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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Someone once said that if you can find the “why” in life, the “how” will take care of itself. If only it were truly that simple! For the past several years, access to higher education for all Mississippians has been a dominant concern of the people of our state. Our leaders fully understand the immeasurable social and economic impact of quality education. Unfortunately, Mississippi universities and colleges are experiencing dramatic budget cuts. We have increased our tuition to make up these differences. Our state stands at a critical juncture, one that will play a large role in our economic future for a significant portion of this century. We have found the “why” of higher education; we are now faced with addressing the “how.”

To replace the state appropriation reductions (\$13 million in the past two years), we have been required to increase tuition. We will continue to operate more cost efficiently, but we must call on you for support. The role of The University of Mississippi Foundation in this crisis is crucial. Over the next two decades, forecasters tell us that demographic forces—along with reforms taking place at the elementary and secondary levels—will ensure a dramatic increase in the number of 18- to 24-year-olds from low- to middle-income families who will graduate academically prepared, but financially unprepared, to enter college. Eliminating these financial barriers that prevent enrollment and success in college is one of the goals of the Foundation.

Because of the tireless efforts of our alumni, faculty, and staff, and the overwhelming generosity of many supporters, including the late James R. “J.R.” Scribner, Jr., of Amory, hundreds of children and college students from Mississippi will benefit. The UM Foundation recently received \$7.7 million to provide financial aid to students who attend Ole Miss or Mississippi State University. The endowment will provide \$175,000 annually to each University for scholarships.

In addition to the Scribner Grants, we are celebrating a banner year of new Luckyday Scholars. In 1998, the late Frank Day, an alumnus and former chairman of Trustmark National Bank, founded the Jackson-based organization that supports teacher scholarships. This year, we are able to award 40 new scholarships, making a total of 60 Luckyday recipients working toward degrees in the School of Education.

With the continued emphasis on the Ole Miss First program, our goal is to attract \$5 million per year as we work toward a \$100 million endowment for student scholarships. As you read in the lead article, Ole Miss alumnus Mike Starnes provided the inaugural gift honoring his parents, Milton and Gladys Starnes. Ole Miss volunteers—including Pam and Jon Turner, Marcia and Don Cole, Buzzy Hederman Hussey and Stacey Hussey—are making higher education possible for generations of future Mississippians by leading the Ole Miss First initiative. We are deeply indebted to all of our Ole Miss First families.

The greatest contribution our society can make to ensure economic prosperity is high quality education. It is an investment that pays—nearly 100 percent of the time. During the past seven years, more than 32,000 alumni and friends have joined the miracle at Ole Miss that is being fueled by private support. We urge those of you who have not contributed to select an area—scholarship support, athletics or academic programs, building improvements—and contribute to the University at a level that is comfortable for you. By doing your part to see that Ole Miss thrives, you are making a permanent contribution to the welfare of our state and nation.

Finally, we thank each of you—friends and alumni, Foundation members and staff—for committing yourselves to making the “how” part of the college equation a great deal easier for the next generation.

Warmest regards,

Robert C. Khayat
Chancellor

Amory businessman leaves estate to Ole Miss, four other institutions

Hundreds of Mississippi children and college students are beneficiaries of the late James R. "J.R." Scribner Jr. of Amory, who left a \$15 million-plus estate to five charities.

The charities and their portion of Scribner's estate are The University of Mississippi Foundation, Blue Mountain

Mississippi, especially hundreds of children and young adults, in perpetuity for the benefit of Mississippi and mankind," Fruge said.

Full-time UM and MSU students who are Mississippi residents are eligible for the financial aid grants, with preference given to those residing north of Highway 82. The grants will be given

"Mr. Scribner had a tremendous pride in Mississippi and its young people. He also believed it was important to educate young people. It was his desire that the scholarship fund provide worthy students an opportunity to attend college and help make Mississippi a better place to live and work," said attorney Ronnie Loeb of Jackson,

executor of Scribner's estate.

Scribner and his sister, Sarah "Sally" Scribner Prude of Amory, shared ownership of Scribner Equipment Co. While their father was president, the company sold farm equipment throughout the



The UM Foundation is managing a \$7.7 million endowment that provides financial assistance to Ole Miss and Mississippi State students.

College, Baptist Children's Village in Jackson, Palmer Home for Children in Columbus, and First Baptist Church of Amory.

To fulfill Scribner's wishes, the UM Foundation has created an endowment with its portion of the estate—\$7.7 million—to provide financial aid to students attending Ole Miss or Mississippi State University. With expected annual earnings of more than \$350,000, the endowment will provide UM and MSU with more than \$175,000 each for scholarships.

"He was incredibly generous," said Dr. Don Frugé, president of the UM Foundation. "His estate was carefully planned to care for citizens of Missis-

sippi," enabling the students to attend college. But if the students work in Mississippi for two years following their graduation, the loans will be "forgiven."

Students interested in applying for Scribner grants at Ole Miss should contact Max Miller in the Office of Financial Aid at (662) 915-7175 or e-mail max@olemiss.edu. The process requires submission of a UM application for admission and a UM scholarship application.

"His [Scribner's] goal was to keep the best and brightest in Mississippi, at Ole Miss, MSU, and Blue Mountain, and to get them to work two or three years in Mississippi," Frugé said.

Mid-South. Over the years, the firm became more of an investment company.

A 1948 graduate of Mississippi State, Scribner was president of Scribner Equipment Co. and director of the National Bank of Commerce of Mississippi. He was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Amory, where he was active with young adult education for more than 30 years, a deacon, and a men's Sunday school teacher. He died in September 1998.

His sister graduated from Ole Miss in 1948 and several years ago created a scholarship endowment at the UM School of Law in memory of her husband, James Prude Sr. ■

New accountancy dean committed to students, faculty, alums

Dr. Morris H. Stocks, interim associate provost and associate professor of accountancy, has been named dean of the E.H. Patterson School of Accountancy.



Morris H. Stocks

"I plan to continue the tradition of providing an outstanding undergraduate and graduate education for our students and the commitment to serving the academic and accounting communities," said Stocks, whose appointment became effective July 1.

In 1999, Provost Carolyn Ellis Staton selected Stocks to fill his present post, which involves overseeing UM academic budgets and financial reports.

"Dr. Stocks is exceptionally qualified," said Staton. "He is respected for his abilities and his wisdom. He will be greatly missed in the Provost's office, but the School of Accountancy will be well-served."

Since joining the faculty in 1991, Stocks has been named outstanding researcher and outstanding teacher in the accountancy school. He won the campuswide Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award in 1998.

A certified public accountant since 1981, Stocks earned three degrees in accounting, including a doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

The dean-elect said he looks forward to returning to the accountancy school full time.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to devote all of my efforts to the Patterson School of Accountancy," he said. "The school has been blessed with strong leadership, outstanding faculty and students, and a devoted group of alumni. I believe that great things are in store."

Taking it Inside

Alum says gift for indoor practice facility will help keep Ole Miss athletics competitive

Mac Haik's business may employ 725 and generate \$513 million per year, but he doesn't punt personal calls to a secretary—and he still loves Ole Miss.

A Meridian native, Joseph Michael "Mac" Haik was honored in 1968, after an impressive academic and football career, when his fellow students elected him "Colonel Rebel."

Today, from his Houston, Texas, real estate and management company, he looks toward UM's future with his recent gift to the Ole Miss Campaign for Athletics, including a portion earmarked for the Rebels' proposed indoor practice facility. The facility is important to keeping the Ole Miss athletics program competitive, especially in a region with climate extremes, he said, comparing UM's program with his adopted city's new football franchise,



Mac Haik

American, as well as Academic All-American twice. Later he was named to the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame.

Haik said his head football coach, legendary Johnny Vaught, "exuded confidence and style." He wants the same for UM's 21st century program.

His new life and career in Houston began in 1970 when he was the top draft choice of the Houston Oilers in the first combined draft after the AFL merged with the NFL.

UM's 21st century athletics program should exude the 'confidence and style' of the Johnny Vaught era.

the Houston Texans.

"They are building a new indoor facility here, which will give them more opportunities for practice," he said. "Back in my Oiler days, we practiced down by the bayou, and the mosquitoes would nearly take you away."

Haik earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing and sales management and completed work toward his master's in marketing. Playing the split-end position in Rebel football, he was selected All-Southeastern Conference and All-

Haik recalled how surprised his Oiler teammates were to learn that the Oxford campus had only about 4,000 students when he graduated. "Everybody thought we were much bigger because of our national reputation," he said.

The UM graduate established Mac Haik Enterprises (MHE) shortly after a variety of injuries hastened his retirement from the pro ranks. MHE includes 11 affiliated companies from property management and leasing to health care consulting. ■

\$60,000 gift creates computer science course

Acxiom Corp. of Little Rock, Arkansas, has its eye on future employees as it invests in The University of Mississippi's computer science program.

A global leader in real-time, multi-channel customer data integration, Acxiom has been recruiting UM engineering graduates for the past three years.

Company spokesperson Allison Nicholas said Ole Miss' liberal arts tradition, combined with its engineering expertise, creates technically sound and well-rounded graduates with great communication and people skills.

"That's what brings Acxiom back to Ole Miss," Nicholas said.

The company has presented \$60,000 to the University's computer science department. Dr. Conrad Cunningham, interim chair of the department, said the donation will create a new graduate course on component-based software development. Like building with toy Lego blocks, component-based software assembly customizes computer applications from off-the-shelf software modules.

Cunningham said the gift will offer students direct contact to real-world problems and the software engineers involved in their solution, as well as reduce the time needed to develop the course's high-quality instructional materials.

"Since component-based development is a relatively new research area for our group, this gift will help lay the foundation for future research and help support a group of talented master's and doctoral students doing interesting research," Cunningham said.

In addition to educating students in new concepts and technologies important to Acxiom, Nicholas said the research also focuses on problems of importance to several of the product groups within her company.



Engineering Dean Kai Fong Lee (left) and Chair of Computer and Information Science Dr. Conrad Cunningham (center) accept a \$60,000 check from Jerry Adams of Acxiom Corporation of Little Rock, Ark. The gift will be used to develop a course in component-based software development.

"This is a collaborative gift," Nicholas said. "It's a win-win-win situation. Acxiom benefits, and so do Ole Miss and the students."

"Acxiom is a forward-looking company with deep roots in this region of the U.S.," Cunningham said. "It sees its best interests in helping to improve computing education and research in the areas in which it recruits employees." ■

Grisham Visiting Writers Series brings poet to Oxford



Lucille Clifton

"I am a black woman poet, and I sound like one," said two-time Pulitzer Prize nominee Lucille Clifton.

Clifton, whose sheer and concise language has been likened to a blues singer's lyrics and deemed significant to the black arts movement, read from her work as part of the John and Renée Grisham Visiting Writers Series.

Born in the Buffalo suburb of Depew, New York, Clifton is noted for reflecting on such themes as family, birth, death, and religion, and celebrating ordinary people and everyday things. She has written 10 books of poetry—including Pulitzer Prize nominees *Good Woman: Poems and a Memoir 1969-80* (1987) and *Next: New Poems* (1987)—in addition to an autobiographical work and 19 children's books. ■

Pharmacy alumnus gives \$318,000 to strengthen school's academic programs

The role of pharmacists has changed dramatically since Francis D. Cerniglia began practicing more than 40 years ago, and The University of Mississippi alumnus wants to ensure that pharmacy students are prepared to meet the challenges of an evolving profession.

Cerniglia, a 1959 graduate of the School of Pharmacy, has given \$318,000 in unrestricted funds to the school. "Part of the money will be used for immediate academic support needs and another portion will help establish an endowment in honor of the Cerniglia family," Dean Barbara Wells said.

"Mr. Cerniglia's love of the School of Pharmacy and loyalty to his profession are reflected in this generous gift, which will make a world of difference for both students and faculty," Wells said. "This benevolence comes at a

critical time for us, as state resources are on a downturn. We appreciate so much Mr. Cerniglia's belief in us, and we will not disappoint him."

A native of Greenwood, Cerniglia worked as a pharmacist for Walgreen's in Mississippi for 29 years before retiring in Memphis. An avid Ole Miss

enjoy helping out the academic side of it, but I want to do things that benefit all aspects. When I was in school, all I thought about was going home on weekends. Looking back, that was wrong, and I want to help make sure there are plenty of things to do so that students will want to spend time here."

'Mr. Cerniglia's love of the School of Pharmacy and loyalty to his profession are reflected in this generous gift.'

football fan, he visits campus frequently during football season and also has contributed to the University's Alumni Association, band, and athletics program, including a recent \$50,000 gift to the Loyalty Foundation to support athletics facility improvements.

"I love the whole university, not just one or two segments of it," he said. "I

Cerniglia recently toured the National Center for Natural Products Research in the Thad Cochran Research Center and School of Pharmacy facilities in Faser Hall, including laboratories, Internet-equipped classrooms, and Pharmacy Student Center.

"There's just no comparison to my days here," he said. "The Old Chemistry building had pretty good facilities for the time, but the school has the facilities and the faculty to offer students so many more opportunities now. They can work alongside real researchers and get experience in so many things that will help them be successful wherever they go." ■



Dean Barbara Wells (left) and Chancellor Robert C. Khayat (right) welcome Francis D. Cerniglia during a recent campus visit.

83 schools vie for honor of housing world-class accountancy collection

The world's most prestigious collection of some 125,000 printed accounting materials, passed to the University from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), was dedicated in March on the Oxford campus.

The event formally marked placement of the collection—valued at more than \$2 million—in the J.D. Williams Library.



Library collection benefits students, faculty, and staff.

"This valuable addition not only provides a rich resource for our students, faculty, and staff but also enhances the research stature of our university and state," said Chancellor Robert Khayat.

With the exception of the rarest and most valuable pieces, the books, journals, pamphlets, and periodicals are catalogued and interspersed throughout the Williams Library, where librarians reference the documents daily to answer queries from around the world.

"The University of Mississippi is

one of the nation's most respected names in accountancy education," said AICPA Vice President Jay Rothberg. "We at the AICPA are pleased our collection resides with an institution that has contributed so much excellence to the profession."

Among the collection's rarest pieces is a volume valued at \$50,000. It was printed in 1494 on a Gutenberg press and authored by a Franciscan monk and

mathematician regarded as the father of modern accounting.

When the AICPA decided to donate its collection to a university to better conserve the documents, 83 schools submitted proposals. The University was chosen because of its strong technological and archival capabilities.

"We are committed to serving members of the AICPA and accountancy scholars around the globe," said James W. Davis, former dean of the School of Accountancy. ■

New pharmacy advancement associate focused on building support



Angela Avery

Angela Avery, the School of Pharmacy's advancement associate, says her family's varied interests and skills have prepared her for the challenges of working with alumni and understanding a new discipline.

She plays a central role in helping the School of Pharmacy increase scholarship endowments, improve facilities, establish endowed professorships and distinguished teaching scholars, and build unrestricted support for immediate needs and opportunities that arise on a regular basis.

Dean Barbara G. Wells joins her in reminding pharmacy friends and alumni that their support is critical to enhancing academic and research excellence in the school. Faced with declining state resources, the school must turn to others to help advance academic standards and continue its progress in academics and research, as well as economic development in the region, Wells said.

Avery returned to Oxford after six years as director of sales and marketing at her family's microbrewery, Avery Brewing Co., in Boulder, Colorado—not quite the career path she had in mind when she graduated in 1995 from the University of Colorado School of Law. But then again, her family never planned to operate a brewery, says the Decatur, Illinois, native.

Avery earned a bachelor's degree in English from Ole Miss in 1992 and was intrigued by the opportunity of returning to her alma mater. She says that, although Oxford is smaller than Boulder, it offers small-town charm and plenty of opportunities for her hobbies, which include reading, cooking, and watching Ole Miss football and basketball.

Avery can be contacted at (662) 915-1546 or by e-mailing aavery@olemiss.edu.

Don't Hang Up!

Student callers help Ole Miss connect with 77,000 alumni, friends each year

Ot's 9 p.m., and a dozen students are bent over their telephone stations in the UM Foundation Carriage House, raising money for The University of Mississippi.

Suddenly, a caller takes a deep breath and shouts "Are you ready?" into the phone and follows with the rest of the signature Ole Miss cheer. On the end of another line, someone hears the familiar words and wants it chanted for him, too. Then others.

It's all in a night's work at the Ole Miss Call Center, the backbone of a personal fund-raising system that this academic year has secured \$1.1 million in pledges for general and specific uses at the University.

For junior Carla Mercer of Columbus, Mississippi, who has medical school in her sights, an ordinary evening involves telephoning 120 people. She may talk with half of them.

"The longer people stay on the phone, the easier it is," Mercer said.

Senior Lorrie Jerome of Horn Lake, Mississippi, was just looking for a campus job when she signed on at the Call Center. "I'm sort of an introvert," she said. "But I told myself, I can do this."

Now, both women are top callers, and their work helps the University reconnect with 77,000 Ole Miss alumni and friends every year through the Annual Fund.

"The Annual Fund provides the means to share University successes, thank our supporters for helping make it all possible, and ask for their continued contributions," said Ted J. Smith, who coordinates the activities as director of annual giving.

Annual Fund gifts go to student scholarships, classroom technology, innovative student initiatives and student-related publications, and travel for students and faculty, as well as academic

conferences and educational forums.

Mercer and Jerome say it's fun when their calls generate questions about campus news and professors.

"A good call is not necessarily getting a pledge. It's when I have been able to get across all my information," Mercer said. "But when you get a pledge, you really feel great."

Jerome, a history and anthropology major thinking about graduate school, said one high point for her came during spring 2001 when she told Ole Miss friends about the University's being granted a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. She said the people she called were excited and said it was "going to make their degrees more valuable."

During the next 12 months, the fund-raising crew will focus on calls for Ole Miss schools and colleges, and special projects like the band, Grove, J.D. Williams Library, and Ole Miss First, UM's premier scholarship initiative. ■

Senior Lorrie Jerome of Horn Lake, Mississippi, is an experienced fund-raiser working in the Ole Miss Call Center.



'I Just Love the Guy'

Alumni raising scholarship funds to honor former accountancy dean Davis

Dedicated professional. Outstanding teacher. Distinguished alumnus. Each phrase aptly describes Dr. James W. Davis, former dean of the E. H. Patterson School of Accountancy.

After 37 years on the UM faculty, Davis has touched the lives of hundreds of students, including two now successful Ole Miss graduates who intend to honor their former teacher as he steps from administration back into the classroom full time.

Charles Cannada (BBA '80) of Jackson and Larry Hardy (BBA '68) of Memphis co-chair a committee to raise funds toward the James W. Davis Accountancy Scholarship Endowment. Cannada says it's a small token of admiration for one who has given much.

"Jimmy Davis seemed to love every kid who came along, and he had a way of making each one feel special," said Cannada. "He was my mentor, my No. 1 teacher, helper, friend, and inspiration—and he helped me find a job. I just love the guy."



James W. Davis, former dean of the School of Accountancy, considers students his No. 1 priority.

he has after 37 years in the classroom, challenging students to be the best that they can be," Cavett said. "His success is evident in the success of many, many of his former students who are graduates of the Ole Miss accountancy school."

Year awards in the accountancy school, he was honored with the University's campuswide Outstanding Teacher Award in 1985.

A native of Sardis, Davis attended Ole Miss, where he earned three degrees: bachelor's and master's degrees in accountancy and a doctoral degree in business administration. He also is a CPA. Before beginning his teaching career, Davis served as a staff accountant at Arthur Andersen & Co.

Asked what he cherishes most in his professional career, Davis has a pat answer. "My greatest pleasure in my years at Ole Miss has been teaching accounting," he said.

For information about contributing to the Davis Scholarship Endowment, contact Cavett at (662) 915-7375 or e-mail clay@alumni.alum.olemiss.edu. ■

'... That's the legacy he has after 37 years in the classroom, challenging students to be the best that they can be.'

Clay Cavett, assistant director of alumni affairs and major gifts officer for accountancy, has a hunch there are others among UM alumni who feel the same way and will want to contribute to the Davis Endowment.

"When you think of Jimmy Davis, you think of students—that's the legacy

A UM faculty member since 1965, Davis was named dean of accountancy in 1993 following five years of service as associate dean. He has chosen to step back into the classroom full time.

Davis' dedication as a classroom teacher has been recognized several times. Along with three Teacher of the

Widow makes husband's wish come true by establishing journalism scholarship

Learning more about the world and bringing it back to Mississippi—that's what an Ole Miss journalism student can anticipate, thanks to John and Celia Buntin Emmerich.

"John always wanted to do this. He told me he wanted to give \$100,000 to Ole Miss journalism, but he died before he had the opportunity," Celia Emmerich said.

She has taken steps to make his wish a reality by establishing the Celia and John O. Emmerich Jr. Scholarship Endowment Fund with a testamentary gift of \$100,000 through the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy.

While the original purpose was just for journalism scholarships, the focus has grown to include the Emmerichs' love of travel. Celia and her friend Carla Hefner Carlisle, former Mississippian and now of Bury St. Edmonds, Britain, are talking about including a work exchange through British newspapers.



Celia Emmerich

international level.

While John was building Emmerich Newspapers, Celia was making an impact in her new hometown with community work, especially with Communities In Schools, a program providing mentoring to at-risk students.

The couple traveled the world, saw

'... He wanted to give \$100,000 to Ole Miss journalism, but he died before he had the opportunity.'

"John thought international travel broadens a reporter and the community in which he or she works, as well as the state of Mississippi," said Celia Emmerich, a Gulfport native whose bachelor's degree is from Ole Miss.

The Emmerich family grew to newspapering prominence in Mississippi in the 20th century. John's father, J. Oliver Emmerich, was an award-winning editor and publisher in McComb. After graduating from Ole Miss in 1951 and following a successful newspaper career out of state, John and Celia returned to Mississippi as owners of the *Greenwood Commonwealth*. That would begin John's extensive acquisition of newspaper properties throughout the region and his newspaper leadership at the

their two children become successful adults, and built a beautiful home with a commanding view of the Mississippi Delta. He was an avid pilot; she, the arts patroness and civic activist.

It all changed in February 1995, when John died from a massive heart attack.

Today, Celia Emmerich is settling into a new life in San Antonio, Texas, where her beloved sister-in-law Faye Emmerich Hardy lives. Faye has five children, lots of grandchildren, and lots going on. "I've moved into another family," Celia said.

Daughter Melanie is nearby in Round Top, Texas, and son Wyatt, who has expanded the newspaper chain, makes Jackson, Mississippi, his home base. Grandchildren abound there, too.

This fall, Celia Emmerich said she and Carla Carlisle probably will get together in England to flesh out the scholarship plans. ■



Journalism students will benefit from the new scholarship.

Walking the Talk

Founder of M.S. Carriers contributes \$1 million for Ole Miss First endowment

Mike Starnes took a walk with his friend, Chancellor Robert Khayat, on land where both men's roots run deep—The University of Mississippi's Oxford campus.

As they enjoyed looking over the campus, the Memphis businessman recognized Khayat had put "his heart and soul" into serving their alma mater, with the results being likened to a renaissance. Now, Starnes hopes to ignite a similar movement among the Ole Miss family to provide for future generations through student scholarships while honoring the chancellor.

Starnes' \$1 million gift—his second to the University—creates a scholarship endowment that is named for the chancellor, his friend of 20 years, and also pays tribute to Starnes' parents, Milton and Gladys Starnes of Oxford.

Based on Starnes' gift, The University of Mississippi Foundation Board voted unanimously to establish the Robert C. Khayat Endowment for Ole Miss First with a \$100 million goal. The unrestricted scholarship money is to be awarded to students from everywhere who have achieved academic excellence.

"I want this gift to be the spark that kicks off the \$100 million Ole Miss First campaign and inspire others to step up and give money directly or pledge it in their wills," he said. "My gift to help athletics seemed like it sparked other people to get on the bandwagon, and the overall campaign put the University back on a competitive track. That was very rewarding to me.

"Likewise, Ole Miss First is a great program that will help keep talented young people in the state by providing

scholarships, then, hopefully, those students will contribute to making Mississippi a better place," Starnes said. "Giving to others is something that has to be felt in the heart, and this is definitely coming from my heart.

'In today's environment, you've got to have a college degree; that's the price of admission to get into the show.'

"If you look at all the great institutions in the country, you will find that most have strong private giving; you just can't totally depend on state funds," the alumnus said.

Starnes is using this opportunity to express his gratitude to Khayat and his parents.

"I took a walk around campus with Robert about a year ago, and it was incredible," Mike Starnes said. "The University is absolutely in the best position it's ever been in academically, athletically, and aesthetically—all the way up and down the scale. Robert called most of the students we met on the walk by name. He's in touch with students, alumni, faculty, and staff. He's a great communicator, manager, and academic leader. He's one of my all-time heroes and a wonderful human being. I can't say enough good things about him, and I can't thank him enough for what he's done for Ole Miss."

As for his parents, Starnes described them as "wonderful people with very high moral values and standards. I obviously love them and appreciate everything they have done for me.

They believe that education is very important, even though neither one of them went to college. They are proud that their children went to college.

"I think this is what Ole Miss First is all about," Starnes said. "Each genera-

tion tries to do a little better in terms of educating their children and making Mississippi a better place."

Starnes earned a business degree in 1968 from Ole Miss and went on to found in 1978 M.S. Carriers, a Memphis-based trucking company. Started with only \$10,000, the company became the fifth-largest truckload company in the nation, boasting 5,000 trucks and 6,000 employees. He sold the company in 2001 but remains as president of M.S. Carriers, a wholly owned subsidiary of Swift Transportation, the largest publicly traded truckload carrier in the United States.

"Mike Starnes was a youngster growing up in Oxford when I came to Ole Miss," said Chancellor Khayat. "As a young man he delivered local freight for his father's trucking company while being an active high school and college student. The success of M.S. Carriers is well-documented and is an affirmation of the unusual ability and extraordinary work ethic that Mike has demonstrated since childhood.

"There surely will be students who will emulate the career of Mike Starnes

and, perhaps, 20 years from now those students will be providing scholarships for the next generation. All of us are eternally grateful to Mike for all he has done for the University of Mississippi," said Khayat.

Ellen Rolfes, director of Ole Miss First and a major gifts officer agreed, saying, "Through his profoundly important gift, Mike Starnes serves as a reminder to us that we should not forget our 'taproot.' If everyone in the Ole Miss family remembers this simple value and gives some amount to the Robert C. Khayat Endowment Fund, even as a deferred gift, the University will be well on its way to attracting and retaining the academically strong students in Mississippi and beyond."

Starnes grew up in Oxford with Ole Miss playing a role in his fondest memories. As a high school student delivering freight to the campus before his own classes started, he often indulged in the University cafeteria's doughnuts and chocolate milk. He also recalls hours as a teen spent playing football with his friends on the Ole Miss football field. His love of sports, in fact, keeps him coming back to campus events.

The alumnus previously stepped forward with a \$1 million gift in 1994 to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The naming of the Starnes Athletic Training Center reflects his support. Other donors followed his example, but desiring to balance athletics and academics, Starnes concluded

that the newest gift would be dedicated to student scholarships.

"In today's environment, you've got to have a college degree; that's the price of admission to get into the show. It's so important, and yet so many young people in Mississippi don't go to college, and so many others leave the state for their education. The Ole Miss family must share in the responsibility of helping young people by providing scholarships."

Any individual or group can contribute to the Robert C. Khayat Endowment for Ole Miss First. For more information, contact The University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677-0249; (662) 915-5944 or (800) 340-9542; umf@olemiss.edu. ■



A \$1 million gift from Mike Starnes (third from left) creates the Ole Miss First endowment, which is named for his friend Chancellor Robert Khayat (left) and also pays tribute to his parents, Milton and Gladys Starnes of Oxford.

Setting a Good Example

Foundation CEO and wife make Chancellor's Trust gift in honor of the Khayats

When Don Frugé and Mary Ann Hancock started their freshman year together at The University of Mississippi, they had talked of spending their lives together.

What they couldn't know at the time was the union of their talents and energies would have a dramatic impact on the life of Ole Miss.

Don Frugé, president and chief executive officer of The University of Mississippi Foundation, and Mary Ann Frugé, national president of Chi Omega sorority, have spent more than three decades working to enhance Ole Miss and opportunities for students.

During the recent *Commitment to Excellence Campaign*, the Frugés became members of the Chancellor's Trust program, which was established in 1975. The Chancellor's Trust accepts unrestricted gifts to be used for the University's greatest needs.

"Don and Mary Ann Frugé are extraordinary individuals who are completely devoted to the development of Ole Miss and its students, as well as the city of Oxford and Lafayette County," said Chancellor Robert Khayat. "The commitment and contributions of this couple have enriched the entire community beyond measure. Margaret and I are deeply grateful for these wonderful friends, who have honored us through the Chancellor's Trust."

The Frugés, who support other Ole Miss programs, shared their thoughts on the gift.

"We wanted to join the Chancellor's Trust in honor and appreciation of Robert and Margaret Khayat," Don said. "They've been close friends, men-

tors, and colleagues for more than 30 years, and we greatly appreciate their leadership and support."

Mary Ann agreed, saying, "The University gave me an outstanding education plus the opportunities to develop friendships and leadership skills that have contributed to a wonderful life. I am especially grateful for my husband, Don, whose career at Ole Miss has given both of us many, many friends and great personal fulfillment."

Don, who for years has been on the forefront of the University's development efforts, is credited with maximizing the University's resources. With the phenomenal growth of private support and the endowment, a full-time president and CEO was needed for the Foundation. Don was named to that position in 1999 after serving as vice chancellor for advancement and executive director of university development. Don also is a professor of law and has served as chair of the Oxford-Lafayette Economic Development Foundation.

He describes the last five years on the campus—when a capital campaign attracted \$525.9 million—as "visionary, forever changing the University."

Don and Mary Ann recently coordinated the dedication of the new Paris-Yates Chapel and Peddle Bell Tower, paying tribute to donors and providing a thoughtful look at religious life on



Don and Mary Ann Frugé (center) and longtime friends Chancellor Robert Khayat and his wife, Margaret.

campus. Mary Ann served as director of religious life on campus earlier in her career.

A former Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce president and Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Mary Ann directs the national affairs of Chi Omega, which has 240,000 initiates and 170 collegiate chapters.

In addition to their professional work, the Frugés have provided personal resources to support such University programs as the Chapel; Ole Miss Associates; Lix Frugé Endowment in Law; Friends of the Library; University Museums; Robert Khayat Endowment; Loyalty Foundation; and the Accountancy, Ventress, and Lamar orders.

Don earned undergraduate and law degrees from Ole Miss before going on to receive a Master of Law in taxation from New York University. Mary Ann pursued both undergraduate and master's degrees at Ole Miss. The couple has one son, Don L. Frugé Jr. He and his wife, Liza Mitchell Frugé, are the parents of Don L. Frugé III. ■

Stewardship is new responsibility for longtime staff member

Since 1994, the UM Foundation has had the good fortune to have Christi Bland as part of its staff. Beginning as senior secretary and working up through the ranks to



Christi Bland

senior accounting clerk, Bland has remained an integral part of the Development office.

Bland received a Bachelor of Accountancy degree from Ole Miss last December and was recently promoted to development associate/stewardship coordinator.

"This is a great opportunity for me," said Bland. "Starting as secretary and moving up has allowed me to fully understand how the Foundation operates. Now I'm creating my own job description within the context of my prescribed duties." In her new position, Bland serves as the Development liaison to various departments on matters related to donor relations and the Foundation's endowed scholarships.

"I grew up in Oxford and decided to move back here to pursue an accounting degree. I had to work full time, so naturally I chose the University. It's been rewarding to realize that what they tell you is true—if you work hard, people recognize it," said Bland who hopes to begin working on her master's degree once she has explored her opportunities at the Foundation and "mastered" her new job.

"Christi is a tremendous asset to our office, having worked in several different capacities in the development office. Her valuable experience and organizational skills will greatly enhance our stewardship program. I am especially pleased to see her furthering her career goals at the University with our department," said Director of Development Services Ron Guest.

Getting There from Here

Travel, study of other cultures prepares Newman Scholar for international career

Sophomore Thomas "Joel" Rutherford Fyke's Newman Scholarship allows him to seek answers to questions he began asking in high school.

The \$24,000 award for four years of study frees other funds, enabling him to travel abroad and immerse himself in different cultures. He also holds a Barnard Scholarship and a National Merit Finalist Scholarship, a total package exceeding \$34,000.

"Joel Fyke exemplifies the student the Newman family envisioned when

lending. And with the opportunity to travel and learn more beyond the classroom, I feel like it's preparing me well for the future."

Also enrolled in the Ole Miss Honors College, Fyke has logged trips to Costa Rica, Peru, and Cuba, and he studied as a L'Abri fellow in England. He was a National Model United Nations Conference delegate and was nominated by the University for the National Student Leadership Forum on faith and values in Washington, D.C.

About other cultures, Fyke said, "If

we expect to do business with or in another country, we need to understand more than their language; we need to know about their culture, how and why they do things the way they do and have the beliefs they have."

Fyke says he might like to serve a company as its cultural liaison.

He's also considering a master's in international

business. "I'm enjoying myself so much that every class I take I decide that I might like to expand my focus in that direction," he said.

The Newman Scholarship was endowed in memory of alumnus W.R. "Buck" Newman Jr. to help recruit to Ole Miss the state's outstanding students. Founded with support from the John C. Bancroft Charitable and Educational Fund, the Croft Institute provides a multidisciplinary liberal arts major in international studies. ■



Newman Scholar Joel Fyke (third from right) was honored at a luncheon hosted by Chancellor Robert Khayat (left). Also attending were (from right) W. Richard Newman III and Barbara Kroeze, the son and daughter of W.R. "Buck" Newman Jr., and Fyke's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frazier Earl Fyke.

establishing this prestigious scholarship," said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "The University is proud and pleased to have Joel enrolled here."

Fyke, who had recruiters from around the country knocking on his door, chose Ole Miss because of the Newman Scholarship and advantages offered through the Croft Institute for International Studies.

"I really felt like I could get the best education here, and I have not been disappointed," he said. "It's been very chal-

Focus on Fundamentals

\$8.5 million from Hearin Foundation to support business infrastructure

An \$8.5 million grant from the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation of Jackson has made things a lot brighter for the School of Business Administration.

Earmarked for faculty development, professional staff support, and undergraduate services, the funding extends over a five-year period.

"This generous grant supports our core values by building the infrastructure necessary to improve student services, attract and keep good faculty, and improve the quality of research," said Michael Harvey, business school dean.

The Hearin grant comes at a critical time, given the continuing decline in the state's educational budgets and the increase in the School of Business Administration's enrollment, which has over the past five years grown from 1,900 to more than 2,500—nearly one-fourth of the students on the Oxford campus.

"We've had a 40 percent increase in students and no increase in faculty or advising staff. This grant gives us the opportunity to support that growth. It would be almost impossible for us to enrich what we're doing without it," Harvey said.

Beyond its faculty and student body, the school's success relies on "people in between" who help students make the best academic and career choices pos-

sible. "Student services for academic advising, summer internships, and job placement are all important areas that will be enriched because of the Hearin grant," Harvey said.

The new grant builds on a \$5 million Hearin gift to Ole Miss in 1997 that established the school's prestigious Hearin Chair faculty positions and enabled the opening of the Hearin Center for Enterprise Science—a research unit specializing in operations management and optimization technology.

Funding for faculty development and support staff initiatives included in the first grant will be continued and expanded as part of the second grant.

"Our faculty salaries are 20 percent below the national average, so the new funds to support faculty development, summer research, and travel to professional conferences couldn't come at a better time," Harvey said.

Summer support allows faculty to reduce teaching loads and focus on research activities. Associate Professor of Marketing Greg Rose has benefitted from Hearin funds the past two summers.

"Without this funding, it would be very difficult to have the time to conduct research and do the writing. I wouldn't be nearly as productive because most of my research is done over the summer," said Rose, who has published some two dozen articles in major scholarly journals since 1994.

Harvey likens the new grant to the important fundamentals of football. "It's blocking and tackling. That's not very glamorous, but if you don't block and tackle, you don't win games. The Hearin Foundation has said they want us to block and tackle as best we can. That's the key. Do these things right and everything else will improve." ■



Sorority celebrates 75 years at UM by giving centerpiece for new quadrangle

Alumni and students at the Ole Miss this fall have another place to congregate: a new quadrangle between the J.D. Williams Library and Paris-Yates Chapel.

At its center is a fountain whose shape echoes the badge design of Phi Mu, a sorority celebrating its 75th year at UM.

Led by Shellye McCarty of Magee, alumnae and friends of Phi Mu's Alpha Delta chapter on campus raised the money to build the fountain. They also established an endowment fund for its maintenance, McCarty said.

"The idea for the fountain came when we were thinking of ways to celebrate our 70th anniversary on campus," McCarty said. "We wanted to give the University something lasting that would reflect our love and dedication for this place."



Phi Mu Fountain adds to campus beautification efforts.

After meeting with Chancellor Robert Khayat and discussing options for locations and designs, solicitations for donations went out to more than 1,700 alumnae of the Alpha Delta chapter. But Phi Mu's gift had to wait five years for Paris-Yates Chapel to be completed, and its dedication falls on the sorority's diamond anniversary. The fountain work was delayed to avoid damage from chapel construction, McCarty said.

"Fountains add a lot to the beauty of a campus. And I would have loved listening to the sound of this one when I took classes in [nearby] Bondurant Hall," McCarty said.

More Luckyday funds go to future teachers from Mississippi community colleges

Joseph Jones of Golden wanted to be a high school English teacher but wasn't sure he could afford a university education because both his parents are disabled.

Then The University of Mississippi's Luckyday Scholarship program approved his application. Today he's a junior in the School of Education, where he wanted to be all along.

"During my last year at Itawamba Community College, I began looking for a university to attend. I always loved Ole Miss, so that was my first choice," Jones said. "The Luckyday Scholarship made the load lighter."

Thanks to Luckyday Foundation's Board, twice as many state community college students will share Jones' experience to prepare themselves to fill Mississippi's critical teaching needs in 7th through 12th grade classrooms.

In 1998, the Jackson-based foundation gave Ole Miss \$350,000 for 10 teachers' scholarships. A year later there were 20. With 40 new awards for fall 2002, the School of Education will be home to 60 future teachers who are recipients of Luckyday Scholarships, which were created by the late Frank Day, an alumnus and former chairman of Trustmark National Bank.

Recipients of the \$3,800 annual stipend must maintain at least a 2.5 grade-point average and agree to teach in Mississippi at least three years after their graduation and certification. Priority is given to applicants who will teach math and science.

"We want to attract our state's best and brightest would-be teachers from

our community colleges," said education dean Dr. Jim Chambless. "Ole Miss is meeting a critical need by helping to prepare these new teachers, especially in math and science—subjects linked to the development of a skilled workforce in our state."

Luckyday board member Holmes Adams of Jackson said the additional



Luckyday coordinator David Rock (center) congratulates recipients Stephanie Stubblefield and Brandon Kirk.

scholarships not only help address the state's teacher shortage but also provide opportunities for community college students to complete their education.

The Luckyday Scholarship is "very important to our community college students," said Olan Ray, executive director of the Mississippi Board for Community and Junior Colleges. "This scholarship is another demonstration of Ole Miss' commitment to community colleges and to public education."

Luckyday coordinator Dr. David Rock said the additional scholarships are creating greater interest in teaching.

"It's opening doors I never thought possible," said Rock. "If we can continue to prepare 30 to 40 math and science teachers every year, over just the next three years you can see that we could have 100 Luckyday teachers out there at one time. That's significant." ■

Out-of-this-World Operations

Physicians refine techniques to help protect health of future space travelers

Future space travelers can count on solid backup from Earth when medical crises arise, thanks to a pioneering collaboration between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and The University of Mississippi Medical Center. In the first step, doctors at the Medical Center are guiding surgeries half a world away.

Using NASA's telecommunications and medical imaging linkups, surgeon Dr. Patrick Sewell is directing image-guided interventional procedures at two Japanese hospitals: Hokkaido University Hospital in Sapporo and Jikei University Hospital in Kashiwa. He teleconferences with his Japanese colleagues and simultaneously sees real-time MRI scans of each patient to guide the surgical procedures. He also can transmit instructional illustrations during each procedure.

"This remote imaging project helps NASA learn more about these techniques and the benefits of using them, possibly from Earth to a space station, or even when we decide to go to a distant planet," says William W. Parsons Jr.,

the agency's director of center operations and support. "One area NASA has been working to improve is our ability to perform telemedicine. There are many areas in which NASA and the Medical Center can collaborate to improve the ability of humans to live and work in space."

Interventional surgeries could be ideally suited to treat astronauts who

fibroid cryosurgery (to destroy uterine fibroid tumors). Tumors are treated with a cryo (freezing) probe inserted into a small incision, with images from a twin-magnet interventional MRI system guiding the probe during the process.

Japanese physicians originally asked Sewell to lead their country's clinical trials of his new procedures. Travel and

'There are many areas in which NASA and the Medical Center can improve the ability of humans to live and work in space.'

need emergency care because they cause far less trauma than conventional surgeries. Sewell's procedures leave incisions that typically require only a Band-Aid or single suture.

Sewell, chief of the Medical Center's Division of Interventional Oncology in the Department of Radiology, plans to lead about 60 surgeries this year for the project. The surgeries include two he developed, I-MRI renal cryosurgery (to destroy kidney cancer) and I-MRI

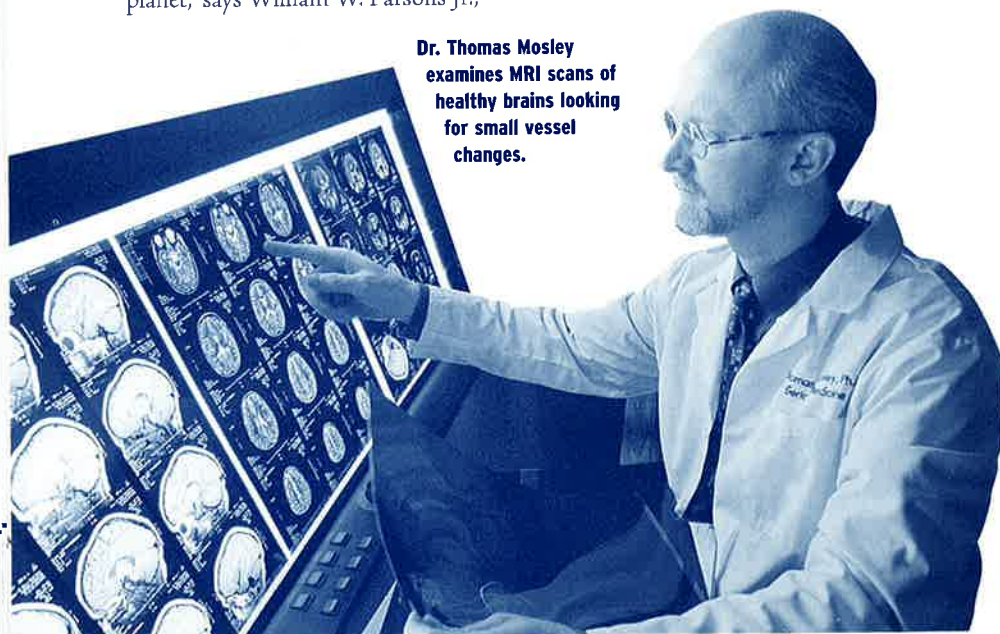
time constraints, as well as consultation with NASA, which has remote imaging as one of its Earth-based missions, led to this project.

The images and communications run over transoceanic fiber optic cables at the speed of light. The terrestrial setup actually is faster than satellite transmission, which has a half-second delay.

As the remote imaging system is refined, it may one day allow astronaut-physicians to perform a variety of surgeries aboard space missions as directed from Earth by a specialist in the applicable field. Closer to home, the techniques may usher in a new era of trans-global medicine.

"This project has tremendous potential, here as well as in space," says Dr. David Dzielak, the Medical Center's associate vice chancellor for research. "These concepts and technologies may lay the groundwork for telemedicine in deep space, but more importantly, may improve health care for patients right here on Earth." ■

Dr. Thomas Mosley examines MRI scans of healthy brains looking for small vessel changes.



Jackson philanthropist remembered with \$150,000 scholarship endowment

The family of the late Earl Raymond Wilson of Jackson has given \$150,000 to establish the Lamar Order/Earl R. Wilson Memorial Scholarship in Law Endowment.

Wilson, a graduate of the School of Law, left an extraordinary legacy of altruism that began early in his professional career as a Jackson attorney and lasted some 52 years. Since Wilson's sudden death September 25, 2000, his family has sought to perpetuate his tradition of giving.

On the first anniversary of his death, Wilson's widow, Martha Lee Lyles Wilson, and the couple's three daughters established the scholarship.

Thanking the Wilson family, Dean Samuel M. Davis said, "Mr. Wilson was a remarkable man, and it is my loss that I did not get to know him personally. His legacy will live on, however,

through this scholarship that Mrs. Wilson and her daughters have endowed in his name. This marvelous gift will benefit generations of law students to come, and I am deeply appreciative of their generosity."

Recalling her late husband's gratitude for having been able to attend the UM law school on the G.I. Bill, Mrs. Wilson said the gift is a fitting memorial.

"Earl was always appreciative for the start that Ole Miss gave him," she said. "Although he did not practice law in the courtroom, instead choosing to pursue a career in the banking and oil industries, Earl knew that his law degree was the



Martha Lee Lyles Wilson of Jackson meets with Dean Samuel M. Davis (left) and Tim Walsh at the School of Law to confirm the \$150,000 Lamar Order/Earl R. Wilson Memorial Scholarship in Law Endowment in memory of Mrs. Wilson's late husband, Earl Raymond Wilson.

solid foundation he needed for excelling in his chosen fields."

Contributions to the Wilson Scholarship fund can be mailed to Tim Walsh, associate director of alumni affairs, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677-0249. For additional information, e-mail tim@olemiss.edu. ■

Journalism grad returns to campus as advocate for liberal arts

The College of Liberal Arts has a new advocate. Brandi A. Tolbert, a 2000 journalism graduate, is back to help keep in touch with alumni and friends, as well as raise money for important programs.

Tolbert replaces fellow journalism grad Perry A. Moulds, who now is assistant to the dean for advancement.

College of Liberal Arts Dean Glenn Hopkins said Tolbert is welcome help for the college's efforts. "We have a tremendous number of liberal arts graduates who want to continue to be involved with our program. Brandi will play a key role in that communication



Brandi Tolbert and Dean Glenn Hopkins

for us."

Tolbert is equally delighted to be back on the Oxford campus. "Helping this university to grow and nurture students is truly an awesome responsibility, which I accept with a lot of enthusiasm

because I believe in it so completely," she said.

She, Moulds, and Hopkins continue promoting membership in The Ventress Order, Ole Miss' organization for those who want to make a financial commitment to the College of Liberal Arts. Membership can be achieved by a \$5,000 cash or property gift in a lump sum or in installments over a period of not more than 10 years.

Anyone interested in joining The Ventress Order should contact Tolbert at (662) 915-1586 or by e-mailing btolbert@olemiss.edu. ■

New pharmacy dean and husband establish pharmacy scholarship fund

Eager to create opportunities for students in the School of Pharmacy, Dr. Barbara Wells decided home is the best place to start.

Dr. Wells, dean of the school, and her husband, Richard M. Wells, have joined the Galen Order and established a scholarship fund for pharmacy students. Dr. Wells, who assumed her post in July, said she hopes the move signals her commitment to faculty, alumni, and friends of the school.

"We just wanted to feel, very early on, that we're really a part of the University and the School of Pharmacy," she said. "Obviously, we can't be a part of its wonderful past, but we are a part of its present, and we can be part of a very bright future. We both believe very strongly in the University, its future, and its faculty and staff."

Provost Carolyn Staton said the gift strengthens the school's offerings and helps attract bright students to UM.

"This shows the dedication and commitment of Dean Wells and her husband to the field of pharmacy and to The University of Mississippi," Staton said.

The fund provides one scholarship annually for a deserving pharmacy student. The first is to be awarded for the 2002-03 academic year.

Established in 1987, the Galen Order administers substantial gifts for the School of Pharmacy. The organization supports specific projects in student activities, faculty development, alumni relations, the Pharmacy Library, facilities, instruction, recognition,



Barbara and Richard Wells

scholarship, and research.

"It's hard to ask people for money unless you're contributing yourself," Dr. Wells said.

A Memphis native, Dr. Wells came to UM from the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, where she also served as dean. She is president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and has served on the pharmacy faculties at the University of Tennessee-Memphis and Samford University.

After earning her bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, she began her academic career as an assistant professor at the UT Memphis campus.

Richard Wells, also a graduate of the University of Tennessee, is a retired community pharmacist. He owned and operated Bartlett (Tennessee) Pharmacy for more than 28 years. ■

Department's new home closer to completion

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences moves from Meek Hall to its own building later this year. Formerly the Zeta sorority house, the two-story structure is being renovated with financial assistance from John and Lenoir Stanley.

"We are grateful to the Stanleys for their financial support to help ensure this positive major accomplishment of having space exclusively devoted to our discipline," said department chair Dr. Erskine R. Smith.

Lenoir Stanley received her bachelor's degree in home economics from the University in 1973.

Plans call for the new space to provide classrooms and a laboratory. A dining room will continue the unique dining experience dietetics/nutrition and hospitality management majors provide to the University community through the Fanfare Room in Meek Hall. The experience also provides valuable hands-on learning for the students.



Renovation nears completion for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Partial demolition of the building has been completed, and new wiring and plumbing are being installed for the new configuration, said Bill Anderson, the University's construction manager. The projected completion date is October 2002.

With this move, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences joins another academic division on Sorority Row. The McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College also established its home in a former sorority house after extensive renovations.

Their Gift Speaks Volumes

Library receives \$691,561 from estate of 'great readers'

The J.D. Williams Library has a new resource that can help with all kinds of needs, the Hugh L. Quarles Library Endowment.

The \$691,561 testamentary gift comes from the estate of Corrie Dennis Quarles of Oxford, the widow of Hugh Quarles, who died in January 2000 at the age of 89.

"The Quarleses were great readers. They had a great library of their own and felt like the Ole Miss library would benefit from their financial support," said Charles H. Walker of Oxford, the estate's executor, who noted they had through the years made smaller contributions to that purpose.

Library Dean John M. Meador Jr. said that although income from the

endowment won't be coming to the library until next year, he appreciates its flexibility in providing for a variety of library needs, including purchasing books, journals, computers, application software, multimedia, and microforms.

Retired from the military, Quarles was a longtime Ole Miss mathematics professor whom his wife honored by establishing a mathematics scholarship endowment of \$55,000 after his death in 1987. Since then, another \$500,000 has been added.

"Colonel Quarles was very down-to-earth," said Walker, noting the professor also kept bees, raised purple martins, and collected firearms.

He was a close friend of Dr. Victor A. Coulter, for whom the chemistry

building is named. "You'd see Colonel Quarles and Dr. Coulter out in the woods together They'd be wearing these old khaki clothes. You'd never know one was a Phi Beta Kappa in mathematics and the other was a Phi Beta Kappa in chemistry."

Colonel Quarles was a graduate of the University of Alabama and the University of Chicago.

A native of Fayette, Corrie Quarles received her bachelor's degree from Ole Miss in 1933 and her master's in 1942. While a student, she was president of the Women's Student Government Association; a member of the jazz band, debate team, and annual staff; and YMCA treasurer. ■

Second Chances

Scholarship helps single parents afford college education

A single parent needing financial help to continue studies at The University of Mississippi has a new scholarship just for that purpose.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the Second Chance Scholarship Endowment will fund the cost of tuition each semester for a deserving undergraduate. Bonuses also are payable based upon outstanding scholarship.

To qualify for the academic scholarship, the applicant must be an entering freshman, current student, or transfer student from Mississippi who

- Is single
- Is the custodial parent of one or

more dependent children

- Demonstrates exceptional financial need as determined by the UM Office of Financial Aid

- Has a high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as an entering freshman, or 2.5 for a current student or community college entering transfer student

An entering freshman recipient may receive the award for up to eight regular semesters, and an entering transfer for up to four regular semesters, or until requirements for a first baccalaureate degree are met, whichever comes first. The student must continue as a full-time student, maintain a cumulative 2.5

GPA, and participate in at least one extracurricular activity of her or his choice each term.

A Second Chance Scholarship recipient also may qualify for cash bonuses during sophomore, junior, and senior years: \$250 each semester in which the student achieves 3-3.49 GPA or \$500 each semester for 3.5-4.0 GPA.

Students interested in applying for a Second Chance Scholarship should contact Max Miller in the Office of Financial Aid at (662) 915-7175 or e-mail max@olemiss.edu. The process requires submission of a UM application for admission and a UM scholarship application. ■

Mickey and Mary Smith repay generosity with deferred gift to pharmacy program

For 36 years, Mickey and Mary Smith have made it their mission to befriend as many pharmacy students as they can. Now they have bequeathed their estate to perpetuate that mission long after they are gone.

The beneficiary is the Department of Pharmacy Administration, where Smith is an F.A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professor and director of the Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management. The gift will fund scholarships and an annual conference on pharmaceutical marketing.

"We have devoted 36 years of our lives to the University, and we feel that the University has reciprocated," Mickey Smith said. "The deans were good to us, the chancellors have been good to us, and everybody at the University has been so good to us. We want to give something back."

The gift strengthens the School of Pharmacy's offerings and allows it to continue to attract the brightest students, said Chancellor Robert C. Khayat.

"We are deeply grateful to Mickey and Mary Smith for this generous and thoughtful gift," Khayat said. "The

entire community has been the beneficiary of countless contributions made by both of them, and this gift will continue their commitment in perpetuity."

The couple's commitment to helping pharmacy students goes back to 1966, when the couple returned to Oxford after two years in New Jersey. They began hosting dinners for the school's graduate students as they completed their degrees, and there were tons of them, Mary said.

Mickey has taught virtually every graduate course in the pharmacy administration curriculum and was among the first group of F.A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professors named in 1988. He has published more than 400 papers in more than 100 different research and professional journals, and his textbooks are considered standards in the field.

Mary is a registered nurse. She worked as a nurse at the Oxford-Lafayette County Hospital and was school nurse for the Oxford School District. She also was an instructor in what was once the University's Department of Home Economics. ■



Mickey and Mary Smith: Leaving a legacy of love.

Day scholar plans business/med fusion



Mark Kosko

Mark Kosko of Greenwood gets to combine a business degree with medical school as recipient of the 2002 Christine and Clarence Day Scholarship, one of the University's largest academic awards.

"Mark not only has exceptional academic skills but a vision of the world and what he can do in it," said Ann Canty, associate business dean for undergraduate programs.

The \$40,000 Day Scholarship is awarded annually to a Mississippi high school senior who displays notable leadership and scholarship skills and who commits to majoring in business. The Day scholar receives \$10,000 per year for four years. To keep it, Kosko must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

Kosko is a graduate of Pillow Academy in Greenwood. Beginning his college career in the fall, he said his goal is to augment his business curriculum with enough science to prepare for medical school.

The son of Dr. Paul Kosko and Elizabeth Pittman Kosko, he was in the Honor Society, active in student government and a handful of school clubs and sports teams, and worked with youth programs through his church.

Kosko also has worked part time as a lab technician in his father's eye clinic, where he has learned that medicine is more than a way to make a living. "It isn't about making money but about helping people see better," he said.

He recalled the young boy whose face "lit up with joy" when he received a new pair of glasses at the clinic, even though the child's family couldn't afford to pay for them.

"That's what draws me to medicine, the compassionate side of it," he said. "What draws me to business is being able to provide a stable environment where I can give people that kind of service."

UM's Day Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Christine Rogers Day and Clarence Cairns Day, longtime residents of Aberdeen.

Great Grandmothers

Pottery entrepreneur honors two who helped shape her for success

Internationally known pottery artist Gail Jones Pittman of Ridgeland, Mississippi, is remembering her grandmothers, Lena Byrd Jones and Ted Thames Pendley, by establishing a \$100,000 endowment in their names.

"Although my grandmothers were so very different, they had a tremendous influence over me and with how I turned out," said Pittman, who was inducted into The University of Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001.

Pendley of Jackson was a single mother who worked in a shoe store and took care of her own mother while raising her family. "Her life was really shaped by the Depression, and her work ethic was huge," said Pittman.

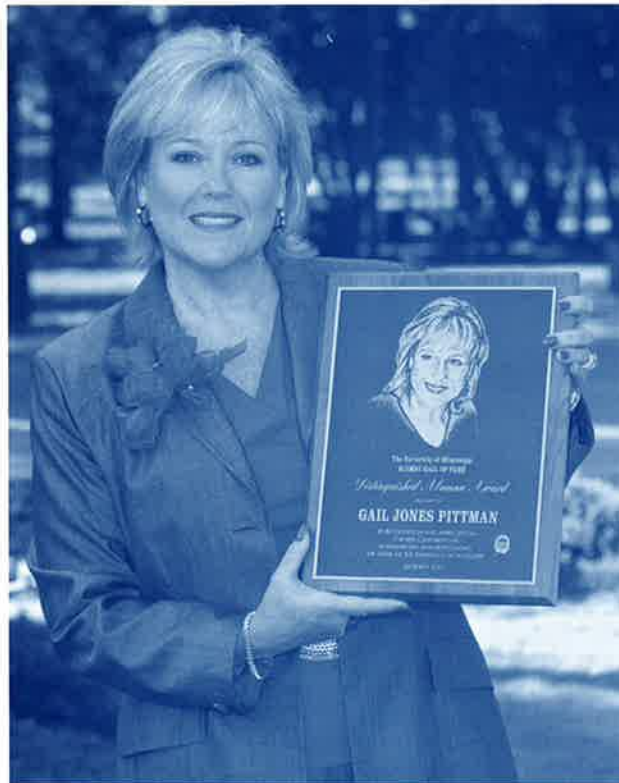
Jones of Philadelphia lived more of a life of privilege and service, said her granddaughter. "Her father was a U.S. congressman, and she was a great community leader. She established the first library for the Choctaw Indians in Neshoba County, and every Sunday she went to the hospital to visit the sick," Pittman said.

Two grandmothers, different strengths yet equally inspiring—they were her role models, Pittman said.

"A Women's Council scholarship is the perfect tribute to memorialize these two very special women," she said.

Women's Council scholars are full-time students chosen for academic abilities and leadership potential. They participate in a leadership development and mentoring program, in addition to academic pursuits.

"Just as her grandmothers were role models to her, Gail has become a role model and mentor to others," said Jan



Gail Jones Pittman

Farrington of Jackson, Women's Council chair for donor development.

"Gail's outstanding accomplishments add honor to the lives of these wonderful women who influenced her. Her recognition of them is a prime example of the work of the Women's Council," Farrington said.

Pittman received her bachelor's degree in 1972 and became an elementary teacher. In 1979, she began painting ceramics to give to family and friends. In the early 1980s, she began selling them at the Canton Flea Market.

Today, her company's product sales include national and international retail chains and catalogs, and manufacturing includes a broad selection of handcrafted, hand-painted ceramics, dinnerware, accessory pieces and custom tile, as well

as wall coverings, fabrics, and rugs.

Her Mississippi company, which employs 135, was recognized by *INC.* magazine as one of the 500 fastest-growing privately held companies in America.

In 1992, Pittman was recognized as Outstanding Woman of the Year and was a finalist a year later for Entrepreneur of the Year by *INC.* magazine and Merrill Lynch. She

was inducted into the 2001 Mississippi Business Hall of Fame. In 2002, she was voted Mississippi's Outstanding Business Woman.

She has served on such boards as AmSouth Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Mississippi Children's Home, and UM Business Advisory Council, and is a sustaining member of Junior League of Jackson.

When Pittman's endowment takes effect, the scholarship will be administered as other Women's Council scholarships for recipients with outstanding records of community service, scholarship, and leadership potential, said Max Miller, UM assistant director of financial aid. ■

The Honduras Connection

Couple's missions of supporting Ole Miss, providing dental care to needy intertwine

On remote areas of Honduras, one of the most poverty-stricken countries in Central America, people are seen every day wearing Ole Miss caps and T-shirts.

And their everyday lives are better for knowing University of Mississippi supporters.

For the past 23 years, these Honduran people have felt the compassion and commitment of Mississippians Robert and Shirley Seymour of Hernando. Dr. Seymour, a dentist, and his wife, Shirley, a dental hygienist, have worked to ensure that the quality of life is enhanced for children and adults.

Both physical and spiritual needs of the Honduran people are being met by the Seymours and others involved in two Hernando and Southaven churches with strong mission programs. Three Honduran dental clinics are the fruits of the couple's labor with a small group of other dentists. The Seymours' biannual trips to work in the clinics are occasions to distribute Ole Miss clothing because the couple's love for the Honduran people and their love for Ole Miss are inescapably intertwined.

"In a strange sort of way to me, the two are related. If I named the two things I enjoy most in life it would be my Honduran mission efforts and everything that's involved with Ole Miss," said the dentist. "The weeks I spend each year in Honduras are the best, and Ole Miss is such a huge part of who I am."

It's not surprising to find that the Seymours are some of the newest members of the Chancellor's Trust, a fund established in 1975 for unrestricted



Chancellor Robert Khayat (left) welcomes Robert and Shirley Seymour as new members of the Chancellor's Trust.

gifts to be used for the University's greatest needs.

"The thing I remember my own mother saying was, 'Whatever you give, you'll never out-give God. That's certainly my experience. My dental practice has done better than I ever dreamed, so I've always thought I needed to be giving something back.'"

The Seymours also chose the Chancellor's Trust because of current University leadership.

"I don't think there's another person anywhere in the United States who could have done what Chancellor Khayat has done for Ole Miss, particularly from his unique position of being respected in both the academic and athletics worlds. He's been able to strike that balance, which I think uses one to benefit the other," said Seymour. "The chancellor gets mentioned as a candidate for high-ranking positions with various organizations and university programs. For him to turn those opportunities down and say that he's not finished with his work at Ole Miss just really gives the University extra credibility.

"There's a great deal of enthusiasm felt by alumni and friends seeing what Robert Khayat is doing," Seymour said. "The Chancellor's Trust is unique in that donors—who have confidence in the chancellor's decisions—know the money will really help the University. The chancellor knows the

needs, knows how to address them, and knows how to get things done."

Chancellor Khayat responded, "Robert and Shirley Seymour set an example for all of us by living extraordinary lives filled with work they love and service to others. They nurture friendships both in our beloved Grove at Ole Miss and in the jungles of Honduras. We are inspired by their dedicated efforts and grateful for their generous gifts."

In addition to keeping in close contact with the University through sporting events and other campus programs, the Seymours turned to The University of Mississippi Foundation to set up a charitable fund that handles their philanthropic efforts in Honduras and at Ole Miss. In addition to the Chancellor's Trust, the couple also has supported student scholarships at the Ole Miss-DeSoto Center in Southaven, as well as other programs on the Oxford campus.

The Seymours are the parents of one daughter, Holly, who attended Ole Miss for two years before going on to earn two degrees from Florida State University. As a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, she is stationed in Austin, Texas. ■

Fund-raising effort wins national recognition

UM's advancement program, which is responsible for University fund raising, won a 2001 Circle of Excellence Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, an international organization for advancement professionals.

"It is gratifying for the University to be nationally honored by our peer institutions for our successes in fund raising. This award is gratefully received on behalf of our entire development team, which includes our alumni and friends," said Don L. Frugé, president of The University of Mississippi Foundation.

UM's advancement program was selected for an "improvement award" based on analysis of an annual survey by the Council for Aid to Education, which conducts research on private support of education.

For fiscal year 2000-01, the UM Foundation reported private support at \$62.7 million from 16,165 individuals, corporations, foundations, trusts, and estates, with a \$320.4 million endowment, up from \$291 million the previous year.

Frugé said the endowment growth brings UM to 135th in the nation among all colleges and universities, up from 144th the previous year. UM also ranks 27th in endowment per student among all public universities in the nation.

"We are truly humbled to be recognized for our private support efforts that continue to greatly impact every aspect of the University of Mississippi," said Sandra Guest, director of University advancement. "Any success we achieve certainly is attributable to the thousands of loyal alumni and friends who generously give back to Ole Miss."



Tupelo attorney honors wife's memory with scholarship endowment

When William P. "Pete" Mitchell of Tupelo attended law school at The University of Mississippi during the Depression, there were needy students but no scholarships.

Remembering the past and recognizing present needs at his alma mater, Mitchell has given \$500,000 toward a \$1 million pledge, to establish the William P. and Mary Annis Clayton Mitchell Scholarship in Law Endowment.



William P. 'Pete' Mitchell (center) has given \$500,000 toward a pledge of \$1 million, to establish the William P. and Mary Annis Clayton Mitchell Scholarship in Law Endowment. Thanking Mitchell in his Tupelo law office are Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Tim Walsh (left) and School of Law Dean Samuel M. Davis.

"The legal profession has been good to me, and I think our responsibility is to give back," said Mitchell, a member of the firm Mitchell, Voge, Corban & Morris.

"Mr. Mitchell has supported the law school with a gift to the Lamar Order every year since 1982," said Tim Walsh, associate director of alumni affairs. "His generosity will allow the law school to recruit and retain outstanding students."

The endowment honors Mitchell's late wife, "who was surrounded by attorneys all of her life," Mitchell said. Her father, Claude Clayton, was a circuit judge in Tupelo. Her brother, Claude F. Clayton, was a circuit judge and U.S. district court judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, and he was a member of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals at the time of his death. Her son-in-law, Steve Leech, also is an attorney, as well as her nephew, Claude F.

Clayton Jr.

"My daughters and I wanted to do something of a personal nature in her memory, and we thought this would be appropriate," said Mitchell.

Mitchell has practiced law in Tupelo since graduating from the law school in 1937 and, at age 87, still makes the daily trek to his office. A former Lee County prosecuting attorney, he was district attorney in the 1st

Judicial District.

He is a member and former commissioner of the Mississippi Bar Association, a member of the American Bar Association, and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Mississippi Bar Foundation.

Contributions to the Mitchell Scholarship Endowment can be made by contacting Tim Walsh at (662) 915-7375 or by e-mail at tim@olemiss.edu. ■

Double Time

Twins keep Foundation on cutting edge with installation of new computer system

With the expansion of University Advancement, Development Services, and The University of Mississippi Foundation, it has been essential to day-to-day operations to maintain a state-of-the-art computer system.

When Lance Felker joined the Foundation team last September as systems administrator, he had one goal: install a massive upgrade and complete the conversion process as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"The old system is what is known in our business as a 'legacy' system. It isn't capable of pulling information quickly enough, and it's not Web-accessible. The new system is flexible, powerful, and fast," said Felker.

"Now our staff will have instant access to all sorts of information from wherever they are," said Felker. "This system also incorporates our accounting system and facilitates receipts processing."

After about six months of installing the system, it became clear that there was enough work for two, so Felker called his favorite working partner: his twin brother, Kevin.

"We got our start in computers when we were about 10 years old," said Kevin. "Our parents gave us our first computer about then, and we were fascinated. I guess we've both always wanted to work together. We love computers, and, needless to say, we work well together."

"Lance and Kevin's unique ability to complement each other in the workplace, their professionalism, and their enthusiasm for problem solving have made them outstanding additions to

the Development Office," said Director of Development Services Ron Guest. "Lance and Kevin have excellent computer skills, and both are committed to keeping the Foundation at the forefront of technology."

Once the conversion is completed, Lance will oversee all computers and software applications, and administer the Internet, e-mail, and application and database servers. Kevin will administer security, the network, and servers, as well as identify and fix software application problems for Foundation employees.

"My ultimate goal as computer security officer is to lock the system down—making it completely inaccessible to hacking of any sort," said Kevin.

Lance graduated from Ole Miss in 2000 as part of the University's first McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College class. Prepared with a bachelor's degree in management information systems and a minor in business administration, he spent a year working as systems



Kevin and Lance Felker

administrator for the Oxford-based Web site development company Vision Innovations before returning to his alma mater.

Kevin graduated magna cum laude from Mississippi College in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in computing information systems. He then spent two years working as a systems administrator for Raytheon Systems Company in Dallas, Texas, prior to signing on with the Foundation. ■

Faulkner portrait donated to library

A one-of-a-kind portrait of Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner has been donated to The University of Mississippi.

One of six known paintings created from the same photograph of Faulkner in his red riding gear, the artwork is the smallest of all and the only one signed by both the photographer, Col. J.R. Cofield, and the artist, Laucene Clements.

The 13-by-11-inch portrait, circa 1969, was given to the J.D. Williams Library by Oxonian Ann Rayburn. It hangs in the library's Special Collections.

University archivist Dr. Thomas Verich assessed the portrait as "the most important image we have added to the collection in over 20 years."

With the donation, the University now owns three of the six original Faulkner portraits. One also hangs in the Chancellor's Office and another at Rowan Oak, Faulkner's historic home, which was purchased by the University in 1972. Another, damaged in a fire at the Cofield Studio, hangs at Square Books in Oxford. Another was done for the West Point Military Academy, and the remaining copy is in a private collection.

Message from Don L. Frugé



President/CEO, The University of Mississippi Foundation

It is my honor to report that our generous and loyal alumni and friends provided \$111.3 million in private support during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. This includes an extraordinary endowment gift of \$49.5 million and other regular gifts of \$61.8 million. From unrestricted funds, restricted gifts, and earnings from endowment funds, the UM Foundation transferred to the University for its use and benefit \$59.7 million during last fiscal year.

Just as important, the number of donors reached 17,671, a very significant increase of 9.3 percent over the previous year total of 16,165. Through the University Calling Center, 11,962 pledges were received totaling \$1.1 million for the year. More than 5,000 first-time donors have been added to our honor roll of donors over the last two years alone through our student callers.

The total University and Foundation endowment grew to \$345.4 million as of June 30, 2002, up from \$320.4 million the previous year. This includes a quasi endowment of \$47.7 million supporting a very special academic program. The earnings from the total endowment provide student scholarships, faculty and staff support, library acquisitions and other library support, maintenance, and academic and athletics program support. At \$320.4 million, the total University and Foundation Endowment placed the University 135th in the nation among all colleges and universities, up from 144th the previous year, and 27th in the nation in endowment per student at public universities.

Through your generosity, the University received the 2001 Circle of Excellence Award for overall improvement in development from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, an international organization for advancement professionals. It is truly gratifying and humbling for the University to be nationally honored by our peer institutions.

The management of permanent endowment funds has certainly been challenging the last several years, but we promise you careful and faithful stewardship of your gifted dollars in both up and down markets. Fourteen different firms currently manage our diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds, and alternative investments. This broad diversification resulted in total returns for our endowment of 7.6 percent for seven years, 4.6 percent for five years, -0.8 percent for three years, and -8.7 percent for one year ending June 30, 2002. We thank you for the trust you have placed in the Foundation, and we look forward to an improved investment climate for everyone.

The addition to Brandt Memory House is complete and operational. It houses office space for our advancement officers, the University Calling Center, two boardrooms, a kitchen, and much needed storage. We thank our board for approving construction to enhance our support of the University, and we invite you to tour the new facility when you are on campus.

Thank you for the continued support you provide our entire university.

Don L. Frugé

Take a Seat, Please

Donations support Center for Performing Arts

When the curtain officially rises in spring 2003 at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts, you can be an important part by purchasing one of the 1,200 seats in the new facility—the crown jewel in a visionary cultural complex along University Avenue in Oxford.

Your gift of \$1,000 will be acknowledged with a permanent nameplate on

the seat. While it won't actually be for your personal use, the seat will

clearly denote your support of the arts and provide recognition for your family, a cherished Ole Miss friend, or someone else you care about who loves the performing arts.

"The Ford Center will be a tremendous addition to our campus, and I know the entire region will enjoy what it will offer," said Don Frugé Jr., director of corporate and foundation relations.

Proceeds from the seat sales will help the University operate the facility by creating an endowment for personnel and programming. Nearly 100 seats already have been purchased.

Construction on the center is expected to be complete this fall, but its official opening has been set for later so that operational details can be perfected, he said.



"We know the Ole Miss community will want us to operate the Ford Center in a highly professional manner," Frugé added. "Private gifts for these seats will make a real difference for the center."

Gifts to support the center through the seat project may be pledged on a payment schedule, charged to a credit card, or paid by check to The University of Mississippi Foundation/Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information or to purchase a seat, contact Frugé at (662) 915-6966. ■

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