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Ingram seeks top position

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Retired MTSU President Sam H. Ingram officially applied for the chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents position late last week along with Aerospace professor Wallace R. Maples.

Ingram, who is presently president of Education Enterprises of America based in Nashville, said he is "interested in the job."

"I've spent 20-something years in higher education and I have a tremendous commitment to it," said Ingram.

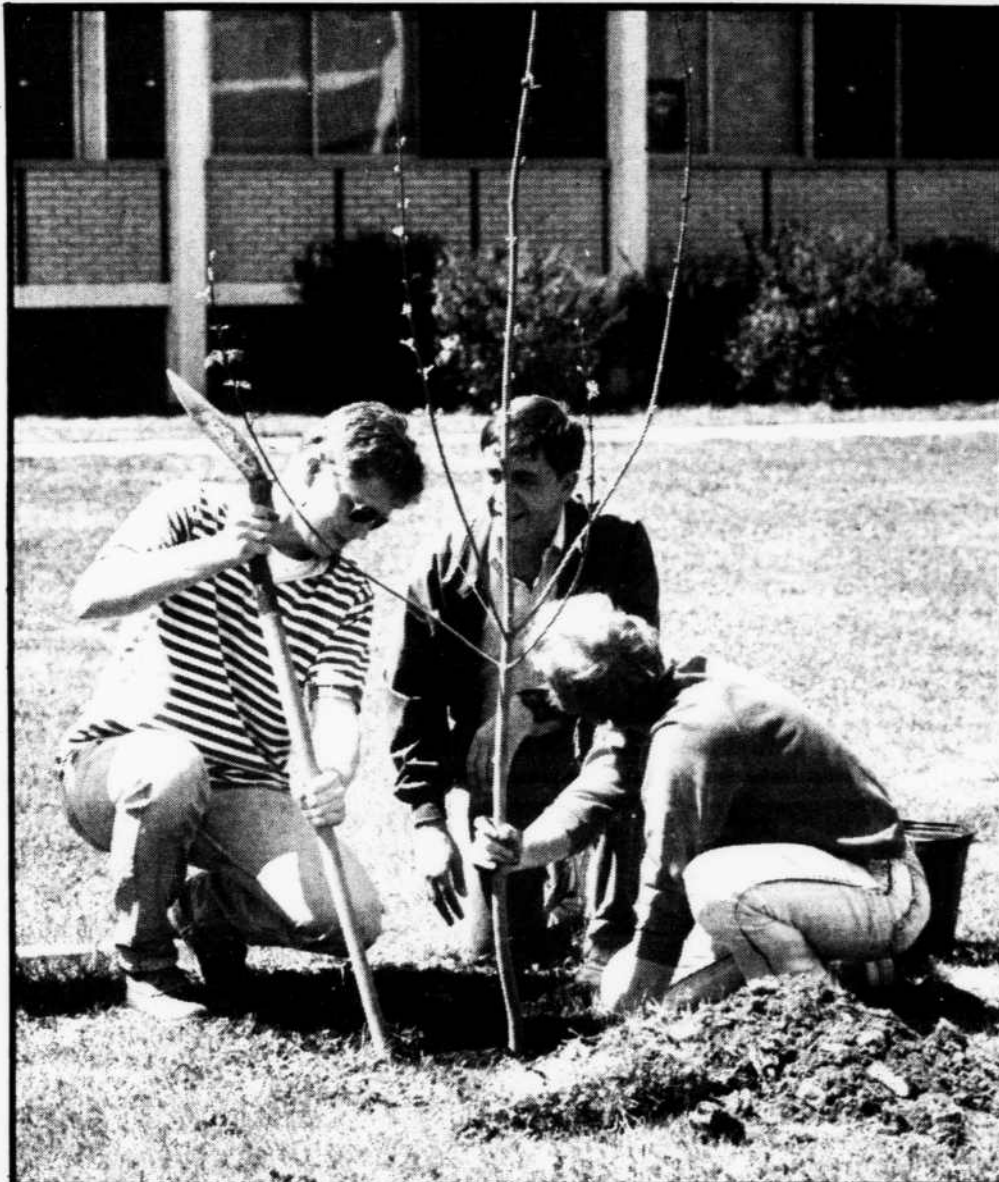
"I know most of the people in the State Board of Regents and would like to make it a better system," he added.

"One of the reasons I waited so long in applying was because of my present position. I think it has tremendous potential here, and there would be no other job that would cause me to leave my present job other than that one," he said in an earlier report.

Maples decided to run for the chancellor position because he feels it needs to be more academically-oriented.

"I felt like we needed an academic person, not a business background person in the chancellor slot, and there hasn't been one in a while and the position needs it," said Maples. "I just think it needs academic leadership, I have some things I'd like to communicate, and I think this is one of the best ways to communicate them."

"I think the experience I have, over 25 years in higher education, would benefit the position, but I wouldn't leave my present position without becoming chancellor first," he added. ■



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Joe Bratcher, (from left to right) a junior accounting major and a member of Students for Environmental Action; Anthony M. Anderson, a senior business administration major; and Jeff Hinds, a senior CTS major, plant a silver maple on campus yesterday. The tree planting was a part of the Earth Day Activities sponsored by SEA.

Students lose more spaces

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The Traffic Court Committee passed a resolution April 9 reassigning 20 parking spaces that were for commuter parking in the Jones Field parking lot and designating them for faculty and administration use only.

Although the committee's resolution stated that 25 parking spaces would be reassigned, only 20 were repainted.

"The painting of the curbs occurred during spring break," MTSU Chief of Security Jack Drugmand said. "They did surveys and felt that 21 would be sufficient."

The Jones Field parking lot, which is located directly behind the Horace Jones Field/Floyd Stadium, is divided into two separate sections.

The section closest to Faulkenberry Drive is reserved for faculty and administration and staff only. The section closest to the baseball field was originally open for all commuters to use.

However, this was changed during the April Traffic Court Committee meeting in which it was approved to change 25 "open" parking spaces to "reserved" spaces to be used only by faculty and administration personnel.

Students that have been parking in those spaces have been ticketed for parking in reserved parking spaces without any public notification to warn the students that such a change has been made, said ASB Attorney General, Victor Vale.

"Warning notices were put on people's

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Plagiarism is college norm

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As many as nine out of 10 students have plagiarized a paper sometime during their college careers.

Jerold Hale, a Miami University of Ohio professor, and two colleagues surveyed 234 students, and found that 91.2 percent of the students admitted to having committed at least one of four academically dishonest practices in connection with written assignments.

Of those, 74.2 percent failed to cite a reference for paraphrased or quoted material, 44.2 percent passed off another student's work for their own, 40.8 percent failed to note a word-for-word quote as a direct quotation, and 39.9 percent used misleading references to hide plagiarism.

The results echo a survey released by Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management in early March that found about 30 percent of the nation's college stu-

dents have cheated on term papers or exams.

In addition, 43 percent of 5,000 professors told the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching that today's undergraduates are more willing than their predecessors to cheat to get good grades. The root of the problem, Miami's Hale says, is the intense pressure placed upon students to achieve academically.

But not all students say that justifies cheating.

"If the overall goal is to succeed in college, you'd think students wouldn't cheat," said Paige Foster, a student at the University of Kentucky.

"Our student handbook is pretty clear about what is plagiarism."

"Pressure to get good grades is no excuse to cheat," added Bonnie Wiese of Keene State College in New Hampshire. ■



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Heath Kane, left, Chief Justice of the ASB Supreme Court, swears in the new ASB President, Todd Burnett, at the recent Awards Banquet.