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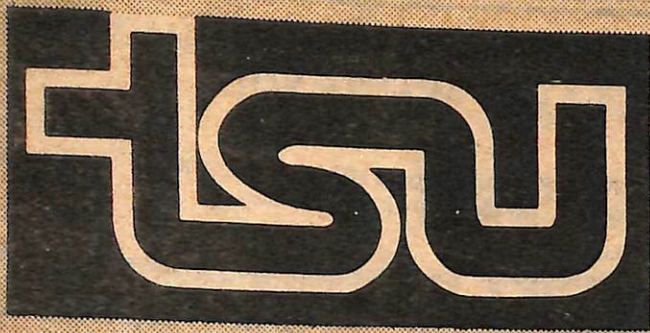
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TSU's Enrollment Increases

The final total enrollment for the 1982-83 fall semester at Tennessee State University is 8,556, which reflects a nine percent increase over the enrollment of 7,732 for the 1981-82 fall semester.

"The increase in this year's enrollment is highly significant," said Dr. Frederick Humphries, president of the University. "After two years of declining enrollment, we are beginning to recover students lost following the merger. It is also significant because the FTE (Full-time equivalent) of 6,127.20 will allow us to retain our current level of funding from the state."

The university began its registration process this year with expecta-

tions of enrolling the largest freshman class in recent history. The freshman enrollment of 1,030 exceeds the number of first-time students who enrolled last year by 167.

A breakdown of the total enrollment by race indicates approximately 59 percent are black; 29 percent are white and 12 percent are members of other races.

The total enrollment represents degree-seeking students as well as students participating in TSU's Weekend College, Learn and Shop and Live and Learn Programs, as well as joint programs with Nashville State Technical Institute and Volunteer State Community College.

Students Score Well On Nursing Exam

A significantly improved passing rate on the state's registered nurse licensing examination given in July is "one of the most positive things that could happen" to the Tennessee State University School of Nursing," according to Marian Gooding, dean of the school.

"Eighty-four graduates of the associate degree program took the licensing exam in July. Of the 84, all, except eight, passed for a 92 percent passing rate," Gooding explained. "It is the highest passing rate TSU has ever had."

One graduate of the bachelor of science degree program also took the test. "She passed, so we had a 100 percent passing rate there," she added.

When the results of graduates who took the test last February are included, the School of Nursing has a 89 percent passing rate for the year.

The high success rate can be attributed to the merged curriculum implemented following the merger with the University of Tennessee at Nashville, said Gooding.

"This was the first class admitted under the merger. It is truly representative of the training provided by the TSU School of Nursing," she continued.

The proficiency demonstrated by the recent nursing graduates provides a sharp contrast to the high, widely publicized, failure rate experienced by graduates who took the test in 1981.

Although TSU has contracts with all area hospitals except Vanderbilt, several hospitals have their own licensed practical nursing programs or associate degree programs, which makes the competition for clinical resources "fierce," Gooding said.

"The high passing rate may restore or create confidence in the training our nurses receive at the hospitals," she continued. "that is one of the most positive things that could happen."

The TSU School of Nursing is the only nursing school in the state which is housed in a historically black university. At the same time, the school's enrollment and faculty reflect the racial proportions of the entire Nashville-Davidson County Community. According to a survey conducted by Gooding, the current enrollment reflects a 72 percent white enrollment, 25 percent black and 3 percent other. The faculty population is 66 percent white, 31 percent black and 3 percent other. Thirty two (32) percent of the students come from counties other than Davidson.

"Students come to TSU's School of Nursing for three reasons," Gooding said. "First is low tuition, second is the reputation of being a good program, and third is geographical convenience."

Only one other state-supported school, Shelby State community College, has a larger nursing school enrollment.



African Dreamland to appear at the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Nashville on October 29, 1982. See an nouncement on page 6.

NCATE Praises TSU's Instructors

The strengths of Tennessee State University's teacher education programs lie in the following areas: 1) faculty qualifications, 2) close supervision of students, 3) flexibility in the graduate curriculum, and 4) required field experience in speciality areas, according to a highly complimentary report from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The NCATE report, tells us that we have a quality program for the preparation of teachers," explained Dr. Everette Witherspoon, dean of the School of Education. "The strengths listed by the council indicate that we go far beyond the standard requirements."

The council, which represents a myriad of professional education organizations, has 52 standard requirements for accreditation. TSU met all of the requirements and consequently was granted reaccreditation of all its bachelor's, master's and specialist programs for teacher preparation.

Based on a site visit and program review earlier this year, the council also identified strengths and weaknesses in the program. Specifically, the strengths include:

- Joint supervision of student teachers by the methods instructor and university supervisors, which provides an exceptionally close and competent supervision of field experiences;

- An eminently well qualified staff, both academically and through experience elementary or secondary teaching and/or administrative experience.

- Requirements that all undergraduate education majors complete coursework and clinical experiences in special education—a particularly strong component of basic teacher preparation programs.

- Constant involvement of counselor education program students in the evaluation of coursework and instruction contributes special strength to those programs.

- Flexibility of curricula for programs in curriculum and instruction provide unusual latitude for the individualization of programs of study for program majors.

- Strong commitment on the part of faculty to the evaluation and follow-up of graduates of basic

programs was noted and applauded.

Program weaknesses, as identified by the council, included insufficient provision for structured representation of students on several policy-making bodies; insufficient flexibility in the master's programs in teaching, which are designed around state certification requirements; teaching loads, particularly for graduate faculty, were judged excessive; and a shortage of secretarial services and inadequate travel funds to support representation at professional conferences and clinics.

"The weaknesses, which are not to be overlooked, are minor compared with the strengths of our programs," Witherspoon said. "The important thing here is that the qualifications of our faculty have been recognized. Their training and experience makes them aware of the trends and practices in today's public schools, which they pass on to their students."

"During this time when there is so much criticism of public schools and the teachers in them, the public needs to be assured that the teacher preparation programs at Tennessee State University meet or exceed the national standards," Witherspoon added.

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Nine Days -until-
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College Faculty Goes Back to Class

Through a project offered primarily by Tennessee State University, 180 faculty at eight colleges across the State are on the learning side of the classroom this fall as students of computer science.

The project, which is sponsored by the State Board of Regents, is designed for college and university faculty from all disciplines to acquire skills in the use of computer technology for instruction and research.

In presenting a status report on the project to the Regents Academic Committee meeting today at Austin Peay State University, Regents officials said the response has been greater than expected by faculty to enroll in the two-course sequence in addition to continuing their full-time work loads. Faculty participating in the project are from Tennessee State University, Volunteer State Community College, Roane State Community College, Walters State Community College, Jackson State Community College, Columbia State Community College, Dyersburg State Community College, and East Tennessee State University.

"We are very pleased with the overwhelmingly positive response by the faculty because it signifies a recognition of the growing need for computer literacy in today's classroom," Regents Chancellor Roy S. Nicks said. "The potentials for improving instruction and research in virtually all fields through computer technology are tremendous and whether we are going to tap those potentials in a meaningful way depends upon the faculty."

Nicks said that by the end of the second course the participants should have a working knowledge of computer equipment and terminology, be able to discriminate between problems that are and problems that are not computer solvable, be able to use the computer for instructional and research purposes, and have moderate proficiency in a high level computer programming language.

The courses are offered by the TSU Mathematics Department and the participants will earn three graduate hour credits for each course. Course fees are paid by the State Board of Regents and the institutions under the Board's grant-in-aid program.

"Faculty and staff at TSU are to be commended for speed and thoroughness in developing this project," Nicks said. "This is the first of its kind on a State-wide

basis and it is a quality undertaking."

Nicks said the TSU project represents only one facet of a three-part plan to improve computer literacy at the 16 institutions governed by the Regents.

The Regents also are sponsoring a program at Memphis State University in which selected faculty from the other colleges and universities may earn a master's degree in computer science by studying at MSU for two summers and completing an independent study during the intervening year.

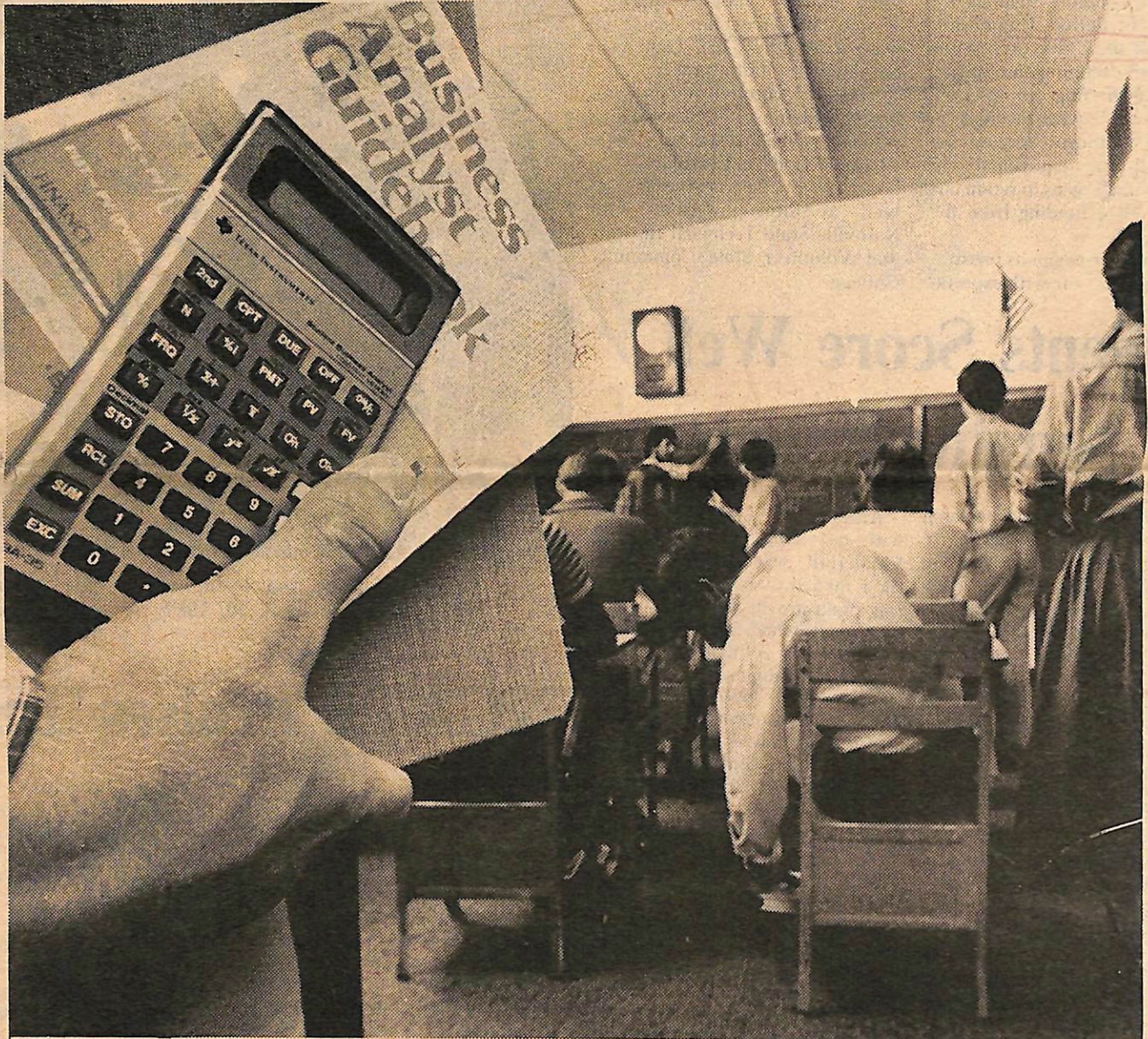
The program is intended to alleviate the critical shortage of credentialed faculty in the field of

computer science.

The third part of the plan is to study the feasibility of developing curricular policy that ensures computer literacy by all students at Regents institutions.

Nicks said the objectives for computer education among students would be similar to those of the TSU project for the faculty.

"However," he said, "before we can address computer literacy for students on a significant scale, it is essential to ensure a greater level of computer science competence by all faculty and to train greater numbers of faculty to teach computer science."



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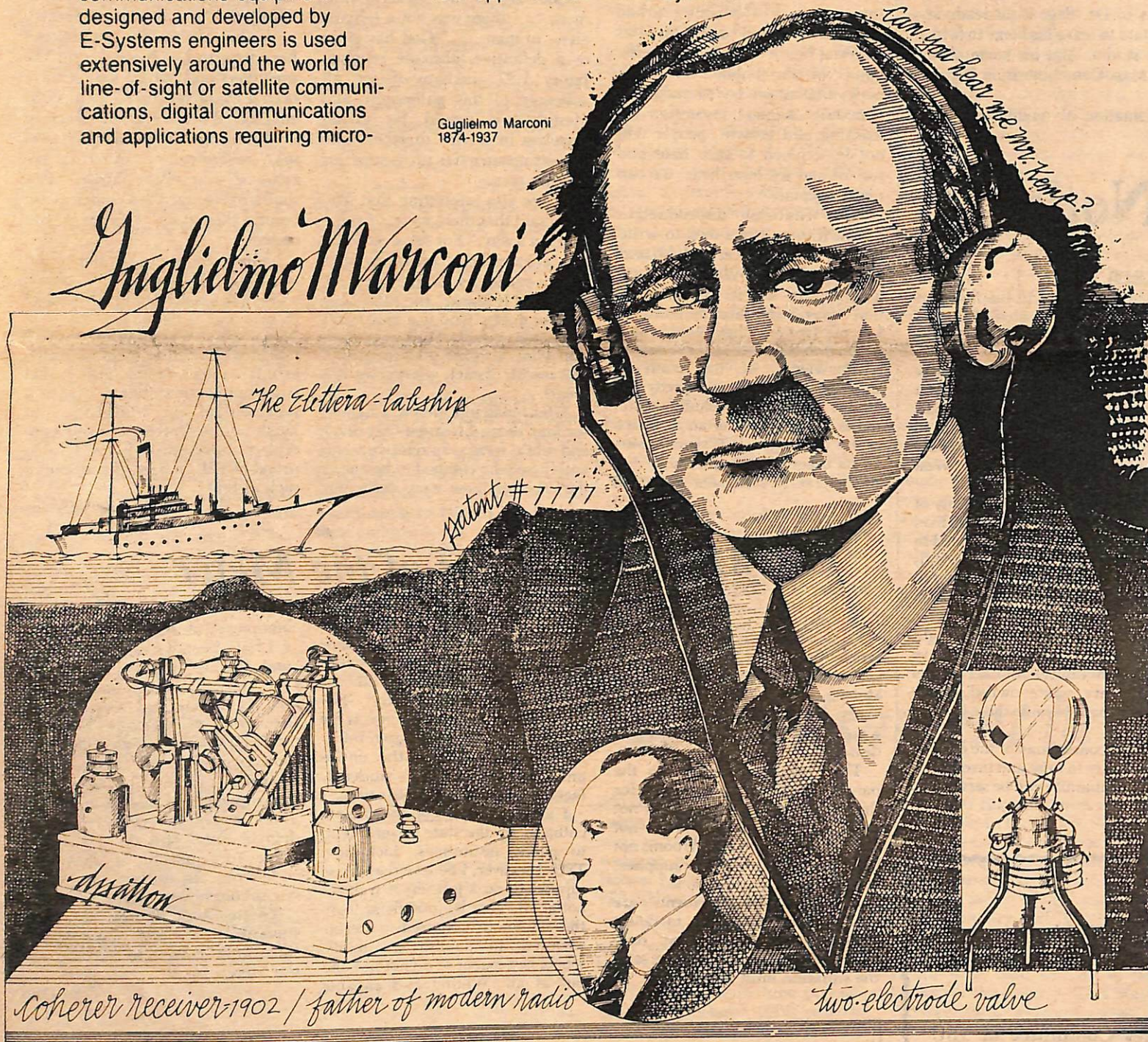
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Minority Business

Grant Approved

Gov. Lamar Alexander October 6th announced that Tennessee has received a \$369,983 federal grant to assist in establishing, staffing and operating centers in Knoxville and Chattanooga to assist minority businesses.

The grant was approved by the Minority Business Development Agency of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The federal grant will be supplemented by \$155,561 in state funds from the Tennessee Office of Minority Business Enterprise, providing for a \$525,544 budget for the federal fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1983.

"These two centers will help existing minority enterprises stay in business and will assist and encourage new minority enterprises," Governor Alexander said. "the centers will provide technical assistance in such areas as market development, financing and business operations."

Alexander said each of the two centers will have a staff of three to five persons.

Dr. Robert C. Vowels, professor of economics and finance at Tennessee State University, is director of the Tennessee Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

Dr. Vowels said the Knoxville and Chattanooga centers will establish and staff at least one regional purchasing council and will promote involvement of non-minority private sector groups in the local minority business effort.

"One of the principal missions of the centers will be to assist the local minority business community by identifying and removing those restrictions and barriers which impede the formation, expansion and survival of minority business," said John L. Parish, commissioner of Tennessee's Department of Economic and Community Development.

Dr. Vowels said the centers will be opened as soon as quarters are found and staffs are employed.

Career Awareness Presentation

Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College School of Allied Health in conjunction with Student Services is sponsoring a four day Career Awareness presentation. Opportunities in the Allied Health Field of Dental Hygiene, Medical Record Administration, Medical Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Health Care Administration and Speech Pathology and Audiology will be described through a pictorial display as well as a slide/tape presentation. Allied Health Students will be available to answer questions.

Presentation Dates:
November 1 and 2
Student Union Building
AYENI Room
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
November 3 and 4
Downtown Campus
Main Lobby
4:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

For further information contact:
Dr. Everlena Holmes—School of Allied Health (320-3702)
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Calendar of Events

October 30 - Homecoming 1982
November 25, 26 - Thanksgiving Holidays
December 14-17 - Final Examinations
December 20-January 2 - Christmas Recess

Editorials

Thanks Dr. Page

By DAVID PIERCE

Thank you Dr. Donald Page for your dedication to and your concern for the Mass Communication Department and its students at Tennessee State.

It was in the fall of 1977 when Dr. Page moved from Ann Arbor, Michigan to Nashville, Tennessee to assume the position of Assistant Professor and Area Coordinator for Mass Communication.

Along with the prompting of Dr. Harold Jackson, now Public Relations Director for TSU, who was a college classmate of Dr. Page, he decided that the opportunity to start a new program was just "too good."

He typed the final pages of his dissertation for the University of Michigan on Sunday night and then drove to Nashville the next day to prepare for teaching on Tuesday.

Dr. Page's previous experiences were perfect for the program he was to initiate and to perpetuate: a BA in English from Hope College, a Masters in Communication from Western Michigan University and a Ph.D. in "Radio, TV, Film" from the University of Michigan.

One of the first things Dr. Page did to start the near non-existent TV broadcasting program rolling was to address all the local radio and television stations, soliciting donations of surplus equipment. His efforts were rewarded well with the acquisition of production lights, switcher board, audio board, camera pedestals, and other expensive items that the allocated funds could not have purchased.

One of the most commending attributes of Dr. Page is his ready accessibility to the students. He does not hesitate to leave his home to help a student who may be working late in the studio. And his home phone number is one of the most popular in the Mass Communication Department.

So far these reasons, a valuable combination of qualification and dedication, thank you, Dr. Page.

Have You Noticed?

BY PAULA RUCKER

Have you noticed that there are not many businesses in the northern part of the city? If you have noticed, have you wondered why? There are probably many reasons why, but first let's clarify what the word businesses refers to.

Businesses are shopping centers, or malls, restaurants, theaters, dry cleaners, drug stores, grocery stores, and department stores. There is a great need for these facilities in this part of the city. Such establishments would save people a lot of gas because now a person has to travel to another part of town just to shop for groceries. There are few family restaurants in North Nashville, so a family has to go either to East or West Nashville just to go out to eat.

It would be different if there was no vacant land, but there is plenty of land located in North Nashville that could be developed. If a person lives in North Nashville, he has a choice to go to Rivergate which is located in the other end of the county, or he could go to 100 Oaks or Green Hills Shopping Center located in South Nashville, or Hickory Hollow Mall which is about 15 to 20 miles away from North Nashville. This is too far to travel for something that is considered a convenience.

One reason that there are not any businesses in North Nashville might be that since this area is mainly a black community, blacks might not have the money to invest in businesses for the community. Another reason might be that since most shopping malls are white owned, white businessmen prefer to build in white neighborhoods because there is a better chance of making a profit.

One solution to this would be to write to the councilman of the district, or to organize a group of black businessmen to try to raise and invest some money to build businesses so that the black community can be served and prosper.

ATTENTION

Beware, The Arts and Lectures Committee of TSU proudly presents for your entertainment, The Repertoire Dance Group of Trinidad, October 22nd and pianist-extraordinaire Don Shirley and Trio in Concert, October 24. Location will be announced.

SO! Keep your ears open, and don't miss it . . .

Letters to the Editor

Reaction to Kamu Is Israel's Article

To the Editor:

As a student here at Tennessee State University, I was greatly appalled at the inclusion of the article, "The World's Best Kept Secret" in the October 7th issue of *The Meter*. Your journalistic value as a University circular has hit an all time low when you seek to include an article that is founded on no objective base and is so biased that it is Satanic in nature. What the world needs now are people who can try to impart good and eternal principals to their fellow man and not those who would seek to dig deeper scars into the human race. It is hard to believe that you would allow such a hate filled bitter letter into our paper. Certainly you had occasion to read and edit this material before you put it into the hands of the public. One only hopes that as we try to make our University a great institution for learning and growth, people will not be exposed to such hate and racism and see how 'little' we can really become.

For whatever unproductive reason Kamau Israel took to write such an article, he certainly should have known God's Word before attempting to use it to prove his unscriptural and ungodly position. Let me first say that "God wants all men to be saved, and to come to a knowledge of the truth" I Timothy 2:4. "All" is a pretty inclusive word and it excludes no one nor is it descriptive of an exclusive group of people. It is synonymous in its usage in the same way that Mr. Israel's statement that all

whites are heathens, beasts, liars, or gentiles is used. Contrary to the tenor of Mr. Israel's article, "God is no respecter of persons" Col. 3:25. He doesn't look upon the external features of man as we do and idiotically decide the value of man. Instead He looks upon the heart, the real person, and prays that we too will have a like mind and not judge a person as to the way he or she looks. If we feel that we are superior to another person as to racial, social, economic or any other standards, then we become fools and divorce ourselves from all that God taught us or wants us to be.

Contrary to Mr. Israel's statement "...there was not a religion given to man..." God has given us a definitive, absolute religion, James 1:27. perhaps if we all adhered to this philosophy and lifestyle we would be giving ourselves in service to others and not setting ourselves up as superior to other men.

It was also interesting that Mr. Israel said that there were, "twelve hours in a day." For some reason I had always been mistaken that there were 24. As for his statement that "God is Black," the Bible says in John 4:24, "God is a spirit and those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Tell me Mr. Israel, what color is a spirit?

After living in London, England for four years, I learned that black and white were very relative terms and those who claimed to be one or the other of these were definitely

in the minority for there were hundreds of shades of skin colors within that major metropolitan area of 10 million people. It is a shame that Mr. Israel's environment is so limited that his envisionment of people is so very restricted.

There have always been those who have extracted certain isolated passages in an attempt to justify their erroneous beliefs. History has documented many like Mr. Israel and there will be others who will come after Him.

I pray that we will see that the true value of a person lies in what is not seen. Let us seek to uphold the character and value of all people and seek to love and help all just as Christ did. If we were consumed with that desire, we should not have time to be obsessed with the prejudices and hatred which have been a characteristic of men without God. When we set ourselves up as being superior to another person, regardless of criteria, we remove ourselves from any similarity to our God and instead become the servant of Satan in that respect.

I hope such articles similar to the one which I have written about will not be publicized in our paper. It is a sad commentary on *The Meter* when that type of slanted, unedited journalism is characteristic of its content. It is equally tragic when our community sees that as a statement of our University and laughs at the 'littleness' of our concept of mankind. It is hard to be proud of TSU in light of statements such as that.

Douglas Varnado

About the Plight of the Meter

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article "We Have Troubles" in the September 23, 1982, issue of the *Meter*.

My first reaction was disbelief which soon turned to shock and dismay.

The "troubles" referred to the paucity of material resources for the *Meter's* operation, such as not having useable typewriters, not having or access to a darkroom, not having money for photo supplies, and not having a telephone.

If these pronouncements are facts—I have no reason to doubt their veracity—it is not only "ridiculous," it is intolerable, and the situation must be rectified.

TSU is in the business of communication. One way to communicate—vertically and horizontally—is to publish an inhouse organ such as the *Meter*. The *Meter*, our school newspaper, is the vehicle for communicating information and ideas to the entire university community—students, faculty, staff and administrators.

I am well aware of the drastic cutbacks by the state government to public institutions, including TSU. However, I believe that if we support to do a job, do it well or not at all. That is, provide at least the minimum required material resources to publish a quality school newspaper or do not put one out at all. Willing and capable

manpower alone is not enough.

I have been a student at TSU off and on since 1957 (quite vintage) and throughout my matriculation the big issue has been quality education or academic excellence at TSU. We did not then nor do we now want to be a second-rate university.

I supported that goal in 1957, in 1968 when I received by B.S. degree and I still do. I say, let's strive for quality in all of our endeavors, including the *Meter*, our school newspaper.

To that end, I urge my fellow students, the faculty, the staff, and the administration to fully support the *Meter*, for it represents us all.

Tom Daly

The Meter welcomes all criticism pertaining to the contents printed in each issue. Send response to the Meter, Box 858, Nashville, TN 37203.

Nigerians Celebrate 22nd Anniversary

By EMANUEL ODIGIE

The Nigerians in Nashville celebrated their 22nd Independence Anniversary on October 1, 1982. This happy occasion marked the day Nigeria was granted independence by the British government who was then the colonial master, "The Father of Imperialism."

The celebration took place in the Community School located between Hermosa and Herman Street. This celebration as before, is intended to bring black people together (especially Nigerians) to share this happy moment.

It is a great joy for all of us to be a united nation and able to organize this kind of celebration that declare us Nigerians, free men from those colonial masters who were practicing imperialism. This is the only way we know that we can inform the world about the unity, history, and culture of Nigeria.

This occasion was also used to pray for our brothers and sisters in South Africa to gain their freedom one day.

Nigeria as the world might know is in West Africa, with a population of more than 80 million people. This developing nation today is not only one of the richest countries in Africa, but it is also the most powerful and prosperous nation in Africa. Above all, it is also the third largest producer and exporter of oil to the United States of America, next to Saudi Arabia. This shows that Nigeria's stability thus means a lot to the world in general, especially the new world.

As I stipulated above, Nigeria was colonized by the British government until 1960 when Nigeria gained her independence. Nigeria's first political era ended when the military men took over the administration of the country. The unwanted civil war knocked at the door when military men started to show hostility towards one another. On the 30th day of May, 1967, Lt. Col. C. Odumegwu Ojukwu, Military governor of Nigeria's then Eastern region, announced the secession of Eastern Nigeria from the federation and creation of the sovereign and in-

dependent state called the Republic of Biafra. The birth of Biafra was the product of a long and bitter blood feud between the conservative Muslim, Hausaland people of the north and the Ibos of the east.

The roots of the hostility are deep, but the immediate impetus for the break up began with the military coup d'état of January 15, 1966, in which the civilian regime of then Prime Minister Tafawa Balawa, was overthrown and several leaders assassinated.

Major General. J.T.U. Aguiui Ironsi came to power. He saw the need for urgent reform but the center could not hold. Things fell apart. On July 29, 1966, there was another coup d'état that marked the end of that regime.

This unwanted massacre put the country in a state of chaos and during this hard time. General Yukubu Godwon came to power. Nevertheless war broke out and it lasted until 1970. On July 3, 1975, Nigerians were fed up with corruption that was imported from overseas and as a result demanded that the administration step down.

General Moritala Mohammed became the Head of State but most unfortunately he met his death in an assassination, after 200 days in office. Nigeria elected another head of state that ruled the nation until October 1, 1979 when he handed over to politicians. Nigeria has since then been a peaceful united nation.

Nigeria sees racism as inhumane and views the South African problem as a task that must be eliminated. Nigeria has supported black movements and donated substantial sums for countries in East Africa due to their food shortage. Nigeria also recognizes black culture and as a result, organized the "All Black World Second Festival of Arts and Culture" in Lagos, Nigeria in 1977. During this occasion black people all over the world came to Nigeria to display their culture.

Nigeria maintains more than 100,000 students in the USA, and more than 80,000 in Europe and many in other parts of the world. Nigeria also recognized the unity for all Africans and as a result en-

couraged the foundation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which has the same functions with the United Nation.

We the Nigerians in Nashville invited all people, especially black Americans to share the happy moment with us . . . the day your brothers and sisters were set free. Over 200 people turned out for the celebration, that lasted from 10 p.m. until dawn.

Marketing Institute Offers Scholarships

NEW YORK—Thirty full-tuition scholarships to a five-day direct marketing Collegiate Institute in Danbury, CT, December 5-10, 1982 are now available to seniors majoring in advertising, marketing, journalism, communications and similar fields, it was announced today by the Direct Mail Marketing Educational Foundation (DMMEF).

Successful applications will get a practical introduction to basic direct marketing and direct mail techniques under the guidance of a dozen top practitioners in the fast-growing \$120-billion direct marketing industry. The curriculum goes beyond direct mail...to cover such topics as telephone marketing, cable TV, Qube, space and broadcast advertising.

A panel of direct marketing executives selects Institute scholarship recipients based on: faculty recommendations; the student's academic standing; interest in advertising and marketing; and record of extra-curricular school-related activities and employment. Scholarships cover all tuition fees, room and board. Students are required to pay the first \$100 of transportation costs within the continental U.S.

Scholarship applications and recommendation forms are available from the Foundation (6 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017, 212/689-4977). Applications must be received together with a professor's recommendations form by October 29, 1982.

Urban League Sponsors Youth Speakout

With the cooperation of several local community based organizations, the Nashville Urban League will sponsor a "Youth Speak Out Day," Friday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Pearl High School for the purpose of gaining insights into the problems of youth in Nashville and the possible solutions to those problems, as proposed by youth themselves.

This activity in Nashville is one of a number of similar "Youth Speak Out Days" to be held by many of the 118 affiliates of the National Urban League, in every section of the country, as the initial step in the development of a comprehensive Youth and Community Initiatives Program to more effectively serve the needs of young people in the minority communities of the nation.

The program was announced last August by NUL President, John E. Jacob, at the League's annual conference. At that time, Mr. Jacob described black youth as being "most vulnerable to the pressures of poverty" and noted that while government and the private sector bear a major responsibility for helping young people become productive adults, local communities also have a responsibility in the process.

He singled out four target issues as matters for increased community involvement: (1) teenage pregnancy, (2) female headed households, (3) crime and (4) citizenship education.

"These four issues provide an entry into a discussion around those factors that most affect the lives of young people," Bill Calloway, President of the Board of Directors of the Nashville Urban League said. "We recognize that if our efforts are to have any real impact, young people have to be involved every step of the way, which is why we are convening a Speak Out Day in Nashville."

"Speak Out Day" is the first step. From the young people we will learn how they have been affected by the socio-economic conditions

within our community, how they are managing to survive, and what can be done to facilitate their survival."

Carole M. Watson, Executive Director, emphasized that "Speak Out Day" is a total community effort; with the League serving as a catalyst to bring together interested organized groups.

The anticipated outcomes of "Speak Out Day," as listed by Carol M. Watson include the following:

- Provision of a mechanism for community residents, young people, teenage mothers, parents, older adults, and others, who need to express their concerns and thoughts on what should be done about problems facing the community.

- Increased awareness of and sensitivity to the particular problems faced by youth.

- Development of an ongoing Youth Task Force composed of young people, service providers and community leaders in each Urban League affiliate to address the needs of young people.

In addition to having a local impact, the "Youth Speak Out Day" in Nashville will also be important on the national level since the information developed from it and similar events being held by other Urban League affiliates, will be shared with the national office of the League to be used as a foundation for future program planning and as a basis for coordinating technical assistance on the national level.

Students from Tennessee State University participating in the program are: Dennis Jones, Rita Grant, Carla Mitchell, Rosalind Talley, Robin Lucas, William Tolbert, Vera Edmerson, and Ronnie Perkins.

Further information on "Speak Out Day," which is open to the public, may be obtained by contacting the Nashville Urban League at 329-2575.



Dr. Manning Marable is Director of The Race Relations Institute, at Fisk University.

Part one of a two part series.

American politicians and businessmen often refer to this country as "a free society." Corporate power and exploitation is called "free enterprise;" elected officials applaud the "free institutions" of the Congress and the courts. The Soviet Union is attacked as "totalitarian" when it restricts critical commentary about the regime. But from the vantage

A Look at Punishment in America

point of grassroots America, the dream of freedom has become a cruel hoax.

How "free" are working people, Black, Hispanics, the unemployed and the poor in America? For every advance in legislation providing job security, health care and social service benefits, we have witnessed public policy assaults which would increase poverty, disease, and unemployment. Well before Reaganism, this country has been moving steadily toward greater inequality, fewer democratic rights, and less real "freedom," especially in regards to the criminal justice system.

Let these recent events speak for themselves:

- In December, 1981, two million American adults were behind bars or on probation or parole. That amounts to 1 out of every 83 persons over the age of 18.

369,000 adults are locked up in federal and state prisons; 157,000 were in local jails; over 1.2 million were on probation from state or federal penitentiaries, and another 223,800 were paroled.

- 2.2 million Blacks are arrested every year, over 8 percent of the total Afro-American population.

- The U.S. Death Row population, as of June 20, 1982, reached its highest level in history, 1038 persons. About one half of these men and women are Black. Only 13 percent of the Death Row prisoners had Black victims—while Blacks comprise 54 percent of all homicide victims in the U.S.

- There is a direct relationship between racism and punishment. The Southern states have had a long historical tradition of racist lynchings and legal injustices toward Blacks. Thus, in our times, it comes as no surprise that 693 of

the Death Row prisoners are currently held in the South. Southern politicians have turned the penitentiaries and criminal justice system into a virtual "political football" in order to get reelected. Since January, 1979, Florida Governor Bob Graham has signed 32 death warrants, and his state's Death Row total of 181 is the highest in the country. This May, the Georgia State Senate passed a bill to create a "mobile death wagon." Georgia's electric chair will now be placed literally on wheels, "so condemned criminals can be executed near the scene" of their alleged crimes!

- Mandatory life sentences without the possibility of parole are now ordered with greater frequency. This June, for instance, a 32 year old Black man, Vernon Chapman, was convicted for raping a Louisiana white woman. Chapman took a voluntary lie

detector test, which he passed; three witnesses at the trial swore that he was 10 miles away from the scene of the crime when it occurred. An all-white jury gave Chapman "life without parole."

The vast majority of Black, Hispanic and poor whites convicted for mandatory life or the death penalty are represented by court-appointed lawyers who are overworked, and underpaid. As Tom Wicker states "those wealthy and knowledgeable enough to hire good lawyers seldom suffer the death penalty." It is clear that the criminal justice system "cannot prevent injustices" and "arbitrary and capricious judgments." Langston Hughes once said the same thing, even more eloquently: "That Justice is a blind goddess/Is a thing to which we black are wise/Her bandage hides two festering sores/That once perhaps were eyes."

Entertainment



Mr. Trivia

Well, I changed my mind. I had scheduled a "fine arts" quiz but have decided to put that off for a while. Instead, I've dug up a few trickies for all you Trekkies who "dare to go where no man has gone before." Good luck!

1. The Enterprise's unit of speed measurement _____
2. Chekov's military rank (TV Series) _____
3. Vulcan-manned Star Fleet ship _____
4. Captain Kirk's brother _____
5. Enterprise shuttle craft _____
6. Creature which destroyed Starship Intrepid _____
7. Bones' daughter _____
8. Fuel which powers the Enterprise _____
9. Kirk's predecessor as Enterprise commander _____
10. Craft which becomes "god-like" in "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" _____

PREVIOUS QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Samantha Dobson, 2. Second City Television, 3. Roots, 4. Mrs. Beasley, 5. Meet the Press, 6. Christmas (Snow), 7. Peg, 8. Disco Tech, 9. Jeff Martin, 10. Milton Berle

Did You Know?

- TSU's first name was Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School for Negroes.
- School began the Spring of 1912 making this the 70th year of our institution.
- Our first president's name was William Jasper Hale, and he soon married his secretary Miss Hattie Hodgkins.

Readers Take Notice

Dear Meter readers and all who need advice; or have a certain problem that needs to be resolved — Write to Dear Meta, a column that will try its best to answer and/or solve your problem. Send information to THE METER, Box 858, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN 37203.

If you have a recipe that you would like to share with "Let's Start Cooking" send it to the Meter. WE would like you to include your name, hometown and major.

Dance and Survive

On Friday, October 29, 1982, singer/songwriter/activist Holly Near will join Afrikan Dreamland in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Nashville, to recreate in the heartland of America, the excitement generated by their appearances together on the East and West Coasts. Near and Afrikan Dreamland played to sold out audiences at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco last May and again in New York City in celebration of the June 12th Disarmament Rally at the United Nations.

Both Holly Near and Afrikan Dreamland share a commitment to a new world vision which they express in their music. Their songs deal with human rights, nuclear power and nuclear arms, world justice, peace and love. One west coast reviewer termed their performance "the type of spontaneous galvanizing experiment that creates new audiences and transcends the limitations of any form of music." The event is billed as an anti-

nuke costume ball and proceeds will go to help Nashville Clergy and Laity Concerned, (a chapter of the national organization,) continue their work on issues of peace and justice. Also, the performance will be signed for the hearing-impaired.

Tickets go on sale September 15, 1982, at the following locations: Sunshine Grocery, Goodies Mainstreet Cafe, Cats Records West End and Cats Records Rivergate-Nashville. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Holly Near, Afrikan Dreamland and Clergy and Laity concerned invite everyone to join together on October 29th in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Nashville at 9 p.m. to DANCE AND SURVIVE!

For more information: call 228-5976, 9-5 p.m.; 322-4848, 9-5 p.m.; 352-1485, evenings and weekends; 292-4075, evenings and weekends or write to: DANCE AND SURVIVE, 6710 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209.



Sabrina Goodwin, Miss Tennessee State University 1982-83 will be coronated October 27, 1982.

Goodwin to be Coronated

By LISA FIELDS

Homecoming, the event of the year! How does it affect Miss TSU?

The student body honors the best of TSU. The floats will glide and the queens will shine but the attention will be focused on our school queen, Miss TSU, Sabrina Anne Goodwin.

Sabrina said she is very excited about the activity that launches the fulfilled Homecoming weekend. The coronation is scheduled to be October 27, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building auditorium. Yes, this is the time to honor Miss TSU and her court, the most beautiful ladies on campus which represent TSU. The court includes

class Queens: Ms. Senior, Denise Hughes; Ms. Junior, Arlene Pope; Ms. Sophomore, Jacqueline Wheeler; and Ms. Freshman, Lachelle Carter.

Goodwin said that homecoming is exciting to her because events are given in her honor and it is a time for the Nashville community, TSU alumni and friends, who come from near and far, to rejoice in TSU's existence. "Homecoming is a time for us to restore school spirit and give praise to our great institution of higher learning," she said.

During the Homecoming event Miss TSU will represent the school with her big cheery smile and stunning personality as, the student body, displays our school spirit.

CF Fighters Need Your Help!

Country music entertainer Larry Gatlin will serve for the third year as Honorary Chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl For Breath Campaign to be held Saturday, November 13.

"Pla-Mor Bowling Lanes in Nashville, along with Mr. Glynn Burklin, bowling center manager, and Ms. Iva Burklin, volunteer coordinator, will be one of forty-eight bowling centers across the state to participate in the Annual Bowl," said Gary Ganick, President of the Tennessee Chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Official sponsor forms are

available at all participating bowling centers. Participants will bowl three games on Saturday, November 13 at the cost of no more than \$2.25. They then collect from sponsors who have pledged one cent for each pin scored in three games and mail in the money to the CF Foundation by December 4, 1982 to be eligible for the grand prizes.

"Grand prizes will be awarded to the statewide winner who brings in money from the most sponsors in two age brackets," Ganick said. "The winner, 21 years and older, will win a trip for two to Paradise

Island, Nassau, Bahamas, and the winner under 21 will win a trip for three to Disney World in Orlando, Florida," Ganick said. The adult grand prize, including hotel accommodations and airfare, is provided courtesy of Safeco Insurance Company.

Prizes awarded at each bowling center to the top three participants who collect money from the most sponsors will include: first prize, 5" battery-operated TV with AM/FM radio (courtesy of the bowling proprietor). "Bowl For Breath" T-shirts will be given to all par-

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Career Development Can Help

By BARRY NOLAND

Are you a senior scouting for post-graduation job opportunities? Maybe you're an undergraduate unsure of your career goals. Perhaps you're looking for part-time/summer employment in your major area. Whatever your present career-oriented situation, status or aspirations the Tennessee State University Career Development Center wants to help.

The Career Development Center exists to aid and inform through advisement on job-hunting skills and opportunities and as an intermediary between the student and prospective employers. Specific services include:

- Up-to-date postings of degree and non-degree job openings—full-time, part-time and summer
- Files of employer literature and career information
- An on-campus interviewing and recruiting program for seniors and graduates with employers in industry, business, governmental agencies and school systems
- Interviewing techniques and resume writing seminars
- Handout material to facilitate and improve job-seeking skills
- Placement Manual and College Placement Annual

To register with the Career Development Center you must complete a "College Interview Form" (included in the Placement Manual along with additional instructions). Seniors, graduate students, and alumni may register with the center and open credential files in preparation for seeking full-time employment or applying to graduate school. The credential file consists of a completed data form, letters of recommendation and, where applicable, student teaching evaluations. Those who wish to participate in on-campus interviews must also attend an interview techniques seminar, presented by a member of the staff and/or a personnel director, in advance of your first interview.

All job openings received by the center are posted there and on the bulletin board at the east entrance of the Student Union Building. Literature, directories, and references provided by participating companies can be found in the Career Library, also located in the center. Students are greatly encouraged to visit the library and utilize its materials. All are asked to come and look over the entire facility, which has recently been

remodeled.

Originally located in the biology building, the Center's history dates back to the inception of the placement program in 1949. At that time, the program, under the direction of Annie Sasser, was almost solely focused on graduate placement with few provisions for underclassmen. The direction has since changed to a career planning focus servicing all—from freshmen to alumni. The present director, Dorothy Lockridge, who has been with the center fourteen years, urges students to consider personal interests and aptitudes in relation to course work and career objectives: "Get something under your belt that will be both satisfying and marketable."

Other members of the CDC staff are: Job Coordinator, Lucy Tucker; Assistant Director for Cooperative Education, Glen Bennett; and Secretary, Tanya Fizer.

The Career Development Center is located in the Student Union, Room 220 and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Phone: 320-3525.

Remember, career counseling can function as an integral part of the educative process—utilize it.

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How to Locate Scholarships from Private Foundations

Students may find it extremely beneficial to look into the possibility of obtaining scholarship funds from a National Network of Computerized Scholarship Services, available through Capital Hill Communication Services here in Nashville. This agency is affiliated with a nationwide chain of experts who seek out available scholarships for students, based on information supplied by the students on a special personalized information sheet called The Student Data Form, which also serves as the official application. After reviewing the information, the data is fed into a giant computer, and provides from 5 to 25 sources of funds, for which the student qualifies. These funds are usually available from private foundations and corporations. Scholarships may range from \$500 to \$4000 per

year. All disciplines are represented, therefore, the service is available to all students. And it may be applied or used for other universities as well. If 5 or more sources cannot be found for a particular student, a refund is issued. However, no guarantee is made that a student will be chosen by the agencies.

It is stated that at least 135 million dollars of financial aid are not used each year, even though the funds are available. Why? Because students don't know about them. The fee for this service is usually \$25.00. Students may obtain applications for this Nationwide Computerized Scholarship Matching Services on campus by contacting Dr. Harold R. Mitchell, in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Graduate Building, Room 409.

"The Air Force is not just another job"

By ALTHEA S. GOINS

Words can be real hangups! They can be either a "turn on" or a "turn off." For instance, what images do the words "Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps" conjure up for you? Skinheads? Drills? Barked orders?

Well, at one time those words might have rung true; but no more! Unfortunately, old myths (and truths) die hard. Even though you may know what ROTC isn't, do you really know what it is?

Leadership skills, rewarding service, and interesting social activities are among the opportunities available through participation in the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC) Program offered at Tennessee State University. AFROTC is a gateway to a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. If you're interested in getting the real scoop on what an Air Force commission would mean to you, the best way to find out is by entering the AFROTC General Military Course (GMC), the first of the programs offered, during your freshman and/or sophomore year here at TSU. During the GMC you sign no contract and incur no obligation to serve in the Air Force. You simply familiarize yourself with the role of the Air Force today and the historical development of air power. The GMC consists of one hour of academics and one hour of leadership laboratory each week for one credit each semester.

Leadership laboratory, another program offered, is largely cadet planned and directed in line with the concept that it provides leadership training experiences which will improve a cadet's ability to perform as an Air Force officer.

The last of the programs offered is the Professional Officer Course

(POC) which applies to the junior and senior years of the AFROTC program. Prior to entry into the POC, you are required to attend a field training summer encampment. In the POC, cadets study United States national defense policy and personnel management concepts from a military viewpoint.

Social and other extracurricular activities, together with leadership and academic training are intrinsic to Air Force ROTC; but there are also more tangible benefits. All cadets enrolled in the Professional Officer Course receive a nontaxable subsistence allowance of \$100 each month during the school year. All scholarship cadets receive the nontaxable allowance of \$100 in addition to tuition, laboratory and incidental fees, and reimbursement for textbooks as long as they remain on scholarship status. (AFROTC two, three and four year scholarships are available to those who qualify.) The Air Force provides all ROTC uniforms and textbooks for on-campus courses and field training. Room and board as well as a salary are paid during the summer field training.

Full-time students enrolled in other area colleges or universities are also eligible to participate in the AFROTC program at TSU, such as: Belmont, David Lipscomb, Fisk, Middle Tennessee State, Trevecca, Vanderbilt, Aquinas, Volunteer State and Meharry Medical College. Students participating in the cross-town enrollment agreements do not incur any additional charges and receive benefits identical to TSU students.

There are 290 students enrolled into the program this semester. Enrollment has not been this large since 1968 when the program end-

ed its mandatory standings. Only six other area colleges are participating this semester in the cross-town enrollment agreement. TSU has approximately 71 participants enrolled in the program. About sixty-five are from Vanderbilt, forty from Middle Tennessee State, eight from Fisk, three from David Lipscomb, two from Trevecca and one from Volunteer State.

An Air Force career isn't just another job, it's a profession that calls for a special kind of person with a special kind of motivation. It demands constant dedication and creativity. For more information contact Lt. Col. Charles Guthrie or any staff member at 320-3710 or 320-3711. Why not check and see if you qualify.

CF Fighters Need Your Help!

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Participants who turn in money from ten or more sponsors and an AM/FM, pocket radio will be given to all participants who turn in money from 25 or more sponsors.

"Everyone can help in the fight against CF, the number one genetic killer of children," said Ganick, "by volunteering support for the 'Bowl For Breath'. A gift of your time, talent and financial support can add years to lives of children and young adults in Tennessee and throughout the nation."

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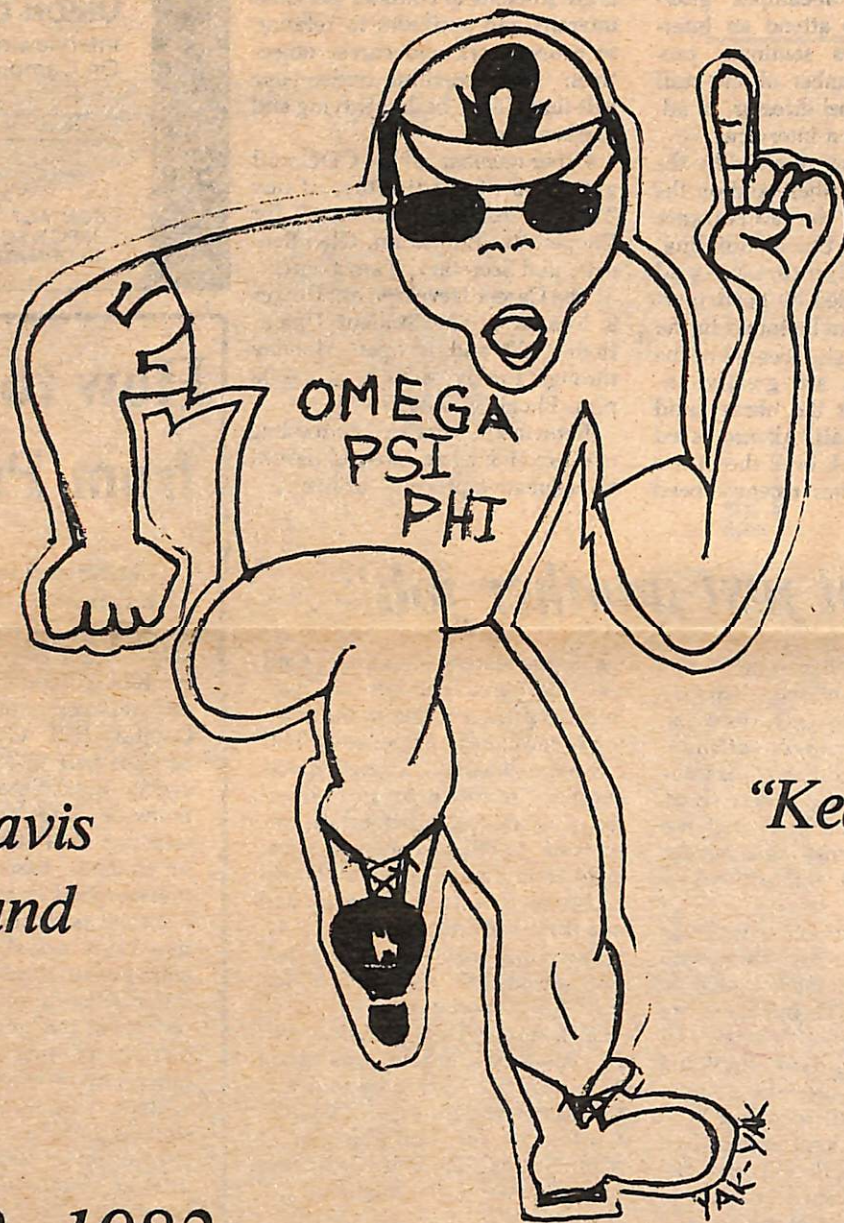
nessee are LeBonheur Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, and Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. For more information on the Bowl or Cystic Fibrosis, contact the Tennessee Chapter at 4004 Hillsboro Road, Suite 229, Nashville, Tennessee, 37215, (615) 297-3582.

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