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Task Force Recommends Alcohol For Specific Campus Events

A proposal to permit alcoholic beverages on middle Tennessee college campuses for specific functions at specific times will be made to the state Board of Regents in March, said Dr. Chrystal Partridge, associate professor of education.

Partridge served as a co-facilitator with Dr. Sam Ingram, president of Middle Tennessee State University, in a recent public hearing sponsored by a special task force of the Board. She said that of the 12 people who participated in the hearing, only two objected to changing the present policy of no alcohol on campus.

"As a part of our recommendation, we suggest the use of alcohol at

certain events, such as alumni gatherings and faculty receptions, at the discretion of the president of the institution," said Partridge. "We suggest that this use be limited to certain times, 5 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday and noon to midnight on Saturday."

Partridge said the proposal upholds the current policy of no alcohol in the dorms and no selling of alcohol on campus and includes the need for more education awareness programs on alcohol abuse. The proposal does not affect vocational, technical or community colleges, she added.

New Payroll/Personnel System Implemented

A payroll/personnel computer system capable of delivering rapid information from employee files to the University's budget, personnel and payroll departments has been activated, according to Ed Wisdom, director of systems and programming.

"Each department will be able to pull records up on their terminals and make corrections which apply to their department," Wisdom said.

He added that a security unit is built into the system which designates personnel responsible for making certain changes. As an example, Wisdom said a receptionist would be restricted to record inquiries, but not allowed to make updates on the record.

"We have moved up in the state-of-the-arts with our employee system and are moving to the same level on our student record system," Wisdom said.

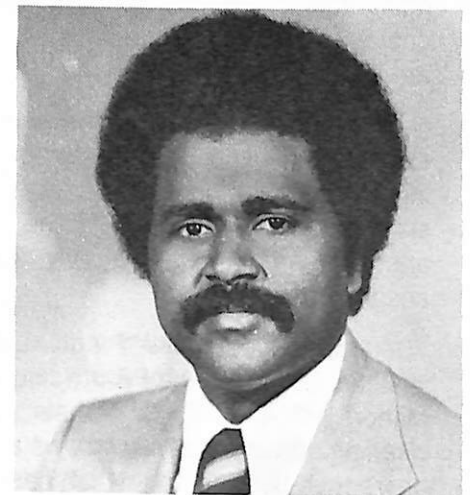
He noted that the new payroll system is replacing a 20-year-old system for managing the payroll.

"We have another system to install in the finance and accounting department by July 1," said Wisdom. "This on-line system will absorb the keypunch step and will allow the department to update information directly through the computer. It will eliminate batch updating of records, which is now handled by several employees."

This new payroll/personnel system is part of the University's Management Information System (MIS). The MIS component of the University's computer services is responsible for the development, maintenance and management of all administrative information systems. These systems include payroll, budget, accounting, financial aid, student records, alumni, cost studies and personnel.



Homer Wheaton



James I. Bass

Wheaton, Bass Inducted In Swimming Hall Of Fame

Their work in recruiting students for the swimming team of Tennessee State University has won honored spots for Homer Wheaton and James I. Bass in the Hall of Fame of Swimming at Cardozo High School, Washington, D.C.

A citation to Wheaton, TSU's director of financial aid, said he is "very determined in assisting all students to matriculate at Tennessee State University." It added that interhigh school swimming in Washington, D.C. "is grateful for the many benefits it receives from Wheaton's 'unselfish efforts.'"

The citation given Bass, the University swimming coach, said he provides "opportunities for interhigh swimmers to continue their education (at TSU) through swimming scholarships."

It was noted that "Coach Bass and his team were crowned the 1983 Black National Swimming Champions." The coach was named Coach Of The Year.

Wheaton, who has been at TSU since 1953, said his reasons for trying to help students across the state and in other parts of the country attend TSU are, "When people are better trained they make better citizens and become contributors to our society and our economy." Wheaton explained that this is not only through taxes paid from increased earnings, but also from the economic activity created by having money to buy goods and

services. "This stimulates jobs for people," the veteran educator said.

It should be underscored that Wheaton's office holds workshops in high schools and churches in metropolitan areas to help students with financial aid packages, the kind of activity that took him to Cordozo High.

Wheaton said his friendship with the swimming coach there was a prevailing factor. "Stanley Gaynor has a lot of students who want to pursue higher education and do not have the money. . . Many students out of that high school are well-qualified to participate in the program (with financial aid help) at TSU."

Bass has been swimming coach since 1968. Previously he was with the Metro Nashville schools for three years.

"We have excellent facilities for having a competitive program. As a matter of fact, we have the best

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It's My Turn

Janitorial Department Not Carrying Out "Program of Work"

by Robert Churchwell

A check list recently posted by the TSU Janitorial Department has received a low rating from the Bureau of Public Relations since chores said to be done periodically on the list are hardly ever—if ever—done.

Under "Objective" on the list, the Janitorial Department is supposed to "clean and service all facilities daily in academic areas." It is stated under "Procedure" that the . . . activities are (to be) performed on a daily basis in all academic areas."

In three pages of this "Program of Work," janitorial service in the PR building (Goodwill Manor) just about flunks. The simple item of cleaning all windowsills, windows and glass doors (number four on the list) hasn't been attended to in the two years I've been working in this building. The same point can be made about even more simple tasks such as emptying waste baskets and replacing liners, or cleaning all ashtrays and pencil sharpeners, or dusting and polishing all furniture.

What about your building? Here's the checklist in part; grade it:

Program of Work—Janitorial Department

Objective: To clean and service all facilities daily in academic areas. Procedure: The

following activities are performed on a daily basis in all academic areas. Check office for any work orders for that day; Check general conditions of building and make necessary adjustments including restrooms, offices, classrooms and corridors;

Police entire outside area of building, removing any and all debris in the vicinity, including sweeping of porches, steps and walks;

Clean all windowsills, windows and glass doors; Clean drinking fountains for cleanliness on all floors; sweep and mop down all stairways and dust railings; beginning on upper floor clean all offices—empty waste baskets and replace liners, clean all ashtrays and pencil sharpeners, and dust and polish all furniture; clean mirrors, windows, doors and wash venetian blinds when needed; check and remove all cobwebs and vacuum carpets. Clean all classrooms, conference rooms and laboratories—clean chalkboards and trays; dust windowsills, furniture and equipment; empty trash and replace liners; in laboratories, disinfect sinks, tables, water faucets and other equipment; and dry and wet mop floors.

Clean and disinfect restrooms on all floors and supply when needed.

So, what do you say?

A Response

Editor's Note: Thomas Davidson, supervisor of the janitorial staff, was contacted and asked to respond to the concerns expressed in the

previous article. The following is his reply.

"We have been real short on staff, so sometimes all the work doesn't get done," Davidson said. "Normally, when we are fully staffed these tasks are carried out."

Adding that the quality of the worker is an important factor in the execution of the duties, Davidson said that "we do have some good people."

A consultant reviewed the Janitorial Department operation recently.

"One of the things the consultant suggested is that we go to nights," he said. "The problem with that is getting into offices that have been locked."

Cleaning at night would allow custodians to clean and vacuum without "all that traffic" generated by regular business hours.

"We currently have night crews in the Business, Education, Physics and Math, Graduate, Women's and Administration buildings," said Davidson. "Some of the other buildings we clean at night are the "I" building, Home Economics and Nursing, Kean Hall, Lawson Hall, the SUB, Biology (McCord Hall), AFROTC and Physical Plant. The office areas are the ones we can't get into at night."

Davidson, who was just recently appointed to the supervisor position, said, "I realize we have some shortcomings and we are trying to correct them. My intention is to try to work out the problems."

You Can Help Fill This Empty Space

Send your ideas for news stories, profiles and photographs as well as announcements to the Accent, Bureau of Public Relations, Goodwill Manor, Main

Campus, or to Suite 339, Downtown Campus.

We want to hear from you.



Congressman Albert Gore and Dr. Barbara Nye, executive director of the Center for Training and Technical Assistance, welcome a participant to the kick-off ceremonies for Project BYTE, held February 16 at the Downtown Campus. The project is designed to help realize the potential of computers in the classroom. Project BYTE is the first statewide early childhood computer literacy program. The program aims to introduce youngsters to computers while enhancing their learning skills.

Staff Notes

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Jenthia Abell, secretary, Engineering; Leland Gregory, media specialist, University College; Cornelius Edwards, custodian, physical plant; Mehdi Behnoodi, teacher aide, math lab; Duane Powell, teacher aide, math lab; Martha Carvel, program assistant, extension service; Pamela Gooch, secretary, accounting and law; Venus Madry, secretary, music; Sandra Brookins, recruiter/counselor, allied health; Kena Coleman, clerk typist, purchasing and business services; Mary Phillips, recruiter/counselor, Engineering; Delores Pierce, research assistant, cooperative development; Dalphene Roper, secretary, engineering; and Jane Kirsch, project coordinator, community education.

Employees who resigned or took a leave of absence during November and December include: Dr. Everette Witherspoon, education; Cecilia Lemon, music; William Carpenter, physical plant; Carmen Spencer, speech pathology; Barbara Shahan, admissions; Dorothy Bond, physical plant; Katrina Lee, engineering; Darlene Harris, engineering.

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swimming facility of any opponent we compete with," Bass said.

He said that talent is not everything, "You have to be given the opportunity to nurture your talents."

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Safety Tips: An Accident Checklist

If you have ever had another car slam into the back, side or front of your car, you know that there are a few moments when you lose touch with reality. As you gather your wits, get out of the car and survey the damage to the cars and passengers, other feelings (such as anger or remorse) may take over.

Although these emotions may exist, both drivers need to be aware of their responsibilities and what comes after the initial impact. The following accident "check list" was developed by R. H. Turner, Ph.D., and D. T. Shelton for a training manual entitled *Accident Avoidance and Skid Control*. The manual is part of the driving course given by the National Academy for Police Driving, Inc., Lancaster, Texas.

—Be sure your vehicle and other vehicle involved in the accident are turned off.

—If the other vehicle starts to leave the scene, get a license number, description of the vehicle and driver, number of passengers and any unusual identifying features;

—Protect the accident scene. Do not move pieces of chrome, bits of dirt, fluids or grass from where they landed. Do not light flares anywhere near the accident itself.

—If a fire breaks out, be sure no one is in the vehicle. If you have a fire extinguisher, point it at the base of the flames, not into the flame itself.

—If anyone is seriously injured, try to render first aid. Do not move anyone unless his life is in extreme danger. You should attempt to stop extreme bleeding.

—If you are near power lines, watch for broken wires. Do not attempt to move a power line under any circumstances. If people are inside the car, they should sit perfectly still until the power company can remove the wires.

—Call for the police, if this has not already been done. While waiting for the police to arrive, do not talk about the accident with anyone, do not try to form conclusions as to what took place.

—Record information for your insurance company and your benefit in case of a law suit. Obtain the following information if possible:

Driver's name, address, telephone number, driver's license number and state of origin. If you note restrictions such as eyeglasses on the license, look to see if the driver was wearing them at the time of the accident.

Owner of the vehicle, if other than the driver. Address, telephone number and insurance company of the owner.

Description of the vehicle—make, model, year, color, identifying features, license plate number and

state of origin and vehicle identification number.

Names and addresses of passengers, age of each passenger, where they were coming from and where they were going.

Names, addresses and telephone numbers of witnesses. Do not attempt to question witnesses at the scene with regard to details of the accident.

Estimate the amount of damages to vehicles, other property (utility poles, trees, houses, etc.) and other people.

Make yourself a sketch of the scene. Try to get details of where pieces of metal or debris are after the impact, skidmarks, lay of the land, intersections, shape of the roadway, traffic signals or signs, weather conditions, time of day, estimated speed at time of the accident.

Cooperate with police officers at the scene.

Notify your insurance company as soon as possible. Be sure to file any required state forms.

Watch out for a situation where the other driver says, "We don't need to call the police." Always call the police. If you want to mutually agree to drop any further investigation, the police will have a record of this decision.

An automobile accident is a traumatic experience. Even though it is difficult, try to think clearly. Try to remember what happened, jot down small details as they reflect in your mind. If you are not seriously injured, do not walk around. Lie down or sit calmly until you are sure there are no internal damages. If medical personnel come to the scene, tell them if you hurt, don't be a hero.

If you escape an accident without injury, an awareness of the events and physical surroundings, as well as obtaining the correct information from the other driver, will help you survive all that comes after.

College Faculty Summer Jobs Programs

The Army wants at least a hundred college faculty members—not to be soldiers but as summer and part-time employees.

Most will work during the summer months, but the specific hiring periods can be adjusted for faculty members who prefer to work during other times of the year.

It's all part of the Historically Black College Faculty Referral Program,

now in its fourth year. In 1983, 92 teachers were employed. The program is administered for the Army by the Training and Doctrine Command's civilian personnel directorate at Fort Monroe.

Dr. Frances Graham, a professor of education at Hampton (Va.) Institute, and one of the first participants, is the program coordinator. She says there are now more than 60 specialties open in areas as diverse as accounting, city and community planning, computer science, engineering, ecology, education, metallurgy, military analysis, oceanography, statistics, toxicology and psychology.

"There are many advantages in the program for the Army and the temporary employee," Graham explained. "The Army gets an expert who is qualified for special projects and other high quality work. The teacher gets summer job that often deepens practical skills and provides contact with the non-academic world in a particular specialty."

Teachers who are interested in applying or who wish more details on the program should write the Civilian Personnel Directorate, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, ATTN: ATPL-CE, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651, Attention: Dr. Frances Graham.

Five copies of each application are required and should reach Fort Monroe by April 1. In addition to the government job application form (Standard Form 171), the submission should include geographic areas in which the applicants will work and minimum acceptable salary. Government application forms are available at post offices, Federal Job Information Centers and civilian personnel offices at all military installations.

Sewing Lab To Open In March

If you are interested in improving or learning sewing skills then, you'll be anxious to participate in the Lunch-n-Sew sessions at TSU.

You can add to your wardrobe with garments constructed on your lunch hour, and have fun doing so. The sewing lab in the Women's Building will be available to employees at TSU. The lab will open April 19, 1984 from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Do plan to schedule time for Lunch-n-Sew. Registration will begin March 1, in Room 106 Women's Building. Space is limited to 15 persons per day. The lab will be open five days each week.

Consumers have realized a tremendous savings from constructing their own garments. For more information contact: Dr. Alma

C. Hobbs, Clothing Specialist, 320-3652.

National Engineer's Week Observed

Dr. Edward I. Isibor, dean of the School of Engineering and Technology at Tennessee State University, delivered the keynote address as a part of TSU's observance of National Engineers' Week, February 20-24.

A number of noted speakers conducted seminars on a variety of topics under theme "Engineers: Partners For Progress."

Among the visiting professionals who participated in the weeks' activities were Stanley Lindsey, president, Stanley Lindsey and Associate; Ron Holdaway, chief mechanical engineer, Smith, Seckman, Reid, Inc.; Ed Johnson, vice chairman, Yearwood and Johnson Architects, Inc.; Richard Connor, chief of hydrology and hydraulics, Army Corps of Engineers; Donald Thomas, contracts administrator, Sverdrup and Parcel and Associates; and Ed Wasserman, engineering administrator, Tennessee Department of Transportation.

N. W. Feldman, chief, U.S. Army CECON; and Donald Grady, Naval Research laboratory, were also lecturers.

On Feb. 24, a number of engineering-related films were shown and Warren White, aerospace engineer, CALSPAN, conducted a seminar. Congressman Albert Gore served as speaker at an evening banquet.

Announcements

A copy of *Climate-The Key to Understanding Business Cycles* has been donated to the Brown-Daniel Library by its editor Michael Zahorchak. The book summarizes extensive research into climatic behavior and its relationship to all human activities that was conducted by the late Dr. Raymond H. Wheeler, a former professor of psychology at the University of Kansas. The analysis of world climate and culture back to 600 B.C. indicates several climate cycles have influenced human activity throughout history.

The book may be borrowed from the library or purchased from Tide Press.

The Office of Admissions and Records has reported a total spring enrollment of 7,565 students. Of the total, 6,236 are undergraduate students and 1,329 are graduate students, according to Dr. James Elzy, dean of Admissions and Records.

Life Force To Be Presented April 19

The TSU Cultural Affairs Committee will close its 1983-84 season with a performance by the jazz group, Life Force, on April 19, at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium.

Life Force was organized in 1972 in Atlanta, Ga., by artists Howard Nicholson and Joseph Jennings. The objective was to establish a group to perform both original compositions and those of the Jazz masters. Life Force has grown into one of the strongest musical organizations in the southeast and has presented successful concerts and workshops throughout the United States and the Caribbean.

Dr. Joan Elliott, Cultural Affairs Committee chairperson, said, "We have had a very exciting series this year. We offered a variety of talent to appeal to the multi-racial makeup of our university and the students seemed to be quite satisfied with this diversity."



From left to right: Capt. J. D. Hamilton, Capt. Carlos O. Cherry, SSGt. David A. Killman, Lt. Col. Richard I. Smith, Mrs. Pamela D. Dobson, Capt. Gus Bell, Jr. and Capt. Charley James.

Air Force ROTC Looks To A Bright Future

TSU's Air Force ROTC program is the largest non-military program in the nation and its new officers are excited about their role in helping to attract quality students.

The new officers are Commander Lt. Col. Richard I. Smith, Capt. Carlos O. Cherry, Capt. J. D. Hamilton and Capt. Charley James.

"Our main goal is to attract, train and commission our candidates upon graduation to help increase the number of minority officers," said Cherry.

"We presently have 380 students in the program and more than 50 percent of them are female," added Hamilton.

TSU Secretaries Held Valentine Day Luncheon

Dr. Augustus Bankhead, assistant dean, School of Business, and Jesse Tucker, coordinator of volunteer services, Nashville Community Service Center, within the Department of Corrections, were featured speakers during the Tennessee State University Secretaries Association Valentine Day Luncheon.

The topics addressed were "How to Catch More Bees with Honey," "Tuning Out the Heartaches (stress)," "What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do" and "Goodwill in Ill Winds."

Lillie Shelton, president of the organization, presided over the Luncheon. Ruth Sanders gave the invocation and Ardana Fox, vice president of TSUSA, served as moderator for the program. Approximately 30 secretaries attended the luncheon/seminar.

The secretaries plan to hold their annual National Secretaries Week conference in April at Paris Landing, Tennessee. The conference will be preceded by a salad luncheon. The secretaries will invite their bosses to attend the salad luncheon.

VP Emeritus A.V. Boswell Dies

Services for Dr. Alger V. Boswell, vice president emeritus of TSU, were held February 5, 1984 at Clark Memorial Methodist Church. Dr. Boswell died February 2 at Vanderbilt Hospital of a heart ailment. He was 83 years old.

Dr. Boswell came to TSU (then Tennessee A & I State College) in 1930 as a mathematics professor. During the 40 years he served the University, he held the positions of registrar, dean of men, cashier, assistant to the president, chairman of the faculty advisory committee and the faculty athletic committee, mathematics department head and vice president of the university from 1951 to 1965. He was a founding member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity at TSU.

Named vice president emeritus in 1965, other tributes to Dr. Boswell's tremendous contributions to TSU include the naming of the Physics and Mathematics building in his honor and the establishment of a mathematics scholarship in his name.

Dr. Boswell remained a loyal supporter and kept close ties with the University after his retirement in 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel James Boswell; a daughter, Alice Lee Love; a son, Alger V. Boswell II; and four sisters.

The family has requested that memorials be sent to the TSU mathematics department.

Faculty Briefs

Dr. Michele B. Thomas, professor, Department of Psychology, was elected president-elect of the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision during a recent meeting in Mobile, Alabama. The organization is comprised of state supervisors and counseling education faculty at universities in southern states. Thomas has also been nominated for president-elect of the Tennessee Psychological Association.

Dr. James Head, assistant professor, Department of English, presented a paper entitled, "Sophie's Choice as Novel and Film," at the ninth annual conference in Literature and Film. The conference was held

at Florida State University January 26-28.

A paper entitled "User's Perceptions of the Quality of Accounting Information Reported by Voluntary Health and Welfare Organizations," authored by **Dr. Ruthie Reynolds**, Department of Accounting, has been accepted for presentation at the 1984 Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Accounting Association. Reynolds will present the paper at the April 12-14, 1984, meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Don Richard and Dr. Steve Brown, Department of Business Administration, have written a paper, "An Evaluation of the Professional Orientation of Engineers in a Business Environment," which has been accepted for presentation during the Southwest Business Symposium on April 6.

Staff Notes

Ricky C. Mosley is the new director of cooperative education in the Career Development Center. Joining the staff last October, Mosley is applying his training and past experience as a co-op student to counseling students. The Knoxville College graduate served as an employment officer with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) before assuming his present position.

The Personnel Office reports the addition of 28 new employees during November, 1983 and nine new employees in December 1983. The new employees and their work areas follows: Robert Wade, auto mechanic, physical plant; Jack Wade, maintenance mechanic, physical plant; James Price, teacher aid, math lab; William Wilson, teacher aide, math lab; Aretha Powe, teacher aide, math lab; Tarrus Pointer, teacher aide, math lab; Garry Lesley, teacher aide, math lab; Gregory Smith, teacher aide, math lab; Anthony Jackson, teacher aide, math lab; Norman Dashiell, teacher aide, math lab; Willie Morgan, teacher aide, math lab; Brodius Threat, lab teacher aide, University College writing clinic; Janice Winfrey, lab aide, University College writing clinic; Renita Harris, lab aide, University College writing clinic; Estella Cross, administrative assistant, Engineering and Technology; Debbie Swift, clerk typist, Library; Damita Sherron, inventory clerk, Moveable Property; Reginald Farmer, security officer, Safety and Security; Carmen Spencer, secretary, Speech Pathology; Sheree Blakemore, secretary, finance and accounting; Harron Glenn, security officer, Safety and Security; Nancy Peek, secretary, Medical Technology; Edward Risby, Jr., utility worker, physical plant;

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