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## Center for the Study of Southern Culture Celebrates \$1 Million Endowment from James M. and Madeleine McMullan

**A** rediscovery of their Southern heritage began a journey which recently led a Chicago investment banker and his wife to provide a \$1-million endowment for The University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture.

James M. and Madeleine McMullan's endowment was announced during the 23rd annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference on the Oxford campus. The gift will fund two joint professorships between the Center and two other departments on campus.

"The Center has strengthened the liberal arts tradition of the University, and I think that is a great need of higher education institutions across the country," said McMullan. "My wife and I were particularly interested in supporting teaching positions. We think the Southern literary tradition is so important, and The University of Mississippi should be at the center of preserving and promoting that tradition."

Dr. William Ferris, director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, said this donation is a critical building block in securing the future of the Center.

"This is the largest gift in the history of the Center. It will significantly strengthen our primary mission of teaching and researching the rich culture of the American South," said Ferris. "We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the McMullans. Generations of students to come will appreciate their vision."

McMullan is a principal in the Chicago-based investment banking firm of William Blair & Company. He also serves as director of the William Blair & Company Mutual Funds. A native of Newton, Miss., he received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in finance in 1956 from Ole Miss, where he was also a member of the Kappa Alpha Order. He received a master's in business administration from the University of Chicago in 1976.

Mrs. McMullan is a native of Vienna, Austria, and has a bachelor's degree in English from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. and a master's in history from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. Her own Southern heritage began when she and her husband moved to Mississippi, and she taught German and history at Millsaps College in Jackson.

After military service and a short period in his family's busi-



**Center Director Bill Ferris, with Madeleine McMullan, James McMullan, Steve Owens, Executive Director of Development and Chancellor Robert C. Khayat.**

ness in Newton, McMullan joined Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith in Jackson as an account executive. He joined William Blair & Company in 1969 and became a partner in 1972. He held the position of syndicate manager from 1972 to 1986 and also has had responsibility for the firm's equity trading

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# A Challenging Third Million-Dollar Gift

## Former Hungarian Refugee Continues to Thank Ole Miss for Education

**A** Hungarian refugee who fled penniless from Hungary in 1956 — and attended The University of Mississippi on a full four-year scholarship in engineering — has gifted his alma mater with a third million dollars and challenged other Ole Miss alumni and friends to give.

John Gabor Adler, chairman of Adaptec Inc. in California, established the John G. AdlerEngineering Scholarship Endowment in 1993 with a gift of stock, and he upped the fund two years later by another million-plus dollars.

The successful businessman's latest and third gift of stock to Ole Miss, amounting to about \$1 million, is earmarked as a "challenge grant," which will be used to purchase equipment for the School of Engineering.

"John Gabor Adler's life exemplifies the mission of our university, which is offering opportunities that last a lifetime," said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "We are most grateful that this outstanding individual has chosen to put into place a tremendous framework of support that will assist deserving Ole Miss students for years to come."

Some 66 Ole Miss engineering students have benefited already from more than \$285,000 in scholarships and fellowships provided by the Adler Scholarship Endowment. The latest awards, given this year and amounting to more than \$150,000, are aiding 39 engineering students.

"We at Ole Miss are proud of the outstanding career of alumus John Adler and are indeed grateful for the tremendous support he has given to the School of Engineering," said Dr. Don L. Frugé, vice chancellor for University Advancement. "The scholarship

endowment he created enables deserving students to obtain engineering degrees, which is even more special since John, himself, was a Hungarian refugee for whom Ole Miss provided the same kind of opportunity. His latest gift, in the form of a challenge grant for engineering equipment, helps ensure that the School of Engineering stays on the cutting edge of technology."

Adler, who could not speak English when he left Hungary, traveled to many countries before arriving in the United States. He first found shelter in U.S. Army barracks at Camp Kilmer, N.J.

The World University Service, which helps immigrants locate collegiate scholarships, directed Adler and another Hungarian refugee to Ole Miss in 1957. They were selected by a group of students and faculty to receive full four-year scholarships, and soon the Ole Miss community had raised enough money to pay for their other college and clothing expenses.

Adler graduated from Ole Miss in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. After college, he was hired by IBM for \$115 per week. Realizing he had executive potential, IBM sent Adler to Stanford University as a Sloan Executive Fellow, and he graduated in 1971. In 1985, Adler was recruited by Larry Boucher, a former IBM colleague who had started his own company — Adaptec, Inc. Adler has been associated with the company ever since.

Founded in 1981 in Milpitas, Calif., Adaptec makes products that improve the input/output capabilities of personal computer systems and offers a wide array of input/output solutions for microcomputers. ■

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### *BellSouth Contributes to Business and Accountancy Building Campaign*

BellSouth's Kelly Allgood, president of Mississippi operations (left), and Larry L. Johnson, vice president for public affairs, present a check to Chancellor Robert C. Khayat pledging \$75,000 towards the Schools of Business Administration/Accountancy state-of-the-art addition. The project calls for construction of a four-story, 55,000-square-foot addition, another 24,000-square-foot expansion to the current Conner Hall and renovation of Conner Hall's existing space. When completed, the entire complex will contain a total of 116,000 square feet and feature a 155-seat auditorium equipped with the latest advances in multi-media technology, undergraduate computer lab, distance-learning center, special seminar and conference rooms, student body lounge, faculty technology resource center and 12 new classrooms.

# Message from the Chancellor

*We are working on a number of fronts to ensure that The University of Mississippi's academic reputation ranks among the best in the nation as we enter the new millenium.*

**A**s part of that goal, we must attract the best and brightest students in a highly competitive higher education environment. Ole Miss alumni and friends have established a number of endowed scholarships which are revered throughout the state, region and nation. Among these are the Adler, Brevard, Carrier, Day, Fenley, Hearin-Hess and Newman awards.

An in-depth study has been underway to examine all our academic scholarships on the Oxford campus to guarantee financial accountability. The Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Office has the responsibility for developing criteria for scholarships, and the Enrollment Management Office is coordinating the various awards.

As part of the study, we have renamed Academic Excellence Awards to honor the University's first professors, bringing the past and present together for the future. Beginning with the 1997-98 school year,



we will be able to award new Honors College scholarships including the first four of a total of sixteen \$24,000 scholarships from the McDonnell-Barksdale Endowment.

We believe the criteria for scholarships reflect the value we place on academic excellence. However, as fortunate as we are to offer prestigious scholarships, Ole Miss needs even more to compete in the academic marketplace. Scholarships are lasting memorials or tributes to family and friends. Additionally, the awards offer encouragement and support to deserving students who will provide leadership for our state, region and nation.

We hope Mississippians, in particular, will accept attractive Ole Miss scholarships instead of pursuing studies out of state. By keeping these students at home, we will strengthen the University and contribute to the continued development of our state. ■

## The University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Awards

*In addition to maintaining at least a 3.6 grade-point average, the award criteria for these four-year packages are stated for entering freshmen during the 1997-98 school year:*

- **Frederick A.P. Barnard Scholarship** — \$17,840 for National Merit/National Achievement semifinalists. The finalists who list the University as their first choice will receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship.
- **Albert T. Bledsoe Scholarship** — \$11,000 for 32 or higher ACT (1390 SAT) and a 3.0 high school GPA
- **John Millington Scholarship** — \$8,000 for 30-31 ACT (1310-1380 SAT) and a 3.0 high school GPA
- **George F. Holmes Scholarship** — \$5,000 for 28-29 ACT (1230-1300 SAT) and a 3.0 high school GPA
- **John N. Waddell Leadership Scholarship** — \$4,000 for 26-27 ACT (1160-1220 SAT) and a 3.0 high school GPA
- **A.B. Longstreet Leadership Scholarship** — \$3,000 for 24-25 ACT (1090-1150 SAT) and a 3.0 high school GPA



## Pace Memorial Scholarship Awarded at UM Law School

Daniel Ware (center) of Magee, a second-year law student, was honored at a campus luncheon at The University of Mississippi as recipient of the William M. Pace Memorial Scholarship in Law. Hosted by the law school's Acting Dean William M. Champion (right), luncheon guests also included Mrs. William Pace (left) of Aberdeen. William M. Pace's legacy as founder of the National Association of Treasury Agents was recognized with the memorial scholarship.

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operations. He currently manages William Blair & Company's Private Investor Department and is a member of the firm's executive committee.

McMullan says he had not been in touch with Ole Miss in more than 30 years until several events drew his interest. The first occurred when he purchased a copy of the *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, co-edited by Ferris and Dr. Charles Reagan Wilson, professor of history and Southern studies. Sponsored by the Center, the book was published by the University of North Carolina Press at Chapel Hill.

McMullan learned more about the Center when his daughter who teaches creative writing was passing through Oxford and stopped at the Center. At that time, she subscribed to the Center's newsletter, *Southern Register*, for her father. "That's how I became familiar with the Center's programs," said McMullan.

In 1991, the McMullans purchased and restored an old home in Pass Christian. While staying in that city, they met the Center's director at a benefit. McMullan expressed his interest in the work of the Ole Miss programs, and he and Ferris began corresponding.

"In January of this year, my wife and I spent a weekend on campus. I was really interested in renewing my ties with the University, and it seemed like a natural to do that through the Center for the Study of Southern Culture," said McMullan. "The Center has a great opportunity to showcase the unique aspects of Southern culture. I like the great diversity of its programs, from workshops for teachers to conferences which draw people from all over the country."

McMullan says the years away have increased the appreciation he and his wife have for the South, and they are spending more time at their Mississippi home. "It's exciting to get involved with a program at my alma mater," said McMullan. "The University of Mississippi is a fine institution, and I want to be active in supporting it."

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In his early years at Ole Miss, said McMullan, he knew Chancellor Khayat by reputation only. However, he met then-Chancellor Gerald R. Turner and Khayat when Ole Miss played Notre Dame in football during the mid-1980s.

"I enjoyed spending some time with Robert Khayat, and that was probably the germination for becoming more active in my support of the University," said McMullan.

Chancellor Robert Khayat said he is particularly appreciative of an endowment which undergirds outstanding faculty. "This generous gift from James and Madeleine McMullan supports quality scholarship, the heart of our university's mission. We are most appreciative of their vision and commitment to the goals of this institution."

McMullan is active in various civic, cultural, and professional organizations, including service on the Securities Industry Association's board of directors. He was chairman of the organization's Central States District in 1981 and a member of the District 8 Business Conduct Committee of the National Association of Securities Dealers from 1975 through 1978. He also served on the Board of the Governors of the National Association of Securities Dealers from 1991 through 1993.

The businessman is a member of the Lake Forest (Illinois) Open Lands Board and serves on the advisory committee for the Center for the Study of Southern Culture.

The McMullans are the parents of two daughters, Carlette and Margaret. Carlette is a principal with William Blair & Company in Chicago. Margaret, a published author, teaches creative writing at the University of Evansville in Evansville, Ind. and is married to Patrick O'Connor.

Established in 1977, the Center for the Study of Southern Culture offers interdisciplinary teaching, research and outreach programs focusing on the American South and offers the only bachelor's and master's programs in Southern Studies in the United States. ■

# Drive to Attract Funds for Chapel Receives Enthusiastic Response from Alumni, Friends

*College is a time of questions. The ultimate goal of any university, indeed the very foundation of the university, is the pursuit of truth. We may find bits of truth in our biology books in Shoemaker Hall, in our accounting books in Conner Hall and in great works of literature in Bondurant. Yet, in spite of all this massive knowledge available to us as students, the serious student still yearns to find something that ties all these loose threads together.*

*As this chapel sits in the center of our campus, every student at Ole Miss—perhaps often but certainly once—will be reminded that the highest end of any university, indeed the highest end of anyone's existence, is not parts of truth but truth itself."*

*—Hart Rogers of Tupelo Associated Student Body President, 1997 Hall of Fame and Newman Scholar at the Chapel Ground-Breaking Ceremony.*



**Frank and Marge Peddle (from left) of Oxford, LeRoy H. "Lee" Paris II of Jackson, and Henry Paris of Indianola admired the architectural rendering of the Chapel at Ole Miss during ground-breaking ceremonies. The Paris family has contributed the lead gift for the chapel, and Lee Paris is serving as co-chair of the chapel Committee, organizing the effort to attract needed funds. The Peddles have funded the 50-foot bell tower in the chapel design, which will house a carillon from the Netherlands. The interdenominational chapel is expected to serve many University and community groups, as well as provide a quiet refuge for individuals.**

**T**he Chapel at Ole Miss will be many things to many people, say University officials and alumni who have been focusing on attracting funds for the 300-seat structure on the Oxford campus.

The nondenominational chapel will provide a quiet refuge for meditation and prayer, a sanctuary for religious groups, open structure for intellectual exchange, a hospitable building for University and community gatherings, and even a special place for pledging marriage vows.

The ground-breaking ceremony was held in September 1996, when the lead gift for the chapel was announced by the Henry Paris family. Rose Marie and Henry Paris of Indianola are Ole Miss alumni, as well as their three children and their children's spouses. LeRoy H. "Lee" Paris II of Jackson, their son, is co-chair of the Chapel Committee, organizing the effort to attract needed funds.

"Every alumnus and friend whom I've contacted about the chapel project has responded in a positive way and shares the feeling that this is one of the most significant projects that has been proposed for The University of Mississippi campus in a long time," said Lee Paris. "The Chapel at Ole Miss provides alumni and friends a new way of supporting a house of prayer and worship, while providing a great benefit to the University in terms of campus enhancement.

"We're halfway to our dream," he said of the more than \$2 million needed for the structure. "It continues to be a rewarding experience to contact people about the chapel. It's a way of serving God and serving Ole Miss."

Like many alumni and friends, the Paris family has been committed to the chapel project for some two decades, with Henry Paris serving on a Chapel Committee in 1976 appointed

by then-Chancellor Porter Fortune. Donations for a chapel have been contributed since 1975 and grew to more than \$117,000 before the current campaign got underway.

At the ground-breaking ceremony, Chancellor Robert C. Khayat announced a major gift by Marge and Frank Peddle of Oxford to fund the 50-foot bell tower in the chapel design. Serving as the linchpin of the chapel design, the tower will house a carillon to chime the hour and play appropriate melodies.

"I think it's wonderful; I think it's absolutely wonderful!" said Mrs. Peddle about the entire chapel project. "It's another project that has been fueled by our

great chancellor."

The Peddles have enjoyed a relationship with the University that has spanned 50 years, starting with Frank Peddle earning undergraduate and graduate degrees on the Ole Miss-Oxford campus. The couple say they wanted to give a lasting gift to future generations.

"Frank and I have traveled across the country and visited universities that have bell towers. A bell tower provides a certain

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A Message From:

## Don L. Frugé,

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



The generous support of our alumni and friends continues to provide The University of Mississippi with the funds necessary to enhance our academic and athletic programs. Private support for the first six months of this fiscal year ending December 31, 1996, totaled more than \$13.8 million compared to \$10.7 million for the same period last year. The true strength of a University is measured in part by the growth of its endowment fund. At June 30, 1996, our total University endowment ranked first in the State of Mississippi and 165th among all colleges and universities according to a 1996 study by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. The endowment stood at \$144 million by the end of December 1996. These endowment funds are permanently invested and only the earnings are used for the purposes specified by the donors.

The campuses are improving daily through the partnership of public and private resources. Approximately \$200 million is being invested on a variety of construction projects on the campuses in Oxford, Jackson, and Tupelo. In Oxford, private support is assisting with the final construction phase of the \$22 million construction/renovation of Conner Hall, home to the Schools of Business and Accountancy. Thanks to lead gifts from the Paris Family and the Peddle Family, construction is scheduled to begin this summer on the long anticipated Ole Miss Chapel. Private support to athletics is making possible a number of important projects including the indoor tennis and volleyball center, construction of basketball offices, and the expansion to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. Additionally, the final phase to the Alumni House renovation is soon to begin.

More and more friends of the University are including Ole Miss as part of their estate and tax planning. Just recently we received notice from the separate estates of Eugenia S. Pichitino, Katharine L. Parker, and Darl Blair that together they have provided more than \$5 million in new scholarship endowment funds. The income from these wonderful endowments will help the University attract and retain the brightest students. We hope you too will consider the University in your plans. If you need any information regarding wills, trusts, life insurance or other forms of estate or tax planning, please feel free to call me directly. Thanks for your consideration. ■

## *Ole Miss Classics Department Enjoys Influx of Private Funds*

Three months ago Dr. Robert Moysey, chair of The University of Mississippi classics department, had to scramble to raise \$900 to bring a world renowned archaeologist to the Oxford campus. But a recent influx of private funds, totaling almost \$15,000, will make his job a little easier.

The money has come from three contributions to the University's Ventress Order, a new financial support group for the College of Liberal Arts, and has been earmarked for the Ole Miss Department of Classics. The Order requires a \$5,000 minimum cash gift, paid over a period of 10 years.

Among the recent donors are Oxonians Rex Deloach and his wife, Ruthann Ray, who also gave an additional \$2,000 to the department.

"I took a class in early Greek history and was really impressed with Dr. Moysey's knowledge of Greek history and his ability to transmit that to his students in an interesting fashion," said Deloach, who is a financial consultant to the University.

Deloach also attended the fall lecture on campus given by the

world-renowned archaeologist Dr. Susan Rotroff, professor of classics at Washington University in St. Louis, and was impressed by the quality of her presentation.

"Dr. Moysey told our class what he had to do to raise enough money to bring her to campus, and when I found out it was only \$900, I was shocked that it was so difficult for a small department to raise money," he said.

Deloach, a former managing partner at Arthur Andersen in Memphis, wanted to help change the classics department's situation, so he and his wife joined the Ventress Order. He also influenced former business partner Timothy Cantrell of Memphis and his wife into joining and earmarking their gift for the classics department.

Also, Drs. William A. and Carolyn Ellis Staton, both faculty members at Ole Miss, requested that half of their Ventress Order gift be directed to the classics department.

Moysey said the department, which has four faculty members, has been "very fortunate" to receive the gifts, which can be used at the department's discretion. "This is such a blessing," he said.

The department has not decided how the funds will be directed, but faculty members are discussing several options. ■

# Business, Accountancy Schools Receive Private Support to Complete Building

*"Impressive" is the word most often spoken by University of Mississippi alumni and friends when they round the Circle on the Oxford campus and catch sight of the two, four-story additions that have risen steadily to the east and north of Conner Hall.*

**T**he dream of providing Ole Miss students with a living laboratory of business is one Dr. Randy Boxx, dean of School of Business Administration, and Dr. James W. Davis, dean of the School of Accountancy, have nurtured for many years. The Mississippi Legislature appropriated \$14.2 million for the \$23-million project, and a ground-breaking ceremony was held in October 1995. The new structure now nears completion, with occupancy scheduled this summer for the two nationally accredited schools.

There was no desire to scale back on a project that would provide a technological wonderland for students and faculty, and bring the business and accountancy faculties together in the same complex for the first time in two decades. Boxx and Davis knew what they had to do: carry the need for the complex to the business and professional communities to attract some \$8.8 million in private support. The schools have attracted \$6 million of that goal.

"When we are traveling across the state and nation, we talk to people about our vision for the Ole Miss School of Business Administration. We talk about our positive march toward national prominence, about our top-quality students and faculty, about serving the needs of Mississippi business and industry, and about our new curriculum and strategic action plan," Boxx said. "After we talk about all of that, we share that one of the ingredients of our continued success is having a physical facility to accommodate our vision. The response to what we're doing in the business school has been extremely positive."

Davis explained: "The accountancy program at Ole Miss is the premier accountancy program in the Mid-South, but the faculty do not want to rest on their laurels. A high-tech new building will enable Ole Miss to continue producing graduates that are in demand by the accounting profession. Accountancy alumni have been generous because they know they graduated from an outstanding program, and they want to be sure that program is around for future generations."

Both deans express gratitude to their advisory councils for providing input from the earliest planning stages on the business and accountancy complex, as well as support and encouragement through the fund-raising phase. "This project is not just faculty-driven," said Boxx. "Members of the business community have been fully involved; they're stakeholders with us."

Davis has visited with Ole Miss graduates in Atlanta, Houston, New Orleans, Dallas, Memphis and elsewhere. "Our alumni are very excited. They seem to be quite willing to give back to Ole Miss in response to our request. I'm also very pleased that many firms in the industry have given to this project," he said.

"We know we are going to have some inconveniences. We



**Dr. Randy Boxx, dean of School of Business Administration, and Dr. James Davis, dean of School of Accountancy review progress of new construction.**

have a good deal of construction noise, for example," said Davis. "The students, faculty and staff don't mind; they are so enthused about the complex and technological improvements. The end result is going to be worth it all."

That end result will be a student- and faculty-friendly building, according to Dr. Del Hawley, associate dean of business administration. "The complex will be inviting, providing informal and formal areas for faculty and students to interact. It's also definitely cutting-edge — that is, students will benefit from the latest computer and information technology, giving them the techniques and experience needed to compete in the fast-paced, global marketplace," he said.

"Faculty offices currently are spread across five buildings, which gives faculty limited opportunities to share classroom and research experiences," Hawley explained. "The new building will bring everyone together in an efficient and highly productive environment." ■

## Senator Thad, Rose Cochran Speak at Friends of the Library Banquet

**U**.S. Senator and Mrs. Thad Cochran were the keynote speakers at the 13th annual University of Mississippi Friends of the Library banquet in November on the Oxford campus.

Friends of the Library holds a banquet to review each year's success and continue planning for the future. Senator and Mrs. Cochran have been life members of the Ole Miss Friends of the Library for a number of years and expressed their willingness to aid in this year's fund-raising effort.

"We must face the conclusion that if we want to be a great university, a great library is a fundamental, indispensable necessity," said Dr. John Pilkington, Ole Miss professor emeritus of English and president of the Friends. Because of this belief, he has donated his time and talents to the organization, which has in recent years raised close to \$400,000 in endowments through donations and membership dues. Friends of the Library memberships begin at \$15 a year and go up to \$10,000 for the Life Patron's Endowment.

Since 1946, Friends of the Library has been a voluntary association of persons interested in the advancement of learning and in increasing the library resources of the University. Members of the Friends of the Library are a diverse group of



**U.S. Senator and Mrs. Thad Cochran (right) along with their daughter Kate (left) were honored guests at the recent University of Mississippi Friends of the Library banquet.**

over 500 members, from the Oxford/University community, as well as across the nation.

For more information on the Friends of the Library call Dr. John Pilkington at (601) 234-4769. ■

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amount of ambiance. As students and others hurry across campus thinking about what they've just done and work that is before them, hopefully the sound of the bells will cause them to pause in reflection," said Mrs. Peddle, who serves on the Chapel Committee. "When young people start out in the world, they need to be able to draw from a whole set of college memories. Frank and I hope the bell tower will be part of those memories memories that people carry with them all their lives."

The 45 bronze bells of the carillon will come from the Netherlands. The tuned bells will be connected by cables to a keyboard in the chamber below, where the keys, or levers, are configured like a piano. A carillonist can play the instrument for special occasions, or it can be operated by a computerized automatic play system.

Dale & Associates, P.A., of Jackson have created the architectural renderings of the chapel, which is designed with four private meditation and prayer rooms and a covered walkway connecting the chapel to the Paul B. Johnson Commons.

"For many years, the Ole Miss students, faculty, staff and alumni have wanted a chapel, and now our dream is becoming a reality," said Chancellor Khayat. "Every campus needs a quiet

place for members of the community. Plans for the chapel, the bell tower, reflecting pool, fountain and the landscaping will dramatically enhance the beauty, strength and serenity of that part of campus."

Chapel Committee co-chair Jean Jordan, an associate professor of music, concurred: "From joyously shared ceremonies and concerts to the most private moments of personal introspection, the chapel project symbolizes Ole Miss' commitment to provide for the diverse needs of students beyond academics and athletics."

Private support efforts are underway to complete funding for this important project. Giving opportunities include contributions for stained glass windows, pews, the organ, prayer rooms, chapel front, and landscaping/gardens. Paris said plans also are being put into place for a general campaign to encourage everyone connected with the University to contribute gifts of all sizes to the chapel effort.

To contribute to the project, individuals and organizations can send gifts to: The Chapel Fund, The University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677. For more information, call the Foundation at (601) 232-5944 or Lee Paris at 354-4255. ■



# Second Major Gift: Florida Physician Boosts Stadium Project with \$3 Million Donation

The Ole Miss Rebel football team and fans will enjoy an expanded Vaught-Hemingway Stadium as early as the 1998 season, thanks, in part, to a longtime University of Mississippi supporter's gift.

**D**r. Jerry Hollingsworth of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., joined Head Football Coach Tommy Tuberville at a regular Monday press conference to announce support that has become a traditional part of Hollingsworth's relationship with his alma mater.

At a crucial phase in plans to attract private funds for the football stadium expansion, the 1951 graduate has stepped forward with a gift of \$3 million.

"It's difficult to find words to express adequately our gratitude for the tremendous support Dr. Hollingsworth continues to give to academic and athletic programs of the University," said Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "The significance of this gift is far-reaching. Generations of Ole Miss athletes, coaches and fans will benefit from the generosity of Dr. Hollingsworth. The fact that he has given so much to this University, as well as to the young people of his own community, speaks volumes about his kind, loving and generous spirit."

In 1995, Hollingsworth contributed \$2 million to the University, funding the Hollingsworth-(Archie) Manning Memorabilia Room of the Starnes Athletic Training Center, as well as providing support for the new men's and women's basketball offices and indoor sports facility. The Memorabilia Room provides a comfortable setting for coaches to talk with prospective student-athletes and showcases sports trophies. The basketball offices are connected to the C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum, and the sports structure — which includes indoor tennis courts and facilities for volleyball and softball — is located on Coliseum Drive near Highway 6.

"I feel a real sense of pride and accomplishment to be able to help Ole Miss in this way," said Hollingsworth at the announcement of his second major gift. "One of the main reasons I've decided to give this gift is my very close relationship to the Ole Miss family over the years. These people (athletic staff members) have treated me like part of their family every time I've come up here. I love these people, and I love the University. They had a lot to do with my giving this gift today."

"Lifesaver" was the term Athletic Director Pete Boone chose to describe Hollingsworth at the announcement. "He's one of the keys to our future success. He has come forward to help fund this at a critical point in our efforts to expand the stadium."

Head Football Coach Tommy Tuberville has said that the size and quality of a stadium is a key in attracting student-athletes to a college campus. "We want to be able to attract more fans, but we also want to be able to attract recruits," he said at the press conference.

"This is a blessing. We need the expansion because every school is adding on to their stadiums. Players look at these things before they sign a national letter. We'll have a stadium we'll be as proud of as anybody else will be of theirs."

The \$13-million expansion of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium is expected to get underway soon, with the seating capacity at 50,157 when completed. Sale of new Rebel Club seating in a proposed upper deck has raised a portion of the needed funds.

A native of Smith County, Hollingsworth has been involved with youth and athletics most of his life. He has been the team doctor for the Choctawhatchee and Ft. Walton Beach high schools since 1959 and was a founding director of the All-Sports Association of Northwest Florida established in 1976. That organization

honored him with its Community Service Award for helping youngsters in athletics in northwest Florida.

The Ole Miss Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame honored the physician with the Amateur Football Award for contributions to the collegiate athletic world.

Hollingsworth earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Ole Miss and then attended two years of medical school at the University. He went on to earn his medical degree from Harvard University in 1955 and completed his surgical residency at Duval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

From 1957-59, he was a Navy flight surgeon and then started his private medical practice in 1959 in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. ■



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# *Kathryn Brewer Cothren of Oxford Joins Chancellor's Trust in Memory of Parents*

As a child, Kathryn Brewer Cothren's loyalty to The University of Mississippi was cemented over golden Saturday afternoons at Barrett's Drug Store in Greenwood.

**T**here with Garrard Barrett — store proprietor and diehard Ole Miss fan — she listened, cheered and sometimes grieved over Rebel gridiron battles. But her affection for the University was first inspired by her parents, Kitty and David Brewer.

"I grew up in a home where there was a great love for Ole Miss. I have literally been red and blue from birth," Kathryn said, laughing. "My parents and I traveled to campus on numerous occasions to tailgate in the Grove and be with friends."

These memories and others recently prompted Kathryn to join the Chancellor's Trust, which accepts unrestricted gifts to be used for the greatest needs at Ole Miss. Her \$25,000 gift was made in memory of her late parents, who met at the University.

A stunning photo of her mother, the former Kitty Henderson of Charleston, can be found in the 1939 Ole Miss annual, where she was featured as a campus beauty. David Brewer, her father, also came from a family who supported Ole Miss. Brothers Norman and William — an attorney, now deceased, and a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, respectively — earned degrees from the University.

When David Brewer struck out from the Oxford campus, he sought his fortune in the nation's capital as an aide to U.S. Rep. Will Whittington of Greenwood. Before he put his roots down too deep, however, the family's business called him home. He became successful in the insurance industry through the firm Barry and Brewer, and he and his wife became the proud parents of Kathryn — their only child.

"By reputation, my father was known as an extremely generous man, as well as for his honesty and fairness," Kathryn recalled. "My father's career was business, but his avocation was Ole Miss football. He enjoyed supporting the school both academically and athletically. The University was one thing that meant a great deal to both of my parents, and, of course, it is one of my great loves."

It was this affection, however, that caused a slight problem between Kathryn and her parents. When it was time to go off to college, the Brewers sent their daughter to Randolph-Macon in Virginia. Two weeks later, she called her parents to say she wanted to "come home to Ole Miss."

"My parents were horrified, and I think it was the thought of my overriding their authority," Kathryn said, smiling at the memory. "The University beckoned, and I started classes on the

Oxford campus three weeks late."

Kathryn became a Chi Omega sorority member like her mother. The Ole Miss coed married in 1961 and finished her English degree with her class in 1962. For the next 33 years, she devoted her energies to her family — daughter Liza Black Upshaw, her husband and children of Greenwood — and the community. She also supported the University through the Ole Miss Associates, Chancellor's Partners, University Bands, Alumni House Renovation Program, Friends of the Museums, Friends of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, Athletic Training Center, Loyalty Foundation and other programs.

Once more, the hills beckoned. Kathryn moved to Oxford in 1995 because of the University and the friendships she had developed and nurtured in the surrounding community. She shares a home with husband Paige Cothren.

"I like Oxford, and I like what goes on here. The cultural offerings are amazing. The city and the University offer more activities than many urban areas but in a small-town atmosphere. It's a good place to entertain grandchildren. My grandchildren really love it here," Kathryn said of Kitty, 11, and Brewer, 7, of Greenwood. Brewer's father, Steve Upshaw, earned his juris doctor degree at the Ole Miss School of Law.

And memories from her college days are not far away. "It has stunned me to realize I was in school with Robert Khayat, now Ole Miss chancellor, and Trent Lott and Thad Cochran, now U.S. senators. I think under Robert's leadership the whole future of the University seems so bright and forward-looking. It's a wonderful time to be in Oxford."

Chancellor Khayat praised Kathryn's generous gift and words, saying, "Much of the excitement at The University of Mississippi is the result of the support of loyal alumni and friends like Kathryn Cothren. She has chosen a most meaningful way to memorialize her parents. The Brewers' lives were woven into the rich tapestry of the Ole Miss family, and their support continues to make an impact on our students. ■



**Kathryn Brewer Cothren**

# Sarah Morrison Remembered Through Library Endowment



Dr. Eugene Morrison with his wife, the late Sarah Morrison

*Dr. Eugene Morrison of Oxford remembers his wife, Sarah, as a person who loved books and reading and as a grandmother who patiently taught her three grandchildren how to save and invest for the future.*

**B**ecause of these memories and numerous others from 53 years of marriage, he has established a significant endowment in her memory at The University of Mississippi's J.D. Williams Library. The gift was announced by Chancellor Robert C. Khayat at a recent Friends of the Library banquet.

"We are extremely grateful to Dr. Morrison for setting up the Sarah Morrison Memorial Library Endowment for the J.D. Williams Library," said Dean of University Libraries John M. Meador Jr. "Interest earned from the endowment will be used each year to buy books and other library materials, so this gift will impact the studies of generations of Ole Miss students. In the Williams Library, we are trying to increase our holdings from 822,000 to 1 million volumes, and the Morrison Endowment will contribute greatly to this goal."

Library holdings are one of the key criteria considered for prestigious Phi Beta Kappa chapters. Ole Miss is working to become the first public university in Mississippi to attract such a chapter.

The Morrisons' ties to Ole Miss go back many years — to the early 1930s, in fact, when Morrison was a student on the Oxford campus and he was dating a coed named Sarah Harlan, who was a student at Mississippi University for Women. He earned a bachelor's degree and a medical certificate from Ole Miss, while his wife was working on a Latin/Greek major.

"Gene Morrison enrolled as a student at the University 65

years ago, and in spirit, he has never left it," said Dr. Charles Noyes, professor emeritus of English who has been active in the Friends of the Library organization. "As a professor, he influenced generations of Ole Miss students, and through this splendid gift, he will continue to be an influence for good and perpetuity."

After an internship with St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., and a preceptorship with Dr. Billy Guyton of Oxford — who became dean of the School of Medicine at the University — the physician served in the U.S. Army during World War II. The Morrisons returned to Oxford in 1946, when he was named an assistant professor of bacteriology at Ole Miss. He was on the original faculty that moved the medical program to Jackson to begin The University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1955.

In 1958, the Morrisons returned to Oxford, where he went into private practice with three other physicians. The doctor retired in 1968, only to embark on a 10-year teaching stint again at Ole Miss. "My wife and daughter, Polly, loved Oxford, and I enjoyed the bright young people in my classes. Teaching was a very interesting experience. The students were always so eager to learn," he said.

Through the years that Morrison was practicing and teaching, Mrs. Morrison — who had taught junior high and high school for several years — enjoyed auditing the classes of the world-renowned archaeologist David M. Robinson, who taught in the University's Department of Classics. She and her husband also were active in the First Presbyterian Church, where she was president of the Presbyterian Women and a member of the Church Women United.

Pastor of that church, the Rev. Sam Marshall, said, "Although challenged by an eyesight problem since birth, Sarah had great 'Vision.' Her husband often referred to her as a 'Greek scholar' in that she loved the life-long study of the classics and history. From a Latin perspective, I think that Sarah would be well served by the way she did everything in her life: '*ad maiorem Dei gloriam*' — for the greater glory of God. She lived her life in service to God."

"Sarah didn't think just of herself; she was interested in people in the church and in the community," Morrison said of his wife. "I think Sarah would have been very pleased about this endowment. She always loved books and reading."

And then there was the special interest in her three grandchildren. Concerned that they learn about saving and investing money, Morrison said his wife gave them stocks on their birthdays and then spent time teaching them about watching the stocks to realize their best potential.

Through the years, the Morrisons have given other support to the University through being Chancellor's Partners, as well as through the Friends of the Library, Friends of the Museums and other endowments. ■

# The University of Mississippi Foundation Welcomes

## New Board Members 1997



Anderson, '67

■ Reuben Vincent Anderson (J.D. '67) received his J.D. Degree from The University of Mississippi School of Law after having completed a B.A. Degree from Tougaloo College in 1964. He is currently a partner in the law firm of Phelps Dunbar. He served as holder of the Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government at The University of Mississippi for the 1995 Fall semester. He has served on numerous boards including BellSouth, The Kroger Company, Trustmark National Bank, the Arts Alliance of Jackson, Downtown YMCA, International Visitors Center, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Jackson Council on Alcoholism, Jackson Enterprise Center, Jackson Zoo, Inc., Leadership Jackson (Past Chairman), Mississippi Food Network, United Way Capitol Area, Inc, Metro Crime Commission, Boy Scouts of America, Metro Jackson Housing, and the Jackson Mall Medical Foundation. Mr. Anderson has been a trustee for: the Mississippi Bar Foundation, and served on the boards of The University of Mississippi Ole Miss Alumni Association, Piney Woods Country Life School, R.H. Green Foundation, Tougaloo College (Chairman of Board), Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, and the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee for Mississippi. He is a member of: The Mississippi Bar Association (President-Elect), American Bar Association, Hinds County Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, National Bar Association, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar Association, United States Supreme Court Bar Association, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and the 100 Black Men of Jackson.



Farrington, '65



Arnold, '58

■ Barbara Davis Arnold (B.S. '58) of Yazoo City, Mississippi received a second degree in Medical Technology from the University of Tennessee. Mrs. Arnold is a member of the Vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church and served as Senior Warden. She is also a lifetime member of the Yazoo Library Association Board of Control. She has been named STAR teacher five times, and is a member of The University of Mississippi Alumni Association Board, Engineering Dean's Advisory Board, and is President-elect of the Education Alumni Board.



Houston, '76

■ Jan Griffith Farrington (B.A. '65) is currently Executive Director of the Medical Support & Development Organization, Inc. in Jackson, Mississippi. She has formerly served as the Chairman of the Board for the American Heart Association (MS affiliate). Mrs. Farrington is on the Board of Directors for the Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, Mississippi. She is currently serving as Vice-President of The Uni-

versity of Mississippi Alumni Association. While at Ole Miss, she served as Vice-President of the Mortar Board, and participated in the University Singers, the Baptist Student Union, and Delta Delta Delta Sorority

■ Jamie G. Houston, III (J.D. '76) received additional degrees from The University of Mississippi (B.B.A. 74) and from New York University (LL. M. 78). He has been a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate counsel. Mr. Houston has also served as a member of the Millsaps College Estate Planning Council, the American Bar Association, the Mississippi State Bar, and the Hinds County Bar Association. He is also Past Chairman of the Mississippi Tax Institute, and on the Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries (1992-94).

■ Charles L. Overby resides in Brentwood, Tennessee, and is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Freedom Forum. He is a member of the Board of Regents for Baylor University, and is also a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame at The University of Mississippi. Mr. Overby is the former executive editor of the Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Mississippi and is the former Vice-President of Gannett News and Communications. While at Ole Miss, Mr. Overby served as editor for the Daily Mississippian.

■ Howard L. McMillan, Jr (B.B.A. '60) is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, and is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Deposit Guaranty Corporation / Deposit Guaranty National Bank. After completing his degree at Ole Miss he also attended Louisiana State University and Harvard University. He is past President of the American Bankers Association, former Chairman of the Board for the Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce, past President for the United Way of the Capital Area, past President of The University of Mississippi Alumni Association, and a member of The University of Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame as well. Mr. McMillan serves on the Board of Directors for the Commercial National Bank, Mississippi Valley Title Insurance Company, Advisory Board for the Else School of Management, and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

■ Joseph J. Schmelzer, III (B.B.A. '69) is the owner and president of Equipment Incorporated in Jackson, Mississippi. After receiving his degree at Ole Miss he completed marketing management studies at the University of Notre Dame and financial management studies at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance. He was named Mississippi Small Businessman of the Year in 1983, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, the North Jackson Rotary Club, and the Mississippi Red Cross. He has taught business seminars at Millsaps College, Jackson State University, the University of Wisconsin, The University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi. Mr. Schmelzer is a "Certified Professional in Material Handling" through the International Material Management Society and currently serves as President of the Dealer Council of Barrett Industrial Trucks. He formerly served as National President of the Dealer Council of Nissan Motor Company, Ltd., and as Vice-President of the Material handling Equipment Dealers Association.



Overby



McMillan, '60

## New Board Members 1997



Schmelzer, '69

# State's Largest Community/Junior College Transfer Scholarships Awarded at Ole Miss

**A**t \$13,000 each, The University of Mississippi has established the state's largest community/junior college scholarships to reflect commitment to academic excellence and leadership for deserving transfer students.

Thirteen of the state's community/ junior colleges submitted applicants for consideration for the Community College Excellence Award. Because of the caliber of the applicants, two scholarship recipients have been chosen: Valeria Buggs of Newton, a pre-pharmacy graduate of East Central Community College (ECCC); and Jacqueline Sergi of Batesville, an aspiring writer/teacher and English-major graduate of Northwest Community College (NWCC).

Buggs, 20, is a traditional student and named ECCC's top graduate in 1996. Sergi, 49 — who is a wife, mother and foster parent — is a nontraditional scholar.

Selected on the basis of scholarship and leadership, candidates for the awards are nominated by their community/junior college academic deans. The awards are the community/junior college transfer equivalent of Ole Miss' most prestigious freshman award, the Newman Scholarship.

At their respective schools, Buggs and Sergi both attained perfect 4.0 grade-point averages as President's List Scholars, were members of Phi Theta Kappa and the Hall of Fame, and were listed in Who's Who Among American Community/Junior Colleges.

"We are pleased to be able to assist outstanding community/junior college transfer students, especially those of such high caliber as these two women," said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "Community/junior college transfers are among some of our best and brightest scholars, and we value their presence on our campus. These scholarships represent our commitment to providing educational opportunities for Mississippians."

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Buggs has enrolled in the Ole Miss School of Pharmacy. Sergi is studying French and English as she prepares to teach at either the secondary or community college level.

An Honors Program participant, Buggs was a member of Mu Alpha Theta and Sigma Mu Tau academic honoraries. She received the Frank and Nena Leatherwood Scholarship in Biological Sciences and the Miller Award in Medical Services.

Sergi was named NWCC's Outstanding French, English, Humanities and HEAD-WAE student. In scholastic competition at Ole Miss, Sergi was a two-year member of her school's Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl Team. Named to the National Dean's List, Sergi won a third-place award and honorable mention in the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association's Southern Literary Festival.

Both scholarship recipients are active in extracurricular and community activities. Buggs has worked part-time throughout her college career, while Sergi is a homemaker and mother of two adult children, a teenager, and two foster children.

At ECCC, Buggs was a peer counselor and served with the Warrior Corps in recruiting efforts and hosting special campus events. She performed with the Warrior marching and concert bands, as well as with the Concert Choir and the Collegians vocal/instrumental group. She appeared with the Collegians at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Buggs helped raise funds for the Oklahoma City bomb victims, assisted in promotional activities for a state senatorial candidate, and was Newton County's representative in the Farm Bureau Queen contest.

Active in the First United Methodist Church in Batesville, Sergi teaches Sunday school, chairs the Youth Program Committee, teaches Vacation Bible School and serves as Outreach Program Shepherd. ■

## Eaton and Cottrell of Gulfport Memorialized with Endowment

**T**he Gulfport law firm of Eaton and Cottrell has honored its founders with an endowed fund supporting The University of Mississippi School of Law. The Eaton and Cottrell Scholarship in Law Endowment memorializes David Cottrell Jr. and James S. Eaton and will recognize deserving men and women who are pursuing a legal education at the Ole Miss law school.

"James S. Eaton and David Cottrell were giants of the Mississippi legal profession," said firm member Ben Stone. "Eaton and Cottrell, which still bears their names, is honored to recognize them through a scholarship fund at The University of Mississip-

pi School of Law, where they received their legal education."

The endowment has been established with a \$5,000 pledge from the firm. Recipients chosen by the law school's scholarship committee will receive the Eaton and Cottrell Scholarship for a period of three years, provided the students remain in good standing.

Gifts can be designated for the Eaton and Cottrell Scholarship in Law Endowment and mailed to The University of Mississippi, Law Alumni Chapter, P.O. Box 8288, University, MS 38677-8288. ■

# Library Acquires Willie Morris Papers

*Of the 17,000 letters written to author Willie Morris, one is kept in a special plastic sleeve.*

**W**ritten in 1971 by Bill Clinton, then a Yale Law School student, the letter thanks Morris for meeting with him in New York on his way to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar: "Almost no one ... is able to keep that covenant he might have made with himself as a young man to go on being open and helpful and warm no matter how high his own star rises."

The young Clinton was inspired by Morris, a fellow "good ole boy," and as Clinton's own star rose, he continued to correspond with Morris.

Clinton's letter is only one of the many notes of thanks and praise now found in The University of Mississippi's Department of Archives and Special Collections. Since acquiring Morris' personal papers in 1995, University Archivist Thomas Verich and Senior Library Assistant Lisa Speer have meticulously catalogued them. When read chronologically, they narrate the life of a man of letters.

"I'm delighted that the University has my papers. I love Ole Miss and Mississippi and think it is appropriate that my papers remain in my native state," said Morris. The author of such works as *North Toward Home*, *Good Old Boy* and *New York Days*, Morris distinguished himself early on as a Rhodes Scholar, journalist and editor of *Harper's Magazine*.

As editor of *Harper's* from 1963 to 1971, Morris corresponded with many of the literary giants of the day. Walker Percy, William Styron, James Dickey, Ralph Ellison, Arthur Miller, Robert Penn Warren and Kurt Vonnegut are but a few. The correspondence includes letters, notes and postcards to Morris from literary and political figures, relatives, school children, critics and admirers.

Because many of the letters are from writers and fellow editors, they are invariably witty, telling, touching, and often filled with insider literary allusion and gracious good humor. In addition to finding the letters amusing, scholars of 20th-century American literature will find them useful research tools, providing glimpses into the personal thoughts of writers like Percy, Styron, Alex Haley, Vonnegut, Joyce Carol Oates, Joan Didion and Philip Roth.



**A youthful Willie Morris pauses at his desk at *Harper's Magazine*.**

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From 1980 to 1991, Morris taught at Ole Miss as writer-in-residence. The letters reveal Morris to be the professional and personal confidante of not only the established literati but also a younger generation of writers. In October 1983, a former writing student of Morris' noted: "I'm spending most of my time writing. I have begun a novel, and that occupies my days and nights pretty well

The New Yorker has been rejecting my stories on the grounds that they are too sardonic,' which I take as a supreme compliment ... Love, Donna [Tartt]." The letter was written from Grenada, Miss., before Tartt's novel, *A Secret History*, became a best seller.

A letter penned in 1988 from another then-undiscovered Mississippi writer begins, "Dear Mr. Morris, I'm not sure if you remember me or not ...." This note from Oxford writer Larry Brown just before the publication of his first novel, *Facing The Music*, respectfully and humbly asks Morris to write a blurb for the jacket cover.

Other notable correspondents in the collection include: Lauren Bacall, George Bush, John Cheever, Scottie Fitzgerald, Shelby Foote, Richard Ford, John Grisham, David Halberstam, Beth Henley, Robert F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Larry McMurtry, Tim O'Brien, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, George Plimpton, Frank Sinatra, Charles Schulz and Eudora Welty.

A large number of photographs, clippings about his career and books from his personal library make up the rest of the Morris collection — one of the most important the University's Archives and Special Collections has acquired in many years. Dean of Libraries John Meador was instrumental in making the acquisition possible.

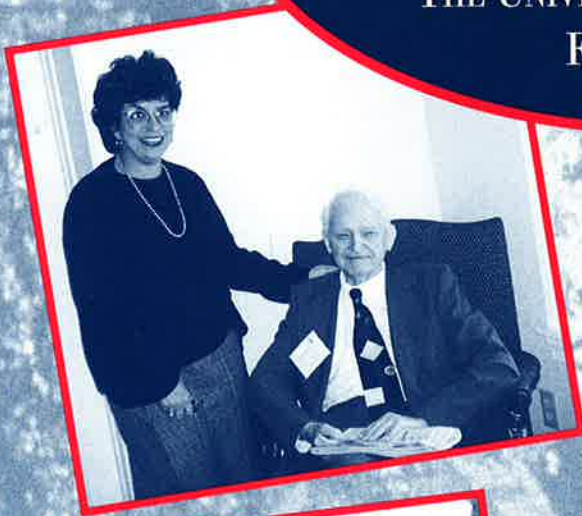
"Robert Khayat, John Meador and Tom Verich have been wonderful," said Morris.

Now scholars, journalists and even just the curious can glimpse into the life that has made Willie Morris a Mississippi legend.

The letters can be seen weekdays at the University's Department of Archives and Special Collections from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Call Dr. Thomas Verich at (601) 234-6091 for more information. ■



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# First Holder of Davidson Chair

## Visiting Professor's Lectures Become Dramatic Events at Ole Miss

*At first glance, the cast comprises an unlikely group for stage performances. All but one are University of Mississippi students planning careers in health care.*



**Dr. Todd L. Savitt (left), first holder of the L. Stacy Davidson Jr. Chair of Liberal Arts at The University of Mississippi, leads a Readers' Theatre discussion on the Oxford campus. Helping him inaugurate a similar course at Ole Miss are student actors John Jones of Richton (from left), Brent Brown of Meridian, Kecia Kitchens of Iuka, Benjamin Blossom of Forest and Allison Chastain of Orlando, Florida.**

**T**he role of discussion leader is played by their professor, a scholar in the history of African-American medicine who teaches medical ethics and history at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

On a stage containing no props or scenery, the actors read their lines. At the conclusion, they engage audience members in a discussion about the issues raised in the play.

Through Readers' Theatre, Dr. Todd Savitt — first holder of the L. Stacy Davidson Jr. Chair of Liberal Arts at Ole Miss — teaches medical humanities. He coordinates the Readers' Theatre program for medical students at East Carolina, but this is the first time he has introduced it to undergraduates.

"The students had no idea they would be performing when they enrolled in this course. They are very smart students," Savitt said. "They are excited and seem to think it's kind of neat. And I love it."

He emphasizes that the plays he uses in Readers' Theatre are scripted from compelling literary short stories that highlight medical questions. "Because of this quality, the plays are enjoyable for the audience. It's an easy way to raise issues that concern people's lives today," said the professor. "Each of the stories touches people in different ways."

Under his leadership, Ole Miss students are performing *The Doctors of Hoyland* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and *A Question of Mercy* by Dr. Richard Selzer at various times during the semester. Other plays in the professor's repertoire include *The Girl with a Pimple Face* and *Old Doc Rivers*, both based on short stories by William Carlos Williams; *The Enemy* adapted from a short story by Pearl S. Buck; and *He* by Katherine Anne Porter.

The performances are valuable, he says, because they give future physicians an opportunity to consider how people in the

real world are viewing medical issues. The students listen to would-be patients at an impressionable time in their lives, that is, before being the "doctor in charge."

"They are really hearing what people think for the first time. We can talk about these issues in the classroom, but to have someone confronting the students to challenge their characters' actions makes it more real," he said of the students, the majority of whom are juniors and seniors.

Audience members are encouraged to express their thoughts without "doctor bashing." "As I lead discussions, I try to get people to think through why they believe what they do," Savitt said.

The scholar also is teaching an Ole Miss freshman honors seminar in medicine and society from a historical perspective. "I look at the history of African Americans, both as patients and practitioner," he said. "I've written on slave health and the history of black medical schools."

With philosophy and classics professors as his office neighbors in the new McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College, Savitt finds himself in a familiar setting. "All of my teaching has been in interdisciplinary settings with colleagues in philosophy, history, law, literature and medicine, so I feel right at home here."

Filling the Davidson Chair is not Savitt's first experience at Ole Miss. In 1982 and 83, he co-organized the Barnard-Millington Symposia on Southern Science and Medicine for the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and has served as a consultant to the Center.

Savitt earned an undergraduate degree in history and studied medicine for three years. He holds master's and doctoral degrees in American history from the University of Virginia. At East Carolina, he is a professor in the Department of Medical Humanities and an adjunct professor in the Department of History, frequently presenting workshops on Readers' Theatre at colleges and universities.

Dr. L. Stacy Davidson Jr., a Cleveland physician, contributed a \$1-million gift to the University for "opening doors" in his life. The endowment in his name funds visiting lecturers within the College of Liberal Arts, as well as provides other support to Ole Miss. ■

# \$660,000 Gift Pushes Faulkner Chair To \$1 Million Mark

**A**n anonymous donor has given The University of Mississippi \$660,000 to fund a Chair of Faulkner Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. The endowment will pay tribute to the late Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner. The University has become internationally known for its annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference, which is in its 24th year, and as owner and operator of Rowan Oak, Faulkner's home.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous gift," said Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "The donor expressed wishes to strengthen the heart of the University, which is the College of Liberal Arts and the library. Since William Faulkner — the greatest writer of the 20th century — lived in Oxford, I think it is most appropriate to have a chair in his name at this University."

"This gift to the Faulkner Chair is another indication that our alumni and friends are committed to assuring the excellence of our academic programs," he said.

Faulkner became an Oxonian in 1902, when he was five years old. During the next six decades, he published books of poetry, collections of short stories and 19 novels. Among his most well-known novels are *The Sound and the Fury*, *As I Lay Dying*, *Light in August* and *Absalom, Absalom!* A 1949 Nobel Prize was given for the body of his work, and a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award followed for *A Fable*. Another Pulitzer Prize was given posthumously in 1963 for *The Reivers*.

A professorship was first established on the Oxford campus to pay tribute to Faulkner with proceeds from the estate of Mary H. Howry, whose grandfather, Judge James Moorman Howry, was a co-founder of the University. One of the country's most prominent Faulkner scholars, Dr. Donald M. Kartiganer, joined the University faculty in 1991 as the first holder of the Howry Professorship in Faulkner Studies in the Department of English.

Another major gift to the Howry-Faulkner Professorship came from the Otilie Schillig Trust under the direction of James T. Baird, trustee. Otilie Schillig was one of the daughters of Stephen Schillig, a founder of the Port Gibson Oil Works in 1882.

"A Faulkner Chair is especially valuable, given the central role that the study of William Faulkner and his work enjoys within the University," said Dr. Dale Abadie, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Over the years, the Department of English has developed a strong reputation in Southern literature and for the last 20 years the University has led the way in the

study of the American South. It is fitting that an endowed Chair of Faulkner Studies should be housed within The University of Mississippi, where it will serve as a linchpin for an important area studies program and, at the same time, provide continuing recognition of the area's preeminent author."

For more information about contributions to the Chair of Faulkner Studies, call Dr. Don Frugé, vice chancellor for University Advancement, at (601) 232-5944. ■

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## The University of Mississippi Foundation

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*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.*

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# Sesquicentennial Spotlight:

## *It All Adds Up*

*The Sesquicentennial spotlight shining on the School of Accountancy, reveals, a dedicated faculty, a rigorous curriculum, outstanding students and successful graduates, all based on the foundation of an enduring legacy.*

**A**ccountants work with numbers. Some of them “do taxes.” And that’s about all many people know about accountancy. However, the Sesquicentennial celebration of the School of Accountancy at The University of Mississippi yields a more thorough picture. This six-month long spotlight reveals a cutting edge educational program and a faculty dedicated to educating successful students who enter a wide variety of professions.

Although accountancy instruction has been a part of the curriculum since Ole Miss was founded, a pinnacle was reached in 1979 when accountancy became a separate school. This status made The University of Mississippi one of the first institutions of higher learning in the country with a separate school of accountancy. The Chronicle of Higher Education called the accountancy program at Ole Miss “the most independent in the nation.”

The school continually adapts to the needs of a changing profession. Those who sit for the CPA exam now must have 150 hours of college credit which means that accountancy must be a five-year instead of a four-year program. Ole Miss has already responded to this demand by strengthening its curriculum, making it the largest fifth-year program in the state.

The distinctiveness of the accountancy program will increase with the \$22-million Conner Hall expansion and renovation project currently underway. Accountancy will move into the renovated portion of Conner Hall, giving the school what Dean James Davis calls “real estate”, a separate and distinct home.

“Conner Hall is a workhorse of a building,” said Davis, “and we’re glad to get it.”

Undergirding all of this is a caring faculty dedicated to maintaining its own excellence through research, service and education. All full-time accountancy faculty members hold doctorates. Many are recipients of campus wide teaching awards. Faculty lead in professional organizations, edit journals, write article and books, and conduct research covering a variety of areas.

A notable feature of the faculty is their knowledge about

accountancy students and dedication to their success. When recruiters hit the Ole Miss campus looking for employees, the faculty play a key role. Because faculty usually have taught a student in several courses, they know that student’s strengths and are able to respond quickly with specific answers to recruiters’ inquiries. Also, if someone is not receiving much attention from recruiters, faculty can help by emphasizing that student’s strengths.

“When these firms come here recruiting, they say our faculty know the students better than at any other campus they visit,” says Davis. “All of the Big Six accounting firms recruit at Ole

Miss, and we are the only school in Mississippi to which all six come. Many local and regional firms look to us for their recruits. We are one of the major suppliers’ in this region.”The School of Accountancy boasts 100 percent placement for its graduates, and many of these students have firm job offers 18 months before they graduate. There is a reason businesses want to employ Ole Miss graduates. These people have “what it takes,” and according to Wendell Weakly, a partner with Price Waterhouse in Memphis, that is exactly why his firm has been recruiting them actively since his office opened.

“The real forte of the Ole Miss students is their ability with both technology and people,” said Weakly. “The have a well-developed social background, and they communicate well with clients. Their leadership skills are clearly proven in an array of student activities.”

Weakly went on to point out that Ole Miss graduates always have been highly successful with his firm. “They are certainly as successful as graduates from other programs, if not more so,” said Weakly. “Ole Miss has done very well in developing its program.”

This program includes a 2.5 GPA requirement in order for a student to take upper division accountancy courses, and once in, a student gets only two tries at making C in a particular course. A heavy emphasis is placed on preparing students to take the CPA exam after they graduate, and all are encouraged to do so. Even some of those who do not plan to practice as a CPA take



the exam because of the prestige attached to CPA licensure.

The number of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals earned by Ole Miss graduates indicates that their college program has prepared them well. These medals are given by the Mississippi Society of CPAs to first-time test takers earning the three highest scores on the twice-yearly CPA exam. Ole Miss graduates received both the Gold and Silver in the May 1996 exam and have received approximately 60 medals since the awards began in 1950.

Ole Miss accountancy graduates also do well in their professions and find that an accountancy degree provides a strong foundation for various, and often unusual, pursuits and frequently puts them right in the middle of the action. And this, say accountancy faculty, is the ultimate proof of the success of the School of Accountancy at Ole Miss.

These are only a few examples of the hundreds of stellar graduates:

■ In 1995, Eileen McGinely (BAccy '82), audit partner with BDO Seidman in Memphis, became the first female ever to make partner in a national firm in that city.

■ In 1996, Karen Roebuck (BAccy '80, MAccy '81) became a partner in the St. Louis office of Deloitte & Touche. Numerous Ole Miss alums are partners in the Big Six accounting firms in offices located around the country.

■ Charles Cannada (BBA '80) is senior vice-president of corporate development, investor relations, and real estate for the Mississippi-based telecommunications giant MFS WorldCom, recently involved in what is reported to be the fifth-largest business merger in United States history.

■ Edith Kelley-Green (BBA '73) is vice president of purchasing and supply with almost 900 employees in her area at

Federal Express in Memphis.

■ Clifton Johnson (Baccy '84) is comptroller of Tunica County, Miss. where he invests funds from the gambling industry to provide resources for community needs.

■ Nancy Canup (BBA '68) coordinates international transactions, finances, general accounting, and payroll for the import/wholesale floral business she owns with her husband and sons in Tremont, Miss.

Many graduates cannot discuss their experiences at Ole Miss without referring to the late H.E. "Gene" Peery, a legend in Ole Miss accountancy lore. A number of alums readily admit they chose accountancy because Peery influenced them, often to the point of leading them by the hand through registration to be sure they signed up for the correct courses.

Peery joined the faculty at Ole Miss in 1951 to teach "on a temporary basis", but stayed through more than 40 years and three generations of students. The endowed H. Eugene Peery Chair of Accountancy maintains an accountancy scholar on the Oxford campus to carry out Peery's standard of excellence in teaching and devotion to developing students.

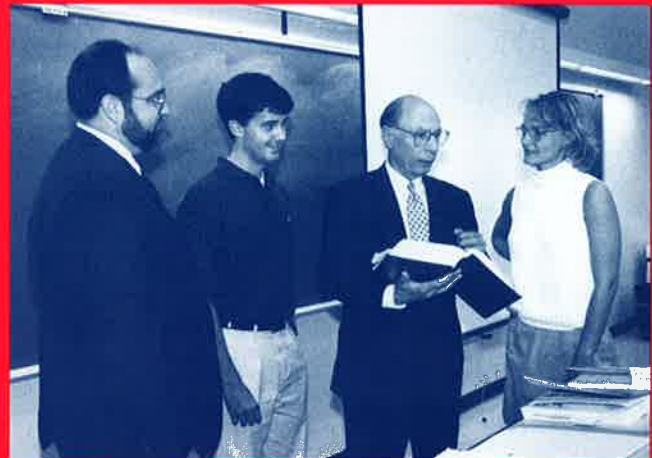
"Gene Peery made us believe in ourselves," said Davis, himself one of Peery's students. "Kids left here with the confidence that they had been taught well. But they also left with a zeal and spirit to become successful."

With such a legacy as its foundation, the School of Accountancy at Ole Miss remains in tune with current needs and trends and is poised to move into the 21st century educating outstanding students to become exceptional professional. ■



## *Williams Fills Whitten Chair At Ole Miss School of Law*

Students at The University of Mississippi School of Law look to visiting lecturer Parham H. Williams (right) for wisdom, as they learn the laws of evidence in order to become effective courtroom advocates. As this semester's holder of the Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government, Williams counsels students (from left) Shanda Lewis of Meridian, Nancy Riddle of Vicksburg, James W. Allen of Jackson and Ellen Maier of Pascagoula. Williams served as dean of the Ole Miss law school from 1971-85, and recently stepped down as dean at the Cumberland School of Law in order to devote himself to full-time teaching there. He will return to Cumberland following this semester's sabbatical at Ole Miss.



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# Cook Foundation Funds Law Scholarship at Ole Miss

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*The Kelly Gene Cook Sr. Charitable Foundation has established the Ray S. Mikell Law Scholarship at The University of Mississippi.*

**T**he endowment is the latest of several provisions to Ole Miss from the Cook Foundation. Other support includes a \$1 million gift in 1991 to the Department of Journalism, as well as numerous other Cook Foundation scholarships.

"We are very grateful to the Foundation and Peggy Cook Pool for this donation to fund scholarships for deserving law students," said Dr. William Champion, acting dean of law. "Such private support is crucial to helping the School of Law meet the challenges of the 21st century."

The Ray Mikell scholarship fund includes an initial gift of \$5,000 for one student during the 1996-97 academic year, and will be increased by \$5,000 for the following two years until three students each receive \$2,500 per semester for three years of law school. Recipients shall not be sons or daughters of attorneys and must maintain at least a 2.5 grade-point average, according to the agreement.

The scholarship is named in honor of Ray Mikell of Kosciusko, a 1960 graduate of the Ole Miss law school, who serves on the board of the Cook Foundation.

"The law school and the University as a whole have meant a lot to me, and I wanted to do something specifically for the law school," said Mikell, who also received his bachelor's degree at Ole Miss. "They (the other Cook Foundation board members) not only supported my request but also honored me by establishing the scholarship in my name."

It also was Mikell's desire that the scholarship's recipients not be children of lawyers. "I feel like the son or daughter of a lawyer should be able to afford law school, and if they can't they probably wouldn't want to become a lawyer anyway," he said. "I would like to see other people have the same opportunities and also help bring new blood to the profession."



**James David Moore (left) of Oxford was awarded the Ray S. Mikell Scholarship in Law at The University of Mississippi School of Law. Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Mikell (right) offered congratulations at a scholarship reception hosted by The University of Mississippi Foundation.**

A native of Attala County, Cook's career as an oil and gas pipeline industry executive in Houston, Texas, had spanned three decades at the time of his death in 1989. While president of Gregory & Cook Inc., he and his wife formed the Cook Foundation to provide funds to religious, charitable, scientific and educational organizations.

The Ray S. Mikell Law Scholarship fund is open for contributions, which are tax deductible. For more information, contact The University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; telephone (601) 232-5944. ■



**Dr. Elizabeth Anne Payne**

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## *Officials Name Director of McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College*

A scholar in American history and the architect of a nationally acclaimed honors curriculum has been named director of the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College.

Dr. Elizabeth Anne Payne, a Nettleton native and sixth-generation Mississippian, is currently director of honors studies at the University of Arkansas' Fullbright College of Arts and Sciences. She will assume her duties on the Ole Miss-Oxford campus this summer following an academic year as visiting scholar at Millsaps College in Jackson.

"This is the most fantastic convergence of family and profession," said Payne. "Coming home after 30 years to a position that embodies all my values is wonderful. I am returning to a place that has changed as I hoped it would." ■

# Phi Mu Fraternity Unveils Plans for Campus Fountain

**T**o celebrate its 70th anniversary at The University of Mississippi, the Alpha Delta chapter of the Phi Mu fraternity unveiled plans to build a fountain near the new entrance of the J.D. Williams Library on the Oxford campus.

At a public reception hosted at the Phi Mu House Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat was on hand for the announcement concerning the project and fund-raising drive.

The fountain will be located in the area between Bon-durant Hall and the Paul B. Johnsons Commons that is being developed into a "green" and also chosen as the site for a new chapel. Phi Mu plans to attract \$75,000 in funds for the project, with some of the money being earmarked for maintenance of the fountain.

The lead gift of \$10,000 has been contributed by the H.F. McCarty Jr. Family Foundation. The gift was made in honor of two Ole Miss alumnae, Shellye Stanley McCarty and Mary Helen McCarty, both of Jackson.

Speaking on behalf of chapter members and alumnae, Shellye McCarty said, "We all love Ole Miss, and we all love Phi Mu. On the occasion of our anniversary, we wanted to give something lasting to the University and thought a fountain would add to the beauty of the campus."

Phi Mu members on the Oxford campus claim a long list of accomplishments. For example, two have served as Associated Student Body presidents, and the first female president of the Ole Miss Alumni Association is a Phi Mu alumna. ■



Joining alumna Shellye McCarty (right) of Jackson and Phi Mu President Emily Johnson (center) of Louisville at a reception to unveil plans for a fountain to be built on the Oxford campus was Chancellor Robert C. Khayat (left). The Alpha Delta chapter of Phi Mu is raising funds to build the fountain in celebration of its 70th anniversary at Ole Miss. The location will be near the new entrance to the J.D. Williams library.

## *Mississippian, Former Foundation Board Member Heads U.S. Chamber*

Oxford native and University of Mississippi graduate Mike Starnes recently was inaugurated as chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington. Starnes is chief executive officer and founder of M.S. Carriers, a Memphis-based trucking company, which is the seventh-largest truckload company in the nation. In 1978, he and his wife, Nancye, started the company with with \$10,000 in savings. Today, the company has a \$12.4 million profit on \$340.2 million in revenues. The company started with one truck. Nineteen years later, it has 2,500 trucks and 2,800 employees.

Starnes' agenda as head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce includes lobbying for a balanced budget amendment, fewer business regulations, tort reform and better workforce preparation.



Mike Starnes, (BBA. '68)

# Anonymous Donor Finances Ole Miss Student's Education

**W**hen Chaunté Smith was a senior last year, he quietly made an impact on South Panola High School by helping orchestrate the first school prom since integration in the early 1970s.

When he became a University of Mississippi freshman, someone decided to quietly make an impact on Chaunté-Smith.

The young man from Batesville received a message that he needed to meet with Larry Ridgeway, the Ole Miss director of financial aid. Admittedly a little troubled by the request, Smith said his anxiety quickly turned to complete shock. He was told an individual, who wanted to remain anonymous, had paid his college expenses.

"I didn't know what to say. I have never been so surprised," Smith said. "I just wish I knew the donor, so I could say, 'Thank you!'"

Martha Lynn Johnson — a counselor at South Panola High School who had watched Smith grow up and had accompanied him to Ole Miss for admissions information on several occasions — is not at all surprised that someone recognized the student's qualities and potential.

"He has accomplished so much, but yet he has such an humble attitude. Chaunté appreciates everything," Johnson said. "He came back to the high school to tell me about the anonymous scholarship, but he wasn't boasting or bragging. He was just so thankful."

The counselor said the prom is an example of how Smith "makes his own way." The student broached the subject of a prom to Johnson while on his job bagging groceries. He wanted to see the



**Chaunté Smith (right), a University of Mississippi freshman, visits with Chancellor Robert C. Khayat about the student's first semester on the Oxford campus. An anonymous donor paid the college expenses for Smith, who has been described as a "quiet leader." Among his high school accomplishments before entering Ole Miss was the successful coordination of Panola High School's first prom since integration.**

students come together and asked her how to go about accomplishing such a project, Johnson recalled.

Smith formed a committee, which carried the project to school officials, who carried the project to the school

*"This is one of those great stories: A fine young person comes along with the desire to pursue a college education, and a very generous person recognizes potential and encourages it with financial support."*

board, which gave it a stamp of approval. ABC's "Evening News" sent a crew to South Panola High School to film the unfolding prom preparations, with Smith as the featured student.

"We haven't had any racial difficulties at South Panola, but this prom did bring black and white students together and helped them develop a deeper

understanding of each other," Johnson said. "Someone just needed to plant the seed, and Chaunté quietly went about the project in the right manner. Our school received many letters from across the country complimenting Chaunté after the story aired on ABC's Evening News."

Of course the prom is not the only project Smith pursued during his high school years. He played on the basketball team, ran on the cross-country track team, served as a peer counselor, was listed on the Scholar Athlete honor roll, and participated in the Foreign Language, Students Against Driving Drunk and Student Athletes Detest Drugs organizations. That's in addition to

his after-school job that he secured in order to help his family, which includes two younger siblings.

And now Smith is enrolled at the University he says he's always dreamed of attending, on a scholarship he never dreamed of receiving. "I love it here. This first semester couldn't have been any better," said the freshman, who is considering journalism as his major. "It's all pretty unbelievable."

Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat smiles when he talks about Smith. "We are so glad to have him here as part of our University family," he said.

"This is one of those great stories: A fine young person comes along with the desire to pursue a college education, and a very generous person recognizes potential and encourages it with financial support. We appreciate what Chaunté has done and expect his leadership to be felt on this campus, and we are extremely grateful to the scholarship donor." ■



# Ole Miss Classics Department Offers New Undergraduate Scholarship

The University of Mississippi Department of Classics will offer a new undergraduate scholarship beginning fall semester 1997, thanks to a \$20,000 gift from an alumnus. The Way, Jackson and Leavell Awards for Study of the Classics will provide an annual scholarship of at least \$1,000, based on academic achievement in the study of classics at the high school or college level.

The scholarship was funded by Oxford native Robert N. Leavell, the Alumni Association Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Georgia Law School. Leavell received his bachelor's degree at Ole Miss, and last fall semester was a visiting faculty member at the Ole Miss law school.

Dr. Robert Moysey, chair of the classics department, said an undergraduate scholarship has been on his wish list for some time. "This really was like a Christmas gift for us," he said. "We've had graduate scholarships but never an undergraduate one. We hope this will attract more students to the study of classics."



Robert Leavell

The scholarship honors three long-time Latin teachers in Oxford, including Leavell's mother. They are Dr. Evelyn Way, who taught Latin at Ole Miss for four decades, as well as chaired the classics department; and Harriet Jackson and Grace Farley Leavell, who both taught Latin at University High School.

Leavell said his appreciation for the classics and the women who taught him Latin prompted him to establish the scholarship. "I was very fond of Dr. Way and Harriett Jackson," said Leavell, who studied Latin under both women. "My mother taught Latin at University High School, and both of my parents were interested in the classics. I was never a very good student of Latin myself, but I do have a great deal of respect for the subject matter."

The first recipient of the Way, Jackson and Leavell Awards for Study of the Classics will be announced at the Ole Miss Honors Day program on April 10.

Anyone interested in applying for the scholarship should contact the Ole Miss Department of Classics at 232-7097. ■

## Jones, Turner Give Satellite Dishes to Ole Miss, Students to Benefit

Two acts of generosity may allow students at The University of Mississippi to add a few more stations to their cable lineup in residence halls — free of charge. David Jones of Oxford and Samuel Turner of Tocopola each donated a small satellite dish, similar to those in a neighbor's backyard, to the University's Telephone Exchange unit.

Buster Clark, director of the Telephone Exchange, said the satellite dishes will be used to pick up more services for the campus cable system. Students currently receive programming that includes network stations, MTV, ESPN, the Weather Channel, Headline News and C-Span.

"We're working on one right now that we hope will allow us to offer Sports South to the students," Clark said.

Basic cable service in the dormitories is included in the student's room fee and extended cable can be purchased at a monthly rate. The new channels would give students more cable choices, without the added fee. ■

## University of Mississippi Archives Acquires Larry Brown Manuscripts

The University of Mississippi Department of Archives and Special Collections has acquired a virtually complete archive of writer Larry Brown's literary output. "Larry Brown is one of the most distinctive literary figures from north Mississippi since William Faulkner," said Dr. Thomas Verich, University archivist. "There is every expectation that the Larry Brown archive will prove to be one of our greatest treasures."

The Brown collection includes over 100 different short story titles, many of which are unpublished, as well as published and unpublished novels, typescripts, typesetting copies, successive drafts, editorial comments and extensive holograph corrections.

Oxford native Larry Brown is the author of *Facing the Music*, *Dirty Work* and *Joe*. His newest book, *Father and Son*, was recently named one of *People's* weekly "top 10 books for 1996." Brown is a recipient of the Mississippi Institute for Arts and Letters award for literature. ■

# State Political Columnist Accepts Appointment to Cook Chair in Ole Miss Journalism Dept.

*The most widely published op/ed columnist in Mississippi has been named the first Kelly Gene Cook Sr. Chair in Journalism at The University of Mississippi.*

**S**id Salter — a syndicated political columnist whose column appears in 58 Mississippi daily and weekly newspapers, including Sunday's Clarion-Ledger — is teaching a course in covering Southern politics and will lecture in other journalism classes during the fall and spring semester. This position is made possible through a \$1-million endowment established in 1991 by the Cook Foundation, the largest gift ever made to the University's Department of Journalism.

According to Dr. Samir Husni, acting chair and professor of journalism at Ole Miss, the search committee wanted to fill the position with a well-known and respected journalist actively involved with the media. He pointed out that a glance at Salter's resume reveals why the committee selected this particular person.

"Salter hits all the points. He has prominence, respectability, education and experience. You name it — he has what the committee wanted," said Husni. "That's why I think we are extremely fortunate to be able to offer some of his expertise to our students."

Husni emphasized that although Salter is a Mississippi State University graduate and fan, he has been a strong supporter of the Ole Miss journalism program.

"Despite the fact that I do bleed (MSU) maroon, Ole Miss has the premier journalism program in the state," said Salter. "Obviously, this will be a new experience for me. I am looking forward to interacting with the students. Also, I'll benefit from being around the faculty."

Salter's goals as teacher is to help his students develop an appreciation for Mississippi's "bewitching" political history, consider the political future and "get their hands dirty" as observers of the state's politics.

In addition to teaching duties at Ole Miss, Salter will continue



**Sid Salter**

in his numerous roles, which include publisher and editor of The Scott County Times and political analyst/commentator for WTOK-TV in Meridian. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from MSU and, in 1993, completed a fellowship with the European Academy of Berlin in Germany. The journalist is involved in many civic activities and is the recipient of a host of professional awards and recognitions.

Both Husni and Salter expressed appreciation to the Cook family for its contribution to the Ole Miss journalism program. "I am extremely thankful to the Cook family," said Husni. "It is individuals and families such as this that allow the University to go the second mile in providing quality education for our students."

Said Salter, "I am most honored to be selected for the Kelly Gene Cook Sr. Chair in Journalism. I have great respect for the family of Kelly Cook and what they are doing with the endowment at Ole Miss, as well as gifts they have made to other causes around the state."

For two years only, the Cook endowment will fund a visiting journalist. The position then will be filled by a full-time faculty member. The fund's purpose is to recruit and retain outstanding journalism faculty. Interest from the endowment's principal will be used to provide salary supplements and support for research and creative activity. Additional income will be used for student support, needed equipment, travel and other services in support of the journalism education program.

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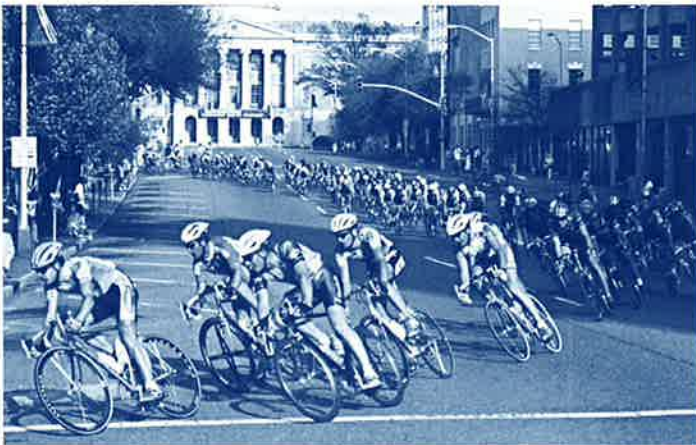
## *Merchants and Farmers Bank Adds to University of Mississippi Scholarship*

**Steve Owens, executive director of University Development accepts a gift from Kin Kinney, President of Merchants and Farmers bank for the Merchants and Farmers Bank Scholarship fund at the University of Mississippi.**



# The University of Mississippi Medical Center News

## Trustmark Tour LeFleur Benefits Friends of Children's Hospital



**S**even hundred cyclists and runners from 31 states and eight countries participated in this year's Trustmark Tour LeFleur, a series of bike races and runs in Jackson and Madison county benefiting the Friends of Children's Hospital.

"It's wonderful to see Trustmark, the other sponsors and the community come together like this," said Dr. Owen Evans, chairman of pediatrics at UMC. The money raised this year will buy equipment for the new Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children under construction at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

"The Trustmark Tour LeFleur has become a major sporting event in the Southeast and is continuing to grow," said event organizer and creator Bo Bourne. "The positive response we've gotten from cyclists and other participants is overwhelming." ■

## *New Children's Hospital Dedication Set for May*



The \$17 million state-of-the-art Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at the University of Mississippi Medical Center will be dedicated May 16.

More than 2000 people are expected to attend the 2 p.m. ceremony on the UMC campus. The five-floor hospital, which replaces the current children's hospital built in 1968, was designed and equipped so its patients can take full advantage of all the advances in treating the dread diseases of childhood.

The new hospital will be named for the man whose near half century of work helped make a dramatic difference in health care for all Mississippi's children—Dr. Blair E. Batson.

Dr. Batson was the first chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at UMC, and he was the prime force in establishing Mississippi's only Children's Hospital. He also directed the training of hundreds of pediatricians who now practice around the state and country.



## *UMC Batson Hospital for Children*

UMC vice chancellor Dr. Wallace Conerly, left, former chair of pediatrics Dr. Blair E. Batson, center, and Dr. Owen B. Evans, right, current pediatric chair, don hard hats for a pre-opening tour of the new Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children.

## *Program Aimed at Attracting Minorities To Health Science Careers Receives Grant*

**S**chering-Plough Healthcare Products of Memphis has given a supplementary grant to a University of Mississippi program designed to strengthen and expand the education of talented minority students.

The \$4,140 grant from Schering-Plough, a longtime supporter of the Ole Miss School of Pharmacy, will allow participants in the Minority Biomedical Research Apprenticeship Program (MBRAP) program to reside on campus, travel to and tour the company's Memphis facilities, and receive honorary certificates at an awards dinner.

"Schering-Plough strongly supports the efforts of The University of Mississippi to stimulate interest of minority students in careers in pharmaceutical research," said Dr. Walter Chambliss, vice president of Research and Development at Schering-Plough.

The MBRAP is funded for three years through a \$149,179 competitive federal research grant from the National Institutes of Health's Division of Research Resources and Schering-Plough.

The MBRAP aims to improve the quality of precollege science education, and to increase the pool of minorities prepared to enter college and pursue a career in the biomedical sciences. In its 10-year history, the summer minority high school program has been successful, with 100 percent of the participants completing high school and more than 90 percent enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the country.

"By bringing the students into a working research environment, such as that available within the School of Pharmacy, they achieve a first-hand knowledge of what it takes, and what it is like to be a contemporary biomedical researcher," said Dr. John

Williamson, an Ole Miss associate professor of medicinal chemistry and coordinator of the project.

This summer 14 high school and four K-12 school teachers will be introduced to modern biomedical research theory and methodology. They also will update their computer skills and laboratory techniques and devise new discovery-based lesson plans through lectures and workshops. A variety of activities are planned to help ignite students' interest in the health sciences and to stimulate them to take more science courses, consider college programs and pursue careers in biomedical/behavioral research or other health-related professions.

"This program has integrated the talents and skills of the pharmacy school faculty into the education and training of the talented high school students in this area," said Dr. Kenneth Roberts, dean of pharmacy. "The school and faculty welcome our summer visitors in hopes that someday they will choose a career in the sciences or another pharmacy-related area."

In addition to encouraging minority students, the program is having an impact on the Oxford campus student body. All four of the graduating seniors that participated in last year's summer program subsequently enrolled in science-related fields at Ole Miss.

"These students are enthusiastic and eager to learn. We are honored to have this opportunity to be part of their learning," Dean Roberts said.

"Several of our students have made such an impact with their research advisers that they continue working in the laboratories even after the formal program and into the academic year," Williamson said. "We are already looking forward to this new group of students and teachers for the summer of 1997." ■

### *Students Donate to Business and Accountancy Building Campaign*

The Ole Miss Chapter of Society for Human Resource Management recently presented Dean Randy Boxx with a \$500 check for School of Business' Conner Hall Renovation Fund. Chapter members had raised this gift through T-shirt sales and individual contributions from several Jackson and Oxford, MS, businesses. Pictured presenting the check are (from left to right) Dominic Crocco, Brock McWhirter, Rebecca McRae Johnson, Ralph E. Sebrell III, Jason Barq Johnson (Chapter President), Dean Randy Boxx, and Dr. Robert K. Robinson (Chapter Advisor).



# Franklin Scholarship Continues Teacher's Legacy of Helping Students

**D**uring Maud Dickson Franklin's lifetime, she touched an untold number of young people through the junior high classes she taught during the week and through the Sunday school classes she led each weekend at Dantzer Memorial Methodist Church in Moss Point.

Many years later, she is still touching young adults through a scholarship at The University of Mississippi.

Michael Watson of Pascagoula, a freshman majoring in business administration, is the latest recipient of the Maud Dickson Franklin Memorial Scholarship. "I am honored to receive this scholarship," he said. "She taught on the Coast, which makes it kind of neat that a guy from the Coast is able to receive it. I am very thankful; it's an answer to prayer."

Franklin's daughter and son-in-law — Polly and Parham Williams, who have strong ties to Ole Miss — established the scholarship. Polly Williams earned four degrees on the Oxford campus: a bachelor's in English, master's degrees in English and education, and a doctorate in higher education. She directed religious life and volunteer programs at the University for more than 10 years.

Parham Williams was the dean of the Ole Miss School of Law from 1971-85 and recently was a visiting professor as holder of the Jamie Lloyd Whitten Chair of Law and Government. He also earned his juris doctorate at the University.

"She would have been very pleased with this scholarship fund," Williams said of her mother. "She had a great love for seeing children learn. That's why we thought of setting up the scholarship.

"My mother had a gift for encouraging students to be good scholars and to develop high aspirations. She encouraged them in career choices," Williams continued. "She was a dedicated



**Dr. Polly Williams with Michael Watson of Pascagoula, the recipient of the Maud Dickson Franklin Memorial Scholarship.**

and inspired teacher, and her gift of storytelling captured the imagination of her students both in the classroom and at church."

One individual who benefitted from her academic and spiritual instruction was Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "One person truly *can* make a difference, as evidenced by the influence Mrs. Franklin had in the lives of her students. She was a remarkable teacher, an enthusiastic guide and a loving friend to all of us. We were blessed to have known her as a school teacher and a Sunday school teacher."

He continued, "Michael Watson was chosen for this scholarship because of his outstanding high school record, and we fully expect him to accomplish great things." ■



## *Day Scholars*

During a visit on the Oxford campus, businessman Frank Day (center) of Jackson meets with four University of Mississippi students who are recipients of the Christine and Clarence Day Business Scholarships, named for Day's parents. The students are (from left) Kendall Bowlin of Florence, Laura Koon of Ridgeland, Brian Smith of Madison and Allison Dickey of Tupelo. The \$24,000 scholarships are the largest at any Mississippi university designated solely for business majors. The purpose of the Day endowment, according to School of Business Administration Dean Randy Boxx, is to retain future business leaders in Mississippi to pursue their education.

## Liberal Arts Graduates Invited to Participate in the New Ventress Order

**J**ust as The University of Mississippi grew from a liberal arts foundation, the same broad, comprehensive course of study has launched the careers of thousands of Ole Miss graduates — many going on to successful ranks among doctors, lawyers and other professionals.

As a tribute to that legacy, the support group Ventress Order has been formed to strengthen the Ole Miss College of Liberal Arts and offer its alumni the opportunity to reconnect to where their college experience began, said Dean Dale Abadie.

Named for the future home of liberal arts, the historic Ventress Hall — which memorializes James Alexander Ventress, a principal figure in the early history of the University — Ventress Order membership calls for a minimum cash gift of \$5,000 paid over a period not to exceed 10 years, said Tim Walsh, assistant director of Alumni Affairs. Graduates within the past 10 years can become affiliate members with gifts of \$1,000 paid over a period not to exceed four years.

“Attracting this kind of support is important,” said Abadie, “because the amount of state appropriations is not enough to enable the college to continue to provide the superior quality of education we want for all our graduates.”

Members of the Order will have their names inscribed on a plaque and will have the opportunity to conduct business of the Order at its annual membership meeting.

“The College of Liberal Arts has never had an Order like this before because it’s so broad in scope that graduates usually have an attachment to specific programs,” Abadie continued, adding that many go on to medical school or pursue a law degree. “But a lot of those recognize that their professional education would have been impossible without their broad education in liberal arts. This way, we hope to attract support that can be earmarked to go to the College generally or to a specific department,” he concluded.

Ventress Hall, which was constructed on the Ole Miss-Oxford campus in 1889, will become home to the College of Liberal Arts in fall of 1997 upon completion of renovation.

Founded in 1848 with only four professors, the College of Liberal Arts is the oldest and largest division of the University. In the early days and until the development of professional schools, the College and the University were coterminous. With



**The first three members of The University of Mississippi’s new support group, the Ventress Order, present their \$5,000 cash gifts to Tim Walsh (left), assistant director of Alumni Affairs. They are (from second left) Ole Miss alumna Barbara Arnold of Yazoo City; and Ole Miss principals Dean Dale Abadie, College of Liberal Arts; and Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. The Ventress Order has been formed to strengthen the Ole Miss College of Liberal Arts and offer its alumni and friends the opportunity to support continued excellence in education at Ole Miss.**

it graduates numbering almost 30,000, the College offers the bachelor of arts degree with 29 majors. Other courses of study lead to the bachelor of science, bachelor of music, bachelor of fine arts and bachelor of social work degrees.

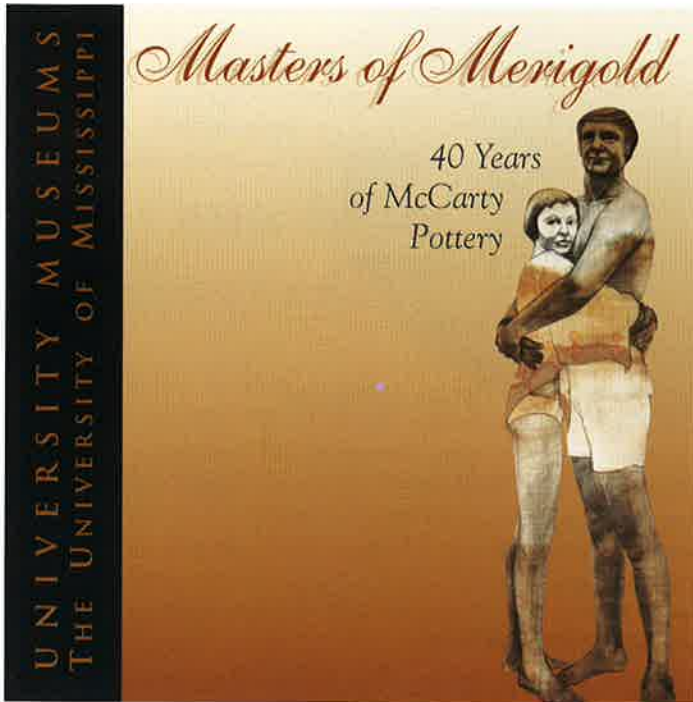
Boasting some 4,300 undergraduates, the Ole Miss College of Liberal Arts employs about 230 professors, in addition to instructors and graduate teaching assistants. It consists of 21 departments and the Afro-American Studies Program. Also, the College is responsible for the

curricula of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and the Sarah Isom Center for Women’s Studies.

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*Founded in 1848 with only four professors, the College of Liberal Arts is the oldest and largest division of the University.*

# Masters of Merigold



Hannah describes the pieces from the couple's personal collection as revealing a unique side to their art. "They have more of an aesthetic quality than a commercial aspect, which is more prevalent."

The exhibit, which included photographs of the McCartys' home and workshop, was supported in part by Mississippi Chemical Corp., Oxford Floral Company, Union Planters Bank and The University of Mississippi Foundation.

The first-ever University Museums catalog has been produced for "Masters of Merigold." Every piece in the exhibit is shown in the catalog — 26 of the 78 pieces will be in color, the rest in black and white — along with a brief background written by three of the McCartys' longtime friends.

Hannah said the allure of the work is the mystery that surrounds the McCartys. "They won't talk about themselves, their past or anything," she said, adding that the couple also will not divulge who makes which piece or when a piece was made. "You have to refer to this couple as one being. That's how they are. They have created an environment that is all their own, adding to the mystique and causing many to be drawn to the pottery."

The McCartys began their legacy as students at Ole Miss. After graduating in 1947, they continued their education at Columbia University in New York City. They returned to the state and became professors at Ole Miss, before focusing their talents as full-time, freelance artists.

The McCartys' first clay source was a ravine near Oxford, a site shown to them by Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner. They now use clay from private property near Shugualak (Noxubee County), but their pottery's appeal reaches far beyond their home state. For example, the University of Florida recently organized an exhibit of McCarty pottery, which was then loaned to the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel.

The "Masters of Merigold" exhibit revealed the genuine humility of many of the state's cultural giants, Hannah says. "To me, the McCartys represent everything that is Mississippi. "Mississippi quietly harbors genius, and Pup and Lee have quietly gone about their business."

**T**o celebrate Lee and Pup McCarty's love affair with clay that has spanned four decades, The University of Mississippi unveiled an exhibit and catalog showcasing the Merigold couple's work.

"Masters of Merigold: 40 Years of McCarty Pottery" was featured in the University Museums. The potters/artists — who are native Mississippians, Ole Miss graduates and former art professors on the Ole Miss-Oxford campus — have received national acclaim for their creations.

"The exhibit was Ole Miss' way of honoring and paying homage to the McCartys for their years of creativity," said Susan Veras Hannah, program director of the University Museums. "When a child does something wonderful, it's the family's place to recognize those strengths and achievements. This was something we've wanted to do for a number of years."

The McCarty exhibit featured pieces from the couple's personal collection as well as pieces from private collections. Some pieces included clay-made animals, bowls, wine bottles and glasses — all complete with the McCartys' Mississippi River trademark.

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Mississippians who viewed the exhibit came away with pride for their state, she says. "This exhibit showed how strong visual arts are in this state," the program director said. To purchase a catalog, call Susan Veras Hannah at (601) 232-7073. Catalogs are \$20 and can be mailed with an additional \$5 shipping and handling fee. ■

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