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Brown-Daniel Library

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Lorenza and Frances Miller

TSU's Brown-Daniel Library honors the Vintagers oldest living graduate couple.

Lorenza Miller received his bachelor's degree in June of 1927. While a Sophomore Mr. Miller was known as "Wing", his fame rests on "Little Re", his favorite expression was "Hello", his ambition was "To imitate Valentino, and his appearance was "To be Mr. It". (All information was obtained from the 1925 yearbook in Special Collections.) Returning later to the university he received his master's degree in

education in 1951. While attending A&I (Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School), later named Tennessee State University, he met Frances Drake, who received her degree in 1928. After Frances graduated from A&I, she married Lorenza and moved to his hometown. Soon after Professor Miller became principal of Bolivar Industrial High School and held that position for 42 years that included the years of integration. Frances taught Home Economics and was in charge of the school's cafeteria from 1928 until 1971. The Millers have also operated Dixie Funeral Home since 1946. The Millers have had three sons, Lorenza Jr., Jerry and Charles. Lorenza Jr. died at a very early age and Jerry passed away in March 2002. Charles resides in Memphis. The couple has nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Professor Miller was known as a fair principal and he made sure you learned something from him. He didn't care if you were poor or not he believed that every person should get an education and to treat your fellow man right.





Special Collections and Archives welcomes the Vintagers home:

We are very happy to see so many Vintagers returning on August 1 through 3, 2002. The Vintagers Club is celebrating its 31st Anniversary, and is honoring all graduates of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, and 1962 TSU classes.

The association, whose sole criterion for membership is that one has been a holder of a TSU degree for forty or more years. Back in 1962 when Tennessee State University celebrated its 50th Anniversary along with the 100th Year Anniversary of the establishment of the Land-Grant institutions of higher education in the country, the idea of the Vintagers Club of TSU was born. Dr. Granville Sawyer, an illustrious alumnus of the University who was then Coordinator of Alumni Affairs, came up with the name Vintagers. The Vintagers' Prayer was written by D. M. Grisham, class of 1937. In it he states words like "continue in fellowship", "guide all our thoughts", "bless those serving in spite of handicaps, physical, social, mental or otherwise", and "God, order all our doings" To these wonderful and noble people, we love your spirit and honor you as our Alumni.

This summer marks Tennessee State University opening up its doors to thinking, working, and serving the local community for the past 90 years (since June 19, 1912). This department preserves the history of TSU, from its founding to the present.

In 1912, the first Library Director, Mrs. Martha M. Brown, began collecting documents published by the University, such as the Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School Bulletin.

The second Library Director, Lois H. Daniel, a protegee' of Mrs. Brown formally established the TSU Collection. The Radio (1925 yearbook), The Tennessee State College Newsletter, (1927), The Meter (1950 student newspaper), and the first draft of the University Seal which appears today on many buildings and printed matter of the university (the original seal in on the floor in the entries of the LRC Building, Please don't walk on the school seal. Miss Daniel's dream was to have a "Special Room", but her dream was not realized until after her retirement and the erection of the present library.

Dr. Evelyn Fancher, the third Library Director, continued the efforts by secured the Thomas Poag Collection, and the Walter Robinson Collection.

The present, and fourth Library Director, Dr. Yidiz B. Binkley, has added the following collections to enhance the quality and quantity of the resources in the area. These collections are: the Gladys Adams Collection, Merle Eppse Collection, Avon Williams Collection (room on the third floor), The Edward Temple Collection (room on the third floor and permanent display on the first floor), The Tigerbelle and Olympic Room on the third floor, The Clarence Robinson Collection (room on the third floor), the Lois McDougald Church History Collection, and the Daniel Owens Jazz Collection.

Sharon Hull has been the supervisor of the Special Collection Department for the past eight years: She sees to it that the word "special" stays in Special Collections by the ongoing research/archiving of the TSU Collections, maintaining updating and the Digitizing the collections. You may view on line the 75th Anniversary Brochure, TSU Queens, TSU Olympic, and the TSU Building (history) Programs. The department extends special thanks to the Library Web Manger Mrs. Estella R. Whitaker for her excellent work in creating online access to Special Collections. One of the sites that continues to grow is the Special Collections Renaissance News, and the other is the Art Corner Gallery web site.

Library Art Corner Gallery

The gallery has honored in its past William (Bill) Johnson and Gregory Ridley. We are proud to say that the Library has their art in the library and we also exhibits other artist work every month. Last month in July Mrs. Teruni Lamberg had a show, and this month our very own Mitchell Chamberlain will be showing his work.



Please take a look on the next page at the other artist who have had a show at the Brown-Daneil Library ART CORNER Gallery.



R. Lafayette Mitchell



Judy Akin



Teruni Lamberg



Vivian Walker



Shawn Verble



Sampson Bradley



Larry Scott



Stacy Waugh



Jonathan Kupersmith



Mitchell Chamberlain



Dr. James H. Stewart



Theresa Taylor



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



Guerney D. Berry

In 1996 The Library Art Corner Gallery received a proclamation from the City of Nashville Mayor Phil Beredesen honoring the Gallery in recognition of its services to the community, promoting the arts. Thanks to all the artist, who have had exhibits 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)

- The SAA guide to donating your organizational records (www.archivists.org/catalog/donatingorgrecs.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."

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