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Members of the Ole Miss family gather to celebrate the successful completion of the Commitment to Excellence Campaign.

First there were gasps, then thunderous applause. There were broad, happy smiles, and even some eyes shining with tears.

It's not every day that alumni, friends, students, faculty, administrators, and staff find out that their passionate efforts on behalf of The University of Mississippi have attracted \$525.9 million.

The announcement came in a dramatic moment in The Grove during Celebration Weekend, when volunteer leaders Dr. L. Stacy Davidson, Jr., of Cleveland, George P. Hewes III of Jackson, and Celia C. Muths of Gulfport revealed that

31,843 donors had generously contributed to the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*—so generous, in fact, that the total was more than twice the original goal of \$200 million.

In response, Chancellor Robert Khayat said, "Our graduates and friends, as well as our students, faculty, and staff, joined together and worked tirelessly to attract the investments we need to be a truly great public university. Gifts ranged from \$1 to those at multimillion-dollar levels. The most important aspect was that every contribution was given from the heart with the belief that excellence is

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Jackson Fans Score Their Own 'Touchdown' with \$1 Million Gift for Athletics Campaign

Jackson, Mississippi, businessman Carl Herrin and his wife, Nancy, have enjoyed countless Saturdays each fall watching the Ole Miss football team battle SEC rivals and other teams from across the nation.



Carl (left) and Nancy Herrin of Jackson, Mississippi, recently provided \$1 million for the Ole Miss Campaign for Athletics.

The couple has reaffirmed their longtime support of Ole Miss and its athletics program by providing \$1 million for the Campaign for Athletics, a major initiative to attract private funds for athletics programs, facilities, and scholarships.

"Carl and Nancy Herrin are true friends and loyal fans. They have helped The University of Mississippi and our athletics programs for many years," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "Now

they have increased their support of Ole Miss through this marvelous million-dollar gift. We are deeply grateful for their generosity and vision. Their investment in this university will have a dramatic impact on generations of our student-athletes, as well as enable us to provide state-of-the-art athletics facilities on campus."

The businessman owns Herrin-Gear Lexus, Herrin-Gear Infiniti, Herrin-Gear Chevrolet, Hallmark Toyota BMW Kia, and Saturn of Jackson, and Centraplex Ford in Killeen, Texas.

Before this most recent gift, the Herrins have supported an array of Ole Miss academic and athletics programs, including the Vaught-Hemingway Stadium expansion, Loyalty Foundation, Chancellor's Trust, Ole Miss Associates and Partners, John Vaught Scholarship Fund, and Chucky Mullins Fund.

"Carl Herrin and his family have supported Ole Miss athletics for many years because they are strong believers in our student-athletes and in our programs," said John Shafer, director of intercollegiate athletics on the Oxford campus. "We appreciate this family's loyalty and continued commitment to helping us build for the future."

The Campaign for Athletics has as its goal attracting \$30 million. 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 Oxford-Univers-

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

"We are thrilled by the generosity of Carl Herrin," said George Smith, executive director of the Loyalty Foundation. "Carl is a longtime supporter of Ole Miss athletics, and a gift of this magnitude early in the campaign will provide many opportunities for the athletics program. We are grateful to have Carl on our team."

Senior Athletics Director Eddie Crawford agreed, saying, "Carl Herrin is a true friend to all of us in the Ole Miss family. He continues to help us with his time and resources."

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 and '76 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.

"Our coaches and student-athletes have been very successful," said Shafer. "The 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." ■



Message from the Chancellor

The entire University community joins me in a resounding “thank you” to all 31,843 of you who invested in the University’s future by contributing to the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*. During our recent Celebration Weekend, a three-day event for alumni, friends, students, faculty, and staff to mark the latest accomplishments of the University, we announced a record \$525.9 million in donations to the campaign. This more than doubles our original \$200 million goal and is by far the largest campaign for any public or private university or college in Mississippi.

Every aspect of life at the University—including the Medical Center and the Tupelo and Southaven campuses—has been dramatically improved by this campaign. The Oxford campus is benefiting from more than \$200 million in construction and building improvements, the creation of the Croft Institute for International Studies and the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College, the \$100 million from Jim and Sally Barksdale for creation of the Barksdale Reading Institute, the \$30 million Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts—all key additions and improvements that will profoundly affect the quality of students we both attract and graduate.

Our graduates and friends, as well as our students, faculty, and staff, joined together and worked tirelessly to attract the investments we need to be a truly great public university. Gifts ranged from \$1 to those at multimillion-dollar levels. Every contribution was given from the heart and with the belief that excellence is within our grasp.

The following are a few examples of how private funds can alter life at Ole Miss. The next time you visit the Oxford campus you might find

- A law student arguing her case in moot court. This valuable, practical program was resurrected recently by a donation from a Jackson attorney to enrich the existing Ole Miss law moot court program by giving students an opportunity to participate in national moot court competition.
- A Southern studies student researching the rich musical culture of the blues—made possible, in part, by a generous private donation.
- A member of our tennis team improving her game on the indoor courts built with the funds from the campaign for athletics.
- An African-American medical student pursuing his M.D. without worrying about loans and debt thanks to a full-expense scholarship funded by a private donor. This scholarship stipulates that recipients commit to practicing medicine in Mississippi, addressing the health disparities that continue to plague our minority population.
- A student researcher testing a theory at our cutting-edge molecular biology lab, one of the most comfortable and fundamental teaching labs in the region. The lab was funded completely by a friend of Ole Miss.
- A group of students mesmerized at a poetry reading given by the United States Poet Laureate—a visiting poet program funded by a private donation from one of our country’s best and most well-known writers, a graduate of Ole Miss.
- An engrossing lecture being given by an Asian economist at the Croft Institute for International Studies.
- A performance by the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra at the Gertrude C. Ford Performing Arts Center.
- An ecumenical worship service at the newly constructed Paris-Yates Chapel and Peddle Bell Tower.
- A football fan reviewing the progress on Vaught-Hemingway Stadium’s latest expansion.
- A top student including Phi Beta Kappa on his resume.

Because of these and countless other improvements, innovations, programs, scholarships, and facilities, the University’s national reputation has been significantly altered by the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*. Every beneficiary joins me in thanking you.

Warmest Regards,

Robert Khayat

Robert Khayat
Chancellor

'Students were his top priority' *Family Enhances Scholarship in Memory of Former Chair of Pharmaceuticals Department*



Dr. Robert Cleary

The late Dr. Robert Cleary, former chair of pharmaceuticals at The University of Mississippi, was dedicated to his profession, family, and God, and a valued member of the School of Pharmacy faculty. Unfortunately, his life was cut short in an airplane accident in 1992.

Through gifts of Walgreens' stock by his widow, Joan Cleary, the professor's name lives on at Ole Miss with the creation of the Robert W. Cleary Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment. It is awarded to full-time students admitted to the professional pharmacy program as selected by a scholarship committee.

"He was a wonderful teacher," said his wife, who lives in Oxford. "Students were his top priority. The use of Walgreens' stock and reinvesting it to further pharmacy education is a fitting tribute to my husband."

Dr. Walter Chambliss, associate director of the UM National Center for Natural Products Research and professor of pharmaceuticals, studied under Cleary. He said the late professor was the single most influential person in his professional life.

"Dr. Cleary is the main reason I chose to pursue a doctorate in pharmaceuticals at Ole Miss after receiving a bachelor's degree in pharmacy," he said. "He would not accept me into the doctoral program until I demonstrated that I was dedicated to graduate studies. He told me, 'Go out and make money practicing pharmacy and call me when you are willing to give up a good salary and borrow money to go to graduate school.'"

Robert Cleary joined the Ole Miss faculty in 1973. He earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and his master's and doctorate at Ohio State University in Columbus. Before becoming a professor, he worked for Sandoz and Mallinckrodt—two pharmaceutical companies.

"He felt he couldn't teach pharmaceutical chemistry unless he worked in the industry," Joan Cleary said.

"His industrial experience was very valuable in his ability to teach not only theory but also practical applications," Chambliss added.

In addition to teaching, Cleary was involved in Rho Chi, serving as one of its national officers. "Dr. Cleary was dedicated to Rho Chi and both the undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Pharmacy," Chambliss said. "He maintained a balance between his work and family that I admired very much."

For more information on the Robert W. Cleary Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment, contact The University of Mississippi Foundation at (662) 915-5944. ■

Band Launches Drive to Raise \$2 Million in Scholarships

Supporters of The University of Mississippi's Pride of the South band believe that plans to relocate cramped facilities to a newly renovated building will be a prime drawing card for prospective student musicians.

The promise of a full scholarship could be enough to push UM to the top of their lists.

In an effort to launch an ambitious \$2 million endowed scholarship fund, the Friends of Note band boosters in March invited band alumni to a fund-raiser held at the Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

The gathering was part of the Band Hall Renovation Initiative, a campaign that specifically targets donors who already are dedicated UM band supporters.

The new band hall, which is being constructed in the School of Education's former gymnasium on University Avenue, will serve the needs of the 260-member band, which has continued to excel despite crowded facilities. Once the entire education building is renovated, it will become home to the UM Department of Music.

For information on making a contribution to the Friends of Note Scholarship Endowment, call The University Foundation at (662) 915-5944 or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu, or go to the UM Foundation website at www.umf.olemiss.edu, where you can make a gift online.



Bankers Association, Luckyday Foundation Endow Frank R. Day/MBA Chair of Banking

The Mississippi Bankers Association (MBA) and The Luckyday Foundation announced a \$2.2 million gift in January to endow the oldest state association-sponsored chair of banking in the United States and to name it after the association and a longtime Mississippi banker, the late Frank R. Day.

The University of Mississippi's Frank R. Day/Mississippi Bankers Association Chair of Banking, as it will now be called, was established by the MBA in 1957. Since that time, the chair has promoted banking through undergraduate instruction, continuing banker education, and consumer education.

"Today's endowment brings permanence and stability to the existing chair and continues a 43-year-old tradition," said W. Page Ogden, MBA president, at a Jackson, Mississippi, press conference.

Day was an Aberdeen native who gave 40 years of service to Trustmark National Bank, rising to chairman of the board and CEO before his death in 1999. He was a graduate of Ole Miss.

University faculty. The chair teaches undergraduate banking courses and serves as the director of the MBA-sponsored Mississippi School of Banking. The chair also provides an association-sponsored curriculum used to educate schoolchildren and consumers about banking and financial matters.

"This investment in the education of future bankers serves as a remarkable tribute to a banking leader whose passion was helping the young people of Mississippi," said Chancellor Robert Khayat.

Dr. Keith Womer, interim dean and professor of business administration, applauded the association and foundation for the gift and announced that Dr. Robert O. Edmister, current holder of the MBA Chair of Banking, will continue in his leadership role through this newly named chair.

Edmister taught on the faculties at Purdue and Ohio State universities, as well as the University of Maryland, before joining the Ole Miss business school. The finance professor was selected for the MBA Chair of Banking in

day Foundation in 1978, which established the Luckyday Scholarships in the UM School of Education, the Day Scholarship in the University's School of Business Administration—the largest undergraduate business scholarship in



Dr. Robert O. Edmister currently holds the Frank R. Day/Mississippi Bankers Association Chair of Banking position.

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MBA members have given more than \$1.5 million over the years to support the chair. Job responsibilities of the holder of the chair include conducting banking research and serving in a tenure-track position on the Uni-

versity faculty. The chair teaches undergraduate banking courses and serves as the director of the MBA-sponsored Mississippi School of Banking. The chair also provides an association-sponsored curriculum used to educate schoolchildren and consumers about banking and financial matters.

In addition to his banking career, Day sought ways to help young people in their educational pursuits. He founded The Lucky-

day Foundation in 1978, which established the Luckyday Scholarships in the UM School of Education, the Day Scholarship in the University's School of Business Administration—the largest undergraduate business scholarship in Mississippi—and, just recently, a new Luckyday Scholarship program (see story on page 19) for all academic majors with 80 percent of the awards to be need-based. Day provided support to numerous other universities and schools, as well as individuals and organizations.

After graduating from Ole Miss, Day completed the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and served on the MBA Executive Committee. He provided leadership as a board member and past president of The University of Mississippi Foundation and as a member of the Ole Miss School of Business Administration Advisory Council. He was inducted into the Ole Miss Alumni Hall of Fame in 1986. ■

\$25,000 to be used for University's greatest needs *Sons Lead Father Back to Ole Miss, Chancellor's Trust Gift Follows*

After graduating from The University of Mississippi in 1967, Smith McGehee of St. Louis lost touch with his alma mater. But that all changed when his two sons began attending school on the Oxford campus in the early 1990s.

Since that time, McGehee has become actively involved and recently became a member of the Chancellor's Trust with a gift of \$25,000. Established in 1975, the Chancellor's Trust fund accepts unrestricted gifts to be used for the University's greatest needs.

McGehee first returned to the University when his son Michael visited as a prospective student. McGehee and his wife, Janet, believed Michael would choose Southern Methodist University, but Ole Miss was the winner.

"He liked the reception he received and the feeling of friendliness," McGehee said.

The couple's older son, Robby, currently a driver in the Indy Racing League, was attending Vanderbilt University at the time. But he, too, decided to join the Ole Miss student body. The brothers started the same year.



Smith McGehee

"It was really a good feeling," McGehee said. "They were initiated in Kappa Sigma (fraternity) the same night and graduated at the same time. It was a great experience for our family."

McGehee quickly caught up on University life after the more than 20-year absence. He began attending athletics events and reunited with old friends. He also met Chancellor Robert Khayat through Michael, who served as Associated Student Body attorney general. Khayat and McGehee have remained in touch since that introduction.

"I really respect Dr. Khayat," McGehee said. "He has made such a difference. I figured his judgment on where the funds are needed the most is much better than mine."

For McGehee, a native of Centerville, Mississippi, his "judgment" in selecting Ole Miss as his own college of choice was not a tough one. He had wanted to attend UM since he first sat on the sidelines of an Ole Miss football game as a teen.

At 14, his father died and the family moved to St. Louis. However, McGehee remained sure of his decision and returned to the Magnolia State for college.

After earning a bachelor's degree in accounting, McGehee was drafted and served in Vietnam. Upon returning to St. Louis, he joined his uncle's insurance business.

Today, McGehee is president of Huntleigh/McGehee Inc. He has developed another tie to his alma mater by giving lectures on timely insurance topics to Dr. Larry Cox's risk management classes, and Ole Miss students have interned in his office.

"I love to remain involved," he said. ■



From Student Worker to Staff Member

After raising more than \$100,000 for academics, Lisa Rene Gooden of Greenville, Mississippi, was named student supervisor of the University's Phonathon Center. A 2001 graduate of The University of Mississippi, she aided in the supervision of 15 students trained in the area of fund raising. She is now employed by UM's Office of Development Services as senior secretary. An English major, Gooden will attend graduate school at Ole Miss in the fall.

Lisa Rene Gooden

Electrical Engineer Known Worldwide Named Dean of Engineering

An electrical engineer and international authority on antenna design and theory has been named dean of the School of Engineering at The University of Mississippi.



Dr. Kai-Fong Lee

Dr. Kai-Fong Lee, a native of Hong Kong and formerly chairman of the electrical engineering department at the University of Missouri, Columbia, began his new job in January.

"After an intense national search, we found one of the nation's leading engineering educators to take our program to the next level," said Provost Carolyn Ellis Staton.

Lee holds a doctorate in electrical engineering from Cornell University. His bachelor's and master's degrees, also in electrical engineering, are from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to lead the School of Engineering in the 21st century," said Lee. "The school has a solid foundation to build on, including the quality of the students, the quality of the faculty, and the national recognition attained in several research areas. My vision is to build the school into one that will be recognized as among the best engineering schools in the South."

Southern Culture Center Names Gammill Gallery in Honor of Longtime Supporters

The University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture (CSSC), which for 25 years has benefited from the tireless support and unyielding vision of a Hattiesburg, Mississippi, couple, celebrated the pair April 27 by naming an exhibition hall in their honor.

The former Barnard Gallery, which is located in Barnard Observatory on the UM-Oxford campus, was renamed the Lynn and Stewart Gammill Gallery in commemoration of its longtime benefactors.

Since the mid-1970s, when the Center for the Study of Southern Culture was first established, the Gammills have championed center initiatives and assisted in resource development efforts on its behalf. Early on, the couple envisioned the center as a leading long-term regional resource, with the study of the South central to its prominent role, said Dr. Ann Abadie, CSSC associate director.



Stewart and Lynn Gammill

"It was Lynn's idea to create a center advisory group to promote awareness of the center and its goal of furthering understanding of the South through study, celebration, and historical documentation," Abadie

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The Gammills' generosity has made possible numerous projects, including the completion of the award-winning signature publication, the *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture* (1989), for which Lynn Gammill's mother, Dorothy Crosby, was influential.

Prospective donors who wish to make tax-deductible contributions to the Lynn and Stewart Gammill Gallery Fund should send them to: The University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677-0249. Gifts also may be made online at www.umf.olemiss.edu. ■

A gift for a 'place of the heart' *Former Stockbroker Joins Chancellor's Trust*

It never occurred to Michael Ellis of Jackson, Mississippi, to go to college anywhere but The University of Mississippi. A native Mississippian, he was introduced to Ole Miss at an early age by his father and uncle, both alumni, and he grew up watching the great football teams of the '50s and '60s.

It also was natural for the retired office manager of Merrill Lynch to join the Chancellor's Trust with a recent gift of \$25,000. Established in 1975, the Chancellor's Trust fund accepts unrestricted gifts to be used for the University's greatest needs.

A member of the UM Business Advisory Council and the University Foundation Board, Ellis said he has witnessed the progress the University has made over the past five years, including major improvements in academics, athletics, and the campus itself. He credits Chancellor Robert Khayat's passion for excellence for all the positive changes.



Leigh Anne Ellis with dad, Michael Ellis

"My family's unrestricted gift is a way for us to give something back to Ole Miss, plus express our gratitude and support for the outstanding leadership role that Chancellor Khayat is bringing to Ole Miss," Ellis said.

As he always wanted, Ellis came to the Oxford campus, graduating in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He launched his career in New Orleans with a bank. After a presentation to a Merrill Lynch representative, Ellis was asked to join the brokerage firm.

"I began as a 24-year-old stockbroker in New Orleans," Ellis said. "Over my 27 years with Merrill Lynch, my career took me to Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, California, and now back to Mississippi. We've enjoyed every place we lived, but it is great to be back home."

Like the rest of his family, Ellis has a deep love for Ole Miss.

"It's been said that Ole Miss is not so much a place as it is a place of the heart," he said. "I agree with that."

Now his love of Ole Miss continues through his daughter, Leigh Anne Ellis, a sophomore and the third generation of the family to enroll. Like her dad, she has become enamored of the University.

"Her first year, she sent me a note that read, 'Dear Dad, thank you for introducing me to the most wonderful place on earth,'" Ellis said. ■

Campaign Co-director Gets New Job as Associate Vice Chancellor

A University of Mississippi faculty member who served as co-director of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* for the last five years has been named associate vice chancellor for university relations.

Dr. Brian J. Reithel, associate professor of management information systems, will continue to serve the University's resource development efforts and



Dr. Brian J. Reithel

maintain his faculty responsibilities, announced Vice Chancellor for University Relations Gloria Kellum.

"The success of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* was a team approach, and Brian Reithel was a vital part of the team," said Kellum. "His ability to work with faculty, staff, students, and alumni to develop partnerships for private support was evident throughout the campaign."

With the change in title and continued advancement responsibilities, Reithel will remain closely involved in developing resources from private sources, including individuals, corporations, and foundations, Kellum said.

The five-year *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* concluded December 31, with the final total more than double its \$200 million goal.

Reithel said he was eager to continue the progress and success generated by the campaign.

"I am pleased with the opportunity to use my professional expertise to further the use of the web and other forms of electronic communication to build and strengthen UM resources," Reithel said. "Our ability to use these new avenues of communication will be a major element in the University's future success in raising private support."

Examples of the technology-based methods are found in the University's new online giving program.

A New Mexico native, Reithel is a 1985 cum laude graduate of Eastern New Mexico University and earned master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Tech University. He joined the UM business faculty in 1991.

Senior Recognizes Counselor, Mentor by Endowing Women's Council Scholarship

Senior Scott Walker considered Sue Hodge a friend and mentor. As an academic counselor for the School of Business Administration, she not only guided the Ocean Springs native through the logistics of choosing the best classes and schedule but also took time to inquire about his personal life.

Walker didn't forget Hodge's many acts of kindness. When he heard about the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy scholarship program, which includes mentoring for its scholars, he knew he had found a way to honor her for helping him grow.

He recently created the Sue Hodge Women's Council Scholarship for students in business. How is Walker, who won't graduate until December, able to afford such an endowment? The managerial finance major's \$100,000 gift was deferred through an Ole Miss giving program. Students buy a



UM senior Scott Walker presents his friend and mentor, Sue Hodge, academic counselor for the School of Business Administration, with a scholarship named in her honor.

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life insurance policy with small monthly payments, making the UM Foundation the owner and beneficiary, and proceeds go to the University.

"I don't know when I would have been able to give that much money to Ole Miss, but this (the student life insurance program) is a good way to do it now," Walker said.

Hodge actually came into Walker's life by design. He had heard of the academic counselor's kindness through older friends and University recruiters. Upon

arriving on campus, he sought her out.

"I don't really think I was supposed to go to her, but she welcomed me anyway," Walker said.

The pair formed a bond. When Walker lost his bid for Associated Student Body (ASB) president in a

runoff last year, Hodge was there for him. When Walker realized he needed an additional semester to complete degree requirements, Hodge came through again.

"She made me realize it was only an extra football season," he said. "She is a close friend and is always supportive."

Hodge learned about the scholarship in a presentation by Chancellor Robert Khayat of a plaque embossed with her name. It will be placed by a rosebush in a special garden on the Oxford campus. Each \$100,000 gift to

the Women's Council will be represented in the garden.

The scholarship in Hodge's name couldn't have come at a more opportune time. Her husband, the late Eldrid Hodge, was gravely ill when she learned of the gift. He died just a few days later.

"It was divine intervention" Hodge said. "God has his hand in everything that happens. My husband was so proud. After we learned of the scholarship, it was like he knew he didn't have to worry about me any more. He knew there would be people who care around me, and I could draw strength from good things happening."

Walker said he will always remember the moment his mentor received news of the scholarship.

"I have never felt better about anything I have done in my life," he said. "It is the most self-rewarding feeling knowing you are helping someone." ■

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Thinking outside the gift box

Student Wraps Up Scholarship Endowment as Christmas Present for Grandmother

Susan Keith, a managerial finance major from Long Beach, wanted to give her grandmother something special for Christmas last year. She knew the holidays had been rough for Dorothy Graham



Dorothy Graham Brown and granddaughter Susan Keith

Brown of Pass Christian since her husband, Keith's grandfather, died on Christmas Eve four years ago.

So instead of the usual outfit or even household appliance, Keith came up with a gift that truly touched her grandmother's heart. On Christmas eve, Brown learned that her granddaughter had endowed an Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy Scholarship in her honor.

With the deferred gift by Keith, Brown's name is forever associated with the university from which Keith graduated in May. In addition, a plaque embossed with Brown's name is to

be placed alongside a rosebush planted in a special garden on the Oxford campus.

"My grandmother is the most giving person I have known in my entire life," Keith said. "That's why I think it is appropriate to name an endowment after her. She has shown me the importance and rewards of giving, especially in something for which you truly believe.

"The holidays, especially the last four years, have been a special time for my family—a celebration of his (Robert Ewing Brown's) life and our lives together," Keith added. "I was excited to have the opportunity to give her something she will not only enjoy, but also something special that can be named after her."

After reading about the council en route to a University-sponsored leadership program in Washington, D.C., this summer, Keith knew it was a group she would like to support. However, the required amount to endow a Council Scholarship is \$100,000—an amount the 21-year-old believed was way out of the league of someone who does not begin her first "real" job until June.

However, fate played a hand. While on the same trip, Keith met Ellen Rolfes, founding council member and UM advancement associate. Rolfes explained there are a number of ways to give to the council and even several options for someone who cannot endow a full scholarship at this time.

"I told Ellen that when I make my first million dollars, I would endow a scholarship," Keith said. "She turned around to me and asked, 'Why don't you do it now?' I thought she was pretty crazy."

Crazy, indeed. Rolfes explained that Keith could invest in a life-insurance policy with a minimum payment each month. After Keith's death, the proceeds will go to the University.

"I think it is amazing the deferred payment plan is available," Keith said. "Almost any student can afford the insurance premium because of his or her age."

"Every time I see Susan Keith involved in a project, I know it is worthwhile and will be a success," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "She has made significant contributions to life at Ole Miss, and I know she is destined for leadership."

Rolfes said the emergence of young philanthropists, such as Keith, has a positive impact the future of UM in infinite ways.

"Susan Keith is a leader in this movement," she said. "The Ole Miss Women's Council is grateful to receive the first student endowment from such an extraordinary role model of new alums."

"It is important in life to feel like you are making a difference," she said. "I really feel the students who will be council scholars are going to be blessed. Their journey at the University will be so much more rewarding and fulfilling than students who have come before them." ■

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Women's Council Scholarship Honors Former Sardis Couple

Ole Miss announces that a scholarship honoring former Sardis residents Mary Jane Short Wilson and her husband, the late Edward R. "Brut" Wilson, has been established at the University. Beginning in the fall of 2001, a qualifying student, male or female, from Panola County will be awarded an annual scholarship of \$5,000, generated from a \$100,000 gift donated through the Women's Council for Philanthropy.

Longtime residents of Como and Sardis, the couple married shortly after high school. Soon after, Mr. Wilson volunteered in the military and served overseas



Edward R. "Brut" Wilson

during World War II, returning home to work as a rural mail carrier. The subsequent illnesses of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson prevented

the continuing of their own formal educations; but it became their top priority for their children, a daughter who graduated from Ole Miss with a B.A. and master's in education and a son who graduated from The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson with a doctorate in anatomy and a medical degree. University scholarships, grants, and graduate assistantships made all of this a reality.

"With my husband's encouragement, I wanted to establish this scholarship in honor of mama and in memory of papa," their daughter said. "They valued education, and we are all grateful for the help and kindness my brother and I received at Ole Miss."

The Wilsons participated in church and civic activities throughout the county, began a low-income housing project, and quietly gave to many people in Panola County. Mrs. Wilson, now of Birmingham, Alabama, fondly remembers the family, friends, and good life they had there. So it naturally follows that an undergraduate or graduate student from this area will be the annual beneficiary of this Ole Miss Women's Council Scholarship.

Mrs. Wilson's daughter attended the first meeting of the Women's Council, was attracted by the unique mentorship of this program, and realized this as the best opportunity for her to give back. The scholarship program began last year with the formation



Mary Jane Short Wilson with daughter, Meredith

of the Ole Miss Women's Council, a group of 25 women with Ole Miss connections who promote philanthropy and sponsor programs to develop outstanding leadership qualities in students. Each council scholar will be assigned a mentor from the Ole Miss community to guide the student in developing a career path and networking with alumni and other professionals. Each recipient also participates in seminars developed through the University's Lott Leadership Institute and meets monthly for small-group discussions. ■

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Scholarship will provide financial support, mentoring *Family Honors Mom, Wife for Loyalty, Love, and Support*

How does a family honor a mom and wife for all the love, attention, and care she has given over the years? The Brevards of Tupelo,



Elizabeth Brevard

Mississippi, thought an excellent idea was to establish an Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy Scholarship.

With their \$100,000 gift, the family recently created the Elizabeth B. Brevard Council Scholarship. Elizabeth "Beth" Brevard's name will now be forever linked to the university where her husband, Henry Brevard,

and son, David Brevard, are alumni. In addition, a plaque embossed with her name is to be placed alongside a rosebush planted in a special garden on the Oxford campus.

David Brevard, who is past

president of the Alumni Association and a member of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* steering committee, said when he and his father first discussed the Women's Council scholarship program, they immediately thought of his mother.

"The scholarship program gave my father, sister, (Elise Smith of Ridgeland, Mississippi), and me the opportunity to do two things. First, the chance to support our university and provide additional scholarships. And at the same time, have the opportunity to honor ... the greatest mother in the world," said Brevard, who is president of B&B Concrete Company, a family business headquartered in Tupelo.

The Brevards chose a Women's Council scholarship because they liked the idea that students receive leadership training and are assigned mentors from the Ole Miss community.

"It adds a whole new dimension, a new perspective. I predict it will bear considerable fruit in the future," said Henry Brevard.

"Bearing considerable fruit" is exactly what the council intended when it was formed last year. The group of 25 women with Ole Miss connections promotes philanthropy and sponsors programs to develop outstanding leadership qualities in students.

For Beth Brevard, having a scholarship named in her honor was quite a surprise.

"It made me feel very humble, and I questioned whether I was deserving," she said. "On the other hand, I was really delighted

they wished to do so."

Beth Brevard may not have attended Ole Miss, but that doesn't mean she isn't one of its biggest fans. A native of Shannon, Mississippi, and the daughter of a UM alumnus, she hoped to attend Ole Miss but selected Mississippi University for Women instead.

"I planned to stay one year and transfer to Ole Miss, but World War II came along, and I just stayed for four years," she said.

She met Henry Brevard when he was a sophomore at Ole Miss. The two married in 1946. Throughout the years, Beth Brevard has been deeply involved in her community. She taught Sunday school for 26 years, served as president of the Junior Auxiliary, and, for the last 19 years, has volunteered in a hospital emergency room. She also became an ardent UM fan, attending countless football and basketball games, helping Henry Brevard with his volunteer work for the University, and even being officially adopted into the Ole Miss family by the late Chancellor Porter L. Fortune, Jr.

Like his son, Henry Brevard, founder of B&B Concrete and an engineering graduate, also has continued his affiliation with Ole Miss, serving as chair of the University Foundation Board and the Engineering Advisory Board. He, too, is pleased with the scholarship.

"Beth has tremendous loyalty to the family," he said. "There is inspiration from her standing next to us whatever our endeavors. We are grateful for that." ■

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Scholarship Created for Aspiring Teachers Who Delay Getting College Education

Emma Stroud Griffin of Meridian, Mississippi, always dreamed of completing her college degree. But time and history seemed to work against her.

The fifth of eight children born to a small-town physician, she began college while the country was trying to cope with the Great Depression. World War II followed, and Griffin traveled with her husband, who was in the U.S. Army. During this time, she also had two children and became a full-time mother.

Throughout the years, Griffin never gave up the promise she made to herself to earn a college degree. Nearly 20 years later, she fulfilled that dream by graduating from The University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in education.

Now her daughter, Jan Griffin Farrington of Jackson, Mississippi, pays tribute to her mother's spirit and determination by endowing an Ole Miss Women's



Emma Stroud Griffin

times, women feel opportunities are lost to them once they take on the responsibilities and obligations of starting a family. I want to provide a scholarship for someone to do the same thing as my mother—go back and finish a degree when the time is right.”

Griffin grew up in a family that placed a high priority on education. However, when Griffin graduated from high school in 1932,

‘I want to provide a scholarship for someone to do the same thing as my mother—go back and finish a degree when the time is right.’

Council for Philanthropy Scholarship in her name. The \$100,000 deferred gift, set up through the University's 1848 Society, will be designated for nontraditional students majoring in education.

“I admire Mother because she always wanted to go back to school, but devoted her time and effort to raising us (Farrington and her brother, Joe Griffin) and helping her community and church,” Farrington said. “Often-

she already had two sisters in school. It was decided she would attend Holmes Junior College, where her uncle was dean and her aunt a professor.

After completing two years at Holmes, Griffin studied for another year at Mississippi State College for Women (now Mississippi University for Women). She then attended UM for a semester but left to take a teaching job at a country school in Lone Star.

After two years of teaching, Griffin married. For the next 18 years, she devoted time to her family, church, and community. It was not until her youngest child left for college that she went back to school. With the encouragement of her husband and children, she completed her degree and returned to teaching—a profession she adored.

Farrington said endowing the council scholarship is the perfect way to honor her mother, especially since students who receive it will be chosen based on leadership potential and the desire to help others.

“Obviously the reason I want to honor my mother is because I love her very much,” Farrington said. “But above that, I always appreciated what she did for other people. She not only taught us to appreciate how fortunate and blessed we are, but that to whom much is given, much is required. She didn't just say it. She taught by example.”

Farrington is married to fellow Ole Miss graduate Lawrence Farrington. They both have remained deeply involved with various programs at the University. She most recently helped found the Women's Council for Philanthropy.

“The council gives women the opportunity to do what they do best—nurture,” Farrington said. “We want to mentor, provide scholarships, and open doors for young men and women. Our goal is for every student to have the care, the guidance, and means to fulfill his or her dream.” ■

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Joy in Helping Others Transcends Alumna's Death Through Scholarship Endowment

The late Marianne Byham Tillman loved her job as a speech pathologist—especially helping children. So it's quite appropriate that through a new University of Mississippi scholarship named in her honor, others will have the chance to assist those with speech and language disorders.

The Marianne B. Tillman Scholarship in Speech and Language Pathology Endowment was recently created by her husband, Dr. Larry Tillman of Chattanooga, Tennessee, family, and friends with a \$10,000 gift to the University. It is designated for students who are pursuing majors in speech and language pathology.



Marianne Byham Tillman

Before Marianne Tillman died of complications from breast cancer in August, she talked with her husband about how she could continue to make a contribution to the profession she loved. Creating the scholarship was an easy decision.

"Ole Miss has been very good to our family," said Tillman. Both he and his wife earned graduate degrees from UM. "We decided it was a fitting way to give back something to the University. She liked the idea of helping Ole Miss students going into her profession."

For Marianne Tillman, speech pathology was much more than a job.

"I'm not saying this just because I was her husband," Tillman said. "She was a very talented speech therapist. She had a unique gift. She could reach out to people and especially connect with children."

Marcia Jenison, who was Marianne Tillman's boss at Associates in Communications Therapies in Chattanooga, agreed.

'She could reach out to people and especially connect with children.'

"She was the consummate professional," Jenison said. "Speech pathology was her life. She was a model for all of us."

Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations and professor of communicative disorders, had Tillman as a student. "I'll always remember Marianne as a warm and positive person who loved to learn. She was a joy to teach because of her thirst for knowledge."

For the future, Tillman hopes that others will contribute to the scholarship—not only to help students enter the speech and language pathology profession but also as recognition and celebration of Marianne Tillman's life.

For more information on how to contribute to the Marianne B. Tillman Scholarship, contact The University of Mississippi Foundation at (662) 915-5944. ■

UM Gospel Choir's First CD Rates Grammy Nomination



After spending 25 years stirring local and regional audiences with its rousing songs of praise, The University of Mississippi Gospel Choir had realized a long-held goal when it finally recorded a CD inside a professional studio.

But now, four years later, the 60-member student singing group can wave much more than its shiny CD to prove it has promise: It also boasts a coveted Grammy Award nomination.

When the 43rd Annual Grammy Awards ceremony aired in February from the Staples Center in Los Angeles, "Send Up the Praise," the choir's first CD and produced by the Jackson, Mississippi-based Malaco Records, was one of the five nominees for Best Gospel Choir or Chorus Album of the Year.

In addition, NBC's "Today Show" aired a piece on the Gospel Choir on the morning of the Grammy Awards program. An NBC crew visited the Oxford campus to film the choir for the piece that ran almost five minutes, giving the University national exposure.

The Gospel Choir, which does not hold auditions or award students academic credit for participation, achieved notice in 1999 as the first college gospel choir to sign with a major gospel record label. Dr. Ethel Young-Minor, the choir's faculty co-adviser, said she thought it remarkable that the students achieved a bid for what is considered the recording industry's most prestigious award.

Governor officially reopens the Lyceum

Restoration of 'Symbol of Higher Education' Celebrated with Rededication Ceremony

The Lyceum has always been at the heart of The University of Mississippi, so it was appropriate that rededication of this hallowed hall was a highlight of Celebration Weekend, April 27-29.

An \$11 million, two-year restoration project of the UM-Oxford campus' most revered landmark—the only remaining structure of the original five campus buildings built in the 1840s—was celebrated during a formal ceremony April 27.

Governor Ronnie Musgrove, along with other local, state, and higher education officials, was on hand to reopen the Lyceum, which was restored with funds appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature. Dr. David Sansing, UM professor emeritus of history, spoke about the building's background.

Student musicians and vocalists performed prior to and during the ceremony, and the University's ROTC color guard also participated.

"The Lyceum is the symbol for Ole Miss and to some degree, the symbol for higher education in Mississippi," said Dr. Gerald Walton, UM provost emeritus who was involved in the restoration project. "It is the oldest building at a state-supported institution of higher learning in Mississippi, has served every possible academic purpose, and has been the home of many ups and downs during a period of more than 150 years.

"It is altogether appropriate that the legislature provided funds for a major restoration of the stately old building, with hopes it will continue its significance for centuries to come."

Although the Lyceum's essential design remains unchanged with renovation, the interior floor plan has assumed a new look. The building was strengthened and restored in many areas, while some rooms completely changed format.

"The renovated building has a more open feel with a good deal of space for public events and with more spacious rooms for the chancellor, the vice chancellors, and other officials with offices there," Walton said.



The Lyceum

The Ionic Greek Revival-style building, highlighted by the stately, fluted columns for which it has become known, was designed by architect William Nichols and completed in 1848. Oxford resi-

dents closed down the activities of the town and walked to the campus to participate in the laying of the Lyceum cornerstone in 1846. The structure originally housed all classrooms, laboratories, and administrative offices, in addition to the library and the geology museum. As the first building on

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campus, it was the academic center of the University.

By 1858, the building was lengthened by one-third. North and south wings were added in 1904, and the columned facade on the west was completed in 1923. When University classes were suspended for four years during the Civil War, the Lyceum served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate troops.

Following the dedication, it once again houses administrative staff, including Chancellor Robert Khayat. Student services units—such as the offices of Admissions, Registrar, Bursar, and Accounting, and the Career Center, formerly located in the Lyceum—remain in the Martindale Student Services Center, which was known as the "Old Gym" before a \$7 million renovation transformed that building in the late 1990s. ■

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within our grasp. Every aspect of life on the Oxford campus and at The University of Mississippi Medical Center has been improved, while we've expanded campuses in Tupelo and Southaven.

"I believe it is fair to say that the national reputation of The University of Mississippi has been significantly enhanced," Khayat con-

'We planned, we dreamed, and we were willing to look at ourselves to see what needed to be done differently.'

tinued, "and we feel better about ourselves as a result of the *Commitment to Excellence* campaign."

The campaign total was announced during Celebration Weekend, three days of events for alumni, friends, students, faculty, and staff to mark the accomplishments the University has achieved in recent years. The campaign—which was introduced publicly on November 6, 1998, the University's 150th anniversary, and ended December 31, 2000—created what is being called a "renaissance" at the state's oldest public university.

The momentum created by Khayat's leadership, the Sesquicentennial, and the capital campaign resulted in the highest enrollment on record in 2000-01 (13,928 systemwide and 11,405 on the Oxford campus, with 12.2 percent African Americans); the granting of a prestigious Phi Beta Kappa chapter; a revitalized campus with almost \$200 million in construction and renovation; and funding for new programs, such as the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College, Croft Institute for International Studies, Trent Lott Leadership Institute, and the Institute for Racial Reconciliation.

"In the College of Liberal Arts, the campaign has made possible things that seemed at one time impossible: faculty raises to bring salaries closer to the Southeastern average, new faculty positions, the ability to recruit and retain talented new chairs and faculty and to support their work, scholarships for students, and the list goes on," said Dr. Glenn Hopkins, dean of liberal arts. "But perhaps no gift was more significant than the optimism that came with knowing that our friends and alumni value our commitment to our students."

The campaign was driven by a host of alumni volunteers, with Davidson, Hewes, and Muths serving as co-chairs of a national steering committee.

"The success of this campaign shows the devotion and commitment so many people have to Ole Miss," said Hewes. "We are very fortunate to have such loyal and commit-

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The bells are ringing *Newly Dedicated Chapel, Bell Tower Provide Space for Spiritual Reflection*

The University of Mississippi opened the doors to an all-faiths chapel and celebrated completion of the Oxford campus' newest landmark in an April 28 ceremony.

In the heart campus, the Paris-Yates Chapel and Peddle Bell Tower offer a quiet place for prayer, meditation, and worship.

"The chapel provides an open,

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stimulating, and challenging environment in which our students may develop mentally, physically, and spiritually," said Dr. Don Frugé, president of The University of Mississippi Foundation.

"We have nearly two dozen student religious organizations on campus, and the chapel provides every one of them with a spiritual home in which they may seek peace, guidance, trust, and wisdom, all of which are necessary for success in our 21st century world," Frugé said.

Actually, it was faith and perseverance that brought about completion of the \$3.6 million Paris-Yates Chapel and Peddle Bell Tower. In 1975, students selected construction of a chapel as their legacy to Ole Miss and raised \$12,000 for a Chapel Fund.

The following year then-chancellor Porter L. Fortune, Jr., appointed a committee to develop plans for the chapel's construction.

The committee decided a traditional structure was needed for interdenominational worship services, and rooms for prayer, meditation, Bible study, small discussion groups, counseling, and weddings.

A year later Chancellor Fortune announced a \$500,000 fund-raising campaign and proclaimed December 7, 1977, a campus day of prayer for the chapel's realization.

But private support was not forthcoming, and it was 18 years later that the vision of the Class of 1975 was revived.

With financial commitments in 1995 from three alumni—Henry Paris of Indianola, a member of the original 1976 chapel commit-

tees, William G. Yates, Jr., of Philadelphia, Mississippi, soon joined the effort.

Ground was broken in September 1996, and W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Co. began building the chapel, which contains a 200-seat sanctuary, as part of a new quadrangle west of the library.

One of the chapel's crowning touches is a gift from Frank and Marge Peddle of Oxford—a 50-foot bell tower and a 36-bell carillon on which a carillonneur can perform special music. The bells also ring out the hour through a computerized, automatic system.

Another jewel is a pipe organ made possible by the family of Gene L. Davidson of Tallahassee, Florida, and by Sandra and Bill Johnson of Atlanta in honor of Larry and Susan Martindale, also of Atlanta. The chapel garden's statute was sculpted by Oxford artist Rod Moorhead through the generosity of James F. and Peggy H. Adams of Destin, Florida.

All the costs of the Paris-Yates Chapel and Peddle Bell Tower are from private gifts.

On April 28, the chapel doors opened to the pealing of bells, ringing out a message of intellect and faith, which also formed the foundation for the University's creation in 1844. Although the decision was controversial, the University's first curriculum included a course on the evidences of Christianity, and four of the institution's first five presidents were ministers.

Intellect and faith—these two enduring principles—remain firmly rooted in UM's culture today and are responsible for other accomplishments in recent years. ■



Students of all faiths join hands for the dedication of the new chapel.

tee; his son, LeRoy H. Paris II of Jackson; and J. Stacy Davidson, also of Jackson—the site for the chapel was chosen. Another prominent alumnus and owner of one of the South's largest construction

Journalism Scholarship Established to Honor Longtime Publisher

A scholarship fund honoring one of the state's brightest newspaper editors has been created to assist journalism students at Ole Miss.

Charlie Dunagin, retired editor and publisher of the McComb Enterprise-Journal, has been instrumental over the years in contributing to the professional development of young journalists. Now a scholarship fund bears his name.



Charlie Dunagin

"This is a wonderful way to honor one of Mississippi's great newspaper publishers," said Dr. Stuart Bullion, chair of journalism. "The fund embodies two of Charlie's passions—newspapering and his alma mater."

The initial \$10,000 gift for the Charles M. Dunagin/Ventress Order Scholarship in Journalism endowment came from Emmerich Newspapers Inc.

"Many people who have worked at the Enterprise-Journal have benefitted from Mr. Dunagin's leadership and talents," said Jack Ryan, Dunagin's successor at the newspaper. "So we really like the idea of saluting his work by being able to help reporters of the future with their education."

Dunagin, a 1957 Ole Miss graduate, worked for daily newspapers in Jackson and Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Jacksonville, Florida, prior to joining the McComb newspaper as managing editor in 1963. He held that post until 1978, when he succeeded J. Oliver Emmerich as publisher.

In recent years, Dunagin has received the Silver Em, Ole Miss journalism's highest award, and was inducted into the Mississippi Press Association Hall of Fame.

Any individual or group can contribute to the fund through The University of Mississippi Foundation. For details, contact UM advancement associate Perry Moulds at (662) 915-5961.

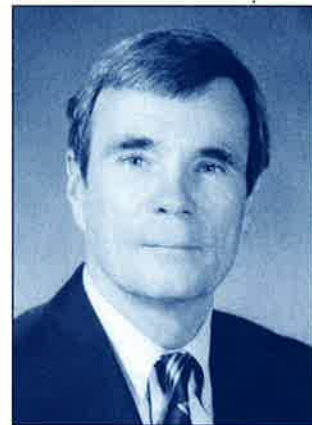
Freshmen with Financial Need Will Be at Top of List for \$7.5 Million in Scholarships Funded by Luckyday

To help ensure that promising Mississippi students are not denied a college education because of financial need, The Luckyday Foundation announced it will underwrite \$7.5 million in scholarships to The University of Mississippi.

The Luckyday Foundation also committed more than \$770,000 to Ole Miss for a student recruitment and retention program to benefit the Luckyday Scholars.

The late Frank Rogers Day of Jackson, Mississippi, established The Luckyday Foundation in 1978. Day, an Ole Miss alumnus, was former chairman of the board and CEO of Trustmark National Bank. He died in December 1999. Known as "Brum" to close friends and family, Day personally contributed to causes benefiting young people in Mississippi.

"Brum believed in the value of education," said Barbara Day, his widow and a Luckyday Foundation board member. "He knew that education would enable young people to realize their full potential. It was his desire to help as many deserving young people as possible earn college degrees. This was his vision in establishing The Luckyday Foundation, and now, through this scholarship program, his vision becomes a reality."



Frank Rogers Day

'It was his desire to help as many deserving young people as possible earn college degrees.'

The first Luckyday Scholarships will be awarded beginning in fall 2001. The scholarships are restricted to residents of Mississippi. Approximately 80 percent of the scholarships will be need-based, and 20 percent will be merit-based. First priority will be given to entering freshmen demonstrating financial need.

The recruitment and retention program begins with an innovative "Early Risers" summer enrichment program that will help rising high school seniors prepare for college. The program also is designed to ensure the academic success of students enrolled on the Oxford campus.

"This generous gift from The Luckyday Foundation has far-reaching implications for hundreds of young people," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "The Luckyday Foundation has instituted a wonderfully fitting tribute to Frank Day, an extraordinary man and leader, who was unwavering in his commitment to helping young people. We are extremely grateful to The Luckyday Foundation for continuing his legacy with these two programs at Ole Miss—the university Frank loved so deeply. Frank Day was my close friend and a true friend to education." ■

57 Students Reap Benefits of Long and Diligent Effort as Phi Beta Kappa Initiates First Members at UM



UM's first Phi Beta Kappa Chapter students were inducted in a special ceremony in April.

A host of people who had worked for years to see a prestigious Phi Beta Kappa chapter sheltered by University of Mississippi faculty saw the dream become reality April 6, as the first students were inducted.

Representing the Phi Beta Kappa Society was Dr. Joseph W. Gordon of Yale University, national president, and Dr. Niall Slater of Emory University, vice president. They presented the charter for the Beta of Mississippi Chapter in a ceremony in the Lyceum Circle.

"Standing in the Circle, you could almost feel the efforts of the thousands of individuals who over the years have worked to strengthen Ole Miss and to prepare for a rigorous review by the nation's oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honors organization," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "Without being melodramatic, you could almost hear the voices of Victor Coulter, A.B. Lewis, Alton Bryant, and others who led the College of Liberal Arts through the years.

"Looking around at the faces of Ronald Schroeder and other faculty members who worked on the long application process and the faces of many graduates and friends who provided funding at all levels was humbling and inspiring," the chancellor continued. "I think the Phi Beta Kappa installation and initiation ceremony was the most important day in the modern history of our university."

Fifty-seven students in liberal arts and the sciences were invited to become Phi Beta Kappa members after a faculty committee reviewed transcripts of all prospective candidates. Not only did faculty members look at each student's grade-point average but also the program of study, ensuring that it met national Phi Beta Kappa guidelines.

Phi Beta Kappa, which was founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary, pursues a mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. ■

New Pharmacy Dean Comes from Idaho, Has UT-Memphis Ties

The University of Mississippi has selected Memphis native Dr. Barbara G. Wells as the new dean of its School of Pharmacy after a national search to replace Dr. Kenneth Roberts, who left the University a year ago.

Wells, 54, is dean and professor at the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy. The Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning has approved her appointment, and she is expected to assume the post July 1. She also is to serve as executive director of the UM Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences.



Dr. Barbara G. Wells

A noted lecturer and administrator, Wells earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and completed a specialty residency in psychiatric pharmacy at the University of Tennessee and Memphis Mental Health Institute. She recently was named president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and is to serve as the group's president in 2002-03.

"Dr. Wells is highly respected as a teacher and researcher, with a broad range of professional experience," Chancellor Robert Khayat said.

Wells was on the University of Tennessee-Memphis faculty for 13 years and served as the institution's vice chair of the Department of Clinical Pharmacy and director of Mental Health Pharmacy Programs.

"Dr. Wells brings to the School of Pharmacy strong leadership, national recognition as an innovative pharmacy educator, and a commitment to progressive pharmacy practice," said Dr. Robert D. Sindelar, interim dean of the school. "I am confident that she will bring alumni, faculty and students together to enhance the School of Pharmacy in the 21st century."

Family Remembers Nephew with an Ole Miss Scholarship

Although the late José de la Vega grew up in Georgia, when he moved to Oxford to attend The University of Mississippi, he knew he had found his home.

De la Vega loved the Ole Miss campus and the small town where it is located. He couldn't imagine being anywhere else.

Now, through the generosity of his aunt and uncle, Margaret and Terry Stint of Stone Mountain, Georgia, other students will have the chance to fall in love with the University. With a series of annual gifts that will total approximately \$600,000 in the next few years, the couple is establishing the José Luis de la Vega Scholarship Endowment in his honor.

"José called Oxford and Ole Miss 'God's country,'" said Margaret Stint. "He never wanted to leave."

It seemed unlikely that de la Vega—who was born in Madrid, Spain, and raised in the Peach Tree state—would end up in Mississippi. In fact, he had moved even



José de la Vega

farther away from Mississippi after his mother, Mary Harrold—Margaret Stint's sister—was transferred to Virginia when de la Vega was a senior in high school. Stint said that while moving the final year of high school is tough on any kid, de la Vega took it in stride.

"He was good in sports and always made friends," she said. "The whole school loved him."

After graduation, de la Vega opened a small business and was doing quite well, but realized it wasn't something he wanted as a

lifelong career. When it was time to choose a university, he selected Ole Miss, where his aunt and cousin had attended.

As in high school, de la Vega quickly made friends. He joined a fraternity and participated in intramural sports.

"He just fit right in," said Stint.

Although he loved the Oxford area, de la Vega also took time for family. He participated in family events, and his cousins idolized him, Stint said.

De la Vega stayed in Oxford a number of years until he was tragically killed in an accident at the age of 30. For the family, the scholarship is a way to create something positive from that horrible event.

"It will give someone else the opportunity to reach the potential that José could have, if given the time," Stint said.

For more information on contributing to the de la Vega endowment fund, contact The University of Mississippi Foundation at (662) 915-5944. ■

Barnett Foundation Gives Young People Opportunities

The late Robert G. Barnett of Indianola, Mississippi, never had children, but that didn't stop him from helping young people in need. Now through his foundation, deserving students from Sunflower County have an opportunity to attend The University of Mississippi through the newly created Robert G. Barnett Foundation Scholarship.

The scholarships become effective this fall. In addition to Ole Miss, the foundation also created scholarships at Mississippi State University and Mississippi Delta Community College.

The trustees of the Robert G. Barnett Foundation said they believe that providing scholarships to three Mississippi colleges would

have made the late farmer and entrepreneur quite pleased, although he probably wouldn't have wanted a lot of credit for his help. ■



Hattiesburg Physician Creates Endowment at UMMC School of Medicine

Dr. John Pearson of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, has the distinct honor of being a member of the first graduating class at The University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson. And now he's giving back to the school that opened in 1953 with the creation of the John M. and Fern H. Pearson Medical Center Endowment Fund.

"It was a wonderful time," Pearson said of his years in medical school. "Since it was so new,



Dr. John Pearson

all the department heads were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed."

Set up as a charitable remainder unitrust, Pearson's gift of \$100,000 will go to the University upon his death. It's his chance, Pearson said, to return something to the school where he learned so much.

"I want to do something for the school—be able to give back," he said.

Pearson actually began his medical training on the UM-Oxford campus. At that time, the University offered two years of medical school. When the school relocated to the state capital, a third and fourth year were added to the curriculum.

Attending medical school in Jackson was an experience he'll never forget.

"It wasn't all that much fun," he said with a laugh. "We worked

and worked. It was just the way it had to be. Not many of us felt we were having a lark."

Upon graduation from medical school, Pearson interned at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. He then attended submarine and deep-sea diving school and became a submarine squadron medical officer.

After serving in the Navy for several years, the native of Macon, Mississippi, returned to Jackson and the UM Medical Center to complete his residency. Afterwards, he joined the Hattiesburg Clinic, one of the largest multispecialty medical groups in the state.

Pearson is pleased that he was able to set up the unitrust.

"I'm hoping my gift will encourage others to do the same," he said. ■

Scholarship Helps Women Become Physicians



First-year medical student Sharon Groat (seated center) is the first recipient of the full medical school scholarship funded by Dr. Ellis Moffitt (seated left) the husband of the late Dr. Nina Bess Goss-Moffitt, who was a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at UMMC. Family members met with Groat and Dr. Wallace Conerly (standing right), vice chancellor for health affairs, during a luncheon at the Medical Center. Dr. John Moffitt (second from left) is associate medical school dean for graduate medical education. Dr. Virginia Crawford (second from right) is director of student health services at the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Goss-Moffitt was a native of Brookhaven and graduate of Millsaps College. She earned the M.D. at Tulane and interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D.C. She took residency training in psychiatry at the University of Louisville and the Medical Center. She died in 1998. Her family wanted the scholarship to go to a female medical student to honor Dr. Goss-Moffitt's long-held interest in attracting women to the profession.

Children Honor Parents' Memory with \$100,000 Scholarship Fund at UMMC



A gift from the children of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Shands of New Albany has pushed The University of Mississippi Medical Center's Shands Memorial Loan Fund past the \$100,000 mark. The Shands children are (from left) Dr. Thomas A. Shands of New Albany, Robert Shands of New Albany, Anna Kathryn Edwards of Lakeland, Tennessee, and Rodney E. Shands of New Albany. Originally established as a memorial to Dr. Robert E. Shands at his death in 1963, the endowment has now been re-designated as a memorial to Dr. Robert E. Shands and Margaret W. Shands and changed to a scholarship fund. Earnings on the corpus will be used to fund an annual scholarship in the School of Medicine. More than 45 medical students received assistance from the endowment when it functioned as a loan resource.

Green all over

Golf Tournament, St. Patrick's Day Parade Share Commitment to Funding Children's Hospital

Other than the color green, St. Patrick's Day and the game of golf have very few things in common. However, two very different Jackson area events—one a PGA golf tournament, the other a raucous St. Patrick's Day celebration—share a common interest. They both benefit the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at The University of Mississippi Medical Center.

In 19 years, the Mal's St. Paddy's Parade has raised more than \$200,000 for the children's hospital at UMMC, with nearly \$25,000 coming in 2001. Proceeds

from the parade have been used to buy equipment for the hospital and helped build the respiratory therapy room and a patient room equipped for the disabled on the hospital's fifth floor.

The Batson Hospital for Children averages 9,000 admissions a year, and more than 80,000 youngsters are treated in the hospital, its clinics, and the pediatric emergency department each year. These patients come from all of the state's 82 counties to receive treatment in more than 30 specialty areas. It is the only hospital in the state to offer comprehensive



Mal's St. Paddy's Parade founder Malcolm White (center) leads the 2001 parade and festivities.

treatment for illnesses such as cancer, cystic fibrosis, congenital heart defects, and epilepsy. ■

New Vice Chancellor for Student Life Has Longstanding Loyalty to Ole Miss

University of Mississippi officials have announced that Thomas D. Wallace has been named vice chancellor for student life.

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) recently approved the University's choice of Wallace for the position, which oversees the V.B. Harrison Health Center, University Counseling Center, Student Media Center, Student Housing and Residence Life, Financial Aid, Admissions, Orientation, Campus Recreation, Career Center, International Programs, University Police and Campus Safety, Dean of Students, and Campus Programming.

Wallace had served as acting vice chancellor since August 1999. Wallace joined Ole Miss in 1990 and was associate vice chancellor for student life prior to his current



Thomas D. Wallace

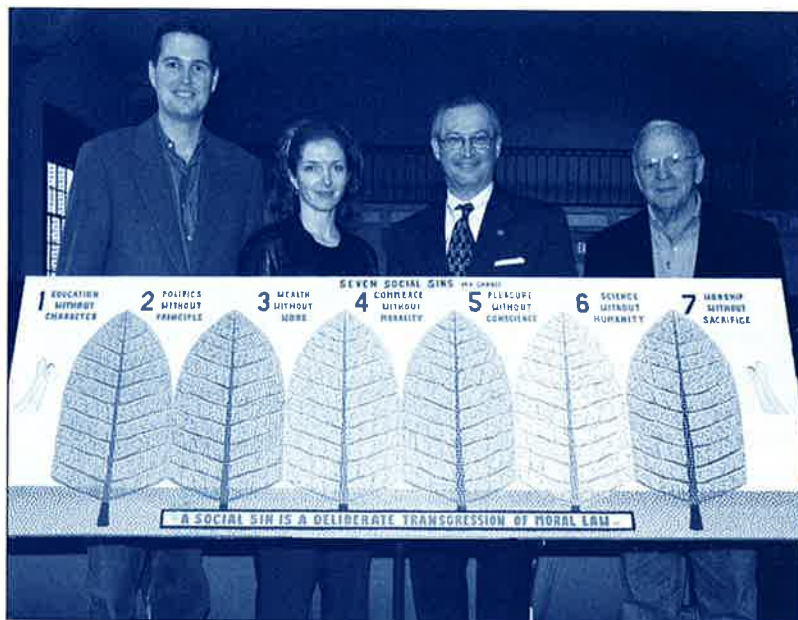
position. He has guided the Division of Student Life twice before as interim vice chancellor.

"Thomas Wallace has demonstrated great loyalty to The University of Mississippi and to our

students and has an in-depth understanding of the role of the Division of Student Life," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "I've known Mr. Wallace since he was a young school administrator in the Oxford Public School system. He is bright, visionary, and absolutely committed to young people and their educational pursuits."

A native of Hernando, Wallace holds a master's degree in education administration and a bachelor's degree in elementary education, both from Ole Miss. In addition to administrative and teaching posts in Oxford, the respected educator also was a principal in New Albany. He has been recognized with numerous other education awards.

Wallace and his wife, Phyllis, are the parents of three children: Ty, Gigi, and Dee. ■



Gift of Art

Artist Bob Short (right) of Sewanee, Tennessee, recently presented Dr. Stuart Bullion (second from right), chair of journalism, with one of his paintings, "Seven Social Sins." Short, who earned a Juris Doctor degree from The University of Mississippi, chose the journalism department as home to the painting as a means of honoring his friend, Dr. Jere Hoar, professor emeritus of journalism. Pictured with Short and Bullion are David Perry Smith (left) and Nicole Haney (second from left) of Perry Nicole Fine Art of Memphis, the gallery that handles Short's artwork.

One Struggles with 3 Young Children, the Other Receives \$30,000 Scholarship

Two childhood friends shared a dream of providing their community with health care.

One now has three children, and the other vows to assist other women trapped like her friend.



Keyana Mitchell

Keyana Mitchell, 20, of Southaven, Mississippi was named a recipient of the prestigious Truman Scholarship. She is one of only 75 Truman Scholars nationwide and becomes the third University of Mississippi student in three years to receive the \$30,000 award for graduate study—a prize comparable to that of a Rhodes Scholar. She intends to use the scholarship to fulfill her dream.

As a child growing up in Clarksdale, Mitchell hoped to one day own her own medical practice. Her best friend was going to join her as a nurse. Mitchell left Clarksdale and went on to graduate with honors from the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science in Columbus.

"We now inhabit completely separate worlds," Mitchell said. "While I worry about earning an 'A' in a class or finding time to go to the gym, she worries about finding a sitter for her three children, while she works a graveyard shift at a local hotel."

Mitchell recently visited her childhood friend. As she listened to her describe the trials of being a young mother, Mitchell reflected on her own mother's struggle to raise her. She then saw all of the young, single mothers fighting to ensure the health and safety of their children.

"Her life made me realize how hard it is for young, black mothers to make it," Mitchell said. "I desperately want to help enrich the lives of young women like her and make it easier, because I could be one of them."

The Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation selects scholars on the basis of leadership potential, intellectual ability, and the likelihood of making a difference.

Preserving historic treasure requires \$5 million \$1.5 Million Raised So Far to Restore, Maintain Rowan Oak

A campaign to preserve William Faulkner's Rowan Oak, the 156-year-old home owned by The University of Mississippi, has already attracted \$1.5 million in private and public funds.

"We've had a great response to the formation of the Rowan Oak Society. William Faulkner has a huge following worldwide, and everybody wants to see this treasure preserved," said Campbell McCool of Atlanta.

McCool and Susan Barksdale Howorth of Oxford, both Ole Miss alumni, are volunteer co-chairs of the campaign, with a goal of attracting \$5 million for immediate repairs and long-term care and overseeing creation of the Rowan Oak Society. The two recently hosted an event in Houston, Texas, to give alumni and friends in that area an opportunity to support Rowan Oak, which is a National Literary Landmark and National Historic Landmark.



To facilitate attracting private funds, the Rowan Oak Society has been created and will continue after the campaign to help with 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
- \$900,000 for repairs to the main house
- \$150,000 to repair the tenant house, opening it for display
- \$400,000 for work on Bailey's woods, the 25 acres surrounding the property

McCool, Barksdale Howorth, and a committee of volunteers are directing and hosting activities designed to communicate Rowan Oak's needs to potential donors. For more information, call The University of Mississippi Foundation at (800) 340-9542 or (662) 915-5944 or e-mail: umf@olemiss.edu. ■

The University of Mississippi Foundation Board of Directors

Robert R. Bailess

Attorney Robert Bailess of Vicksburg, Mississippi, earned both bachelor's and Juris Doctor degrees at The University of Mis-



Robert R. Bailess

issippi. He is partner in the law firm of Wheelless, Shappley, Bailess & Rector, LLP. His past services include campaign chair and president of the United Way; district chair of Andrew Jackson Council of Boys Scouts of America; president and vice president of Y's Men's Club; president, vice president, and secretary of the YMCA board of directors; and board member of the Vicksburg-Warren County Chamber of Commerce. He chairs the board of directors for the Vicksburg-Warren Economic Development Foundation and the Vicksburg Convention Center; serves as a

board member for the Vicksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ole Miss M-Club Alumni Association; chairs the administrative board and is a former trustee of Crawford Street United Methodist church; serves as an advisory board member of Trustmark National Bank-Vicksburg; and chairs the Committee on Professional Responsibility and is a member of the board of Mississippi Bar Association Commissioners.

Haley Barbour

Haley Barbour is an attorney in the law firm Barbour, Griffith and Rogers, with offices in Mississippi and Washington, D.C. Before rejoining the law firm, he chaired the Republican National Committee for two years. He also served under President Ronald Reagan for two years as the director of the White House Office of Political Affairs and was director of



Haley Barbour

Amtrak for four years. Barbour is deputy chair of the International Democrat Union and chairs the Union for Freedom and Democracy in the Americas and Policy Impact Communications. He also



James O. Dukes

is managing director and vice chair of International Equity Partners, L.P., managing director of National Environmental Strategies, and director of Skytel Communications Inc., a worldwide messaging company. He is a member of the board of advisors of the Mississippi Chemical Corp. and Blount International Inc.

James O. Dukes

A native of Quitman, Mississippi, James O. Dukes is an attorney in the firm of Bryant, Clark, Dukes, Blakeslee, Ramsay & Hammond, PLLC. He earned a Juris Doctor, as well as bachelor's and master's

degrees, from The University of Mississippi, where he was a member of the Associated Student Body president's cabinet, the *Law Journal* staff, Order of Omega, and Phi Kappa Phi. During his college career, he was voted Sigma Nu Fraternity National Man of the Year. Professionally, he served as president of the Mississippi Bar Association and is president-elect of the Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Susan Martindale

Susan Martindale has devoted countless hours to her passion: improving the quality of life for children in her Atlanta, Georgia, community. She serves on the boards of both the Circle for Chil-



Susan Martindale

dren and Cobb Street Ministry. Martindale is an enthusiastic public school advocate, giving her time for leadership and service in her children's parent-teacher orga-



David H. Nutt

nizations and through other avenues. Martindale earned a bachelor's degree in art from Berry College in Rome, Georgia, and pursued graduate studies in art at the University of Georgia while teaching art in the Atlanta-area public schools. She and her husband, businessman Larry Martindale—an Ole Miss alumnus—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 legendary 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.

David H. Nutt

Jackson attorney David Nutt received a bachelor's degree at Ole Miss followed by a law degree in 1971. In 1996, he created the Dean Parham Williams Scholarship in Law Endowment in honor of his former law professor and

mentor. In 1999, he and his wife, Tracy, joined friend and Pascagoula attorney Richard Scruggs and his wife, Diane, in creating the Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scruggs/Mr. and Mrs. David Nutt Liberal Arts Enrichment Endowment.

H.L. "Sandy" Williams, Jr.

A 1957 graduate of The University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in general business, Sandy Williams chairs the Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Works. During his years at Coca-Cola, he has been chair of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, member and past president of the Board of Governors of the Coca-Cola Bottler's Association, and past president of the Mississippi Bottler's Association. His community service includes past chair of the Commission on the Future of Northeast Mississippi and president of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. He also is on the board of directors for Bancorp South Bank and was recently inducted into Beverage World's Soft Drink Hall of Fame. ■



H.L. "Sandy" Williams, Jr.

Foundation News Says Good-bye to Colleague Who Was Driving Force Behind the Scenes

For many of you who read *Foundation News*, the name Tina Hahn may not be familiar. But for more than a decade, she was one of the driving forces behind each issue. As associate director of media and public relations for The University of Mississippi, Hahn was responsible for the coordination and management of a comprehensive news service program, which includes writing about many gift announcements—most that appear in *Foundation News*.

May 31 was Hahn's last day at Ole Miss. Her husband, James, has accepted a new job in Decatur, Alabama, and the family moves this month.

It's going to be tough to replace Hahn. A consummate professional, she was one of the top editors and writers in the state of Mississippi. As associate director of

ty, honesty, and consistent pursuit of communicating the Ole Miss story ensured its success. I have been blessed to have her as a colleague and a friend."

But that's only a small part of what is going to make it hard to fill Hahn's shoes. Mention her name to anyone in Oxford, and you'll receive a smile. How is that possible? Because Hahn gave her heart and soul to this university and her community. She generously volunteered her time, always willing to help and ready to listen to even the smallest of problems—no matter how crazy her day. She made working at UM, and the sometimes stressful business of writing news, fun.

"Tina was a tireless advocate on behalf of Ole Miss," said Jeffrey Alford, executive director of university communications. "She was always loyal, diplomatic



Tina Hahn

work with her is a joy. Her creative writing genius is obvious in all that she writes. She embodies the excellence we all strive for in our personal and professional lives. She has enriched us all."

Hahn also was deeply involved in the Oxford community, working for her church and active in her children's schools. She served on the First Baptist Church Week-day Education and flower committees, and promoted the church's annual Christmas Dinner Theater. She also served as room mother in the Oxford City schools for 11 years. And like her professional life, it was always done without complaint.

How do we know so much about Hahn's wonderful qualities? Because she was not only our co-worker, she is our friend. We will deeply miss you, Tina. Godspeed. ■

**'To work with her is a joy....
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in our personal and professional lives.'**

media and public relations, she played a crucial role in virtually every University achievement in the last 10 years—generating national and even international attention for Ole Miss.

"Tina Hahn took a special interest in *Foundation News* from its very humble beginnings," said Editor Sandra Guest. "Her integri-

ty, honesty, and consistent pursuit of communicating the Ole Miss story ensured its success. I have been blessed to have her as a colleague and a friend."

Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations, agreed.

"Tina Hahn is a sterling person and professional," she said. "To

His ties to Ole Miss stretch all the way from Texas

Campaign Sparks Creative Way of Giving from Loyal Houston Alumnus

Louis Brandt grew up in Oxford and has always had an affinity for the town, as well as The University of Mississippi. In fact, the long-time Houston, Texas, resident continues to visit Oxford and remains a staunch supporter of Ole Miss.

Recently, Brandt and his wife, Allison, once again helped the University in a unique way. They created a charitable lead trust wherein The University of Mississippi Foundation will receive the income from the trust for five years. This major gift to the recently completed *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* funds a permanent endowment within the Foundation, with earnings from the endowment being used to support a variety of areas on campus.

"I think Ole Miss has something special that creates a loyalty not common among universities," Louis Brandt said. "Oxford is a big part of it. Students come to this university town, and the people of Oxford open their arms to them. It makes Oxford and the University a home instead of just a school."

For the Brandts, Oxford is, indeed, a "home away from home." The couple owns a farm just outside of town, and they played a major role in the acquisition and care of Brandt Memory House, where the University's Foundation offices are located.

The Brandts contributed the seed money for the University Foundation to purchase Memory House and its grounds, retired the mortgage after its renovations,

and created an endowment for its upkeep.

They also have supported a wide variety of other projects at Ole Miss, including being one of the major donors for the Gillom Sports Center, giving to UM's tennis program, and helping decorate the chancellor's residence.

"There is no way to measure the impact the Brandt family has had on The University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "We are continuously inspired by their abiding love of Ole Miss, their vision for its future, and their commitment to its success."

Louis Brandt may have grown up in Oxford but after graduating from Ole Miss in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in math, he moved to Texas to continue his education. He graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in electrical engineering in 1964.

After working for General Electric and an oilfield service company, Brandt started his own business—inventing a machine that separates solids from liquids during the drilling process. The Brandt Company became a multi-million-dollar enterprise before he sold it to TRW Inc. in 1981. Since selling the company, he has acted as a consultant and started his own investment company.

Brandt also remains involved with his alma mater. The University Foundation board member is active in the Ole Miss Alumni Association and the Lyceum Society. He also serves on the National Steering Committee for the *Com-*

mitment to Excellence Campaign and was inducted into the alumni Hall of Fame.

"Louis Brandt and his family are faithful supporters of The University of Mississippi," said Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations and co-director of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*. "Their involvement goes back many years. Their



Louis and Allison Brandt

financial support and devotion of time have been important factors to the success of so many areas of this university."

Persons who use charitable lead trust in their tax planning receive special benefits for both income, estate, and gift taxes. It is a wonderful way to benefit the University for a term of years with the ultimate disposition of the assets to family members at advantageous tax consequences.

For more information, please call The University of Mississippi Foundation at (800)340-9542. ■

2+2=Scholarships



Discussing the gift are (from left) Shirley Seymour; Robin Grindstaff Costa, managing trustee of the Maddox Foundation; Dr. Robert Seymour; Dr. Don Frugé, president and CEO of the UM Foundation; and Chancellor Robert Khayat.

The Maddox Foundation of Hernando, Mississippi, recently endowed \$100,000 to provide scholarships for students who participate in the new “2+2” program at The University of Mississippi-DeSoto Center in Southaven.

The program is tailored to meet the needs of students wishing to complete a four-year degree in Southaven. The endowment is named in honor of Dr. Robert Seymour, a Hernando dentist, and his wife, Shirley.

The DeSoto Center houses programs of two educational institutions: UM and Northwest Mississippi Community College (NWCC). The new 2+2 program allows students to earn freshman and sophomore course credits at NWCC, then transfer to UM within the same building.

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Only junior, senior, and graduate courses are offered by UM at the Desoto Center. The 2+2 program reflects the two years spent at NWCC and the other two at UM for degree completion. A similar program is set up with Northeast Mississippi Community College. Both 2+2 programs conveniently provide courses without the hassles of traveling to main campuses.

This multidisciplinary degree allows a student to choose three minors or areas of interest. A student may design his or her degree from seven possible minors, including English, history, Spanish, sociology, economics, accountancy, or business. ■

Staff Member Keeps Moving— And It's Always Up

Longtime University of Mississippi employee Donna Patton has been named assistant to the vice chancellor for university relations. In her new role, she works closely with the vice chancellor, Dr. Gloria Kellum.

A resident of Thaxton, Mississippi, Patton began working at the University in 1977 as a senior clerk typist in the Department of Continuing Education. She also worked in the Annual Fund Office, for the dean of Liberal Arts and the vice chancellor for university affairs, and on the Sesquicentennial Celebration.



Donna Patton

Patton is a member of the Ole Miss Association of Educational Office Professionals, where she served as secretary and president. She also is a six-year member and former secretary of the University Staff Council. Last year, she was named the University's Outstanding Staff Member by her peers in the professional, nonfaculty category.

Patton's working relationship with Kellum began in 1995 when Kellum became executive director of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Patton then was named campaign coordinator of the recently completed *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*. She and her husband, David, have two children—Adam, 18, and Lauren, 12.



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

It is with gratitude and humility that I express my sincere thanks to each of the 31,843 generous donors who made the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign* the overwhelming success story that it is. Without you, your love for the University, and your generosity beyond all expectations, there would have been no reason to have had our Celebration Weekend.

When we first began the campaign in January of 1994, the original goal was a much needed but far-reaching \$200 million. When the campaign ended on December 31, 2000, you had given and pledged a total of \$525.9 million.

This total is derived from three categories of gifts. The first is actual gifts received, deposited, and receipted during the campaign period of January 1, 1994, through December 31, 2000. This totaled \$289.1 million. The second is written pledges made during the campaign period that will be collected as scheduled after December 31, 2000. The discounted value of these pledges totaled \$180.5 million on December 31, 2000. The third is planned and deferred gifts through wills, trusts, life insurance, and annuity contracts; retirement plan gifts; and the like. This category accounted for \$56.3 million. Included were only the estate plans where the dollar amounts could be accurately determined; many others have notified us that the University is included in their estate plans, but no accurate dollar amount could now be determined, and, therefore, no amount for these plans was included in our final campaign total.

The methodology for reporting campaign totals is governed by specific guidelines issued by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

It is hard now to look back and imagine the University without the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College, the Croft Institute for International Studies, the Children's Cancer Center, the Patterson School of Accountancy, Holman Hall, Martindale Student Services building, expanded J.D. Williams Library facilities and financial support, the Paris-Yates Chapel and Peddle Bell Tower, improved athletics facilities, the renovated Lyceum, and a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. Well under way is the exciting Gertrude C. Ford Performing Arts Center, which will dramatically enhance the University Avenue entrance to campus.

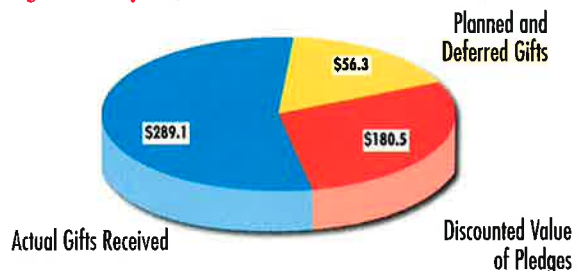
Private support has soared to new heights and national recognition continues to focus on your generosity. The National Association of College and University Business Officers recently released the ranking for University endowments as of June 30, 2000. I am pleased to report that our total University and Foundation endowment of \$291 million at that time ranked us 144th in the nation, up from 157th the previous year.

The lasting benefits of the *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*, however, are reflected daily in the lives you have touched. Increased scholarships for deserving students, increased faculty and staff support, increased academic and athletics program support all make the University much improved.

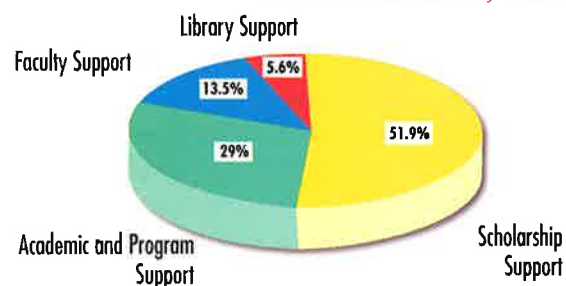
The much heralded campaign is only the beginning, a mere milestone in achieving the utmost for Ole Miss. Please do not let the energy and enthusiasm fade just because the time of the campaign has passed. By continuing to join hands and fulfilling your personal dreams for the University, you will enable countless generations of students to experience one of America's great public Universities—Ole Miss.

Don L. Frugé

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Brandt Memory House

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