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DYKES ANNOUNCES TASK FORCE ON BLACKS

Chancellor Archie Dykes announced today the formation of a Task Force on Blacks for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the appointment of 12 students, faculty and staff members to the group.

The task force was given these responsibilities:

-- To assess the present status of blacks -- students, faculty and staff -- at UT Knoxville, based on a thorough study of all University programs and activities.

-- To recommend to the chancellor or appropriate University groups programs, activities, procedures and policies which will improve the quality of life for blacks in the University community.

Dykes asked that the group report its findings and recommendations to him by next Aug. 31.

"During the past several months, major attention has been focused on the welfare of minority groups at UT Knoxville," Dykes said. "However, much remains to be done and we are hopeful the task force can give guidance in determining (MORE)
additional steps the University should take. We want to make every effort to provide an environment in which the full potential of all members of the University community can be realized."

Hardy Liston, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, will be chairman of the task force.

Other members are Howard Allenberg, senior in Business Administration from Memphis; Dr. Norman E. Dittrich, acting head of the Department of Accounting; Dr. Arthur M. Ford, assistant professor of psychology; Dr. Mary Rose Gram, head of the Department of Nutrition; William Callian, junior in Liberal Arts from Memphis; Roy F. Knight, acting assistant dean of the School of Architecture; Curtis Parker, graduate student in Liberal Arts from Virginia; Marvin Peek, coordinator of black studies; Jerry Phillips, associate professor of law; Barbara Reid, associate professor of nursing; and Burnadeen Tate, hostess, UT Rental Properties.

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