

ACCENT

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

OCTOBER 26, 1978

DR. W. S. DAVIS, MAN OF THE HOUR

Canton, Mississippi-born Walter Strother Davis, a graduate of Tennessee State, had come back to his alma mater to teach and was director of Agriculture and Smith-Hughes Teacher-Training in Agriculture when he was called to serve as acting president of Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College by the State Board of Education. He assumed the position on September 1, 1943.

Dr. Davis, who had earned the Ph.D. Degree in agriculture from Cornell University, in June of that year, was the first of the college's contingent of faculty members employed by Tennessee State at that time to acquire the terminal degree.

Tennessee State College, under the dynamic leadership of Dr. W. S. Davis,

emerged as a university in August, 1951, granted that status by the State Board of Education. At this time, the Institution's educational program was re-organized to include: 1) School of Arts and Sciences, 2) School of Engineering, 3) School of Education, 4) Graduate School and areas of Agriculture, Business, Home Economics, Extension and Air Science.

In July, 1958, the School of Agriculture and Home Economics was established and a few weeks later the State Board of Education elevated Tennessee State to full-fledged land-grant university status. A big step, under Dr. Davis' tenure was the granting of full-membership, on December 4, 1948, into the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and

thus. Dr. Davis' accreditation goal he had pin-pointed for himself, was reached.

In the interim, under the presidency of W. S. Davis, the University received accreditation from a number of other accrediting agencies.

Also during the Davis years, the University became known as a school swallowed in champions of athletic greatness. Dr. Davis, a former football coach, himself, was a ring leader in the University's touch of greatness, academically and athletically.

Dr. Davis is married to the former Miss Ivanetta Hughes, who is an alumna of Tennessee State and principal of McKissack School. Their son, Ivan also a Tennessee State grad, is presently a senior resident in surgery at Meharry Medical College's Hubbard Hospital. There are two grandchildren, Ivan, Jr., who will be 12 years old December 22 and Ivanetta Elizabeth, who turned 10 September 29.

A whole lot of the academic progress that has been Tennessee State University's and a great deal of the athletic growth that has been hers, too, got their start and extra push with Dr. Walter Strother Davis at the helm.

Dr. Davis, who is a 33rd degree Mason, also holds membership in Agora Assembly, Chi Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, YMCA, Boy Scouts and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

A past member of the Chamber of Commerce, he holds numerous awards and honors.



Dr. Davis, assisted by retired School of Agriculture and Home Economics Dean, Dr. David Hamilton, presents going away gift to Dr. W. A. Taylor and his wife, off to Washington, D.C. and U. S. Department of Agriculture duties after a long stint on the faculty at TSU.



Dr. Davis prepares to present the baby bull (an annual occurrence) to the county with the most farmers attending the Farm and Home Institute. He is being assisted by H. C. Hardy and George Bills.

Welcome Alumni--Homecoming, 1978

1947 Football Team

Into the '78 Homecoming Picture

Being honored this year at Homecoming, and to be awarded citations, are members of the 1947 championship football team, graduates in the class of '48.

Captain of the team was the University's present athletic director, number 12, a left halfback All-American, Samuel R. "Whit" Whitmon.

Other senior members of the team were Robert "Bulldog" Drummond, left tackle, William O. "Wash" Washington, right end; Ralph J. "Shifty" Pully, fullback; Ulysses McPherson, center; William Smith, end; Earl "Porky" Wynne, center; Henry Holbert, end; Waymon Johnson, fullback; William Johnson, guard; and John W. "Popsicle" Bolden, right guard. Their coach was Henry A. "The Fox" Kean.

THEN—CAPTAIN, NOW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Samuel R. Whitman, TSU Athletic Director is not much bigger than he was when he was captain of the Tiger football team back in 1947.



Drucilla Darden, Miss Black Tennessee, Junior Electrical Engineering major from Nashville.

Schedule of Events

Theme: "We've Got The Touch" Academics Plus Athletics		
Wednesday, October 25		
11:00 a.m. Lecture	Lecture: Hayes St. Medical Center	Ayeni Room
9:00 p.m.	Homecoming Concert Featuring Lenny Williams & Evelyn King*	Kean Hall
Thursday, October 26		
11:00 a.m.	Film Festival: SUBG	Ayeni Room
Friday, October 27		
12:30 p.m.	Pep Rally Cheerleaders! TSU Modern Dance Club Band: Introduction of Football Players	Union Plaza
9:00 p.m.	Coronation of Miss TSU Inaugural Ball, immediately following Ceremony	Centennial Room
Saturday, October 28		
10:00 a.m.	Homecoming Parade	18th & Jefferson
*TSU students \$3.00 (ID) General Admission \$5.00 Student Union Board of Governors Ronald Lindsay, Chairman		

Alumni Homecoming Activities

Friday, October 27		
10:00 a.m.	Dedication of the School of Business	A-Bldg. Auditorium
12:00 noon	Early Bird Luncheon	Centennial Room
1:00 p.m.	Reunion of former Engineering faculty	Room 210 Engineering Bldg.
8:00 p.m.	Class Reunion Dinner*	Troubador Restaurant Hyatt Regency
Saturday, October 28		
9:30 a.m.	Homecoming Brunch	Women's Building Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Game: TSU vs. Southern U.	W. J. Hale Stadium
10:00 p.m.	Homecoming Ball	Sheraton Downtown Hotel Ballroom

Students, Faculty and Staff are Cordially Invited to Attend

The Coronation of the Queen 1978-79

Sharon O. Williams

Miss Tennessee State University 9:00 p.m.

Tennessee State University Centennial Room

Inaugural-Coronation Ball Immediately following Ceremony



SHARON WILLIAMS "Miss TSU"

News Briefs

Carol Mode Exhibition

An exhibition of recent acrylic paintings by Nashville artist Carol Mode will open Sunday, 22 October 1978, with a public reception in the Vanderbilt Art Gallery (the old Gym), from 2-5 p.m. The Show is titled "Airlayers" and will be on view through 17 November.

Her work was shown in *Arte Americanna Contemporanea*, an exhibition at the Galleria Giorgi in Florence. Locally, it has been seen in numerous Artist's Guild and regional juried exhibitions. Ms. Mode currently teaches in a special program for junior high students offered by the Tennessee Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood.

Gallery hours are: weekdays, 1-4 p.m.; weekends, 1-5 p.m.

Exchange Professor in History

Dr. Phyllis Leffler, employed since 1971 at UT Nashville, is an exchange professor, (Associate Professor) in the Department of History and Geography for the term 1978-79. Dr. Leffler received her B. A. at Queens College in Political Science, M. A., University of Sussex, and her Ph.D. in History at Ohio State University.

Alumni Membership Drive

Tennessee State University National Alumni Association is now sponsoring an Automobile Club Membership Program. Buy your membership from us so that TSU may benefit. This club, International Automobile Association (IAA), is similar to AAA. For additional information, please call 383-1974.

"THOUGHT FOR TODAY"
What have you Done Today to enhance The Tennessee State University Image?

Annual National Meeting

This fall the national meeting of the American Dental Hygienists' Association is being held in Los Angeles, Californin, October 18-25, 1978. Two Dental Hygiene students, Karen Greer and Pamela Harless, are attending and participating in all student activities where special emphasis is being placed on the revision of constitutional by-laws.

Karen Greer is serving on the National Board Committee for students and will also present a paper at the student breakfast.

Faculty

Marion Williams Patton, Assistant Professor/Dental Hygiene attended the National Invitational Conference on Dental Assisting, and Dental Hygiene Education. This conference, sponsored by the Commission on Accrediation of the American Dental Association, was phase one on a multi-phase process which will culminate in December 1979 with the Commission on Accrediation's approval of new accreditation standards for dental assisting and dental hygiene educational programs.

Awards

Karen Greer, a Dental Hygiene student, was the recipient of the Sigma Phi Alpha Clinical Award, at the Fall Convocation at Meharry Medical College on October 2.

Reddy to Join Nashville Symphony

International superstar and Grammy Award winner Helen Reddy, will join the Nashville Symphony on November 2, for the Orchestra's Fall Pop Concert sponsored by the Commerce Union Bank.

With more than 10 gold and platinum albums to her credit, Helen Reddy has become one of the most sought after entertainers of the decade. For two consecutive years she was named "No. 1 Female Pop Vocalist" by Cash Box and Record World and for her single "I Am Woman," she was awarded the Grammy Award, the highest honor the recording industry can bestow.

All seats for the November 2 concert are reserved. Tickets are priced at \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$9.50 and are now on sale at all branches of Commerce Union Bank and the Symphony House, 1805 West End Avenue. For information and reservations call 329-3033.

Jobs Available

Data Base Administrator/Systems Analyst, M.I.S., 10-4-78; Associate Investigator, Rural Health Project, 10-4-78; Coordinnator of Alumni Affairs, Rural Health Project, 10-6-78; Accounting Clerk, Accounts Payable Dept., 10-6-78; Secretary, Mechanical Engineering, 10-4-78; Clerk, Admissions & Records, 10-2-78; Sales Clerk, University Bookstore, 10-6-78.

For further information or details please call or come by: Personnel Office, 310 Alumni Building, 320-3445.

Department of Communications and Theatre Expands

In the past year, one of the largest expansions on Tennessee State University's campus is the Department of Communications and Theatre.

"Twenty years ago several courses were offered in Broadcasting, but no emphasis was placed in the area" commented Dr. Jayme Williams, head of the Department.

The Department became a component of AIDP (Advance Institutional Development Program) which enabled them to receive a grant and hire their first full-time professor, Dr. Donald Page and expand the curriculum.

Since, various sources such as U.S. Steel, AIDP, and local Radio and Television stations have donated additional funds and equipment to the department. The enrollment of the area has also tripled and applications are almost 3 to 1 for Mass Communications.

Dr. Page, head of Mass Communications, said the department has already applied for an FM station for next year from the FCC. The greatest hope of the area is to one day broadcast from their own studios.

Not only is Mass Communications expanding but the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department as well. Dr. Williams said that "the Center helps children and adults free of charge." It also offers free screening to TSU students.

The Drama Department produces four major productions per year for the community and university. She stated that "I would really like a Communications building. We have the oldest Drama program and the only state university in the state without a theatre."

When asked what changes would she like to see made in the Department she added "we would like to offer courses at night for the working people, offer a Master's Degree in Mass Communications, expand the faculty, purchase additional equipment and increase the student enrollment."

Bureau of Public Relations

Accent is published each Monday through the fall and spring semesters for the faculty and staff at the University. Deadline for inclusion is 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

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 School of Business
DEDICATION



Tennessee State University

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 27, 1978

10:00 A.M.

What One
 Might See
 at TSU
 Homecoming
 Time . . .



Miss Tennessee State, Sharon Williams
 & SGA President, Winfred Jenkins . . .



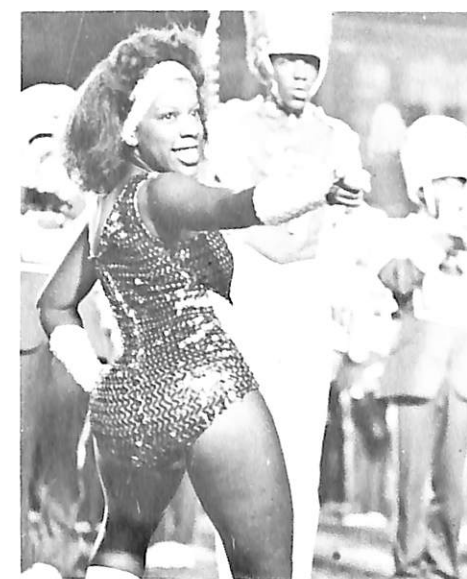
A Queen . . .



Three Drummajors Fronting the Band . . .



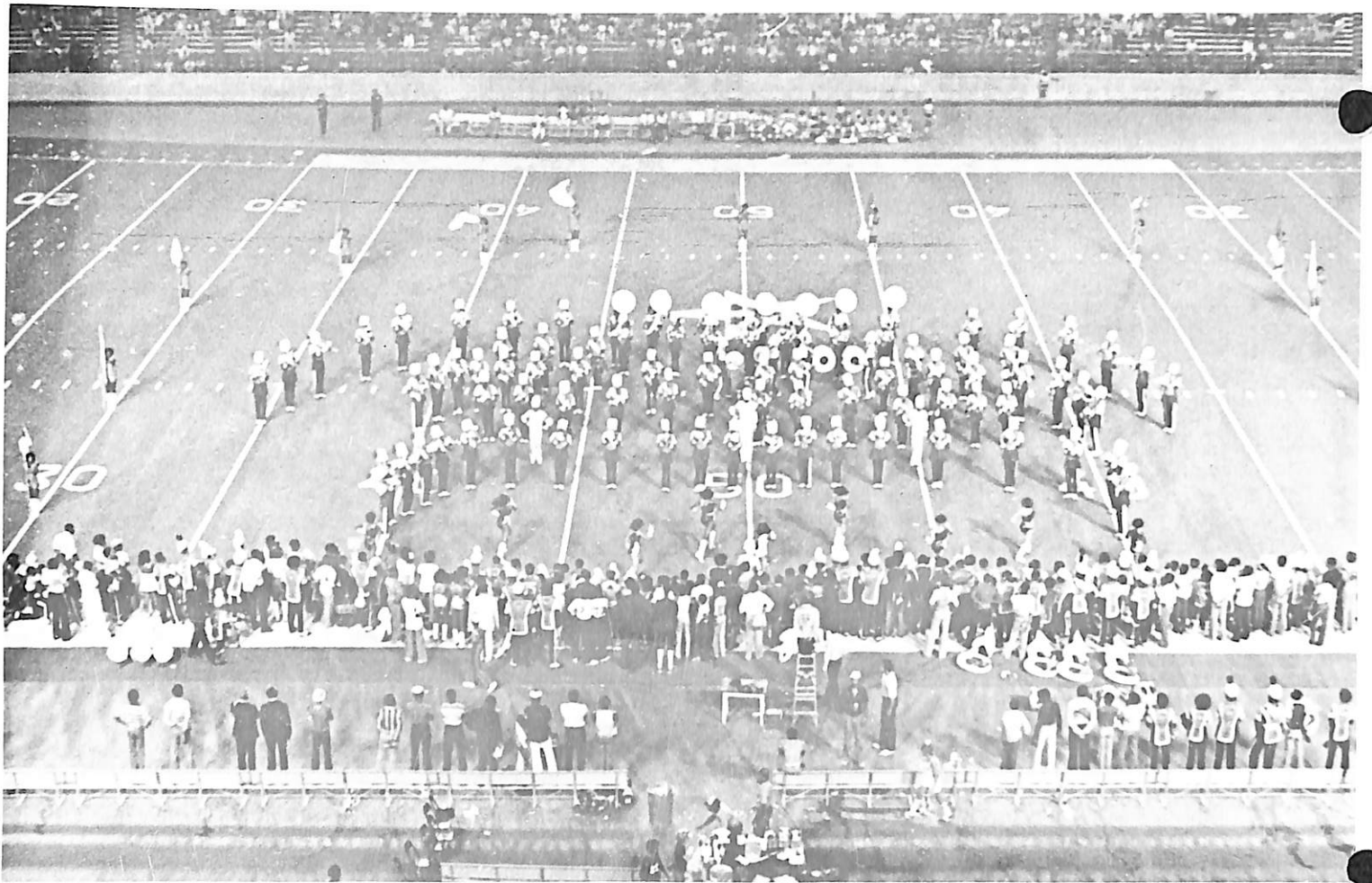
A Tiger Cheerleader without his head
 and talking fondly
 to a girl cheerleader . . .



Majorettes Dancing . . .



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The Band in Concert Formation Playing for the Fans . . .



*The Aristocrat of Bands Director
Dr. Clifford Watkins*



*A Big Blue TSU Tiger
Catching a Pass . . .*



*A Tiger Heading for Paydirt
with the Ball . . .*

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