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**U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright with President Hefner, *Meter* editor Ambre Brown and Student Government Association President Johnnie Bond**

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## “A laser-like focus on the future”

### U.S. Secretary of State brings the world to TSU

**She explained a world situation of ultimate importance. She answered tough questions from concerned students. She was professor for a day. She put Tennessee State University in the national spotlight.**

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright addressed a group of about 150 students at TSU on Feb. 18, a visit broadcast nationwide. Her stop in Nashville was the *second of three*: She had addressed a group at The Ohio State University the day before; after TSU, she headed for the University of South Carolina.

Albright praised TSU for its heritage and applauded the university’s “laser-like focus on the future.” And after lauding TSU for giving Oprah Winfrey her love of literature and Vivian Fuller the post of athletic director: She focused on her main subject — Iraq.

Her lesson as “Dr. Albright,” professor again: “The time for diplomacy is running out. Saddam Hussein is one of the worst actors on the world stage. He did what was unforgivable. He invaded Kuwait. He used chemical weapons ten times, even against his own people.

“He is a repeat offender if there ever was one.

“He will try again.”

Albright said Hussein must agree to give the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) inspectors access to weapon storage facilities. If Iraq refuses, the United States will resort to force in the form of a “substantial” air attack to “protect the territorial integrity of the Gulf” as well as the rest of the world.

Albright explained that the purpose of foreign policy was to protect the U.S. land mass, protect its citizens

and protect Americans’ way of life. Students asked, “At what price?”

David Hall, a political science major, asked if the attack on Saddam Hussein would be non-engaging, guaranteeing that “our sons and daughters will not see another Gulf War.” Albright said that the U.S. had no plans to use its ground forces.

Referring to the upcoming pilgrimage to Mecca Muslims would make, another student asked, “Can we let God intervene? Can we deliver humanitarian supplies, not death, to Iraq?”

“Saddam has created the problem. Saddam is the one who is starving his people,” Albright responded, pointing

out that Hussein had built 48 palaces at a price tag of \$1.5 billion since the end of the Gulf War.

Pebblin Warren, a freshman, asked Albright to present the worst possible scenario. The Secretary said the United States and United Nations have managed to keep Saddam Hussein in a box, growing ever tighter, for seven years, but fear he could become a “salesman for weapons of mass destruction” who would “destabilize Saudi Arabia” and make available weapons to other “bad people in the world.”

“[One of] the lessons of this century is that if you don’t stop a horrific dictator, he can cause horrific damage,” Albright said.

Brandy Lyle, a senior nursing major, and Shawn Nicholson, an occupational therapy major, expressed concern about the degree of support the United States could expect from other countries.

Albright responded, “We are not alone.” She explained that the nations of NATO supported the agreement the United States had made at the end of the Gulf War and that several countries had vocalized support for enforcing the agreement.

In response to other questions, Albright said that what makes America the center of the world wheel is its strength, sense of purpose, free market system and commitment to democracy. Ultimately, Saddam Hussein’s actions “threaten our vital security.”

“The biggest problems in America occur when we don’t pay attention,” Albright added.



As Albright closed, she asked students to consider careers in government and diplomatic service, saying she held “the greatest job anyone could have.” She told students their futures depend on a globally functioning system and they should want to enjoy a world where they feel safe.



# SCULPTURES IN THE DARK

The gallery is darkened, except for light emitted from the top of podiums placed throughout. The environment draws the viewer with a feeling she is entering a forbidden chamber or he is beginning an adventure yet unfolded.



Jane-Allen McKinney

Investigating the light source on top of the podiums reveals that light actually is radiating from vertical glass sculptures. They are glass luminaires, or "Sculptures in the Dark," created by TSU art instructor Jane-Allen McKinney.

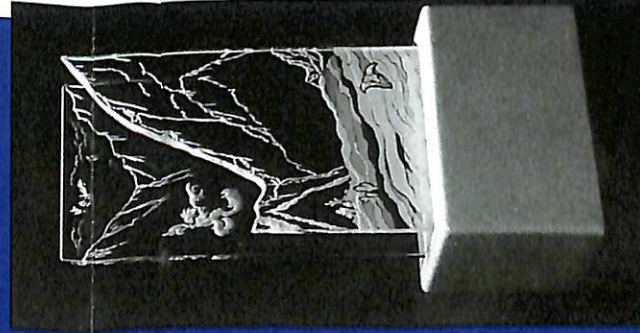
Here are excerpts from the artist's statement:

about "Sculptures in the Dark" — *The darkened room intensifies the feeling of being pulled by art as one steps from the bright corridor into the dark gallery and searches for the light to find [the] way. The glass seems to float in the darkness as the figures emerge and the gallery chamber begins to reveal another world environment, the artist's vision.*

about glass as a medium — *It possesses all three of the distinctive qualities of transparency, translucence and opaqueness. I have found these qualities most beneficial when conveying the concepts I investigate, those of flight, freedom and movement.*

McKinney's sculptures feature

illuminated, etched, carved and sandblasted glass mounted on faux granite light boxes. Several sculptures incorporate special cutting and top grinding to simulate desert or cliff environments. In creating her glass luminaires, McKinney also has used infinity boxes, two-way mirrors, figures blasted as holes through the glass and deep-carved images with various values of light refraction.



## Secretary of Labor to speak at commencement

U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman will address the class of 1998 on May 9, during spring commencement exercises.



U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman

Herman is the nation's 23rd Secretary of Labor, bringing more than two decades of leadership to her position. She has spent her career on the front lines of the changing work force — as a businesswoman, a government executive and a community leader — developing, promoting and implementing policies to benefit workers and to increase opportunities and skills for the hard-to-employ.

Most recently, Herman served as assistant to President Bill Clinton and director of the White House Public Liaison Office. In 1992, she served as the deputy director of the Presidential Transition Office. She also was chief executive officer of the 1992 Democratic National Convention Committee.

As founder of A.M. Herman & Associates, Herman advised state and local governments, as well as private corporations, during the 1980s, with her expertise in training, mentoring, reducing turnover, job creation strategies, and reducing and eliminating labor market barriers.

During the Carter administration, Herman served as director of the Women's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor, where she mounted new programs to help low-income and younger women with employment-related problems and strengthened cooperation on women's concerns among private business, labor unions and government agencies. Before that, she was national director of the Minority Women Employment Program at RTP, Inc., in Atlanta, where she implemented programs to place minority women in white-collar and nontraditional jobs.

## TSU holds kick-off for SACS accreditation process

It's accreditation time again at Tennessee State University. The official kick-off for the self-study process took place Feb. 10, when John Dwyer, associate executive director of the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) made his presentation to TSU administrators, faculty, staff and students.

Dwyer explained that the institutional self-study is not only for the purpose of renewing the university's accreditation, but also for improving the academic quality of TSU. Self-study is a two-year process during which an institution examines its educational programs, services and resources to determine whether it meets SACS criteria and

whether its offerings can accomplish its mission. At the study's conclusion, TSU will rectify any areas that do not meet standards.

Following the self-study, TSU hopes to earn reaccreditation from SACS in the year 2000. TSU must seek reaffirmation of accreditation from SACS every 10 years. All schools nationwide -- K-12 and higher education -- are reviewed for accreditation by an organization. In the southern region, that accrediting body is SACS.



Timothy Quain

A TSU steering committee will direct this long-term project. Led by Timothy Quain, director of institutional effectiveness and research, its co-chairs are Marian Patton, department head of dental hygiene, and Luke Powers, assistant professor of English. Jacqueline Vann is serving as assistant to the director.

Quain said, "I can't emphasize enough the importance of Tennessee State University's reaffirmation of accreditation by SACS. Basically, without this accreditation, we cease to exist as an institution. We must and we will be reaccredited, but all of the committees need help from the entire TSU family."

"Although we have a great deal of work ahead of us, we are excited about the growth that we will experience as an institution through this process of self-study. We are looking forward to a challenging two years in which we put our best foot forward and show SACS what a great institution TSU is."

*Ed. note: Watch for upcoming reports in Accent and Blue Notes or call the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research (963-5661) with questions.*

## Lifted up in history

"They were on the scene at a critical time for A&I State University. They rescued students and families whose problems were sometimes overwhelming. We thank them for their example and pledge to continue the legacy."

Ola Hudson, alumna and retired school administrator, expressed these sentiments before inducting the latest members into the TSU Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame. She was an inaugural inductee in 1996.

The 1997 inductees include:

- The late Ozie Lee Adams, former director of field services, continuing education and extension; food, nutrition and health specialist and research scientist with the Cooperative Extension program;
- The late Kate Gresham, the first African-American extension agent to serve minority families on a full-time basis, and an adviser for youth in 4-H clubs;
- Mary Hasty Greer, retired department head for home economics, graduate coordinator and recipient of TSU's Excellence in Teaching Award (1974);
- Henry Cecil Hardy, who started the Farm, Home and Ministers' Institute and directed it until his retirement in 1972;
- Erna B. Jones-Hoover, a retired researcher and instructor who pursued expanding the role of the Department of Home Economics in graduate studies;



**Among the new inductees into the Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame are (left to right) Henry Cecil Hardy, Neal McAlpin Sr. and Roland Norman.**

- Neal McAlpin Sr., who developed a horticulture program recognized locally, regionally, nationally and internationally and cultivated a peach orchard on campus that at its peak had more than 5,000 trees of varying colors, shapes, sizes and foliage; and
- Roland Norman, former dean of the School of Agriculture and Home Economics, professor of animal science and recipient of the "Ag Man of the Year" award from the American Society of Agronomy.

Hardy, who operated the dairy while attending TSU, got up at 3 a.m. every day to do chores before class and "still had the energy and skill to letter in football." While reflecting on his and his colleagues' inductions, he shared their simple approach to achievement: "Success comes to those who dare and then work."

### **A report card for Tennessee's colleges**

College students aren't the only ones who received grades at the end of fall semester; their colleges did, too.

TSU and 45 other schools governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents received their first report card in December. Chancellor Charles Smith presented the first-of-its-kind report card at the Regents' quarterly meeting, held at TSU.

- Among the points Smith covered were:
  - Nine of every 10 TBR students gave satisfactory or better ratings to their educational experience.
  - Alumni also gave high marks. *Ninety-one percent of alumni surveyed said they were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the education they received at TSU.*
  - About half of the students enrolled in TBR institutions are nontraditional students (ages 25 and older). *Nearly 60 percent of students who enrolled at TSU last fall were nontraditional students.*
  - The state's 46 TBR institutions awarded credentials to 22,453 men and women during the 1996-97 academic year. *TSU awarded 1,373.*
  - The average size of a TBR class is 26. *TSU's average class size is 25.*
  - Tennessee continues to be a low-fee state, with rates of increase in tuition and fees remaining less than those of the nation as a whole. *The TBR's decision to waive out-of-state fees for non-Tennessee residents with grade-point averages of at least 3.0 has resulted in a record number of honors students enrolling at Tennessee State University in recent years.*
  - TBR four-year institutions spend 72 cents of every dollar on classroom instruction and activities related to student services, above the national average of 62 cents. *TSU spends 70 cents of every dollar on instruction and student services.*

- Over the past 10 years, enrollments at TBR institutions have increased by more than 40,000 students. *From the fall of 1991 through the fall of 1996, TSU was the only four-year institution in the TBR system to experience an annual increase in enrollment.*

- An estimated eight in 10 Tennesseans who attend public postsecondary schools enroll at TBR institutions.

In response to the TBR meeting and the chancellor's presentation, TSU president James Hefner said, "As we celebrated 85 years of thinking, working and serving, the Tennessee Board of Regents commemorated its silver anniversary.

"The tie-in of the two events was very appropriate, especially because under the direction of the TBR, TSU has grown and readied itself for the future with some of the best programs, facilities and technologies available anywhere — and available at the only four-year public university in Tennessee's capital city."



**Mark Bishop, TSU alumnus and manager for staffing and development at Federal Express, shares his business wisdom with future executives.**

Thirty executives from local and national corporations shared their experiences with students. Among the companies represented were Aldi, Bellsouth, Federal Express, First Chicago NBD, First American National Bank, Fleetguard, Kraft Brothers CPA, Kroger, NationsBank, Pillsbury and Werthan Packaging.

Following the theme "It's not business as usual," the corporate leaders explained how their enterprises had survived and prospered through re-engineering, name changes, acquisitions and mergers.

Today's and tomorrow's successful executives must learn to speak a second language and to understand other cultures, according to Samuel H. Howard, chairman and CEO of Phoenix Healthcare Corp., chairman-elect of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and an honorary TSU alumnus. He predicted world citizens would no longer see wars where guns and tanks are the weapons of choice; rather, trade embargoes and import bans will settle international conflicts.

"The economist will be the strategist in international battles," Howard said.

The lecture series honors C.E. Crump, who served as interim dean of the College of Business

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# A DAY ON, A NOT A DAY OFF

This April 4 marks the 30th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. TSU remains faithful to his memory.



*The marchers make their way to Gentry Center.*

To begin the new year, thousands of marchers, from 17 points throughout the city, converged on the Tennessee State University campus for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. They marched because, as some said, the work begun by the civil rights leader decades before was not finished.

"Every day, we still find examples which show us that true equality has not been achieved; therefore, we must continue in grassroots community efforts to work, to march and to act so that everyone in this country has opportunities to grow and acheive. We have made great strides, but the work goes on," said Inman Otey, director of the career center and executive vice chairman of the event.

For Hillary Condon, a freshman minority student at TSU, the march represented a fundamental, ageless goal: the pursuit of brotherhood and sisterhood in the community.

"I've been

marching the past couple of years," she said. "Involvement in a lot of community activities is important [for me] as a member of the community."

Vance P. Ross, minister and director of congregational revitalization for the United Methodist Church, inspired the audience.

He said, "We may be in a nightmare, but this is not God's dream for us. Get your head up.

"God's dream is freedom and mobility. God's dream is truth and power. God's dream is dignity and liberty. God's dream is tranquility and nobility. Don't bow your head. Keep your head up."

Joining TSU to host the 1998 celebration were the Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership, Access ... MedPlus, and The Covenant Association.



*After the march, the city held a rally in Gentry Center to promote peace.*

*Executives to students, continued*

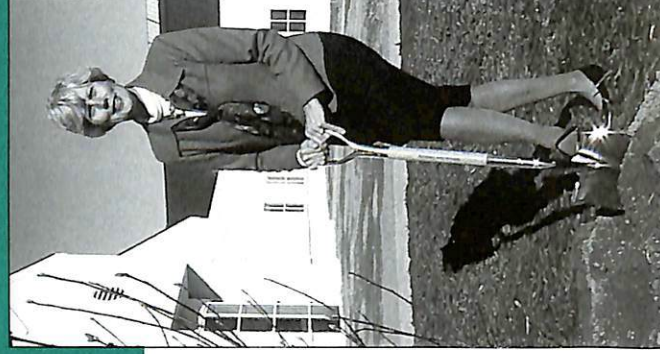
during the mid-1970s. She also served as associate dean for many years and was the department head for business education in the early-1960s.

Tilden Curry, dean of the College of Business, said, "As we speed toward the new millennium, developing new approaches to the way we conduct business, it is only fitting that we stop to honor one who has helped build our solid foundation."

## Tennessee's First Lady plants first tree at TSU Nursery Crops Research Station

Martha Sundquist, first lady of Tennessee, planted the first tree in the landscape of the TSU Nursery Crops Research Station in McMinnville. The facility is the only one in the nation dedicated solely to nursery crop research.

Nick Gawel, director of the station, said, "The station's landscaping will be a living showcase for the



**Tennessee first lady Martha Sundquist prepares to plant the first tree in the landscape of the TSU Nursery Crops Research Station.**

Tennessee nursery industry; the 2,900 plants in the landscape are all products sold by our state nursery industry."

Sundquist planted a magnolia variety developed by the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

The station's mission is to provide leadership in strengthening and expanding the

nursery industry through research in entomology, pathology, genetics, horticulture and related areas. It is staffed with scientists from TSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service. Tennessee's nursery industry is the sixth largest in the state, grossing an estimated \$200 million to \$300 million per year.

## Web and phone registration, other improvements, highlight faculty conference

This semester, TSU students could register on the world wide web for the first time. John Cade, dean of admissions and records, announced at the faculty conference for the spring semester. Students also took advantage of TIGERS (Telephone Interactive Global Express Registration System).

More than 4,000 students — nearly 50 percent of those enrolling — registered early, and most of them used the web or TIGERS. Students could register from their home PCs or from stations within their academic departments. They also could obtain information on their records at one of four "TIGERS Express" stations. Working like an automatic teller machine, the stations allowed students to get information that made registration easier.

William Perry, director of academic computing, said, computers on campus can be linked together. That means that students who come to the library and need information off the hard drive in their rooms can access the information from a PC station in the library.

Perry said work is under way to set up more computer mini-labs in residence halls. Lab assistants will move from lab to lab troubleshooting problems; they are scheduled to be available 60 to 70 hours per week. The university also is in the process of acquiring 120 new Pentium® computers for students to use.

Yildiz Binkley, director of libraries and media services, promoted the value of digital resources, noting that people now can borrow or check out books on-line through inter-library loans.

## New sorority would be a first

Representatives from Sigma Sigma Sigma, a nearly 100-year-old service organization, visited the TSU campus recently to consider colonizing a chapter. The visit marks the first time in the history of the university that a predominantly white Greek organization has shown interest in starting a chapter.

Tri Sigma's presentation included an overview of the organization, its programs and the benefits of joining.

"Sigma Sigma Sigma is committed to national philanthropy and social service toward children," said Jill Mehane, collegiate executive chairperson for Tri Sigma. "We hope to share our goals with TSU and look forward to becoming a part of the TSU tradition."

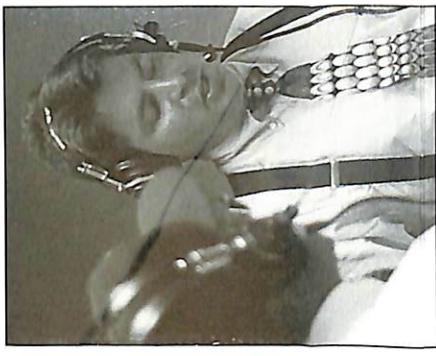
"We are excited about the prospect of having a new Greek-letter organization on campus," said Sara Curp, director of minority student affairs. "We hope that Tri Sigma's visit will spark interest in the organization."

Two other predominantly white national sororities — Alpha Sigma Tau and Delta Phi Epsilon — have expressed interest in establishing chapters at TSU.

## Franks resigns as sports information director

After 10 years in TSU athletics, Johnny "Ballpark" Franks has resigned. He has accepted a position as an account supervisor with Gish, Sherwood & Friends, the advertising agency representing the Tennessee Oilers.

During his tenure at TSU, Franks received numerous regional and national honors. He received the Cal Jacox/Champ Clark Award, given



**Johnny Franks, giving a halftime interview during the 1997 Circle City Classic in Indianapolis.**

annually to the top sports information director at a historically black institution, three times in the last six years. He claimed the 1997 Tennessee Sports Writers Association's award for best news release, and TSU media guides for football and basketball he produced have won top awards in the NCAA Division I-AA category.

Phyllis Qualls-Brooks, director of public relations said, "I will always remember and admire Johnny Franks for his incredible work ethic. He devoted himself to producing a quality product and conducting the business of sports information by going beyond the call of duty."

"Johnny has faced challenges of being a one-man operation, which has meant up to 80 hours per week during peak sports seasons. Where many might have fallen away exhausted, he has shone. We will miss him."

Before coming to TSU, Franks served as director of publicity for the Nashville Sounds baseball club. A graduate of Florida State University with a degree in marketing, he earned his master's of business administration degree with honors from TSU in 1995.

"Johnny Franks was a forerunner in sports information for advancing the cause of women athletes," said Teresa Lawrence Phillips, head women's basketball coach, who worked with Franks a number of years. "His departure is a big loss to the department; I wish him the best."

"He helped me become national coach of the year my first year here by promoting me to *USA Today*. His vote of confidence, and the award that followed it, were priceless gifts."

# JERICHO NIGHT SHEDS LIGHT ON BARRIERS

To interest more minorities and women in philosophy and religion, TSU recently sponsored Jericho Night.

Jericho Night is part of The Jericho Project, a program designed to support

scholars in philosophy and religious studies at the university and to break down barriers for women and minorities. The project gets its name from the biblical story of Joshua, who displayed courage in walking around the walls of Jericho until they fell.



**Kent D. Syverud, keynote speaker, addresses affirmative action and law school as William Hardy, TSU professor of philosophy and religious studies, listens.**

Kent D. Syverud, Garner University professor/dean of the Vanderbilt University School of Law, served as keynote speaker for the event, addressing issues relating to affirmative action and law school. William Hardy, TSU professor of philosophy and religious studies, coordinates The Jericho Project.

He said, "There is a great need to break down the barriers and interest more women and minorities in careers in philosophy and religious studies. For example, 70 percent of the African-American church is made up of women, but very few are in line for ordination. We hope to change these statistics."

For more information on The Jericho Project, call Hardy at 963-5002.



**Tremecca Doss**  
"I enjoy learning and the more I can learn, the more eager I am to go to the next level."

You're 16. Just old enough to drive. Not old enough to see an R-rated movie — legally, anyway. Still on a curfew, perhaps. But old enough for TSU if you meet the academic requirements and feel socially prepared.

Tremecca Doss and Jordan Offutt bypassed their senior year of high school to entered TSU this academic year at 16, having get a head start on a college degree. They're here thanks to the early admissions program, promoted by TSU president James Hefner. He believes that the institution can reach out to students who are prepared for college life and the rigors of college studies and has recruited students for the program during local, regional and national visits to high schools. He often includes middle schools on his itinerary as well, because he wants to "plant the seed that TSU is a thriving intellectual academy prepared to ready them for successful careers."

Doss, a Nashville native who attended Martin Luther King Jr. Science and Engineering Magnet High School, said she chose the early admission program because she wanted to get ahead.

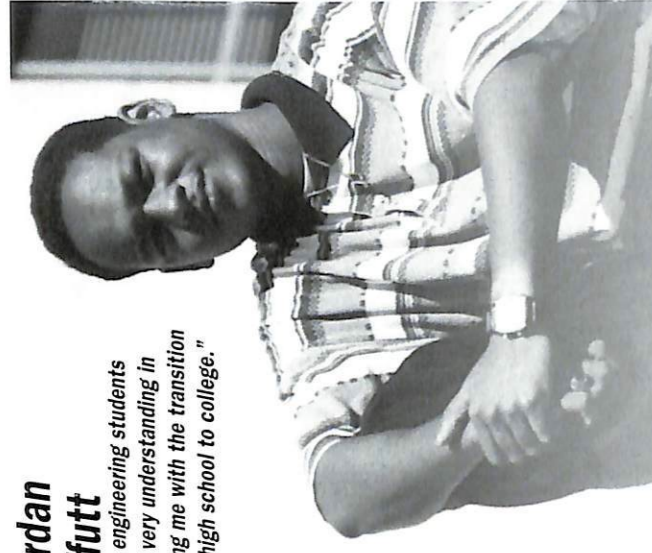
"As a small child, I always wanted to be prepared and work a little bit ahead of what was going on at the moment," she said. "When it came to the end of my junior year, the only credit I needed was in English and since it was possible to take that class in college, I went ahead and skipped my senior year.

"It has always been a goal of mine to enter college early because I enjoy learning and the more I can learn, the more eager I am to go to the next level."

# AN EARLY START

**Jordan Offutt**

"The engineering students were very understanding in helping me with the transition from high school to college."



bachelor's degree in computer science, in which he sees himself earning a joint juris doctorate-master of business administration degree, then a Ph.D.

John Cade, dean of admissions and records, said students who intend to enter college after their junior year of high school should prepare far in advance so they will have taken the required courses, earned a grade-point average of 3.2 or above, and an ACT score of at least 22 or an SAT score of at least 1,300. They also need a letter of recommendation from their principal or guidance counselor and must meet any other criteria required for admission of all students.

"It's something students and their parents feel good about," said Cade. "I think Tremecca and Jordan have been well exposed to interaction with people older than they are. They not only meet the academic requirements for admission, but they also possess the social and psychological maturity required to be successful in the college environment."

Because Offutt's father served in the military, he moved from place to place, never "home" in one place for long. He said the nomadic lifestyle allowed him to know a variety of people and places, but now, he is ready for TSU to become home.

"I liked seeing things, but as I grow older I'd rather have one place to call home. Hopefully, TSU is becoming that place."

Doss said, "Everyday I go to class I say, 'I'm so glad I came to TSU early because I would have had to wait another year before experiencing this.'"

Doss, who is majoring in speech communications and theater, has been acting professionally for more than 10 years and has appeared in several plays, television shows and commercials. She most recently performed in a made-for-television movie, *Her Hidden Truth*, which aired on the NBC and Lifetime networks. At TSU, her interest simply is "learning something new every day." She credits the University Honors Program for making the early transition into college life smooth. Jordan Offutt agrees.

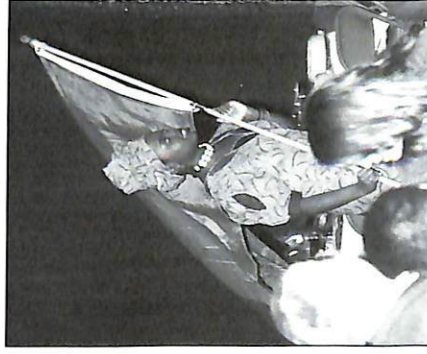
"The Honors Program is a big family. I enjoy it because we do a lot of things together. We run committees and help around the office," he said.

Offutt spent his summer at TSU in the Minority Introduction to Engineering program and said the information TSU engineering students shared with him made him as ready as possible for beginning college.

"After I participated in the program, the University offered me a full scholarship and that is why I came," said Offutt, who stays busy as a member of the Student Government Association's executive board and as a recruiter and chairman-elect of the special activities committee in the Honors Program. When he is not busy with those activities he enjoys playing trumpet and "messing around on my computer." He thinks about life after the

## PHOTO OP

Tennessee State University hosted a portion of Diversity Day for Leadership Nashville, an organization recognizing local leaders and better educating them about the city. Highlighting the event were a luncheon and parade of flags by international TSU students.



## Diversity Day

# TSU fills Frist Chair of Excellence in Business

## University applies for chair of excellence in banking and financial services

TSU has appointed Ruthie Reynolds professor of entrepreneurship to fill the Frist Chair of Excellence in Business. Reynolds came to TSU from Morehouse College in Atlanta, where she served as coordinator of the Division of Accounting. She holds a Ph.D. in accounting from Georgia State University and a J.D. from Howard University. She is a member of the Pennsylvania, Maryland and District of Columbia bar associations.

"Dr. Reynolds will skillfully enhance our community with her extensive entrepreneurial and academic experience," said TSU president James A. Hefner. "We again acknowledge the tremendous financial support of Patricia C. and Thomas F. Frist Jr., and look forward to the impact this chair of excellence will have on the university and the business community." The Frists contributed the lead gift of \$600,000 to fund the chair. Mr. Frist is chief executive officer of Columbia/HCA.

Hefner also said that to date TSU has received commitments for \$625,000 to establish a chair of excellence in banking and financial services. He anticipates receiving the maximum of \$625,000 in matching funds from the State of Tennessee. The Tennessee Board of Regents approved the chair at its March meeting. Several area financial institutions have pledged support for the project.

"We applaud all of the participating institutions, especially NationsBank, which led the initiative, and First American National and SunTrust banks. Each of these institutions committed to making leadership gifts of \$100,000," Hefner said.

Other participating banks include First Tennessee, First Union, Union Planters, SouthTrust, AmSouth, Citizens, Cheatham State and Volunteer State banks, as well as Capital Bank and Trust, Bank of Nashville, First National Bank of Pulaski, Bank of Green Hills, Bank of Goodlettsville, and Farmers & Merchants Bank in Clarksville. J.C. Bradford and Company and Merrill Lynch also have pledged support. Devitt Ezell, president of BellSouth, and Brad Barrett, executive

director of the Tennessee Bankers Association, spearheaded the two-year fund-raising campaign for the chair.

"For Tennessee State University to fuel the momentum for the free enterprise system, we must not only nurture businesses until they prosper, join with institutions to support today's business leaders and attract well-credentialed and -trained practitioners to our faculty, but we also must think globally and continue to respond to the need for effective and timely educational training for future business leaders," said Hefner.

*Ed note: See profile of Ruthie Reynolds on page 9.*



Representatives from area financial institutions attended President Hefner's presentation, announcing the successful campaign for the chair of excellence in banking and financial services. They are (left to right) Jack Vannatta, First American; Kent Cleaver, First Union; Samuel Franklin, SunTrust; Cynthia Carlton, Union Planters; Clyde Ingalls, First Tennessee; Fred Smith, NationsBank; John Gregory, Capital Bank and Trust; Danny Perron, Bank of Green Hills; Brad Barrett, Tennessee Bankers Association; and Patrick Gilbert, First National Bank of Pulaski.

## PHOTO OP

The TSU Cultural Affairs Committee recently featured acclaimed tenor **William Brown**, who performed and gave a master class for students. (He is pictured at right teaching the class.) Brown has appeared with the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Capetown South African Symphony, and others. Following his operatic debut with the Baltimore Opera Company, he appeared with the New York City Opera, Florentine Opera Company, Goldovsky Opera, at the Brevard Music Center and many others. He made his debut at Carnegie Hall in 1982 and currently serves as distinguished professor of voice at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.



## REMEMBERING

Tennessee State University celebrates the lives of these friends who died in recent months:

**Rutherford Adkins**  
president of Fisk University;

**Alvin "Cat" Coleman**  
assistant football coach under John A. Merritt;

**Jim Kennedy**  
vice chancellor for administration and facilities at the Tennessee Board of Regents and former deputy and chief of staff for Gov. Ned McWherter;

**Sherman Little**  
of the 1956 national championship football team;

**Will Ed Officer**  
retired from the School of Agriculture and Home Economics;

and  
**Fred Westbrook**  
alumnus and former department head of plant science.

# Goughs give first-class scholarship

Dowe, a junior from Indianapolis who is majoring in physical therapy, was selected from 21 applicants to receive the scholarship based on her grade-point average, a letter of reference and a two-page essay on why she deserved the scholarship and how she intends to apply her education in her career. Her out-of-state tuition, room and board cost about \$10,000. She has received some assistance with the cost, but with a brother attending Tuskegee University, her family, too, is facing the challenge of funding two college educations at once.

Dowe said the scholarship will move her closer to her career goal. "The scholarship will help me continue my education so that I can become the chief executive officer of a rehabilitation company."

David Gough is familiar with the financial struggles of paying for college. Besides paying his son's tuition, he has been paying back his own college loans — incurred while earning his master's degree — for about 10 years. Gough travels throughout the country teaching purchasing strategies to corporate and military



*Cynthia Allen of the TSU development staff, David Gough, Jamila Dowe and Rebecca Gough pose for a picture after the Goughs presented Dowe with the first Gough Family Scholarship.*

personnel. He is employed by the Norfolk, Va.-based Naval Center for Acquisition Training and works out of his home in Decherd. Rebecca Gough is a homemaker. "My wife and I decided that we wanted to give a \$1,000 scholarship four times a year to a deserving student because that was something we could do to help," said Gough. "There seems to be a lot of money out there for those in great financial need and a lot of money for scholars and athletes, but Middle America seems to get left out. This was something we thought we could do as a family." The Goughs welcome all college students from Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia — traditional and nontraditional, undergraduate and graduate — to apply for their scholarship. For more information, write The Gough Family Scholarship Fund, 202 Second Avenue North, Decherd, Tenn., call 931-962-9096, or send a fax to 931-962-1396.

**You don't have to be a billionaire to set up a scholarship, according to one Tennessee couple.**

In the 1950s, she was known as **Y.Y. Clark**, mechanical engineer. She didn't go by the name Yvonne because she felt that if people who read her publications or read about her knew she was a woman — particularly an African-American woman — she would not be accepted equally with other engineers, who at that time were mostly white men.

Today, Yvonne Y. Clark still goes by Y.Y. — but only because she likes to. She has opened stubborn doors wide and no longer needs to hide behind the screen of her initials.

In 1951, Clark became the first woman to earn a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Howard University. In 1970, she became the first woman to earn a master of science degree in engineering management from Vanderbilt. She also was the first African-American member of the Society of Women Engineers and, last year, she accepted the Women of Color Technology Award from *U.S. Black Engineer and Information Technology* and *Hispanic Engineer and Information Technology* magazines.

Clark believes she was born with an interest in engineering. As a child, she loved to build, tear down and rebuild things; so when she told her parents she wanted to become an engineer, they weren't surprised.

"Since I was a child playing with an erector set and fixing things around the house, I have dreamed of making a contribution as an engineer."

After graduating from Howard in 1951, Clark found the engineering job market wasn't receptive to women, particularly women of color. In 1952, she was hired as a designer at Frankford Arsenal, Gage Division, in Philadelphia.



**She's made a way for women and minorities in engineering**

But struggles for equality prompted her to move to RCA, where she worked as an equipment designer until she moved to Nashville in 1955. In 1956, she became an instructor of mechanical engineering at TSU. She served as department head from 1965 to 1970 and 1977 to 1988. She is the principal investigator for a research project, "Experimental Evaluation of the Performance of Alternative Refrigerants in Heat Pump Cycles," funded by the Department of Energy at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

During her tenure at TSU, Clark has served as a catalyst for many changes in the growing equality of women and minorities in engineering. Her efforts have paid off.

"At the university, the female representation in the College of Engineering has gone from a secretary and me to 25 percent women," Clark said. "Now we have a female engineer in every department and about one-fourth of the students enrolled in engineering are women."

Clark says the glass ceiling still exists, though progress is pressing against it.

"The important thing to remember is that you have to make your own openings. You also have to discern which problems are yours and which problems belong to the other person. Don't wear another person's problem."



*Clark (back row, second from left) with a TSU group visiting Kitt Peak Observatory in Arizona, as part of the Center for Automated Space Science (CASS) program. Clark coordinates the student component of CASS.*



# A world of hope for one part of the world

Last summer, Gary Linn got the surprise of his life. He walked into the AIDS ward of Korle Bu Hospital in Ghana, West Africa, expecting to feel misery from the heat of having no air-conditioning ... despair from chronic illness ... suffering from pain doctors cannot adequately describe on a chart.

**Instead, he saw hope.**

Members of the medical staff were bathing patients, reading to them, playing checkers with them, holding their hands. The tone was peaceful, the treatment fundamental in contrast with the modernity — and occasional impersonality — of the industrial world.

"What I saw amazed me," said Linn, an associate professor in the School of Nursing. "There was no air conditioner and we were three degrees off the equator. Things were as basic as you can get, yet there was a feeling of humanity. I thought, 'These people are getting the best that there is.'"

What keeps more people away from the AIDS ward in Ghana is not AZT or regular AIDS cocktails. It is not a doctor's visit every month to monitor T-cells. It is one-on-one conversation with peers. Linn said in the Third World, the best way to fight AIDS is through peer counseling. A grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has enabled Linn and colleagues at the University of Cape Coast to train male peer counselors in Accra, Ghana's capital. The work targeted men, because the rate of HIV infection among men rose by 10 times over a 10-year period. The men returned to their communities prepared to talk

one-on-one, distribute literature, show videos, and sell condoms at nominal costs. The program has reached more than 500,000 HIV-infected males in the urban areas of Ghana. In its low cost and simplicity, it brings the promise of prevention to places where high-tech medical facilities and expensive drug cocktails rarely, if ever, exist.



Ben Heyford and Josephus Mensah (University of Cape Coast) and Kwabena Poku (University of Ghana) worked with TSU's Gary Linn on an AIDS prevention project.

**United Nations estimates that 16,000 people in the world become infected with HIV every day. NINETY PERCENT of the world's HIV population lives in developing countries.**

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Still, efforts chase the statistics: 6 percent of Ghana's population (nearly 18 million) have HIV; Linn said that percentage — the mid-range for Africa — is likely to increase to 8 percent by 2005. Sources from the United Nations show that nearly 21 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa have AIDS or are HIV positive — 110 percent more than all other parts of the world

combined. To combat that overwhelming reality, Poku currently is working with the World AIDS Foundation to take the peer counseling program into rural areas of the country. Linn also will expand his work to America's homeless and mentally ill



Gary Linn shops for herring.

## Linn's other recent projects

**"AIDS Prevention in Brazil" and "Hypertension Treatment in Families" Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, held in Indianapolis**

**Contract from the Healthcare Finance Administration to conduct a pilot study on the special educational interventions for TennCare/Medicaid mothers and their infants**

populations if the National Institutes of Health (NIH) approve his proposal for funding.

"For most of the world, prevention is the only alternative — drug therapy is too expensive," admits Linn. Still, he believes in the power of peer-to-peer dialogue, acknowledging the success of support groups for smoking cessation and weight control. He also cites the SISTER (Supported Intensive System of Treatment Empowerment and Recovery) program at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, through which women recovering from alcohol and drug abuse benefit from the support of other women who have followed and left the same path.

Hope for drug therapy remains within everyone fighting the spread of AIDS. David Gallow, world-renowned doctor and researcher at the University of Maryland, announced at the AIDS conference sponsored by NIH that he now will focus his energies on low-cost drug treatments for Third World nations. Perhaps the treatments, like some vaccines, will reach them, lagging years behind developed nations. But for today, "prevention is the only realistic alternative," said Linn.

"Billions of people in the Third World look at AIDS as just one more disease to struggle with. Day in and day out there is malaria, cholera, yellow fever — all of which may kill first," he added.

The good news is that a half-million men in Accra, Ghana, responded to their peer counselors when they shared about prevention and condoms. And it is a method that is spreading throughout the world. It is the United States leading that process, as Linn and others envision that collectively, we will defeat the most horrendous disease: ignorance.



Korle Bu Hospital in Accra, Ghana, where Linn and his colleagues met with AIDS patients

"It works," is Linn's report. He and his colleagues — Josephus Anamuah-Mensah and Ben Heyford of the University of Cape Coast and Kwabena Poku of the University of Ghana — affirmed that people trust and learn more effectively from people of equal status and experience. The information travels faster — faster than the media can spread it — and peer counselors can be trained at less expense than having experts brought in to meet with citizens.

"Part of the reason it's so difficult to control the spread of AIDS, and the same could be said for any place, is that you have to intervene and change normative sexual practices," said Linn. "We had to teach men to teach their peers the importance of using condoms and having only one partner if they choose to be sexually active."

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Ruthie Reynolds, professor of entrepreneurship, holds the Frist Chair of Excellence in Business.

# EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEUR

## “Nashville has wonderful opportunities for people who want to start their own businesses.”

Ruthie Reynolds ought to know. She launched into entrepreneurship in Nashville in 1973 when, as the first African-American woman to earn her CPA in Tennessee, she opened the first African-American-owned CPA firm in Nashville. Now, she will reach out and help pull potential and established business owners toward TSU.

“Entrepreneurship is about educating people to help themselves,” Reynolds said. “Sometimes people do not have the confidence or the knowledge to come to us. They need help from the general educational system.”

Reynolds will play a key role in advancing TSU’s free enterprise initiative by putting TSU’s services before the community. One component of the College of Business that attracted Reynolds back to TSU (she taught in the College of Business from 1983 until 1988) was the solidity of entrepreneurial support programs already in place, including the Nashville Business Incubation Center, Small Business Development Center, and Women’s Institute for Successful Entrepreneurship.

“I’m just thrilled to be here to continue these efforts,” said Reynolds.

Reynolds envisions a broader outreach into the world community. She spent time in Africa and Brazil last year; colleague John Masten recently returned from a year-long consulting trip to Malawi; Abu Wahid shared expertise in Bangladesh.

“I see TSU contributing to the development of programs in other countries,” Reynolds said. For example, “South Africa needed entrepreneurship after abandoning apartheid. That is a wonderful parallel to what we are doing.”

Ruthie Reynolds knows the satisfaction trailblazing for African-American women can bring. But her most fulfilling sense of achievement comes when she reaches out to help someone else.

She said, “My greatest aim personally is to reach the milestone of being able to help others as much as I’ve been helped. That would take a lifetime.”

While in Atlanta, Reynolds worked for BusinessNow. The program, founded by Jane Fonda, targets low income women. BusinessNow teaches women to launch home-based businesses that require only a small amount of upfront money (\$500 to \$2,000). Reynolds served as a consultant to the program and a member of the loan committee.

BusinessNow evolved in part into a “Welfare to Entrepreneurship” (as opposed to “Welfare to Work”) program, with a success rate that could be illustrated by an arrow reaching to the top of a skyscraper on Atlanta’s Peachtree Street. Perhaps reaching higher still is the self-esteem of the women who earn independence by giving their own businesses and abilities a try. Reynolds said part of that process is changing people’s way of thinking.

“That’s what’s so good about the entrepreneurial spirit; there are great opportunities. There is always a need for a new business, [but] you have to do the job well. The starting point is a plan. Process the ideas in your head, then put something in writing.”

For people who argue, “But I don’t have any experience,” Reynolds says, “[Microsoft owner] Bill Gates had no experience.” For her, entrepreneurship “is about daring to take the risk and learn as you go.” More than that, she believes that budding entrepreneurs — and students — succeed because people encourage them.

Reynolds finds inspiration in her students. She taught Deborah Scott Ensley, president of Citizens Bank; Albert Gray, partner in Minorico L.P.; and Lynnee Swanson, who works for the Department of Justice in Atlanta. Many of her former students, like Gray, have gone into business for themselves. Students serve on her research committees because Reynolds values their voices.

A perpetual learner herself, Ruthie Reynolds lives by this idea: “Open your mind to learn something from every experience. There are no failures, only opportunities to learn. I treasure every experience, every acquaintance, every job.”

## A living success story

When Tennessee State University freshman Adoniram Anderson began her college career, she had no idea what type of professional she wanted to become. One thing was quite evident, though — she was a gifted writer, and at 18 years old, Adoniram is the published author of *The Inner City and Other Negro Tales*, a collection of short stories, poems and plays.

Raised in Nashville’s Cumberland View public housing, Anderson has been writing since she was 13, but never was encouraged by any of her teachers to nurture her gift.

“When I was younger, I wasn’t confident in my writing abilities but I wrote anyway. The first teacher who saw my potential to write and encouraged me to continue writing was my 12th grade English teacher, Mrs. Green.”

While at Hillwood High School, Anderson began writing poems for the student newspaper. Until her journalism class took a field trip to Winston-Derek Publishing Company, she was more interested in songwriting and had never thought of writing a book.

“It wasn’t one of those things like, ‘You know what? I’m going to write a book.’ It was kind of unplanned.”

After collecting a number of poems and short stories, Anderson submitted her manuscript for the book to the company. Anderson says what happened next was a miracle from God.

“I had sent my book to Winston-Derek and two days later I received a letter from them saying they wanted to publish my book.”

According to Anderson, when considering manuscripts, Winston-Derek has several editors review the manuscripts before they are reviewed by the president, a process which



can take several months. Anderson’s manuscript did not go through the routine reviewing process, but happened to be picked out of a stack of manuscripts by James Peebles, president of Winston-Derek Publishing Company.

Fascinated by Anderson’s work, and the fact that she was only 17 years old, Peebles immediately had her sign a contract to publish her book. As a senior in high school, Anderson was one of the youngest people to be published by Winston-Derek Publishing Company.

The stories in *The Inner City and Other Negro Tales* take place in the early 1900s and deal with topics such as strong family relationships, young love and economic empowerment; but most of her poems are from situations she has seen, heard or experienced. She likes murder mysteries, but doesn’t see herself writing any in the future.

“Everything I write, I want it to be uplifting and inspire others.” Adoniram, a Biblical name which means “my Lord is most high,” says God has truly blessed her. She says she was raised going to church every Sunday, and as a child she really couldn’t understand the importance. Now she says she appreciates the experience and has a “personal desire to serve God.”

“God has really worked miracles in my life. Many things that happen in my life people may think are small or insignificant, but I know it was God working it out,” she says.

Growing up, Anderson never had any specific plans for college, but once she received a full scholarship from Tennessee State University, she made TSU her home. Anderson says Sandra Holt, director of the University Honors Program, and other supportive people helped her adjust to college life. She says being a member of the Honors Program is like being a part of a big family.

Anderson is already working on some other projects. She plans to write two more books entitled *Lay My Burdens Down* and *Flirting with the Devil*.

Anderson has set an example in her life of hard work and determination that everyone can follow. If asked to give advice to an up-and-coming writer, she says she would rather show than tell.

“One thing I’ve learned is you can tell people what they need to do all day long, but the best advice you can give is the way you live and give your own testimony.”

# university notables

## IT'S AN EVENT!

**April 25**  
**TSU Showstoppers Annual Spring Show**  
 Goes Recital Hall, Strange Muisc Bldg., 7 p.m.

**April 26**  
**University Choir and Meistersingers Spring Concert**  
 Goes Recital Hall, Strange Muisc Bldg., 4 p.m.

## Gifts, grants & resources

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded \$171,113 per year through the year 2001 for students in the special education program coordinated by **Sharon Aldrich**. The program follows a cross-disciplinary approach to preparing teachers, with input from the departments of criminal justice, social work and psychology. It helps students enhance self-control, self-advocacy and conflict resolution.



*The Boswells present their gift to President Hefner (left).*

The **Alger Boswell Sr. family** — his widow, Ethel Boswell, son, Alger Boswell Jr., and daughter Alice Boswell Love — presented a gift of \$20,000 to the university during the Homecoming reception. Ethel Boswell was the Homecoming honoree.

## Departmental & organizational news

The **College of Arts and Sciences** has offered the following courses in women's studies this spring: "Women's History," **Cynthia Wilke**, professor; "Women's Studies (Anthropology and Sociology)," **Lynn Dwyer** and **Katherine Bryant**, professors; and "The African Female," **Pam Smoot**, professor.

The **College of Education** has received a national award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), for its efforts in advancing professional standards for teacher education.

The **Department of Physical Therapy** has presented its fourth annual series course, "Evaluation and Treatment of the Lumbar Spine: The McKenzie vs. the Manual Therapy Approach."

## The Health Careers Opportunity Program

(HCOP) of the School of Allied Health Professions is accepting applications through April 15. The six-week summer enrichment program, held on campus June 20 through July 31, orients participants on careers in allied health and reinforces skills in reading, writing, mathematics and the physical and biological sciences. High school juniors and seniors, recent high school graduates and lower-division college students may apply. For more information, call 963-5871.

The **Department of Biological Sciences**, along with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Inc., will again sponsor a

summer enrichment program, "Partnerships in Mathematics and Sciences." For more information, contact Martha Stratton, coordinator, at 963-5758.



*These students (standing) spent a week last summer indulging in science and math activities, led by their instructors (seated).*

## Honors, awards & achievements

The **TSU Public Relations Office** (including printing and sports information) received an Award of Excellence in the Total Publications Program category in the 1998 Advancement Awards presented by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), District III. The judges evaluated the series of publications produced during the university's 85th anniversary year.

**Phyllis Qualls-Brooks** (right) receives the **CASE Award of Excellence** from **Joan Bahner**, **CASE District III chair** and **director of alumni affairs** at **Fisk University**.



**Bobby Lovett**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has been elected to the national board of directors for the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences.

## Research, presentations & publications

**Elaine Martin**, assistant professor of biological sciences, and **Evelyn White**, associate dean of the College of Education, were selected to participate in the Reciprocal Science Success: Visions and Strategies project, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, for the 1997-98 year. They have joined 23 other teams in designing strategies to enhance the active participation of minorities in science and to promote effective teacher preparation on their home campuses. White also facilitated a learning lab session, "Special Recruitment and Retention Strategies," at the Seventh Annual National Conference of Quality Education for Minorities/Math Science Education.



**Kandi M. Hardin**

Several students and faculty researchers with the **Cooperative Agricultural Research Program** participated in the 11th Biennial Research Symposium, sponsored by the Association of Research Directors and held in San Antonio, Texas. Among them were three first-place winners: **Kandi M. Hardin**, a senior biology major, for the paper "Plant Regeneration System for 'Stella de Oro' Daylilies for Genetic Engineering Status," in the plant and soil science category; **Kieu Van Vo**,



*Kieu Van Vo*

## IT'S AN EVENT!

**May 9**  
**Commencement - Gentry Complex, 10 a.m.**  
**Speaker: U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman**

**May 21**  
**TSU Foundation Dinner - Opryland Hotel**

professor of agricultural sciences, for the poster "Nutrient Restriction for Economic Efficiency of Broiler Production," in the animal science category; and **Sandria Godwin**, assistant professor of family and consumer sciences, for the poster "Usage of Two- and Three-Dimensional Portion Size Aids in Estimating Dietary Intake," in the food science, nutrition and health category.

**Decatur Rogers**, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, participated in a panel on "Undergraduate and Graduate Science and Engineering Education" as part of a Congressional Black Caucus Braintrust on Science and Technology Institute held in Washington, D.C.

**Arie Halachmi**, professor of public management in the Institute of Government, and Peter Boorsma, professor of finance and administration at the University of Twente in the Netherlands, have written a book, *Inter- and Intra-Government Arrangements for Productivity*.

Among the faculty presenting papers at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration were **Ann-Marie Rizzo** ("Administrators, Regulators and Ethics") and **Alex Sekwat** ("Principal-Agent Theory: A Framework for Understanding Health-Care Reform in Tennessee"). Sekwat is president-elect of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration. **Robert Thoeny**, institute director, and professors **Bruce Rogers**, Rizzo and Sekwat contributed entries to the four-volume *International Encyclopedia of Public Policy and Administration*, for which Arie Halachmi served as associate editor.

**C. McCurdy Lipsey**, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, was invited to address the mayor's Commission of Twelve, a group formed to reduce violent crime in Nashville. He urged the commission to base its recommendations on solid social scientific research, that would seek answers to questions about the gender, age, education, race, occupation, and previous criminal records of the offenders, and the relationship of the victim to the offender.

**Ralph Simpson**, department head of music, served on a panel at the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music in San Diego. He also chaired an NASM accreditation team for Mississippi Valley State University.

## New people, new appointments

**Cynthia Allen** has been appointed to the position of coordinator of prospect research in the Office of Development/TSU Foundation.

**Mitchell Chamberlain** has been named circulation and access librarian for University Libraries and Media Resources.

**Landson Drummond** has been tapped to fill a newly created position, acting director of academic advisement, in the division of academic affairs. A recent Ed.D. graduate of TSU, he formerly served as a lab technician in the chemistry department.

**Michelle Duboise** has joined the media center as a media specialist.

**Kevin Ellis** and **Berry Wright** have been named farm management specialists in the Small Farmer's Assistance Program.

**Tonya Fizer** has been promoted to program coordinator in the Career Development Center.

**Victoria Hayes** received a promotion to coordinator of Educational Talent Search in the TRIO program.

**Michael Jones** has joined the Office of Financial Aid as assistant director.

**Sandra Keith** has been named EEO/AA specialist in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action.

**Reginald Ross** has joined the staff of the TRIO program as adviser.

**Artis Twyman** has been appointed to the position of information research technician in the Office of Public Relations.

**Jacqueline Vann** now serves as assistant to the director for *institutional effectiveness and research*. She previously served as business manager in the Office of Development/TSU Foundation.

**Rita Williams-Seay** received a promotion to employment specialist in the Department of Human Resources.

#### Student notes

The **TSU forensics team** earned seven awards at the St. Louis Gateway Swing Forensics Tournament, eight awards at the Ruby C. Krider Invitational Tournament in Kentucky, and six awards at the Hopkinsville (Ky.) Community College Open Forensics Tournament. Student winners included **Shalonda Carney, Nicole Ford, Karen Huddleston-Rowe, Othell Miller, William Prater** and **Samantha Williamson**.

Twenty students in the **Physical Therapy Department**, along with assistant professor **Pat Flemming**, assisted with a golf tournament to raise funds for the Middle Tennessee Center for Independent Living. Contributions will help clients receive peer counseling and procure accessible housing and will allow for the installation of more wheelchair ramps throughout Middle Tennessee.

Members of the Student Government Association — **Johnnie Bond, William Jenkins, Bryan Newcomb** and **Pebblin Warren** — participated in the 31st General Assembly for the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, held in the state capitol building. They won the Best New Delegation award.

**Lee Ann Miller** and **Yandla N. Adams** have been selected as interns with the 1998 Tennessee General Assembly.

**Carla Burgess**, a post-baccalaureate student in early childhood education, recently served as a National Science Foundation (NSF) fellow in the Center of Excellence for Research and Policy on Basic Skills. The Center's NSF project, a partnership with the school districts of Rutherford, Sumner and Williamson counties, along with Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, benefits 3,100 teachers and 110,000 students.

**Ike Boone**, a sophomore accounting major, has been named a recipient of a \$5,000 Horatio Alger National Scholarship, awarded annually to promising postsecondary school students who have overcome adversity and contributed to their communities involvement.

**Srabanti Sarkar**, a doctoral student in public administration, presented "The Politics of Zoning and Economic Development" at the 1997 Southeastern Conference for Public Administration.

**Tyrone Butterfield**, a junior wide receiver, was named first team All American by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network. He won Co-Offensive Player of the Year in the Ohio Valley Conference and made first team All-OVC. The Sports Network named him to the second team All-America NCAA Division I-AA squad as a kick returner.

The *All Star Classic* Foundation, Inc., has named **Ryan Falke** to its top 24 football players from historically black colleges and universities.

**Ryan Falke** (second from left), *award-winning*

*linebacker, poses with L.C. Cole, head football coach; Chuck Fausch, representative of the All Star Classic Foundation; and Vivian Fuller, director of intercollegiate athletics.*



#### Alumni news

**James E. Young** is president and chief executive officer of Citizens Trust Bank of Atlanta, which recently merged with First Southern Bank in Lithonia, Ga., where he also served as president and CEO.

The merger has created the nation's third largest African-American owned commercial bank, with total assets of nearly \$200 million.

**Linda Arms Gilbert**, who teaches music, band and choir at Black Fox Elementary School in Murfreesboro, Tenn., has been named 1998 Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

**Samuel H. Howard**, honorary alumnus, received the 1997 Nashville Philanthropist of the Year award from the Nashville Chapter of the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives.

**Eugene Wade**, a business teacher at Brentwood High School in Brentwood, Tenn., was one of four state winners of a Milken Family Foundation National Award. He is among 150 secondary and middle school educators from 35 states to win. The award carries a \$25,000 prize.

## A \$25,000 apple



Brentwood teacher Eugene Wade is pictured with state Education Commissioner James Walker as he receives the Milken Family Foundation National Award.

### Brentwood teacher receives national excellence award

By KATHLEEN QUAYZ  
Brentwood teacher Eugene Wade has already finished his year-end conference and is celebrating with his family. He received the Milken Family Foundation National Award for Excellence in Education. Wade, who has taught at Brentwood High School for 12 years, was named the state's best teacher. He is one of 150 secondary and middle school educators from 35 states to win the award. The award carries a \$25,000 prize.

### Alumnus Eugene Wade made headlines.

Reprinted from The Tennessean

**Mamie Rallins**, a standout hurdler for the TSU Tigerbelles and head coach of the women's track and field team at Hampton University, has been named head manager for the USA women's track and field team for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Rallins set seven world records and 11 American records. She competed in the 1968 Mexico City Games and the 1972 Munich Games.

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators awarded **Inez Crutchfield** the Nation Builder Award for Tennessee at its 21st Annual Legislative Conference. The award recognizes individuals who do not currently serve as members of legislatures, but who have made significant contributions to the political progress of African Americans.

**William C. Bostic**, executive director of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, has been elected to the board of directors of the National Council of State Housing Agencies. In that capacity, he will direct national initiatives for affordable housing.

Alumnae **Valerie R. Taylor** and **Shirley A. Watkins** attended the dedication of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in October. Taylor, a major in the Air National Guard, served during Operation Desert Storm. Watkins served four years in the U.S. Air Force, including two years in England and one in Korea.

Former Tigerbelle and Olympic medalist **Margaret Matthews Wilburn** and former TSU basketball star **Leonard "Truck" Robinson** have been inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

**IT'S AN EVENT!**  
June 19-21  
TSU National Alumni Association Convention  
Indianapolis, Ind.

# Quotable QUOTES

**W**hat makes Chrysler great is people, not technology.

**-Dennis K. Pawley**  
executive vice president for the Chrysler Corporation, during an on-campus visit with students, faculty and administrators

**M**ost people think of work as working for someone else, but most of these individuals have entrepreneurial talents.

**-Ruthie Reynolds**  
professor of entrepreneurship for the Frist Chair of Excellence in Business

**S**uccess in life comes not from what you gain but from what you do for others.

**-Roland Norman**  
inductee into the TSU Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame

**E**very day, every year, in the classrooms of Tennessee, teachers reaffirm America's future.

**-Linda Arms Gilbert**  
alumna, who was named 1998 Tennessee Teacher of the Year

**I**t seems so good to now have a place where the community can come and view an important part of history because I believe in the importance of preserving this critical historical connection.

**-James Winston Peebles**  
alumnus and owner of the Sankofa African Heritage Museum

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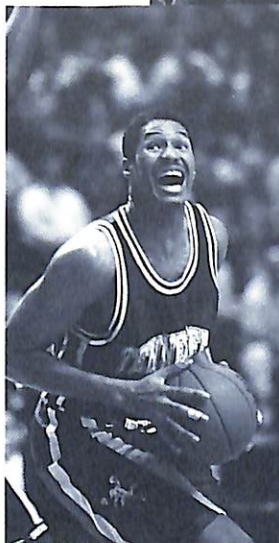
# OVC tourney

The men's basketball team qualified for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament and made it to the finals, where TSU lost to Murray State.

*Brian Williams shoots for two.*



*Julian Bankston looks for his opportunity.*



*Kevin Samuels sets it up.*

