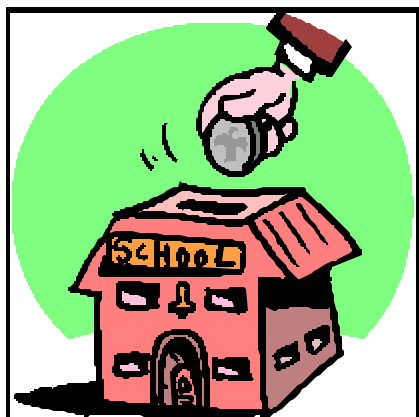


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This year's Homecoming
2000 theme is "TSU:
Investing in Our Future
for the New Millennium"

Year 2000 Grand Marshal:

Dr. Theophilus Bartholomew Boyd, III, a 1969 TSU graduate, president and chief executive officer of the R.H. Boyd Publishing Corporation, is Grand Marshal for TSU's 2000 Homecoming Parade.

Dr. Boyd is active in numerous civic, educational and financial organizations. He serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Chairman of the United Negro College Fund Telethon, and Vice-Chairman, Meharry Medical College Board of Trustees.

TSU's 1990 fall commencement speaker, Dr. Boyd received his D.D. degree from Shreveport Bible College, and is also the recipient of the doctor of letters from Baptist Bible Seminary. Dr. Boyd has been serving the community through his involvement with various programs such as 100 Black Men, nurturing and enhancing the growth, development and opportunities of young black males in Middle Tennessee. Dr. T. B. Boyd continues to strive to fulfill his personal mis-

sion to help society through his virtues of honesty and integrity. His message to youth is "*Prepare, Do not Despair*"

This Year's Honoree:

Dr. Andrew Bond, a native Tennessean born in Brownsville and alumnus of the university, earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees at TSU. He also has a Ph.D. in Biochemistry (with a minor in Microbiology) from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Bond was associate professor of Biochemistry at TSU when named Dean of Special Academic Programs in February, 1973.

As Dean, he was overseer of Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, and the Training Center for Special



Veterans, with responsibility for planning, directing, and evaluating summer programs.

His other experience at TSU includes: Research Assistant 1952-1954, TSU faculty member from 1954-1958, and again from 1965-1972.

During the fall semester of 1974 Dr. Bond was appointed as Dean of the Meharry Medical College/Tennessee State University School of Allied Health Professions, and held this position until his retirement in 1999.

TSU Celebrates its 89th Year:

The University held its Fall Convocation on September 7, 2000. Dr. Michael Grant, the guest speaker, never attended

TSU, but is a loyal supporter of the University. Dr. Grant believed as a boy growing up in Nashville that TSU was "the place to be." He stated, "I've eaten many times in your dining rooms. I used to swim in your pool. I sat with you at least 100 times as you so convincingly displayed your fighting spirit during many athletic events, and yes, I partied heartily at your lively social functions. Four of my siblings and a host of other relatives graduated from TSU. I've used your library more times than I can recount and I've gotten to know many of your faculty members and administrators as friends." Dr. Grant also took time "to acknowledge a few individuals who are either responsible for me being here or who helped me with research so that I may have something useful to share with you on

this auspicious occasion." Dr. Grant is author of *Your Marvelous Mind*, a powerful motivational book.

We Say Our Last Goodbye to Mr. Rowan:

Carl T. Rowan, a Pulitzer Prize winner, nationally syndicated columnist, commentator, journalist, and best-selling author of seven books, died at age 75 on September 23, 2000 in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rowan was a defender of affirmative action policies and trustee at the Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan foundation for speech and press freedom. He also served in two presidential administrations and helped to raise more than \$79 million to



help African-American students in higher education.

Mr. Rowan was a proud Tennessean, born on August 11, 1925, in Ravenscroft, "a dying coal-mining town in the heart of Jim Crow country," and raised in McMinnville. As 1992 TSU commencement speaker, Mr. Rowan recalled his years at TSU as instrumental in his personal and career development.

His passionate reporting on race made him one of the most highly visible and vocal black men in America. Mr. Rowan served under President John F. Kennedy as deputy assistant secretary of state with the assignment to help integrate the State Department. He was also a delegate to the United Nations during the Cuban missile crisis, ambassador to Finland in the Kennedy administration and director of the U.S. Information Agency in the Johnson administration, which in 1964 made him the highest-ranked black

in American government. Asked by the Tennessean newspaper which accomplishments made him most proud, Mr. Rowan replied, "Well, the thing I am most proud of is that if I walk down the street and meet somebody who is poor, Black, Hispanic, they say, 'You never sold out'."

"Goodbye Ole Buddy"

TSU also says farewell to J.C. Coffee, who died at age 84 after a lengthy illness on September 14, 2000.

Coach Coffee joined the faculty and coaching staff at TSU in 1950 as line football coach under Head Coach Henry Kean, and later was inducted into several football Halls of Fame. In colleges, Coach Coffee taught kinesiology, which is the functional, structural, anatomical, mechanical of the science

of human muscular movement. He traveled widely, lecturing on his theories on the importance of motion and balance to the human body. J.C. Coffee retired from coaching at TSU in 1973 after more than 30 years as an assistant working with interior linemen. A number of his former students have gone on to successful professional careers.

Library Art Corner Gallery

The Art Corner of the Brown-Daniel Library has new exhibits every other month.

Artworks by Mr. R. Lafayette Mitchell will show from September 29 until



November 1, 2000. Many of the works included in this exhibit emphasize various subjects, with pieces pertaining to TSU history in the 1940s and 1950s (the "concert era"). Mr. Mitchell has brought to life the music of the good old days, a time gone by when jazz was king, in his unique "neo-futurism" style.

A spin-off title from the original early 20th century Italian futurism movement in art, Mr. Mitchell has transformed its basic principles into neo-futurism.

The art of Mr. Guerney Berry will be exhibited from November 1 until December 1, 2000, with his work depicting the celebrated style of "Realism." Previously the library displayed the art work of Ms. Judy Akin during the month of August.

Other displays on all floors of the library help to enlighten users and visitors, making it an exciting place to spend time while on campus.

Making Donations to Special Collections at TSU

The Library is the official depository for the archives of the university. Below is a list of appropriate materials to donate to Special Collections.

- ◆ Tennessee Board of Regents' minutes, memoranda, correspondence, and reports.
- ◆ Records of the Office of the President, including correspondence, administrative subject files, and reports.
- ◆ Records of the Office of the Vice--Presidents and Deans of the College, including correspondence, subject files and reports.
- ◆ Minutes, memoranda,

and reports of all major academic and administrative committees, including the faculty council and its committees.

- ◆ Records of the Office of Student Affairs including correspondence, subject files, and reports.
- ◆ Accreditation reports and supporting documents.
- ◆ Annual budget and audit reports.
- ◆ Administrative and instructional department's records of permanent historical and legal value, such as department chair's correspondence, meeting minutes, etc.
- ◆ Records of the Office of Admissions and Records, including catalogs, class schedule, non-current enrollment reports, graduation programs, and other



reports as issued.

- ◆ Records of the Office of Alumni Relations including minutes of the various alumni chapters, alumni magazines, etc.
- ◆ Records of the Vice President for University Relations and Development.
- ◆ Records of Student Organization, such as constitutions, programs, flyers, newsletters, meeting minutes, photographs, sorority and fraternity material.
- ◆ All publications, newsletters, or booklets distributed in the name of the university, including special bulletins, yearbooks, student newspapers, university directories and faculty/staff rosters.
- ◆ Audio-visual materials documenting the development of Tennessee State University, such as still photographs and negatives, motion pictures, oral history interviews, and audio or videotapes.

Other materials you may donate:

- ◆ Manuscripts, letters, and diaries
- ◆ Photographs (labeled)
- ◆ Scrapbooks
- ◆ Professional papers
- ◆ Business records
- ◆ Memoirs/reminiscences
- ◆ Brochures and flyers
- ◆ Minutes/reports

There are several issues involved in donating manuscripts, letters, and diaries. If you are considering donating such materials, we encourage you to view the following guides created by the Society of American Archivists: (www.archivists.org)

- ◆ The SAA guide to donating your organizational records (www.archivists.org/catalog/donating-org-recs.html)
- ◆ The SAA guide to donating your personal or family papers (www.archivists.org/donating-family

[recs.html](http://www.archivists.org/catalog/donating-org-recs.html))

How to make a donation:

- ◆ First, call the Head of Special Collections, Sharon Hull at (615) 963-5219, who will discuss your donation and let you know of any special circumstances regarding your gift.
- ◆ Box items before bringing them to the library
- ◆ All gifts to the library are tax-deductible.
- ◆ The library staff cannot provide appraisals under IRS rules.

"Think, Work, Serve, TSU a good investment."





"In 1978 the new Library building (82,000 square feet) was dedicated on April 21. A room called SPECIAL COLLECTIONS was born to house the university's historical archives, theses, dissertations and other special materials."

**Students and the general public can also view the T.S.U. Brown-Daniel Library Homepage at the web site address:
<http://www.tnstate.edu/library>**