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Student Government Association Plans New Plaza

By PHIL TUCKER

The Student Government Association is launching a new project which will provide a new Student Learning Plaza for Tennessee State University students. This structure, informally called the New Learning Center, will be located between the Queen Washington Health Center (Infirmary) and Hankall Hall dormitory.

The purpose of this plaza according to Ray Mitchell, S.G.A. Representative and Director of this project, "is to promote group gatherings for learning and studying activities on the less traveled side of the campus."

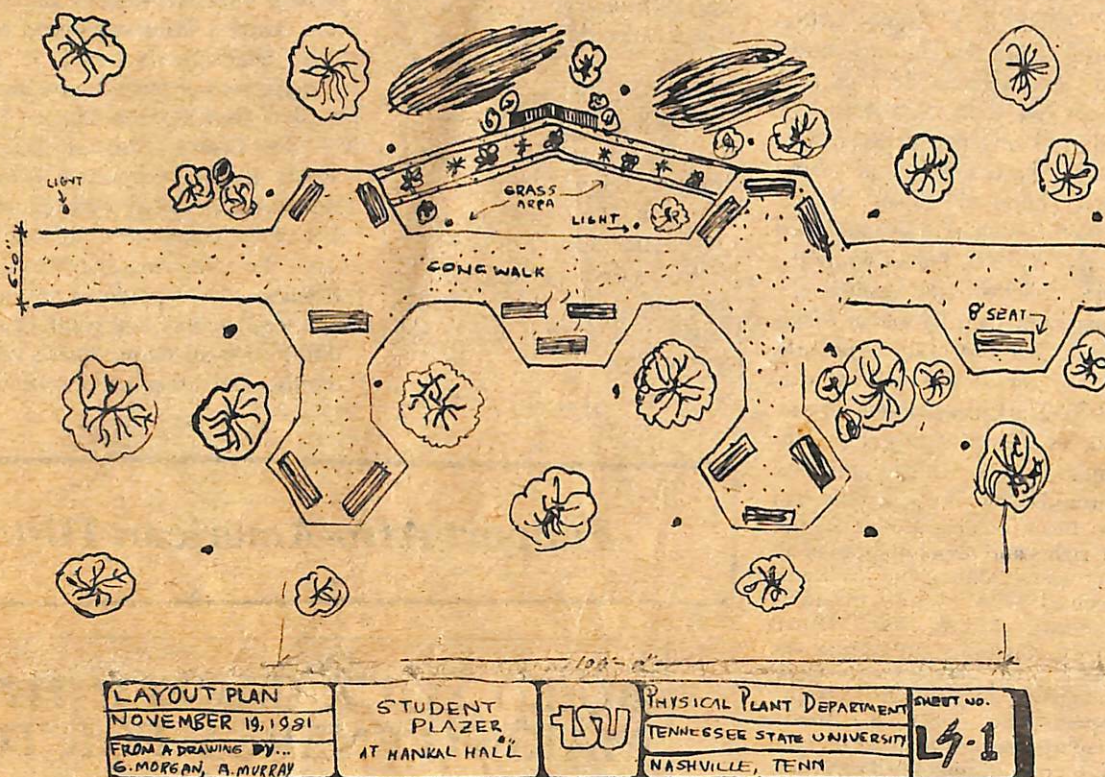
Georgette Peck, who is also a S.G.A. Representative, states "the plaza will have greenery and seating capacity which is intended to enhance the beauty of our main campus."

The new learning center will be made of concrete and is predicted to take about two weeks to construct. It will take a week for the concrete to be poured and a week for the landscaping, according to Mr. Mitchell.

Construction on the learning center is due to get underway by mid March. Nevertheless, before construction can begin more money must be raised. Thus far, the project has been funded by S.G.A. fund raising activities. To acquire more financial support, S.G.A. Representatives are trying to solicit funds from other registered organizations at TSU.

The S.G.A. is very proud of this project and is looking forward to this implementation. Fred Jackson, President of S.G.A., is confident of this project and feel that it will be a great success.

"I feel that this is a meaningful project. A lot of people will be able to look back on and reminisce on the 1981-82 S.G.A. and see how hard we tried to promote student involvement by not merely thru political acts, but learning abilities as well. I have great confidence in Ray Mitchell and I am sure that his staff is working diligently to get the necessary funds in order to see that this project is a great success."



The New Learning Center, which will be located between the Health Center and Hankall Hall.

Recruitment Up or Federal Funding Decreases

By GEORGETTE PECK

A special committee has been appointed by President Humphries to research and improve TSU's inter-state recruitment.

For the past three years, TSU has fallen below its FTE (full time equivalent) funding level. Therefore, a decrease in federal funding will result unless the number of full time students are increased by Fall 1982.

The recruitment committee, headed by Dr. Helen Bain of the Education Department, consists of three sub-committees. The target committee is responsible for identifying target groups for recruitment. The problems committee will work to improve weak points in the university. The materials committee has developed a handbook for faculty-student recruiters and for high school guidance counselors. The handbook will give information about each of the 45 departments at TSU. It will include career opportunities available in the various fields, faculty educational backgrounds, curriculum areas and four year

course requirements. Available scholarships and financial aid, and other information about TSU will also be included.

The committee's proposed objective is to encourage graduating high school seniors to enroll in Tennessee State University by:

- offering workshops, lectures, concerts, and other special programs for Metro high schools on TSU's campus and in the various high schools.
- informing graduating seniors of career opportunities and the advantages of higher education.
- informing seniors of TSU's recognition of an advanced placement status for qualifying high school seniors.
- developing a positive relationship between TSU recruiters and Metro high school principals and guidance counselors.
- informing seniors of the various departments, degrees, and programs that TSU has to offer.

Members of the committee include department Deans, department heads, faculty, Administrators, and student representatives.

HOW CAN STUDENTS HELP???

TSU students are urged to help with the recruitment program by encouraging high school seniors in their in-state and out of state communities to attend Tennessee State University. Recruitment handbooks will be available for the student that is interested in helping with the recruitment program.

Students can also help by volunteering to telephone high school students who listed TSU as a college choice on the ACT. Volunteers may contact Dr. Helen Bain in the Women's Building.

The recruitment committee is hosting a lunch and guide tour of TSU for principals and guidance counselors from 16 Metro schools, 4 private schools and 4 nearby high schools on February 25. This tour will launch an "adopt-a-school program" for the 45 departments at Tennessee State. Students can help by keeping TSU clean and neat. Also, students are asked to promote the idea of recruiting "2002 in '82."

Spring Enrollment Declined

A total of 7,300 students enrolled for the spring semester of the 1981-82 school year at Tennessee State University. The total headcount of full and part-time students represents a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment of 5,854 students, said Dr. James Ellzy, acting dean of admissions and records.

Of the total number of students who enrolled in the university's regular academic programs and Live and Learn program for working adults, 141 were first-time students.

A further breakdown of the total indicates 4,691 (64.3 percent) were black; 2,183 (29.9 percent) were white; and 426 (5.8 percent) were other races.

Although the percentage of black, white and other students remained relatively unchanged, enrollment for the spring semester is 432 students less than the 7,732 who enrolled for fall 1981. Ellzy attributed the difference to a normal attrition of students.

Campus Voter Bill Pending

A bill requiring local election commissions to conduct voter registration at degree granting institutions has been filed in the state Senate.

Bill Trent, president of the ASB/SGA Presidents Council and student body president at Tennessee Technological Institution, authored the original bill, which won the Governor's Award at the 1981 Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

If the bill becomes law, local election commissions in college communities will be required to conduct voter registration on campus two days each term. At present campus voter registration is an option.

Registration would last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and would have to be conducted in a conspicuous place.

Local commissions would be responsible for choosing both the location and date of the registration.

The school president or chancellor would have to be notified at least 10 days prior to the day.

There is also a provision in the bill to allow the election commission to designate a school official to conduct the registration without compension from the local commission.

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Happy
Valentine Day
T.S.U.

Outstanding Blacks Contribute to the Journalism Profession

By PAULA RUCKER

There were and still are many black individuals who have contributed to black history. The purpose of this article is not to pick out three top individuals but to give recognition to, or spot light these three among others for their unique contribution to black history. This contribution being journalism. The three blacks that have made unique contributions to journalism are: Ralph Waldo Tyler, Robert Sengstacke Abbott, and Richard Wright.

Ralph Waldo Tyler was born on March 18, 1860 in Columbus, Ohio. He attended grammar and high school in Columbus. He studied a year at Baldwin, Mo. and began teaching at the age of 19. Ralph worked as janitor for the Columbus Evening Dispatch. He taught himself shorthand, and he soon got a chance to prove his ability as a reporter. He was soon advanced to work in the circulation news, and business departments, as assistant to the manager and secretary to the owner of the Dispatch. He became a highly successful Society Editor through his contact with servants in the homes of the best families in town.

President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Tyler as Auditor-General of the navy. He was also re-appointed by President Taft during his term. Taft had a staff of 115 clerks and audited more than \$100,000,000 annually. He was the first black man to cover a foreign war and the only accredited black war correspondent in World War I. He sent dispatches covering

black troop activities and discrimination at the front back to the states where both white and black papers carried his stories. Ralph Tyler died in 1921 an accomplished journalist.

Born November 24, 1870, on an island off the coast of Georgia, Robert Sengstacke Abbott attended Beach Institute in Savannah. He later attended Claflin and was a graduate of Hampton Institute in Virginia where he became a master of the trade of printing. After only earning a small salary as a printer, Robert took another job. He went to Kent College of Law at night, and obtained a degree. Afterwards, he practiced law in Chicago and Gary, Indiana. In 1905 with twenty-five cents, Robert decided to start his own newspaper, using a friend's basement as an office. Three hundred copies of the Chicago Defender were published on May 5, 1905. Robert wrote the news, solicited ads, printed the paper, and then he sold it to his friends. The cost of the paper and printing for the first edition was \$13.75. The Chicago Defender was a success from the beginning. Its standards were high, and its editorial policy extended beyond the Black community to include the rights and responsibilities of all Americans. Throughout his life he received many awards, including honorary degrees from Morris Brown University in Georgia and Wilberforce University in Ohio. Each year the Chicago Defender presents the Robert S. Abbott Memorial Award to a person who has made a distinguished contribu-

tion to the cause of better race relations in the United States. A scholarship is also awarded annually to the School of Journalism at Lincoln University in Missouri. Robert S. Abbott died in 1940. In 1944 the United States Maritime Commission named a liberty ship the Robert S. Abbott in honor of Abbott.

Richard Wright grew up in poverty, and never received a formal education. Writing from his suffering and spirit of rebellion, Richard Wright's novel a *Native Son*, was published in 1940. A stage version was written in 1941. It was called the "Negro American Tragedy." In 1945, *Black Boy*, Richard's autobiography, became a best seller. Richard Wright moved to France in 1946. He noticed discrimination against blacks there, too. He helped to form the Franco-American Fellowship in 1950, which attempted to eliminate racial bias. Richard Wright was a great writer who died in 1960.

T.S.U. Day at Twelve Robes Baptist Church

By ROBERT EDWARDS

The Twelve Robes Baptist Church has proclaimed Sunday, February 14, 1982 Valentine's Day as Tennessee State University Day. The church, located on 1310 Lischey Avenue in East Nashville, will dedicate its services that day to the University, its students, faculty, administration, and alumni.

"We have the name (Twelve Robes) because we are on the tribal system," Michael Waters, leader of the church's Tribe of Simeon told the Meter. "It is based on the Twelve Sons of Jacob found in the book of Genesis, 29th Chapter."

"The twelve tribes of Twelve Robes Baptist Church not only deals with the needs of the church, but of the community at large as well. We cover areas of education, business development, political and social action, and youth in addition to evangelism, music, and drama, and other aspects of the

church."

The church is presenting two programs for TSU Day; an eleven o'clock service, where services will emphasize TSU in a special way. Reverend William T. Vernon, pastor of Twelve Robes Baptist Church, will deliver the message. Another service will be held at 3 p.m., with the TSU Gospel Choir rendering the music and Frederick Jackson, president of the Student Government Association of TSU will give the message.

Rev. Vernon said the service would bridge a gap between the University and the community at large. "We hope to reestablish a strong relationship between churches, the community, and schools; especially institutions of higher learning. It takes this union in order for us to solve some of our community problems. After this day of services, we feel that other churches will do the same."

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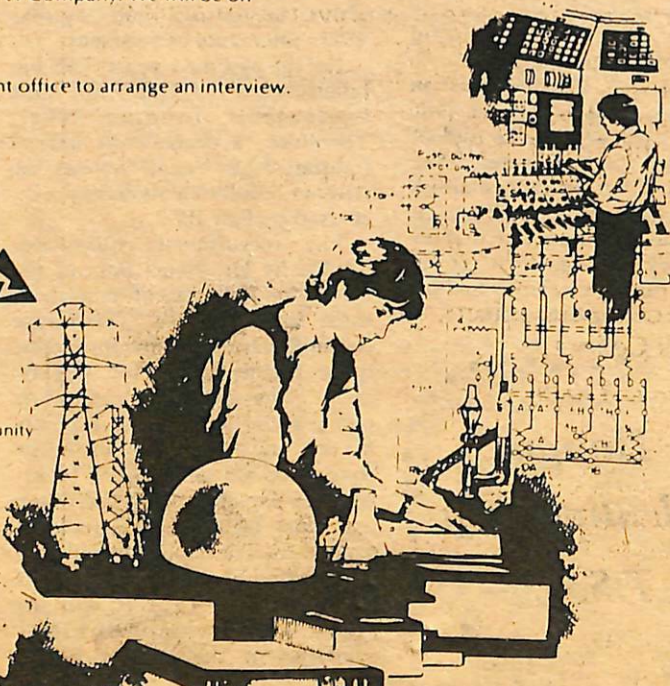
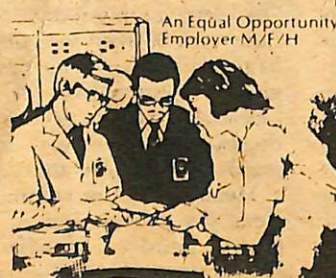
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Campus Votes

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Rep. John Bragg, Dem. - Murfreesboro, disagreed that the local commissions should be responsible for registration on campus.

"I have a feeling that county commissions, as tight as money is, are not going to want to pay the salaries of people to go and stay on campuses such a long time," Bragg said.

Instead, he suggested that student governments should conduct voter registration as one of their projects.

Bragg also raised the spectre of wheel taxes now in force in Rutherford County, which he represents and where Middle Tennessee State University is located.

"If students do register in Rutherford County, they become citizens of the county and will have to pay the wheel tax," he said.

Bragg predicted that if the bill is passed other counties might enact similar taxes.

Rep. Bill Owen, Dem. - Knoxville, who will sponsor the bill in the House of Representatives, agrees that this is a possibility.

"But that is a small price to pay for the right to vote," Owen pointed out.

"The reason I am supporting this bill is because I was refused permission to register when I was a student at the University of Tennessee," he said.

The wheel tax is an example of how some college communities are

still making it difficult for students to register, he added.

"Registering to vote has its assets and liabilities," he said.

"The assets are the right to vote and a voice in government.

"The liability is having to pay for that right."

However, maybe students could vote these taxes out if enough of them vote, he added.

Owen predicted the bill will pass.

Trent agreed. He and other student body presidents have been able to get 26 sponsors in the House and nine in the Senate, Trent said.

"Our chances of getting the bill passed are pretty good with the leadership of both parties in both chambers supporting it," he said.

Among those signing the bill are House Speaker Ned Ray McWherter, Dem. - Dresden, House Majority Leader S. Thomas Burnett, Dem. - Jamestown, and House Minority Leader James M. Henry, Rep.-Kingston.

Senate Minority Leader Thomas J. Garland, Rep.-Greenville, has also signed the bill, which will be handled in the Senate by Assistant Majority Leader Anna Belle Clement O'Brien, Dem.-Crossville.

Trent was enthusiastic about the prospect of student-voter registration.

"If they do register and vote, I can see that problems that students have will be listened to more," Trent said.

Matter of Opinion

Commentary:

"Survival of The Black Family"

By KYRON F. KILPATRICK

As we (students of TSU) appreciate the Black History observance of February, we enlighten ourselves by examining the black contributions to the cultural development of America. But, what is perhaps more enlightening is the examination of American society relative to the development of Black Americans.

Both sides are, of course, sincere, but sincerity alone is not enough to provide enlightenment. Indeed, the dramatic emphasis of the subject matter continues to give its own version for the deep division between various groups in our society, and for the discontent of a minority in America.

In order to gain some insight on the problem of intergroup conflict and hostility, one must understand the effects of prejudice and comprehend the blatancy of racism.

When discussing the history of the Black Family Unit in America, one must first consider the black man's dilemma.

In Africa not many years ago L.S.B. Leaky discovered a human skull two-million years old. This monumental find provided understanding of human development. It is now believed that human beings, not only began life in Africa, but also the use of tools and the concept of group living for survival.

The religion of the early Africans can most easily be described as "ancestor worship." The Africans believed that the spirit of their forefathers had unlimited power over their lives. In this, as in almost every aspect of African life, the kinship group was important. It

was devoutly believed that the spirit that dwelled in a relative was denied upon death and that it continued to live and take on active interest in the family.

As it was among other people, the family structure was the basis of social organization in early Africa. The foundation even of political and economic life in Africa was the family with its immeasurable influence over its individual members.

The black man did not come to this great country (America) to explore a new found land, or to take a pilgrimage to distant lands from religious restrictions, not even as criminals to seek refuge from government persecution. They came in sub-human bondage as slaves to serve against their will, or be brutally mistreated. This was the beginning of their dilemma.

During this period the black man was looked upon as existing only for the economic advantage of his "master." A slave was often referred to as "black ivory" or "black gold," as a commodity and not a human being.

In 1761 the U.S. Legislature declared that the conversion of slaves to Christianity would not affect their status as slaves. "Masters" now felt that they could import "African heathens," convert them to Christianity and thus justify the act of holding them in slavery. Now, as long as proper precautions were taken, there was little opposition to some form of religious activity among slaves. However, the planters became more cautious regarding black religious activities and undertook to control them

more effectively. In most states black preachers were outlawed between 1830 and 1835. Thereafter black religious services were presided over by some white person(s). More and more, however blacks were required to attend the churches of their white "masters."

The slave family experienced great difficulty in maintaining itself on a stable basis in a system where so little expression was possible. Too seldom did the "owner" recognize the slave family as an institution worthy of respect. Frequently, the blind forces in the system operated to destroy it. Courtship and the normal relations preliminary to marriage seldom existed. Only when the owner manifested some real interest in the religious and moral development of his slaves was there an effort to establish the slave family on a stable basis. Again, as before, let me remind you of the fact that the economic concerns of the "master" were more important to them than the moral question of the slave family.

This attitude of economic importance, carried well into the 19th century. It brought about the scars of this nation's greatest internal conflicts, an issue treating the concept, and atrocities involved in using human slave labor for any purpose, as an ironic contradiction to man's basic rights (due to the manipulation of an inalienable human right). The same rights that led to the independence of the nation (America) in which said atrocities have taken place. This conflict separated an entire country and promoted a civil war.

The Civil War in America promoted the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and the later addition of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. It caused the "legal" freedom of black Americans.

The experiences of the newly freed black families varied according to where they lived, but they all had things in common such as they always had to prove they were free and deserved equal rights, the same as white people. They were powerless, not yet enfranchised. In most states, black people could not vote, hold political office, serve on juries, or testify in court. They were forced to maintain a separate existence socially, culturally and economically. Whites in the South and to some extent in the North kept a discreet distance from the everyday lives of Blacks. As the problems of migration and existence in a complex industrial society multiplied their difficulties, they had to work out their own formula for survival. An important champion for group cohesion and self-help was the black church.

The black church became a "star of hope" for black Americans. Despite the fact that he was being disfranchised in the Southern states and experiencing economic difficulties, his hopes of the future soared with those of white

Americans. During the up-coming years the country would emerge as a highly industrialized nation with a productive capacity far beyond its own needs.

To be black in the 20th Century was to be poor, disfranchised, segregated, the target of racial hatred and for the most part, uneducated. An unhealthy dilemma which placed automatic restriction on their livelihood.

The problems of housing, common to all people, are aggravated for blacks by the determination of white citizens to segregate them into one section of the city. The exploitation of blacks is made easy since they have little choice in selecting a place to live. The extreme congestion resulting from the restriction on choice of residence and the occupancy of small; unsanitary homes by anyone lead to poor health and a high mortality rate.

All of the ills usually associated with maladjustment in urban life arise in the unfavorable conditions thrust upon black families in American cities, North and South. Juvenile delinquency gets worse and too few corrective measures are taken by either public agencies or private individuals. Family disorganization and disintegration is a very logical consequence of the innumerable difficulties that black American families face. Although the church is assuming a greater responsibility in communities, their problems are rapidly on the increase.

The eyes of the black community are on us today. The people in the streets, in the slums, in the prisons, in the worn out houses are human beings. Those suffering millions are looking to their brothers and sisters to stretch forth a helping hand. We cannot let them down or deny the bonds that bind all black people together. Our first priority, therefore, is to insure survival of the black family.

to the Editor

More Than a Hungry Student

Letter to the Editor:

I am one of the Tennessee State University students who stands up for TSU until the bitter end, but I was totally dismayed, disgusted and disillusioned by the behavior of some of my colleagues.

I think that it is utterly ridiculous that we can no longer have pizza delivered to our dorms because our students rob, beat and do whatever else to the delivery men. I had heard that this was going on, but I didn't want to believe it.

One hungry night, I was studying and decided to order a pizza. I called and a young man took my order. I asked if the order could be delivered. The man said, "Sure... what is the address?" I proudly said Tennessee State University, Hale Hall. The man then said, "I'm sorry we can't service you, because we've had so many problems out there." Very embarrassed, I said, "thank you."

Yes, the media does have a tendency to pick the bad things out about TSU and blow them out of proportion, but then this incident makes me wonder if we sometimes give them things to blow out of proportion.

We as students are constantly complaining about not having various services available, but when we get them, we abuse them and make it more difficult for other students who appreciate such services.

Think about your brothers and sisters in the dorm who are hungry at night and have no transportation to get around.

Students be considerate of those who do care about TSU and its image. Wake up students! Take pride in your school! Start caring! Remember everything we do, reflects on TSU and we are the image makers!

More Than a Hungry Student

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Materials must be submitted by 5 p.m., the preceding Thursday to receive consideration for publication in the following edition. The Meter Office is in Room 200, Student Union Building, Main Campus, 320-3200.

Happy Valentines Day

I Love You In So Many Ways . . .

To Todd, London, and Fred, Happy Valentine's Day from one Westerner to another. By the way, will one of you please return my typewriter. Thanks.

Pam

Happy Valentine's to Orlando.
From Butsy

Happy Valentine to The Men of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity and my Jewel sisters.

From Cynthia

Happy Valentine to all the new members of Phi Gamma Nu Fraternity.

From Cynthia

Happy Valentine, Rick.
Loving you,
Monita

Mr. A.W. I hope that your Valentine's Day will be shared with me. After all, what a better way to spend such a loving day!
A Special Friend
Ms. South

U.A. May your Valentine's Day be a Happy one. I miss you.
Love always,
S.W.

The ladies of Sigam Gamma Rho Sororoity Inc., would like to wish the entire TSU family and especially our Romeos a Happy Valentine's Day.

Happy Valentine's Day to my Sorors of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, especially my line sisters Candiff, Tijuana, and Jennifer.
Love,
Detoria 3-AB-80

Joseph Thomas good things come to those who wait. Happy Valentine!
Love,
Blue Letter

No matter what is done, no matter what is said, my feeling for you will still be the same, even though you may not realize it all the time, "Jimmy Coleman, I Love You!!!"

Yours Truly

Renee

P.S. still waiting forever and a day!
Happy Valentine's Day.

To my beautiful black man, I love you.

Joy, as defined as the experience of great pleasure or delight, or the prospect of possessing what one desires.

"Enough Said"

Happy Valentine's, Lamp

To my lovely sorors of ZOB Happy Valentine's Day. 10-EA-81

To Mom and Pops, Happy Valentine's Day! Nothing says I love you like I love you. "I Love You."

Always

Sonna Hodges

Happy Valentine's Day to the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Love,
Sebrina

Happy Valentine's Day to my brother Lamar, and my sisters Angie, Nellie, and Sylvia.

Love Always,
Felicia

To my Valentine: B.G. even though we are apart you will always be in my heart.

Love Always,
Vicky

To: Michelle, Debbie, Gilda, Clynis, and Sharon HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I hope we share more fun times together throughout our years here.

Love, Geri

Happy Valentine's to the 617 girls!
Continue to be Happy.
Love, Ya Sabrina G.

To Arthur, You've been an awesome friend Happy Valentine's Day

Love,
'Lyn'

David Nicholson, I know that time can never change the love I have for you. I Love you very much. Be My Valentine.

Charlotte Bond

Happy Valentine's Day to "Flight 34," and to all my sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Love Ya,
Vicky (Pilot)

Happy Valentine's Day to all my sorors, the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Love Always,
Felicia

R.L.B., you have taught me a lot about love and life. Thanks for being there.

RRR

Happy Valentine's Day Bernard, loving you always.
Sebrina

Happy Valentine's Day Sonya Dee Williams, but most of all have a Happy Birthday.
Felicia and Sebrina

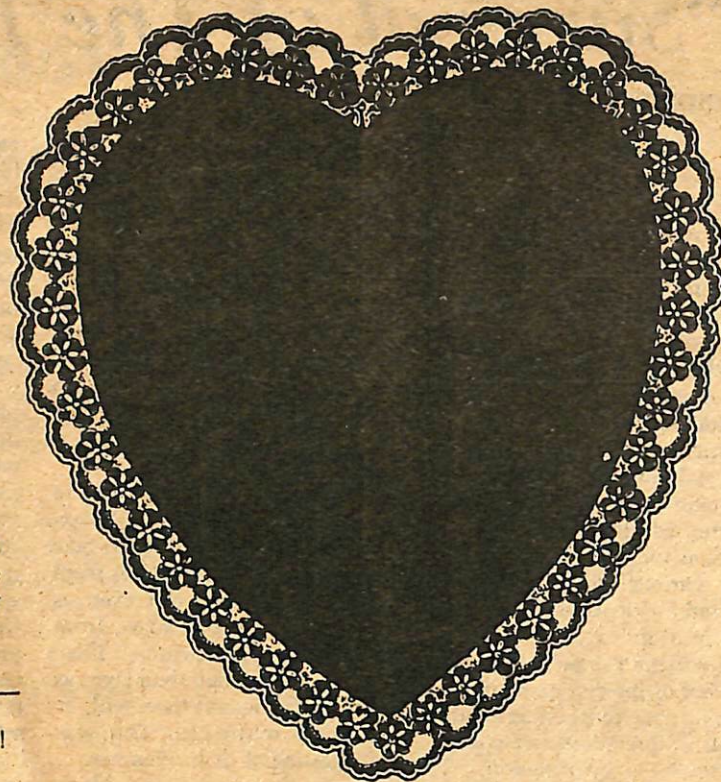
Happy Valentine's Day to the Beautiful, Fun-Loving Student Government Association 1981-82.

Lots of Love
Sabrina G.

Happy Valentine's Day to my only love who is warm, winsome and wise. Mr. Royce Hargrove of Chicago.

Love,
Brenda Jackson

May God bless all the sick and shut-in on this Valentine's Day.
Brenda Jackson



To Debra:

V the VECTOR of my life, having magnitude in the right places and headed in my direction

A the ACCELERATION of my heartbeat, after that first kiss

L the LENGTH of our lovelife

E the ENERGY you possess

N for NEWTON'S first law, you being the external force

T the TIME we first . . .

I for INELASTIC collision, we've stuck together through thick and thin

N for NEGATIVE, thanks for never feeling that way

E for ELECTRIC charge, the jolt I got after I found out the cost of this message. All I wanted to say was that

I LOVE YOU.

From TRAUIS

Happy Valentine's to the Financial Aid Dept. and Student Services.
From Cynthia

To all my beautiful sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. I wish you the most happiest of Valentine's Day.

Love,
Soror Ford

To Fred you'll always be my special Valentine. Happy Valentine's Day Sweetheart. I'll love you always.

Brenda D. Heath

Thanks Kit for being a true sister, Hurt.

To my favorite Ques, my brothers: Wild Bill, Carlton, Johnny T. and Darryl C. Happy Valentine's Day.
Love & Kisses
Detoria 3-AB-80

To Phil from Phil. Happy Valentine's Day Friend.



Black Enterprise Magazine Editor Speaks at Vandy

The Organization of Black Graduate and Professional Students of Vanderbilt University and Citizens Bank are sponsoring Joel Dreyfuss, Executive Editor of Black Enterprise Magazine, in celebration of Black History Month. Mr. Dreyfuss will appear at Sarratt Cinema, February 25, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. on Vanderbilt University's campus. His topic of discussion is "Reaganomics: What's Ahead for Black America."

As a part of the evening's program, the organization will award first, second, third place prizes in the amounts of \$100.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00, respectively, for the essays written by undergraduates of various colleges and universities

in Nashville. The quotation, "History should not require retelling. But old and established freedoms vanish when history is forgotten," conveys a message regarding the importance of Black History. Potential participants are asked to explain what they believe is the message in 750 words or less.

Please send the essays to:

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Please include your name, address, name of college or university, year in college and a telephone number where you can be contacted. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 18, 1982.

Entertainment

Business Student Wins Poetry Award

Barry A. Noland, a sophomore Business Administration major at TSU, has received a Special Award in the National Collegiate Poetry Contest. His prize consists of free publication of his winning poem "Hors d'oeuvres" in *American Collegiate Poets*, a semiannual anthology featuring all award winners in this contest. Mr. Noland was one of the 585 students whose verses were selected from among several thousand entries for inclu-

sion in the Fall Concours 1981 edition.

Barry has aspirations toward a career in creative writing as well as or instead of his chosen area of study—business. His poems have previously appeared in *The Meter* and a Murray State University periodical showcasing the poetry of high school students in the Ohio Valley area, *The Shagbark Review*. Barry hails from the town of Cairo, Illinois.

'Hors D'Oeuvres'

Oh, please do,
But take your time
And no liberties.
Oh, of course,
Yes, I too crave.
But first, appetize.
Why do so?
If not, you'll lose your hunger
Fore the main course arrives.

I'm a real gourmet.

Planned Parenthood Association Health Education Programs Reduced

Effective February 15, 1982 Planned Parenthood Association of Nashville will close Teen Clinic East and Teen Clinic South one day a week and severely reduce the health education programs at each site.

"The changes are a direct result of substantial reductions in federal funds available to Tennessee," according to Barbara Baldwin, Planned Parenthood's Executive Director.

Baldwin stated that the agency was notified in December that 35 percent of the remaining funds in its contract would be eliminated.

"With the help of other resources we have been able to operate the programs as usual. However, it has now become necessary for us to severely limit the community education programs and provide health services at each site for four instead of five days a week," said Baldwin.

The agency's director stated that some services provided routinely will no longer be available and fees will have to be charged for other services.

Frank Sloan, Director of the Health Policy Center and President of Planned Parenthood Board of Directors feels that despite the cuts the agency will continue to offer high quality reproductive health care to the Nashville community.

"The agency remains committed

to the Teen Clinics and adolescent health care. With many programs that serve local youth affected by federal funding cuts, it is more important than ever that we maintain our services to teens in Nashville. Unfortunately, losses suffered have made it impossible to continue at the same level," Sloan indicated.

"While the uncertainty of the existing federal budget and the probability of further reductions makes the future less than optimistic," said Baldwin, "we will be exploring various ways of restoring the programs to their previous level of operation."

Did You Know . . .

Founded in 1521, San Juan is the oldest city under the American flag.

The U. S. armed services' first female chaplain is the Reverend Alice Henderson, a black woman.

In 1928 Oscar DePriest became the first Northern Black to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico was originally called Bat Cave because of the spectacular bat fights which are still a daily occurrence in the warmer months.

Mexico City was founded in 1325 by Aztecs. Legend has it that the tribe was directed by an oracle to settle where they saw a plumed serpent, and their selection was prompted by the sight of an eagle devouring a snake.

Women United For Better Lives

A group of 100 women joined together in New York just a decade ago with the hope of improving life for themselves and others around them. Their success story is admirable.

Today, the Coalition of 100 Black Women numbers hundreds more than that as members. Membership is open to anyone who is black, female and interested in social action.



A growing Coalition aims to make life better.

What are their goals? Just name one and the Coalition probably already has a program in mind or underway. It seeks public health care that includes the recognized minimum of health care requirements plus prenatal clinics.

Its members work to keep black women alert to the changing patterns of the labor market. With the number of female-headed families increasing, it stresses the importance of full-time, lifetime employment and the right of black women to organize and join unions.

Among other Coalition activities have been voter registration drives, programs in education, arts and culture and community action.

The non-profit, non-partisan organization was formed to be the eyes, ears and voice of minority-group women and it is doing a good job at it.

Album Review

By JANET DICKERSON

The newest releases at WTSU Radio Station, The Voice of Tiger land. Located on your A.M. dial at point 580.

***Weather Report: ARC/Columbia

This is the ultimate experience in total jazz for all of you pure jazz lovers. Under the production of Zawinul Weather Report has once again turned out a select quality of melodic sounds.

Best Cuts: "Current Affairs," "When It Was Now," "Speechless."

***Patti Label: "The Best Of: Epic/CBS
On her latest release this dynamic lady of soul, under the production of Allen R. Toussaint, has conglomerated the best of her past tunes. Taking you back as far

as 1974 up to 1980, including her most popular hit "Lady Marmalade." This collectors album is a must for your musical library.

****Sister Sledge: "The Sisters": Cottillion

This album is the first of its kind. The debut of producing by Sister Sledge. Here the Sisters display their wide range of talents in areas other than vocal. It is a new and exciting sound that I feel you will enjoy.

Best Cuts: "My Guy," "Everybody's Friend," "All the Man I Need," "Lightfootin'," "Grandma."

RATING SCALE

- ****Excellent
- ***Good
- **Fair
- *Poor

Top Ten

The best selling pop records in Nashville during the past week as compiled by a survey of sales:

1. Physical
Olivia Newton-John
2. Centerfold
The J. Geils Band
3. I Can't Go For That
Daryl Hall & John Oates
4. Waiting For A Girl Like You
Foreigner
5. The Sweetest Thing
Juice Newton
6. Let's Groove
Earth, Wind & Fire
7. She's A Bad Mama Jama
Carl Carlton
8. Harden My Heart
Quarterflash
9. Pac-Man Fever
Buckner & Garcia
10. Leather And Lace
Stevie Nicks With Don Henley

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- 1 teaspoon brewer's yeast
- 1 teaspoon liquid Vitamin C
- 1/2 teaspoon liquid Vitamin E
- Liquid from 1 Vitamin A and D capsule

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Delta Week, 1982

Sunday, Feb. 14
Tea-Women's Bldg. 3:00
Champagne Sip—9:00

Tuesday, Feb. 16
Service Project-Women's Prison

Thursday, Feb. 18
Display—Ayeni Room
Rush Party—6:00
Women's Bldg.

Saturday, Feb. 20
Greek Extravaganze—12:00
Kean Hall

Greek Mixer—8:00

Monday, Feb. 15
Fashion and Talent Show—6:00
Kean Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Luncheon—12:00
Cafeteria

Friday, Feb. 19
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Students Are Talking About

The decrease of meat during the breakfast hour . . . Midterms arrival . . . The groundhog seeing his shadow, which means six more weeks of winter . . . Who's coming for the spring concert . . . The good gospel show given by the men of Alpha Phi Omega

Features

Alcoholism

*Inga is 23 years old. She had her first whiskey sour at 16; a year later, she was mixing liquor with uppers and downers. She dropped out of school, decided to hitchhike from her home in Atlanta to San Francisco and start a whole new life. She drank and drugged as she thumbed her way West. In Kansas, she was raped and beaten and left for days on the highway. At the hospital, she was detoxified and introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous.

*John is 51 years old. He graduated *cum laude* from Yale in 1950 and started up the career ladder at IBM. From the start, he liked his two martinis at lunch, cocktails before dinner and brandy after, but he knew how to handle his liquor. He married and produced three children, belonged to the right clubs, and was on a first-name basis with the right people. Then his drinking got out of hand; he had the shakes, the sweats, wound up in one drying-out place after another. His wife insisted that he see their minister, who referred him to a psychiatrist. But John kept on drinking. In time, he lost his job, the mortgage was foreclosed on the house, his wife left him, the children would have no part of him. Those endless nights, his bedroom was a Bowery. That's when he found A.A.

Just how far down the path of alcoholism do you have to go in order to qualify for membership in A.A.? As these two true stories show, not far . . . or else very far; hitting "bottom" is an individual thing.

Inga drank for seven years, John, for about 30. She stuck mainly to wine and beer because they were cheaper; he could afford the hard stuff. But they both qualified as alcoholics—because drinking had made both their lives un-

manageable. And once they crossed the "invisible line" that separates the alcoholic from the heavy drinker, there was no going back.

In A.A., time was when virtually all the members had lost families and jobs, to say nothing of time spent in hospitals, jails, and skid rows across the country. Today, however, the portrait of membership has changed. Newer members come in speaking of days lost from work rather than of lost jobs. Most of them still have families intact; have never seen the inside of a jail or lived in a fourth-rate hotel or slept in a hallway on skid row. They may not have had blackouts or taken the morning drink. They may not have had the shakes and the sweats in the long, lonely nights. But they know they have a problem with alcohol.

In large measure, these alcoholics owe their early recovery in A.A. to the fact that the disease of alcoholism has been recognized, at all levels, as a national health problem. According to a recent A.A. survey of its membership, 41 percent credit another A.A. member for introducing them to the Fellowship; 38 percent came "on my own"; 21 percent through counseling and therapy; 21 percent because of a family member; and 10 percent through their family doctor. Moreover:

—The under-30 membership in A.A. increased by nearly 50 percent in the past three years.

—At a typical A.A. meeting, one out of every three people is a woman—a jump of 33 percent over the past 10 years.

Virtually all occupations are represented by alcoholics in A.A. Among men, for example, 29 percent are in sales and business; 27 percent in crafts; 26 percent in the professions (such as medicine,

law); and 11 percent are semiskilled. Among the women, 40 percent call themselves homemakers; 21 percent, professionals; 18 percent, office, clerical; 14 percent, in sales and business; and 7 percent skilled and semiskilled.

Some A.A.'s may have been referred to the Fellowship by a doctor, psychiatrist, or clergyman. Or, the alcoholic's spouse or a friend may have read about A.A. in a national magazine or newspaper. Or, the alcoholic may have seen a movie or television

drama dealing with alcoholism and A.A. Moreover, such alcoholics may work for some of the thousand or so companies in the country that have developed programs to combat alcoholism among employees—as early on in the progression of the illness as possible, before chronic absenteeism and diminishing performance on the job have rendered the worker unemployable.

Like most other illnesses—heart disease, cancer, diabetes—alcoholism can strike people of any age; and it develops at different

rates in different individuals. Nor does it matter how much or how little you drink. The important question is: What is your drinking doing to you? How is it affecting your life?

Alcoholism is a progressive illness; as long as the alcoholic keeps on drinking, it will grow progressively worse. Until the drinker chooses to stop.

There is no known "cure" for alcoholism, but the disease can be arrested with the help of A.A.—BEFORE the horror stories start.

The Snack Bar "Gets Live"

By SABRINA GOODWIN

Bing, Bang, Zoom, Zing, the aroma of fried chicken is in the air and the juke box is playing your favorite tune. Where, the latest, greatest hangout, the snack bar in the Student Union Building.

The manager of the snack bar, Roger Hassell stated, "When I came here three years ago the snack bar used to be a hangout, and then the students started drifting away. I wanted to bring the students back to the snack bar."

Hassell has done several things to bring the students back. Bringing in new video games was one of the features. "During the fall semester a few games were in the snack bar, but these games really didn't attract the students attention. I was referred to Tommy Distributing Company and they knew just what the students wanted by working with other schools," he said.

Hassell also said, "I tried to find something that the girls can do on

campus. The pool room is open, but most males participate in that and video games are one of the biggest fads around now.

There has definitely been an increase in the business of the snack bar since the added attractions have been made. Repainted walls, new deli equipment, and new cash registers are also among the list of renovations. Speaking of cash registers, if your receipt has a red star on it you get a free meal.

Hassell continued to say, "I try to keep the snack bar's food up to par and tell my workers not to serve anything that they wouldn't eat themselves. I don't want the students to feel that we are here just to take their money. There will always be some type of contest going on or prizes given away.

Starting Feb. 15 a high score game contest will be held. The contest will run for six weeks and the grand prize winner will win a flipper game. During the first five

weeks you will be eligible to qualify for the grand prize. There will be eight different games up for grabs.

To qualify you must have the highest score on any of the eight games at the end of one of the five week sessions. At the end of the five week period they will take the highest weekly scorer on the eight games which will total forty grand prize contestants.

Each weekly qualifier will win a free chicken dinner. March 19 is the dateline date for qualifying. The final contest will be held March 25 and 26. Competitors will compete for the grand prize on the flipper game that will be given away.

Practice time will be allotted for competitors on the new games. Anyone interested in participating in the contest can pick up the rules from Roger Hassell in the snack bar.

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Campus Interviews

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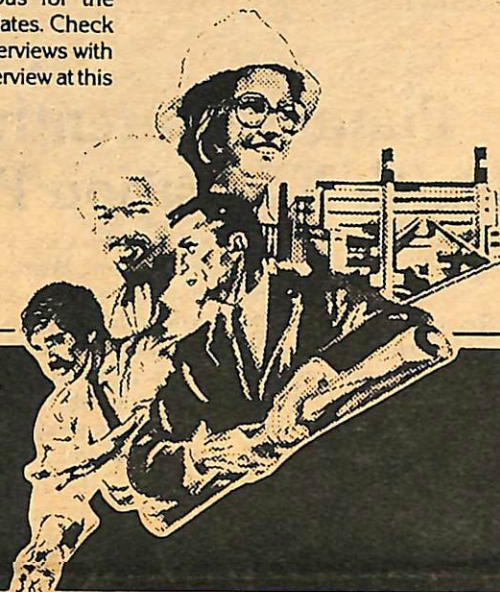
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Will it last until tomorrow?

By DEBORAH NEWMAN

As we lived and spent our youth,
Sooner or later we must face the truth.
It seems as if we will always last,
But sometime soon we will be in the past.
In the summer sun we bask
And our minds with the question we'll ask,
Will it last until tomorrow?

Our teenage youth, very much misspent,
Present minds to us very badly bent;
To find ourselves it takes much time,
Those who don't will face a long hard climb.
We ponder the question day after day,
The question that leads us to find our own way.
Will it last until tomorrow?

We've lived our life past middle age;
In the book of life we're to turn the last page.
We've lived through it all, wars and strife,
But have we spent enough time with our own life?
We've had ups and downs, lows and highs;
Our youth fades, we must now wave goodbye.
It didn't last until tomorrow.

Sports

Tiger Sharks Continue. . .

BY TERRY BROWN

Having an eleven to twelve month period of weightlifting, running, dancing exercise, and swimming, TSU's swimming team training program is similar to that of major college sports. The Tiger Sharks describe the program as painful and demanding. However, the conditioning has been beneficial in their outstanding performances during the "81-82" season.

The Tiger Sharks have fourteen members on the team. There are twelve swimmers and two divers, who are coached by a former Tiger Shark, James Bass. Having coached the Tiger Sharks since 1968, Coach Bass feels that "this year's team is the best team since the first at TSU in 1947." Still he says that there are not enough "quality" swimmers with the team having only five.

With the lack of quality swimmers, Coach Bass views the team as having certain weaknesses. Most of the team's strength comes from its two divers, Raymond Epps and Jeff Midcalf. Added to their strengthening performances, Coach Bass sees them improving more with each meet.

In the regular swimming, he sees his strongest swimmers Reginald Terry, Larry Taylor, Donald Moody and Arthur Martin as big assets to the team. However, Coach Bass credits the modern swimming area and his training program with the team's performances.

The swimming area in the Gentry Complex allows the team proper training, unlike the old pool. The Tiger Sharks now host meets.

According to Coach Bass, the swimming area is one of the finest facilities that he has ever seen. The Thomas Hughes Aquatic Center has hosted four meets: Tulane, The University of the South, Georgia Tech, and Western Kentucky.

During the "81-82" swimming season, the team has competed in fourteen events. They have set

records in eight of the events.

The Tiger Sharks record so far in the season is 15-4. Coach Bass's second credit for the performances is the training program.

"They sometimes train twenty to twenty-six hours a week. The minimum number of training hours is seventeen," according to Coach Bass.

Besides their swimming abilities, the Tiger Sharks are a very enthusiastic group of men. Their amusing antics and pep are seen at other sports events. Freshman swimmer Shawn Hicks commented on the attitudes of the team.

"The Tiger Sharks have some of the best mental attitudes I've ever seen toward sports."

Still the Tiger Sharks remain

dedicated and optimistic about their own sport. Coach Bass remarked that there are always problems.

"As evident in other sports, there's always the need for more funds and updated training equipment. Still we are hoping for the support of the student body as we continue our meets."



Photo by John Cross

TSU freshman starter Robert Cross jumps for a basket during last week's Belmont Game. Cross added 16 points to the 76-56 victory over Mississippi Valley State Saturday night.

Tiger's Record & Schedule

Tennessee State	69	Austin Peay	67
Tennessee State	57	UT-Chatt.	85
Tennessee State	71	Sanford	66
Tennessee State	60	MTSU	55
Tennessee State	57	Austin Peay	70
Tennessee State	58	Louisville	83
Tennessee State	84	Miss. Valley	73
Tennessee State	72	Baptist	76
Tennessee State	58	Sanford	69
Tennessee State	62	Jackson State	93
Tennessee State	79	Bethune-Cookman	70
Tennessee State	80	N.C. A&T	96
Tennessee State	77	SE Louisiana	70
Tennessee State	68	MTSU	59
Tennessee State	79	Grambling	60
Tennessee State	65	Jackson State	60
Tennessee State	68	FAMU	67
Tennessee State	80	Belmont	85
Tennessee State	76	Mississippi Valley	57

February 10	Grambling State
February 13	*Southeastern Louisiana
February 20	*Florida A&M State
February 24	*Bethune-Cookman
February 27	North Carolina A&T

*Home Games

Big Blue Wins Again

The "Big Blue" Basketball Team has proven again that its winning potential is still alive. After falling to Belmont a week earlier, the team boasted of a 76-57 victory over Mississippi Valley State University Saturday night in the Gentry Complex.

The Tigers were led in scoring by Larry "Skywalker" Wilson. Compared to him fouling out of the Belmont game last week, the senior defensive man showed his many skills in playing the game.

Allowing the MVSU to gain an early lead, the Tigers developed a strategy for them in regaining the lead.

According to Wilson, "We worked the ball around to get to the inside. This way we opened up to

balance out the game. Also, Mississippi Valley didn't play very well defensively, so winning the game was no problem once we stopped their leading scorer."

Wilson scored 22 points in the game.

Added to Saturday's success story for TSU was freshman standout Robert Cross. Cross was the second leading scorer with 16 points. He also holds the titles of team rebound leader and third leading scorer. His skills were a great help in the win. According to team member Larry Walker, "Cross is the next 'big man' at TSU after Monti Davis."

Taking advantage of the MVSU errors the Tigers were given 32 chances at the free throw line. Obtaining and holding a big lead in the game, Coach Martin found himself with the rare opportunity of playing his reserves. Despite the Tigers slow start and the reserves slowing the game, the TSU Tigers maintained its 19 point lead and went home again as "winners."

Tiger Notes

KNOXVILLE, TN.—The TSU Men's Track Team—the Flying T's opened the 1982 indoor season at the UT all comers meet at Stokely Center. First year Coach Hezeah Foreman's mile relay team composed of Marvell Robinson, Arthur Perry, Ed Barnes, Arthur Cox clocked a 3:25 mark just 4 seconds off the meet record of 3:21, as they beat UT mile relay team. Donnie Cox also clocked 1:11.3 in the 600 meter dash for another first place.

TSU basketball Coach Ed Martin ranks among the ten winningest coaches in College basketball.



In the background repairmen began to elevate the new scoreboard which is housed in the center of the arena of the multi-million dollar Gentry Complex. Standing is Tennessee State's Head Basketball Coach Ed Martin, President Fredrick Humphries; and Athletic Director, Samuel Whitman.

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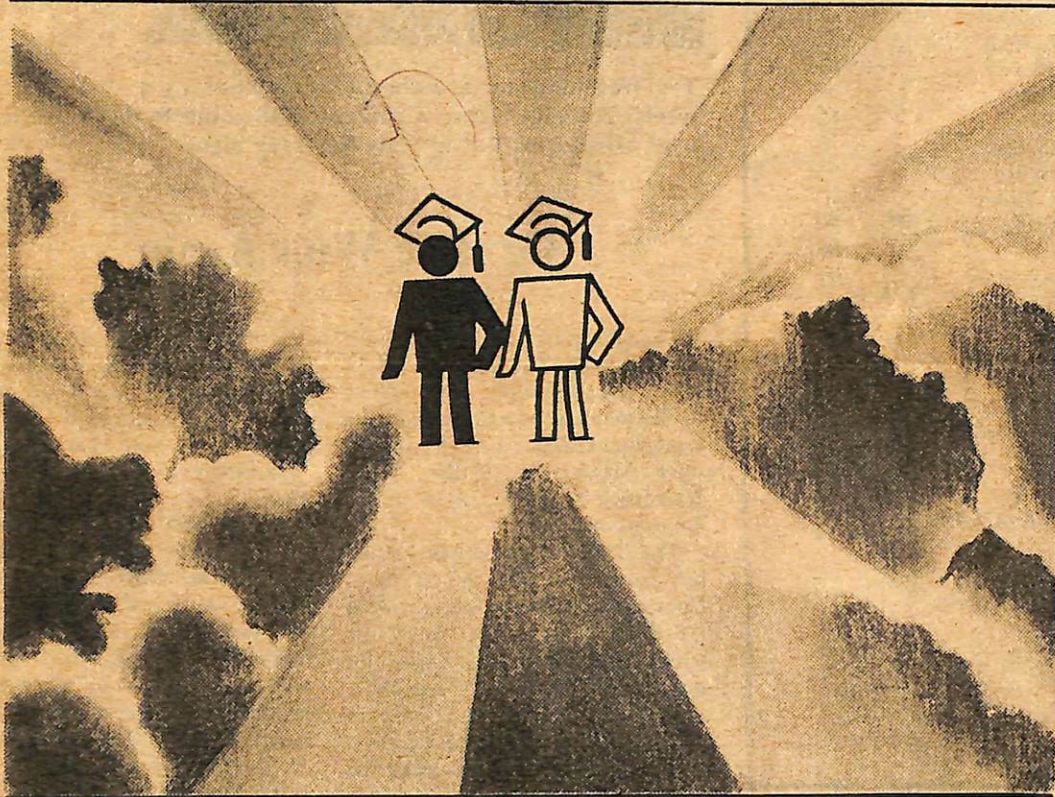
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easier.

Interested students are required to fill out two college Interview Forms, provided in the Spring Placement Manual. Keep one for yourself, and return the other one typewritten to the Career Development Center.

The last step is to attend an interviewing techniques seminar. They are held in the Career Development Center, located on the second floor of the Student Union Building. Additional information can be obtained by calling the center at 320-3525.

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Did You Know . . .

On February 1, 1902, poet Langston Hughes was born—Died May 22, 1967.

On February 2, 1956—Aatherine J. Lucy became the first Black student to normally attend the University of Alabama.

On February 3, 1979—Franklin A. Thomas became the first Black head of a major American philanthropic agency—the multibillion-dollar Ford Foundation.

On February 4, 1964—A. T. Walden was sworn in as Atlanta's Municipal Judge.

On February 5, 1956—L. R. Lautier became the first Black to be admitted to the National Press Club.

On February 6, 1961—A Jail-in Movement was started in Rock Hill, S.C. SNCC urged a southwide "Jail, No Bail" campaign.

On February 7, 1965—President L.B. Johnson created a Cabinet level Council on Equal Opportunity.

On February 8, 1964—First trial of Beckwith for murder of Medgar Evers declared a mistrial.

On February 9, 1906—Paul Lawrence Dunbar, noted poet, died in Dayton, Ohio.

On February 10, 1961—H. Lewis conducted the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

On February 11, 1961—Robert C. Weaver sworn in as Administrator of Housing and Home Finance Agency.

On February 12, 1809—Abraham Lincoln emancipator, born Herrodsburg, KY