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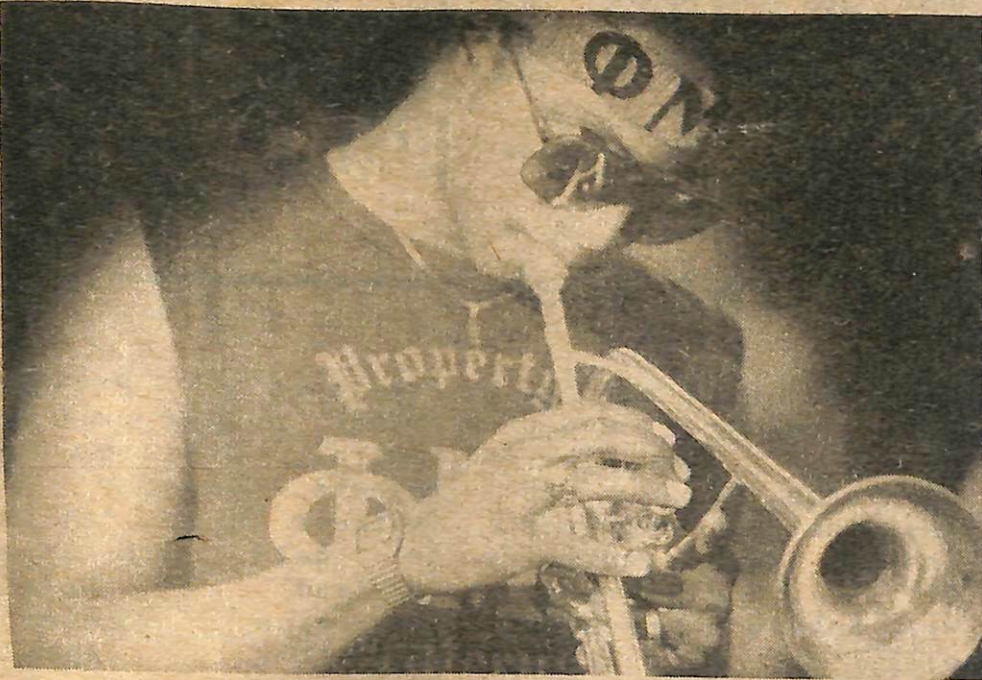
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### DOIN' IT LIKE DIZZY

Jazz band member Melvin Miller of Chicago, practices his music on a trumpet bent like that of Dizzy Gillespie. The Jazz Band will be in concert this month in the A-Auditorium.

Photo by Toni Terrell

## Center of Excellence Plans Scholars Program

TSU will feature Dr. Mary Frances Berry of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in its First Annual Visiting Scholars Program on March 17-20 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Berry, the keynote speaker at the March 18 luncheon, will address the topic "Past, Present and Future Education." The address will reflect the theme of the conference: "Pursuit of

Excellence in Education".

The Visiting Scholar's Program is sponsored by the TSU Center of Excellence-Basic Skills for the Disadvantaged and will also feature State Speaker of the House Ned Ray McWherter in addition to several other legislators, educators and community leaders from throughout the nation.

## SGA Proposes Activity Fee Increase

BY SEBASTIAN DORTCH

Tennessee State University's Student Government Association President said that the S.G.A. will include two new items on this year's student elections referendum.

Tony Spratlen said that proposals to raise the university's student activity fee and incorporate a black studies program into T.S.U.'s curriculum will be something for students to look forward to in the second week of April.

"Raising the fee to five or 10 dollars will allow the S.G.A. to use the money to promote better quality activities," he said.

Spratlen said that Tennessee State's past

student administrations had made sincere efforts to see that the fee was raised, but because of a lack of proper research, their attempts fell short. Last year, however, Spratlen's administration circulated information and surveys, asking for student opinions on the idea. The results showed that the majority of on-campus students are in favor of a five to ten dollar raise in the fees.

The president went on to say that many students are not aware of just how much money is exhausted out of the S.G.A.'s budget in the course of one year. Much of the budget is used to bring lecturers to the university and also support organi-

zations that are in need of financial assistance.

"If we raise the student activity fee, there is no way that we could possibly exhaust the budget. Because of this, the budget will build up on a continual basis," he said.

Spratlen said that the only problem is figuring out ways to use the money so that it may benefit the non-traditional Tennessee State University student. In the past, student activity funds were not used by the S.G.A. in a way that would also benefit the university's foreign and part-time student.

"Because of this, we are going to try to set up some criteria or policies that will help us better deal with the

money so that we can better serve them," he said.

State government policy states that if the majority of Tennessee State students vote in favor of the fee hike, the proposal then goes to the State Board of Regents for approval in their summer session. If approved, the new policy is to be implemented in the fall of 1985.

Under the S.G.A.'s plan to include a Black Studies program in the university's curriculum, Afro-American courses that are listed under various departments throughout the university would be pulled together so that a student could obtain a minor in Black Studies.

### Weather This Week

TUESDAY  
Variable cloudiness.  
Hi of 55, low of 40.  
WEDNESDAY  
Partly sunny.  
Hi of 55, low of 35.  
THURSDAY  
Sunny.  
Hi of 64, low of 42.  
FRIDAY  
Sunny and warm.  
Hi of 65, low of 46.

SATURDAY  
Partly cloudy.  
Hi of 60, low of 40.  
SUNDAY  
Variable cloudiness.  
Hi of 56, low of 40.  
MONDAY  
Chance of showers.  
Hi of 55, low of 45.  
TUESDAY  
Partly cloudy.  
Hi of 60, low of 50.

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# The Meter Answers

# Withdrawal Deadline Is Friday

Q. Is it possible to have a meal card even if I do not live on campus?

A. Yes, the price at the beginning of the semester is \$449.00. At the time you would want to purchase the meal ticket the housing office would prorate the fee.

Q. When is the last day of withdrawal from classes or TSU without receiving a grade of F?

A. According to the office of Administration and Records this semester the date is March 8th.

Q. Where do I obtain withdrawal forms for classes?

A. You can obtain these forms from the Counselor Center. The Center is located in the Learning Resource Center (LRC).

Q. Does any one on campus help me to

locate a job?

A. Lucy Tucker in the Career Center, will help you to find a part time or summer job. You need to bring your resume, and plan to spend a little time going over your job experience. The Career Center is located in the Student Union Building, on the second floor.

Q. When do I receive the deposit on my room and key?

A. Approximately four to six weeks after school closes and there are no room charges. It will be sent to your permanent address, according to the

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During National Engineers Week, the Department of Civil Engineering is proud to announce that two of its students, Margaret Ann McDaniel, an undergraduate student and Simon Kokelu, a graduate student have been awarded research fellowships by the Federal Highway Department.

Mr. Kokelu and

## Tiger News Briefs

Miss McDaniel will do their research under Dr. Manjriker Gunaratne, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering. Mr. Kokelu's research will take approximately one year and Miss McDaniel's approximately six months.

Business Expo '85

J. Peter Grace, chairman of the

President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, will be the keynote speaker at Business Expo '85 to be held at the Opryland Hotel Convention Center, Nashville, April 9-11. Grace will speak on "Burning Money: The Fiscal Outlook" at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April, 9. For further information on Business Expo '85, call Barb Van Vranken at 356-7300.

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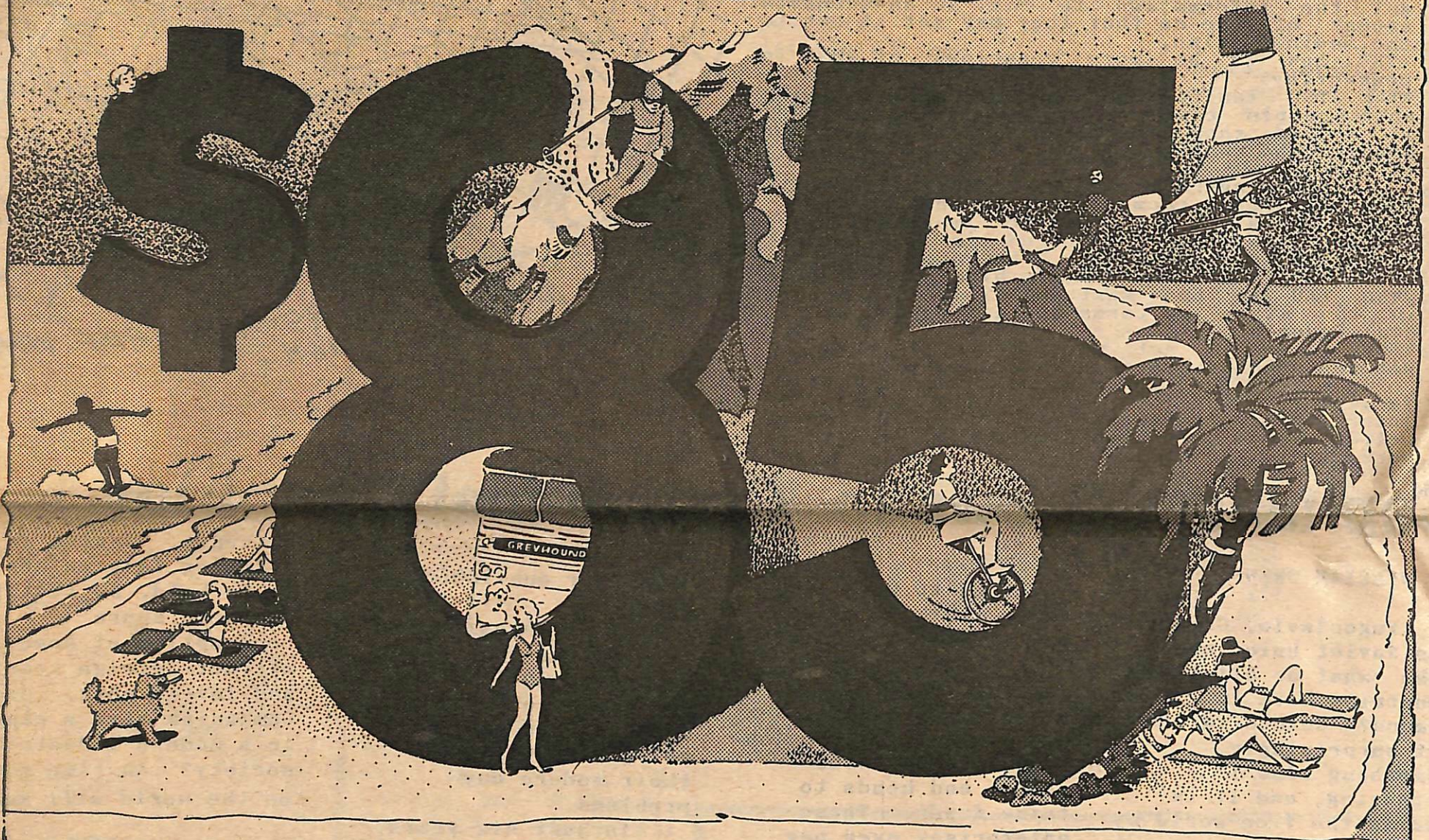
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# A Matter of Opinion

## TSU And The Media

Representatives of the media underlined major problems they have faced in attempts to cover TSU in a media forum. The forum entitled "Nashville's Media Coverage of Tennessee State University: Fair or Biased?" was sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, Tennessee State University Chapter.

Major problems underlined were:

\*All information that is going to the media from TSU has to clear through Public Relations (P.R.).

\*TSU is not conscious of time. If the people of TSU want information printed, they have to get the information to P.R. in an adequate amount of time so that they may get it out to the media on time.

\*TSU has to be more conscious of what is newsworthy.

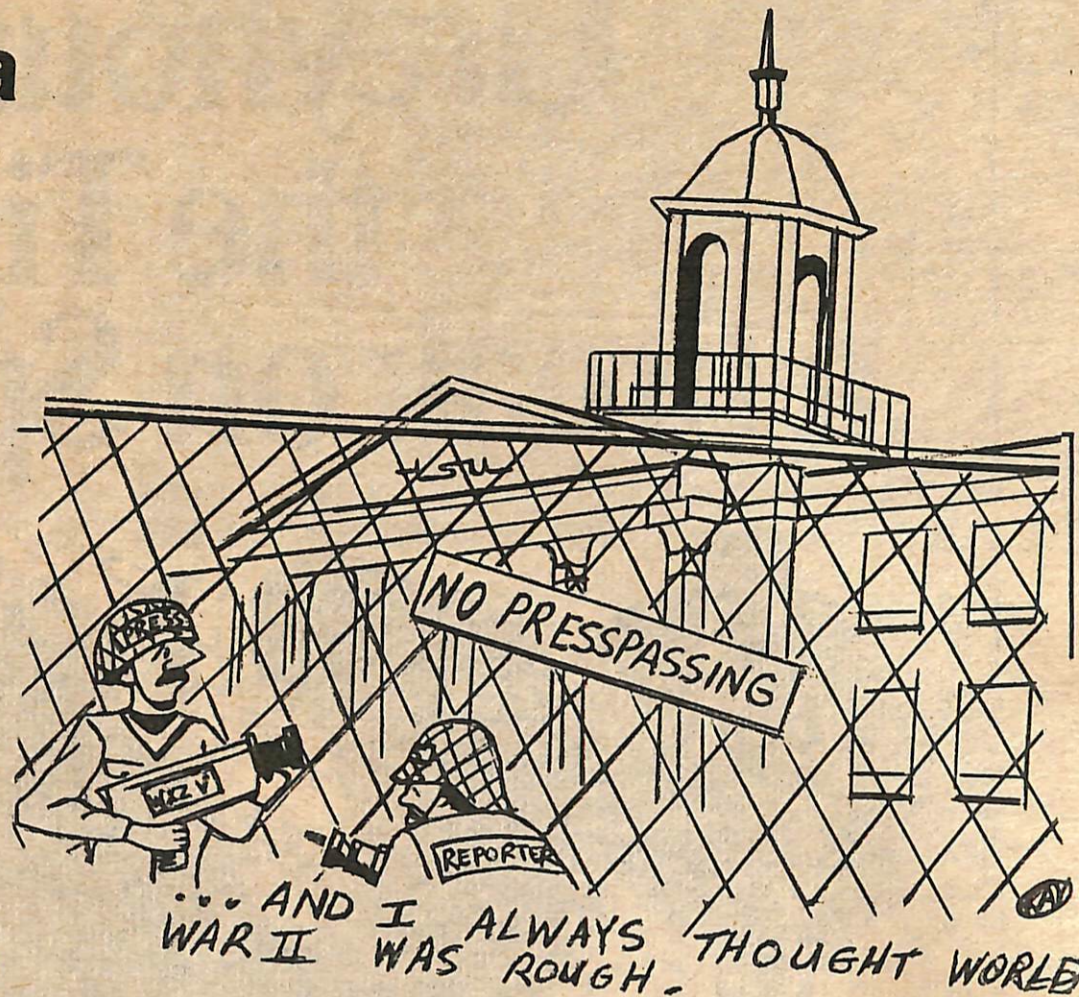
\*The TSU family has to be more sophisticated when people complain to the media about TSU. It should show displeasure, not support, of people who continuously give negative thoughts of TSU.

All fingers are not pointed at TSU. The media also have room for improvement.

\*The media has a static image of TSU. Changes that have occurred in TSU are not presented by the media. They constantly say that TSU is a predominately black institution when TSU is the most multi-racial school in the state in terms of faculty and staff, and students.

\*They seem to get most of the bad news and get top notched coverage of it.

The media should dictate, not facilitate. We look forward with interest to future media coverage of TSU. We think better media relations are possible if we all work at it.



## Capitalism Grows In Communist Countries

BY WILLIAM OWENS

Yugoslavia, China, the Soviet Union and Cuba - what do all these countries have in common? Communism yes, but surprisingly something else is happening, and it is taking the free-world by surprise. These countries are engaging in the theory of a free-enterprise system.

In Yugoslavia, by law, factories that are chronic loss takers are required to reduce wages to the country's legal minimum wage. This means that workers in these factories are

required to work for wages that are on a poverty level or loose their jobs.

In China, state-owned enterprises have now been given the authority to issue stocks and bonds to raise funds. These enterprises even pay dividends to worker-shareholders, something that would have been unheard of only a few ago. Believe it or not, some service industries in the Soviet Union are now permitted to keep the profits they earn from their businesses.

Some evidence does exist to indicate that Communist states are pulling out of their economic slump. But how true can these reports be if these Marxist, Leninist ideologies are slowly but surely turning to Capitalist ways. The impact of these changes on Communist ideology is reflected in an

newspaper published in December.

It is becoming all too obvious that these Communist nations can not depend on the works of Marx, and Lenin to solve all, if any of their modern day problems.

In just six years, the incomes of peasants in China have increased 130 percent, raising their yearly wages to \$120 a year. Even though we in America feel that \$120 a week is barely sufficient, in China this increase to \$120 a year is enough for their needs.

People are even beginning to save "money" in China's banks, with an average of \$38 per person. Last year, the media bestowed hero status on a chicken farmer described as the first peasant to buy a privately owned automobile in the Chinese Communist era.

Communist Cuba, which is virtually isolated from the Capitalist societies of the world, is beginning to abandon Communist

precepts. Castro is allowing fashion shows to be held, so that they may help spurn consumption at home and attract foreign tourist and investments. Does Communism have a place in a modern industrial society? As time goes on the world will know.



# Court Threatens Civil Rights

## Humphries And FAMU

Last Tuesday, friends of Frederick Humphries gathered at the Marriot Hotel to pay tribute to the man, and his ten years of service as president of Tennessee State University.

The event's outward theme was Humphries' success in meeting the many challenges that T.S.U. has presented to him. Many who attended, however, were there to see if the President would announce plans to accept the presidency of Florida A&M University.

What if he leaves? If he goes to FAMU so what?

Doesn't Dr. Humphries deserve whatever is best for him at this point? During his ten years here he has suffered through a merger that is unique to higher education in this nation. He has had to mold, and try to hold together, an institution composed of two very different parts.

Humphries has suffered through a probation, and yet he has remained here for a tenure that is about twice the average for a college president in this nation.

He has been quite non-committal in statements to the press, but Sunday, he told The Meter this:

"There were ten finalist (at FAMU).

Those ten will be screened and cut to four.

The four will interview with a committee in Florida by March 21 and 22. At this point I first have to see if I am one of the finalist. I just have to take it day by day."

Whatever happens, we wish President Humphries well.

By TERENCE ANDERSON

The Supreme Court that presently represents these United States of America is an aged one and a number of vacancies may occur within the next four years. The appointment of conservative justices to the Court may cause a major civil rights setback.

When considering the various developments that may take place during the next four years, some people might say, "Four years will come and go before you know it." While Mr. Reagan's term in office will expire in four years, those he appoints to the Supreme Court will hold their positions for the rest of their lives or until they retire.

Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed eight Supreme Court Justices during his presidency. William O. Douglas Jr., the last of them, served on the High Court for 30 years after Roosevelt's death.

At present, the youngest member of the High Court is Sandra Day O'Connor, 55. The others fall between the ages of 60 and 78. As far as the ideologies of today's Supreme Court are concerned, there are a number of conservatives on the bench and others who react conservatively at times.

What would a Reagan Supreme Court do to civil rights an

affirmative action?

"They would set us back for 75 years because the influence of the Court permeates the whole legal system", says Wiley Branton, a former dean at Howard University Law School. The Court has already shown some condolence for the current

administration's position on civil rights laws. Diane Comper, in her article "...And Justice for Whom", in the March issue of "Black Enterprise" said, "The Supreme Court was sympathetic to the administration's interpretation of Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendment, which prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded educational institutions." In short, the Court ruled that only a college's financial aid office need comply with Title IX, not the entire college.

The Supreme Court which presently serves this country is not made up entirely of appointees of President Reagan, but its interpretations of some of the present civil rights laws, when applied to court cases over the past few years, have been favorable to minorities.

Think of the increased damage a Reagan Supreme Court would do with its interpretations of this nation's civil rights laws and affirmative action policies..



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Kahlil Gibran,  
"The Prophet"

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1



# Features



Photos by Freda Sampson



President Frederick Humphries and State Representative Mike Murphy (above, left), Vice President of Student Affairs Barbara Murrell and Dean of Students Delores Lewis (below, left), Mayor Richard Fulton and Fisk University President Henry Ponder (above).



## Humphries

## Honored

BY DOLLIE MANN

Dignitaries, co-workers and friends of Dr. Frederick Humphries showered praise upon him recently at the Marriott Hotel at a dinner in his honor.

The evening kicked off with a reception, followed by an elegant banquet.

One of the gifts presented was a surprise to the entire audience, a six-layered cake with candles marking Humphries' 10 years of service to TSU. With the help of his wife Antoinette McTurner Humphries, he blew out the candles. The

most memorable moment of the evening was the unveiling of a portrait of Humphries which was drawn by Dr. Ted Jones, associate professor of Art.

Humphries in turn thanked those who have made everything possible for he and his family since their residency in Nashville.

"Hats off" to Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell, associate professor in the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department who was chairperson and other committee members for making this affair an evening to remember.

# A New Face In Philosophy

By STEVEN EWING

There is a new face among the familiar ones within the area of philosophy at Tennessee State University. Not only is he seen on the main campus, but on the downtown campus as well. This person is Dr. Johnny Washington, acting chairman of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Dr. Washington came to T.S.U. from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, which is a school for Engineering. He was there from 1979-84, but before he attended the institute, he began his teaching at Tuskegee Institute, in the area of philosophy, and taught there from 1976-79.

In addition to teaching two courses of Introduction to Philosophy, Dr. Washington also teaches a course on medical ethics here at T.S.U.

"I enjoy teaching in this area, and I like it here at Tennessee State University. I think working with the students is inspiring and rewarding," said Washington.

Washington became acting chairman of T.S.U.'s Philosophy Department in August of 1984 and is here replacing Professor John Arthur who is on leave for a year. Washington is a native of Gainsville, Ala. He attended school there as a child and finally moved to Chicago. He likes to

jog and ride bicycles.

"My interest in philosophy developed mostly by my experience in Vietnam where I was in combat and witnessed a great deal of suffering. I reflect on that and human conditions," said Washington. "It motivated me into thinking more about the human condition and what is involved with it. That's where my attraction for philosophy grew from."

Another important thing that is associated with Washington's work is a book that he has written. He has been working on it for six years now and it is about to be published.

The name of the book is "Alain Locke." Locke

was a great philosopher and leader of the Harlem Renaissance," said Washington.

"My book deals with him and some of his themes relating to the black experience and its contribution to culture, areas of education, cultural values and conflicts that arise between groups. He added that Locke was a great writer in all areas of black culture and has written about 300 articles that have been published.

Washington feels confident about his book and its reflection on philosophy.

"The training and desire for this field of study will help you succeed in it," he concluded.

What is A Wesley Foundation. "Wesley Foundation" is a campus ministry that seeks to conserve the values that the basic social institutions (home, the church, and the school) have created. The building is located on the corner of 32nd and John Merritt Boulevard (across from the Agriculture Bldg.). The ministry is here to serve not only the TSU campus but the entire community as well.

Probably the most significant attribute recognizable in any Wesley Foundation unit is its spirit of friendliness, its warmth of fellowship. This sense of at-oneness and 'belonging' in the conversation of that which is of value in a student's life.

The Wesley Foundation Movement develops Christian personality. As among students, a very definite desire to know the nature of God, the reality of prayer, the significance of Jesus, and the purpose of living.

The Wesley Foundation Movement does not seek to 'bait' students into religion, nor to make religion a by-product of a program of social or other activities. A Wesley Foundation is a voluntary religious organization that is self-creative out of the adventuresome living characteristic of youth.

One of the most interesting aspects of the Wesley Foundation is that they speak of "oneness," "belonging," and "a home away from home."

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# Sports

## Shark's New Coach Sparks Team

SEBASTIAN DORTCH

The head coach of Tennessee State University's swimming team said, that the motto of this year's squad is to strive to succeed and dare to win. "This interprets into striving to succeed in the classroom and daring to win at the meets," said Catana Starks.

So far the TSU "Tiger Sharks" have pretty much adhered to their motto with four members of the twelve man squad making the dean's list. "I tell the guys that they have to be as dedicated to their sport as any other athlete here at Tennessee State University," she said. Because of this,

there a comradery amongst these guys that you may not see at other schools.

Starks said that there are only four traditionally black schools known for swimming and they are Tennessee State University, Howard University, Alabama A&M and Florida A&M for women's swimming. Out of the four, Tennessee State is the best, she said. This being an accomplishment since "blacks have not excelled in swimming." Whites start training very early, starting between the ages of six to fourteen, while blacks, (on the other hand), do not train until they are in high school.

The Tennessee

State University athletic administration has been much more receptive to the needs of the swimming program this year, Starks said. Dr. Robert E. Lee who is the university's athletic director has proven to be a blessing in disguise. "The A.D. has been instrumental in securing the needed funds to make the program work," she said. "He gave me a working budget so that we would be able to travel and also secure books and equipment."



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