

# Major Notes

## College Honors Alumnus of the Year, Livesay Winners

Millsaps College honored Dr. Hiram Polk as the 2005 Alumnus of the Year in

recognition of his outstanding contributions to and leadership in his profession as a surgeon and an academic.

In his acceptance speech, Polk said: "Higher education is under more pressure now than it has ever been in my lifetime. It is under pressure for funding everywhere. But

special little private colleges like Millsaps, which are bastions of excellence, will go on no matter what. I think we should leave here tonight knowing that what we have here is special and precious and is worth preserving for the future."

A native of Jackson, Polk was educated in its public school system and graduated from Millsaps in 1956. Polk attended Harvard Medical School and completed his internship and residency at Barnes Hospital/Washington University in St. Louis. His initial faculty appointment was at the University of Miami in Florida as an assistant professor of surgery with interest in infection, burns, cancer, and pediatric surgery.

Polk assumed the chair of surgery at the University of Louisville in 1971 and has served in this position since that time. Polk is the current president of the American Surgical Association and is the recipient of the distinguished Honorary Fellowship

of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh.

The College also bestowed the prestigious Livesay Award upon four distinguished individuals, Dr. John Wofford, Colonel Kenneth and Mrs. Rosemary McRae, and Mark Herbert. Along with Polk, they were honored at the 2005 College Awards and Recognition Dinner, held in March in the Leggett Center.

Wofford graduated cum laude in 1950 and attended Thomas Jefferson University Medical College in Philadelphia, where he earned a medical degree in 1954. He completed both his internship and residency in Memphis, and after serving as senior medical resident at the University Medical Center in Jackson, he worked as the Millsaps College physician from 1958 to 1962. He has been affiliated with several medical facilities in Mississippi, namely UMC, where he was a member of the attending medical staff until his retirement in 1991 and served as clinical associate professor until 2004. In 1974, he was named Doctor of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Medical Assistants.

Ken and Rosemary McRae have shown great commitment to the Millsaps community for the past several years through their tireless service to the Parents Council. The couple, who live in Birmingham, have served on the council since spring 2002 and led the organization as co-presidents in 2002–03. Parents Council Director Kay Barksdale commended the McRaes for their loyal service to the College, saying Ken and Rosemary were always on campus a day early to handle details and preparations for council events. "We have so many loyal parents, and the McRaes have really set the standard for service to Millsaps," Barksdale said. "They have been involved in their son's activities on campus—from Chamber Singers to chili cook-offs—and have worked with our student life staff in addition to their many responsibilities on the Parents Council."

Herbert has practiced law in Jackson for 26 years and is currently a partner in the firm of Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, where he specializes in construction litigation. In 1984, he was named Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Mississippi State Bar Association; he has also received the association's Award of Merit. Herbert has served on the Mississippi Bar Foundation's board of trustees and as that organization's president in 1995. He was named the first president of the newly formed Millsaps College Alumni Association in the fall of 2003. —J. Y.

## A Marriage Made In Millsaps Heaven



She was student body president and a computer buff by trade. He was an athlete and the voice of the Millsaps Majors. Never was there a couple with more school pride. After graduation, she left to engineer software in Silicon Valley and he went off to study law in the Grove. Life and distance separated them for a few years. But now, these two college sweethearts have found each other again, promising to stay together forever in true Millsaps fashion.

April Slayden, B.S. 2001, and Jeff Mitchell, B.A. 2001, are planning their

New Year's Eve wedding, but it is Mitchell's proposal that is so unique to their collegiate heritage. Mitchell surprised Slayden with a spontaneous trip to Millsaps on November 24, 2004, when he brought her to the legendary M-Bench. The stone seat is fabled for its ability to assure marriage and eternal love with a kiss. Seated under a requisite full moon at a makeshift table adorned with Champagne, chocolate, and pictures from their Millsaps years, Mitchell asked Slayden to marry him.

Slayden now lives near San Francisco and has worked for Hewlett-Packard as a software engineer and researcher since completing graduate school in Rochester, New York. However, it's not all bits and bytes for the bride to be.

She has helped design an innovative music device known as the DJammer for HP Labs. HP and MTV have a global alliance, and Slayden, along with professional DJ Gavin O'Connor, demonstrated the DJammer at an HP event that coincided with the MTV Music Awards. The demonstration was such a success that they were both invited to demonstrate the DJammer again at pop mogul P. Diddy's after-show party.

Since completing the M.B.A. program at Millsaps in 2003 while also serving as the college's sports information director, Mitchell has been pursuing a law degree at the University of Mississippi. Now in his third year, he also acts as a media-relations assistant in the Ole Miss athletic department, as well as using

that familiar voice to announce Rebel baseball, basketball, volleyball, and football games. Following his graduation from law school in December and their Madison nuptials, Mitchell plans to join Slayden in California to continue his career in sports management. —B. D.

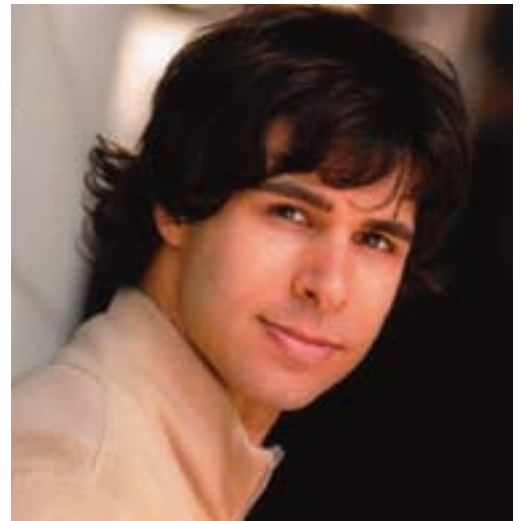
## Campus Leader As Leading Man

Hollywood has a way of preparing its residents to be catapulted from the stage and screen into the world of politics; recent governors and a former commander-in-chief come to mind. However, it has worked the other way around for Paul Gagliano, B.A. 2002, and Millsaps seems destined to have a former president become a familiar face in entertainment.

Gagliano served as student body president for the 2001–02 term at Millsaps and was known for his energetic speeches and notable presence. "I have always felt comfortable in the public eye, whether in an elected position or as a character on film or in front of an audience," said Gagliano, a native of Birmingham.

Even while carrying out the extensive duties of heading the student government, he starred in countless theatrical productions, even directing a few.

Gagliano said he was inspired and motivated by his directors at Millsaps, including Brent Lefavor, associate professor,



and Morgan Gadd, a former theatre professor.

They gave him the skills and assurance to make the leap to La-La Land following graduation, as he moved out to Burbank to pursue his dreams. Working as a bartender and waiter by day, Gagliano has used his time to perfect his craft. "Right now, my life is like that of any actor getting started," he said. "I go to auditions. I go to workshops. I take classes. I go to networking events. I book a job here and there. I anticipate the next gig. The process repeats."

It seems the process is working, as Gagliano's résumé has become increasingly impressive, the most notable addition being his recent work on the History Channel series *Breaking Vegas*, starring as the lead in the episode "Card Count King." Gagliano will also be appearing in an advertisement for Diet Pepsi that will run in several newspapers and magazines, including *Entertainment Weekly*, *US*, and *People*. —B. D.



## Location, Location, Location . . .

John Johnston, B.B.A. 1989, worked as a location manager for several films (*Pulp Fiction*, *Volcano*, *The Rising Place*, and others) before being given the pilot script of the Fox drama series *24* four years ago. Now as the Emmy Award-winning thriller enters its fifth season, Johnston is still finding sites that form the backdrop for suspense sequences. Johnston and his crew scour downtown Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley for houses, streets, alleys and other urban fixtures. After finding a site and getting approval from the producers, Johnston makes contact with the owners and works with *24*'s legal and risk management departments to ensure that the site is available when the film crew is ready to shoot. "A lot of times, it comes down to simply being able to bargain with people," Johnston said. Johnston and his location partner won Location Professional of the Year/Television honors at the 2004 On Location Awards this past October.

—J.Y.

# Major Notes

**Send It In:** *Millsaps Magazine* would like you to know that its Major Notes policy has changed. The magazine is now printing only information sent in specifically for Major Notes. In the past, material was gleaned from newspaper clippings and other sources. The change was made to protect the privacy of alumni and to simplify the editing process. We would like to encourage all alumni to send in their news, whether big or small, personal or professional, to Tanya Newkirk, Major Notes Editor, Office of Alumni Relations, Millsaps College, 1701 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39210-0001. Or fax: 601-974-1088. Phone: 601-974-1038 or 1-866-MILLSAPS (1-866-455-7277), the alumni relations toll-free number. Email: [alumni@millsaps.edu](mailto:alumni@millsaps.edu). Please include your name, address, phone numbers, email address, graduation year and degree, and any news you want to share. Appropriate items include births, weddings, advanced degrees, awards, job promotions, etc. Photographs are also welcome. If you are aware of alumni who are not receiving the magazine, please send us their names and addresses.



## Beta Sigma Omicron

Alumni members of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority gathered on campus Saturday, June 25, to celebrate their days at Millsaps. After lunch and a tour of the campus, members of the group, which was at Millsaps from the mid '50s until 1964, saw old composites, yearbooks, and snapshots. Pauline Dickson Akers of Clinton and Judy Michael of Madison coordinated this first reunion. Plans are in the works for another reunion in 2007 and possibly every two years afterward.

## 1953

**Dr. Neil R. Covington**, B.S. 1953, of Rock Hill, S.C., was recognized at a November 2004 reception by the Department of Social Work at Winthrop University in Rock Hill for his dedicated service to the university and his contributions to the South Carolina community. In fall 2004 the department created the Covington Scholarship Award to memorialize his contributions on an annual basis by recognizing students who best exemplify Covington's spirit of teaching and interest in the promotion of gerontology throughout the curriculum and community. He has been a professor in the Department of Social Work for more than 35 years.

## 1957

**C. (Lee) Nicholson**, B.A. 1957, of Modesto, Calif., published two poems in the December

2004 issue of *Stanislaus Connections*, a newsletter published by the Modesto Peace/Life Center. A retired English instructor, Nicholson inspired young poets during three decades of teaching at Modesto Junior College. He continues to write and publish and is a regular contributor to the newsletter.

## 1961

**Dr. Gayle Graham Yates**, B.A. 1961, of Minneapolis is the author of *Life and Death in a Small Southern Town: Memories of Shubuta, Mississippi*, published by the Louisiana State University Press in March 2004. It is a cultural history written in memoir style. Yates had a Mississippi book tour in May 2004, with readings and signings at the Waynesboro Public Library, Square Books in Oxford, and Lemuria Bookstore in Jackson. She is a professor emerita of American studies at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

## 1962

**Nancy G. (Grisham) Anderson**, B.A. 1962, of Montgomery, Ala., is director of the Actions Build Community program at Auburn University Montgomery. The program, which uses high school and college volunteers to teach reading and writing at two public housing complexes, was one of the 10 charitable organizations to receive a \$10,000 Make a Difference Day Award by the Paul Newman Foundation in October 2003. Anderson is an associate professor of English at Auburn.

## 1963

**Sarah M. (McInnis) Allen**, B.A. 1963, of Bartlett, Tenn., is director of guidance at West Memphis High School in West Memphis, Ark. Her husband, **David L. Allen**, 1964, is retired from his position as business manager of Theatre Memphis. He serves on the boards of

the American Association of Community Theatre and the Southeastern Theatre Conference. He serves as the Regional Community Theatre Festival chair for the annual SETC convention. As an official festival representative for the AACT, he oversees state festivals held throughout the country.

## 1964

**Mary Dell (Fleming) Palazzolo**, B.A. 1964, of Jekyll Island, Ga., taught conversational English in the Puglia region of Italy in October 2004 with the nonprofit organization Global Volunteers. Based in St. Paul, Minn., the organization has provided service opportunities around the world for 20 years.

## 1965 REUNION CLASS

**Ernest J. (Joe) Roberts**, B.A. 1965, of Jackson presented a paper entitled "How Baker-Miller Pink Reduces Aggression" at the IX Workshop Aggression at the University of Berne, Switzerland, during the group's annual meeting in November 2004. The term "Baker-Miller Pink" refers to the bubble gum-pink color developed for use in correctional facilities to deter aggressive behavior. Roberts, who holds a master of counseling psychology degree, has a practice at Lakeland Counseling Associates in Jackson.

## 1968

**Alec C. Valentine**, B.A. 1968, of Clinton served as a teaching assistant in English at People's Friendship University in Sochi, Russia, in fall 2004 as part of an exchange program with Hinds Community College. His wife, Kay King Valentine, served as a teaching assistant in French. Alec teaches English at the Hinds campus in Raymond.



## Millsaps at Mardi Gras

From left, Cassidy Baker, a sophomore from Baton Rouge; Anne Verret Fulcher, B.A. 1991, of Cleveland, Miss., and Ivana Ventic, a freshman from Mobile. Fulcher met the current students during Mardi Gras 2005 in New Orleans, her hometown. The Millsaps T-shirt caught her attention and led to the meeting.

### 1970



**Barry K. Plunkett**, B.A. 1970, of Jackson was promoted to corporate vice president of St. Dominic Health Services in January 2005. He joined St. Dominic

Hospital in 1985 as director of corporate communications. He was promoted to vice president of corporate communications in 1987 and again to senior vice president in 2000. In his new role with the corporate office, Plunkett will be more closely involved in the various entities of St. Dominic Health Services and will represent the organization in its many civic endeavors.

### 1971

**Linda S. (Dorsey) Norman**, B.S. 1971, of Merced, Calif., works as a programmer analyst III at the University of California, Merced.

## 1975 REUNION CLASS

### 1978

**Steven G. Dean**, B.B.A. 1978, of Memphis serves as division controller for Buckeye Technologies in Memphis.

**Theresa P. (Prescott) McKibben**, B.A. 1978, of Birmingham was certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in November 2004. She has taught music for grades K-5 at Edgewood Elementary School in Homewood, Ala., for 14 years. Her husband, **John R. (Rob) McKibben**, M.B.A.

1984, was promoted in September 2004 to senior member of the technical staff with BellSouth Science and Technology.

## 1980 REUNION CLASS

**Ann Roscoff Allen**, B.A. 1980, of Salisbury, Md., published her first book, *A Serpent Cherished*, in July 2004. Based on the true story of an 1891 Memphis murder, this historical legal thriller has been selected as a finalist in *ForeWord Magazine's* Book of the Year Contest. Allen is a full-time mother and writer currently working on her second novel.

**Randy J. Johnson**, B.S. 1980, of Vidalia, La., was awarded the Kiwanis International Outstanding Leadership plaque in October 2004. He served as president of the Kiwanis Club of the Natchez Trace for calendar year 2003-04 and has served on the organization's board of directors since 1998. Johnson is a senior geoscientist with Callon Petroleum in Natchez.

### 1981

**Dr. Joel C. Reynolds**, 1981, of San Antonio, Texas, returned in May 2004 from a nine-month deployment to Iraq, where he served as a field surgeon with the First Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, Kan. He serves as chief of the nephrology department at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. His wife, **Ionia (Oney) Plunk Reynolds**, B.A. 1983, is a full-time mother for their two sons, Chase and Taylor.

### 1983

**Dr. Sandra (Sandy) L. Frazier**, B.S. 1983, of Pelham, Ala., is serving as a missionary doctor in Costa Rica through Agua Viva Ministries. She has left her position as an assistant professor in the psychiatry department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she started the university's addiction-recovery program in 1994. Frazier is living out of a church in Costa Rica, backpacking into the jungle with medical supplies to treat people in remote villages.

**Peter E. Langworthy**, B.S. 1983, of Williamsburg, Va., is the director of the Automatic Identification Technology Center for Northrop Grumman in Williamsburg. The company provides information technology services and high-tech items for the Department of Defense. The AIT Center focuses on integrating automatic identification technology, including radio frequency identification, bar codes, handheld terminals, and smart cards.

### 1984



**William (Bill) T. Hetrick**, B.A. 1984, of Clinton received his e-Pro designation from the National Association of Realtors in October 2004. The e-Pro course includes

Internet-learning applications to enhance Realtors' technological skills and certifies real estate agents and brokers as Internet professionals. The course is designed to help Realtors stay at the leading edge of technology and identify, evaluate, and implement new Internet business models. Hetrick is one of only 53 Mississippi Realtors to achieve the designation. He and his wife, Marilyn, a fellow Realtor and Bill's business partner, joined RE/MAX Alliance, a real estate brokerage serving the Jackson metropolitan area, in November 2004.

## 1985 REUNION CLASS

### 1987

**Melissa L. (Cumbest) Groff**, B.B.A. 1987, of Austin, Texas, is vice president of human resources for SigmaTel.

**Timothy M. (Mike) Patterson**, B.A. 1987, of Jackson is a paralegal for Stevens & Ward PA in Jackson.

**David E. Sallis**, B.A. 1987, of Bay St. Louis received a master's degree in computer science from the University of Southern Mississippi on May 15, 2004.

## 1988

**Mark S. Shryock**, M.B.A. 1988, of Downingtown, Pa., is a wealth manager with Mallard Advisors LLC in Newark, Del. Mallard Advisors is a financial advisory firm providing comprehensive financial planning and wealth management for individuals.

## 1989

**Warren T. Burns, Jr.**, B.B.A. 1989, and Jennifer Burns of Atlanta are the parents of Harrison Chant, born Feb. 10, 2005. He has one brother, Dylan. Warren is a technology architect for Coca-Cola.

## 1990

**Rebecca Baker Alley**, B.A. 1990, of Nashville is an account executive for WUXP UPN-30, Nashville's UPN affiliate station.

**Carole Estes Murphey**, B.A. 1990, and Smith Murphey V of Batesville are the parents of twin boys, Archer Smith and Webb Smith, born Feb. 25, 2004. They have one sister, Carole. Carole Murphey is a staff attorney with the Mississippi Judicial College at the University of Mississippi. Her husband is an assistant district attorney for the 17th Circuit Court District.

## 1992

**Amie Peele Carter**, B.A. 1992, of Zionsville, Ind., was named a partner with the law firm of Baker & Daniels in January 2005. She practices on the intellectual property team at the firm's downtown Indianapolis office.

**Douglas D. Mitchell**, B.A. 1992, of Prattville, Ala., is a special investigator for the United States Investigation Services, based in Annandale, Pa.

**Milton M. (Trey) Ourso**, B.A. 1992; **William (Bill) D. Russell III**, B.A. 1992, and Emeriti Professors of Political Science **John Quincy Adams** and **Howard Bavender** held a political science reunion in Washington, D.C., in March. Ourso and Russell, who were both

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political science majors at Millsaps, have remained in the field—and remained close friends. Ourso, who was president of the Campus Democrats while at Millsaps, owns a political consulting firm in Baton Rouge and is working with the Democratic National Committee in the state of Louisiana. Russell headed the Millsaps College Republicans and now works in the department of Housing and Urban Development under the Bush administration.



**David K. Pharr**, B.A. 1992, of Jackson was named a partner in the Jackson office of Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP in February. A member of the law firm's Litigation

Practice Group, Pharr focuses on product liability, complex business and commercial litigation, direct insurance and insurance coverage litigation, and employment litigation. He has also worked on significant cases involving environmental and premises liability, and personal injury. The law firm employs more than 200 attorneys and has offices in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Montgomery, Ala., Charlotte, N.C., Washington, D.C., and Jackson.

**Natalie Burwell Ray**, B.B.A. 1992, of Jackson has her own design studio, Natalie Ray Designs, in Jackson. She specializes in design

work, original paintings, decorative painting, and murals. In February, she designed two rooms for the St. Andrew's Designer Showhouse in the Bridgewater subdivision in Ridgeland.

## 1993

**Layla (Graham) Essary**, B.A. 1993, of Hattiesburg was named communications director for the Area Development Partnership in December 2004. The organization provides Chamber of Commerce and economic development services to the greater Hattiesburg area of Forrest and Lamar counties.



**Jonathan Hancock**, B.S. 1993, of Memphis has been named a member of the law firm Glankler Brown PLLC. He concentrates his practice in the area of litigation with an emphasis on employment, commercial, and civil rights litigation. Hancock served as contributing editor in 1998, 1999, and 2000 for the Bureau of National Affairs' *Employment Discrimination Law* and is listed in the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of *Who's Who in American Law*. He is a member of the American, Tennessee, and Memphis bar associations.

**J. (Alan) Lange**, B.A. 1993, M.B.A. 1996, of Jackson was named one of Mississippi's "Top 40 under 40" by the *Mississippi Business Journal* in January. That same month, he joined ClearLeverage as its managing director. The company serves the nation's 200 largest law firms for partner-level placement as well as strategic business development, staff placement, and training.

**Mary Laurens (Montgomery) Seely**, B.A. 1993, and Bryan Seely of Nashville are the parents of Eliza Grayson, born May 31, 2004. She has one brother, Zimmerman (Zim). Mary Laurens is the consultant for alternative assessment with the Tennessee Department of Education's Division of Special Education.

## 1994

**Dr. Hazel Gomez McCaughan**, B.S. 1994, and Danny McCaughan of Franklin, Tenn., are the parents of Ashley Marie, born Aug. 10, 2004. She has one brother, Seth, and one sister, Abigail. Hazel, a dentist, is currently a full-time mother. Danny is a pediatrician completing a fellowship in neonatology at Vanderbilt University.

**Dr. Jennifer C. Waguespack-Labiche**, B.S. 1994, and Dr. William B. (Brad) Roth of Jeanerette, La., are the parents of Sarah Catherine, born Oct. 5, 2004. She has one sister, Caroline. In October 2003, Waguespack-Labiche entered into private practice as a dermatologist in New Iberia, La.

## 1995 REUNION CLASS

**Michelle Dean Easterling**, B.A. 1995, and Thomas G. Easterling III of West Point are the parents of Harlan Jackson (Jack), born Sept. 24, 2004. He has one brother, Grayson. Michelle is an attorney with Edwards, Storey, Marshall, & Helveston LLP in West Point. Thomas teaches English at the Mississippi School for Math and Science in Columbus.

## 1996

**Geney B. (Sanders) Gale**, B.A. 1996, and Colby Gale of Greenwood are the parents of Tate William, born Sept. 24, 2004. He has one sister, Callie.

**Heather L. Gilliam**, B.A. 1996, and William Frederick Young IV of Marietta, Ga., were married on Oct. 23, 2004, in Asheville, N.C.

**J. (Brian) Gomillion**, B.S. 1996, of Walnut Grove was selected to serve on the board of governors for the Public Education Forum of Mississippi in November 2004. In December, he completed the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's five-year Certified Power Executive Program. The professional certification program is specifically designed to provide managers of public power distribution systems with a better understanding

of their duties and roles in the utility industry. Gomillion is the director of special projects and communications for the Central Electric Power Association in Carthage.

**Gavin C. Smith**, B.A. 1996, of Fort Worth, Texas, is the trade compliance manager for Radio Shack in Fort Worth.

## 1997

**Halley A. Austin**, B.A. 1997, of Naperville, Ill., is the manager of LTL ("Less Than a Truck Load") procurement for Menlo Worldwide Logistics in Naperville.

**Kenneth C. Ball**, B.S. 1997, and **Mary Boothe Ball**, B.A. 1997, of Jackson are the parents of Stephens Hilton, born Aug. 3, 2004. He has one brother, Samuel. Mary is a full-time mother. Kenneth is completing a residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**Eddie L. Pope**, M.B.A. 1997, of Magee is the director of management information services for Pioneer Health Services in Magee.

**William B. (Ben) Skipper**, B.A. 1997, and **Jennifer Jones Skipper**, B.A. 1999, of Ridgeland announce the birth of their son, William (Will) Robert, on Dec. 2, 2004.

## 1998

**Dr. Joshua F. Phillips**, B.S. 1998, of Brandon will serve as chief resident in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for academic year 2006–07.

**April Harris Roberson**, B.S. 1998, and Richard Roberson of Jackson announce the birth of their daughter, Anne Barret, on May 26, 2004. April is a full-time mother and Richard, who serves as special assistant to the Attorney General's Office, is senior legal counsel to the Division of Medicaid.

**Christina (Christy) M. Robertson**, B.B.A. 1998, of Memphis was promoted to manager at Ernst & Young LLP on Oct. 1, 2004.

## 1999

**Dr. Jonathan P. Breazeale**, M.B.A. 1999, of The Woodlands, Texas, received a Ph.D. in finance from Texas A&M University in May 2004. His dissertation was entitled "Acquiring Firm Long-Term Performance and Governance Characteristics." Breazeale is vice president and asset manager for Parkway Properties in Houston.

**Ashley D. Doughty**, B.S. 1999, and **Charles F. Swearingen**, B.S. 1999, of Brandon were married July 31, 2004, in Darrow, La. The wedding party included **Jason Adams**, B.B.A. 1998, **Charlie Malouf**, B.A. 1998, **Gordon Richardson**, B.A. 1998, **Brooks Brown**, B.S. 1999, M.B.A. 2001, **Misty A. Leon**, B.A. 1999, and **Ashley A. Martin**, B.A. 1999. Doughty received a master of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in December 2002 in child development and developmental disabilities. She works as a psychometrist and research assistant in the neuropsychology department at Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson. Swearingen earned certification in emergency medical technology from the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Health Related Professions in December 2002. He is employed as a flight paramedic with Air Care at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and as a clinical instructor at the School of Health Related Professions.

**Shannon W. (Husband) McLaughlin**, B.A. 1999, of Gulfport is an advertising coordinator for the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi.



**Junko Fukuma**, B.A. 1999, M.B.A. 2002, and Oscar Allen Barnes Jr., of Tampa, Fla., were married

May 1, 2004, at Millsaps in the Christian Center's Fitzhugh Chapel. She serves as human resources generalist for The Children's

Home CommUnity Inc. in Tampa. He is a design consultant for The Norwalk Furniture Idea, also in Tampa.

## 2000



**Matthew A. Miller**, B.A. 2000, and **Ayako Asada**, B.A. 2003, of Ridgeland were married Oct. 9,

2004, in Natchez. An additional wedding reception was held in Tokyo, Japan, on Dec. 26, 2004. He is a claims investigator for The Barnett Group in Madison. She is a translator and interpreter with Nissan Motor Co. in Canton.

## 2001



**Kelli Crossland**, B.B.A. 2001, and Michael Agnich of Redwood City, Calif., were married Oct. 11, 2003, in

Dallas. All of her attendants were Millsaps alumnae: **Leigh Brasuell**, B.A. 2000; **Erica A. (Adkins) Sweeney**, B.A. 2000; **Jenni Brown**, B.A. 2001; **April Slayden**, B.S. 2001; and **Caroline Stauffer**, B.A. 2001. **Lauryn Bratton**, 2003, was involved in the wedding as well. The couple lives just south of San Francisco in Silicon Valley, where Crossland works as a personal assistant to a family. She shops, runs errands, manages the household staff, and travels frequently with them. She is also pursuing a master's degree in elementary education.

**Charles D. (Daniel) Redmond**, B.A. 2001, of Hattiesburg is pursuing a master's degree in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at The University of Southern Mississippi. He is

a graduate assistant, teaching courses such as Introduction to Logic and Introduction to Philosophy.

## 2002

**Ryan P. Paul**, B.B.A. 2002, of The Woodlands, Texas, is a construction manager for Jeff Paul Custom Homes in The Woodlands. He is in charge of building, managing, and overseeing the completion of multimillion-dollar homes. This June will mark his third year with the company.

**Melissa (Missy) Skertich**, B.S. 2002, and **Robert Bradford Sutherland Jr.**, B.A. 2003, of New Orleans were married on Nov. 6, 2004, in New Orleans.

## 2003

**Rose M. Hurder**, B.A. 2003, of Cleveland, Miss., is coordinator of the Lighthouse Arts and Heritage After-School Program in Cleveland. The program, which meets four days a week and is based at D. M. Smith Middle School, emphasizes the rich culture of the Mississippi Delta while also providing academic support for the students. Activities have included reading the play *A Raisin in the Sun*, writing blues songs, and traveling to the Mississippi River Museum in Tunica. Students also produced a "photo roadshow," for which they gathered historic photos of the Delta and students interviewed the photographers to gather the pictures' oral histories. This project was made possible through a \$10,000 grant from *The History Channel*. Hurder has been working with the program as part of her year of service with Americorps VISTA, which ends in July.

**William W. Selman**, B.S. 2003, of Hattiesburg is pursuing a master's degree in the Biological Sciences Department at The University of Southern Mississippi. His current focus is herpetology and his ongoing research is entitled "Steroid Hormone Levels and Reproduction of Yellow Blotched Sawback Turtles (*Graptemys flavimaculata*) and the

Congeneric Ringed Sawback Turtle (*Graptemys oculifera*)."

## 2004



**Lei Han**, M.Acc. 2004, and Nian Huang of Arlington, Texas, were married April 23, 2004,

in Las Vegas. Han is pursuing a Ph.D. in accounting at the University of Texas at Arlington.