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Brown-Daniel Library Special Collections honors three great women in TSU History for Black History and Women's History Month.



Frances E. Thompson

was a Professor and past Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at TSU for 47 years, retiring in 1975. She inspired independence, achievement and taught students to appreciate art. Her work and contribution to the university still is evident on the campus, even to students who never met

her. The university seal emblazoned with the school motto: "Think, Work, and Serve" was designed by Ms. Thompson in 1922. She painted the portrait of the first president, W. J. Hale, which hangs in the Special Collections area of the Brown-Daniel Library.



Laura M. Averitte

retired after forty-eight years of distinguished service as a teacher of English at TSU. During her career she displayed her talent by writing the lyrics of the school's Alma Mater. In 1925 Ms. Averitte for-

mally organized the Dramatic Club, which later became the Tennessee State Players Guild.

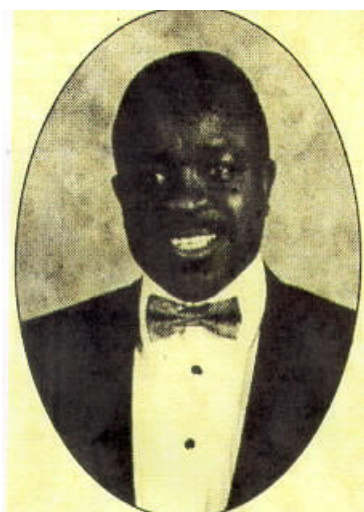


Janie E. Elliott

became a pioneer in cafeteria service for college students when she established the cafeteria system at TSU in 1924. It was thought to be "the first of its kind at a Negro college in the South." Mrs. Elliott strived constantly to improve the health of students through well balanced meals served in cafeteria style under the most beautiful and pleasing



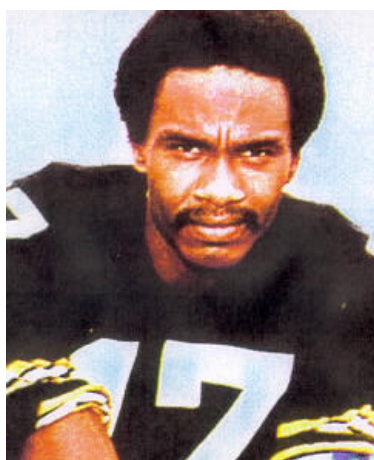
surroundings. In her early years, she taught in public schools and contributed to missionary work.



A Salute to Our Moses

Dr. Moses Osemwegie arrived in the United States from Nigeria in 1975 to continue his education. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1979, his Master of Education in 1981, and his Doctorate of Education in 1990, all from TSU. He was employed as a Subject Specialist/Assistant

Professor at the Williams Campus Library at TSU. Dr. Osemwegie passed away on January 11, 2001. A distinguished colleague and dedicated friend to many, Moses is greatly missed and fondly remembered.



Farewell to "Joey"

Joe Gilliam, Jr. the former Tennessee State University star who became one of the first black starting quarterbacks in the National Football League, died on December 25, 2000. It was at TSU that his road

to fame began as the quarterback for the 1968 to 1972 Tigers. At 6-foot-2, 170 pounds, Gilliam was called "the quarterback with a golden arm." He was honored as a two-time All American by Kodak and the Associated Press, and was twice named Black College Football Player of the Year. He was selected in his senior year to play in the Blue-Gray and Coaches All-American games, as well as the collegiate All-American Bowl. An extraordinarily gifted passer and offensive football "mind", his collegiate career included records for passing, three National Championships, and two undefeated seasons. Nicknamed "Jefferson Street Joe" by TSU's Big John Merritt, Gilliam was named All-America at TSU in 1970 and 1971. Selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 11th round of the NFL draft, Joey



earned the starting position as quarterback and was instrumental in the development of one of the Steelers' two Super Bowl championships while with the team. In doing this, Joey became the first black man to start at the position of quarterback in the National Football League.



Bob Holmes Remembered

Robert "Bob" Holmes Jr., a TSU alumnus who became an acclaimed composer, performer, educator, and music producer, died on December 16, 2000. He was acknowledged as one of Tennessee's greatest musical talents, and worked with all types of musical artists across the musi-

cal spectrum, including such legends as Duke Ellington, Eubie Blake, Quincy Jones, Milt Jackson, Julian "Cannonball" Adderley, and Dr. Billy Taylor in jazz; Lucie Campbell, Dorothy Love Coates, and Dr. Bobby Jones in gospel; the Nashville Symphony, D. Antoinette Handy, and Trio Pro Viva in classical; and was one of the first African-Americans to produce music industry recordings in Nashville. Mr. Holmes studied under Marie Brooks Strange and other outstanding TSU music faculty, receiving bachelor's and masters degrees, and later studied at Brandeis University.

As educator, he developed the Cremona Strings, the first black youth string ensemble in Nashville. (two of his former students, Kay Roberts and William Fitzpatrick, are now orchestra conductors). Mr.

Holmes was also Fisk University Composer-in-Residence in the 1970s, and created the "Orchestrated Crowd", an ensemble combining symphonic, jazz, and African instruments to perform his compositions as well as works by other composers. His talents were also utilized for religious music, TV and film, and advertising/public relations.



Library Art Corner Gallery

Artworks by Dr. James



H. Stewart of the TSU faculty will be on display until February 28. Many of the works included in the exhibit emphasize various subjects, pieces depicting "old home scenes", like "The Old Post Office" and "The Old Mill." He has produced oil paintings of the most peaceful nature scenes, as well as aspects of people in everyday life. Dr. Stewart (James to all of his friends) is a psychologist, university professor, and artist who has allowed his psychological training to serve as inspiration for his art. He is an insightful artist, painting with strokes that expand the imagination.



Ms. Vivian Walker will show from March 2, till April 30,

2001 exhibiting her work depicting a celebrated style of land and seascapes, pastels, and florals. These artists, as well as other displays, help to make the Library an exciting place to visit.

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 re-

ports.

- ♦ Records of the Office of the Vice-presidents and Deans of the College, in clouding 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 newspa-

pers, university directories and faculty/staff rosters.

- ◆ Audiovisual 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-orgrcs.html)
- ◆ The SAA guide to donating your personal or family papers(www.archivists.org/donating-family-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.



"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>**