

# TSU Special Collections Renaissance

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## NEWS

### Brown-Daniel Library

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## TSU Brown-Daniel Library Celebrates the Vinetagers

Tennessee State University honored Mrs. Frances Miller and Mrs. Willa Gaston of the class of 1928. These lovely ladies are our Diamond Vintagers who graduated 75 years



Mrs. Miller



Mrs. Gaston

ago, and were welcomed back to campus this summer along with over 148 other vinetagers. While attending Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School (TSU) in the 20s, Frances Drake met Lorenza Miller at "A&I". After Frances graduated in 1928, she married Lorenza and moved to his home in Bolivar, TN. She taught Home Economics and was in charge of the Bolivar Industrial High School's cafeteria from 1928 until 1971. The Millers had three sons. Two have passed away, but Charles Miller resides in Memphis. The Millers have nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Willa Gaston came to TSU in 1924 where her sister Inez Boyd was a faculty member. After graduation in 1928 she look at a job as Home Demonstration Agent out of the State office. Willa married in 1929 to Theodore Gaston and moved to Chattanooga, TN. Mrs. Gaston has traveled throughout the United States, and the world, on five continents, and had a 40 year teaching career in Home Economics at Booker T. Washington High School. After 42 years of marriage Mr. Gaston



SOPHOMORE COLLEGE CLASS 1926

passed away and Willa moved to Detroit to join her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.



This summer the Vintagers Celebration honored Classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, and 1962 in the Library and Special Collectons, with displays on all three floors to help celebrate the "good old days". Vintagers that come and visit our department have their picture taken as part of the library tour. We also help them reminiscence the past for example "the old duck pond".



1939

TSU's Duck Pond



1952



Jethro B Smith a native of Nassau Bahamas and now of Burns, TN and Sharon E. Hull, Department Head of Special Collections, TSU Library and of Nashville, TN were married April 12, 2003 at the National Baptist World Center with Bishop James R. King, Jr. officiating. It is the couple's first and only marriage.

The bride wore an elegant traditional white gown and train with sequins and pearls designed by Michelangelo. She carried a bouquet of pink and white calla lilies and assorted flowers. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Hull, Jr. (Dr. Hull teaches part-time at TSU in the Biology Department) The bridegroom is the son of Andray and Emily Smith Cherry of Nassau, Bahamas.

Following the ceremony, the reception was held at the Maxwell House Hotel. The couple has made their home in Burns, TN were Rev. J.B. Smith is the Dickson County Chaplain. The TSU Library joins with family members, friends, and colleagues in wishing the twosome our very best.



**Lillie Mae Bond**



**Rosanne Awbrey**



**Erin Johnson**

The Brown-Daniel Art Corner  
October 22, 1996 to Present



**Marilyn Brisbois**



**Higgins Bond**

In 1996 The Library Art Corner Gallery received a proclamation from the City of Nashville's Mayor Phil Bredesen honoring the Gallery in recognition of its services to the community, promoting the arts. Thanks to all the artists, who have had exhibited their work with us

# 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, year books student newspapers, 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](http://www.archivists.org))

- The SAA guide to donating your organizational records ([www.archivists.org/catalog/donatingorgrecs.html](http://www.archivists.org/catalog/donatingorgrecs.html))

The SAA guide to donating your personal or family papers([www.archivists.org/donating-family-recs.html](http://www.archivists.org/donating-family-recs.html))

How to make a donation:

- First, call the Head of Special Collections, Sharon Hull Smith 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"