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Two Couples Provide Landmark Gifts

Mike and Mary McDonnell Seed Classics Endowment

Mike and
Mary
McDonnell

Two University of Mississippi supporters are so impressed with the positive direction the university is taking that they have decided to help. Mike and Mary McDonnell of Memphis, Tenn., have pledged \$500,000 to Ole Miss to create the Mike and Mary McDonnell Endowment in Classics. The couple says that this gift reflects their confidence in the leadership and direction of the university.

"This gift is precipitated entirely by our admiration of Chancellor Robert Khayat," Mike McDonnell says. "We thought his job ought to be celebrated."

UM Chancellor Khayat says that the McDonnells' inspiring decision to create the endowment will help further the university's commitment to attracting the region's brightest students and producing future leaders.

"For many years, Mike and Mary McDonnell have been good friends of the university," Khayat says. "Their generous gift supporting classics at Ole Miss is a reflection of their extraordinary awareness of eternal values and their generosity. We are profoundly grateful."

The Department of Classics is an area the McDonnells say they feel strongly about, as they consider the classics to be the focal point of a well-rounded liberal arts education. Classical studies may touch on a wide range of subjects, such as religion, art, philosophy, drama, poetry, science, astronomy, mythology, geography, mathematics, archaeology, politics and law.

"This wonderful gift from Mike and Mary McDonnell to the Department of Classics will make extraordinary opportunities available to

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Glenn Gift to Support Five UM Initiatives

Ole Miss alumnus Mike Glenn knows that, without private support, the University of Mississippi wouldn't be enjoying its current level of success. That's why Glenn, FedEx executive vice president of market development and CEO of FedEx Services, and his wife, Donna, have pledged \$500,000 to the University of Mississippi.

"Mike and Donna Glenn's generous gift is only part of their extraordinary service to Ole Miss," says Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations. "Mike plays a major leadership role and is actively involved as national co-chair in the university's current private fund-raising campaign. Their loyalty, service and generosity are a shining light to the entire Ole Miss family."

The money will be used to support five different areas of the university, including the School of Business Administration Endowment, the Residential College Program, the UMAA Basketball Campaign, the Mike and Donna Glenn Ole Miss First Scholarship Endowment and the Glenn Family Quasi Endowment.

In addition to co-chairing the current capital campaign, Glenn serves on the University of Mississippi Foundation board of directors, and wanted to show his support for certain areas of Ole Miss.

"Being a co-chair of the campaign, I have been exposed to different areas where the university needs support most," Glenn says. "The Ole Miss First scholarship program creates opportunities for deserving students. The Residential College Program is something Chancellor Robert Khayat feels strongly about, and given the respect Donna and I have for him, we wanted to support it. I'm a graduate of the business school and I am very appreciative of what my business degree has meant to my career. We are excited about the direction of the basketball program under Coach Andy Kennedy and wanted to contribute to the effort to upgrade the facilities."

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Donna and
Mike Glenn





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Message from the Chancellor

Much of the success of the university in recent years has been driven by private gifts. Since 1995, alumni and friends of the university have contributed \$603.5 million. The generosity of our supporters has been overwhelming, and it also has been critical to the realization of our mission.

To help you understand the importance of private support: The state of Mississippi currently provides \$5,549 per year per student, and the actual cost of providing high-quality educational opportunities for students is \$12,985. Although tuition, currently at \$4,932, helps offset that cost, you can see there is a margin that must be met from other revenue sources.

By implementing a wide variety of efficiency measures, we have been able to slow inflation of campus costs, and through auxiliaries such as housing, food service, the bookstore and continuing studies, we've been able to increase our revenue pool. The other essential element of adequate funding must come from contributions made by each of us and our fellow Ole Miss alumni and friends.

In the fall, we will announce a \$200 million private support campaign that will focus on several critical projects. Literature and Web-based information will explain in detail the goals of what we have termed the MomentUM Campaign. We encourage you to think seriously about a level of participation in the campaign that will make a difference at the university and be comfortable for you. Those of you who have made significant contributions to the university have experienced the joy that flows from those gifts and the satisfaction derived from seeing the benefits of those contributions.

Whether your gifts are directed at scholarships, academic enrichment, the library, student programs, laboratory equipment or facilities, by contributing, you are providing the margin of excellence for your university.

We have been blessed in so many ways and are currently enjoying a level of prosperity previously unknown to the university. The positive forward movement will continue if all of us help provide the resources needed to continue the momentum.

We hope to see you on campus often, and we encourage you to call any of us if we can be of assistance to you and your family.

Warmest Regards,

Robert C. Khayat
Chancellor, University of Mississippi



Message from Wendell Weakley

We are approaching the end of another fiscal year at the University of Mississippi. Your UM Foundation has contributed on many levels to making this another very successful year. Thanks to your loyalty, we are pleased to report several recent highlights:

- The endowment has increased to \$464 million as of March 31, 2007, up from \$424 million recorded on June 30, 2006
- Several capital campaigns are underway, with each area demonstrating success for its current stage, including:
 - The Inn at Ole Miss
 - The University of Mississippi Medical Center's Cancer Clinic
 - The School of Law and its new building
 - Residential Colleges
 - The School of Engineering
- Alumni have responded enthusiastically to the phonathon and annual fund drives, and gift totals are up significantly over the prior year
- Planned and deferred giving activity is at an all-time high
- New areas of academic focus have been added, including enhanced training for principals for our Mississippi schools, thanks to a \$2 million private gift
- Efforts are underway to expand our Department of Journalism into new territory thanks to generous donor support

These are truly exciting times at Ole Miss, and the UM Foundation is playing a pivotal role in helping the University of Mississippi build on its status as a great American public university. Your gifts are making the difference: One look at this campus quickly demonstrates the margin of excellence private support provides. Ole Miss is known as a remarkable place, and equally as recognized are its legions of remarkable alumni and friends. In his letter to alumni and friends, Foundation President Roger Friou asks: "Are you ready?" Your continued support clearly answers again and again that you are indeed ready, willing and able. Our heartfelt gratitude is extended for your gifts of support and commitment.

Sincerely,

Wendell W. Weakley
President/CEO, University of Mississippi Foundation

Why Be Involved?

By Roger Friou

“Are you ready?” This seemingly simple question evokes a rush of enthusiasm and other positive emotions from members of the University of Mississippi family. This well-recognized question, from a cheer that first originated for athletic events, now relates to the total Ole Miss experience. During recent history, different forms of the question frequently have been asked of students, faculty, alumni and friends, and staff:

Are you ready for the 21st century?

Are you ready for greatness?

Are you ready to build an even stronger legacy?

Perhaps we were bold to shout a resounding “yes” all those times we were challenged to meet lofty goals. But because we were courageous—because we were willing to give generous resources and our best efforts to this university—we are enjoying an unprecedented era of growth, progress and beauty. Not only do Ole Miss alumni and friends come back to campus year around, but many also build second homes close to the university to stay connected to this remarkable center of energy.

Recently, alumni and friends received an electronic message from Chancellor

Robert Khayat with this famous question,

and this time it was directed at scholarship support for deserving young men and women through the Ole Miss First Scholarship Initiative. Your UM Foundation board of directors just responded by voting unanimously to give \$100,000 to this innovative scholarship endeavor that not only seeks to help deserving students attend Ole Miss, but also provides mentorship and leadership training to scholarship recipients. Enhancing scholarships with this additional support is Ole Miss’ way of answering the question: “Are you ready to help ensure students succeed in a competitive global community?”

The Ole Miss First Scholarship Initiative speaks to a deeply held desire of many alumni and friends: the strong wish to give back to a university that we respect and love so deeply. This “giving back” phrase is heard over and over within the Ole Miss family, and I think that’s because there’s no better way of expressing why so many of us are willing to contribute—why we choose to stay involved. Like many others, I give credit to Ole Miss for successes I’ve enjoyed. My undergraduate and graduate days at Ole Miss, as well as an active network of alumni and friends, have played a dramatic role in the life I lead.

But, of course, there’s more. If we think of ourselves as a family, and we do, then we should be about the business of helping the younger generation experience Ole Miss. When it came time for me to go to college, my mother researched accountancy programs and concluded the best offered was at Ole

Miss. She encouraged me to claim Ole Miss as my college home, and I listened. We can all do what my mother did and encourage young people to take a long look at the opportunities available here.

Through scholarships that my wife, Susie, and I have created and through my service on the Luckday Foundation, which awards scholarships to Ole Miss students, I continue to interact with students and faculty, and to witness a vibrant campus. Those of us who have a desire to give back to this university can help a student and immediately feel that we have done something tangible, something meaningful. Taking the opportunity to help a young person is as much a gift to the alumnus or friend as it is to the student.

In addition, those of us that wish to make gifts to the university—whatever the size—can take one look at

this campus and see that contributions are wisely utilized. There’s no question things are going in the right direction at the University of Mississippi, and excellent scholars and visionary administrators, such as Chancellor Khayat, are leading the way.

“An Ole Miss education is a lifetime experience that doesn’t end when you leave campus,” states the electronic message we received. I love being involved at Ole Miss and encourage you to take a look at supporting Ole Miss First scholarships or other areas, if you aren’t already doing so. Once you take that first step, the step can quickly turn into a rewarding journey.

Are you ready?



Roger Friou

Roger Friou of Jackson, Miss., chairs the University of Mississippi Foundation board of directors and also serves on the UM Foundation’s executive, audit and investment committees. He is a member of the board of directors for the publicly traded Parkway Properties, Inc., a real estate investment trust which owns and manages office buildings across the country, and also chairs the Parkway Properties Audit Committee. The former vice chairman and CFO of Jitney Jungle Stores of America, Inc.; Friou serves his alma mater in many areas: the Patterson School of Accountancy’s Professional Advisory Council, the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, and the Ole Miss Alumni Association’s Executive Committee and board of directors. He has been inducted into the School of Accountancy’s Hall of Fame and has provided leadership for several university campaigns to attract private funds. Friou and his wife, Susie, longtime UM supporters, fund undergraduate and graduate accountancy scholarships. They are the parents of two sons, Tom Friou of New Orleans, La., and Stuart Friou of Charlotte, N.C., and New York, N.Y., and they have five granddaughters.



Awards to Honor Frugé and Derby Day Participant

The Ole Miss Sigma Chi Fraternity recently funded two scholarships: the Don L. Frugé Sigma Chi Scholarship and the Sigma Chi Derby Day Award. The scholarships will be funded by Derby Day, an annual Sigma Chi-sponsored sorority dance competition that raises up to \$30,000 for selected local charities.

The Don L. Frugé Scholarship honors retired Ole Miss Foundation President and Sigma Chi alumnus, Don Frugé. The scholarship will begin as an annual \$500 award, and the fraternity plans for the scholarship to grow as the foundation expands. Selection of Frugé scholarship recipients will be based on applicants' essays regarding leadership, and Dr. Frugé will choose the winners.

"We wanted to set up a scholarship to honor what he did for the university—from teaching in the law school to being president of the foundation—as well as his work as chapter advisor for the fraternity," Kemp Mosley, a Sigma Chi at Ole Miss who worked to establish the two scholarships, explains. "Since he was a Sigma Chi, we thought it was appropriate that we be the ones to set it up."

The Sigma Chi Derby Day Award is a one-time \$500 scholarship to be given each year to an exemplary sophomore girl who participates in Derby Day and is active in her sorority. Major Geoffrey Yoste, chapter advisor, describes the work put into Derby Day: "These girls work so hard for this event, and their dances are amazing," he says. "It's like something on Broadway." The fraternity established the Derby Day Award to thank the sororities for the effort they show each year in the event.



Don L. Frugé

Holloway Fellowship Gives First Gift to Assist Graduate Students

The generosity of a Jackson businessman and his wife has allowed 20 doctoral students at the University of Mississippi to complete their dissertations without distraction.

J.L. Holloway and his wife, Diane Triplett Holloway, gave the university its first unrestricted donation to support graduate education. The J.L. and Diane Holloway Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences required that recipients perform only the research and writing associated with their dissertations during the yearlong fellowship period.

Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations, says the Holloway Fellowship is a significant step in UM's support for graduate education.

"These grants eliminated the added pressure on Ph.D. students so they could concentrate on their research," Dr. Kellum says. "We hope to build on this foundation to provide the resources our students need to reach their potential."

Fellowship recipient Mary Swilling of New Albany, Miss., says that the Holloways' gift made her a "better historian." Thanks to the fellowship, she was able to focus more fully on her research into the process of school integration in Union County, Miss., in the wake of federal court orders.

"As much as I love to teach, you cannot dive into research when you're grading 275 quizzes," Swilling says. "This fellowship allowed me to sit in the archives in Union County and really do a proper job of research."

Before making their gift, the Holloways asked Dr. Kellum and Chancellor Robert Khayat to discuss with them the university's numerous needs.

"This one spoke to us," Holloway says. "At this stage, we're a lot more interested in meeting human needs than bricks and mortar."

"Our family has a passion for Ole Miss and for education in general," says Mrs. Holloway, daughter of Ole Miss alumnus Dr. Faser Triplett of Jackson, Miss. The Triplett family has a deep tradition of supporting higher education, including Ole Miss.

"We decided to establish these grants because we want to help those students with special needs. We consider it a real joy, blessing and privilege to be able to do this," she adds.

Holloway says he and his wife hope to get to know and form lasting relationships with the students who have benefited from the gift.

Maurice Eftink, associate provost and dean of the Graduate School, says the gift from the Holloways is "extremely generous and valuable."

"If not for these fellowships, these doctoral students would have had to earn their salaries from other positions, either within or outside the university, and this would have inevitably delayed their progress," Eftink says. "The fellowship recipients had the freedom to pour themselves into their research in ways that have led to deeper and more fulfilling scholarship."

J.L. and Diane Holloway



First Legal Studies Scholarship Endowment Honors Late University Police Chief Popernik

Legal studies majors at the University of Mississippi will benefit from a scholarship endowment established by the family of the late Richard Popernik of Oxford.

Popernik, who died in 2001, served as chief of police at the university from 1969 to 1976 and later as an adjunct professor. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and two sons, Michael and Stephen. The scholarship is among the first endowments designated for the Department of Legal Studies in the School of Applied Sciences.

"Richard wore many hats during his lifetime, but the two he was most proud to wear were those of student and teacher of law enforcement," Joan Popernik says. "He was a mentor to many law enforcement students through his part-time teaching in the criminal

justice program at the University of Mississippi and at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy. He also taught American government at the Northwest Mississippi Community College."

Popernik received his bachelor's degree in public administration and legal systems administration from the university, as well as his master's degree in public administration/criminal justice.

"A non-traditional student, he completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in his 40s," Joan Popernik says. "Earlier, he graduated from the 88th

session of the FBI National Academy and always availed himself of any occasion for training in criminal justice."

Chester Quarles, UM professor of criminal justice, says that although Popernik had extraordinary training

in law enforcement when he came to Ole Miss, he did not have a university degree. So he set to work toward earning his bachelor's and master's degrees.

"He set an outstanding example for the men and women who worked for him," Quarles says. "That example will be continued through the scholarship honoring his life, which will help future students complete their education."

Popernik, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, also served as chief of police at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss., and in the Mississippi towns of Louisville and Pearl. He was a past president of the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police, and served all offices, from secretary to president, of the FBI National Academy Associates. He was an instructor at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in Jackson, Miss., and the North Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Center in Tupelo, Miss.

For more information on the Department of Legal Studies, visit www.olemiss.edu/depts/applied_sciences/LegalStudies/lshome.htm. For more information on the School of Applied Sciences, visit www.olemiss.edu/depts/applied_sciences/.



The Popernik family: from left, Michael, Joan and Stephen

Atlanta Alum Establishes Scholarship for Hometown Students

University of Mississippi business administration alumnus has created a scholarship for students from his hometown of Mendenhall, Miss.

Sidney Dewitt "Dee" Davis III of Atlanta, Ga., established the Spiritus Scholarship Award. A 1988 Ole Miss finance graduate, Davis is president and CEO of Digital Visual Display Technologies. DVDT is an award-winning Atlanta-based Internet marketing company focused on plasma and LCD technologies.

"I love my hometown of Mendenhall and I love Ole Miss," Davis says. "What could be more natural than hooking them up?"

Davis says that Ole Miss has a fantastic atmosphere, a beautiful campus, friendly people and an ideal size.

An accomplished entrepreneur, Davis has been listed three times in *Catalyst* magazine's Top 50 Entrepreneurs in Atlanta, and he received a 2006

Deloitte and Touche Top 50 Technology Companies in Georgia award. Davis and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of a son, Ramsey.

"We are very proud of this Mississippian for remembering his roots and providing opportunities for students from his high school," says Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations.

The Spiritus Scholarship Award fund is open for gifts from individuals, estates, organizations and other sources. All donations made through the foundation are fully tax-deductible.

In order to be eligible to receive the award, a student must have graduated from Mendenhall High School and be entering Ole Miss as a freshman. Among other requirements,

the recipient must have a minimum ACT score of 20 and a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Applicants must successfully submit the university general scholarship application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by the deadlines established by the Department of Financial Aid. Students receiving other scholarship awards may be ineligible to receive the Spiritus Award.

Recipients must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA while taking a minimum of 13 hours per semester freshman year. Beginning sophomore year, recipients must maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA. The scholarship may be received for a maximum of eight semesters and one summer term.



Dee Davis

Scholarship Honors Unsung Heroes

Ole Miss athletics legends Wesley I. “Doc” Knight and Billy “Nub” Sanders were commemorated this past year during the Nov. 4 football game in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium between Ole Miss and Northwestern University.

A new endowment of nearly \$48,000 will provide scholarships for student trainers and managers who follow in the footsteps of Knight and Sanders.

Knight, who was inducted into the UM Athletics Hall of Fame in 1988, served as a trainer for 28 Rebel football teams. He received the National Athletic Trainers’ Association’s highest honor in 1969 when he was inducted into the Helms Athletic Foundation Trainers Hall of Fame.

The university’s athletics field house adjoining Vaught-Hemingway Stadium is named in Knight’s honor.

“The Knight family would like to express our deepest appreciation for the members of the Ole Miss M-Club who have shown their reverence for Doc and Nub by making possible the creation of this special Doc Knight/Nub Sanders Memorial Scholarship Endowment as a tribute to their lives as members of the Ole Miss family,” says David Knight, Doc’s son.

Sanders served the Rebel football team as equipment manager from 1951 to 1973. Also inducted into the UM Athletics Hall of Fame in 1988, Sanders is remembered as a dedicated and

capable staff member.

He was the first paid athletics equipment manager at Ole Miss. Born in Oxford, he graduated from University High School, Northwest Mississippi Junior College and Ole Miss; he served as student athletics equipment manager at all three institutions.

Aileen Sanders Johnson, daughter of Nub Sanders, says her father would be more than pleased.

“Daddy was the most loyal alumnus I have ever known,” she says. “He loved Ole Miss with all his heart, and this is the culmination of his life being recognized by people he adored. It is wonderful for the university family to embrace him in this way, and with this honor to say ‘Nub, we love you.’”



First Women’s Athletics Scholarship Established at Ole Miss Honoring Coach Ross

The first-ever women’s athletics scholarship endowment has been established at the University of Mississippi. The Coach Carol Ross Women’s Basketball Scholarship Endowment honors women’s basketball head coach Carol Ross, who, having achieved her coaching goals, resigned after the 2006-07 season.

“Having players and friends honor Carol with a scholarship endowment must be the greatest honor one can achieve,” says Pete Boone, director of inter-collegiate athletics. “She has benefited Ole Miss as both player and coach, and now has another lasting legacy regarding Ole Miss basketball.”

Spearheading the \$100,000 endowment effort is alumna Deanne Mosley, an attorney with the Moore Law Firm, LLC, in Flowood, Miss.

“Coach Ross is one of those unique individuals who puts the ‘zing’ in amazing,” says Mosley, who received her bachelor’s and law degrees from UM.

“Ole Miss has given me memories to last a lifetime, and with this scholarship I hope to do the same for other student-athletes,” Ross says.

Ross is one of only two players in school history to record 1,000 points, 500 assists and 250 steals in her career.

After coaching at Auburn University and the University of Florida, in March 2003 Ross returned to Ole Miss,

where she restored the program to its winning tradition. In her first season, Ross earned SEC Coach of the Year honors for guiding the Lady Rebels back to the NCAA Tournament following an eight-year absence. Since then, the team has earned three consecutive postseason appearances.

“No one epitomizes the past, present and future potential of Ole Miss women’s basketball more than Coach Ross,” Mosley says. “Now everyone has the opportunity to be part of the women’s basketball program by donating to the endowment.”

Coach Carol Ross



Pharmacy Dean and Husband Establish First Endowed Professorship in Pharmacy Practice

The dean of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy and her husband have created an endowed professorship in pharmacy practice, the first of its kind at the school.

Barbara G. Wells and Richard M. Wells have purchased a paid-up life insurance policy and directed the \$500,000 proceeds to the endowment, which will be used to supplement salary and support the professorship holder's research activities.

"We decided that by putting our money into an endowed professorship, we could impact both faculty and students," Dean Wells says. "We hope this gift will inspire other faculty, alumni and friends of the school to consider what they can do to support the teaching and research activities that have brought the School of Pharmacy to where it is."

Chancellor Robert Khayat praises the gift: "Dean Wells has provided exceptional leadership for the School of Pharmacy for the past five years, building on

a legacy of outstanding educational opportunities for our pharmacists," Khayat says. "This generous gift reflects the dedication and commitment of Dean Wells and her husband to the field of pharmacy and to the University of Mississippi."

A paid-up life insurance policy allows donors to maximize an endowment's funding. "If you start with a small endowment and make sure it gets regularly supplemented over time, you can see it grow into a significant fund that can make a difference in the quality of pharmacy education," Dean Wells says.

A Memphis, Tenn., native, Wells came to UM from the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, where she also served as dean. Since

coming to Ole Miss, she has served as president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Earlier this year, she was honored with the Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award. After earning her bachelor's and doctorate degrees from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, she began her academic career as an assistant professor at the UT College of Pharmacy. She also has served on the pharmacy faculty at Samford University.

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



Richard and Barbara Wells

Former Netscape CEO Donates \$2 Million to Train School Principals

Evolving technology and "increased expectations" are among the factors cited for the need to change the way school principals are trained in the state, and a recent \$2 million gift to the University of Mississippi aims to do just that.

Administered over a six-year period, the private grant from Donna and Jim Barksdale is to be used to redesign the School of Education's curriculum for the master's degree in school administration, in order to train candidates to be effective school principals.

"I am deeply concerned about the way our principals are being trained; they hold the keys to success in our schools," said Jim Barksdale, former president and CEO of Netscape Communications Corp.

Modeled after UM's Mississippi Teacher Corps program, which has placed more than 400 teachers in at-risk public schools across the state over the last 17 years, the new program, Mississippi Principal Corps, is intended to provide education leadership candidates with the knowledge, skills and experience

necessary to become successful principals.

"Over the past two decades, research has confirmed that current administrators are not able to handle evolving technology and increased expectations," said MTC co-director and co-founder Andy Mullins, executive assistant to the chancellor. "The new Principal Corps program will be a highly selective service designed to develop and implement a comprehensive educational leadership program that responds to current quality issues while targeting the state's current principal shortage."

Before obtaining an administrator's license to become a principal in Mississippi, candidates must teach in the classroom for three years. Scheduled to begin in 2008, the first Principal Corps class is to be limited to 12 students, and available only to first-time principals.

"Mississippi faces a critical challenge of breaking the cycle of inadequate leadership in our schools," said Tom Burnham, dean of the UM School of

Education. "We need and must increase the number of qualified principals in our school districts."

Among other gifts, Barksdale donated \$100 million in 2000 to establish the Barksdale Reading Institute, located in Oxford.

For more information about the School of Education, visit www.olemiss.edu/depts/educ_school2.



\$4.2 Million Gift to Fund Faculty Development, Centers for Math and Science Education, Literacy Instruction

Educators at the University of Mississippi plan to improve opportunities in the state's public schools and at the university through \$4.2 million in grants from the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation.

The grants will fund two new centers: the Center for Mathematics and Science Education and the Center for Literacy Education. They will also contribute to faculty development and enrichment opportunities in the School of Education and the School of Applied Sciences.

"The Hearin Foundation has identified our greatest need and has generously provided support to help us meet this challenge," notes Chancellor Robert Khayat. "Generations of Mississippians will benefit from these wonderful gifts."

A \$1.2 million grant will establish the Center for Mathematics and Science Education in UM's College of Liberal Arts. The center's purpose is to improve math and science education in Mississippi by fostering interaction between UM departments and K-12 public schools, and by providing support and training to science and mathematics teachers and students. The grant will be allocated over three years.

"It is increasingly important for individuals to obtain a college degree and to have adequate quantitative skills to enter many sectors of our modern workforce," says Maurice Eftink, UM associate provost and dean of the Graduate School, who wrote the proposal for the center with John O'Haver, associate professor of chemical engineering.

"We want our UM graduates to have math and scientific reasoning skills, and we recognize that

Center for Literacy Instruction in the School of Education.

Currently, Mississippi's K-12 students score low in English and reading comprehension on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The center's purpose is to enhance literacy instruction across the state, leading to stronger student performance and a more knowledgeable society that can contribute to Mississippi's economic success.

Tom Burnham, dean of the School of Education, says reading competency is clearly one of the greatest concerns in Mississippi education.

"We have far too many children who move through the K-12 educational process without acquiring competency in literacy, especially in the area of comprehension," he says. "Establishing this center will allow us to make available to schools literacy coaches who can work with teachers on improving students' reading skills."

With the five-year grant, the center will fund a pilot program at the undergraduate level to give UM students an understanding of exemplary reading instruction within a real-world classroom.

The center's organizers also plan to establish a graduate program in literacy within UM's newly formed Department of Literacy. This degree will align with the International Reading Association's Standards for Reading Professionals, and will produce teachers able to implement a research-based comprehensive literacy program at the classroom level or to serve as a literacy coach.

Other plans call for a graduate course that will partner with area schools to provide tutoring for

"We're continuing to strive to provide leadership in education in the state," Burnham says. "Ultimately, for both the School of Education and



the state, the center will provide additional assistance in a critical area of need."

An additional \$1.5 million, to be divided between the School of Education and the School of Applied Sciences over the next five years, will provide faculty support and enrichment opportunities.

Dean of Applied Sciences Linda Chitwood says the grant is exciting news for faculty members.

"It's one of the best things that has happened for our faculty since I've been dean," says Chitwood.

The Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation is named for the late Jackson, Miss., business leader and philanthropist. The foundation has given generously to a number of initiatives at the University of Mississippi, including the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, a new UM Chair of Reading and the Hearin Center for Enterprise Science.

"The Hearin Foundation has identified our greatest need and has generously provided support to help us meet this challenge."

—Chancellor Robert Khayat

students must begin developing these skills in grade school and high school, before they even get to our universities," he says. "The CMSE is to be a resource for both university faculty and school teachers, helping them to teach math and scientific reasoning skills."

A second grant of \$1.5 million will create the

students who have scored low on the Mississippi Curriculum Test, and a literacy professional development program for school district superintendents and administrators.

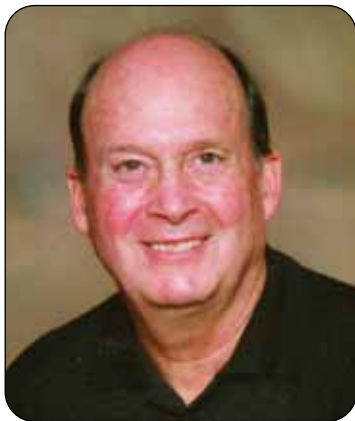
The new Center for Literacy Instruction will help the education school make progress in addressing literacy issues.

Alumnus Donates \$100,000 to School of Engineering

Julius M. Ridgway of Jackson, Miss., an Ole Miss alumnus, has pledged \$25,000 annually for four years to the UM Foundation to establish the Geological Data Fund.

"When I found out that I could study geology and get a background in engineering, I decided to go to Ole Miss," Ridgway says.

Tom Black, development assistant to the dean of engineering, noted, "While we are grateful for his generous gift, we also appreciate Julius' commitment and service to the School of Engineering. He has graciously given his time and resources through serving on our campaign committee, the Engineering Advisory Board and by hosting engineering events. We are fortunate to have him on our side."



Julius M. Ridgway

The fund will support facilities and equipment improvements in the engineering school. The money will also establish a geological data and resource center with the Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute at UM to maintain information related to energy exploration and development.

In 1956, Ridgway received his bachelor's degree in geological engineering from UM. He also graduated from the Louisiana State University School of Banking. He is a member of the Mississippi Geological Society, Mississippi Landmen's Association, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Independent Petroleum Association of America and Petroleum Technology Transfer Council.

Ridgway served as a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division and 8th Infantry Division. After returning to Jackson, he worked as an exploration geologist to search for oil and gas in Mississippi and neighboring states. He then took a position with First National Bank of Jackson as geologist and loan officer. After attaining the position of vice president and manager of the bank's petroleum department, he became an independent petroleum geologist.

In 1983, Ridgway assumed the responsibilities of his family's oil and gas business until it was sold in 2003 to Denbury Resources. He continues as manager of Ridgway & York, LLC, a family partnership, and as president of Coastal Exploration, a corporate vehicle for his exploration activities.

Ridgway and his wife, Mary Jane, are members of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson.

School of Engineering Awarded \$50,000 for Scholarships by EADS/Airbus NA

The country's second largest aerospace and defense company has established an engineering scholarship at the University of Mississippi.

The North American division of European Aeronautic Defense and Space Co., or EADS, contributed \$50,000 to fund the EADS/Airbus North America Scholarships for exceptional and deserving students from Mississippi in aerospace and related degree programs. The donation covers a five-year period, beginning in fall 2007, with \$10,000 to be distributed annually.

Additionally, scholarship recipients are offered the opportunity to apply for internships at the newest Airbus North America Engineering Center, in Mobile, Ala. Airbus is the commercial aircraft division of EADS.

"We at the University of Mississippi are excited about the establishment of a close and personal working relationship with EADS/Airbus North

America," says Kai Fong Lee, dean of the UM School of Engineering. "Our faculty and staff are anxious to begin this partnership, which will certainly benefit many deserving Mississippi students pursuing degrees in aerospace and related fields."

Ralph D. Crosby Jr., chairman and CEO of EADS North America, says "The EADS/Airbus North America Aerospace Engineering Scholarship program reflects our recognition of the commitment, dedication and potential of individuals and communities in Mississippi."

"We are pleased to confirm our commitment to

establish an engineering scholarship at the University of Mississippi, pledged as part of our 2005 aircraft assembly center site selection process," adds Allan McArtor, chairman of Airbus North America.

EADS North America is expanding both its domestic industrial presence and support for the advancement of knowledge in these areas critical to the country's national security.

Airbus opened its first design and engineering center outside of Europe in 2002 in Wichita, Kan. The company's Southernmost facility is in Miami, Fla. The Mobile center is slated for full operation in early 2007.



Batson Honoree Cuts MiracleHome Ceremonial Board

For 11-year-old Aubree Jordan of Madison, Miss., Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children patient and 2007 Children's Miracle Network Champion, being able to stand for the Batson Hospital MiracleHome board cutting ceremony is a miracle.

A little over a year ago, Aubree was riding with a friend in a golf cart when the cart hit a bump in the road. Jordan, who was not wearing shoes, bounced out of the cart and landed flat on her feet on the pavement.

"It felt like knives stabbing my feet," says Aubree.

It was not surprising that her feet hurt immediately following the accident; however, as the day wore on, she found that the barest touch sent excruciating pain through her feet.

Concerned that Aubree may have strained some muscles or broken a bone, her parents, Laurie and Jay Jordan, took her to a doctor.

The doctor was puzzled when X-rays showed no breaks, and there was no evidence of muscle damage. But Aubree's pain remained intense.

Eventually, she was diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome (RSD), a condition that is not common in children.

RSD usually occurs following a trauma that activates nerves at the injury site, sending pain signals to the brain. These pain signals are sent even after the injury has healed, and frequently are disproportionate to the severity of the original injury. For Aubree, the slightest touch provoked the same pain that she felt during her initial impact with the ground.

Because it was such an unusual diagnosis, the Jordans wanted Aubree to be treated by pediatric specialists. They brought her to the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, Mississippi's only children's hospital.

"We wanted a facility that was geared towards children," says Laurie Jordan.

Over the course of the next few months, Aubree underwent several different treatments. Unfortunately, nothing seemed to help. Her feet had become so sensitive that she had to get around in a wheelchair.

Finally, her doctors decided to try an epidural in an attempt to "reset" her nervous

system, allowing the nerves in her feet to heal.

When Aubree returned home following the epidural, the Jordans nervously waited to see if the treatment had worked. There was a chance that it could cause paralysis, a chance that it would have no effect at all and a chance that even if it did work, the RSD could come back.

Today, Aubree has been pain-free for six months.

As Batson Hospital's 2007 Children's Miracle Network Champion, Aubree will represent Mississippi and the more than 129,000 children who are treated at Batson Hospital annually during next year's Children's Miracle Network Celebration. In her first duty as champion, Aubree participated in the 2007 Batson Hospital MiracleHome board cutting, an event that celebrated the start of the home's construction and officially kicked off ticket sales.

The MiracleHome project, co-created by the Friends of Children's Hospital and the Home Builders Association of Jackson, Miss., is presented by Trustmark National Bank. The 2007 Batson

Hospital MiracleHome will be located in the Hidden Hills Subdivision in Brandon, Miss., and will be built by C and F Homes, Inc.

"This will be the Friends of Children's Hospital's fourth MiracleHome to be built and given away to a supporter of the Blair Batson Hospital for Children. Increased awareness and support of this endeavor, from across the state, has moved the MiracleHome project to the forefront of Friends fundraising events," says Sidney Allen, MiracleHome Committee chair.

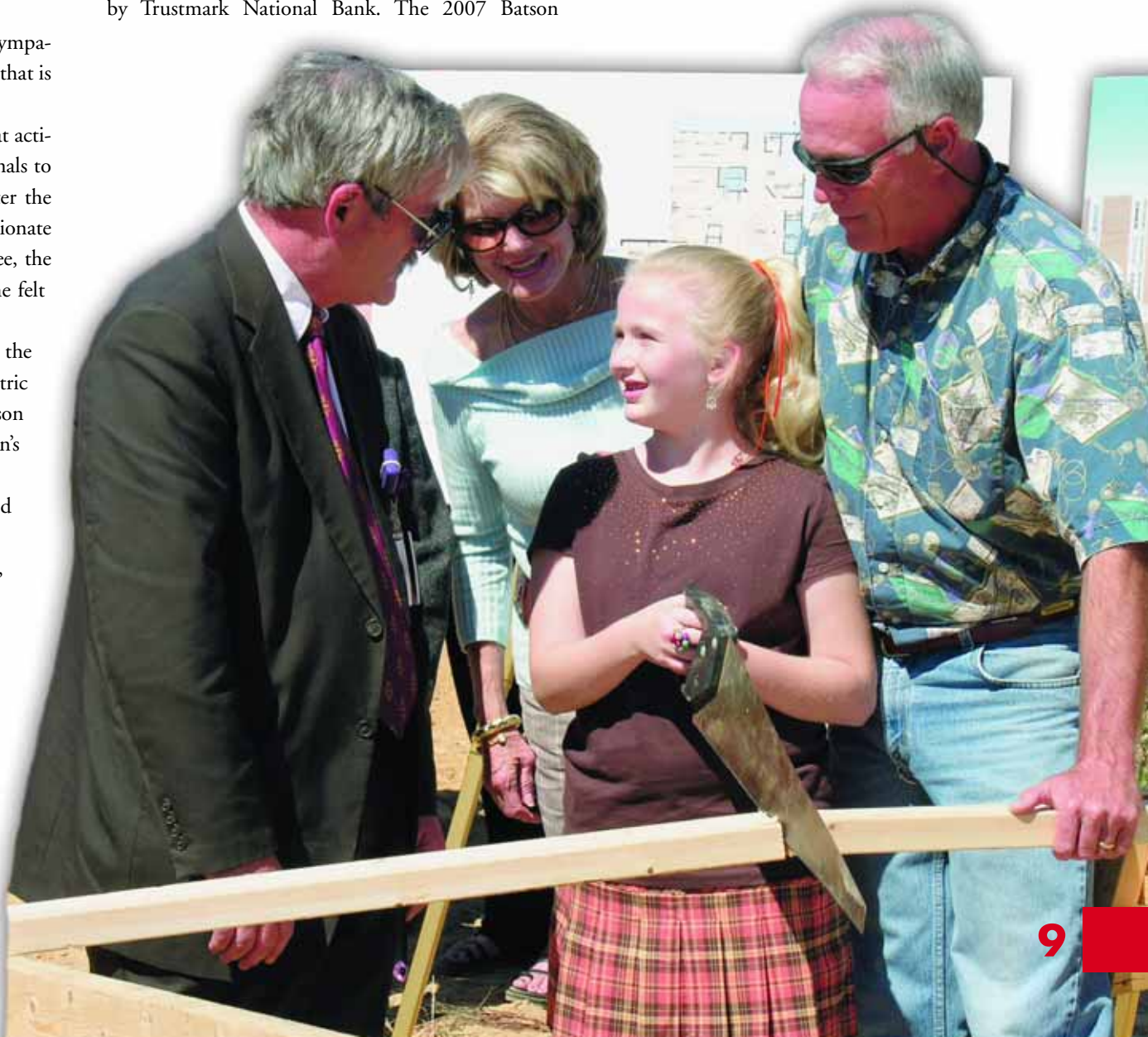
FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn about the 2007 MiracleHome or Friends of Children's Hospital, visit the MiracleHome Web site

www.ahome2U.com

or call Friends of Children's Hospital at 1-877-A-HOME 2-U (1-877-246-6328).

2007 Batson Hospital MiracleHome board cutting ceremony.



Donors' Planned Gift Benefits Children with Cancer

Melanie W. and Michael E. Dowell are well acquainted with the work of the Cancer Clinic at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children. They have been longtime supporters of the UMMC Candlelighters, a nonprofit organization of parents and friends of children with cancer that provides emotional, financial and educational support to affected families.

Recently, they decided they wanted to do more to help the children treated at the clinic and to honor the work of the physicians and staff who care for them. As a result, the Dowells pledged a testamentary gift to establish the Michael E. and Melanie W. Dowell Fund for Children with Cancer.

This fund will assist families whose children must be hospitalized at Batson Children's Hospital during

treatment for pediatric cancer or related blood disorders. Assistance gifts to families may be used to defray costs of medicines, travel, housing, meals or to meet other special needs of a patient's family as determined by the Children's Cancer Fund board.

"There are so many people who benefit from what goes on at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the Children's Cancer Clinic. Any gift, no matter the size, gives exponentially," Melanie Dowell says. "It is just staggering to learn of all the good things the Medical Center brings to Mississippi, and really, the world."

Dr. Gail Megason, professor of pediatrics and director of the Division of Pediatric Hematology Oncology, says Mississippi's children are blessed to have benefactors like the Dowells.

"I am delighted and grateful that they have chosen to continue their support of the Children's Cancer Program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Such support is vital to ensure that children in Mississippi receive the best care and support possible," she says.

Michael Dowell says he was inspired by the generosity of others who have given to worthy programs and services of the University of Mississippi.

"We try to look for areas in which something we do will affect more than one person. Certainly, the Cancer Clinic serves children in this state, and the protocols developed there impact children at cancer clinics across the country," he says. "We want to help out those families bearing such a horrible and stressful situation while the medical team hopefully will make that child whole again."

Melanie Dowell says she had seen the dedication of Dr. Jeanette Pullen, professor emeritus of pediatrics, Suzan Thames, chair of Friends of Children's Hospital board of directors, and longtime hospital volunteers Sandra Maris and the late Brenda Smith.

"They put their whole hearts into the clinic and made it greater and more effective than anyone would have dreamed it could be," she says. "You want to support something like that."



Michael and Melanie Dowell with Dr. Dan Jones

UMMC Taps New Director of Development

Matt Isch, a native of Batesville, Miss., is the new director of development at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Isch, who graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1975 with a degree in business administration, says he's been back to his home state at least once a month since then. His mother, Anne, now 82, still lives in Batesville.

Isch assumed his new post on June 1. Dr. Dan Jones, UMMC vice chancellor for health affairs, says, "I think Matt will be just what we need in our development efforts. He knows the state, the university, and he understands the demands of an academic health center. He also has an enviable record of development success. We think he'll be just as successful here."

Since 2002, Isch has been associate vice president of the University of Cincinnati Foundation, where he supervised 24 staff members and an ongoing fund-raising campaign with a goal of \$750 million to \$1 billion. Before his move to Cincinnati, Ohio, he spent 12 years in development at the Tulane University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, La., his last position as vice chancellor.

After Ole Miss, he earned a master's degree in public administration at Louisiana State University in 1978. In between LSU and Tulane, he was special assistant to



Matt Isch

Louisiana Governor Dave Treen and a fund-raising consultant.

Isch is a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Institutional Advancement (AAMC/GIA) and has served as chair of the group and as a member of the past chairs committee, the development advisory committee and the steering committee. He also holds membership in the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Council for the Advancement and

Support of Education and the National Council of Planned Giving.

UMMC Faculty Member Establishes New Legacy

Dr. Helen Barnes, a faculty member at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for more than 35 years, has left an indelible mark on the practice of obstetrics and gynecology in Mississippi. With her recent gift of a life insurance policy to the Medical Center, she will establish a new legacy of helping aspiring physicians realize their dreams.

Barnes's bequest will establish the Helen B. Barnes, M.D., Scholar-

ship Endowment, providing scholarships for future minority students at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. The scholarship program will be administered by the school's Scholarship and Awards Committee and awarded based on academic achievement, potential for success in medicine and level of need.

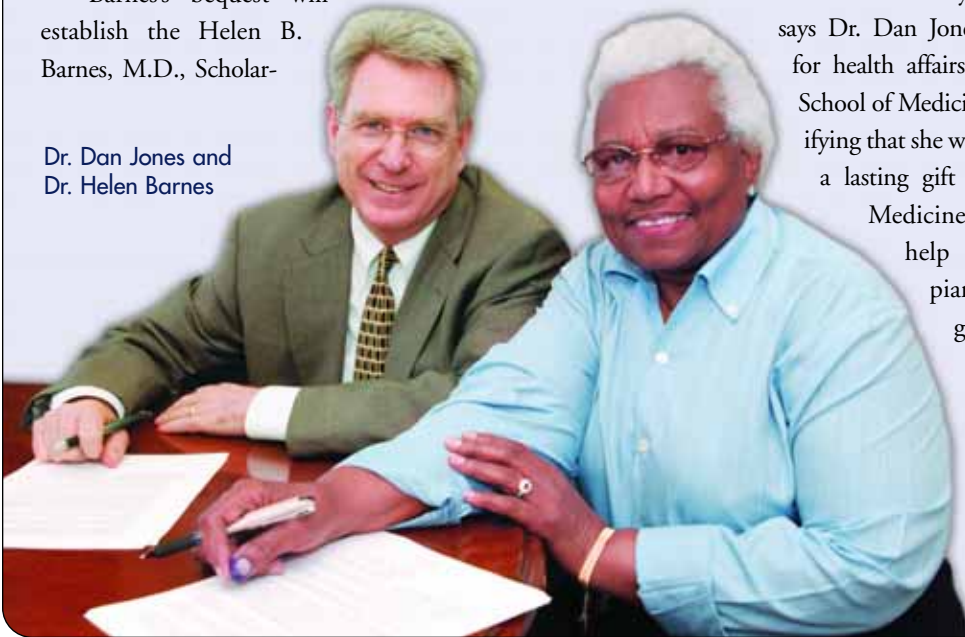
"Dr. Barnes has been a valuable member of the Medical Center family for many years," says Dr. Dan Jones, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. "It is very gratifying that she would want to make a lasting gift to the School of Medicine to continue to help young Mississippians achieve their goals of becoming physicians."

Dr. Barnes, a Jackson, Miss., native, is a graduate of Hunter College. She

received her M.D. at Howard University, and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at King County Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y. After serving on the staff at the Brooklyn-Cumberland Medical Center and on the faculty at Tufts Medical School in Boston, Mass., for a number of years, Barnes returned to Mississippi. She joined the Medical Center faculty in 1969 as an assistant professor of medicine. In 2003, she retired as associate professor and medical director of the Jackson Medical Mall. She also maintained a private practice in Jackson for more than 20 years.

"It is my desire to keep the very best minority medical students in Mississippi," says Barnes. "These students will become outstanding doctors someday and so many are lured away because of scholarship offers. Our state needs more doctors, and I hope that these scholarships will allow the medical school to prepare them to be Mississippi doctors."

Barnes' bequest makes her a member of the 1848 Society, which provides lifetime recognition to those who make provisions for the University of Mississippi through planned gifts.



Dr. Dan Jones and
Dr. Helen Barnes

Jones Named American Heart Association President

Dr. Daniel W. Jones, UMMC vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, became president of the American Heart Association (AHA) July 1. He will serve for FY 2007-08.

Jones has been an AHA volunteer for more than 20 years. He was named president at the AHA's annual meeting April 21-22 in Washington, D.C.

As president, he will serve as chief volunteer scientific and medical officer responsible for medical, scientific and public health matters.

Jones has served on the AMA's national board of directors since 2003, and is a past member of the association's International Committee, its Advocacy Coordinating Committee, its National Strategic

Planning Task Force, and its Science and Advisory Coordinating Committee.

On several occasions, Jones has testified on the AHA's behalf before Congress to urge more funding for cardiovascular research at the National Institutes of Health. He also has actively supported the organization's annual "Lobby Day," in which AHA representatives meet with congressional leaders to discuss cardiovascular disease and its impact on the nation's health.

Jones served as a medical director at the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan, Korea from 1985-92. He then joined the Medical Center faculty as an assistant professor of medicine

and director of clinical hypertension. He was named UMMC vice chancellor and School of Medicine dean in 2003.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Mississippi College in 1971, and received his M.D. from UMMC in 1975. A fellow of the American College of Physicians, he has focused his teaching and research activities on hypertension and prevention of cardiovascular disease.

He has been listed in Best Doctors in America every year since 1996 and has published research articles in several journals, including the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *Annals of Internal Medicine*.



School of Law Officially Launches Fundraising Campaign

The University of Mississippi School of Law has formally launched its public fundraising campaign, announcing that more than half of the \$60 million goal already has been raised.

Provost Carolyn Staton says the new law center, expected to open in fall 2010, is being planned to provide modern classrooms and space for clinics.

"The new building will bring the students and faculty together and will provide more opportunities for interaction in the law school community," she says.

The new facility, which will be located on Coliseum Drive, is designed to add to the aesthetic beauty of the campus with a Greek style similar to that of the Lyceum. It is intended to provide opportunities to expand the school's existing clinical programs, as well as the two national centers located at the law school.

Dean Samuel M. Davis says that both the new classrooms and the new law library, another of the campaign's objectives, reflect technological changes in the legal profession. He added that the plan will enable the law school's thriving legal clinic space to grow and expand.

"Our clinics are used in a way that provides actual legal experience to students and also impresses in them an awareness of the need to provide pro bono representation throughout their careers," he says. "The clinics are our way of taking the law school classroom beyond the building out into the community."

Increasing faculty support and scholarships will also contribute to the law school's ability to provide quality education and attract top students from across the country.

Even before the public fundraising campaign was underway, alumni, faculty and students had stepped forward to show their support, helping spur the campaign halfway toward its goal. Following are some of the leaders of this group.

Profiles in Support

Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC

With offices in Mississippi and Tennessee, Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC, is a full-service law firm with more than 140 attorneys representing regional and national clients.

Butler Snow has exhibited continuous involvement within the legal profession while remaining immersed in a wide range of extracurricular arenas and in community service.

According to Don Clark, chair of the firm, "Ole Miss consistently produces top legal graduates, and Butler Snow is dedicated to the cultivation and retention of Mississippi's legal talent."

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

In its more than 100-year history, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, a firm for more than 460 attorneys, has committed itself to providing pro bono representation and has generously supported more than 40 charitable organizations across the country.

"Baker Donelson is firmly committed to the continued support of the University of Mississippi School of Law," says Walker W. "Bill" Jones III, a 1973 graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law.



Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC



Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC



Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, PA

For more information about the School of Law Campaign, visit www.umlawcampaign.com.

For more information about the School of Law, visit www.law.olemiss.edu.

Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, PA

Copeland, Cook, Taylor and Bush, PA, was founded by four friends, all graduates of the UM School of Law, in 1985. Today, the firm boasts a total staff of 60 attorneys, and has supported community and educational projects across the state.

Managing Shareholder Ray McNamara remarks, "The UM School of Law is part of the past for 36 of our current 60 lawyers. We continue to be impressed and inspired by the students who compete in the moot court competition sponsored by our firm, and CCTB wants to have a continued and stronger tie to the future of the school."

Steen Dalehite & Pace, LLP

Steen Dalehite & Pace, LLP, engages in civil trial practice in state and federal courts with an emphasis on insurance defense litigation. Led by two UM graduates, the firm has committed itself to improving the future of the UM School of Law through a \$100,000 gift.

"Our firm is making this gift because of the value of our degrees from Ole Miss and our appreciation for the leadership given by Robert Khayat to the university," Pace says.

Watkins & Eager, PLLC

Since its inception in 1895, Watkins & Eager, PLLC, has maintained a full-service, diversified law practice. The firm's consistent goal over the past 112

years has been to provide quality legal services for its clients, and the pursuit of this goal has resulted in a professionally rewarding, accomplished law practice by its members. Service to the legal profession and the community, however, has always been a focus.

Paul Stephenson, managing partner, says, "Watkins & Eager gladly participates to express our appreciation for the School of Law's meaningful past and to share in its important future."

Watkins, Ludlam, Winter, & Stennis, PA

For more than 100 years, the law firm of Watkins, Ludlam, Winter & Stennis, PA, has been a leader in Mississippi. The firm also gives back to the community through neighborhood and school improvement projects and generous donations to charitable organizations and educational programs.

Bill Dossett, a shareholder and board member of the firm, says, "Our success as a firm and as individuals is built on a strong education and an even stronger work ethic. We believe the School of Law is vital to the future of not only Watkins Ludlam, but to the profession and the state as a whole."

Architectural rendering of the new Law School facility.



W.M. Dalehite Jr., Dean Samuel M. Davis, Lanny R. Pace



Watkins & Eager, PLLC



Watkins, Ludlam, Winter, & Stennis, PA

Law Endowment Memorializes New Albany Attorney

The family and friends of Lester Furr Sumners, a prominent Mississippi attorney, have memorialized him by establishing a scholarship endowment in his name at the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Sumners earned his undergraduate degree from Ole Miss in 1949, and his law degree in 1950. In the years that followed, Sumners became a respected member of the New Albany, Miss., community and a staunch supporter of the UM law school.

Explaining why the late attorney's family and friends decided to honor him with the scholarship, Sumners' son-in-law and Jackson, Miss., lawyer Steve Ray says, "Les Sumners respected the law, delighted in helping people and loved being a lawyer. A scholarship at Ole

Miss to help future lawyers seemed the ideal way to honor his life's work."

Sumners, who died in December 2005 at age 79, was reared in Corinth, Miss. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, and began his legal career with the late T. Leslie Darden in New Albany. He practiced law with that firm for 55 years, and most recently was associated with longtime partner Robert M. Carter and with Thad J. Mueller in the firm Sumners, Carter and Mueller, PA.

Sumners held numerous positions with the Mississippi Bar, including a term as president in 1971-72. A longtime director of First National Bank in New Albany, he served as attorney for the Union County Board of Supervisors and for Northeast Mississippi Community College.



Lester Sumners

Stephen Snead, former assistant to the UM law dean for advancement, says the endowment is a great example of what people can do when they join together to honor an individual.

"When Mr. Sumners passed away, a large number of people gave in his memory," Snead says. "What a legacy they have left by setting up this scholarship endowment. We are proud to have him and his family associated with our law school."

Samuel Davis, dean of the law school, says the endowment is an important motivator for high-caliber students interested in attending Ole Miss.

"Scholarships are an extremely valuable recruiting tool for the law school and enable us to attract the very best students," Davis says. "This scholarship is particularly gratifying to me because Les Sumners was an outstanding lawyer, a leader in the profession and in his community and, more importantly, a dear friend."

Harrelson Law Scholarship Endowment Reaches \$100,000

When Nancy Stumberg's father died suddenly in 1998, she wanted to find an appropriate way to honor him and her mother. So the Texas attorney, who graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1977, established a scholarship endowment in their name.

Since that time, the Noble and Dorothy Harrelson Law Scholarship Endowment has grown to more than \$100,000 through Stumberg's annual donations on the anniversary of her father's birth, death and other special dates, such as her parents' wedding anniversary.

"My parents have always loved Ole Miss and spent many wonderful football weekends there with me when I was an undergrad and in law school," she

important to me as a student."

The fund and others like it are crucial to the success of the law school, says Dean Samuel M. Davis.

"Nancy is a major supporter of the law school and the university, and the scholarship fund that she has endowed with her gift already is having an impact on the quality of our program," Davis notes. "Scholarships enable us to attract the best students to the law school, and they mark the difference between having a good law school and a great law school."

Karen Green, professor of law and Stumberg's longtime friend, echoes Davis's sentiments. "From her perspective as an accomplished practitioner and former law professor, Nancy understands the competition that we face in attracting the very best students," Green explains. "As Nancy's friend and former law professor, I hope that her scholarship will be used to bring more students with Nancy's attributes: very bright, enthusiastic in all her pursuits and dedicated to excellence and professionalism."

Stumberg praises the UM law school for having had a profound influence on her life and career. "Although I attended Yale Law School, from which I



Dorothy and Noble Harrelson

obtained an LL.M. after I completed my J.D. at Ole Miss, it was the foundation that I received at the Ole Miss law school that opened the door for the next degree," she says. "If I had to pick one experience over the other, Ole Miss would win, hands down. Ole Miss is about relationships, and those relationships with both professors and students from my law school days have served me amazingly well all of these years since."

Stumberg is a native of Puryear, Tenn., and lives in San Antonio, Texas. Her mother is a resident of Paris, Tenn.

"...I remembered that scholarship money had been important to me as a student."

—Nancy Stumberg

says. "I knew that I owed both my parents and Ole Miss for whatever successes I might have had in life, and I remembered that scholarship money had been

Law Alumnus Provides \$182,000 in Will

A University of Mississippi alumnus has ensured the education of future law students by establishing a law scholarship endowment.

Jack Stephens Patty, who graduated from the UM School of Law in 1939, enabled the scholarship through a gift of \$182,000 to the law school. The donation was given to the university through Patty's will, and the resulting scholarship will be presented annually as an academic scholarship to an entering full-time law student based on merit and/or need.

Patty had retired from his law career and was living in Jefferson, La., at the time of his death in 2005. Prior to his retirement, he lived and worked in Houston, Texas, for Shell Oil as a property administrator. A native of Shaw, Miss., Patty graduated from Vanderbilt University before coming to Ole Miss for law school.

"I worked with Mr. Patty as his accountant for many years and consider him a wonderful role model," says Holly Sharp of New Orleans, La. "He was a consummate gentleman."

Patty's nephew, John Cockrell Patty III of Irvine, Calif., says his uncle was a very dignified man who was very proud of the education he received at the UM School of Law.

"He was the type of man who wore a suit and hat every time he went to the bank. He was very dignified and worked hard," Patty says. "He honestly thought his education at Ole Miss was the best he could've gotten."

School of Law Dean Samuel M. Davis says the Patty estate's gift adds to the future and vitality of the law school.

"It is extremely gratifying when an alumnus thinks of us in making his will," he says. "This scholarship is critical to our future success in attracting the best students to our law school."

To support the endowment, send a check to the University of Mississippi Foundation/Jack Stephens Patty Scholarship, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677.

Firm Establishes Scholarship in Memory of Law Alumnus

A University of Mississippi alumnus has been memorialized by a scholarship endowment bearing his name.

The Natie P. Caraway Scholarship Endowment has been established by the law firm of the late Natie Priestly Caraway, who earned his undergraduate degree from the university in 1955 and law degree from the UM School of Law in 1958.

The \$25,000 gift seeds a permanent endowment. Recipients of the scholarship are required to be full-time entering law students from Mississippi; they are selected by the Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway law firm. The scholarship is contingent upon the student remaining in good academic standing, and may be received for three years.

Tim Walsh, associate director of alumni affairs and associate dean for development for the law school, says gifts like the Caraway endowment are wonderful ways to create a lasting impact on the law school.

"For almost 50 years, Natie was a respected lawyer in Mississippi. Since two of his children, Mark and Gregg, are also alumni of the law school, this endowment is perhaps the best way to perpetuate the Caraway name," Walsh says.

At the time of his death in August 2006, Caraway was living in Jackson, Miss. He is survived by his wife, Patsy, and their three children, Mark, Gregg and Beth, all of whom are UM graduates.

"The legal profession and Ole Miss were integral parts of my father's life," Mark says. "Wise Carter was like a second family to Natie, and this scholarship is the perfect way for the firm to honor his memory."

Caraway practiced law in his hometown of Meridian, Miss., before settling in Jackson in 1962. Before his law career, he was called to active duty in the U.S. Air Force and served until his honorable discharge.

At UM, Caraway was a member of the Delta Psi fraternity and served as president of his UM law school class. Upon graduation, he held membership in the Chancellor's Trust, the Ole Miss Loyalty Foundation and the Ventress Order in the College of Liberal Arts. He also served as president of both the Hinds County and Lauderdale County Ole Miss Alumni Associations.

Caraway was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1959, and fought for racial



Back row: Caraway's son Mark, Dean Samuel M. Davis, Caraway's son Gregg and Doug Levanway, managing partner of Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway.

Front row: Margaret Williams of Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway, Caraway's widow Patsy and daughter Beth.

justice in the early 1960s. In 1980, he was named a fellow by the American College of Trial Lawyers. He practiced law with the Daniel, Coker firm in Jackson from 1962 until 1966. Then, he practiced with Hubert Lipscomb, Henry Barksdale and Jerome Steen. The firm eventually merged with Wise, Carter & Child in 1972 and became Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway.

To make a gift to the Caraway endowment, send a check to the University of Mississippi Foundation/Natie P. Caraway Scholarship, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677.

For more information about the School of Law, visit www.law.olemiss.edu.

Donor Establishes Endowed Graduate Scholarship for Ole Miss Tri Deltas

An anonymous donor has established an endowed scholarship for a University of Mississippi graduate student who is a member of the Ole Miss chapter of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

This scholarship is the first of its kind, both for Ole Miss and for the Chi chapter of Delta Delta Delta. While many scholarships are available for undergraduates, far fewer are available for those who wish to pursue advanced degrees. This scholarship will afford more women wishing to continue their education the opportunity to do so.

"Through our national organization there are many undergraduate scholarships available to Tri Deltas, but there are not as many graduate scholarships," says Whitney Rayner, chapter alumni advisor for the Delta Delta Delta Sorority at



Ole Miss. "I think it is important to many of these young ladies to pursue a graduate degree and this

scholarship will be one more reason to do so."

Though the first recipient has yet to be chosen, preference will go to a full-time graduate student with demonstrated academic achievement, leadership potential and financial need. A recipient may receive the scholarship for two years, provided she maintains its high academic standards.

"Since so many students are now pursuing graduate degrees, this new scholarship will greatly benefit our members here at Ole Miss," says current Delta Delta Delta President Stephanie Henson. "We are thrilled about this new opportunity."

The Chi chapter of Delta Delta Delta was established at the University of Mississippi in 1904. For more information on the chapter, visit www.olemiss-tridelta.com.

Inaugural Vinson Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Senior Education Major

A senior elementary education major at the University of Mississippi has been awarded the inaugural Dr. T.P. Vinson Memorial Scholarship.

LaTasia Conley of Senatobia, Miss., is the recipient of the scholarship, which was established in 2005. The first African-American faculty member at UM to have a scholarship named in his honor, Dr. T.P. Vinson was a teacher and administrator in the School of Education from 1989 until his death in 2003.

A dedicated educator, family man and religious leader, Vinson spent his life helping others.

"Many people have told me what a great person Dr. Vinson was at both the school and in the community, so I feel honored to be the first person to receive this scholarship," Conley says.



LaTasia Conley

Vinson's widow, Jacqueline, and other family members seeded the endowment to establish the scholarship, which is awarded annually to a full-time junior or senior African-American student who demonstrates extraordinary leadership ability and community service in the teacher education program.

Jacqueline Vinson says her husband would want the scholarship recipient to be someone who loves mankind and actively works to improve the community.

"Thea enjoyed seeing young people setting and accomplishing worthwhile goals," she says.

Conley, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in May, has worked two jobs while attending Ole Miss full-time, maintaining a 3.3 GPA. Additionally, she has volunteered as a tutor,

taught Sunday school and has sung in her church choir.

"It's hard to balance school and two jobs, but by the grace of God I have been able to succeed," Conley says. "And although I'm very busy, I always make time to help the next person." After receiving her bachelor's degree, Conley plans to pursue a teaching career and attend graduate school at night. She hopes to one day obtain her doctoral degree and become a mathematics professor.

"Dr. Vinson lived his life to serve others, and he was able to do so through education and his church," says Germain McConnell, assistant dean of education. "LaTasia has exhibited the same type of passion through tutoring and community service, but most importantly, she has been able to excel academically despite her various responsibilities. Dr. Vinson would commend LaTasia and her hard work."

For more information about the School of Education, visit www.olemiss.edu/depts/educ_school2/.

Inaugural GSA Diversity Awareness Award Presented

Heidi Tickle of Brooklyn, N.Y., and her partner, Sari Surkis, initiated the GSA Diversity Awareness Award to call attention to the importance of providing safe and supportive environments for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, as well as their straight allies. It is the first award of its kind at Ole Miss.

"I had an idea about how I could give back to the university, but I didn't act alone," Tickle says. "We established this award through the Gay-Straight Alliance staff advisor, with additional support from the Chancellor's Office, the Office of Financial Aid and the University Foundation."

Tickle visited the Oxford campus recently and presented the award at a ceremony held during the

seventh annual Isom Student Gender Conference, hosted by the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies. The \$1,000 award went to J. Thomas Vasser Jr., a senior political science major from Aberdeen, Miss.



Heidi Tickle (left) presents the GSA Diversity Awareness Award to J. Thomas Vasser Jr.

Vasser's selection was based on his work with the campus GSA organization, of which he is a past president. He says that the award has inspired him to continue his commitment to promoting sexual diversity.

"It is a humbling experience to be recognized by your peers and mentors. I am filled with pride and a renewed zest for life, change, progress, diversity," he says.

Mary Carruth, director of the Isom Center, says that it was a pleasure to include the Tickle-Surkis Family

Diversity Award presentation in the student conference.

"This award, it recognizes the activism of a student in the GSA who advances the status of not only gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people but also the rights of other diverse or nondominant groups," she notes.

Tickle says that although the inaugural award carried the Tickle-Surkis name, in the future it should be known as the GSA Diversity Awareness Award.

A native of Metairie, La., Tickle received her bachelor's degree from UM in 1992, followed by her master's in 1994. She is employed with Citigroup as a manager in market surveillance.

Thanking Tickle for her generosity in establishing the award, Chancellor Robert Khayat says, "Scholarships and other awards allow us to give access to qualified students who can benefit from the quality education the university provides. Your generosity will help make the Ole Miss experience possible for all deserving students."

Mayo Siblings Surprise Parents with Scholarship

James and Sandra Mayo's children have honored them with a scholarship endowment to strengthen two of their passions, The University of Mississippi and their longtime commitment to public education.

Established by Lee Ann Mayo of Jackson, Miss., Cal and Peter Mayo of Oxford, John Mayo of Birmingham, Ala., and Jane Mayo of Louisville, Miss., the new James C. and Sandra J. Mayo Scholarship Endowment will be awarded to Louisville High School graduates who pursue degrees at Ole Miss. A \$25,000 gift from the siblings created the endowment.

"The children have always known how we feel about education and about Ole Miss, which both hold special places in our hearts," says Sandra Mayo. "We certainly shared tears and hugs over this surprise."

Cal Mayo, an attorney who also serves on the University of Mississippi Foundation board of directors, says that his parents "always told us that there is nothing more important than education," adding that his mother served on the board of trustees of the Louisville Municipal School District and his father had

served as the attorney for the school board.

James and Sandra Mayo began their relationship with Ole Miss when they pursued two degrees—a juris doctor for James and an undergraduate degree in education for Sandra, a native of Brandon, Miss. After graduating, they returned to James' hometown of Louisville to build a law practice, Fair & Mayo, and a life for their family.

"With five children, we were associated with the Louisville public school system a long time—from 1967 to 1998," says Sandra Mayo. "We wanted to teach our children to be broad-minded people who could work and live alongside all other people. We were very pleased with the education they received."

Cal Mayo, an Ole Miss graduate, first began developing the idea of a scholarship with Sandra Guest, vice president of the UM Foundation. "This scholarship is a celebration of the Mayo family and its commitment to helping vitalize society through education. We are grateful for this scholarship gift and for the inspiration it will provide to other families," Guest says.

Lee Ann Mayo, a graduate of Ole Miss and a

lobbyist, notes how easily she and her siblings put the gift together: "I've said all my life that I would like to start a scholarship someday. I had no idea there was such a feasible way to do it now," she says. "The UM Foundation helped set up everything, including the scholarship criteria. What makes this so great is that we can not only honor our parents for taking an unpopular stand and supporting public education in Louisville, but also help students today who pursue a college education at Ole Miss."

Sandra Mayo hopes that young people who may be impacted by the scholarship will not go to the Oxford campus with their minds made up about possible majors. "We want them to try new things and be exposed to the wealth of offerings at Ole Miss. We hope they seek a well-rounded education and enjoy the whole college experience," she says.

The Mayo Scholarship is to be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, leadership abilities and personal character. In the event there is no eligible applicant from Louisville High School, the scholarship is to be awarded to a graduate of Nanih Waiya or Noxapater High School.

Class of 2007 Awards Inaugural Khayat Scholarship to Campus Leader

Ebony Nichols of Tunica, Miss., is the recipient of the inaugural Class of 2007/Robert C. Khayat Scholarship, which was established at the University of Mississippi by this spring's graduating seniors.

The senior class decided last semester that a scholarship in the chancellor's name would be its parting gift to the university. The committee of some 50 students, led by class officers, voted unanimously in September to create the scholarship as its legacy at UM.

"I very much appreciate the scholarship, and it's a great encouragement for students to get this and be recognized by the senior class," says Nichols, a junior majoring in psychology and Spanish. "It's good for students to know they need to keep on going because people are watching you, and you will be rewarded for the things you do."

Nichols, who is enrolled in UM's Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, belongs to the Black Student Union and serves as director of

diversity affairs for the Associated Student Body.

"I am highly complimented that the class of 2007 chose to establish a scholarship in my name and thankful that future students will be able to use it to attend Ole Miss," Khayat says. "This gift shows the spirit of generosity that is inherent in our student body."

The senior class has raised \$30,000 toward endowing the scholarship so that an annual award can be made in perpetuity. Selection is based on a student's demonstrated leadership ability and other criteria.

"We are very excited to give the inaugural gift to Ebony Nichols, who has been an outstanding leader at Ole Miss," says Senior Class President Jimmy Love, an English major from Nashville, Tenn. "She was chosen in part because of her involvement on campus. Working on this scholarship has been a

rewarding experience for our class, and we are all very excited that we can touch the lives of young people for many years to come."

Gifts to the Class of 2007/Robert C. Khayat Scholarship Endowment can be made through the UM Foundation. Checks should be made payable to the University of Mississippi Foundation/Class of 2007 and mailed to the foundation at P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677.



Ebony Nichols with senior class officers

Chi Omega Holds Dedication for University Entrance Gates

Visitors to the University of Mississippi cannot help but notice two almost identical sets of entrance gates that offer a beautiful opening from Jackson Avenue to the historic Oxford campus.

The Chi Omega House Corporation provided one set of the gates, which the university dedicated Wednesday, April 18.

Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations, thanked the Chi Omegas for helping make Ole Miss a "beautiful place where students can grow and develop as individuals."

"We are proud of Chi Omega's extraordinary leadership on our campus. Their leadership isn't recent; it's been a part of this chapter's growth for 108 years," Dr. Kellum says.

The brick-structured gates are located at Jackson Avenue and Rebel Drive, adjacent to the Chi Omega sorority house.

When the gates were in the planning process, Chancellor Robert Khayat approached the Chi Omega House Corporation and requested assistance financing one of the gates, according to Kathryn Black, president of the Chi Omega House Corporation. They decided

to fund the full \$100,000 project.

"We were so pleased for the opportunity, and we certainly wanted to be a part of giving back to Ole Miss," Black says. "We are thrilled to have a permanent landmark here denoting our lengthy tenure on campus."

Black says the gates commemorate the founding of the sorority chapter on the Ole Miss campus in 1899.

Fannie Elliott, treasurer of the House Corporation, says the gates were completed in fall 2005.

"We are very pleased with the result," Elliott says. "They are a lovely addition to the UM campus. We are also very happy to have made a contribution to the university. All of the members of Chi Omega through the years are very proud of the new gates."

For more information about the Ole Miss chapter of Chi Omega, visit www.chiomega.com.



Chi Omega members Margaret Williamson, Claire Kelly, Fannie Elliott, Mary Ann Frugé, Mary Jane Davis, Katie Farris and Kathryn Black dedicate the new gates at the entrance to the University of Mississippi campus with Chancellor Robert Khayat.

Tunica County Native Supports Dreams by Establishing Scholarship

Larry Darnell Weeden readily admits that a scholarship and a financial aid package were deciding factors in his decision to attend the University of Mississippi in 1969.

The Tunica County, Miss., native says he grew up poor and, at one point, did not know if he could afford to attend college.

"When I was a high school junior, I had an opportunity to visit Ole Miss for one of its weekend college visits," says Weeden, associate dean and Roberson King Professor of Law at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School



Chancellor Robert Khayat, Tracy and Larry Weeden and Vice Chancellor Gloria Kellum

of Law, in Houston, Texas. "I enjoyed the speakers and presenters, but was fascinated by one who mentioned that if I qualified, I could get financial aid."

Weeden, who nearly 35 years ago became the first African-American to earn his bachelor's degree

in journalism from the university, also earned his law degree from the UM School of Law. Now he wants to help other Tunica County students attend his alma mater.

To this end, he has established the Larry and Tracy Weeden Scholarship Endowment with a \$10,000 gift. The scholarship is available to full-time undergraduate students majoring in journalism, political science or education. If an eligible student is not available in Tunica County, consideration is given to residents of Coahoma, Lafayette, Marshall and Washington counties.

"This scholarship is for a deserving student who shows academic promise," Weeden says. "With the financial aid I received, I knew I could afford to go to college. That was a good feeling, a feeling I want to pass on to others. I just wish I could give more."

Weeden says that he is most grateful that the university prepared him for a successful career, and he remembers Jere Hoar as one of the most inspiring and challenging college professors.

Hoar, professor emeritus of journalism, recalls Weeden as a student.

"He was a solid student whose career has demonstrated that the opportunity for education and personal application can bring achievement," Hoar says. "I think his generosity in establishing this scholarship shows one of his finest qualities."

Weeden, who joined the TSU faculty in 1989, was director of clinical programs from 1990 until 1992 and interim dean in 1998. He is a member of Texas Association of College Teachers, American Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and a life member of the NAACP. Weeden has been cited in more than 25 law review publications.

Weeden's wife, Tracy, earned an Ed.D. from the University of Houston and is assistant superintendent for elementary curriculum, instruction and assessment for the Houston, Texas, Independent School District. The family resides in Katy, Texas, a Houston suburb.

In the Ole Miss First flexible giving model, donors give \$25,000 to assist one student for four years, and are encouraged to mentor the scholarship recipient.

Jackson Physician, Wife Create Scholarship

Dr. and Mrs. Darden North of Jackson, Miss., recently created the Darden and Sally North Ole Miss First Scholarship with a \$25,000 pledge.

"Since our graduation in the late 1970s, Ole Miss has made tremendous strides academically, athletically and through expanded facilities," Sally North says. "All of these improvements have evolved without tarnishing Ole Miss' true physical beauty."

The couple designated that the scholarship be awarded to Jackson students who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and score between 24 and 28 on the ACT. The scholarship is contingent on each recipient's maintaining a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. It may be awarded for a maximum of eight semesters.

"We hope that Ole Miss will become a lifelong experience for the recipients of this scholarship, just as it has been for us," Dr. North says. "It is a privilege to be involved in the education of an outstanding student who might not otherwise have been awarded a scholarship."

Originally from Cleveland, Miss., Darden received his bachelor's degree in zoology from UM in 1978 and his doctor of medicine degree from the UM School of Medicine in 1982. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the UM Medical Center in 1986, and then established his practice at Jackson Healthcare for Women.



Darden and Sally North

A native of Columbia, Miss., Sally Darden received her bachelor's degree in English from UM in 1980. A former high school English teacher, she is a housewife, mother and publisher with Ponder House Press.

While at Ole Miss, Darden and Sally North were both involved in student government and Greek life, and each served as editor of the Ole Miss yearbook.

The Norths' generational ties to the university include Dr. North's father and three uncles, who were Ole Miss alums; Sally's parents, who both graduated from UM; and their children, William and Anderson, who are currently enrolled at Ole Miss.



Ole Miss First FACTS

Currently there are **52** Scholarship Recipients, **40** Scholarship Accounts and a total of **\$2,594,973** committed.

Chancellor Khayat Helps Family Surprise Alumnus with Scholarship in His Honor

Recently, Charles Palmer of Forest, Miss., learned about an early birthday gift: UM Chancellor Robert Khayat informed him that his children had founded an Ole Miss First Scholarship in his name.

"I can't think of anything that I would've appreciated more," says Palmer, who celebrates his 80th birthday September 17, 2007. "It was such a surprise."

Palmer's son, Scott, along with Palmer's daughter and son-in-law, Carol and James Threadgill, established the Charles Palmer Ole Miss First Scholarship. They came up with the idea during the holidays and asked the chancellor to help them surprise the UM alumnus.

"We had the chancellor call him to say, 'Next time you're in Oxford, I want to sit down and talk to you,'" says Carol, an Ole Miss alumna.

The first recipient of the Charles Palmer Ole Miss First Scholarship is Shelly Osborn, from Carthage, Miss.

Besides tuition, Ole Miss First Scholarships provide a mentor for each scholar during his or her four years at UM. Charles Palmer and his wife, Jean, spend quite a bit of time in Oxford and plan to become mentors to the inaugural Palmer Scholarship recipient.

Khayat says he enjoyed being involved in the surprise. "One of the privileges of serving as chancellor is the occasional opportunity to participate in a heartwarming expression of family love," he says. "The surprise gift of an Ole Miss First Scholarship to Charles Palmer by his children was one of those life-enriching experiences."

Jill Waycaster, development officer for the Ole Miss First scholarship program, met the Threadgills last year in Tupelo and told them about Ole Miss First.

"The Palmers and the Threadgills are great people and longtime supporters of Ole Miss," Waycaster says. "This scholarship is another remarkable gesture of support from a fine family."

"The named Ole Miss First Scholarship had stiff competition for Charles Palmer's best birthday surprise ever," says Carol Threadgill. "On his 50th birthday, Ole Miss beat Notre Dame in football in Jackson. That was a pretty good birthday, too."



James and Carol Threadgill, Jean and Charles Palmer, and Scott Palmer

Alum Seeds Scholarship Commemorating Lost WWII Submarine

"Business keeps me away from Mississippi," Bill Warren says. "That's the problem." He found a simple solution to that problem by recently seeding the USS Swordfish Ole Miss First Scholarship.

The USS Swordfish, a U.S. submarine during World War II, disappeared near Okinawa, Japan, along with its 89 crew members, in early 1945. Warren's father was attached to the sub, but because of an injury was not deployed when it vanished.

"My dad, Bill Sr., grew up on a dirt farm in Alabama," Warren explains. "He went into the Navy because his family couldn't feed him. When he passed away in 1990, I said, 'How about commemorating those young guys on the Swordfish who never got a chance to live the life that they were fighting for?'"

The first recipient of the USS Swordfish Scholarship is Sharita Washington of Roxie, Miss., a town of some 800 people between Brookhaven and Natchez. Washington, a freshman biology major who has planned for some time on being an emergency room doctor, had intended to go to Mississippi College.

"Then a dean called me and told me about a new Ole Miss First scholarship, I had a phone interview and they sent me a letter and said I'd gotten it," she says. "So, I think two weeks before school started, I found out about the scholarship and changed my mind."

It's great to have received the USS Swordfish Scholarship, she says, because otherwise she would not have been able to attend UM's Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

Warren grew up in Atlanta, Ga., where his father sold cars and his mother was head of payroll and the highest-ranking woman in a 26,000-strong labor force at the Southern Company.

"Because of the glass ceiling at the time, she couldn't go any higher," he says, adding that this is one reason he is thrilled that Washington is the first recipient of the scholarship. Another is that his father never attended college.

A longtime sales executive and entrepreneur, Warren founded BamBams, LLC, in 2002. BamBams sells the inflatable noisemakers ("victory sticks") seen, as the firm's Web site www.bambams.com/public says, "anywhere crowds gather."

Warren's family includes his wife Cindy, daughter Jennifer, a graduate of College of the Holy Cross who works for Teach for America, and two sons: Billy, a sophomore at Tulane, and Joe, 12.

"My kids are very good students," he says. "I never could figure that out."



Bill Warren (center) celebrates with his family: Joe, Billy, Cindy and Jennifer.

Jackson Business Leader Provides Second Scholarship for Baldwyn High School Grad

For the second consecutive year, a graduate of Baldwyn High School plans to enroll this fall at the University of Mississippi on a full-tuition scholarship thanks to Jackson, Miss., real estate entrepreneur Larry Johnson. Alia Hodnett, a recent BHS honors graduate, has received the Landmark Foundation Ole Miss First Scholarship. Last year, Johnson established the Larry Johnson Ole Miss First Scholarship, which was awarded to Karrye Pippin.

Johnson, owner of Landmark Companies in Jackson, says he and his brother Robert, both graduates of BHS, felt that establishing scholarships for other BHS graduates was the perfect way to further honor their parents, Swede and Alleene Johnson.

"Our parents were essential in helping my brother and I see the importance of helping to provide a solid education for a student who has outstanding academic and leadership qualities," says Johnson, a 1956 graduate of Baldwyn High. "These scholarships are our way to help honor our parents and also to honor Ole Miss." Robert Johnson of Germantown, Tenn., is a 1961 graduate of BHS.



Karrye Pippin



Alia Hodnett

Hodnett, who graduated May 18 from BHS, says she did not know she would receive the scholarship until three days before the school's awards ceremony.

"I have always dreamed about attending Ole Miss, and to do that I knew I would have to get a student loan," says Hodnett, daughter of Charlotte Samples and Larry Hodnett of Baldwyn. "I would like to say thank you to my benefactor for giving me this amazing opportunity to continue my education. You have made my dream real. I am very excited and honored."

At BHS, Hodnett was a member of the band, and she belonged to the Interact and Beta Clubs.

Johnson graduated from Ole Miss in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in business, followed by a law degree in 1962. He is a longtime supporter of his alma mater.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and/or financial need. A recipient must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and be registered as a full-time student. For more information about Ole Miss First Scholarships, visit www.umf.olemiss.edu, contact the Foundation at 800-340-9542 or e-mail umf@olemiss.edu.

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Petty Continues Investing in Ole Miss by Supporting Chancellor's Trust

Recently, Holmes Petty was inspired by an address delivered by Chancellor Robert Khayat concerning his ongoing efforts to enhance the University of Mississippi. Afterward, Petty approached him and asked, "How can I help?"

"It was not one of those boilerplate speeches that one might expect. It was absolutely incredible," says Petty, a partner in Barnes-Petty Financial Advisors of Clarksdale, Miss. "Chancellor Khayat was passionate about strengthening the school and making Ole Miss graduates proud of their diplomas."

The chancellor invited the alumnus and longtime UM supporter to join the Chancellor's Trust, an academic fund that helps meet the university's greatest needs. Members of the Chancellor's Trust make unrestricted gifts of at least \$25,000.



The Chancellor's Trust

"Chancellor Khayat has promoted the great family atmosphere of Ole Miss," Petty says. "He has gained the confidence and approval of alumni and friends."

Petty's support drew thanks from the chancellor.

"Holmes Petty truly understands the level of academic excellence we continually seek for our students and recognizes that private support is absolutely essential to enable us to succeed," says Chancellor Khayat.

Petty's parents, the late John Petty, a native of Greenwood, Miss., and Beverly Sherard Petty, a native of Sherard, Miss., were Ole Miss alumni and lived in Memphis, Tenn., where they raised their family. His daughter, Whitney Petty Joiner, who graduated from Parsons School of Design in New York, N.Y., earned undergraduate and master's degrees from the UM School of Accountancy. Petty also encourages his younger daughter, Beverly Grace, to attend Ole Miss.



Holmes Petty with his daughters, Whitney Petty Joiner and Beverly Grace

"As long as I can remember, my dad dragged me to Ole Miss events," says Whitney Petty Joiner, smiling. "Now he doesn't have to do that anymore because I have grown to love it almost as much as he does. I hope one day to be able to give back to Ole Miss, too."

After graduating from the UM School of Business Administration, Holmes Petty returned to the Clarksdale-Sherard area to manage a farm that has been in his family for 130 years. Later, he became a certified financial planner, and his company is an independent contractor with Raymond

James Financial Services. For 18 consecutive years, Petty has been named to the Chairman's Council, which is the top performing group at Raymond James.

In addition to the demands of his professional life, Petty advises the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. President of the SAE House Corporation, Petty has been serving as alumni advisor for 30 years.

Beloved Professor, Administrator Emeritus Continues UM Legacy that Began in 1953

One of the University of Mississippi's most beloved professors has further assured his special place in the institution's history through a bequest.

Charles E. Noyes, professor and administrator emeritus, has donated more than \$250,000 to the university and has given more single gifts than any other individual. He recently advised UM officials that he has designated part of his estate to benefit the university.

"The lives of Ole Miss and Chuck Noyes are inextricably intertwined," says Chancellor Robert Khayat. "He joined this community as a member of the English faculty and devoted his life to strengthening our academic programs and the library. In addition to his leadership as a member of the faculty and his contributions as a senior administrator, he has unselfishly given his personal resources. He is loved and admired by the Ole Miss community."

Noyes, 89, retired from the university in 1982 after 29 years as a faculty member and administrator. He has requested that his

planned gift be added to the Noyes Library Endowment, which was established in 1992 by UM alumni David and Barbara Arnold of Yazoo City, Miss. The fund stands at almost \$108,000 and continues to build.

"Dr. Noyes is a loyal, generous, delightful gentleman, as well as one of the best friends a library could possibly have."

—Julia Rholes, dean of the library

Noyes's bequest makes him a member of the Ole Miss 1848 Society, which provides lifetime recognition to those who make provisions for UM through planned gifts.

Within the Ole Miss English department, Noyes specialized in restoration and 18th-century English literature. He taught at least two courses per semester, except in 1963-64, when he served as provost. He later held the UM posts of acting vice chancellor, associate vice chancellor and director of the summer session.

During his retirement years, Noyes helped create another UM legacy, focusing on support for the library. "A library is the absolute heart of a university," he says.

His work with the Friends of the Library support group for the John D. Williams Library has included hundreds of personal notes to former students and others, asking for gifts and pointing out the university's enormous progress and its greatest needs. The group's endowment of more than \$600,000 provides thousands of dollars each year for books and other needs.

"Dr. Noyes is a loyal, generous, delightful gentleman, as well as one of the best friends a library could possibly have," says Julia Rholes, dean of the library.

Noyes's longtime friend and colleague, John Pilkington, who taught in the UM English department for more than three decades, also has continued his devotion to the library.

"Within the Friends organization, John and I operate somewhat like a husband and wife: I bring in the money and he spends it," Noyes jokes.

Upon Pilkington's retirement, friends and former students established a library endowment in his name; in 1992, they added \$12,500. In 2003, Noyes spearheaded a fundraising campaign to honor Pilkington and his library work. The drive raised more than \$21,000 for books in his honor. Both funds continue to grow.

Within the Friends of the Library support group, there are nearly 500 members, including some 30 Life Members, donors of \$1,000, and two Life Patrons, giving \$10,000 each.

"One Life Patron is novelist John Grisham," Noyes says. "Years ago, I sent him a wistful little note saying that we had never had a Life Patron in Friends. Before the week was out, we had his \$10,000."

The other Life Patron is Louis Brandt. "Had I not coached him diligently, he might never have passed English composition, never gotten a degree in engineering and never made enough money to buy us Brandt Memory House," Noyes says with a chuckle, adding, "I admire Louis greatly."

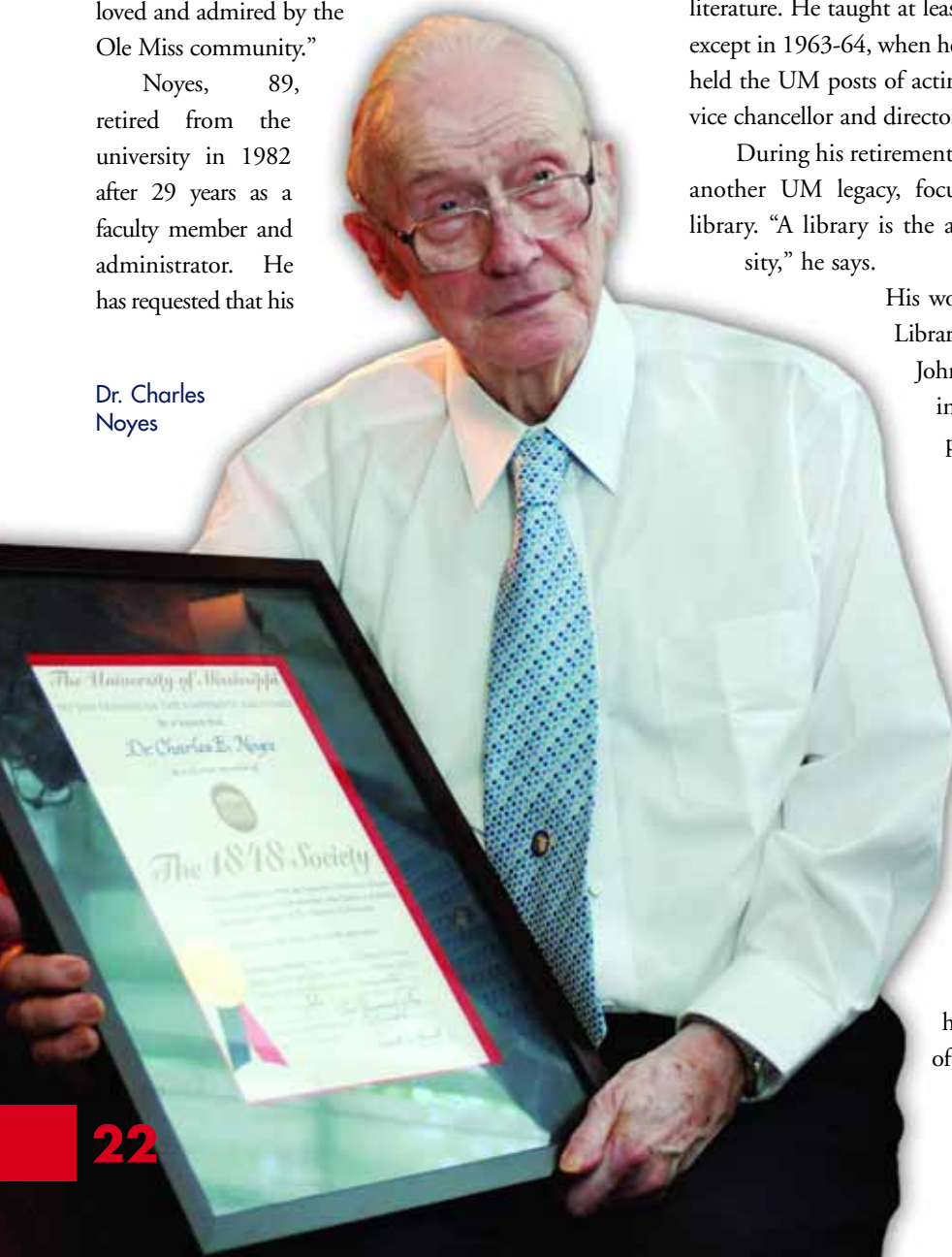
A recent gift to Friends came from the Estate of Mary McBride in the amount of \$19,650, given in honor of her "beloved professor Dr. Noyes."

Paula Hilby of Phoenix, Ariz., also honored her former professor with a bequest to the Noyes Endowment of \$25,000.

Says Sandra Guest, vice president of the University Foundation, "It is hard for me to put into words how I feel about Chuck Noyes. He truly epitomizes sacrificial giving in every way."

Speaking of his attachment to the university, Noyes says, "It's a mystical place."

Dr. Charles Noyes



First Life Estate Gift Establishes Scholarship Endowment

Through a unique bequest, a University of Mississippi alumnus has established a scholarship endowment.

Dr. Shed Hill Roberson Jr., who earned his undergraduate degree at UM in 1960, is donating his house in Oxford to the university, enabling the creation of the Roberson Family Scholarship Endowment. The bequest is the first gift of its kind ever received by the UM Foundation.

The eventual sale of the house, valued at \$255,000, is expected to provide 2.5 undergraduate scholarships every four years, with selection based on student financial need and merit.

"Dr. Roberson's gift is truly unique, conveying significant personal assets to Ole Miss today for the benefit of generations to come," says Wendell Weakley, president of the UM Foundation. "The dedication, generosity and resourcefulness of alumni like Dr. Roberson illustrate how Ole Miss can provide the margin of excellence for academic success."

Roberson is a fourth-generation UM graduate, and his family roots run deep at the university. His

grandfather, Lake Roberson, had only two shirts and a pair of pants when he rode his mule to the Oxford campus from Pontotoc, Miss.

Upon arriving, he sold the mule, which paid for his tuition. Roberson's father, Shed Hill Roberson Sr., and uncle, Lake Roberson Jr., were also UM graduates. They played football and his mother, Merle Cates Roberson, herself an alumna, was a cheerleader.

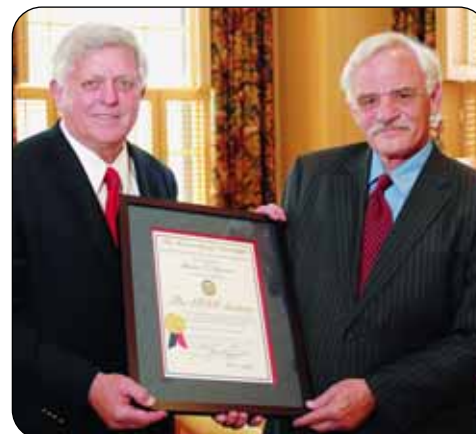
"Ole Miss has been very good to the Roberson family," he says. "This endowment is a token of all that our family is beholden to the university for what it has given us. We're very appreciative."

From 1956 to 1960, Roberson played guard on the Ole Miss football team under Coach Johnny Vaught and was a member of the M-Club. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, he

earned his medical degree at Tulane University in New Orleans, La. He completed six years of post-graduate training in surgery at Charity Hospital and the Ochsner Foundation Hospital, both in New Orleans. Later, he served for three years with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Puerto Rico and Germany.

Born and raised in Clarksdale, Miss., Roberson resides near Daytona Beach, Fla. He retired in 2003 after a 30-year career as a surgeon, and enjoys spending several months each year at his home in Oxford.

Contributions to the Roberson Family Scholarship Endowment can be sent to the University of Mississippi Foundation/Roberson Family Scholarship, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677.



Chancellor Robert Khayat presents Dr. Shed Roberson with 1848 certificate.



Pascagoula Couple Gives Tax-Wise Gift

Paul and Jean Moore of Pascagoula, Miss., have taken advantage of a unique giving opportunity, made possible by the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Through the act, the Moores were able to make a tax-free gift of \$25,000 to the University of Mississippi. This recent gift is one of many the couple have provided their alma mater throughout the years.

"It seemed like a good opportunity," says Paul Moore. "This act encourages people to give more. I expect that more people will give this year than they have before."

Congress enacted this bill to promote charitable giving; the legislation allows for tax-free rollover of funds up to \$100,000 for charitable use. The provisions of the act apply to outright gifts completed by December 31, 2007. To qualify, the owner of the IRA

must be 70 or older, and the gift must be made in a way that it would otherwise be fully deductible. Additionally, the distribution must be made directly from the IRA account to the University of Mississippi Foundation.



Paul and Jean Moore

"We've had a tremendous response from donors to the Pension Protection Act," says Sandra Guest, vice president of the University of Mississippi Foundation. "To help continue this momentum, we're working with Senator Lott's office and with the Council for Advancement

and Support of Education in support of the Public Good IRA Rollover Act of 2007 (S.B. 819). The revised act would make IRA rollovers permanent, remove the \$100,000 minimum, reduce the age limit to 59 and provide additional tax advantages

for our donors."

The majority of the gift goes toward the Jean Moore Education Endowment, which was established by the couple in 1999. The Endowment has been used to fund a new state-of-the-art computer lab in the School of Education as well as a pre-med biochemistry lab in the Department of Chemistry.

"The Moores' generous support makes it possible for us to update our labs on a regular basis," says School of Education Dean Tom Burnham.

Both Paul and Jean Moore are Ole Miss alumni, with Jean earning a bachelor's degree in 1952 and Paul receiving a master's in 1951. He also received his medical degree from the University's School of Medicine in Jackson in 1959. Dr. Moore is a 1996 inductee into the Ole Miss Alumni Hall of Fame and the past president of the Alumni Association.

To learn about how to give through the Pension Protection Act, please contact Sandra Guest, vice president of the UM Foundation: 662-915-5208 or sguest@olemiss.edu.

Liberto Creates Lasting Tribute to Mom's Belief in Education

Maureen Liberto remembers pursuing a demanding doctoral program while juggling a family and a career. When she thought of dropping the program, her mom gave the encouragement Liberto needed.

"I remember specifically thinking that I couldn't finish a doctorate with teenagers and everything else," says Liberto of Oxford. "My mom said, 'Maureen, you will be at that age and place in your life no matter what you're doing. Devote some time to education.'"

Liberto received her doctorate, enjoyed a career in higher education and is honoring her mother through the Geraldine McGuire Heffernan Council Scholarship Endowment at the University of Mississippi.

Her gift of \$100,000 establishes the scholarship under the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy.

Heffernan, who passed away earlier this year at 96, was "always



Geraldine McGuire Heffernan

an educator," Liberto says. The resident of Montreal, Canada, was an elementary school teacher, and Liberto's father, Fintan Patrick Heffernan, was a teacher and school administrator. Both were active in their community.

"Maureen Liberto is an amazing educator and leader who obviously is following in her parents' footsteps," says Dr. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations. We are profoundly grateful for her devotion."

Liberto says her mother knew about plans for the scholarship. "My mother was a woman of substance. If she were alive, she would tell scholarship recipients that self-confidence comes from education.

And, she would tell them that people can do anything they dream if they put their minds to work."

The Women's Council Scholarship marks the second major contribution from Liberto, who with Laurel, Miss., businessman Julius W. King, gave a combined \$200,000 gift to the university, establishing the Liberto/King Professorship in the School

of Business Administration's area of insurance and risk management. The professorship honors the long-time friendship between King and V.A. Liberto, a businessman and Maureen Liberto's husband.

After retiring in 2005 as assistant director of admissions and guidance at Jones County Junior College in Laurel, Liberto moved to Oxford, where she volunteers as a counselor for university students. She works with around 50 students in the Ole Miss First program.

"There's just a passion in me for students," she says. "Interacting with the students at Ole Miss makes me feel that there's hope for America. They are just so outstanding. This is where I want to be: sharing knowledge and experience to help guide young people's lives. I look forward to coming to campus every day."

The Liberto family has enjoyed a long relationship with Ole Miss. Maureen Liberto's late husband was an alumnus who gave of his time by serving on the advisory committee to the School of Business Administration, as well as on campaigns to raise private funds. The couple's three children also attended the university.



Lauded Mississippi Teacher Honored by Husband

Barbara Arnold left the classroom after more than two decades of working with high school students in physics and chemistry, but she never left teaching.

Across the years the volunteer tutor has continued to teach, helping many high school and college students gain a better grasp of physics and chemistry.

Admiration for his wife's dedication to students inspired David Arnold to contribute \$100,000 to create the Barbara Arnold Ole Miss Women's Council Scholarship.

"Barbara really loves teaching and working with young people," says David of Yazoo City, Miss. "Her personal interest in students and her love for Ole Miss made this scholarship seem like a natural fit."

Women's Council scholarships enhance the traditional financial support of a scholarship with leadership training and mentorship. The Barbara Arnold Women's Council Scholarship is designed for students pursuing degrees in history, English and chemistry.

"I'm very grateful to my husband for establishing

this scholarship in my honor," says Barbara Arnold. "We both feel that the Women's Council is making a significant difference in the lives of students with the added leadership and mentorship aspects. I hope recipients use their scholarships wisely to accomplish their goals."

She adds, "I am so proud of the students I've taught. I continue to see so many of them, and I always am interested in their careers and families." Barbara Arnold has received six teaching awards during her career: five STAR Teacher awards and the Mississippi Association of Physicists' 1984-85 Mississippi Physics Teacher of the Year.

The Arnolds met in a chemistry laboratory at Ole Miss and married the year they graduated. David Arnold became one of Mississippi Chemical Corp.'s senior vice presidents, and Barbara served on the Manchester Academy and Yazoo City High School faculties.

Barbara Arnold, a native of Greenwood, Miss., has served as president and member of the board for the UM School of Education's Alumni Chapter, as well as on the board of directors of the University Foundation and the

Ole Miss Alumni Association. She served on the advisory board of the School of Engineering and is a charter member of the Ventress Order, an organization whose members make a financial commitment to the College of Liberal Arts.

Through membership in the 1848 Society, the Arnolds have made provisions in their estate plan for support of both the Department of Chemical Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts. Additionally,

they created the Charles Noyes Library Endowment and supported the John Pilkington Library Endowment, both of which honor beloved professors.

The Arnolds' daughter, Janet, lives in Madison County, Miss.



Barbara and David Arnold

Foundation News Receives 2007 Publishing Award

In February 2007, *Foundation News* was presented with a Special Merit Award by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The award, in the Newsletter Publishing Improvement category, was announced at CASE's District III 2007 Awards Competition, held in Nashville, Tenn.

As one of the winners, *Foundation News* was displayed at the CASE III Conference.



CASE supports educational institutions around the world by enhancing the effectiveness of their alumni relations, communications, marketing, fund raising and other advancement professionals. The annual District III Awards Competition involves more than 4,000 institutions of higher learning from the southeastern region of the U.S.



McDonnells Seed Classics Endowment continued from Cover

both students and faculty," says Glenn Hopkins, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The Department of Classics and the College of Liberal Arts are stronger because of this gift, and we are extremely grateful to Mike and Mary McDonnell for their generous support."

Earlier this year, the UM classics department moved into the recently renovated Bryant Hall, which also houses the Department of Philosophy and Religion. The building has new, wired classrooms and a space on the

main floor for students and faculty to gather.

Mike McDonnell, a graduate of Yale University, is co-owner of Orgill, Inc., which provides wholesale distribution and retail services to the home improvement industry. He and Mary enjoy spending time with their three children and six grandchildren, all of Memphis.

"We are proud of what Ole Miss is doing," Mary McDonnell says. "We want to see this growth continue."

Glenn Gift to Support Five UM Initiatives continued from Cover

The capital campaign, which will be announced to the public this fall, is designed to allow the University of Mississippi to continue its positive momentum.

"We asked Mike to serve on our board because we know how much he loves Ole Miss," Khayat says. "Mike and Donna Glenn have long been friends of this institution and they know how crucial private support is to our future. We are grateful for their leadership in their Memphis community and for Ole Miss."

Glenn, a Memphis, Tenn., native, graduated

from Ole Miss in 1977 and received his MBA from the University of Memphis in 1981. Since joining FedEx in 1981, Glenn has held management positions in sales and marketing. FedEx has twice recognized him with its Five Star Award, the company's highest honor, in recognition for his outstanding leadership. Before joining the company, he worked in the sales division of the Dover Elevator Company.

"It's an exciting time to be an alum of Ole Miss," Glenn says. "I encourage everyone to support the university by giving back."



Virginia Carey Smith Leaves Estate to Ole Miss

Virginia Carey Smith's deep love for Ole Miss stayed with her throughout her life. She considered the university part of her family, so it's fitting that through a bequest to the school, her legacy lives on here.

Smith graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1936 with a liberal arts degree. Like her two older brothers, Colton and Beverly, Smith dreamed of attending Ole Miss from the time she was young. To help her parents with tuition, Smith worked in the university library to earn money.

It was her wish to help others attend the university and fulfill dreams of their own through continuing education. The gift from her estate will do just that.

"This gift is a way she could help pay back the people who helped her when she was in school here," says Whitman Smith, great nephew of Virginia Smith and director of orientation at Ole Miss. "Above all, she loved people and she loved Ole Miss."

The funds that Smith's estate provided will go toward a permanent endowment in the Department of Classics. Funds from this endowment will assist with a new freshman classics course that all students will have an opportunity to participate in.

"Virginia Smith's gift will provide, among other



things, new opportunities for students to study classics," says Glenn Hopkins, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The Department of Classics and the College of Liberal Arts are very appreciative of this gift that will benefit our students for years to come."

Smith, who died in September 2006 at the age of 91, grew up in Gulfport, Miss., and lived much of her life in Madison, Miss. After graduating from Ole Miss, she

began what would be a lifelong career with BellSouth, where she served as the executive secretary to three presidents of the company. Smith was an active member of the Kappa Delta sorority alumni association. She loved animals, and the Jackson Humane Society is also a beneficiary of her estate.

"I know it would please her that the money she left is being used to help students," says Bo Burghard, Smith's next-door neighbor and friend. "She loved to read and she loved to learn. And there was nothing she loved more than Ole Miss."

The 1848 Society

The 1848 Society, established in 1998, the university's 150th year, recognizes alumni and friends of the university who have funded or planned a deferred gift, such as a bequest or a life income plan.

Anyone who has an estate gift planned for Ole Miss or who has completed a life income trust, retained life estate gift or other charitable trust plan for Ole Miss is eligible for membership in the 1848 Society.

Members of the 1848 Society enjoy both the

personal rewards of belonging to the society and the reward of providing opportunities for those who will benefit from Ole Miss' mission of education, research, and service.

1848 Society members are recognized in university publications and are invited to donor-recognition events. A certificate, signed by the chancellor, confirms membership.

For further information about 1848 Society benefits, please contact Sandra Guest, UM Foundation: 662-915-5208 or sguest@olemiss.edu.



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