

## Opening Convocation Charges



Ronald Ashley, President, Student Government Association, brings greetings at opening convocation.

### "Respect, Communication and Understanding"

The challenges I would like to present to you this morning are centered around three words: respect, communication and understanding," said TSU President, Dr. Frederick Humphries, at the opening convocation.

Dr. Humphries asked the faculty, staff and students of the university to bridge our differences in philosophies to build an institution whose mission is to give quality service to all, and challenged each member of the TSU family to join him in the development of this community.

"I challenge each of you here today

not only to respect yourself, but the person sitting next to you; your instructor; the heritage that is TSU; and that aspect of your future which includes students from the former UTN," he continued.

The President stressed the fact that communication is essential in gaining respect in all that is done at the University.

He went on to say that we must work together to marshal all of our energies to make sure that problems—such as three persons living in a room in the dormitories and computer breakdowns—be swiftly corrected.

"What is important in all these activities is communication—you communicating with us and we communicating with you," he said to a packed auditorium.

President Humphries pointed out that we are a larger university as a result of the merger. It will take careful planning of everyone involved to insure that we are providing the best educational services to all students, he said.

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### TSU Hosts International Curriculum Development Program

The Department of Modern Foreign Languages will host the International Curriculum Development Program's administrative conference on September 19 and 20 on the main campus, in the Blue & White Room of the Student Union Building.

This conference will attract those persons who will make plans for predominantly black colleges committed to the development of an international curriculum in their academic programs.

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### Nigeria's Anniversary Slated

The Tennessee Chapter of the Nigerian Student's Union in the American (USUA), is planning a week of activities in observance of Nigeria's 19th Independence Anniversary.

This year's celebration will be significant not only because it will be the first of its kind in Nashville, but it is intended to mark the return of Nigeria to civilian rule, effective October 1, after 13 years of military rule.

The week of activities, October 1-6,

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## IYC Statewide Conference Held At TSU

The United Nations has proclaimed 1979 the International Year of the Child (IYC). The purpose of the IYC is to show that children are an important part of our world today and tomorrow. A national commission has been established by President Carter to direct all IYC observances in the U.S.

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In Tennessee, Governor Alexander has established an executive office to work with county chairpersons to develop local efforts that will improve the quality of life for children and families in Tennessee. The first statewide county chairperson conference was held at TSU in August. President Humphries, School of Education, and Public Service officials were present to welcome the group and help with the meeting.

Why is it so important to examine programs now providing services to children and families and to develop new ones in areas of special concern? Because, even in our country, today children are suffering from lack of health care, physical abuse, and emotional neglect. Millions have no primary source of health care, two children in every five (20 million) are not fully immunized, half of all children under 15 have never been to a dentist, over 800,000 handicapped children (over one in five) are not receiving the services they require, and one million suffer from abuse.

Children depend on us for their physical and mental health needs. Yet, more than one million children between six and 17 years of age are not enrolled in any school. There are only enough licensed day care places for 10% of the 28 million children whose parents work fulltime. Over 1.5 million eligible economically disadvantaged children in 1000 counties are not served by Head Start Comprehensive Services Programs. There are no national figures for the numbers of children who are caught in the trauma of foster, group, and institutional care. Estimates range upward from one million.

Why should we support IYC? Because in 20 years or less these boys and girls,

some our own children, will be the parents, teachers, doctors, scientists, and leaders. The quality of our world depends on how successful we are in sharing values and beliefs of human dignity and rights with our children.

We must be concerned about the condition of children - they are our future.

Listed below are the rights of children IYC is seeking to establish. Review these and observe a child. Would you want any less for him or her?

What can you do in higher education? Support any IYC community endeavors, promote research, create dialogue and assess the issues facing children and families, publicize your findings, initiate citizen action for children, support community service resources, and to your students, teach a consciousness of caring.

### UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child

The rights to affection, love, and understanding. The right to adequate nutrition and medical care. The right to free education. The right to full opportunity for play and recreation. The right to special care, is handicapped. The right to be among the first to receive relief of disaster. The right to learn to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities. The right to be brought up in a spirit of peace and

universal brotherhood. The right to enjoy these rights, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national, or social origin.

## Soybean Study Proposed

Soybean Scientists from universities throughout the Southeastern United States met recently in Nashville and proposed a regional study of soybean germplasm to help breeders develop hardy varieties of soybeans.

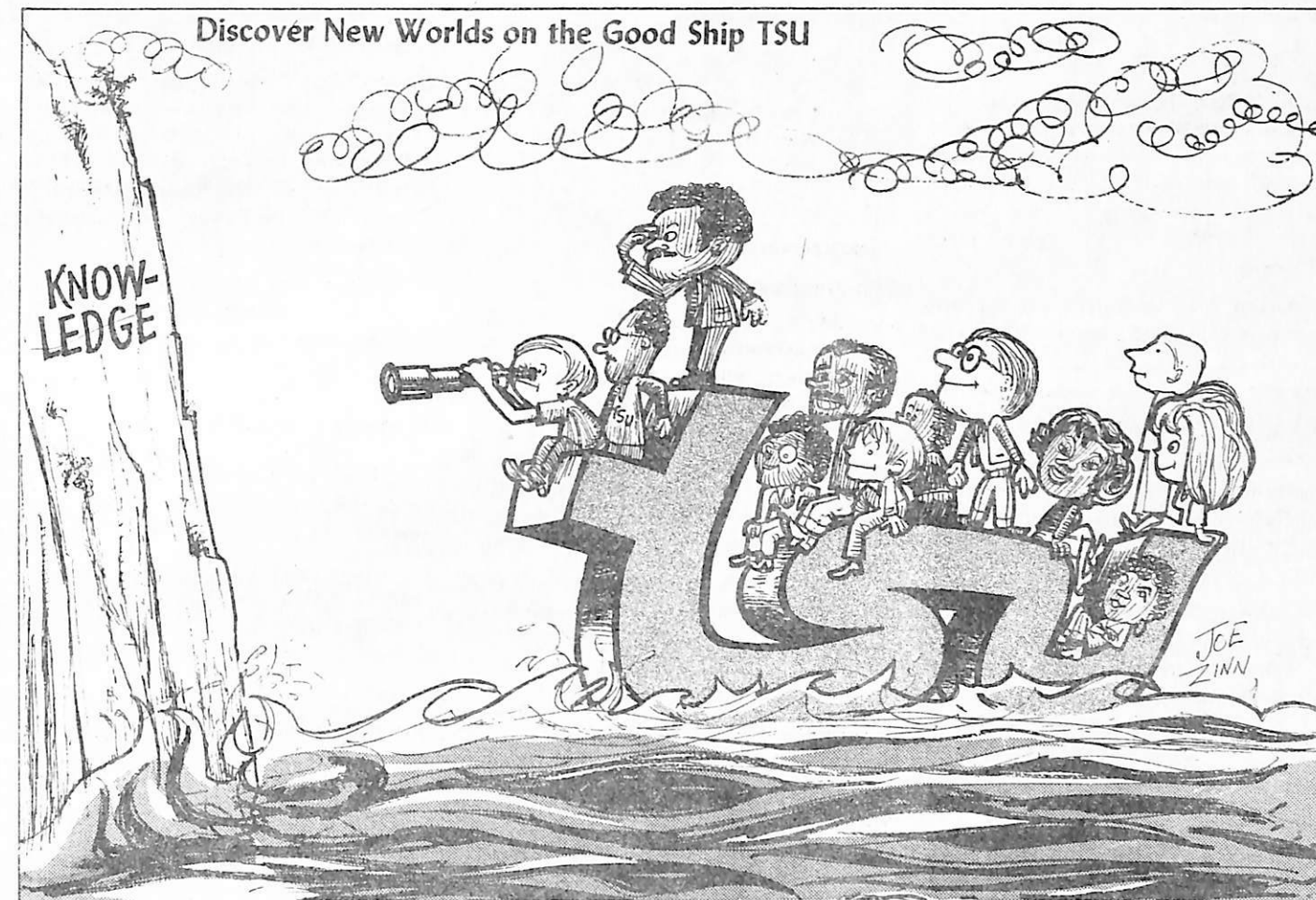
The proposed four-year study, to be titled "Evaluation of Soybean Germplasm for Biological Efficiency and Stress Tolerance," would involve the coordination of research at Tennessee State, Alabama A&M University, Alcorn State University (Mississippi), Fort Valley State College (Georgia), Tuskegee Institute (Alabama) and the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. Additional universities may become involved in the study as it progresses.

Dr. Handy Williamson Jr., an agricultural economist, is director of TSU's Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP). Current CARP research under overall direction includes three soybean projects.

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President Humphries welcomes International Year of the Child to Tennessee State University. From left to right: Barbara Nye, director of public service, School of Education; Mozelle Core, IYC executive director; Tommy Perkins, IYC, state steering committee chairperson; Mrs. Lamar Alexander, honorary IYC chairperson; Ken Nye, TSU director of grants and contracts; President Humphries, and Dr. John Crothers, vice president of continuing education and public service. —photo by Charles Gray



## Editorial Comment

A man is a master of his own fate, said Joseph F. Johnson, in his book *Economics, the Science of Business*, only in as far as he is able to adapt himself intelligently to the conditions which surround him and turn them to his advantage. That means self discipline, the sense to say "no" to the things that do not count in making your way toward your objective.

Aboard the "Good Ship TSU" the faculty, staff and students are aware that out of self discipline grows the opportunity to gain knowledge. Ignorance is an expensive luxury; too expensive for anyone seeking knowledge to fall prey to.

Dissatisfaction with their previous status unfurled the ambitions of those on board the TSU. Energy supplied and red blood cells in command, ambition was directed toward attaining that knowledge.

Yet, there are warnings. First, ambition means more than envy of successful people. There must be real effort and

work to back up the desire to teach and to achieve knowledge. Second, we must not have a failing attitude. If you do, don't start the climb.

There may come a time when the greatest danger facing you in your quest for knowledge will be the temptation to say "that's effort enough, now I'm going to take it easy." In fact, there are times when whole nations fall before this temptation.

Discouragement can be a mild, invisible, limp monster holding you prisoner, seeming so helpless to fight against. But the human spirit thrives on alternations of toil and rest, pain and relief, hope and satisfaction. Vicissitudes removed, life becomes indolent and uninspiring.

Only by a positive philosophy offering rewards for development of industry, inventiveness and enterprise can a university hope to become great or a youth hope to become an adult. Every person should aim to stand on her/his own feet.

Achieving knowledge is more than a one day affair. How many years of planning, experimenting and yearning were culminated when Fleming found penicillin, when Drew discovered plasma, when TSU became a reality?

Other discoveries are coming. They will arise out of the work being done painstakingly in the laboratories and workshops, in classrooms and libraries. They will be made by the men and women of ambition, perseverance and enterprise. Some of them will be made, in due time, by the young men and women who have already reached the shores of knowledge and will depart portside in June, 1980.

The will to do, the soul to dare, the courage to begin—we also need energy to follow through. All the talk of visionaries to the contrary, there is not now and there never will be a substitute for hard work.

TSU has spent many years in rising to its present level of academics, scope of opportunity and ability to conceive and build. There never has been an age when such great work waited to be done, with

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"Understanding is having appreciation of and consideration of this institution's past, where it is now, and where it is going and all of the problems associated with bringing together a largely white and a largely black institution."

He also issued students from TSU and the former UTN a challenge, by encouraging them to clearly set educational goals and to utilize the resources of the institution to attain them.

"After respect, communication and understanding is developed you will be more susceptible to change which will be a constant occurrence as a result of the merger," he stated.

Dr. Humphries concluded the convocation by saying "We must resist every temptation to find fault in the absence of respect, communication and understanding and we must fight tenaciously to win, through working together, our place in this community."

## TSU Hosts

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Outstanding consultants in international education on the campus will include: Dr. Ruth Njiiri, director of International Education for the Phelps Stokes Fund of New York; Dr. George Urch, director of the International Center of the University of Massachusetts; Dr. Lettie Fenderson, department of English, Howard University; Dr. Brenda Savage, professor of English, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania; and Louise Roundtree, St. Augustine's College, North Carolina.

Local members of the planning conferences are: Dr. Harold Mitchell department of Speech Communications; Dr. Roland Norman, acting dean of the School of Agriculture and Home Economics; Sterlin Adams, special assistant to the president, Mary Harris, foreign student advisor at TSU; and Dr. Joan Elliott, head of the department of foreign languages.

Sterlin Adams will show a documentary film he made while a participant on the American-Caribbean Exchange Scholars' Program on Guyana. Brenda Bell Hargett of Meharry Medical College will give a slide presentation on her participation in the Conference on

## Caribbean Folklore and Culture in Cuba.

Dr. Frederick Humphries, president of the University will speak to the group on "The Merger: A Miracle in Higher Education."

## Nigeria's Anniversary

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includes a parade, display of Nigerian arts, speeches and cultural dances. The grand finale will be a reception for all invitees featuring Nigerian delicacies. The guest speaker will be G. O. Okwauka, special assistant to the Nigerian Consul General, New York city. Other speakers will include deans and foreign student advisors in Tennessee.

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so many tools at hand for those who have the knowledge, skill and ambition to use them.

For TSU to continue to deal effectively with the problems of technological, social and economic change, it must become more flexible both in structure and method. It must remain adaptive, with as many characteristics as possible of a truly great institution. TSU will then be able to deal with the unknown; operate under conditions of rapid change in a turbulent environment; use and, where necessary, generate, new technology; combine and recombine trained experts of differing backgrounds and disciplines; adjust to varying levels of support; speed up and slow down; constantly improvise; invent and innovate.

And if we are to obtain the most desired results from our search for knowledge we must use every minute of time available to us. In other words, we must be guided in our search for knowledge with the thought proposed by Christine Warren:

I have only just a minute  
Only sixty seconds in it,  
Forced upon me, can't refuse it.  
I didn't seek it and I didn't choose it,  
But it's up to me to use it.  
I must suffer if I lose it,  
Give account if I abuse it.  
Just a tiny, tiny little minute,  
But eternity is in it.

## Soybean Study

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Dr. Hazo Carter is evaluating hybrid soybeans using replicated row trials; Dr. Prem S. Kahon is studying the factors influencing mutation induction in soybeans; and Dr. Desh Duseja is studying the effects of herbicides on soybean performance.

Duseja was elected to a committee that will prepare the regional study project proposal.

## Cruising the Caribbean

"The end of labor is to gain leisure," according to Aristotle. Your leisure awaits you on the Caribbean Cruise.

After checking the itinerary and costs, call Dr. Atchison (320-3700) to reserve your space.

## MARDI GRAS Itinerary

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sun.	Miami		4:00 pm
Mon.	At Sea		
Tues.	Santo Domingo	7:00 pm	
Wed.	Santo Domingo		3:00 pm
Thurs.	St. Thomas	8:00 am	5:00 pm
Fri.	At Sea		
Sat.	Nassau	1:00 pm	8:00 pm
Sun.	Miami	8:00 am	

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9	\$994	Outside	Twin	Empress
8	\$969	Outside	Twin	Upper
7	\$939	Outside Outside Inside	Double Twin Twin	Upper Main Empress
6	\$889	Outside Outside Inside	Twin Double Twin	Riviera Main Upper
5	\$859	Inside Inside	Double Twin King	Empress Main Riviera
4	\$819	Outside Outside Inside	Upper & Lower Double Twin	Upper Riviera
3	\$794	Inside	Double	Main
2	\$749	Outside Inside	Upper & Lower Upper & Lower	Main Upper
1	\$699	Inside	Upper & Lower	Main

Third and fourth persons in a cabin with 2 full size passengers, each pays flat rate of: Adult—\$325; Child 16 & under—\$300

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The TSU-Texas Southern Game is being played in Memphis, Tenn., Saturday, September 22, 1979, at 7:30 p.m., at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

Please follow the parking regulations in the stadium area. Adhere to the 'NO PARKING' signs! TOWING WILL BE ENFORCED.