

## Stone Speaks To National Basic Skills Conference



Chuck Stone, keynote speaker of the second Basic Skills Conference and Dr. Ruby Martin, Director of the Conference

Photo by Joe Zinn

Use of standardized test scores as ends in themselves is dangerous to children and may be unconstitutional, a syndicated columnist told an audience at the second TSU National Skills Conference on Nov. 6.

"There is a frightening danger in the excessive reliance on standardized testing," said Chuck Stone, who writes a syndicated newspaper column from his base as senior editor of the Philadelphia Daily News.

"Standardized testing is the enemy of the nurture of individuality and creativity," Stone, who also hosts the television program "Another Voice," continued. "Standardized tests are evaluate tools, they become extremely limited in their usefulness when they become ends in themselves."

Citing a recent judge's ruling that IQ tests are unconstitutional for use in the

placement of black and hispanic children in special education classes, because they were developed using white populations and were never adjusted when evidence developed that they were inaccurate when used with other populations, Stone said standardized test makers are in for more troubles ahead.

"We are headed for a time when the public will demand a moratorium on standardized testing or they will demand public control of the tests," Stone said.

He quoted statistics from the Educational Testing Service which show that both black and white children whose family income is the same as the average black family will, on the average, score between 200 and 299 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test while children whose family income is the same as the average white family will, on the average, score between 500 and 549 on the SAT.

"The black and lower income student brings to the test a disparity in background which is reflected in a disparity in test scores," he concluded.

Stone also criticized the resistance of the testing companies to compliance with new legislation in New York which requires return of test papers to the students who took the test.

"To deny the test to the student is to deny the kind of feedback which promotes learning," Stone said. "Without feedback there can be no learning and ETS denies feedback to students who take its tests."

Stone called for the development of evaluative techniques which tell whether a child can learn "rather than what his test scores are."

"We must incorporate new diagnostic testing and individualized instruction into the school system," he said. "I'm not against testing. I'm against standardized testing used as a single predictor."

Ending his keynote address on a positive note, Stone called for new standards of teacher competency and what he called an ABC approach to education.

"We must have A for accountability in teacher performance," he said. "And there must be B for bottom line—a realistic understanding of costs in education."

"Finally," Stone continued, "there must be C for a competency-based curriculum which seeks to allow children to learn. If we limit ourselves to competency-based testing alone our educational agony will be prolonged."

### ACCENT'S SCHEDULE

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## Dansby Retires

William Dansby, assistant director of personnel, says he'll try to live forever now that he's retired from the University.

Dansby a native of Perry County, Alabama, joined the University family in 1964 as the director of the student union. Since, he has served as an instructor in the department of education, manager of the bookstore and his last position as personnel assistant.

In personnel, Dansby managed all time for the faculty and staff payroll and the issuing of the checks. In addition, he handled all reference requests made on present and past employees for personnel.



William Dansby

Photo by Joe Zinn

Other outside duties for the newly retired Dansby include a pastorate of the Gaylee Christian Church, in Nashville.

"I hope to give full time to the ministry now that I am retired," he said.

Prior to joining the staff at TSU, he was in the Armed Services for four years. From there he went to Morehouse College, in Atlanta, Ga., and obtained the A.B. degree in religion and minored in sociology. He taught in the public school system in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Danville, Ill. He received his Masters of Education from the University of Illinois.

"These have been the most wonderful years of my life," he said. "In all my working career, making this decision of retiring was very difficult," he added.

"Life is so unpredictable," he went on to say. "I just decided that this was a good time to be relieved of some of the responsibilities that are involved in doing an effective job."

As of October 31, Dansby officially discharged himself from the University payroll. But he continues to work helping the department out for a little while until he can be replaced.

Dansby is married to Dr. Pearl Dansby, who heads the University's department of psychology. They have two children, Christopher William and Artelia Pearl.

## TSU's Art Gallery Shows Display

It is very unlikely that you will find the names of Van Gogh, Da Vinci, Rodin, Reubens or Winslow engraved on the bottom of these sculptures or paintings. And if you are not familiar with the local art scene, it is questionable that names like Herman Beasley, Nina Lovelace, Ted Jones, Robert Hall or Greg Ridley, will mean something to you.

So we will just not worry about names. We'll think about the beautiful handcrafted work that may be viewed in the TSU Art Gallery. Each work of sculpture, ceramic, graphic painting or textile, is truly a show piece in itself and adds another milestone to the great legacy in the University's talent.

The TSU Art Gallery, as it is so named, is located on the lower level of



Photo by John Cross  
"Father and Children" by Earl Hooks will be on display through November

Jane Elliott Hall (Women's Building) and has an array of prize collections on display for the entire month of November. All works were done by TSU faculty and staff or local artists.

"The idea is similar to a show entitled "Black Artist South," said Dr. Herman Beasley, acting head of the Department of Art.

"We continued the idea into a more regional surrounding of the Middle Tennessee area," he continued.

In the past the art department has produced numerous showings, but only a selected few come by to witness the work being done. In the future, Dr. Beasley hopes to alleviate this problem by placing more of a variety on the scene.

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Herman Beasley checking Greg Ridley's "The Family"

Photo by John Cross

## Peace Corps Contract Awarded

The Peace Corps has awarded a \$6,000 contract to the University to increase student awareness of Peace Corps opportunities and to provide an undergraduate student assistantship to a student who will coordinate the program's activities on campus.

Thomas Jones, who has been selected by TSU to receive the undergraduate assistantship, will work along with the school's Placement Office and with full-time Peace Corps recruiters in organizing recruiting activities on campus and in making Peace Corps information available to students, faculty and community residents interested in international experience.

The project is part of a demonstration program being conducted this year in 31 southeastern colleges and universities and two community organizations to increase minority participation in the Peace Corps to improve recruitment in highly competitive occupational skills areas.

The Peace Corps presently has more than 6,500 volunteers serving in 58 developing nations in Africa, the Near East, Asia, the Pacific, South and Central America and the Caribbean. Volunteers are working in a variety of assignments ranging from agriculture and health to education.

## Dr. Matlock to Join Tennessee Valley Center

Dr. John Matlock, an employee of the University, recently resigned from his position after two years of service.

Matlock served as director of planning, management and evaluation and institutional research and coordinator of the Advanced Institutional Development Program (AIDP).

"It was a difficult decision to leave," he said. "In terms of personal development, I did not want to pass up this opportunity," he continued.

Matlock will join the Tennessee Valley Center for Minority Economics in Memphis, as Director of Planning and Research. This organization is an affiliate of Tennessee Valley Authority.

A few months ago, he received his doctoral degree in higher education management, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

## Association of American Geographers to Meet in Nashville

The 34th annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers will be held at Opryland Hotel, November 18-20. The meeting is being hosted by three institutions in Middle Tennessee: Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University and Austin Peay State University.

Registration will be held in the Main Lobby of the Opryland Hotel Sunday, November 18, from 1:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. and in the Nashville Lobby, Monday, November 19 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Registration at the meeting will be \$12.00 (regular) and \$8.00 (student).

The paper sessions, special programs, and exhibits will be in the Opryland Hotel. All information regarding the conference will be included in the packet received upon completion of registration.

You may call Dr. Juanita Gaston (3223), Main Campus, for more information about the conference.

## Arts and Science Scholarships Available

The Hendersonville Area Chapter of the Links, Inc., has made \$1500 available for scholarships and awards in the School of Arts and Sciences.

The committee for Scholarships and Awards for the School, will award six \$250 tuition and travel grants for eligible students.

Students must: 1) write an essay on "Why the Humanities Are Important in a College Education," 2) have a minimum grade point average of 3.0, 3) have an acceptable ACT score and 4) obtain a reference from a faculty member in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Persons interested in applying for the grants should pick up an application from from Dr. Joan C. Elliott in Room 205 of the Graduate Building. The deadline for submitting the required information is November 30. Award winners will be announced January 1, 1980.

## Experimental Student Internship Program Held

Three professors of the University attended a training seminar for instructors in the Experimental Student Internship Program (ESIP) held in Washington, D. C. and Suitland, Maryland, on

November 8-10. The conference was sponsored by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.

Those attending the seminar were Dr. Juanita Gaston, history and geography, Dr. Kenneth Jordan, government and public affairs and Dr. Edna Masuoka, sociology.

TSU is one of a limited number of colleges which will take part in the first experimental program to recruit and train college students for work with local census offices in completing the 1980 census. Students will complete the on-campus academic course during the first part of the semester—January thru March—and work during afternoons and early evenings in the field with local officials of the Census Bureau, during April and May. A limited number of students may also be able to work during the summer months.

Interested students should watch for campus announcements of the program or contact one of the three faculty members from November 12, to the end of the semester. Six hours of academic credit may be earned in any of the three departments through successful completion of the program.

## Art Gallery

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"We hope to have twelve showings per year eventually, including art work by the students," Beasley said.

If you decide that one of the pieces would look nice over your fireplace or give the finishing touch to your new apartment or you would just like to have an original by one of the noted local artists, all of the items will be on sale.

"Prices for the art are as low as \$30, said Beasley. "You just can't beat the price for original and hand made art."

A future showing will feature work by the students. All work will be priced very reasonably (covering the material and craft involved).

"We hope to have a sidewalk sale to accompany the opening," he said.

The greatest thought behind the whole idea of the gallery openings is that one day the painting you may buy at a very low and economical price, may be worth millions in the future. Don't miss the Art Department "PUTTING IT TOGETHER," in the Women's Building.

## Campus, Recreation and Intramural Activities

Last day for entry forms for fall activities, November 16!!

### Activities

- BACKGAMMON
- BADMINTON
- BASKETBALL—Co-ed
- BASKETBALL—Free Throw
- BASKETBALL—"One-on-One"
- BOWLING
- CHESS
- HORSESHOES
- POOL
- RACQUETBALL
- TABLE TENNIS
- TENNIS
- VOLLEYBALL
- VOLLEYBALL—Co-ed

Pick up and submit forms to Kean Hall, Room 102, Monday-Friday, 8-5. For further information concerning any aspect of the Campus Recreation and Intramural Programs, phone ext., 3296.

### Scout Leaders Needed

The Nashboro District of the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts is interested in persons who would be willing to serve as Cub Masters, Scout Masters, Post Leaders, District Commissioners, and other positions relative to scouting in the Nashboro District.

Persons may give as little as two hours a month or six to eight hours a month.

Those interested in rendering the service to the youth of the Nashville community may contact Herman Beasley, ext., 3660, E. J. Junior, 3450, or Elizabeth Reed, 3396.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

### Two TSU Grants Awarded

Ken Nye, director of grants and contracts, announced receipt of two grants.

One grant was received from the United States Army for administration

and maintenance of the Ft. Campbell Military Occupational Specialty Training Project (MOST).

Approximately \$796,000 has been set aside for the MOST program. The grant became effective October 1, 1979.

The project is being administered by Dr. Bruce Wilson, director of non-credit instruction—downtown. The program will take place on the Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, military reservation.

TSU is providing 1) maintenance and operation of all MOST libraries and media, 2) maintenance and administration of MOST testing and evaluation, and 3) delivery of specific training courses such as typing, shorthand, and conversational foreign languages.

The second grant was received from Fisk University. TSU will provide 30 hours of in-service maintenance training for 20 Fisk employees.

Albert Buckingham is the instructor for the grant. The program is administered by Robert Boone, director of non-credit and special programs—MAIN CAMPUS.

### Town's Award Established

Mrs. Miriam G. Towns, who served many years as advisor, teacher, counselor and friends to many students in the Department of Foods and Nutrition at the University was recently rewarded for her numerous contributions.

Shirley B. Walker and Bernice Delaney, of Chicago, Ill., spearheaded a campaign to begin the first Miriam G. Towns Alumni Award.

This award will be given to a student each year who is a senior in the Department and has a high level of interest in the area of foods and nutrition.

This year's recipient is Linda Bernice Williams.

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

—Benjamin Franklin

# News Briefs

Dr. Frederick Humphries, president of the University, will participate in the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, in Washington, D. C. Dr. Humphries will preside for "The Black College: History and Future" session.

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Dr. Bobby Lovett (history), has been appointed to the Metro School Board/Citizens Desegregation Panel. The panel will make the final decision about who should develop Metro's proposed new desegregation plan.

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Dr. Dean B. Roberts, coordinator of graduate programs in secondary education and in curriculum and instruction, delivered the keynote address at the Four Corners Conference in Malvern, Iowa. He spoke on "Implementing Values Education Approaches in the Public School Classroom."

The Four Corners Conference is the annual inservice day for educators in the western section of Iowa.

The Halverson Center for Education and the Loess Hills Area Education Agency sponsored and funded Dr. Robert's activities with the Iowa educators.

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Dr. Arie Halachmi and Dr. Bruce Rogers, associate professors of government and public affairs, presented a paper entitled "Perceptions of Impediments to Evaluation in Tennessee State Government" at the annual meeting of the Evaluation Network, September 24-26, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The paper was presented the first day of the conference.

The Evaluation Network is a professional organization of persons employed in ascertaining the worth or merit of a particular vocational field. Professions included in membership are education, mental health care, government services, and consumer protection, to name a few.

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Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

—Edward Everett