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Robertson Family Helps Establish Ole Miss Chair of Insurance

With hopes of providing Mississippi and the nation with the next generation of insurance leaders, a Jackson family has made a significant contribution toward the creation of a Chair of Insurance in the University of Mississippi School of Business Administration.

Named for its major donors Gwenette P. and Jack W. Robertson Jr. — who have given \$250,000 — the Robertson Chair will make a great impact on the School of Business Administration's efforts to enhance academic programs and service to the insurance industry. The Chair represents recognition of a family which has been a positive influence on the insurance industry in Mississippi for many years, said Dr. Randy Boxx, dean of business.

Establishment of the Robertson Chair has a goal of a \$750,000 endowment. The Ole Miss School of Business Administration will raise the balance of funds necessary to supplement the present \$476,000 in the fund — of which \$250,000 came from the Robertsons with another \$226,000 contributed by others.

Founder and president of Gulf Guaranty Life Insurance Company, Jack "Bouncer" Robertson, Jr. earned a bachelor of business administration degree from Ole Miss in 1953. After working in the property and casualty, and credit life insurance industry, Robertson established Gulf Guaranty in 1970, which provides an array of products and services to financial institutions.

His three sons and one of his two daughters represent the fourth generation of Robertsons to serve Mississippi's insurance industry.

Robertson said while his family's donation to Ole Miss was motivated by a desire to help improve insurance education, it was made also out of a commitment to Ole Miss and the School of Business Administration.

"I think the program is on the right track, and I think it will



Chancellor Robert C. Khayat thanks Gwenette and Jack "Bouncer", Robertson, Jr. for their generous gift to the business school.

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benefit Mississippi for Ole Miss to have the highest quality insurance program in the state," Robertson said. "I support the insurance industry, of course, but my family's heart and soul is at Ole Miss. Its success is paramount."

Indeed, the Robertson family commitment to the University spans several generations and nearly 100 years. Robertson's grandfather, John Westbrook Robertson, received his undergraduate degree from Ole Miss in the late 1800s and went on to practice law. Following John Robertson were eight other family members including four of Jack Robertson's children, a sister and three uncles. Jack Robertson's great uncle, Andrew Kincannon, served as Chancellor from 1907 to 1914.

"The Ole Miss family is very proud of its traditions and nurtures them," said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "This gift by

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Longtime Ole Miss Administrator, George Martin Street, Dies

Saying “Ole Miss” to many alumni summons memories of the Lyceum, the Grove and one man: George M. Street.

During his 39-year career at The University of Mississippi, George M. Street, touched uncountable lives and contributed an impressive list of “firsts.”

At the time of his death on Feb. 6, Street was director emeritus of university relations, the title he had held since retiring from the University in 1985.

Paying tribute to his longtime friend, Ole Miss Chancellor Robert Khayat said, “Through his many years of dedicated service, Dr. Street essentially became an Ole Miss icon. He did an extraordinary job presenting the University and its many attributes; he absolutely dedicated himself to this institution. I rarely go anywhere that someone doesn’t ask me about George Street. The University has lost a legend, I have lost a dear friend.”

Street came to Ole Miss as an undergraduate in 1945, after five years in the U.S. Army, and he never left. He earned a bachelor of business administration degree in 1948 and a juris doctorate in 1949. He was inducted into the University’s Alumni Hall of Fame in 1993.

From his first job as a student assistant to the dean of men, Street moved through the University ranks including supervisor of housing, institutional adviser for veterans, assistant dean of men, prototype admissions counselor, head of the University’s first placement bureau and first office of student financial aid, first assistant director of development, director of development and director of university relations.

Street became the first University representative to the Robert M. and Lenore W. Carrier Foundation and succeeded to the position of University trustee in 1964, serving for two decades. For many years, it was usually Street who visited Carrier Scholars in their homes and informed them of their selection for the four-year award.

Following his 12-year tenure as director of university rela-



George M. Street

tions, Street retired from Ole Miss in 1985, becoming director emeritus of university relations. Upon his retirement, he was honored during the University’s 1985 Carrier Scholars reunion banquet with a resolution that recognized his contributions to the 336 Carrier Scholars who attended Ole Miss.

He presented the first prestigious Carrier scholarship to Mary Ann Mobley, actress and humanitarian and former Miss America. “Because of his belief in me, I got to go to Ole Miss. There also were hundreds of others that he assisted because he truly loved Ole Miss. The friends and ties that you make at Ole Miss are never lost,” said Mobley. “One never graduates from Ole Miss, and you also never graduate from George Street. I always tried to tell him how much he meant to my life, and he would just laugh and say, ‘I was just doing what I should for Ole Miss.’”

Street also served as the University representative to the Montfort Jones and Allie Brown Jones Foundation in Bristol, Okla., and administered those scholarships.

Many alumni remember how he helped them with financial aid, housing, scholarships, careers, networking and just plain

good advice. Congressmen and legislators remember him as the legislative representative for the University. Employers throughout the coun-

try continued to call him over the years when they had a position for a talented student.

Expressions of esteem and admiration to Street from former Ole Miss students have emanated profusely over the years. Among them was one from the Rev. Lowell E. Grisham Jr., who wrote a letter of nomination in 1981 to the Mississippi Association of Educational Office Personnel. (At that time, Grisham was associated with Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchez.) The letter closed with, “What I want to tell you is that he (George Street) is the most wonderful magician a kid could imagine. The

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Message from the Chancellor

This issue of The Foundation News is a reflection of the spirit of unity that will place OLE MISS FIRST. Alumni, friends, and supporters of the University have stepped forward to provide funding at record-setting levels that will enhance our pursuit of excellence.

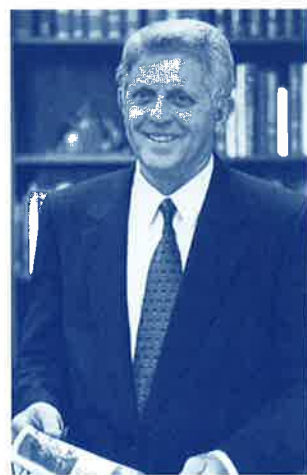
Our faculty have assumed the leadership in preparing and presenting our application for a Phi Beta Kappa charter. Members of our staff are committed to staff development, institutional efficiency, and enhancement of our buildings and grounds. The newly elected student body leaders have adopted goals that are consistent with those of our alumni, faculty, and staff. We have joined hands and are prepared to move forward with energy, enthusiasm, and excitement.

The Foundation Board was instrumental in creating this positive atmosphere by accepting the responsibility of leading the effort to attract private support to fund five clearly defined areas of need: 1) the J. D. Williams Library; 2) scholarships; 3) faculty support; 4) the Honors College; and 5) academic enrichment. Members of the Board, working with Dr. Don Frugé, Vice Chancellor of University Advancement, Mr. Steve Owens, Executive Director of University Development, Mr. Herb Dewees, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, Dr. Gloria Kellum, Executive Director of the Sesquicentennial, Brian Reithal,



Co-Chair of the Sesquicentennial and our excellent staff, are preparing plans for the Sesquicentennial Campaign. The Phi Beta Kappa faculty committee, chaired by Dr. Ron Schroeder, is organizing the application process and identifying specific needs. The Hardin Foundation has generously funded a grant to underwrite preparation of the application and has invited challenge grant proposals to address other specific needs for this process.

This is an exciting venture — a partnership that will ensure the continued strengthening of our University. I thank you for your support, encouragement, and leadership. ■



George Martin Street continued...

spell he casts turns frogs into princes. And there are a lot of us little tadpoles running around with crowns on our heads, thanks to George Street.”

The University chapter of the Mississippi Association of Education Office Personnel named Street Administrator of the Year. He was also well-known in state and national organizations, including the National Association of College and University Attorneys, for whom he was the Mississippi membership chairman. He was president of the Southern College Placement Officers Association and member of the National College Placement Council.

As Region Five whip of the legislative network of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant College, he worked closely with the Mississippi congressional delegation. As institutional representative to the Mississippi Inter-Alumni Council, he monitored all legislation affecting Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi and worked with its Board of Trustees, the Mississippi Legislature, the governor and state attorney general.

During Porter Fortune's term as chancellor, Street served for more than 10 years as Fortune's legal adviser.

Street belonged to Delta Sigma Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa,

Order of Omega, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Delta Phi, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of the Stars and Bars, Mississippi Education Association, Mississippi Bar Association, and the American Legion. He was a life member of the Ole Miss Alumni Association, and a founding Member of The University of Mississippi Foundation Board of Directors.

Faculty adviser and a national officer for Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Street was a former member of the Oxford Lions and Rotary clubs, having served as Rotary president. He was on the Board of Directors of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce. He attended St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and was a tutor in the church's Leap Frog program for disadvantaged first- and second-grade children.

Street, 75, and his wife Iva, have two children, both of whom each hold two degrees from Ole Miss. Daughter Robin Belinda Street of Oxford is an instructor in journalism at the University and is married to Dr. Stan O'Dell, a professor of psychology. Son Martin and his wife Lorraine of Baton Rouge, La., have two daughters, Emilie and Mary Alex.

Memorials can be made to the George M. Street Memorial Scholarship Fund through the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■

A Message From:

Don L. Frugé,

Vice Chancellor for
University Advancement
and Executive Vice President/CEO
of The University of Mississippi Foundation



Chancellor Robert C. Khayat charged the Office of University Advancement with the responsibility of coordinating all Fundraising efforts at the University of Mississippi. In order to accomplish this goal, quarterly seminars are planned for all those involved in private support from University administration, academics, development, alumni, and athletics. The first meeting focused on the services and expertise offered through the University of Mississippi Foundation and the Office of University Advancement. Each seminar promises to encourage, educate, and coordinate activities of those who are involved with the private support of the University.

Through the generosity of you, our alumni and friends, private support continues to soar. For the first six months of this fiscal year ending December 31, 1995, private gifts totaled \$10.4 million; for all of last fiscal year, private donations were \$17.7 million. Equally significant, the University endowment grew to an all time high of \$83.2 million at the end of December. The endowment monies are kept permanently invested and only the earnings from the endowments are used for the purposes specified by the donors.

The University of Mississippi joined with the City of Oxford to bring the St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra from Russia to the Ole Miss campus. More than 7,000 school children in North Mississippi were provided a rare opportunity to enjoy this special performance.

The University of Mississippi Schools of Business Administration and Accountancy, \$21.7 million expansion and renovation is well underway. Major funding for the project was provided by the Mississippi Legislature with a \$14.2 million appropriation and by a major gift from the Henry Holman Family. Fundraising efforts for the additional \$6 million needed to complete the new buildings, renovate old Conner Hall, purchase equipment and furniture and provide landscaping is continuing. At the time of this writing, approximately one-third of these additional funds has been committed and we are confident the steering committee will secure the balance of the pledges soon.

Thank each of you for your continuing support of The University of Mississippi. ■

Hailey Estes/ Mindy Carlson Memorial Scholarship to Pay Tribute to Co-eds

A memorial scholarship has been established in honor of two Ole Miss co-eds killed in an automobile accident in Natchez over spring break.

Freshmen Hailey Elizabeth Estes, 19, of Natchez and Melinda Sue "Mindy" Carlson, 18, of Edina, Minn., were killed instantly when their car collided with a Natchez Fire Department truck en route to a home fire. The Ole Miss students were recent initiates of the Delta Gamma sorority and members of the Ole Miss Pom Squad, which performed at basketball games.

The Natchez Miss-Lou Delta Gamma Alumni Association, with support from the Estes family, have developed a memorial scholarship at Ole Miss. Claudia Stephens, chair of the scholarship committee for the alumnae, said the group wanted to turn the tragedy of the accident into something positive.



Hailey Elizabeth Estes



Mindy Sue Carlson

"Working with the University of Mississippi Foundation, we've established a perpetual memorial scholarship, which will be a permanent award," Stephens told the Natchez Democrat last week. "This will be a permanent tribute to Hailey and Mindy."

The scholarship award is for a female student based on scholarship, leadership and the high ideals exemplified by Estes and Carlson. "Hailey felt it was her mission in life to help others. Her family felt without question that this would be a good way to keep her memory alive," said Stephens.

To become a permanent endowment, the scholarship requires a minimum of \$5,000. All contributions are tax deductible and can be sent to the University of Mississippi Foundation, Hailey Estes/Mindy Carlson Memorial Scholarship, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677. ■



Ole Miss Business, Accountancy Schools Break Ground on New \$21-Million Project

The University of Mississippi Schools of Business Administration and Accountancy broke ground October 20 on an \$21-million expansion and renovation project, which will turn Conner Hall into a technological wonderland. Ole Miss officials and students joined on the platform with local and state business leaders for the long-awaited celebration.



BREAKING GROUND FOR THE FUTURE — The University of Mississippi recently broke ground on a \$21-million expansion and renovation of Conner Hall, home of the Schools of Business Administration and Accountancy. More than 200 people attended the ceremony, including alumni, faculty, state and local business leaders, and members of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. Pictured here (from left) are Chancellor Robert C. Khayat; Carl Nicholson Jr., College Board; Dr. James W. Davis, dean of accountancy; Frank Crosthwait Jr., James Luvens and Will Hickman, College Board; Dr. W. Randy Boxx, dean of business; Dr. Phil Malone, associate professor of finance; Robert Blake “Bo” White III, president of the business school student body; Brook Lester, president of the accountancy school student body; Dr. Tonya Flesher, professor of accountancy; Aubrey Patterson, chair of the Business Advisory Council and co-chair of the Accountancy/Business Complex Fund-Raising Steering Committee; and Roger Frio, co-chair of the Steering Committee.

a fact noted by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business visitation team at the end of the recent reaccreditation process. They said that the School of Business Administration is “the best, little, efficient program” they have seen.

“Without a doubt, we have been successful in our mission to produce outstanding graduates in the business field, but we believe we can do more,” said Dr. Randy Boxx, dean of the School of Business Administration. “This new business and accountancy complex will enable an already outstanding faculty, staff and student body to move into a truly competitive position in the region and nation.”

Dr. James Davis, dean of the School of Accountancy, specifically addressed the impact the new complex will have on learning and teaching.

Major funding for the project was provided by the Mississippi Legislature with a \$14.2 -million appropriation for construction and by a major gift from the Henry Holman Family. A building campaign to raise the additional \$6 million from private and corporate donors to supplement state funds is already well underway. To date approximately one-third has been raised toward the campaign goal and we are confident the steering committee will secure the balance of the pledges soon.

Prior to the ground-breaking ceremony, Chancellor Robert C. Khayat complimented the leaders of the Schools of Business Administration and Accountancy and talked about the positive impact of their vision on the future of Ole Miss graduates.

“The nature of doing business today in a fast-paced and global marketplace calls for presenting our business and accountancy students the very finest in technology and techniques,” Chancellor Khayat said. “Through this massive expansion and remodeling of Conner Hall, will give Ole Miss business and accountancy students the tools and training they need to be successful in their careers and contribute to the enhancement of life for Mississippians.”

In existence for more than 78 years, the Schools of Business Administration and Accountancy have been housed in Conner Hall since 1961. Both schools have established impressive records of achievement in teaching, research and service activities. Ole Miss has a reputation for using its resources efficiently,

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1995-96 Ole Miss Associates Grants

THE OLE MISS ASSOCIATES program was established in 1985, to provide a source of private support for academic enrichment at both the Oxford and Jackson campuses. Membership in the Associates Program is achieved by an annual donation of \$1,000 or by a one-time gift of \$15,000. Since 1985 the Ole Miss Associates Program has provided over \$3 million for academic excellence.

DEPARTMENT	APPROVED	PROJECT
Accountancy	\$16,000	Computers for Accy. Lab & Facility
Economics & Finance	20,000	Update Electronic Classroom
Educational Leadership	6,761	Portable Multi-Media Computer
Curriculum & Instruction	3,000	Video Cameras
Curriculum & Instruction	8,300	Multi-Media Projection System
Wireless Communication	13,304	Simulation Platform
Geological Engineering	7,845	Expansion of GIS Laboratory
Electrical Engineering	3,000	Update Lab Workstations
Psychology	14,425	Portable Projection System
English	15,000	Writing Center Equipment
Mathematics	11,112	Facilitating Multi-Media Presentations
Chemical	1,150	Fluorence Upgrade
Biology	1,050	Computer Network Hardware
Library	3,700	CD ROM Workstations
Library	10,000	Multi-Media Facility Equipment
Library	6,616	Geographic Information System
Law School	3,000	Journal of National Security Law
Law School	20,360	Law Library Catalog Network Upgrade
Court Reporting	5,000	Personal Computers & Printers
Chemistry	16,506	UV-Visible Diode Array SpectroSystem
Pharmacy	11,500	Infectious Diseases Research Center
Office of Research	10,000	Bulldozer for Biological Field
Honors	2,000	Computer Workstations

THE CHANCELLOR'S PARTNERS program was established in 1986, to ensure that Ole Miss remains competitive among other southern universities. Membership in the Chancellor's Partners Program is achieved by an annual contribution of \$100. 1995-96 Partners Grants totaled over \$43,000.

Ole Miss Business, Accountancy Schools Break Ground continued...

"The new and improved Conner hall complex is designed for students to use an array of information technology routinely for many tasks," Dr. Davis said. "Wherever students are located in this complex, they will be able to connect to any number of information systems through a laptop computer as well as interact with students and faculty at remote sites using our new distance-learning center. The remodeled and expanded complex will be a learning center for the 21st century."

Designed by Eley Associates/Architects of Jackson, the new construction will be a prominent University landmark, consistent in style with other buildings in the heart of the campus. The four-story, 55,000-square-foot-addition will be located just east of the current Conner Hall. An entry pavilion will join the new structure with a totally renovated Conner Hall, which will also receive a 24,000-square-foot addition to the north. When completed, the entire complex will contain a total of 116,000 square feet. ■

Grisham Endowment Brings Georgia Writer to Ole Miss

Georgia native Mary Hood — who has been called a remarkable new voice among Southern writers — arrived at The University of Mississippi early this semester as part of the Southern Writer-in-Residence Program established by best-selling author John Grisham and his wife, Renee.

An acclaimed writer whose first novel “Familiar Heat” has garnered widespread critical praise, Hood will spend the spring semester teaching creative writing, giving public readings and working with students in the Ole Miss Department of English.

Born in Brunswick, Georgia, Hood received a degree in Spanish from Georgia State University and headed to Georgia Tech to pursue a master’s degree in chemistry. She soon decided a science career was not for her, left Georgia Tech and worked in sales, a language lab and a library while writing in her spare time.

Her first success came with “How Far She Went,” a collection of short stories that captured the Flannery O’Connor Award and “The Southern Review” Louisiana State University Short Fiction Award. She followed that up in 1986 with another exceptional collection of short stories titled “And Venus is Blue,” for which she won the Townsend Award.

Her most recent creation, “Familiar Heat,” is set in a small Florida fishing town and spans years in the lives of an assortment of local characters. Against this colorful background we meet the story’s central character Faye Parry Rios, a young woman who endures kidnap, rape and abandonment by her husband; a car wreck; brain damage; and loss of her memory and personality.

“This is Hood’s first novel, but you’d never know it. The author of two volumes of short stories, this Georgia writer has made the leap to the longer form without ever looking winded,” wrote reviewer Malcolm Jones Jr., in the Nov. 20 issue of *Newsweek*. The respected Kirkus Reviews declared the novel “a remarkably affecting story about ordinary people doing the best they can: a never sentimental or patronizing debut novel, though the good guys mostly win.”

Hood’s essays and stories have appeared in

Harper’s, *The Gettysburg Review*, *Art & Antiques*, *North American Review* and in other national publications. She was awarded the Whiting Writers Award in 1994.

“Mary Hood is a writer of great talent and skill, and we are delighted to have her with us this semester,” said Dr. Dan Williams, chair of English. “Her first two collections are impressive displays of artistry and poignancy, and ‘Familiar Heat’ is a brilliant first novel. We look forward to having Mary Hood as a colleague and are pleased that she will become a part of our literary community.”

The Southern Writer-in-Residence Program brings a writer to campus typically for one semester to be a resource to students and teach in the English department. The Renee and John Grisham Fund pays the salary and living expenses for the writer, who is chosen for the position by a four-member committee.

Most recently, the program hosted Mark Richard, author of the critically acclaimed 1993 novel “Fishboy” and winner of Hemingway Short Story Contest, PEN/Ernest Hemingway Foundation Award in 1990, the Whiting Foundation Writer’s Award and the Virginia Prize for Fiction.

“My colleagues and I are deeply grateful to John and Renee Grisham for establishing the Visiting Southern Writer-in-Residence Program, which has become a tremendous asset to our curriculum,” Williams said. “Due to the Grishams’ generosity and to the exceptional talent of T.R. Pearson and Mark Richard, the two previous writers-in-residence, we have received a great deal of interest in our programs, and each semester our writing courses are packed with students.”

In addition to creating the writer-in-residence program in 1993, the Grishams revived and expanded the Visiting Writers Series that was inaugurated at Ole Miss by then-writer-in-residence Willie Morris when John Grisham was a student in the Ole Miss School of Law. Through the series, one to three authors visit the campus each semester to give public presentations and to meet with students. ■



Mary Hood, Southern Writer-in-Residence

State Farm Gives UM Business School \$25,000 for Insurance Endowment

Established just four months ago, The University of Mississippi Robertson Chair of Insurance has received a major vote of confidence by State Farm Insurance, the nation's largest insurance provider.

The State Farm Companies Foundation donated \$25,000 to help the Ole Miss School of Business Administration establish a premiere insurance program. Through the endowment, University leaders are confident the insurance program can attract and retain highly qualified faculty who will design an insurance curriculum that will rank among the best in the nation.

"We appreciate your interest, guidance and commitment for education, particularly insurance education," Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat told a group of State Farm Insurance representatives when accepting the donation. "We have a commitment to build one of the best insurance programs in the South and, hopefully, in the nation. You are the best neighbor of all neighbors, and I am thankful for this relationship."

The \$25,000 donation will go toward the University's efforts to establish a \$750,000 endowment. Currently, the endowment stands at \$226,000. The Robertson family of Jackson has issued a dollar-for-dollar challenge grant in the amount of \$250,000 leaving \$274,000 needed to meet the minimum goal established by the School of Business Administration.

Dr. Larry Cox, holder of the Professorship of Insurance at Ole Miss, said with its sizable donation State Farm has shown a confidence in the leadership at Ole Miss to follow through on its promises to grow a program dedicated to academic excellence.

"Their support shows what great corporate citizens State Farm is," Cox said. "They have been one of the first national companies to donate to the Chair of Insurance and they were the first to sign up for our recent Careers Day program."

Cox also expressed special thanks to State Farm's Dwain



Dwight Acker of Oxford (second from right), agency field executive for State Farm Insurance, delivered a \$25,000 check to University of Mississippi Chancellor Robert C. Khayat (second from left) on behalf of the State Farm Foundation. Also present to accept the donation were Dr. Larry Cox (far left), holder of the Ole Miss professorship of Insurance, and Dr. W. Randy Boxx (far right), dean of the School of Business Administration.

Acker, an agency field executive based in Oxford. "He really took the bull by the horns and showed that he, too, has a vision for our growing insurance program."

Acker said supporting the Chair of Insurance endowment, and ultimately the entire insurance program, is essential in today's increasingly competitive insurance market.

"Education is everything," Acker said. "Like other professions the insurance industry is becoming a very specialized field and it's going to take a commitment to education for us to fully cultivate the human resources that are required for success." ■

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the Gwenette and Jack Robertson family further continues its long tradition of supporting the University. Because of this gift and subsequent efforts by the School of Business Administration to establish the Chair of Insurance, Ole Miss will be able to set a standard of excellence by providing only the best teachers and educational resources for our students. It is my strong belief that through partnerships with successful alumni like Jack Robertson we can build a better Ole Miss for our children."

As the School of Business Administration sets about to

build an even higher-quality insurance program, the establishment of the Robertson Chair of Insurance is an important part of its strategic plan, said Dean Boxx.

"With today's announcement of the creation of the Robertson Chair," Boxx said, "the School of Business Administration is making a visible commitment to the insurance industry across the state and region that every student who wishes to pursue a career in the insurance field should select The University of Mississippi." ■

University Foundation Announces Availability of Gift Annuities

Brad Walsh — Director of Planned & Deferred Gifts

The University of Mississippi Foundation is pleased to announce a new opportunity for our donors - the Charitable Gift Annuity. A Charitable Gift Annuity allows a donor to provide for his or her financial future while making a much needed gift to The University. A Charitable Gift Annuity typically provides the following benefits to the donor:

- An annuity (fixed payments for life), guaranteed by all of the assets of the University of Mississippi Foundation.
- An immediate income tax deduction in the year the gift annuity is established.
- Attractive rates of return resulting in increased after-tax cash flows over the private investment of the same funds.

Gift Annuities may be established for the donor and/or the donor's spouse. Other family members or loved ones can also be annuitants.

Younger donors or beneficiaries may want to establish high rate of return deferred gift annuities as part of their retirement planning. Doing so may avoid exacerbating over-funded pension problems.

Funding any Charitable Gift Annuity with appreciated property (e.g. stocks, bonds), can avoid the immediate imposition of onerous capital gains taxes on the transfer in exchange for the annuity.

Any such gain is instead spread over the life expectancy of the annuitant, significantly reducing the impact of these taxes. A Gift Annuity is one of the few ways taxpayers can diversify their portfolios without incurring capital gains taxes on the disposition of the original investment. The following example illustrates how a gift annuity can work for you:

- Mrs. Rebel is 75. She owns 100 shares of stock, purchased for \$100 a share in 1970. The stock is now worth \$1,100 a share. The stock pays an annual dividend of \$22 a share, or \$2,200.
- Mrs. Rebel would like to sell the stock and reinvest the proceeds to produce more than \$2,200 in annual cash flow. However, she is concerned about the capital gains taxes associated with the disposition of the stock. After all, those taxes could total in excess of \$28,000!

- Mrs. Rebel needs a safe, tax-wise investment that offers a substantial increase in cash flow. She also wants to defer capital gains taxes on the disposition of the stock. Perhaps most important, Mrs. Rebel would like for her investment to ultimately benefit Ole Miss.

By contributing her stock for the benefit of The University utilizing a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Foundation, each of the Mrs. Rebel's goals would be met. At 79 years of age, the Foundation can offer an annuity equal to 8.5% of the contribution, in this example \$9,350 annually. A portion of each gift annuity payment made to Mrs. Rebel will be tax free. Capital gains taxes of \$28,000 are spread over Mrs. Rebel's life expectancy, instead of being due immediately on the disposition of the stock. Also, the donor's gift could result in an immediate income tax deduction of as much as \$56,000, saving roughly \$22,000 in taxes. Mrs. Rebel receives this savings even though she receives an annuity that continues to have the full value of her assets work for her.*

Clearly a gift annuity can solve many tax and financial problems for our donors as well as enable them to make significant gifts to The University. If you (or your advisors) would like additional information about this or any other type of planned or deferred gift, please call Brad Walsh at (800) 340-9542. ■

Sample Annuity Rates - Single Life Annuities

Age	Rate
65	6.5%
70	6.9%
75	7.7%
80	8.8%
85	10%

The table shows representative rates, to find the specific rate for your age, call Brad Walsh at (800) 340-9542. Rates are computed at your age at your nearest birthday to the date of the gift (e.g. if you are over 79 1/2, use the rate for age 80.) Two Life Annuities are also available. Rates are subject to change from time to time.

* All computations are made utilizing annuity rates authorized by the Foundation Committee on Planned Giving and Federal Treasury rates in effect on March 19, 1996. As with any gift of this nature you are advised to consult your own tax professional about your specific circumstances.

KLASSIKA: Ole Miss Hosts Russian Orchestra

A signature city of opulence and elegance, St. Petersburg, Russian, is known as much for its exquisite palaces, architecture and artwork as for its imperial style of rule.

Area residents shared in the sounds of this country, as The University of Mississippi played host to the St. Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra "Klassika," which toured Mississippi and performed in conjunction with the exhibit "Palaces of St. Petersburg: Russian Imperial Style."

About 600 of Russia's most priceless treasures — including a gold coronation carriage, thrones and an original Faberge egg commissioned by Czar Nicholas II — will be featured in the March 1-August 31 exhibit at the Mississippi Arts Pavilion in downtown Jackson.

"St. Petersburg is commonly acknowledged to be the cultural capital of Russia," said Dr. Ron Vernon, chair of the Ole Miss Music Department who also coordinated efforts to bring the orchestra to Oxford. "It's not often that we get the opportunity to hear a world-class orchestra here on our campus."

Under the baton of Maestro Alexander Kantorov, artistic director and chief conductor, the 85-piece orchestra played

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MISSISSIPPI TOUR — Alexander Kantorov conducts the Russian St. Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra as it performed Modest Petrovich Mussorgsky's "A Night on Bald Mountain" at Fulton Chapel on The University of Mississippi Campus.

three concerts. Hundreds of children from Marshall, Panola; Yalobusha, Lafayette, Calhoun and Union counties were invited to attend the children's concerts, the free performances were held in the C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum on the Oxford Campus.

Suzanne Anderson, Oxford resident and veteran educator, said the orchestral performances were especially exciting to the young people, heightening their awareness of other cultures and perhaps piquing their musical curiosity.

"I think it gave the children a full symphonic experience — one that we don't often get — as well as afforded them an opportunity to witness the cul-

tural exchange between two countries that have made an effort in recent years to come together," said Anderson, who helped coordinate the children's concerts. "It was a marvelous opportunity for all of us."

The University of Mississippi and The University of Mississippi Foundation joined with the City of Oxford to bring the St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra to the Ole Miss campus. This successful fundraising effort provided more than 7,000 school children a rare opportunity to enjoy this special performance. A special thanks to each of you who contributed to this worthwhile endeavor. ■



Philanthropy 400

For the first time, The University of Mississippi is ranked among the nation's top 400 charities by *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, a national weekly newspaper devoted to private giving. Ole Miss, one of 151 colleges and universities on the list, was included in "The Philanthropy 400" on the basis of \$16.3 million in private contributions in 1993-94. Private support for 1994-95 totaled \$17.7 million, so we expect to be included in the next listing of the top 400 too.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you, our alumni and friends, for the significant private gifts you make for the benefit of The University of Mississippi. Your continued support is the only reason we receive this prestigious recognition.

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\$300,000 Gift Establishes Ole Miss Scholarship in Memory of Carthage Couple

A new scholarship fund has been set up with a \$300,000 gift to The University of Mississippi because of a couple's love for young people and their granddaughters' alma mater. The C.T. and Earline F. Ramzy Memorial Scholarship Fund will help deserving young men and women earn college degrees. Natives of Lafayette County, the late Mr. and Mrs. Ramzy lived in Carthage for about 45 years. The gift to the University was part of Mrs. Ramzy's estate.

The couple did not attend Ole Miss, but Mrs. Ramzy graduated from University High School, which was part of the Ole Miss School of Education. Mr. Ramzy graduated from Mississippi State University (MSU), as did other members of the family. But the two developed an affection for the school in their hometown that also became the alma mater of their granddaughters — Martha Tess Ramzy Shirley of Jackson and Vikki Michelle "Mikki" Thomas Ogletree of Ridgeland.

"Daddy would have loved this. He would do anything to help schools and young people," said Judy Ramzy Thomas of Carthage, the couple's daughter, referring to the scholarship fund. "My parents worked hard to put daddy through college. They came up the hard way. They knew the importance of education and wanted to help others earn college degrees to make good in life."

After graduating from MSU, Mr. Ramzy became the county agent of Leake County, where he worked with young people

through 4-H Club and Boy Scout organizations.

"This is such an inspiring story," said Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "During their lifetimes, Mr. and Mrs. Ramzy obviously treasured young people and gave a great deal of their time and attention to them. This memorial scholarship fund, established in their names by the Ramzy estate, will enable Ole Miss students to achieve their dreams and potential. The Ramzys' special regard for and belief in young people, particularly their own grandchildren, will live on for generations to come."

Mr. Ramzy served as a paratrooper in the Korean War and World War II. After being a county agent, he and a business partner founded R&R Milling Company in Carthage. The two eventually branched out into the poultry busi-

ness, establishing Choctaw Maid Inc. Mrs. Ramzy assisted her husband with the family business, and the couple was active in the First Baptist Church of Carthage and supported the Carthage Public Library. Mr. Ramzy passed away in 1989 and Mrs. Ramzy in 1995.

The C.T. and Earline F. Ramzy Memorial Scholarship will provide assistance to full-time undergraduates who are residents of Mississippi, with first preference to students from Leake County. The scholarship fund will accept gifts from other individuals and organizations through the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 39677; telephone (601) 232-5944. ■

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Former Belzoni Native Gives \$100,000 to Ole Miss

Robert E. Fonville of Dallas, Texas (right), a native of Belzoni, presents Dr. Don Fruge, vice chancellor of University Advancement at The University of Mississippi, with a check for \$100,000 to add to a scholarship fund he has established. Fonville first developed an affection for the University as a student on the Oxford campus in 1948.



Memorial Scholarship Endowment Begun in UM Pharmacy School

Gifts of more than \$20,000 have established the Amy McElroy Rutherford Memorial Scholarship Endowment at The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.

A native of Hernando, Rutherford graduated from Ole Miss in 1988 with a bachelor of science in pharmacy. The endowment was started by her husband Dr. Joe Rutherford, who is a resident in family practice at the University of Tennessee at Memphis.

"The scholarship was started to try and make something positive come from Amy's untimely death," Dr. Rutherford said. "She placed a high value on her career and on higher education. Consequently, it made sense to establish a scholarship fund to help others achieve degrees in pharmacy."

Rutherford was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McElroy of Hernando. Her sisters, Christi Price of Southaven, and Cheryl Suddeth of Hernando, also an

Ole Miss pharmacy school graduate, participated with Dr. Rutherford in a luncheon to honor the first recipients of the Rutherford Memorial Scholarships. They are Brandon Neil Howe, a fourth-year pharmacy student from Hernando, and Kala Denise Upchurch, a fifth-year doctor of pharmacy student from Horn Lake.

"The loss of Amy McElroy Rutherford is a tragedy to her family, friends, the community and her profession," said Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts, dean of pharmacy. "Her former teachers and classmates are saddened by her death. We hope and trust this scholarship endowment established in her name will forever be a beacon for this wonderful young woman."

"The School of Pharmacy and this office pledge to be good stewards of the McElroy Rutherford Memorial Scholarship Endowment, and we hope the scholarship recipients will emulate the professional standards and ideals held by Amy," the dean said.

The endowment is designated for student residents of DeSoto County, Miss., and Shelby County, Tenn., who maintain excellence in scholarship and leadership. These areas have been specified because Rutherford grew up and spent much of her life in this region.

Rutherford first received a bachelor of science in chemistry from Delta State University, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She enrolled in 1985 at Ole Miss, where she was active in the Student American Pharmaceutical Association and named a Phi Delta Chi little sister.

The pharmacist was working at Response Technology Coordinated in Memphis in the cancer clinic when she died in an automobile accident in 1994. ■



Otho Smith Lecturers

Dr. Patrick Rivett, head of Operational Research at British Coal, receives the Otho Smith Lecturer medallion from Dr. Keith Womer, chair of the Department of Economics and Finance in The University of Mississippi School of Business Administration. Rivett, also a professor of management science at the University of Lancaster, visited Ole Miss to lecture and deliver a paper to students and faculty in the business school. The Otho Smith Lecture series at Ole Miss



is funded by the Phil Hardin Foundation of Meridian in honor of the late Meridian businessman and philanthropist, and brings a number of business leaders to campus each year.

J. Michael Fitzgerald, executive vice president for G. Carbonara (second from left), recently was presented the Otho Smith medallion by Dr. Gerald Walton (far left), vice chancellor for academic affairs at The University of Mississippi. Also pictured are Dr. Jeanette Martin (second from right), assistant professor of management and marketing; and Dr. Randy Boxx (far right), dean of the School of Business Administration. Atlanta-based G. Carbonara is an independent advertising representative firm. The Otho Smith Lecture series at Ole Miss is funded by the Phil Hardin Foundation of Meridian in honor of the late Meridian businessman and philanthropist.



Ole Miss Vice Chancellor Russell Announces June Retirement Date

Doyle Russell, vice chancellor for administration and finance at The University of Mississippi, has announced his retirement effective June 1996, after devoting 38 years of service to Ole Miss.

Russell joined the University in 1958 and was named acting vice chancellor for administrative affairs in 1981. He was appointed to the position in 1982, making him responsible for business operations of the Oxford campus.

The vice chancellor had originally planned to retire in June 1995, but was asked to continue in his leadership role through the transition of Chancellor Robert C. Khayat's new administration.

"The University of Mississippi has relied upon Doyle Russell's vast knowledge of business and accounting, as well as his leadership, commitment and integrity for many, many years," said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "At this point in his life, however, Mr. Russell wants to devote more time to his family, particularly his grandchildren. The Ole Miss family extends heartfelt thanks to Mr. Russell for his contributions to the growth and success this institution has achieved over the years, and we know that he will continue to share his guidance and support."

While Russell is looking forward to retirement, he said he will miss being on campus on a daily basis. "It has been my privilege to serve this institution that I love and to be involved in a wide range of accomplishments. I particularly treasure the opportunity to serve other organizations, such as the Ole Miss Alumni Association, the Loyalty Foundation and the University Foundation."

Before assuming the vice chancellor's post, Russell had been director of accounting and budgets at Ole Miss since 1974. He came to the University as an accountant and later served three years as chief accountant and six years as director of accounting. During his association with the University, he has served as financial adviser to the Alumni Association and to the Loyalty Foundation. Since the organization of the University of Mississippi Foundation in 1973, Russell has been its treasurer and a member of the board of directors.

"I don't know of anyone more knowledgeable about University finances than Doyle Russell. He has a wonderful grasp of



Doyle L. Russell, '57

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this area of University administration," said Jackson attorney George Hewes, who is serving as University of Mississippi Foundation president. "Whether it's a question of allocation of appropriated funds, the issuance of bonds for construction purposes or questions relating to the University of Mississippi Foundation, Doyle has the answers. His shoes will be difficult to fill."

Former Ole Miss Chancellor R. Gerald Turner, who worked with the vice chancellor for more than a decade, said, "Throughout his career, Doyle Russell's achievements have earned him the admiration and respect of his colleagues. He has maintained the budgetary integrity of this institution year after year and has guided the University through some financially challenging times."

Russell and his wife, the former Jean Waldrop of Pontotoc County, are members of the Chancellor's Trust, are founding and continuing members of the Ole Miss Associates and Chancellor's Partners, and established the Robert E. Smith Endowment Fund to further research in cancer at The University of Mississippi Medical Center in memory of their son-in-law.

The vice chancellor's accounting experience includes two years with M.M. Winkler & Associates of Oxford, as well as consulting work with the U.S. Office of Education, Rust College in Holly Springs and the Ole Miss Athletic Association.

A native of Pontotoc, Russell and six of his nine brothers and sisters graduated from Ole Miss. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in accountancy from the University. Russell also attended the College and University Business Management Institute Short Course at the University of California in Santa Barbara for two summers.

Russell is a member of the Southern and National Associations of College and University Business Officers. He holds memberships in several honorary societies, including Delta Sigma Pi, Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma. He is a past member of the Oxford Lions Club and has served as treasurer and a member of the Official Board of St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

Chancellor Khayat will announce in the near future the process that will be followed to identify Russell's successor. ■

Family Tree, History Lead Couple to Establish Scholarship at UM

Future University of Mississippi students from Newton County will benefit from a scholarship endowment set up by an Alexandria, Va., physician and his wife who have never set foot on the Oxford campus.

The Chalmers L. Loughridge and Zephyr Loughridge Spann Wiegman Endowment has been established by Dr. Chalmers A. and Ruth E. Loughridge for deserving full-time students from Newton County. The purpose of the fund is to pay tribute to the lives of Loughridge's late father and aunt, who were natives of Collinsville.

Loughridge has never visited Ole Miss and only remembers passing through the state of Mississippi many years ago. The gift to the University stems from the physician learning more family history from his aunt after his father's death and receiving information about his family tree from a relative he had never met.

Growing up in Gallop, N.M., Loughridge wasn't aware that his father had attended medical school at the University of Kentucky. When the medical student contracted rheumatic fever, he was advised to "go west," thus ending his education. He passed away when Loughridge was a teen-ager. As it turns out, Loughridge's grandfather also was a physician in Newton County.

"The roots were there," the now retired doctor said of set-

ting up a scholarship in his father's home state. He also has presented a gift to New Mexico State College, his mother's alma mater, for a scholarship fund in her memory.

Dr. Don Frugé, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, expressed appreciation to the Loughridge family for the unusual gift, saying, "It is inspiring to see a man remember his family members with such a lasting memorial. Mr. Loughridge was not able to finish his college career due to his health, but many of our students will be able to live out his dream because of the Loughridges' generosity. We are very grateful for this gift and hope the Loughridges can enjoy becoming acquainted with our students and beautiful campus at some point in the future."

Loughridge earned his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering at the University of Colorado and his medical degree from Columbia University. Specializing in internal medicine, Loughridge was in private practice in Alexandria, Va., before joining three other physicians to launch the concept of

staffing emergency rooms with full-time physicians. The group was instrumental in the development of a written examination for emergency room physicians and saw residency programs devel-

oped to train physicians for this emerging specialty.

Recipients of the Loughridge/Wiegman academic scholarship will be chosen according to the accepted guidelines of the Ole Miss Department of Financial Aid. Other individuals and organizations can contribute to the Chalmers L. Loughridge and Zephyr Loughridge Spann Wiegman Endowment through the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■

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Scholarship Established in Memory of Charlie Conerly

One of the greatest football players ever to wear a University of Mississippi uniform and a beloved alumnus will be remembered for generations to come through a scholarship endowment established for deserving student-athletes. The new scholarship fund will memorialize Charlie Conerly of Clarksdale, who passed away Feb. 13 after a lengthy illness.



Charlie Conerly

Ole Miss Associates Grant Provides Funding for Electronic Keyboards

Most non-pianists would never envision using their untrained fingers to play a Beethoven sonata or any other classical masterpiece.

Fumbling and uncertain, they could key the notes one at a time, at best. With the speed of a turtle and the dexterity of a first-grader, the beginner could only hope to play a sophisticated composition in a year's time.

But a new state-of-the-art, \$20,000 keyboard laboratory in The University of Mississippi's Department of Music makes it possible for a novice pianist to sit elbow to elbow with a seasoned professional and at least create the illusion of proficiency.

"It's really exciting. We're moving toward the 21st century. I think the program will stimulate students toward greater growth. I wouldn't be surprised if keyboard students want to come 30 minutes early or stay 30 minutes late to experiment," said Dr. Desmond Kincaid, professor of music and coordinator of keyboard studies at Ole Miss.

However, with a resurgence of interest in piano study, the lab isn't just for Ole Miss music majors. "We haven't offered instruction in piano for non-majors in several years, but there's a renewed interest in piano study. Eventually the lab will be accessible to as many people as possible," he said.

Located on the second floor of Meek Hall on the Oxford campus, the eight new Yamaha Clavinova keyboards open up a world of possibilities for teaching piano, accompaniment and sight-reading, as well as for the storage of music repertoire.

The instruments replace electronic keyboards that have been used for almost 23 years, Kincaid said. With the Clavinova, students have a myriad of choices about the type and style of music they want to play. They may choose acoustic piano, harpsichord or organ, or blend more than 100 orchestral instruments and natural sounds into traditional piano music.

Privacy is at a premium. With individual headphone sets and a control panel, students can link keyboards together to practice duets and even trios without disturbing others.

With the accompanying sequencer, students can pop in a computer disk and play a portion of a piece, record, critique their work, make adjustments and re-record. Traditional music isn't a requisite, however.



Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat (far right) listens to music through a headset in the new state-of-the-art keyboard laboratory in the Department of Music. The purchase of the electronic keyboards, which couple technology with tradition was made possible by an Ole Miss Associates Grant. Dr. Desmond Kincaid (far left), professor of music and coordinator of keyboard studies, talks about the benefits of the new equipment with (from left) David Krouse, director of the Ole Miss Associates program; Lan Ya-Chin, a doctoral student; Raymond Liebau, associate professor of music; and Stacy Rodgers, assistant professor of music. The instruments, which replaced electronic keyboards that had been used for almost 23 years, will help stimulate students' creativity and refine their musical judgment.

"We can take the latest Elton John album, isolate the band, mask the lyrics and play the piano part along with the album. The available music crosses all boundaries: pop, gospel, some of the latest releases, etc.," said Stacy Rodgers, assistant professor of piano at Ole Miss.

This system will "stimulate students' creativity and refine their musical judgment — they have so many choices of styles. Students can make decisions about how each part they play can be layered against another to give an orchestral quality," Rodgers added.

Kincaid said one of the biggest perks of the new lab is coupling technology with tradition by allowing students to play an electronic instrument that feels and sounds like an acoustic piano.

"These instruments have 88 keys and a realistic touch." ■

New Ole Miss Scholarship to Memorialize McCamic

A West Virginia family has set up a scholarship fund in memory of Louise "Lisa" Thornton McCamic at The University of Mississippi to help deserving students earn college degrees.

Mrs. McCamic was a student at Ole Miss, and it was on the Oxford campus in 1954 that she met her future husband, Jeremy C. McCamic of Wheeling, W.Va. He had returned to Ole Miss after the Korean War to earn a master's degree; the two met in the spring and were married by fall.

McCamic said when he and the couple's children — Jay T. McCamic and George C. McCamic of Wheeling, and Abigail McCamic Feinknopf of Columbus, Ohio — started considering a way to memorialize Mrs. McCamic, their thoughts turned to Ole Miss.

"We thought it would be meaningful to attract students to the University from the three cities that were important in her life," her husband explained.

Recipients of the academic scholarship will be chosen from Wheeling; Hopkinsville, Ky., which was Mrs. McCamic's hometown; and Tupelo, Miss., where her two sisters — Mrs. Alfred H. (Grace) Wallace Jr. and Mrs. Christine T. (Kitty) Reed — live with their families. That her two sisters had moved to Tupelo, in fact, was the reason Mrs. McCamic



Louise Thornton McCamic, '54

entered Ole Miss.

"We are pleased and excited about this important, new scholarship fund which affords us the opportunity to recognize outstanding students, as well as perpetually honor the late Lisa McCamic," said Steve Owens, executive director of University development.

Mr. and Mrs. McCamic both received undergraduate degrees in English, and his master's also was in English. He went on to receive a juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia and is a practicing attorney in Wheeling. Mrs. McCamic, who died in 1991, was a homemaker and active in civic groups, which included volunteer work with the Salvation Army, the YWCA and Junior League. Throughout her life, she remained interested in Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, an organization she

joined while a student at the University.

Other contributions can be made to the Louise "Lisa" Thornton McCamic Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund through the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 39677; phone (601) 232-5944. ■

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas Visits Ole Miss

The honorable Clarence Thomas (center), associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, visits with (from left) Dean Louis Westerfield of the Ole Miss School of Law, Mr. and Mrs. James McClure Jr. of Sardis, and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Lampton of Columbia during his visit to the Oxford campus in October. Justice Thomas delivered the 13th James McClure Memorial Lecture in Law under the auspices of the Ole Miss law school. Thomas' address marked the fourth time the University has hosted a U.S. Supreme Court justice in the McClure lecture series. Others have been Justice Antonin Scalia, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Justice Harry Blackmun. McClure and his sister, Tupper McClure Lampton, established the lecture series to honor the memory of their father.



UM Law School Receives \$100,000 Gift From Alum Honoring his Former Professor

Twenty-five years have not dimmed David Hugh Nutt's memories of his law school experience at The University of Mississippi.

Shortly after his enrollment in 1971, the young law student's wife fell victim to leukemia and required daily trips to Memphis for six months of treatment. Already in a financial strain and employed under the student work/study program, Nutt approached the Ole Miss law school's associate dean in charge of dealing with students' problems.

The associate dean provided grant money and hired the student as his assistant, profoundly impacting his future. That amiable association has resulted in a \$100,000 gift by Nutt to his alma mater in honor of his former professor and mentor, Parham H. Williams Jr.

Nutt, an attorney in the Jackson firm David Nutt & Associates, received his juris doctorate at Ole Miss in 1971. Williams went on to serve as dean of law at Ole Miss from 1971-85, and vice president and dean of the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University since 1985.

Reflecting on Williams' retirement and on his own career, Nutt said, "I have been very fortunate in my profession, and I want to help the law school and at the same time honor Parham Williams. Without his help, it's doubtful that I could have remained in law school.

"Not only was he responsible for helping me find the job I needed at a critical time but he also was a very positive influence on me as a law student, always very fair, but at the same time very

demanding. He expected hard work, fairness and honesty — all of which I have held on to and applied in my career."

The Dean Parham Williams Scholarship in Law Endowment at Ole Miss will provide scholarships for deserving law students, said Louis Westerfield, dean of law. "This gift in honor of Parham Williams is a fitting recognition of his contributions to the law school and to the state. We are most grateful to Mr. Nutt for his generosity. Gifts such as this will help our law school attract the brightest and most promising students regardless of their socio-economic status."

Said Dr. Don Fruge, vice chancellor for University Advance-

ment, "I am particularly gratified with the creation of this Dean Parham Williams Scholarship in Law Endowment through the generosity of David Nutt. David was a classmate of mine in law school, and Parham was significantly responsible for my joining the law faculty."

"David has chosen a wonderful way to say thanks to his and my dean and to benefit The University of Mississippi School of Law through this outstanding scholarship for deserving students."

Born in Lexington, Williams received both his bachelor's degree and juris doctorate at Ole Miss. He served as a district attorney from 1957-63, then joined the Ole Miss law school faculty as an associate professor. He completed his master of laws degree at Yale University in 1965 on a Sterling Fellowship.

Tax deductible contributions to the Dean Parham Williams Scholarship in Law Endowment should be directed to the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■

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Noted French Scholar Presents 35th Longest Lecture

35TH LONGEST LECTURE — Dr. Naomi Schor (center), professor of French at Harvard University, presented the 35th annual Christopher Longest Lecture at The University of Mississippi recently. Schor was welcomed by Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat (left) and Dr. Michael Danahy, chair of modern languages. The author of several major works in the field of literary theory and criticism, Schor spoke on "Romancing the Dead," examining 19th-century France and its changing attitudes about death and cemeteries.

The Story Behind the Throne of the Last Russian Tsar



When Mississippians at last see the coronation throne of Russia's last tsar, will they automatically think of cases of polio vaccine? Of truckloads of antibiotics? Of a CT scanner?

Probably not, But the medical supplies given to St. Petersburg by a Mississippi delegation led directly to this historic Palaces of St. Petersburg exhibit. Jackson is the only place outside Russia these objects have been seen, and the exhibit has been named one of the top 10 "must see" events of 1996.

Jack Kyle, executive director of the Mississippi Committee for International Cultural Exchange, recently gave a Medical Center audience a preview of the exhibit. The story of how the exhibit came to be here actually has Medical Center roots, with friendships forged some 10 years ago between neurosurgeons at UMC and those in St. Petersburg.

Dr. Robert R. Smith, now on staff at Methodist Medical Center, was chairman of neurosurgery at the Medical Center at the time. As a member of the executive committee of the Stroke Council of the American Heart Association, he made a trip to the then Soviet Union with three other AHA members to study a technique used by Russian surgeons to treat aneurysms in the brain.

"We made friends everywhere, but in St. Petersburg, we found people who were especially interested in helping," Dr. Smith recalls. They found Dr. Yuri Zubkov, chief of endovascular neurosurgery at the Polonov Institute, the oldest and largest neurosurgical hospital in the world, and Dr. George Benashvili. Dr. Zublov spent a year at the Medical Center as a visiting professor, and he and Dr. Smith co-authored a book on the balloon treatment of aneurysm.

It was several years later that the friendships formed then would smooth the way for Mississippi to have such a privileged view of the national treasures of Russia.

William L. "Buck" Stevens, executive director of the Board of Pharmacy, deserves most of the credit for making it all happen, according to Dr. Brent Harrison, UMC chairman of radiology who played a significant role himself.

Stevens says his role began in 1992 with a group of young Russian choristers. They performed at the Governor's mansion,



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and Mrs. Kirk (Pat) Fordice was taken with them, he recalls. In the course of their visit, the first lady learned that St. Petersburg was in desperate need of medical supplies. "We formed a nonprofit organization called Mississippians Reaching Out, and I was appointed chairman," Stevens said.

What this nonprofit organization did was arrange for millions of dollars worth of x-ray film, polio vaccine, insulin and high blood pressure medicine and antibiotics to be shipped to St. Petersburg.

Stevens called Harrison and asked if he could arrange for General Electric to donate a CT scanner. Smith recalls that St. Petersburg had an 800-bed trauma hospital without a single scanner. Harrison said he called a friend at GE. "It was a lark. I had no idea they would consider it. But I was surprised. My friend just got interested in it, and some months later, they arranged for a CT scanner to be shipped." It went to hospital 26 in St. Petersburg because of its proximity to other hospitals who could share it.

When a group of Mississippians went to St. Petersburg after the medical supplies had been sent, they got to know the people in the administration of the city (the size of Chicago) including its mayor Antonoli Sobchek. Zubkov and Benashvili also knew the curators of all the museums whom they introduced to the team from Mississippi.

"When Buck began talking about an exhibit of Russian art, I don't think anybody but Buck thought it would really happen." Harrison said. "But he's undaunted by anything. The next thing I knew, he had hired Jack Kyle and it just steam rolled from there."

Stevens himself says the exhibit will give Mississippi a high visibility, but "it's not an exceptional event. This is what people in Mississippi are accustomed to doing every day. I'm convinced that people in Mississippi help other people more per capita than anybody else. This is a tribute to all those people."

This is the first program in Dateline Jackson, a series of occasional presentations sponsored by the Division of Public Affairs about major events taking place in Jackson, issues confronting the city of new community initiatives in which the Medical Center will be involved. ■

Oxford Couple Honors Ole Miss Chancellor and First Lady with Contribution

An Oxford couple has made a contribution to The University of Mississippi to honor and encourage Chancellor and Mrs. Robert C. Khayat in their new roles.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Joseph Burnett contributed to the Chancellor's Trust, a fund established in 1975 for unrestricted gifts to be used for the University's greatest needs.

"We feel the College Board and the University used excellent judgment in the selection of Robert as chancellor and Margaret as 'first lady.' This contribution is made to encourage and support both of them," said Dr. Burnett.

The Burnetts' friendship with the new chancellor can be traced back some 30-plus years to the time the three were students on the Oxford campus. "Robert was indeed a leader even then," recalled the physician. "He was well-known and respected across the campus."

Said Chancellor Khayat, "Margaret and I are deeply moved by this contribution from Joe and Martha Burnett. The Burnetts have been wonderful friends for many years, enriching our lives and the entire community. This gift will provide much-needed support for academic pro-

grams and will help us in our quest for excellence."

Both of the Burnetts graduated from Ole Miss. Dr. Burnett, a native of Charleston, received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1962 and his medical

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degree in 1965. A native of Grenada, Martha Burnett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1961 and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

This recent contribution to the Chancellor's Trust is just one of many gifts the Burnetts have made to their alma mater. Since 1982, the Burnetts have supported academic and athletic programs, including the Ole Miss Associates, Loyalty Foundation, Departments of Music and

Communicative Disorders, Drive for Athletics, Medical Guardian Society, H.E. Peery Endowed Chair in the School of Accountancy, Athletic Training Center and the Friends of the Library. In addition, the two have traveled with the Ole Miss Concert Singers on their international tours.

"Some years ago my father-in-law told me that in good times and bad times you can always fall back on your education," said Dr. Burnett, who is an otolaryngologist. "The education I have received from Ole Miss and the Medical Center Campus has served me well. My wife and I want to encourage excellence in University programs with our support."

The Burnetts have lived in Oxford since 1974, when the ear, nose and throat physician/surgeon opened his practice. He earned his specialty training from the University of Tennessee Medical College after first devoting his early practice to family medicine in Grenada. Mrs. Burnett is a former teacher.

The couple has four children — three of whom have received degrees from Ole Miss and the fourth from Vanderbilt University — Elizabeth E. Burnett of Nashville, TN; Margaret B. Burnett of Decatur, Ga.; William J. Burnett Jr. of Redmond, Wash.; and Kathryn Burnett Elliott of Bad Kreuznach Germany. The couple has two grandchildren, William Thomas Elliott and William Grant Burnett.

For more information on the Chancellor's Trust, contact the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■



Faulkner Friend Donates Copy of Writer's First Book to UM Library

Dr. Thomas Verich holds a first-edition copy of William Faulkner's "The Marble Faun," which has been donated to the J.D. Williams Library at The University of Mississippi by Lucy Somerville Howorth of Cleveland. The book was William Faulkner's first published book of poetry, and this first-edition copy is valued at \$10,000. Faulkner and Howorth worked together on projects while on the Oxford campus, where she was a student and he was the University's postmaster.

The University of Mississippi Foundation 1995-96 Officers



Left to right: Doyle L. Russell, Treasurer; Steve Owens, Secretary; George Hewes, President; Bryan Barksdale, President Elect; and Don L. Frugé, Executive Vice President.



Barksdale, '68



Brandt, '63

New Board Members 1996

■ Bryan Barksdale (B.S. '68; M.D., 72) resides in Jackson, MS, where he is a physician, practicing Cardiology and Internal Medicine. He holds membership on the American Medical Association, American College of Cardiology, American College of Physicians, Mississippi Medical Association, Jackson Academy of Medicine, and the American Society of Echocardiography. Dr. Barksdale is a Fellow of the American College of Medicine and the American College of Cardiology and is a Board Member of the YMCA, American Heart Association, Mississippi Arthritis Foundation, UM Medical Alumni Association, and the UM Guardian Society. He is a past president of the Mississippi Heart Association and the Ole Miss Alumni Association. Awards presented to Barksdale include the Service to Mankind Award, YMCA, 1981; National Distinguished Program Award, YMCA, 1983; Volunteer of the Year Award, Arthritis Foundation, 1983; Volunteer Service Award, State of Mississippi, 1987, and the National Volunteer Service Award, and the Arthritis Foundation, 1989.



Ferris, '68



Hays, '61

■ Louis K. Brandt (B.A. '59,) received a second degree (B.S. in Electrical Engineering) from the University of Texas in 1964. He and his wife, Allison, reside in Houston, Texas, where he is president/owner of Montana Capital Corporation and Timberwilde, Inc. and president of B.M.A., Inc. He has served as President of the University of Mississippi Foundation from 1992-1994 and was inducted into the UM Hall of Fame in 1993. Brandt is a founding director of Child Advocates, Inc.; serves on the Board of Directors of the Tourette Syndrome Association; St. Martin's Episcopal Church Vestry; and the River Oaks Breakfast Club.

■ Brooke Ferris (B.B.A. '59, J.D. '68) resides in Laurel, MS, where he is a practicing attorney for the Gibbes, Graves, Mullins, Ferris, Hortman & Harlow, law firm. He served on the Mississippi Bar: Board of Bar Commissioners (1985-88). He is currently serves on the Board of Trial Advocates and is president of the Mississippi Chapter. Mr. Ferris is a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation; a member of the Lamar Order, the Ole Miss Alumni Association, the Eastman Memorial Foundation, the United Way of the Pine Belt Region, the Laurel Rotary Club and St. John's Episcopal Church.

■ Preston Myers Hays (B.A. '61) of Jackson, MS was the first woman president of the Central Mississippi Ole Miss Alumni Association. She is a member of the Junior League of Jackson, the Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services, and Le Fleurs Bluff Heritage Foundation in which she served on the alumni board and executive committee. She co-edited "Jackson Landmarks" and is currently president of the Jackson Friends of the Library.

■ George P. Hewes III (B.B.A., '50, J.D. '54) is an attorney in Jackson, MS. He is a past president of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association, the Mississippi Bar Foundation, and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra Association, and is a member of the Lamar Order and the Law Alumni Chapter at Ole Miss. Hewes is a member of the Board of Directors of Trustmark National Bank; Campaign Chairman for the United Way; as well as the Board of Regents of the American College of Trial Lawyers. While at Ole Miss, he was President of the Law School Student Body and was a member of the YMCA, M Club, and SAE, and the Hall of Fame.

■ Robertson Morrow Leatherman (B.A. '54) and his wife Camille reside in Robinsonville, MS. Mr. Leatherman is a retired farmer. While at Ole Miss he was on the tennis team and president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

■ John W. Lee, Jr.(J.D. '68) is an attorney-at-law in Hattiesburg, MS. While at Ole Miss he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He is currently a member of the South Central Mississippi Bar Association, the Mississippi State Bar Association, the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, the Lamar Order, the Advisory Board for Deposit Guaranty National Bank, the Pine Burr Area Council and the Omicron Delta Kappa and Kappa Alpha Orders.



Hewes, '54



Leatherman, '54

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Merkel, '66

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Paris, '82

■ Charles M. Merkel, Jr. (B.A. '64, J.D. '66) is a trial attorney from Clarksdale, MS. Mr. Merkel received an L.L.M. from Georgetown in 1970. He is on the American Board of Trial Advocates and is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Mississippi & American Trial Lawyers Associations, the Best Lawyers in America Who's Who, Mississippi Bar Foundation and a Fellow on the Board of the Lula Rich Educational Foundation.

■ LeRoy H. Paris II (B.A. '79, J.D.'82) resides in Jackson, MS where he is president of Mississippi Properties, Inc.. He is a director for the Planters Bank and Gas Equipment Supply Co., a past president of the Christian Business Men's Committee, Chairman of Mission Mississippi and a deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Jackson. He is also a member of Leadership Mississippi and was named to the Mississippi Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40 List.



Patterson, '66

■ Aubrey B. Patterson, Jr. (B.B.A. '66) is Chairman and CEO of Bank of Mississippi in Tupelo. He received his M.B.A. from Michigan State in 1969. Patterson is chairman of Tupelo's Community Development Foundation and of the Mississippi Economic Council. He is president of the Mississippi Bankers Association and a director of North Mississippi Health Services and Columbia Theological Seminary.



Scruggs, '77

■ Richard F. Scruggs (B.A. '69, J.D. '77) is a senior partner with the Scruggs, Millette, Lawson and Dent, P.A. law firm in Pascagoula, MS. He was a naval aviator from 1969-74 and served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1982-86 as a carrier pilot earning the rank of Major. He is the Fund-raising Event Chairman for the American Cancer Society, a member of the Pascagoula Rotary Club, director of the Central Mississippi Legal Services, on the Board of Directors at the Piney Woods Country Life School and District Chairman and Executive Board Member of the Pine Burr Area Council and a Boy Scout. He is also involved with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Scholarship Fund and the Richard F. Scruggs Scholarship Endowment Fund, at The University of Mississippi. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pascagoula.



The University of Mississippi Foundation

The University of Mississippi Foundation is a nonprofit corporation duly chartered by the State of Mississippi to operate exclusively for the benefit of The University of Mississippi.

Its purpose is to receive, solicit, accept and hold, administer, invest, and disburse any and every kind of property for such educational, scientific, literary, research and service activities.

The goal of the Foundation is to provide The University of Mississippi with a margin of excellence by supplementing funds received from the State of Mississippi with private financial support.

New Business Scholarship Named for Jackson Leader

Future business students at The University of Mississippi will benefit from a scholarship established to pay tribute to the life of a businessman, Joe T. Dehmer, who was one of Jackson's most prominent civic leaders during his lifetime.

The Joe T. Dehmer Scholarship Endowment has been established in the Ole Miss School of Business Administration by the businessman's widow, Jennie Dehmer, and son, Joe T. Dehmer Jr., both of Jackson. The two have funded the endowment with a gift of \$55,000.

In making the gift, Joe T. Dehmer Jr. said, "My father was such a mentor to me and to other people. He valued education so much that during his lifetime he encouraged many to go to college and helped with their tuition. This scholarship is a fitting tribute to him, providing assistance as he did while he was living. The scholarship guidelines state that recipients must have had some work experience because my father believed in helping those who try to help themselves."

Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat further added, "By creating this scholarship, the Dehmers are investing in the future — the future of our students and of our state and nation. The greatest impact this University will make is to produce graduates who will provide leadership for a better tomorrow. We are very grateful to the Dehmer family for their generosity and for providing financial resources to deserving students."

A native of Little Rock, Ark., the late Joe T. Dehmer was transferred to Jackson from Stuttgart, Ark., where he had become manager of a 555 Tire and Service Company. He was sent to the state to manage business for this company, and in 1930, bought the Mississippi interest of the company. He continued to operate the business under the same name.

Under Dehmer's leadership, the business soon became a leader in tire sales and auto service and became the wholesale distributor for Pan American Petroleum products. In addition, he owned and operated a cattle and stock farm of about 800 acres, according to "The Story of Jackson."

Dehmer also gave much of his time to professional and community interests by serving as a director or as an officer in numerous organizations, including the American Trucking Association, Mississippi Petroleum Industries, Hinds County

Tuberculosis Association, Salvation Army, Mississippi Children's Home Society and the Family Service Association.

The businessman was chairman of the Mississippi Tire Dealers Association, president of the National Association of Independent Tire Dealers, and president and chairman of the executive committee of the Mississippi Transports Association. He was a member of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce and

Knights of Columbus, as well as a past governor of Kiwanis of the Mississippi, Louisiana and West Tennessee district and an active supporter of Scout work, serving as chairman of the Troop 6 committee. He was a communicant of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

"We appreciate the generous support of the Dehmer family who is providing this scholarship for business students," said Dr. Randy Boxx, dean of the Ole Miss School of Business Administration. "Financial assistance is a key factor in attracting students to our programs and in enhancing their educational opportunities. We will use this generous gift to assist deserving and promising students to receive the best business education available."

Joe T. Dehmer Jr. of Jackson, holds a juris doctorate from the Ole Miss School of Law, after earning an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University. In addition to this new business scholarship, he and his wife, Dot-t Coco Dehmer (BA '64, Ole Miss), have given support in a number of ways,

including contributions to the Ole Miss Associates, Loyalty Foundation, Alumni House renovation, Athletic Training Center addition, Friends of the Library Endowment and the Drive for Athletics. They have three children: Dawn Dehmer Serff (BA '88, Converse College) of Atlanta; Joe T. "Josh" Dehmer III (BBA '87, Ole Miss) of Jackson; and Dodds M. Dehmer (BBA '95, Ole Miss), who is pursuing a master's degree in business at Ole Miss.

Individuals and organizations can make contributions to the Joe T. Dehmer Scholarship Endowment through the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■

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Estate of Longtime Ole Miss Professor Includes Gifts to Library, Museums

The estate of Dr. Jeanne Holley of Oxford — a business professor and the first woman to serve as branch chair of a Federal Reserve Bank's Board of Directors — has named The University of Mississippi as a beneficiary.

A \$50,000 gift from the estate was presented to the J.D. Williams Library and another \$25,000 was given to the University Museums, all on the Oxford campus. Holley first came to the University in 1948 as executive secretary for Chancellor J.D. Williams and then "retired" when she married Dr. Robert Holley, a physician. It was at this point that she became an Ole Miss student, earning her doctorate with a specialization in business education. She taught business education and office administration courses at Ole Miss from 1969 until her second retirement in 1984.

The educator became the first woman member of a board of a Federal Reserve Bank, when she was appointed in 1973. Two years later, she was named chair of the Memphis branch.

When asked about this ground-breaking achievement, Holley was quoted as saying, "There's no reason that I know of why

a woman hasn't served in this capacity before now. It's just something they hadn't thought to do before — have a woman on the board. There are abundant opportunities today for women to work as equal partners in business situations."

Mary Ann Connell, University attorney and a colleague and friend of the professor, said, "Dr. Holley was an exemplary faculty member at The University of Mississippi. She achieved national recognition in her field, as well as the admiration and respect of the faculty, staff and students at this institution. She was a demanding teacher, always expecting the best from her students as well as herself.

"Dr. Holley was extremely generous in support of charitable and non-profit organizations and causes during her lifetime and most gracious in support of the University, her church and the community library at her death."

Holley achieved prominence through work in the area of word processing, having established at Ole Miss one of the first word processing centers in an educational institution. The educator served on the Central Data Processing Authority of Mississippi, a five-member board appointed by the governor to oversee all computer purchases by state agencies, including universities and community colleges. Over her lifetime, she was honored many times for her scholarship, leadership and service in the field of business education.

Both Holley and her husband were active in local civic affairs, providing leadership in many areas. She served as chair of the Oxford Park Commission from 1950-60 and was instrumental in organizing a year-round recreation program for the city. She also served two terms on the board of directors of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce.

Active in state Episcopal church affairs, Holley was for years a member of its Commission on Finance. She also served on the Vestry at St. Peter's and held church offices. ■

The School of Engineering, The University of Mississippi Serving Our State and Nation

Engineering, an integral part of academic life at the University of Mississippi for most of the school's existence, contributes significantly to the daily lives of Mississippians and others throughout our nation and our world.

First and foremost is the education of engineers who will solve problems and create a more livable world. Shortly after the founding of the University, Chancellor Frederick A. P. Barnard, an accomplished mathematician and scientist, insisted on "quality education for his engineering ... students." That same insistence on quality pervades the School of Engineering today.



Supporting and enlarging the teaching function is the wide range of research conducted by engineering professors and students. Their discoveries have far-reaching implications for the way people live today and in the future. Not content simply to conduct the research, professors and students implement their findings in very practical ways for the betterment of the individual and society.

Although the School of Engineering is the third-oldest academic school at The University of Mississippi and the oldest engineering program in the state and the Mid-South, the work being done here today is providing leadership for the 21st century. ■

Center Foundation in Florida Gives \$100,000 to Ole Miss

The R.H. and M.H. Center Foundation of Clearwater, Fla., has contributed \$100,000 to The University of Mississippi to establish an academic scholarship for students in 11 northeast Mississippi counties.

The Mildred Hickey Center Scholarship Fund is designed for deserving full-time undergraduate students from Lee, Prentiss, Tishomingo, Itawamba, Alcorn, Tippah, Benton, Union, Marshall, Lafayette and Pontotoc counties. The first scholarship from the fund is expected to be awarded this fall.

Mrs. Center, who is a native of Baldwin, Miss., established the Foundation in memory of her husband, Dr. R.H. Center. Dr. Center chose a career opportunity in Clearwater for his medical practice, and the family has lived there ever since.

At the time of their marriage in 1932, the Centers both came from areas somewhat economically disadvantaged. A native of Polk County in Tennessee, Dr. Center worked his way through college and medical school while supporting a younger sister. His parents passed away while he was in his teens, and he completed his education through the help of scholarships.

Mrs. Center selected Ole Miss to benefit from the scholarship because of the institution being in her home state and being the alma mater of one of her two sons, Jerry Hickey Center of Belleair, Fla.

"My mother is fond of education, young people and Mississippi," said Center, who is an attorney. "These particular counties were chosen because she felt there might be more

need in this area. My parents were bright but broke. The only way a gift like this could be made to the University is through their hard, hard work over many years.

"We all hope that the scholarship serves to encourage and motivate deserving students who may find themselves struggling in the same type situation. And, when these students succeed, we hope they will give something back to the University," he said.

Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat said the Mildred H. Center Scholarship has been established at a perfect time in the life of the University. "A priority for Ole Miss is increasing the enrollment of Mississippi students. This impressive endowment will be a tremendous asset for encouraging outstanding students in northeast Mississippi to enroll in programs here on our Oxford campus. We are extremely grateful to the Center family for its interest in helping young Mississippians attend the University. It is a special gift, indeed, that enables a person to obtain a college education and opens a world of opportunity," the chancellor said.

Recipients of the Mildred H. Center Scholarship will be chosen according to financial need and high moral character. Scholastic ability and leadership potential

also will be considered, according to the scholarship guidelines.

Other individuals and organizations can make contributions to the Mildred H. Center Scholarship Fund through the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■

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Gertrude Hudson Turner Scholarship

1995-96 recipients of the Gertrude Hudson Turner Scholarship Fund are (left to right) Susan Dawne Lamb, Angela P. Dogan, Lina Louise Stewart, Cheri Carr, Lelia Faye Gary, Heather Horan, Tammy Lee Fastes and Crystal Turner. The scholarship was established by Dr. Wilson Hudson Turner of Dothan, AL in memory of his mother.





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