

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Asbury Foundation donates \$1 million to Millsaps scholarship fund

The Asbury Foundation of Hattiesburg has committed \$1 million to endow scholarships at Millsaps. The scholarships, available in the fall of 2003, will benefit students living in Forrest, Lamar, Jones, Marion, Covington, Jefferson Davis, and Perry counties. This gift is the Asbury Foundation's largest donation to a private college or university.

"We are constantly striving to keep quality education within the financial reach of all students, regardless of income," said Millsaps President Frances Lucas-Tauchar. "The generosity of organizations such as the Asbury Foundation helps make our goal a reality. Their gift will make it possible for students from south Mississippi to study with other gifted students from across the nation."

The Asbury Foundation, created in 1984, is a private grant-making organization serving Hattiesburg and



Asbury Foundation President Bill Ray and President Frances Lucas-Tauchar.

the surrounding region. The foundation provides financial resources and assistance in developing healthy communities and improving the physical, mental, and spiritual health of south Mississippi residents.

"We have a high regard for the national rankings and academic standards of Millsaps College," said Bill Ray, president of the Asbury Foundation. "We thought that some

of the students from our area that are academically skilled enough to be admitted to the school might be prevented from attending for financial reasons, and we wanted to remove that obstacle."

In the past two years, under Lucas-Tauchar's presidency, Millsaps has attracted more than \$3 million in endowed scholarship funds for students.

## \$60,000 Merck grant puts students on the front lines of research

Millsaps has received a \$60,000 grant from Merck & Co. for a project that could lead to a breakthrough technique for identifying bacteria that cause infections.

"When you go to the doctor's office with an infection and they take a sample, the microbes must be cultured, and you usually have to wait several days for the results," said Dr. Timothy Ward, chairman of the chemistry department.

"The new method we are working on uses an electrical field to immediately separate, identify, quantify, and characterize a microorganism. The possibility arises that you could get your results in 10 minutes."

Ward said that it could be up to 10 years before this method of bacteri-

al analysis is introduced into laboratories, hospitals, and clinics.

The primary objective of the grant by the pharmaceuticals manufacturer, which was awarded by the Merck/American Association for the Advancement of Science, is to foster research experiences that can help enhance undergraduates' understanding of the interdisciplinary relationship between biology and chemistry.

The award, one of 15 such grants made to colleges and universities nationwide, is \$20,000 per year for three years, with \$17,000 of the annual award going toward support of student research and \$3,000 for ancillary programs and seminars.

The award provides for Millsaps undergraduates to work on the inter-

disciplinary project with faculty from the biology and chemistry departments over three summers.

"Student research brings the sciences to life in a tangible and real way," Ward said.

Ward wrote the grant proposal with contributions from Dr. Sarah Lea McGuire, an associate professor of biology, and Dr. Kristina Stensaas, an assistant professor of chemistry.

As the nation's colleges and universities have become more research-intensive, there has been an increasing emphasis on involvement among undergraduates, Ward said.

"It is being recognized that liberal arts colleges can provide research opportunities similar to what large universities have to offer," he said.

## Mars and Venus at odds: Exploring the roots of gender inequality

Leading scientists converged on campus in March for a conference that explored ideas put forth in Millsaps history professor Robert McElvaine's book *Eve's Seed: Biology, the Sexes, and the Course of History*.

The conference brought together scholars from anthropology, archaeology, religious studies, feminist theory, zoology, primatology, and other fields.

*Eve's Seed* has received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, and was named one of the best nonfiction books of 2001 by *The Los Angeles Times*.

McElvaine investigates the origins of gender inequality, tracing man's domination of woman to the advent of the Neolithic Age and the beginnings of agriculture.

He looks to genetics, evolutionary biological processes, the animal

kingdom, and religion to test his theories.

McElvaine argues for a new approach to understanding human behavior, one that combines evolutionary biology and history.

Headlining the conference was the feminist Betty Friedan, a founding member and the first president of the National Organization for Women. Her pioneering research into the lives of homemakers and mothers formed the basis for her first book, *The Feminine Mystique*, which by 1966, when NOW was formed, had sold more than 3 million copies.

"In 50 percent of American families, women are carrying 50 percent of the wage-earning burden," she said. "Men must carry 50 percent of the burden for childbearing and child-rearing. Society has to take the place of the extended family."

"I'm looking to a new generation



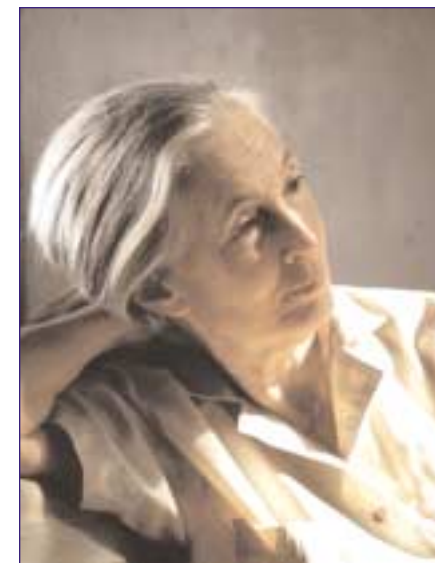
Feminist Betty Friedan says that men should share the burden of rearing children.

of leadership. Candidates for public office need to know it's not enough to kiss the little baby on the head to get elected. We need to ask how he is taking responsibility for his own family."

The conference was sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council and Millsaps College.

## Goodall, environmentalist and primate expert, to speak in April

Dr. Jane Goodall, renowned for her groundbreaking study of chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania, is scheduled to speak on April 8 at the College as part of the Millsaps Nova Series.



Jane Goodall, whose institute promotes conservation in 14 countries

Goodall devotes much of her time to environmental activism. She promotes the work of the Jane Goodall Institute, an organization with operations in 14 countries, including Tanzania, South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Congo, China, Japan, Taiwan, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Canada.

The institute supports the continuing Gombe study and other research, education, and conservation programs. These include the Lake Tanganyika Catchment Reforestation and Education Project, a sustainable development and conservation effort involving 33 villages around the lake, and the Congo Basin Project, which is working with other organizations to end the bush-meat trade that threatens to annihilate chimpanzees.

The institute's Roots & Shoots program, which supports students from preschool through university in projects that benefit people, animals,

and the environment, hosts about 4,000 worldwide groups in more than 70 countries.

Goodall has received the Medal of Tanzania, the National Geographic Society's Hubbard Medal, and Japan's prestigious Kyoto Prize.

She received the third Gandhi/King Award for Nonviolence, presented in 2001 at the United Nations by the World Movement for Nonviolence.

She has also been designated a Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II. Her list of publications is extensive, including two overviews of her work at Gombe, *In the Shadow of Man* and *Through a Window*, as well as the spiritual autobiography *Reason for Hope* and many children's books.

*The Chimpanzees of Gombe: Patterns of Behavior* is recognized as the definitive work on chimpanzees and is the culmination of Goodall's scientific career.

### Student investment fund ranks second at symposium

Millsaps business students managing the General Louis Wilson Fund placed second nationally at the University of Dayton's student investment symposium held in Ohio in 2002. The eight-member team presented a portfolio with a 10.5 percent growth rate, outperforming the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index for the same time period.

Student portfolios were judged on their risk-adjusted performance rank for a 12-month period. Rank composed 50 percent of a team's final score, with student presentations determining the remaining 50 percent.



Else School students in Dayton.

"Our team was invited to compete because our fund had experienced great returns during the competition period," said Millsaps team member Ben Bjornerud of Saskatchewan, Canada. "I was surprised, though, when I heard about who was to be competing with us, schools like Michigan Tech, Purdue, and the University of Oregon. I had no idea of the prestige carried by the symposium."

Millsaps students have been investing in the stock market since 1989, thanks to a gift of \$87,500 from Merrill Lynch and other investors. The fund is named for General Louis Wilson, a Millsaps alumnus and life trustee who received the Congressional Medal of Honor during a 38-year Marine Corps career and also served as a Merrill Lynch director.

The original investment, which has grown to \$170,000, is only a small portion of the College's endowment. To manage the fund, students research companies they consider to be promising investment opportunities and then present their findings to fellow students in the program. After much deliberation, the students choose what investments they want to make. An investment policy board, made up of business leaders from across the nation, makes suggestions, offers advice, and provides data to the student group.

"I think it's excellent practice for the students to have a real portfolio," says advisory board member Doug Folk of Earnest Partners in Atlanta. "Professors can teach material out of a book, but nothing takes the place of experience. And as an advisory board member, I have the added pleasure of working with these students."

"The students came away from this competition with real excitement about what they are doing and pride in what they'd accomplished," said Dr. Walter Neely, faculty adviser for the fund.

Other members of the winning team included Brian Dixon, Aleksey Mashnitskiy, and Artem Mashnitskiy, all of Franklin, Tennessee; Elizabeth Bishara of Metairie, Louisiana; Jennifer Breazeale of Philadelphia; Marlana Evans of Bay St. Louis, and graduate student Jack Nichols of Germantown, Tennessee.

### Beyond the pail: Salvaging leftovers from the garbage

Student Robert Caskey was in the campus cafeteria kitchen, looking for a personal item he had left on his tray, when he noticed a nearby trash can filled with uneaten food. "I noticed all of these hash browns that had not been served at breakfast just thrown away," Caskey said.

It was a signal that cafeteria waste was rampant. Environmental



Students salvaging food for the needy from leftovers at the campus cafeteria.

Activists Ready to Help, a campus environmental action group, had often considered the amount of food waste on campus. "We had talked about reducing food waste in the cafeteria, but we didn't know how to do it," said Jane Buck (B.S. 2002).

When Buck and several other students learned of the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Student Coalition against Hunger and Homelessness, they signed up. "The conference offered workshops on how to reduce and redirect food waste, ways to tailor these programs to your campus, and hot lines you could call to get information on how to implement and personalize the programs," Buck said.

EARTH members then conducted a food-waste survey of the Millsaps cafeteria. The survey was held during lunch on an ordinary day in the dining hall. They scraped leftovers into trash bags and then measured the amount of wasted food. At least 140 pounds of food was wasted, which indicated that almost 1,000 pounds of food was wasted every week at lunch alone.

"It was amazing to me that we have thrown away food that could have been consumed by so many people in the Jackson area alone," Buck said. "We realized that if we could just redirect that food, it would do so much good for so many people."

After reviewing the results of the survey, EARTH members decid-

ed to take action. First, the group sent out campus-wide e-mails suggesting ways to avoid wasting food.

The students then teamed up with the Gleaners, a nonprofit organization that depends solely on volunteers to redistribute more than 400,000 pounds of food each year to more than 60 shelters in the Jackson area, including Gateway, Stewpot, Good Samaritan, Grace House, the Salvation Army, and the Harbor House. They conserved food that had never even made it to the serving stations in the Millsaps dining hall.

Twice a week, students repacked unserved food that would otherwise have been thrown away. The food was then transported to the Gleaners, where it was redistributed.

The Millsaps cafeteria workers have also played a role in the salvage program. EARTH members credit much of their success to Olivia White-Lowe, director of dining services; Stephen King, associate director of dining services, and Denise Gonsales, a Millsaps cafeteria worker.

### Environmental emphasis makes it easier being green

The new Millsaps environmental studies concentration is encouraging students to explore the relationship between people and their surroundings. The concentration requires students to complete seven courses focusing on environmental issues, natural sciences, and humanities, in addition to field work or internships.

"We have many students interested in careers in areas that involve the environment: wildlife and fisheries, environmental law, geology, medicine, and environmental policy and planning," said Dr. Debora Mann, an assistant professor of biology. "When solving environmental problems, students need to acquire a broad background that includes critical-analysis abilities, communications skills, and a knowledge of the natural and social sciences. These are precisely the kinds of skills we offer as part of the liberal arts curriculum."



### We remember

A student lighting a candle to honor the anniversary of September 11. A minute of silence was observed across campus, and a service of remembrance was conducted, featuring readings from Christian, Jewish, Hindu, and Islamic texts.

The environmental studies concentration is open to students of any major, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary learning. Course work allows students to consider the relationship between people and the environment from social, political, ethical, economic, and scientific perspectives.

"The wonderful thing about it is that it spans every major on campus," said Robert Caskey, who will graduate from the program this year. "The classes are from many different disciplines. It's important for a lot of people to be able to do this within their own major."

Hands-on experience is also vital to the completion of the program, with field courses, research courses, and internships serving as the backbone of the curriculum. Students can fulfill these requirements with field work in Yellowstone National Park, the Yucatan, or the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Internships are also available in the offices of many Jackson-area environmental agencies, organizations, and firms.

The new concentration marks a continuation of other environmental efforts at Millsaps. Students have formed Environmental Activists Ready to Help, a group that has

enacted several projects to prevent waste and practice conservation on campus and in collaboration with area groups.

EARTH also hosts campus cleanups and aids in the recycling program. In addition, EarthFest, an annual informational celebration with food and music, is held in the Millsaps Bowl in April.

"It makes common sense not to be wasteful and selfish," Caskey said. "As I'm learning more about public health through the concentration, I see the effects of the relationship between the environment and health. These concepts have really clicked with me."

### Saving lids to save lives through cancer research

Taking part in Yoplait's "Save Lids to Save Lives" campaign, Millsaps students and staff gathered more than 4,000 yogurt lids to benefit breast cancer research. The effort represented the second largest team donation nationwide in the annual campaign to raise both awareness and money.

For the past three years, Yoplait has supported the Susan G. Komen Breast Foundation through the program, which donates 10 cents to breast cancer research for each pink

Yoplait lid redeemed. When Ginger Gibson, then the Millsaps AmeriCorps volunteer coordinator, and her staff of Campus Link student workers heard of Yoplait's program, they decided to participate.

With the help of the Millsaps team and others like it, Yoplait collected 5 million lids, worth \$500,000 in breast cancer research. The company matched this donation with a \$750,000 check to the 2001 Komen Race for the Cure, for a total of \$1.2 million in donations to advance research, education, screening, and treatment for breast cancer.

Millsaps is again participating in the Yoplait drive this year.

### Millsaps in the Delta: Education and service

The sky opens up over the Mississippi Delta, silhouetting the few trees that have survived the ax, the floods, and the wind. This flat swathe of earth between Vicksburg and Memphis has intrigued and inspired for decades.

Last spring, 20 students and staff members took an educational mission trip to Indianola, Cleveland, Clarksdale, and Shaw. Sponsored by the Millsaps Campus Ministry Team, the trip was designed to provide aid to community-service efforts in the area and give students a deeper understanding of one of the state's richest cultural treasures.

"The trip was a wonderful opportunity for us to get a sense of

what life in the Delta is like," said Vice President for Administration John Pilgrim. "Every time I'd driven through the Delta before, I knew that I was only scratching the surface of what it had to offer. This trip allowed us to meet the people of the Delta and see the world through their eyes."

The Delta has been largely passed over by American economic growth. Towns are shrinking, unemployment is high, and salaries are low.

Millsaps students visited the Clarksdale Blues Museum, Dockery Hall (home of blues legend Charley Patton), and Hopson Plantation, where they explored the history of farming in Mississippi.

They also prepared and served meals at Care Station in Clarksdale, worked with youth at Delta Missions in Indianola, pitched in with cleanup efforts at St. Gabriel Center in Mound Bayou, and learned more about the Delta AIDS crisis at a health clinic in Marks.

"We do so many mission trips far away from home," said Katie Hardy, a junior from Brandon and one of the planners of the trip. "It's true that other places need help, but I feel that we have been neglecting those closest to us who are also in great need of assistance."

Millsaps Chaplain Don Fortenberry served as a staff organizer and chaperone. "The program was enthusiastically received by the participants," Fortenberry said. "We thought this immersion experience was important because it not only celebrates the wonderful and unique contributions of the Delta, but it also makes us aware of the critical issues facing that area."

### Hendrick is named dean of admissions and financial aid

Ann Hendrick has been promoted to dean of admissions and financial aid. Hendrick joined the office of financial aid in 1988. The office annually distributes approximately \$18 million in scholarships and aid.



Ann Hendrick welcomes her new role at Millsaps.

"I always enjoyed my work in financial aid as a part of the Millsaps enrollment management team," said Hendrick. "I'm delighted to be able to see the bigger picture now that I work in admissions. It's exciting to share our excellent academic product with our constituencies."

A native of Jackson, Hendrick received her bachelor's degree in sociology from Millsaps in 1975 and her master's degree in higher education administration from Indiana University in 1978. She was the 1975 Millsaps Founders' Medalist.

Her professional background includes extensive work in student affairs and financial aid.

### Else School scholarship honors businesswoman

Lois Reed was a woman who made unexpected decisions. In 1957, at the age of 24, she left a secretarial job in Chicago to move to San Francisco. She didn't know anyone in the city, nor did she have a job waiting for her. She moved there because "it sounded interesting."

Reed loved the West Coast, but returned to Chicago to put her business education to better use. She found her calling as an investment analyst and trust officer in Chicago and later in Boston. Her business acumen and unassuming manner won her the respect of clients and colleagues alike.

In honor of Reed and like-minded business students, her brother, Dr.

John Pilgrim, vice president for administration at Millsaps, and his wife, Anne, have endowed a \$100,000 scholarship at the Else School of Management.

The Lois P. Reed Endowed MBA Scholarship, available to full-time female MBA students from outside the state, will be awarded on the basis of merit to students preparing for careers in financial services. "I realized that the Renaissance MBA program at Millsaps is something that my sister would have loved," said Pilgrim, an Else School professor. "She loved business, literature, and ideas. This program would have been a marvelous magnet for her because she believed that business is not about numbers, but rather about people."

Reed graduated summa cum laude from Indiana University in 1956 with a business administration degree. However, the primary business occupation for women in the 1950s was that of secretary. Reed sought a more fulfilling occupation and was eventually hired as a portfolio manager in 1963, making her one of the first female trust officers at a major bank in Chicago. In 1969, she was hired as a trust officer at State Street Bank and Trust Co. in Boston, which is now State Street Global Advisors, one of the world's largest investment managers.

Reed stayed with the company from 1969 until her death in January 2002. Her clients regarded her as a model of the ideal trust officer. She had a strong sense of personal and business ethics, distinct expertise in investments, and genuine sensitivity to the needs of her clients.

But Reed's life was never just business as usual. She had a curiosity and a thirst for adventure that encompassed both her private and professional life. "Lois was a quiet pioneer," Pilgrim said. "She was assertive, but never in an aggressive way. She didn't call attention to herself, but she did what she wanted to do in life. She had the courage to go after what she wanted. I want this scholarship to honor that."

"We are proud to offer this scholarship in honor of a remarkable businesswoman," said Millsaps President Frances Lucas-Tauchar. "This gift is made even more meaningful because of the donor's relationship with the College. John Pilgrim's service to Millsaps as a sen-

ior administrator and Else School faculty member has been exemplary. I am humbled by his generosity and moved by his commitment to education, through his teaching at Millsaps and in local literacy programs. Truly, this gift is a tribute to two great business leaders."



Maurice Hall Jr. has served on the Millsaps Board since 1984.

### Hall is named chairman of the Board of Trustees

Maurice Hall Jr. of Meridian has been named chairman of the Millsaps Board of Trustees.

"Maurice Hall brings to the position a keen knowledge of business, contagious enthusiasm, and a love of Millsaps College," said Millsaps President Frances Lucas-Tauchar. "We could not have asked for a better board chairman."

Hall graduated from Millsaps in 1967 with honors in English, and he received his J.D. degree from Duke University Law School in 1970. Hall, an attorney who also works in timberland management, has served on the Millsaps Board of Trustees since 1984. He has chaired numerous board committees, including student affairs, development, and strategic planning. Hall is also a Center for Ministry board member and a past president of the Millsaps Alumni Council.

"I will support Millsaps College in the Methodist way — with my prayers, my presence, my gifts and my service," Hall told the board at his appointment. "With the guidance of the board, Dr. Lucas-Tauchar's leadership, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the wonderful students for whom we do it all, the future of Millsaps is bright."

Hall is a member of several professional societies, including the American Bar Association, the Mississippi Bar Association, the Mississippi Forestry Association, and the Forest Landowners Association. He has served on the boards of the Meridian Rotary Club, the Meridian Museum of Art, the Meridian Little Theater, the Meridian Arts Council and the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission. Hall has held leadership positions with the Choctaw Area Council Boy Scouts of America, the Wesley House Community Center, United Methodist Senior Services of Mississippi, and the United Way of Lauderdale County.

A devoted Methodist, he is a member of Central United Methodist Church in Meridian, where he has been a lay delegate to the annual conference since 1998. Additionally, he will continue to serve as a lay delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference until 2003.

Hall follows E. B. "Bud" Robinson Jr. of Jackson as board chairman. Robinson served as chairman from 1992 to 2002 and continues to serve on the board. Under Robinson's board leadership, Millsaps launched and completed the New Century of Light campaign, which raised \$94 million.

The next issue of *Millsaps Magazine* will profile both Hall and Robinson.



Students were immersed in Delta culture as they worked with youth and assisted in cleanup efforts.