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Chancellor Robert Khayat (right) congratulates Dr. Ronald Schroeder, associate professor of English and chair of the Faculty Application Committee, upon learning Phi Beta Kappa had granted the Ole Miss faculty a chapter. Key to the successful Phi Beta Kappa effort was the extraordinary private support from alumni and friends.

The nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society presented its "gold key" to The University of Mississippi October 21, opening the door of opportunity for liberal arts students and providing national recognition for the state's oldest public university.

Phi Beta Kappa delegates from all across the nation voted "yes" to award University of Mississippi Phi Beta Kappa faculty a coveted chapter of the liberal arts honors organization for undergraduates.

Dr. Ronald Schroeder, chair of the Faculty Application Committee, was on hand for the vote in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, along with Chancellor Robert

Khayat and other Ole Miss officials.

"We are delighted that the Phi Beta Kappa Council feels The University of Mississippi merits a chapter," Schroeder said. "It was crucial to our success that the application was driven by Phi Beta Kappa faculty, who had the unqualified support of the administration.

"We made a convincing case: The University of Mississippi is serious about liberal arts education," Schroeder said. "This also is a vote of confidence for Mississippi. It recognizes a change in attitude toward education and an educational system working toward high standards of excellence."

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## Message from the Chancellor

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Private support from our alumni and friends has enabled The University of Mississippi to enjoy one of the most exciting times in our long history. It is with profound appreciation that we at Ole Miss—faculty, staff, and students—offer our thanks to you for investing in our future.

All of us are profoundly grateful that the University has been recognized by Phi Beta Kappa. The Board of Directors of The University of Mississippi Foundation embraced the goal of attracting a chapter as the centerpiece of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*. Faculty members of Phi Beta Kappa led the effort in preparing the Preliminary Application and General Report, as well as hosting the members of the Qualifications Committee of Phi Beta Kappa who visited our campus. Dr. Ron Schroeder and his colleagues have earned the eternal gratitude of members of the Ole Miss community.

The work of our Phi Beta Kappa faculty was greatly enhanced by the outpouring of private support from our alumni and friends for needs that had to be addressed for us to be favorably reviewed. Each person who contributed time, energy, and resources to this initiative should know that this University has been enriched immeasurably by your contributions.

As you read the inspiring stories in this issue of *Foundation News*, consider what each gift will mean to the lives of our students and, therefore, to the future. For the last five years we have worked relentlessly to ensure that the University's academic reputation is strengthened and that we will be recognized as one of America's great public universities. To attain that status, we have recruited and attracted the best and brightest students in a highly competitive higher education environment, in part by strengthening the number of endowed scholarships.

Thanks to many of you, we are currently enjoying a banner year for scholarships at Ole Miss with awards to more than 7,800 students. With your help, we have established 1,545 endowed scholarships. Our scholars strengthen the foundation of the University, and everyone benefits. It takes gifted students to challenge our faculty and expand our knowledge, guide research, and improve our hopes for the future. It is our belief that Ole Miss scholars will continue to lead the nation in science and technology, in the arts and humanities, in politics, and in the business world.

Our endowment not only allows us to offer our scholars the necessary tools for learning—superior faculty, state-of-the-art research centers, dedicated staff—but to do so in a setting so unique, so vigorous, and so steeped in quality that it has no rival.

Thank you for enabling us to continue our unyielding commitment to excellence at Ole Miss.

Warmest regards,

*Robert Khayat*

Robert Khayat  
Chancellor

### *Phi Beta Kappa, continued from cover*

Schroeder praised the University's Phi Beta Kappa faculty members guiding the four-year-plus application process, as well as Khayat and others for their "remarkable job in enlisting the support of people all over the United States to provide resources for faculty salaries, new programs and facilities, and student scholarships."

Chancellor Khayat said the Phi Beta Kappa effort had been a clear statement that the University was willing to be evaluated by the world's most respected academic honor society and participate in a rigorous review of core programs.

"Today belongs to The University of Mississippi," said Khayat. "While we celebrate with students,

faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who have been relentless in their support during this long, demanding effort, we also recognize this as a new commitment to excellence, rather than a goal completed. We will continue our unwavering focus on developing extraordinary opportunities for our students." ■



# Whittens Give \$1 Million to Build Golf Center for Student Athletes

The Ole Miss golf program experienced a “hole in one” this summer with alumni John and Marianne Whitten of Sumner presenting a \$1 million gift—one of the first major contributions to a campaign attracting private support for athletics programs.

Plans call for the John Whitten and Marianne Thaxton Whitten Golf Center to be constructed near the practice greens of the University Golf Course. The facility is being designed with team meeting rooms, dressing rooms, coaches offices, and space for golf equipment repair and storage.

“Mr. and Mrs. Whitten have added tremendous momentum to our campaign by stepping forward with this extraordinary gift,” said Chancellor Robert Khayat. “We are truly grateful for their generous and thoughtful support that will provide a facility to nurture and train student athletes. Our goal is to be one of America’s great public universities, and a top-notch, balanced, competitive athletics program is a necessary element.”

John Whitten enrolled at Ole Miss in 1935 as a freshman at the urging of his cousin, the late U.S. Representative Jamie Whitten, who served Mississippi in the U.S. House of Representatives for many years. After receiving an undergraduate degree, John Whitten went on to earn a juris doctorate from the Ole Miss School of Law, where he served as the associate editor of the *Law Journal*. He met his future wife, Marianne Thaxton, on the Oxford campus. She also received a bachelor’s degree from Ole Miss.

Ole Miss Athletics Director John Shafer said final plans are

being prepared for the Whitten Golf Center, and construction should begin in the coming months.

“It is an exciting time for Ole

Keil Purdom agreed. “We are extremely excited about this generous gift to Ole Miss. We have been dreaming about a ‘new’ golf house



Chancellor Robert Khayat (from left), Ellen Whitten, and Mr. and Mrs. John Whitten of Sumner look over the architect’s drawing of the John Whitten and Marianne Thaxton Whitten Golf Center.

Miss athletics,” Shafer said. “The Whittens are perfect examples of the amazing alumni and friends who step forward with support. Their gift will greatly enhance our ability to recruit the best and brightest student athletes in the sport of golf.”

Coaches of the men’s and women’s teams say the Whittens’ appreciation and support of golf gives their programs the boost needed to compete with top schools in recruiting.

“State-of-the-art facilities are impressive to anyone, but particularly to student athletes. They want to be associated with excellence, and facilities are an important part of that presence,” said Head Men’s Golf Coach Woody Cowart. “We can’t begin to adequately express our thanks to the Whittens. It’s very special for a couple to love a university enough to provide a gift of this magnitude.”

Head Women’s Golf Coach

for several years, and now those dreams are coming true. Both programs have been very successful, and now we will be able to build on our successes,” she said.

In April, University officials announced an initiative to attract \$35 million for athletics programs as part of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*. Under the plan, other facilities to be constructed include a multisport indoor practice facility, outdoor track, and athletics administration offices, as well as renovation of the C.M. “Tad” Smith Coliseum and the Oxford-University/Swayze Field baseball stadium. An endowment also will be created to fund scholarships and maintain the new facilities.

“We are truly honored and humbled by this generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Whitten,” said George Smith, executive director of the Loyalty Foundation at Ole Miss. “What a great beginning to our capital campaign.” ■

## *Frist Foundation Continues Legacy with Gift to Molecular Biology Lab*

The late Dr. Thomas Frist, Sr., of Nashville, Tennessee, had a favorite saying: "Good people beget good people." If those words of wisdom hold true, then there must be a lot of "good people" in this world because of the kind and caring deeds of Frist.

It was in his nature to help others, said his son, Dr. Robert Frist, whether it was his compassionate bedside manner, giving away millions of dollars to those in need, or even something as simple as a kind word to lift someone's spirit.

Now through an additional gift of \$250,000 to the Frist Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory in the Department of Biology at The University of Mississippi from the Dorothy Cate and Thomas Frist Foundation, his legacy of good deeds continues at Ole Miss.

"He was a true humanitarian," said Robert Frist. "In addition to leading others to the profession of medicine, he wanted more people to get involved from an investigative science standpoint."

Dr. Gary L. Miller, professor and chair of the Department of Biology,



*Biology students will benefit from new lab.*

agreed. "The cell and molecular biology laboratory is tangible evidence of Dr. Frist's commitment to the development of young minds, to quality science education, and to excellence at Ole Miss," he said. "We are most grateful for his life and his gift to the University. Excellent university science programs require substantial resources. Private gifts, like the Frist gift, are giving us the edge in science training in the state and region."

The laboratory features five rooms: two teaching labs, one computer lab, a storage area, and a student research/cell culture area. The rooms are used each day and are highly regarded by faculty and students.

"This is one of the most comfortable and functional university teaching laboratories in the region," Miller said. "The facility is a great help in recruiting student to come to Ole Miss." ■

## Jackson Prep Student Receives Newman Scholarship



*Joel Fyke*

Thomas "Joel" Rutherford Fyke of Jackson is the 2000 recipient of The University of Mississippi's prestigious Newman Scholarship.

A National Merit Semifinalist,

Fyke is enrolled in Ole Miss' Croft Institute for International Studies and its McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College. As a Newman Scholar, he receives \$24,000 to pursue an undergraduate degree.

Fyke's earning the Newman Scholarship comes as no surprise, because he strives to be the best. While attending Jackson Preparatory School, he participated in a wide variety of activities, including Student Council; the football, basketball, baseball, and track teams; the school newspaper; and the choir.

"Joel Fyke exemplifies the ideal student that the Newman family envisioned when establishing this prestigious scholarship," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "The University is proud and pleased to welcome Joel to the student body and campus, where he is provided with an array of outstanding educational opportunities."

Created in 1983, the Newman Scholarship is one of the most lucrative in the United States. It was established to recruit to Ole Miss the state's outstanding young men and women, who often have very attractive offers from out-of-state universities. A University committee selects one scholar each year solely on the basis of merit.



## Excellence Campaign Spotlight Falls on Athletics Programs

A major initiative to attract \$30 million in private funds for University of Mississippi athletics programs was recently announced by University officials.

“With all the excitement surrounding the progress our University is making and the success of our athletics teams, we are confident our alumni and friends will step forward to accept this challenge,” said Chancellor Robert Khayat.

Vice Chancellor for University Relations Gloria Kellum said the campaign for athletics is the final component in the University’s \$200 million *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* that began five years ago. “Ole Miss teams have a rich and proud history. This will ensure a proud future,” said Kellum.

Gifts to the campaign will be used to construct a multisport indoor practice facility, a new outdoor track, golf facility, and athletics administration offices, and to renovate C.M. “Tad” Smith Coliseum and the

**‘Ole Miss teams have a rich and proud history.  
This will ensure a proud future.’**

Oxford-University/Swayze Field baseball stadium. An endowment also will be created to fund scholarships and maintain the new facilities.

Co-chairs of the campaign are Ole Miss football legend Archie Manning of New Orleans, a 1971 UM graduate, and attorney Richard Scruggs of Pascagoula, a 1969 UM graduate.

A separate project unrelated to the excellence campaign will construct a new south end zone at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium and bring total seating capacity to approximately 60,000. The stadium construction is expected to begin in December and will be financed through football ticket revenues, Rebel Club seating, and sky boxes.

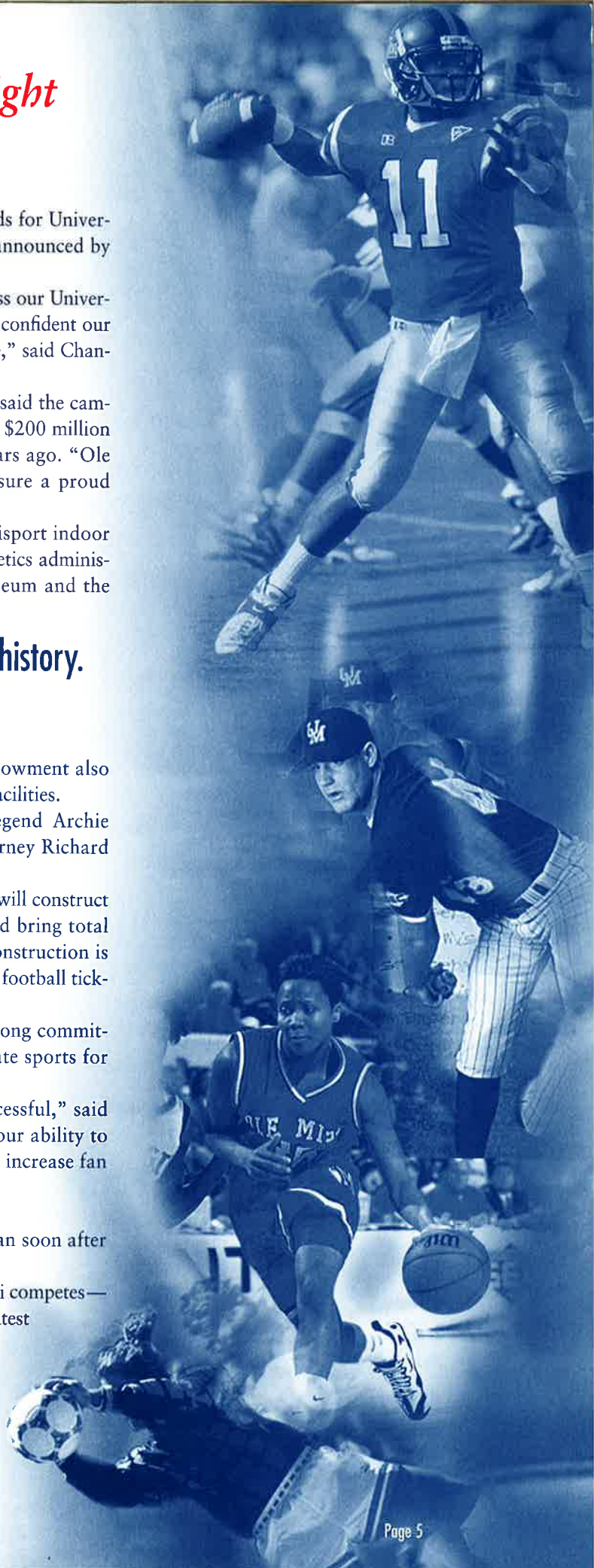
Athletics Director John Shafer called the program a strong commitment to the University’s continued success in intercollegiate sports for men and women.

“Our coaches and student athletes have been very successful,” said Shafer. “These additions and improvements will enhance our ability to recruit and compete at the highest level of the NCAA and increase fan support and enjoyment of our programs.

“It is an exciting time for Ole Miss athletics,” he said.

Chancellor Khayat said planning for the campaign began soon after Shafer was named director in 1998.

“In every endeavor in which The University of Mississippi competes—athletics, research, academic programs, or recruiting the brightest students—we expect to be recognized as a leader. It has been true for 151 years and it will be true tomorrow,” said Khayat. “This campaign will ensure that we continue to be the pride of Mississippi in the athletics arena and participants in a golden era of Ole Miss sports into the 21st century.” ■



## *Engineer, Business Leader Joins Chancellor's Trust to Make Way for Others*

University of Mississippi alumnus George Hopkins, Jr., has a simple reason for joining the Chancellor's Trust with a gift of \$25,000. He wants to give others an opportunity to attend The University of Mississippi.

A Gulfport native, Hopkins earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1950. Before college, however, Hopkins took a slight detour, serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After returning, he began tak-

Contractors of America on two separate occasions. He also was president and director of the Associated General Contractors of Mississippi, former director of Magna Bancorp Inc. and Magnolia Federal Bank, and past director of the New Orleans branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Hopkins' civic work includes a 12-year span as chairman of the Gulfport City Planning Commission, director of the local chamber of commerce, and board member of Gulf Park College.

In his spare time, Hopkins is an avid yachtsman who loves to race his sailboat. He was commodore of the Gulfport Yacht Club and president of the Gulf Yachting Association. He also finds time at least once a year to come back to Oxford to attend a football game. As always, he remains quite modest about his accomplishments.

"I've done nothing special," he said. "I've just managed to survive." ■

### **'Gifts such as George Hopkins' allow Ole Miss to be one of America's great public universities.'**

"I feel I must help those who can't help themselves," he said. "I do appreciate the education I received at Ole Miss and hope I can do the same for others."

Established in 1975, the Chancellor's Trust fund accepts unrestricted gifts to be used for the University's greatest needs.

"Gifts such as George Hopkins' allow Ole Miss to be one of America's great public universities," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "Private support provides the margin of excellence."

ing classes at Tulane University in New Orleans. He transferred to Ole Miss when he realized renowned educator Dr. Lee Johnson was head of civil engineering on the Oxford campus.

Upon graduation, Hopkins returned to Gulfport, where he joined his father's business. Today, he is president of George P. Hopkins, Inc., a contracting and engineering firm.

The engineer was named president of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter of Associated General



## *Another Ole Miss Senior Receives Prestigious Truman Scholarship*

While most college seniors dream about graduation and landing a high-paying job, a University of Mississippi student who dreams about improving the lives of others was given a gift to help make his dreams come true.

John Joseph IV, 21, of Decatur, Alabama, was named a

recipient of a prestigious Truman Scholarship in spring 2000. He is one of only 75 Truman Scholars nationwide and becomes the second Ole Miss student in two years to receive the \$30,000 award for graduate study—a prize comparable to a Rhodes Scholarship. ■

*Chancellor Robert Khayat breaks the news to John Joseph that he has been selected as a recipient of a prestigious Truman Scholarship.*



## Psychology Scholar Tapped for Inaugural Davidson Chair

The belief that liberal arts is the heart of the University led alumnus Dr. L. Stacy Davidson, Jr., of Cleveland to give \$1 million for an endowment to strengthen the College of Liberal Arts.



"My feeling is that liberal arts is the heart of Ole Miss," said Davidson at the 1995 press conference announcing the gift. "There are many outstanding

schools, departments, and centers on the Oxford and Jackson campuses, but liberal arts is the heart."

The endowment established the Davidson Chair of Liberal Arts, and longtime psychology professor Dr. Ken McGraw recently was named the inaugural holder.

"We are greatly indebted to Dr. Davidson for endowing this chair in the College as

a reflection of his belief, and ours, that liberal learning stands at the center of the academic mission of The University of Mississippi," said Dr. Glenn



Dr. Ken McGraw

Hopkins, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

"It is important, and necessary, that the holder of the Davidson Chair of Liberal Arts be a faculty member who exemplifies the ideals inherent in liberal learning. Dr. Ken McGraw—a respected and well-published scholar in the field of psychology, an award-winning teacher, and a University citizen without peer—is a wonderful choice for the Davidson Chair."

## Jones County Junior College Student Gets \$13,000 to Attend Ole Miss



On a recent visit to The University of Mississippi's Oxford campus, Kristi Hill (center) of Sumrall is congratulated by Provost Carolyn Ellis Staton on receiving the \$13,000 Community College Excellence Award to attend the Ole Miss School of Pharmacy. Dr. W. Marvin Davis (right), professor of pharmacology, also visited with Hill, who is a graduate of Jones County Junior College.

The state's largest community/junior college scholarship—\$13,000—has been awarded by The University of Mississippi to an outstanding graduate of Jones County Junior College (JCJC). Recipient Kristi L. Hill of Sumrall transferred this fall to the Ole Miss School of Pharmacy.

Another transfer award in the amount of \$5,000 goes to Laura Kathleen Peterson of Vicksburg, a Hinds County Community College (HCCC) graduate who plans to pursue a nursing degree at The University of Mississippi Medical Center.

"We are pleased to be able to assist outstanding community/junior college transfer students," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "Community/junior college transfers are among our best and brightest scholars, and we value their presence on our campus. These scholarships represent our commitment to providing educational opportunities for Mississippians."

Hill was one of two JCJC students nominated for the 1999-2000 All-USA Academic Team. She was named to Who's Who Among American Community/Junior Colleges and awarded the school's Harris-Fee Scholarship. A member of the Golden Key Honor Society, she received the Order of the Golden Key Award. The outstanding student served as president of the Rho Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and she attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute in Washington, D.C. Her other activities included membership on the JCJC Scholars Bowl Team and on the Student Government Association. She maintained a 4.0 grade-point average in pre-pharmacy. ■

## He loved to watch the Rebels *Mom Keeps Promise to Son with Donation to Athletics*

The late John Hill Chisolm had a dream. The loyal alumnus and avid Rebel fan wanted to retire in Oxford, where he could watch University of Mississippi teams play football, basketball, and other sports.

Unfortunately, Chisolm never had the chance to live out his dream. Several years after suffering a stroke from a scuba-diving accident, the judge died in December 1999 from complications of the mishap. He was 49.

However, his mother, Jean Chisolm of Brighton, Tennessee, never forgot her son's love for the Rebels or his wish to contribute to the Campaign for Athletics, which has as its goal attracting \$30 million in private funds for the University's athletics programs. She recently donated to the athletics department as part of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*.

"John Hill always loved Ole Miss," Jean Chisolm said. "His times on campus were some of the happiest of his life. After he became disabled in 1995, watching Ole Miss sports was one of the few things he continued to enjoy. Before his death, he expressed a desire to send a gift to the University."



John Hill Chisolm

Besides being contented, Chisolm's time at the University was also productive. He earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1973. He continued at the University's law school, graduating with a juris doctorate in 1976.

The Brighton native went into private practice with a fellow student and friend, Bill Peeler of Covington, Tennessee. In 1980, he was elected as a general sessions judge—the youngest one in the state at the time. In 1989, he was appointed by the governor of Tennessee as chancellor—a judge over five counties. He remained in that position until he retired in 1998.

"He was always interested in politics," Jean Chisolm said. "His father was a state senator and a member of the Tennessee House of Representative before that."

Members of the Ole Miss Athletics Department were deeply touched by Jean Chisolm's gift.

"We sincerely appreciate this wonderful gift from the Chisolm family in John's memory," said John Shafer, director of intercollegiate athletics. "We will use it to help provide first-class facilities for the Rebels that John cared so much about."

George Smith, executive director of the Ole Miss Loyalty Foundation, agreed.

"We are thankful that John was still able to enjoy watching the Rebels play before his death," he said. "We are also thankful for the generous contribution. It will help provide outstanding facilities for athletics that will made everyone proud."

For Jean Chisolm, the donation was just about being a mom. "He planned to send the gift," she said. "I was just following through." ■

## Ole Miss Friend Helps Student Athletes by Funding Scholarships



Jack DeMange

Jack DeMange of Charleston may not have attended The University of Mississippi, but that doesn't mean he isn't among its most loyal supporters. In fact, his enthusiasm for Ole

Miss led both of his daughters, Jacqueline DeMange Cole and Kay DeMange Allen, to earn bachelor's degrees from the University and led three grandchildren to attend as well.

Now, DeMange's name has a permanent home at Ole Miss with his gift of stock, valued at nearly \$95,000, to establish the Jack DeMange Athletic Scholarship Endowment.

"He has always believed that students need to be helped to get an education," said Cole. "It has always been important to him."

DeMange, a native of Arkansas, moved to Charleston to start a hardwood lumber business with his father. He became involved with the University after meeting the now late George Payne Cossar, Sr., of Charleston, an alumnus, and attending Ole Miss-related events, such as football games. He developed a great devotion to the University and became a lifetime member of the Alumni Association.

His initial financial support began after his son, Pete, died in an auto accident in 1964. With a gift of stock of approximately \$20,000, the Pete DeMange Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the young man. It is used to assist deserving men and women pursuing an education at Ole Miss.

DeMange's latest gift is part of a major initiative to attract \$30 million in private funds for Ole Miss athletics programs—the final component in the University's \$200 million *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* begun five years ago.

"For generations to come, deserving athletes will benefit from Jack DeMange's thoughtful generosity," said John Shafer, director of intercollegiate athletics.



## Building bridges

# Engineer Adds to Family Scholarship Endowment

**H**enry C. Brevard, Jr., of Tupelo believes the engineering programs at The University of Mississippi rank with the best in the South. Now with an additional gift of \$100,000 to the Brevard Family Scholarship Endowment in Engineering at Ole Miss, he is ensuring that even more students will have a chance to study in this top-rated program.

"We chose to support engineering education because of my being an Ole Miss Engineering School graduate and, more importantly, because we believe a quality engineering education prepares a student to make meaningful and beneficial contributions to the well-being of our society," Brevard said.

What exactly makes the Ole Miss engineering school excel? Brevard said the strength of the engineering program, the oldest in the state, stems from sound technical curriculum coupled with the broad liberal arts atmosphere prevalent at Ole Miss.

"Engineers need an education that includes liberal arts grounding," he said.

Dr. James Vaughan, acting dean of engineering, said the School of Engineering is becoming better known for its excellence in engineering education and research through the help of alumni like Brevard.

"The Brevard family has done so much for the School of Engineering through the scholarship program they have endowed," he said. "The Brevard scholarships have made the difference in being able to attract the best students within the state of Mississippi and the nation.

"The School of Engineering is

ready to move forward in providing new educational opportunities for the people of Mississippi, and we are ever so grateful for the Brevard family's help in making this happen."

Brevard has been contributing to society since he graduated from Ole Miss. After earning his engi-

Industries, Inc., a real estate firm holding construction-related and diversified properties.

The Ole Miss alumnus also has spent many hours working for the University. He was president of the Engineering Alumni Chapter, member and chair of the Engineering School Advisory Board, and



*The Brevard family has been loyal alumni for decades. Their generous gifts for engineering scholarships ensure students have a chance to study in a top-rated program. Henry C. Brevard, Jr., (left) of Tupelo, pictured with (from left) his wife, Beth; son, David; and daughter-in-law, Shawn.*

neering degree, he enlisted as a cadet in the U.S. Army Air Force, receiving aerial navigator wings in 1944. While in the service, he was a navigation instructor and served as a navigator on a B-29 in an overseas training program.

He began his engineering career as a bridge designer for the Mississippi State Highway Department. In 1949, he co-founded B&B Concrete Co., Inc., a diversified construction and materials supply company in Tupelo with other plants throughout Northeast Mississippi. He is chairman of the board of the company with son, David, as chief executive officer. He also is president of Concrete

president and board member of the University Foundation. In 1987, he received the University's Engineer of Distinction Award, and the following year, he was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

Throughout the years, Brevard has remained sentimental about time spent at Ole Miss. In fact, he remembers his favorite pastime on campus and that Ole Miss excelled in other areas besides engineering.

"My favorite memory has to be girl watching on a lazy spring afternoon from the north second floor windows of the Lyceum, where the engineering school was then located," he said. "Pretty coeds are not a new commodity at Ole Miss." ■

## Coveted \$32,000 Carrier Scholarships Awarded to Five Mississippi Freshmen

Five top scholars from around the state entered The University of Mississippi this fall on \$32,000 Robert M. Carrier Scholarships, which are among the Mid-South's oldest and most prestigious scholastic awards.



Allison Ellzey

The students, including twin sisters, each receive \$8,000 per year to attend Ole Miss. Selection is based on leadership qualities and academic achievements. All five incoming freshmen also are new members of the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College on the Oxford campus.

"The Carrier Scholars are an amazing group of young people," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "Besides being remarkable scholars, these students have excelled in all areas of their lives—from music to athletics to community service. We are pleased to welcome them to Ole Miss and look forward to providing them with the extraordinary educational opportunities this University offers."

Recipients of the 2000 Carrier Scholarships are

Allison and Jennifer Ellzey of Petal, Petal High School. As co-valedictorians at Petal High School, twins Allison and Jennifer Ellzey were accepted at a number of colleges, including Harvard and Duke universities. Both, however, chose Ole Miss.

For Allison Ellzey, the School of Pharmacy's early entry program, which is available to outstanding high school seniors and allows students to take some pharmacy courses their sophomore year, was the deciding factor.

"The Pharmacy School is just fantastic," she said. "I was impressed with the great faculty."

For Jennifer Ellzey, the Honors College at Ole Miss played a big role in her choice of schools.

"The Honors College allows me to be in a small community at a big University," she said. "I'll have the best of both worlds."

The sisters plan to attend medical school after graduation.



Jennifer Ellzey

"Life without being able to work with people would be really boring," Jennifer Ellzey said.

During her high school career, Allison Ellzey was a National Merit Semifinalist, STAR Student, AP Scholar, and a member of Lion's All-State Band as one of the top nine flutists in Mississippi.

As a community activist, she



Katharine Hammond

co-founded Petal High School's math and science free peer tutoring program, volunteered at Petal Parenting Center, and tutored middle school students at no cost.

Jennifer Ellzey, also a National Merit Semifinalist, STAR Student, and AP Scholar, has won numerous scholastic honors, including the advanced algebra, Spanish II, and Spanish III Highest Average awards.

Her volunteer efforts include working at Petal Parenting Center and participating in Petal's inaugural Relay for Life and Forrest General Hospital's junior volunteer program. She is co-founder of Petal High School's math and science free peer tutoring program.

Katharine Hammond of Pearl, Jackson Preparatory School. Gifted in science, Hammond is majoring in chemistry. Like the Ellzeys,



she also plans to attend medical school. "I've always been interested in science," she said.

The third generation to attend Ole Miss, she was surprised to receive the Carrier award. "I'm so excited about it," Hammond said. "I had no idea."

A National Merit Semifinalist and member of the Cum Laude Society, Hammond was ranked No. 1 in her class of 128 at Jackson Prep. While in high school, she received many academic honors, including placing second in the state for chemistry and Mississippi civics and government at the Academic Betterment Competition, and being named outstanding senator at Youth Legislature. She also has won silver medals on the National Latin exam, honors English awards, and the People's Choice Art Award at the Mississippi State Fair art competition.

Also heavily involved in community service, Hammond has worked on numerous projects for Habitat for Humanity, raised funds through walk-a-thons for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation,



*John Michael Hearne, Jr.*

and donated her time to the Midtown Daycare Center and The University of Mississippi Medical

Center (UMMC) cancer ward.

"An exceptional student, Kate strives for excellence in everything she endeavors," said Kathleen Blake, Jackson Prep guidance counselor. "She has a combination of high intelligence and oftentimes perfection of production."

**John Michael Hearne, Jr., of Ocean Springs, Ocean Springs High School.** Hearne's first choice of schools has always been Ole



*John Christian Ross*

Miss. Both his parents, Mike and Judy Hearne, graduated from the Oxford campus.

"It's kind of a fulfillment of a tradition," he said.

Also an athlete and scholar, Hearne won the Greyhound Academic Award for the highest grade-point average on his football team at Ocean Springs High School, where he served as captain. He also was one of two nominees for the Wendy's High School Heisman and was named Business and Professional Women's male student of the semester.

As representative of the student government association, Hearne, who plans to major in international studies, participated in the Model United Nations Program-World Court Justice and the Gulf Coast Band Direc-

tors Association Clinic.

When asked why he has had such a successful high school career, Hearne's answer was simple: "My parents pushed me when I was younger, and then I did it myself," he said. "Reaching a goal is satisfying. It pleases me inside."

**John Christian Ross of Madison, Jackson Academy.** A member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the Glenn Cain Scholarship for highest GPA (4.0), Ross was valedictorian of Jackson Academy. As a scholar and captain of his cross-country team, he credits his parents, Ernest and Julianna Ross, for his success.

"They placed an emphasis on academics and taught me to do what's right," Ross said. "Not only did they help me, they followed up on it."

In addition to being named valedictorian, Ross has received a host of other academic honors, including the Student Council Scholarship Leadership Award, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, and the President's Award for Educational Excellence. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar and National Honor Society member vice president.

His community activities include volunteering at UMMC and the Junior League of Jackson. As an active member of Christ United Methodist Church, he has participated in a number of community service projects sponsored by the church.

Ross, who plans to major in computer science or electrical engineering, was excited about earning the Carrier award.

"I thought I would be offered a scholarship, but never dreamed it would be the Carrier," he said. "Ole Miss has always been my top pick of universities, so I was thrilled. My parents are very happy, too." ■

She's into the business end of baseball

## Newest Day Business Scholar Sets Sights on the Major League

College freshman Salley McCullar of Water Valley wants to be the first female general manager of a major league baseball team, and it wouldn't be wise to bet against her achieving that goal.

As the newest Christine and Clarence Day Scholarship recipient at The University of Mississippi, she is off to a good start in gaining the academic groundwork she needs to succeed, not to mention getting the financial resources to cover virtually all of her undergraduate college expenses.

"I would prefer the Chicago Cubs or Milwaukee Brewers, but I'm not picky. Any big league club will do!" McCullar said. "If that doesn't happen, I either want to own an independent baseball team or be a sports producer or reporter for ESPN or another sports network."



Salley McCullar

The largest business scholarship in the state and among the top awards at Ole Miss, the Day Scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding Mississippi high school senior who displays exceptional leadership and scholarship abilities and who commits to pursuing a major in business in the School of Business Administration.

Selected from the incoming freshman class by an Ole Miss business school committee, the Day Scholar receives \$40,000—\$10,000 per year for four years of study.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred B. McCullar, this year's Day Scholar was home-schooled throughout high school using a curriculum from Living Heritage Academy of Lewisville, Texas. At Ole Miss, she is majoring in marketing communications, which combines course work from business and journalism curricula.

"The most significant adjustment for me is simply having a real teacher again. In high school, I really taught myself. My mom was my teacher in a way, but she's still my mom, you know? Now I have to please four or five different teachers and adapt to diverse teaching styles," she said.

The Day Scholarship doesn't come without strings attached. To keep it, McCullar must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average throughout her undergraduate career.

"It is a great honor and a great help. Having my undergraduate years paid for allows my family to save money for graduate school. I would have wanted to do well anyway, of course, but the scholarship is an extra incentive to focus on my schoolwork and do the best I possibly can. Almost every career involves business dealings and transactions of some kind, so a good background in business will help me in anything I do in life," she said. ■

## Campus Campaign Declared A Success



Nearly half of the 2,200 University of Mississippi faculty and staff have given cash and pledges to the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* since January 1, 1994, when the campaign began.

More than \$78,000 was given during the weeklong Oxford campus drive March 27-31, 2000, including 661 students who gave \$2,055, pushing the grand total to more than \$3 million

given by the University community since the campaign began. The students' contributions were matched with a personal check by Chancellor Robert Khayat and his wife, Margaret.

Accepting the check on behalf of the students were Sue Ellen Taylor and John Vanderloo, co-chairs of the Student Campaign.

Campaign officials reported gifts to 30 different programs, with \$40,276—including \$23,000 in rare books from Dr. Ben Fisher in the Department of English-going to the library from 36 library faculty and staff members. Other contributions included \$1,200 from faculty for a scholarship in business, \$1,000 from the students for The University of Mississippi Medical Center Children's Cancer Center, and the establishment of the Chuck Fulgham Memorial Fund for Student Excellence by the English department faculty, staff, and students.





## University Launches \$5 Million Campaign to Restore and Preserve Faulkner's Rowan Oak

A man whose grandfather was a friend of author William Faulkner and a woman who makes her home in the same neighborhood as Faulkner's Rowan Oak are leading a campaign to raise \$5 million to preserve the 156-year-old home owned by The University of Mississippi.

Campbell McCool of Atlanta and Susan Barksdale Howorth of Oxford, both Ole Miss alumni, are volunteer co-chairs, overseeing creation of the Rowan Oak Society and attracting funds for immediate repairs and long-term care. Rowan Oak is a National Literary Landmark and National Historic Landmark.

From serious literary pilgrims to curious schoolchildren, almost

long-range planning. Administered by The University of Mississippi Foundation, the society features a volunteer advisory board of alumni and friends. The program has the endorsement of Faulkner's niece, Dean Faulkner Wells of Oxford.

"I enthusiastically endorse this fund-raising project to benefit Rowan Oak. I think Pappy would be very pleased that so many people appreciate and support him and the place that he loved. I can't think of a better cause," she said.

Among funding needs are

- \$3 million to create a long-term endowment, which would generate approximately \$150,000 annually to fund all future maintenance of the property, as



Campbell McCool of Atlanta (left) and Susan Barksdale Howorth of Oxford, volunteer co-chairs of the Rowan Oak Society, join with Bill Griffith, interim curator at Rowan Oak, to discuss plans to attract funds for immediate repairs and long-term care of the National Historic Landmark.

12,000 visitors annually tread Rowan Oak's cedar-lined, gravel drive in Oxford to experience the environment of the Nobel Prize- and Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

To facilitate attracting private funds, the Rowan Oak Society has been created and will continue after the campaign to help with

well as help with much-needed additional staffing.

- \$900,000 for repairs to the main house. The biggest expense is the installation of a museum-quality climate-control system. There are several structural needs, including sagging walls and ceilings. Construction work



Rowan Oak

on historic buildings tends to be more expensive because of the slow, careful detail required.

- \$150,000 to repair the tenant house that was home to the Faulkner family nanny, Caroline Barr. Plans call for a display area for Faulkner photographs and memorabilia in this small building, as well as an ADA-approved restroom.
- \$400,000 for work on Bailey's woods, the 25 acres of woods surrounding the property, to ensure the long-term viability of the trees, walking paths, bridges, and creeks that connect the house to the University.

The Faulkner collection and Rowan Oak are among our most treasured possessions," said Ole Miss Chancellor Robert Khayat. "It is our obligation to ensure that future generations are able to know Mr. Faulkner in a way that only can be achieved by visiting his home and grounds. This project for Rowan Oak is of vital importance." ■

Passionate about a cause

## Women's Council Donor Believes in Ole Miss

**K**athryn Brewer-Black of Oxford has spent the majority of her adult life as a political activist and in service to her community. She believes in a good cause. And none is she more passionate about



Advancement Associate Ellen Rolfes (left) and Director of Deferred Giving Tony Montgomery present Kathryn Black with an 1848 Society membership certificate.

than the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy at The University of Mississippi.

In fact, council member Brewer-Black feels so strongly about

**the group that promotes**

philanthropy and sponsors programs to develop outstanding leadership qualities in students, she recently bequeathed \$100,000 in

her will to create the Kathryn H. and David J. Brewer Council Scholarship.

Named in honor of her parents, the deferred endowment is set up for students who major in liberal arts at Ole Miss. As with all council scholarships, the recipients are selected (beginning in fall 2001) for their leadership

abilities, as well as caring spirits and willingness to help others.

Throughout their college careers, the council scholars receive guidance from Women's Council mentors, who assist them in developing career paths and networking with alumni and other professionals.

"A council scholarship is the perfect vehicle to honor my parents," Brewer-Black said. "A lot of young people are very smart, but they need to be taught the qualities of leadership. We need more young leaders to whom their peers can look up."

For Brewer-Black, her ability to pay tribute to her parents' lives is especially meaningful, since neither was able to complete school at Ole Miss because of lack of funds. Her father was just 6 hours from finishing his degree when his father died—leaving the college student in charge of the family business. Brewer-Black's mother attended classes on the Oxford campus until

service and political activism. A longtime resident of Greenwood who recently moved to Oxford, Black was president of the Greenwood Junior Auxiliary and member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she worked on a number of service-related projects.

Black also was instrumental in starting a Republican Party chapter in Greenwood at the time when there were few GOP members. Since moving to Oxford, Black has become actively involved at Ole Miss. She co-chairs the Chancellor's Trust-Pacesetter Committee of the University's *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* and is a Chancellor's Trust member.

"To be a productive member of society, you have to get involved," she said.

Black's bequest makes her a member of the Ole Miss 1848 Society, which provides lifetime recognition to those who have made provisions for the University through planned testamentary

### 'A council scholarship is the perfect vehicle to honor my parents.'

her brother was old enough to start college. She stepped aside so he could complete a degree.

"Scholarships weren't available then, and students didn't work," Brewer-Black said. "They had no choice but to leave."

Luckily for Brewer-Black, her parents had the means to send her to school. She graduated with distinction from Ole Miss in 1962, majoring in English.

Since then, she has been heavily involved in both community

bequests, lifetime trusts, or other planned gifts. The 1848 Society sets no minimum gift, and there are membership benefits. For more information, contact Tony Montgomery, director of planned and deferred giving, at (800) 340-9542 or e-mail [tmontgom@olemiss.edu](mailto:tmontgom@olemiss.edu). For more information on the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy Scholarship Endowment Program, contact The University of Mississippi Foundation at (662) 915-5944 or (800) 340-9542. ■

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'Every child needs this type of support system'

## Documentary Filmmaker Directs her Support to 'Phenomenal' Women's Council Scholarship



Rachel McPherson

Rachel McPherson of New York learned the ropes of documentary filmmaking the hard way: on-the-job training in one of the world's toughest cities. That's why she is so excited about joining The University of Mississippi's Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy and being one of its first sponsors.

McPherson recently gave \$100,000 to the newly formed council, a supporting organization of The University of Mississippi Foundation, to create the Rachel McPherson Council Scholarship Endowment Fund. The scholarship is designed to assist students pursuing visual arts and choral music.

McPherson chose the council because its scholarships entail much more than awarding funds to attend school. Beginning in 2001, the scholarships will be given to young men and women who have shown leadership potential and a desire to help others. The council scholars receive lead-

ership training; and council members, as well as others from the Ole Miss family, act as their mentors.

"A scholarship packaged with mentorship and leadership is a phenomenal combination," McPherson said. "Every child needs this type of support system and guidance."

McPherson had lots of "support and guidance" while growing up in Monticello and attending Ole Miss, where she earned a bachelor's degree. However, she quickly found that helping hands were few upon arriving in New York City to pursue a master's degree in film and art. Coming from a small town, she was initially overwhelmed by the Big Apple.

"It was so rough at first," she said. "That's why I like the idea of mentorship. I want to be able to help students not only get their degrees but also connect to an urban environment—expose them to the world in whatever profession they choose."

After pursuing master's studies at New York University, New School for Social Research, and the School of Visual Arts, McPherson concentrated on her career—working on projects including off-Broadway plays, film and television programs, and feature-length documentaries. She learned as she went, quickly realizing that raising funds and securing grants were a large part of the process.

Her experiences and long hours paid off. In 1982, McPherson co- and executive-produced the feature-length documentary "Signal Through the Flames," a

film nominated for an Academy Award. McPherson also founded Southern Voices Production, Inc., which developed and produced many successful programs adapted from the works of great Southern literature.

Recently, McPherson also created The Good Dog Foundation, an organization providing professional training and supervision for adult-and-dog teams that work together to aid in the healing process of patients in need. In addition, she founded the Mississippi Picnic in Central Park in New York.

Members of the council are pleased that with all her volunteer efforts, McPherson has chosen to join and support their group.

"Rachel McPherson models the emerging voice of women in philanthropy that will lead others to Ole Miss through her incredible example," said Ellen Rolfes, University advancement associate and creator of the council.

In the future, McPherson plans to expand The Good Dog Foundation, and continue work on community-service and various fund-raising projects. She encourages others to do the same.

"As the next wave of philanthropic leaders, today's women have a unique opportunity to combine their commitment, passion, and professionalism—making a significant impact by reaching out and connecting to the world around them," she said. ■



Special memories pave the way for longtime support

## Couple who met at Ole Miss give scholarship, endow lecture series in law and accountancy

**A**lthough Sherman and Celia Muths of Gulfport grew up hundreds of miles apart, they had the same goal as children: attend The University of Mississippi.

Now the couple, who met in college, are giving others a chance to attend Ole Miss or further their knowledge with their recent gift of \$300,000. The funds will be used for a Celia Carter Muths Women's Council Scholarship in Music, a Sherman L. Muths Lecture Series in Law, and the H.E. "Gene" Peery/Sherman and Celia Muths Lecture Series in Accountancy.

"We want to return something to the University that has given us so much," Sherman Muths said.

Celia Muths agreed. "Our time at Ole Miss was special, something we will never forget. We love it and want to help where the greatest needs are," she said.

The longtime University supporters always have found immeasurable ways to "help." Sherman Muths is past president of the Alumni Association, and Celia

is co-chair of the University's *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*, which has exceeded its goal of attracting \$200 million in private support by December.

Dr. James W. Davis, dean of the E.H. Patterson School of Accountancy, said the Peery lecture series will always serve as a reminder of the Muths' dedication. Peery was a longtime faculty member in the School of Accountancy.

"That Sherman and Celia



Sherman and Celia Muths

Muths would honor Gene Peery with an endowed lecture series is quite appropriate," he said. "Gene was in their wedding. They were lifelong friends. And much more was the abiding respect that the Muths have for Gene, whose life we now know impacted so many lives."

generosity in creating the new lecture series for the law school. "Their gift will significantly enhance the intellectual life of the law school and will be an enduring legacy to future generations of law students," he said.

Sherman Muths grew up in Gulfport. His love of Ole Miss

### 'We want to return something to the University that has given us so much.'

Ellen Rolfes, University advancement associate and creator of the Ole Miss Women's Council, said Celia Muths' gift will impact lives, as well.

"The Celia Carter Muths Council Scholarship is a testimony to the spirit of a woman who selflessly serves the University in countless ways," she said.

Samuel Davis, dean of the School of Law, said he is deeply indebted to the Muths for their

came through his three uncles, who all are alumni. By the time he was in high school, Muths was regularly visiting the Oxford campus to attend football games and other events.

As planned, Muths earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and then joined the Air Force. After completing service, he returned to Ole Miss to attend law school, earning a juris doctorate in 1960.

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During his law school years, he met Celia, an undergraduate. They married his final year of school. He has fond memories of those times, including the first apartment the couple shared on campus.

"We paid \$52.50 a month," he said with a laugh.

Muths went into private practice and worked as a practicing attorney until 1990, when he became engaged in full-time business endeavors. His law school class, he said, is the only one that has met each year for a reunion. It celebrated its 40th anniversary this year.

Celia Muths also is a legacy of Ole Miss. Her father, Sam Carter, played football for the Rebels. After he returned from service in World War II, he began taking Muths and her sister to Ole Miss football games. It was serious business.

"At the first game of the season, he would remind us of the conference rules," said Celia Muths. "We had to sit and watch the game and could ask questions only at half time."

Although Celia Muths wanted to attend Ole Miss, she started college at a smaller university. By the end of her first semester, however, she decided to transfer to her original choice. She moved to the Oxford campus her sophomore year and graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in music (piano and organ).

Like her husband, Celia Muths has been a longtime supporter of the University, giving her time on a number of projects. In 1994, she was asked to co-chair the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*, which she calls an interesting experience.

"When I first heard our goal was \$200 million, I asked myself, 'Where is the man with the butterfly net? I'm going to need him,'" she said. "But people have been so receptive." ■

## OLE MISS WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR PHILANTHROPY

The Women's Council wishes to acknowledge the generous founding donors of the Council's endowed scholarship program. A bush will be planted in The Rose Garden by the chapel in appreciation of their shared commitment to the Council's mission to increase awareness of philanthropy as a force in shaping the future of The University of Mississippi.

**The Sarah Meisenheimer Council Scholarship**  
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Given in memory of his mother by Wilson Hudson Turner  
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**The Rachel McPherson Council Scholarship**  
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*For the College of Liberal Arts in visual arts*

**The Shirley Wagner Crawford Council Scholarship**  
Given by Susan Martindale  
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**The Mary Jane and Edward R. Wilson Council Scholarship**  
Given in memory of her father and in honor of her mother  
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*For an Honors College student to provide funds to study abroad*

**The Celia Carter Muths Council Scholarship**  
Given by Celia Carter Muths  
*For the College of Liberal Arts in music*

**The Mildred Center Council Scholarship\***  
Given in honor of his mother by Jerry Center  
*Undesignated*

### OLE MISS WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR PHILANTHROPY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS DEFERRED THROUGH 1848 SOCIETY

**The Kathryn H. and David J. Brewer Council Scholarship**  
Given in memory of her parents by Kathryn Brewer Black  
*For the College of Liberal Arts*

**The Lena Mitchell Marquette Council Scholarship\***  
Given in memory of his wife by Clare L. Marquette  
*Undesignated*

**The Mimi Lichterman Graves Council Scholarship**  
Given by Mimi Lichterman Graves  
*Undesignated*

**The Emma Stroud Griffin Council Scholarship**  
Given in honor of her mother by Jan Griffin Farrington  
*For the School of Education*

\*converted from a general scholarship endowment

The Ole Miss Women's Council endowed scholarships are named after a woman or given by a woman.

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'She was a real mentor to him'

## *Wife of Ole Miss Alum Creates Scholarship to Honor Secretary who Contributed to her Husband's Success*

When Shirley Wagner Crawford speaks to you, it's like she's letting you into a special world where anything is possible. She exudes a zest for living—it's in the 65 year-old's



*Susan Martindale (left) and Shirley Crawford*

movements, her sparkling eyes, and especially her smile.

Now longtime Ole Miss supporter Susan Martindale is paying tribute to the spirited Crawford, a senior secretary in the School of Business Administration, by endowing an Ole Miss scholarship in Crawford's name.

Susan Martindale of Atlanta decided to do something for the woman who contributed to her husband's success. Larry Martindale

met Shirley Crawford while playing basketball at the University. Crawford's husband, Senior Associate Athletics Director Eddie Crawford, was the head basketball coach while Martindale was a student.

"When Larry was a freshman, Shirley took him under her wing," Susan Martindale said. "She was a real mentor to him. Throughout our whole marriage, he kept talking about Shirley. He really credits her mentorship for his being able to get through college."

Crawford said taking care of the basketball players was a pleasure, not a chore.

"They were just like my children," she said. "They were always at our home. If they were sick, we took care of them. If they needed to talk about something, we

were there. We just enjoy young people."

The Shirley Wagner Crawford Endowment is under the umbrella of the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy. Beginning in 2001, Women's Council scholarships of \$5,000 per year go to men and women to attend Ole Miss. Throughout their college careers, the students receive guidance from Women's Council mentors and leadership training.

The Crawford scholarship is designed for students who have shown a spirit for life.

"We wanted to make a scholarship available to students who we felt like were always positive about life," said Susan Martindale. "We want to award intent and enthusiasm—those who are always right there to help when

something needs to be done. Often it is attitude in life that takes you places."

If she were thinking about returning to school herself, Susan Martindale might qualify for such an award. A graduate of Berry College, Rome, Ga., she has devoted countless hours to her passion: improving the quality of life for children in her Atlanta community. She serves on the boards of both the Circle for Children and Cobb Street Ministry.

The Circle for Children attracts funding for community agencies, such as this year's recipient, a home for troubled children. Martindale also has organized and solicited gifts for the organization's large Christmas parties for underprivileged children. The Cobb Street Ministry provides assistance and training to homeless mothers. Martindale also is an enthusiastic public school advocate.

She and her husband share a love for beautification, landscaping and service projects, as well as a devotion to his alma mater and its future. The two have been deeply involved with Chancellor Robert Khayat's initiative to enhance the beauty of the Oxford campus and also helped with the massive renovation plans for the Old Gym, which now is the efficient, yet stunning, Martindale Student Services Center.

For Crawford, learning of the Martindales' gift in her name is overwhelming.

"It is such an honor, I am humbled by it," she said. ■

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## Former Student, Golf Team Member Provides Resources to Athletics for Advice Received

When R. Edward Hutton, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee, needed help taking his air-conditioning company public, he turned to Chancellor Robert Khayat and Ole Miss School of Business Administration professors for advice. After that venture proved successful, he decided Ole Miss deserved a share of the profits—actually about 5,000 shares.

Hutton recently transferred stock to the Loyalty Foundation Coach's Fund, which helps supplement assistant football coaches' salaries.

"I have never been helped by as many people," Hutton said. "They were the best. I'm giving back for all the advice I received. I wouldn't have been as successful without them."

Hutton chose to give to the Loyalty Foundation because he has always been interested in sports—playing on the Ole Miss golf team two years before transferring to the University of Tennessee-Nashville.

After returning to Nashville, Hutton worked for an air-conditioning company before venturing out on his own. He created Air Conditioning Service and Donelson Air in 1990. It went public in 1996 and was sold to Lennox Industries in November 1999.

Another reason for Hutton's strong relationship with the University is his wife, Linda, who also went to Ole Miss.

"The Ole Miss tradition in my family goes back a long way," Linda Hutton said. "My parents

are graduates, my brother attended, many aunts and uncles are alumni, and now our daughter, Ashley, is a student. My grandmother still lives in Oxford, and it always seems like home when we visit."

In addition, Linda's grandfa-

Longtime supporters of Ole Miss sports, the Huttons also gave nearly \$150,000 to help build Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field and additional funding for seating and the Vaught-Hemingway Stadium expansion.



Longtime supporters the Huttons epitomize the spirit of the Ole Miss family.

ther, the late Irving Oakes, was an employee of the University. Besides his everyday duties, Oakes voluntarily manned the main gate at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium for more than two decades and became friends with countless Rebel fans.

In honor of Oakes, the Huttons recently gave \$125,000 to the University to build a picnic area surrounding the outfield of the Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field. It was officially named the Irving Oakes Pavilion during a spring dedication ceremony.

"Eddie and Linda Hutton love Ole Miss, and their gift helps assure that we will continue to have SEC-quality programs and facilities," Khayat said. "We are grateful to the Huttons for the extraordinary gift to the baseball stadium."

The Huttons' two most recent gifts are part of a major initiative to attract \$30 million in private funds for Ole Miss athletics programs. It is the final component in the \$200 million *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*. ■



## Sports Center Dedicated

Chancellor Robert Khayat and Oxford Mayor Pat Lamar (far right) were on hand at the Gillom Sports Center dedication. The athletics complex was named after former Ole Miss basketball legends Jennifer (second from left) and Peggie Gillom.



## Former football star knows education is opportunity

### New scholarship will help those with financial need



Billy Ray Adams

Being the 11th of 12 children in a single-parent home, Billy Ray Adams of Madison knows what it's like not to have the resources to attend college. In fact, he might not have had the opportunity to earn a degree without the football scholarship he received from The University of Mississippi.

Now, the former football great has made it possible for others who can't afford school to attend Ole Miss by giving \$100,000 to create the Billy Ray Adams Athletic Scholarship for fullbacks.

"I want to give back to Ole Miss for providing me with the opportunity to get an education," Adams said. "The Billy Ray Adams Fullback Scholarship is a way that I can

help others who might not have the same opportunities I was given."

John Shafer, director of intercollegiate athletics, said it is always special when a former student athlete gives back to his University. "We thank Billy Ray and the Adams family for this very generous gift," he said. "Fullbacks for generations to come will benefit from Billy Ray's love for Ole Miss."

A native of Alabama, Adams grew up in Columbus, Mississippi. At Ole Miss, he was a football star in the early 1960s. Named All-American, Adams was the No. 1 pick by the San Francisco 49ers, Houston Oilers, and the Montreal

that he would no longer play football. He took a job as a high school coach but still dreamed of professional play. Finally, after deciding the accident was fate, he chose to get on with his life. He quit his job and started working in the insurance industry.

"I quite frankly believe in destiny," Adams said. "The Lord has a purpose for everyone. Maybe I was just getting a little bit too big for my britches."

After several years working for others, Adams and a partner opened their own agency—Barksdale Bonding and Insurance, Inc., in Jackson—and have never

## 'I am the only one in my family to graduate from high school, much less college.'

Alouettes. However, his goal of playing professional football never came to be.

Just before going to New York to appear on the *Ed Sullivan Show* with the All-American team, the senior fullback was involved in an auto accident. His dreams were shattered along with his knee.

After the accident, Adams had a tough time accepting the fact

looked back. The company has been quite successful, allowing Adams to support the University.

"I came from a humble background," he said. "I am the only one in my family to graduate from high school, much less college. My brothers and sisters had to work to support the family. An education allows one the opportunity to better oneself." ■



# Pascagoula couple saves historic mansion from wrecking ball *Antebellum Home Restored and Entrusted to Caring Hands of UM Foundation*

**W**ith a historic antebellum mansion just one day away from a wrecking ball, Richard and Diane Scruggs of Pascagoula knew they had to act.

The couple purchased the Longfellow House in Pascagoula for \$200,000 to save it from being torn down. Seven years later—after a four-year, million-dollar restoration—the Scruggs have once again taken steps to see that the home is maintained by giving it to The University of Mississippi Foundation.

“We both love Ole Miss,” Diane Scruggs said. “We thought it was only logical to give the home to someone who will use it the way we would, care for it, and preserve it.”

To celebrate the gift and honor the couple, the Foundation hosted a private reception in April at Longfellow House. Hosted by Chancellor Robert Khayat, the event began with a public concert by the Ole Miss Concert Singers at First Presbyterian Church in Pascagoula.

“Mr. and Mrs. Scruggs have once again proved their extraordinary generosity,” Khayat said. “This gift is one of many that they have made to the University in our effort to become one of America’s great public universities. We are overwhelmed with their continued support of Ole Miss.”

Dr. Don Frugé, president of The University of Mississippi Foundation, agreed. “The Longfellow House is a wonderful asset for the University, and the Foundation

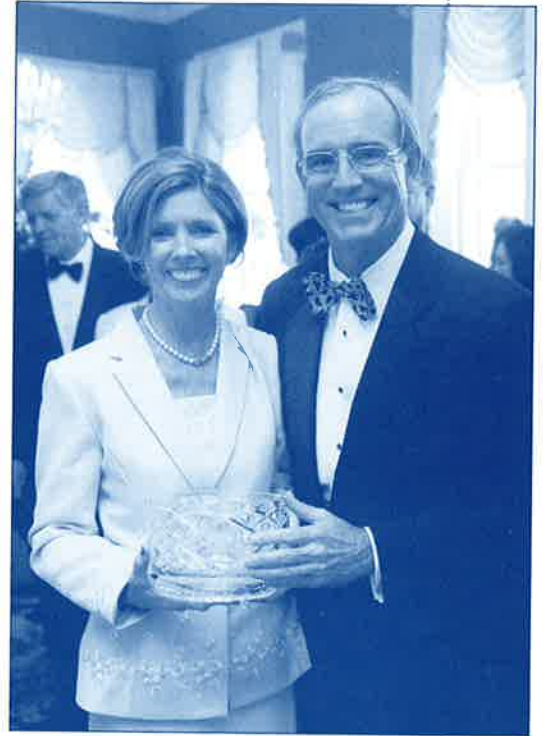
realizes and accepts the enormous challenge of caring for and preserving this historic mansion.”

The pre-Civil War house, which was completed in 1854, stands on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico and is one of the oldest homes on Pascagoula Beach. It was named after the famous poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who was falsely rumored to have stayed there while writing “The Building of the Ship.”

“We both grew up around the Longfellow House,” Diane Scruggs said about the days when the home was used as a resort. “We weren’t going to allow Pascagoula to lose such a historic site.”

Longfellow House is being operated by the University for educational purposes, such as seminars, readings, University-related receptions, and fund-raising events.

“We have accomplished our goal of not only saving the house but also restoring it,” Scruggs said. “We wanted it to be used for a multitude of projects. The view (from the house) overlooks the Gulf. We hope it can be an inspiration for novelists and poets.” ■



*Richard and Diane Scruggs*



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We would like to give special thanks to William "Rusty" Woods, one of our management information systems students, for an excellent job in helping us implement security and the online form. To view the giving form, simply go to [www.umf.olemiss.edu](http://www.umf.olemiss.edu) and click **Make A Gift**.

We hope this contribution form is an added convenience to our alumni and friends, and we welcome any comments and suggestions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at: [rguest@olemiss.edu](mailto:rguest@olemiss.edu).

Again, thank you for your support of Ole Miss.

Sincerely,

Ron Guest  
Director of Development Services



Lorrie Jerome

## New Phonathon Supervisor

University of Mississippi junior Lorrie Jerome of Horn Lake, Mississippi, recently was named supervisor of the University's Phonathon Center. Jerome supervises a staff of 15 students trained in the area of fund raising who contact alumni and friends for donations. The students work in the newly renovated Phone Center. Equipped with 14 computer stations and one server, the Phone Center is used year-round exclusively for fund-raising purposes and employs Ole Miss students. A history major, Jerome plans to attend graduate school after completing her bachelor's degree.





## Two Receive Teacher Awards from College of Liberal Arts



Dr. Glenn Hopkins (left), dean of The University of Mississippi College of Liberal Arts, presents Dr. Edmund Keiser with the Outstanding Teacher for the College of Liberal Arts Award. Accompanied by a \$750 check, the award is designed to recognize outstanding teachers in liberal arts for service to their students



Dr. Glenn Hopkins (left), dean of The University of Mississippi College of Liberal Arts, presents Dr. Holly Reynolds with the Cora Lee Graham Award for Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen. Along with the plaque, \$1,000 was given to Reynolds for her "excellence of class presentation, intellectual stimulation of students, concern for students' welfare, and fairness."

## Journalism Department Tops \$1 Million in Endowments

Scholarships available in the Department of Journalism are at an all-time high with total endowments topping more than \$1 million.

"It's a pretty important milestone," said Dr. Stuart Bullion, chair and professor of journalism. "It speaks well for the department, friends of the University, and alumni."

With this accomplishment, the department ranks first in the University's College of Liberal Arts for number of scholarship dollars.

"The fact that the scholarship endowment for the Department of Journalism now exceeds \$1 million is testimony to the high quality of the faculty and the program," Dr. Glenn Hopkins, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said. "These scholarships will benefit many generations of students."

One of the reasons for the large number of endowments is the support of the newspaper industry. The department's largest endowment, for example, is the Freedom Forum Scholarship (formerly Gannett scholarship). The nearly \$200,000 fund is designated for minority students. It is followed by the McLean Scholarship, sponsored by the McLean family, former publishers of the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal*. The \$171,500 endowment is for students in the newspaper's 15-county readership area in North Mississippi.

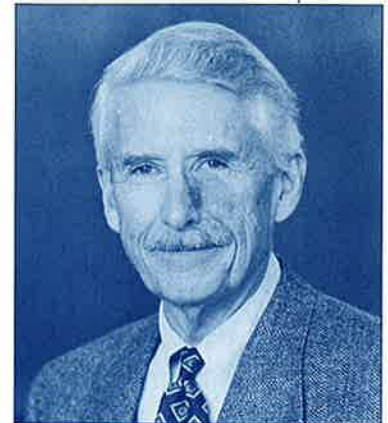
The department also recently announced a funding campaign for the Jere Hoar Scholarship in Journalism to honor the retired professor whose teaching career at Ole Miss spanned three decades. Some of Hoar's former students launched the drive, and contributions are pouring in, Bullion said.

"It's gratifying to me because, although our alumni are generally quite successful, they are not always as prosperous as contributors to programs such as the law and business schools," Bullion said. "It's a tribute to Jere and also to the Ole Miss journalism program—they know we are doing good things here."

The journalism department has offered more than 60 new scholarships for the 2000-01 school year in addition to about 50 continuing awards. At that rate, more than one-quarter of journalism students receive support from the department.

Three years ago, the journalism faculty decided to award scholarships to incoming freshmen and transfer students. Previously, awards had been made only to continuing students. Bullion said the scholarship funds are helping recruit promising young journalists.

"It is most gratifying to be able to help our students succeed," he said. "It's the best part of my job." ■



Contributions are 'pouring in' for a scholarship honoring former professor Jere Hoar.

## Saying 'thank you' to Mother and Daddy *Brothers, Alums Give School of Dentistry First Endowed Scholarship with \$25,000 Gift*

A man grateful for the education his parents provided him has made a \$25,000 gift to The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry to establish an endowed scholarship, the first for the school.

Jack V. Rice of Memphis, Tennessee, and Destin, Florida, said, "Mother and Daddy worked hard to give us an education. This is a way to say 'thank you' to them."

The scholarship honors the memory of Dr. James W. Rice, Sr., and Grace Vaughan Rice.

A native of Flora, James Rice graduated from the dental school at Vanderbilt University in 1925 and subsequently practiced at Parchman, Durant, Carthage, and Como before taking a post at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Memphis in 1948.

Jack Rice already has established a scholarship in music education at the Mississippi University for Women to honor his mother, a native of Shannon who was a 1928 graduate of MUW (formerly Mississippi State College for Women).

"I just thought it was time to do something for my father as well," he said.

Jack Rice and his brother, retired U.S. Army Col. James W. Rice, are both business administration graduates of The University of Mississippi. Jack Rice graduated in 1959, and his brother in 1957.

Dental school dean Dr. J. Perry

McGinnis said, "As educational indebtedness continues to grow for dental students across the country, this scholarship may well become the major factor in the

school; ability to relate to patients, staff, and faculty in a positive and constructive manner; and good moral character and the highest ethical and professional standards.



*Dr. Jack Rice (third right) of Memphis, Tennessee, recently establish an endowed scholarship for The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry in honor of his parents. He is pictured above with Ole Miss friends (from left) Chancellor Robert Khayat, and Jan and Lawrence Farrington of Jackson.*

decision by a deserving student as to whether or not to pursue—or even continue—an education in dentistry."

The Dr. James W. Rice and Grace Vaughan Rice Scholarship in Dentistry is designed to recognize a senior dental student with the highest cumulative academic average over the first three years of dental school from among those students eligible for the award. Other selection criteria include financial need as determined by the

Before Jack Rice's retirement, he was vice chairman of the board of Winegardner and Hammons Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and earlier was executive assistant to the president of the parent company of Holiday Inns of America. He now divides his time among New Orleans, Florida, and Memphis.

"We've always been great supporters of The University of Mississippi. This is one way I can honor my parents and my university at the same time." ■



## First Three Barksdale Medical Scholarships Awarded

### Keeping African-American doctors in Mississippi is the goal

The first three African-American students selected to receive scholarships made possible by the Barksdale Family Account in The University of Mississippi Foundation have enrolled in medical school at The University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The three students—Marcus Louis Britton, who holds the Bryan Barksdale, M.D., Scholarship; Angelica Dache Haynes, who holds the Fred McDonnell, M.D., Scholarship; and Eboni Mikelle Smith, who holds the Don Mitchell, M.D., Scholarship—will receive “full ticket” scholarships worth approximately \$22,000 for each year of medical school. The scholarships were made possible by a \$2 million gift from James and Sally Barksdale to encourage highly qualified African-American medical students to stay in Mississippi for their medical training.

“In the last 18 years, the School of Medicine has lost 80 black stu-



Dr. Wallace Conerly (far left), UMMC vice chancellor, greets Barksdale Scholars Angelica Dache Haynes (left), Eboni Mikelle Smith, and Marcus Louis Britton at the white coat ceremony for freshman medical students.

dents to medical schools in other states primarily because other medical schools offered better financial aid packages,” said Dr. Wallace Conerly, Medical Center vice chancellor for health affairs. “Once they leave the state, the chances of their returning home to practice are slim.” Mississippi needs African-American physicians, he said, to

help boost the health status of African Americans in Mississippi. The three scholarships cover the \$6,900 tuition and other expenses.

The Barksdales named the scholarships to honor the physicians in their family, Dr. Bryan Barksdale and Dr. Don Mitchell, both of Jackson, and Dr. Fred McDonnell of Hazlehurst. ■



## Medical Center Receives \$2 Million

Dr. James Hughes (left), chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at The University of Mississippi Medical Center, announced the receipt of a \$2 million gift from an anonymous donor that will fund an endowed chair in trauma orthopedic surgery and the Alan E. Freeland Professorship in Hand Surgery. Dr. Freeland (right) is professor of orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation at the Medical Center. Medical Center Vice Chancellor Dr. Wallace Conerly (center) announced the gift to the faculty during the August 31 faculty meeting.

## Jackson Attorney Jumps in to Restore Funding for Law School's Moot Court Program

Bill Dalehite could have walked away from The University of Mississippi in 1972 with two degrees



Law School alumnus Bill Dalehite (right) chose to honor Ole Miss Alumni Affairs Director Herb Dewees (center) and Associate Director Tim Walsh by creating an endowment to support the moot court program.

and no feeling of indebtedness to the institution that had prepared him for life. The successful Jackson attorney, however, is one Ole Miss alumnus who looks for ways to say "thank you" over and over.

When support for the School of Law's national moot court competition program fell through last year, for example, Dalehite recognized the loss.

"For almost 30 years, I have benefited tremendously from the entire law school experience, and I feel a special bond with the moot court program," he said. "I was chairman of the Moot Court Board as a law student, and it provided me with a very valuable practical application. I want students to continue to have this opportunity."

Specifically, Dalehite pledged \$50,000 in cash plus a planned gift of \$100,000 to support the court experience for law students. In doing so, he also chose to honor Ole Miss Alumni Affairs Executive Director Herb Dewees and Associate Director Tim Walsh by naming the gift the Lamar Order/Herbert E. Dewees and Timothy L. Walsh National Moot Court Competition Endowment.

"Both Herb Dewees and Tim Walsh prove their dedication to Ole Miss every day, and they are true supporters of the University and the law school," said Dalehite.

Dalehite's latest gift adds to his mounting support for the Univer-

sity, including joining with his law partner Jimmie Reynolds to sponsor the law school's annual Steen, Reynolds and Dalehite Trial Competition, scholarship support, and contributions to the Alumni House renovation project.

"Bill continues to overwhelm us with his generosity," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "This latest gift will help enrich our law program by giving our students invaluable court experience through the moot court competition. We are extremely grateful for this major commitment to our School of Law."

A member of the law firm Steen, Reynolds and Dalehite, Dalehite received a bachelor's degree at Ole Miss in 1965. He spent four years in the Army, including two tours in Vietnam, before completing his law degree at Ole Miss in 1972.

Dalehite served as chairman of the Alumni Association's Lamar Order during 1992-93, and he was named Law Alumnus of the Year in 1993. ■



Perry Moulds

## Journalism Grad Returns to Oxford to Work for College of Liberal Arts

Perry Moulds has joined The University of Mississippi staff as advancement associate for the College of Liberal Arts.

Moulds, a native of Gulfport, graduated from Ole Miss with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1999. Before returning to the Oxford campus, he worked as regional director for Sigma Phi

Epsilon fraternity.

Moulds said he is glad to be back at Ole Miss and is pleased he is able to work for his alma mater. "So many wonderful things are happening here," he said. "I wanted to be a part of it."

Perry can be contacted at (662) 915-5961 or by e-mailing pmoulds@olemiss.edu ■



## Family Remembers Father, Law Grad with Scholarship Endowment for Law Students



The family of the late John Scyster Throop, Jr., recently created a law scholarship endowment in his name. He is pictured with his daughters (from left) Ruth Throop Wilbourn, Carlisle Throop Parsons, and India Throop Mount.

**W**hen the family of the late John Scyster Throop, Jr., wanted to honor him, they could think of no better way than to give someone a chance to follow in his footsteps. They created the John S. Throop, Jr., Law Scholarship Endowment at The University of Mississippi.

"He was so active in the law community; it's the best choice," said his daughter, Carlisle Throop Parsons of Vance. "It is given by his children and grandchildren to ensure his name continues for generations."

Dr. Samuel Davis, dean of the School of Law, agreed. "I think it is very fitting to honor his memory by making legal education opportunities available to future law students," he said.

Besides Parsons, Throop's family includes two other daughters,

India Throop Mount of Denver, Colorado, and Ruth Throop Wilbourn of Water Valley; and five grandchildren, Scott Parsons of Arlington, Virginia; John Mount of Rangely, Colorado; Dallas Mount of Wheatland, Wyoming;

and Christy and Ashley Wilbourn, both of Water Valley.

A third-generation native of Water Valley, Throop earned a bachelor's degree in 1940 from Davidson College in Charlotte, North Carolina. Shortly after graduation, he entered the U.S.

Army, serving in the United States, Japan, Okinawa, and Guam from 1941-1946 and 1951-52.

After returning from World War II, Throop entered the Ole Miss law school, graduating in 1947. He served as president of the law school student body and Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity.

After graduation, he opened a private law practice in Water Valley. In 1977, Throop became a municipal judge, a position he held for the next 12 years. In 1984, he was named special judge in chancery court, where he served until 1998. He also was an attorney for the Water Valley School District for 15 years.

Throop provided leadership as president of the Yalobusha County Law Association. He was a member of the Mississippi State and American bar associations. Community work included serving as president of the Water Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, and deacon and deacon emeritus of First Presbyterian Church.

**'[The scholarship] is given by his children and grandchildren to ensure his name continues for generations.'**

Throop continued visits to the Oxford campus, especially during football season, and never forgot where he earned his law degree.

"He always enjoyed picnicking in The Grove," Parsons said. "And he always parked in front of the law school." ■

**'I give because of the deep sense of joy I get'**

## ***Longtime Friend of Southern Culture Center Puts her Money Where her Heart Is***

**A**ll it took was one simple remark to change Leila Clark Wynn's life, and in the long run help The University of Mississippi Center for the Study of Southern Culture.

A number of years ago, Wynn went to her father to ask him about a project she was contributing to and to gain his support. His answer was anything but what she expected.

"The person you honor has led an exemplary life," he said. "The money you give will be administered in a prudent, businesslike way. I am shocked that you would give so little."

Wynn re-evaluated her attitude on philanthropy.

"I decided to set a giving goal that seemed appropriate in comparison with all my discretionary spending," she said. "In other words, I vowed to be proactive on what I give rather than reactive to the mailings, telephone calls, and personal solicitations I receive."

**'I don't know what philanthropy looks like, but I know how it feels.'**

Proactive, indeed. Wynn's most recent gift to Ole Miss is more than \$100,000 in stock to the Center for the Study of Southern Culture. A resident of Greenville, she also supports Delta State University in Cleveland and Millsaps College in Jackson. Serious, thoughtful, well-planned giving has become a significant activity in her life, she said.

"It's not a hobby," Wynn said.



*Leila Clark Wynn*

"It's not something that fills my time since I stopped playing bridge and tennis. The day I spend with my children at our family foundation meeting is more satisfying than our gatherings at Thanksgiving or Christmas or Easter or any other time."

For the Ole Miss center, Wynn's endowment is not only welcome but also appreciated, since she has been deeply involved with it for years as a board member and former state advisory committee chair.

"Leila Wynn has been a wonderful friend of the center and has made Mississippi a better place," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "We sincerely appreciate her significant contribution to help the center strengthen its primary mission of teaching and researching the rich culture of the American South."

Wynn also has long supported the Department of Archives and Special Collections at the Universi-

ty's J.D. Williams Library. Always interested in William Faulkner—she wrote her master's thesis on the renowned author—she has donated rare Faulkner finds to Special Collections, including original manuscripts and unpublished poems, and the only known announcement of Faulkner's birth.

"She has been a wonderful donor," said Dr. Thomas Verich, head of special collections and University archivist. "It was very important to Special Collections to establish a Faulkner collection. She helped us with it. Now we have a very strong collection."

For Wynn, it's just a matter of keeping a pledge to herself.

"I want to be part of Ole Miss' move to the next level," Wynn said. "There have been so many wonderful, exciting advances making it a world-class public university."

Wynn continues to play an active role in many philanthropic projects. She is president of King's Daughters and Sons Circle Number Two Foundation and board chair of the Straddlefork Foundation.

"I give because of the deep sense of joy I get," Wynn said. "I don't know what philanthropy looks like, but I know how it feels. I have felt it a few times in my life. I feel it coming on when Willie Nelson sings 'Stardust.' I felt it the first time I held my newborn babies in my arms. I felt it when my grandmother died and ended her suffering. I feel it when I see a field of bluebonnets blooming in Central Texas. It's a feeling that I am blessed in a way I don't deserve." ■



## Lott Leadership Institute Opens New Computer Lab



Dr. Brian Reithel (left), interim director of the Lott Leadership Institute, works with a student at the institute's new state-of-the-art computer lab.

Recognizing the use of technology is one of the keys in the development of this country's next generation of leaders, The University of Mississippi has opened a new state-of-the-art computer lab for the Trent Lott Leadership Institute.

The lab has already been used by the inaugural Lott Leadership class, made up of 21 top high school students from six states. Plans are for it to be available for other Lott scholars in both high school and at the University, as well as professionals who visit the Oxford campus for leadership development training. When not in use, it will be available to Ole Miss students.

The new lab, which is housed in Connor Hall, features 17 computers—all with direct Internet access and their own server—two laser printers, a color inkjet printer, and a high-resolution scanner. It was funded by the Hewlett-Packard Corporation.

"The computer lab gives students and professionals who come to this campus an additional avenue to leadership resources they can use," said Dr. Brian Reithel, interim director of the Lott Leadership Institute and co-director of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*. "It gives them the tools and technology they need to interact effectively in this exciting new dimension of today's world."

## Once He Thought of It, It Was a Great Idea

### Sardis couple joins Chancellor's Trust

A longtime supporter of The University of Mississippi, James McClure, Jr., of Sardis had a simple reason for not joining the Chancellor's Trust: He had not thought of it.

That recently changed after McClure discussed the Chancellor's Trust fund, which accepts unrestricted gifts to be used for the University's greatest needs, with Herb Dewees, executive director of alumni affairs at Ole Miss.

"After I spoke with Herb, I said to myself, 'By jingo, I'll do it tomorrow,'" he said. "Ever since I left school and entered the real world, I've tried to support Ole Miss any way I can." McClure gave a gift of \$21,450 to join the program.

A native of Sardis, McClure grew up loving Ole Miss. His father, James McClure, Sr., was president of the Alumni Association and was deeply involved with the University. McClure came with his father to the Oxford campus every chance that he had.

"He came to visit his friend, and I just tagged along," he said.

McClure spent his freshman year at Ole Miss. But then the world went to war, and he joined the Army. After serving in World War II, McClure entered West Point. After graduation, he stayed in the Army for four years. However, his roots are deep in Mississippi, and he wanted to come home.

After leaving the service, McClure decided to attend law school. Although he wanted to enroll at Ole Miss, he was considering other schools, such as Harvard. His mind was made up, however, after he spoke to his father, who also was an attorney.

"He said, 'I might just suggest you look ahead. All the people you will be working with—fellow lawyers, judges, clients—will be from Mississippi. You don't want to start out as an outcast to these guys,'" McClure said.

After earning a juris doctorate, McClure moved back to Sardis and joined his father's practice. After serving one term as a state senator, he concentrated solely on his law career. During his tenure as a politician, though, he did more than just make laws—he met his wife, Angelé, while in Jackson.

Throughout the years, McClure has never lost contact with the University. He and Angelé, also an ardent supporter of Ole Miss, have sponsored a law lecture series, and various academic and athletics scholarships. In addition, their love for Ole Miss was passed on to their four children, who all earned degrees from the University.

"We deeply appreciate the support of Jim and Angelé McClure," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "Jim is an accomplished and respected attorney and among this University's most distinguished graduates. The McClure family has made a lasting contribution to the state of Mississippi and to Ole Miss." ■



Angelé and James McClure, Jr.

## Federal Judge and Wife Honor Khayat with Chancellor's Trust Membership

How do you thank a teacher who made a significant difference in your life?

If you are Judge Rhesa "Rees" Hawkins Barksdale of Jackson, you give others a chance to shine under the positive influence of a gifted educator. That's why he and his wife, Claire, recently joined the Chancellor's Trust.

"No better use can be made of funds than educating young people. Education is the key, more so than ever," Rees Barksdale said.

Claire Barksdale agreed. "We feel the key to Mississippi's success is through education," she said. "We are thrilled that we can help."

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and an Army veteran who served in Vietnam, Rees Barksdale entered the University's School of Law in 1970. The professor who had such an influence on his life remains on the Oxford campus, although in a different position—Chancellor Robert Khayat.

"No matter how busy, he (Khayat) always had time for his students," Barksdale said. "He



Chancellor Robert Khayat presents Claire and Rhesa Barksdale with a Chancellor's Trust certificate in appreciation of their recent gift.

lor renewed the friendship when Barksdale entered law school.

"Rees has had a remarkable career, with his appointment to West Point and his service in the Army," Khayat said. "His outstanding success could have been predicted early in his life, and all of us are fortunate that he accepted the appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit."

It was no surprise to the Barksdale family that Rees decided to attend Ole Miss, although it was rather late in their eyes. His mother and father, the late John "Jack" Woodson Barksdale and Mary Bryan Saunders Barksdale, were Ole Miss graduates. Barksdale's five brothers earned degrees on the Oxford campus, as well, and were all adamant supporters.

"I was the black sheep of the family," Barksdale said with a laugh about his decision to attend

West Point. "When I did come back to law school, I felt like 'The Spy Who Came in from the Cold.'"

Barksdale credits his mother and father, a former president of the Ole Miss Alumni Association, for bestowing to their children the desire to give back—especially to Ole Miss.

Like her husband, Claire Booth Barksdale is a graduate of Ole Miss, where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and earned a degree in social work in 1980. A native of Clarksdale, she moved to Jackson after graduation—initially to work for Manhattan Health Care Center as director of social services. She has been an active member of the Junior League for several years, volunteering for community projects, and has worked with a literacy program. ■

**'We feel the key to Mississippi's success is through education.'**

was extremely helpful to me in obtaining a clerkship with Justice Byron R. White at the U.S. Supreme Court. He was greatly admired as a professor."

The feeling is mutual for Khayat. He met Barksdale when Rees was a child. Barksdale and his brothers came with their parents to Ole Miss football games in the late 1950s and early '60s. The chancel-



Something to sing about

## Department of Music Receives Endowment from 1935 Graduate Honoring Parents

The late Dorothy Clark Thompson Keady was a modest person and probably wouldn't like her story appearing in *Foundation News*. But a gift from Keady just before her recent death creating an endowment at The University of Mississippi is a source of pride for her family.

"I think it's nice for her to be remembered in a quiet way," said her son, William Keady, Jr., of Greenville.

Dr. Steven Brown, chair of the Department of Music, agreed. "Mrs. Keady's gift, as well as the way she lived and raised her family, serves to remind us of the truly important aspects of our lives. Her modesty, simplicity, and sincerity speak volumes about this wonderful lady. While our students will greatly benefit from her gift, my deep hope is that they also are touched and inspired by the memo-

ry of Mrs. Keady herself," he said.

Dorothy Keady attended Ole Miss to study music, graduating in 1935 with a bachelor's degree in voice. While a student, she performed in a number of events at the

his sister, Peggy Keady, now a resident of Kosciusko.

Dorothy Keady may have given up her professional career but never her love of music. The longtime Greenville resident sang

**'She gave where the help was needed the most.'**

Oxford campus' Fulton Chapel.

"We still have some programs with her name on them," said William Keady, Jr.

Dorothy Keady, who began performing during her high school years, gave up her music career after getting married. Her late husband, William Keady, was a federal judge.

"After teaching one year of kindergarten, she became a full-time homemaker. She gave up her music career for us," said William Keady, Jr., referring to himself and

in the First Presbyterian Church Choir for more than 30 years.

The scholarship she created pays tribute to her parents, the late Dr. Chester Polk and Lucille Nabors Thompson. It's designed specifically for voice students from the Delta counties of Washington, Bolivar, Coahoma, Quitman, Leflore, Sunflower, Holmes, Humphreys, Sharkey, Issaquena, and Tallahatchie.

"She gave where the help was needed the most," William Keady, Jr., said. ■

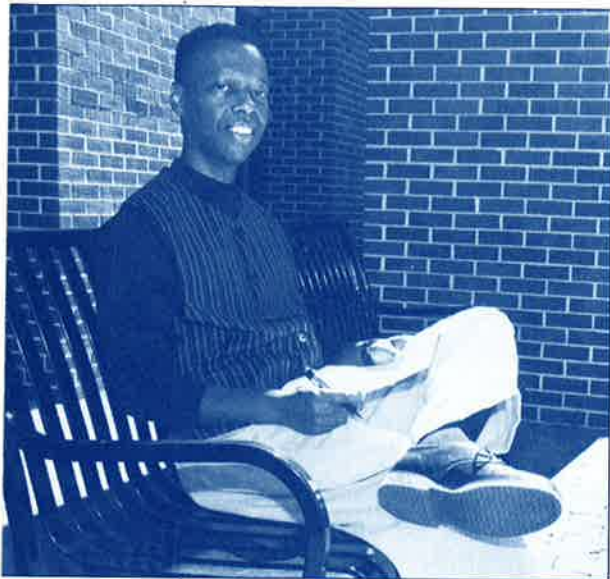


## Gift Memorializes Former Museums Board Member

Elizabeth White (second from left) of Madison and formerly of Oxford recently donated \$5,000 to The University of Mississippi Museums in honor of her late husband, James N. White, Sr. He was a longtime treasurer for the Friends of the Museums Board of Directors. She is pictured (from left) with Bonnie Krause, former Museums director, and her family, Stacey White Maris of Madison; James White, Jr., of Morganfield, Kentucky; Nancy White Hulse of Tucson, Arizona; and Thana White Cottrell of Rockledge, Florida.

Adept with words and pictures

## *Grisham Endowment Brings Poet/Artist to Teach*



*Claude Wilkinson*

Whether plumbing “the depths of human illogic” or assaying the ways of a garden slug, the poetry of Claude Wilkinson has stirred interest among literary circles and, now, among University of Mississippi students, as well.

An acclaimed poet and literary critic, Wilkinson began teaching at Ole Miss this fall as part of the Southern Writer-in-Residence Program. He is the first writer primarily of poetry to be awarded the post, which was established in 1993 with funds from best-selling author John Grisham and his wife, Renée.

Also an accomplished visual

artist, Wilkinson is adept at creating mental images—using words and language to paint pictures and stimulate the soul, said Dr. Dan Williams, professor of English and a member of the Southern Writer-in-Residence selection committee.

“As a poet and a painter, Claude Wilkinson brings a remarkably extensive range of talents to share with Ole Miss students,” Williams said. “He is particularly gifted and appropriate for the post not only because he is a Mississippi native and a graduate of Ole Miss, but also because he is a highly creative artist and an outstanding addition to our campus.” ■

## *First Graduate of International Croft Institute Continues Study of Spanish at Ole Miss*

A Gulfport resident has achieved a “first” at The University of Mississippi.

Lauren Michelle Gent recently became the first student to graduate from the Croft Institute for International Studies.

Founded at Ole Miss in 1997 with the generous support of the John C. Bancroft Charitable and Educational Fund of McComb, the Croft Institute admitted its first students in August 1998. As part of its mission to internationalize the University, the state, and the region, the institute operates a multidisciplinary liberal arts major in international studies.

“We are very pleased to have Lauren Gent as the first graduate of our international studies program,” said Dr. Michael F. Met-

calf, executive director of the Croft Institute for International Studies. “Lauren’s dedication to her work and her adventuresome embrace of the Spanish language reflect the qualities and attributes that we look for in students attending the Croft Institute.”

Gent graduated from St. John Interparochial High School in Gulfport in 1996 and entered Ole Miss’ College of Liberal Arts. The international studies and Spanish double major joined the Croft Institute when it opened in August 1998. Gent earned the academic distinction of being listed on the Chancellor’s Honor Roll for four semesters and on the Dean’s Honor Roll for two semesters.

She studied at the Universidad Autonoma de Querétaro in Mexi-



*Lauren Michelle Gent*

co in fall 1999 as part of her degree requirements. She entered the master’s degree program in Spanish on the Oxford campus this fall.

Gent is the daughter of Edward and Joy Gent of Gulfport. ■



**'No one loves Ole Miss more'**

## ***Booneville Fan Gives \$500,000 to Athletics***

Nearly 50 years ago, Douglas Jumper of Booneville thought he was in big trouble. A construction worker in Aurora, Illinois, he was asked to report to the front office to speak with the boss. Dreading the worst, he slowly walked to the main building.

Instead of reprimanding the native of Prentiss County, however, the owner of the construction company wanted to know if Jumper had ever been to a University of Mississippi football game. The 1952 team had just upset the University of Maryland—a big victory at the time. Never having stepped a foot on the Oxford campus, Jumper nevertheless said, "yes."

That night Jumper made a promise to himself. "I told my wife, Martha, 'When I get back to Mississippi, I'm going to Oxford to a ball game. So when I travel and somebody asks, I can speak intelligently about the place,'" he said.

Little did Jumper know that encounter with his boss and the pledge he made would lead to a lifelong love of football, a sport he knew almost nothing about at the time, and eventually spurred him to donate \$500,000 to the Ole Miss Campaign for Athletics.

"A successful athletics program is the marquee of a great university, and contributions are the lifeblood of an athletics department," Jumper said. "We all think of football and basketball as being revenue-generating sports, which they are. However, you have so many other sports at the University that are just as important. Athletics programs at major universities depend on private support to make them successful."

Jumper has been quite successful himself. By 1958, he returned to Mississippi to start his own business—S&J Steel Building, Inc., which still prospers today. He semi-retired from S&J to start a property-management company with his son, Art.

Since attending his first Ole Miss football game, Jumper has only missed about 10 home contests and the same number of road games. Throughout the years, he has become friends with all the

special to Ole Miss and to me personally."

Another friend at the University is Chancellor Robert Khayat. "Doug Jumper has been a consistent, generous, and loyal supporter of the University as long as I can remember," he said. "I value not only his friendship, but his great love of Ole Miss. His gift will help assure that we will continue to have SEC-quality programs and facilities."

Although Jumper never had a

### **'Athletics programs at major universities depend on private support to make them successful.'**

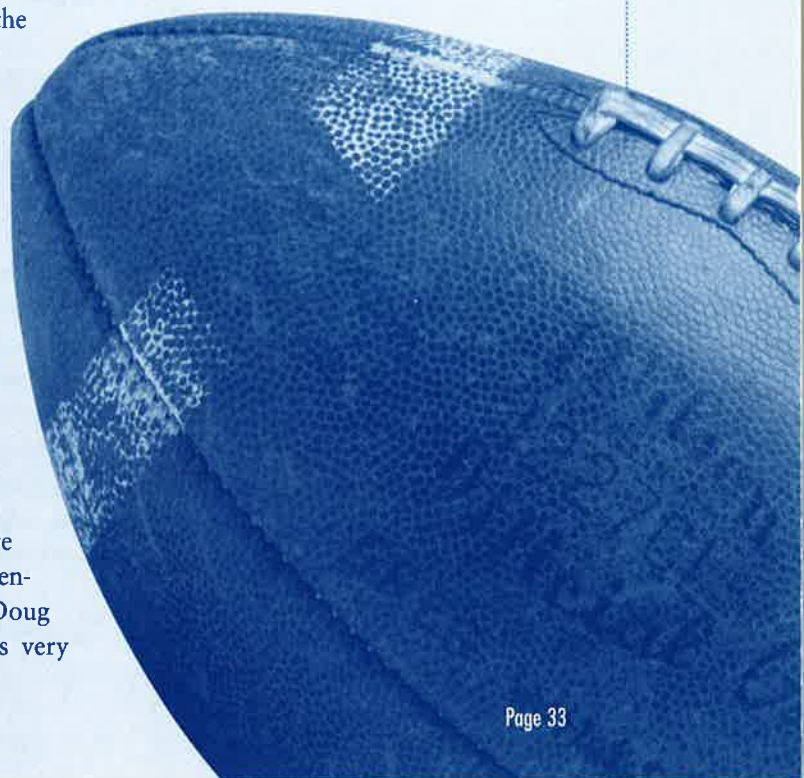
football coaches, including current Head Coach David Cutcliffe.

"I have been as close to Coach Cutcliffe as I have been to anyone who has ever been here," he said. "I have really grown to appreciate him as an individual and a coach. I'm looking forward to him doing great things."

Besides Cutcliffe, Jumper has endeared himself to the entire intercollegiate athletics department on the Oxford campus.

"Since the day I was hired, Doug Jumper has been there with his total support," said John W. Shafer, director of intercollegiate athletics. "No one loves Ole Miss more than Doug. We appreciate his generous gift. Whenever we need him, Doug steps forward. He is very

chance to attend Ole Miss, his son, Art, did. And his grandson, Doug, plans to enroll at the Oxford campus next fall, which makes the former construction worker quite proud. "They're all Rebels, through and through," he said. ■



'She is passionate about her students'

## *Marketing Professor's High Standards, Caring Ways Earn Outstanding Teacher of the Year Honors*

Dr. Faye Gilbert—an associate professor of marketing known for her enthusiasm and high expectations in the classroom—was named the 2000 Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher of the Year in Honors Day ceremonies.

"I don't provide a warm and easy climate in the classroom. I put consistent pressure on students to learn more," Gilbert said. "In trying to make education relevant and challenging, I hope students learn to trust me and know I am not asking them to do more than they are capable of."

An expert on consumer behavior, Gilbert joined the Ole Miss School of Business Administration faculty in 1989 with a teaching philosophy strong on work ethic and responsibility, as well as creative approaches to challenges presented by a constantly changing world. While setting rigid standards for students, she ensures the



*Dr. Faye Gilbert*

course work is steeped in real-world situations.

Gilbert's main line of research centers on finding out how best to ask consumers what they want.

"I have always believed that I don't have to 'sell' you anything if I understand your needs and create a product that better meets those needs than anyone else," she said. Her teaching focuses on the

flashpoint where theory meets practicality as she provides students the skills with which they can rise to a higher level of achievement. "There is no greater joy than seeing students' faces turn from a look of fear into an intense pride of what they have accomplished," she said. "The confidence generated is just amazing."

Gilbert's ability to connect with students on a fundamental level is the key to her effectiveness, said Dr. Keith Womer, interim dean of the School of Business Administration. "She is passionate about her students. She demands that students work hard in her classes because she cares about their progress. Students respond to her with renewed effort because they know she cares. The mutual respect generated as a result is her secret to success. We can all learn from her formula," Womer said. ■



*Vicki Sneed*

## *New Major Gifts Officer for Business Is Former Banker*

With 32 years of experience in the financial services industry, Oxford native Vicki Sneed has joined The University of Mississippi as the major gifts officer for the School of Business Administration.

A graduate of the Ole Miss business school herself, Sneed spent the last six years as vice pres-

ident and director of sales and marketing for Union Planters Bank, a six-county bank headquartered in Tupelo. Previously, she was a longtime vice president for First National Bank of Oxford. She can be contacted at (662) 915-6722 or e-mailing [vsneed@bus.olemiss.edu](mailto:vsneed@bus.olemiss.edu). ■





## Message from Don L. Frugé President/CEO, The University of Mississippi Foundation

**T**hanks to you, our wonderful alumni and friends, private support reached an all-time high at the University during the last fiscal year. You never cease to amaze me with your generosity and love of the institution we fondly call Ole Miss, and your leadership certainly played a pivotal role in the affirmative vote by Phi Beta Kappa.

Last fiscal year, 19,759 alumni, friends, corporations, foundations, and estates provided \$94.9 million in private gifts, more than 2½ times the previous year. Our permanent University and Foundation endowment grew to \$291 million as of June 30, 2000. Both of these benchmarks help solidify the University as a great public institution.

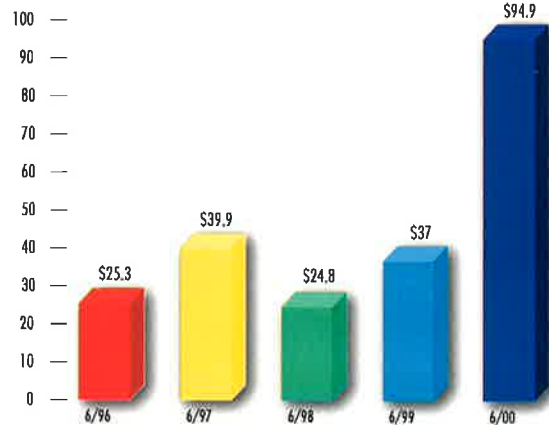
The true measure of the benefits of your generosity, however, can be seen in the lives you touch on campus. The student scholars who would not be at the University without financial aid, the wonderful faculty and staff who would not be at Ole Miss or have the tools to be role models and teachers, the researchers who would not have the library resources or that special piece of equipment to do important research are all examples of the impact of your gifts.

As we enter the final few months of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*, our hope is that all 70,000 alumni and 20,000 friends will want to be included in the final listing of those who supported this successful and important capital campaign. The campaign ends December 31, 2000, but any written pledge before this date will qualify you as a supporter. If you have not done so, please send your pledge card today.

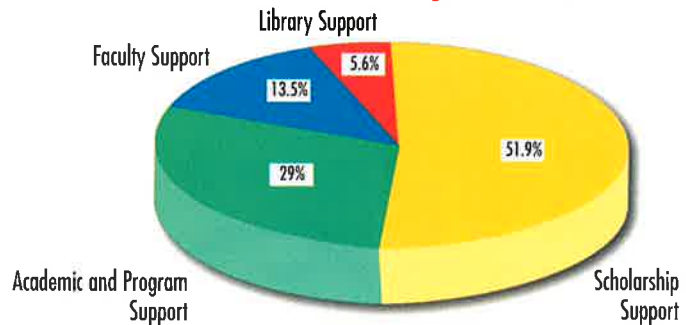
Thank you for providing the margin of excellence at The University of Mississippi.

*Don L. Frugé*

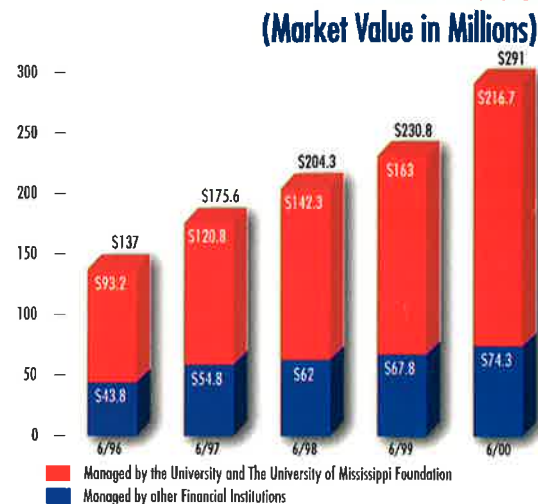
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