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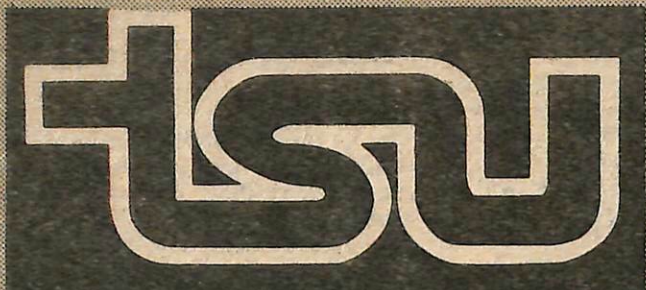
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## Decision of Jackson's candidacy debated by students

By CHRISTINE ELLIS

In response to Reverend Jesse Jackson's announcement of his presidential bid, students of the TSU political science department debated the pros and cons of Jackson's candidacy.

Dr. Alexander Arthur, assistant professor of government and public affairs, the Political Science Club, and the department of government and public affairs sponsored the event which drew over 300 students from Fisk, TSU, and the community.

Arnold Hooks, Guy Macedo, Robin Turner, and Anthony Wilson, majors in government and public affairs, supported Jackson's bid. Tami Bass, Melanie Crouch, Pearl McNeil, and Bobby Penn, also majors in government and public affairs, represented the opposition. Darron Bowden, president of the Student Government Association, was the moderator. Frank Ballard, Jr., business management senior, was the time keeper.

Arnold Hooks began the debate by stating, "The American people should support Jesse Jackson for president because fresh ideas are needed to renew faith in the struggle for social and economic equality."

"Jackson is a potential vice-presidential candidate who can champion the cause of the 'Rainbow Coalition,'" stated Hooks.

"The Rainbow Coalition" is Jackson's proposed unification of American Indians, Blacks, Hispanics, Mexican-Americans, senior citizens, and women.

"The point is not whether Jesse becomes president. Jesse can be a stimulus for blacks to run for office on the state and local levels. Jesse can restore faith in the political system," stated Hooks.

Guy Macedo attacked the negative rumors that have surrounded Jackson, "People are saying that Jesse Jackson is not a politician and does not understand politics. Ronald Reagan, who is an actor, says that

'Jackson is not abreast of international politics'. However, Jesse has visited Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Europe, and England. He also started the Pan Africa Pact in 1976."

Melanie Crouch, of the opposition team responded, "Jackson's timing is inappropriate. Jackson is throwing a political 'monkey wrench' into the democratic

political support from all of the black leaders."

At the present time, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, Corretta Scott King, the NAACP board of directors, the Black Caucus, and Julian Bond have all endorsed former vice-president Walter Mondale.



Government and Public Affairs majors debate the pros and cons of Jackson's decision to run for President. Left to right are Pearl McNeil, Tammy Baines, Bobby Pen, Melany Crouch, Darren Bowden, Arnold Hooks, Augustus Macedo, Anthony Wilson and Robyn Turner.

machinery. Jackson is destroying the chances for democratic control of the White House."

"Jackson is pulling the black vote apart, and his ultimate defeat will create dissension among blacks, and will cause blacks not to vote at all. Black voter apathy will eventually destroy democracy," stated Crouch. Crouch also questioned Jackson's motives and stated, "His election would require full

"If Jackson splits the democrats, we can look forward to four more years of Reaganomics," stated Crouch.

"Most people will vote for whomever they feel is a winner," stated Tami Bass, "furthermore, the Electoral College actually chooses the president."

The Electoral College is based on the 'winner takes all' principle. The candidate who receives the highest popular vote in a

state will receive 100% of the state's electoral votes. A candidate must have the majority of the electoral votes to win the presidential election. For example, the candidate who could win the combined votes of California, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, Florida, and Massachusetts is guaranteed the presidency.

However, Robin Turner and Rossi Turner expressed the opinions that "Blacks are taken for granted by the Democratic Party and minorities need political power now."

Bobby Penn answered their objections by stating, "Blacks have no choice but to choose the democratic candidate. It is the lesser of two evils. Republicans do not seek the black vote. When Reagan was running for office, the black leaders had to practically beg him to come to their conventions. The democrats have helped minorities in the past, and this is our only political outlet." Penn said, 'Rainbow Coalition' is a fine idea, but it is not reality because blacks are not unified and cannot possibly unify the other ethnic groups. "Jesse's timing is wrong; we need a candidate who can win."

During the question and answer session following the debate, Hooks was asked about Jackson's policies that deal with South African apartheid. Hooks stated, "Jesse said that 'he will try to use economic sanctions and try to funnel money from the major South African corporations into the black community."

Darron Bowden, SGA president, stated, "Jackson is an advocate of 'parity not charity,' and has used economic boycotts against businesses that have ties to South Africa. While the struggle during the 60's was social, and the struggle during the 70's was political, the struggle for the 80's is economic" stated Bowden.

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## Criteria used in faculty cutback in question

By HAKIM RAHSUL

As a result of faculty cutbacks, 22 faculty members have received termination notices, but the criteria used in determining who would be terminated is still a puzzle.

"I don't know what criteria were used," said Dr. Myra Kibler, assistant professor in the English department.

"What made me mad was that the decision was not based on seniority. People who started working here years after I came, have been retained. People who have lesser degrees than I have, have been retained," said Dr. Suchidran Chatterjee, assistant professor in the English department.

"I heard from reputable sources that those making the decision decided that the faculty members who had outside jobs, independently of their position at TSU, would be the first faculty members to be terminated," said Julian Blackshear, assistant professor in government and public affairs.

Blackshear said he couldn't understand that rationale. "I THOUGHT THAT THE CRITERIA that a university used to evaluate a professor was geared to determine the level of competency a professor had. Here I am being penalized simply because of my profession."

Blackshear said he teaches a skill and it is literally impossible for one to teach a skill on

a competent level without also having that level of expertise.

"The way in which one acquires his expertise in the skill is to practice it. Because I practice what I teach, I can offer an added dimension unlike that which can be offered by someone who is not practicing it himself," Blackshear said.

BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT the criteria relative to his competency as a professor was not the criteria that was taken into consideration in determining whether his contract would be renewed.

According to Blackshear, professors at other major universities have established relationships with private and government entities, by which they are receiving some compensation for the services that they provide. "That enhances the reputation of the professor which can do nothing but enhance the reputation of the university."

Blackshear said that THE ONLY CRITERIA that will have any rational bases in determining which professor will be retained is the professor's academic production, his general reputation in the community relative to his academic skills, and his contribution to the general profession to which he has assigned himself.

The question of what criteria was used in determining what faculty members would

be terminated has not been clearly answered, Blackshear said. "THAT QUESTION IS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT IT CANNOT BE IGNORED."

After being notified that this academic year would be his last at TSU, Dewitt Johnson, an instructor in the sociology department immediately resigned. But Blackshear said, "I WON'T RESIGN BECAUSE I want to utilize these serving months that are still available to me and to exercise my commitment to provide, what I perceive to be, quality education for students. I still have some moral obligations to the students."

Chatterjee said the only reason he was given for not being retained was budget cutbacks. "And I can understand that, but why not terminate according to seniority."

Chatterjee is the senior of six nontenured faculty members in his department. The three faculty members with the least seniority were cut, but the faculty members whose seniority ranked second and third to Chatterjee were retained.

"If everybody below me had been fired and I was next in line, then I would smile and be happy. LEGALLY, ETHICALLY, AND LOGICALLY, that would be the way to do it, but that's not the way it was done," said Chatterjee.

Chatterjee is the only faculty member in the English department with a Ph.D. in technical writing.

"In fact I'm the only person in Middle Tennessee with that degree. Who is going to teach it once I leave? WHO IS GOING TO SUFFER once I leave? The students that's who!"

There are five other faculty members who teach technical writing, but Chatterjee is presently the coordinator of that program. Of the five, four are tenured.

Chatterjee said he didn't know what criteria was used in determining who would be terminated. "I asked Dr. George Cox, (assistant vice-president of academic affairs) and he told me to talk to my dean."

Wendolyn Bell, dean of the school of arts and sciences, informed Chatterjee that she couldn't tell him what the exact criteria, were, Chatterjee said.

Chatterjee said, THE FACT THAT FACULTY MEMBERS who were hired after he was and have less qualifications than he has were retained, makes his termination an illegal act, according to the guidelines of the American Association of University Professors.

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## The Tennessee learning center mediates

By KENNETH L. CARUTHERS

The Tennessee Learning Center intercedes between union and management statewide to solve strife and intransigence that occur in industrial relations.

Dr. Doug Davis, director of the Tennessee Learning Center and former instructor in the School of Business is a strong advocate of the center's mediation program (TRUST) or Tennessee Regional Union Supervision Training. The program was created to resolve the internal conflicts among labor and management in business and industry in Tennessee.

The center was enacted as a community service to increase productivity and promote industrial peace along with personal and professional growth. To achieve this, the center actuated educational programs for management, unions, supervisors, and workers.

The courses being offered have to do with: labor-management contracts, administration, performance evaluation, conflict management, stress and productivity, problem solving, labor law, collective bargaining, and fair employment.

The center has established communication with many Tennessee areas by using mailouts, attending union and management meetings, working through the Departments of Economic and Human Development and

Labor.

The Tennessee Learning Center is linked to a networking system composed of 13 other in-state colleges and universities such as: Middle Tennessee State, Memphis State, East Tennessee State, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Jackson State Community College, Volunteer State Community College, and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Whenever friction between labor and management arise any one of the network out-post can immediately contact the center. Joint Union Management Consultants intervene to mediate a compromise and help develop a plan that will improve labor relations between both parties.

The Tennessee General Assembly passed the law in 1978 which gave birth to the Tennessee Learning Center. The law states that the center's funding will be allocated through the Department of Labor from the state's general fund. This year the center was appropriated \$150,000 to continue its work.

The Labor Department was also assigned the responsibility of designating a location for the center. The department elected to choose the downtown campus as the center's headquarters.

"We have a very good reputation nationally. This center is known as a productive and very viable state service. We have a

reputation to uphold and we're accepted in Tennessee with credibility among organized labor and management. We are proud of our accomplishments and the center will continue to work hard to bring unions and industry closer together," he said.

The center is viewed as a goal setter by members of the staff. Dr. Davis attributes the center's outstanding success rate, having touched every county in Tennessee, to his staff members, who are Sue Gore, assistant to the director, Gilbert Gall, the center's educator, and Beth Haltman, who previously worked for the Board of Regents, and is the center's consultant.

The center is also an asset to Tennessee State. It benefits TSU through state subvention of grants and contracts. The university receives a portion of the center's funding for the cooperative service it renders to help the center perform its tasks. The center also promotes TSU through the work it does.

"I think we do Tennessee State justice," Dr. Davis said.

## TSU boosts economy

By LARRY DIXON

In 1980-81 Tennessee State University contributed more than \$118.5 million in business volume and TSU students spent an estimated \$37.4 million in the Nashville economy.

Calvin Atchison, vice president for development at TSU, explained that the study, conducted by Memphis State University, gives good example of the positive efforts that TSU is having on the Nashville and Tennessee community. Of the \$118.5 million in business volume, \$65 million is institutional expenditures and \$54 million is in indirect expenditures.

The Nashville community has been enhanced by the addition of 5,515 employment positions, which are not only direct TSU jobs, but secondary employment. "Businesses may increase their staff positions in order to accommodate personnel and students from the institution. Stores, hotels, and service stations from the surrounding community have benefited due to the presence of TSU," stated Dr. Atchison.

In an interview with the manager of Burger King, Jefferson Street, John Jenkins, Jr., commented, "TSU, Fisk and Meharry students contribute a large part to business and in return we contribute through ads and donations. Jenkins said that, "Burger King looks forward to continued good relations with TSU," adding that a number of employees have come from TSU with a positive attitude toward work.

## Career development under utilized

By KIMBERLY PRUITT

The Career Development Center is the job placement office for all of TSU's students. But the majority of the students do not utilize the placement office.

Lucy Tucker, Job Developer, said, "The majority of the students do not utilize the placement office. Students have a tendency to shy away from the placement office because they feel that we only find jobs for engineering and business majors. We are here to help all students find jobs. If we do not find a job for a student we teach the students the techniques for handling an interview well. We teach the students how to prepare for an interview and how to handle themselves in an interview. Some companies come on campus and they interview all majors. Students can get the experience in going to an interview. Some companies like Proctor and Gamble come on campus and interview all majors. We have insurance companies interviewing all majors. There are jobs out there in all fields. We do help students find jobs."

To make students aware of the Career

Development Center, the staff places job openings on the bulletin board in the Student Union. They hold mock interviews to get the students prepared for the actual interview. Prior to the mock interview the center holds seminars on how to prepare for an interview. The mock interviewers are real personnel directors. They point out the mistakes the person makes during the interview and they give pointers on what the interviewee could do to improve the interview.

Each year the Career Development Center has a career awareness fair. This is when several companies set up individual booths displaying what their company has to offer from a career standpoint. Most of the companies usually come back and hold interviews on campus later in the semester.

The Youth Motivation Task Force will also be used to make students aware of the Career Development Center. This is a group of professional men and women. They go into the classrooms and talk to the students about working in the real world. They will give the students an opportunity to ask questions about their jobs.

## Foreign students want more

By JERRY EGUAKUN

Recently, there have been a number of complaints from foreign students alleging that *The Meter*, has failed to represent their interest as part of the student body.

In the November 3rd issue, *The Meter* published on the front page, a three column story with an oversized photograph of five foreign students.

As a result of this publication, some of these students were interviewed to get their reactions to this move by *The Meter*.

Mkie Ali Mohammed, an Iranian engineering major said, "I think it is an im-

provement over the previous blackout. I hope it will continue and not just be a one time deal to please us."

"Where do we go from here," said Peter Murphy, a Ghananian Arts major. "Personally, the soccer story is a good start. It is too early to call it an improvement. I will wait and see what happens in future publications," he said.

James Uddah, a Kenyan English major said, "I think it is an improvement considering what past practices have been. *The Meter* is a student paper and should reflect the entire composition of the student body."

## Facts about diesels

By ERSKINE PEOPLES

The average American consumer is not well informed about the pros and cons of diesel powered cars.

Gunther Dobbles says that "the diesel engine is just more practical." Gunther is a 15 year veteran mechanic at Autohaus, one of the best known Mercedes repair shops in the Nashville area.

Why is the diesel engine more practical? First of all, the diesel engine burns a lot cleaner. This means less harmful pollution is released. Also diesel fuel is cheaper at the pump. The diesel engine runs cooler than the gasoline engine. This allows the engine to run under less strain. This in turn helps the engine to last longer without any major repairs. "A Mercedes diesel engine can run in the winter without the cooling fan operating."

Three major complaints that many consumers have with diesel engines are: 1) They are noisier than gas engines. 2) Diesel engines smoke more than gas engines. 3) They have slower pickup than gas engines. They actually are a bit noisier than a gas engine, but only when at idle. While driving a diesel powered car the noise is not noticeable. And as far as the smoking is concerned, only a diesel engine that it is not properly adjusted will smoke. The fact of the matter is that the exhaust of a properly adjusted diesel is practically invisible. The reason for the slower pick-up is due to the fact that diesel fuel burns so much slower than gasoline.

Many European diesels have the option of a turbo charger, which increases pick-up. The function of the turbo charger is to increase the supply of air fed into the cylinders, super-charging them with air for more powerful combustion. Although turbos are offered on U.S. gasoline autos, they are not yet available on U.S. diesels. Two of the best turbo diesels built are the Mercedes five cylinder turbo diesel, available in the 300 CD, 300 TD, 300D 300SD models, and the Audi five cylinder turbo diesel, available in the 5000 model.

The main advantage of a diesel engine over gas is that the diesel delivers more miles per gallon. This is because of the slower burning properties of diesel fuel. This was General Motors' main reason for deciding to offer the diesel option. Ford has yet to offer the diesel option in their passenger cars, but will release one in 1985. According to Gunther "GM has not gotten all of the bugs out of their diesel engines."

Is the extra noise, slower pickup, and smell of diesel fuel emission worth the difference in miles per gallon? That is the question.

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Jessica Reynolds (left) of Harpeth Hall and Bonita Crockett of Hillsboro High view recruitment material. Photo from Nashville Banner

## Faculty cutback

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**DURING THE WRITING OF THIS ARTICLE**, Cox was not available for comment. **BELL SAID THE DECISION WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ONE.** "I asked each department to write me a letter explaining why faculty members should be retained. Some departments did not respond," she said.

Based on information received from each department, Bell made recommendations to higher administrators. When asked what criteria her recommendations were based on, she said that the exact criteria were in her records, but because of the urgency of a project at hand, she could not interrupt it to pull them.

Bernard Crowell, vice president of academic affairs, said the decisions were based on productivity in terms of print out production. "We look first at temporary faculty, first year tenure tract, second year tenure tract and third year tenure tract."

Kibler said she was not surprised when she received her notice of termination. "We had heard that cuts had to be made and I assumed that if any cuts came to the English department they would include me."

She said that she was surprised that Chatterjee was cut because "he teaches technical writing and he put together the technical writing program which is to become a more important part of the department next year."

Although some nontenured faculty members with less rank than Kibler were retained, she said she didn't think that she was dealt a bad hand.

Kibler left a marriage to accept her job at TSU, she said. Since being here she has purchased a 70 acre farm, which is now up for sale.

Most of the faculty who have received termination notices have Ph.D.s, said Chatterjee. **"HOW IS THE QUALITY OF THIS UNIVERSITY** going to go up if you keep terminating Ph.D.s and keeping people without them."

**BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT LIFE IS NEVER FAIR.** "But if you want to confine yourself with the question of fairness, the question would be whether every other professor who is nontenured and has a second profession was terminated. I don't think we need to make that assumption."

"I hope that people who make the decision about who to cut realize that they are not just cutting numbers; **THEY ARE CUTTING PEOPLE** who have personal lives that are at stake," said Kibler.

## TSU: Planning for recruitment

By GAYLE DOUGLAS

TSU's team of recruiters enters its second year as a functioning unit, reports Evelyn Hadley, its captain. At a retreat, in which recruiting priorities, needs, and possibilities were studied, the group prepared to meet the competition for high school seniors.

Recruitment begins with College Night, which is held the first of the school year at designated schools. Students from all over Nashville are invited to the school in their area. Around 100 college representatives come to answer questions and publicize their institutions. Film strips are shown about various departments of colleges and students are invited to attend on-campus activities on Saturdays or during the week.

Interviews with guidance counselors from four metro high schools resulted in a mediocre grade for TSU recruitment. But Hadley says this will all change due, in part, to an organization called Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrar Officers.

TACRO has a schedule of college recruitment all across Tennessee making it possible for a team member to stay in one area to visit all high schools that request him/her.

"In this way our resources are better utilized," Hadley explained.

TSU has only two full time recruiters and two part-time ones. The university has just received enough catalogs for every high school in Tennessee and they will be in the mail soon.

Beverly Weems, a counselor at Pearl-Cohn; which houses 11th and 12th grades, criticized TSU recruitment for lack of catalogs for distribution and failure to keep appointments with students. Her comments were based on experiences at Cohn and Maplewood.

The guidance counselor at Pearl, a 9th and 10th grade school, had a favorable comment about TSU. Mrs. Susie McJimpsey said 50 percent of the black students who stay in Nashville, go to TSU and many receive scholarships. Students from the federal housing projects who live on campus, mature a great deal from their association at the university.

Pat Cole, a counselor at Glencliff, commended Dr. Helen Bane of TSU Education Administration, for a luncheon last year for students and counselors interested in the

allied health fields. It informed students of courses offered in dental aid, nurses aid and related fields. She said the TSU engineering department also sponsors meetings for prospective students and attracts many high school graduates.

Though TSU recruitment has been lackluster in the past, Hadley contends that she is proud of the new effort and is excited about their plans to advertise the educational opportunities available here.

## Jackson's debate

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The oppositionists said that they, "are not against Jackson, but this is not the right time for him to run." Jackson is quoted by a recent article in *The National Leader* as saying that he "would not run as an independent candidate because such a campaign would help re-elect Ronald Reagan."

Jeff Childs, a junior history major, stated, "To the rest of the world, America has a racist image, and a black man in the White House could do things for the U.S. that a white man could never do. Black voters feel that the Democratic Party has taken them

for granted and this is why they are willing to split the democrats and allow Reagan to be re-elected. I think that all of this is of historical importance."

"If Jackson splits the democrats, Reagan will be re-elected by a landslide, and things will be worse than ever for us," Crouch said.

Dr. Alexander Arthur said, "Another debate is in the planning and it will discuss the controversial invasion of Grenada." Those interested in participating in the Grenada debate should contact him at 320-3600 or 320-3601 as soon as possible.

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# A Matter of Opinion

## Instructor terminated Will be missed

A not so very well known fact of this semester is that one of the best and most loved instructors on this campus is being terminated by the university.

The instructor in question is Dr. Suchindran S. Chatterjee, Professor and Coordinator of Technical Writing, a man known to all students in the school of engineering, and many students in general. He is highly regarded because of his helpful ways with students.

To Dr. Chatterjee students have always come first. You can count on him for help in the computer center. He is known to abandon his own work at the terminal to help out a student having problems with FORTRAN, Pascal, BASIC, or just signing on.

In addition to all this, Dr. Chatterjee is a rare academic specimen. Combining degrees in technical English and engineering, particularly a Ph.D. in technical writing and software documentation, he is a versatile and interesting teacher. His courses in technical writing are so interesting that he makes the dull subject a joy to study. I know, for I was one of his students. He lends a helping hand to struggling students in writing at all times. He is ready to read senior projects before submission, with a smile. In short, he will be an irreplaceable commodity of this campus.

But what does all this effort on his part get him—a letter from our President, Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, telling him that his services will no longer be needed after Spring Semester 1984!! Let the students be the judge as to whether Dr. Chatterjee will be needed or not. Who will be teaching the courses in technical writing for majors in engineering, computer science, and criminal justice. He is also the coordinator of the technical writing program. What other faculty member is qualified to perform that job? There is no other professor in the English Department who has a degree even remotely related to technical writing. What about the students who planned to minor in technical writing under Dr. Chatterjee?

Dr. Chatterjee is in an area that is in so much demand that he will be snapped up like a hot cake. But it is up to the students, the deans, and the administration, to stop this terrible loss to the academic scene at Tennessee State University before it happens. It is not too late. Will the appropriate people out there please take heed to our call? PLEASE!

ANTHONY POWELL

## Why Jackson for president?

As a student of Political Science, I am concerned about the role of blacks in politics, particularly in the decision making process of our country. To date, there is no voice singing the concerns and interests of Blacks, Hispanics, Senior Citizens, and American Indians; for voter registration throughout rural America. There is a need for fresh ideas, renewed faith in our struggle for equality in areas of socio-economics, politics, and unity with the third world countries. There is a need for leadership within the black community, Black Leadership.

In 1970, the late Congressman from N.Y., Adam C. Powell, Jr., saw qualities in a young man, a man he saw as one of the "brightest hopes for the future. A man with brains, charisma, and a gifted orator. As the only man on the horizon who can come forward and provide leadership, for both blacks, and whites together." (Adam by Adam, Dial Press—N.Y., p. 244)

To my fellow students I submit the following quote(s) from the "National Leader," November 10, 1983, page 16, entitled, "Jesse Jackson Should Run Hard." I believe the following quotes state why Jesse Jackson should run. Unite with Jesse Jackson in his battle for the disenfranchised.

1. "It is time, we believe, that Americans

stop thinking in cliches. There is an entire group of people in our land whose favorite word is *can't*.

2. "Too often this group goes around saying what *can't* happen in America. In politics and in their view, the word *can't* is usually followed by the word women, Blacks, the elderly or Hispanics.

3. "Jesse Jackson is from a different school. He usually looks at what *can* be achieved.

4. He believes that Blacks, Hispanics, women and the elderly have a significant role to play in America and that politics is a vehicle which can, if handled correctly, make many dreams come true.

5. "Jackson didn't seek, nor should he have sought, *permission*, to enter the race. He is a full American citizen, one who has been involved in the machinations of our society for more than 20 years. He is a force to be reckoned with and it is to his credit that possesses the energy, the imagination and the will to do what few other Blacks have ever attempted to do."

Unite with Jesse Jackson in his battle for the disenfranchised.

ARNOLD A. HOOK

Senior

"The Committee for the Positive Reconstruction of TSU"

## Campus living practical for student

By STEVEN EWING

Although most of the dormitories here at Tennessee State University are filled to capacity this year, there seems to be more people living off campus than usual. Some that live on campus do not necessarily show an interest in doing so.

Anybody with curious mind would wonder why a person might live on campus his first three years of college and then suddenly decide to get an apartment his senior year, the exact time when living on campus would benefit him most.

Then why would an entering freshman from a town such as Chicago, Detroit, or St. Louis come to a university and not live on campus when he or she has that opportunity?

These points are made to show that for some reason or another students don't express an interest in dormitory living as much as in the past.

Not all students who would live in an apartment rather than the dormitory feel that way because of financial situations. Also it can't be said that all students who move off campus do it for a better studying atmosphere.

Tennessee State University students are provided with a campus library, cafeteria,

career development center, labs of various sources to give students additional help in *certain subjects, snack bars, and other facilities* that would accommodate a student academically or recreationally.

The students who complain about having to pay so much for tuition are the major ones that need to take advantage of these facilities. And if one lives on campus, how could they help from using the resources that they are constantly surrounded by.

My guess would be that some of the students who live off campus just aren't aware of what this university is equipped with that they are privileged to use. And with them being away from the university at least half a day that makes it inconvenient for them to get to these sources quite often.

I encourage all students if possible to live on the university campus for as long as they are here for the rewarding experience that it can give. What better way to meet other people and stay in contact with your colleagues who share your interests and are here to learn a certain profession just like you.

If students would only put these things to mind, not only the ones that stay off campus would show more of an interest in living in the dormitory, but those who already live on campus as well.

## Computers for dorms

By CHRISTINE ELLIS

Dr. Edward Isibor, School of Engineering, stated that in the near future "computer terminals will be in the dorms." At the present eight terminals are available on the lower level of the Engineering School from 8:00-4:30 daily. The main goal for the students, stated Dr. Isibor, is "to learn interactive design work." And the students will receive "one to one" tutoring when necessary.

Debra Moore, a computer programmer, explained the reasons why she chose computers as a career.

"The opportunity came along" and "it was very interesting after I got into it." She stated that computer language "concepts are fascinating." "I love working with computers." "Computer programming is very

## Court considers

## sex discrimination

By LINDA MAIR

Some U.S. colleges have chosen to take refuge under a legal loophole in the Title IX educational amendment banning sex discrimination in institutions receiving federal aid. Because these colleges do not receive direct federal aid, they insist that they are not obligated to conform to Title IX.

However, as HHS argues, these colleges do receive tuition payments from students who are paying with assistance from federal loans and grants. Although the money comes directly from the students and indirectly from the federal government, it goes to support the colleges as entreties. Therefore Title IX compliance should be college-wide.

Title IX reads:

No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subject to discrimination under any education programs or activity receiving federal financial assistance . . .

Grove City College in Pennsylvania and Hillsdale in Michigan claim that "education programs or activity" refers only to grant and loan programs and not to the entire college. Both colleges refused to sign a Title IX Assurance of Compliance, thereby asserting that Title IX did not apply to them because they were not receiving direct federal aid.

On December 10, 1982 Hillsdale College won its case with the Sixth Circuit Court's decision that Title IX was "program specific."

At the time of the Hillsdale decision, Grove City College had already lost its case in the Third Circuit Court on August 12, 1982. The court upheld HEW's view that loans and grants to students constituted federal aid to the institution.

Perhaps because of opposite decisions being handed down in the two cases, the Supreme Court has agreed to consider the Grove City College case. It is hoped that does not indicate a desire to reverse the earlier Grove City decision in view of the more recent Hillsdale decision.

Those seeking an end to sex discrimination in education will receive no encouragement from the Justice Department which has come out in favor of the Hillsdale decision. William Bradford Reynolds, assistant attorney general for civil rights, agrees that Title IX is a "program-specific law."

On the other hand, Congress has come out in favor of the Grove City decision. On August 8, 1983 fifty members of Congress filed a "friend of the court" brief with the Supreme Court indicating that Congress intended the term federal aid to be interpreted liberally, constituting loans and grants as federal aid. According to the congressional brief, the Justice Department is ignoring the congressional intent of Title IX to eliminate sex discrimination in higher education.

Clearly, U.S. colleges were not intended to sidestep civil rights laws by using a legal loophole to enforce their age-old sex discrimination practices. Title IX is being used by the Justice Department to perpetuate the very practice it was designed to eliminate.

So, Congress and HEW are on the side of civil rights, while the Justice Department favors sex discrimination. The tally is 2 to 1. May the Supreme Court let the majority rule.

challenging, and I would like to demonstrate the simplicity of operating the computer so the young people can get 'hands on' experience." Ms. Moore is on the third floor of the Women's Building from 8-4:30 daily.

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# Student, Aristocrat and Aerobics Instructor

By DOLLIE MANN

There's always something outstanding about different organizations on campus. But at this time a certain student is chosen out of a very popular group of students. This particular person is Denise McClain an Aristocrat of Bands member.

As we all must know, Denise is a junior majoring in Mass Communication. She is a native of Montgomery, Alabama.

Denise has two extra-curricular activities. First, she's head of the baton twirlers and second she has her own aerobics show.

She commented on how much time and practice it takes to master the batons, ribbon and the fire baton, "The baton is not as hard as it appears to be, once a person has the feel of where the baton fits between the fingers, then they become more familiar with it. I think the ribbon is one of the easiest tools that I use while on the field, I sometimes get a little tangled up in it, but I manage to work my way out without the spectators noticing what is going on. I think the fire baton is the most exciting tool to handle. It is such a dangerous performance, but there is a certain way I twirl the fire baton as to where it will not touch my body or my hair."

I asked Denise who persuaded her to start twirling the baton and how long had she been doing it. "I started twirling the baton six years ago when I was in junior high school, and the head of the majorettes persuaded me. Later, I became head of the majorettes and twirlers, so I decided I'd bring

my twirling talents with me to the Aristocrats of Bands and I'm glad I did because I really love the band and it's members."

Denise says she is a bit afraid when she starts to perform but as the routines go along, she blots out the audience and does what she has rehearsed.

She is a person who feels very strongly about keeping in shape, therefore, she has taken a big step in doing something about it. Denise has her own aerobics show called "Aerobics Heartbeat". The questions were asked why and how did she get involved with aerobics? "I enjoy exercising and keeping in shape also I like to make others aware of their bodies and how important it should be to them. I had my own show in Montgomery last summer and I thought this would be a good idea for the people of Nashville and especially the housewives. It gives me experience behind the camera and it helps in my major. Viewers have written in stating how much they enjoy the show but I would like to hear from more of my viewers here at TSU. Soon I will be allowing two guests to appear with me on my show and also workout."

Denise made a comment on different stars having their own aerobics show and how they have captured their fans attention once again. "They have shown their audiences their talents and beauty years ago, now as they get older, they must continue to do something for themselves to keep that attention on them. It is also a psychological gim-

mick for some stars. Because audiences see their favorite star exercising, they assume they can do the same thing to help their outer appearance."

According to Denise, "Aerobics is dance and exercise combined into one. Most exercises are done in four counts but aerobics are done to a rhythmic beat. The general idea is to never stop moving, you are to keep the heart going at a steady beat and also keep the adrenalin flowing. Aerobics is very strenuous on the heart and lungs. If you have any kind of problems with the heart or lungs, it would be best to consult your doctor before taking on this kind of activity."

Denise says she must be constantly busy at all times. She works out at the Cosmopolitan Spa and coincidentally there are more men getting into aerobics everyday. She feels as though her talents are gifts from God. "If I do not dance then I know that I am not doing what I was put here on earth to do."

She dances with the Sankofa Dancers and the Solid Blue Dancers. Her favorite type of

dancing is jazz and modern. She has taken ballet, African and creative but she finally realized that her interests lie mainly on the dancers who perform to jazz music and do creative dances.

Next spring Denise and members of the athletic department will be having a show entitled "Solid Blue." The show will consist of talent on campus. There will be comedians, comedienne, singers, video showcase, bands and the Top Ten countdown done by the solid Blue Dancers.

Denise would like for all those who are interested in participating in the show to please contact her before the semester is over.

In conclusion we now must realize that what we see Denise doing takes a lot of time and energy and I guarantee she works hard to bring us a dynamic show doing half-time at football games. To those persons who would like to start tuning in to her show, she's on Channel 26 please check your local listing for time and date.

## People are talking.....

By DOLLIE MANN

The coaches allowing the B-String to play the entire game against UDC . . . The singing aristocrats . . . How much fun they had in Memphis . . . The new pledge lines . . . Rev. Jesse Jackson running for President and will they vote for him? . . . The new black Mayor of Philadelphia . . . Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday becoming a national holiday . . . How they wished there was one more football game in Hale Stadium before the season's end . . .

### Corrections from Editor

In the November 3, issue of *The Meter*, the story on the Home Economics department stated that there are three majors that could be obtained in that department. The story should have stated that four majors could be obtained. The majors to be obtained are: Home Economics Education, Early Childhood Education/Child Development and Family Relations; Foods and Nutrition, and Clothing and Textiles. We regret the mistake.

DOLLIE MANN  
Features Editor

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and  
Gold.  
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black bodies  
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who sewed, picked, cleaned, swept,  
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until body  
could not take it  
no more.  
I will soar to  
unreached before heights  
and with me take  
dark ancient voices  
rich with time  
that sung  
proud hymns  
which were driven  
into the pulse  
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# Entertainment and civic community unite for Expo '83

Some said it wouldn't work; some said it couldn't be done; others remained skeptical until the end. But when Entertainment Expo '82 threw open its doors in November—all skepticism was laid aside, as the three day extravaganza was about to begin.

To succeed, Entertainment Expo's planners had to overcome substantial odds. They did so only through the dedication of Nashville industry and business leaders who did not wait to see where the bandwagon would go but jumped on board to ensure that it got there at all.

Two disparate sectors, the entertainment and civic communities, were united by a shared goal; creating a major commercial trade show and talent exposition to showcase both big business and show business.

And now here we are face to face with Expo '83 and industry leaders are even more

aware and excited about this remarkable trade exposition that is about to hit the stage and arena downstairs of Municipal Auditorium, November 18 thru 20, in Nashville.

Seventy-five percent of the participant booths were sold in early fall, indicating the support of the entertainment industry, with over 150 companies occupying over 170 booths. Companies such as; Warner Bros. Music and Electra/Asylum Music, Monument Records, Scene Three Video, Bullett Studios, ASCAP, BMI, The Oak Ridge Boys, Sound Seventy and many other companies which are in some area connected with the entertainment industry, will return this year in full color display. Airlines, hotels, restaurants, travel agencies, public relations companies, and the list goes on . . . all of these related organizations will be a vital part of the making Entertainment Expo '83 a continuing success as a TOTAL ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.

Entertainment Expo '83 is sponsored by the *Tennessean* and the Nashville Music

Tickets for Expo '83 will be \$4 a person or \$10 for three days. Visitors are entitled not only to the trade show and merchandising area, but to the non-stop entertainment which begins each afternoon and runs well into the night often with as much music backstage as on stage.

Besides performances by honorary Expo co-chairman Charlie Daniels and William Lee Golden (who will sing with The Oak Ridge Boys) numerous other acts will fly into town to donate their time on stage during the weekend. Among them are Tanya Tucker, Mac McAnnally, Charlie Daniels' Band, Dr. Hook, Dobie Gray, Factual, Bob Bailey, Michael W. Smith, Kathy Troccoli and several others to be announced throughout the week.

Entertainment Expo '83 is sponsored by the *Tennessean* and the Nashville Music

Association and is an event worthy of attention, for several reasons. First, it couldn't happen in any other city. Nashville's music industry is more organized and structured than anywhere else in the world. Competitors here have historically cooperated with one another for the benefit of the industry. This is a story of aggressive leadership in an industry that more often gets attention for its lack of vision.

Second, the incredible amount of participation in Expo from the general business community here indicates that the schism between our music industry and the general business community is finally ending. Traditionally, the music industry here has been regarded as a "bunch of hillbillies," Entertainment Expo is the first great public marriage of the two.

## Rock music delivers prophecy

Rainbow lazer lights, flashpots, quadraphonic sound combined with an overwhelming production of harmonic vocals and highpowered keyboards and guitars will ignite the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 17 as two of Christian music's hottest contemporary/rock bands, Servant and DeGarmo & Key take the stage.

Servant, whose performances have earned them the reputation of "Christian Rock's greatest Rock 'n Roll show, will headline the Thursday night performance, packing a strong rock 'n roll message that is aimed at both the church and the world. *Christianity Today* says of the recordings and performances of Servant, "The music is rock, but the message is prophesy; and few Christian bands have built a following on such a message and through such an extensive concert tour."

Servant is currently on The Great American Giveaway Tour—which allows any purchaser of a concert ticket to a free "World of Sand" LP on Rooftop Records, (RTO2000).

DeGarmo & Key, Christian rock's first Grammy Award winning group will open the concert on Thursday evening with a well-polished blend of vocal harmonies, as two of contemporary Christians talented musicians perform songs from their current album *Mission of Mercy* on Power Disc Cassettes (PWR01071).

*Mission of Mercy* is DeGarmo & Key's first studio album in three years and marks a notable change in their overall musical

sound. Paralleling the current trend in much of popular music, the band has become more keyboard-based and less guitar-dominated.

"Our lyrics are also much more up-front than they once were," says Ed who with Dana pairs up to write most of the material they perform. Both recall many songs written in a "double entendre" mode intended for crossover onto the secular music charts. The intent of secular crossover has been over-shadowed in recent years by a heartfelt desire to be uncompromising in their musical message. "We found that the more up-front you are," Ed adds, "where there are no hidden meanings, the more even the non-Christian respects you for what you believe in."

*Mission of Mercy* offers a varied musical menu, with "Ready of Not" kicking off a powerful and exciting collection of musical material ad topping the charts in Christian Rock. "Let The Whole World Sing" is doing just that as it holds the #5 spot on contemporary charts and is expected to hit the top on the rock chart as well. The duo, whose songs have also been recorded and popularized by such respected artists as Amy Grant, Sandi Patti, Mylon Lefevre, and Steve Camp, composed all but two songs on the latest album.

Whatever your preference, contemporary or rock, you don't want to miss this exciting opportunity to see two of the best performers in Christian music.

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Servant and Key will ignite the Performing Arts Center with their contemporary gospel music on Thursday, November 17.

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# TSU Sports

Man of many talents:

## New AD awaits term

By REGINA BURRESS

The new year will begin a new era in TSU's athletic department. January 1, 1984, Dr. John Robert E. Lee will assume his duties as the fifth athletic director.

"I'm very excited about my appointment. It is a great opportunity for me, and I'd like to continue with the fine winning tradition that has long been associated with TSU," Lee said in an exclusive interview with *The Meter* from his office.

When asked what factors in his background might have landed him the position, Lee replied, "I have gotten diversified exposure in the media. I have had the opportunity to work with some of the finest athletic programs in the country, and I have a pretty good idea of how things should and are supposed to be done."

Lee admits that he is only "vaguely" familiar with TSU's athletic program, but is

"prepared to do whatever it takes to enhance it."

One area in which Lee should be most productive is in media relations. Lee reportedly owns one television station and six radio stations which have earned him a fortune.

How does Lee find the time to run television, radio, and athletic programs?

Lee explained, "My personal investments are convenient because I can wait around and see the results . . . I don't run them on a day to day basis. I hire people to manage them."

"Personally, I don't know how to run a television or radio station, but I do know how to run an athletic department!" Lee proclaimed.

The new AD will visit the campus a couple of times to get a better feeling and understanding of the athletic program before he officially assumes his duties.

## Men's Basketball Schedule 1983-84

Date	Opponents	Site
Nov. 21	Bahama National Team	Nashville, TN
Nov. 25-26	Mid-South Classic	Memphis, TN
Nov. 29	Murray State	Murray, KY
Dec. 1	Bethune Cookman	Nashville, TN
Dec. 10	Middle Tennessee State	Nashville, TN
Dec. 7	Grambling	Nashville, TN
Dec. 16-17	Tennessee Classic	Clarksville, TN
Dec. 20	Mississippi Valley	Nashville, TN
Dec. 23	Jackson State University	Jackson, MS
Jan. 4	Morehead	Nashville, TN
Jan. 7	Florida A&M	Nashville, TN
Jan. 10	Arkansas State	State Univ., ARK
Jan. 14	Northern Kentucky	Highland Heights
Jan. 16	Tennessee Tech.	Nashville, TN
Jan. 21	Jackson State University	Nashville, TN
Jan. 25	Alabama State	Montgomery, AL
Jan. 30	North Carolina A&T	Nashville, TN
Feb. 2	Middle TN State University	Murfreesboro, TN
Feb. 6	Morehead	Morehead, KY
Feb. 9	North Carolina A&T	Greensboro, NC
Feb. 13	Murray State	Nashville, TN
Feb. 15	Grambling State University	Grambling, LA
Feb. 22	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL
Feb. 25	Southeastern Louisiana	Nashville, TN
Feb. 28	Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN
Mar. 1	Arkansas State	Nashville, TN

Athletic Director: Dr. John Robert E. Lee  
 Head Coach: Ed Martin  
 Asst. Coach: Ed Meyers  
 Sports Information Director: Kindell Stephens

## Women's Basketball Schedule 1983-84

Date	Opponents	Site
Dec. 1-3	Florida A&M Tournament	Tallahassee, FL
Dec. 6	Grambling State University	Grambling, LA
Dec. 8	UT-Martin	Martin, TN
Dec. 10	Lincoln University	Nashville, TN (7:00)
Dec. 12	Southern University	Nashville, TN (7:00)
Dec. 16-17	Dial Classic Tournament	Oxford, MS
Jan. 4	Alcorn State University	Nashville, TN (5:30)
Jan. 7	Florida A&M University	Nashville, TN (5:30)
Jan. 10	Kentucky State University	Nashville, TN (5:30)
Jan. 14	Belmont College	Nashville, TN (7:00)
Jan. 17	Belmont College	Nashville, TN
Jan. 19	Southern University	Baton Rouge, LA
Jan. 21	Jackson State University	Nashville, TN (5:30)
Jan. 22	Lincoln University	Jefferson City, MO
Jan. 28	University, DC Washington	Nashville, TN (7:00)
Jan. 30	Mississippi Valley State	Itta Bena, MS
Feb. 1	Jackson State University	Jackson, MS
Feb. 4	Kentucky State University	Frankfort, KY
Feb. 8	Grambling State University	Nashville, TN (7:00)
Feb. 15	Alabama State University	Montgomery, AL
Feb. 20	Mississippi Valley State	Nashville, TN (7:00)
Feb. 25	UT-Martin	Nashville, TN (5:30)
Feb. 27	Alabama State University	Nashville, TN (7:00)
Feb. 29	Alcorn State University	Lorman, MS

Athletic Director: Dr. John Robert E. Lee  
 Head Coach: Maxine Merritt  
 Assistant Coach: Ted McClain  
 Student Assistant Coach: Sharon Jarrett  
 Sports Information Director: Kindell Stephens

## Offensive linemen struggle

By LEONARDO FLOYD

TSU's young offensive line, despite the 51-38 loss to Mississippi Valley Saturday, has performed surprisingly well. The loss of key players, such as Mike Jones, Steve Moore, Steve Turner, Walter Tate, Brent Middleton, and others left a big hole in the Tigers' offense and defense.

The part of the team in the worst shape was the offensive line. The offensive line had lost three of the starting linemen, leaving only two remaining starters. One is Russell Phillips, a 6-2, 240 lbs. senior, out of Atlanta's Douglas High School. Russell, has started three previous years before this year and was sure to be a starter this year. Until he was involved in an elevator accident which injured his back. The coach and trainers were very unsure if Russell would be able to return his final year. After a strict rehabilitation program, administered by

trainers, Luddie Hatten and Wayne Bell, Phillips was able to recover.

Another starter is in Rod Adams, a 6'4" 260 lbs. sophomore, from Nashville's Hume Fogg High School. Rod had only had limited experience as a starter, but was able to continue starting this year with additional assistance from Chris Crenshaw. The remaining guard position is being filled by Eric Spears who had only started one game, and that was against Jackson State last year. Gary Shoats, a 5'9" 205 lbs. junior, who had no previous game experience is the other guard. This young, but powerful line has been able to protect for the quarterbacks to allow them to pass for over 2,758 yards.

The Tigers now set their sights for the NCAA playoff again this year, but they must win on their next outing in order to get a bowl bid.

## Photo Opinions---

What do you think can be done to increase school spirit during the basketball season?



MAXINE MERRITT  
Tiger Gems' Head Coach

"We need to catch the students as freshmen. They come here full of spirit and are looking for ways to get involved and have fun. We also need somebody to work with the university to promote pep rallies, etc."



ED MARTIN  
Men's Basketball Head Coach

"Put some money into the program! Money is the answer to all our problems. By putting some money into our program it would make us competitive with our teams and compatible with the fans."



JANICE McCAULEY  
Tiger Gem—Senior

"Students need to be informed of when games will be played. Door prizes could be given away by sponsors like Nike; not only for the men because we need support, too. Plus, the pep club needs to be more active during the basketball season like they are during the football season."



JAMES DRUMMOND  
Men's Basketball—Senior

"I think that there should be more pep rallies and contests at the games. We also need more frat and sorority involvement and support . . . I've been at other schools where they have the band or a combo come to play during the game and at half-time they turn down the lights and have a short party!"