from across the country and eight foreign associates were inducted earlier this fall. Total U.S. membership now stands at approximately 1,800.

Decatur Rogers, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said, "I am particularly proud of the tremendous groundbreaking accomplishments Mr. Russell has made in the area of cellular telephone technology. By using his education, special talents and vision for the future, he has made life more convenient for all of us."

Rogers also emphasized how Russell continues to share his experience with others by returning to his alma mater to

present seminars, encourage students and assist with equipment needs.

Russell now serves as chief wireless architect and managing director of the AT&T Wireless Communications Center of Excellence at AT&T Bell Laboratories in New Jersey. In this position, he is responsible for the identification and development of breakthrough wireless technologies and the application of these technologies into AT&T's future wireless products, systems and services. Russell also is responsible for AT&T Corporate wireless systems, architecture of products and services, and development of core wireless technology, products and platforms for business unit applications.

Russell has worked for AT&T since 1972 and earned numerous awards for his innovation, including the 1985 America's New Leadership Class Award from *Esquire* magazine; the 1982 Outstanding Scientist Award from the National Society of Black Engineers; and the 1980 Scientist of the Year Award from the National Technical Association, Inc.

Russell earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from TSU in 1972 and a master of science degree in the same field from Stanford University.

heritage — the past, present and future — and documenting and recording the events and people of the periods help to strengthen family ties and social development."

For information on the Society, contact Morton-Young at 399-7604.

## Student achievements

\***Pamela Marks**, a home economics major from Nashville, was named the outstanding student from a didactic program in dietetics in Tennessee by the Tennessee Dietetic Association. Marks is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Omicron Nu honor societies.

\***Michael Gibson**, an agricultural science major from Atlanta, has been named a Thurgood Marshall Scholar. He will receive \$16,000 over a four-year period. The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund is a merit scholarship program that recognizes exceptional academic achievement among students who attend the 37 historically black public colleges and universities. Named after the first African American to serve as Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, the program seeks to identify students who exemplify the commitment to excellence, leadership skills and academic achievement of the late Justice Marshall.



\*Biology majors **Nikki Parram** and **Sonya Gissendanner**; sociology major **Sylvia Davis**; and history major **Elizabeth Brenier** made a presentation in August on their cooperative education experiences in the Shawnee National Forest and archaeological dig at the ruins of the Golconda Civilian Conservation Camp in Jonesboro, Ill. They were flown to Washington in September to reprise their work experiences for the chief of the U.S. Forest Service.



Author Paula Woods

### Woods shares writings with TSU audience

Members of the Tennessee State University community recently were treated to an afternoon with Paula Woods, who was visiting Nashville for the Southern Festival of Books. Her reading and lecture were sponsored by the University's Cultural Affairs Committee.

Woods' works celebrate the achievements and writings of African Americans. She co-authored *I, Too, Sing America: The African American Book of Days* and co-edited *I Hear a Symphony: African Americans Celebrate Love*, which won the PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Award for Multicultural Literature and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association's fiction honors.

Woods became motivated to produce her first book while working as a vice president for a large health care corporation. A minority in race and gender, she found she had to research to find her own heroes. Her books, rich with the words and other works of African Americans, indicate that she has, indeed, built "a foundation of knowing who and whose we are."

Woods' most recent project has been editing the soon-to-be-released book *Spooks, Spies and Private Eyes: Black Mystery, Crime and Suspense Fiction of the 20th Century*.

### Packard Foundation renews funding for science program

The David and Lucille Packard Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$101,500 to Tennessee State University to continue the Packard Summer Science Institute for Freshmen.

The institute, a six-week summer program for incoming TSU freshmen, provides instruction for promising African-American students who have expressed an interest in pursuing a college degree in chemistry, physics or mathematics and a subsequent career in one of those areas. Jeanetta Williams-Jackson, assistant professor of physics, mathematics and computer science, directs the institute.

### Faculty/Staff Changes, Promotions and Additions

\***Evelyn Daigre** was recently appointed assistant vice president for academic affairs. She formerly was the University's assistant vice president for business and finance.

\***Larry Wakefield** has been promoted from director of finance and accounting to associate vice president for business and finance.

\***Millicent Lownes Jackson** has been named associate dean in the College of Business. She has served as a professor of management at TSU for 19 years.

\***Ivory Lyles** is the new administrator of the University's cooperative extension program. He formerly served as an associate district superintendent for the University of Tennessee's agricultural extension service.



Richard Hooper



Millicent Lownes Jackson



Ivory Lyles



Evelyn Daigre



Barry Scott



Demetrius Greer



Leann Kelly

\***Richard Hooper** is the new director of testing for the University. Prior to his appointment, he was coordinator of group testing for Metro schools.

\***Demetrius Greer** has been appointed coordinator for graduate and professional placement in the Career Center. Greer formerly worked with the Nashville Mayor's Office.

\***Barry Scott**, noted actor and director, has been named the University's theatre manager. Scott has worked closely with the University for several years, most recently as director of TSU's Summer Stock Theatre.

\***Leann Kelly** now serves as coordinator in the Office of Disabled Student Services. Her primary responsibility will be establishing and maintaining the new learning disabilities tutoring center.

### '95-'96 Men's Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Oct. 28	<b>Blue and White Game</b>	Nashville, Tenn.
Nov. 10	<b>Australia</b> (Exhibition)	Nashville, Tenn.
20	<b>Vasda</b> (Exhibition)	Nashville, Tenn.
29	University of Colorado	Boulder, Colo.
Dec. 1	Cyclone Shootout	Ames, Iowa
	<i>Texas-Pan American vs. Richmond</i>	
	<i>Tennessee State vs. Iowa State</i>	
2	Cyclone Shootout	Ames, Iowa
9	Mississippi Valley State University	Dallas, Texas
12	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, Tenn.
23	University of Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.
30	Southern University	Memphis, Tenn.
Jan. 4	<b>University of Wisconsin-Parkside</b>	Nashville, Tenn.
6	<b>Murray State University</b>	Nashville, Tenn.
8	<b>University of Tennessee-Martin</b>	Nashville, Tenn.
11	<b>Austin Peay State University</b>	Nashville, Tenn.
16	Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
20	Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
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### '95-'96 Women's Basketball Schedule

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Nov. 10	<b>Australia</b> (Exhibition)	Nashville, Tenn.
18	<b>Freestyle Express</b> (Exhibition)	Nashville, Tenn.
24	Ohio Valley/Southern Conference Clash	Richmond, Ky.
	<i>Tennessee State vs. Georgia Southern</i>	
	<i>Eastern Kentucky vs. East Tennessee State</i>	
25	<i>Tennessee State vs. East Tennessee State</i>	Richmond, Ky.
	<i>Eastern Kentucky vs. Georgia Southern</i>	
30	Belmont University	Nashville, Tenn.
Dec. 5	<b>Tennessee Temple University</b>	Nashville, Tenn.
10	University of Tennessee-Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.
16	Ind. Memorial Union & Marriott Classic	Bloomington, Ind.
	<i>Tennessee State vs. Indiana University</i>	
	<i>Eastern Illinois Univ. vs. Ohio University</i>	
17	Ind. Memorial Union & Marriott Classic	Bloomington, Ind.
28-30	Univ. of Central Florida Holiday Classic	Orlando, Fla.
	<i>(Tennessee State, Central Florida, Furman, Temple, William &amp; Mary, Oklahoma State, Florida State, Missouri)</i>	
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## Sports Shorts

### TSU has new volleyball coach

David Schwepker joined the Athletic Department in August 1995 to produce a winning women's volleyball squad at Tennessee State University.

Schwepker comes to TSU after three seasons as an assistant coach at Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO). A former professional beach volleyball player, Schwepker graduated from SEMO in 1987 with a degree in secondary education. He is a native of St. Charles, Mo.



David Schwepker

### Football notes

After opening the 1995 season with three losses, the Tennessee State University football team responded with impressive wins over South Carolina State (15-14) on September 30 and Morehead State (45-14) on October 7.

In the win over South Carolina State, TSU rallied from a 14-0 deficit in the fourth quarter to upset the Bulldogs. Quarterback Darryl Williams connected with wide receiver Lawrence Segree on an 11-yard scoring toss with 39 seconds remaining. Then, Segree made an acrobatic catch for the two-point conversion to give the Tigers the win in front of 52,387 fans in Atlanta's Georgia Dome.

Against Morehead State, TSU tailback Jarrick Hillery rushed for 163 yards and four touchdowns as the Tigers defeated the Eagles in Hale Stadium.

After road games at UT-Martin and Austin Peay, the Tigers will return to Hale Stadium for three straight games at home: Eastern Kentucky (October 28 at 6 p.m. CDT), Tennessee Tech-Homecoming (November 4 at 6 p.m. CST) and Murray State (November 11 at 1:30 p.m.).

## TSU dedicates baseball field to McCord

Tennessee State University dedicated the Clinton "Butch" McCord Baseball Field on September 19. The event marked the initial stages of developing facilities necessary for a return of baseball to the University. Although baseball will not be played at TSU this spring, the plan is to bring baseball back in the spring of 1997. McCord is one of the University's strongest proponents of reinstating baseball at TSU.

McCord said, "Before integration, baseball was the third leading industry for blacks. That's why I couldn't stand to see it go away from TSU."

TSU President James Hefner said, "We are pleased to dedicate this field in honor of Mr. McCord and to recognize him for his outstanding contributions to baseball and to the University. His legacy shall continue to inspire all who play on this field to be the best they can possibly be."

McCord was a veteran baseball player from 1947 to 1960, playing for teams in the Negro Southern League, Negro Major League, Western League, International



Clinton "Butch" McCord (center) celebrates the dedication of TSU's baseball field in his honor. Joining him are daughter Carmelia Taylor (left) and wife Christine (right).

League, American Association and Texas League. A native of Nashville, he attended Pearl High School and was offered a scholarship to play football for TSU. He competed in 1944 and 1946, on a team which captured a national championship. He served in the military in 1944-45.

As rich as his past is, McCord keeps his vision for tomorrow at the forefront. In describing the new baseball facility, he said, "I could tell stories a long time, but here's what I want you to do. Close your

eyes. Do you see those 1,500 seats — maybe 2,000? Do you see the scoreboard? Do you see the ad billboards bringing in dollars because we're a non-revenue sport? If you don't see what I see, then we've got to get to work."

Among the guests attending the event was Bill White, former president of the National League. The baseball field is located on the north side of campus, between the Operations Building and the Gentry Center Complex.

## Temple Seminars spotlight issues facing females in sports

Women are playing an ever-increasing role in American sports and in sports throughout the world. In recognition of the growing numbers of female athletes and the issues and challenges they face, the third annual Edward S. Temple Seminars focused on the theme "Females and Sports: Fitness, Athleticism and Health throughout the Life Cycle."



Vivian Fuller, director of athletics at Northeastern Illinois University, delivers the keynote address at the Ed Temple Seminars.

Vivian L. Fuller, director of athletics at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, gave the keynote address for the seminars. Fuller is the first African-American woman serving as director of athletics at an NCAA Division I institution. She spoke primarily about how to overcome the twin barriers of race and sex in the "Old Boy" dominated world of athletics. Fuller also pointed out that the way the world of athletics is set up discourages many women from careers in coaching, because it is so hard to reconcile with commitment to family. However, when competence and confidence are combined, the barriers are surmountable.

Other speakers and topics included:  
\*Sports and fitness for females in educational settings - Diane Butler, Sports Administration Department, Temple (Pa.) University;

\*Female fitness and protection against assault and abduction - Sgt. Madelyn Cunningham and Officer Kenneth Elkins, Crime Prevention Division, Metro

Nashville Police Department;

\*Female athletes and competitive sports - Cheri Kempf, owner, Club K Softball Training Facility, Franklin, Tenn.;

\*Female children and youth: benefits of early socialization in sports and physical fitness - Rochelle Collins, youth programs coordinator, NCAA;

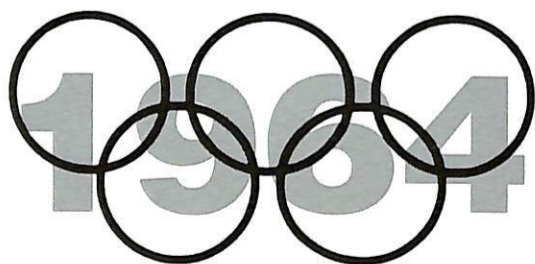
\*Elderly females: challenges of physical fitness and health - Mary Bowermaster, U.S. National Senior Olympics athlete; and

\*Sports injuries and care: focus on females - Chris Snoddy, Sports Medicine Center, Baptist Hospital, Nashville.

C. David Stringfield, president of Baptist Hospital, brought the address at the inaugural Wilma Rudolph Memorial Luncheon.

Instituted at TSU in 1993, the Edward S. Temple Seminars focus on the dynamic interplay between society and sports and the importance of sports in world culture.

## Tennessee State University Olympic Moment



### 1964: Summer Olympic Games, Tokyo, Japan

TSU Tigerbelle Edith McGuire, a member of the United States women's track team, broke Wilma Rudolph's Olympic record in the 200-meter sprint for a gold medal. She won the silver in the 100-meter sprint. Tigerbelle and Olympic teammate Wyomia Tyus took the gold in that race. As a result of her stellar performances in the 1964 Olympics and 1963 Pan American Games, McGuire ranked fourth in the 1964 Sportswoman of the World standings and was among the 10 finalists for the James E. Sullivan Award, presented to the most outstanding amateur athlete of the year in the United States.

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