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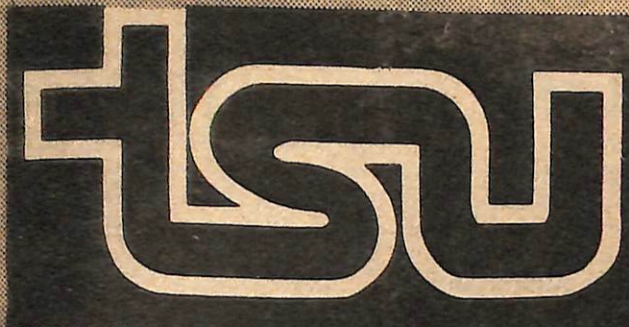
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Students misuse of phones cost South Central Bell

South Central Bell has cut its losses from misuse of its phone systems on TSU and other area campuses, says Robert Kibler, South Central Bell's Middle Tennessee area security manager.

"Installation of the company's new Calling Card System and changing in dormitory phone usage are major reasons for the reduction," he said.

Kibler said that in the past, TSU students have caused the company to lose as much as \$100,000 a year on fraudulent telephone calls and added that about half of that figure is usually recovered. He failed to mention the company's losses on other area campuses but said that they are usually the same or greater. He also said that only a small percentage of the students caught are prosecuted or receive severe legal punishment. Some students, he said, are suspended from the university and others are given pre-trial

diversion," because of the nature of the offense and their lack of criminal records.

Kibler said students in the past accepted collect calls to their room phones, used stolen credit card numbers and billed third party calls to residential numbers illegally. The biggest problem, he said, is students using fraudulent credit card numbers to make long distance calls.

"In the past, we have tracked students down that have charged anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 worth of phone calls illegally," he said. It is not uncommon for students to make \$700 worth of calls before being caught, he said. Kibler also said that students have made long distance calls to every major city in the United States and some as far away as Africa, Lebanon, Jordan and Brazil. He also said that some students have talked as long as 240 minutes during daylight hours and that these calls

were usually the most frequent and most expensive ones.

Boyd Hall, Mary Wilson Hall and Watson Hall are the biggest problem areas on campus, he said. He added that Mary Wilson Hall was probably the worst. Kibler said students usually find credit numbers scribbled on walls or inside telephone booths and that some numbers are passed along by other credit number users. He also said that in the past, the company has investigated cases of students selling the numbers to other students for cash.

"We usually catch most of these students," he said. But due to the large number of calls investigated, sometimes totaling 90,000 per month, the company is usually 60 to 90 days behind in investigations.

Only a small number of students at TSU have been prosecuted for abusing the company's phone system, he said. Others, he

said, have avoided penalties by not returning to school.

The problem is not only on the Tennessee State campus. "The problem is about the same at Fisk University, Vanderbilt and other schools in the Middle Tennessee area," he said. "We have the same problem everywhere there is a large group of people such as in the military, colleges, etc., but we are trying to make students here aware of the seriousness of the problem," he said.

Despite the fact that the company continues to lose money on fraudulent calls, it has solved a great deal of the student abuse problem by installing a more sophisticated system, he said. With a special computer, the company can now detect the place that illegal calls originated from, the billing number they originated from, and in little or no time, the person who made the calls can

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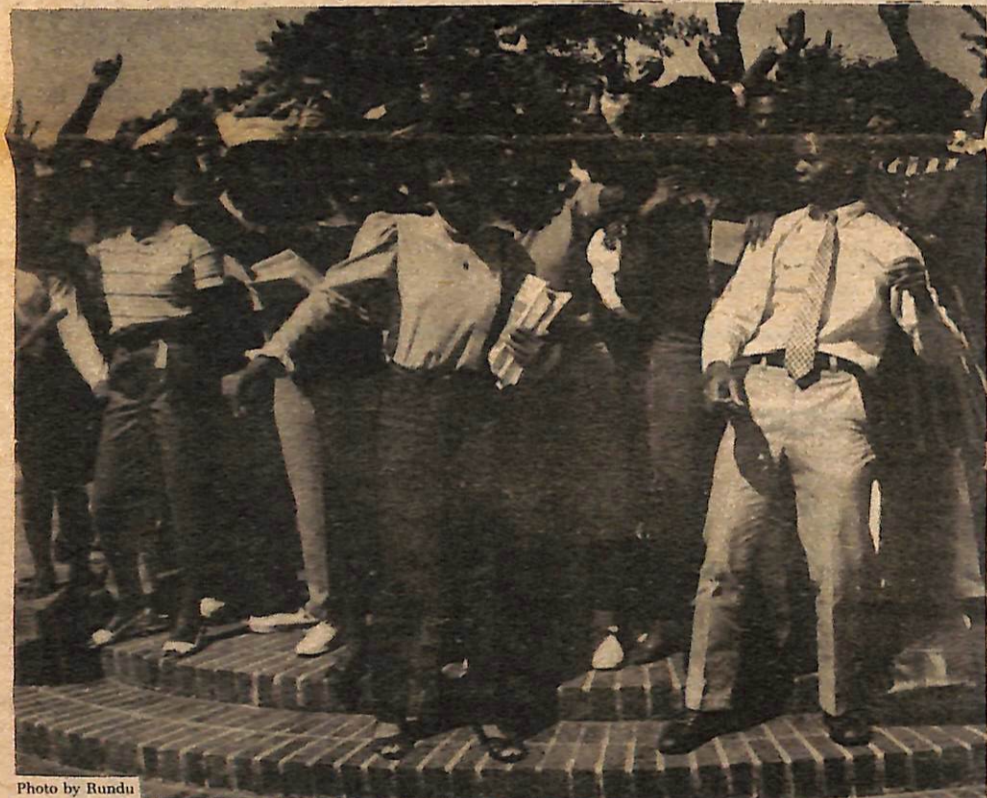


Photo by Rundu

Last week's surge of spring like weather put happy faces on students. Here students enroute to class stop to pose for Meter photographer, Rundu.

SGA President says year is successful

By SEBASTIAN DORTCH

The Student Government Association has been a success this year in terms of reaching a greater number of students, said Darron Bowden, SGA president.

The SGA is trying to get across to the students the basic needs and problems of black America and society.

"We have been supplying the students with this information through several lecture series and letters to the university newspaper, *The Meter*.

"Through this process of awareness, the SGA has made some major accomplishments. We are in the process of formulating a massive registration drive."

The idea behind this is to register as many Tennessee State students as possible. Bowden said that there is a booth set up and there will be advertisements spread around campus.

The SGA has also had debates last semester in which students could hear both sides of topics of major importance. Our largest one revolved around the idea of Jesse Jackson running for president.

Bowden went on to say that "every person that participated within these debates is an active member of the SGA." These debates are all but a small part of the Positive Reconstructive Series that the SGA formulated to help students of Tennessee State.

Another major accomplishment of ours is the formation of the Pre-Alumni Club. June Kellum, SGA vice president, is the chairperson of the organization. "The basic function of this organization is to gear the students toward putting back into the university what they got out of it," Bowden said. "There are about forty students within the club. While members, the students are given

the chance to become involved with various alumni affairs." June Kellum is working hand in hand with Steve Crawford, national alumni president, Bowden explained.

"The SGA has also started the Alumni Motivator Lecture Series in which we bring back prominent alumni to talk and give advice to the students," Bowden said. February 7, we brought back John Jackson, originator of the "Rhythm and Blues Awards." Bowden went on to say that the event was advertised and posted but there was still a small turnout.

"This is just one of the things we have to deal with," he said, "the SGA has tried to have rap sessions, talks in the plaza and various events to try to ignite the students—but to no avail." The students are in the heart of the university but unfortunately this university's heart is fluttering and failing," Bowden said.

Bowden went on to say that there were some things that the SGA promised the students last year but fell short in achieving.

"Take for instance the video screen place we mentioned at the beginning of last semester. We were hoping to set up a screen and some video equipment in the SUB. This would have allowed us to show activities such as a greek show, an away football game or a convocation that the student had originally missed. To get a quality system it would have cost \$5,000 to \$6,000. Our budget was only \$9,130 this year," Bowden said.

The money in the budget was either spent or is planned to be used this way. *The Meter* received \$1,500; \$1,500 will be appropriated to the annual student election week held this spring; \$1,500 will be appropriated for the Co-curriculum Awards

Alumni motivator series continues

By BRENDA HARGROVE

"Youth Involvement in the Political Process," will be the second topic discussed at the Alumni Motivator Series, Monday in the Learning Resources Center auditorium at 3:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be David Ruthledge, an alumnus of Tennessee State University. Ruthledge graduated from TSU in 1967, and was very active in the student government association. He is now Township Supervisor (equivalent of mayor) of Upsilon, Michigan.

"This is the second in a series of student

awareness programs, and we hope to bring other speakers to campus," stated Darron Bowden, president of SGA. The SGA also hopes to form an election series by making students more politically aware.

The first program of the Alumni Motivator Series featured John Jackson, a producer from Los Angeles. Jackson is originally from Jackson, Tennessee. He has produced a number of well known programs including the 1982 Rhythm and Blues Awards. The student government association is asking for everyone's participation in this program.

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"Black Americans' struggle for excellence in education"

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given at the end of this semester. "These awards are given to prominent students within each department in the university," Bowden said. Fifteen-hundred dollars was designated for sending two student leaders to Washington, but instead of just two people gaining from this experience, we are going to have a prominent speaker come to the university. Also, \$1,000 dollars went for the Alumni Motivator Series.

"After all this is taken out, the SGA is left with a balance of \$12,130," Bowden said. This will be used for summer expenses so that the newly elected SGA President can organize what he or she wants to do for the all semester, or any future SGA to do anything of great magnitude there is a need or a raise in the student activities fee."

"We are now in the process of trying to get a referendum on the ballot so that students may vote on it during student government elections," Bowden said. If students want to see top name speakers like Jesse Jackson or top name entertainment come to the university, they are going to have to raise the student activities fee.

Another thing that the SGA did not accomplish was the proposed Tennessee Black Student Association. This organization would have addressed the specific needs of the black student at predominantly black and white institutions. Bowden went on to say that the reason this did not occur is because, "I held back . . . the students are unaware and when you have an organization like this you have to be aware of what is happening your own home." Visibility has been a problem of past Student Government Associations and this one is without exception.

Bowden said that we have tried to be as visible as possible but when there is such a large task as this, "it becomes more of an individual thing." Bowden said that "I know that a lot of students upon receiving a position in the SGA have excluded themselves from students. I personally selected to eat in the cafeteria, live as a student lives and most importantly, feel what the student feels."

The failure of the SGA to really have any impact on the non contract renewal of three of the university's instructors, teachers, Julian Blackshear, Richard Manson and Chhindran Chatterjee, was not a true reflection of their efforts. Bowden said they

had members of the SGA and students within the three departments affected, circulating petitions. Out of these efforts we only received 25 names.

Richard Manson, one of the teachers affected, said that "The SGA had no obligation to do what they did . . . this indicates that the SGA is concerned about making society successful by coming to the aid of others."

When others were asked their opinions on the success of the SGA this year, their replies were varied.

Bobby Penn, SGA Representative at Large said, "We were not as visible as past administrations but as far as taking care of the business at hand, we were much better. In the past a lot was done that the other key members knew nothing about, this did not occur this year."

Rossi Turner, an active participant in SGA said, "This administration had numerous weaknesses due to the lack of funds and absence of continued participation in doing work, so it would be an injustice to the integrity of the group to harp on them."

Steven A. Williams, a graduate student from Memphis, Tennessee, said that the SGA was not in the public view in what they were trying and planning to do. "Some students do not even know that an SGA exists. Being a past member, I know that a lot more could have been done this semester."

Lorenzo Eason, a junior from Birmingham, Alabama said that "the SGA has been very low key this semester. Maybe this is due to a complete reconstructive period or maybe they are in a totally recessive state in helping the student."

Students

misuse phones cont.

be identified, Kibler said.

The company has also discontinued long distance services from dormitory rooms and operators verify 100 percent of the calls billed to a third party by students, as an added measure of protection. Kibler said that better cooperation from Dean Ronald Miles and Dean Gloria Lewis, has also helped the company resolve abuse problems.

People are talking about. . .

By DOLLIE MANN

The fights that have been going on around campus. Could someone please tell me which weight they are in? Junior, Heavy or Welter-weight . . . The nice weather that has swept through Nashville . . . The exciting Springbreak they are planning on having . . . How they performed on the mid-term exams. And how they "MUST" do better on the finals . . . Michael Jackson's plastic surgery. Don't you all think he's exceptionally pretty now!!! . . . Singer Tom Jones coming to town soon!!! Get ready ladies . . . The play that will be put on soon. Please make a note of it . . . "Jefferson Street" Joe Gilliam's appearance around campus . . . The six million dollar man coming up soon . . . Ladies please have your cameras ready . . . Intramurals about to begin . . . Some of the football players anticipating signing on with the Memphis Showboats . . . Norvin Patterson's performance at a certain closed Kappa party . . . Phi Mu Alpha's performance at Fisk recently . . . Congratulations guys for giving a dynamite show . . . A few more eligible young bachelors asking that their names be printed to pull more ladies. Here goes!!! Victor Jones of Alpha Phi Alpha and Jerrald Moore of the same fraternity, both from Memphis . . .

Seniors make preparations as graduation nears

By MELBA PERKINS

Becoming a senior and preparing for graduation is not all "fun and games."

Potential graduates are required to cross many paths before that memorable event can take place. First, there are those academic requirements, which seem to cause a delay in graduation for many seniors.

"One of the major problems," said Mrs. Nadine Green, lead workers for Admissions and Records, "is that students wait until the last minute to handle their academic affairs. There shouldn't be as many problems as there are because student evaluation forms are sent out following midterm and deficiency lists are also sent to the departments and the students to inform them of all deficiencies.

The English Proficiency Exam, for example, is one requirement that many students overlook and fail to take. Also, whenever this exam is failed, certain courses should be taken. Without these necessary requirements a student cannot graduate. If students would simply follow the requirements listed in the university catalog, there wouldn't be as many delays in graduation. Also a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is required to file for graduation."

Senior Project is another major step that seniors must take before graduation. According to Dr. Lawrence James of the communications department, the primary purpose of senior project is to study the steps involved in the research methodology process.

There are four choices for senior project in the communications department; a research paper, an audio documentary, a play directing project and a lecture recital performance. "All of the projects require writing," said James, "meaning that research is done regardless. Also, before the project is complete, students must give a half hour lecture on their project."

"Senior project," said James, "teaches students the importance of research, allows them to conduct the research, teaches the importance of systematic procedures and teaches the importance of the communication skills of writing and speaking."

To James, senior project is a class which enables a student to do individual research or performance project which expresses his or her synthesis of knowledge and techniques learned in his or her four years of study. "The ultimate goal," said James, "is to complete the project and complete it well!"



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Afro-American History Month

Black history month emphasizes black inventors

By FRED A. G. SAMPSON

In 1909, a member of the Virginia State Legislature attempted to cite conclusive proof of the inferiority of the black race by making a speech in which he stated that no black man had ever received a patent on an invention. This statement infuriated Henry Baker. Henry Baker is a name most people are not familiar with. He was a black man employed as a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office. He was also the author of the *Colored Inventor*.

The *Colored Inventor* informed America that between 1863 and 1913, more than 1,200 inventions were patented by blacks. In all actuality the number of black inventors was probably greater than the amount listed in Baker's book. But many black inventors hid the fact of their blackness in order to avoid "one more obstacle" in getting their creations patented and marketed.

One black inventor was Maryland born Benjamin Banneker. One day, after examining a pocket watch Banneker decided he would make a clock. Clocks were rare in America and were very expensive. Banneker made his clock entirely from wood and although he didn't realize it he actually made the first completely American made clock. He started the job in 1758 and finished in 1761.

Garrett Morgan was born in Paris, KY in 1877. In 1923, Morgan received a patent for what became the nation's first traffic signal. The device was widely used throughout the country until it was replaced by the electric

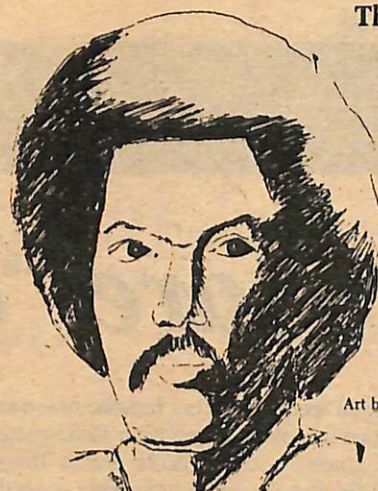
signals used today. Instead of marketing the invention himself, Morgan sold it to General Electric for \$40,000.

George Washington Carver's name almost speaks for itself. Carver was an agricultural genius who helped save the soil of the south by persuading farmers to revitalize their land by introducing soil enriching crops, such as peanuts and soybeans. Carver invented hundreds of uses for the peanut and made several paints and dyes with common clay.

Other black inventors:

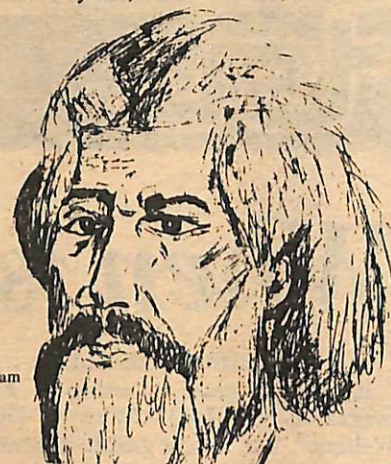
- L.P. Ray (1897)—dust pan
- J.A. Burr (1899)—pencil sharpener
- T.J. Marshall (1872)—fire extinguisher
- T.W. Steward (1893)—mop
- R.F. Fleming, Jr. (1886)—guitar
- W. Johnson (1884)—egg beater
- Lewis B. Darcas (1907)—combination stove
- G.J. Grant (1899)—golf tee
- W.B. Purvis (1890)—fountain pen
- J.W. Smith (1898)—lawn sprinkler
- E. Stalworth (1928)—electric heater
- J.W. Reed (1884)—rolling pin

There were many other black inventors who have helped to guide this nation and strengthen its abilities to progress. Black history month is a time of focus, a time of emphasis. In our history there have been hundreds and thousands who have sacrificed their time, talent, and often their life so that blacks could enjoy the freedom that we now possess. Although we have a long way to go, we must utilize this month of reflection to see how far we have come.



Art by Anthony Bingham

Black Americans have an additional celebration for Afro American History Month with activist Jesse Jackson seeking the democratic presidential nomination.



Author Frederick Douglass was responsible for starting some of the first antislavery movements. Douglass is also called the "Hero of the Fight for Freedom in the United States."

History department sponsors Afro-History commemoration

By SONNA O. HODGES

The history and geography department sponsored an Afro American Week program in the A Auditorium with four speakers.

Dr. Samuel Shannon presided over the program which began with gospel performances by the Meistersingers. Shannon, when presenting the group spoke of the relationship of gospel music to the Afro American heritage.

Acting head of the history department, Dr. George Davis spoke on "Dr. Martin Luther King—the scholar." Davis spoke of the activist's innumerable peace efforts that for so long went unrecognized. He compared the oversights to some of the memorials, long displayed, for other Americans.

Davis spoke of King's obstacle filled plight. He said King was often unpopular with blacks who thought his methods were too passive, and "Uncle Tom." He spoke of

King's harassment by the FBI.

He urged a continued celebration of King because of his now recognized accomplishments. He said the United States in 1984 is not the same because of King. Davis cited changes such as the surge of black mayors and particularly the presence of black mayor of Pulaski, Tennessee (the birthplace of the Ku Klux Klan).

Dr. Leon Prather spoke on "John Hop Franklin as a Model for Excellence."

He said Franklin graduated Magna Cum Laude from Fisk University and went on to receive numerous awards, citations and appointments.

Prather spoke of Franklin's many published works, including the "Classic Study of Negro History" *From Slavery To Freedom*. He stated that today's scholars should aim to publish writings as Franklin did. "Without (Continued on page 6)

Gregory urges blacks to seek changes

By SONNA O. HODGES

Comedian-activist, Dick Gregory recently presented theories on racism, government, other world events and urged Americans to set the right priorities in life, be less acceptant of things, "because we can make a difference," he said.

Speaking in Underwood Auditorium at Vanderbilt University Commemorating Afro American History Month, Gregory stated that we place too much emphasis on the wrong things. He referred to the present upheaval over singers, actors, video tapes, and celebrities. He stated that we waste millions of dollars on records, movies, and concerts; yet we fail to contribute to the world hunger situation and other vital concerns such as the Fisk University plight.

The activist then spoke of singer, Michael Jackson's fire accident. He stated that thousands of calls continue daily with people concerned about the singer. He said it is a shame that we show so much concern for one person yet wander about aimlessly and unconcerned about the 41 people who die each minute. It's not too late to change this attitude, exclaimed the activist, we can make a difference.

Gregory later ridiculed the recent presidential committee report that concluded no grave hunger problem exists in the United States. He said the reason no hunger was found is because the members failed to go to the places where hunger exists. He briefly criticized the Reagan administration. Gregory said that we should realize that no progress is being made because we are not making it, referring to poor black voter participation that may cause Reagan's re-election.

Gregory said we also misplaced our priorities when so many blacks did not attend the recent 20th Anniversary March On Washington. He stated that the march was one of the few things initiated by blacks and blacks did not fully support it. He said our full participation would have been a way of saying thanks to the many people who fought for our rights today.

The activist then appealed to black fraternities and sororities to set their priorities. He said that this can be accomplished by taking an active voice in the building of America. For example, he stated, with the power you have, you can send an ambassador to South Africa and to other places. Black America

would not have to wait for a report from a government official or an appointed diplomat. He compared the power of black fraternities and sororities to the power of General Motors. He said that black fraternities and sororities are older than GM and should have the same amount of power.

He also urged blacks to not just accept things but check them out. In explaining this, he mentioned the many people who claim to be vegetarians. He urged them to look closely at the definition of the word and then see if it is what they are. Words are easily laid on you, he said, so it is important that you search deep within. Another example he gave was with the words "moral majority." The word moral is used, but you never hear the group, carrying that name, speak out against racism or sexism—yet they call themselves the moral majority, stated Gregory.

Gregory continued to urge blacks not to accept things so easily. He urged blacks not to let the rich and powerful influence them. He referred to the media. He said the programming and the news "runs games" on people. He urged the audience not to readily (Continued on page 5)



Art by Terry Brown

Blacks also celebrate the recent passage of Martin Luther King's national holiday bill. The official celebration is scheduled for January, 1985.

Facts in Afro-American History

■ The first black novel published in the U.S. was by Harriett Wilson titled, *Our Nig, Sketches From the Life of a Free Black North Showing that Slavery & Shadow Falls Even There.*

■ Hiram Revels, first Black U.S. Senator took office February 25, 1870.

■ North Carolina A&T students began a series of sit-in demonstrations February 1, 1960.

■ 15th Amendment proposed in Congress, giving former slaves the right to vote.

■ L.R. Lautier became the first Black to be

and History was organized by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in Washington, D.C.

■ In 1961 the Interstate Commerce Commission outlawed segregation in all trains, buses, and terminals involved in interstate commerce.

■ Senator Edward Brooke Republican, elected to Congress in 1967.

■ 1957 Count Basie played for the Queen of England.

■ National Black Labor Council founded.

■ David Walker was the first person to attack slavery through the press.

admitted to the National Press Club.

■ Howard University was chartered by Act of Congress in 1867.

■ Francis Williams, first U.S. black college graduate, published a poem in Latin in 1758.

■ In April, 1953—Fisk University became the first Black institution of higher education in U.S. to receive a charter for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

■ Walter White, NAACP leader born in 1893.

■ The Association for Study of Negro Life

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A Matter of Opinion

When is welfare "deserved"?

By CHRISTINE ELLIS

Recently, I read an article in *Essence* magazine entitled, "Why I Deserve Welfare." The article greatly angered me. In the article, a young, healthy black woman was defending her privilege to raise her nine-year-old daughter on welfare. This woman described herself as having completed one year of college and was divorced from the child's father.

This woman simplistically expressed the opinion that "people get welfare in many forms: farm subsidies, social security, tax loopholes, and college grants."

I resented this woman's justification for giving up the struggle on two grounds: First of all, to receive either farm subsidies, or

social security, or tax breaks, one must produce income at some time during one's life. Secondly, college grants are an investment in the future earning capacity of students.

It is a known fact, that to receive welfare, one does not need to produce anything except under-privileged children. One does not need talent to qualify for welfare. One is not required to do anything to better herself. Almost any woman can get on welfare, but I do not believe that every woman deserves welfare. No healthy person deserves to remain locked into a vicious cycle of poverty and dependency. Rather, in my opinion, each person deserves, and should legally fight for the opportunity to work for a de-

cent standard of living.

For example, the State of Tennessee gives a welfare mother with one child \$112.00 a month. I wonder, how can a family survive on \$112.00 a month? Even if the family pays no rent, or utility bills, and even if the family receives food stamps, \$112.00 seems to offer virtually no opportunity to advance in life.

I can sympathize with the bitterness this woman must feel because she has been treated unjustly. This woman's ex-husband mistreated her, and she also received low wages when she tried to work. But, I do not believe welfare is the answer. I cannot sympathize with the "government owes me a liv-

ing" attitude. After all, what would a young, healthy woman do at home all day long, watch soap operas?

The government owes each citizen the right to an equal opportunity to become a self-supporting adult. However, the government will give unmarried mothers welfare to insure that the children do not starve. Nevertheless, each adult should be responsible for her own life.

If a woman truly wants to be a good mother, she must teach her children to survive in the "real" world. She should not commit economic suicide by making welfare her primary source of income. Rather, if she is destitute, she should use welfare as an opportunity to prepare herself to become economically independent.

Make "the right choice"

Senior Senator John Glenn of Ohio, a declared candidate for the presidency of the United States, presents the best choice for Americans as they go to the polls next November. Choosing a president is never an easy task and there are many complex issues to be considered along the way. Senator Glenn not only understands the issues, but offers some appropriate solutions to them.

The president of the United States must be a man of high character and commitment. Senator Glenn, apart from his political activities, has shown that he has leadership characteristics. His accomplishments as an astronaut have been well chronicled in the news media, especially with the release of the current box office hit movie, *The Right Stuff*. While to imply that training to be an astronaut adequately prepares one to be president of the United States would be wrong, it is important to note that Senator Glenn stayed with a long program of training from start to finish. His courage was also demonstrated through his actual flight in space. Senator Glenn's commitment and character are of the highest quality and deserve no further questioning.

Today, American politics is no place for a novice. Experience is required if the holder of any political office is to hope for an effective term in office. Senator Glenn, was the senior senator from the state of Ohio, thus, he has the experience needed to be effective as president. The time he spent studying issues ranging from domestic tax programs to the deployment of nuclear weaponry in Europe can only be beneficial. He has worked hard to understand the issues and has voted effectively on behalf of his constituents. His service as a senator has developed his experience on both a national and inter-

national level.

Senator Glenn's voting record on recent key issues has shown that his experience has taught him well. Rather than taking the easy route by voting along a party line, he boldly stepped forward and voted in support of economic changes that were sponsored by Republicans. He foresaw that supporting existing policies would bring even more difficult times to Americans at every economic level. He has proven that he has convictions. Concern for every American is at the top of his list of priorities. Senator Glenn has more integrity than to simply defer to party line thinking.

Glenn's concern for international peace was demonstrated by his efforts to delay deployment of nuclear missiles in Europe. He hopes that some last minute agreement with the Soviets could be made to limit, if not freeze their available nuclear weaponry. At the same time he is not afraid to recognize the need to have a strong military. He recently voted in support of a bill that provides funding for the development of new nerve gas weapons for the army.

Senator Glenn has already proven to be a powerful candidate. He has large numbers of people rallying to his cause. He presents for them a clear alternative to the political and governmental failure represented by former Vice-President Mondale's association with the Carter administration. Glenn's supporters have already given over \$4 million to his campaign war chest, and the campaign is just beginning to warm up.

A vote for Senator John Glenn as the next president of the United States is a right vote. Character, commitment, leadership, and experience make Glenn the right choice in November.

Ms. Regina Burress, Sports Editor

By RUNDU

Week after week, the *Meter's* sports page is compiled and edited, not by "one of the guys," but by a young lady named Regina Burress.

Regina, who is simply known as "Burress," is a senior communications major who works with a relatively small staff of reporters that includes me, yours truly, as a photographer. But somehow, Burress manages to meet the many weekly deadlines that are required of a campus sports editor.

Burress has a very responsible job. For example, if a reporter fails to get his story in on time, or if a photographer gets so involved in the fame, like I do, and forgets to take the

necessary photos, the final responsibility falls on the shoulders of Burress. She becomes responsible for acquiring the necessary sports stories; she must also supply the photography. However, the entire sports staff realizes that they will have to face this one tough lady or come up with an excellent excuse, such as a death certificate.

Actually, Regina has a beautiful personality, and she is easy to work with. But Ms. Burress, on the other hand, wants the material turned in, and on time.

While the field of communications is a rewarding area of study, Burress has well prepared herself to face the challenges and pressures of a journalistic career.

What you don't know

Dear Editor:

It is very difficult for me to remain silent. It was an unnerving experience for me to notice so many students leaving the recent Black History Month program before it was over.

The History and Geography Department went through a lot of trouble to sponsor the event, and I would like to know, where was everybody going??? To class??? Well, I'm sure that if anything else had been going on during that same period of time, which may have appeared more to our particular fancies, with or without class, there would have no question about our staying until the conclusion.

What can be more important than discovering more about our valuable culture and history? We need a true concept and definition of who we are and what we are all about to become whole human beings. Why would we be so indifferent to discussions about our heritage? Why would we disregard those who have and are currently struggling to gain a rightful position in this nation and in the world?

Those who failed to stay during the entire program missed a valuable and important contribution to our culture.

Sincerely,
DONALD L. JOHNSON
TSU Student

Afrikan personality day

By LaJUNE McKNIGHT

The highlight of Black History Month will be the first Afrikan Personality Day, which is to be held February 25, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Fisk University gymnasium. Afrikan artwork will be on display. There will also be theatrical performances, live music, Reggae, exhibits, and an Afrikan Queen of the Nile fashion show. Exotic foods and beverages will be available.

The Afrikan cultural event is sponsored by Miss Brenda Winfield. Miss Winfield, who is a 1979 graduate of Tennessee State University, is the chairwoman of the event. She also coordinated the Afrikan Street Dance Festival which was held on the TSU campus in September, 1983.

Miss Winfield is currently employed as the housing director for the Nashville Urban League. She is very civic-minded, and volunteers for the Buddies of Nashville. She definitely exemplifies the TSU motto, "Enter to learn; go forth to serve."

The public is also invited to commemorate Black History Month by celebrating with us at the Afrikan Personality Day. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for students, and children under 12 will be admitted free.

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Post graduate financial assistance available

By FRAN DECLAU

Dr. James Reeves, dean of the graduate school invited us to look at some of the scholarships for its students, including the graduate and professional opportunities program, The National Science Foundation Fellowship, The Fulbright Opportunities and the Walter S. Davis Scholarship.

"The Graduate and Professional Opportunities Program," says Dr. Reeves, "are designed to provide federal financial assistance to make available fellowship awards in post-baccalaureate education to graduate and professional students who demonstrate financial need." The fields of study vary and are awarded for graduate study in academic fields leading to a doctoral degree and for professional study in fields which consider the master's degree as the credential for professional practice." The applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Academic areas included in G-Pop are mainly English, science and math. Low consideration is given to the area of medicine, since other federal funds are readily available for this discipline.

Many other institutions including Vanderbilt, University of California at Berkeley, University of Notre Dame, Brandeis University, Cornell University, New York University and the University of Pittsburgh, have applied and received G-Pops. Fellowships in terms of percents for the Academic Year of 1982-83 indicated that 54% of the total went to Blacks, 19.2% to the Hispanics, 3.0% to Native Americans, 5.4% to Asian Americans and 18.3% to Majority Women.

Dr. Reeves said, "The single most important thing to remember about these fellowships is that it is an opportunity for minority students to enter careers in areas which would not be open to them otherwise."

Recipients of the G-Pops here at Tennessee State University are: Christina Anderson, Business Administration; Benjamin Egiebor, Engineering; Victor Erewele, Engineering; Sunny Ezete, Engineering; Victoria Price, Engineering; Nicole Rawlins, Business; Charles Ukwu, Engineering; Beverly Williams, Engineering; and Darla Pittman Smith, Engineering.

A scholarship in graduate studies is given by the family of the late President of Tennessee State University, Walter S. Davis. It was awarded this year to Donna Johnson who is working on her Masters in Elementary Education.

For further information any of these scholarships, please contact Dr. James Reeves, Dean of Graduate School at 320-3491.

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accept what the media feeds.

Though we are still oppressed, Gregory said, we must realize that we are not alone. There are also whites who are oppressed, too. Gregory said that "white" in America is an attitude. One attains that attitude when he has a certain amount of money and is able to control or influence.

Gregory urged blacks to re-evaluate themselves during this month commemorating our Afro American heritage. This re-evaluation should take place in our spending power. Blacks should demand companies to build in their neighborhoods. Blacks have the buying power to make these demands. Look at the accomplishments thus far; a black Miss America, a black man in space, the passage of Martin Luther King's holiday bill and the many black mayors of major cities. Blacks should continue to strive for more, he said, "We can make a difference."

Biomedical Seminars

February 24	Dr. Fu Ming Chen TSU (Chemistry Dept.)	"DNA Confirmational Changes"
March 2	Dr. Arthur J. Hicks N.C. A&T	"Plant Physiology"
March 16	Dr. D.S. Sachan UTK	"Prevention of Induced Fatty Liver by Carnitine"
March 23	Dr. Shirley Russell Meharry Medical College	"Genetics"
April 6	Dr. Paul Hasegawa Purdue University	"Plant Tissue Culture"
April 13	MBRS Meeting	
April 20	Dr. John Wallace Univ. of Louisville	"Immunology"
April 27	Dr. John Ruffin N.C. Central University	"Environmental Toxicology"

Utility aid for students

By JERRY EGUAKUN

Students living off-campus and having problems paying their heating bills, can now get help from the Metro Action Commission.

According to Mary Moore, a supervisor at MAC, "This commission was set up as a branch of the Department of Human Services to provide assistance to the low income people who need help with their utility bills. These include students, elderly, handicapped and all low income persons."

The Commission requires applicants to bring along proof of income for the past 12 months if employed, or complete an affidavit of support. Also required are light bills from NES, SSN, check stubs and valid identification.

"We also have provisions for emergency

service," said John Russel, a clerk with MAC. "If your lights are cut-off," he continued, "we can help reconnect them within 24 hours if the applicant meets all requirements." Some of the applicants interviewed had very positive comments.

"I am glad that something like this is available to help in bad times such as these," said Jim Ford, a student at Nashville Technical Institute.

Mary Alice, a welfare recipient said, "I am glad they can help me because I do not have any money to pay my light bill."

The Commission approves up to \$200 for applicants who live within the Metro Davidson County area. For more information call 259-5411.

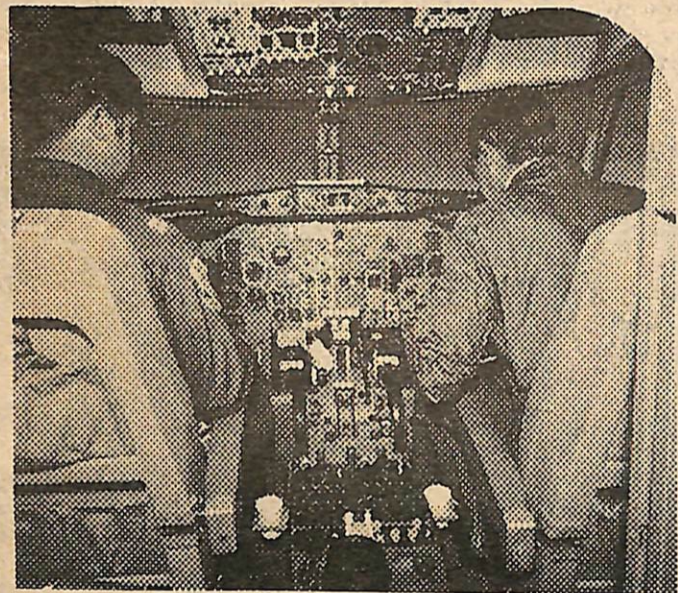
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History

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significant published writings . . . scholars are without recognition," Prather said.

He asked that as we celebrate Afro American Week with an emphasis on education, we should ponder to what extent could a scholar such as Franklin dePoe on the black campus today.

"We need the print word," said Prather, "Printed Knowledge is Forever."

Dr. Alonzo Stephens spoke on "Jesse Jackson: Poor People's Candidate."

Stephens said students should take Jackson as a role model. He mentioned the past three blacks who had sought the nomination.

He urged students to take the candidate seriously, and register to vote. He listed several reasons why blacks should support Jesse Jackson.

Student Van Cain spoke on "The Black Episcopal Seminary." He did an indepth report on the success of that institution that existed only ten years.

Marketing toward minorities

By SONNA O. HODGES

C. E. Morrison, director of black consumer marketing for Coca Cola spoke to students about the various advertising and marketing strategies Coke and McDonalds use to attract minorities.

Morrison, who supervises a \$6 million budget for BCM, presented some of the methods companies use to appeal to blacks. He stated that commercials are a primary target that companies use. He said that most commercials attempt to positively appeal or relate to blacks.

For example one, visual commercial used by McDonalds shows a black man leaving work. He then arrives home and is engaged in a very close and playful game with his son. The commercial, according to Morrison, displays the same naturalness of black families like that of whites.

Another commercial geared toward relating to blacks is an audio commercial by Coke. Recording R&B artists, Midnight Star, perform the theme music. The theme music is similar to a popular song of the group. The Coke t.v. commercial featuring Grambling State University Band is also a product of Morrison's.

Morrison stated that minorities account for a large percent of revenue of major corporations. He said that Coke USA predicts 33 percent of its volume to be from blacks and hispanics.

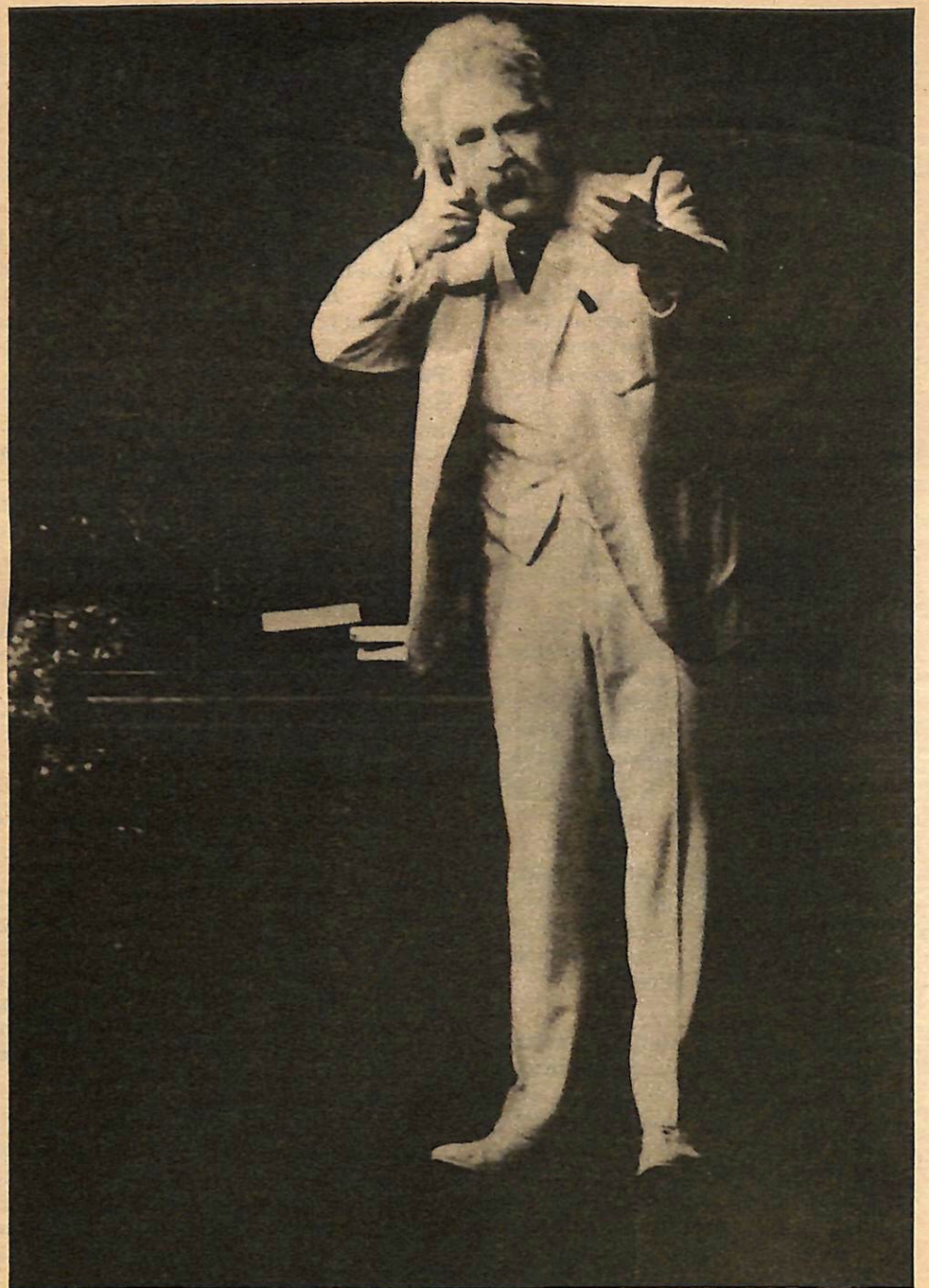
Mark Twain portrayed

John Chappell has been an actor for many years. For well over a decade, he has been meandering about the country delighting audiences with his one-man shows. His appearances as Mark Twain "out on a raid" have left folks in stitches in town halls and at colleges from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He was the first actor to take to the boards with a solo portrayal of Clarence Darrow, the famed defense attorney, recreating Darrow's own appearances on the public platform during the latter part of his life. Recently, John Chappell has been seen in a variety of television shows and motion pictures.

John Chappell came to the stage on a merry, circuitous route involving such careers and near-careers, both long term and some rather snappy, as a cattle rancher, surveyor, dishwasher, paper boy, groceryman, soda jerk, printer, hospital chaplain, puppeteer, disc jockey and itinerant magician. Twain would have proud . . . John has three degrees, ranging from Mathematics and Physics to Theology and Drama. He claims, "I was excessively educated, thus suffering from a serious lack of ignorance." He is the author of one published play "The Murder of James Crow" and is sporadically at work on another.

For the past few years, John Chappell has divided his time between his "revival preaching," as he sometimes insists on calling his college tours, and television and film work in Hollywood. He has played a wide variety of parts. In the first episode of "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald," he played the young Texas judge. He then appeared in "Tail Gunner Joe," with Burgess Meredith, Peter Boyle and Patricia Neal, as the elderly Senator Karl Mundt, Chairman of the Army-McCarthy hearings. He co-starred with Burt Reynolds, Ryan O'Neal, Tatum O'Neal, Stella Stevens and John Ritter in Peter Bogdanovich's film "Nickelodean" and was then seen in the Twentieth Century Fox release, "The Other Side of Midnight." He has also appeared with Robert Redford in "Brubaker," with Dudley Moore in the hit comedy "10," and with Gabe Kaplan in "Fast Break." Here and there he wandered in and out of roles on "The Rockford Files," "Delvecchio" and "Rafferty."

"For a long time," says John with a twinkle in his eye, "I played a sort of assistant crook. The role of head crook on television goes, as a rule, to a fellow with a longer track record than I." John Chappell wasn't afraid of being mobbed by fans who recog-



Actor John Chappell will perform in the A Auditorium tonight. He will present a personation of Mark Twain.

nized him since many of his roles were, as he put it, in disguise. Now John says with a laugh, "I wouldn't claim I am getting to be recognizable, but a few people now think I look familiar."

In 1968 Chappell, with Hal Holbrook's permission, began performing Holbrook's "Mark Twain Tonight." Then after four years, John Chappell developed his own version of the Twain stories and began to work on his original portrayal of Clarence Darrow.

During his career as an actor there have

been rewards. He is a Kentucky Colonel. His *alma mater*, Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, proclaimed him a "Distinguished Graduate." The demand for his work has increased, and a good many of his appearances are repeats. There are colleges where he has gone back for the sixth and seventh time. The Mark Twain Boyhood Home Museum in Hannibal, Missouri, invited him to perform there and presented him with a film of the great humorist himself.

Renaissance performs at TSU

By SONNA O. HODGES

Troubadour Nicholas Hodsdon and the Renaissance Dance Consort recently entertained an audience with not often discussed renaissance history, dance, and music in the Women's Building Auditorium.

The dance consort set the mood for the evening by performing 16th century dances. Their dances began with English country dances and included Italian and French dances.

A popular dance of the audience was "The Galliard," which was also a favorite of Queen Elizabeth. The queen supposedly did the dance for exercise each morning.

Another popular dance of the audience was "The Volta." It was performed by three couples. The men lifted the women periodically in the dance while holding them around the waist. The French felt the dance was immoral because of the close contact between the men and the women in the dance.

According to the group spokesperson, Nena Couch, the majority of the renaissance dances were flirtatious and often questioned faithfulness in couples. Most of the dances were also performed with an odd number of people, usually three. Two members of one sex appeared to compete for the affection of the other.

The dances showed the lively and vivacious character of the people during the

renaissance era. The Troubadour's performance also attested to the carefree nature of the period. Following a brief intermission with ale, bread, and rolls served, Troubadour Hodsdon came on.

His first song was "Greensleeves," a popular ballad still today. He then began a tale of his daily performances in the courtyard of the queen 420 years ago. He had with him a collection of instruments that he had supposedly collected over the years.

Aided by his collection of instruments, Troubadour Hodsdon performed an evening of "tale tale" songs of broken romances and not so innocent love affairs. One song to the story of an adulterous woman who caused her husband to become blind. She then tried to kill him. The husband, however, managed to kill her instead. The song like several performed during the evening had a humorous tone to it.

The Troubadour's musical performance was periodically interrupted with brief lessons on the behavior of a woman during the 16th century, instruments of the common and uncommon people, how to play the instruments, and how to actually dance the dances of the renaissance period. Throughout the evening, the Troubadour invited the audience to accompany him on his lyrics and instruments.



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The Troubadour romances English professor Louise Watkins at recent concert.

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TSU Sports



Thomas "Sukus" Walker goes up for a combination rebound and slam dunk for two exciting points. The Tigers and Tiger Gems will both be playing games in the Gentry Complex Saturday night. (Photo by Rundu)

Where is school spirit?

By REGINA BURRESS

Last semester, in the November 17th issue of *The Meter*, I asked the two head basketball coaches and a member of both teams what could be done to increase school spirit during basketball season? All of them had some good suggestions, which the athletic department has tried to act upon.

The games are adequately publicized, door prizes have been given away, contests have been held, half-time shows have been performed, plus, the pep band has provided entertainment. Still, there seems to be no school spirit. All of these things are done to draw a large crowd, and they do, but the crowds are dead, dead, dead!!

For instance, during the football season, if the band played "Party" or "T-S-U" the crowd would get "fired up!" However,

when the band plays these same songs at a basketball game, the crowd barely stirs. (Some people even have the nerve to stare at me as if I am crazy when I get up to sing and cheer.) These people fail to realize that they are at a basketball game and not a frat party! They should go to the cafe to socialize

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and should come to the games to "get live!"

Both of our basketball teams have done their best; in winning as well as losing situations, and the least that TSU faculty and students could do is show their support.

There are only two men's and women's home games left this season, so let's get out TSU, and really cheer our teams to victory!!

Working together makes winning team

By FRANCES DELCAU

What does it take to be an Olympic swimmer? Ask Coach James Bass, who has been the swimming coach here at TSU since 1968.

"You need the right ingredients to be an Olympic swimmer. You need TALENT which includes: perseverance, competitiveness and the desire to be a perfectionist. In addition to these you need to be in a program which has good coaches and other talented swimmers. You will never find a great swimmer come out of a program alone. There are usually other swimmers that are great too," he said.

Bass, who is a 1961 graduate of TSU also received his Masters from TSU in 1967.

Proudly he shares the successes of the Tigersharks, with Thomas H. Hughes, the first and only other Tigersharks coach. The Tigersharks were started in 1947. The Natatorium in the Gentry Complex is named after Hughes.

When asked about the facilities here at

TSU, Bass replied, "We have excellent facilities for having a competitive program. As a matter of fact, we have the nicest swimming facility of any opponent we compete against." Schools such as Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Tulane, and the University of the South have competed in our pool in the Gentry Complex, Bass said.

Bass said he feels proud to have won the National Championship for historically black colleges in 1983 and having been named Coach of the Year. He acknowledged that he could not have done it without "HIS TEAM." A number of years ago there was a theme at homecoming which said, "Working Together We Make It Happen." Bass said that this is certainly true. He attributes the success of the school and his coaching career to athletes like Anthony Stamps, who as Bass put it, "Was the first most outstand-

ing athlete I coached. At one time he held as many as seven school records, the most outstanding was the individual medley race."

Among other outstanding athletes Bass has coached are: Jesse Thomas who held the record for the 100-yard freestyle in his time as well as qualifying for the National Championships in the 50-yard freestyles and Darryl Hayes who held and still holds the record for the 100-yard backstroke. He holds the record for the 400 medley relay which he shares with Reginald Terry, Donald Moody and Larry Taylor. Additionally, Hayes also still holds the record for the 400-yard freestyle which he holds with Russell Roberts, Larry Taylor and Donald Moody.

"Moody," Bass proudly announces "is the single most outstanding swimmer we have had in the history of TSU. His accomplishments range from holding eight individual school records to four pool records."



Coach James Bass

Sports Quiz!!

Hey, sports buffs!! Are you still disappointed about your last quiz performance? Well, here is your chance to redeem yourselves:

- Who is the reigning NBA slam dunk champ?
 - Julius Erving
 - Larry Nance
 - Darryl Griffith
 - Darryl Dawkins
- Which former Tigerbelle recently won the 60-yard dash in the Melrose Games?
 - Kathy McMillan
 - Brenda Morehead
 - Chandra Cheeseborough
 - Brenda Fuller
- Kindell Stephens played collegiate basketball at which Nashville institution?
 - Tennessee State
 - Belmont
 - Vanderbilt
 - Fisk
- Bill Cosby played collegiate football and ran track for which university?
 - Temple
 - Morehouse
 - Tennessee State
 - Howard
- Dave Parker recently signed as a free agent with which team?
 - New York Mets
 - Cincinnati Reds
 - Pittsburgh Pirates
 - Philadelphia Phillies

BONUS: What sport did Jesse Jackson participate in while in college?
 a. basketball
 b. baseball
 c. football
 d. track

Baseball Schedule

Date	Location	Time
March *1	Lincoln University	Home 1:00 p.m.
4	OPEN	Daytona Beach, FL OPEN
5	Widener University	Daytona Beach, FL 10:00 p.m.
*6	Bethune Cookman	Daytona Beach, FL 5:00 p.m.
7	OPEN	Daytona Beach, FL OPEN
*8	Edwards Waters College	Jacksonville, FL 1:30 p.m.
9	OPEN	Daytona Beach, FL OPEN
10	OPEN	Daytona Beach, FL OPEN
13	Lane College	Jackson, TN 2:30 p.m.
14	Vanderbilt University	Home 2:30 p.m.
*17	Rust College	Holly Springs, MS 1:00 p.m.
18	Kentucky State	Home 2:30 p.m.
*19	Rust College	Home 1:00 p.m.
20	David Lipscomb	Home 2:30 p.m.
*21	Alabama A & M	Normal, Alabama 1:00 p.m.
22	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN 2:30 p.m.
23	Middle Tennessee State	Home 2:30 p.m.
*25	University of North Alabama	Home 1:00 p.m.
*28	University of North Alabama	Florence, Alabama 1:00 p.m.
*30	Tennessee Tech University	Cookeville, TN 1:00 p.m.
*31	Kentucky Wesleyan	Home 1:00 p.m.
April *1	Alabama A & M	Home 1:00 p.m.
4	David Lipscomb	Nashville, TN 2:30 p.m.
5	Lane College	Home 2:30 p.m.
6	Austin Peay	Clarksville, TN 2:30 p.m.
7	Trevecca College	Home 1:00 p.m.
*8	Cumberland College	Lebanon, TN 2:30 p.m.
9	Belmont College	Nashville, TN 2:30 p.m.
12	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, KY 2:30 p.m.
*14	Kentucky Wesleyan	Owensboro, KY 1:00 p.m.
15	Kentucky State	Frankfort, KY 2:00 p.m.
16	Austin Peay	Home 2:30 p.m.
17	Middle Tennessee State	Murfreesboro, TN 7:00 p.m.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ
 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a, 5-b, BONUS-c. Now that you have scored your quiz, here is your grade!
 0 = A, 1 = B, 2 = C, 3 = D and if you missed more than 3, you failed. Better luck next time!!

answers . . . go upside down in box indicated on dummy . . .