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Correction

In the summer issue of *Foundation News*, a photograph accompanying the story about the late Harriet Jackson was not properly identified. It was thought that the women in the photo with Jackson were her three sisters. Two of the women were Jackson's suitemates in Rick's Hall at the University of Mississippi. They were Norma Dickey Day of Gulfport, Class of 1924, and Beatrice Bailey Sanders of Bude, Class of 1923. The *Foundation News* appreciates the correct identification being presented and apologizes for the error.

Message from the Chancellor



Dear Friends,

It is impossible to overstate the importance of private support for the University of Mississippi and the positive difference private gifts make to the quality of our progress.

In recent years, we have been blessed beyond measure as we have seen gifts to the university increase exponentially. To a great extent, the progress we have made since 1995 is directly attributable to the funds received by our foundation for a variety of university needs.

Across the nation, state support for public higher education is dwindling, and most observers predict that trend will continue. At the same time, studies conclude that economic vitality and quality of life are enhanced when higher education is well-funded and receives widespread public support. Those studies also agree that we are in the age of information and that the importance of higher education will continue to increase.

At Ole Miss, we have recognized that gifts made to the university provide the margin of excellence, and every aspect of life on our campus – academic programs, labs, student scholarships, facility improvements, salary support for faculty, the enhancement of the university experience through cultural and extracurricular activities, and the library – depend heavily upon private support.

We have an aggressive gift solicitation program underway that enables donors to participate at levels comfortable to them and to designate specific areas as beneficiaries of their gifts.

We urge every person, company and foundation that has an interest in assuring that Ole Miss continues to be a “Great American Public University” to generously include this university among your charitable contributions. Our pledge to you is that we will be good stewards of your investment and that every decision we make is intended to create greater opportunity for our students and therefore, a better quality of life for all.

Thank you for your support of Ole Miss and for your continuing participation in the life of our beloved university.

Warmest Regards,

Robert C. Khayat
Chancellor
University of Mississippi

Message from Don L. Frugé



Dear Alumni and Friends,

More than ever, gifts from alumni and friends continue to sustain the quality of our academic programs, provide scholarships, strengthen libraries, enhance faculty support and provide construction/renovation funds for academic/athletic facilities. Private support is truly making a difference in the lives of our students. We appreciate the trust you place in the University of Mississippi Foundation and pledge to be good stewards of your generous gifts. It is our pleasure to report fiscal 2003-2004 year-end results.

Highlights include:

- 18,659 donors contributed \$48.1 million in gifts.
- \$17.7 million was received from 1,837 foundations and corporations.
- As of June 30, 2004, the UM Foundation/University endowment totaled \$367.3 million.
- Last year's endowment total of \$333.5 million placed Ole Miss 128th in the nation among all colleges and universities and 24th in endowment per student at public universities.
- \$40.1 million was transferred from the foundation to the university for scholarships, library, academic, faculty and programmatic support.

The Joint Committee on University Investments in consultation with our overlay manager, the Fund Evaluation Group, oversees investment of your endowment funds. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, total returns were 16%, 3%, 3.3%, 6.3% and 8.7% respectively for one, three, five, seven and ten years. After the three worst years in security market history, we are seeing a dramatic increase in total returns. Your endowment is the ultimate long-term investor, and we are proud the ten-year return – which includes those challenging years – is again over eight percent.

Opportunities to strengthen the university abound at all levels. As you consider your annual philanthropic responsibilities, please consider options offered at Ole Miss. Whether through an annual gift, endowment gift, life insurance policy, will bequest, or a trust that pays you income for life and the remainder to Ole Miss, you may direct contributions to any school, college or initiative. Should you need assistance, please contact us at 1-800-340-9542 or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu. We can assist you and your legal and financial advisors to arrange support to benefit you and your beloved Ole Miss.

Sincerely,

Don L. Frugé
President/CEO
University of Mississippi Foundation

Why Give?

by David Brevard

I am a blessed person. I have wonderful, loving parents who have taught me by their examples the importance of giving gifts of time, talents and financial resources.

I remember as a young child accompanying my mother on activities associated with the Junior Auxiliary, as she truly gave a portion of herself to help others. At the age of 81 my mother continues to volunteer a half day per week in our local hospital's emergency room. Her stories of the families she has assisted through the years in the emergency room often pull at your heart, but they also reinforce the significance of her volunteer service.

I remember the countless Boy Scout board meetings that my father attended in the evenings, along with meetings for numerous other organizations. I suspect that during certain periods of leadership, with either our church or a service organization, my father spent as much of his time on matters related to the organization as on matters associated with our family business. My parents have always been involved in working together with others and in financially supporting worthy endeavors to improve the quality of life here in our community of Tupelo, Miss. Albert Einstein believed that "only a life lived for others is worth living." I believe through their attention and commitment, both to our family and to the quality of life for others, that my parents have attempted to live by Einstein's tenet.

I think all of us have the opportunity through charitable giving and personal involvement to fulfill the biblical admonition of the Great Commandment which is simply to love God and

to love your neighbor. If we follow this charge in a humble spirit, it is impossible to give of ourselves without being blessed in return.

My parents love and support Ole Miss. I am motivated to support and participate in the life of the university because of their example, but, more importantly, because of my own recognition of the positive influence Ole Miss has had on my life. Four years on the Oxford campus spent earning my undergraduate degree helped prepare me for life. I gained many of my closest friendships and relationships through my Ole Miss connection. I have a treasure chest of special memories of Ole Miss that is still increasing.

The University of Mississippi is a stronger school now than when I graduated in 1978. Its reputation as a great public university is deservedly growing and spreading. For this to continue, private support from me and other members of the Ole Miss family is essential.

When I make a donation to the Brevard Family Endowment, I know I may be helping a student who might otherwise not be able to attend a college to pursue a degree in engineering. I feel fortunate and lucky to create this type of opportunity through our family's scholarship program for a student to maximize his or her potential at Ole Miss. As a donor there is nothing more satisfying for me than meeting one of the scholarship recipients.

A theme of a recent capital campaign

conducted by our church was "Not Equal Gifts but Equal Sacrifice." It is also applicable for private giving to Ole Miss. Everyone can not make the same level of financial gift to Ole Miss, but whatever each of us can do at our own appropriate giving level is both needed and important for our university.

I am blessed to be a member of the Ole Miss family. I hope that I can continue to support Ole Miss with my time and resources to enable our university to not only maintain existing programs but also to implement new and

improved educational experiences, better preparing our graduates for full and abundant lives.

Editor's Note: David Brevard, the president of B&B Concrete Co. of Tupelo, Miss., is a past president of the national Ole Miss Alumni Association and serves on the board of directors of the University of Mississippi Foundation. In addition to scholarships in the School of Engineering, the Brevard family has created an Ole Miss Women's Council Scholarship in honor of Elizabeth Brevard. David Brevard is chairman of the board of directors of the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi, chairman of the Administrative Council of the First United Methodist Church, member of the executive committee and board of directors of the Community Development Foundation, vice chairman of the board of directors of Mississippi Methodist Senior Services, Inc., vice president of operations for the Yocoma Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and member and former president of the Tupelo Kiwanis Club. ■



David Brevard

Exploring Philanthropy

Giving as a Family — A Shared Tradition Lives on at Ole Miss

At Ole Miss, giving back to our beloved university is a deep-rooted custom as much a tradition as fall Saturdays in the Grove.

Philanthropy is an American phenomenon, and family philanthropy is fast becoming an Ole Miss phenomenon. While each of us arrives at philanthropy by his or her own path, most come to realize its importance to preserving and renewing wealth.

Engaging the family in the culture of giving begins with a dedication to teaching how philanthropy positively affects society, to endowing children with the legacy of sharing and caring, and by setting goals that reflect the interest of the family. It also begins with a clear definition of family values and how those values are reflected in the family's actions and priorities.

"With six sons, our father did not have many financial resources to give to the University of Mississippi, but he was so proud of the university and was constantly raising money for the

library, the Ole Miss Alumni Association and other projects," says Claiborne Barksdale of Oxford, Miss., director of the statewide Barksdale Reading Institute. "My father started all of us on the road of supporting the university's academic mission. He instilled in us the firm belief that the university's academic strength was important and a worthy object of lifelong support. I hope that we are passing on that belief to our children."

UM Chancellor Robert Khayat sees families placing significant importance on support for the university.

"As each family reviews the priorities in their lives, they have individual preferences," he says. "I suspect that the top five are faith, family, friends, career and organizations that we embrace. For the Ole Miss family, our university is among the top priorities in our lives."

Family philanthropy varies in asset size, mission and style, and the process is unique to every family, however all family foundations have one thing in

common — they increase intergenerational communication and strengthen family bonds.

By establishing a family tradition of giving to Ole Miss, families can instigate a continuing commitment that produces tangible results year after year, generation after generation. Family philanthropy isn't just for the Vanderbilts and the Rockefellers, however. Any level of family giving can encourage the culture of giving in a family, and just about any family has the potential to enjoy giving together.

Children, brothers, sisters, spouses, nephews, nieces, cousins, grandchildren and godchildren — all make up a unique definition of "family." Family members can connect each other to ideas larger than themselves, which bridge the distance to future generations.

"At the UM Foundation, we believe people give because they know it is critical in shaping the character of their children," says Sandra Guest, director of University Advancement. ■



Jackson Scholar Earns \$40,000 Scholarship

The 2004 \$40,000 Christine and Clarence Day Business Scholarship at Ole Miss – the largest in Mississippi for a business major – goes to National Merit Finalist Joshua Dudley Kipp of Jackson, Miss. The Jackson Preparatory School graduate holds an impressive record of volunteer work, service as a Mississippi Governor's School delegate and top academic marks in advanced placement courses.

Many of his achievements follow his survival of a near-fatal car wreck that required Kipp to endure multiple facial reconstructive surgeries.

The UM freshman is pursuing a double major in management and marketing, with a minor in accounting.

Established in memory of Christine Rogers Day and Clarence Ceans Day, longtime residents of Aberdeen, Miss., the Day Scholarship honors a Mississippi student who demonstrates academic excellence, personal character and ability. ■

Odoms Create 'Shaky' Yates Award

A gift from Carl Odom of Hattiesburg, Miss., and his wife, Jeannine Sheats Odom, creates the Lawrence "Shaky" Yates Award to assist freshman teachers.

The teaching style of Yates, an English professor, is said to have vexed students during his 1946-53 tenure. Carl



Taylor Hagood

Odom describes Yates as "tough on his students ... but we learned more from him than anybody else. It's our desire to offer what we can to encourage the Shaky Yates of the world for all time."

The inaugural recipient of the award is Taylor Hagood of Ripley, a graduate instructor and doctoral candidate. The Ripley, Miss., native holds associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Ohio University and is slated to completed his doctorate at UM in May 2005. ■

Private Funds Build Terminal, Extend Runway

The University-Oxford Airport sees up to 20 flights land daily, but on football game days more than 5,000 passengers pass through Clegg Field. Current facilities aren't designed to handle that level of activity, but a new 6,181-square-foot terminal, runway expansion and other improvements should ease the situation.

Anco Construction Co of Corinth, Miss., has been awarded the contract to build the facility, to be located south of the existing terminal next to the Ole Miss blue hangar. Designed by the architectural firm Jones-Zander Ltd. of Grenada, Miss., it features a generous passenger lobby, conference rooms, administrative space, pilot lounges and exterior restrooms for nighttime use by visitors to Clegg Field.

With a spring 2005 completion date, the terminal is expected to cost \$1.13 million in private funds raised by the university. Other improvements include construction of private hangars, additional private parking and a 900-foot runway expansion. The runway expansion, funded through a \$1 million Federal Aviation Administration grant, includes the expanded runway, additional taxiways, lighting and

an automated weather system. The purpose of the runway expansion is safety, UM officials say. ■

Presidential Scholar Earns Newman

Samuel Douglas Ray of Jackson, Miss., is attending Ole Miss as the 2004 recipient of the \$26,000 Newman Scholarship, which continues to be among the state's largest awards for undergraduates.

Ray is one of two U.S. Senate Youth Program delegates from Mississippi, as well as one of two Presidential Scholars from the state. The National Merit Scholar and Jackson Preparatory School graduate, who provided leadership as student body president, also is an accomplished pianist.

Created in memory of UM alumnus W.R. "Buck" Newman Jr., the scholarship is endowed by the Newman family. ■

Rowan Oak Reopens to Visitors

William Faulkner's Rowan Oak welcomes visitors once more after being closed since the end of 2001 for renovations. The work, the second phase of a three-part project, includes new electrical wiring and plumbing, a museum-grade climate control system, foundation support, a fresh coat of paint and reproduction wallpaper.

A \$363,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Interior and \$500,000 from the state funded the second phase. A \$479,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development now funds the final work this fall: restoration of outbuildings and



Rowan Oak

landscaping.

Built in the 1840s, the house was home to Faulkner – the Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning author – 1930 until 1962. The university pur-

chased the house and 31 acres of land in 1972. The home is open to visitors from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, and 1-4 p.m., Sundays. ■

Wilkie Fills Cook Chair of Journalism

Curtis Wilkie, a veteran journalist who has spent more than 30 years covering presidential elections, civil rights and international conflicts, is the new Kelly Gene Cook Sr. Chair of Journalism.

A UM alumnus, Wilkie shares with students from his many career experiences, such as his 26-year stint as a national and international correspondent for the *Boston Globe*. From 1984 through 1987, he was the newspaper's Middle East bureau chief. Wilkie's work continues to appear in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek* and other publications.

The position was made possible through a \$1 million endowment established in 1991 by the Cook Foundation and partial funding from the university. ■

Reno Delivers Challenging Speech at UM

Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno says law enforcement offi-

cers must be fair and thorough in their pursuit of guilt and innocence, even in the face of financial and other challenges.

The comment came during Reno's keynote address at the Advanced Cyber-Crime Training Conference, which brought about 50 attorneys general from some 35 states to Ole Miss for a three-day training session. The conference was hosted by the university's National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law in concert with the National Association of Attorneys General, and Reno's keynote was open to the public. ■

Wilkin Becomes New Pharmacy Chair

Noel E. Wilkin is leading the Department of Pharmacy Administration as its new chair. An associate professor of pharmacy administration, he also serves as director of the UM Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management.

"Dr. Wilkin is exquisitely qualified to assume the responsibilities of department chair," says Dean of Pharmacy Barbara G. Wells. "He is accomplished in his field, highly respected, both locally and nationally, and well-known within the University of Mississippi and national associations for his leadership abilities."

In addition to teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, Wilkin conducts research on the social and behavioral aspects of pharmacy and health care and is the editor of the *Journal of Pharmacy Teaching*. He is the 2004 recipient of the School of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Sciences Teaching Award and the 2003 School of Pharmacy Service Award. ■

Former State Education Leader Becomes Dean of UM School

A widely respected leader in education, Dr. Tom Burnham, is leading the University of Mississippi School of Education as the newest dean on the Oxford campus.

Burnham – the former state superintendent of education for Mississippi and most recently the superintendent of the Henderson County, N.C., school system – becomes the sixth dean of Mississippi's oldest program for training teachers and school administrators.

"Dr. Burnham is a progressive thinking with an outstanding record," says Tupelo, Miss., businessman Jack Reed, the former president of the state board of education who recommended Burnham for the UM position. "He knows what Mississippi schools and teachers need. He'll be an excellent dean at Ole Miss."

As state superintendent, Burnham championed the Mississippi Adequate Education Act, established a statewide reading initiative, directed the development of the first Mississippi Report Card, initiated the Mississippi Tech Prep program, implemented a \$30 million program for technology in classrooms and reorganized the Mississippi Department of Education to become a service agency.

His goals include enriching and extending professional preparation of education graduates, encouraging and recruiting young people to the profession, and tackling the state's teacher shortage.

Burnham holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and master's degree in school principalship from Mississippi College, and a doctorate and specialist degrees in education from Delta State University. In addition, he enjoys a wealth of experience, such as serving as an administrator on the junior high and high school levels, assistant dean at Delta State, professor at the University of Southern Mississippi's Long Beach campus and executive director of the Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium. ■



Friends, Family of Slain UM Student Establish Scholarship in Her Name

Friends, family and University of Mississippi students are working to ensure Carnesha Rena Nelson is remembered for generations to come.

"Carnesha loved Ole Miss," says family friend Gary Stevens of Gautier, Miss. "She was only there for two years, but she fell in love with it. (The scholarship) is a way to carry on her love."

Nelson was found slain in May shortly after completing her sophomore year.

Stevens – who worked alongside Nelson's mother in the finance department of Chevron's Pascagoula refinery for more than 20 years – has joined efforts with Nelson's parents, all of whom are retired, and current refinery

employees Marisa Jackson and Anne Williams to create an endowment fund in the student's memory.

"Carnesha came from a wonderful family, and this is a tribute to her and her family," Stevens says.

Vice Chancellor for University Relations Gloria Kellum describes the endowment as a fitting memorial to honor Nelson.

"By all accounts, she was a warm, generous, intelligent young lady," Kellum says. "This is a wonderful tribute from her friends and fellow students to carry on her spirit."

Although Chevron and family friends already have contributed some funds, a minimum of \$10,000 is needed to establish a permanent endow-

ment through the University Foundation, which is accepting scholarship contributions.

Once established, the scholarship is to be awarded annually to an incoming freshman from Jackson County, where Nelson was reared and her parents still reside. The family requests that the scholarships be awarded to any eligible and deserving student.

An honor student at Moss Point High School, Nelson was pursuing a degree in criminal justice and had been tapped for the Griffin Award for Perseverance as a member of UM's Steps to Success Program, an organization that requires a minimum grade-point average of 3.0.

Individuals and organization interested in contributing to the endowment can contact the University of Mississippi Foundation at 662-915-5944 or 800-340-9542 or e-mail umjf@olemiss.edu. ■



Carnesha Nelson

Alumnus' Legacy: Luckyday Foundation Addresses Mississippi Teacher Shortage

Some of Mississippi's critical teaching needs are to be met in coming years by college students currently preparing for the important role of educators, thanks to the Luckyday Foundation based in Jackson, Miss.

In 1998, the Luckyday Foundation, founded by the late Frank Day – a UM alumnus and former chair of Trustmark Bank – pledged more than \$1 million to the University of Mississippi to fund teacher scholarships. Beginning with 10 in 1998, the scholarships then rose to 20 a year later. This year, the UM School of Education is home to 50 future teachers who are recipients of Luckyday Scholarships.

"The Luckyday Scholarships are a tremendous asset both to students and the university," says Dr. Tom Burnham, dean of education. "Students are able to use these resources and continue their career path of entering the education profession. Having access to the scholarship allows the university to recruit some of the most outstanding young people in our service area."

The awards go to community college students who are rising juniors with a 54-hour minimum of college-level work completed. Recipients of the \$3,800 annual stipend must maintain a minimum 2.5 grade-point average and agree to teach in a Mississippi secondary school at least three years after their

graduation and certification.

"The Luckyday program is beneficial to the state of Mississippi because it encourages liberal arts majors to transfer into education," says Germaine McConnell, assistant dean, director of academic advising and Luckyday coordinator. "Even if the recipients decide to teach only for a few years after graduation, they still fill a void of qualified secondary education teachers. It's our hope that these young teachers will love teaching so much that they will remain in the education field and hopefully, in Mississippi, for a lifetime."

Luckyday board member Holmes

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Scholarship Funds Serve to Remember ATOs Who Lost Lives in Recent Fire

Life is moving forward for a grieving University of Mississippi community after the deaths of three students in an Aug. 27 fraternity house fire, as steps are made to ensure the young men are always remembered.

The Alpha Tau Omega Scholarship Fund and the Will Townsend Memorial Scholarship Fund are in place, and gifts are coming in from family, friends, fraternity brothers and many organizations to memorialize Howard Hillhouse Stone of Martinsville, Va.; William Moore Townsend of Clarksdale, Miss.; and Jordan Lowell Williams of Atlanta, Ga.

The University of Mississippi Foundation is overseeing the contributions, which pay tribute to the lives of the students who died in the early morning fire. The foundation is also assisting the ATO fraternity with non-tax deductible gifts for renovations and repairs to the house. Checks may be made payable to

were pursuing accountancy degrees.

"The response to the fire at the ATO house was really unbelievable," says Dean of Students Thomas "Sparky" Reardon.

opportunity to pause and remember Stone, Townsend and Williams, in addition to seven other students who have died since May. Officials from other

"The kindness and generosity of those who called allowed us as a university to respond to the ATOs' immediate needs, as well as show them hope for the future at a time of deep pain and need."

— Dean of Students Thomas "Sparky" Reardon

"We heard from individuals who had never been to Ole Miss, from corporations, from other schools, and from alumni and parents of Ole Miss students.

"The kindness and generosity of those who called allowed us as a university to respond to the ATOs' immediate needs, as well as show them hope for the future at a time of deep pain

universities also were in attendance.

"In an event of this magnitude, the trauma that is suffered by members of ATO and the entire university community cannot be measured," says UM Chancellor Robert Khayat. "But we've seen the young people on this campus pull together. Other students, faculty, staff and alumni have rallied around

the students who are members of ATO fraternity to support them."

Wynn Smiley, chief executive of ATO national, says while the days after the fire continue to be difficult for the UM chapter, "the support from across the nation has been so gratifying, it feels like the community and the campus put their arms around them."

Individuals and organizations who are interested in supporting the scholarship funds can contact the University of Mississippi Foundation by calling 800-340-9542 or (662) 915-5944, e-mailing umf@olemiss.edu, or sending gifts to P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677-0249. ■



Howard Stone



William Townsend



Jordan Williams

the UM Foundation and earmarked for the ATO House Corporation.

All three students were sophomores. Stone was studying political science, and Townsend and Williams

and need," Reardon says.

Around 3,000 people attended a Sept. 2 memorial service in Tad Smith Coliseum that gave family, friends, and university students, faculty and staff an

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UM Grads Pay Tribute to Provost Staton by Creating Law Scholarship in Her Honor

The University of Mississippi School of Law's class of 1994 is building a lasting tribute to Provost Carolyn Ellis Staton with a new scholarship endowment.

More than \$40,000 in gifts and pledges already are designated to honor Staton, who served as a law pro-

"The reason we wanted to do something for her was because when we were at the law school, she was just such a major part of the school," says alumna Deanne Mosley of Jackson, Miss., who challenged her former classmates to contribute. "We couldn't imagine going through law school with-

out her being there, so we decided if she couldn't be there physically, she will in spirit."

Staton, a Vicksburg native, left the law school when she was appointed UM provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs in 1999.

Mosley says her classmates were impressed by the personal interest Staton took in students and wanted to honor her in a way that would touch

other students. Class members raised money secretly for three months, and they hope others choose to add to the endowment.

One student entering law school this fall receives the first Carolyn Ellis Staton Scholarship in Law. The three-year scholarship is to be awarded to an incoming law student once every three years.

"I am impressed that the members of the class of '94 raised so much money within their own group to honor one for whom they have great respect and much love," says law school Dean Samuel Davis. "The Carolyn Ellis Staton Scholarship will perpetuate their admiration for one the law school's truly outstanding teachers for generations to come."

Individuals and organizations interested in contributing to the endowment can contact the University of Mississippi Foundation at (662) 915-5944 or 800-340-9542 or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu. ■



David McCormick, from left, Chancellor Robert Khayat, Deanne Mosley, Carolyn Ellis Staton and Dean of Law Samuel Davis at the announcement

fessor during the class of 1994's first two years in law school. She was promoted to acting law dean during the group's third year.

Hearin Support Foundation Funds Winter Institute with \$1.25 Million Grant

The successful work of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi is receiving a boost from the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation of Jackson, Miss., through a \$1.25 million grant.

The multi-year grant helps the institute continue its mission of promoting community development, public service and educational advancement through collaborations with civic leaders and community residents of all

races and cultures.

"The Hearin grant represents the basis on which we will be able to move ahead to accomplish the very important mission that has been given us," says former Mississippi Gov. William Winter, who was instrumental in founding the institute. "These resources will enable us to get into communities in this region and be a catalyst for bringing people together to break down the barriers that have separated us."

Hundreds gathered this summer in

Philadelphia, Miss., to commemorate the 1964 murders of three young civil rights workers, and standing among them was Dr. Susan Glisson, director of the William Winter Institute. The Philadelphia initiative is an example of how the Winter Institute can help communities reconcile painful past experiences. Institute members are working with a local multi-racial group seeking ways to overcome the stigma of Philadelphia's past. One result is an upcoming event to mark

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Late Professor Emeritus Marquette Honors Wife, History Department by Leaving \$1 Million Estate to Ole Miss

The bulk of Professor Emeritus Clare Leslie Marquette's \$1 million estate goes to the University of Mississippi in a final tribute to his late wife through scholarships in her name and to his beloved history department.

"Dr. Marquette was 100 years old when he died last June. He had served his university and his community of Louisville, Mississippi, for the majority of his honorable life. We are deeply moved by this astounding gift, by what it meant to Dr. Marquette, and by what it will mean to future scholars and to the history department," says UM Chancellor Robert Khayat.

Marquette was a professor of American history at Ole Miss from 1946 through 1972. He was originally from Wisconsin and in 1937, met his wife, Lena Mitchell, a Mississippi native, while teaching in Wisconsin. They married and eventually settled in Oxford where an illustrious teaching career began.

"Dr. Marquette experienced some of the most historical and turbulent

students he had taught over 60 years ago and traded stories of his early days at Ole Miss. He remembered the days



Dr. Clare Marquette, far right, with his brothers, Bill and Chuck

of integration and other Ole Miss milestones very vividly."

"One of the most significant moments in Dr. Marquette's teaching

was in the auditorium in Bondurant Hall, and when Meredith came to class under the protection of federal marshals,

Dr. Marquette insisted that they wait in the hall. It was, I suppose, Dr. Marquette's thinking that a classroom was no place for armed guards."

Marquette's professional life was distinguished by his dedication to his subject, American economic history, and to his "methods" class, which he taught for nearly 30 years, says Haws.

"He saw to it that his students had a thorough knowledge of the library. He used to send them out on scavenger hunts designed to hone their research skills," the department chair says.

Three-quarters of the Marquette estate is to be used for scholarships to assist deserving students, with the remainder supporting a history department professorship. Established in his wife's name as the Lena Mitchell Marquette Council Scholarship, the fund gives first preference to outstanding graduates of Louisville High School in Winston County.

"Lena Mitchell Marquette was a gifted artist in her time," says Dr. Don Frugé, Sr., president and CEO of the University Foundation. "She had shows at the University Museums, and we have one of her paintings hanging in the living room at Memory House (the Foundation's headquarters)."

Marquette moved to his wife's native Winston County in 1972 after he and his wife retired. The couple was married for more than 50 years. ■

"We are deeply moved by this astounding gift, by what it meant to Dr. Marquette, and by what it will mean to future scholars and to the history department."

— Chancellor Robert Khayat

times at Ole Miss firsthand," says Joseph McCain, a family friend and editor of the *Winston County Journal*. "At his 100th birthday, he reminisced with

career was in October 1962," says Dr. Robert Haws, chair of history and Marquette's colleague. "His was the first class that James Meredith attended. It

Former Picayune Attorney Creates Foundation for Opportunities at Ole Miss

Countless young people are to benefit from educational experiences at the University of Mississippi because a Picayune, Miss., attorney loved his alma mater and wanted to repay the scholarship that made it possible for him to pursue a college education.

Before his death in March 2002, Lonnie Smith set up the Smith & Waldrop Foundation with his holdings of First National Bank of Picayune stock, and the dividends now fund two scholarship programs at Ole Miss. Dividends paid to the university this year total more than \$150,000, and projections put future annual contributions at approximately the same amount.

One scholarship memorializes his mother, Velma Waldrop Smith, and the second his father, Lonnie Smith, who both lived in Poplarville. Between the two funds, four annual scholarships covering tuition costs are to be awarded to undergraduate students.

David Hemeter, president of the Smith & Waldrop Foundation and executive vice president of the bank, says the planning and resources made available for the foundation and scholarships reflect Lonnie Smith's desire to help young people.

"This act speaks for itself," says Hemeter. "Lonnie Smith had a lifelong love for Ole Miss and wanted to help other people have the same opportunities he was afforded. On numerous occasions

he expressed that he could not have attended college if it had not been for a scholarship. He felt forever indebted to the university and wanted to give back."

UM Chancellor Robert Khayat says Smith's scholarships leave a profound legacy, both to the university and its students and to society in general.

"Lonnie Smith was a respected attorney and a thoughtful person who contributed greatly to his community and his state. Through these scholarships, other young people can follow his lead: developing a strong work ethic, achieving career success and giving back to their communities," Khayat says. "We appreciate the value Lonnie Smith placed on education and are grateful for his support of the University of Mississippi. He has created scholarship funds that will impact generations of young people."

Lonnie Smith earned an undergraduate degree in 1957 and a law degree in 1960 from Ole Miss. He represented Pearl River and Hancock counties in the Mississippi Legislature for 12 years and joined the Picayune firm of Williams Smith & Stockstill, where he practiced for more than 40 years. Former law partners Byron Stockstill and

Joe Stewart serve on the Smith & Waldrop Foundation board with Hemeter.

"Lonnie Smith loved education," says Stewart. "He was legal counsel for the Picayune School District for many years, and his mother was a teacher. Lonnie grew up under very strained financial conditions. He talked for years about setting up these scholarships to pay tribute to his parents and to help young people."

"Lonnie also was the best friend a person could have," Stockstill says. "He was the type of person who would help anyone. Attorneys are counselors, and Lonnie was one of the best when it came to sharing with someone what actions should be considered. He was a brilliant person and a great lawyer, and possessed a healthy sense of humor. He was extremely loyal to his friends."

A member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the First National Bank of Picayune Board of Directors, Smith also was an active community leader. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Rotary Club. He provided leadership on the statewide BookFriends Advisory Board and on the Pearl River County Library Board. ■



Lonnie Smith

Teacher Shortage

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Adams of Jackson, Miss., says the scholarships help address the state's teacher shortage, as well as provide opportunities for community college students to

complete their education at Ole Miss.

"The program is extremely worthwhile, and we are very pleased with the way it has been administered," Adams says.

For more information about the Luckyday Education Scholarships, contact Germaine McConnell in the University of Mississippi School of Education at (662) 915-7154. ■

Ole Miss Alumni Hall of Fame



Honored at Ole Miss Hall of Fame activities during Oct. 1-2 Homecoming Weekend were, from left, Brian K. Roberson of Washington, D.C., Outstanding Young Alumni Award; Rachel McPherson of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Charles D. Galey of Hattiesburg, Miss., Alumni Service Award; Henry L. Laws II of Clanton, Ala.; Gen. Paul V. Hester of Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Gerald M. Abdalla of McComb, Miss. and Dr. James "Butch" Rosser Jr. of New York.

In 'Model' Partnership, Ole Miss, NWCC Work to Attract \$1 Million for Scholarships

The University of Mississippi and Northwest Community College want to see more DeSoto County residents benefit from college degrees without ever having to leave the county's borders.

The goal is to raise \$1 million within five years – primarily from businesses and individual donors in DeSoto County – to be shared in two endowments: \$250,000 to support the freshman and sophomore years of study offered by Northwest at the DeSoto Center and \$750,000 to complete the junior and senior years offered by Ole Miss at the center.

Funds attracted by the new 2+2 Scholarship Initiative are to help DeSoto County's traditional and nontraditional students seeking college degrees through the partnership. A \$100,000 gift from the Hernando-based Maddox Foundation serves as the springboard for the initiative.

"This endowment campaign might be a first in the nation between a community college and a four-year university where resources are pooled and the proceeds divided to help both institutions provide scholarships for students," says UM Chancellor Robert Khayat.

Northwest President David M. Haraway concurs, saying, "I think our situation can be viewed as a model for the rest of the state as to how a community college and a university can and should overcome and cast aside 'turf protection' and other obstacles in the interest of pooling resources to serve our constituents in the best way possible."

Hernando dentist Dr. Bob Seymour, his wife Shirley and their daughter Holly chair the 2+2 Scholarship Initiative. The

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Minor Chooses Charitable Remainder Trust to Provide Student Scholarships

Lucian Minor recognizes the importance of scholarship funds because there were not any available when he attended the University of Mississippi shortly after the Depression.

"It was tough," he says. "There were few if any scholarships or jobs. My family provided about \$600 for my first two years to pay tuition, purchase books and live on, and that was it. The last two years were financed through a personal loan."

Minor's general business degree in accountancy plus years of hard work have positioned him financially to be able to give to the university so that young adults have access to scholarships. For this purpose, he recently established a Charitable Remainder Trust. His will also provides for a substantial contri-

but ion to Ole Miss after the death of his wife should she survive him.

"I decided that the trust option would allow me to make a gift to the university now and provide substantial income for my wife and me throughout our lives," Minor says.

Minor becomes a member of the university's 1848 Society, which provides lifetime recognition for those who participate in planned giving.

"We are indebted to Mr. Minor, who has had the wisdom and the foresight to invest in the future by making a planned gift to the University of Mississippi," says Dr. Don Frugé, president and CEO of the University Foundation.

Looking back on his college years, Minor points to improvements that have been made since that time, especially during Chancellor Robert Khayat's tenure.

"I think the university has made

great progress under its present leadership, and I'm willing to help build on that foundation. Robert Khayat deserves a lot of credit," he says.

The Macon, Miss., native graduated from Ole Miss in 1937 and was recruited right away by General Mills Inc. in Minneapolis. Following training, Minor joined the company's internal audit staff, where he was employed until his induction into the U.S. Navy in 1942. He was placed with Douglas Aircraft Co. in Los Angeles as a cost inspector. While enlisted, he passed the CPA exam.

Minor, a lieutenant commander, was discharged in 1946 and soon resigned from General Mills to open his own accounting firm in Memphis. By 1967, his operation had grown to some 40 employees, which was large enough to interest Big Eight firms. He merged with Ernst & Ernst (now Ernst & Young) and became partner in charge of the Memphis office, a position he held until he retired in 1978.

Minor is married to the former Mary Williams of Crenshaw, Miss. ■



Hearin Support Foundation Grant

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the 40th anniversary of the death of civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner.

The Hearin grant provides much needed operating funds, staff support and service expansion. Since its founding in 1999, the Winter Institute has operated on limited funds, working in some 15 communities to promote better communication and understanding with tangible community development

as a result, Glisson says.

Half of the grant provides outright for operational funds, additional staff support and an expansion of services by the institute over the next five years, whereas the remaining amount is given as a challenge grant to help establish an endowment for the institute's benefits. The university is responsible for securing funds for each of the next five years to match the grant funds from the

Hearin Foundation. A key component of the challenge grant is to continue awareness and grassroots private support from individuals, corporations and foundations across Mississippi and the region.

Individuals and organizations who wish to learn more about the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation or the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation grant can contact Susan Glisson at (662) 915-6734 or go to www.olemiss.edu/winterinstitute. ■

Stumberg Salutes Council Members

When Nancy Harrelson Stumberg talks about Ole Miss, it is with incredible confidence, optimism and above all, gratitude and affection. The 1975 graduate demonstrates her understanding of the mission of the University of Mississippi Foundation and the vision established by Chancellor Khayat.

"Ole Miss is one of the most meaningful places in my life," says Stumberg. "I decided long ago that I wanted to further the mission of the foundation, to show my gratitude for my education, and to support Chancellor Khayat in any way possible."

Stumberg has established the Nancy Harrelson Stumberg Women's Council Scholarship with a \$100,000 gift in honor of her affection for Ole Miss and for her fellow Women's Council members, Rose Jackson Flenorl, Kathryn Black, Patty Lewis, Rachel McPherson, Gloria Kellum, Becky Jones West and others.

"These women are all leaders in their various walks of life. They have inspired me through the years and frankly, if Gloria Kellum asked me to stand on my head, I would," says Stumberg, speaking of the university's

vice chancellor for University Relations. "I want to help instill the lessons I learned from my friendships with these women in young people through this scholarship."



Nancy Stumberg

Founded in early 2000, the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy is an initiative that involves women more directly in philanthropic endeavors for the university. The council, which provides scholarships for deserving young men and women, has become a national

model for philanthropy by establishing a caring and emotional connection with its mentoring program. An average of five to seven Women's Council scholarships are awarded annually to students entering the freshman class. Sophomores who exhibit leadership potential also are eligible. Each scholarship awards \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year for four years.

Stumberg, a native of Puryear, Tenn., now lives in San Antonio, Texas, with her husband, Louis Herbert Stumberg Jr. and their three children, Sara, Catherine and Patrick. Herbert Stumberg, a Texas native, invented and patented a pressure-activated device that alerts firefighters to danger and saves lives. He sits on the

board of Trinity University in San Antonio and yet supports his wife's endeavors at Ole Miss. In addition to their commitment to academics, they also contribute to UM athletics.

Stumberg attended the University of Mississippi Law School in 1975-77, and was an active and vocal member of that student body.

"When I graduated from law school and went on my first job interview, I actually wore a bow in my hair. I don't believe I got taken very seriously even though my academic record and activities were certainly of the caliber of my male law school friends," she says.

Stumberg graduated first in her law class of 1977, and practiced real estate and banking law fulltime for 23 years. She received the Master in Law degree from Yale University, and was a member of the law faculty at St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio all while juggling her responsibilities as wife and mother.

"Nancy Stumberg is an incredible leader – a true role model for all women – and men – who practice philanthropy and who invest in higher education. We are grateful to her and Herbert for their faith in us and we will be good stewards of their investment," says Chancellor Robert Khayat. ■



Lawyer Honors Mentor, Joanne Hawks, Furthers Women's Studies at Ole Miss

A look back at campus life for women at the University of Mississippi in the 1970s reveals very different times from what exists today, says Nancy Harrelson Stumberg of San Antonio, Texas, a 1975 graduate.

For one thing, there were two deans of students – one for women and one

for men. At this crucial era in women's history, many Ole Miss coeds struggled with the issues of the time and were members of the first female generation to face a newfound professional freedom.

"Many of us had come to campus from protected childhoods in small towns – and that was certainly true for

me. I needed a kind of mother/big sister role model to help guide me through my college years, and I found that person in Joanne Varner Hawks," says Stumberg, who endowed the Joanne Varner Hawks Endowment to honor the late Dean Hawks with a \$15,000 gift.

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Ole Miss First:

Innovative Initiative Experiences Growth, Including Sch

Perhaps it has always been deep within our consciousness – this belief that we all share a responsibility to help educate the next generation and that we can make a profound impact on the quality of life, one student at a time.

The Ole Miss First Scholarship initiative is giving that conviction a voice.

How can we teach and shape the next generation of leaders if we are not

leaders ourselves? That question is being answered by UM Chancellor Robert



Khayat and others who are stepping forward to meet the increasing need for scholarships through a new model

encouraged to mentor his or her scholarship recipient. Students receive \$4,500 annually for four years, with a portion of each scholar gift going to the Ole Miss First endowment.

Seth Martin Walley attends classes on the Oxford campus because the chancellor chose to fund the Robert C. Khayat Ole Miss First Scholarship for a graduate of his alma mater, Moss Point High School in Moss Point, Miss. The chancellor also devotes time to mentor Walley, a freshman.

"A hallmark of the Ole Miss family comes from our collective generosity," Khayat says. "People who care deeply about this university recognize the extraordinary opportunity through Ole Miss First to impact students' lives not only with financial resources but also with guidance and involvement. It is

both fulfilling and invigorating to help, and be in contact with, bright, energetic students.

"Our shared love for Ole Miss binds us together; our shared passion to educate young people will help define our state, our society and our university's place in histo-

ry. We must always remember our taproot," says Khayat.

Ellen Rolfes, director of Ole Miss First and the university's major gifts officer, says, "We believe the program

holds the potential to form a critical mass of student leaders whose lives will be shaped by having successful alumni as mentors. They will become the next generation of the Ole Miss family and the leadership of the state of Mississippi and beyond. Seth Walley is an excellent example of the scholars we hope to attract with this assistance and training."

Recently joining the Khayat Scholarship are:

The Hap Hederman and Doug Hederman Ole Miss First Scholarship

by Hap and Doug Hederman of Jackson, Miss.

"The opportunity to attend and graduate from Ole Miss was a great experience for my family and me," says Hap Hederman, president and CEO of Hederman Brothers, a commercial printing company in the fourth generation of family ownership. "We have been blessed in many ways, including our continued association with the university. We felt like we wanted to give something back."

Through the various student scholarships, Hederman sees the potential for achieving more than preventing the "brain drain" from Mississippi.

"Under Robert Khayat's leadership, the national academic reputation of Ole Miss has been strengthened," says Hederman. "We certainly want to encourage our own young people to stay in Mississippi and make contributions; that's important. However, with this increased academic reputation, we can attract talented students from other states to attend Ole Miss, and they may be interested in pursuing



Seth Martin Walley, left, and recruiter, Janie Guice

that offers meaningful mentorship opportunities to students.

The Ole Miss First Scholars program is designed for each \$25,000 gift to assist one student, and each donor is

Scholarship from UM Chancellor Robert Khayat

careers in Mississippi.”

Hederman and his son, Doug, both earned degrees in the UM School of Business Administration, so they decided to designate their scholarship for a business student. The recipient is Jeannie Blair.

“We have supported a number of projects and programs at Ole Miss over the years, and the appeal of the Ole Miss First program is very exciting,” Hederman says.

The Guy W. Mitchell Sr. and Guy W. Mitchell Jr. Ole Miss First Scholarship

by Guy Mitchell III of Tupelo, Miss.

When Mitchell, McNutt & Sams began historical work for the law firm’s centennial observance this year, attorney Guy Mitchell III started thinking about a memorial to his grandfather, the firm’s founder, and his father, also an attorney in the firm. In fact, with his daughter, Liza Mitchell Frugé, four generations of the Mitchell family have graduated from the Ole Miss School of Law and, in turn, strengthened the firm. Mitchell McNutt, which is headquartered in Tupelo, has offices in Oxford, Jackson, Columbus and Corinth.

“Both my grandfather and father were extremely hard-working men of integrity,” Guy Mitchell says. “The values they passed on to their family and to the firm focused on a work ethic and service to the community. We have tried to uphold that tradition; members of our firm have provided leadership and service in the Mississippi Bar Association, health-care foundations, economic development foundations, cham-

bers of commerce, charities, and cultural organizations.

“The Ole Miss First philosophy mirrors my grandfather and father’s philosophy and actions as community leaders,” Mitchell says. “This is a new vehicle that adds to their legacy.”

Mitchell says the scholarship – which was awarded to Kaley Anderson – also provides a way for his wife, Susan, and him to express their admiration and affection for Chancellor Khayat.

“Robert Khayat has enhanced every aspect of university life. Not only has he strengthened academic programs but he also is providing the means through scholarships for students to take advantage of the opportunities. This is a way to recognize his work,” says Mitchell, who also has supported other Ole Miss programs.

The Dr. Doris Dunn Phillips Ole Miss First Scholarship

by Richard and Vera Phillips of Batesville, Miss.

When her husband, Richard S. Phillips, died suddenly, Doris Dunn Phillips had two children at Ole Miss and two younger children at home. She went from being a homemaker and part-time college student (her own education had been interrupted by World War II) to being the breadwinner.

To recognize her tenacity – Phillips not only finished her undergraduate degree but also earned her master’s and doctorate and taught business communications for 25 years at Ole Miss – her son, Richard Phillips, is providing the means for a student to pursue a college degree.

“Ole Miss was the opportunity for a ‘second chance’ that led to a rewarding career and a happy life for my mom after Dad’s untimely death,” says the Batesville, Miss., attorney, also known as Flip Phillips to the Ole Miss family. “This scholarship is a way for us, as part of the Ole Miss family, to help afford others a similar opportunity. We know firsthand how much it can mean.

“The great thing is how you can craft the scholarship for the person you want to honor. The Phillips Scholarship is for a person resuming his or her college education after an interruption rather than coming straight out of high school. Also, the recipient is someone transferring from Northwest Community College, where my mother also took classes. Recipients meet the donors in the Ole Miss First program, and the mentoring can be just as important as the financial help,” Flip Phillips says.

The Phillips family now knows the scholarship recipient, Tori. “When we met Tori, we knew immediately that we had done the right thing,” says Flip Phillips.

At 81, Dr. Doris Dunn Phillips continues to cheer at Rebel athletic events, including basketball games from the front-row, under-the-goal seats in Tad Smith Coliseum – the same seats where she and her husband sat and that she now shares with grandchildren.

Victoria Sanders is the Phillips Scholarship recipient.



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The Mark M. Porter Ole Miss First Scholarship

by Charles F. Porter of Ridgeland, Miss.

"I believe for Ole Miss to become a top public university, it must have the very best in facilities and also the very best students," says Charles Porter, president of Barksdale Bonding & Insurance Inc. "I am convinced that scholarships are one of the methods to attract the very best students."

Porter honors his father, businessman Mark M. Porter of Meridian, with the scholarship. Although Mark Porter graduated from Tulane University, he has been dedicated to Ole Miss over the course of his life and served as the second chair of the Business Advisory Board. He also provided leadership on the University of Mississippi Foundation's Joint Committee of Investments for 15 years. He enjoyed a successful career in the insurance profession with the F.W. Williams State Farm Agency from 1949 to his retirement in 1984.



"I felt Ole Miss First was something I could do that would help the university meet its obligation to our state by educating, and hopefully keeping, our brightest students in the state...."

— Charles Porter

"I felt Ole Miss First was something I could do that would help the university meet its obligation to our state by educating, and hopefully keeping, our brightest students in the state for all of our futures in Mississippi. My gift is a very small part of that effort and while small, I am proud to be a part. Hopefully this schol-

arship will help a student who, in turn, will give back to our university at some date in the future," says Porter, an Ole Miss graduate who has supported a number of university programs.

Jonathan Campbell is the Porter Scholarship recipient.

The Patricia H. Sneed Ole Miss First Scholarship

by John B. Sneed of Gulfport, Miss.

When John and Patti Sneed's daughter Lori was paralyzed from an accident in 1991, Patti Sneed took on the role of care provider for her daughter's challenging health needs and rehabilitation. Because of those actions, Shorty Sneed, as he is known to the Ole Miss family, decided to honor his wife with an Ole Miss First scholarship.

President of the insurance firm Stewart Sneed Hewes, a division of Bancorp South, Sneed has long supported programs at Ole Miss, including, ironically, the fund that assisted Rebel football player Chucky Mullins, when he was paralyzed during a 1989 game. Mullins later died, and the remaining funds now assist paralyzed students who are pursuing their college degrees. Lori Sneed, who was a freshman when

her accident occurred, became a benefactor of a Mullins Scholarship when she returned to Ole Miss and completed an English degree. She now works for CNN in Atlanta.

"Patti is a very giving, pleasant, lovely lady," Sneed says of his wife, who — like her husband — earned undergradu-

ate and master's degrees at Ole Miss. She now serves as choir director and organist at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The couple designated the scholarship for a "B+" student from Gulfport High School that wants to pursue a career in education. "My wife felt as if the 'A' students receive the majority of the available assistance."

Ann Elize Waller is the Sneed Scholarship recipient.

Sneed says he also believes "very strongly" in the Ole Miss First philosophy.

"We all owe a debt to the people who came before us — the past helps the future," he says. "Also Robert Khayat is a great leader who sets a wonderful example for all Ole Miss graduates."

In addition, donors also are creating Ole Miss First scholarship endowments with larger gifts, both direct and deferred.

Take, for example, the Gladys and Milton Starnes Ole Miss First Scholarship by Mike Starnes of Memphis. Six students are pursuing college degrees this fall, thanks to Starnes' gift. The recipients are John White, Shadrack White, Jeezna Desai, Livia Macias, Holly Myers and Mary Jane Davis.

"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," Mike Starnes says. "I feel very strongly that those of us in the Ole Miss family need to give back to ensure that the university becomes an even greater institution for future generations.

Starnes describes his parents 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 of the fact that their children went to college.

"I think this is what Ole Miss First is all about," Starnes says. "Each generation tries to do a little better in terms of educating their children and making Mississippi a better place." ■

Farrington Gives Back to Business School by Funding Ole Miss First Scholarship

“It’s payback time!” says University of Mississippi alumnus Lawrence Farrington with enthusiasm.

That’s the inspiration behind his decision to create a \$100,000 Ole Miss First scholarship endowment providing assistance for School of Business Administration students.

“I have to give all the credit in the world to the business school for my success,” says Farrington of Jackson, Miss., an independent oil and gas businessman. “The business school taught me more than just book knowledge. I learned how to negotiate and interact with people, and I made contacts and developed relationships that I continue to depend on today.”

The thought behind the scholarship endowment also points to Farrington’s deeply held belief in helping others benefit from educational opportunities.

“This scholarship fund is designed to assist those who may not be at the very top academically but are willing to work hard and apply themselves if given needed financial support. I know there are many individuals who would make awfully good students, who, in turn, could make great contributions to society,” he says. “This program was attractive to me because I was able to direct the conditions of the scholarship.”

This latest gift is part of a long tradition of support and involvement in Ole Miss built by Farrington and his wife, Jan.

“When I think about the Ole Miss family, I often think about Lawrence and Jan Farrington,” says Dr. Brian Reithel, interim dean of the School of Business Administration. “They are compassionate, involved and devoted members of our university community.

We all have benefited from their friendship and leadership.

“They are stalwart sources of positive energy and constructive advice for those of us who ‘labor in the land of learning’ each day in the School of Business Administration. With this remarkable and generous gift, Lawrence is continuing his legacy of ensuring that the Ole Miss business programs will continue to help Mississippi grow and thrive,” Reithel says.

Farrington is funding the scholarship through a deferred gift, and he becomes a member of the 1848 Society, which provides lifetime recognition to those who participate in planned giving.



Lawrence and Jan Farrington

“There are so many people who could set up a scholarship without ever having to disrupt their lifestyles or cash flow, and they could be helping young people,” he says. “There are so many options through the University Foundation from which to choose. I can’t emphasize enough how important scholarships are for the future. Don’t just talk about it – do it! And once you

get into a giving mode, you’ll give again. It has that kind of effect on you.”

Lawrence Farrington is a past chair of the Business Advisory Board at Ole Miss and is a member of the Business Order and the Loyalty Foundation. He just completed a 16-year term as president of the Hundred Club of Jackson, an organization that provides financial assistance to families of Jackson police officers and firemen and Hind’s County Sheriff’s Department officers who die in the line of

duty. He has served on the boards of the Thalia Mara Foundation, the Arts

Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County, and the Walter Anderson Museum. For more than a decade, Farrington has provided leadership as the art acquisition chairman of the American Heart Association’s Art for Heart, and he has been involved in many other cultural organizations to enhance the quality of life in Mississippi.

The couple has supported Ole Miss athletics, the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Pride of the South Band and the Alumni House renovation. Jan Farrington is a former national president of the Ole Miss Alumni Association and a founding member of the Women’s Council for Philanthropy. She has funded a Women’s Council scholarship in honor of her mother. The two now are turning their attention to the Ole Miss Department of Art, which is in need of private funding.

The Farringtons have a blended family of six children and eight grandchildren. ■



Medical Mall Foundation Commits \$2.5 Million to Shirley Chair at UMMC

An endowed Chair for the Study of Health Disparities at the University of Mississippi Medical Center is being created with a \$2.5 million gift from the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation.

The gift comprises part of the foundation's \$4.5 million commitment over seven years to support academic excellence at its three founding institutions – UMMC, Jackson State University and Tougaloo College. The foundation is directing \$1 million each to JSU and Tougaloo to fund chairs on those campuses.

The UMMC chair honors Dr. Aaron Shirley, director of community health services at the medical center and chair of the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation Board of Directors. He holds a medical degree from Meharry Medical College and the distinction of being the first African-American resident at UMMC, completing training in pediatrics in 1967.



Dr. Aaron Shirley

“Dr. Shirley is a native Mississippian whose name is synonymous with programs which have improved access to quality health care for the poor and the underserved of our state,” says Dr.

Daniel W. Jones, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. “His commitment to making quality health care accessible to all Mississippians is seen in his involvement in programs designated to improve both health care and educational services in rural areas of Mississippi.”

“This chair is indeed an honor that I will always cherish,” Shirley says.

Dr. Herman A. Taylor Jr., director and principal investigator of the Jackson Heart Study, is the inaugural holder of the Shirley Chair. Taylor joined the Medical Center faculty in 1998 after serving 10 years at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, where he was the founding medical director of the UAB car-

diopulmonary service. He received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School.

“The incidence of heart disease in blacks is greater than it is in other population groups,” Jones says. “It, therefore, seemed altogether fitting to us that the first person to hold the Shirley Chair should be a physician scientist who is asking why and devoting his professional career to studying cardiovascular risk factors in African Americans.”

Jones says the chair gives “eloquent public testimony to our mutual resolve to improve the health status of all our citizens.”

“We deeply appreciate the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation’s immensely generous gift and the confidence it demonstrates in this institution,” he says.

The Jackson Medical Mall Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1995 to acquire and redevelop the old Jackson Mall. It manages the Jackson Medical Mall Thad Cochran Center and sponsors community outreach initiatives. ■

Nursing Dean Accepts Responsibilities a

Dr. Kaye W. Bender, dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, takes on the added responsibilities of associate vice chancellor for nursing.

Dr. Daniel W. Jones, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, and Ted Woodrell, associate vice chancellor for integrated health systems and chief executive offi-

cer of the University Hospitals and Clinics, praise Bender’s professionalism and skills in making the announcement.

“I am grateful for Dr. Bender’s willingness to take on this extension of her responsibilities,” Jones says. “Her combination as dean of the



Dr. Kaye W. Bender

School of Nursing and associate vice chancellor for nursing should serve to link the school and health system much better and give nursing a very strong voice in decision-making.”

“Kaye Bender has a unique set of administrative skills which make her an ideal selection to repre-

Pharmacy Profs Set Example with First Family Endowments for Scholarships

Two colleagues, Pharmacy Professor Emeritus Joe B. McCaskill and Professor of Pharmaceutics Mahmoud ElSohly, are leading the way with the first two Pharmacy Family Endowment scholarships.

McCaskill and his son, Barry McCaskill of Jackson, Miss., a 1980 pharmacy graduate, are responsible for creating the Joe B. McCaskill Pharmacy Family Scholarship. Dr. Mahmoud ElSohly – director of the university’s Marijuana Project and president of ElSohly Laboratories Inc. of Oxford – is providing funds for the Dr. Mahmoud ElSohly Pharmacy Family Scholarship.

The idea for the Pharmacy Family Endowment comes from the fact that there is a notable number of families with multiple Ole Miss pharmacy graduates.

“It seems natural to structure a scholarship initiative focused on building endowed funds around family scholarships and naming each endowment in

honor of the family,” says Dean of Pharmacy Barbara Wells. “With these endowments honoring Dr. McCaskill and Dr. ElSohly, the promise of this initiative is being realized.”

“One of the great aspects of the Pharmacy Family Endowment scholarships is that they can be awarded to any student

who meets the award qualifications specified by the donor,” says Lance Tolbert, the University Foundation advancement associate serving the pharmacy school.

“Our goal is for these endowments to continue building scholarships through family contributions.”

“Few people have done as much for the School of Pharmacy as Joe McCaskill,” Tolbert says. “He was instrumental in creating the Plough Foundation Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment, the Galen Order – which is the backbone of our alumni giving – and

now this family endowment. The school is honored to continually be the recipient of his generosity.”

ElSohly is a remarkable faculty member, researcher and entrepreneur who has been associated with the School of Pharmacy and the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for almost 30 years.

“Dr. ElSohly’s cutting-edge research, undergraduate and graduate teaching, and his leadership skills have enhanced the quality of our programs and continue to make a wonderful difference for our students,” Dean Wells says.

“The investment these donors are making in the lives of Ole Miss pharmacy students yields vast dividends and sets the standard for giving to the pharmacy school for generations to come,” says Tolbert.

Individuals and families interested in learning more about

the Pharmacy Families Endowment can contact Lance Tolbert at (662) 915-5944 or 800-340-9542 or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu. ■



Joe B. McCaskill



Dr. Mahmoud ElSohly

UMMC Vice Chancellor for Nursing

sent nursing throughout the medical center,” Woodrell says.

Bender, who joined the UMMC faculty as nursing dean in May 2003, is to continue directing the activities and setting goals of the nursing school. Her added responsibilities entail serving as the nursing advisor to the vice chancellor and others within the UHC as appropriate. Bender also now works closely with

nursing leadership to support nursing services throughout the UHC in accordance with the institution’s mission.

The deputy state health officer at the Mississippi State Department of Health from 1998 through 2003, Bender holds a bachelor’s degree in nursing and a doctorate in clinical health sciences from UMMC. Her background also includes an associate

degree in nursing from Jones Community College and a master’s in community health nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi.

A slate of impressive professional services and honors is topped by Bender’s being named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and elected chair of the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association. ■

North Mississippi Dental Professional Continues Support with Trust Membership

Dr. Watt Bishop looks at the University of Mississippi, sees the progress it has made in recent years and decides his support is where it needs to be.

“Education has always been a good investment,” says Bishop, an orthodontist based in Oxford, Miss. “As we enter the information age, education and institutions will very likely have a more profound effect on our society than ever. The effect the University of Mississippi has on economic development and job creation in the state and in Oxford is likely to surpass anything that has occurred before.”

Bishop is the latest 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.

“I am proud of the strides the university has made in recent years,” the orthodontist says. “Much of this progress can be evidenced by the ability to raise private funds to support and expand its programs. I also am proud of the way the leadership has focused on improving the academic mission,

He initially created the Ione Kent Bishop Endowment, a scholarship fund honoring his grandmother who was a longtime English teacher in Cleveland, Miss. Other support includes the Dental Guardian Society, Civil Rights Commemoration, Ole Miss Associates, Loyalty Foundation, Rebel Club, Vaught-Hemmingway Stadium/east expansion, Concert Singers’ tours, University Museums and folk art research.

“I often ask people at the university what they think the needs are,” Bishop says in describing how he chooses programs to support.

UM Chancellor Robert Khayat says he appreciates Bishop’s involvement.

“Watt Bishop is an extraordinary person who chose Oxford for his practice and then became completely immersed in the university and Oxford communities. For his dedicated interest and loyal support, we are extremely

of private gifts from Watt and others.”

Bishop has practiced orthodontics in Oxford since 1976, and a Tupelo office opened in 1985. With his partner Dr. Todd Gililand, a third office was



Dr. Watt Bishop and Chancellor Robert Khayat

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— Watt Bishop

expanding diversity, and enhancing the campus aesthetics and facilities.”

The latest gift reflects Bishop’s long tradition of supporting Ole Miss pro-

grams across this campus continue to be strengthened and enhanced because grateful. It is both humbling and inspiring to see the degree to which programs across this campus continue to be strengthened and enhanced because

established during the summer of 2003 in DeSoto County on Goodman Road.

After earning an undergraduate degree at Louisiana State University, Bishop continued his education at the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry in Memphis. He completed an orthodontic program at the University of Texas. When it came time to choose the main location for his practice, he says he recalled his dream of living in a college town, and Oxford was his choice.

Bishop is the father of five: Christopher, who works in Shanghai with the U.S. State Department; Bradley, who develops real estate in New York; Kate, who teaches second grade in Morehead under the Teach America program; Jennifer, who is settling in New York after recently graduating from the University of Texas; and Beau, who attends Robert Morris in Pittsburg as a student and basketball player. ■

Dental School Grads Remember Classmate Through Annual Memorial Book Award

Members of the 1983 class of the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry choose to remember their beloved classmate and friend, the late Dr. Lynn Frances Johnston, through an ongoing award to a freshman dental student.

Known as "Lynn's Award," the fund is open to gifts from all dental school graduates and other individuals and organizations, and current gifts total more than \$14,000. However, class members hope the fund continues growing, so the number of annual awards can be increased.

The fund awards \$600 to the recipient, and four scholars have benefited thus far. The book award recipients meet academic and financial requirements, as well as are recognized for his or her perspective on life.

"This is also an attitude award," says Dr. Michael Ellis of Port Gibson, Miss., former president of the Dental Alumni Chapter, a current chapter board member and immediate past president of the Mississippi Dental Association. "Lynn had a certain atti-

tude about dental school and life that was special. She could be described as serious, but fun. She had a sense of determination that was made manifest not only by her success in school but also throughout her professional life. She very much gave back to her profession, her patients and her colleagues.

"Lynn's love of her family and friends and her celebration of life will be our prime memories of her," says Ellis, who was joined by Dr. Scottye Lee of Jackson, Miss., in spearheading the fund.

"Lynn Johnston was a treasure, a good friend, an exceptional dentist and an inspiration to others. I value the time we spent together in college and in dental school, and I aspire to her levels of drive and tenacity," says Lee, who is a clinical assistant professor and coordinator of the Oral Diagnosis Clinic in the Department of Care Planning and Restorative Sciences at the UM School of Dentistry.

Johnston died on Christmas Eve 1999 in a trip home to see her parents in Tupelo, Miss. She shared a private practice in Pensacola, Fla., with her husband,

Dr. Charlie Stavely, who was a 1984 graduate of the UM School of Dentistry. In addition to Stavely, Johnston is survived by the couple's three sons, Bennett, Daniel and Michael; and her parents, Charles and Joyce Johnston.

Outside her private practice, Johnston was instrumental in efforts to fluoridate the local community water systems and in the establishment of an indigent children's clinic. The Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola dedicated the Lynn F. Johnston Pediatric Dental Clinic in her memory during October 2000.

"Lynn was the same all her life as she was in dental school," Stavely says in a description shared at a dental meeting. "She often bit off more than she could chew, but had the ability to make it work out. She sincerely cared about her patients and did the best she knew for each of them."

Those interested in supporting the Lynn Frances Johnston Memorial Book Award can contact the Alumni Affairs Office, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State St., Jackson, MS 39216-4505 or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu. ■

'Model' Partnership

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three head a broad-based group of leaders in DeSoto County, which is the fastest growing county in Mississippi. The leaders include Superintendent of Education Milton Kuykendall, Jerry Pitts of Hernando, Ben and Gail Smith of Southaven, and Mike and Debra Herrington of Olive Branch.

The 2+2 Program at the DeSoto Center makes college degrees more

attainable to people with numerous commitments and responsibilities. Working students can choose from morning, afternoon and evening classes. Full-time parents can opt for online courses, and individuals seeking second-career options can pursue academic and pre-professional majors that are convenient and accessible.

UM and Northwest leaders aren't waiting until the \$1 million goal is

reached to assist deserving students. Resources from the Maddox Foundation already are assisting students.

Individuals and organizations interesting in supporting the scholarships initiative can contact Sybil R. Canon, director of the Northwest Foundation, at (662) 560-1103; Richie Lawson, Northwest-DeSoto Center dean, at (662) 280-6122; or Dr. Bonnie Buntin, director of the UM-DeSoto Center, at (662) 342-4765. ■

Family Donates Contemporary Art, Doll Collections to University Museum

W. Forrest and Joan Stevens love art, and fortunately, they also love the University of Mississippi.

Fifty-five pieces from their art collection now belong to the permanent collection of the University Museum.

“Our interest in donating the collection to Ole Miss was decided after a weekend visit there. We saw what wonderful things are happening on the Oxford campus,” says W. Forrest Stevens, who with his wife invited Albert Sperath – director of the University Museum and Historical Houses – to their Laurel, Miss., home to select artwork he thought would be of interest.

“This collection is a wonderful cross section of significant artists from the 1960s and ’70s,” says Sperath. “Andy Warhol, Claes Oldenburg, Peter Max and Robert Indiana are a few of the artists whose works are featured. In addition, the Stevens family collected the work of many Mississippi artists, such as Bess Dawson, Joe Ruffo, Bob Gordy, Halcyon Barnes, George Alexander, Amelia Crumbly, William Dunlap and Gene Golden. With the addition of this collection from the Stevens family, we have built up two areas that needed enhancement: one of contemporary art of internationally recognized artists and one of Mississippi artists.”

W. Forrest and Joan Stevens – formerly of the Mississippi cities of Rich-ton and Laurel and now of Dallas and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico – have been ardent supporters of the arts in Mississippi. W. Forrest Stevens provided leadership on the Lauren

Rogers Museum Board of Directors in Laurel for 25 years. He was one of the Mississippians passionate about preserving the now renowned work of Ocean Springs artist Walter Anderson. Stevens served on the Walter Anderson Museum Board of Direc-



Jene Jenson Stevens, W. Forrest and Joan Stevens, and Albert Sperath

tors and was the organization’s first treasurer.

Joan Stevens, a native of Philadelphia, Penn., was active on the board of the Mississippi Art Association (MAA), which evolved into the Mississippi Museum of Art. She was instrumental in founding the Richton Arts Festival and served as its chair for many years.

Early in their art collecting, W. Forrest and Joan Stevens traveled to Chicago on a MAA-sponsored trip to view a thought-provoking exhibit that changed their lives.

“We realized objects and thoughts were open to many different interpretations from the eye and brush of the artist to the eye and heart of the observer,” W. Forrest Stevens says.

“This gift strengthens the University Museum which has as its mission: ‘To enrich our cultural and academic life by providing exhibitions and programs that inspire learning, discourse, curiosity and imagina-

tion,’” Sperath says. “The Stevens family did not go for ‘warm and fuzzy’ arts. Thus, this collection requires a bit of contemplation and historic perspective.”

Joan Stevens says of the gift: “We have been living with the excitement,

color and provocative nature of the collection, and hope all who view it at its new university home will, also.”

The art collection has been exhibited in the Skipwith Gallery of the museum and at different locations across the Oxford campus to favorable reviews. Now some of the pieces are being placed in the Ford Center for the Performing Arts

and the Lyceum.

In addition, Jene Jenson Stevens, one of twin daughters of W. Forrest and Joan Stevens, donated an international doll collection to the University Museum. Through the extensive travels of an aunt and uncle and her parents, she and her sister would always receive dolls reflective of a country’s culture. Jene Stevens says she wanted her dolls to join the museum’s large collection. Her favorites are Russian dolls collected in the mid-1960s that represent Soviet states – many of which no longer exist under their previous names and boundaries.

W. Forrest Stevens represents the third generation of his family at Ole Miss. The first was his grandfather, Judge William Forrest Stevens of Carrollton, Miss. His father, Benjamin McClellan Stevens, brother, Henry Stevens, and daughter, Jene Stevens, also earned degrees on the Oxford campus. The couple’s grandson, Leighton Harrington, is now the fifth generation. ■

New Scholarship Comes at Retirement of Speech, Language, Hearing Professional

Guy Millis' professional contributions to the field of speech pathology and audiology span 47 years and are felt throughout many cities and communities in Mississippi.

Although recently retired, Millis' influence continues to make an impact, thanks to a new scholarship in his name established by his family at the University of Mississippi. Begun with a \$10,000 gift, the Robert Guy Millis Scholarship Endowment is designed to provide scholarships to junior and senior undergraduates and graduate students pursuing degrees in communicative disorders.

"Guy Millis has devoted his life to helping others as a wonderful clinician, mentor and friend to so many colleagues and patients through the years," says Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for University Relations and professor of communicative disorders. "He has been a pioneer in providing speech-language-hearing services for children and adults in north Mississippi, particularly through the Clarksdale Speech and Hearing Center. Also, through his supervision, many young professionals have received outstanding training and are providing services to many others. We are thankful he came to north Mississippi."

A native of south Mississippi, Millis graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi. He settled in Clarksdale, Miss., where his career in speech language pathology evolved

into directorship of the Clarksdale Speech and Hearing Center, a not-for-profit organization that was one of the state's first stand-alone centers.

Guy Millis helped countless Ole Miss students pursuing careers in speech pathology and audiology through the years, as they completed practicums at the Clarksdale Center. His three children, the late Robert Millis, Lisa Millis Howie, and Alan Millis, all graduated from Ole Miss, and Guy Millis "adopted Ole Miss and is an avid supporter," says Alan Millis of Houston, Texas.



Guy Millis, left, with son Alan Millis

Creation of the scholarship was announced at a retirement dinner in Clarksdale, with congratulatory letters read from UM Chancellor Robert Khayat and Kellum.

"Ole Miss has a large pipeline of people going to Clarksdale for their practicums, so the university was the logical choice for the scholarships," Alan Millis says. "Dad, by virtue of his

involvement, has left an important legacy by training and developing people to go out into other communities and help strengthen speech-language-hearing services. Hopefully, this scholarship will help keep the pipeline going, honor my dad and preserve his legacy."

Millis – who holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in accountancy from Ole Miss and recently opened his own consulting firm, Tri-Dimension Business Advisors – says his dad never viewed what he did as work.

"To him it was a calling and something he enjoyed," says Millis. "He is a

compassionate professional who mostly assisted children who were students in area schools."

The Department of Communicative Disorders is part of the School of Applied Sciences at Ole Miss, and the school's dean, Dr. Linda Chitwood, applauds the scholarship's creation.

"This is a wonderful and most generous gift. Scholarship endowments such as this one provided by the Millis family make it possible for the university and our school to recruit the brightest students. The

students who receive this award will show great promise of becoming speech therapists and audiologists, and the impact of their professional lives will be long-lasting," Chitwood says.

Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the Robert Guy Millis Scholarship Endowment can contact the University of Mississippi Foundation at (662) 915-5944 or 800-340-9542 or email umf@olemiss.edu. ■

UM Senior Honors Mother, Grandmother with \$100,000 Women's Council Scholarship

A new \$100,000 Ole Miss Women's Council Scholarship comes from an unlikely source: a senior engineering major who has paid her own way through college.

Usually considered out of range for a typical college student, this philanthropy is possible for hon-

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ors student Margaret Bardwell through the option of a life insurance policy naming the university as beneficiary.

Coming from the tradition of outspoken, independent women, Bardwell not only asserts her independence by establishing the scholarship but also chooses to honor her mother, Patsy Brumfield of Tupelo, Miss., and her maternal grandmother, the late Betty Jane Dial Brumfield of McComb, Miss. — both respected newspaper journalists.

"I thought, 'Why not? I'm 21 years old — insurance payments are not going to be expensive,'" says Bardwell, who enters a prestigious U.S. Navy early-entry engineering program upon her

left speechless."

"I teared up and all that stuff," says Brumfield, a UM journalism graduate and *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal* news editor. "Margaret's full of surprises — generally, good ones.

"It's pretty amazing for someone her age to really care whether anybody else is helped through college," Brumfield says. "Margaret went through on full scholarships. She hasn't had any expenses and realizes how fortunate she was. I think she just wanted others to have the same opportunities she did."

The scholarship won't go into effect until after the university benefits from the policy. Bardwell is the third UM student to endow a scholarship with a life insurance policy, which costs her \$50 a month — close to the amount she might spend

ship recipients, both men and women, are assigned individual mentors from the university community to guide the students along their career paths, as well as benefit from leadership training.



Margaret Bardwell and her mother, Patsy Brumfield, with grandmother's photograph

After graduation, each scholar is expected to pledge a modest amount to the Women's Council for at least five years to reseed the program.

When the Bardwell, Brumfield and Dial Council Scholarship is awarded, first preference goes to a UM student majoring in engineering and second preference to a student majoring in journalism. Bardwell is one of two UM students — both women — selected as officer candidates in engineering with the U.S. Navy. She serves as the vice president of UM's engineering student body and president of the campus chapter of the Society of Women Engineers.

Individuals, organizations and corporations interested in Women's Council Scholarships can contact Ellen Rolfes at (662) 915-5944 or 800-340-9542 or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu. ■

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— Patsy Brumfield

2005 graduation from Ole Miss.

When telephoning her mother with the news about the endowed award in her honor, Bardwell says, "It was the one time I can think of that Patsy was

each week on "silly stuff" at a discount store.

"I think financing someone's education would be more worthwhile," she says.

Ole Miss Women's Council scholar-

Kirkley Chooses Council Scholarship to Pay Tribute to Daughter, Professor

The first Ole Miss Women's Council Scholarship endowed by a mother in honor of her daughter also lauds a popular professor and English department chair.

The \$100,000 scholarship comes from Columbus, Miss., native Martha Kirkley, a 1967 UM graduate with an English degree, to create the Lindsay McCauley Kirkley Scholarship. In turn, she and daughter Lindsay Kirkley of Columbus, a first-year UM law student who graduated

contagious zest for life and learning," says Martha Kirkley. "Since Dr. Urgo had been such an incredible mentor for her, I decided to combine the honor in both their names."

Daughter Lindsay adds: "Dr. Urgo has a wonderful gift when it comes to bringing students, who have diverging ideas and ideologies, together into a class discussion where students feel equally heard and respected," she says. "I learned that I am a lot more capable than I thought. Dr. Urgo

Miss. Ellen Rolfes, a council founding member and the university's major gifts officer, says all Women's Council scholarships go to young men and women who have already exhibited ethical and caring behavior through a deep desire to help others.

Throughout their college careers, the scholarship recipients receive guidance from Women's Council mentors, meet regularly for small group discussions and attend seminars.

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"A great mentor can make all the difference in a student's college experience," Lindsay Kirkley says. "Dr. Urgo is an exemplary professor, and he enriched my understanding of the subject matter, as well as provided support and encouragement that went above and beyond his 'duties' as a professor."

Urgo, chair of the English, says he is humbled by the honor.

"Lindsay was a pleasure to teach because she was so receptive to ideas, and these ideas were obviously transforming her in dramatic ways while she studied with me," Urgo says. "Faith in the transformative power of ideas is what leads a teacher into this profession, and to witness a student discover the world of ideas is the greatest of all possible rewards."

The Ole Miss Women's Council, a group of 28 women with Ole Miss connections, promotes philanthropy and sponsors programs to develop leadership qualities in students. Since its founding, the council's scholarship program has been endowed with \$4 million and has assisted 25 scholars. ■



Dr. Joseph Urgo with Lindsay and Martha Kirkley

with a degree in English, recognize English chair Joseph Urgo, her mentor and former professor.

"Lindsay was my chief motivation for giving the scholarship: her character, compassion for others, and her

never doubted my abilities and his confidence in me strengthened my own confidence."

Since 2001, Women's Council scholarships of \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year go to six students attending Ole

Worsham Family Establishes Scholarship to Honor Life of Engineering Graduate

The Worsham family of Corinth, Miss. – whose ancestors began attending Ole Miss just a few years after its doors opened in 1848 – is honoring one of its own through a \$10,000 scholarship endowment.

Frank “Hank” Worsham III, a 1957 graduate in civil engineering, died in January. The 68-year-old businessman and civic leader served as president of Worsham Brothers Inc., his family’s construction firm, and was beloved in his community, says his uncle, Clifford Worsham, also a graduate of the School of Engineering.

In fact, Clifford Worsham and his brothers, Leroy Worsham and Frank Worsham (Hank’s father), all graduated from the Ole Miss School of Engineering, as did Hank’s brother Robert Worsham. Establishing a scholarship to

enable other young people to benefit from an engineering degree seemed like the natural way to honor Hank Worsham, his uncle says.

“The Worsham family’s relationship with Ole Miss has lasted through generations,” says Tom Black, assistant to the dean for advancement in the engineering school. “With this scholarship and its generosity, the Worsham family is making sure others get an opportunity to develop a love for Ole Miss and its engineering programs.”

The scholarship is open to Mississippi natives who are full-time students majoring in civil engineering. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average.

Worsham Brothers Inc. was founded in 1945 by Clifford, Frank and Leroy Worsham. Hank Worsham had

been associated with the family’s firm since 1959 and had been recognized as an Outstanding STAR Building Dealer for the past 35 years.

Beyond his engineering accomplishments, Hank Worsham actively contributed to his community, serving as an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Corinth and as a lifetime member of the board of directors of the Corinth YMCA. He also became involved in community theater in Corinth, leading to a small role in the 1998 Robert Altman film, “Cookie’s Fortune,” which filmed in Holly Springs.

“Hank Worsham exemplified the well-rounded qualities we at the School of Engineering encourage our students develop,” says Dean of Engineering Kai-Fong Lee. “We appreciate his family’s fitting tribute.” ■

ExxonMobil Corporate Matching Gifts Program Boosts Campaign for Engineering

ExxonMobil Corporation fosters one of the most innovative and generous corporate matching gifts programs in the nation, one that the University of Mississippi Foundation hopes will benefit the Campaign for Engineering. ExxonMobil pledges to match almost any size gift three-to-one each year from all current and retired employees.

“Exxon Mobil is to be commended for their excellent matching gifts program,” says Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice

chancellor for University Relations. “This type of public/private partnership is possible because employers like ExxonMobil encourage their employees’ charitable giving by matching dollars contributed by employees,” Kellum says. “Matching gifts programs are very important avenues for our alumni and friends to increase their giving and positively affect the lives of countless students.”

“The School of Engineering has around 50 alumni currently working

for ExxonMobil, and 17 of our Woods Order members are employees. We’re hoping to contact them and gauge their interest in giving back to the school,” says Stephen Snead, advancement associate for engineering. “It is also our hope that this program will set an example for other companies and groups to follow.”

For more information about the ExxonMobil matching gifts program for the Campaign for Engineering, contact Snead at (662) 915-6967. ■

School of Engineering: Alumni, Friends, University Raise \$221,000 to Upgrade Lab Equipment, Classroom Software

The \$25-million Campaign for the School of Engineering aims to meet long-term needs of new laboratory space and upgraded technology.

But the school had immediate needs for better, more modern equipment in its student labs that had to be met before the fall visit of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET).

Using a variety of sources, Dean Kai-Fong Lee amassed \$221,000 to buy the needed equipment. One-third of that comes from the school's alumni and friends in the Woods Order and the Engineering Alumni Chapter.

"This is a prime example of alumni giving having a tremendous impact on the school," says Stephen Snead, the University Foundation advancement associate serving the engineering school. "The average gift to the Engineering Alumni Chapter is \$100, and the average gift to the Woods Order is \$500. This initiative represents a large-scale effort by our alumni; a lot of folks made this possible."

Dr. Jerry Huff of Memphis, chairman of the Woods Order, says alumni have a duty to show their appreciation to the Ole Miss School of Engineering by contributing to its future and believes the best way to do that is as a team.

"Every gift, no matter its size, improves the excellence of the School and its students and faculty," Huff

says. "With this donation, we proved the adage that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Dean Lee put out a call for support from each alumni organization and added \$70,000 to the private contributions from other sources, such as the provost's equipment fund, departmental resources, dean's office resources, and the university's Associates and Partners Program.

Five departments – civil, electrical, mechanical, chemical and geological engineering – are benefiting from significant and necessary upgrades, Lee said.

"We want the accreditation visit this fall to go as smoothly as possible and the committee members to be truly impressed with each department's progress," Lee says. "With these impor-

ics laboratories. Electrical engineering plans to improve its systems lab. Mechanical engineering is to enhance its projects lab and its computer-aided engineering undergraduate lab.

On order for chemical engineering is new equipment to conduct experiments in rheology and surface science. Geological engineering is utilizing new equipment for electro magnetic induction and simulation, as well as smart classroom software.

Also, all computers in the School of Engineering CAD lab are being replaced.

Dean Lee says this funding does not include the computer and information science because this department upgraded its facilities through income from the Adler Endowment Fund. That department also successfully completed accreditation in 2002.

For Huff and other members of the Woods Order, each improvement at the School of Engineering increases its value and reputation.



Dean Kai-Fong Lee

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— Advancement Associate Stephen Snead

tant equipment upgrades, we're enabling our students and faculty to realize their potential."

The civil engineering department sees upgrades to its fluid, mechanics, asphalt, concrete and computer graph-

"We all want students from Ole Miss to be well-prepared to compete with other graduates for employment," Huff says. "We want the engineering school to be one of the beacons that draws people to Ole Miss. ■"

Class of 1954 Celebrates 50th Reunion by Organizing Scholarship Endowment

Members of the class of 1954 did more than fellowship and relive memories when they gathered earlier this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from the University of Mississippi.

In an unprecedented move, class members set up a scholarship fund for UM students with a \$100,000 goal, and gifts and pledges to the fund already exceed \$70,000. This marks the first time a 50th class reunion has organized a gift of this magnitude, according to the Ole Miss Alumni Association.

"When S.K. Jones and I started plan-

ning the reunion last summer, he noted that eastern schools often establish class scholarships," says Walter E. Watts of Shreveport, La. "We ran the idea by our eight-member planning committee and received approval. A letter went out to classmates, and planning committee members followed up with personal calls and letters.

"The initial response was excellent – \$65,000 in cash and pledges, and that total has increased," Watts says. "We have two more years to fulfill our goal of \$100,000, the amount needed for a permanently endowed scholarship. When reached, this endowment will

allow deserving students to enjoy, and benefit from, the wonderful education and campus experiences that all of us gained through Ole Miss. What a great way to say 'thank you' to the university in appreciation from the class of 1954! We strongly urge other classes to get started early and adopt scholarship projects as part of their reunion plans."

Individuals interested in contributing to the endowment can contact Shelia Dossett with the Alumni Association at (662) 915-7375, or the University of Mississippi Foundation at (662) 915-5944, 800-340-9542 or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu. ■

Development Office Names Stewardship Coordinator

The University Foundation's Development Office announces the appointment of Anna Lindsey to the position of stewardship coordinator. With the recent new role, she becomes the foundation's point of contact for stewardship.

"I am so happy to be part of the development team. I feel really comfortable here and am enjoying meeting

and stewarding our donors," says Lindsey, who comes to her current position from the university's Financial Aid Office.

"Anna is well-prepared for her duties as stewardship coordinator. She has worked with us for a couple of years on scholarship disbursement, so she is very familiar with how our office works," says Ron Guest,



Anna Lindsey

director of development services.

Lindsey was born in the Philippines but educated in the United States. She earned a degree in computer information systems from Bryant College in Rhode Island, then worked for the American Society of Civil Engineers in Reston, Va. She is the mother of a son, Austin, 4. ■

Women's Studies

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"Dean Hawks would listen to me whenever I needed her," says Stumberg, who went on to be first in her class at the university's School of Law. "She listened to me cry about law school and about boys, and she guided me through those tough years. She was just fabulous in every way."

In addition to being dean of women in the 1970s, Hawks was a member of the history faculty. "She revitalized women's history studies on this campus," Stumberg says.

In 1981, the Sarah Isom Center for Women's Studies was established at Ole Miss, and Hawks served as director

from that time until her death in 1998.

"Joanne Hawks was a wonderful role model for our students and helped many of them set their sights for life after Ole Miss," says Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for University Relations. "Nancy Stumberg is one of those students, and we are grateful that she chose to honor Dean Hawks in a way that will perpetuate her legacy of scholarship and mentorship."

The endowment provides funds for the enhancement and enrichment of the Sarah Isom Center. Named for Sarah McGhee Isom – an Oxford

native who became the first female university instructor in the South when she joined the Ole Miss faculty in 1885 – the center operates to promote research and scholarship about women by developing a multidisciplinary program of study that helps students appreciate special concerns, contributions and perspectives of women.

Individuals and organizations interested in the Joanne Varner Hawks Endowment can contact the University of Mississippi Foundation at (662) 915-5944 or 800-340-9542, or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu. ■



What is the Ole Miss Fund?

The Annual Fund has been renamed to "The Ole Miss Fund." However, the purpose and effects of the fund remain the same. The Ole Miss Fund helps provide what tuition and state appropriations do not.

Why was the name of the fund changed?

The new name more accurately reflects that gifts to the fund have a direct effect on the quality of the education students receive.

An Ole Miss student will be calling soon. In the meantime, please visit www.olemiss.edu/annualfund to read our latest e-newsletter.

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