

## SECURITY: A Stabilizing Force

By Robert Churchwell

Security at Tennessee State University is meeting its mission with an assist of attitudinal change by students and a virtual freedom from bother on a large part of the total University campus.

The mission, according to James Robertson, director of safety and security, is to set and stabilize an atmosphere that is conducive to learning for our students through the protection of life and property."

"We have received full cooperation from Dr. Frederick Humphries (president) and Ron Dickson (vice president for business affairs) and I want you to know that we earned it," Robertson said.

For a few years students themselves hindered Security considerably from meeting its mission, notes Robertson, a 15-year veteran of TSU safety and security service. But in the past three years he said he has noticed an about-face in the attitude about his department.

"In the past, students appeared to feel that Security was there to suppress them. But now they have come to see Security as protection from any outside or campus element calculated to interfere with their process of learning," Robertson explained.

"I certainly get the feeling we are carrying out our mission... we've received no reports of any serious crimes this year—no rapes, no loss of life," said the SS director whose comments generally applied to the main TSU campus.

A recent innovation was the creation of a student task force on safety and security. The students are asked to help with office chores and six of them work on campus in areas of building security. The students do not wear uniforms and receive no compensation for their services. They wear portable walkie talkie sets to keep in touch with the security office.

"It's working very well," Robertson said, "and it has certainly helped

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Yvonne Braithwaite Burke

## Former Congresswoman To Be Commencement Speaker

Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, an attorney and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, will be the speaker for Tennessee State University's spring commencement scheduled for 10 a.m. May 7 in the Howard Gentry Complex.

During the commencement exercises TSU will confer degrees upon an estimated 700 students. The ceremony will be a historic occasion because the University will award its first doctoral degree.

The commencement speaker has attained national prominence through her political career. Burke, a Los Angeles, California, native, became actively involved in community affairs after receiving her law degree from the University of Southern California in 1956. She served as Deputy Corporation Commissioner, a hearing office for the police commission, and as an attorney on the McCone Commission staff, which acted as the Watts Riot investigatory body, before being elected to the California



Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, 1983 Spring Commencement Speaker.

State Assembly in 1966. During the six years she served in the state assembly, she worked toward enacting laws that benefited California's indigent children, health insurance consumers, residents of

homes for the elderly and orphaned, and victims of governmental urban renewal and expansion projects.

In 1972, Attorney Burke became the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress from California in 20 years and the first black woman ever elected to the House from her state. During this six year term, she served on the House Appropriations Committee and on the Select Committee on Assassinations. She introduced legislation which ensured equal employment opportunity in the construction of the Trans-Alaskan pipeline and the Equal Opportunity for the Displaced Homemakers Act.

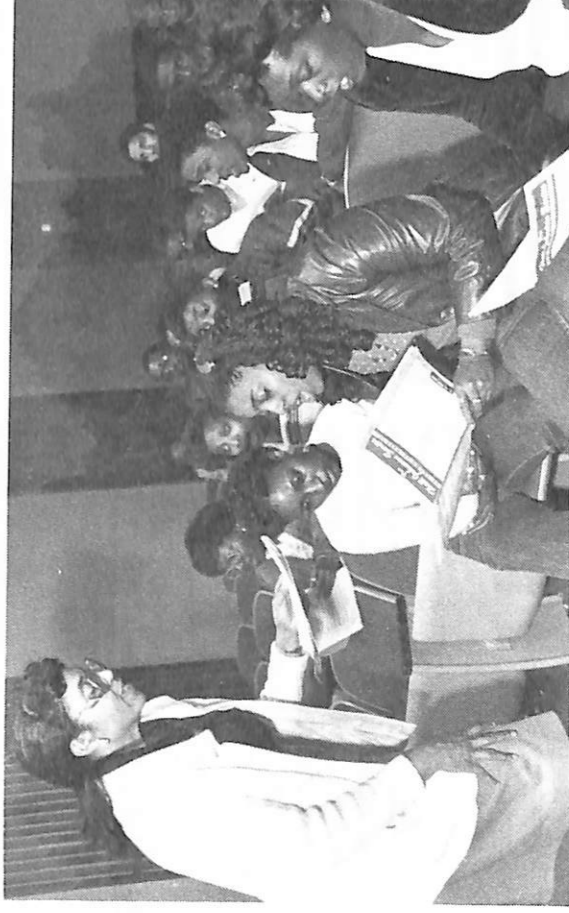
Burke has received numerous awards for her varied civic and governmental works, including being selected as Woman of the Year by the *Los Angeles Times* and the Association of Black Manufacturers. She currently serves as a member of the MGM/UA Entertainment Board of Directors and is a member of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee.

## Meistersingers Big Hit in First Competition Spring Recital Set

The Eddie T. Goins Meistersingers, fresh from their performance in Cincinnati, Ohio will be presented in concert on April 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the Marie Brooks Strange Auditorium (Music Building).

The concert is free and open to the public.

The Meistersingers, under the direction of Charlotte Rhodes, recently traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio,



Meistersingers director Charlotte Rhodes leads the concert choir in a rehearsal.

to compete in the Second Annual American Negro Spiritual Festival Competition. They were one of four groups invited by the Human Involvement Project of Cincinnati to participate in the competition. They won second place and received

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### TSU Students Win Awards and TSU Professor to Become President

Three history and geography majors—Ronnie Brooks and Quadralynn Olar, juniors, and Van Cain, sophomore—won the Theophilus E. McKinney Award "for outstanding undergraduate research" at the recent New Orleans meeting of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists.

Named for Dean Theophilus E. McKinney of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C., the award is presented in recognition of important research done by students under sponsorship of a professor in the social and behavioral sciences.

The TSU students reportedly faced stiff competition for the honor they will receive on March 1984 when the ASBS annual meeting will be held in Nashville under the theme, "Illuminating the Path to Community Self-Reliance."

Student Rossi Bamba Turner won third place for his paper, "African-American Cultural Independence."

TSU history and geography faculty member Dr. Andrew Jackson, who served as program chairman of the New Orleans session and is currently president-elect of the ASBA, will be in charge of the March 21-24, 1984, meeting here at the Sheraton- Nashville Hotel.

The department of history and geography organized Brooks, Cain and Olar into a computer research team that developed a coding scheme and a series of computer programs to analyze the large amount of information found on the application records of the Memphis Freedman's Bank and began a statistical analysis on the TSU computer of these records.

The students presented their results in a paper, titled, "Computer Assisted Research of the Freedman's Bank Records—Preliminaries." The team was under direction of Sandra H. Franklin.

Presented also during TSU's Annual Research Day, the students' paper won second place for undergraduate research.

"The social scientists at the national meeting were impressed by the involvement of undergraduate history majors in the latest research methodology and expressed great interest in the efforts of the department of history and geography at Tennessee State University to develop computer research in history," Jackson said.

He said the ASBS, founded by McKinney in 1935, is a learned society whose membership includes university social and behavioral scientists, professionals who make use of social and behavioral science knowledge, students scholars and affiliate institutions.

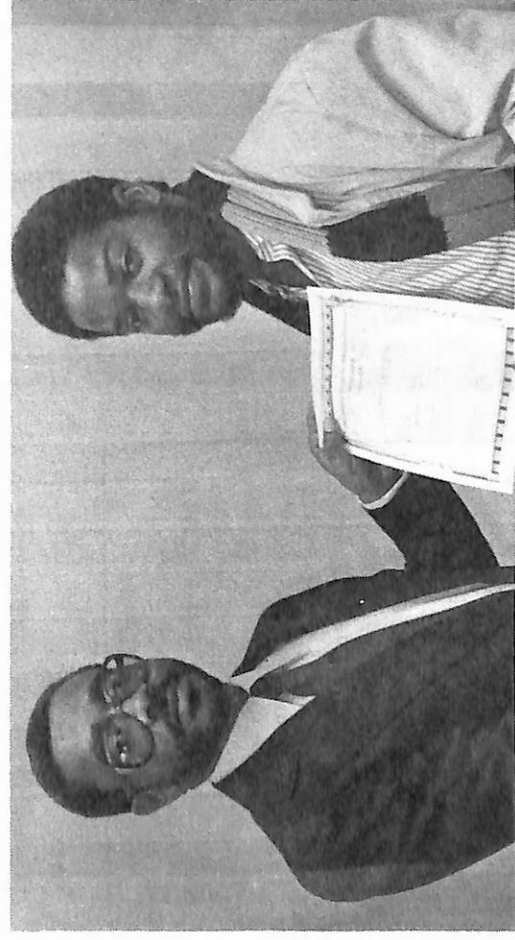
Jackson, who holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara, has been at TSU 10 years. Currently teaching four classes, he is writing a textbook, "The Science of Society," to be published in the fall of 1984.

He said his rise to president of the ASBS will "mean prestige for TSU and convening of the national session here will mean "visibility for TSU."

Jackson said TSU educators in the field have "a golden opportunity to organize sessions around the '84 theme when the meeting comes here next year. He said faculty members with this interest should write a letter containing the following information:

Name, department and phone number; address; title of desired session; names of presenters and their papers' title; a 50-100 word abstract for each paper; and name of discussant for the paper.

The deadline for letters to be sent to him in the history department, phone, 320-3639, is Sept. 15, 1983



Dr. Andrew Jackson congratulates history student Rossi Turner on receiving an award during a recent meeting of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists. Jackson is president-elect of the organization.

### Beep Seminar Overview

By Carla M. Mitchell  
Senior—Communications Major

Dynamic, confident, successful and intelligent are only a few of the words one could use to describe the 13 women executives who participated in the annual Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP). The two-day program called "Management's New Dimension: Women At The Top," was sponsored by the National Urban League and hosted by TSU's School of Business recently on the University's main campus.

The program was chosen because of the rapidly expanding roles of women in management. However, the advice and information given was applicable to both the male and female students who participated in the seminars.

On both days the participants divided into pairs for question and answer sessions. Between sessions, the women helped students revise resumes, perform mock job interviews and took part in one-on-one exchanges. Thursday afternoon, all the participants took part in a special student seminar. This seminar gave students an opportunity to ask questions regarding interviewing techniques, how to move up the corporate ladder, how women cope with sexual and cultural stereotypes, tune in to corporate goals and expectations, find mentors within the organization for support and counsel, handle corporate travel and relocation, and seeking support groups. Sharing perspectives about their jobs and themselves, the BEEP professionals helped the students gain a fresh, practical and factual outlook on seeking the first job, changing from a temporary job into a permanent career, ladder climbing assignment, and re-directing and/or planning multiple career paths.

Vivyan Ray, a College Relations Manager for Gannett Co. in Rochester, New York and Marjorie Bradford, Manager of Corporate Media Relations for Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio were two of the BEEP participants. They both

### The Heating Problem: An Answer

"What's wrong with the heat?"

This question sparked a dialogue between Pete Heelam, TSU plant engineer of heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC), and Darralyn Hall, public relations staffer, when HVAC briefly needed campus-wide explaining during the period March 7-12.

The heat for the buildings was turned off and most of the students left campus for the spring break.

had positive comments about the students and seminars. Ray noted that the biggest concern of the students was if there were any jobs for them once they finished college. She said that many companies are laying off or just not hiring because of the economy. Also many companies can now afford to be very selective about who they do hire because there are so many people with master and doctoral degrees willing to take entry level positions. Ray also stated that "many students who aren't successful in landing a job right out of college should consider temporary employment as a means of getting into a corporation." "Looks are also important. When going to an interview, be polished in not only your clothes but your makeup as well. Suits are the best interviewing outfit. Select colors of gray, blue, or brown for a conservative corporate look," stated Ray.

Bradford mentioned two specific concerns of students. How do I approach the interview to maximize my chances for getting the job, and what do I expect or is expected of me as an entry level manager or employee were the questions asked most frequently. Bradford's advice to the students was to keep in mind that "you are the product and must demonstrate that you can contribute something to the organization. Becoming involved in activities on campus that show skills and attributes is also important."

Being interested and enthusiastic as well as knowing what the company is looking for and being able to tell them what they want will not only make you shine during the interview but will also give you a better chance of securing that job.

"Sharing ideas and similar situations both good and bad are very positive ways of learning to handle similar situations that they may face in the future," noted Ray. Bradford said that "many of the women's attitudes are similar because they have gone through similar situations and processes in their climb up the corporate ladder."

"The system was shut down to conduct repairs, because the students were gone on spring break," said Heelam, noting that April 15 is the normal cutback time.

Following is the entire interview with Hall, asking the questions, and Heelam, giving the replies:

—"Have you gotten a lot of complaints about the heat?"

"Yes, we have normal problems

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Nye To Chair

## Spring Continuing Higher Education

The spring conference of the Tennessee Alliance for Continuing Higher Education (TACHE) will be held April 27-29 at Fairfield Glade, near Crossville, Tennessee.

Kenneth Nye, director for grants and contracts at the University, serves as chairman of the conference. He also is vice president of the TACHE, whose conference theme this year is "Technological Society: The Role of Continuing Education."

The general conference program will feature pre-conference events and meetings each day, along with a regular conference program April 28-29.

"I am excited about the potential of this conference for meeting the needs of our association members," Nye said.

The conference will focus on the many impacts of technical developments in society, he said, noting that the role of continuing education will be explored in relation to society's technical training needs.

Nye said this would include changes in lifestyle, management and organization development concerns, the needs of K-12 schools, computer utilization from robotics to word processing, consumer and family utilization of technology, use of technology in recreation and leisure activities, health profession technology concerns, government and human service responses to technology advances as that affects individuals.

Dr. Earl Keese of Middle Tennessee State University, TACHE president, will give the opening address at 9:45 a.m., April 27 following registration at 8:30 a.m. A \$60 fee includes meals.

Gov. Lamar Alexander is tentatively scheduled to give the keynote address at the 7:30 p.m. banquet April 27.

Dr. John Crothers, on leave to the state as director of high technology development, will be the presenter of an 8:45 a.m. panel discussing "Tennessee High Technology Report," April 28.

Michael O'Neal of Northern Telecommunications Inc., will lead a 3:15 p.m. panel April 29 on "Robotics and the Factory of the Future."

Participating on the conference summary/synthesis will be Drs. Leo McGee, TACHE president-elect, Charles Branch and Van Oliphant.

Nye said the major presentations will focus upon three current statewide reports due for release in

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highest praise from the judges and from the audience in this first competition experience.

The competition was held in Cincinnati's Historic Downtown Music Hall before a capacity audience.

The choral organizations on campus the University Choir and Meistersingers are open to all students regardless of major. "In fact, the majority of the Meistersingers are from other disciplines other than music," said Director Rhodes, who is hoping and expecting for more students to participate in these organizations. "We are also anticipating a concert tour in the next school term, if funds are provided, which will take us through other states as well as the state of Tennessee," said Rhodes. "This will be another milestone since we have never had such a tour here at Tennessee State University," said Rhodes.

## Pruitt Named College President

The Board of Trustees of the Thomas A. Edison State College of New Jersey has announced the appointment of Dr. George A. Pruitt, as the college's third president. He came to Thomas Edison from the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning (CAEL), a national association of colleges and universities where he was Executive Vice-President.

Dr. Pruitt, 36, was born in Canton, MS, and is a native of Chicago, IL. He graduated from Hirsch High School, attended the University of Illinois, and received the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Illinois State University. He received his Ph.D. from the Union Graduate School in Cincinnati, OH. Dr. Pruitt has held a number of significant leadership positions in higher education, including vice-president and professor of education at Tennessee State University; vice-president, executive assistant to the president, associate professor of Urban Affairs, Morgan State University, Baltimore; Dean of Students, Towson State College, Towson, MD; assistant to the vice-president for academic affairs, instructor in education, Illinois State University, Normal, IL.

the next three months—High Technology Development, Tennessee Job Skills Study and Tennessee Comprehensive Study.

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with the heating system, breakdowns, repairs and old equipment. We're trying to merge two systems in the Administration Building."

—"What kind of system do we have at TSU?"

"Steam heating. Steam is probably the most economical and can be diversified. We have four boilers (two coal, one oil and one gas boiler.) One (at that time) is out of service. Coal is our cheapest source of heating, gas is the most expensive."

—"What are the savings per day?"

"When heat is off we can save \$1,400 on coal or \$3,300 on gas depending on which one we are using."

—"Can the temperature in the buildings be controlled?"

"The heat can be cut on or off in each building, but the temperature is controlled through outside sensors. Smaller buildings would probably be warmer than large buildings; upstairs would be warmer than downstairs because heat rises. We have to heat about 1,000 living quarters 24 hours a day, a fact which employees tend to forget."

—"What about personnel (in HAVAC)?"

"There are five persons in HVAC, assigned to the main campus, which is not many since there are about 39 buildings."

—"What is the procedure to file complaints?"

"Work orders are taken by secretaries over the phone or forms are available to fill out at the Physical Plant facility. In case of emergency, she (the secretary) will contact an engineer to take care of it."

—"What constitutes an emergency?"

"The director (of the Physical Plant) evaluates requests and puts them in order of emergency. In other words, if you're (your building) hot and you call, that doesn't constitute an emergency. If there's a leak (in the piping system, that's an emergency."

Heelem explained that after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends emergency calls or requests directed to the Physical Plant, related to heating problems, should be made to the Campus Security Office.



## Patricia Hull...No Stranger to Computers



Patricia Hull explains a weighing procedure to students.

Dr. Patricia Hull, professor of physics, is no stranger to high tech's most needed component—the computer.

As a matter of fact Hull has a computer at home that she "enjoys" working. "I use my home computer to keep my class records, grades and make-up quizzes."

There's other unique data in Hull's resume which fits perfectly considering her educational background and professional assignments prior to settling down at TSU for the past 15 years.

Holder of the Ph.D. degree in physics from Georgia Tech in 1970—the first woman to receive any doctoral degree from that institution—Hull, whose B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics are from Auburn University, has since 1978 spent her summers in Berkeley, Calif., working on a solar energy project.

The educator, whose area of speciality is energy conversion, holds a patent on a solar engine.

"I like teaching at TSU or I wouldn't have stayed so long. I enjoy teaching. It's always a challenge anywhere you teach, said Hull, who was a flight test engineer at Lockheed, the giant aircraft manufacturing complex, prior to coming to TSU.

Hull, who has been nominated for membership on the Energy and Natural Resources commission in Tennessee, wrote the physics and math questions for the High School Quiz Bowl which was held April 8 at the downtown campus.

Hull accepted an opportunity to share her computer-know-how with other TSU faculty member as a seminar speaker last fall, discussing, "How Computers Can Be Useful to Faculty."

## Davis Scholarship Increase

The Walter S. Davis Scholarship has been increased to \$1,000 a year beginning with the 1983-84 school year.

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Keeping TSU's campuses safe and secure are the primary goals of security directors James Robertson (second from left) and Dwight Perrine (right).

cultivate positive attitudes toward security among students."

Dwight M. Perrine, associate director of safety and security, spoke for the downtown campus. "Essentially," he said, "we don't have any problems. We are in one building. We have controlled parking. . . We have an ideal situation from the security standpoint."

The two men are responsible for a large community within the wider community of Greater Metropolitan Nashville. They manage safety and security matters for a day-to-day population of 8,500 students, faculty and staff during an academic year which grows easily to as many as 10,000 on a calendar year basis when workshops, seminars, conventions and other such related educational activities are held on either campus.

"Jim and I are running separate organizations, but we are running them together," Perrine said.

Their security force includes 50 men and women for both campuses. The working officers either have two years of college work or an earned degree. Previous law enforcement experience is preferable.

Four women are uniformed officers with similar assigned duties as male officers, while seven safety and security women are in support positions such as dispatchers or clerical jobs.

Robertson said finding parking space for as many as 500 to 600 cars daily on the main campus "is by far the largest problem on our campus." He said the problem is compounded when previous parking areas are converted to sites for new buildings. "A good example of that is our multi-million dollar library building which was built on a parking lot."

He said crowd management at such special times as

commencement present heavy security problems. He said the full security force is put on duty at such times and occasionally outside law enforcement personnel are called in for compensated help.

It should be noted none of this "upbeat" talk causes Robertson and Perrine to lower their awareness guard for potential trouble. In his statement welcoming students for the fall- winter semester Robertson cautioned that "one of the major concerns we share is that of the presence of crime."

He appealed to students to report "all crime. Reporting is prevention. When you report a crime, it (1) helps Security pinpoint specific crime areas, and (2) exposes the offender. Reporting could prevent the crime from being repeated, and it helps Security clear pending cases."

Perrine, posting the "you-can't-be-too-careful" sign called the attention of downtown's faculty and staff to the theft recently of \$15 in postage stamps from an unlocked desk drawer. "Although I don't see this as a signal of an impending crime wave, perhaps it is a signal that some are again becoming complacent and careless," he said.

The associate director asked the faculty and staff for "your cooperation to maintain the extremely low level of crime we have thus far enjoyed on this campus."

In a listing of four precautionary measures Perrine said, "Think, Don't put yourself in a situation that makes you a target for crime. Females working in offices alone at night and on weekends should keep the office door locked. Keep your car doors locked at all times, and when you stay late go out before dark and move your car closer to the building."

Perrine said the downtown campus is subject to "special problems"

since most of its academic offerings are at night. But, he said, "in our 10-year history we've never had a violent crime on that campus.

He said downtown's perhaps biggest nuisance comes when a "street bum" slips into the building and makes off with petty theft. "But this doesn't happen very often," he said.

Robertson said the Metro Police Department has been cooperative with TSU Security. "There's no way we could fulfill our mission without the Metro Police Department," he said.

## "Ballad of the Secretary's Dilemma"

By Richard Rene' Ross

She arises every working-day  
With her job on her mind

It's hard for her to get up cheerful  
Cause her boss is 'so unkind':

Nevertheless, she sacrifices  
Each and everyday

To be a slave, and do his bidding  
For very little pay!

No sooner than she enters the office  
Her boss is on her case

To remind him of his calendar  
And get some coffee made!

Seldom a good morning  
Or a simple, "How've you been?"

Yet, she made it through yesterday  
To be used like nothing, again!

The boss would have a heartache  
If his right arm, didn't show

He couldn't find a thing, alone  
Or which way he should go!

Bosses seldom remember  
She's a human being too

She craves to be appreciated  
Like other people do!

Her rewards are not plentiful  
She often feels alone

That's why you see some sec's look  
like  
They should have stayed at home!

It takes a special breed of woman  
To go through constant 'hell'

Then act as if nothing's wrong  
And all, is well!

A boss could be a king or queen  
If they only knew

How to treat the ladies that  
Always, come through!

A smile would mean the day is bright  
Hello, would make it grand

Better still, appreciation  
Is in a friendly Hand!

And think about the little things  
Given, now and then

She never can afford it  
Yet, she tries to make a friend!

She's taken for granted  
Yet she holds her head up high

Sometimes I'm amazed to know  
How secretaries, get-by!

Come early, stay late

Without the extra pay

She takes it in stride,

With nothing to say!

If 'God' didn't love secretaries

And bosses had their way

There wouldn't be any around

To this very day!

So heaven shines upon them

And watches over-head

For 'God' alone know for sure

Some bosses are walking dead!

When you lose a good secretary

You stand to lose too

So you'd better take notice

For good ones, are few!

Without a good secretary

All bosses, would be lost

For without a good secretary

A boss is not a boss!

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## Calendar

### April 23

Annual Foundation Spring Banquet, downtown campus lobby, 6:00 p.m.

### April 25

Academic Awards Convocation, A Building Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.

### April 28

Dance Group Experience, A Building Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### April 29

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, cafeteria, Joseph A. Payne Student Union Building, 7:30 p.m.

### May 3, 4, 5, 6

Final examinations for Spring Semester

### May 7

Commencement Exercises

### June 2, 3, 4

Summer Term I Registration

### June 7

Classes Begin

## ACCENT Schedule for Balance of 1982-83 Fiscal Year

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