

Major Notes

Dorothy M. (Moore) Alford, B.A. 1930, of Baton Rouge, La., died April 4, 2007. At Millsaps, she was a member of the Student Executive Board, Eta Sigma, the All One Club, and the YWCA Freshman Commission. She was a faculty assistant in the religious education department, secretary and president of the YWCA, secretary-treasurer of the Co-Ed Council, and secretary of the Philomathean Literary Society. She received the Tribbett Scholarship and graduated magna cum laude.

Rev. Hubert L. Barlow, B.A. 1949, of Long Beach died Dec. 19, 2006. While at Millsaps, he was a member of The Millsaps Singers.

Martha C. (Conner) Bartsch, B.S. 1940, of Lakewood, Colo., died March 2, 2007. At Millsaps, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority and The Millsaps Singers.

Rev. J.A. Bridewell Sr., B.S. 1939, of Ridgeland died Jan. 24, 2007. At Millsaps, he majored in religion.

Dr. Tarver H. Butler, B.S. 1954, of Hattiesburg died Jan. 26, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and The Millsaps Players.

Dr. Clyde (Skip) Xenophon Copeland Jr., B.S. 1956, of Jackson died May 3, 2007. At Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and Theta Nu Sigma. He graduated cum laude.

Rev. Henry H. Crisler, B.A. 1943, of Savannah, Ga., died July 19, 2006. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, the YMCA, Kit Kat, the Science Club, and the band. He served as news and department editor of the *P&W*, co-editor of the *P&W*'s freshman edition, and literary editor of the *Bobashela*.

Pauline (Polly) Currie Dawson, B.A. 1977, of Madison died Dec. 18, 2006. At Millsaps, she majored in psychology.

Charles M. Deaton, B.A. 1956, of Greenwood died June 6, 2007. While at

Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Omicron Delta Kappa. He was on the Dean's List and played varsity football and basketball. He also served as president of the M-Club and was named to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Deaton was inducted into the Millsaps Sports Hall of Fame in 1983. In 1995, he received the College's Alumnus of the Year Award.

Spurgeon P. Gaskin, B.S. 1932, of Atlanta died July 18, 2005. At Millsaps, he was a member of the *P&W* staff, the Glee Club, the Galloway Literary Society, the Science Club, and the band. He served as president of the Ramblers Club and business manager for The Millsaps Players.

Thomas A. (T.A.) Gilbert, B.S. 1932, of Westborough, Mass., died March 10, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, the YMCA, and the Student Executive Board. He served as president of Omicron Delta Kappa, of the band, and of his sophomore class, vice president of his senior class, and secretary of the Catella Club.

Robert S. Graham, B.A. 1948, of Jackson died August 25, 2007. At Millsaps, he majored in economics.

Capt. Samuel H. (Hurd) Horton, 1937, of Beaufort, S.C., died March 16, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Werdna S. (Sue) McMurphy Howder, B.A. 1964, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 22, 2007. While at Millsaps, she was a member of the Women's Council, Wesley Fellowship, the Majorette Club, The Millsaps Singers, and the *P&W* staff. She served as house and membership chair for Phi Mu sorority, and was secretary for the Panhellenic Council. She was also on the Dean's List.

Jessie Vic (Russell) Jones, 1938, of Madison died June 18, 2007. At Millsaps, she was a member of Beta Beta Beta, The Millsaps Singers, and the first pledge class of Chi Omega sorority.

William R. Jones Jr., B.A. 1950, of Jackson died March 27, 2007. At Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a student assistant in the department of economics and graduated with honors.

Josephine K. (Kemp) Kersh, 1943, of Jackson died April 9, 2007. At Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Diane Kay (Messmann) Mann, B.S. 1962, of Urbana, Ill., died Feb. 19, 2007. At Millsaps, she majored in history.

Paul E. Martin, B.S. 1949, of Jackson died July 29, 2007. At Millsaps, he majored in history.

Dan McCullen, B.A. 1947, of Jackson died August 26, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the International Relations Club. A longtime financial supporter of the College, he and his wife, Beth, established a charitable gift annuity to benefit the Ross Moore Endowment Fund for the Humanities. They also contributed to Rev. and Mrs. W.C. Lester Scholarship Fund.

George Meldon (G.M.) McWilliams, B.A. 1948, of Jackson died June 2, 2007. At Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Joe G. Miles, 1941, of Kent, Wash., died Nov. 6, 2006. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Sigma Rho Chi and the M-Club, played varsity football and basketball, and participated in track. He was on the basketball team that won the Dixie Conference Championship in 1940. He donated several items to the Millsaps Archives, including the Dixie Championship game ball signed by all the team members.

Richard L. Miller, 1949, of Jackson died Feb. 7, 2007. At Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Lucy Gerald Moak, 1946, of Richton died March 6, 2007. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Dr. Charles Edgar (Ed) Morrison, B.S. 1969, of Columbus died Feb. 11, 2007. At Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Beta Beta Beta.

William L. Norton, 1938, of Ridgeland died Jan. 25, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and The Millsaps Singers.

Dr. Robert Dodd Pearson, B.S. 1943, of Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y., died June 21, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, The Millsaps Singers, the Science Club, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and the YMCA. He was also on the Dean's List. A longtime financial supporter of the College, he was a member of both the Presidents Society and Heritage Society. He created the Robert D. Pearson M.D., Foundation Trust, which will fund general scholarships for Millsaps students annually.

Reed H. Pendleton, B.A. 1992, of Nashville died May 27, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of the *P&W* and *Bobashela* staffs and contributed to the *Stylus*. In fall 1990, he served as an off-campus senator.

Mary Elizabeth Tingle (Tink) Selah, B.A. 1947, of Huntsville, Ala., died May 21, 2007. At Millsaps, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority, Kappa Delta Epsilon, The Millsaps Singers, and the *Bobashela* staff.

Inazelle Pierce Selman, 1941, of Madison died Dec. 9, 2006. At Millsaps, she was a Campus Favorite and served as secretary of Chi Omega sorority. She was also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and The Millsaps Players.

Mamye Barksdale (Felder) Shackelford, B.S. 1936, of LaGrange, Ga., died July 3, 2007. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority, the YWCA cabinet, the Glee Club, and the women's basketball team. She also served as a football sponsor.

Margaret Ann (Renfroe) Singleton, B.S. 1961, of Houston, Texas, died May 30,

2007. At Millsaps, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Wesley Fellowship, The Millsaps Singers, the Women's Council, and the *Bobashela* staff.

Henry B. Spurrier, 1947, of San Francisco died May 26, 2007. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

A.J. Stevens III, 1953, of West died Jan. 24, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, the M-Club, and the varsity baseball and basketball teams.

William C. Stewart, 1950, of Kosciusko died March 21, 2007. At Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Kenneth Tillman Strange, 1950, of Jackson died April 11, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Geneala V. (Van Valkenburgh) Swink, B.A. 1950, of Richmond, Va., died March 2, 2007. At Millsaps, she was a member of The Millsaps Players, Wesley Fellowship, the Women Christian Workers, the YWCA, and the Vikings.

Charles E. Underhill, B.S. 1956, of Memphis died Jan. 16, 2007. At Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Walter I. Waldrop, B.S. 1955, of Houston, Texas, died April 23, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of the football and baseball teams and the M-Club. He served as president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and was a student assistant in the geology department.

David N. Welch, B.S. 1988, of Denmark, Maine, died August 15, 2007. At Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, Beta Beta Beta, Deutsche Verein, Theta Nu Sigma, and the varsity football team.

Milton R. White, B.S. 1941, of Blacksburg, Va., died Nov. 26, 2006. At Millsaps, he was

a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, YMCA, the Dramatic Club, and the band. He also served as a student assistant in the physics department. A long-standing financial supporter of the College, he and his wife, June, were scholarship representatives for the Milton C. White Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was established in memory of his father, who was professor and chair of the Millsaps English department from 1920 to 1960. Dr. White also helped establish The Millsaps Players and the Millsaps chapter of the national theatre honorary, Alpha Psi Omega.

Robert H. Wilkins, 1950, of Ridgeland died Feb. 14, 2007. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Grace K. (Kirk) Wofford, Grenada College 1934, of Madison died March 18, 2007.

John A. Yeager, 1940, of Wendell, N.C., died April 14, 2007.

FRIENDS

Mary Louise Dunn Fleming of Atlanta died June 7, 2007. She assisted in the Millsaps library and served as secretary to her husband, Dr. Neal Bond Fleming, a former Millsaps professor who served as chair of the religion and philosophy department. During their time at the College, from 1945–62, the Flemings lived on Faculty Row, where they raised their four children.

Dr. Francis (Frank) William Frohnoefer of Alexandria, Va., died May 16, 2006. From 1972–79, he was an assistant professor of administration and accounting at Millsaps. He served as coordinator of the College's Small Business Institute, which paired students with local businesses. He also served as chair of the Honors Program.

Rev. John David Humphrey of Tupelo died Feb. 18, 2007. In 1959, Millsaps awarded him an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Dr. Eugene Cain

Emeritus professor of chemistry

Dr. Eugene Cain, emeritus professor of chemistry at Millsaps College, died on August 1 in Linville Falls, North Carolina, following an automobile accident. Cain and his wife, Helen, had been dividing their time between their homes in Jackson and Linville Falls since he retired from Millsaps in 2002.

Born on June 22, 1932, in Mineral Springs, North Carolina, Cain received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina and his graduate degrees in chemistry from Duke University. His love for his North Carolina roots continued to call him home, where he and Helen spent summers and holidays throughout his tenure at Millsaps.

Cain joined the Millsaps College faculty in 1960 as an associate professor of chemistry. For 42 years, he unlocked the secrets of chemistry for countless students and inspired many of them to become research chemists, doctors, and teachers. For more than 10 years, he chaired the chemistry department and the Premedical Advisory Committee; and it was during this time that the department achieved accreditation by the American Chemical Society and acquired a reputation for successfully placing students in medical schools and graduate programs. A lifetime member of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences, he was particularly proud of grant programs he had directed at Millsaps that focused on increasing the number of minority students who would pursue careers in medicine and scientific research.

At a 2002 reunion of Millsaps alumni who were part of the Millsaps/UMC Pre-Medical Training Co-Operative for minority students, his former students contributed to an endowed scholarship for premed students named in honor of Cain, who was an adviser, a mentor, and a friend to many of them. "He was not only a teacher but also a father figure and an adviser," said Dr. Perry Wallace, B.S. 1979.

He was recognized by students and faculty alike as a remarkable teacher-scholar who had an uncanny ability to connect his research with his teaching and bring to the classroom real-world stories of how chemistry affects so many other fields. Students saw him as a guide who helped them navigate challenging curricula and challenging lives. A colleague once said of him that "he has devoted himself to the well-being of the College and contributed as much as anyone to its reputation for academic excellence."

"Gene came back from retirement to teach my organic course when I was on maternity leave," said Kristy Stensaas, associate professor of chemistry. "He always wanted the best for our students and the chemistry department. His support of faculty and students truly cannot be measured—I feel it was off the charts!"

He once married his love of chemistry with his love of history by focusing some of his research into the degradation of paper—a serious problem encountered in the preservation of books and other historical documents. During one sabbatical he put his historical research to good use as a visiting scientist at Colonial Williamsburg.

While Cain surely loved chemistry, history, and music, they were no match for the love he had for Helen, his wife of 49 years. They were constant companions, whether going to concerts, collecting antiques, or walking in their beloved mountains of North Carolina.

"Dr. Cain always had an encouraging and positive word for everyone," said Dr. Timothy Ward, professor of chemistry. "I admired the wonderful relationship he had with students, always encouraging them to give their best and making them believe in themselves. Gene was truly a special person who embodied all the best attributes a professor should have."

—Kay Barksdale



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Dr. Benjamin Graves

Former president of Millsaps College

Dr. Benjamin Graves, under whose skillful guidance Millsaps navigated the cultural and racial tumult of the 1960s to be called “the most courageous little college in America,” died on October 19. He was 86.

After his tenure from 1965 to 1970 as the College’s seventh president, Graves went on to serve from 1970 to 1978 as the first president of the University of Alabama in Huntsville. When he stepped down from that position he returned to the classroom, teaching business courses at UAH until 1989.

Graves could hardly have arrived at the College at a more difficult time. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 had just become law, there had been rioting over the admission of James Meredith to the University of Mississippi, and racial tension was palpable across the state. Enrollment at the College was declining and deficits were accumulating, all U.S. colleges were required to integrate to receive federal funding, and the national Methodist church was favoring integration, leaving Millsaps caught in the crossfire of a state at war with itself.

Faced with these dilemmas, Graves took “an agonizing two weeks to make a decision” to assume the presidency, he said in a 1987 Founders Day speech. Marking the high point of this traumatic period, he said, was an editorial by the prominent journalist Hodding Carter that called Millsaps “the most courageous little college in America”—a column that eventually appeared in *Time* magazine.

“I first came to know Ben when he was president of Millsaps and, for several summers, we both taught finance to future senior bankers at the Banking School of the South at LSU in Baton Rouge,” said George Harmon, president emeritus of Millsaps. “He was a great guy to work with. It was only in later years that I became aware of his courageous stand for equality during the turbulent civil rights era.”

“Dr. Ben Graves was a force for positive change at Millsaps College,” said President Frances Lucas. “That force lives on in his relatives who continue to love and nurture the College.”

Nat Rogers, who was chairman of the Millsaps Board of Trustees when Graves was the unanimous choice for president, remembers the period well. “He was well aware of the perils and pressures he would be facing,” because then-President H. Ellis Finger Jr. “had been subjected to unwarranted criticism from hard-line segregationists for his moderate views for several years,” Rogers said. “Ben did not waver but assumed his new duties enthusiastically. Shortly after his arrival the Trustees voted to amend admission policies to comply with federal laws and to eliminate discrimination entirely with respect to admissions.

“Immediately after the open policy was announced, Ben Graves wrote letters to all parents, alumni, and Methodist clergy in Mississippi, giving compelling reasons for the change and seeking widespread understanding. On the whole, communication was well received. Nevertheless, a troublesome period followed, but Ben was successful in taking the edge off of the severest critics of the move.”

Graves’s daughter, Janis Black of Oxford, emphasized that her father was standing on the shoulders of progressive faculty and Trustees who were very mindful of the tenor of the times. “He was able to take that forward,” she said. “He would not have accepted the position without the prospect of an open-door policy.”

Among the many ways in which Graves helped advance the College was his role in the establishment of the Millsaps College Arts & Lecture Series. “He wanted Jackson to be a ‘little Athens’ and for Millsaps to be a part of that,” said Luran Buchanan, executive director of the

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series. “He and his wife, Hazeline, were instrumental in the founding of what has become a phenomenally successful program featuring writers, artists, musicians, and other prominent figures from the national cultural and political landscape.”

Harper Davis, former head football coach, said that Graves, at the urging of John Christmas, then the dean of students, was responsible for the survival of Millsaps football. The program was saved by Diamond Anniversary Scholarships, tuition scholarships arranged by Graves in 1965. “Millsaps had only 20 players at the time and the Diamond Scholarships allowed Millsaps to survive in football,” he said. “The scholarships were outlawed in 1976 by the NCAA—they prohibited scholarships for all 350 Division III colleges and universities. However, they were followed by different types of grants by the federal government, as well as private donors.” Davis recalled that Graves’s son, Ben Jr., played tackle, saying, “The president came to observe practice quite a bit.”

Graves also sought changes in the leadership of the College. “He was a wonderful man to work with,” said Dr. James McKeown, professor of biology, who came to Millsaps in 1962. “He expanded the Board of Trustees to include business leaders. And he basically began to open up the campus.”

“What I will always remember is that Dr. Graves was well-suited to be the president of Millsaps,” said Dr. Robert Shive, professor of mathematics, who was hired by Graves in 1969. “He had a calm and dignified approach to doing business. Dr. Graves had a sense of how important our faculty was, and he communicated his respect for us. He was greatly respected among the faculty, staff, and students. In later years when I would see him, he always remembered me and seemed to enjoy our conversations.”

Graves is also affectionately remembered for his sense of humor, which helped him cope with the frustrations of campus politics. “Ben and his son were both excellent tennis players,” said Robert Nevins, associate professor of biology. “The one thing I remember him saying was that he used to name his tennis balls after faculty members before he served them. He took great delight in that.”

Hazeline Graves, who passed away in 1991, was a well-known and active Millsaps figure who greatly enhanced her husband’s popularity with her support for and close rapport with faculty and students, Rogers said. Her contributions are commemorated with a campus plaque.

Before coming to Millsaps, Graves held the Milner Chair of Industrial Economics at the University of Mississippi. Prior to that he was an associate professor at the University of Virginia and also taught at Louisiana State University.

A native of Hebron in Jones County, Graves was for a number of years associated with Esso Standard Oil Company in staff and advisory capacities in Baton Rouge and New York in the fields of employee relations and personnel management, business and cost analysis, purchasing, and public relations.

A 1942 graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he held a college record for quality points earned in one semester, Graves received a master’s degree in business administration from Harvard and a Ph.D. from LSU. He was a published author and assisted in the production of a documentary film that won awards at the Venice and Edinburgh festivals of 1955. He held prominent positions with the Methodist church, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Jackson Rotary Club, Jackson Symphony Association, Jackson Ballet Guild, and many other civic and professional organizations. During World War II, he served in the Navy.

He is survived by one son, Ben Graves Jr. of Hebron; and two daughters, Janis Black of Oxford and Cynthia Dent of Huntsville, Alabama. All three attended Millsaps between 1966 and 1973.

Contributions can be sent to the Graves-Black Scholarship Fund, c/o Charles Lewis, Millsaps College, 1701 North State Street, Jackson, MS, 39210.

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—John Webb



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Joe Lee Gibson

A Millsaps legend

It was early June when news hit campus that beloved Millsaps staff member Joe Lee Gibson had passed away over the previous weekend. Gibson started working on campus in 1936, at the age of 17. Gibson’s June 9 funeral took place at Parkview Church of Christ, where Bill Goodman Jr., B.A. 1949, commemorated the Millsaps legend:

Joe Lee Gibson was a better man than I. Some of us, sadly, waste precious time. He never wasted a minute.

Joe Lee’s work ethic was legendary. I have never known anyone else who worked like that. And not grudgingly but happily, with joy on his face and a smile I can never forget. Yet Joe Lee was far from only a loyal, trustworthy, dependable worker. He was a good and decent man through and through. There was not a devious bone in his body. He was honest to the core.

But that is only part of the story. When I first met Joe my freshman year at Millsaps College, he was working on the grounds and in the gym, in his father’s footsteps. I was told Joe had no formal education. If I remember correctly, I was told he had never had a single day of schooling. The consensus on campus was that here was a young man deprived of learning and destined for a life of gloom and misery, with no possible chance of success or prominence or power or fame.

How foolish we were. We may have had some notion of the ways of the world but not of the ways of God.

In the first chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes that not many of us are wise by human standards—not many of us are of noble birth—not many of us are powerful by human standards. But, he writes, God is the source of wisdom. God is the source of righteousness. God chooses from those who appear weak in the eyes of the world to shame those whom the world sees as strong.

As the years went by, I watched that scripture unfold in the life of Joe Lee. God took that man whom the world deemed unlearned and used him as a channel for goodness. Joe Lee’s life teaches that God does not equate wisdom with learning. The best man is the one who has the best heart.

Joe Lee became the paradox of Millsaps College—in a sense wiser than many with books and diplomas. His wisdom came from the spirit deep within him. He learned that life is not about self, but that we exist for others. He became the perfect example that what matters is not what we have but who we are.

Through the years I noticed that whenever and wherever I would encounter people with a connection to Millsaps, the inquiries were relatively few and far between about Trustees or presidents or professors or even former classmates; the questions were almost always about Joe Lee. The man destined to obscurity became a man of renown—a veritable legend.

Any history of Millsaps College, to be complete, will feature Joe Lee. He not only toiled there for well over 60 years, but he became almost synonymous with the institution itself. Indeed, whenever we step on the campus we will be enveloped by his spirit—the man who, if you will, graduated summa cum laude with a degree in goodness.

Today we celebrate human goodness as we thank God for the life of Joe Lee Gibson.

A memorial garden is planned to honor the life of Joe Lee Gibson. For more information or to make a gift, contact Dr. Charles Lewis at 601-974-1023 or charles.lewis@millsaps.edu.

—Margaret Cahoon

Selby Watkins McRae

Alumna and benefactor of the College

Selby Watkins McRae, B.A. 1946, a longtime supporter of the College, died on July 26 at her home at Green's Crossing Farm near Jackson after a brief illness. She was 81. She had attended the University of Georgia and Mississippi University for Women before coming to Millsaps, where she majored in English and graduated with honors. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

A lifelong resident of Jackson, her family has long been connected with Millsaps and Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was active in the Ben FATHERree Sunday School Class and served as a Stephen Minister. Her great uncle, Dr. A. F. Watkins, was both the pastor at Galloway and president of Millsaps in the early 1920s.

She was the wife of Richard McRae, a Life Trustee of the College. She served as trustee and vice president of the Selby and Richard McRae Foundation. In 2005, the foundation established the Selby and Richard McRae Scholars Program at Millsaps. The Scholars Program grants a full scholarship every two years to an entering freshman who exhibits outstanding academic merit and demonstrates financial need. The first McRae Scholar, sophomore Amy Marcellus of Ridgeland, was named in fall 2006.

The McRaes also established a chair of business administration in the Else School of Management in 1989 to support recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty. Dr. Penelope Prenshaw, professor of marketing, is the current McRae Chair. The McRaes' generous support of the College also includes their contributions over several decades to the Annual Fund and various capital campaigns. The Selby and Richard McRae Fitness Center is a testament to their generosity to Millsaps. Their son, Vaughan McRae, is a current member of the Board of Trustees.

Married for 61 years, Selby McRae was instrumental in supporting her husband's development of McRae's Department Stores into one of Mississippi's leading business enterprises. She was also deeply interested in the improvement of the Jackson community and held memberships in many civic and cultural organizations.

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Glenn Phifer Pate

Former dean of women

Glenn Phifer Pate, an honor graduate of the class of 1940 and former dean of women at Millsaps College, died on September 4 following a brief illness. She was 89.

Described by friends and associates as the epitome of a Southern lady, she was small in stature with a quiet, ladylike demeanor and an aura of gentleness that may have belied both her enthusiasm for her responsibilities and an efficient work ethic that endeared her to students, faculty, and staff.

Pate joined the public relations staff at her alma mater in 1957, and in May 1961 she was named dean of women, a position she held until 1968. She served at a time in the College's history when men and women lived on separate ends of the campus and women were required to be in the residence halls by 10 p.m. on weeknights (10:30 for seniors).

It was her responsibility to enforce the rule allowing women to wear pants only if they were covered by raincoats when coming to the student union on Saturdays. She was adviser for the Panhellenic Association, and women students reported to her office to receive their bids for sorority rush. She led the Women's Student Government Association, which was responsible for making and enforcing regulations and restrictions for women students. Some students may have thought they could take advantage of this small, quiet woman; but consequences were dealt fairly under her rule, and several were convinced to take a brief "sabbatical" as a result of their misbehavior.

She also was an adviser to the women's leadership honorary, Sigma Lambda, and to the Chi Delta chapter of Chi Omega. Alumni of these groups have a special love for Pate, who offered wise counsel and support to their organizations.

In 1967, the *Bobashela* was dedicated to her with this inscription: "More than classroom work, dormitory life, or extracurricular activities, the meaningful college experience involves the tireless efforts of an interested behind-the-scenes personality whose unceasing patience and genuine concern for every student make college life worthwhile. It is in Mrs. Glenn Pate that we find such a person."

She had two children, Henry Pate Jr., a 1968 graduate of Millsaps, and Elise. Her family members were communicants of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral until she left to help found St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church. After leaving Millsaps, she worked at Unifirst and then as corporate secretary of Feild Co-Operative Association, which provided college loans to students. In her memory, Feild Co-Op has donated funds for a bench, which will be placed in the Bowl and will have a plaque bearing her name and years of service to the College.

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