

## Research Explores Work Attitudes

Most people believe that "work is proof of an individual's worth to himself," according to the results of a survey conducted by Dr. Levi Jones and Lititia Hatcher.

Jones, director of the Institute of African Affairs and professor of sociology, and Hatcher, an associate investigator with CARP, received 2,574 responses to a survey titled "Job Creation and Work Ethics." The respondents, who resided in rural areas, were 62 percent white and 38 percent black. Most of the white respondents, 70 percent, were above poverty levels compared to 30 percent of the blacks who were above poverty levels. The survey sought to ascertain if the poor by race and sex had different attitudes about work than the nonpoor. Residents of the seven southeastern states were surveyed.

Eighty-eight percent of the blacks and 90 percent of the whites identified with the "work is proof of worth" premise.

"Interestingly," the survey report states, "12 percent of the black respondents and 10 percent of the white respondents felt that work was not proof of an individual's worth to himself."

According to the report, most survey respondents generally felt that both government and private business should be responsible for providing employment. It adds that blacks "overwhelmingly (86 percent) felt that government and private industry should provide jobs," the surveyors said.

## W. D. Cox: "Talked Into" 47-year Career in Drama

William Dury Cox came to a career on the dramatic stage of Tennessee State University by way of the university gridiron.

For Cox, a 1941 TSU graduate in health and physical education who now fills the position of associate professor of communications with a

## Organization of TSU Center of Excellence Underway

Members of the TSU faculty are well underway in organizing one of the state's 14 Centers of Excellence. The centers, to be located on university campuses across the state, were made possible by a \$10 million allocation by the State General Assembly.

The TSU center, which bears the title, "The Center for the Study of the Components that Impact Basic Skills Instruction for the Economically and Educationally Disadvantaged: Better Known Simply as Basic Skills for the Disadvantaged." Dr. Merriel G. Bullock is director of the center.

Taking the line of responsibility a step further, however, Bullock points out that "the direct line of supervision" starts with Dr. Mary Burger, vice president for academic affairs.

Bullock noted that putting TSU's center of excellence together has required "very long hours of work and a very supportive secretarial staff."

TSU is receiving \$1 million to pay for implementing the center's basic skills component. Tennessee State

University was selected as a Center of Excellence site after each institution of higher education in the state submitted one or more proposals for establishing an excellence center. Following a complicated process of evaluation by consultants, the State Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, the staff of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission reviewed and ranked the proposals. TSU was selected to host a funded center.

Bullock listed the center's four basic components as follows:

- Basic Skills: Administration—director, support staff and resource center/clearing house;
- Basic Skills: Elementary and Secondary Programs—research in areas of class size, reading and writing, mathematics and computer literacy;
- Basic Skills: Special Education and Rehabilitation Services—research activities to be conducted in areas of infant stimulation programs, under-utilization of services and transition from school work; and

- Basic Skills: School and Community Leadership—research activities relative to school and community partnership.

Described as a "new organizational unit drawn from existing related academic disciplines," a statement issued by the center adds that "the various academic disciplines that come under the School of Education, School of Allied Health and the School of Arts and Sciences, will be involved in the endeavor."

The goals of the center were underscored during the center's first annual retreat recently held at Henry Horton State Resort Park. President Frederick Humphries, Education Dean Dr. Douglas Simpson, Dr. Darlene Huddleston, associate dean of education, Dr. Wendolyn Bell, acting dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Andrew Bond, dean of Allied Health, Dr. Tyree Miller, acting dean of University College and Dr. James Reeves, dean of the Graduate School, along with Bullock and center staff participated in the retreat activities.



W. Dury Cox looks over a set design for one of his past productions "Ten Little Indians."

specialty in theater, it happened like this:

An ex-Tiger football player in '38 and '39, Cox was returning from

watching a practice scrimmage one afternoon in 1949 when he ran into the late Dr. Walter S. Davis, TSU's

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## Small Farmer Topic of Institute

The 26th Annual Farm, Home and Minister's Institute was held November 2 in the Gentry Complex. The institute, sponsored by the School of Agriculture and Extension Services, was dedicated to Tennessee's small farmers. The institute theme was "Education, Research and Extension: The Key to the Survival of the Small Farmer."

Exhibits, displays, demonstrations and discussions took cues from the theme and gave emphasis to the purpose of the institute—"to discuss ways and means, and to develop methods and techniques for improving the standards of living among rural and urban low income and limited resource families in Tennessee."

Orvis P. Engelstad, director of agricultural development of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), gave the keynote address. Engelstad and several other speakers listed methods in which rural and urban low income families and families with limited resources may be identified and how they can make better use of resources available to them.

Ms. Kathy Wright, health specialist at St. Thomas Hospital, and Katie Mott, St. Thomas' coordinator of geriatric services, were resource persons for the fitness, food and fashion workshops.

The Rev. Marcel Kellar, pastor Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Nashville, was resource person for the minister's workshop.

## Band On Road To Tokyo

Ninety-six members of the TSU Marching Band and four staff members will travel to Tokyo, Japan, to perform at the Mirage Bowl on November 17. The entourage will depart for Tokyo on November 12.

"This will be the second trip abroad for some of the band members," said Edward Graves, director of university bands. "The first occasion was the Montreux International Jazz Festival this summer."

Graves said TSU received the invitation from Mitsubishi Motors, sponsors of the Mirage Bowl, after being recommended for the honor by Grambling University's band director. The Grambling band has performed at a previous Mirage Bowl.

The University of Montana will go against Army during the annual football game.

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## Healthy Child Conference

The Center for Continuing Education in Nursing and the Center for Training and Technical Assistance are among the sponsors of "The Healthy Child Conference" slated for November 13 and 14 at the downtown campus. Featured speakers for the conference include Gov. Lamar Alexander, Mrs. Henry Cannon, Dr. Robert Mallard, M.D., and Dr. Matthew Timm.

The objectives of the conference are to identify problems that affect the growth and development of children up to 4 years old; to recognize symptoms of families at risk regarding the health of children; to identify and implement strategies which help individual service providers; and to develop an appreciation for a cooperative team approach in dealing with children at risk and their families.



The workshop is designed to provide information to nurses, day care workers, educators, Headstart personnel, state agency personnel, parents, social workers, university students and faculty, and others who are interested in the health and well-being of children.

The fee for the conference is \$15 and includes all conference materials, a box lunch, coffee and doughnuts at registration and two refreshment breaks.

Other sponsors of the conference are Metro Nashville/Davidson County Department of Public Health, Tennessee Children's Services Commission, Tennessee Department of Health and Environment, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office, Tennessee Department of Human Services, Davidson County Office, and Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Questions about the conference should be addressed to Dr. Carol Thigpin at 320-3781 or 320-3366.

## HUD Grant Increased

The Department of Government and Public Affairs has been awarded a two-year grant totalling \$160,000 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue training students in economic and community development.

The department received a \$64,000 grant from HUD for the same program in 1982.

"The significant thing here is that the amount of money has been increased, which allows us to serve more students," said Dr. Hoyt King, head of the department. "Apparently, they (HUD) were satisfied with what we did with the other money."

The initial grant provided eight government and public affairs graduate students stipends up to \$5,000, tuition costs of up to \$2,000 and additional support for books, travel and other eligible costs.

The current grant allows 10 students to receive up to \$7,500 for tuition, a stipend and some support services, King said.

Students who participate in the 12 month program work with state and local agencies that administer community development grants, federal bloc grants and urban development action grants. The on-site training provides students with practical experience in planning, executing and administering grants.

For more information about the grant and the graduate program, contact King at 320-3443.

## Arthur Earns Accolade From Students

Dr. Alexander Arthur, assistant professor of government and public affairs, has received one of the highest compliments a teacher can earn—during the 1983-84 academic year, Arthur was voted "Teacher of the Year" by the student body.

"I find that an instructor that takes the time to enlighten students to various things usually draws students like a magnet" says Arthur. "I try to share information that may help develop skills or further career goals. I try to encourage attending graduate school and the development of marketable skills that can be used in the job market."

Arthur's work with students outside the classroom includes community projects and trips designed to enlighten students about everyday life experiences. For example, for five consecutive years Arthur has taken

between 10-20 students to our nation's Capitol.

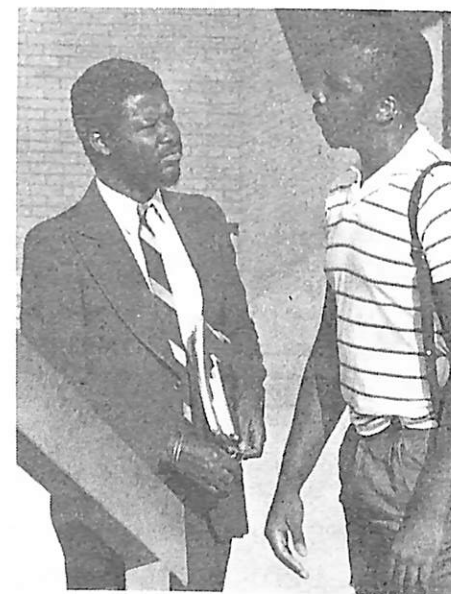
"I think our trips to Washington are useful tools for giving our students first-hand knowledge of how our government operates," he said. "While visiting Washington, the students attend debates, conferences, and meet politicians that answer questions and discuss social problems with them."

In a project closer to home, Arthur led a group of students in a research project that compared grocery prices in black and white neighborhoods. "This was truly an enlightening experience for our students," a proud Arthur said. "In addition to completing successful research, some students had the opportunity to participate in a debate with Les Ball, Executive Director of the Tennessee Grocery Association. We were fortunate enough to have this debate televised and it aired locally," he said.

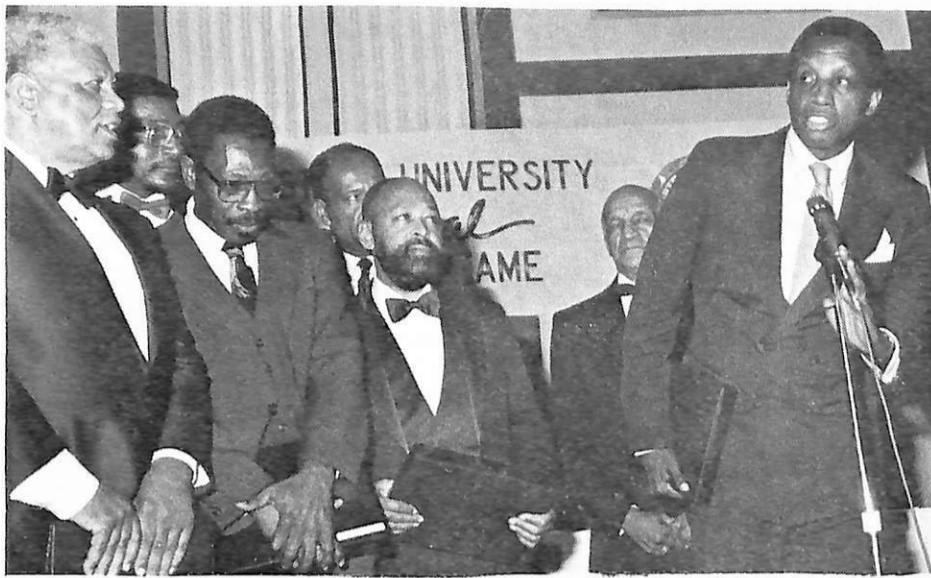
Dr. Arthur, a native of Ghana, West Africa, was born in Ajuneako. After coming to the U.S. he attended the University of New Orleans where he obtained a bachelor of science degree in political science. Dr. Arthur's graduate work was done at Ohio State University, where he earned a M.A. in Black Studies and a Ph.D. in International Relations with emphasis on policy management and international economic development.

Dr. Arthur has presented several research papers at various times during his career. One such paper, "Foreign Aid: An Unfulfilled Strategy for Development in the Third World" was presented in a Conference at Fisk University in the spring of 1984. Currently, Arthur is working on a paper entitled "Blacks in American Foreign Politics." The project is being funded by the Southern Education Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Alexander Arthur (left) talks with a student.



Richard "The Skull" Barnett (at microphone) spoke on behalf of the 1958-59 Men's Basketball team during the second annual Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony held October 26 at the Marriott Hotel. The team won three consecutive NAIA Basketball Championship. There were 13 other Hall of Fame inductees. The induction was only one of the events held during Homecoming 1984.

## Airmen of Note to Perform

One of the nation's premiere jazz ensembles, the Airmen of Note, will perform at TSU November 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the A-Auditorium. The performance, sponsored by the TSU Music Department and Jazz Ensemble, is free and open to the public. Individuals holding free tickets to the concert will be seated first. To obtain a ticket, contact Benjamin Kirk, assistant director of bands, at 320-3539.

The Airmen of Note are members of the United States Air Force. The group's roots go back to 1942 and the late Glenn Miller's pioneering

efforts with Air Force dance music. It was Miller's idea to give the troops the music they wanted to hear along with a trademark of professionalism. The original Glenn Miller group disbanded after World War II. In 1950, another group was organized by the Air Force and given the present name of Airmen of Note.

The Airmen of Note have appeared in more than 25 countries, on four continents and in countless cities. Recordings of the group are heard over many radio stations in the United States and overseas. Their most widely broadcast radio series was "Serenade in Blue," produced for the Air Force Recruiting Service.



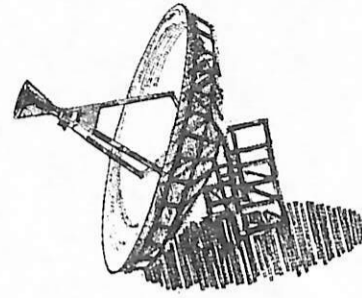
## Communications Receives Satellite Dishes

The Department of Communication has received a gift of equipment and programming from the Black College Educational Network, a non-profit subsidiary of Black Entertainment TV and Viacom Cablevision.

Dr. Don Page, professor of communication, said TSU is one of five historically black colleges to participate in the first year of the BCEN project.

"What we will have, in essence, is two satellite dishes, the related electronics and three, 19-inch monitors," said Page. "Our first

program will be a weekly, live, two-hour teleconference from Washington, D.C., involving prominent speakers who represent a variety of disciplines. Students will have a toll-free number to call to ask questions."



Page said the equipment should be in place sometime this fall. The cost for the equipment is between \$6,000 and \$10,000 and the satellite time (donated by COMSAT) is about \$300 per hour.

"More programs will be included as the project progresses," Page said. "We hope to involve the entire university community in benefitting from the programs, not just the Department of Communication."

## Zeppelin Shares Ideas On Education

Paul G. Zeppelin, associate professor of art, is a man of strong conviction. His beliefs and a willingness to defend those beliefs was bred from an early life of strict discipline in the U.S.S.R.

Stigmatized as an "enemy of communism" at a very early age, Zeppelin (originally Zepelinsky) was raised by his mother. His father and uncle were executed because of their political views.

"The goal of my life was to get an education," Zeppelin said recently. "My mother always told me 'They can take your life, but they cannot take your brain'."

Continuing on the subject of the Russian education system, Zeppelin said the process is "absolutely different" from that of the United States.

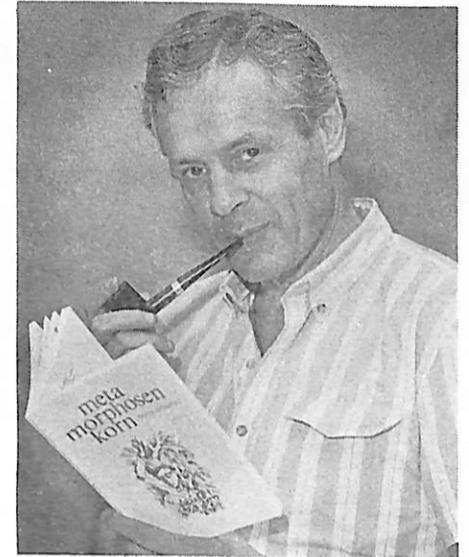
"The difference starts at the fourth grade, when you are 10 or 11 years old," he said. "At that time, you take a written exam on the Russian language. Examinations on other subjects are oral."

The Russian fourth-grader goes before a board of examiners who have the right to ask questions about anything the student has studied, explained Zeppelin. "By that time you have already learned to communicate and to control your nervousness," he said. "If the student fails, he stays in the same grade. He has another chance to pass the oral examinations. It is

limited to two years in the same grade. If the student still cannot pass, he is sent to a special school.'

Similar exams are given at regular intervals from that time, he said.

"The program is very defined," said Zeppelin. "It is designed



Paul G. Zeppelin, associate professor of art, is shown with a copy of the book of poetry, *Metamorphosen Korn*, which he illustrated.

perfectly. Education is in the hands of the professionals."

Students who progress up through high school must take a state examination to receive a high school diploma. Those who receive the diploma take state exams to enter a university, he explained.

"There is a lot of competition for the university places," Zeppelin said. "In Russia, you don't miss classes. . . there is always someone waiting to take your place."

Zeppelin believes there should be a similar system for checking scholastic progress in the United States.

"I'm not overestimating that education, I'm not telling you that everything is bad here," he said. "I always offer constructive criticism."

"We have to start from the elementary schools," he continued. "We have to have a board of advisors who would visit schools, set standards and make evaluations."

Adding that "there are no bad students, but there are some bad teachers," Zeppelin said he thinks the master teacher/better schools plan is a "step in the right direction."

"I think very positively about competition of any kind—that is what made our country great," said the Soviet political refugee who became a U.S. citizen last summer. "As a refugee, I love this country, I expect the best from this country."

Zeppelin left Russia in 1972. He came to Nashville in 1973 "because

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## Murrell One Of City's Top Ten Professional Women

Vice President for Student Affairs, Barbara Murrell, has been chosen by Germaine Monteil and Castner Knott Stores as one of the "Top Ten Professional Women" 40 years and older in Nashville.



Barbara Murrell

Recommendations for this honor were submitted by local businesses, civic organizations and educational institutions. Three judges, including TV personality Ruth Ann Leach, the president of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and the editor of *Advantage Magazine*, selected the top 10 women from a pool of more than 100 applicants.

Since her selection in early October, Murrell has appeared on "The Talk of the Town," a Channel 5 morning talk show. The interview included a film presentation of a typical day in the life of the vice president. A dinner honoring the top 10 women was held October 9 at the Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel.

The idea of identifying professional women over 40 was advanced by Mrs. Tish Hooker, the national ambassador for the Germaine Monteil cosmetics firm.

Murrell, who assumed her post in 1981, was the first female to be appointed a vice president in TSU's history.

## Announcements

The Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) will sponsor a series of MBA forums this fall in response to continued strong interest in the master of business administration (MBA) degree. During the forums, admissions personnel from more than 75 national and international graduate management schools will answer questions and discuss their MBA programs. The forums scheduled for the remainder of this year include: Boston, MA, November 9-10, and New York City, November 16-17. The admission fee

is \$5 per day, which covers all scheduled events. There is no advance registration. For further information, call toll-free (800) 922-1086, or write Sandra Wagner, National Coordinator of Forums, CN106, Princeton, NJ 08541-6106.

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The 1984-85 testing schedule for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) includes the following dates: January 20, March 16 and June 15, 1985. Candidates registering to take the GMAT at testing centers in the U.S. and its territories pay a \$30 fee. More information on registration procedures and deadlines, fees, and testing center locations is available in the *GMAT Bulletin of Information*. Copies of the bulletin are available in the TSU Testing Center.

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TSU's fall enrollment is down about 4 percent from last year and stands at a total of 7,700, according to Shirley Wingfield, registrar. The number of undergraduate students is 6,656 (87 percent of the total) and there are 1,044 (13 percent) graduate students enrolled. The equivalent full-time enrollment (FTE) is 5,794.96. A total of 1,015 first-time freshmen were enrolled at the beginning of the semester. The percentage breakdown by race is 65.8 percent black, 31.3 percent white and 2.9 percent international students.

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The Tennessee Department of Health and Environment will provide multiphasic screening examinations to state employees upon request. To be eligible, you must not have been screened in the past 36 months. You must also be willing to return for test results and follow-up instructions. Multiphasic Screening is a function of the Employee Health Service and is located in the Cordell Hull Building, C-1, Room 135. Call 741-7831 for more information or an appointment.

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A special section of "Real Estate Fundamentals" will be offered on the TSU Downtown Campus October 30-December 4. Designed for individuals who "can't wait until next year," the 30 hour course will prepare persons for the affiliate broker exam offered in February. For more information call Emily Miller at 251-1505.

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A workshop on "Personal Financial Management" has been planned for TSU students, faculty and staff for November 14. The workshop will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room 316 of the Downtown Campus. The

focus of the session will be the key elements of effective money management as well as practical methods for planning. Libby Napier, vice president of Wade, Egbert and Napier, Inc., will conduct the workshop. The registration deadline is November 12. Contact Susan Blair at 251-1561 to register.

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The Office of International Affairs is offering free French and Spanish courses to all Tennessee State University faculty and staff. These courses are available to all university personnel who are interested in international programs in French and Spanish-speaking countries. Family members may participate in the courses if desired. For additional information, contact Dr. Bernard Crowell, executive administrator of the Office of International Affairs.

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The second "Perspective" lecture will be presented November 19 at 11 a.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium. Reginald A. Stuart, national correspondent for the *New York Times*, is the scheduled speaker. The lecture is open to the public. It is presented by the Division of Student Affairs.

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The Zig Zigar's Video People Development Series workshop will be presented November 7, from 8 to 11 a.m., on the downtown campus. The workshop includes nine practical exercises to build personal productivity and effectiveness, and is designed to improve self-image and establish the importance of setting believable, achievable, goals. For further information, call Emily Miller at 251-1505.

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November is Campus Recreation Month. A number of activities have been planned by Dr. Richard A. Grooms, director of intramural sports, to encourage greater participation in the campus recreation program, not only by students but by faculty and staff as well. Among planned activities are swimming, bowling and social dancing. The activities are scheduled for 2 to 9 p.m. in Gentry Complex and Kean Hall, Monday through Friday. More information about activities will be available later. Everyone is invited to "join the fitness revolution."

## Faculty Briefs

**Dr. Surendra P. Singh**, associate professor of rural development and CARP principal investigator, presented papers at two meetings in October. The meetings were the Atlantic Economic Conference, held in Montreal, Canada, and the Tenth

Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Economics Association, held in Lexington, Kentucky.

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A group of 21 CARP researchers and administrators participated in the 1890 Research Symposium held in Dallas, Texas, October 23-26. Eighteen faculty members and one graduate student presented papers during the symposium.

**Christine P. Sharpe** has been appointed acting dean of the School of Nursing. She succeeds **Dr. Marlon Gooding**, who resigned from the dean's position in September. Sharpe, formerly a member of the associate degree nursing program faculty, brings 15 years of experience in nursing education to the post. She served as director of the Associate Degree Nursing program during the 1974-75 and 1978-79 academic years. An accreditation member of the National League for Nursing, Sharpe has master's degrees in nursing and education. She is currently a candidate for the doctoral degree at Vanderbilt University.

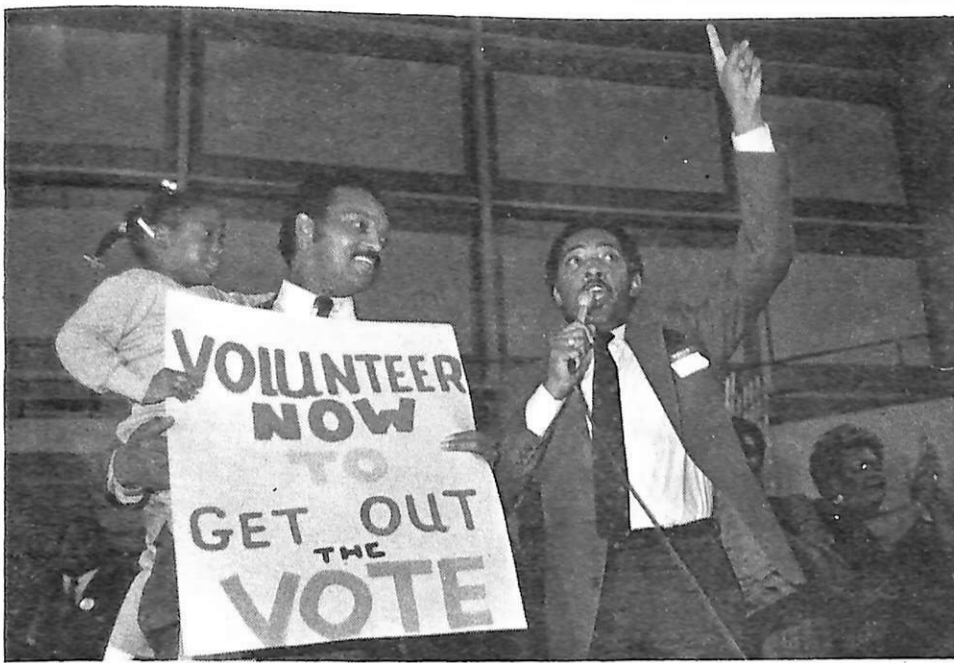
**Larry Calhoun**, director of university news in the Office of Public Relations, was recently appointed to the National Publicity and Publications Commission of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Calhoun has joined the department of communication as a part-time instructor.

**Dr. Ann Payne** has been appointed director of the Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program. Payne, who assumed the position in August, was a member of the graduate faculty at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Services in Memphis prior to joining the TSU faculty. Payne holds a master's in nursing from the University of Washington and a doctorate from the University of Tulsa. In addition to administrative and teaching responsibilities, Payne is involved in two nursing education research projects.

Several School of Arts and Sciences faculty members participated in the Tennessee State Museum's recent "Is It True What They Say About Dixie" conference. **Dr. Bobby Lovett**, acting dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, served as a project consultant for the program. **Dr. McDonald Williams** is a member of the Tennessee Committee for the Humanities.

**Dr. Carol Thigpin**, director of the Center for Continuing Education in Nursing, has been appointed interim coordinator of the associate degree nursing program. Thigpin replaces

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Bobby Jones, assistant professor of education, and an unidentified supporter, urged an audience not "to give up" during a speech at the Gentry Complex October 22.

## Jesse Jackson Gives Rousing Speech

The Rev. Jesse Jackson turned his podium into a pulpit during homecoming week at TSU and brought more than 5,000 listeners to their feet. He encouraged them not to give up in the fight for justice and racial equality.

As a part of the TSU Perspective Lecture Series, Jackson's presence ignited the Gentry Complex audience, which consisted of students, community residents, religious and political leaders and members of his own "rainbow coalition." And with the help of TSU's own Bobby Jones and his group *New Life*, Jackson created a mood and a message reminiscent of a church revival.

"I won't give up," he repeated to the students as he urged them, the faculty and administrators to adopt this as their theme. "This institution is in the valley of the shadow of death," Jackson said, referring to the desegregation settlement and the 50 percent white quota. "But we won't give up."

The crowd broke into thunderous applause throughout his message, with scattered shouts of "Amen," "Take your time, Jesse," and "Go ahead."

Jackson said, "If they are going to use the 50 percent rule at Memphis State and at UT in Knoxville, then use it at TSU. Don't do us any special favors, just play the game fairly, with one set of rules."

Jackson met earlier with House Speaker Ned McWherter to seek legislative help "to save TSU from this cruel hoax being imposed on it," he said.

Lashing out at the Reagan administration, Jackson said that Reagan has a character deficit, by cutting assistance in education in terms of the Pell grants, and assistance to the poor and to women. He closed by making a plea for all to vote in November. "Let's give Reagan a ranch," he concluded.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

November 22-23 are university Thanksgiving holidays.

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## Faculty Senate Memo

The 1984-85 TSU Faculty Senate will report Senate concerns and activities in the *Accent* throughout the academic year. See the *Accent* monthly for information pertaining to Senate actions and news. If faculty members are interested in the Senate responding to certain faculty concerns, they should contact a senator from their school. Concerns should be submitted to the senators with the specifics in writing for the sake of accuracy.

This year's Faculty Senate chairperson is Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell from the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology in the School of Allied Health Professions. Other members of the Senate Executive Committee are Dr. Joan Elliott, Academic Committee III; Dr. Edward Hantel (Education Administration), Budget and Finance Committee; Dr. Mary Watkins, Constitution and By-Laws Committee; Dr. Lawrence James (Communication), Curriculum and Instruction Committee; Ms. Viola Wood (Art), Library Committee; Mr. Murle Kenerson, Basic Skills Committee; and Dr. Donald Joyce (Library), Faculty Welfare Relations Committee.

The remaining Senators are Dr. Marino Alvarez, Reading and Special Education; Dr. George Davis, History and Geography; Ms. Bernardeen Fleming, Nursing (Associate Degree Program); Mr. Arthur Franklin, Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Lonnie Haynes, Chemistry; Dr. Martin L. King, Business Administration; Mrs. Nipha Kumar, Architectural Engineering; Dr. William McCain, Mechanical Engineering; Mrs. Marian Patton, Dental Hygiene; Dr. Donald Richard, Business Administration; Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson, Business Education and Office Management; Dr. William Shaw, Philosophy and Religious Studies; Dr. Surendra Singh, Rural Development; Mrs. Dorothy Stephens, Sociology; Dr. David Wheaton, Criminal Justice; and Ms. Betty Wilson, Nursing (B.S. Degree Program).

The regular Senate meeting for all Senators is on the third Thursday of each month, and the Executive Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Please see one of the senators listed above, if the Faculty Senate can be of assistance to you.

## Zeppelin Shares Ideas

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the invitation to come here was the warmest." He joined the University of Tennessee at Nashville faculty shortly after arriving in the city. Since

that time he has shared his talents as an illustrator, painter and graphic artist with his students.

"I am what I am. I give what I have," Zeppelin said. "I have a responsibility to bring art majors to a level where they can compete professionally."

Zeppelin has received international recognition of his talent as an illustrator. Recently, he was chosen by a prominent West German publishing house, Heliopolis, to illustrate a book of poetry titled *Metamorphosen Korn*. The book and illustrations have received favorable reviews from European critics.

## Arthur Earns Accalade

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In addition to his research, Arthur is exploring the possibility of a student exchange program with African countries. He is in the planning stages of another trip to Washington, D.C. Students interested in making the trip can contact Dr. Arthur in the office of Government and Public Affairs about the requirements and necessary qualifications.

"Dr. Arthur is a positive role model for young people and is deserving of this honor (Teacher of the Year)," said Dr. Hoyt King, chairman of the Department of Government and Public Affairs. "He takes time with his students and shows concern about what they learn, how they study, and he takes the time to listen."

Arthur is married and the father of four children.

## Fund-Raising Musical Revue Slated for Nov. 24

"Tan 'N Sassy", a new musical revue that features performers from Chicago, will be presented November 24 at the Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel to benefit the TSU Scholarship Fund. The hours for the event are 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$25 per person.

"There will be two floor shows, one at 9 p.m. and one at 11 p.m.," said Dr. Joan Elliott, coordinator of the event. "The group will sing songs by Eubie Blake, Duke Ellington and Fats Waller. People will have an opportunity to dance between the shows."

To obtain more information about the event, contact the TSU Foundation Office at 320-3700, or call Elliott at 320-3504.



Ken Looney, coordinator of TVA-TSU Cockrill Bend project, welcomed Dr. Frederick Humphries, members of the State Board of Regents and area businessmen to the newly opened training center. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held October 22. The \$1.4 million facility will house a craft upgrade center and industry specific training center. The School of Engineering will also have an aviation center on the site.

## W. D. Cox: "Talked Into"

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second president and former football coach. Davis was accompanied by the late Dr. Thomas E. Poag, then head of the speech department and director of the one-year old TSU Players Guild. Both men agreed it would be a good move for Cox to return to school as a graduate student in the new program of speech and drama.

"They talked me into it," Cox recalls, noting that he became the second student to receive a TSU master's degree in the program. Singer Buchanan, now drama department head at Kentucky State University, was the first to receive the master's in speech and drama. The program began in 1940.

Thus was opened the major thrust of Cox's 46 years (from freshman in 1938 until now) at Tennessee State University. But for "a quicker offer" from Dr. Poag, Cox said his drama career at TSU may not have happened.

"I was offered a teaching job in theater at Florida A&M University after receiving the master's degree in '51," Cox explained. "But, the (TSU) contract was put in my face before the Florida contract arrived.

"I have only one regret," Cox added. "Florida A&M had the facilities to do theater. We (TSU) were the only school offering a master's degree in speech and drama in '51 and we didn't have the facilities to match Florida."

Cox said, that, as a matter of fact TSU "only has the same facilities" it had 33 years ago.

"The A-Building Auditorium is all we've ever had, yet it's called a theater," he said.

He said plans to build adequate theater facilities at TSU "have been on the drawing board at least since Dr. Davis was president."

Among the important lessons Cox said he learned as a student of drama are "the fact of being disciplined and the value of accepting responsibility. I learned that from 'Doc' (Poag)."

Listed among the "highlights" that came his way as a student are the winning of two awards from the National Association of Dramatics and Speech Arts; and "satisfying" roles in such plays as "Never Too Late," "Dear Ruth," "John Loves Mary," and "Anna Lucasta." Moses Gunn, now a nationally recognized actor, also played in "Anna Lucasta."

Cox's master's thesis was titled "Problems Involved in Lighting the Negro Actor on Stage."

"I've always thought my expertise was in technical drama," said Cox.

Certain techniques underscored in his thesis have been used by a number of white schools with blacks in their theater programs, most notably the University of Iowa. He added that some major movie studios have also lifted techniques from his thesis for films with black cast members.

Cox said his set designs have won awards for such plays as "Death of A Salesman," "Glass Menagerie," "The Righteous Are Bold," and "The Miracle Worker."

Claiming the distinction of having been the only black director of a Theater Nashville Production ("Purlie"), Cox said he has been "totally satisfied" with his career in academic theater.

"I believe that I have motivated a number of black students to take on

the responsibility of serving their communities in a theatrical capacity," he said.

He said "a number" of his students have gone into the ministry after experiencing collegiate theater. Others hold Ph.D. degrees and are heading drama departments at several colleges. And still others, like Gunn, are often seen in movies and television. One of his former students, Ron Hudson, is the master electrician at Opryland.

Cox said he was fortunate in meeting his wife, Alice Marie, while preparing for a play.

"I didn't learn my lines as fast as I should, so Dr. Poag assigned her to be my personal prompter. She helped me learn my lines before I married her, but no such things has been required since," said Cox.

"I've had a wonderful career here," Cox added.

Stating that he will be eligible for retirement at the end of this school year, Cox said, "I would enjoy staying on if there is to be a new theater in the future for TSU."

## Faculty Briefs

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**Ann Herndon** who resigned to returned to clinical practice.

**Josephine Wright, Jean Jenkins** and **Dr. Dorothy Edmond**, members of the School of Nursing faculty, were named as official delegates of the Tennessee Nurses Association and attended the district three TNA annual convention October 14-17 in Memphis. As official delegates, they voted on policies and procedures that govern TNA members throughout the state.

**Dr. H. Leon Prather**, professor of history, has been asked to be potential book reviewer for the *Journal of American History*. The journal is one of the most respected journals in the field of American history.

A TSU art student, **Charles Cecil**, won a purchase award for "first in oil or mixed medium" during the 24th Tennessee All-State Artists' Exhibition held at the Parthenon Galleries in Centennial Park, October 7-3. Cecil, who studied under **Paul Zeppelin**, associate professor of art, received \$1,000 for an acrylic painting titled "Car Wash." **Ted Jones**, professor of art, also exhibited in the important regional show. Jones' mixed media work "Typographical Landscape" was exhibited. Another art student, **Margaret Gicewitz**, exhibited 100 of her works in Biloxi, Mississippi, recently. The show was received as an important cultural event of the fall.



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## Announcement

The theme for American Education Week this year is "Educational Excellence: Our Nation's Strongest Defense." In honor of this special week, Nov. 11 to 17th, the School of Education is announcing an Open House to be held Nov. 14th from 12:00 to 1:00 in room 111 of the Education Building, Main Campus. All are invited.

During the open house a plaque will be presented to the department judged to have best exhibit relating to the American Education Week theme. The exhibits will be judged on general attractions, creativity, appropriate interpretation, student involvement quality and alignment of lettering. For more information call Dr. Darlene Huddleston at 320-3163.

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