

MAJOR NOTES

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1953

Dr. Robert T. Lott, B.S. 1953, of West Point retired from the Clay County Medical Center in fall 2002, after 40 years in the medical profession as a general surgeon.

1956

Dr. Hiram C. Polk Jr., B.S. 1956, of Louisville, Ky., received the Ephraim McDowell Physician of the Year Award at the Doctors Ball in Louisville in November 2002. The award is given annually to honor a physician who has made significant contributions to the medical field, demonstrated humanitarian service, represented the medical field with distinction, and demonstrated the highest ethical standards. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, Polk was inducted in 1995 as an honorary member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the oldest surgical college in the world. He has served as president of numerous surgical societies. The author of several hundred scientific publications, nine books, and eight monographs, he is the editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Surgery*. He has served as chair of surgery at the University of Louisville since 1971.

1957

Dr. A. Wallace (Wally) Conerly, B.S. 1957, of Jackson has been appointed to a four-year term on the board of regents of the National Library of Medicine by Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson. He is the first Mississippian to be named to the prestigious board. The National Library of Medicine, the world's largest medical library, is located in Bethesda, Md., and collects materials in all areas of biomedicine and health care. A fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians,

Conerly served a three-year term as the college's commissioner of accreditation of allied health-education programs. A former examiner and member of the board of trustees of the National Board for Respiratory Care, he has served on the Mississippi State Medical Association council on medical education, the professional education committee of the American Heart Association (Mississippi affiliate), and the *Journal of Respiratory Diseases* editorial review board. He is vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

1958

Albert (Glenn) Calloway, B.S. 1958, of Clinton has been named president of the American Council of Engineering Companies for Mississippi. A registered professional engineer and land surveyor, he has worked for the Mississippi Highway Department for more than 32 years. He is the vice president of Michael Baker Jr. Inc., in Jackson.

1959

Dr. Robert (Bob) A. Weems, B.A. 1959, of Oxford is the co-author of *Mississippi Law of Tort*, published in the fall of 2001. The book was written in collaboration with his son, Robert M. Weems, a law clerk. The senior Weems is a professor at the Mississippi School of Law.

Dr. Clyde V. Williams, 1959, of Starkville received the 2002 Outstanding Humanist Award from Mississippi State University. As part of the recognition, he presented a public lecture entitled "The Viper in the Ointment" in the university's Mitchell Memorial Library in October. A former reporter for the *Baton Rouge State*

Times and the *Jackson Daily News*, he also served on the administrative staff of the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington. He holds a master's degree from MSU and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. An associate professor in the English department at MSU, he teaches courses in literature, writing, and film.

1961

Isabel G. Kelly, B.A. 1961, of Clinton works as a naturalist at The Earth Lab at the Duncan M. Gray Episcopal Camp and Conference Center in Canton. Established in 2000, The Earth Lab seeks to provide kindergarten through 12th-grade students with hands-on encounters with nature and to inspire them to live in sustainable ways. Kelly has more than 20 years of elementary-level teaching experience in Mississippi.

1962

William Sanders, B.A. 1962, of Elkin, N.C., appeared in the title role of *King Lear* at the 2002 Virginia Shakespeare Festival at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg. A longtime actor, he has participated in Shakespeare Festivals in Fort Worth, Dallas, and Virginia, and has played notable roles at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Va., and Mill Mountain Playhouse in Roanoke. He is a retired history professor.

1963 **R**UNION CLASS

Sarah Beth Allen, 1963, of Bartlett, Tenn., is the director of guidance at West Memphis High School in West Memphis, Ark.

Dr. Carleen Smith Leggett, B.A. 1963, of Baltimore, Md., is serving as the national vice president for the

Southeast region of the Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society. She is an associate professor of foreign languages at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Mary Sue Mitchell, B.A. 1963, of Jackson was named one of Jackson's 2002 Outstanding Volunteers at a dinner at the Country Club of Jackson in August. McRae's and Goodwill Industries co-sponsored the annual event.

James (Jim) B. Persons, B.A. 1963, of Gulfport was reappointed in July 2002 special chancellor for the Eighth Chancery Court District, Place 1, in Harrison, Hancock, and Stone counties. An attorney who has practiced law on the Gulf Coast for 28 years, he was appointed to the post by the state Supreme Court earlier this year.

Bettye Y. Sullivan, 1963, of Jackson has been named by the *Mississippi Business Journal* as one of 12 finalists in Mississippi's 50 Leading Businesswomen. She is the executive director of the Wilson Research Foundation at Methodist Rehabilitation Center, where she oversees all financial operations. She represents the foundation and the center locally, regionally, and nationally. Active in numerous volunteer organizations, she has received the Goodwill Industries of Mississippi Salute to Volunteers Award and the Mississippi Governor's Distinguished Service Award. She has also served as president of the Goodwill Industries International Volunteers, the Jackson Symphony League, and the Millsaps College Arts & Lecture Series.

1964

David Allen, 1964, of Bartlett, Tenn., has retired as the business manager of Theatre Memphis.

The Reverend Travis R. Fulton, B.A. 1964, of Monticello has retired from the Mississippi Army National Guard after more than 25 years of service as chaplain with the rank of colonel. After completing the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, the Chaplain Officer Advance Course, and graduating from the

Survey focuses on recent graduates

A survey of recent Millsaps graduates has revealed that 57 percent were employed, and of those not employed most were enrolled in graduate school. Only 14 respondents indicated that they were looking for work.

Of the 57 percent of respondents currently employed, 34 percent had earned an additional degree since leaving Millsaps. Other degrees earned include two J.D.s and 10 master's degrees in business administration and accounting, eight of these from the Else School. Students also earned degrees from such prestigious institutions as the University of Rochester, Washington & Lee University, and the University of Western Sydney, as well as Arizona State University and Washington University School of Medicine.

The 39 alumni in graduate school include four in the Else School, four working on law degrees, six pursuing an M.D. or doctor of psychology, eight working toward Ph.D.s, and the rest pursuing a variety of master's degrees. In addition, two alumni were in the process of applying to graduate school. Overall, 52 percent of Millsaps graduates from 1999 to 2002 had completed or were enrolled in graduate programs.

Young alumni were employed in a wide variety of fields, including city and state government offices, human resources, and teaching. One worked for Habitat for Humanity, another was in a transition job with AmeriCorps, a third was set to begin a Peace Corps assignment, and two worked for or with churches. Others were working in CPA or law offices, and a few were on staff at the Coca-Cola Co. headquarters in Atlanta. Several were employed by regional banks, while several others had started their own businesses. Fifteen percent reported earning \$50,000 a year or more.

The survey was conducted to gather data about students' educational and professional experiences since their graduation. The 2003 Alumni Survey was distributed to 779 alumni from the 1999 through 2002 graduating classes, and had a 15 percent response rate with 117 returned. Majors covered most departments available at Millsaps, from accounting to Spanish. Fifteen of the respondents (14 percent) indicated a double major. Thirty-one percent of all majors were in the Else School of Management, 29 percent in Arts and Letters, and 48 percent in the Sciences. The total is over 100 percent due to double majors.

Results of this survey are being shared with a variety of campus offices to better track the impact of a Millsaps education.

Chaplain Command and General Staff Officer's Course, he was stationed throughout Mississippi and mobilized during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. His military honors include the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Component Medal with six OLCs, and the National Defense Service Medal. His state decorations include the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, the Mississippi War Medal, and the Mississippi Longevity Medal with five OLCs. He is the minister of Monticello United Methodist Church.

Paula V. Page, B.A. 1964, of Sarasota, Fla., has retired after spending 34 years in Europe as an opera singer and voice professor.

1965

Dr. Carl W. Grubbs, B.A. 1965, of Indianola has been named chairman of the Rural Life/Farm Crisis Commission of the United Methodist Church.

1966

Dr. Joseph S. Bennett, 1966, of Greenville received the Alumnus of the Year Award from St. Joseph High School in October 2002. His involvement with St. Joseph spans many years and includes serving as co-chair of the development council, chair of the annual fund, and major-gifts chair for the St. Joseph Fund for Excellence. A dentist, he has had a private practice in Greenville since 1973.

George B. Pickett Jr., B.A. 1966, of

Jackson has been named first vice president of the Million Dollar Round Table, an international, independent association of nearly 25,000 life insurance and financial services professionals from 66 nations and territories. His five-year term on the executive committee will culminate with the 2004 presidency. He is a principal at Pickett, Bradford & Associates PA in Jackson.

1968

Brenda Davis Hawkins, B.A. 1968, of Vicksburg was chosen as one of Five Fabulous Women of Distinction by River City Business & Professional Women as part of their celebration of National Business Women's week in October 2002. Hawkins was selected for her commitment to numerous civic organizations. She has received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the United Way of West Central Mississippi, the Distinguished Volunteer Leadership Award from the March of Dimes, and was named the Outstanding Young Woman of 1980 by the Vicksburg and Mississippi Jaycees. She is the president of Mississippi Episcopal Women, a member of the Diocesan Ministry Development Commission, and a member of the Church of the Holy Trinity, where she is a minister of evangelism as well as community relief and development.

Susan D. Mayfield, B.M. 1968, of Jackson was named one of Jackson's 2002 Outstanding Volunteers at a dinner at the Country Club of Jackson in August. McRae's and Goodwill Industries co-sponsored the annual event.

1969

Linda Boswell Montgomery, B.A. 1969, of Jackson is president of the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson.

Joe Frank Sanderson Jr., B.A. 1969, of Laurel was inducted into the Mississippi Poultry Hall of Fame at Mississippi State University in October 2002. U.S. Senator Thad Cochran, Congressman Chip Pickering, and Undersecretary of Agriculture Bill Hawks participated in

the ceremony. Sanderson currently serves as director of the Mississippi Poultry Association and is a member of the Business & Industry Political Education Committee, the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, and the National Chicken Council. In addition to serving as past chair of those organizations, he is the former director of the Mississippi Economic Council and the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association. He is also a member of the Laurel School Board.

1970

Dr. Gene R. Barrett, 1970, of Jackson is on staff at the Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center's new clinic, located at Primary Care Plus in Brookhaven. The center is the state's leader in subspecialized treatment of orthopedic problems and athletic injuries. Barrett's main practice is with the Mississippi Sports Medicine's Jackson office. He serves on the Millsaps College Board of Trustees.

Will L. Mayo, 1970, of Canton has been named vice president of governmental affairs for Entergy Mississippi.

1971

The Reverend Luther S. Ott, B.A. 1971, of Clinton has been serving as a priest at the Episcopal Church of the Creator in Clinton since September 2002. For the past five years, he has served as executive director of Stewpot Community Services, an inner-city faith-based charity in Jackson. A founding member of the Ott & Purdy law firm in Jackson, he also served as assistant rector at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Jackson. Active in numerous professional and community organizations, he has served on the boards of St. Andrew's Episcopal School, the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, the Entergy Mississippi Advisory Board, and the St. Dominic Hospital Advisory Board. He is a fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation and a member of the Board of Trustees at Millsaps College.

1972

Judge Thomas A. Woodall, B.A. 1972,

of Birmingham is serving his first term on the Alabama Supreme Court. He was appointed to a Jefferson County circuit judgeship in 1996 by then Alabama Governor Fob James, and was elected to the post in 1998. Woodall served as circuit court judge until his election to the high court in 2000.

1973 **R**EUNION CLASS

David Marsh III, B.A. 1973, of Jackson won first place in the state and second place in the overall 100-meter dash in the 50-54 age group at the 2002 Regional Senior Olympics. He is the founder, owner, and president of Benchmark Construction Corp. in Jackson.

1976

John R. Brinson, B.B.A. 1976, of Oviedo, Fla., is an attorney with Margaret A. Wharton PA.

1978

Dr. Timothy J. Alford, B.S. 1978, of Kosciusko has just completed a one-year term as president of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, having served from July 2001 through July 2002. He is currently serving a term on the American Academy of Family Physicians' Legislative Affairs Council. In addition, he is in his 16th year as a family physician with Kosciusko Medical Clinic.

1979

Nancy E. Clarkson, B.B.A. 1979, of Jackson has been promoted to vice president at Trustmark National Bank in Jackson. She is the retail portfolio risk consultant.

1980

Bill D. Fitzgerald, B.A. 1981, and **Tanya Hamill Fitzgerald**, of Little Rock, Ark., are the parents of Jack Harrison, born March 4, 2002. He has two sisters, Phoebe Calland and Augusta Jane. Bill is the associate creative director for Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods, an advertising agency in Little Rock.

1982

Linda D. Sweezer, B.A. 1982, of Vicksburg is the author of *Eating Along the Way*, published in June 2002. The book, an autobiography, is an account of her spiritual journey. The founder and pastor of The House of Peace Worship Church, she also works at the Vicksburg Family Development Service, where she has served as co-director for 18 years.

1983 REUNION CLASS

James (Jamie) L. Crawford, B.S. 1983, of Jackson has been named director of the Office of Land and Water Resources for the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. A registered professional geologist, he has 17 years of experience with the department in water-related programs. He has been an active member of the Groundwater Protection Council and the National Groundwater Association, and served on the board of directors for the Groundwater Protection Resource Foundation.

Amy Lyles Wilson, B.A. 1983, of Nashville is spending the spring 2003 semester at the Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Ind., as a writing fellow.

1984

Suzannah Bowie Moorman, B.A. 1984, of Houston presented "A Concert of Hymns and Sacred Songs" at St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Amory in August 2002. She has presented recitals and sacred programs in Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas. She has also been a featured soloist in opera and orchestral performances in Houston, and is a former apprentice artist with the Des Moines Metropolitan Opera in Iowa.

Dr. Benjamin R. Wynne, B.B.A. 1984, of Tallahassee, Fla., is a visiting assistant professor of history at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

1985

Jo Watson Hackl, B.A. 1985, of Greenville, S.C., has completed a term



Randall Pinkston

CBS newsmen Pinkston named Alumnus of the Year

The CBS News correspondent Randall Pinkston, B.A. 1973, was named Millsaps' 2003 Alumnus of the Year in February.

A native of Yazoo County, Pinkston has been a New York-based CBS News correspondent since 1994. He reports regularly for the "CBS Evening News" and contributes to other CBS News broadcasts. Pinkston has covered the war in Afghanistan from the front lines in Tora Bora and Jalalabad, devastating earthquakes in Turkey, the Albanian refugee crisis in Kosovo, U.S. military participation in the Balkans, and Saddam Hussein's past refusals to allow United Nations inspections in Iraq.

"During his impressive career in journalism, Randall Pinkston has risked his own safety to bring vital information of international importance to the American public," said Millsaps President Frances Lucas. "He truly exemplifies the spirit of open inquiry, social advocacy, and global citizenry that Millsaps fosters in its graduates. We are proud to include him among our alumni."

Pinkston received a 1996 Emmy Award for Outstanding Investigative Journalism and the Edward R. Murrow Award for the documentary "CBS Reports: A Legacy of Shame." Pinkston is also the winner of two additional Emmy Awards: one in 1998 for his coverage of the death of Princess Diana and another in 1997 for his work reporting the TWA Flight 800 disaster.

Prior to his New York assignment, he was based at the CBS Washington bureau, where he had joined the network as a White House correspondent. While there, Pinkston became a fixture on "CBS This Morning" and CBS Radio, reporting on the Persian Gulf War. Before joining CBS News, Pinkston worked for WCBS-TV, the CBS-owned station in New York. While at WCBS-TV, he was honored by the New York State Associated Press Broadcasters Association, the Council of Churches of the City of New York, and the Scripps Howard Foundation for a series on the lack of government care for the mentally ill and physically handicapped.

He received the Outstanding Journalist Award from Black Citizens for a Fair Media and the Public Service Award from the Greater New York Safety Council for his reporting on teenage drunk driving, reports that helped set the stage for changes in the state's drunk driving laws.

Pinkston began his career in Jackson as an anchor/reporter at WLBT-TV and as an announcer at WJDX-FM Radio. Pinkston and his wife, Patricia McLain, currently live in Bergen County, N.J.

The award was established by the College in 1950 and is presented annually to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions to his or her chosen profession, church, and community, as well as to Millsaps. Pinkston, a member of the graduating class of 1973, was presented with the award at the annual College Awards Dinner in the A. Boyd Campbell College Center.

as president of the Greenville County (S.C.) Bar Association, having served from December 2001 through December 2002. She serves on the board of directors of the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, where she is a member of the executive committee. She was named Philanthropist of the Year by the Peace Center in December 2002.

She also serves as chair of the Women's Leadership Council of the United Way.

Albert J. Woelfle, M.B.A. 1985, of Wake Forest, N.C., is the director of business administration and finance at Seimens Power Transmission and Distribution Inc., in Wendell, N.C.

1987

Michael K. Crol, B.S. 1987, of Gulfport has been promoted to senior vice president with Hancock Holding Company and Bank. He is currently enrolled in the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Anne E. Gray, 1987, of Moorhead is the director of music at St. John's United Methodist Church.

Lee D. Johnson, B.S. 1987, M.B.A. 1991, of Vicksburg has been promoted to first vice president with Trustmark National Bank in Jackson. She manages the company's interest-rate risk position.

Michael B. Williams, B.A. 1987, M.B.A. 1996, of Madison has been promoted to senior manager in assurance for KPMG LLP.

1988

William R. McKnight, B.S. 1988, of Brandon has been promoted to vice president of operations at Communi-Group. He is currently working toward an M.B.A. at the Else School of Management at Millsaps.

Joel (David) Patton, B.B.A. 1988, M.Acc. 1996, of Brandon has been named supervisor in the employee benefits group with Horne CPA in Jackson.

Robin T. Sanderson, B.B.A. 1988, M.B.A. 1993, of Columbia has been promoted to chief operating officer of Citizens Bank.

1989

Dosha F. Cummins, B.S. 1989, of Jonesboro, Ark., was named Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year in June 2002 by the Arkansas Pharmacists Association at its annual state convention in Little Rock. The award is presented for individual excellence in and outstanding contributions to state pharmacy association activities, community affairs, and professional practice. Cummins is an assistant professor of family and community medicine and pharmacy practice at the University of Arkansas for Medical

Sciences Family Practice Residency program in Jonesboro.

Amy K. Dilworth, B.A. 1989, of Richmond, Va., is an attorney with McCandlish Holton PC.

Tim A. Wise, B.A. 1989, and **Rachel C. Wise**, B.A. 1991, of Jackson are the parents of Allison Marie, born Sept. 13, 2001. She has two siblings, Luke and Anna. Tim is the head coach of men's and women's golf and the new head coach for men's basketball at Millsaps.

1990

Dr. Emily Walker Cook, B.A. 1990, and **William G. Cook**, of Madison, Ala., have announced the birth of a daughter, Sara Grace, on March 27, 2001.

Judith L. Gieger, B.S. 1990, of Athens, Ga., has announced the birth of Alexei Gieger Souvorin, on Sept. 18, 2002.

Dr. Anne Dye Haire, B.S. 1990, of Tupelo has joined the West Tupelo Family Medical Clinic. She received a master's degree and Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Mississippi. After medical training at the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo., she completed a family medicine residency at the North Mississippi Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Center.

Dr. Melissa C. Lang, 1990, of Woodstock, Ga., co-founded The Center for Psychological and Educational Assessment in Atlanta in June 2002. She is also a child psychologist for the Cherokee County Board of Education.

1991

Barry Gillespie Jr., B.S. 1991, and **Elizabeth (Beth) Gillespie**, B.A. 1992, of Missouri City, Texas, are the parents of Sarah Elizabeth, born on Nov. 27, 2001.

Tony R. Moore, B.B.A. 1991, of Jackson has been named branch director for reimbursement in the business services division at the Mississippi State Hospital.

1992

Timothy Mitchell Kalom, M.B.A. 1992, of Biloxi has been selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 2002-03 Leadership Mississippi Program. In addition to earning a B.A. and M.B.A., he attended the School for International Training in Florence, Italy, and is a certified financial planner. He also received the Historic Preservation for Redevelopment Award and the Business for Russia Award for international teaching in Russia. He is the managing director of Kalom Consulting.

Selena Cook Swartzfager, M.B.A. 1992, and **Glenn Swartzfager** of Ridgeland are the parents of Greyson Ian, born April 14, 2002. He has a brother, Ashton. Selena is the operations manager at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing.

Dr. Hari Tumu, B.S. 1992, moved to Austin, Texas, in fall 2002 to join the private practice group Neurosurgical Specialists of Austin.

1993 **R** EUNION CLASS

Philip C. Brickman, B.A. 1993, of New Orleans is an attorney at Hailey McNamara LLP.

Kira C. Honse, B.A. 1993, of Defuniak, Fla., is an attorney for Walton County, representing the Board of County Commissioners.

Alan Lange, B.A. 1993, M.B.A. 1996, of Jackson has been selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 2002-03 Leadership Mississippi Program. Lange is the vice president of business development at Legal Resources Inc.

John O. Lawrence, B.L.S. 1993, of Jackson is the sales force automation and operations manager for Andrx Laboratories.

Roy R. Sandefer, M.B.A. 1993, of Oakfield, Tenn., is a sales representative for Pan American Laboratories in Covington, La.

Rebekah McKeown Sanders, B.B.A. 1993, and **Rich Sanders** of Atlanta have announced the birth of their son, **William McKeown**, on March 30, 2002.

1994

Beauregard (Beau) B. Mixon, B.S. 1994, and **Melissa O. Stainback, B.S.** 1994, of Houston have announced the birth of a daughter, **Sara Brigham**, on Dec. 19, 2001.

Jennifer C. Roth, B.S. 1994, and **Brade Roth**, of Galveston, Texas, are the parents of **Caroline Grace**, born June 5, 2002.

Chris B. Wright, M.B.A. 1994, of Grenada is an administrator with North Central Mississippi Regional Cancer Center. He manages all operational aspects of the cancer treatment center, including radiation and medical oncology. He is a member of the Medical Group Management Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

1995

Thomas D. Dale Jr., M.B.A. 1995, and **Hayes Dale** of Jackson were married on Oct. 6, 2001, in Jackson. He is a financial adviser for Security Ballew Inc., an investment management company specializing in the qualified retirement plan market. She is a pharmaceutical representative with GlaxoSmithKline.

Robert K. Hubbard III, M.B.A. 1995, and **Stephanie Hubbard**, of Memphis have announced the birth of a daughter, **Elizabeth Anne**, on June 4, 2002.

Mary McKay Lasker, B.A. 1995, of Jackson graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law on May 10, 2002. She is a law clerk with Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Jim Smith.

Susan K. Mascari, B.A. 1995, and **Tom Mascari**, of Collierville, Tenn., are the parents of **Lillian (Lily) Clemens**, born May 24, 2002. She has a brother, **Tate**.

David V. Morrow, B.A. 1995, of Washington is the social marketing manager for Calvert in Bethesda, Md.

Prior to joining Calvert, the nation's largest family of socially responsible mutual funds, he was an environmental analyst for UBS Global Asset Management in Zurich, Switzerland.

Jennifer V. Rider, B.S. 1995, and **William Rider**, of Brandon have announced the birth of their daughter, **Alison Paige**, on Oct. 19, 2002. Jennifer is a program manager with Gateway Country Stores in Jackson.

April Dawn Vaughn, B.S. 1995, of Allen, Texas, is the director of major accounts at Snelling and Snelling Inc., in Dallas.

1996

Derek R. Arrington, B.A. 1996, of Hattiesburg has been selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 2002-03 Leadership Mississippi Program. He received his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he served as president of the Law School Student Body Association and received the Dean's Distinguished Service Award. He served as a law clerk for both **Billy G. Bridges** of the Mississippi Court of Appeals and **Oliver E. Diaz Jr.** of the Mississippi Supreme Court. Arrington is an attorney in the Hattiesburg office of Heidelberg & Woodliff PA.

Angela A. Davis, B.S. 1996, and **Christopher Daniel Cring**, of Lafayette, La., were married on Oct. 5, 2002, in Navarre Beach, Fla. She is a geologist with Fugro GeoServices Inc.

Dr. Daniel Alan Nix, B.S. 1996, and **Amber Leigh Shippee, B.A.** 1997, of Birmingham were married Dec. 1, 2001, in Wiggins. Millsaps alumni serving as bridesmaids and groomsmen included **Amy Baier Batson, B.A.** 1997, M.B.A. 1999; **Elizabeth M. Dyer, B.B.A.** 1997; and **Antony (Brice) Stokes, B.A.** 1995. Shippee is employed by Delta Air Lines and Nix is a practicing dentist in Birmingham.

Michele DeMarco Zeber, B.A. 1996, of Prairieville, La., is the human resources manager at Louisiana State University.

1997

Dr. Jeffrey (Shawn) Goodwin, B.S. 1997, of Nashville is conducting cancer-related research at Vanderbilt University's Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics. He received his Ph.D. in August 2002 from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Southern Mississippi. His graduate research involved the study of the protein hydrophobin, which might eventually aid chemotherapy patients by targeting cancer cells more directly. During his graduate studies, he presented his research at numerous U.S. conferences and in Canada, Greece, and Brazil. His findings have been published by the American Chemical Society and in scientific journals.

Dr. Jason S. Grissom, B.S. 1997, of Oxford has joined the Byhalia Family Health Center as a staff dentist. He graduated in 2002 from the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

Sarah (Katy) Hall, B.A. 1997, M.B.A. 2002, of Tulsa, Okla., is the marketing and public relations manager for the Tulsa Ballet.

MyMillsaps.com: the alumni online community

The Millsaps alumni online community makes it easy for alumni to stay in touch with classmates and their alma mater.

Access to the online community is a password-protected benefit exclusively for Millsaps alumni. Registered users enjoy a number of services, including an online search for other alumni and permanent e-mail forwarding, which allows alumni to receive e-mail no matter how many times their addresses change. An online events calendar alerts alumni to upcoming events on and off campus, enabling graduates to stay informed. Alumni can also report changes in their address and personal information.

If you would like additional information, or if you have questions or comments about the online community, please e-mail web manager Shelly Bass at odemsd@millsaps.edu or call 1-86-MILLSAPS.

Dr. Sara Beth Kimmel, M.B.A. 1997, of Jackson received a Ph.D. in international development from the University of Southern Mississippi in May 2002. The first graduate of this new program, her dissertation was entitled "Sources of Interpersonal Power and Barriers to Female Candidacy for Political Office."

Kelsey H. Mitchell, B.A. 1997, of Vicksburg received the award for Highest Gift Certificate Sales Increase for her company, CBL & Associates Properties Inc., one of the nation's largest owners of malls and shopping centers. As director of marketing in the Vicksburg office, Mitchell is responsible for all aspects of marketing and public relations for the Pemberton properties.

Amanda L. O'Kelly, B.A. 1997, of Waco, Texas, received an M.S.Ed. in counseling from Baylor University in August 2002. She is a guidance counselor at West High School.

Benjamin Watson, B.A. 1997, of Ridgeland is an attorney with the commercial litigation group at Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada PLLC.

1998

Carrie V. Bakelaar, B.B.A. 1998, M.Acc. 1999, of Brandon has been named supervisor of the tax group with Horne CPA in Jackson.

Erin L. Best, B.A. 1998, and Dr. Daniel James Margolin of New Orleans were married Dec. 1, 2001, in New Orleans. **Elizabeth Dubuisson (B.A. 2000)** and **Christy Jones (B.A. 2000)** served as bridesmaids, and **Adele Dauphin (B.B.A. 2000)** was a reader in the ceremony. Best is an administrative assistant at a local law firm and Margolin is in his fourth year of residency in general surgery at Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans.

Sam R. Hall, B.S. 1998, of Houston, Miss., has been named president of Houston Newspapers Inc., and publisher of *The (Houston) Times-Post* and *The (Calhoun City) Monitor-Herald*. He previously served as managing editor for *The Natchez Democrat*, where

he will continue to publish a weekly column on Mississippi politics.

Betsy D. McLean, B.B.A. 1998, M.Acc., 1999, and **Christopher W. McLean, B.B.A.** 1998, M.Acc., 2002, of Birmingham have announced the birth of their daughter, Emma Catherine, on May 15, 2002.

Perry (Lee) Nations Jr., M.B.A. 1998, of Madison has joined Parkway Properties' Jackson office as a financial analyst.

1999

Stephanie R. Fanguy, B.S. 1999, B.B.A. 1999, of Madison, Ala., is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Eli Lilly & Co.

Margus Sarglepp, B.A. 1999, of Tallinn, Estonia, is a media analyst for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Estonia. He received a master of theological studies degree from Duke University Divinity School in December 2001.

Dan H. Walker, B.B.A. 1999, M.Acc. 2000, of Flowood has been promoted to senior associate in the tax group with Horne CPA in Jackson.

Robert F. Walker, B.B.A. 1999, of Jackson is an associate with the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Rebecca A. Abbott, B.A. 2000, and **Nicholas O. Zotti, of Slidell, La.,** were married on Dec. 15, 2001, in Las Vegas. She is a second-year law student at Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans.

2000

Sarah E. Gardner, B.B.A. 2000, of Oxford has been selected to participate in the Criminal Appeals Court at the University of Mississippi School of Law. She is one of two students in the new program, which allows law students to represent underprivileged defendants on appeal. The clinic was designed to give students practical experience and culti-

vate better-trained appellate court advocates by admitting them to limited practice under state statute. Gardner is a third-year law student at the university.

Mary Haney, B.B.A. 2000, of Madison has been promoted to supervisor in the business valuation and litigation support group with Horne CPA in Jackson.

Alan R. Kirk, B.B.A. 2000, of Collierville, Tenn., is a marketing specialist with FedEx.

Jill R. Caruthers, B.B.A. 2001, of Memphis is an associate analyst with Morgan Keegan.

2001

Lindsey N. Henley, B.B.A. 2001, M.Acc. 2002, of Flowood has joined KPMG LLP as an assurance associate.

Walker (Jesse) Milnor Jr., B.A. 2001, and Sarah Anne Henderson of Jackson were married on Aug. 18, 2002, in Jackson. **Hannah K. Mashburn (B.A. 2001)** served as a bridesmaid. Henderson is a senior at Millsaps.

Angela M. Payne, B.S. 2001, and **Gary D. Eeds, B.S.** 2002, of Nashville were married on May 18, 2002, in Baton Rouge. Both are graduate students at Vanderbilt University. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical research with a focus on genetics and gene expression, and he is pursuing a master's degree in economics.

Charles W. Scales, B.S. 2001, and **Theresa Katherine Houston, B.A.** 2002, of Hattiesburg were married on Aug. 3, 2002, in Vicksburg. Both are graduate students at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in polymer science and engineering and works as a research assistant. She is pursuing a graduate degree in counseling and college student personnel and is working as a graduate assistant for the university's student activities coordinator.

Stephen T. Shelton, M.B.A. 2001, of Madison has been selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic

Livesay Award winners

During the College Awards Dinner in February, Millsaps presented the Jim Livesay Award to four distinguished alumni. The award honors the spirit of commitment in which the late Jim Livesay served the College as an alumnus, a member of the College administration, and a volunteer. The recipients were:

Dr. James R. Cavett Jr., B.A. 1941

After growing up only a few blocks from the downtown campus, Cavett, a premed student, graduated from Millsaps in 1941. He was then accepted into the Navy V-12 medical program, graduating from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1945. After serving as a commissioned medical officer with the U.S. Navy for three years, he returned to Jackson to practice general medicine. He served as the Millsaps College physician from 1948 to 1959, and again from 1961 to 1988. Additionally, Cavett has helped since 1997 to organize an annual reunion of Millsaps alumni of the 1930s and 1940s at the Colonial Country Club.

Dr. Jeanne Middleton-Hairston, B.A. 1971

Jeanne Middleton-Hairston has made many contributions to the Millsaps community, as a professor, colleague, and civic leader. Middleton-Hairston joined the faculty in 1978 and went on to serve as the chair of the education department for 11 years. In 1992, she founded the Millsaps Principals' Institute, a program that continues to provide professional development and continuing education for school principals and assistant principals. She has provided valuable guidance both as director of the Millsaps Ford Teaching Fellow Program and with the College's Strategic Planning Initiative group. The co-author of the award-winning Mississippi history textbook *Mississippi: Conflict and Change*, Middleton-Hairston has served on the board of Leadership Jackson, which she has also chaired.

Lem E. Mitchell, B.A. 1971

Alice Rhea Mitchell, B.A. 1971

Lem and Alice Mitchell have demonstrated strong leadership in the Millsaps community as parents, alumni, and Majors fans. They have served on the executive committee of the Millsaps Parents Council since 1998 and led the council as co-presidents from 1999 to 2000. The Mitchells are also committed recruiters for Millsaps in the McComb area. Alice is curriculum coordina-

Council's 2002-03 Leadership Mississippi Program. He is the chief operations manager of Sports & Fitness Insurance Corp.

Ryan J. Vincent, B.A. 2001, of Jackson is the publications assistant for Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Jonathon D. Wise, B.B.A. 2001, of Jackson has joined Edward Jones as an investment representative.

Corbin M. Womac, B.B.A. 2001, M.B.A. 2002, of Houston is a credit analyst in the commercial banking department of Washington Mutual in Houston. He recently completed six weeks of credit training at corporate headquarters in Seattle, as part of the company's Business Banking Professional Program. The training, which continues until July 2003, provides eight recent M.B.A. graduates from around the country with in-depth training in various components of com-

mercial banking (both retail and international banking, as well as treasury management services). The program is a fast-track avenue to becoming a commercial banker within the company.

2002

Crystal S. Berry, B.S. 2002, of Jackson is an admissions counselor at Millsaps.

Alice Klinker Brinkley, M.B.A. 2002, and Dr. Jack Brinkley, of Hickory, N.C.,



From left, Alice Mitchell, Lem Mitchell, James Cavett, and Jeanne Middleton-Hairston.

tor for the South Pike School District in Magnolia and teaches English at South Pike High School. She is the author of *Interdisciplinary Instruction in Reading Comprehension and Written Communication* (1993) and was honored by the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition program in 1992, 1996, and 1999. Lem, a devoted member of the Millsaps M-Club, is an attorney in private practice and presides as the municipal court judge of both Magnolia and Osyka.

Ruma Haque (posthumous recipient), B.A. 1983

The late Ruma Haque has left behind a legacy of civic pride and commitment. After graduating from Millsaps, she obtained a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1987. In 1989, Haque became the first full-time board attorney for the Hinds County Board of Supervisors. Among her many civic activities, she was president of the Government Law Section of the Mississippi State Bar Association, president of the National Association of County Civil Attorneys, president of Encore! (a division of the ArtsAlliance of Jackson and Hinds County), vice president of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, vice president of the Crossroads Film Society, and secretary of the Hinds County Bar Association. Haque extended her community involvement to the Millsaps community, serving on the board of the Arts & Lecture Series for five years. As a board member, Haque was known for her creativity, dedication, and intelligence.

are the parents of Björn Gunther, born Sept. 13, 2002. Alice is an accountant with Klinker & Associates Inc.

Susan F. Cherry, B.A. 2002, of Jackson teaches fifth- and sixth-grade Spanish at St. Andrew's Episcopal School.

Mary (Leslie) Davis, B.S. 2002, of Oxford is a graduate student at the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Adam D. Grimmitt, B.B.A. 2002, of Austin, Texas, is a sales representative with Dell Computer Corp.

Mark F. Johnson, M.B.A. 2002, of Madison is a technical analyst for SmartSynch in Jackson.

Anna (Catesby) McGehee, B.A. 2002, of Nashville is a graduate student in the anthropology department at Vanderbilt University. She is working toward a Ph.D. with a research focus in Mesoamerican archaeology. During the summers, she continues to assist Dr. George Bey, a Millsaps professor and associate dean of the sciences, at the Labna-Kiuc Archaeological Project in northern Yucatán, Mexico.

Victoria (Vicki) J. Myers, B.A. 2002, of Houston was awarded the Southeast Province's Senior Achievement Award for 2002 by Mu Phi Epsilon, international professional music fraternity. The award is given annually to the outstanding senior collegiate member in each province. It is based on excellence in scholarship and leadership, and participation in campus, community, and professional activities during the college years. This is the fourth consecutive year that a member of the Millsaps Delta Nu chapter has received the Southeast Province's Senior Achievement Award.

Lawrence Y. Ou, B.B.A. 2002, of Atlanta is a treasury analyst with Coca-Cola Enterprises.

Malia A. Pelly, B.B.A. 2002, of Jackson is a marketing director with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

Beverly Pogue, M.Acc. 2002, of Jackson is an associate in business valuation and litigation services with Horne CPA in Jackson.

Hannah J. Silkman, B.A. 2002, of Hattiesburg is the tourism clerk for the Hattiesburg Convention & Visitors Bureau. She is pursuing an M.S. in communications, with a focus in public relations, at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Jeff K. Speed, B.B.A. 2002, of Jackson is a computer analyst/programmer with the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Otis B. (O.B.) Stander, B.S. 2002, of Tampa, Fla., is a loan officer with Residential Finance Corp.

Brandi M. Young, B.B.A. 2002, of Pearl is the chapter officer coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

In Memoriam

Charles Wayne Allen, B.A. 1954, of Shreveport, La., died on Nov. 5, 2002. A retired businessman, he was highly involved in the visual and musical arts. He received a graduate degree from Louisiana State University and was an assistant professor of business administration at the University of Southern Mississippi, as well as a lecturer and instructor at the University of California at Los Angeles. He held executive positions in several major industries, including TRW Inc., CACI Inc., Twentieth Century Fox, and United Artists. During his tenure on the Mississippi Board of Economic Development/Mississippi Economic Development Corp., he was instrumental in developing the first motion picture commission in the state. A musician in his own right, he assisted with the Monterey Jazz Festival while in California. During his later years in Shreveport, he was a founding sponsor of the Jazz Appreciation Festival at the Strand Theatre and was actively involved in the philanthropic activi-

ties of the Edna Marie and Charles Allen Foundation. He served on the board of the local chapter of the National Conference of Community and Justice and the Holy Angels Residential Facility. In 1997, he received the Citizen Award from the Evergreen Foundation and the Man of the Year Award from the Shreveport Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Gamma Gamma Gamma honorary, and the Interfraternity Council.

Sarah Johnston Allen, 1947, of Leland died on Jan. 5, 2003. She was a retired schoolteacher.

James Redrick Bankston, B.S. 1951, of Greenwood died on Nov. 6, 2002. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Charline Vetter Barr, 1930, of Jackson died on Nov. 30, 2002. A longtime resident of the Jackson area, she was a member of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, where she had been a secretary. She composed and copyrighted the hymn "Into Every Heart" and was listed as a poet in *Who's Who in Mississippi*. During her tenure as president of the Mississippi Poetry Society Inc., she was instrumental in organizing branches of the organization throughout the state.

Robert Louis Billings, B.S. 1950, of Memphis died on Nov. 5, 2002.

Dudley Copeland Brumfield, B.S. 1934, of Oxford died on Sept. 28, 2002. A retired school administrator, he had received a graduate degree from the University of Mississippi and served as a lieutenant commander of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was active in professional and civic organizations, serving as president of the Mississippi Attendance Principals Association, vice president of the Mississippi School Administrators Association, past president of the Belzoni Lions Club, and past president of the Ruleville

Rotary Club. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Oxford and a past chair of the board of deacons in Ruleville. At Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and participated in athletics.

Cecile Brown Clement, B.A. 1953, of Pass Christian died on Nov. 10, 2002. A schoolteacher, she taught in Mississippi and New Orleans before moving to Gulfport, where she was a volunteer reading teacher and leader of a Brownie Girl Scout troop. She was a member of the Mississippi Poetry Society, the Four Seasons Garden Club, the Coast Medical Auxiliary, Trinity United Methodist Church, and was an honorary life-time member of the Pass Christian Garden Club. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority, Sigma Lambda honorary, and Kit Kat.

Lucy Hammons Elfert, B.S. 1940, of Greenwood died on Nov. 14, 2002. She was a retired schoolteacher.

Mary (Frances) Evans Hawkins, 1927, of Greenville died on April 24, 2002. She was a homemaker.

Louise Menefee Hickman, 1962, of Madison died on Oct. 14, 2002. A native of Washington and longtime resident of Jackson, she worked as a librarian for the Jackson Library System and the Jackson Public Schools. She was a member of St. Columb's Episcopal Church and the Daughters of the King.

May Tatum (M. T.) Hull, B.A. 1933, of Ridgeland died on Dec. 27, 2002. A retired teacher, she had received a master's degree from the University of Southern California. She taught English in Meridian at the high school level, then at Meridian Community College for almost 20 years. Later, she moved to Pensacola, Fla., where she taught accelerated English at Woodham High School. During her 10-year tenure as an instructor at Pensacola Junior College, she was commissioned to create a writing syllabus published

for Escambia County English teachers. She completed her teaching career as the director of student teachers at Florida State University. Active in her church and community, she served as an adult Sunday school teacher and a United Methodist Woman at Central United Methodist Church in Meridian and at First United Methodist Church in Pensacola. In Meridian, she provided assistance for Wesley House, a United Methodist Women's service project. While at Millsaps, she was involved in the Wesley Foundation and the YWCA, and she played on the women's basketball team.

Edith E. (Boggy) Jones, 1932, of Jackson died on Jan. 10, 2003. A homemaker, she was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, where she was active in the United Methodist Women and the Griffin Sunday School Class.

Glenn S. Leavell, B.A. 1942, of Ridgeland died on Jan. 1, 2003. A homemaker, she was a member of the Minter United Methodist Church. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and participated in athletics.

The Reverend William O. Marble, B.A. 1969, of Bay Springs died on Sept. 14, 2002. A lawyer and a pastor, he had attended the University of Mississippi School of Law before serving as a military intelligence officer in Vietnam. For his service he received the Bronze Star with two Battle Stars. After completing law school, he became the first public defender for the City of Jackson. He practiced law for 19 years and served as a lecturer at the Mississippi College School of Law and Hinds Community College. He then left the practice of law and graduated from Memphis Theological Seminary. He served numerous United Methodist churches throughout the state, including those in Vicksburg, Bovina, Yazoo City, and Byram. Most recently, he had been serving both Bay Springs and Holder United

Methodist churches in Bay Springs. Active in the community, as well, he had served as president of the Rape Crisis Center and the Forest Hill Exchange Club. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and participated in the debate team.

Billy Donovan Martin, B.S. 1951, of Meadville died on Nov. 11, 2002. A retired hospital administrator, he had served the Franklin County Memorial Hospital for 34 years. As such, he played a key role in assuring quality health-care service to rural communities in southwest Mississippi. He was a World War II veteran. Active in professional and civic organizations, he was a past president of the Southwest Hospital Council and the Southwest Emergency Medical Service, and a director of Blue Cross & Blue Shield. He was also a member of the Mississippi Hospital Association Board of Governors. He served three terms as president of the Middlefork Country Club and was a longtime member of the Sam Newman Hunting Club and the Indian Mound Hunting Club.

Grace Mason Maynor, B.A. 1935, of Starkville died on Dec. 24, 2002. She had been a longtime resident of Jackson before moving to Huntsville, Ala., and then to Starkville. Active in the Jackson Little Theatre, she was also a tutor for the Methodist Children's Home and supported animal-welfare organizations. She was a member of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron, the Millsaps Singers, and the Millsaps Players.

Patricia (Pattie) McDonough Fennell of Jackson died on Dec. 15, 2002. A retired nurse, she graduated from the Pittsburgh Hospital School of Nursing and began her career in home health care. She relocated to New Orleans, where she worked for the American Red Cross. She served as the director of student health serv-

ices at Millsaps from 1966 until her retirement in 1987. She was a troop leader for the Girl Scouts and spent many years as the nurse at Camp Wahi in Brandon. She served the Catholic Church by involving herself in activities devoted to women and children. She was a founding member of St. Catherine's Circle and was awarded the St. Anne Medal by the Natchez-Jackson Diocese for her work with area youth.

Michael O'Ryan McGee, B.A. 1977, of Fannin died on Sept. 29, 2002. A Meridian native, he was a technical sales representative for Bulk Chemicals Inc. He grew up at the Masonic Home in Meridian and was a star football player at Meridian High School. He had been a resident of Fannin for the past 20 years and served as a board member of the Fannin Water Association. While at Millsaps, he was a member of the varsity football team.

Curtis W. McKewen, 1950, of Jackson died on Oct. 28, 2002. The owner of McKewen Realty and Construction Co. and a World War II veteran, he was a graduate of the University of Mississippi and the Jackson School of Law. Active in numerous civic and professional organizations, he was a member of the American Trial Lawyer Association, the Mississippi Bar Association, the Hinds County Bar Association, the American Legion, Henry Graves Post No. 1, Capitol Lodge Mason, Scottish Rites Bodies, and the Wahabi Temple Shrine. He was also a member of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church.

Virginia Price Mims, B.A. 1943, of Natchez died on Sept. 6, 2002. At Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and the Millsaps Singers.

Sarah (Marjorie) Hull Monk, B.A. 1939, of Canton died on Dec. 12, 2002. She was an English and Latin teacher at Byram High School, where she taught for 18 years. She also served as class sponsor, annual spon-

sor, Junior Classical League adviser, and play director for grades 10 through 12. At Leavell Woods United Methodist Church, she served as adult, youth, and children's education director and as a Sunday school teacher. She was also active at Madison United Methodist Church, in both the Lamplighters Sunday school class and the Mary Martha Circle. She was a lifetime member of United Methodist Women. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron and the YWCA.

Margaret Elizabeth Myers, B.A. 1936, of Columbia died on Nov. 1, 2002. A retired English teacher, she had taught for 40 years in Amory, Philadelphia, Union, and Jackson public high schools. She had undergraduate degrees from Whitworth College and Millsaps, and received a master's degree in English from the George Peabody College for Teachers. She was a member of the Jackson-Hinds Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma International, United Methodist Women, and the Chapel of the Cross United Methodist Church in Columbia. At Millsaps, she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority, the Beethoven Club, the Millsaps Singers, and the YWCA.

Dr. Charles Lamar Neill Jr., B.S. 1936, of Jackson died on Sept. 28, 2002. A distinguished doctor and war veteran, he received an M.D. from Cornell University School of Medicine and was certified by the American Boards of General and Neurological Surgery. During his military career, Lieutenant Colonel Neill served in England as a neurosurgeon with the 158th General Hospital. Following the war, he completed neurosurgical training at The New York Hospital before returning to Mississippi in 1948 as the state's first neurosurgeon. A clinical professor of neurosurgery at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and an avid supporter of medical education, he opened his practice each summer to medical stu-

dents. His professional and civic involvement was extensive, and he served as president of the Southern Neurological Society and the Neurosurgical Society of America. He was a member of the Jackson Airport Authority, served as assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 18, and was a deacon at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. At Millsaps, he was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. His father had helped establish the Pikes during his own student days at the College. His mother, also a Millsaps graduate, was a member of the first class to include women. In 1951, Neill received the Alumnus of the Year Award, becoming the second recipient in Millsaps history, following the late Jim Livesay (B.A. 1941).

Hulbert T. Nowell, B.S. 1939, of Bolton died on Oct. 4, 2002. A retired chemical engineer for Gulf Oil Corp., he had also taught math and science and coached basketball at Byram High School in his early years. He was a Boy Scout troop leader in Vicksburg and an active member and lay leader at the Kingston United Methodist Church of Natchez. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Sigma Rho Chi fraternity and the International Relations Club.

Dr. William H. Parker Jr., B.S. 1966, of Brandon died on Nov. 8, 2002. He was a retired direct caregiver. He received an M.D. from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and served as staff physician at the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield for many years. He was a member of the American Medical Association and served as president and secretary of the Mississippi State Medical Association. At Millsaps, he was a member of the pep band and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Mary Dudley Gordan Regan, 1936, of Wiggins died on Jan. 11, 2003. She served as alderwoman for the town of Wiggins for 20 years and was active in the cultural and civic affairs of the

town. Among her many activities, she was a member and president of the Wiggins Woman's Club, a charter member of the Garden Gate Garden Club, and a charter member of the Stone County Library Board of Trustees. She was instrumental in initiating the annual Carnival Ball for Wiggins under the auspices of the Woman's Club. She was named one of the outstanding women of the Mississippi Gulf Coast by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Women of Achievement. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Wiggins, where she was active in the Women's Society for Christian Service. She also taught Sunday school and was a substitute teacher in the Wiggins school system.

Elsie Virginia Richardson, B.A. 1940, of Byram died on Oct. 1, 2002. A lifelong resident of Jackson until 1988, she was a member of Central Presbyterian Church. At Millsaps, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Bessie H. McCafferty Sanford, B.A. 1940, of Jackson died on Dec. 22, 2002. A retired teacher, she spent most of her career in the public schools of Bolivar County (Rosedale and Gunnison), where she taught elementary school. She supported public education and teaching through membership in various professional and civic organizations. She was also a member of her local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Gunnison United Methodist Church. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority, the Millsaps Singers, and the YWCA.

Curtis E. Slay, 1944, of Ridgeland died on Oct. 18, 2002. A retired accountant, he had worked for 40 years for the Mississippi Stationery Co. The Carthage native and long-time resident of the Jackson area was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a charter member of Broadmeadow United Methodist Church, past presi-

Dr. Robert E. Bergmark: A dynamic professor and civil rights advocate



Dr. Robert Bergmark

Dr. Robert E. Bergmark, 81, a dynamic teacher, provocative civil rights advocate, and emeritus professor of philosophy at Millsaps College, died on March 17, 2003, in hospice care at home with his family.

For Bergmark, teaching was a ministry in and of itself. "I think of life as an opportunity for service," he once said. "My particular role in being of assistance is to be a teacher."

"Bob Bergmark was one of the most renowned professors in the history of the College," said Dr. Frances Lucas, president of the College. "During his 34-year career, he challenged his students and fellow faculty members to think creatively, to act upon their values, and to live authentic lives. He was an important voice for social change in Mississippi for more than four decades, and many of his students continue that tradition today in his honor. We will miss him, but we will also celebrate his life and what he stood for in our community."

Bergmark came to Millsaps College in 1953, after having spent nine years as a Methodist pastor in Massachusetts and Texas. He taught philosophy for 34 years, before retiring in 1987. During his distinguished career at Millsaps, he served as chairman of the philosophy department from 1962 until 1987; chairman of the humanities division from 1964 to 1973; member of the academic council from 1967 to 1973; and director of the two-year Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education project, which encouraged computer literacy among Millsaps faculty. In 1974, he was named a Millsaps Distinguished Professor.

When he was asked what had been most significant about his career, Bergmark said that "rather than one thing, it's more the day-to-day experience with students. It simply is worth something, this kind of work, to see students over four years developing themselves, discovering their minds and their abilities to make distinctions."

"Dr. Bergmark's social conscience, his commitment to reasoned and

informed thought, his keen analysis of domestic and world issues, his impatience with mediocrity and appreciation of excellence, and his warmth and wit made all of life seem so important and full of meaning," recalled Don Fortenberry, Millsaps chaplain. "He always made me want to be a better person and to bring some measure of grace to the world."

Bergmark was a mentor and friend to numerous students over the decades. Two of them honored him by establishing a lectureship and a scholarship fund in his honor. In 1986, the Millsaps alumnus Jack F. Dunbar and his wife, Wylene F. Dunbar, of Oxford endowed the annual Dunbar Lecture in Philosophy honoring Bergmark. In 1993, the Millsaps alumnus and trustee Robert N. Leggett Jr., and his wife, Dee, of Great Falls, Va., established the Dr. Robert E. Bergmark Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Bergmark was an enthusiastic supporter of local cultural and fine-arts endeavors. He was also a world traveler who made extended trips through Western Europe, the Far East, and the Middle East. He led three study tours to mainland China in 1976, 1980, and 1988.

A native of Charlton, Mass., Bergmark graduated from Emory University in 1943 with an A.B. in philosophy. He earned his bachelor of sacred theology at Boston University in 1946, and his Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston University in 1961.

A memorial service was held on March 30 at in the Gertrude C. Ford Academic Complex Recital Hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bergmark Endowed Scholarship Fund at Millsaps College, c/o Director of Donor Relations, Michele Bunch, P.O. Box 151191, Jackson, MS 39210-1191. The scholarship fund was created by Bob and Carol Bergmark at the time of their daughter Christina's death in 1986.

dent of the Sertoma Club of Jackson, and a member of the Industrial Management Club.

Fred Day Smith, B.A. 1954, of McComb died on Nov. 18, 2002. He was a retired senior merchandising manager with the J.C. Penney Co. in Natchez and Victoria, Texas. He graduated from McComb High School, where he was a member of the famed Tigers football team. A U.S. Navy veteran, he was stationed with the Sixth Fleet on the USS *Taconic* in 1956. He was an active member of Centenary United Methodist Church, where he participated in the men's Sunday school class. At Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and played varsity football. He was a member of the team that won the Dixie Conference championships in 1951 and 1952.

Dorothy Cowen Tynes, B.S. 1935, of Clarksdale died on Jan. 8, 2003. She was a retired librarian with the Clarksdale public school system. Early in her career, she had worked as a substitute teacher in Terry, Brandon, and Biloxi. She later taught English at West Tallahatchie High School and French at Clarksdale High School. Among her many professional and civic activities, she served as president and vice president of the American Association of University Women, president of the Coahoma Mental Health Association, and secretary of the Opera Study Club. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron, Alpha Psi Omega, the International Relations Club, the YWCA, and the Millsaps Singers.

Phillip Harold Upton, B.S. 1959, of Raymond died on Sept. 9, 2002. He was a retired sales representative.

Robert Clayton Watts, 1949, of Canton died on Jan. 15, 2003. A graduate of the Chicago School of Interior Design, he was a decorator for Batte Furniture Co., Sid Jones Inc., and Warren Wright's House of Ideas, in addition to owning a private

The Rev. Robert M. Matheny: Minister and former trustee

The Reverend Robert M. Matheny, B.A. 1942, of Meridian died on Nov. 26, 2002. A retired United Methodist minister, he joined the Mississippi Methodist Conference in 1939 and was appointed to the Hattiesburg Circuit.

After serving as conference director of evangelism, he pastored churches in Richton; Jackson; Terre Haute, Ind., and Hattiesburg; as well as Central United Methodist Church in Meridian. He also served as superintendent of the East Jackson and Meridian districts. Following his retirement, he served for nine years as pastor of Daleville United Methodist Church and as pastor in residence at Central UMC in Meridian.

He was twice elected as a delegate to the jurisdictional and general confer-

ences of the United Methodist Church. During his ministry, he helped organize 26 new churches and was instrumental in the development of Aldersgate Retirement Community in Meridian.

He served on the Board of Trustees of Millsaps and as president of the Alumni Association. He also served on boards of the Wesley House Community Center and Aldersgate. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Sigma Rho Chi, Omicron Delta Kappa, the Millsaps Singers, and the Ministerial League.



Rev. Robert Matheny

interior design practice. He was a member of the American Institute of Interior Designers and a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Canton. At Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

John L. Weissinger, B.S. 1959, of Portsmouth, R.I., died on Nov. 3, 2002. A retired oceanographer, he received an M.S. in geology from the University of Mississippi. He served in the U.S. Navy for five years and was a member of the Navy Reserves for 20 years. He worked as an oceanographer for the U.S. Naval Underwater Systems Center in Newport, R.I., for 35 years, until his retirement in 2000. While working at the center, he traveled extensively to the arctic ice cap. He was also on staff at Brown University, where he taught courses in earth science. His involvement in environmental and civic organizations included membership in Save the Bay, the Portsmouth Historical Society, and the Portsmouth Economic Development Committee. He was also a member and past president of the Pheasant Hill Association and the Newport Ski Club. At Millsaps, he participated in athletics.

Benton Gerald Wells, 1954, of Houston died on Aug. 29, 2002. He was a retired executive with Delta Air Lines and a World War II veteran. He began his career with Delta in 1941, then served in the war from 1942 to 1945 on the European front with the famous Washington Field Artillery. He returned to Delta and, after 42 years of service with the company, retired as the district director of marketing in Houston. He was a leader in numerous professional and civic organizations. In 1976, he implemented the Certified Travel Counselor Program for the Institute of Certified Travel Agents in Houston. He served as director of the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau, and president of both of the University Area Rotary Club and the Sales and Marketing Club of Houston. He was a former member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce – Aviation Committee and the American Society of Travel Agents. He was also a member of the board of directors for Texas Commerce Bank of Greenway Plaza and a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He was a longtime member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, where he had been serving on the current board of stewards.