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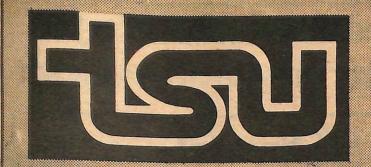
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TSU leads state in desegregation

By HAKIM RAHSUL

According to statistics provided by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, Tennessee State University leads the state in desegregation and its racial balance is on a constant increase.

Statistics show that over the past two years TSU's racial balance has been on the increase while other state universities' racial balances have been declining.

In 1981, TSU had an enrollment of 7,730 students of which 31.6 percent were white. During the same year Austin Peay came closest to this racial balance with a 19.8 black percentage. Other four year state institutions' black percentages ranged from Tennessee Tech's 2.5 to Memphis State's 17.6.

Of all the four year institutions in the state, listed in the THEC's Statistical Abstract, only two increased their desegregation rate the following year. TSU's desegregation rate increased from 31.6 to 32.6 percent, and UT-Chattanooga's increased from 11.8 to 12.7 percent.

Austin Peay's desegregation rate decreased by more than 2 percent and UT-Martin's decreased by 1.9 percent. This year the percent of white students at TSU increased to 33.2 according to TSU officials.

Case, which has been approved by HHS (the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), an acceptable balance for desegregation of an historical black institution is 85 percent black and 15 percent white. For an historically white institution the balance is 85 percent white and 15 percent black," said TSU's President Frederick Humphries.

Based on the acceptable percentages ruled legal in that case, only two of the state's historically white institutions have met the required desegregation standard for both the 1981 and '82 academic years.

Austin Peay had a 19.8 black percent in 1981 and a 17.7 percent in 1982. Memphis State was the second university with a 17.6 and a 17.2 percent for the same years respectively.

In 1981 UT-Martin had a 15.3 black percent enrollment, but failed to maintain that percentage in 1982. That year they dropped to a 13.4 percent.

Recently an article appeared in *The Tennessean*, headlined, "TSU Still Struggling With Desegregation," but statistics show that TSU is not only not struggling, but is far ahead of the pack insofar as desegregation is concerned.

Humphries said, "TSU's present racial balance exceeds not only the present racial balances of other states, but it also exceeds

and building

their target goals.'

A group of faculty members and students were recently allowed to enter the 15 year old desegregation case by U.S. District Judge, Thomas Wiseman.

Wiseman said he allowed them to enter because "The plaintiffs were advancing a view that was not represented by any other party. I thought that view should be heard." The plaintiff intervenors alleged that the

The plaintiff intervenors alleged that the administration was trying to retain the black heritage of TSU and trying to retard efforts to desegregate.

It is the intervenors' belief that there are not enough white people at TSU and not enough black people at other institutions in the state.

Based on the racial percentages required by the Adams' Desegregation Case, the interveners are correct in saying that other institutions don't have enough blacks. But based on that same case, TSU has a more than acceptable number of whites.

"TSU today represents the only school in the system where there is participation at the highest level by a significant number of blacks in higher education. The plaintiff intervenors, in the suggestions of their remedies, want to destroy that," Humphries said

One proposal of the intervenors is that TSU faculty members and administrators be dispersed among the other schools in the system to cut back on the number of blacks in the said positions at TSU.

"It appears to me that their definition of desegregation is that TSU becomes a majority white institution insofar as faculty composition, administrators, and student body," said the president.

Currently, there is an undereducation of blacks in the state, according to Humphries. He said that while the four year institutions are not educating, relatively, as many blacks as they are whites, the margin of difference represents the number of black students that can be used in the desegregation of white institutions.

As long as there is freedom of choice, Humphries said, a sizable number of black students will continue to come to TSU.

Humphries said nothing that the university was doing represented a violation. He said he believed that more white students would come to TSU and if so, "They will be welcomed."

"It is our desire to serve well the new constituency of TSU and to continue to serve well the old constituency. We are not ashamed of the history of TSU and will not diminish our level of activity for the attraction of white students to come to TSU."

TSU Still Struggling With Desegregation

TSU Solution
May Involve
More Schools

Contrary to what you have read. . .

Facts refute headline

A Sunday, October 16, Tennessean headline stated that TSU is "still struggling with desegregation." Recent statistics, however, show that TSU leads the state in black/white desegregation. Out of 8,131 students, 64 percent are black and 33.2 percent are white this year.

There is no other public institution in the State of Tennessee that can even come close to TSU's desegregation record. MTSU's 1982 statistics showed a record enrollment of 10,933 students, and 89.6 percent were white compared to only 8.1 percent black. In 1981 MTSU boasted of a record 10,931 students. However, only 8.8 percent were black. MTSU's statistical comparison of 1982-1983 shows a definite decrease in black enrollment at this state supported school. Tennessee Tech's 1982 black enrollment was the lowest among the state's four year institutions. Out of 7,870 students, only 2.3 percent were black.

The difference with TSU's enrollment is that it is predominately black. Many people seem to think there is a desegregation problem unless an institution is predominately white.

The statistics prove that TSU is not "struggling with desegregation".

Kim Douglas, freshman, Political Science major stated, "The headline seems to say that whites want to take over the school right now."

Dr. Hoyt A. King, head of the ditical Science Department stated, "I don't understand the meaning behind the headline. Some news headlines often mislead the public and imply a negative image of TSU.

Dr. Alexander Arthur, Political Science instructor, stated, "TSU is being made the scapegoat for historic discriminatory structuring of the higher

An Editorial

education system in the state of Tennessee and in the United States. There are several inequalities within the system of higher education, one of which is the tremendous disparity in the allocation of resources. Since TSU is being put on the spot to remedy those structural inequalities, then TSU ought to receive the total unmitigated support of the state government, the Board of Regents, and the people of Tennessee."

"The press coverage of TSU has been woefully negative and unsupportive,"

stated Dr. Arthur.

Enrollment by Race, Public Institutions From statistical abstract of Tennessee Higher Education

1981-82			
Universities	Total Enrollment	% White	% Black
Austin Peay	5,156	76.0	19.8
East Tennessee	9,472	91.9	3.2
Momphic State	20,074	81.0	17.6
Middle Tennessee yet. Jennessee State within pressee Tech	10,9031	89.0	8.8
yet, Sennessee State	7,730	31.6	66.0
withinnessee Tech	7,777	94.0	2.5
, lattanoga	• 7,483	85.8	11.8
living a Knoxville	28,323	91.5	5.1
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1982-83

Universities	Total Enrollment	% White	% Black
Austin Peay	5,002	78.4	17.7
East Tennessee	9,429	93.0	3.2
Memphis State	20,624	81.3	17.2
Middle Tennessee	10,933	89.6	8.1
Tennessee State	8,011	32.6	64.8
Tennessee Tech	7,870	94.4 .	2.3
UT-Chattanooga	7,543	84.6	12.7
UT-Knoxville	26,752	91.0	4.7
UT-Martin	5,525	82.7	13.4

THEC figures for 1983-84 not available.

Masses, Machinery and Money required for Jackson's yes

Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Indiana, Chairman of the Jackson Presidential Advisory Committee, has begun a drive to raise funds for a possible 1984 Democratic presidential bid by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, head of Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity). The initial exploratory fund raising effort is a campaign centered around the theme: "Give A Jackson For Jackson" (\$20)—President Andrew Jackson's picture is on a twenty dollar bill.

However, Mayor Hatcher made it clear that contributions from \$1 to \$1,000 are welcome. Checks or money orders should be made payable and sent to: Jackson Presidential Advisory Committee, Gainer National Bank, 504 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402.

Mayor Hatcher explained, "Jesse Jackson is exploring the possibility of seeking the Democratic nomination for President in the 1984 primaries. He has said that three things are necessary before he will say 'Yes, I am a Democratic presidential candidate'—MASSES (national and Black opinion polls

Gore feature speaker for special institute

Cooperative Extension, the School of Agriculture and Home Economics and Cooperative Agricultural Research are sponsoring the Twenty-Fifth Annual Farm, Home and Ministers' Institute.

The featured speaker for this special institute will be Congressman Albert Gore, Jr. Congressman Gore, Jr. was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1976 and now represents the state's new Sixth Congressional District. He has served on various committees. These include the following:

the House Energy and Commerce Committee

the Committee on Science and Technology the House Select Committee on Intelligence.

He has also served on submcommittees, a congressional clearinghouse, and the Tennessee Valley Authority Congressional Caucus. In addition, he has devoted time and energy to concerns related to energy resources, chemical waste, oil pricing fraud, health, infant formulas, and sodium labeling.

This landmark institute will be held on November 4, 1983 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Tennessee State University in the Howard Gentry Complex.

show strong support for Jackson); MACHINERY (A national group of supporters that reflects the rainbow coalition and will organize and sponsor his candidacy); and MONEY (one cannot run a credible campaign without money).

"The polls and the crowds are saying 'Run, Jesse, Run,' but unless the people put their money where their mouth is 'Run, Jesse, Run' could turn into "See Jesse Run.' In order to keep that from happening, basic people all across America need to support Jesse Jackson's exploratory efforts NOW to demonstrate to him that if he decides to run it is clear that the people will financially support his candidacy," Hatcher said.

Mayor Hatcher said that should Jesse Jackson become a candidate all monies raised in the name of exploring would automatically be applied to a "Jackson For President Committee." In addition, all funds contributed to the exploratory committee would count toward federal matching funds. To qualify for federal matching funds a candidate is required to raise \$5,000 in 20 states in contributions no larger than \$250.

Chairman Hatcher made it clear that if Jesse Jackson does not become a candidate, monies left over from the exploratory pro-

Glamour Girls

Tennessee State University students are invited to participate in GLAMOUR Magazine's 1984 Top Ten College Women Competition. Young women from colleges and universities throughout the country will compete in GLAMOUR's search for ten outstanding students. A panel of GLAMOUR editors will select the winners on the basis of their solid records of achievement in academic studies and/or in extracurricular activities on campus or in the community.

The 1984 Top Ten College Women will be featured in GLAMOUR's August College Issue. During May, June or July, the ten winners will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City and will participate in meetings with professionals in their area of interest.

Anyone who is interested in entering the search should contact the *Meter* office at 320-3200 for more information. The deadline for submitting an application to GLAMOUR is December 9, 1983.

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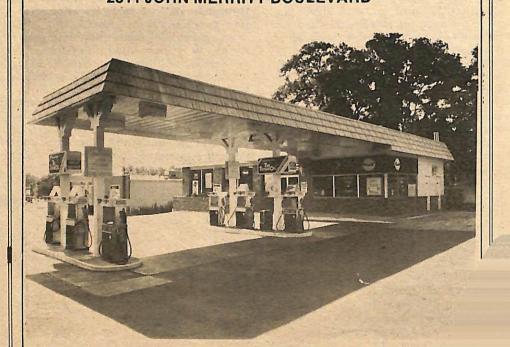
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Student Discounts to Many Destinations

Humphries proposes Division I schools share TV revenue Money to support athletes academically

By HAKIM RAHSUL

Recently Humphries discussed "The Academic Standards For Athletes" while participating in a panel discsssion in Dallas, Texas.

As a member of the athletic committee of The National Association of Equal Opportunity and Higher Education, Humphries voiced the association's position.

The association supports the requirement that high school students should take the twelve hours of mandatory courses of English, social science, biology, and physical science, but not the requirement of the twelve hours and an SAT score of 700.

"We think it's a misutilization of the SAT score; we think that the score is injurious to too many black athletes, and we think the score, for many of the institutions that serve on that committee, is not an adequate score to insure a successful academic performance at the institution that prescribed it," said Humphries.

The average SAT score at UCLA is about 1055 and at Boston College it's about 1065, according to Humphries.

"If they are serious about setting an academic standard for athletes at their schools, then they should come up with a better criterion than that. Seven hundred is not a good score if you are talking about successfully graduating an athlete at UCLA,"

Humphries said.

Humphries went on record as supporting the proposal that a high school athlete earn 12 units with a 2.0 or better average in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

The panel discussion was prompted by the NCAA's inauguration of proposition '48'. Proposition 48 was inacted because the majority of athletes across the nation were not graduating and those that were did not reflect the standards of a graduate, according to Humphries.

Humphries said the proposition lets the institutions of higher education off the hook. "If the premise is that we have not done right by the athlete, then I think we should do right and not set a standard to make our job easier. I think we should demonstrate good faith to the athlete."

It is Humphries' opinion that institutions of higher education should be discussing the kinds of things that can be done in the institutions to insure the success of athletes rather than the requirements needed in order for an athlete to participate in sports programs.

To enhance the opportunity for athletes to graduate, Humphries proposed "We take all the television money, allocate it among the 277 Division I schools, and expressly limit the money to be allocated for academic support for student athletes."

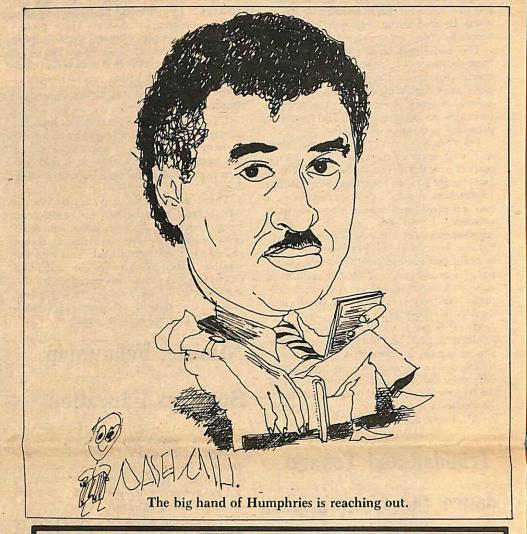
According to Humphries, there is \$75

million to be earned this year from the broadast of football, \$20 million from basketball, and an undetermined amount from the broadcast of bowl games.

Humphries said this money could be shared among the Division I schools on some type of equable basis to insure a programatic set of activities to support the athlete academically.

"The money could provide academic counselors, tutors, and other academic support programs," he said.

To institute such a proposal, he said, would insure that part of the money generated by student athletes be used for their academic achievement.



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Theft and visitation violations Biggest crimes on campus

By HAKIM RAHSUL

Two of the biggest problems that security faces is theft and visitation violations, said James Robertson, director of safety and security.

Robertson said that students could help curb the theft problem by putting more security on themselves.

"Students should stop leaving their doors open, stop carrying great sums of money, stop buying expensive jewelry, component sets, and clothing to come to college with," said Robertson.

Three things must be present in order for a crime to take place, he said.

"The criminal must have the desire to commit a crime, the ability to commit a crime, and the opportunity to commit a crime." He said the students can take away the opportunity.

According to Robertson, the opportunity is so great because students are not placing enough security emphasis on their property and themselves.

"I see students walking by themselves late at night. If you have to walk, walk with a crowd; that's taking away the opportunity for crime," he said. During this semester there have been a

During this semester there have been a couple of armed robberies near Eppse Hall, a shooting in Boyd Hall, but according to Robertson, "Mary Wilson Hall is the most trouble spot on campus."

The reason it is, he said, is because it is one of the largest dormitories on campus and it houses freshmen.

"Most of the students in the dorm are away from home for the first time. Many of them come to college believing that the crimes that happened at home don't happen at college. That just not true."

Commenting on the visitation violations the director said, "That problem will remain because the university doesn't have coeducational living or open visitation."

"We don't think we are designed for it yet. With Tennessee State being located within Nashville proper, it's sort of hard to control."

According to Robertson, co-educational living at TSU would create a problem for both the students and the administrators. He said both would have to be conditioned to it and buildings would have to be designed for

Robertson said that if a young lady saw a man in the dormitory hall now, she would call the floor counselor, or security. He added, "If the dorms were co-ed it would be a natural thing."

"That's where the problem would occur. Once it became common to see men in the dorms, people from off the street and everywhere would begin hanging out in the domitories." Robertson said

dormitories," Robertson said.

He admitted that there could be some type of controls to monitor the situation, but he said they would be very minimum.

Robertson said that overall crime is on a decrease, but the security department has taken steps to curb it even further.

"We are doing a little more surveillance, which is a good protective measure, talking to more student groups trying to educate the college community about the kinds of crimes that occur within the community, and we are offering more inservice training for the officers to make them aware of the kinds of things they need to look for."

Robertson also mentioned a student organization called "The Student Security Task Force." He said the organization hasn't reached the plateau that they had planned, but said it was moving in that direction.

The task force is two years old. Its original philosophy, Robertson said, didn't get across as he had planned. The task force consists of a cross-section of students whose purpose was to meet, share ideas, and inform security of what the students wanted more of, but never to execute, he said.

The Student's Escort Service is another project the security department has initiated.

"The escort service is relatively new also. We have not made the stride that we want to make because the students are not calling for the service," the director said.

The escort service provides escorts for students who need to commute late at night. Upon receiving a call, an officer will come to take the student wherever is needed, within reason.

Robertson said that the best security tip he could give the students was for them to remember that "security begins with ones' self."

Editorials

Journalism is the real world

By TERI WILDT

Last week a nurse was murdered. Her nude body was found in a bathtub with her hands and feet bound and a cord around her

Approximately one month ago, a jogger was shot in cold blood in fashionable Brentwood. He died laying in his own blood with people he didn't know around him.

The media was on the spot for both of these occasions. The dead jogger was filmed before anyone had the presence of mind to put a sheet over him. Television was there. Television was there to bring the news to their viewers as it happened. Did television present it as news or an event?

I don't know. I struggle with these things as I work as an intern in the news department of a local televison station. I feel I have been taught how to recognize poor writing. I know how to dot my i's and cross my t's. I can properly organize a story so it is coherent. I can edit video and audio together so a story is interesting and correct. I have learned to properly research my material and conduct intelligent interviews. But, I was not prepared for the realities of news. It is one thing to be prepared intellectually and another to be prepared emotionally to report the news.

My classroom lessons were academic, not totally realistic. The position of a reporter or camera-person is somewhat glorified. Of course, we know some news is bad but it's different to BE THERE. It's different to feel the tragedy. It's different to know first hand the details of the violence. It's not only different, it's painful.

Trinidad and Tobago dance theatre to appear

The Repertory Dance Theatre of Trinidad and Tobago, directed by Astor Johnson, will grace the stage of TSU's Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29, at 8

The company has received grand acclaim in Wales, England, Mexico and Africa. They have toured the U.S. from the Zellerbauch Auditorium in San Francisco to New York City

An additional attraction will be Sankofa Dance Theatre, directed by Rossi Turner.

The program is sponsored by the Sociology Club, Sankofa Dance Theatre, the Institute for African Affairs, African American Museum, African Cultural Alliance, and South Street Community Center.

I feel this realism needs to be conveyed in the journalism classes at Tennessee State University. In fact, it must be impressed upon those who aspire to be a news reporter. Being a reporter of the world and its violence is very different than being a police officer, fireman, or doctor. These professionals are people who are in a helping capacity. A reporter's job is to get the news, sometimes in manners that may seem insensitive to others. A young reporter needs to know that and be made aware of possible emotional reactions.

I, fortunately, have learned this lesson in a temporary job. I have learned that I don't want to be a reporter. I don't want to lose my sensitivity. I don't want to develop the seemingly tough hide that is necessary to "go. for the story."

This is a lesson that can only be learned outside the classroom. But, the student can be made aware of the realities connected with reporting. The journalism classes should include a section that deals with the possible emotional reponses an individual can have when faced with situations involving violent crimes. It's not pretty. It's not exciting. It's tragedy at your feet with memories that are hard to erase.

Minister Fellowship Supports Education

By LARRY DIXON

With your help the Interdenominational Minister Fellowship of Nashville will meet the goal of raising \$1.5 million for financial aid to students at Meharry, Fisk, TSU and American Baptist College.

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ed.
"The College Trust Fund is an investment in the Black youth of our community," explains Rev. Kellar, president of IMF. "Is investment in yourself a barrier that Blacks can't climb? We would hope not!"

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Black schools should retain heritage

A university is defined as an "institution of higher learning providing facilities for teaching and research authorized to grant degrees." TSU, along with other notable institutions fits this definition.

However, the question arises concerning TSU's status as a black university or as simply a university. Like many other things in society, institutions are also colored black or white. TSU has for years worn its title of a black university. This title has often been favorable to blacks affiliated with the university.

A possible reason for this desired separation stems from earlier history. Blacks enjoyed the separation because they had been mistreated by whites in receiving educational equivalency. Having their own institution gave them a place to belong to as well as a place to receive the needed knowledge to learn and go forth to serve. Their institutions remained as comprehensive as those of their counterparts. Many favorable results developed from the schools as successful and prominent graduates made their marks in the world.

The recent surge of whites entering black institutions has displayed more the need of the universities to retain their heritage. This is the case also with TSU.

Many argue that the presence of whites on the campuses increases the schools' chances in receiving better funding. However, this should not be the case. Instead the chance of more funds should be evident by the presence of a mass of students eager to learn regardless of the percentage of students who are a certain color.

Even though many blacks desire to retain the heritage of their schools, this should not affect their school's status in receiving government or state funds. Nor should the receipt of funds strip the university of the pride it has retained for years of being a

Recycling is stylish now

By GAYLE DOUGLAS

Most students favor recycling but don't practice it. While riding, walking and bicycling, we all see evidence of man's trash thrown on the streets, yet 90 percent of this could be turned into cash. Why then do we have so much of it laying around?

A random selection of TSU students were interviewed to find out if they recycle anything. Not one had ever recycled anything, including aluminum cans, kitchen scraps for a compost heap, old newspaper or bought/sold clothes at a garage sale. Not one was opposed to it. Everyone was too busy.

According to a recent article in the Nashville Banner, each person throws away an average of 6.3 pounds of assorted garbage per day. We, the taxpayers, are assessed a \$20 million bill for the privilege of being sloppy in Davidson County.

In the olden days, the farmer recycled trees for fire, dresses for quilts and garbage for the pigs and chickens. Not so in twentieth century USA. Europeans save "edible garbage" from restaurants which they sell to farmers to feed the hogs, but restaurant managers here rarely do this. The TSU cafeteria manager said people sue at the slightest proveation. If a farmer's hog got sick from our garbage we might be implicated in a lawsuit. We couldn't take a chance on that.

Are Europeans smarter than we? Don't we hear complaints about the high cost of trash? Aren't we running out of landfills? Isn't garbage literally running out of our ears? If we get in the habit of dropping aluminum cans in a machine rather than tossing them out our car window it won't slow us down and it would be a lot cheaper.

In most social phenomenon there are cycles from old fashioned to modern back to old fashioned again. It is possible that recycling will be part of our lifestyle in our speeded up mode of living.

Letters to the Editor

Group seeks reforms

Dear Editor:

The Committee for the Positive Reconstruction of TSU is to advocate the students' position in the process of appointment, recruitment, promotion, tenure and termination of the administrators, faculty and staff of our institution. Under the "umbrella" of SGA we have been provided another outlet to practice our democratic freedom as students.

For example, Mr. Julian Blackshear, instructor at TSU and a master scholar of Jurisprudence with the government of Public Affairs Department has received his letter of termination from our University. Students of TSU did not participate in this decision making process. Therefore, we wish to address this decision and other related decisions as outlined in our purpose.

We are sincerely concerned about the positive reconstruction of TSU and feel that his removal would in no way be an asset to the University growth and development academically or otherwise.

Sincerely

Augusto Macedo, President Committee for Positive Reconstruction for TSU

Paper Commended

Dear Editor,

A school is not a university unless there's cafeteria food to criticize, a library to ignore until exam week, and a student newspaper to take for granted except to malign.

The TSU student newspaper, The METER, has received the mud from many

shoes in campus doorways and served as scratch paper for many wandering minds. It has also served as a measure of student opinion and an important forum for a ideas.

The METER staff is not really the cast of thousands listed in the METER box, nor the multitude who wander in and out of the newspaper office. The true staff is about five dedicated students who have struggled through late night sessions to put out a paper when the funds were available for printing.

They are not paid, they have covered many expenses out of their pockets. They are not cheered by other students. They have not received awards from administrators. Yet, led by Hakim Rahsul, the faithful few of this year's METER staff is acting in the spirit of TSU. They are thinking, working and serving the university.

Dr. Karen Brown **METER Advisor**

MTA - Problem?

To the Editors:

Where is the longest parking lot in North Nashville? From 35th Avenue North (bus stop) on John Merritt Boulevard West, to 38th Avenue North (near lot K) heading

Why? The buses going east on John Merritt Boulevard stop in the right traffic lane to load 40 or 50 students. Since there is a turn left lane in the middle of the thoroughfare, cars are blocked three or four blocks during these periods.

Solution: The buses could use the shelter area set aside for them.

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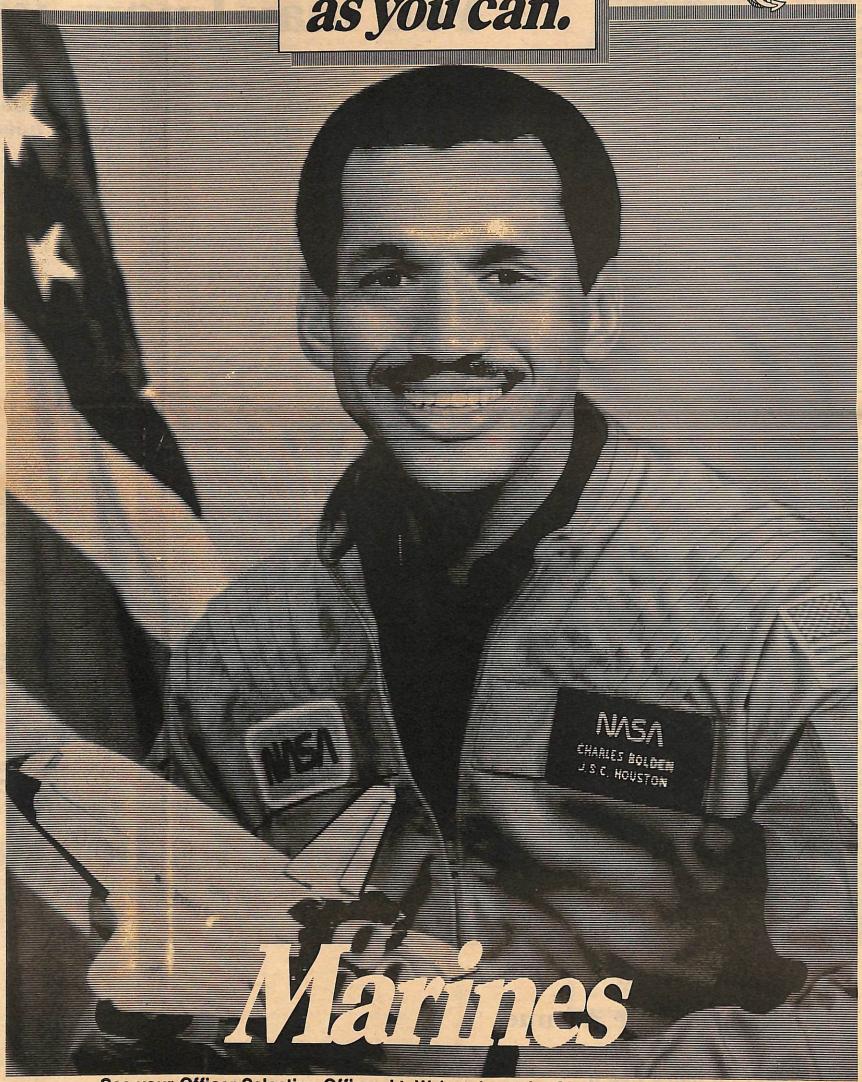
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SGA President discusses plans for academic year

By HAKIM RAHSUL

A high priority goal for SGA president, Darren Bowden, is to stop the layoff of faculty members who are being laid off because they have two professions.

"We recently formed a committee called "The Positive Reconstruction of Tennessee State University" to act on the problem of competent faculty members being dismissed," said Bowden.

According to Bowden, if a person is a competent instructor and also has professional experience in the area that he is instructing, then that experience should enhance the instructor's ability and effectiveness as an instructor.

"It's not using good logic to dismiss people of that caliber," Bowden said.

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Although the layoffs are not limited to any one course of study, the committee will focus first on the sociology, government and public affairs, and criminal justice departments.

The committee will use the teacher evaluation forms, which are filled out by students at the end of each semester, to try and curtail the layoffs.

"Using the result of the evaluation forms, we intend to point out to the administration which instructors the students consider competent and an asset to their education and future progress," said Bowden.

Bowden said he also plans to initiate an organization called "The Tennessee Black Student Association."

"Black students across the state are experiencing many of the same problems. The goal of the TBSA would be for the student leaders to come together and work to alleviate these problems. Maybe other schools have solved some problems that we are facing; they could give us some insight,

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or vice versa.

Bowden said the TBSA would deal with political, social, and economical problems.

"Back in the sixties we fought for social gains; in the seventies we fought for political gains. Now we are in an era where we need more economic power."

According to Bowden, statistics have been released that show if Black Americans formed a country, it would be ranked ninth

as far as population and dollars spent. "That's a lot of money that leaves our community and most of it never returns," Bowden said.

According to Bowden, his administration has been helped greatly by the cooperation he has received from students and various campus organizations.

He said he was pleased to see the minority students living on campus, but added, "I

don't think it is working for the females, but it is for the males."

"I don't think the females should have been placed in the senior dormitory. They should have been treated like all incoming freshmen and housed in the freshman dorm. We shouldn't try to shelter them."

Bowden also stated that the female minority students shouldn't have been placed in the same room.

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By KIMBERLY PRUITT

The scene: "basketball players sprinting the Gentry Complex basketball court trying to stay in their correct positions. One player passed the ball to another. One player gained control of the ball and dribbled it intensively trying to make the perfect lay-up shot. He clumsily bumped into his teammate and missed the shot.

"Cut", demanded the director of the

The Gentry Complex along with other parts of the campus became the setting for a movie being made by the National Geographic Society. Unlike other National Geographic films, this is a dramatization film about risk taking. The twenty-five minute film tells the story of an extremely talented and ambitious basketball player who is a freshman here at TSU. His devotion to his basketball skills are dominating his academic skills. He has not yet learned to conquer both skills equally. At the end of the film he gets cut from the basketball team.

Starring in the movie will be mostly New

"HE"

By MITZI LEIGH YATES

Sultry eyes stare at me with a sleepy, consumed look. That consumed look that only comes from fulfillment and satisfaction. A look of a mistress, say—as her midnight lover leaves her side. These eyes are a set of emeralds set in among diamonds, so green that in the dark they glow such a supernatural thing might.

He lies upon my bed this morning, giving

York actors. TSU's basketball team will play a major part in the film. Keith Berry, a sophomore from Chicago, Illinois will get to say a couple of lines in the scene.

Coach Edward Martin will play the role of himself. Martin said, "This is a new experience for me." Although he has appeared in front of a camera before, this type of work is new to him, "but working with basketball players is an every day situation for me," he said.

The star of the movie is 21 year old Joseph Phillips a native of New York City and a recent graduate of New York State College. This movie is his first major production.

Opportunity knocked at everyone's door at TSU during the making of this film. The students and faculty were invited to be in the crowd scene at a basketball game. Willis Briley, who wrote and is directing the film, said he used the student body to make the scene seem more realistic. Approximately 25 to 30 people came out to be in the scene. Pom poms were issued to the audience.

"On Nov. 17th, adopt a friend who smokes." Briley instructed the crowd to act as natural as possible. He made it very clear that it would ruin the whole scene if someone smiled directly into the camera. Seating arrangements were made to make the setting more realistic. The crowd was seated according to the color of clothing they had on. They were also seated according to their skin complexion to make the different skin colors balance out naturally. The scene was a two hour process. Some people became impatient and left the scene.

Briley said, "It seems kind of strange that this is a National Geographic film production. Actually, I am an employee of the Thomas Craver Film Corp. of New York, the company with which the National Geographic Society contracted to make the picture. I chose to make this film here at TSU because I was pleased with Coach Martin and the basketball facilities here.

The film will be used for educational purposes. It will be shown in elementary and high schools throughout the U.S.

People are talking about......

By DOLLIE MANN

How the homecoming game ended . . . Going back to their hometown to get their winter clothes . . . Doing better on their final exams . . . What they are going to don Halloween night and whose car they're going to egg . . . The little sisters to the Alpha Angels and when will they become Angels . . . How the Sigma Doves step like the men of Phi Beta Sigma . . . How the Kappas and Omegas compete for the Civic Center to have parties. Give the place a break brothers . . . The imitation Gucci bags students are carrying around campus ... How the freshmen spent most of their refund checks at Farmer's Market . . . The Rick James and SOS concert that's coming soon . . . The Omegas' Hopdown in Kean Hall . . . The penalties against TSU . . . The crowd at the homecoming concert and will TSU be able to attract another crowd that size for the next homecoming . . . How Mid-Nite Starr stole the show from the Isley Brothers . . . How the Isleys are better in the studio than they are on the stage . . .

For the sporty man

By ALLISON BATEY

The message conveyed this fall in men's sportswear is "HOT." Sportswear can look relaxed or somewhat dressy all at the same time.

Draw-string pants are replacing the traditional khaki pants and the basic jeans. When the pants are worn with sweatshirts, the outfit replaces the warm-up, that is often worn

as casual wear.

rolled sleeves. Polo shirts are still popular.

Sweaters are also changing for men. There are cotton sweaters for fall as well as the usual 100 percent wool and wool blended sweaters. Sweaters come in all colors.

Some which were once called "feminine colors," such as lavender, yellow and pink are quite striking on the masculine figure. Argyle sweaters are also popular along with vertical-lined sweaters.

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TSU Officials respond to NCAA violations

By HAKIM RAHSUL

"The recent NCAA violations occurred because of misinterpretation of rules, failure to receive certified high school transcripts, and inaccurate data submitted to the Athletic Committee," said Sterlin Adams, interim athletic director.

There were a total of 162 violations which appeared over the years 1979 through '82. Seventy-eight cases involved players who fell below a 12 hour academic load, 66 cases were related to certified high school transcripts not being received, seven cases involved athletes receiving financial aid without having a 2.0 grade-point average, and 11 cases involved athletes who started the season with less than 12 hours.

"The 78 violations where the athletes failed to adhere to a 12 hour load was brought about by a misinterpretation of that NCAA rule," said TSU President Frederick Humphries.

"The athletic department interpreted the 12 hour requirement to mean that an athlete must first enroll in 12 hours. The Athletic Committee was checking to see that athletes enrolled in 12 hours. We were not doing the follow up to see that they maintained a 12 hour load," said Humphries.

Humphries said that because the univers-

ity was operating on a misinterpretation of the rule, we didn't have a procedure to check for that violation. "We now have a working procedure," he said.

University officials and athletic committee members were operating under the assumption that grade-point averages forwarded to them from the Office of Admissions and Records were certified grade-point averages from the official high school transcripts. But through a routine check it was discovered that this was not the case.

There were 66 cases where the university hadn't received certified transcripts for athletes.

"The university has a standard procedure of calculating and posting athletes gradepoint averages on their transcripts. Although our calculations are not acceptable under NCAA rules, it's important to know that of the 66 cases only seven athletes had a grade-point average below 2.0," Humphries asaid.

There were 11 violations of Ineligible Athletic Competition. This violation is the result of athletes beginning the sport's season with less than a 12 hour load.

"When you have several clerical workers pulling information from a large number of documents, there are times when some of that information may not be accurate," said Adams.

Adams said that there were misinterpretations of the information on the part of clerks who were involved in processing the data.

"The fact that the university cancelled certain classes after registration resulted in some athletes falling below the minimum load," Humphries said.

"Seven athletes were given financial aid whose grade-point average was below the acceptable 2.0.

"That was a clear violation," said Humphries.

"In some of those cases we had 2.0 certifications coming from high school officials, but we could not validate that in our records. It's just a matter of not being able to find the documents that were, at one time, in the university," he said.

Six of the athletes involved only stayed at the university for one year and one stayed two years.

According to Humphries, none of these seven athletes ever participated in competition.

Humphries said that none of the violations were deliberate and measures have already been taken to ensure that they don't reoccur

Sports Briefs

By REGINA BURRESS

The search for an athletic director continues. The list has been narrowed, though, to eight semifinalists, who have been invited to TSU's campus for interviews.

The search committee, headed by Dr. George Cox, TSU's vice-president for academic affairs, expects to have five finalists for the position by tomorrow.

Those names will be given to President Frederick Humphries for a final selection.

Among the TSU semifinalists for the position are Joe Gilliam, Sr., who threw his name back into the hat, and Joe Cornelius, assistant defensive coach.

Golden "Elmer Glue" Tate is the nation's leader in pass receptions with 39 catches for 710 yards and 4 touchdowns. He averages 18.2 yards per reception.

The basketball team's Christmas trip to Israel to play their national team has been cancelled because of Israel's ongoing conflicts.

Roundball ...

"Firing-Up"

Cat is back Collins returns to line-up

By WILLIAM WALKER

Barry Collins, a stand-out athlete on the TSU football squad has returned to action.

Sidelined during the earlier part of the season with a shoulder injury, the junior Tiger is excited about his comeback. Barry stated, "My shoulder is fine. I've been work-

ponents. "I believe we will go undefeated for the rest of the year. All of the key players are ready and know what must be done. It's just a matter of gathering intensity, and we should be on our way," according to Barry. When asked about Big John, B.C. stated, "He's definitely an inspiration and will make