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\$16.5 Million Gift from Reynolds Foundation Honors "E. H." Pat Patterson

To honor its recently retired trustee and vice chairman, the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation in Tulsa, Oklahoma, gave The University of Mississippi \$16.5 million — the largest gift ever to Ole Miss — for three vital projects.

The grant provides \$6 million for the University's School of Accountancy, \$8 million for the J. D. Williams Library and \$2.5 million for administrative restructuring.

"This grant is a watershed event in the history of higher education in Mississippi and in the 150-year history of this University," said Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "It helps us achieve our goal of ensuring that Ole Miss is one of America's great public universities."

The grant honors 1955 Ole Miss alumnus E. H. "Pat" Patterson, who retired in 1994 as executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Donrey Media Group founded by the late media mogul Donald W. Reynolds. At the time of Reynolds' death in 1993, the group owned 52 daily newspapers, 10 outdoor advertising companies, five cable television companies and one television station.

"Patterson was the man who guided Reynolds' investments and financial affairs," said Donald E. Pray, executive director of the Reynolds Foundation. "He was a trusted and valued employee for more than 25 years, helping Reynolds build his company and serving on his foundation."

"We are proud of Mr. Patterson, honored by his achievements and success, and humbled by his generous support of The University of Mississippi. This grant would not be possible without his leadership," Khayat said.

The \$6 million from the Reynolds Foundation for the



E. H. Patterson (from right); Donald E. Pray, executive director of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation; Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice; and Dr. Robert C. Khayat, chancellor of The University of Mississippi; gather to mark a historical event in the life of the University a \$16.5 million gift from the Reynolds Foundation. The Ole Miss School of Accountancy will receive \$6 million and will be named in honor of Patterson, an alumnus.

School of Accountancy provides \$3 million for a faculty support endowment and \$3 million for the renovation and equipping of Conner Hall. The endowment enables Ole Miss to

retain and attract nationally renowned accountancy faculty members, provide professional development opportunities for faculty and furnish salary supplements to recognize distinguished accountancy professors. Construction and renovation money will supplement state funding to complete and fully equip a state-of-the-art facility for the School of Accountancy.

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*The Reynolds Foundation Gift is the Largest
in the 150 year History of this University*



Committed to Being One of America's Great Public Universities

The University of Mississippi Foundation 1996-97 Year End Report



Fiscal Year 1996-97 was the most successful year in Development history at The University of Mississippi. We received a total of \$39.9 million in private support from 17,563 members of the Ole Miss family. The endowment grew to \$175.6 million, which reflects a 28 percent increase from last year.

Highlights for the year included the largest gift ever received by Ole Miss from the Reynolds Foundation, the 1997 National Circle of Excellence in Education Fund-raising Award, and a ranking of 1st in the state and 164th in the nation by the National Association of College and University Business Officers for last year's endowment total of \$137 million.

Further accomplishments included securing a \$1 million Faulkner Chair, the establishment of a new Library Endowment, a gift from the City of Oxford for the Indoor Tennis Facility, an endowment to support competitive grants in Engineering, funding for the chapel tower, new scholarship support, funding for our international program, athletic support, as well as continued successful fundraising efforts for the The University of Mississippi Medical Center, the Business and Accountancy Complex, the Chapel, the Phi Mu Fountain Project and the Alumni House Renovation.

A goals planning retreat in May brought Foundation Board members, faculty, staff and students together on the Oxford campus to plan for the future of Ole Miss. Our Board Members expressed a renewed commitment of leadership to help strengthen The University of Mississippi as we prepare our students to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

The Foundation is positioning itself for a new era of development activities to provide for the continued growth and support of The University of Mississippi. We have expanded our staff with four new positions to ensure fundraising and alumni support for each school, college and the Library.

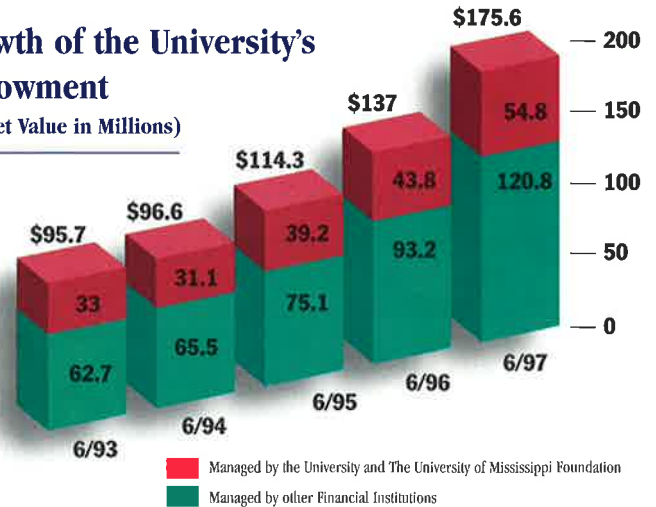
Our pledge to you is continued good stewardship of your investments, with prompt service, long-range planning to insure proper growth and development, and to strengthen the University endowment, which will provide for Ole Miss in perpetuity.

Thanks to each of you who helped make last year the best ever, and we look forward to building on this success in fiscal year 1997-98.

1997 PRIVATE SUPPORT HIGHLIGHTS

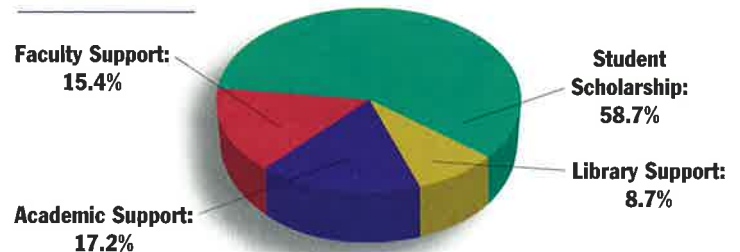
Growth of the University's Endowment

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\$175.6 Million Total Endowment

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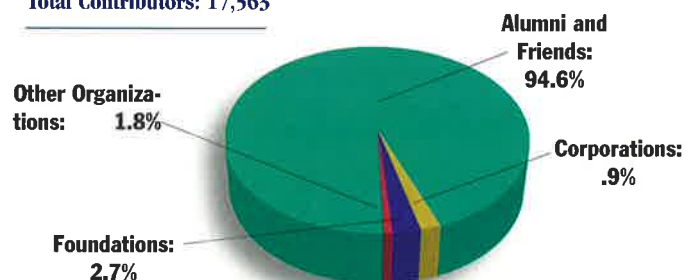
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Gifts by Donor Source

Total Contributors: 17,563



With \$175.6 Million Endowment – Largest in State – Ole Miss Receives National Award for Success



Chancellor Robert C. Khayat (left) admires a Circle of Excellence in Education Fund-raising Award presented to The University of Mississippi with Dr. Don Frugé (center), vice chancellor of University Advancement, and Steve Owens (right), executive director of development.

The University of Mississippi, which has the largest endowment among higher education institutions in the state at \$175.6 million, has garnered national attention for its success in fund raising -- success that includes another unprecedented year of private giving.

That was the news Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat announced to faculty members as the 1997 fall semester got underway.

For the 1996-97 fiscal year ending June 30, Ole Miss received \$39.9 million from 17,563 alumni and friends. The amount was up \$14.6 million over the \$25.3 million received in 1995-96. A \$17.7 million total was recorded for the 1994-95 fiscal year.

"Private support provides the margin of excellence in our academic programs," said Khayat. "Our faculty is committed to assuring that every student has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

"We are grateful beyond words for the support of our loyal alumni and friends. Their generous gifts help Ole Miss provide student scholarships, retain and attract exceptional faculty, build new facilities and purchase equipment, strengthen the library, and support hundreds of other special projects," the chancellor said.

Ole Miss recently received accolades for its development programs, being named one of only 78 winners in America and the only public research/doctoral institution in Mississippi to receive a prestigious 1997 Circle of Excellence in Education Fund-raising Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. CASE is an international association of colleges, universities, and independent elementary and secondary schools.

Only 2.5 percent of higher education institutions in the country were recognized for overall improvement in fund raising. In addition, Ole Miss was singled out for leading the nation with a 200 percent increase in the number of donors who contributed \$5,000 or more during the fiscal year.

"The winners of the Circle of Excellence in Educational Fund-raising Awards serve as

models of outstanding fund-raising practice for the entire institutional advancement field," said CASE President Peter McE. Buchanan. "Their success is a testament of dedicated staff, alumni and friends. These awards not only recognize the nation's finest fund-raising programs, but honor education's most loyal supporters."

"Within the past few years the increase in private support for Ole Miss has surpassed our highest expectations," said Dr. Don Frugé, vice chancellor for University Advancement. "Our endowment is now reaching the level of maturity that is nationally competitive."

Khayat concurred, saying, "We are truly grateful to those who are a part of the Ole Miss family for strengthening our University's mission of becoming a great public university.' Because of their vision, we are receiving national recognition as one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the nation."

"Endowments are truly a wise investment in the future of Ole Miss because they provide a permanent source of income to insure continued growth and prosperity of the endeavors they support," said Frugé.

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\$4.5 Million from Pichitino Estate to Fund New Honors Scholarships

The University of Mississippi will offer an increased number of honors scholarships to top high school scholars, thanks to a gift from the estate of Eugenia Pichitino of New Orleans.

Beginning this fall, four \$20,000 Donald S. Pichitino Memorial Honors Scholarships will be awarded to entering freshmen and that number eventually will increase to 10 each year. Mrs. Pichitino was preceded in death by her husband, John, and their son, Donald, who was a 1956 graduate of Ole Miss.

"The Pichitinos were naturally very proud of their son, who enjoyed a teaching career after graduating from The University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "The executors of Mrs. Pichitino's estate told us that while the family members were alive — that is, husband, wife and son — they planned this gift to Donald's alma mater. This thoughtful and generous endowment speaks volumes about the family's love for their son and for Ole Miss, as well as their hope for future generations of students."

"We are extremely grateful to the Pichitino family for this gift, particularly with the dramatic increase in student applications to our McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College. The Pichitino Endowment will reward deserving students with scholarships and further the University's goal of attracting a prestigious Phi Beta Kappa chapter," Khayat said.

The Pichitino Scholars will attend class in the new Honors College, which was made possible through a \$5.4-million gift from Netscape President and Chief Executive Officer James Barksdale and his wife, Sally McDonnell Barksdale, both Ole Miss graduates.

"The Donald Pichitino Memorial Honors Scholarships are tremendously important to our students and to the University, as we build our Honors College," said Dr. Carolyn Ellis Staton, associate provost and associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. "These scholarships will be among the most prestigious awards we give and will enable us to attract some of the brightest students to this campus."

The First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans will manage the endowment for the benefit of the University. Leda



Donald Pichitino, '56

Blanks — co-executor of the estate with Lawrence Pichitino, family friend and bank officer — described Mrs. Pichitino as a "very, very kind lady. She was a little, petite woman with a big heart. It was a mutual decision among family members that the estate be left to provide for the education of others, and through the name of the scholarships, Mrs. Pichitino wanted her son to be recognized."

Blanks continued, "This was a self-made family. (Family members) lived simple lives and saved their money. They had some hardships — such as losing their first child to spinal meningitis and having to rebuild after losing their savings and home in a 1930 bank run."

John Pichitino was a Michigan native, the son of a copper mine captain. After studying languages, finance and commercial law at Northwestern University, he found himself "Americanizing" foreign-born workers in Gary, Indiana. He taught adult classes in English for workers and Spanish classes for American businessmen. Through this program he met his future wife, Eugenia Saddodoy of Russia, who was serving as an International Institute case worker.

Pichitino went into banking in the early 1920s, serving as president of banks in Michigan and Texas. He died in 1976, and Mrs. Pichitino eventually moved to New Orleans to be near their son, who taught at West Jefferson High School in Metairie.

The Pichitino Scholarships will be joined by four new \$24,000 McDonnell-Barksdale Honors Scholarships and another five new \$8,000 Honors

College scholarships this fall. Ole Miss hopes to become the first public institution of higher learning in Mississippi to attract a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, an elite academic honor society, with a committee now working on the University's application.

"Planned giving plays a significant role in the overall private support of the University," said Dr. Don Frugé, vice chancellor for University Advancement. "When donors have the foresight to include Ole Miss in their estate planning, it benefits both the donor — through tax savings — and the University — as the recipient." ■

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Message from the Chancellor

It has been said that "the secret of giving affectionately is great and rare."

Truly, the abiding affection the University community holds for Ole Miss is

"great and rare." Your generous support and commitment to excellence at the University is extraordinary, and we are deeply grateful.

The collaborative efforts of faculty, staff, students, and alumni are evident this fall. We have the largest freshman class in the history of the University with the best and brightest from the state and region. We have an exceptional faculty who are leaders in teaching, research, and service. We have a dedicated staff providing friendly, professional service. And, we have generous alumni whose gifts have exceeded our expectations and have supported our efforts to assure academic excellence.

This University community effort has made an enormous difference in our ability to achieve our goals more quickly and enhance the value of a degree from Ole Miss.

We are committed to being among the best and most respected public universities in America. Thank you for the support that provides the margin of excellence.



Robert Khayat

The Chronicle of Higher Education 1996 Private Support Results

The August 1997 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac Issue* lists of University and college endowment that were \$65 million or higher in the 1995-96 school year.

The almanac listed The University of Mississippi endowment, at \$137 million as the largest in the state and 164th largest in the nation. Ole Miss was also named top fund raiser in the state of Mississippi with \$25.3 million in private support contributed for fiscal year 1995-96. ■



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tancy by fall 1998.

"This grant provides funding that enhances our physical and technological facilities, making them equal to or better than any accountancy school in the nation, and also helping us achieve our vision for the premier accountancy program in the region ranked among the nation's best," Khayat said.

The \$8 million for the library will create a permanent endowment from which earnings will be used solely for the acquisition of new books, manuscripts and periodicals. Increasing the library's volumes helps Ole Miss meet criteria needed to attract a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and "to achieve our strategic intent of becoming one of the very best universities in the nation," Khayat said. "To do that, we must have one of the nation's best libraries."

The remaining \$2.5 million will fund restructuring of Ole Miss' administrative and management processes to achieve dramatic improvements in service, efficiency and cost.

"With inflation, constrained government appropriations, competition for students and other pressures," said Khayat, "every college and university in the nation always has unmet financial needs. We must develop creative ways of reducing institutional expenses and student costs, while improving service to students and support to faculty.

"The potential benefits from such a

successful undertaking are incalculable, but it is reasonable to believe that combined cost reduction and revenue enhancements of \$3 million to \$5 million annually could be achieved, allowing us to make a quantum difference in enhancing student learning."

To honor Patterson for making the grant from the Reynolds Foundation possible, Ole Miss proposes to name its accountancy school the E. H. Patterson School of Accountancy and to create the E. H. Patterson Library Collection.

A native of rural Mississippi near Amory, Patterson — a man with a humble and self-effacing demeanor — is one of the nation's unsung success stories. Growing up on a farm without electricity, he finished high school in 1949. After working for a time in a pants factory, he was called to active duty in 1951 with the 31st Infantry Division.

He enrolled at Ole Miss in September 1952 and worked his way through school, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accountancy in January 1955. Following graduation, Patterson practiced public accounting, including several years with Touche Ross & Co. He worked at Lockheed from 1966-67, then joined the Donrey Media Group in 1967, becoming executive vice president and chief financial officer in 1970. Additionally, he served as trustee and vice chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. ■

City of Oxford Contributes to Indoor Sports Facility Designed to Draw in More Visitors

The City of Oxford and The University of Mississippi are looking to a new indoor sports facility off Coliseum Drive to help attract sports events that bring tourism dollars to the community.

As one of his last official duties in office, Mayor John Leslie presented a \$325,000 check from the city to Ole Miss that will help with the costs of the \$2.5 million facility, which has just been completed. Because of the economic impact, the city made a commitment of funds from the tourism tax in 1994 for an indoor tennis facility, a project the University expanded to include other sports.

The three tennis courts in the 55,000-square-foot indoor facility will enable tournament participants and the nationally ranked Rebel tennis teams to continue play during inclement weather. Tournaments, such as the United States Tennis Association Boys' Interscholastic Championship Tournament hosted at Ole Miss this summer, often require indoor facilities. The facility also will be available for City of Oxford-hosted events.

"We are proud to have a part in this first-class facility," said the outgoing mayor in late June, after touring parts of the new construction with Ole Miss Athletic Director Pete Boone, Men's Head Tennis Coach Billy Chadwick, and Women's Head Tennis Coach Jerry Montgomery.

"This facility will be a great asset to the community," Leslie said. "In times of bad weather, there will be no need to send athletes to Memphis for indoor facilities. There will be no need for Memphis to gain that economy activity."

Ole Miss' Boone said, "The University greatly appreciates the City of Oxford's contribution to this facility. In many cases, the only reason we were not awarded regional and national tournaments was the absence of indoor facilities. The University and city together will benefit from this facility because people already are attracted to the charm of Oxford and the beauty of both city and campus."



Former Mayor John Leslie (second from right) presents a \$325,000 check from the City of Oxford to University of Mississippi Athletic Director Pete Boone (second from left) to help with the costs of a new \$2.5 million indoor sports facility being completed off Coliseum Drive on the Oxford campus. Men's Head Tennis Coach Billy Chadwick (left) and women's Head Tennis Coach Jerry Montgomery (right) were on hand for the presentation.

Built with self-generated and private funds — including gifts from alumni Louis Brandt and John Grisham — the facility will not only serve tennis but also the softball, volleyball, and basketball programs.

The building features practice basketball and volleyball courts, and the official volleyball court. An L-shaped second-floor balcony will provide seating for spectators. Included in the facility are offices for the sports of volleyball, soccer and softball, as well as trainers' rooms and player locker rooms for these sports. ■

Supporting UM Traveling Trunks

Thanks to Rosann (second from left) and Robert Hudson (third from left) of Oxford, franchise owners of area McDonald's restaurants and representatives of the Ronald McDonald House charities, The University of Mississippi Museums Traveling Trunk Program will add art history to its repertoire. The Hudsons talk with Beth Calamia (left), museum educator, and Ginger Sterling (right), educational assistant for the project. For the past 10 years, north Mississippi elementary schools have been visited by the traveling collection, which includes more than 30 trunks featuring art, history and science topics. New trunks will cover three time periods in art: prehistory to medieval, Renaissance to realism and impressionism to contemporary. For information on the Traveling Trunk Program, call (601) 232-7073.



Largest Business Scholarship in State: Academic/Athletic Standout Named To \$24,000 Day Award

William D. Glover of Jackson delivered copies of The Clarion-Ledger newspaper each morning for two years but has his sights set on becoming editor of such a newspaper — a career that requires study of both business and journalism.

As the latest recipient of the \$24,000 Christine and Clarence Day Business Scholarship, Glover will start preparing for that future in the Ole Miss School of Business Administration, with his pursuit of an undergraduate degree in journalism and advertising.

Established in memory of Christine Rogers Day and Clarence Cearn Day of Aberdeen, the Day Business Scholarship is the largest scholarship at any Mississippi university designated solely for a business major. Glover, the sixth recipient of the scholarship, represents the high standards the scholarship has established, said Dr. W. Randy Boxx, dean of the Ole Miss School of Business Administration.

“The purpose of establishing the Christine and Clarence Day Business Scholarship Endowment was to retain future business leaders in Mississippi to pursue their education,” Boxx said. “Will is exactly the kind of student we want in our business program. He excels academically, yet is a very well-rounded individual with proven leadership abilities.”

“I was so excited; I just wasn’t expecting this,” said Glover on learning of his selection. “I have been an Ole Miss fan all my life, but like many seniors, I thought it might be neat to go to college out of state. The thing that changed my mind was Ole Miss’ new Honors College.”

The Day Scholar is one of 123 students chosen to attend the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College this fall. About 350 students applied for acceptance in the Honors College, and the average ACT score of those accepted is 31.9

Glover, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Glover of Jackson, scored 32 on his ACT test and is a National Merit Scholar-

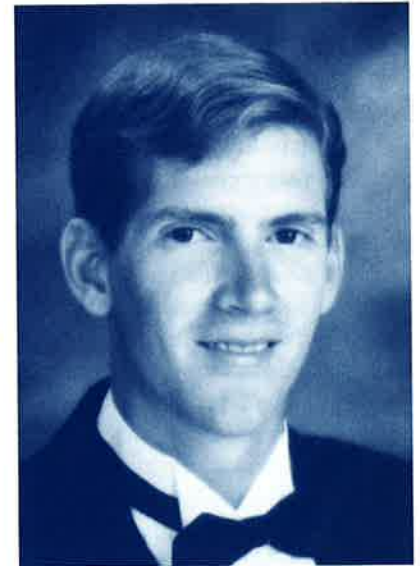
ship recipient. Listed in Who’s Who Among American High School Students, he graduated magna cum laude from Jackson Academy.

His list of accomplishments in the classroom and on the playing field is extensive. Glover was named Jackson Academy’s 1997 Character, Leadership and Service Award recipient and recently captured first place in American government in the district and state Academic Betterment Competition of the Mississippi Private School Association (MPSA). The student was active in the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta.

Glover garnered the 1997 Athletic Scholarship Award for varsity track. He enjoyed varsity sports at Jackson Academy — including cross-country, track, soccer and football — and was named MPSA all-state in cross-country.

His activities stretched beyond his high school and took him into the community, where he was active in the Riverwood Bible Church youth group and as a volunteer for United Way and Habitat for Humanity.

The Day Scholar is a third-generation scholarship recipient. His father and grandfather earned their undergraduate degrees while playing football for the Ole Miss Rebels. ■



William D. Glover

Students Raise \$8,000 from Golf Tournament for Leadership Scholarships

The first-ever Celebrity Golf Classic at The University of Mississippi was more than a who’s who in the sporting and entertainment world. Held on the Ole Miss Golf Course, “the event netted more than \$8,000 for student leader scholarships” said Ashley Stewart, chair of the Student Betterment Committee. The scholarship fund has been named in memory of Meredith Boyd, Mindy Carlson, Ed Eleazer, Hailey Estes and Sally Fletcher — all Ole Miss students who died in 1996.

“Overall I think the tournament was successful because it cre-

ated the beginning of a scholarship for student leaders, which is what this project was all about,” she said.

“But the event also had other important ramifications for students,” Stewart said. “Several people told me that they got an internship or a job from meeting people at the tournament,” she said. “Students had the chance to do more than shake the hand of an Ole Miss alum. The two groups actually interacted.” ■



Woodruff Heading Ole Miss' Office of Information Technology

Clifford E. Woodruff, former dean of information technology at Salisbury State University in Maryland, has joined the administrative staff of The University of Mississippi as associate provost for information technology.

As associate provost, Woodruff manages a full-time staff of 109 with an annual budget of \$7.9 million and oversees the University's Administrative Computing, Telecommunications, Academic Computing, User Services and Computer Operations units, as well as the Mississippi Center for Supercomputing Research.

The University's advocate for information technology, Woodruff is expected to provide energetic leadership in envisioning, planning and integrating the effective use of information technology within the University of Mississippi, said Provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs Gerald Walton.

"Ole Miss, in all of its programs and activities, is becoming increasingly involved in computer-related technology," he said, explaining the growth of technology's importance on the campus, as well as the University's rationale for changing the name of the former Office of Computing and Information Systems to the Office of Information Technology, and hiring an associate provost as its head.

Woodruff received a master's degree from Texas A&M University in 1964 and pursued doctoral studies at Rice from 1964-66. Following graduate study at Rice, he worked in IBM's Houston Science Center, then started his own computer company. When he sold it in 1979 to become director of Rice's Computer Center, his company had offices in Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

Woodruff replaces Dr. Jimmy Shankle who retired as vice chancellor for Computing and Information Systems in June of 1996. ■



Clifford E. Woodruff

Jimmy Buffett Funds Research To Help Identify Health Risks from Chemicals To Delta Residents

Thanks to singer and environmentalist Jimmy Buffett, the Rural Environmental Health Research Program (REHRP) at The University of Mississippi is one step closer to helping Delta-area residents identify potentially devastating health risks from exposure to hazardous chemicals.

The Delta area suffers from disproportionate levels of mortality and disease when compared to the rest of Mississippi. High levels of cardiovascular disease, cerebral vascular disease, birth defects, low birth weights, infant mortality and cancer are indicators of major health problems in the area.

Buffett's "Singing For Change" group, called SFC Charitable Foundation Inc., has contributed \$8,635 for a project developed by REHRP to educate residents who may be at risk of environmental pollution, particularly in the heavily farmed Mississippi Delta where agricultural chemicals are commonly used.

Dr. John Juergens, a research associate professor at the Ole Miss Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, is leading the project and said the study is valuable to the Delta residents.

"We know that environmental pesticides are used there and that the chemicals get into the air, food, and water wells in the area, but no one gets excited unless there is an acute poisoning or chemical spill," Juergens said. "We're looking at the whole issue of chronic low-level exposure. Those people could be very sick, and we need to do something now to alert them of the possible dangers."

"Our intuition tells us that if these pesticides kill bugs and plants, then we ought not to be breathing, eating, or drinking them," the researcher said.

SFC Charitable Foundation Inc. was founded in 1995 with \$1 from every ticket sold to one of Buffett's concerts. Half the money is given as grants to nonprofit organizations in cities where he plays, 25 percent of the funding goes to organizations not located in the tour cities and the remaining 25 percent is in an annuity in the event that Buffett decides not to tour. The foundation has given more than \$500,000 in grants. ■



Jimmy Buffett

Pascagoula High Student Receives Fenley Scholarship Under Phi Beta Kappa Challenge

A standout Pascagoula High School scholar and athlete is headed to The University of Mississippi this fall on the largest undergraduate scholarship offered in the state. Jeremy Smith, son of Cecilia and Randy Stringer of Escatawpa, has been named a Fenley Scholar at Ole Miss and will receive a \$32,000 scholarship or \$8,000 for each of his four undergraduate years.

"I'm really excited," said Smith, who was considering Tulane and Washington universities, as well as the University of Alabama. "This is an opportunity very few students in the country get to experience. I was really shocked when I first heard the news; I'm so excited about the future."

The Fenley Scholarship was set up in 1996 by Ole Miss alumnus and businessman Joseph Fenley of San Diego, California, to support the University's quest to attract a Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

"My hope is to encourage bright students to earn quality degrees from The University of Mississippi," said Fenley, retired president of Gateway Freight Services Inc., when he established the scholarships. "I want to support Chancellor Robert Khayat in his leadership role, specifically in the area of student recruitment and development of the institution's full potential."

Smith is the second Fenley Scholar; the first was Meaghin Burke of Ocean Springs High School.

Ole Miss Chancellor Khayat traveled to the Gulf Coast to announce Smith's selection as the Fenley Scholar. He praised the Pascagoula High School senior's achievements, saying, "We are thrilled that Jeremy Smith has chosen to accept our Fenley Scholarship. Jeremy is one of those remarkable students who



Jeremy Smith (left) of Escatawpa, Mississippi is the holder of the Fenley Scholarship — the largest undergraduate scholarship in Mississippi. Chancellor Robert C. Khayat announced Smith's selection as the new Fenley Scholar.

succeeds in many different areas — academically, in school leadership positions and in athletics — and yet, he also finds time to give of himself through community service. He has great potential, and we will provide him with the high-quality educational opportunities he needs to develop that potential."

Smith, a National Merit Finalist, scored 34 on the ACT and 1560 on the SAT. He plans to pursue a physics major on the Ole Miss-Oxford campus and is contemplating a career in medicine.

The senior is Pascagoula High School's Star Student and was ranked in the top 20



Star Students in the state. The high school faculty also chose him as a member of the Hall of Fame, and his peers voted him "Most Likely to Succeed."

Smith has served as president of the Beta Club and captain of the Scholars' Bowl Team, and as an active member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Civitan, Jazz Band, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Students. He is a graduate of the PACE Program at Ole Miss and the Mississippi Governor's School.

Among Smith's awards are those for chemistry, trigonometry, advanced algebra, French and music. He is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a 1997 Presidential Scholar candidate and Presidential Academic-Fitness Award recipient, and received the Lindy Callahan Scholar-Athlete Award from the local chapter of the National Football Foundation.

The Fenley Scholar has excelled on the playing field, where he has been quarterback and offensive captain of the varsity football team. In addition, he is catcher and a senior captain of the varsity baseball team.

His commitment to community service has been extensive, with Smith involved in First Presbyterian Youth Group projects, and as a volunteer at a local nursing home, a mentally disabled adult job-skills center, blood drives, Singing River Hospital and American Legion Baseball. ■

Former *Clarion Ledger* Editor Accepts Appointment in Journalism Department

The former executive editor of The Clarion Ledger has been named the second Kelly Gene Cook Sr. Chair in Journalism at The University of Mississippi.

John Johnson, former editor of Mississippi's largest and only statewide newspaper, will teach courses in news reporting and depth reporting at Ole Miss during the fall 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. "Johnson's most recent experience at The Clarion Ledger will allow him to tell the stories that illustrate teaching points that are very fresh and very credible," said Stuart Bullion, chair of the University's journalism department. "What I like about him is not only his strong professional qualifications but also his enthusiasm for what he'll be doing here."

"From flying C-141s in the Air Force to managing a newspaper staff of over 100 people, he's a man of many talents," said Bullion. "The journalism faculty hopes to draw on Johnson's experience and knowledge as a resource for not only newsroom experience but also for management techniques."

"I think this fall will be very exciting," said Johnson. "Stuart Bullion has great ideas, and I look forward to working with him."

Over the years Johnson has worked closely with the Ole Miss journalism department and hopes to bring his newsroom experience to the classroom. "This visiting professorship exposes students to different ideas and perspectives," said Johnson. "I've been on the other side of the desk in the hiring process, and one of my goals is to help students get good jobs."

"I also hope to bring into the classroom practical ideas of what will be expected of students when they work in a real newsroom. I'll be teaching writing and reporting skills, information gathering, placement of quotations and assemblage of all that into something that makes a good story," he said.

In addition to his teaching duties at Ole Miss, Johnson will continue in his role as publications consultant to the University's Sesquicentennial capital gifts campaign.



John Johnson

Johnson received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ole Miss in 1969, then served as an Air Force captain from 1969-73. In addition to his work at *The Clarion Ledger*, he has served as editor of Gannett Publications in Arlington, Virginia, managing editor of the *Jackson Daily News*, and in numerous roles. While associate editor at *The Clarion Ledger/Jackson Daily News*, Johnson was a member of the team that won a Pulitzer Prize for public service for the campaign to improve public education in Mississippi.

After this year, the Cook Chair will be filled by a full-time faculty member, said Bullion. The endowment's purpose is to recruit and retain outstanding journalism faculty. Cook was a native of Attala County. At the time of his death in 1989, Cook's career as an oil and gas executive in Houston, Texas, spanned three decades. While president of Gregory & Cook Inc., he and his wife formed the Cook Foundation to provide funds to support religious, charitable, scientific and educational organizations. ■



CBS Star Touts Performing Arts Center

Actor Gerald McRaney, the star of CBS-TV's *Promised Land*, was recently on campus to lend support to the University's efforts to attract funding for a performing arts center. The native Mississippian, who studied theatre arts at Ole Miss, toured the campus with Chancellor Robert C. Khayat to see major construction and renovation and visited Rowan Oak — the home of Nobel Prize-winning novelist William Faulker which is owned and operated by The University of Mississippi.

McRaney also taped some comments about the performing arts center to use during an upcoming campaign to attract more than \$50 million for the complex.

John Davis Williams Library Dedication

The John Davis Williams Library's \$14.5 million expansion and renovation was dedicated at The University of Mississippi April 10.

The building project provided a new 86,575 square-foot, three-story wing to the west side of the library and a complete remodeling of the interior and exterior of the original building. The new wing almost doubles the library's size at a critical time.

"The expansion and renovation has enabled the University to enhance its library services to our students and faculty in a state-of-the-art facility," said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "Completion of this project helps ensure that we meet the present and future needs of our undergraduate education programs, our growing population of graduate students, and our vital and expanding research programs. We are grateful to the people of Mississippi for providing this wonderful resource."

During tenures of former Ole Miss administrators Dr. R. Gerald Turner, president of Southern Methodist University, and Dr. J. Leslie Wyatt, president of Arkansas State University — who served as chancellor and vice chancellor, respectively — funding for the project began with an initial \$4 million appropriation during the 1990 legislative session. Full



The John Davis Williams Library

funding was assured with \$10.5 million was included in the statewide capital construction bond bill approved during the 1992 Legislative session. ■

James Meredith Papers Presented to Ole Miss

James Meredith, the first black person to attend The University of Mississippi, gave his papers to the J.D. Williams Library on the Ole Miss-Oxford campus in a March 21 ceremony in the library's Baxter Room.

An overflow crowd heard remarks by Meredith and Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "It is a tremendous honor for me to have my papers at Ole Miss," Meredith said. "I'm looking forward to being introduced to the University again."

Meredith enrolled at Ole Miss in the fall of 1962. His admission sparked rioting and the marshaling of federal troops and Mississippi National Guardsmen onto campus.

"Obviously one of the major events in the history of the University was integration. Anything that reflects the Civil Rights struggle in Mississippi is therefore important to the history of the University," said Dr. Gerald Walton, Ole Miss provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.



James Meredith

Meredith's insistence that he receive an education from what he considered to be Mississippi's finest institution of higher learning brought an end to 114 years of segregation at Ole Miss.

"I wanted to learn what they were learning," Meredith said. He graduated from Ole Miss on August 18, 1963, with a degree in political science. After graduation, he left Oxford to study at Ibadan University in Nigeria and then attended Columbia Law School. In 1966, Meredith published his now-famous book *Three Years in Mississippi*.

The collection includes drafts of *Three Years in Mississippi*, as well as correspondence with political and business leaders in the United States and Africa. Also included are clippings and printed materials concerning Meredith's personal appearances and speeches, and files on Meredith Enterprises, the Meredith Institute, his political campaigns, his "March Against Fear" and his recent "Black Man's March to the Library." ■

Medical Center News

Medical Center's \$164 Million Construction Boom Won't End Until 2001



The piles of dirt around the 164 acre-campus of the University of Mississippi Medical Center are worth \$164 million. That's the combined total of new and proposed construction and renovation at the 43-year old complex that will mean disturbance, noise and inconvenience for the next five years. It's all a matter of survival, according to Medical Center vice chancellor Dr. Wallace Conerly. "We are the state's only health sciences campus. If we are to maintain the quality of our teaching programs, the hospital has to survive and prosper."

And when the piles of dirt and construction debris disappear, and the cranes no longer define the air space around the campus, the brand-new facility will provide amenities not currently available in the utilitarian structure built in the 50s and 60s.

The rapid changes in healthcare delivery, particularly managed care, have made the hospital's long-range plan for expansion not-so-long range. In fact, construction is now nine years ahead of the plan.

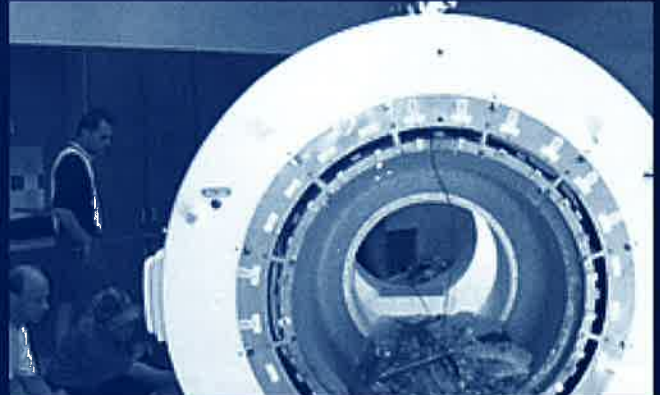
Conerly says the entire infrastructure of the hospital—teaching site for all the educational programs at the Medical Center—will be completely replaced by 2001.

The Medical Center campus has been steadily growing since its opening in 1955 with the School of Medicine and two hospital wings. There's hardly been any time when there wasn't a major construction project underway.

But the latest in building and renovation, which started in 1993, is unprecedented for the Medical Center and in higher education in Mississippi.

"Because the Medical Center has a history of long-range planning, we're now able to move forward quickly," Conerly said. ■

State of the Art Interventional MRI To Change the Practice of Surgery



The University of Mississippi Medical Center's new interventional MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machine has been called the "operating theatre of the 21st century." The newest imaging technology will change the practice of surgery. For the first time in medical history, surgeons using computer imagery can see inside their patients as they operate.

The interventional MRI, a General Electric (GE) device, was recently installed in the Medical Center's new Acute Care Tower, and extensive testing of the device and training of radiology personnel will continue through September. The radiology department hopes to do the first patient procedure in early October.

GE selected the Medical Center as one of the four test sites in the country to explore the potential of the new device. They have already installed units at Harvard in Boston, at Stanford University in California, and at Allegheny in Pittsburgh. Medical centers in seven other countries also have test units.

The new MRI will be used to treat people suffering from a myriad of conditions. Dr. Gurmeet Dhillon, assistant professor of radiology at the Medical Center, said the biggest volume of use at the Medical Center will first come from neurosurgeons for biopsies and surgery. That's where most of the early work has focused. But trials have already begun in liver cancer, blood vessel abnormalities, prostate cancer, endovascular treatment, disc disease and chronic back pain.

Dhillon said, "The potential for this technology is unlimited. When the first MRI came out, it took one hour to do a complete scan of the patient. Now we can do a scan in 20 minutes. As we get more and more computer capability, we're able to speed up the imaging." The new MRI can make one image every two seconds, and "early work shows that we can get up to 16 images per second. Our goal is in the range of 30 images per second. We want to be able to image continuously." ■

Scholarship Honors Memory of Management Professor Who Touched Lives

When Ole Miss student Brian Kethley had a setback in his doctoral program and was about to discontinue his studies, Dr. Edward Gillenwater stepped in with support.

Kethley proudly accepted his diploma in Aug. 3 commencement exercises, but his professor and friend could not share in the triumph. Gillenwater died of cancer March 7, 1997.

“Professor Gillenwater was a fine teacher and researcher,” Kethley said. “But the important thing to me was that he was an encourager. Even in his last days in the hospital, he was so positive and upbeat.”

Because of the associate professor of management’s many contributions to students, the University and the state, a scholarship has been established in his memory in the Ole Miss School of Business Administration. Appropriately, the scholarship will assist students pursuing doctorates in business administration with a major in management. Preference will be given to students majoring in production and operations management, which was Gillenwater’s area of expertise.

“I was so excited when I learned about the scholarship,” said Pat Gillenwater, the professor’s wife. “I think Ed would be very proud. This scholarship will continue doing what he tried to do while he was teaching. Many students and former students have written and called to tell me what he did for them — his efforts to help them get into school or obtain scholarships.”

Dr. Randy Boxx, dean of business administration, said the professor went the extra mile time after time for students. “Ed was totally committed to the students, and not just while they were in his classroom. He went out of his way to help students, particularly those who returned to college to pursue graduate degrees.”

Dr. Sumali Conlon, an associate professor of management and marketing, said the scholarship was set up because “we remembered what he had done for us. He was dedicated to students, fellow faculty members and this University. He worked hard to recruit good students, and students always talked about how much he helped and encouraged them. He was a very energetic, friendly and cheerful person.”

Gillenwater, who taught undergraduate and graduate courses, was active in creating the Mississippi Quality Award. Based



Dr. Edward Gillenwater

upon the national Malcolm Baldrige Award, it is specifically targeted to organizations, hospitals, banks and other institutions in the state. The award was established in 1995 and is jointly sponsored by Excellence in Mississippi and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

Dr. Frank Wiebe, acting chair and associated professor of management and marketing, spent much time working with Gillenwater in the area of quality management. “Ed really contributed to the state and the University,” he said. “It will be difficult to find another faculty member as dedicated as he was.”

Dr. Ann Canty, assistant dean of business administration, concurred, saying, “His teaching extended beyond our student body. Beginning

with his first semester at Ole Miss, Ed helped develop and teach statistical quality control programs that the University offered to managers and prospective managers in business and industry. He also was active with business firms around the state to improve quality; he was just a natural at teaching the quantitative aspects of management.”

Gillenwater was instrumental in establishing the master’s of science degree in systems management technology, said Dr. Del

Hawley, associate dean of business administration. Offered exclusively through distance learning, the degree is available at Ole Miss and three other universities — Mississippi State University, University of Southern Mississippi and Jackson State University.

“Ed worked on this degree for two years,” said Hawley. “He put in a great deal of hard

work to see it happen. As far as his teaching, he was always very concerned about students. They had a lot of respect for him, and even students on the Tupelo campus would call to inquire about his health during his illness. Ed touched a lot of people’s lives.”

Gillenwater earned a doctorate at the University of Kentucky, a master’s at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and his undergraduate degree at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. In addition to his wife, survivors include the couple’s children, Ed, 14, and Lindsay, 12.

Any individual or organization can send gifts to the Dr. Edward L. Gillenwater II Memorial Scholarship Endowment through The University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■

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Mike and Kathy Randolph Support University through Chancellor's Trust

In 1972, Mike Randolph decided to resign from his corporate job, sell his car and home in and Orlando, Fla., and follow a pipe dream of earning a degree from The University of Mississippi School of Law. He packed up with wife Kathy and newborn son Christopher in tow and headed to Oxford.

Four months later, he read his first law exam under Professor George Cochran. In fact, he read it, reread it and made a few notes in the next hour, while questioning why he left the job, car and house back in Florida, Randolph says, laughing.

He also remembers riding a bike to and from classes from the couple's rent house in the country, running the law school's bookstore, catering fraternity parties, his wife teaching school in Potts Camp and other things the couple did to make ends meet. Randolph not only persevered through the rigors of law curriculum but also was elected president of the School of Law Student Body and of the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.

More than two decades later, Randolph serves as president and chief executive officer of Bryan, Nelson, Randolph and Weathers, P.A., the law firm he founded in Hattiesburg. He and Kathy give of their time and resources to their community and now they are giving back to Ole Miss by joining the Chancellor's Trust.

"My wife and I wanted to help Chancellor Khayat and the University succeed," said Randolph. "My kinship with the Chancellor first grew from a civil procedure class I took under him in law school. I was extremely excited when he was offered the opportunity to lead the University. I also wanted to help the school that provided me with the mechanism to earn a decent living."

There are three other reasons the Randolphs give for joining the Chancellor's Trust: Christopher, Joshua and Abigail, their children. Christopher has attended Ole Miss, and Joshua is now a senior and involved in the Sigma Chi fraternity and student government. Abigail is a sophomore and active in the Delta Delta Delta sorority.

"The kids encourage us to participate," Randolph said. "We are regularly back on campus and in Oxford to be with them, and they are having the time of their lives."

Chancellor Khayat expressed his gratitude to the family, saying, "We deeply appreciate the support of Mike and Kathy Randolph as we continue our commitment to academic excellence. Mike Randolph is a perfect example of how Ole Miss graduates make their mark in the world. He enjoys a distinguished legal career, and he and his wife are devoted to enhancing the quality of life in their community. It's also very special that they have entrusted us with their children."

Kathy Randolph is a Mississippi native, growing up in Ocean Springs. Mike Randolph describes himself as being reared "Southern in the North." While his family members are Tennessee natives, his father's construction career took them across the country. Before pursuing his legal education, Randolph graduated from Rollins College, served in the U.S. Army with



Chancellor Robert C. Khayat (left) presents Mike and Kathy Randolph, (center) of Hattiesburg a certificate of appreciation for joining the Chancellor's Trust Program. Steve Owens, (left) executive director of development and Don L. Frugé, (second left) vice chancellor for University Advancement join him in welcoming the Randolphs to this prestigious group of Ole Miss supporters.

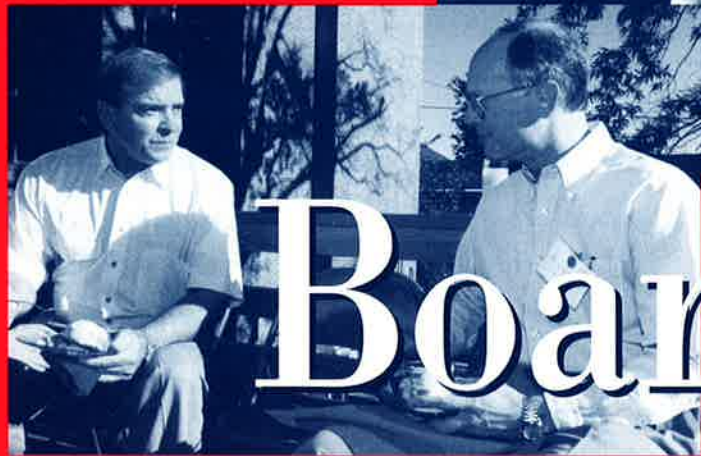
the First Infantry Division in Vietnam, and was decorated for heroism in combat. After law school, he re-entered the armed forces, serving as an officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Navy.

He began practicing law in Hattiesburg in 1976 with Bryan, Nelson, Allen and Schroeder, the predecessor to the present law firm Bryan, Nelson, Randolph and Weathers. Randolph and his law partners support the Ole Miss law school by funding the E. S. "Ned" Nelson Scholarship.

The attorney is a member and former president of the South Central Mississippi Bar Association and is an active member of the Mississippi Bar, Mississippi Defense Lawyers and Federal Bar associations, as well as the Defense Research Institute and the Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit.

Randolph has volunteered his time as a director of the Salvation Army and the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls, Big Gold and Civitan clubs and is a past president of the Hattiesburg Civic Association. He was the charter president of the Magnolia Republican Club and chairman of the Forrest County Republican Executive Committee. Kathy Randolph has served as a director of the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club, as well as led the Hattiesburg Junior Auxiliary as president, during which time a teenage girl's shelter was established. The two also are active in Temple Baptist Church and are members of the Ole Miss Alumni Association.

Community service is a "very important" part of the family's life, the attorney said. "When God blesses you, you have the responsibility to share your time and resources." ■



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Oxford High Student Receives \$26,000 Newman Scholarship

The 1997 recipient of one of the largest undergraduate scholarships in the state — the Newman Scholarship at The University of Mississippi — is Heather Lea Chambless of Oxford.

At the top of her class at Oxford High School (OHS) and a National Merit Scholar, Chambless is the 15th Mississippi student selected for the honor, which entitles her to \$6,500 for each of four years of study in any of the more than 100 undergraduate programs offered at Ole Miss.

The daughter of Drs. Jim and Martha Chambless, she will study biology or biochemistry on the Oxford campus, with her eyes on a medical career. In fact, the high school senior said her dream is to open a free medical clinic in a disadvantaged neighborhood in the United States or in an underdeveloped country.

"Heather Chambless is an outstanding young woman who already has compiled a tremendous record of academic achievements, as well as successes in extracurricular activities," said Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "She exemplifies the ideal student that the Newman family envisioned when establishing this prestigious scholarship. The University is proud and pleased to welcome Heather to the student body and campus, where we will provide her with extraordinary educational opportunities."

Announcement of this year's recipient was made by W. Richard Newman III of Jackson, son of W.R. "Buck" Newman Jr., the Ole Miss alumnus in whose memory the scholarships were endowed by the W.R. Newman family. The endowment was a gift to the Campaign for Ole Miss.

Created in 1983, the Newman Scholarship is one of the most lucrative in the United States and was established to attract young men and women of outstanding academic standards and leadership ability to Ole Miss, rather than let them leave the state to pursue their higher education. One scholar is selected each year by a University committee, solely on the basis of merit.

"I'm honored to join the talented group of students who have received the Newman Scholarship," said Chambless of her selection. "I'm looking forward to four great years at Ole Miss."

A well-rounded student involved in academics, journalism and music, Chambless scored 35 on the ACT and 1460 on the SAT. She was an OHS Star Student and was named in the top 20 Star

Students in the state.

The 1997 Newman Scholar has served as editor of *Progressions* literary magazine during her junior and senior years, as photography editor of The Oxford High School *Charger* her senior year and as editor of The Oxford High School *Insider* news magazine her junior year. She has garnered awards for her work from the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association, an organization for high school journalists.



Heather Lea Chambless

The senior's academic performance has earned her a place on the Principal's List throughout high school, and other awards have come in the areas of art, biology, French and mathematics. Chambless is the recipient of the DAR Good Citizen, the Exchange Club Student of the Month, Mississippi Heritage, Navy Honors Program and Tandy Technology awards. She has attended the Mississippi Governor's School, Washington and Lee Summer Scholars Program and the YMCA Youth Legislature, where she was selected the Outstanding Senator in 1996.

Chambless founded the OHS Medical Society and has been active in the French National Honor Society, Mandelbrott Math Competition, National Honor Society, Student Council, Students for Environmental Awareness, Mu Alpha Theta, and Quill and Scroll, as well as the Anchor, French, Key, and Math and Science clubs.

She was chosen OHS Most Beautiful in 1996 and has appeared in the cast and crew of OHS musical productions of *Lil' Abner*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. The senior has lettered in cheerleading, cross-country, track and volleyball; served as a baseball bat girl, and received the Scholar Athlete Award for two years.

Chambless is a member of First Baptist Church, where she is in the youth choir and has taught Vacation Bible School. ■

Chemistry Professor Cited for Teaching Excellence

Teaching freshmen at The University of Mississippi suits Dr. Walter Cleland to a tee.

The shoe fits so well in fact that the associate professor of chemistry has been named the top teacher of freshmen in the Ole Miss College of Liberal Arts.

As recipient of the Cora Lee Graham Award for Outstanding Teacher of Freshmen, Cleland received a \$1,000 prize. The honoree also was presented an engraved plaque and is listed on a permanent plaque that hangs in the College office.

Criteria for the annual award follow guidelines of teaching excellence. "We take very seriously our commitment to provide our students with the highest caliber instruction possible, and professors like Dr. Cleland reflect that commitment," said Dr. Dale Abadie, dean of liberal arts. "That he has gotten this award is indicative not only of his gaining the respect of his colleagues but also that he's meeting the expectations of his students."

Nominations for the annual award are invited from students, faculty and alumni. A liberal arts committee considers the pool of nominations and recommends a recipient to the dean.

A teacher at Ole Miss since 1986, Cleland has taught stu-



Dr. Dale Abadie (left), dean of liberal arts, congratulates Dr. Walter Cleland, associate professor of chemistry, on receiving the Cora Lee Graham Outstanding Teacher of Freshmen Award at The University of Mississippi. The annual award in the Ole Miss College of Liberal Arts carries a \$1,000 prize.

dents at all levels in courses that range from general chemistry and organometallic chemistry to senior research. While he says he enjoys teaching in general, he finds it particularly gratifying when he can reach freshmen.

"Catching students when they first get to college can sometimes have a dramatic impact, because they're usually quite enthusiastic and ready to learn," he said. "I'm here to help them learn chemistry, of course, but I also try to influence them in other ways, especially helping them learn how to study."

The professor's greatest challenge, he said, is teaching to all students in a particular class.

"I have to determine how much each student knows about the subject, so I don't bore the best students or go over the heads of others."

Cleland says his approach to the teaching profession reflects that of the entire Ole Miss chemistry faculty. "In the chemistry department, there is an atmosphere — fostered by our chairman Dr. Andrew Stefani — that everyone takes teaching extremely seriously and that the student comes first," he said.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Cleland's undergraduate degree is from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He holds a doctorate in inorganic chemistry from Michigan State University. ■

President Clinton Taps Ferris to Head NEH

Dr. William Ferris, director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, has been selected by President Bill Clinton to chair the National Endowment for the Humanities, pending a background check and U.S. Senate confirmation.

A folklorist, author and filmmaker, Ferris has headed the Center since 1979, and has brought a certain enhancement to the cultural image of the South.

"As the director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and co-editor of the critically acclaimed *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Bill Ferris has not only garnered the level of serious academic study our region deserves but also has enhanced the public's understanding and respect for it," said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat.

"I am honored beyond words to be considered for this position," said Ferris. "I believe the outstanding support that the University of Mississippi faculty, staff and administration have given the Center over the past two decades is a significant part of why I've been asked to serve. My consideration for this honor reflects the esteem our national feels for the University and Oxford." If confirmed, Ferris says he'll request a leave of absence from Ole Miss until his tenure ends at NEH.



Dr. William R. Ferris

Eftink Named Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Maurice Eftink, the Margaret McLean Coulter Professor of Chemistry at The University of Mississippi, has been named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs on the Oxford campus. He assumed his new duties in July.

As associate vice chancellor, Eftink — an Ole Miss faculty member since 1978 — will help manage the University's academic budget, serve as liaison for several administrative offices that report to the provost, and focus on ways to reward good teaching and reach the University's goal of achieving Southern Regional Educational Board I status.

"We are fortunate Dr. Eftink has agreed to serve the University in this important role," said Ole Miss Provost Gerald Walton. "He is regarded as an outstanding teacher and has a superior record as a publishing scholar. During his tenure at Ole Miss, he has worked on numerous blue-ribbon committees because administrators recognize his competence, good judgment and effectiveness in addressing any given task."

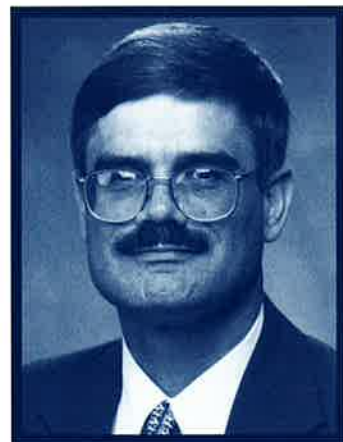
"The University was looking for someone with experience both in the classroom and in research," Eftink said. "I've worked with a host of undergraduate and graduate students over the years, and I have a lot of experience in the area of research funding. So I can bring an appreciation of the dual roles faculty members have — teaching and research — as well as service. Strengthening faculty development by increasing support for research and by evaluating, rewarding and improving teaching effectiveness — particularly at the undergraduate level — are my major goals. Introducing initiatives to attain those

goals are among my major concerns."

Although Eftink's new responsibilities will mean less time for teaching and research, he doesn't intend to lose touch with the work he has done for 20 years. "Maintaining contact with students and continuing my research remain high priorities for me," Eftink said. "I'll teach one class a semester and conduct my laboratory research to the degree I can and still carry out the duties of the associate vice chancellor's office. It is an interesting challenge."

Eftink earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees at the University of Missouri, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Since joining the Ole Miss faculty, he has garnered \$2 million for his research programs, published some 100 journal articles and book chapters, and made more than 100 presentations at professional meetings.

The recipient of the University's Burlington Northern Achievement Award in 1987, Eftink serves on the editorial advisory board of such journals as *Biochemistry* and *The Journal of Fluorescence*. He has served on several review panels for federal research funding agencies. ■



Dr. Maurice Eftink

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Pre-Med Scholarships Provide Record Increase

Twelve Ole Miss pre-med students will share \$24,000 in scholarships from the Joseph Medicos Bynum, Dr. and Mrs. James C. Hays and the J. F. Hollingsworth Memorial Scholarships. A substantial new account — the Mattingly PreMed Scholarship is also included in this year's scholarship awards.

"Doctors who have gone through the experience themselves have established four of the scholarship funds," said Mary Ann Reed Bowen, director of pre-professional advising. "We've always been able to help out some, but this year was a record."



Front Row (from left) Benita J. Myles, Granger Scuggs, Chad Rhoden, and Rebeccah Northdurft, Back Row (from left) Eric Miller, Justin Garner, Jeff Gordon, and Chris White

Rick Fountain Joins Chancellor's Trust In Support of Chancellor Robert Khayat

Rick Fountain was just looking for a law school when he came to The University of Mississippi. What he found is a deep relationship that is going on 20 years. Fountain had been an accountant in Pensacola, Florida, for seven years when he decided to pursue his dream of a law degree in 1978.

"It was something I always wanted to do," he said. "I applied to several schools. Being a little bit older student, I didn't want to make a mistake." His choice was anything but a mistake. "What really impressed me was how I was welcomed," he said. "They had a student to show me around: not just the campus, but apartments, everything. "Everyone acted as if they really wanted me to come to Ole Miss."

So he came and earned his law degree in January 1980. Since then, he has built a successful law practice in Jackson. "I feel a tremendous loyalty to Ole Miss," he said. "It gave me the greatest foundation in the world to prepare me for life and to make a living." This year Fountain continued to express that loyalty by joining the Chancellor's Trust with a \$25,000 gift. Established in 1975, the fund accepts unrestricted gifts to be used for the University's greatest needs. A longtime benefactor of the University, Fountain said he decided to become a member of the Chancellor's Trust in large part because of his support for Robert Khayat. "I am so impressed with the good job he is doing, tackling the tough issues and moving the University forward," he said. "Lots of things are going in the right direction at Ole Miss now."

Like many other successful lawyers, Fountain first encountered Khayat when he was a professor. "I feel real affection for Robert Khayat and his role with me. He was very supportive," he said, adding that all his law professors helped shape his career. "Parham Williams, Bill Champion, Aaron Condon . . . I hate to start mentioning them for leaving so many out. They really treated us with respect. They tried to mold us into colleagues in the profession."

Few can doubt that his professors did a good job of molding



Chancellor Robert C. Khayat (right) accepts a gift to the Chancellor's Trust Program from Rick Fountain of Jackson, Mississippi.

Fountain into a distinguished colleague in the profession, but he is also a tireless volunteer in his community. He has served as president or a board member for a spectrum of organizations, including the Red Cross, Leukemia Society, Easter Seals, Jackson Opera Guild, New Stage Theatre, Jackson Symphony and the Jackson City Planning Board. He is also a lay reader for his church, St. Andrews. Fountain still finds the time and resources to support his alma mater. "I can't adequately describe my attachment to The University of Mississippi," he said. "Some of the happiest days of my life were there. In many ways, it was a sad day when I left." Fortunately for the Ole Miss family, Rick Fountain's heart has never really left Ole Miss. ■

Jim Chambliss Named School of Education Dean

Dr. Jim R. Chambliss has been named dean of the School of Education. He joined the Ole Miss faculty in 1970 as an associate professor and served from 1978 to 1996 as associate dean of education. He has been acting dean since January 1996.

"The University is fortunate in having Dr. Chambliss on the faculty," said Provost Gerald Walton. "He is dedicated and loyal, willing to put in long hours and is a skilled administrator. I am convinced he has the leadership skills to guide the School of Education into the next century." A native of Hope, Arkansas, Chambliss earned his bachelor's degree from Arkansas A&M College and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Arkansas.



Dr. Jim Chambliss

Firing Line Panelists to Debate International Trade with China October 14th

International trade with China will be the topic eight Firing Line panelists will debate, when the Emmy-winning PBS show returns for its third visit to The University of Mississippi's Oxford campus.

Supporting Panel



Trent Lott



William F. Buckley Jr.



Henry A. Kissinger



James L. Barksdale

A former Secretary of State, the majority leader of the U.S. Senate, the head of Netscape, and a prominent editor and television host are among the eight panelists who, on October 14, will debate international trade with China at The University of Mississippi for broadcast on the PBS show *Firing Line*.

The two-hour debate, taped beginning at 8 p.m. in the C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum, will be broadcast on PBS October 24 from 9:30-11:30 p.m. CST.

This third production of *Firing Line* from the Ole Miss campus after a previous live broadcast in 1989, and the taping of a second broadcast in 1992 will once again be part of the University's Robert M. Hearin-Leon Hess Lecture Series, with additional support from corporations and individuals. The program also is part of the University's Sesquicentennial celebration and observance of the Ole Miss School of Business Administration's 80th anniversary. Many of the panelists will participate in classes and special seminars while they are on campus.

Eight panelists — moderated by Michael Kinsley, editor of the on-line magazine *Slate* — will debate Resolved: Trade with China should not be interrupted.

Speaking in support of the proposition will be William F. Buckley Jr., host of *Firing Line* and editor-at-large of *The National Review*; former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, now an international consultant; James Barksdale, president and chief executive officer of Netscape Communications Corp. and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.).

On the opposing panel will be Gary L. Bauer, president of the Family Research Council; Arianna Huffington, noted author,

syndicated columnist, lecturer and broadcaster; U.S. Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.), who strongly opposes trade with China because of its intimidating political and cultural controls; and Jerry Brown, former governor of California and a candidate for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination in 1992.

Barksdale, a 1965 graduate of Ole Miss, oversees all aspects of Netscape, the largest U.S. maker of World Wide Web software, with more than 8 million customers. Before joining Netscape, he served as CEO of AT&T Wireless Services, following the merger of AT&T and McCaw Cellular Communications. Before the merger, Barksdale was president and CEO of the \$2-billion-plus McCaw. Prior to McCaw, he was executive vice president and chief operating officer at Federal Express, which grew from \$1 billion to \$7.7 billion in revenues and expanded into 135 countries during his tenure. In 1996, Barksdale and his wife gave \$5.4 million to fund the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College at Ole Miss.

Bauer directs the Family Research Council's nationwide pro-family policy and lobbying efforts. He joined the Council in 1988, when it merged with Focus on the Family. He was also senior vice president of Focus on the Family, until the Council became a separate organization in 1992. A nationally known speaker and commentator, Bauer is active in the political process. In 1991, he chaired the Citizen Committee to Confirm Clarence Thomas. During the Reagan Administration, he was Assistant to the President for Policy Development and Director of the White House Office of Policy Development. He is the author of *Our Journey Home* and *Our Hopes, Our Dreams: A Vision for America*, and with James Dobson wrote *Children at Risk*:



Opposing Panel



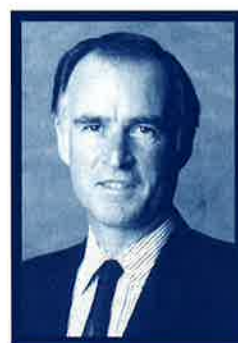
Gary Bauer



Tim Hutchinson



Arianna Huffington



Jerry Brown

The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of Our Kids.

Buckley is editor-at-large and president of the magazine *National Review*, which he founded in 1955, and the author of 33 books. His newspaper column *On the Right* appears three times a week and is syndicated in some 300 newspapers across the country. Buckley received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor, in 1991. He has served on the five-member Advisory Commission on Information of the U.S. Information Agency and is a public member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. He studied at the University of Mexico and earned a bachelor's degree with honors in political science, economics and history at Yale.

A nationally syndicated columnist and author of six books, **Huffington** is chair of the Center for Effective Compassion, dedicated to reinvigorating communities and institutions and promoting citizen involvement in solving social problems. Her biography of Pablo Picasso is the basis of a movie to be released in September, with Anthony Hopkins as Picasso. Her other books include *The Female Woman*, a critique of extremism in the feminist movement, *After Reason*, on political leadership, and *Maria Callas: The Woman Behind the Legend*. She is appearing in a point-counterpoint segment for *Politically Incorrect*, and she is developing a new show with comedian Harry Shearer, who has christened it *Eat the Press*. She received her master's degree in economics from Cambridge University.

Nicknamed "No Tax Tim" while in the Arkansas state legislature by then-Gov. Bill Clinton, **Hutchinson** was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1966, after four years in the U.S. House of Representatives. In Washington, he has proved to be an advocate for a balanced budget, welfare reform and tax relief for working families. He serves on the Environment and Public Works, Labor and Human Resources, and Veterans committees. His voting record has earned many honors, including Citizens Against Government Waste, Watchdogs of the Treasury, National Federation of Independent Business, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Friend of the Family awards.

Kissinger is chairman of Kissinger Associates Inc., an international consulting firm and member of Chase Manhattan Bank's International Advisory Committee. His many honors include the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Medal of Liberty in 1986. He holds degrees from Harvard, where he taught in both the Department of Government and the Center for International Affairs from 1954-69. While Secretary of State, he also served as assistant to the President for National Security Affairs from 1969-83. He chaired the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America from 1983-85.

The first Mississippian to hold the Senate's top leadership post, **Lott** serves on the Senate Finance, Rules, and Commerce, Science and Transportation committees. Lott, who received under-graduate and law degrees from Ole Miss, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1972 and first elected to the Senate in 1988. In 1979, he was elected chairman of the House Republican Research Committee, the fifth-ranking Republican leadership position in the House. In 1980, he became the first Southerner elected Republican Whip, the second-ranking Republican leadership position. His is the first Southerner to serve as Whip in both the U.S. House and Senate.

Brown entered presidential primaries in 1976 and 80, when he was serving as governor of California, and was in the race for the 1992 Democratic Party nomination. Before serving two terms as California's governor, he was California's secretary of state.

After studying for the Catholic priesthood, Brown received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and graduated from Yale Law School in 1964. He has traveled widely in Mexico and Asia, living six months in Japan. In India he worked as a volunteer with Mother Teresa at the Home for the Dying and Destitute.

Brown began broadcast of his radio program *We the People with Jerry Brown* in 1994. In 1995, he founded the We the People Legal Foundation, a membership association of individuals who support political reform and social justice. ■



Grisham Endowment Brings Award-Winning Writer Randall Kenan to Ole Miss as Professor

Randall Kenan — a novelist whose fictional town of Tims Creek is predicted to become almost as renowned as William Faulkner's "little postage stamp of native soil" — is the latest Reneé and John Grisham Southern Writer-in-Residence at The University of Mississippi. The writer has joined the Department of English as a visiting professor of creative writing and is teaching a graduate-level course in creative writing this fall.



Randall Kenan

Kenan, who is on the faculty of Sarah Lawrence College and Columbia University, penned the collection of short stories *Let The Dead Bury Their Dead* and the novel *A Visitation of Spirits*. The short story collection was nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award in Fiction and was named a Notable Book of the Year by The New York Times Book Review and a Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist.

About Kenan's work, a reviewer in The New York Times Book Review wrote, "Fiercely and relentlessly, hilariously and sympathetically, Randall Kenan unfolds layer upon layer of the interlocked existences of his Tims Creek citizens. ...He has created, in a single obscure hamlet, a deeply and peculiarly American community, as memorable as any I have encountered in recent fiction."

Kenan received his bachelor's degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has since held the post of visiting professor of creative writing. He also

studied English literature and drama criticism at Oxford University's Edmund's Hall.

The author has won numerous awards including the Sherwood Anderson Award in 1995, the Whiting Writer's Award in 1994 and was a Guggenheim fellow in 1994.

Kenan joins a list of extraordinary writers who have taught at Ole Miss as part of the Grisham Endowment. He is preceded by Tim Gautreaux, Mary Hood, Marc Richard and T. R. Pearson.

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

"My colleagues and I are deeply grateful to Reneé and John Grisham for establishing the Visiting Southern Writer-in-Residence Program, which has become a tremendous asset to our curriculum," said Dr. Daniel E. Williams, chair of English. ■



Dr Joyce Hertko

Illinois Educator Named Director of International Programs

Extensive travel abroad and a 10-year career working with international students have provided Dr. Joyce Hertko with a keen understanding of what it's like to be a stranger in a different country. A native of Joliet, Ill., Hertko earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Knox College and her master's degree from Western Illinois University. Her doctorate in higher education administration is from Indiana University.

Hertko's plans for the Ole Miss program center on service to international students, based on quality, efficiency, effectiveness and friendliness. "These elements are very important in meeting a student's needs, to help them feel comfortable in their new environment," she said.

English Professor Colby Kullman Named Outstanding Teacher

Dr. Colby Kullman, who often acknowledges the inspiration he receives from his students, has been named The University of Mississippi's outstanding teacher for 1996-97.

As a recipient of the Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award, Kullman was awarded a \$4,000 cash prize and a plaque by Chancellor Robert C. Khayat at the 54th annual Honors Day ceremonies. In addition, Kullman's name will be included on a separate plaque, which hangs in the Chancellor's office and lists the award's previous recipients.

The Ole Miss professor — a noted authority on drama and theater, as well as a promoter of the arts and humanities — has been recognized for his work both inside and outside of the classroom. He was named the University's 1995 Liberal Arts Teacher and is a recipient of a 1995 Mississippi Humanities Council Award.

"The best teaching often takes place when the learning passes back and forth between teacher and student, blurring the distinction of those titles," he said.

Kullman cited three of his former students who have inspired his teaching: Lori Sneed, a quadriplegic English major who graduated from Ole Miss last year and motivated others through her good



1996-97 Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher — Dr. Colby Kullman.

humor, hard work and reverence for life; Carlton Gorton, an Ole Miss graduate who wanted to go to medical school so badly that he was willing to apply three years in a row, each year working dili-

gently to improve his credentials; and finally, Jacquelyn Sergi, a 40-something undergraduate at Ole Miss who enthusiastically pursues her 18 hours each semester while managing her family in Batesville.

A graduate of DePauw University, Kullman received a master's degree from the University of Chicago, and both master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas. Before joining the Ole Miss faculty in 1984, he taught at the University of Kansas.

The Ole Miss professor is the co-editor and publisher of the award-winning *Studies in American Drama, 1945-Present*, and most recently, co-editor of the book *Speaking on Stage: Interviews with Contemporary Playwrights*.

Students, faculty and alumni submit nominations for the annual Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award, and a committee of former award recipients selects the winner. Since 1966, the Honors Day program has recognized superior classroom teaching with this campuswide honor. ■

Ole Miss Announces Recipients of Frist Student Service Awards

Recipients of The University of Mississippi's third annual Frist Student Service Awards were announced at recent commencement exercises on the Oxford campus.

The honorees are Dr. Kirk Wakefield, assistant professor of management and marketing, and Virginia Thurlow, senior secretary at the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College.

Wakefield, the faculty honoree, and Thurlow, the honored staff member, each received a \$1,000 prize and

engraved plaque from Chancellor Robert C. Khayat.

"Both Ms. Thurlow and Dr. Wakefield are ideal examples of the kind of individuals needed in higher education today," said Chancellor Khayat. "Their actions demonstrate genuine concern about the development of our students. They are ready and willing to meet the students' needs whatever they might be. We are very fortunate to have these two caring people among the University family."



1997 Frist Student Service Awards — Ms. Virginia Thurlow and Dr. Kirk Wakefield with Chancellor Robert C. Khayat.

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Business School Names 12 Hearin-Hess Scholars for Fall

Twelve recent high school graduates from a tri-state area have been selected as the recipients of the ninth annual Hearin-Hess Scholarships awarded for The University of Mississippi School of Business Administration.

Recipients of the scholarship — created by the late Robert Hearin of Jackson and Leon Hess of New York City — will each receive \$12,000 for four years of study at Ole Miss. The scholarships recognize students with outstanding academic records who plan to pursue careers in business or business-related fields. The scholarships rank among the nation's top business awards.

"This group of scholars is comprised of well-rounded students who have excelled in the classroom, in school leadership, on athletic fields and through community service," said Dr. W. Randy Boxx, dean of the School of Business Administration. "Each of these students shares an excitement about pursuing a business degree and a belief that Ole Miss can offer them the training they will need to be successful in the global business environment."

Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson A. Fletcher, is a Jackson Academy (JA) Scholar. She was active in the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council, Pre-Med Society, Spanish and Key clubs, Earth Team, and National Art Honor Society. She has volunteered at the Billy Brumfield House and The University of Mississippi Medical Center Children's Cancer Clinic.

Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Hines, also is a JA graduate. He was active in the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and Chi Alpha Mu, as well as varsity baseball and golf. He founded and manages two businesses, HRP Disc Jockey Services and H&C Refreshment Specialists, and serves as a volunteer for Sunnybrook Children's Home and the Mississippi Children's Home.

Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell E. Wiggins, is a graduate of Jackson Prep, where he was active in the Beta Club and Mu Alpha Theta and played varsity football. He is a National Merit Semifinalist and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. The Hearin-Hess scholar has been involved in community service through Habitat for Humanity.

McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas B. McCul-



Hearin Hess Scholars pictured with Ann Canty (center) assistant dean of the School of Business Administration, Front row (from left) Amanda R. Robins, Timothy E. Hotard, Anna Leigh Fletcher, Susan A. Keith, Wendell J. Wiggins, and Jennifer L. Morgan, Second row (from left) Steven P. Cropper, Breck R. Hines, Micajah P. Sturdivant, Nathan Latil, Amy Ruth McCullough, and Ian Zachary Kendall.

lough, is a JA graduate. She founded the Teen-age National Republicans chapter and was active in the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and the Pre-Med Society. She also reached Academy Honors each year during high school. McCullough was a varsity athlete and the literary editor for a school magazine.

Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Kendall, is a graduate of Ocean Springs High School. He was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. His activities included participation in the Scholars' Bowl Team, Beta and Science clubs, Mu Alpha Theta and Alpha Honor Society.

Latil, son of Rose M. Latil and Joseph L. Latil, is a graduate of the Mississippi School for Math and Science. He is a National Merit Semifinalist and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and on the National Honor Roll. He played varsity sports at MSMS, volunteered for several organizations and maintained employment throughout the academic year.

Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Keith, is a graduate of Long Beach High School, where she was president of Mu Alpha Theta and editor of the yearbook. She received awards in U.S. history, U.S. government, advanced English III, anatomy, family living, Spanish II, and probability and statistics. She also was named to the school's Hall of Fame.

Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Morgan, is a graduate of Corinth High School, where she was honored with the Star Student distinction. She was active in the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta and garnered numerous awards in her college-prep courses. She also played on the women's basketball team and participated in the band.

Sturdivant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Micajah P. Sturdivant, is a graduate of Pillow Academy, where he was on the Headmaster's List all of his high school years. He served as an officer in Student Council, Honor Society, Science and French clubs, and Mu Alpha Theta. Sturdivant also led the Stock Market Team as captain, and he lettered in varsity cross-country, tennis, soccer and track.

Cropper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Cropper, is a graduate of Jesuit High School (JHS), where he attended advanced place-

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Katharine Parker Estate Provides \$1 Million Gift in Scholarship Support

Among the things near to Katharine L. Parker's heart were memories of a brother she adored and appreciation for a university that prepared her for a career.

Before passing away in 1996, she found an avenue to express those feelings — a way, in fact, that will help University of Mississippi students for generations to come.

Parker's estate has provided \$1 million to Ole Miss for the Harold Parker Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Students from all majors will be considered for the scholarships, which will be based on academic performance, leadership and need.

"Kate was very fond of her brother," said Dr. David Alford, who grew up next to the Parkers in Magnolia, Ark. "She spoke of him often. She also liked her university."

Dr. Don L. Frugé, vice chancellor for University Advancement, said by setting aside such a thoughtful gift in her estate, Katharine left behind a living tribute to her brother and her alma mater. "Ole Miss will name Parker Scholars each year, and through this process we will be able to pass on this touching story of a family's love. Harold Parker was so young when he lost his life. It is fitting that young people on this campus will be assisted in his name, as they pursue academic studies and preparation for their life's work."

The Parkers lived in Memphis before moving to Magnolia, where the family was active in St. James Episcopal Church.



Katharine L. Parker, '42



Harold Parker Jr.

Katharine earned her undergraduate degree from Ole Miss in 1942 and was an active member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Her brother, Harold, was serving in the U.S. Army, when, at the age of 23, he was killed in a car accident in the mid-1950s.

Katharine went to work as an accountant with their father at the family's car dealership in Magnolia. According to Alford, she moved back to Memphis at one point, working in the health-care industry, and returned to the family home in the 1970s when her father's health started failing. Back in Magnolia, Katharine enjoyed a career with the Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District, traveling to counties and municipalities in southern Arkansas to review their financial records and offer advice on integrating modern accounting practices.

As a child, Alford spent time with Katharine's father, attending basketball games and the like. As an adult, the dentist came to know Katharine. "She was a good friend. She was a very direct person and very considerate of other people."

Other gifts to the Harold Parker Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment can be made by individuals or organizations through The University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■

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Hearin-Hess continued...

ment classes in English, geometry, algebra, calculus, biology, Latin and Greek. He played varsity baseball and participated in American Legion Baseball for two years. He was active in Mu Alpha Theta, the school choir and the Big Brother organization.

Hotard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin P. Hotard, also is a graduate of JHS, where he finished first in a class of 282. He is a National Merit Finalist and received the Harvard Prize Book for his high school achievements. Hotard was active in the Nation-

al Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta, and earned gold medals four years from participation in the National Latin Exam.

Robins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Robins, is a graduate of Collierville High School, where she finished second in a class of 337 students. She was a Tennessee Governor's School participant and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was honored for making all A's for three consecutive years and was active in the band and literary honor society. ■

Fisher Couple Remembers Son with Ole Miss Scholarship

Caroline and Jason Fisher of Fresno, California, remember when their son Bobby enrolled at The University of Mississippi and became a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.



Bobby Fisher, '61

In fact, they credit the fraternity's commitment to maintaining a high academic standing with the success their son experienced as an undergraduate student.

"He really started studying and made the Dean's List three times," said Jason Fisher. "The fraternity had the highest (academic) average among fraternities on campus and wanted to uphold its rating. Bobby and the other members were told they had to do their part."

When Bobby Fisher graduated from high school, the family was living in Memphis. Friends there convinced Bobby to enroll at Ole Miss, and his parents said he fully enjoyed campus experiences, such as fraternity activities and football weekends.

The student earned his undergraduate degree in geology and was pursuing a degree from the Ole Miss School of Law when he died tragically on Dec. 7, 1962.

"Bobby grew up as a rock hound," the father said. "When he decided to go to law school, I thought combining the geology major and the legal training really held a great deal of potential for a future career."

While almost 35 years have passed since they lost their only child, the Fishers' remembrances of their son have not dimmed. The couple recently set up the Robert Holmes Fisher/Phi Delta Theta Memorial Scholarship Endowment at Ole Miss with a \$25,000 gift.

The scholarship agreement states, "It is with these cherished memories that his parents establish this scholarship fund to assist outstanding members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity who are pursu-

ing an education at The University of Mississippi."

"We still miss him," said the father. "He liked Ole Miss so very, very much. We wanted to do something in his memory, and we thought the best thing would be to start a scholarship at the school and for the fraternity he loved."

Mrs. Fisher agreed, saying, "We were delighted to do it."

Ole Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat was a classmate of Bobby's. "I admired and respected Bobby and have never forgotten him. Throughout the years, it has been devastating when this University family has lost students, but I am thankful to know how much Bobby loved his

time here. His contributions as a student on this campus will be remembered, as his memory lives on through young men selected to receive this scholarship," he said. "We thank Mr. and Mrs. Fisher for their generosity in establishing this fund."

Recipients of the scholarship shall be initiated members of Phi Delta Theta in at least their sophomore year with demonstrated scholastic ability and leadership potential. A selection committee will nominate members to place before the chapter for selection.

"Members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity are both humbled and proud that the Fishers have set up this scholarship,"

said Rhea Tannehill, an Oxford attorney who serves as chapter advisor to Phi Delta Theta. "This scholarship will assist some deserving fraternity members and hopefully will inspire all fraternity members. Phi Delta Theta has been fortunate to have the support of alumni and their

families over the years, which has enabled us to remain involved on campus and academically competitive with other Greek organizations."

Any individual or organization can send gifts to the Robert Holmes Fisher/Phi Delta Theta Memorial Scholarship Endowment through The University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677; (601) 232-5944. ■

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Presented for the first time in 1995, the awards were established with a \$50,000 gift from Dr. Thomas F. Frist Sr. of Nashville to recognize annually a faculty member and a staff member for outstanding service to students.

A member of the Ole Miss faculty since 1991, Wakefield says

he tells each new class of students on the first day that he's available when they need him.

An Oxford native, Thurlow moved away with her family but returned to the University in 1984 and began working as secretary of the Ole Miss Honors Program and Project PACE. ■

University Advancement Welcomes New Staff

Pete Davis, Advancement Associate, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ole Miss in 1993. He joins the advancement staff after serving as Assistant Director of Marketing for Athletics, Chancellor's Intern, and Assistant Tennis Coach. His current responsibilities include fund-raising and alumni relations for the School of Engineering.



Deborah West, Advancement Associate, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Millsaps College in 1988, and a Master of Arts degree at Ole Miss in 1990. She joins the Advancement staff after serving as a grant writer in the Department of Resource Development and as an Intern to the Chancellor. Her focus will be alumni relations and fund-raising for the School of Pharmacy.



Kirk Purdom, Advancement Associate, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ole Miss in 1993. He moves to the Advancement office after two years with the Alumni Association as Alumni Assistant. His current responsibilities include fund-raising and alumni relations for the College of Liberal Arts.



Christine Ware, Records Coordinator, began working on the Ole Miss campus in 1994 in the Office of Alumni Affairs. She joined the Development office in February 1997 and her primary responsibility is coordination of the vast filing system for the Development Office.

Jennifer Traylor, Senior Secretary, joined the Development Office in March, 1997. She is instrumental in directing the flow of work by receiving all incoming mail and is also responsible for final distribution in the receipting process.



Elizabeth Gabrielly Young, Advancement Associate earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ole Miss in 1996 and a Master of Arts degree in August of 1997. She joins the Advancement staff after working in the Pre-Admissions office with the Ambassador program. Her current focus will be fund-raising for the Libraries and assisting with the Annual Fund.



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