

## The Art of Theology

Award-winning sculptor Ben Watts, B.B.A. 1980, has completed a model for a statue of John Wesley (1703–91), the 18th century English clergyman and Christian theologian who founded the Methodist movement. The model will be presented by the classes of 1964, '65, and '66 as they begin their fund-raising efforts. The completed bronze work will be a gift to the College from those classes and will be among the first statues placed around campus to encourage students, faculty, and staff to reflect on the great thinkers, artists, and leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the good of humankind. —J. Y.



## Medley, Rhoden Join The Board of Trustees

Tim Medley and Thomas Rhoden, both of the Jackson area, have accepted membership on the Millsaps College Board of Trustees. The Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church ratified both nominees during its spring annual meeting.

Medley, a native of Gulfport, attended Millsaps and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a business and accounting degree. After graduation, he entered the investment business and was an early participant in the financial planning field. In 1977, he became the first person in Mississippi to receive the Certified Financial Planner designation.

In 1982, Medley became a national board member of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners, and while serving as chairman of the ethics committee he assisted in rewriting the code of ethics for financial planners.

President of Medley & Brown LLC, a fee-only financial advisory firm that offers investment management services, Medley has views on investing that have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Barron's*, and *Fortune*.

He and his wife, Jean (Nicholson) Medley, B.A. 1968, have three children.

Thomas Rhoden, born in New Orleans, earned his bachelor of science degree in physics from Millsaps. He then attended the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he received his J.D. In 1970, he became clerk to Judge James Coleman of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

An active member of the Mississippi Bar Association, Rhoden has also served as chairman for the attorneys' section of the Mississippi Savings and Loan League; a member of the Lamar Order of the UM School of Law, and a member of the Governor's Commission on Constitutional Revision. He has written for the Mississippi College Law Review and served as chairman

for the Hinds County Bar Association's small firms practice committee.

Rhoden was chairman of the State Housing Finance Agency for two years. He headed the annual Stewpot Fund Drive in 1999 and served on the Millsaps Alumni Council from 2000 to 2004.

A partner with the law firm Rhoden, Lacy, & Colbert, Rhoden is married to the former Sharon Scott. They have two sons. —L.P.

## McRaes Establish Scholars Program

Selby and Richard McRae have a long history with Millsaps College. In fact, Selby Watkins, B.A. 1946, grew up near the campus and remembers "going to the Shack for a Coke."

The Shack, Selby explains, was a snack bar type of place where students gathered, and she often popped over to see what was going on with Millsaps students. Selby later graduated from Millsaps, as did her father and two sisters. Her cousin Marguerite Goodman taught English at the College, and her great uncle, Dr. A. F. Watkins, served as president of Millsaps in the 1920s.

Richard McRae, equally enthusiastic about Millsaps, is a Life Trustee of the College and received an honorary doctorate in 1991. He and Selby have been avid and generous supporters of the College, chairing fund-raising efforts, establishing a chair of business administration in the Else School of Management, and giving faithfully for several decades toward the Annual Fund and various capital campaigns. "I've been very fortunate," Richard says. "I've developed a good business, and I've always believed in supporting things, especially in Jackson."

The business is McRae's Department Stores, founded in 1902 by Richard's father, W. P. McRae. Richard and sons Richard Jr. and Vaughan developed the business into a major retail chain. The