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## Business and Purchasing Services Restructured

A restructuring of business and purchasing services has been implemented—resulting in reducing by one the professional and clerical staff in those areas, said R. L. Dickson, vice president for Business Affairs.

The initial impetus for such a move was provided by the State General Assembly which mandated a two percent personnel reduction in all state institutions.

Action at TSU itself followed President Frederick Humphries' memo to all University vice presidents to study organizational structure for possible ways to comply with the state mandate.

"We found," Dickson said, "that by merging business and purchasing services we could reduce professional and clerical staffs in those areas by one and still get sufficient management and clerical support for the future with minimal personnel added."

The move put purchasing's Gideon Dye in position of assistant director for purchasing and Frank Battle, assistant director for business services. Battle now coordinates actions of the bookstore, food service, printing services, telephone service, the post office, and faculty and staff support service.

Tied in with this, Mark McCann, former director of business services, was moved to the physical plant to serve as plant analyst and to assist physical plant director Alexander Murray in doing cost analysis projects.

In other shifts—all related in the general restructuring process—the director of non-academic personnel now reports directly to Vice President Dickson (the position formerly reported to business services); the heating plant which for the last three years reported to Dickson now reports to the plant director; and computer operations, as of September 1, reports to Dickson.

Dickson said a savings of about \$33,000 yearly results from reducing the professional staff by one person.

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## Fall Enrollment Increases

TSU opened its '82-'83 academic year with a total fall semester enrollment of 8,556 students, a 9 percent increase over the 7,732 enrollment for the '81-'82 fall semester, University records indicate.

"The increase in this year's enrollment," said President Frederick S. Humphries, "is highly significant." He noted that after two years of declining enrollment, the University is beginning to recover students lost following merger with the University of Tennessee at Nashville (UTN).

It is also significant," Humphries said, "because the FTE (full-time equivalent) of 6,127.20 enrollment

will allow us to retain our current level of funding from the state."

TSU is getting more competitive in the state," he added, "and as we do our analysis of the figures, we hope it will mean we are more competitive in Middle Tennessee.

TSU began the registration process in August with the expectation of enrolling the largest freshman class in recent history—which total came to 1,030 freshmen, exceeding the number of first-time students enrolling last fall by 167.

A breakdown of the total enrollment by race shows approximately 59 percent are black; 29 percent are white; and 12 percent are members of other races.

The total enrollment represents degree seeking students on the main and downtown campuses as well as students participating in TSU's Learn and Shop Program, the Weekend College, Live and Learn Program and in joint programs with Nashville State Technical Institute and Volunteer State Community College.

State Board of Regents Chancellor Roy Nicks noted that first-time freshman enrollment was up at the Regents four universities: East Tennessee State, 2 percent; Memphis State, 10 percent; Middle Tennessee State, 15 percent; and TSU, almost 13 percent.

"That indicates more enrollment for three more years," Nicks said.

## Poag Papers Presented To Library

Dr. Thomas E. Poag's career in speech and drama paralleled the development of theater as an academic discipline in the predominantly black college, said Dr. Jayme Williams, TSU Department of Communications head.

"Today," Williams said, "as we pause to remember this teacher, director, actor, department head, dean, we express our gratitude for his papers which will include

correspondence, manuscripts, programs, awards, certificates, honors, invitations, photographs, scrapbooks, magazines, newsletters, clippings and other memorabilia."

Williams, a faculty associate of Dr. Poag for a number of years during his tenure of service from 1939 until his retirement in 1973, spoke at ceremonies September 26 for formal presentation of the late educator's collection of theater memorabilia to

the TSU Brown-Daniel Library Archives. Dr. Poag died in 1974.

Noting that the Poag Papers "document the career of the giants in educational theater," Williams, speaking on the theme, "The Significance of the Collection," said it is fitting and appropriate that the significance of the collection be set in perspective, particularly in light of

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Dr. Evelyn P. Fancher, director of the library accepts the papers and theater memorabilia of the late Dr. T. E. Poag on behalf of Tennessee State University from his daughter Dr. Lois Poag, assistant professor of business communications, Howard University.

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## Nursing Exam Passage Rate Reaches 92 Percent

A 92 percent passing rate on the state's registered nurse licensing examination given in July is "one of the most positive things that could happen" to the Tennessee State University School of Nursing, said Dean Marian Gooding.

"Eighty-four graduates of the associate degree program took the licensing exam in July. Of the 84, all except eight passed for the 92 percent passing rate," she explained. "It is the highest passing rate TSU has ever had."

One graduate of the bachelor of science degree program also took the test. "She passed, so we had a 100 percent passing rate there," she added.

The high success rate can be attributed to the merged curriculum implemented following the merger with the University of Tennessee at Nashville, said Gooding.

This was the first class admitted under the merger. It is truly representative of the training provided by the School of Nursing," she continued.

The proficiency demonstrated by the recent School of Nursing graduates provides a sharp contrast to the high, widely publicized, failure rate experienced by graduates who took the test in 1981.

Although TSU has contracts with all area hospitals except Vanderbilt, several hospitals have their own licensed practical nursing programs or associate degree programs, which makes the competition for clinical resources "fierce", Gooding said.

"The high passing rate may restore or create confidence in the training our nurses receive," she continued. "That is one of the most positive things that could happen."

## Allied Corporation Awards Salary Support Grants

Allied Corporation through its Foundation has awarded a total of \$278,000 in faculty salary support grants to engineering departments at nine major universities throughout the country.

According to David G. Powell, president of the Allied Foundation and senior vice president-Public Affairs for the corporation, the grants are intended to assist in recruiting, retaining and developing faculty in the engineering discipline. "Since recent studies indicate the number of vacant university engineering faculty positions is outpacing the supply of doctoral graduates needed to fill

them, Allied has targeted this grant for use as salary supplements for junior faculty members completing their Ph.D. studies, for summer salaries or as supplements to base salaries for current faculty members," he said.

The schools receiving the grants are Case-Western Reserve University, Clemson University, Drexel University, Lehigh University, University of Maryland, North Carolina State University, University of South Carolina, **Tennessee State University** and Texas A & M University.

Allied Corporation is a diversified manufacturer of fibers and plastics, oil and gas, electrical and electronic, and health and scientific products.

The Allied Foundation, established in 1963, has traditionally given support, nationally and locally, to a wide range of educational programs as well as to charitable and community organizations in areas where Allied has operations. The Foundation also makes contributions to health services, human welfare and the arts and to civic and legal organizations.

## Prather's New Book Unravels Mystery

In the history books the event is simply referred to as the "Wilmington riot" of 1898. However, the historical detective work of Dr. H. Leon Prather, professor of history, reveals that it was probably the United State's only coup d'etat.



Dr. Henry Prather

The information Prather culled from interviews with survivors of the riot, diaries of those who were involved and other archival materials has been analysed and documented in a book entitled *We Have Taken a City: The Wilmington Racial Massacre and Coup*. The book is scheduled to be published next year by the Fairleigh Dickinson University Press. The book will be published in England by the Associated University Presses.

"How 100 black people could be destroyed and how it could be covered up for more than 80 years was amazing to me," Prather said about his reasons for researching and writing the book. "I decided to unravel the mystery."

The mystery evolves around a series of events occurring before and after the "riot" in which 100 black men were killed on Nov. 10, 1898 in Wilmington, North Carolina. The deaths, Prather's research discloses,

were the result of manipulation of a political party and the activities of white labor organizations which sought to exclude blacks from most trades and menial occupations. The cover up was the result of a carefully orchestrated plan.

"In the context of American race relations, historically, the Wilmington racial conflict is singularly significant," said Prather. "Measuring and comparing its seriousness with others by death toll, evidence strongly suggests the episode to be one of the most ruthless and brutal riots in the nation's history."

Early reviews of the manuscript commend Prather on his adroit combination of intensive detail and dramatic narrative.

"I constantly kept two goals in view," he said. "The first was the recognition of a responsibility to present this American tragedy not so much as a crime, but as an accurate account that would stand the scrutiny of scholars. . . . The second goal was to write a book, provocative by its nature, that would be accepted by the general reading public."

"This study is a personal commitment, with the hope that it will make a distinctive contribution to historiography in American race relations," he added.

*We Have Taken a City: The Wilmington Racial Massacre and Coup* will be the second book Prather has had published. The first was *Resurgent Politics and Educational Progressivism in the New South: North Carolina, 1890-1913*, which was published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press in 1979.

## Scholarship Endowment to be Established

## Alpha Psi Chapter (AKA) Celebrates 50 Years

Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will be observing its 50th Anniversary (Golden Reunion) October 29-31. A pre-reunion trip to the World's Fair is scheduled on Thursday, October 28.

The theme of this Golden Reunion is "REMINISCING WITH LOVE AND REVERANCE: LAUNCHING THE SECOND HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE." A highlight of these activities will be establishment of an Alpha Psi Scholarship Endowment Fund at Tennessee State University.

Persons who are initiated into Alpha Psi Chapter are urged to participate. Contact persons on the campus are: Gladys Adams (main campus-320-3149) and Thelma Baxter (downtown campus-251-1505).

## Math and Computer Classes for the Family

Attending "computer camp" and learning to enjoy math and science can become a family affair through the University's Educational Enrichment Development Program.

The program features classes for children in grades 4-12 as well as for adults. The courses for children include: essentials of computer mathematics for grades 4-8; computer interaction for grades 5-6; computer camp for grades 7-12 and advanced computer camp.

Classes for adults include: computer literacy; conquering math anxiety and reviews of basic math skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions.

Classes are scheduled for weekday afternoons and evenings, and Saturday mornings on the main and downtown campuses from

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"We think it's (the restructuring) working well," Dickson said, noting that services in the affected areas have shown some improvement.

October 2-December 8. Fees for the courses range from \$25 to \$85.

In addition to the enrichment program, a series of Saturday Morning Enrichment lessons in mathematics and science are available for children in grades 5-8. A different lesson will be presented on September 25, October 16, November 13 and December 11. The lessons are \$5 per student per lesson.

Registration for the Saturday Morning Enrichment lessons ended September 17th. But registration for the Educational Enrichment Development Program continues through September 30.

For a copy of the program brochure and course descriptions or additional information, contact Elizabeth Wayt, director of the programs, at 320-3246 or 356-0589.

He said the structure is capable of handling growth situations, while allowing for better controls and, he added, "There will be (budget) savings in the future."

## University Committees, 1982/83

*The following individuals are serving on University committees for 1982-83.*

### Art and Lecture Series Committee

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Rena Elzy (Business)        | (F-1983)     |
| Dolores Harris (Ag. & HEc)  | (F-1983)     |
| Bobby Jones (Educ.)         | (F-1983)     |
| Theodore Jones (A & S)      | (F-1983)     |
| Betty Wilson (Nursing)      | (F-1983)     |
| Herman Beasley (A & S)      | (FS-1984)    |
| Barbara Murrell (Stu. Aff.) | Ex-Officio   |
| Ron Dickson (Bus. Aff.)     | Ex-Officio   |
| Harold Jackson (Pub. Rel.)  | Ex-Officio   |
| Garry L. Williams (SGA)     | Student-1983 |
| Ivan L. Lampkin (SGA)       | Student-1983 |

### Athletic Committee

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Nancy Ledet (A & S)              | (F-1983)     |
| Camille Robinson (Bus.)          | (F-1983)     |
| Richard Miller (Educ.)           | (F-1983)     |
| Ronald Harris (Engr.)            | (F-1983)     |
| Susan McCrumbly (Lib.)           | (F-1983)     |
| Sterlin Adams, Chm. (A & S)      | (AP-1983)    |
| Mary Pleas (Nursing)             | (F-1984)     |
| James Simmons (Ag & HEc)         | (F-1984)     |
| Alvin Wade (Ext/CEd-ROTC)        | (F-1984)     |
| Mary Watkins (Educ.)             | (F-1984)     |
| Rosalyn Word (All. Hea.)         | (F-1984)     |
| Barbara Murrell (Acad. Aff.)     | Statute      |
| Barbara Murrell (Stu. Aff.)      | Statute      |
| Samuel Whitmon, Sec. (Ath. Dir.) | Statute      |
|                                  | Student-1983 |
|                                  | Student-1983 |

The following persons will meet with the committee:

- James Elzy (OAR)
- Homer Wheaton (Fin. Aid)
- Georgette Peak (SGA)

### Building and Grounds Committee

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Marion Gooding (Nursing)   | (AD-1983)             |
| Jessie Hughes (Lib.)       | (AD-1983)             |
| Decatur Rogers (Engr.)     | (AD-1983)             |
| Richard Winston            |                       |
| (Ext/CEd-ROTC)             | (AD-1983)             |
| Sammy Comer (Ag & HEc)     | (AD-1983)             |
| James L. Head (A & S)      | (AD-1984)             |
| Paul Madden (Educ.)        | (AD-1984)             |
| Gus Tomlinson              | (FS-1984)             |
|                            | (All. Hea.) (AD-1984) |
|                            | (Bus.) (AD-1984)      |
| VP for Ext/CEd.            | Ex-Officio            |
| Ron Dickson (Fin. Aff.)    | Ex-Officio            |
| Walter Vincent (Planning)  | Ex-Officio            |
| Wayne Reeves (Phys. Plant) | Ex-Officio            |
|                            | Student-1983          |
|                            | Student-1983          |

### Committee on Committee Nominations

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Ruth McDowell (Ag. & HEc) | (F-1983)  |
| Nancy Austin (All. Hea.)  | (F-1983)  |
| Roberta Dabney (A & S)    | (F-1983)  |
| Gouranga Ganguli (Bus.)   | (F-1983)  |
| Yildiz Binkley (Lib.)     | (F-1983)  |
| Carol Campbell (Nursing)  | (F-1983)  |
| Leslie Carnes (Educ.)     | (F-1984)  |
| William McCain (Engr.)    | (F-1984)  |
| Jackie Martin (A & S)     | (FS-1984) |
|                           | (AP-1984) |

### Committee on Human Rights and Welfare

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Calvin O. Atchison, Chm. | (AP)      |
| Mary Pleas (Nursing)     | (AP)      |
| James Stewart (Educ.)    | (AP)      |
| Nora Roy (A & S)         | (AP)      |
| Harriet Peterson (A & S) | (AP)      |
| Roger Jones (Educ.)      | (AP)      |
| Sam Shannon (A & S)      | (FS-1984) |

### Convocations Committee

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jamye Williams (A & S)         | (F-1983)                |
| Ralph Simpson (A & S)          | (F-1983)                |
| Yildiz Binkley (Lib.)          | (F-1983)                |
| Robert J. Hudson, Chm. (A & S) | (AP-1983)               |
| Gloria Johnson (A & S)         | (FS-1984)               |
| Bernard Crowell (Acad. Aff.)   | Ex-Officio              |
| Barbara Murrell (Stu. Aff.)    | Ex-Officio              |
| Harold Jackson (Pub. Rel.)     | Ex-Officio              |
| Georgette Peak (SGA)           | Statute                 |
|                                | (Sr. Cl. Pres.) Statute |

### Faculty Development Committee

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Howard Green (Educ.)         | (AA-1983)                |
| Geraldean Johnson (Ag & HEc) | (AA-1983)                |
| Barbara O'Conner (Educ.)     | (AA-1983)                |
| Vassudeo Sardesai (Bus.)     | (AA-1983)                |
| Verla Vaughn (Nursing)       | (AA-1983)                |
| Paul Caraher (Educ.)         | (FS-1984)                |
|                              | (AA-1984)                |
| Joseph Udelson (A & S)       | (AA-1984)                |
|                              | (Engr.) (AA-1984)        |
|                              | (Ext/CEd-ROTC) (AA-1984) |
|                              | (Lib.) (AA-1984)         |
| Juanita Jackson (All. Hea.)  | (AA-1984)                |

### Faculty Personnel Committee

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Rena Elzy (Bus.)            | (F-1983)  |
| Hazel Jackson (Ag & HEc)    | (F-1983)  |
| Franklin Jones (Educ.)      | (F-1983)  |
| Cecil M. Ryan (Engr.)       | (F-1983)  |
| Earlene Hudson (Lib.)       | (F-1984)  |
| Harold Mitchell (All. Hea.) | (F-1984)  |
| Jean Renfro (Ext/CEd-ROTC)  | (F-1984)  |
| Vesta Wheaton (A & S)       | (F-1984)  |
| Josephine Wright (Nursing)  | (F-1984)  |
| Bruce Rogers (A & S)        | (FS-1984) |

### Fair Employment Practices Committee

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Thelma Baxter (Bus.)      | (F-1983)          |
| Jacqueline Martin (A & S) | (F-1983 & F-1983) |
|                           | Staff-1983        |
|                           | Staff-1983        |
|                           | Student-1983      |
|                           | Student-1983      |
| Levi Jones (A & S)        | (AP-1983 Fac)     |
| William Hay               | (AP-1983 Staff)   |
|                           | (AP-1983 Stu.)    |

### Food Services Committee

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
|                        | (AP-1984 Fac)            |
|                        | (Aux Enp.) Statute       |
|                        | (Fd. Ser.) Statute       |
|                        | (SUBG -1983)             |
|                        | (SUBGF-1983)             |
|                        | (Dir. Stu. Act.) Statute |
| Roderic Burton (A & S) | (FS-1984)                |

### Research Advisory Committee

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ozie Adams (AG & HEc)         | (AD-1984)                |
| Helen Barrett (Educ.)         | (AD-1984)                |
| Fu Ming Chen (A & S)          | (AD-1984)                |
| Carole Campbell (Nursing)     | (AD-1984)                |
| Tilden Currey (Bus.)          | (AD-1984)                |
| Jackie Martin (A & S)         | (AD-1984)                |
|                               | (All. Hea.) (AD-9184)    |
|                               | (All. Hea.) (AD-1984)    |
|                               | (Engr.) (AD-1984)        |
|                               | (Ext/CEd-ROTC) (AD-1984) |
|                               | (Lib.) (AD-1984)         |
|                               | (Grad. Sch.) (AD-1984)   |
| Calvin Atchison (Res. & Dev.) | Ex-Officio               |
| Bernard Crowell (Acad. Aff.)  | Ex-Officio               |
| Cora Brown (Grants Off.)      | Ex-Officio               |
| Handy Williamson (CARP)       | Statute                  |
| John Mallette (Res. & Dev.)   | Statute                  |

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Kenneth Nye (Res. & Dev.) | Statute |
| Edward Risby (MBS)        | Statute |

### Homecoming Committee

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Frank Battle                | (AS-1983)  |
| Richard Black               | (AS-1983)  |
| James Elzy                  | (AS-1983)  |
| Sabrina Goodwin             | (AS-1983)  |
| Edward Graves               | (AS-1983)  |
| Bruce Hancock               | (AS-1983)  |
| Bobby Jones (Educ.)         | (FS-1983)  |
| Barbara Murrell (Stu. Aff.) | Ex-Officio |

### Meritorious Awards Committee

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Andrew Jackson (A & S)       | (F-1983)     |
| Audrey Prather (A & S)       | (F-1983)     |
| Frederick C. Smith           | (F-1983)     |
| Joan Elliott (A & S)         | (AP-1983)    |
| Levi Jones (A & S)           | (AP-1983)    |
| Nancy Hendrix (A & S)        | (AP-1983)    |
| Arnold Dean                  | (FS-1984)    |
| Bernard Crowell (Acad. Aff.) | Ex-Officio   |
| Leon King (Alumni Aff.)      | Ex-Officio   |
|                              | Student-1983 |
|                              | Student-1983 |

### Publication Committee

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (Appointed by VP for Development) |                          |
| Augustus Bankhead (Bus.)          | (RD & FS-1983)           |
| Karen Brown (A & S)               | (RD-1983)                |
| Darlene Huddleston (Educ.)        | (RD-1983)                |
| Harold Jackson, (Dev. Off.)       | (RD-1983)                |
| Cheryl Ringgold (All. Hea.)       | (RDev-1983)              |
| Mary Vowels Chm. (Pub. Rel.)      | (RDev-1983)              |
| Charles Yoder (Ag & HEc)          | (RD-1984)                |
|                                   | (Eng.) (RD-1984)         |
|                                   | (Ext/CEd-ROTC) (RD-1984) |
|                                   | Student-1983             |
|                                   | Student-1983             |
| Homer Wheaton (Fin. Aid.)         | Statute                  |
| Leon King (Alumni Aff.)           | Statute                  |

### Student-Faculty Advisory Committee

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| (Appointed by VP for Student Affairs) |           |
| Ruth McDowell (Ag & HEc)              | (FS-1983) |
| Sterlin Adams, (Chrpersion)           | (AS-1983) |
| Loren B. Gaiters                      | (AS-1983) |
| Hazel Jackson                         | (AS-1983) |
| Levi Jones                            | (AS-1983) |
| Gloria Johnson                        | (AS-1983) |
| Jacqueline Mitchell                   | (AS-1983) |
| Donald Page                           | (AS-1983) |
| Geraldine Page                        | (AS-1983) |
| James M. Stewart                      | (AS-1983) |
| Harold Jackson                        | (AS-1983) |
| Leon King (Chrpersion)                | (AS-1983) |
| Gloria Lewis                          | (AS-1983) |
| Eddie McKinnie                        | (AS-1983) |
| Ronald Myles                          | (AS-1983) |
| J. T. Robertson                       | (AS-1983) |
| Glaogs Sherrill                       | (AS-1983) |
| Alphonsa Thomas                       | (AS-1983) |
| Samuel Whitmon                        | (AS-1983) |

### Dr. Poag Papers Presented

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an observation by Henry Adams that "good teachers affect eternity (yet) they can never tell where their influence stops."

Recalling that Dr. Poag organized the Department of Speech and Drama at TSU in 1943 and remained its head until his retirement in 1973, Williams said during those three

decades Dr. Poag was a part not only of the local but also the national scene.

Now known as the Poag Players in memory of Dr. Poag, the original Tennessee State Players Guild, which gained public prominence under his leadership, was a key unit in the first black college drama department established in the U.S.

A key contribution to TSU drama by Dr. Poag was recalled recently by W. Dury Cox Sr., associate professor of communication. He said the earliest renovation of the A-Building Auditorium was initiated by Dr. Poag when he obtained footlights and border lights, two grand spotlights and four disedimme lights for the auditorium stage where productions by the Players Guild were presented. (The auditorium continues as the stage for the Poag Players.)

"These additions enhanced our program considerably," Cox said, while also listing other improvements added under Dr. Poag's administration of the drama program.

Williams said TSU gained recognition through the many honors bestowed upon Dr. Poag, including the Distinguished Theta Alpha Phi Medallion of the American Educational Theater Association in 1970 and his receipt in 1973 of the Distinguished Service Award of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Williams said researchers will now be able to explore the achievements, contributions and talents of Dr. Poag, the first black man to be awarded the coveted doctorate in the theater.

"These papers of this distinguished man of the dramatic arts will be an invaluable source for those who want to recreate an inspiring career of an inspired man—Thomas Edward Poag," Williams said.

## Dr. Carr A. Treherne Dies

Dr. Carr A. Treherne, awarded special recognition in August for 35 years of service as director of Student Health Services, died September 22 at his home.

Dr. Treherne, 69 who served simultaneously at Meharry Medical College for 36 years as an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was buried in the National Cemetery in Madison.

"The Tennessee State University family is greatly saddened," said Barbara Murrell, vice president for Student Affairs, "by the death of Dr. Treherne." Murrell said Dr. Treherne had been a champion for the needs and well-being of students throughout the years.

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## It's My Turn

### Feature Response—Reason for Concern by Robert Churchwell

Frankly, I am writing this because there seems to exist an apparent lack of interest among TSU faculty and staff to use this space to speak out on matters related to either the place where they earn their living or the community beyond.

I felt initially that the response would be both approving and spirited when ACCENT editor Mary Vowels announced that this almost unheard of open form was being offered such an articulate audience of readers, and hopefully writers, as the TSU faculty and staff.

But alas, this hasn't been the case. The response, the silence has been almost deafening.

Vowels made it clear that the decision to run a feature called "It's My Turn" in the space came after inquiries "from a growing number of faculty and staff" over a period of several months. She said the new department would aim for "free discussion of matters concerning the University," but would not be confined to that subject.



Robert Churchwell, a staff writer for the Bureau of Public Relations for the past year, is a veteran journalist with more than thirty years experience. Prior to his joining public relations part time, Churchwell wrote for the *Nashville Banner* from 1950 until his retirement in '81.

Articles of opinion on any other concerns in public discussion would also be welcomed, Vowels noted.

Could it be that "going public" in such a project has dampened interest in it even though it is known that opinions, concerns and views are generally running rampant "somewhere" on campus?

Take for example the September 9 "leak" to *The Tennessean* about "acting dean of arts and sciences at the University" sending "a memo to her faculty members asking them to recruit students 'to avoid a budget cut next year'."

This would have been perfect subject matter for "It's My Turn." But the article had to be signed, to meet standards of ACCENT's new feature, while the suspected on campus source of *The Tennessean* story had concerns about TSU expressed in wide public print, without being identified.

Granted, this is one way to do it. And no criticism is really intended. But why not share opinions, concerns and views in "the full and free discussion," to quote Vowels again, provided by "It's My Turn?"

"After all, the over-riding purpose" is ACCENT's intention to continue to serve the TSU community fully." This, being the case, why not send your articles—properly signed of course—to the attention of the ACCENT editor by the first of each month through June 1?

We will then engage in lively discussion in this space throughout the academic year about what you think, believe or don't believe about TSU or anything else.

### TSU Volunteers Boost United Way Volunteerism

Volunteers help make United Way work. The following TSUers are active volunteers for either United Way of Nashville and Middle Tennessee or one or more of the 56 agencies that receive United Way Support.

Member agencies volunteers:

#### Ramona Perry

American Red Cross

#### Dr. John Mallette

St. Bernard

#### Gloria Lewis

Girl Scout Council

United Way allocations volunteers:

#### Dr. George W. Cox

Hope, Inc.

Ladies of Charity

Legal Services of Nashville

Nashville Urban League

Salvation Army

Old Hickory Community Fund

Tenth District Community Chest

#### Dr. Pearl Dansby

House of Friendship

DeDe Wallace Center

Day Care Center

Crisis Intervention Center

Luton Mental Health Center

#### Dr. Clifford Watkins

Boy Scouts of America

Girl Scout Council

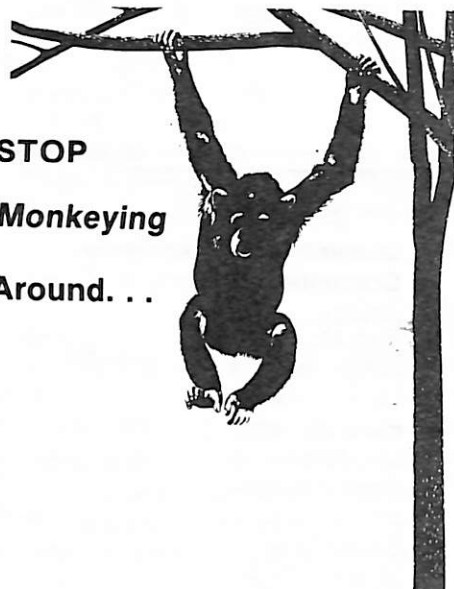
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October 10-28



Ted Jones at work.

Art Exhibit: Recent prints and sculptures by Ted Jones. Art Gallery, Jane Elliott Hall (Women's Bldg.)

Opening reception: October 10 from 2-4 p.m. FREE

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#### November 15, 16, 17

Poag Players' Opening Production: "Wheelers and Dealers." Directed by Herman Brady. Time and place to be announced later.

#### November 25-26

Thanksgiving holidays

### Dr. Carr A. Treherne Dies

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"We at Tennessee State University offer our sincere condolences to Dr. Treherne's family and pray that God will be with all who miss him in this hour of sorrow," Murrell said.

A native of Virginia, Dr. Treherne was a member Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, A Boy Scout leader, he also held membership in the R. F. Boyd Medical Society, the Apollo Club, Chi Boule, Agora Assembly, and was formerly a member of the Metro Planning Commission.

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