

Installation Underway

New TSU Computer Here

Last Friday Dr. Willard Smith, his face beaming with excitement and his voice full of enthusiasm, discussed the facelift about to be given TSU's Computer Center. The Center is getting an IBM/148 system to replace its IBM 360/30 system, a holdover from the middle 1960's.

Through terminals and telephone dial connectors, offices across the campus will hook into this new technology. Most administrative offices and some academic areas will have access to the new system as early as June of this year.

Student information and personnel and payroll will be the first two administrative areas involved in the

changeover. The changeover will enable these areas to get and dispense information on debits and credits, housing, admissions and financial aid. Later on, as the system moves closer to full operational status, service will be extended to other areas in business and student affairs.

In the academic area, the new computer will replace the old GE-255 system, developed in 1955 and now being used by the Mathematics and Physics Laboratory. Dr. Smith said that cables will run from the Computer Center to the Laboratory. This will provide direct access for both faculty and students to the computer for about 16 hours a day, which will ex-

pand to 24 hours when the system becomes fully operational.

The number of languages will increase from the present BASIC and FORTRAN to COBOL and other languages. Also, there will be statistical packages like SPSS (canned programs), which should be available in June.

Some of the schools on the campus, such as Business Administration and Agriculture, have terminals already and will be able to dial in as soon as the system is operational.

Computer capacity will increase about 15 times what we have now. It will increase disc capacity from 50 megabytes (computer language) to 700 megabytes. It will store all of our programs on discs—no more need for storing thousands of cards. Then, programs can be called up with no waiting. The new machines consume smaller space than the existing ones, which is good news because the room housing this machinery is about 45' x 22.'

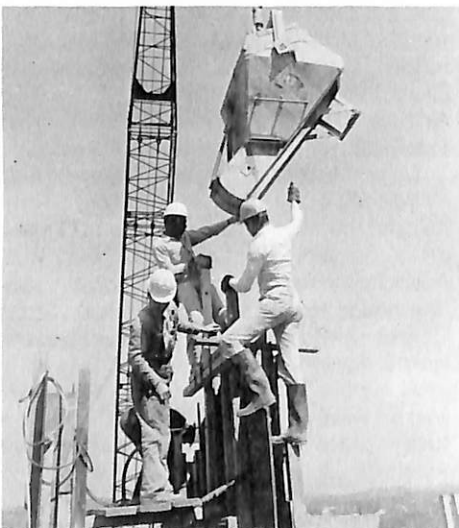
The changeover will put TSU at the current state of the computer art (right up-to-date). Neither TSU nor UTN had computer systems to support the serv-

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MARCH 29, 1979

Convocation Center



This \$10,000,000 complex is running on schedule. Set for a January 1980 opening, TSU basketball supporters may be cheering the team to victory in the 10,000 seat arena. The indoor track, six handball courts, and olympic-size swimming pool will provide many hours of exercise, and the personnel and students should be inspired to greater heights in the environment of their new athletic offices and classrooms.

School of Business

BEEP Seminar Set

The National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) will be conducting a special Personnel and Business Seminar at TSU on April 5-6, 1979.

"The program is a cooperative educational development program with the Urban League. It brings black corporate executives to the campus to lecture on the current practices and philosophies of the business community," said Dr. James A. Ellzy, head of the Business Administration Department and TSU faculty liaison to BEEP.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 5th and lasting throughout the two days, seminars, small group sessions, class visitation and lectures related to business administration, accounting, management, economics and business education will be held. At 11 a.m. on the 5th, persons will have the opportunity of learning more about international business and management, followed at 1:40 p.m. with seminars in inter-

view techniques, accounting and a special seminar "all you ever wanted to know about business but didn't know who to ask."

The Thursday activities will climax with an Awards Banquet, honoring students in the School of Business for academic achievement, in the Mary Wilson Hall Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. A busy agenda is also assured for Friday, April 6, when four seminars will be presented.

Among the executives coming to TSU are Rufus B. Bardwell, Equal Opportunity Specialist, Department of HUD, Dallas, TX; George Dorsey, Asst. Vice President, Summit & Elizabeth Trust Co., Summit, NJ; Gloria Godet, Planning Advisor, Atlanta Richfield Co., Los Angeles, CA; Bonita Harris, Loan Specialist, Dept. of HUD, Los Angeles, CA; Nathaniel C. Harris, Jr., Senior Account Officer, Citibank, New York; Wallace K. Harvey, Corporate EEO Administrator, The Bendix Corp., Southfield, MI; Robert Holcomb, Asst. Placement Director, Taylor Business Institute, New York, NY; Albert C.

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Annie B. Martin

Retirement Ends 21 Years of Service

by Karen F. Brown

Mrs. Annie B. Martin has observed TSU for 21 years from her position as head of the Department of Social Welfare. As she approaches retirement at the end of this semester, her reflections turn to her students.

"It has been a rewarding experience to see many students who are hopeless souls at day one, and then watch them blossom as they move into the Social Welfare curriculum—and also to see the jobs that they get when they graduate," she said.

She reminisced that students today are not as diligent as those of the past. "They (current students) have the attitude that they're just here," Mrs. Martin explained. But students at other universities seem to be the same way, she added.

The biggest change, in which she has participated at TSU involves her department. "When I came in 1958 this area was named Social Adminis-



Annie B. Martin, head of Social Welfare Dept.

tration and it was a part of the Department of Sociology," she recalled.

The name was changed in 1969 and the area was made a department in 1974. Federal funds, between 1969 and 1975, contributed to the growth of the department to include six full-time faculty members and one part-time member.

The department provides instructions for employees of the Department of Human Services and other social service agencies in Davidson County and surrounding counties.

"I don't want to give the impression that the Department of Social Welfare has grown through my efforts alone," Mrs. Martin said. "It would not have been possible without the members of this department and the total administration."

She noted improvements in finances for the University—new buildings that upgrade the physical plant and more organization in the administration.

"Things are better correlated, though the communication still needs improving. The system of accountability means we have to work harder, but that's good," she stated.

Mrs. Martin also pointed out that the faculty has grown. "We're not close," she said. "You know people in your department well but there are other faculty members across campus that you never really get to know."

Annie B. Martin's service to the University includes acting as secretary for the University Committee on Committee Nominations, secretary to the Executive Council for the School of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Honors Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Martin is also a member of Kayne Avenue Baptist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Quarterettes Social Club and the American Association of University Women. She is advisor to the board of South Street Center and works with the Knowles Home for the Elderly.

A native of Hopkinsville, Ky., Mrs. Martin was educated at Lane and Kentucky State Colleges and earned her master's degree at the University of Tennessee School of Social Work in Nashville. The UTN graduate center is now housed on the TSU campus.

Mrs. Martin taught school in West Tennessee and Kentucky before coming to TSU.

"There have been setbacks here but the positives far outweigh the negatives," she said. "I feel I've made a contribution. I can retire without regrets."

"Check Out Your Smile"

Learn more about your dental health and hygiene at the open house and seminar, sponsored by the School of Allied Health Professions, Department of Dental Hygiene, April 12, Clement Hall.

Activities include FREE screening, refreshments, dietary screening and free blood pressure examinations and table coinics from 9:00 to 12 noon. A seminar will follow from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Counselors, health teachers, administrators, faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

Awards and Fashions

The Health Care Administration and Planning Student Council of the School of Allied Science, is sponsoring its second annual "Spring Fling" Awards and Fashion Show, on Saturday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m., in the D. T. Rolfe Student Center, at Meharry Medical College.

Awards will be presented to the outstanding students in the areas of the department and a special award to the Teacher of the Year.

Admission is \$2.00 in advance and \$3.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the T.S.U., Fisk and Meharry bookstores.

Fashions are being furnished by Casual Corner—100 Oaks and Levy's, downtown. Featured in the fashion fair is Benetta Bashaw, former Ebony Fashion Fair model.

New TSU Computer

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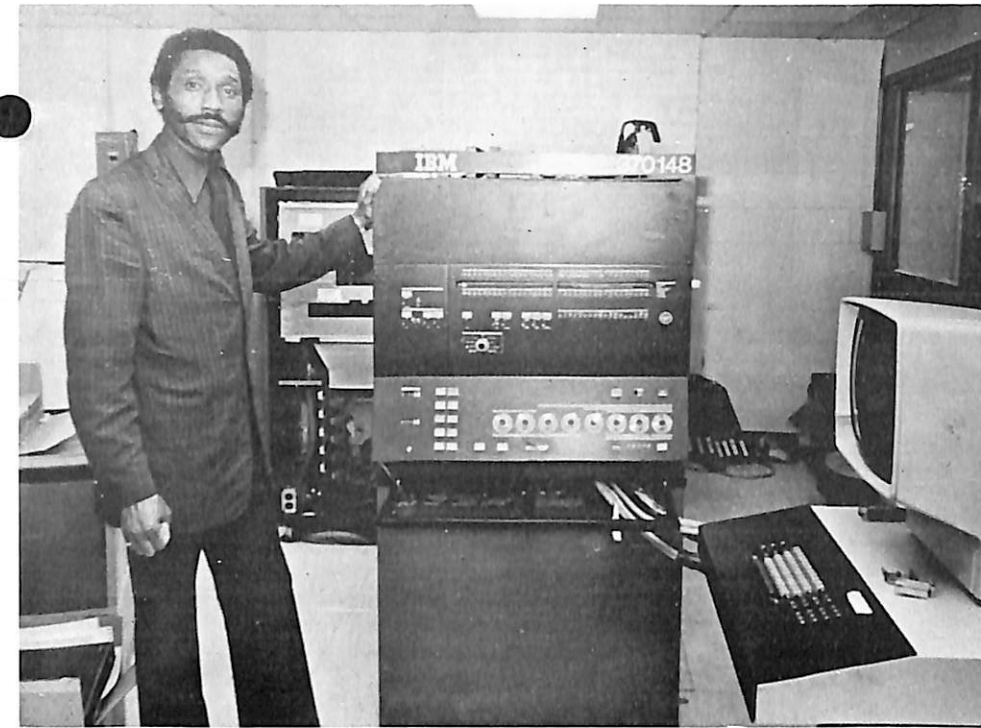
ices required by the merger, so this move was absolutely necessary. "And," says Dr. Smith, "it is a Big One!"

The persons who will be operating the machines have been sent to school in and out of state. Presently, there are three computer operators including the supervisor. There are ten regular programming personnel and five special personnel on board through merger funding. There will be no drastic change in the number of staff with the increased computer capacity though there will be duty changes.

Many people are cooperating in getting the system operable and all of the people involved in the change-over seem excited. Some are working past midnight, on Saturdays and on Sundays. Truck Stops of America has been allowing us to use their equipment to test our systems.

Dr. Smith ended on a note of caution. Although the system is on campus, it is going to take six months to two years to operate at full capacity. But when that day arrives, TSU will be ON-LINE (more computer language).

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Ed Wisdom, head of Computer Center, and an element of the new IBM 370148 computer system currently being installed.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

April, 1979

Sunday, April 1—Organizational Meetings

Meeting: Sin Psi Phi, 7:00 p.m., Conference Rm.

Monday, April 2-6 — Student Election Week

Forum: Student Elections, 8 p.m., A. Auditorium

Meeting: East Coast Connection, 12:00 noon, Conference Rm.

Thursday, April 5 — Convocation: Founders Day, 10:00 a.m., A. Aud.

Nomination Convention — Student Elections, 1:00 p.m., Kean Hall

Parade: Student Elections, 5 p.m.

Meeting: Ohio Players Club, 6:00 p.m., Conference Rm.

Seminar: Founders Day, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3—Meeting: Gamma Beta Phi, 3:00 p.m., Business Bldg. 104

Friday, April 6—Voting: Student Elections, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Student Union Bldg.

Meeting: Alabama Club, 6:00 p.m., Ayeni Rm.

Meeting: SGA, 6:00 p.m., B&W Rm.

Miss TSU Pageant—Student Elections 7:30 p.m., Kean Hall

Wednesday, April 4—Meeting: SUBG, 6:00 p.m., Conference Rm.

Meeting: Chicago Club, 6:00 p.m., Ayeni Rm.

Bureau of Public Relations

Accent is published each Monday through the fall and spring semesters for the faculty and staff at the University. Deadline for inclusion is 10:00 a.m. each Thursday.

March 29th Talkshop

The University Social Welfare Club in conjunction with the UTN-Student Association and Belmont College-Association of Student Social Workers, will sponsor a talkshop on March 29, at 7:30 p.m., Massey Auditorium, Belmont College.

The free lecture and discussion will feature Dr. Sol Gordon, Professor of Child and Family Studies; and Director of Institute for Family Research and Education at Syracuse University. Dr. Gordon has appeared on a number of national television shows; including Phil Donahue, Lee Phillips and Not for Women Only.

In addition he has authored such publications as "Did the Sun Shine Before You Were Born?" (with Judith Gordon), "Girls Are Girls and Boys Are Boys—so What's the Difference" and "You Would If You Loved Me," a consciousness raising, humorous effort to suggest that the best oral contraceptive is "No."

Students preparing careers in Education, Social Work, Psychology and Health Services are encouraged to attend. Those interested in attending, but need transportation, contact Edwin Jackson, president of the club, or Waldine Deberry, at ext. 3645 or 3646.

News Briefs (Continued)

MULTIPHASIC SCREENING EXAMS

During April and June, the Department of Public Health will make Multiphasic Screening examinations available to all state employees, to help in detecting early health problems and preventing serious illnesses or disabilities.

Appointments will be taken beginning March 15, for the April-June quarter, and will be made on a first call first serve basis.

To be eligible, all employees regardless of county assignments must be willing to return for test results and follow up instructions. Multiphasic screening is a function of the Employee Health Service and is located at 103 Capitol Towers on Gay Street. All persons should call 741-7831 for an appointment. If all available times have been reserved, names will be added to a waiting list.

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Dianne Franklin, of the School of Business, was elected Parliamentarian and appointed Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws, of the Black Women Academicians at their national meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The purpose of the organization is to provide assistance to college students through campus and community projects.

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.

Merger Update

JAMES E. HANEY, Coordinator of Merger

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Much has been written concerning the merger of Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee at Nashville. But what has so often been overlooked in the discussion of the merger is the constitutional aspects of the process, despite the fact that *The Plan for the Merger* is a court order.

The Plan states the primary purpose for the merger as combining of the two public supported institutions in Nashville—UTN and TSU to remedy the Constitutional violations of institutional segregation found in the February 28, 1977, judgement of the Court. Secondary purposes are "to provide a single public supported institution of higher education offering a broad curriculum to both day and evening students," and "to accomplish these purposes with maximum participation from various constituencies involved and minimum disruption of the educational process."

The remedy for the constitutional violations of the February 28th judgement is the merger process itself. By creating more desegregation among the faculty, staff, student body, and administrators at the expanded institution the primary purpose of desegregation will be accomplished. *The Plan for the Merger* also guarantees one of the secondary purposes of the merger by the continuation of "a single public supported institution of higher education offering a broad curriculum to both day and evening students." Experience has indicated that all of this has been accomplished "with the maximum participation" of participants from both institutions and with "a minimum disruption of the educational process," thus securing another secondary purpose.

With the constitutional aspects of the merger process well in hand, the question might be asked concerning the educational future of the expanded Tennessee State University. In short, what will be the educational thrust of the merged institution?

This is a question that is answered in many of the documents that have emerged from the various sub-committees, each giving the "Aims" and "Mission" of the expanded university according to its own perspective. While all of this is well and good, the destiny of the expanded University will more than likely rest upon its executive leadership and their views concerning its mission. The most clear cut statement concerning the educational destiny of the expanded institution has been provided by President Frederick Humphries in his discussions with and instructions to the various sub-committees from Tennessee State University dealing with the merger.

President Humphries sees the expanded TSU concentrating its efforts in three basic areas in order to accom-

plish its mission of becoming a comprehensive university. These areas are: (1) to maintain and attract a competent and racially diverse faculty; (2) to recruit more students, both minority and non-minority; (3) and to provide the citizens of the State of Tennessee top quality educational programs at minimal costs.

(1) *Maintain and attract a competent and racially diverse faculty.* The addition of approximately 100 plus full-time faculty members from UTN will bring the full-time teaching faculty at TSU to approximately 400 full-time faculty, assuming a majority of the full-time faculty from UTN join the expanded TSU staff as predicted. At present, TSU has 296 full-time faculty with 57 percent holders of the terminal degree. Dr. Humphries maintains that all efforts will be made to provide this faculty with the kind of administrative support they will need to effectively implement their programs. In addition to a strong faculty, the President is also concerned with keeping and attracting sympathetic administrators who can relate to and work with the diversified student enrollment that will make up the expanded Tennessee State University.

(2) *Recruit more students, both minority and non-minority.* According to President Humphries, the expanded university will have to improve upon its techniques of identifying and encouraging high school graduates to matriculate if it is to become a comprehensive university. Not only must TSU serve the needs of a racial minority as it has done since its founding, but it must expand efforts to serve all students to include those who have been deprived of opportunities because of race, as well as those who have been deprived of opportunities because of cultural, geographical or economic factors.

(3) *Provide the citizens of the State of Tennessee with top quality educational programs at minimal cost.* The addition of the academic programs and personnel from UTN will allow for an expansion and depth in the university's offerings. Dr. Humphries sees this as one of the key elements in providing a "low cost public education at levels which have been denied blacks and other minorities."

In addition, the merger will "change the decision maker's perspective on the future role of TSU and provide the springboard for development of professional schools." He believes that all of this can be accomplished with "no threat to the historically black college." Rather, "it offers an expanded opportunity for its traditional role of service to the community."

TSU History Highlighted

In celebration of the Annual Awards and Recognition Week for students and faculty, The Department of History and Geography of TSU will sponsor a one-day conference on Friday, March 30, 1979, from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Under the theme "Fifty Years of Afro-American History at Tennessee State University," alumni of the Department will present a series of seminars. The conference will open with a general session from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in Elliot Hall (Women's Bldg). The topic for discussion is "The Merl Raymond Eppse Era, 1928-1959," with Lois C. McDougald, Associate Professor of History, presiding.

Beginning at 1:00 p.m., three concurrent sessions (different topics) will be held in the Graduate Building, with the last one beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The conference will conclude with a reception and banquet at 6:00 p.m. at Best Western Inn (formerly Hilton Inn Central), 211 North First St. Dr. George Brethett, a '1948 TSU graduate and currently Professor of His-

tory and Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at Bennett College, will be the banquet keynote speaker.

Persons interested in Afro-American history are invited to attend the conference. Pre-registration fee for

the conference is \$5.00 and \$10 for the banquet; \$15 for conference and banquet. For additional information, contact Harriet Peterson, Chairperson, Department of History and Geography, TSU, 320-3220.



Left to Right: Elizabeth McClain, Co-chairman; Juanita Gaston, Johnny Burchett, Brenda Anderson. (Standing): Sandra Franklin and Alonzo Stephens. Not pictured, Mrs. Harriet Peterson, Co-chairperson.

News Briefs

The Annual Academic and Co-Curricular Awards Day originally scheduled for Friday, April 27, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, April 25.

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Gerome Wyatt, a TSU graduate, was one of five recipients of outstanding achievement by the Laurel Jaycees, in Laurel, Miss., at their mid-winter banquet. Wyatt, named the most outstanding young man, was chosen for the honor because of his numerous community posts and social work activities during 1978.

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Grant-writing workshops for faculty and staff members will be on the campus of Chattanooga State Technical Community College, April 24; The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, May 8; and The University of Tennessee at Martin, May 14. Participants from the University should contact: Bureau of Educational Research and Service, 212 Claxton Education Building, UTK, Knoxville, Tenn. 37916.

Jobs Available

Chief Accountant — office of the Controller. Reports to the Controller and is responsible for the supervision and maintenance of revenue and expenditure accounts, ledger accounts, etc. Bachelor degree with major in Accounting; CPA preferred. Salary, \$18,500. Deadline for application is April 19.

Accounts Payable Supervisor — Office of the Controller. Reports to the Chief Accountant and is responsible for the coordination of payment of all bills for purchases and supplies, etc. B.S. in Accounting or concentration in Accounting. Salary up to \$13,000. Deadline for application is April 19.

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There will be a special meeting of Non-Instructional Personnel April 3, at 3:00 p.m., in the A-Auditorium. President Frederick Humphries, will discuss the TSU-UTN merger of Non-Instructional Personnel. It is most important that you attend.

Gift

The Southern Education Foundation, of Atlanta, Ga., donated \$2,000 to the support of the Institutional Self-Study Project.

BEEP Seminar Set

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Jackson, Asst. Vice President—Financial Accounting, Dry Dock Savings Bank, New York.

Ronald D. Kettles, Accounts Person, Johnson & Higgins, New York; Algenon Knowles, Administrative Manager, AT & T Longline, White Plains, New York; Bernard Lewis, Allstate Insurance Co., Nashville, TN; Robert Nesbitt, Consolidation Coal Co., Pittsburg, PA; W. H. Parker, General Manager, The May Co., Cleveland, OH; James E. Payne, Manager, Internal Audit, U.S. Borax & Chemical Corp, Los Angeles, CA; Basil G. Phillips, Group Manager, Exxon International Co., New York; Euneata Ann Richardson, Training Specialist, The Drackett Company, Cincinnati, OH; Joseph J. Walker, Sr., Supervisor, Inventory Control, Avon Products, Inc., Monrovia, CA; Carol A. Wilkins, Business Planner, CMPS; General Electric Co., Hudson Falls, NY and Karan Howard, Third National Bank, Nashville, TN.

For further information, or banquet reservations, contact Dr. James A. Ellzy, in the TSU business administration department or call 320-3283.