Mr. Amos Otis
Class of 1965
TSU 2005 Grand Marshal

Amos L. Otis is the President and Chief Executive Officer of SoBran, Inc., a firm specializing in providing professional services to government and commercial clients. Mr. Otis founded SoBran in 1987 after an impressive career in the U.S. Air Force where he served in a variety of positions. As CEO of SoBran, Mr. Otis has been instrumental in providing facilities management, logistical support services, environmental and ecology research support, and veterinary and animal care services for a wide variety of clients. Since 9/11 SoBran has been a significant player in homeland security.

Mr. Otis began his career over 40 years ago in flight school, then Titan Missiles and also as a Production and Quality Assurance Specialist with the Air Force performing contract surveillance over complex electronic programs. His career has encompassed a variety of assignments, including various leadership positions at Howard University, the United States Air Force, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, and UES. He has a long standing commitment supporting public outreach for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He provides advertising, recruiting, and management support directed toward increased participation of the faculty and graduate students of historically black colleges and universities for the AFOSR summer faculty and graduate summer programs.

Mr. Otis has had a continuous commitment to education and is a consultant to the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences for the Post-Doctoral Programs. Besides his role as a Member of the Advisory Board of the African Electrification Foundation, Mr. Otis serves as a member of executive board of the Donald W. Steele, Sr. Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association, member of the Federal Comptroller Association, and a life member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Mr. Otis earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from Tennessee State University where he has established an educational fund, and a master of business administration from California State University. He and his wife, Brenda Wills Otis, also a TSU graduate, have two adult children and reside in Virginia.
Tennessee State University honors Mr. Amos Otis, an engineering graduate of the class of 1965, as this year's Grand Marshall for the 2005 Homecoming.

Thank you, Mr. Amos Otis for all you have done. We in the Special Collections, Brown-Daniel Library at TSU want you to know that we appreciate your work. You are a living symbol of success, encouragement, and an inspiration to many.

Tennessee State University is a major, comprehensive, urban, land-grant University which offers 43 bachelor's degrees, 24 master's degrees and 5 doctoral programs. More than 8,600 students currently attend classes at TSU.
Mrs. Charlie B. Law Temple

Charlie B. Law Temple was born in Hartsville, TN the fifth of six children to Harvey and Tina Law. Charlie B. moved to Nashville after graduating from elementary school in Hartsville and attended Washington Junior High School and Pearl High School. She graduated in three years from Pearl High School and was honored as the salutatorian of the Class of 1947; also at the same time she had completed her first year at Tennessee State University.

Charlie B. was bestowed the title and served as 'Miss Sophomore' to 'Miss T.S.U.' at the Homecoming in 1947, she also became a member of Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in the same year. She graduated from Tennessee State University in 1950, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology after graduation she married a young man she met in physiology class in her Junior Year at T.S.U.

In the fall of 1950 Mrs. Temple went back to her hometown of Hartsville to teach school but returned to Nashville to be with her husband and was employed by Tennessee State University to work in the Post Office, later becoming the Director of the Post Office were she worked for the next forty-two years (42) where she retired in 1992. During her employment at Tennessee State University she served as Supervisor for numerous work-aid students and Graduate Advisor to Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for many years. During her forty-two years at T. S. U. she also served as a "Substitute Mother" for many of the Tennessee State University’s Women’s Track Team the Tigerbelles.

Mrs. Temple is an active member of Alpha Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. where she is a Life Member and a Golden Soror (50 years). She is also one of the Founders of the Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Inc. and is presently a Senior Member of that organization. Mrs. Temple is long time member of Clark Memorial United Methodist Church, where she has served as secretary for the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and secretary for the Board of Trustees; she presently serves as a member of the Birthday and History Committees. Mrs. Temple is the wife of Coach Edward S. Temple, Retired Head Women’s Track Coach Tennessee State University "Tigerbelles" 1950-1994. July 2005 they celebrated fifty-five (55) years of marriage she is the Mother of two children Lloyd Bernard and Dr. Edwina R. Temple. Together Edward and Charlie B. Temple have been a part of the T.S.U family for a combined total of ninety-four (94) years.
In recognition and appreciation from the ART Corner Gallery to hard-working and creative the men and women, we would like to thank all of you for your dedication and showing in our gallery. This service to promote art to the TSU community through your art exhibits has created more love and enjoyment for all the arts.
This summer the Vintagers Celebration honored Classes of 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965. There were displays in Special Collections and on the first and second floors of the library to help celebrate the good old days. Some of the Vintagers that came and visited the Library had their pictures taken as part of the library tour.
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. 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/donatingorgrcs.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 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 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”. Today we house much more check out our website.

On October 22, 1996 The Brown-Daniel Art Corner Galley received from the Mayor of the City of Nashville a proclamation honoring the Library's Art Galley.