



Founders Day Festivities Set

Tennessee State University will observe Founders Day April 12 and 13 on the main campus. Scheduled activities include an opening convocation, seminars on music and communications, a banquet and the Jazz Band's spring concert. The theme for the occasion is "Acknowledging the Past, Charting the Future."

The convocation will be held at 10 a.m. April 12 in the Administration Building Auditorium. Dr. Robert L. Stevenson, a TSU graduate who is coordinator of fine arts and director of drama at Savannah State College, will be the convocation speaker. After receiving the bachelor's degree (1961) and the master's degree (1962) in speech and drama from TSU, Stevenson attended Indiana University from 1972 to 1976 where he earned a doctorate in theatre and drama.

Stevenson began his academic career as an instructor of speech and drama at South Carolina State College in 1962. He also held teaching posts at Southern University and Indiana University. He has served as professor of speech and drama at Savannah State College from 1980 to date.

The Music Department will present a seminar on "Career Opportunities in Commercial Music" at 3:15 p.m. April 12 in the Music Building recital hall. Thomas Cain, an alumnus, will discuss the topic and perform.

At 7:30 p.m., April 12, the Founders Day banquet will be held in the Women's Building Auditorium. Dr. Jamye Williams, head of the Department of Communications, will be the honoree. Oprah Winfrey, another TSU graduate, will be the featured speaker. Winfrey began her career in broadcast journalism at

local television station WLAC (now WTVF). She is presently employed as a reporter with WLS-TV in Chicago, Illinois.

Awards will be presented to persons who have given 35 years of service to the University during the banquet. The recipients are: Dr. Ozie Adams, extension; Gilbert Senter, chemistry; John Watkins, admissions and records; and Emma Batts, library.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10.50 and may be purchased through members of the convocations committee or Judith McPherson in the Academic Affairs office.

Activities scheduled for Friday, April 13, include a communications seminar at 11 a.m. and the band concert at 7:30 p.m. in Administration Building Auditorium.

More Spring Events

The *Accent* has learned of the following activities which are scheduled for this month. Please add them to your list of important events for April.

Dental Hygiene Clinic Open House, April 9, Clement Hall. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., free services will be provided in the clinic. The services include dental screenings, blood pressure measurements, dental dietary screenings and film strip presentations. Drawings for free cleanings will be conducted. For additional information, call Carla Newbern at 320-3371.

The time and place for the **Co-Curricular Awards** activity on April 18 is 7:30 p.m. in the Howard C. Gentry Complex.

Sixth Annual University-Wide Research Day, April 18, LRC Auditorium. Beginning at 9 a.m., faculty members will make research presentations. At 11 a.m. the keynote address will be delivered. Student presentations will begin at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to graduate and undergraduate students. For more information, contact Dr. Jacqueline Martin at 320-3059 or 320-3322.

Dance Concert, April 26 and 27, 7:30 p.m., Administration Building Auditorium. The Dance Experience will present its annual spring performance under the direction of Judy Gentry. Admission is free. For more information, contact Gentry at 320-3298.

HPER Senior Reception, April 26, 6 p.m., Gentry Complex. The Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation will salute its 1984 graduating seniors during

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Founders Day Honoree

Jamye Williams Dispels Retirement Rumor

There's a rather "weak" rumor making campus rounds that Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams, on record as one of the all-time most distinguished professors and department heads at Tennessee State University, is retiring.

Since the *Accent* doesn't deal in rumors—especially weak ones about proven scholars like Williams (TSU 1968 Teacher of the Year and TSU 1976 Outstanding Teacher)—we went to the source for answers.

"What about it, Dr. Williams, are you retiring?" we asked the Department of Communications head and professor of speech and communications, who will be this year's Founders Day honoree.

"I've just been talking about retiring. It's sort of tentative. I am not retiring as of the end of this year. . . Really, I've been talking about retiring next December (1985)," Williams said.

Noting that "I have been here 25 years," Williams, named a 1970 Outstanding Educator in America



Dr. Jamye Williams, this year's Founders Day honoree, holds a trophy presented to the School of Communication for "Best Direction of a Play," which was won by W.D. Cox during the 1983 meeting of the National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts.

and recipient of the 1974 Kappa Delta Pi Outstanding Educator Award, acknowledged that "it becomes difficult when I talk about it (retiring)."

She said she has "thoroughly" enjoyed TSU. "Teaching," she said, "is a great love."

Williams said she can look back at "all of these years I've been teaching and see some small influence (she's had) on students." She said a similar statement made recently to an honors class in business, professional speech drew looks of doubt on some students' faces.

"So," she recalled, "I started with Leontyne Price, one of my English students at Wilberforce University." Williams told the students about an award-winning essay, titled, a "Familiar Essay on Being Broke," which the now internationally acclaimed Metropolitan Opera star wrote and was subsequently printed in a select theme book published by Wilberforce. Williams' husband Dr. McDonald Williams, now director of TSU's Honors Programs and professor of English, edited the themebook. At the time, he too, was a Wilberforce faculty member.

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Maya Angelou

Angelou To Speak At Association Meeting

Tennessee State University and Fisk University are co-sponsors of the College Language Association (CLA) Convention scheduled for April 19-21 at the Maxwell House Hotel. Well-known author, poet, actress, producer and activist Maya Angelou will speak during the organization's closing banquet on April 20.

The CLA is an organization of more than 600 scholars and teachers of English, foreign languages and literature at institutions throughout the United States and several foreign countries. This will be the association's 44th annual meeting.

The Langston Hughes Society will meet in conjunction with the CLA. The society will hold a luncheon at noon on April 19 at the hotel. George Houston Bass, a Nashville native and Fisk graduate, will be the featured speaker. Bass is associate professor of Theatre Arts and Afro-American Studies at Brown University.

CLA seminar topics include "Autobiographical Types, Archetypes and Metaphors", "Afro-Hispanic Novel: Self and Society", "Images of Primordial Women", "The Actualization of Self", and "Computers in the Teaching of Language and Composition."

In addition to Angelou, the Fisk Jubilee Singers and Bobby Jones and New Life will appear during the 8 p.m. banquet.

A limited number of tickets for the banquet are available for interested TSU faculty, staff, students and friends. Contact Gloria Johnson, 320-3105, for more information.

NG Film Available For Screening

Last October, a bit of Hollywood came to campus when the National Geographic Film Society shot an educational film involving New York actors, TSU students and faculty. The movie, "Playing For Keeps," has recently been completed.

It is a fictional, dramatic story of a freshman basketball player who has a conflict with his academic and athletic endeavors, and how he chooses to resolve this conflict.

"One thing for sure, is that this project shows without a doubt that our priorities are on academics," said President Frederick Humphries following a screening of the film during a President's Council meeting.

Basketball Coach Ed Martin portrayed himself in the film with a demanding role for a non-actor. Producer-director Willis Briley of the Craven Film Corporation explained that he cast the coach to play himself because "he had a natural ability to do lines and good camera presence." Plus, the coach was instrumental in helping to develop the character in the script and even suggested some of the dialogue to the scriptwriter, said Briley.

"That film was one of the hardest things I have ever done," said Coach Martin. "Filmmaking is difficult and it's something that most people don't understand. A lot of work goes into the finished product and it is not glamorous work. I had a couple of big dialogue scenes and we would have to do a number of takes for the different camera angles."

But the group of non-actors who probably enjoyed themselves most was the Big Blue Basketball team. Ronnie Cage, Russell Sanders and James Drummond all had speaking parts, along with playing basketball in various scenes with other teammates.

Others in the film include Dr. Harriett Insignares of the English department who portrays a counselor and a number of students from the communication department.

The 30-minute film will be shown to high school students in classrooms across the nation, as a part of the National Geographic Film Catalogue Series. It will also be used in our University recruitment effort, as well as other public relations programs.

A screening and reception for those involved with the project will be held on campus soon. Others will also get to see the film during subsequent open showings.

TSU Presented In Chattanooga

More than 150 high school students, alumni and friends of TSU attended a recent reception and program, "Presenting TSU," in Chattanooga.

"We were very pleased that the superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Chattanooga School System were both present for

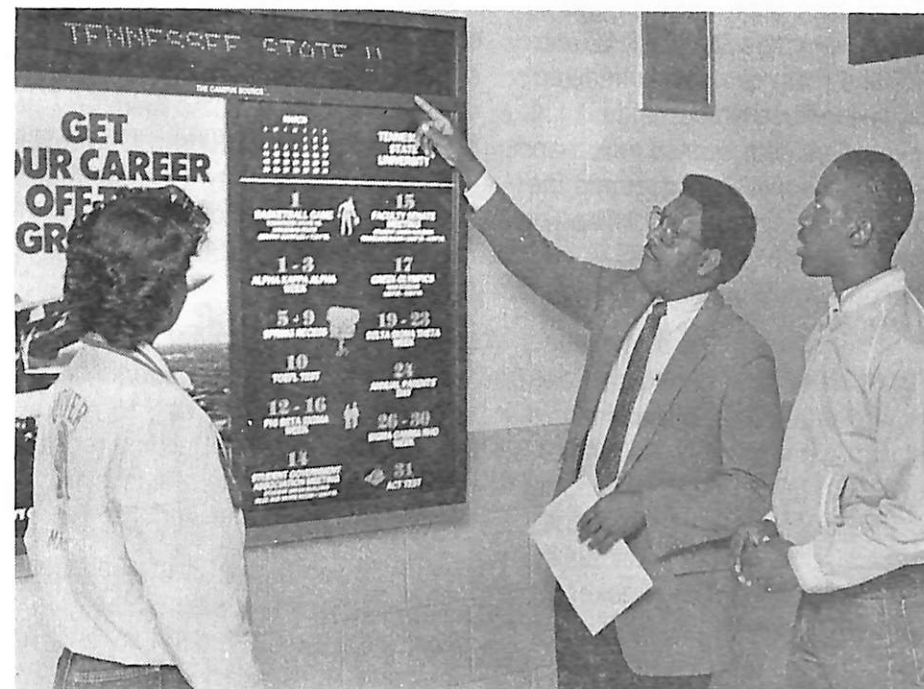
our luncheon," said Dr. James Ellzy, dean of the Office of Admissions and Records. "We want the administrators in Chattanooga to know that we are very serious in our search for their good students. Over the past few years, we have increased our Chattanooga student enrollment and hope to do even better in the future."

During the luncheon, various university programs were highlighted,

including the academic work-scholarship program, the minority scholarship program and the University College concept. At the evening reception, the TSU Jazz Ensemble provided entertainment, while students visited various display booths representing the different TSU schools.

Local community groups such as Push Excel demonstrated their support of the program.

Campus Source Installed



Sonia Petty, Larry Meriwether and Darrell Hudson check the Campus Source for information about upcoming activities.

A new information system has been installed in the Student Union Building. Dubbed the "Campus Source," the system is designed to provide an additional way of sharing information with students.

"The Campus Source is an ideal method of communication," said Larry Meriwether, general manager of the University Bookstore and Central Stores. "It is attractive, catches your eye and it's not time consuming because you can get information at a glance."

Located on the lower level of the SUB, the maintenance-free unit features a continuous readout of

activities scheduled as well as summary statements of the date, place and time for the events. The display is colorful and brightly lit.

"All departments within the institution can use the Campus Source," said Meriwether. "I am currently receiving all information and programming it into the system. However, the student services department will man the operation in the near future."

The Campus Source is a product of Guarantee Sales Inc. and is supported by advertisers. Five additional units are to be installed in the near future, Meriwether added.

Omega Psi Phi Hearing Concluded

Rho Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was afforded a disciplinary hearing in accordance with Institutional Proceedings before the Student-Faculty Advisory Committee at Tennessee State University on March 16, 1984. The Fraternity was charged with hazing by switching a pledgee, Dwayne E. Ross, during initiation ceremonies on November 29, 1983.

The Committee found that the violation as charged did occur and

warranted disciplinary sanction.

In view of the fact that the Fraternity has been suspended for a period of no less than 3 years on previous charges brought against them by the University, the Committee decided that whenever the suspension is lifted, a further 2-year suspension will be in effect. At the end of the additional 2-year suspension, restrictions will be placed on the Fraternity's pledge activities for a period of 2 years.

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Williams said since Ms. Price has attained superstar status on the world classical music singing stage, she has given her former student a copy of the essay, the original of which, Williams stills retains. "We had a great time recalling those days at Wilberforce," she said.

Williams said she also listed for her honors class students six active bishops in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (Wilberforce is an AME school) whom she taught at the Xenia, Ohio institution. She said the list of former students also includes several candidates for bishop seats at the upcoming 1984 AME General Conference scheduled for July in Kansas City, Missouri.

Meanwhile, complicating the Williams' retirement scenario is the real factor—and a highly likely possibility—of her election to the position of editor of the AME Review, a quarterly religious journal established in 1884 to provide a forum for black scholars.

She has the strong endorsement for the post of the church's Connectional Laymen's Organization. There's more than a good chance that Williams will also get support from her former students—the bishops.

"If I am so fortunate to be elected, I will be the first woman General Officer in the AME Church," she said.

Widely known in the denomination in which her family roots run deep, Williams said her involvement in the church takes her to meetings throughout the country practically every weekend.

Her father, the late Rev. F. Douglass Coleman, was an AME minister for 40 years. He pastored St. John AME Church in Nashville from 1935 to 1946, the longest single pastorate in that church's 120-year history.

Her late brother, Dr. Frederick Douglass Coleman, Jr., was expected to become an AME bishop before his death in 1967. Dr. Coleman, a medical graduate of Meharry Medical College, was a former pastor and an active presiding elder when he died.

Williams said she didn't really want to be the Founders Day honoree. "I am honored to have been selected," she said, "but I would much prefer sitting in the audience to see someone else honored," she said.

Returning briefly to the subject of retirement, Williams said, "When I do

retire, I had thought we'd do it together. But he's (her husband) not thinking about it." She said her husband's work as professor of English and honors director "is such a very rewarding situation for him."

"I, too, will be here next fall," Williams said.

Secretary of the University Convocation Committee since 1968, Williams is chairperson of the Faculty Personnel Committee, the Student Faculty Advisory Committee, the Allocation Committee, the Faculty Forum and the Appeals Committee. She was an originating member of the Faculty Senate and currently is a member of the Meritorious Awards Committee.

Williams, holder of the A.B. degree (cum laude in English) from Wilberforce, the M.A. degree in English from Fisk University, and the Ph.D. in speech from Ohio State University, has previously taught at Edwards Waters, Shorter and Morris Brown colleges—all AME schools.

Tigerbelle Outdoor Events Schedule

Coach Ed Temple has announced the tentative schedule of outdoor track events for the Tigerbelle Women's Track Team. The schedule is as follows:

S. E. Motions Relays, Southwest Missouri University, Cape Girardeau, Mo., April 7; The Tigerbelle Relays, TSU, April 14; Kentucky Relays, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., April 19-21; The Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Games, Atlanta, Georgia, April 22; Eastern Kentucky Relays, Richmond, Ky., April 27-28; The Penn Relays, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., April 27-28; The Jesse Owens Track and Field Classic, Ohio State University, Columbus, May 6; Hampton International Games, Port of Spain, May 19-20; The Outdoor National TAC Championships, San Jose, California, June 7-9; and The USA Olympic Tryouts, Olympic Coliseum, Los Angeles, California, June 16-24.

Announcements

A workshop on "Finding Your Place in the Job Market" will be offered to TSU students, faculty and staff through student services on April 19, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Room 211 on the downtown campus. Participants will be assisted in assessing their value and marketability in the job market and conducting a successful job search. Various exercises will be presented to identify marketable skills and to sharpen communication style. The workshop will be conducted by Mark Marshall of Career Resources, Inc.

The deadline for registration is April 17. Contact Susan Blair at 251-1561 for more information and to register for the workshop.

The Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring a multi-state workshop entitled "Ministering to Troubled Families" on April 26 in Memphis. Representatives from TSU, the University of Arkansas, Alcorn State University and Mississippi State University will participate in the program. For more information about the workshop, contact Dr. Joseph Morris at 320-3650.

The State Board of Regents voted unanimously to continue a ban on alcoholic beverages on state university campuses during a meeting at Jackson State Community College on March 23. The regents rejected a proposal which would have allowed alcoholic beverages to be served during certain special events for alumni and faculty. The proposal was voted down because it "would not in any way enhance the educational process."

The faculty-staff cafeteria is now open for breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Carol Wade, director of personnel, says the failure to submit employee time sheets promptly has become an increasing problem and is reducing payroll lead time.

"It is the responsibility of all supervisors to follow University policy in submitting time sheets," she said. "The bi-weekly time sheets are due the Monday following payday and the monthly certification forms are due on the 20th of each month. Failure to comply with the aforesaid policy will result in the employee not being included on payroll for that period."

State Rep. Harold Love, a TSU graduate and a former National Alumni Association president, has asked the TSU community to let Knoxville Rep. Pete Drew "know you appreciate his effort." Drew was instrumental in holding together a fragile agreement on the \$360 million education reform budget for next year. The bill includes \$1.1 million for operations and maintenance at TSU.

Undergraduate and graduate students at specified historically black colleges and universities who plan nuclear energy related careers may be eligible for scholarships and fellowships. And faculty members

who teach nuclear energy related subjects have the opportunity to participate in research and training at research and development facilities. These opportunities are supported by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Known officially as the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Nuclear Energy Training Program, it is sponsored by DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy. The new program is part of DOE's commitment to increase the role of historically black colleges and universities in energy research in support of DOE's mission.

Institutions interested in participating in the fellowship and/or scholarships programs are invited to submit institutional and student applications. Scholarships and fellowships may only be held at institutions designated by DOE as "participating institutions." It is expected that between 10 and 15 scholarships and fellowships will be awarded with a September 1, 1984, starting date.

Literature and program descriptions are available for applications to be taken in early spring. To request application materials or for more information, contact Rose Napier, program assistant, University Programs Division, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117. The telephone number is (615) 576-3428 or 576-3253.

Faculty Briefs

Approximately 50 faculty participated in a Testing Workshop sponsored by the Faculty Senate in February. The workshop, "Bloom's Taxonomy and Test Making," was conducted by Dr. Thelma Spencer of Educational Testing Services. The workshop was the second in a series of testing workshops to be presented on campus, reports **Dr. Helen R. Houston**, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate. Both the fall workshop, sponsored by the University College and conducted by Dr. Elaine Rodney of Central State, and the spring workshop, sponsored by the Faculty Senate, were designed to help the faculty address the new emphasis in the State Board of Regents System and in the nation on testing.

Dr. Ralph Simpson, professor and head of the Department of Music, has been commissioned by Grambling State University to compose a work for its concert band and choir in connection with the university's Annual Spring Arts Festival. Simpson plans to use the Grambling University alma mater as the climax of the composition. The premiere performance is set for April

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12 on the Grambling campus. In another area, Simpson served as a panelist for the music section of the Tennessee Arts Commission and as an evaluator for the National Association of Schools of Music at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse.

A new scholarly book by **Dr. H. Leon Prather**, professor of history, is off the press. *We Have Taken A City: Wilmington Racial Massacre and Coup of 1898* has been published by Fairleigh Dickinson Press. The book examines the events leading up to the riot in the North Carolina city as well as the climactic events which came after. Prather's research indicates that the riot and its attendant events may have been the only coup d'etat in United States History.

Drs. McDonald Williams, Jamye C. Williams and **Lawrence James** participated in the 12th Annual Conference of the Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC) held in Charleston, South Carolina, March 29-31 at the College of Charleston. James and J. Williams, both members of the Department of Communications, were co-leaders of a workshop on "Black Orality in Performance as Cross Cultural Communication," which was one aspect of the area of Communicating between Cultures, Generations and the Sexes that was addressed at the meeting. M. Williams, director of the Honors Program, also reports that several students participated in the conference. They are Terence Anderson, Yvette Harvey, Kimberly Leach, Alexander Marshall, Brenda Swift and Phyllis Tucker.

ASBS Meeting Judged A Success

Tennessee State University was, "very receptive to the 49th meeting

of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc.," said Dr. Andrew Jackson, TSU professor in sociology and president of the ASBS.

"I would like to go on record by saying the support was much greater than I had expected because I was quite disappointed with the level of support last year. But this year I was very pleased by the radio interviews scheduled on WVOL's "Straight Talk" and WMDB radio's gospel show with Dr. Morgan Babb," Jackson said.

"The Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc. (ASBS) is a learned society," Jackson said its membership includes social and behavioral scientists, professionals who make use of social and behavioral science knowledge, student scholars and affiliate institutions.

Jackson has been at TSU for eleven years. For the last year, he has served as president of ASBS. He said the annual meeting was very successful. Approximately 500 persons were in attendance. "Once our records are in, we should show approximately 250 members, which is an increase in membership.

"The sessions were very well attended, we had an average of 15 to 20 people per session and we had a total of 33 sessions.

"The presidential luncheon was very successful and also the W.E.B. DuBois award luncheon," Jackson added.

"We had a number of TSU faculty members who were on the program. They organized sessions, and they presented papers as well as a number of students who participated in attending the various sessions. We also had two students to receive recognition, Van King in the history department was the recipient of the Theophilus E. McKinney award, and a second student, Muhammad Yuseff in the Sociology department, took

second place or was the runner up for the award," stated Jackson.

"The next convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, March 27-30, 1985. "A chartered bus will be provided because this will be our Golden Anniversary and we want to really make this a special occasion," said Jackson.

In closing Jackson said, "I will serve on the program committee next year and I would like to recruit papers from TSU for that meeting." The deadline, he said, is September 1, 1984, and "I would like to start early so that I can have maximum representation from TSU."

"I would like to see the people organize sessions, and submit papers that would be read during the meeting," stated Jackson.

Baseball Schedule for April

1	*Alabama A&M Home
4	David Lipscomb Nashville, TN
5	Lane College Home
6	Austin Peay Clarksville, TN
7	Trevecca Home
8	*Cumberland Lebanon, TN
9	Belmont Nashville, TN
12	Western Ky. Bowling Green, Ky.
14	*Ky. Wesleyan Owensboro, Ky.
15	Ky. State Frankfort, Ky.
16	Austin Peay Home
17	Middle Tenn. Murfreesboro
18	Western Ky. Home
20	Belmont Home
21	*Cumberland Home
23	Trevecca Nashville, TN
24	*Jackson St. Home
25	Jackson St. Home
29	Tenn. Tech Home

*Denotes doubleheader

More Spring Events

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the reception. For more information contact James Bass at 320-3051.

Official Opening of the new School of Engineering Building,

April 29 and 30. The festivities will begin at 3 p.m. April 29 with a program featuring Guion Bluford, the nation's first black astronaut, as the speaker. A ribbon-cutting and tour of the building will follow the program. From 6 to 8 p.m. there will be a dinner at Opryland Hotel. Tickets for the dinner are \$20. On the next day, April 30, various seminars will be presented. Call the School of Engineering, 320-3550 for additional information.

AFROTC Week, April 8-14. A number of events have been scheduled for the week, they include a drill team performance, flight competition. Selection of Miss AFROTC and the Military Ball at Opryland Hotel. Contact Cpt. Carlos Cherry at 320-3710 for more information.

Conference on "Language Development and Intervention In Hearing Impaired Children," April 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. room 353 Downtown Campus. Contact Dr. Zenobia Bagli at 320-3049 for more information.

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Don't miss the performance by Life Force on April 12. Scheduled to start at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium, the group will present an evening of contemporary jazz. The free concert is a presentation of the Cultural Affairs Committee.



Junior student Tondaleya Barnes (second from left) shows the campus to visiting relatives on Parents Day, March 24. Among the activities held for visiting parents were a faculty art exhibit, a reception at the President's Home, a banquet and student talent show. With Tondaleya are Marla Stuart, Murry Barnes, Shirley Stuart and Vella Pope.