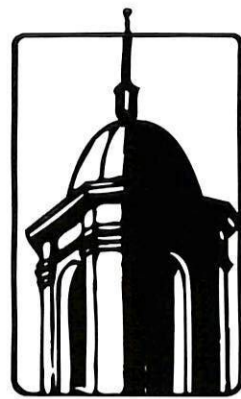


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Record-breaking commencement closes banner year

Once again, Tennessee State University graduated a record number of students, which exceeded last year's record of 950. U.S. Solicitor General Drew S. Days III encouraged graduates to remain rooted in the tradition of the historically black university, because historically black institutions recognized the value of diversity in expanding academic horizons before majority institutions.

Spring Commencement also marked the end of TSU President James A. Hefner's fifth academic year of service to the University. His reflections on the 1995-96 year follow.

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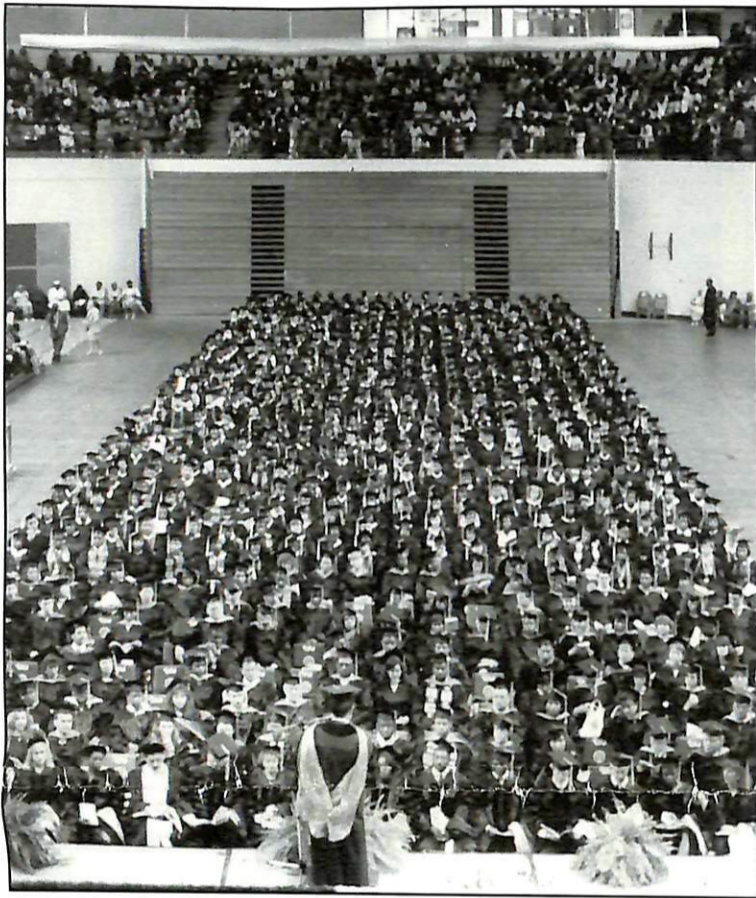
On Saturday, May 11, 1996, approximately 1,000 Tennessee State University students received their undergraduate and graduate degrees during Spring Commencement exercises. Graduation always reflects the success of an academic year. It is the ultimate symbol of a job well done, of a mission accomplished through hard work, dedication and the tenacity only the hungry to learn possess. This year's commencement holds extra significance for me, as it marks the end of my fifth academic year as president of this phenomenal institution.

I couldn't have asked for a better fifth anniversary year, thanks to you, the students who are the lifeblood of this University; to you, the faculty who lead our academic growth; to you, the staff, whose dedication help uphold our mission and our every goal; and to you, alumni and other supporters, who demonstrate your loyalty to TSU through gifts of time, talent and financial support.

Let's revisit 1995-96 and look at some of our achievements.

HBCUs have striven to instill in their students and alumni a sense of service to the black community — and America as a whole — a concern that extends beyond one's immediate personal needs and aspirations to those of others. Moreover, these institutions discovered long before the larger society did, that racially diverse administrations and faculties were a source of strength and richness in achieving their overall objective of preparing students who are ready to compete with anyone. I look down at your administration and faculty and, as President Clinton would say, "I see America" — and that is as it should be.

-Solicitor General Drew S. Days



To you, the class of 1996 . . . as you sit there — a mosaic of races and creeds — undoubtedly contemplating what the future holds in store for you, always remember: you are the beneficiaries of a long and proud tradition of commitment to excellence in scholarship and leadership. Honor that tradition in whatever you do.

-U.S. Solicitor General Drew S. Days, pictured above giving his address to the 1996 graduates

We started the year with a record number of first-time freshmen, more than 1,000, and a record number of students in the Honors Program, more than 400. Right from the start, everyone could see our commitment to academic quality, because we were the college of choice for a diverse group of people — diverse in age, ability, ethnic origin and other attributes.

At commencement, we graduated the first students in our master's program in nursing. Recently, we have lain so many milestones: earning accreditation from the American Assem-

bly of Collegiate Schools of Business; the launching of Africana Studies, the only such department in the Southeast or at a historically black institution; attracting \$6.5 million from NASA to establish a Center for Automated Space Science; and receiving more than \$5.1 million from the National Science Foundation to launch a science education program in area schools, just to name a few.

Together, we all have made it through a year of dodging construction of our new amphitheater and administration building, as well as other transitions, but we emerged successful, ground-



Above: (first photo) AFROTC officers receive their commission. (second photo) U.S. Solicitor General Drew S. Days III and President Hefner (third photo) Shanitra Patton receives her diploma from Millicent Lownes, associate dean, College of Business

ed in a rich historical tradition and fluid in the beauty of our metamorphosis, bringing not only new buildings and renovated facilities, but a range of people through which TSU will soar into the 21st century.

Thank you for playing a role in the success of 1995-96. But rest well this summer and be ready — we have to make next year even better!

Quotable Quotes

"In anything, knowledge is power. Get all you can get."
-Alumna Deborah Scott Ensley, president of Citizens Bank in Nashville

"There is but one first time in everything and that first time was gloriously, and in a manner ever to be remembered, the privilege of the American team in 1896."

-from *Reminiscences of an Athlete*, by U.S. Olympian Ellery Clark, who won the long jump and the high jump in the first modern Olympic games

"There's a trend of being loyal to the customer, not the company . . . You have to be willing and able to change. If you are, it doesn't matter what the corporation's name is, you're going to have a job, and it won't be long before you'll have to look at yourself as an independent contractor."

-Alumnus Joseph Cleveland, president of Lockheed-Martin

"I feel that the University is now appropriately recognizing the exceptional alumni and supporters who have been a part of scholarship support for the last five years. At last they will receive the recognition they deserve."

-Alumna Margaret Whitfield, director of alumni relations, on the establishment of The President's Society (story, page 7)

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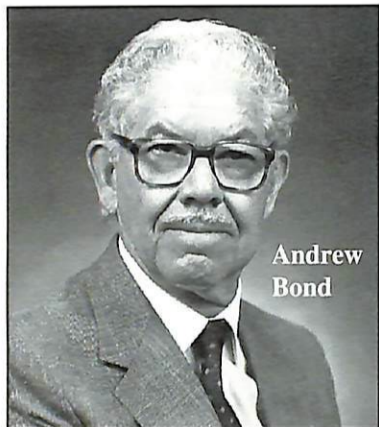
World's math whizzes come to TSU

For more than 30 years, the greatest mathematical minds in the world sought to solve six problems which defied solution. After years of frustration, Professor Peter Nyikos of Columbia, S.C., solved all six puzzles by himself.

Nyikos joined nine mathematicians considered the world's mathematical geniuses for an international math conference at Tennessee State University June 7-8. These distinguished mathematicians travelled from as far away as China, Hungary, Moscow, Canada and across the United States to exchange information on the latest knowledge in the field and talk about practical applications for areas such as education and computers. TSU's Minakshisundaram Rajagopalan, an expert in topology and functional analysis, spearheaded the conference, along with colleagues Sandra Scheik and Raymond Richardson.

This is the first year Tennessee State University has hosted an international math conference, the Tennessee Topology Conference. Topology is the study of geometric shapes and has many uses in today's society, according to Rajagopalan, whose pioneering work in topology has garnered widespread attention in the math community, so much so that a mathematical object, Franklin-Rajagopalan Spaces, has been named for him.

"Some of the most well-known uses of these geometric shapes are in the study of genes, which determine our every physical characteristic, and in computer software, to block stealing of data," said Rajagopalan. "You can also use topology in solving a wide variety of day-to-day problems. Suppose you have children playing a game, and they want to walk along a series of pathways without crisscrossing the same path twice. Topology would be used to solve this problem."



Andrew Bond

Allied Health program receives continued accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has granted Tennessee State University's health information administration program continuing accreditation.

CAAHEP is the largest specialized accreditation system in the nation that establishes and provides access to current policies, procedures and practices



l-r: Professors Raymond Richardson, M. Rajagopalan and Sandra Scheick planned the international math conference at TSU.

affecting allied health education and healthcare professionals. The organization accredits educational programs in 17 allied health disciplines.

CAAHEP addresses existing and future trends affecting allied health education and its workforce. It accredits 1,300 programs sponsored by institutions across the country, including colleges and universities, vocational-technical schools, academic health centers, proprietary institutions, hospitals, clinics, blood banks, and U.S. government agencies.

"Quality health care services are critical in society today," said Andrew Bond, dean of the School of Allied Health Professions. "By earning continued accreditation from CAAHEP, we have demonstrated our commitment to providing top-notch training for health care administrators, and we will continue to improve our programs so that our graduates are more than prepared to enter the health care field in the 21st century."

TSU President James Hefner echoed those philosophies: "The University prides itself in developing and maintaining excellent programs and curricula. Accreditation from prestigious organizations is paramount to our success, and the School of Allied Health Professions has proven itself once again to measure up to standards of excellence that make a TSU education a valuable investment."

The School of Allied Health Professions offers accredited programs in cardio-respiratory care sciences, dental hygiene, health care administration and planning, health information management, medical technology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech pathology and audiology.

New scholarship to benefit future health care administrators

Two Tennessee State University students will benefit this fall from the recently established Elmer Aaron Enochs and Annie Morgan Enochs Scholarship, established to benefit the Health Care Administration and Planning (HCAP) program, run jointly with TSU and Meharry Medical College. The fund, established by the Enochs family, is the first family scholarship program in the HCAP program. The scholarship is named in honor of the grandparents of Richard Enochs, who heads the HCAP program.

Elmer Aaron Enochs, who had an eighth grade education — which met the requirements for teaching at that time — began teaching in 1906. He took the licensure exam for certification until he passed in 1931.

"Persistence pays off," said Richard Enochs. "My grandfather made \$18 a month when he started. In the '50s, when he retired after 51 years of service, he made less than \$200 a month. He taught for the love of teaching."

Annie Morgan Enochs devoted much of her time to the family farm. The Enochs purchased 220 acres of prime farm land in 1927 for \$1,800. In 1936, to prevent foreclosure, they sold one of their mules to make the final payment.

"They represent the ideals of family, perseverance, longevity, education, religion and business," said Enochs. "Their lives were filled with substance, hope, quality, commitment and love."

Mrs. Enochs died in 1988 at the age of 100, after 78 years of marriage. Mr. Enochs died in 1994 at the age of 106.



AFROTC to display high-tech aircraft. A T-38 supersonic trainer aircraft like the one pictured above soon will be displayed near TSU's AFROTC headquarters in the campus center. The plane will have U.S. Air Force markings, simulated runway lighting, and night lighting to silhouette the aircraft. It should be in place by July 1.

University notables

•The following faculty members received honors at Spring Commencement:

JOHANNA GRIMES
Developmental Studies
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

LUKE POWERS
English
and
CAROLE STICE
Teaching and Learning
OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

LEE-HYUN KEEL
Center of Excellence, Information Systems Engineering and Management
UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

SIVAPRAGASAM SATHANANTHAN
Physics, Math and Computer Science
FACULTY RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR



Teacher of the Year Johnanna Grimes receives her award from President Hefner at Spring Commencement.

•**Sharon Thach**, associate professor of business administration, has been selected as a 1996 Nissan Fellow to participate in this year's Nissan-HBCU Summer Institute, July 20-26. The J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University will host the institute, which will address an array of topics in consumer marketing, especially marketing to the African-American consumer.

•**Tara Clayton**, an electrical engineering student at Tennessee State University, has been selected for the Harvard Business School's Summer Venture in Management program, designed to expose minority students to the responsibilities, opportunities and demands of a career in management.

•**Scott Reynolds**, a 1995 graduate currently pursuing a master's degree in English literature from TSU, has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry for his book, *First Songs from the Midden*.

New SGA officers

The following students were elected to the Student Government Association during the spring semester:

President Brian Harris
Vice President Keri Floyd
Representatives-at-Large
Audrey Hall Johnnie Bond
Myron Broom Adonness Almon
Quanita Johnson Charlotte Ellerby
Angela Meekins

Miss TSU Robbyne Manning

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The NFL and TSU

Why TSU alumni and administrators said "Yes" to pro football in Nashville

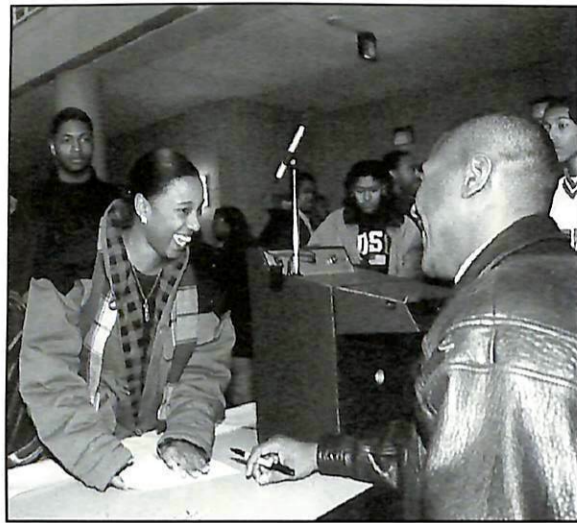
On May 7, Nashvillians voted to approve city funding to build a National Football League stadium in the city. Emotions were charged on both sides, even on the TSU campus. After all, could TSU afford to pay the cost of using the NFL's new stadium on the east bank of the Cumberland for its home games? Would Tennessee State ever see a new stadium of its own on campus? TSU officials believe that the NFL stadium is a golden opportunity the University should seize.

Two weeks prior to the vote on city funding, members of the Nashville chapter of the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association voted 21-12 to endorse the sharing of the stadium under a lease being negotiated by TSU President James Hefner and Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen. Currently, the negotiable proposal calls for the University to enter a 30-year lease with a base rent of \$251,000 per year, not to exceed \$360,000 per year. Funds for paying that expense would be derived from the proceeds of classic games, as well as a portion of concessions and parking at all TSU home games.

President Hefner and members of the administrative staff developed the following rationale for Tennessee State University's partnership with the proposed NFL team.

In recent months, Tennessee State University has embarked on another new horizon that promises to have grand implications for the future of this institution.

In addition to being in the final stages of a \$112 million capital construction campaign, which will continue to improve the campus, the University has the opportunity to be a partner in the use



Left: A TSU and NFL fan gets an autograph from Houston Oiler Haywood Jeffries. Below, left: "Live the Dream" was the state's slogan for bringing the NFL to Tennessee. Below, right: Yellow NFL YES! signs peppered Nashville yards. The city voted to support the move of the Houston Oilers to Nashville, thus giving TSU access to a new football facility.



of a spectacular football stadium. This proposed stadium will be built for Tennessee's new NFL team, but TSU will use the stadium for all of its games played in Nashville.

Although the University's priority has been to have a stadium of its own on the TSU campus, this partnership with Tennessee's NFL team is the best possible option available now. The exposure, the attention and the momentum Tennessee State University will gain will help its football program move once again to the forefront of collegiate athletics. Furthermore, by playing in a world-class stadium, TSU can step up its recruitment of national merit and achievement scholars, honors students, star athletes and distin-

guished educators who can have a great impact on the University's future.

Student-athletes will be able to compete with other teams on a professional playing field and prepare for games in a state-of-the-art locker room. The motivation of having such a facility will encourage athletes to do and be the best they can be, both on the field and off.

Additionally, TSU signage will proclaim the stadium as home of the TSU Tigers, and major contributors to the University will be able to view games from a luxury skybox, provided as a courtesy, as guests of the president and the University. Also, students enrolled in seven hours or more will continue to be admitted free of charge to home games.

They will pay \$10 to attend classic games — the same amount they now are paying to attend classics.

In addition to those benefits, Tennessee State University and the Nashville community can profit financially from the proposed agreement for use of the NFL stadium.

Each year, the Tennessee State University Tigers have played football classics in Memphis, Atlanta and other cities. The classics in Atlanta and Memphis traditionally have drawn crowds of between 45,000 and 55,000 fans each. If the Tigers play two classics in Nashville and draw a little more than one-half the number of fans at each game, TSU will earn revenues of about \$400,000 after expenses. If the numbers increase to 40,000, TSU would earn an estimated \$549,000 in revenues after all expenses are paid. If 50,000 fans attended a classic game in Nashville, which is closer to the number that already attend classics in Atlanta, TSU would earn an estimated \$1 million in revenues after expenses.



The benefits look promising; the momentum for TSU and the Tennessee NFL stadium continues. Meanwhile, the administration will continue to work toward TSU having its own stadium. However, TSU cannot ignore opportunities for students while pursuing these goals. Although an on-campus stadium still is important to the TSU administration, students, alumni and the community, the partnership with Tennessee's NFL team is, in itself, an opportunity of a lifetime of which the University is proud to be a part. Tennessee State University welcomes this chance to move forward in its commitment to excellence in all endeavors and in its commitment to provide students with the best possible learning opportunities, facilities and resources.



Above: TSU President James Hefner and a Houston Oiler who soon may call Nashville home.

Center: Mike McClure, executive vice president for the Houston Oilers and members of the Houston Oilers at one of the rallies held at TSU.



Homecoming 1996 October 13-19

TSU: Running With the Flame of Pride and Tradition
Game: TSU vs. UT-Martin in Hale Stadium
Honoree: Inez Crutchfield, Nashville civic leader and retired TSU faculty member
Parade Grand Marshall: Wyomia Tyus, former Tigerbelle and Olympic gold medalist



Former TSU Nashville Alumni Chapter President Gwen Vincent and D.B. Fuller support the NFL/TSU arrangement.



C e l e b r a t i n g T r

Although Mary Adams, who lives on Long Island, is a long way from TSU, she is close at heart and ready to serve.

In fact, Adams spends so much time travelling to alumni meetings

and events, you might think she belongs on the University staff. After all, hard work comes with the responsibility of presiding over the TSU National Alumni Association (TSUNAA). But for Adams, giving back is a natural calling, one that keeps her naturally near Tennessee State.

"Tennessee State gave me the opportunity to grow, to gain leadership and organizational skills I have used ever since," said Adams.

Born in Trimble, Tenn., in the western part of the state, Adams attended high school in Dyersburg. She participated in New Homemakers of America, which held its state meeting at the University.

"TSU was a logical extension to high school," Adams said.

TSU also provided Adams with an extended family. For instance, Annie G.H. Sasser, who served as Adams' mentor and advisor in mathematics, her major, still lives in Nashville and Adams still visits with her almost every time she comes to town. Memories of roommates Johnella Martin, now deceased, a former member of the State Board of Regents, and Frances Gardner spill out of Adams' mind.

Adams said, "The whole class of 1954 is special. We are one of the few classes who have reunions regularly. We have them every five years."

In the years following her 1954 graduation, Adams worked as a cardiographic engineering aid for the Tennessee Valley Authority in Chattanooga. She returned to TSU and worked for one year as the assistant to the placement director — Sasser, her former math advisor. Next, she moved to Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where she was a statistical programmer for IBM. Adams then taught math at Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and retired from the school in 1994 as assistant principal.

"As a teacher, I learned you learn from your students," said Adams. "The relationship you establish with them is important because you have to gain their trust and respect but still remember that the reason they are there is education."

Within a second, Adams also said that the reason she taught, the reason she volunteers, the reason she contributes her finances, time and talents is because service should be the by-product of education.

"I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to go to Tennessee State University," she said. "I feel I owe it to the University and students who follow me to see that they receive the same opportunities — for an education, for a career and to be happy."



Mary Adams has been national alumni president for two years.

Nassau County (N.Y.) recently honored Adams with the Martin Luther King Community Service Award. She merited the award for such activities as seeing that the African-American museum in Nassau, facing eminent closure, was renovated for area citizens. The county executive also appointed her to the African-American advisory board.

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo tapped Adams to serve on the board of trustees of Nassau Community College, and she has served as president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, as a trustee of the public library of Roosevelt, where she resides, and as a member of the Long Island Chapter of 100 Black Women.

Staying true blue for her alma mater, Adams has filled the slots of vice president and president of the New York chapter of the TSUNAA, Northeast Region vice president, national program chairperson, and national president.

Under Adams' leadership as president, the TSUNAA has increased its membership and increased its participation in giving. The association also has helped broaden the University's image through successful student recruitment and use of technology, such as creating a page for TSU alumni on the Worldwide Web. Adams said goals for alumni are to improve on those activities and "look at how to reconstruct operational procedures to be more effective."

People like Mary Adams come to mind with the phrase "a school for greatest service." Adams treasures her TSU experience and the people who taught her and nurtured her. Today, she does whatever needs to be done to make sure a new generation of students gets to have that experience.

"Coming from a small community and having the chance to go to a university . . . everyone did not have that chance."

In quiet and obvious ways, Adams has made possibilities and dreams come true for students in New York, Tennessee, and countless cities and towns in between.



Vintage TSU. The annual Vintagers Celebration, which honors alumni who graduated 40 and 50 years ago, is slated for August 8-10 on the TSU campus. Pictured above are members of the class of 1946 who were here in 1986 for their 40th anniversary. This year, to mark their 50th anniversary, they will receive special diplomas at Summer Commencement Exercises.

George Self got where he is geographically from a TSU friend, John Haynes, who told him there were great jobs in

Dayton. "I didn't find any of the great jobs," said Self, a construction engineering major and 1950 graduate. "I hurt for a while," he said, before launching a more successful scenario of 29 years at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a systems analyst/programmer. He retired, but not for long. He returned to work for the Computer Science Research Corporation, from which he made his second — and pronouncedly last — retirement. Those who know him question that, because Self keeps busy "working" for his alma mater.

"I haven't missed a national conference in the last 15 years," said Self, a 16-year veteran of the TSU National Alumni Association's executive board. He also helped found the Dayton Chapter and served as its first president — with frequent re-elections — and has held several other chapter, regional and national offices. He holds on to that information with modesty; in fact, he playfully threatened Alumni Director Margaret Whitfield about giving *Accent* the referral to him. For George Self, service shows his gratitude; it is a must, not an option.

"We can't forget from whence we came," he said. "I know what TSU meant to a lot of us who finished from 1945 to 1960. We have an obligation to support TSU."

The TSU of which Self speaks is filled with unforgettable faces: Professor Dutton, who chaired the Engineering Department; Alma Dunn Jones,

who taught English; instructors McNeil and King; and lots of friends, including Haynes, Calvin Price, Eugene Webb and John Shelby.

"We were like a big family," Self said. "You knew everyone on campus. It was a caring type of place." That meant a lot to a young man leaving his home in Asheville, N.C., nearly 300 miles away.

"When I came to school, in 1945, I was 17 years old. I wasn't sure what it was all about. But they [faculty] kept me on the straight and narrow."

Self's vision for the TSU National Alumni Association is "to grow and be able to function as a true alumni association, where alumni give back to the University through the association. It's just a matter of convincing them." With that outlook, Self suggests that a retirement from his "job" at TSU is out of sight.



George Self has devoted himself to Tennessee State University.

“Tennessee State University prepared me to compete anywhere.”

I never felt that I was less prepared than anyone else,” said

Era Cleveland Twyman, former president of the Gary Alumni Chapter.

Twyman came to Tennessee State University on a scholarship after graduating valedictorian from the Bedford County Training School in Shelbyville, Tenn., in 1960.

“TSU was a small black school, and instructors took a personal interest in students,” Twyman said. “They made sure that you learned something.”

That personal interest showed in Charity Mance, head of the Department of Education at that time. Mance urged Twyman to talk to representatives of the school corporation in Gary, Ind., who came to recruit at TSU. Twyman interviewed with them and before she knew it, she was offered a job to teach in Gary. Her contract was for \$5,400 a year, one of the higher teaching salaries in the country in mid '60s.

After graduating in 1964, Twyman moved more than 500 miles north to Gary and began her teaching career.

“I had decided to only stay one year,” Twyman said.

Sent to teach in a predominantly white area of the city, Twyman was one of the first blacks to teach at Kuny Elementary School.

“It didn't seem to matter to the students, but a large percent of the parents were against it.”

Parents picketed the school for weeks, holding signs voicing their opposition of integration in their schools. The situation had gotten so intense that Twyman had to be escorted to and from class by the police and had to teach with her window shades drawn.

“I had faced segregation and the hostility towards desegregation in Nashville, but I never expected the same, if not worst, kind of prejudice in Gary.”

One thing that helped Twyman through all of the hatred and racism was advice she received from two people who were always in her corner — her parents.

“They told me that I could achieve anything that I wanted to. No matter what the situation was, keep God first and everything else would fall in line. Have self-respect and respect for others, and then people will respect you.”

Eight years later, seven more than she had planned to stay in Gary, Twyman was scheduled to transfer to another school. Those same parents who were picketing for her to leave were requesting that their children be put in her class and were campaigning for her to stay because of her teaching skills.

“I knew I was well prepared to do my job. I wasn't intimidated by anyone. It made me more determined to make people see that the color of my skin didn't matter.”



Era Cleveland Twyman gives her students the personal attention her TSU professors gave her.

After returning to school and receiving her master's from Indiana State University, Twyman began to tell students about TSU. An alumni chapter was formed in the late '70s, but did not get much response. In 1980, Twyman was elected president of the alumni chapter, and she and about 20 other dedicated alumni began to establish the image of TSU in Gary.

“At first, when you told people about TSU they would say ‘Where's that?’ We began to forge TSU into a household name,” Twyman said.

The alumni chapter began to participate in college fairs, give university scholarships, recruit in the high schools, give money to the Tennessee State University Foundation and the legal fund, send representatives to national meetings, advertise, sponsor trips to the University and recruit more alumni in the area. Since 1980, the alumni chapter has directed hundreds of students to further their education and experience Tennessee State University.

“I tell students that at Tennessee State University, you can excel and match an education anywhere in the United States. They will have the opportunity to participate in as many activities and organizations as they want.”

Twyman continues to teach in Gary Community School Corporation. She teaches QUEST, a social skills curriculum used in schools to strengthen skills most people assume adolescents come to school possessing. She specializes in working with students who are experiencing “at-risk” situations.

“These students often are called at-risk students. I don't like it because that is a label that they don't deserve. Most of the time it's misunderstood. Everyone is at risk at one time or another.”

Twyman has also formed Gents and Buddies and PACT (Power Against Conflict Trouble), both male mentoring programs. She says that the majority of the male students are from single-parent homes and community male role models are important to the boys' lives.

Twyman is a member of numerous service organizations and has received many awards, but she says one of the best rewards she receives is when students come back to her classroom and express their gratitude to her for making a difference in their lives.

The responsibility of leadership, the importance of diversity, and the opportunity that comes with change

are just a few issues that Joseph R. Cleveland, president of

Lockheed Martin Enterprise Information Systems and president of the newly formed Orlando Chapter of the TSU National Alumni Association, has shared recently with students at the University.

Cleveland oversees all internal information technology operations and services of the \$23 billion Lockheed Martin Corporation, a conglomerate involved in electronics, space and missiles, information and technology services, energy and environment, and aeronautics. He focuses on maximizing the return on investment for information technology (IT) resources company wide and provides value-added business information technology services to the company. He recently received national

“When you lead in a diverse organization, people watch to see if you are consistent and if you use leadership based on a set of values that are undeviating.”

Prior to being named to his current position in 1995, Cleveland was vice president and general manager of Martin Marietta International Information Systems.

Cleveland was the keynote speaker for a Tennessee State University Engineering Lecture Series during the spring semester. He urged students to adapt to change and to seize the opportunity that comes with change. Jokingly, Cleveland said that if times never changed, there would be no job opportunities available until someone retired.



In Orlando, Joseph Cleveland serves as a TSU alumni chapter president and as president of Lockheed Martin. He is pictured with his wife, Evelyn Harvey Cleveland, TSU alumna and former Tigerbelle. Cleveland's involvement with the alumni association was fueled by his sister, Era Cleveland Twyman.

attention for his innovative information technology concept on the Virtual Expertise IT Organization and its major cost-savings benefit.

Cleveland came to Tennessee State University in 1964. A native of Shelbyville, Tenn., a small town known more for its walking horse celebrations and outstanding high school girls basketball team than for producing prominent engineers, Cleveland majored in electrical engineering. TSU became a building block to his castle of success.

After graduating from the University in 1968, Cleveland began his career as a member of the engineering department of GE Medical Systems. Throughout his career with GE, he held various positions of responsibility, including managing director of GE Medical Systems Operations in Radlett, England. Cleveland found out that in leadership, one must be aware of and value diversity.

“I had British citizens and Indian citizens working in the factory. And the relationships we see here in America between blacks and whites are very similar to the relationships between Indians and the British in England. I learned you have to leverage diversity in any effort you're trying to pursue,” he says.

Cleveland says valuing diversity also means valuing differences in corporate cultures and traditions as well as differences in race in gender.

“By the time you tell someone about technology in the morning, it is outdated by that afternoon. The question is: ‘Can you change quickly?’ Reality is such that you must develop skills that are marketable. You have to be willing and able to change. If you are, it doesn't matter what the corporation's name is; you're going to have a job and it won't be long before you'll have to look at yourself as an independent contractor.”

Cleveland was named 1996 Black Engineer of the Year for Career Advancement in Industry by Career Communications, Inc., and engineering deans of historically black colleges and universities.

Throughout all of Cleveland's success, he has held fast to advice given to him by his parents, Joe and Elizabeth Cleveland.

“They told me to keep a spiritual compass to guide me in whatever I planned to do. You will find valleys and hills and you need to have a perspective which allows you to take advantage of both,” he said. “If you do have a spiritual compass, I think you will get that in the right perspective.”

Cleveland is married to former Tigerbelle, Evelyn Harvey Cleveland. They have four children and reside in Orlando, Fla.



The CAT comes to TSU

Cable Access Television (CAT), Nashville-area Cable Channel 19, is moving its operation to TSU's Avon Williams Campus.

The University offered use of its television production studio, control room and equipment. The offer was accepted by the Public Educational and Government (PEG) Access Oversight Committee, chaired by Jackie Shrago, vice chancellor for information technologies at the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The move will allow TSU students in communications, particularly those taking TV Production, to apply their skills by serving as crew members for established programs, or they can use the studio and channel to create and air their own shows. TSU students soon will produce a talk show, "Flip Side," which will air on CAT Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Tennessee higher education measures up

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) recently released a report on the progress higher education institutions have made toward goals established through *Tennessee Challenge 2000*.

The report says that between 1990 and 1995, Tennessee higher education has:

- increased the number of Tennesseans receiving a college education;
- improved the quality of instructional programs;
- increased the knowledge and skills of teacher education graduates; and
- improved the quality and quantity of research and public service to the state of Tennessee.

TSU President James Hefner says the University has worked to accomplish THEC's goals by strengthening recruitment efforts, achieving prestigious accreditation for its colleges and schools, conducting cutting-edge research, and reaching out to the community through a plethora of public service projects.

"We want Tennessee State University to be a university for all citizens of Tennessee," said Hefner. "Through innovative curricula and technology, we meet the needs of an increasingly more diverse population. We will continue with research efforts that put us at the forefront of discovery, while maintaining a bottom-line commitment to serve those in our community who need and deserve support so they, too, can become their academic and personal bests."

Olympic torch runs through Tennessee State, home of Olympic greats

Tennessee State University's Olympic athletes — an estimated 41 in all — are scattered across the country, but you would never know it here at their athletic birthplace in North Nashville. Their footprints sweetly haunt the track; the dew on the morning field could easily be the sweat of their labor for Olympic gold.

The memories will come to life as the Olympic torch runs through the TSU campus Thursday night, June 27. The torch hits Nashville at 7:56 p.m. and should arrive at Tennessee State at 9:24 p.m. and will be in Nashville overnight. The entire University community and neighbors from the surrounding area are invited to participate in the historic event. Additionally, TSU fans should plan to attend the city-wide celebration at Centennial Park, "Nashville Welcomes the Olympic Torch Community Celebration," beginning at noon on June 27. Former U.S. Olympic coach and famed Tigerbelle coach Ed Temple serves as honorary chair for the event. Current Tigerbelle Coach Chandra Cheeseborough and former Tigerbelle Derrica Dunn-Moody will be among the city's torch runners, who each will carry the torch for up to one kilometer.

"We tout Tennessee State University as an Olympic tradition," said TSU President James Hefner. "When that torch runs through campus and through Nashville, it will illuminate the sky with the history of the Olympic track and field athletes from this University who paved the entire world with the gold, silver and bronze of victory and the success of competition that feeds the soil for a new generation of athletes."

The celebration at Centennial Park includes an Olympic Village, featuring an Olympic history display, which will contain Tennessee State University memorabilia, and opportunities to get autographs from Tennessee Olympians. Also planned are Olympic sports demonstrations and clinics, a Sports Coliseum featuring a decathlon for children, a chariot derby for children, a children's Olympic art display and the Sprite/Charlotte Hornets Roadshow.

The evening also will include a 7 p.m. concert by major area artists, hosted by contemporary Christian singer Gary Chapman and featuring selections by John Berry, Bobby Jones and New Life, Sam Moore, Mac McAnally, Beth Raebeck Hall, and the Nashville Symphony. The torch will arrive at the Parthenon in Centennial Park at 10 p.m.

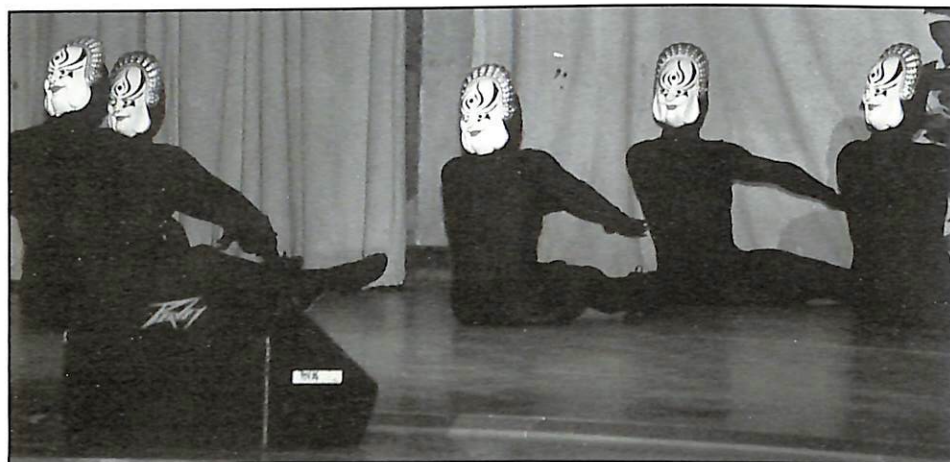
The Olympic torch is on a cross-country relay, sponsored by Coca-Cola, that began in Los Angeles on April 27, 1996, and will conclude in Atlanta on July 19, 1996, when the 1996 Summer Olympic Games start. The route covers 15,280 miles, and Nashville is one of the major overnight stops for the torch. The torch will run through the city June 28 on its way to Atlanta.



Olympic gold medalist and current Tigerbelle coach Chandra Cheeseborough will help run the 1996 Olympic torch through Nashville.

Other Olympic Torch Notes

- ◆ The torch makes an 84-day, 15,000+-mile trek through the United States.
- ◆ The 1996 Torch Relay is the longest in Olympic history.
- ◆ On the trek, the torch will travel through 42 states plus Washington, D.C., and visit 29 state capitols.
- ◆ The torch comes within a two-hour distance of 90 percent of the U.S. population.
- ◆ The Olympic torch travels an average of 183 miles per day, 14 miles per hour, 13.5 hours per day.
- ◆ The torch will travel by runner, bicycle, 19-car train, horseback, canoe, steamboat, wheelchair, airplane and sailboat.
- ◆ There are 10,000 torchbearers altogether, with runners representing 70 different countries.
- ◆ 2,000 of the torchbearers will be Olympians and their family members.
- ◆ The Torch Relay will cover more than 290 miles through Tennessee.
- ◆ The major towns along the Tennessee route are Memphis, Knoxville, Lebanon, Nashville, Brentwood, Shelbyville and Fayetteville.



Reflections: 1996 Spring Dance Performance
Judy Gentry, director

President's Society opens avenues for alumni donors

To recognize alumni who provide leadership gifts to their alma mater, Tennessee State University is launching The President's Society at the National Alumni Convention in Los Angeles, June 20-23.

Charter membership in The President's Society will remain open through August 1 and will include those alumni donors of at least \$1,000 annually. Alumni who have given at least \$1,000 annually within the past five years also qualify for charter membership.

Charter members of The President's Society will play leadership roles in the overall growth of the University. TSU will provide them with information to apprise them of the latest institutional developments, so that they may support the University with their relationships with faculty and the administration.

Margaret Whitfield, director of alumni relations, said, "I welcome the establishment of The President's Society. I feel that the University is now appropriately recognizing the exceptional alumni and friends who have supported scholarships for the last five years. They have earned this special recognition."

For more information on The President's Society, contact Whitfield at 615-963-5831.

Coming next month

- Spotlight on faculty . . . Watch for profiles!
- Our annual focus on public service
- Recap of Summer Commencement and the Vintagers Celebration



The Tigerbelles, the Olympic wonders. Pictured above are Coach Temple with the 1956 Tigerbelles, many of whom made Tennessee State University a household name with their track and field feats. Front row left, Darlene Scott; front row right, Willye White. Back row, left to right: Coach Edward S. Temple, Martha Hudson, Yvonne Macon, Lucinda Williams, Isabelle Daniels, Wilma Rudolph, Charlesetta Reddick, Margaret Matthews, Lorraine Holmes, Ella Ree Turner, and Mae Faggs. The two unidentified runners were participants in Temple's summer high school program.



Coach Edward S. Temple, head U.S. women's track and field coach 1960 and 1964 and assistant coach, 1980



Mae Faggs Starr, Olympic medalist/competitor, 1948, 1952, 1956

Tennessee State University: A History of Olympic Moments

Highlights of TSU Olympians of the past 45 years, counting back from 1996 in five-year increments

1996 The first residents in the new **Wilma Rudolph Residence Center** for women complete their first academic year living in the facility.

1991 **Edith McGuire Duvall** receives the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award for outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves in their careers.

1986 Olympic long-jumper **Ralph Boston** becomes TSU's most recent recipient of the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award.

Chandra Cheeseborough still feels the thrill of victory of winning two gold medals and one silver medal in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

1981 **Madeline Manning Mims** completes her career as a member of several national teams — a career that spans four decades. She is the only American female to win an Olympic gold medal in the 800-meter event.

1976 TSU Tigerbelle **Kathy McMillan** wins a silver in the long jump at the Olympic games in Montreal.

1971 **Madeline Manning Mims**, who won Olympic gold in 1968 kept training, because she would go on to win a silver and captain the U.S. Olympic Women's team in 1972.

1966 TSU Olympic gold medalist **Wyomia Tyus** was preparing for more gold in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, after having won a gold in Tokyo in 1964.

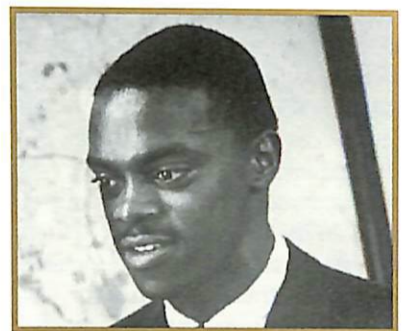
1961 TSU Tigerbelle and three-time, record-breaking gold medalist **Wilma Rudolph** won the Associated Press's Female Athlete of the Year Award, as well as the James E. Sullivan Award, given to the top amateur athlete in the United States.

1956 Tigerbelle **Willye B. White** took the silver and **Isabelle Daniels Holston**, **Margaret Matthews Wilburn**, **Mae Faggs Starr** and 16-year-old **Wilma Rudolph** took the bronze at the Olympics in Melbourne.

1951 Tigerbelles **Mae Faggs Star** and **Barbara Jones Slater** were practicing to win Olympic gold in Helsinki. Slater would be only 15 when she competed, making her the youngest woman ever to win a gold medal in track and field.



Wilma Rudolph, Olympic medalist, 1956, 1960



Ralph Boston, Olympic medalist, 1960, 1964, 1968



Wyomia Tyus, Olympic medalist, 1964, 1968

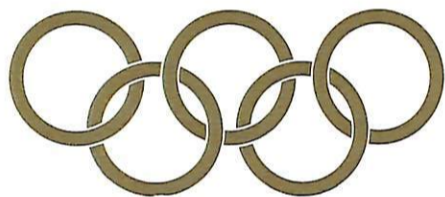
TSU Olympic success in perspective:

More than 70 countries competing in the 1996 Olympiad have never won a medal. Tennessee State University athletes alone have won 29 medals!

TSU instructor translates song for '96 games

When Donna Summer serenades the 1996 Olympic crowd with the German version of Bette Midler's "From a Distance," Sophie Sparks will be watching with anticipation. Sparks, a full-time French instructor at Tennessee State University, translated the song, written by Julie Gold, into French and German.

The song will be sung in four languages — English, French, German and Spanish — during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Nanci Griffith, a Nashville singer who made the song popular, will sing "From a Distance" in French and English. Raul



Malo, a member of the group The Mavericks, will sing the Spanish version. During the Gulf War, Midler recorded the song and made it a No. 1, Grammy award-winning hit.

Sparks said she is thrilled to play a part in this history-making event.

"I think 'From a Distance' was chosen for the Olympics because the lyrics address global awareness issues and ideas about people interacting and working together. It's a song that can appeal to all races and nationalities of people, and I'm proud to have helped make it possible for German- and French-speaking audiences to enjoy its message during the games."

Sparks came to Nashville from Belgium in 1978. She joined the TSU faculty in 1989. In addition to her teaching duties, Sparks translates lyrics for Nashville's music industry.



Summer Commencement, including a celebration of the Vintagers, Saturday, August 10, 1996, 10 a.m.
Gentry Center Complex
Speaker:
The Hon. Curtis Collier,
TSU alumnus
and district judge,
Eastern District of
Tennessee



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Forty years later, the 1956 Orange Blossom Classic still looms big in Tennessee State football lore.

With the health of head football coach Henry Kean failing after he suffered a heart attack in the spring of 1955, the TSU assistant coaches were called into a meeting to see who would take over as acting head coach.

The assistants, Howard Gentry, J.C. Coffee, Shannon Little and Lawrence Simmons, were asked to draw a piece of paper from a hat, one of which had an "X" marked on it. Gentry drew first and got the magical piece of paper, thus taking over the reins as acting head coach.

This chain of events marked the beginning of twists of fate which led to Tennessee State facing Florida A&M in the Orange Blossom Classic at the end of the 1956 season.

Taking over a team in 1955 which was 26-0-1 over the past three seasons, Gentry faced fans' high expectations of him as head coach. Key losses, including quarterback Fred Valentine, who had signed a professional baseball contract, led to a 2-2 start to open the 1955 season. The two losses, a 3-0 defeat by Langston and a 12-0 shutout from Grambling, convinced Gentry he had to implement a new offense. His decision paid off as the Tigers reeled off five straight wins to finish the season 7-2.

The 1956 season began with Gentry as head coach, following Kean's death several months before. The first game was a 46-7 win over Langston. The Big Blue kept on winning from there, posting victories over Grambling (33-0), Prairie View (45-6), Central State (32-6), Kentucky State (40-0) and Lincoln (47-0). With a 9-0 record, Tennessee State was invited to face Florida A&M in the Orange Blossom Classic to crown the 1956 Black College Champion. The Tigers headed for Florida ready to win it all.

Playing in front of 41,808 fans in Miami's Orange Bowl on December 1, TSU and FAMU squared off for one of the most memorable games in the history of Tiger football.

Despite Tennessee State allowing only 31 points (3.4 points per game) in the regular season and Florida A&M yielding just 57 (7.1 points per game), the night belonged to the offenses. After four quarters of an intense battle, including a battle between the two marching bands, the contest came down to the TSU defense versus the FAMU offense.

With a minute remaining in the game, the Rattlers had the ball on TSU's 33-yard line after a fumble recovery. FAMU's Willie Galimore, a three-time All-American, raced 32 yards to the one. The Tigers' hopes began to wane.

After the Tigers stopped a line surge just short of a touchdown, FAMU was hit with a delay of game penalty, moving the ball back to the six. The next three plays by the Rattlers ended just shy of the winning points, giving Tennessee State a 41-39 win and the title of Black College National Champions.

Forty years now have passed, but the memories of that spectacular 1956 team remain strong. The 1956 team featured three All-Americans: guard James Buford, tackle Charles Gavin, and half-back Fay Mitchell, who scored 17 touchdowns on the way to the championship. Back Jesse Wilburn, a native of Memphis, led the ground attack for the Tigers that season with 688 rushing yards, while Robert Crawford guided TSU's passing attack.

The crowd for the 1956 Orange Blossom Classic ranks as the eleventh largest in Tennessee State history, but was at the top of the list until the 1987 Circle City Classic in Indianapolis, which drew 47,417.

Four-year lettermen James Buford, Sidney Cummings, Lee Derrick, Napoleon Holmes and Henry Johnson ended their TSU playing careers against Florida A&M in 1956, after helping the Big Blue to a record of 35-2-1 from 1953 to 1956.

The 1956 team set the tone for the other numerous accomplishments of football squads in the years that followed.

The 1956 national title for TSU was not the first and it was not the last. Tennessee State had won three prior titles and has won seven crowns since. However, the milestones established by the '56 team still are used as measures of excellence today.

May the classic golden memories of 1956 remain forever shiny in the story of TSU football.

NOTICE

The 1956 football team will be honored during Homecoming '96.



Attention Nashville-area TV viewers:

Watch for a special on the Tennessee State University Art Department, produced by 1996 TSU graduate Roger Randles, airing on Cable Channel 19 Friday, June 28, at 9 p.m., during "Speer Presents," produced by TSU student Joe Speer



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