

Major Notes

Harvey Dwight Adcock, B.A. 1973, of Kosciusko died Jan. 18, 2005. At Millsaps, he was a member of Alpha Psi Omega, the Millsaps Players, and the Millsaps Singers. He also served as assistant editor of the *Bobashela*.

Jimmie Assaf, 1936, of Jackson died March 15, 2005. While at Millsaps, he played football and baseball.

Dr. Thomasina Blissard, 1962, of Jackson died Sept. 3, 2004. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta. In the 1980s, she arranged for the artist Karl Wolfe to paint the portrait of Eudora Welty that now hangs in the Millsaps-Wilson Library.

Clarine Rush Bradford, B.A. 1943, of Bullard, Texas, died Oct. 11, 2004. At Millsaps, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority, Sigma Lambda, Kappa Delta Epsilon, the Student Executive Board, and the Panhellenic Council. She served as president of the Majorette Club and the Women's Council. In 1943, she received the Panhellenic Award for Outstanding Girl Citizen. She was also named to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Merritt S. (Steve) Bumpas, 1959, of Covington, La., died Jan. 29, 2005. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

William Dean Buntin, 1948, of Georgetown, Texas, died Feb. 2, 2005. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd J. (Blue) Caillavet, 1935, of Biloxi died Feb. 8, 2005.

James A. (J. A.) Callahan, B.S. 1956, of Jackson died Jan. 2, 2005.

Dr. James B. (Benny) Conerly, B.S. 1952, of Collins died Sept. 10, 2004. At Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and Theta Nu Sigma.

Madge (Dinah) Brown Daniel, 1941, of Columbus died Nov. 14, 2004. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Nancy White Dean, 1938, of Colfax, La., died March 7, 2005.

Eleanor Barksdale Douglass, 1963, of Birmingham died Dec. 5, 2004. At Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, the YWCA, the Millsaps Singers, and the Madrigals. She was a consistent supporter of the Millsaps Principals' Institute.

Dr. Paul E. Edwards, B.S. 1953, of Brandon died April 4, 2005. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and played varsity football.

Nancy Plummer Faxon, B.S. 1936, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., died Feb. 1, 2005. At Millsaps, she was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, Eta Sigma, the Student Executive Board, the Ramblers Club, the Beethoven Club, and the Millsaps Singers. She served as president of Kappa Delta sorority and chair of the Millsaps Radio Program.

Thomas C. Felt, M.B.A. 1986, of Vicksburg died Oct. 14, 2004.

Sidney F. Graves Jr., B.A. 1968, of Hattiesburg died Jan. 8, 2005. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kit Kat, Gamma Gamma, the Social Science Forum, and participated in intramural sports. He served as vice president and scholarship chair for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, business manager for *Stylus* literary magazine, and copy editor for the *Bobashela*. In 1968, he was awarded the Clark Essay Medal for the best original paper in an English course.

Bernice Flowers Hederman, 1936, of Jackson died Dec. 6, 2004. She was a founding member of the Millsaps chapter of Chi Omega sorority. A longstanding financial supporter of the College, she was a

scholarship representative and a member of the Presidents Society.

Blanche Christine Field Holland, B.A. 1931, of Grenada died March 4, 2005.

Brigadier General Preston L. Jackson, B.A. 1949, of Madison died Nov. 9, 2004. At Millsaps, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and participated in athletics.

James C. Jenkins Jr., 1942, of Jackson died April 4, 2005. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Maurice M. Jones, 1934, of Miami died March 14, 2005. At Millsaps, he was a member of Theta Kappa Nu fraternity.

Judge Thomas J. Kliebert, 1945, of Paulina, La., died May 28, 2002. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

Charlene Fallin Wright Knox, 1939, of Jackson died Jan. 5, 2005. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Brigadier General John Tipton (Tip) Lewis, B.S. 1959, of Raymond died March 9, 2005.

Zelta Wiles Locke, 1958, of Clinton died April 10, 2005.

Dr. Charles F. Lowe, B.S. 1957, of McComb died Dec. 20, 2004. At Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Theta Nu Sigma, Alpha Epsilon Delta, the *Purple & White* staff, and the *Bobashela* staff. He also served on the Millsaps Alumni Association Board of Directors in the 1970s.

Dr. Curtis B. Magee, B.S. 1947, of Jackson died Dec. 5, 2004. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

The Office of Alumni Relations would like to extend its sincerest apology for listing Elizabeth (Lib) Lampton Powell as deceased in the Winter 2004–05 *Millsaps Magazine*. We regret the error and any hardship or inconvenience this may have caused.

Martha (Puff) Powell McGahey, B.A. 1941, of Leland died Oct. 25, 2004. At Millsaps, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority, the YWCA, and the Woman's Association.

David M. McMullan, B.A. 1960, of Ridgeland died Nov. 4, 2004. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Brenda Denson Melohn, M.B.A. 1988, of Brandon died Oct. 17, 2004.

Don M. Mizell, 1945, of Jackson died Oct. 5, 2004. At Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Donald Lewis Moak, 1961, of Raymond died Oct. 25, 2004.

Gertrude Triplett Morgan, 1944, of Kosciusko died Sept. 28, 2004. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Dr. Royce L. B. Morris, B.A. 1961, of Abingdon, Va., died March 29, 2005. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Eta Sigma Phi.

Frances Gray Muncie, B.A. 1948, of Raymond died Oct. 3, 2004. At Millsaps, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron, Kappa Delta Epsilon, and the YWCA.

Dr. Richard (Dick) W. Naef, B.S. 1949, of Jackson died Jan. 20, 2005. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta and Omicron Delta Kappa. He also served as business manager for the Millsaps Singers.

William Miller Nelson Jr., B.A. 1950, of Columbus died Nov. 29, 2004. He contributed to the Beth Griffin Jones Sponsored Adult Scholarship Fund, established at Millsaps in the 1990s.

Dr. Dennis Ray Roberts, B.S. 1947, of Jackson died Feb. 8, 2005.

Susan Wheelless Roberts, B.A. 1959, of Port Gibson died Oct. 16, 2004. At Millsaps, she was a member of the *Purple & White* staff, the Major Facts staff, and the Panhellenic Council. She served as secretary for Chi Omega sorority and for the Majorette Club. She was selected as a "Favorite" and as Miss Millsaps in 1959.

Major Thomas G. Roberts, B.A. 1949, of Bay Springs died April 7, 2005. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and the Millsaps Players.

Dorothy Norwood Root, B.A. 1950, of Jackson died April 5, 2005.

Dr. Dennis E. Salley, B.S. 1954, of Meridian died Dec. 15, 2004. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the *Bobashela* staff.

Dr. Robert G. Shoemaker, B.A. 1963, of Conway, Ark., died Oct. 8, 2004. At Millsaps, he was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Schiller Gesellschaft, Eta Sigma, the Millsaps Players, and the Millsaps Singers.

Clarence R. Smith, 1945, of Cleveland died Oct. 17, 2004. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

Mary Helen Utesch Smith, 1964, of Atlanta died Feb. 22, 2005. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and Eta Sigma Phi.

Margaret Murphy Swayze, 1939, of Benton died Feb. 13, 2005. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, Chi Delta, and the Woman's Panhellenic Council. She served as secretary-treasurer for the sophomore class.

Laura Rodgers Tucker, 1942, of Brandon died Dec. 20, 2004.

Rosa L. McKeithen Webb, B.S. 1930, of Columbus died Sept. 21, 2004. At Millsaps,

she was a member of the Millsaps Singers and the YWCA. She served as president of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority.

Geraldine McCormack Whitaker, 1946, of Springfield, Ill., died Jan. 15, 2005. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority.

Emaline F. Bullard Wilkinson, 1993, of Vicksburg died April 5, 2005.

Fred Harris Williams Jr., B.A. 1956, of Clinton died April 5, 2005. At Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and played varsity football.

Dr. Walter E. (Ellis) Williamson, B.A. 1943, of Tarboro, N.C., died Dec. 13, 2004. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the Student Executive Board, and the YMCA. He served as president of the Christian Council and the Ministerial League. He was also named to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Joseph E. Wroten, B.S. 1945, of Aberdeen died March 17, 2005. At Millsaps, he was a member of the YMCA, the Millsaps Singers, the Millsaps Players, and the *Purple & White* staff. He served as president of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program.

Louise Havard Youngblood, B.A. 1949, of Hernando died April 9, 2005. While at Millsaps, she was a member of the Vikings.

Richard (Dick) Dear Foxworth

Esteemed Attorney, Former Trustee, Dedicated Fund Raiser

Richard Dear Foxworth, a former trustee and 1956 graduate of Millsaps, died on January 18 at his home in Columbia, Mississippi. He was 69.

Foxworth was born in the community of Foxworth in Marion County, Mississippi, on July 30, 1935. He graduated from Columbia High School, where friends remembered him as not only a “very studious young man” but also a “very likable person.” Among his many activities, he was a basketball player and a member of the debate team.

In 1956, Foxworth earned a bachelor of science degree in geology from Millsaps. He went on to earn a master’s degree in geology from the University of Missouri and a juris doctorate from the University of Mississippi. At Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Though he worked as a geologist for Texaco from 1958 to 1962, Foxworth was in the private practice of law for 40 years, specializing in probate, estate and business planning, and oil and gas. He was “extremely principled,” a friend once said, and considered the practice of law to be a “true profession.” He served as president of the Mississippi Bar Association from 1996 to 1997. At the time of his death, he was managing partner of Foxworth, Shepard & Berry PA.

He was married to the former Marilyn Dickson, B.A. 1965. A member of First United Methodist Church in Columbia, he served in many leadership roles, including chair of the trustees and a teacher in the men’s Bible class for many years.

Foxworth remained enthusiastic about Millsaps College, serving on the estate planning committee and, as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1990, working on the business affairs committee. He served on the board of The Asbury Foundation of Hattiesburg and was instrumental in securing for the College a \$1 million gift for scholarships.

“Dick Foxworth was a prince of a man,” President Frances Lucas said. “I have enjoyed his charm and wisdom on various occasions. When we gathered to salute him at the announcement of the scholarship given by The Asbury Foundation and one by his family, I noted that he appeared to be related to well over two dozen Millsaps graduates. I hope to recruit many more of his family members, and maybe some will win his scholarship.”

In addition to serving as a Millsaps trustee, Foxworth also served on the boards of the Methodist Hospital of Hattiesburg, Citizens Bank of Columbia, and Wesley Health Systems of Hattiesburg.

Two scholarships have been established in Foxworth’s memory. The Richard D. and Marilyn D. Foxworth Endowed Scholarship was created through a bequest from Foxworth’s own estate plans, and the Richard D. Foxworth Memorial Scholarship was established from a generous gift from The Asbury Foundation of Hattiesburg. Both scholarships will ensure that generations of students benefit from Dick Foxworth’s love for Millsaps.

—K. B., N. S.



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Marsha McCarty Wells

Valued Trustee, Committed Alumna, Civic Leader

Marsha McCarty Wells, 50, who graduated summa cum laude in 1976, died on April 22 of complications from heart disease. She had been an active and dedicated alumna and a member of the Millsaps Board of Trustees since 1991.

“We remain stunned and in deep grief that Marsha is gone from this earth,” said President Frances Lucas. “She was one of the most devoted trustees who ever served. In fact, we teased her in our full board meeting about being one of the few trustees to read every single word of the thick board book we send out for every meeting. Her board book was always marked up with ink from beginning to end. No one was more thorough with a financial sheet than Marsha.”

Her devotion to the College began during her student days, when she majored in education and was involved in numerous campus activities, including Kappa Delta sorority, Kappa Delta Epsilon, the education honorary, and the yearbook, the *Bobashela*, which she edited in 1975. She was also a member of the academic honorary Eta Sigma and leadership honoraries Sigma Lambda and Omicron Delta Kappa. She earned an M.B.A. from Emory University in 1978.

Following her graduation from Emory, she returned to Jackson, where she served as treasurer of the family business, McCarty Farms, prior to the company’s sale in 1995. At the time of her death she was treasurer of McCarty Enterprises LLC and vice president of the H. F. McCarty Jr. Family Foundation.

Hers was a Millsaps family. The late Hyman F. (Mac) McCarty and Mary Ann McCarty of Magee were longtime supporters as United Methodists and parents of three daughters who attended Millsaps. Her father served as a trustee of the College, and the Millsaps Tower is a gift of the McCarty family. She was married to Terry Wells of Natchez, a 1976 graduate of Millsaps. They have two daughters, Ashley and Leslie.

Wells has served Millsaps as a member of the presidential search committee, the investment oversight committee of the board, and vice chairman of the advisory committee to the Else School of Management. She was a member of the Alumni Council’s executive committee and was treasurer of the house corporation for Kappa Delta sorority.

She was an active citizen of the Jackson community, serving on numerous boards and associations. Her love for the arts drew her to leadership positions with the Mississippi Symphony and the Mississippi Museum of Art. She was also a supporter of St. Andrew’s Episcopal School, the Jackson Zoo, the Wilson Research Foundation, the Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center, and Willowood Developmental Center. She received prestigious awards for her business accomplishments and her volunteer service.

Her energy and enthusiasm for Millsaps and her interest in young people is evident in a letter she received in 2002 from alumna Michelle Clingan, who wrote: “Thank you for caring enough to ask a waitress what she planned to do with her life, and thank you for convincing me that I could afford Millsaps. It was during the spring semester of 1999 when I waited on you and your husband, and you took the time to chat with me about school and later to set up an interview for me at Millsaps. Now, I am a first-year law student . . . Thank you for caring enough to believe that I could go to Millsaps and have success at a time in my life when I didn’t believe in myself.”

Millsaps has lost a valued trustee, a committed alumna, a treasured friend. —K. B.

General Louis Wilson

Combat Hero, Chief of Staff, Life Trustee

General Louis Wilson, 85, former commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps and a life trustee of Millsaps College, died on June 21 at his home in Birmingham.

Wilson, B.S. 1941, was born in Brandon on February 11, 1920, to Louis and Bertha Buchanan Wilson. While at the College, he competed in football and track. Wilson was commissioned a Marine officer upon graduation. As a platoon and later company commander in the Ninth Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division, he took part in combat operations in the Pacific, including the invasion of Guam in 1944. It was on Guam that Captain Wilson took part in a two-day company action for which he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

According to the citation, Wilson, ordered to take that portion of the hill within his zone of action, “initiated his attack in midafternoon, pushed up the rugged, open terrain against terrific machine-gun and rifle fire for 300 yards, and successfully captured the objective. Promptly assuming command of other disorganized units and motorized equipment, in addition to his own company and one reinforcing platoon, he organized his night defenses in the face of continuous hostile fire and, although wounded three times during the five-hour period, completed his disposition of men and guns before retiring to the company command post for medical attention.” He later rescued a wounded comrade and held the line in fierce hand-to-hand combat.

Returning stateside to recover from wounds sustained in that action, he was assigned to the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. Later that year he married his Millsaps sweetheart, Jane Clark, of Pearson, Mississippi.

During his tenure as commandant, Wilson laid a firm foundation of high standards and demanding training that ensured that the Corps maintained a modern, mobile, combined arms force. General Michael Hagee, current commandant, said: “General Wilson was ahead of his time. As commandant, he stressed modernization, readiness, expeditionary capabilities, and integrated firepower, areas that we still concentrate on today.”

Following his retirement in 1979, Wilson sat on a number of corporate boards. He and his wife lived in Jackson at the time and later moved to San Marino, California. The Wilsons eventually returned to the South, settling in Birmingham to be near their only child, Janet Wilson Taylor, an attorney and mother of two.

Wilson was made a trustee of Millsaps College in 1978 and a life trustee in 1990. Wilson’s military decorations included the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Combat “V” and two Gold Stars, and the Purple Heart Medal with two Gold Stars. His civilian honors included the Iron Mike Award from the Marine Corps League, Distinguished Achievement Award from Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (1946), and Outstanding Mississippian Award (1974). He was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa from Millsaps College (1976) and was also elected into the Millsaps College Sports Hall of Fame (1980).

Wilson is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

—J.Y.



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