

MAJOR NOTES

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1940

Kate Wells, B.A. 1940, of Nashville is the recipient of the 2002 Tennessee Public Health Association's R. H. Hutcheson Sr. M.D. Award. The award, the most prestigious given by the association, recognizes an individual for a distinguished career in public health. A medical-records assistant in the office of vital records, she has been with the Tennessee Department of Health for 50 years and has been a senior medical coder since 1982. She communicates with about 400 physicians every month to clarify and augment medical information gathered from death certificates.

1947

Dr. Harry C. Frye Jr., B.A. 1947, of Magnolia was featured in the Nov. 1, 2001, issue of the *Magnolia Gazette* for his work with the Magnolia Clinic. A resident of the town since 1952, he has maintained an active medical practice there for 49 years. He helped found the clinic in 1969 and was among the first family physicians in the nation to become board certified in 1970. Frye was also the first president of the South Pike School District and is the longest serving school board member in the state, having held his seat since 1957.

Troy B. Watkins, B.A. 1947, of Natchez was featured in the Feb. 17, 2002, issue of *The Natchez Democrat* as one of the city's four living past mayors. Elected in 1956, he was the youngest mayor ever to serve in Natchez, and he oversaw significant projects in his eight years in office. Following his tenure as mayor, he served in the Mississippi Senate from 1972 to 1980. He was particularly active in education issues, helping lay

the groundwork for the founding of Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Alcorn State University in Natchez.

1948

Van L. Stewart, B.S. 1948, of Natchez was honored as a contributor to amateur football at the 21st annual Miss-Lou Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Banquet. He was selected as one of this year's two honorees for his involvement in the community and sports. The former basketball, football, and baseball player was inducted into the Millsaps Sports Hall of Fame in 1985. He has taught and coached at Durant High School, Natchez High School, and Holmes Junior College.

1949

John Garrard Jr., B.A. 1949, of Atmore, Ala., has been named a certified municipal officer by the Alabama League of Municipalities in Montgomery. He serves as a city councilman for Atmore.

Dr. George L. Maddox Jr., B.A. 1949, of Durham, N.C., is the editor-in-chief of *The Encyclopedia of Aging, 3rd Edition*, which was released in two volumes in 2001. The multidisciplinary volume, designed for lay readers, as well as professionals, is the first of its kind on gerontology and geriatrics. He and his wife, Evelyn G. Maddox, 1948, edit *Contemporary Gerontology*, a multidisciplinary journal of critical commentary and reviews related to aging.

1951

Linda M. Anglin, B.A. 1951, of Jackson has been listed in the 56th

edition of *Who's Who in America*. She received a master's degree from Mississippi College and an education-specialist degree from Mississippi State University. A teacher in the Jackson Public Schools from 1957 to 1994, she founded Mississippi Professional Educators, where she served as the first president. She has been a registered lobbyist for education and children's issues in the Mississippi Legislature since 1980, was honored as a Distinguished Teacher at the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, chaired the Education TaskForce of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, and served on the first board of directors of the Public Education Forum of Mississippi.

1952

Rev. H. L. "Lavelle" Woodrick, B.A. 1952, of Philadelphia delivered the centennial celebration message for Wesley United Methodist Church in Meridian on April 28, 2002. A former member of the congregation, he has held 16 church appointments statewide.

1953

Joanne Huggins Reynolds, B.A.E. 1953, of Austin, Texas, has retired after 37 years of teaching. A member of Manchaca United Methodist Church, she has chaired the Child Development Center for eight years and the Church Council for two years.

1957

Dr. Samuel L. Jones, B.A. 1957, of Auburn, Wash., has created an original musical composition based on Eudora



Welty's only children's book, *The Shoe Bird*. The full score was completed in fall 2001 and was first performed by the Mississippi Boychoir in Natchez on March 2, 2002. The concert was the grand finale of the 13th annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, dedicated this year to Welty. This concert was followed by three other performances in Hattiesburg, Columbus, and Jackson. Jones, who earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the Eastman School of Music, has spent 35 years conducting and composing for major orchestras. The founding dean of Rice University's Shepherd School of Music, he is currently a master composer with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra.

Rev. J. R. "Rayford" Woodrick, B.A. 1957, of Ridgeland has been named the minister of mission outreach and communications for St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Brandon. He chairs the Mississippi Conference Committee on Hispanic Ministries and is a member of the board of the Mississippi United Methodist Foundation. He retired in 1997 after 27 years of pastoral work.

1958

Dr. John H. Stone III, B.S. 1958, of Tucker, Ga., performed in the Auburn University Montgomery Promenade Concert, "The Poet and the Pianist," on Feb. 5, 2002. The renowned physician, educator, and author is Auburn's Weil Fellow for 2001-02.

1959

Peggy Seay Brent, B.A. 1959, of Jackson has been named to the 2002 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She chairs the English and modern foreign languages department and serves as curriculum coordinator for the Raymond campus of Hinds Community College.

1960

Lawrence "Larry" Marett, B.S. 1960, of Amory was inducted on April 26, 2002, into the M. B. Swayze Educational Foundation's Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition Hall of Fame at the 12th annual



Anna Walker

Anna Walker is appointed director of alumni relations

Anna Walker of Jackson has been named director of alumni relations at Millsaps. Walker now oversees all interaction between the College and its alumni. Her responsibilities include managing the planning and execution of alumni events, developing designated alumni markets, and launching alumni initiatives.

"I'm honored to be serving my fellow alumni," said Walker, who received her B.S.Ed. degree from Millsaps in 1984.

"Promoting the good work of the College throughout the state and the nation is a stimulating challenge. I'm pleased to be part of a team dedicated to continuing the Millsaps tradition of excellence."

Walker holds an M.Ed. degree in public policy and program evaluation from Vanderbilt University. In addition to teaching elementary school for five years, her professional experience includes serving as program director for various arts and humanities organizations in the state and providing independent consulting services in grant writing and program development. She has also served as an administrator for a regional collaborative of nonprofit organizations covering the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.



Michele Bunch

Michele Bunch is appointed director of donor relations

Michele Bunch, most recently coordinator of MEA Cares, a division of MEA Medical Systems in Jackson, has joined Millsaps as director of donor relations in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Bunch graduated from Millsaps in 1979 with a B.B.A. She went on to earn her M.Ed. in community counseling in 1988 from Delta State University and received additional training to become a licensed professional counselor. Her experience includes work at Millsaps as an admissions counselor and serving as the assistant director of admissions.

Bunch has also served as the initial coordinator of MEA Cares, which provided employee assistance programs to public and private companies in Mississippi.

At Millsaps, Bunch has created innovative ways to reach out to potential donors. "I see the relationship between donors and Millsaps as a stewardship," Bunch said. "Relationships are formed as people invest."

Bunch says that her transition to Millsaps has been rewarding. "I've never been affiliated with an institution that displays such great teamwork," she said. "I discovered that Millsaps is a place where moral values not only exist but also where they are growing and thriving."

Education Celebration on the Mississippi College campus. In the 35 years of the STAR program, only 42 other Mississippi educators have qualified for the Hall of Fame honor. Marett, named a STAR teacher in 1968, teaches chemistry and physics at Heritage Academy in Columbus.

1961

William "Bill" J. Crosby, B.A. 1961, of Memphis is a capital-projects consultant in the hospitality business. He retired in December 2001 from RFS Hotel Investors Inc.

James B. Tucker, B.A. 1961, of Jackson has joined the law firm of Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens, and Cannada PLLC, in the general and health-litigation group. From 1997 to 2001, he was an assistant U.S. attorney with the Justice Department.

1963

Marjorie Buie Dixon, B.A. 1963, of Jackson is a real estate agent with Broker South GMAC Real Estate in Jackson. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Mississippi Association of Realtors, and the Jackson Association of Realtors.

1964

Dr. Curt Lamar, B.A. 1964, of Cleveland has retired from Delta State University after 33 years on the faculty of the history department.

Dr. Sarah "Sally" I. Parsonson, B.A. 1964, of Atlanta was appointed dean of education at the Art Institute of Atlanta on Jan. 7, 2002. She began her career at the Art Institute in 1993, teaching English in the general education department. Prior to this, she was a consultant for Georgia Power Co. and a faculty member at Georgia Perimeter College and Millsaps. In 1995, she was named the director of transitional studies, a new department committed to empowering students and giving them the skills needed for success. In 1999, she developed College Bound, an academic program designed to prepare students for a

second chance at college admission and matriculation. Parsonson, who earned a Ph.D. in English from Tulane University, is an authority on business writing.

Mary J. "Jan" Payne Winston, B.S. 1964, of Jackson carried the Olympic Torch on its way to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. She was selected for participation in the Olympic Torch Relay after her daughter, Laura Lawson, wrote an essay about her for a United Way contest. Highlighting the theme of the contest, "Light the Fire Within," Lawson wrote about her mother's work with underachieving students in Richmond, Mo.

1965

Dr. Raymond "Ray" B. Hester, B.S. 1965, and **Stella Handy**, of Mobile, Ala., have announced the Dec. 7, 2000, birth of their first grandchild, John Handy Jennings. In spring 2002, the couple purchased a home built in 1866, located in the Mobile Historic District. He is the director of the Research Cytometry Laboratory in the College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama. She teaches advanced-placement English at the John L. LeFlore Magnet High School in Mobile.

John D. Lawrence, 1965, of LaGrange, Ga., received the Award for Photography at the 23rd Annual Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters banquet held at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art and Ocean Springs Community Center on May 11, 2002.

1966

Judge Ronald "Ron" A. Goodbread, B.A. 1966, of Washington, D.C., was made a magistrate judge on the District of Columbia Superior Court per legislation passed by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush in January 2002.

Dr. Charles D. Guess, 1966, of Madison has joined the staff of Information and Quality Healthcare,

the state's Medicare peer-review program, as a clinical coordinator in the health-care quality improvement program. A family practitioner in Jackson since 1970, he has served on the medical staff of Central Mississippi Medical Center, River Oaks Hospital, and St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital. Board-certified and a diplomate with the American Board of Family Practice, he is also a fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice.

John E. Nikolic, B.A. 1966, of Pearl was inducted into the inaugural Pearl School District Hall of Fame on Nov. 29, 2001. One of two inductees chosen for the difference they have made in the Pearl public school system, Nikolic was noted for his instrumental role in fund raising. He is the vice president and chief administrative officer with AIR2LAN, a high-speed wireless Internet service.

1967

Rev. Charles R. Hallford, B.S. 1967, of Jackson, a minister with the United Methodist Church, is working part time at the East Jackson district office in Ridgeland. His wife, **Alice W. Hallford**, B.A. 1969, continues to operate her financial planning practice, Hallford Financial Advisors.

Judge James "Jim" Roberts Jr., B.A. 1967, of Pontotoc received the University of Southern Mississippi's Distinguished Criminal Justice Faculty Award at the criminal justice department's annual banquet, held at the University of Southern Mississippi on April 6, 2002. On a half-time appointment as a professor in the department, he teaches courses in constitutional law, evidence, operation of criminal courts, and legal problems of law-enforcement administration. A former Mississippi Supreme Court justice, he serves on the executive committee of the Mississippi Bar's alternative dispute-resolution section and as a co-chair of the family law mediation committee. On Feb. 23, 2002, he was selected as a fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation.

Dr. Sharon H. Walker, B.S. 1967, of Ocean Springs has been appointed to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy's science advisory panel. She serves as the administrator of the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Biloxi, associate dean of outreach for the University of Southern Mississippi's College of Marine Science, and director of education for the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium.

1968

Marion Francis, B.A. 1968, of Jackson has been named the supervisor of the Anne Arundel County Public Library System in Maryland. Since 1994, she has served as the executive director of the Jackson-Hinds Library System. During her tenure, numerous improvements were made, including an upgrade of the libraries' automation system and the addition of a college-access planning program, a law library, and a 24-hour virtual-reference service.

Russell E. Hawkins, B.A. 1968, of Vicksburg has completed certification with the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts, earning the designation of certified valuation analyst. The global professional association supports business-valuation and litigation consulting within the certified public accountant and professional communities. Hawkins, a practicing CPA since 1976, has served as a managing partner with May & Co. since 1998. He is also the associate Mississippi tax commissioner.

1969

Jones E. "Pete" Allison Jr., B.A. 1969, of Oxford is an adjunct assistant professor in the criminal justice program at the University of Mississippi. He began teaching after retiring from the U.S. Secret Service, where he had worked for 30 years.

Jacque Armstrong Hillman, B.A. 1969, of Somerville, Tenn., received two journalism awards in 2001. A senior writer and the communities editor for *The Jackson Sun*, she

received the Associated Press Managing Editors' Public Service Award for her work on "October 1960: The Untold Story of Jackson's Civil Rights Movement." A team leader and section writer for the civil rights project, she wrote a piece on Tent City in Fayette County, Tenn. She also won a Gannett News Service award for "The Ned," an investigation into the funding, construction, and operations of the Ned McWherter Regional Arts Center.

Dr. J. W. "Buddy" Williamson, B.S. 1969, of Tupelo has been named a member of the local advisory board of BancorpSouth in Tupelo. A general surgeon with Surgery Clinic of Tupelo PA, he is also a clinical professor with the department of surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He chairs the North Mississippi Medical Center medical staff for 2002 and is a member of the board of directors for North Mississippi Health Services and the American Medical Association.



1970

Barry K. Plunkett, B.A. 1970, of Jackson received the 2001 Jackson Medical Education District Community Builder Award, which recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the neighborhoods and people of the district. Plunkett, who served for two years as the president of the Fondren Renaissance Renewal board of directors, was noted for his instrumental role in the establishment of the Fondren Main Street Program — the first urban main street funded in the state. He is senior vice president of market development/corporate communications at St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital.



1971

Robert M. Moore, Jr., B.A. 1971, of Colleyville, Texas, is an American

Airlines pilot based at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport.

1973

Rowan M. Torrey, B.A. 1973, of Hazelhurst serves as the center director of the Crystal Springs Mississippi Job Corps, which under his direction has been named the leading Job Corps Center in the continental United States. Torrey was selected as the top director for 2001.

1974

Robert F. Grisham, B.A. 1974, of Iuka has been elected to a three-year term on the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's board of directors. The association comprises 157 electric-distribution systems and represents the interests of member systems and their customers before the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Mississippi Legislature, and the U.S. Congress. Grisham, a certified public accountant, is the general manager of the Tishomingo County Electric Power Association.

1975

Justice James E. Graves Jr., B.A. 1975, of Jackson, a Mississippi Supreme Court judge, was the featured speaker at five Black History Month programs in Mississippi in February 2002. He addressed a meeting of the Black American Law Students Association; served as the keynote speaker at the African-American History Month Banquet and Awards, sponsored by the Jackson Federal Executive Association; and spoke to students at the Mississippi College School of Law, Spann Elementary, and Northwest Middle School. Graves was also the keynote speaker at the Lexington Elementary School Parent Teacher Student Association banquet on April 25, 2002. On April 26, he spoke at the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition program at Mississippi College. On June 8, he spoke at the Pike County Minority Business League annual banquet.

Jeff O. Lundy, B.S. 1975, of Flora received the Jack Phelan and Century awards from Edward Jones Investments in July 2002 in recognition of his achievements last year. An investment representative, he has worked at Edward Jones for four years.

Dr. Susan M. Weill, B.A. 1975, of San Marcos, Texas, is the author of *In a Madhouse's Din: Civil Rights Coverage by Mississippi's Daily Press, 1948-1968*. The book, published in March 2002, is the first comprehensive examination of civil rights coverage and white supremacist rhetoric in the state's daily newspapers during five critical periods of the civil rights movement. Weill is an assistant professor of mass communications at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

1976

Albert G. Delgadillo, B.A. 1976, of Tupelo has been certified as an estate-planning law specialist by the Estate Law Specialist Board Inc. A partner with the Tupelo-based law firm of Mitchell, McNutt & Sams, he is a member of the American Bar Association Business Law Section, the executive committee of the Mississippi Bar Association business-law section, and the National Association of Estate Planners and Counsels real property and probate section.



Robert "Bob" W. Pittman, 1976, of New York City was featured in an editorial in *The Clarion-Ledger* for his impact on American popular culture and modern media. Pittman, who at the time was the chief operating officer of AOL Time Warner, created MTV before reaching age 30. He is a member of the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame and was named by Advertising Age as one of the "50 Pioneers and Visionaries of TV." *Life* magazine also tapped him as one of the "Five Original Thinkers of the 1980s" and one of the "50 Most Influential Baby Boomers." In addition

to serving on the Millsaps board of trustees, he is an investor with his brother Tom in *The DeSoto Times Today* daily newspaper in northwest Mississippi.

1978

William "Bill" H. Leech, B.A. 1978, of Jackson has been selected as an adjunct professor of secured transactions and debtor-creditor law at the Mississippi College School of Law. He heads the litigation section of the Jackson office of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC.

Edward T. McManus Jr., 1978, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was interviewed in the *Chattanooga Times* for his expertise as the president of Advanced Financial Concepts, a financial advisory company. A professional financial adviser since 1976, he carries the advanced designations of chartered financial consultant, registered financial consultant, and chartered life underwriter.

1979

John K. Dyer, B.A. 1979, of Birdsboro, Pa., is the information-systems administrator for Quality Systems Inc. He served 12 years in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear-trained mechanical operator and supervisor for submarines, and nuclear-work coordinator.

Joseph "Joey" C. Langston, B.A. 1979, of Booneville received the award for Outstanding Citizen 2002 at the Booneville Junior Auxiliary's 24th annual charity dinner, held March 23, 2002, at Northeast Community College. Receiving recognition for his work with underprivileged children, he has sponsored more than 30 baseball and softball leagues for Booneville and Prentiss County and is a primary supporter of the renovation and development of the new Anderson Elementary playground. He sponsors the Joe Ray Langston Memorial Scholarship and administers the Langston Fund, which provides financial assistance to needy families in Prentiss County.

He owns the Langston Law Firm in Booneville, where he is the senior partner.

1980

Miki Demeranville Swanson, B.B.A. 1980, of Decatur, Ga., is the senior tax manager for Turner Broadcasting System in Atlanta.

Layne B. Taylor, B.A. 1980, of Natchez is the president of the Natchez Opera Guild and serves on its board of directors. The associate producer of two Tony Award-winning plays, *Strange Interlude* and *Aren't We All?*, he is also a co-owner of Myrtle Corners Bed and Breakfast in Natchez.

Benjamin "Ben" B. Watts, B.B.A. 1980, of Columbia has been featured in the Batesville weekly newspaper *Panolian* as an emerging artist in bronze sculpting. Specializing in "portrait" sculptures of Native Americans, cowboys, horses, and athletes, he won the Best of Show Award at the Red River Revel Arts Festival in Shreveport, La., First Place at the Oklahoma Arts Festival, and the Patron's Award at the Three Rivers Art Festival in Covington, La. He was commissioned to create a life-size sculpture of the late Walter Payton, the Columbia native and all-time leading rusher in the NFL. The sculpture was unveiled at Columbia High School's Walter Payton Stadium at the beginning of the 2002 football season. Watts' art can be viewed at the Southern Breeze Gallery in Jackson, at his studio in the Lampton Co. Building in Columbia, and at www.southernbreeze.net.

1981

Dr. Leo R. Trehern Jr., B.S. 1981, and Melissa Trehern, of Montgomery, Ala., have announced the July 6, 2001, birth of their daughter, Abigail.

1982

Richard D. "Dale" Shaw, M.B.A. 1982, of Jackson has been named the director of human resources for the Biloxi Regional Medical Center. A

past president of the Mississippi Hospital Association Society for Human Resources and a participant in the United Way loaned-executive program, he has served as the director of human resources for the Central Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson since 1997.

Claudia A. Ziegeler, B.A. 1982, M.B.A. 1983, of Miami is the business-development manager of the group-functions team for Volkswagen South America. She is responsible for interacting with Latin American markets, providing business-management consulting and strategy, and sales-network planning for all brands and markets in the Latin American region.

1983

Elizabeth Fargason, B.A. 1983, and Leonard "Len" Lewis Stanga of Jackson were married May 5, 2001, in Ridgeland. He is a videographer with Sights & Sounds in Ridgeland. She is the marketing director for Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel Architects, JBHM Education Group, and JBHM Facility Resource Group, with offices in Columbus, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Southaven, and Tupelo.

William "Bill" M. Gist, B.S. 1983, and Linda Wood Gist, of Houston are the parents of Bennett McGowan, born May 21, 2001. He has two brothers, W. Cullen and Peyton Wood. Bill Gist is the manager-Gulf Coast supply at BP Energy Co.

William D. "Doug" Mann Jr., B.S. 1983, of Jackson is an attorney with Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell in Jackson. He concentrates on bankruptcy and creditors' rights.

George C. "Carroll" Todd Jr., B.A. 1983, of Memphis is president of the board of trustees for the Children's Museum of Memphis. He is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch.

1984

Jolene L. McCaleb, B.A. 1984, of Albuquerque, N.M., is senior partner



Sports Hall of Fame inductees

At Homecoming, Millsaps hosted a Sports Hall of Fame brunch in the Robert and Dee Leggett Special Events Center. Those honored at the ceremony included, from left, Murray Meadows (B.B.A. 1992), Mike Frascogna, Dale Berry (B.A. 1980), Sammie Joe Glorioso (B.A. 1954), Thomas Clay Ranager (B.A. 1988), and Lucia DaSilveira (not pictured).

in the law firm of Wolf, Taylor & McCaleb PA, in Albuquerque. She provides water law representation.

William S. "Scott" Stephens, B.S. 1984, of Memphis is the director of development and community outreach for Memphis Recovery Centers Inc.

1985

William "Bill" J. Baine, B.B.A. 1985, of San Antonio, Texas, has joined the litigation department of the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. He represents physicians, health maintenance organizations, and long-term care organizations, focusing on malpractice, nursing-home, and personal-injury cases.

F. Joseph Rein Jr., B.B.A. 1985, M.B.A. 1986, of Ridgeland has been promoted to first vice president and manager of corporate planning for Trustmark National Bank, Jackson.

1986

Olen M. "Mac" Bailey Jr., B.A. 1986, of Memphis is the president of Bailey Law Firm PC and a licensed attorney in Tennessee and Mississippi. He is active in his community, serving as the chairman and a board member of the Arthritis Foundation of West Tennessee, the president-elect of the Exchange Club of East Memphis, and

a board member of the Sea Isle Park Neighborhood Association.

Renee Coates Harrison, B.S. 1986, and Robert R. Harrison of Hazlehurst have announced the May 26, 2001, birth of their daughter, Heather Rhea. Renee Harrison is an associate at Shannon Law Firm in Hazlehurst.

Virginia "Ginger" J. Joyner, B.A. 1986, and her husband, Brad Joyner, of Sallis opened the Attala Art Gallery & Studios in fall 2001. The gallery is located in her ancestral family home, a 1906 farmhouse built by her great-grandfather and renovated by the couple. Both Joyners are artists, creating and selling specialty items such as wheel-thrown and slab-built pottery, colored and scented art candles, and furniture.

Albert A. Labasse, B.A. 1986, M.B.A. 1989, of Houston is the project sales coordinator for Berg Steel Pipe Corp. in Houston.

Kay K. Regan, B.A. 1986, of Birmingham, Ala., is the regional sales director for Serono Labs, based in Boston.

1987

Carolyn S. Heard, B.B.A. 1987, of Natchez is the internal auditor for United Mississippi Bank in Natchez.

Lynn Plimpton Ladner, B.B.A. 1987, of Jackson is an attorney with Watkins & Eager PLLC, where she specializes in pharmaceutical, medical-device, and general-product liability litigation. She has coordinated several statewide mock-trial competitions and helps aspiring law students by serving as a team coach for the national moot court competition at Mississippi College.

Edward L. Sanders, B.B.A. 1987, and **Krista Sanders**, of Columbus have announced the Oct. 16, 2001, birth of their son, McLin Duke.

1988

Dr. James "Jim" P. Coleman, B.S. 1988, of Belden has joined the emergency services department of the North Mississippi Medical Center in Ackerman. He received his M.D. from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, where he completed his residency in family medicine.

Martha Campbell Cooke, B.B.A. 1988, and **Jack Cooke** of Jackson are the parents of **Laura Collins**, born April 19, 2001. She has two brothers, **Jack** and **Campbell**.

Carol Elizabeth "Beth" Rives de Gruy, B.A. 1988, of Jackson received the Federal Executive Association's Federal Professional Employee of the Year 2002 Award for the Jackson/Vicksburg area at a ceremony held May 7, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Jackson. She is a senior attorney with the Social Security Administration's office of hearings and appeals.

David N. Welch, B.S. 1988, of Denmark, Maine, is the information-systems director and membership director for the Lakes Environmental Association, located in Bridgton. The private, nonprofit organization was founded in 1970 to protect the water quality and watersheds of the Sebago-Long Lake Region in western Maine. Welch's primary responsibilities include organizing, restructuring, and

integrating the environmental association's databases and mapmaking capabilities.

1989

Amy B. Alexander, B.A. 1989, of Amory has been selected as the Amory Middle School Teacher of the Year for the second consecutive year. She teaches seventh-grade language arts.

Brian K. Ayers, M.B.A. 1989, of Houston is the vice president and division manager for Samson Resources in Houston.

William C. "Chris" Crosby, B.B.A. 1989, of Germantown, Tenn., is the vice president of supply chain management for Mueller Industries in Memphis. The corporation is a worldwide manufacturer of copper tubing and fittings.

James P. "Page" Inman, B.B.A. 1989, M.B.A. 1991, of Memphis is the president of Inman Construction Corp. One of the largest construction corporations in the region, the firm has erected buildings such as AutoZone Corp.'s World Headquarters, Clark Tower, and The Pyramid in Memphis.

Dr. David M. Laird, B.S. 1989, of Jackson, Tenn., is a surgeon with Jackson Surgical Associates.

Beth Smith Mikeska, B.B.A. 1989, and **Mike Mikeska** of Dallas are the parents of **Anna Stokes**, born June 13, 2001. She has one brother, **Jack**.

Jill Fowlkes Simmons, B.A. 1989, and **Jack Simmons** of Gulfport are the parents of **Katherine Elizabeth**, born June 3, 2001.

Jason W. Walenta, B.B.A. 1989, and **Shanda Walenta**, of Brandon are the parents of **Samuel Joseph**, born May 18, 2001. He has one brother, **Jason William "Will" Jr.** Jason is the account manager for Ethicon Endo-Surgery, a division of Johnson & Johnson, based in Cincinnati.

William P. "Paul" Wilson, B.A. 1989,

of Columbus is a major in the U.S. Air Force. He works as a strategic airlift planner for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at Headquarters Air Mobility/Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, and on contingencies such as Operation Enduring Freedom.

1990

James G. "Bo" Chastain IV, M.B.A. 1990, of Whitfield received the Bradley A. Sanders Service Award at the 20th Annual Joint Mental Health/Mental Retardation Conference, held Nov. 1, 2001, at the Grand Bayview Resort in Biloxi. The award honors those who have made outstanding contributions to behavioral health-care management in Mississippi. Chastain is the director of the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield.

Lewis A. "Ashton" DeMent, B.B.A. 1990, of Decatur, Ala., is the business-development officer at Heritage Bank in Decatur.

Stephanie Richards Howard, B.A. 1990, of Blanca, Colo., has received a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her dissertation was entitled "Student Perceptions of Violence: An Exploratory Field Study." She is in her sixth year as the principal of Sierra Grande High School, in Blanca.

Jonathan M. Jones, B.A. 1990, of Memphis has been named the director of business development for QualityLife Communities, a real estate development and consulting firm specializing in independent living communities for older adults.

Julia Bliton Kite-Powell, B.A. 1990, and **Rufus Kite-Powell III**, of Tampa, Fla., are the parents of **Gavin Paul**, born April 1, 2002. He has one brother, **Graham**.

Dr. Melissa C. Lang, 1990, and **Harold E. Wilson** of Woodstock, Ga., were married Oct. 25, 2001, in Lake

Tahoe, Calif. She is a school psychologist for the Cherokee County Board of Education. He is the director of business development at Object-io, an information-technology solutions firm in Atlanta.

Dr. Tiffany A. Merriman, B.A. 1990, and **Scott M. Merriman** of Seattle are the parents of **Elizabeth Anne**, born May 12, 2001. She has one brother, **Will**.

Jerry B. "Ben" Peavy, B.B.A. 1990, and **Donna E. Peavy** of Richland have announced the Jan. 9, 2001, birth of their son, **Mason Elliott**.

Dr. Sharon Stephenson, B.S. 1990, of Aspers, Pa., was selected as one of the 12 U.S. delegates to the International Conference on the Status of Women in Physics, held March 7-9, 2002, in Paris. The conference, organized by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, brought together more than 300 physicists from 65 countries. Participants examined why so few women enter the field of physics and developed strategies for increasing their participation and impact. Stephenson is an assistant professor of physics at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. Her research takes her to the Triangle Universities Nuclear Lab on the campus of Duke University, as well as to the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. She has a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from North Carolina State University.

Derek L. "Ric" Youngblood, B.A. 1990, of Laurel is the dean of business affairs at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville. He became a certified public accountant in 1995 and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Southern Mississippi in December 2001.

1991

Mary Margaret Dill Case, B.A. 1991, and **Chad Erik Case** of West Point are the parents of a daughter, **Catherine "Kitty" Bryan**, born Aug. 12, 2001.

Martin J. "Jimmy" Dempsey, B.S. 1991, of Ridgeland has been elected vice chairman of the moot court board at Mississippi College School of Law. To be elected, second-year students must prepare a brief and participate in several rounds of oral arguments. The final round of the intraschool competition, traditionally held in the State Capitol, is decided by judges from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Mississippi Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts, and the Mississippi Court of Appeals. Based on their performance, 16 students are chosen as board members for the following year.

Ronna M. Jones, B.A. 1991, and **Steven Jones**, of Live Oak, Fla., are the parents of **Garrett Steven**, born April 10, 2002. He has one brother, **Phillip Randall**. Ronna Jones is a full-time mother who taught in the Suwannee County School District for 10 years.

Holly Powell Lange, B.A. 1991, and **John A. "Alan" Lange**, B.A. 1993, M.B.A. 1996, of Jackson are the parents of **John "Jake" Armisted**, born Feb. 22, 2002. He has one brother, **Ford**. Alan is the vice president of development for Way2Smart, an online legal-training company.

Chandler C. Tipton, B.B.A. 1991, and **Julie Tipton**, 1993, of Vienna, Va., are the parents of a daughter, **Sophie Merritt**, born Nov. 29, 2001. He is the chief knowledge officer in the tax and legal department of KPMG International in Washington, D.C.

Christopher D. Webre, B.A. 1991, of Metairie, La., is a physical therapist for East Jefferson General Hospital in Metairie.

Richard P. Weiss, B.A. 1991, M.B.A. 1994, of Jackson is a sales and marketing representative for Venture SystemSource.

1992

Donald W. Bates Jr., B.S. 1992, of Madison is the office manager and

director of environmental operations for the Mississippi office of Thompson Engineering. He has more than eight years of experience as a geologist.

Lia L. Bunch, B.A. 1992, of Trussville, Ala., is the ombudsman for Palmetto Government Benefits Administrators in Trussville.

Robert B. "Brian" Cooke, M.B.A. 1992, of New Albany is a specialty sales representative for KOS Pharmaceuticals Inc. in New Albany.

Dr. Jennifer J. Davis, B.S. 1992, of Jackson is the chief resident of internal medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following her residency, she will pursue a three-year pulmonary fellowship at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Timothy "Tim" C. Howard, B.S. 1992, of Jackson was named the assistant district attorney for Lincoln County in October 2001. Howard is a graduate of Notre Dame University's School of Law and holds a master's degree from Georgetown University. Prior to his current appointment, he worked as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Henry Wingate.

Robert "Rob" F. Jay, M.B.A. 1992, of Naples, Fla., is the corporate controller for Health Management Associates Inc. in Naples.

Timothy "Tim" F. Magandy, B.S. 1992, of Jackson is the operations manager for the Jackson State University e-Center, an e-commerce and technology organization. He and **Becky Metz** were married Nov. 26, 1994. They are the parents of **William Porter**, born Sept. 6, 2000.

Clinton C. McKinzie, B.A. 1992, of Denver has published his first in a series of novels with Delacorte Press, entitled *The Edge of Justice*. A rock-climbing thriller set in the mountains of Wyoming, McKinzie's debut novel has received critical acclaim since its release in June 2002. The American Booksellers Association named it

among their top 10 mystery recommendations for summer 2002, and *The Washington Post* and *USA Today* listed it on their hot summer-mystery pick lists. The author spent the month of June on a nationwide book tour.

Mitzi A. Michaelson, B.B.A. 1992, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch in Brentwood, Tenn.

Dr. Joey Easom Rogers, B.S. 1992, of Collins is the owner of Rogers Dental Clinic in Collins. His wife, Woodson, a registered dental hygienist, works with him. He became the sole practitioner of the clinic after his father retired in 1995. Active in his community, he offers annual dental exams for first-grade students at Hopewell Elementary School and at area health fairs. As the chairman of the Covington County Chamber of Commerce's beautification committee, he works with local schools to promote anti-litter and recycling programs. He also teaches courses in dental hygiene at Pearl River Community College.

Shawn L. Shelton, B.S. 1992, of Brandon has completed certification as a personal trainer through the American Council on Exercise and the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Since May 2001, she has worked as a contract trainer with the Courthouse Racquet & Fitness Club in Jackson. She is a financial analyst at SkyTel.

Cynthia Clark Wilkinson, B.S. 1992, of Romney, W. Va., is the senior physical therapist at Physiotherapy Associates in Winchester, Va. She and Bill Wilkinson were married April 21, 2001, in Jackson.

1993

Tanya G. Brieger, M.B.A. 1993, of Ridgeland has been named the director of enrollment services for the Belhaven College Aspire Program, an accelerated degree program for adult students.



Matthew M. Crosby, B.B.A. 1993, of Memphis was named the first vice president of capital markets at the National Bank of Commerce in Memphis.

Russell E. Dorris, B.L.S. 1993, of Brandon is the DeSoto County road manager. He is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of roads, bridges, signs, striping, and road-drainage structures in the county. He has 15 years of road-management experience, with five in Madison County.

Laura Ladner Harwell, B.S. 1993, of Lewisville, N.C., is a national board-certified teacher in the Forsyth County School District.

David S. "Scott" Maddox, B.S. 1993, of Asheville, N.C., is a senior sales representative for Sta-Rite Industries in Asheville.

Ronald "Ron" G. Selby, M.B.A. 1993, and Laura Zepponi Selby, of Indianola are the parents of John Luther, born March 23, 2002. Ron Selby is a sales representative for Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

1994

Christy Sigman Burch, B.A. 1994, of Franklin, Tenn., is an occupational therapist with Foundations Treatment Center in Nashville.

Mary Robin Coggin, B.S. 1994, of Brookhaven works at Brookhaven Academy, where she teaches seventh-grade grade science and K-5 computer science. She also coaches varsity fast-pitch softball and seventh-grade girls' basketball.

Laura Santoro Flynn, B.B.A. 1994, of Dallas is the business/design analyst for The Software Group in Plano, Texas.

Jeremy D. Goux, B.S. 1994, of Mandeville, La., is a self-employed attorney in Mandeville.

Thomas "Tom" O. Metcalfe III, B.L.S. 1994, of Madison has invented a device to protect children's hearing.

Labeled "The Kid'sEarSaver," the device permanently attaches to headphones and reduces the volume of any connected sound device, such as a CD or DVD player, computer, or stereo. Metcalfe is a full-time industrial-supply salesman.

Christopher "Chris" F. Minshew, B.B.A. 1994, M.B.A. 1995, of Carthage has been promoted to administrative services manager at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Philadelphia, Miss.

Elizabeth F. Brigden Smith, B.A. 1994, and Jeffrey Smith of Mableton, Ga., were married July 21, 2001, in Atlanta.

Cynthia D. "Dee" Weems, B.A. 1994, of Kansas City, Kan., and Amauri Franca da Silva of Sao Paulo, Brazil, were married Nov. 24, 2001. They live in Kansas City.

Brent E. Wilson, B.B.A. 1994, of Ridgeland has been named vice president of operations for the YMCA of Metropolitan Jackson.

1995

William "Billy" A. Morehead, M.Acc. 1995, of Cleveland has been named the vice president for finance at Delta State University. Since August 2000, he has served as an instructor of accountancy in the Delta State College of Business.

James "Jim" O. Nelson, M.B.A. 1995, of Madison has been named the assistant secretary of state for business regulation and enforcement. He returns to the secretary of state's office following three years as associate state council for First American Title Insurance Co. He previously served as the assistant secretary of state for public lands.

Brent E. Sheppard, B.S. 1995, M.B.A. 1999, of Memphis is a sales representative in the college division of Prentice Hall Publishing. His wife, **Emily E. Mayo Sheppard**, B.S. 1997, is studying dentistry at the University of Tennessee.

Kenzie Walter Winstead, B.A. 1995, and Ray Winstead of Silver City are the parents of Hatten Hill, born Sept. 1, 2001. He has one brother, Cole.

1996

Diane L. "Lea" Barton, B.L.S. 1996, of Flora exhibited her latest art collection, "Paradox in Paradise," at the University of Mississippi in Oxford through Aug. 25, 2002. The 19 multimedia works explore issues such as gender, class, and racism in the South through media ranging from paint to watermelon rinds. Barton received her M.F.A. from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Cara Strickland Buckner, B.B.A. 1996, M.B.A. 1997, and Randy Buckner, of Destrehan, La., were married Nov. 10, 2001, in New Orleans. Both are certified public accountants with LaPorte, Serht, Romig & Hand in Metairie, La.

Angela A. Davis, B.S. 1996, of Lafayette, La., is a geologist for Fugro GeoServices in Lafayette.

Victor C. Fettes, M.B.A. 1996, and Jennifer Fettes, of The Woodlands, Texas, are the parents of Caroline Lorrain, born May 7, 2002. She has one brother, Christopher. Victor is the associate director of finance for Verizon Wireless in Houston.

Christina M. Finzel, B.A. 1996, of Atlanta graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School on June 6, 2002. She is a law clerk for the Honorable Charles A. Pannell, a U.S. District Court Judge, in Atlanta.

Cora Elizabeth Gee, B.A. 1996, of Jackson serves as the administrator of the Governor's Mansion. Her duties vary from maintaining Governor Ronnie Musgrove's day planner to calling for repairs. She began her work as an intern in the Governor's Office in January 1996.

Lester "Les" A. Lala III, B.B.A. 1996, of Biloxi is a senior sales professional at Sanofi-Synthelabo

2001-02 Livesay Award winners

During the annual Millsaps College Awards Dinner held Feb. 21, 2002, in Jackson, alumni Daniel T. Keel (1984) of Memphis, Dr. Vonda Reeves-Darby (1978) of Jackson, and Leila Clark Wynn of Greenville were presented with the Jim Livesay Award, which 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.

Keel sits on the advisory board of the Millsaps Else School of Management and also serves on and has recently accepted a position as chair of the Millsaps Planned Giving Advisory Group. An active M-Club member, he has hosted Millsaps Sports Nights for prospective students with the Office of Admissions. He has also worked with the Office of Alumni Relations to foster increased alumni activities in the Memphis area, where he is a managing director of the Equity Capital Markets Group at Morgan Keegan & Co.

Reeves-Darby has been a supporter of the College during four years of service on the Millsaps Alumni Council and as a member of the council's executive committee. As a chair of the alumni council career-development committee, Reeves-Darby helped plan the first and second annual alumni networking dinners, at which alumni meet with current students to answer questions and give career advice. Her impact as a role model for students was also highlighted during the inaugural Millsaps Medical Connections weekend in spring 2001. A gastroenterologist and the mother of four, Reeves-Darby is a strong supporter of the new Millsaps Faith & Work Initiative, which is devoted to helping Millsaps students find and explore their calling in life.

Wynn joined the Millsaps Board of Trustees in 1986, where she served as co-chair of the academic affairs committee. Upon the expiration of her term as a trustee, Wynn was named a life trustee, an honor currently held by only a handful of Millsaps devotees. She has been instrumental in supporting the Millsaps Straddlefork Lectures and the Writer in Residence program, and she has also hosted prospective students in her home. In addition to her work at the College, Wynn serves as chair of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, director of the Greenville Community Counseling Center, and Trustee of the Mississippi Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.



Daniel T. Keel



Dr. Vonda Reeves-Darby



Leila Clark Wynn

Pharmaceuticals. He was also the 1999 World Skeet Champion.

Hite C. "Colby" Lane, B.S. 1996, of Arlington, Va., is an attorney with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C.

Robert P. "Pratt" Lewis, M.B.A. 1996, of Greenville is a management trainee with Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. in Greenville.

Reneé Gober McGill, B.A. 1996, and Derek McGill of Corinth have announced the Oct. 6, 2001, birth of their daughter, Sarah Anne.

Katherine "Kathy" Kemp Parker, B.A. 1996, of Jackson is an attorney with Ingram & Associates of Hattiesburg. She was admitted to the Mississippi Bar on Sept. 26, 2001, and the Tennessee Bar on Nov. 13, 2001.

Ginger A. Webster, B.A. 1996, and Dr. Winston S. "Scott" Webster, B.S. 1997, of Rochester, Minn., are the parents of John "Jack" Keller, born Dec. 20, 2001.

1997

Halley A. Austin, B.A. 1997, of San Antonio, Texas, is the logistics manager at Menlo Logistics.

Elizabeth M. Dyer, B.B.A. 1997, of Memphis is a financial analyst with FedEx.

Kristen McRae Fowler, B.S. 1997, of Jackson is the director of operations for U.S. NetworX.

Dr. Jon A. "Ashley" Hansford, B.S. 1997, of Madisonville, Ky., earned a doctor of physical therapy degree from Belmont University in Nashville on Aug. 10, 2001. The recipient of the academic excellence award for the class of 2001, he is now a physical therapist with Trover Foundation Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in Madisonville.

Phillip "Phil" L. Hartness, B.S. 1997, of Starkville is a financial adviser associate with American Express Financial Advisers in Starkville. A member of Phi Eta Sigma honorary society, he is active in organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Toys for Tots, the Special Olympics, and Habitat for Humanity.

Amy Petro Hopping, B.A. 1997, of Madison has been promoted to human resources manager for Cypress Pharmaceutical, where she has worked for three years.

Dr. William T. "Todd" Lewis, B.S. 1997, of Biloxi received a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Mo., on June 2, 2002. He is a resident in urological surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Rebecca "Becky" G. Long Maggiotto, B.A. 1997, and Michael

Maggiotto of Alvaton, Ky., are the parents of Richard Ramsey, born Sept. 26, 2001. He has one brother, Anthony.

Kelsey H. Mitchell, B.A. 1997, of Vicksburg was honored by the *Delta Business Journal* as one of the top 50 businesswomen of the Delta. She is the director of marketing at Pemberton Square Mall in Vicksburg.

Dr. Jennifer L. Mosley, B.S. 1997, of Meridian received an M.D. from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine on May 24, 2002. She began a residency in internal medicine at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville on July 1, 2002.

Dr. Simon W. "Wayne" Murphy Jr., B.S. 1997, of Madison received an M.D. from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans on May 18, 2002. He began a residency in anesthesiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in July 2002. He and Laurie Bradford were married Feb. 16, 2002, in New Orleans.

William "Billy" H. Redd, M.B.A. 1997, of Madison is the president and chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi, based in Jackson. The nonprofit organization, which celebrated 65 years of service to the community in 2001, serves 3,600 children ages 6 to 18 in six locations.

Dr. Carla D. Webb, B.S. 1997, of Watertown, Mass., received a D.M.D. degree from the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry on May 19, 2001. At Honors Convocation, she received the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award; the American Association of Endodontists Award; the Waterpik Prosthodontic Award; and the AmSouth Bank Award/Scholarship. She was inducted into the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society and the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society. She is a resident in endodon-

tics at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston.

Heather B. Wiggins, M.B.A. 1997, is the financial administrator for John J. McMullen Associates in Pascagoula.

1998

Laura Ford Benfield, B.A. 1998, of Memphis received a master's degree in mass communications from the Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia in December 2001. She is the coordinator of alumni programs and special events at the University of Memphis.

David S. Fontenot, B.B.A. 1998, M.B.A. 1999, of Germantown, Tenn., is the portfolio manager for Stanford Financial Group.

April A. Harris, B.S. 1998, of Jackson received an M.S. in counseling and education from Loyola University. She is the specialist in foreign-language, library-media, business-technology, and advanced-placement curricula for the Mississippi Department of Education in Jackson.

Stacey S. Martin, M.Acc. 1998, of Brandon, a certified public accountant, is a senior accountant with the Jackson office of Smith, Turner & Reeves.

Ashley E. McDonnell, B.B.A. 1998, of Nashville is pursuing an M.B.A. at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management.

Jana E. Nye, B.A. 1998, of Amory graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law on May 10, 2002. She is a law clerk for Chief Judge Roger McMillan at the Mississippi Court of Appeals.

Kathleen R. Robbins, B.A. 1998, of Greenwood was the featured artist in a photography exhibit hosted by the Greenville Arts Council at the Wetherbee House in spring 2002. Her work uses images of her family's cotton plantation to explore the connec-



Conerly has had a "tremendous impact" on Mississippi medicine.

Conerly named 2001-02 alumnus of the year

Dr. A. W. "Wally" Conerly of Jackson has been named the 2002 Alumnus of the Year in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the medical profession, the state of Mississippi, and Millsaps College. Established in 1950, the award is presented annually to an alumnus who exemplifies leadership in his or her chosen field, church, and community. Conerly, who received a bachelor of science degree with honors from Millsaps in 1957, was presented with the

award on Feb. 21, 2002, at the annual College Awards Dinner.

A Tylertown native, Conerly earned his medical degree in 1960 at Tulane University. Conerly also completed special training at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base in Texas and served in the U.S. Air Force for six years. After completing a fellowship in medicine in the section of cardiology at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, Conerly spent a residency in medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where he served as the Mississippi Lung Association fellow in pulmonary disease from 1972 to 1974.

A professor, Conerly specializes in chest medicine and critical care. He was the medical director of respiratory therapy at University Hospital for 21 years and served the health sciences campus as director of the Division of Continuing Health Professional Education from 1979 to 1993.

Conerly currently serves as the vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the school of medicine at UMC. He served for 13 years as the assistant vice chancellor for health affairs before his current appointment in 1994.

"Dr. Conerly has had a tremendous impact on public health in Mississippi and health legislation on a national scale," said Millsaps President Frances Lucas-Tauchar. "He is the driving force behind the largest expansion of UMC in its history, and he has broadened the institution's research base. We are proud of Dr. Conerly and how he has used his Millsaps education to better the lives of others."

A member of more than a dozen professional organizations, Conerly is a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and the Mississippi State Medical Association. He has served on the boards of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Rotary Club of Jackson, Health Futures, and the Capital Area United Way. He currently serves on the boards of the Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, and the Jackson Medical Education District. Conerly was also named the Mississippi ambassador to the United Nations Association at an October 2001 ceremony on the Millsaps campus. Conerly is married to Millsaps alumna Frances Bryan Conerly, who graduated cum laude in 1958 with a degree in mathematics.

tion between landscape and psyche in the Mississippi Delta. She received an M.F.A. from the University of New Mexico and has been exhibited in Mississippi, Tennessee, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Sandra G. Tabor, M.B.A. 1998, of Tampa, Fla., is an adjunct faculty member at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, where she is teaching marketing and management.

1999

Gregory "Greg" D. Butler, M.B.A. 1999, of Ellisville is a participant in the 12th class of Leadership Jones County, an organization providing monthly sessions on community involvement, social issues, government, education, and team building for area leaders. Members undertake projects designed to benefit the community while enhancing their leader-

ship skills. Butler is the director of the small-business development center at Jones Junior College.

Jason S. Catlin, B.B.A. 1999, of Madison is the Web manager at SkyHawke Technologies LLC, in Ridgeland.

William "Bill" H. Fulcher Jr., M.B.A. 1999, of Vicksburg has been named to the advisory board for Britton and Koontz First National Bank in Vicksburg. He is the administrator for Mission Primary Care Clinic and serves as the chairman of the board of West Mississippi Home Health Service.

Megan A. Glidewell, B.A. 1999, of Savannah, Ga., is the assistant to the dean of undergraduate studies at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

John G. Green, M.B.A. 1999, of Las Vegas is a research assistant at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in civil engineering.

Stephanie LeBlanc, B.B.A. 1999, of Baton Rouge, La., is a marketing assistant at Community Coffee Co. in Baton Rouge.

Misty A. Leon, B.S. 1999, of Arlington, Va., graduated magna cum laude from the Washington and Lee University School of Law in 2002. She was inducted into the Order of the Coif, a law school honorary. She began work as an associate at Alston and Bird LLP in Washington, D.C., in September 2002.

Katharine D. McKee, B.S. 1999, of Jackson graduated from the

University of Mississippi School of Law on Dec. 20, 2001, and was admitted to the Mississippi Bar Association in April 2002. She is a law clerk for Mississippi Supreme Court Justice George C. Carlson Jr.

Wayne S. "Scott" Naugle, M.L.S. 1999, of Pass Christian is executive vice president of agency administration at Stewart Sneed Hewes/BancorpSouth Insurance. Based in Gulfport, it is one of the 100 largest insurance agencies in the United States. Naugle joined the agency in 1999 as vice president for agency administration. He has earned the certified insurance counselor designation and is completing requirements for the chartered property casualty underwriter designation. He has written for various insurance publications and has taught CPCU Society classes.



Charles A. "Andrew" Sanders, M.B.A. 1999, of Memphis is the portfolio analyst with First Tennessee Bank in Memphis.

Lauren Stamps, B.S. 1999, of Lakewood, Colo., and Jimmy Wayne Mull were married May 25, 2002, in Slidell, La. She is the office manager for the Rocky Mountain division of Barton Beers in Denver.

2000
Bradley Bennett, B.B.A. 2000, M.Acc. 2001, of Baldwin has joined the assurance practice of KPMG LLP in Jackson.

Mary Lambdin Haney, B.B.A. 2000, of Madison received a certified public accountant license in January 2002. She is employed with Horne CPA Group, where she was promoted in November 2001 to senior associate in the business valuation/litigation support group.

April D. McGreger, B.S. 2000, of Chapel Hill, N.C., is pursuing an M.S. degree in geological sciences at



St. Paddy Party

President Frances Lucas-Tauchar with a dozen members of The Group at the 2002 St. Patrick's Day parade in Jackson. The Group comprises 19 women who entered Millsaps in 1966, bonded as freshmen, and have a tradition of reuniting every five years.

the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where she works as a teaching assistant and research assistant. Her master's thesis is a seismological investigation of Stromboli Volcano in Italy, where she spent May 2001 collecting data.

Steven A. Scott, B.S. 2000, of New Orleans is pursuing a master's degree in American history at the University of New Orleans.

2001
Sharon C. Butler, M.B.A. 2001, and Mike Butler of Jackson are the parents of Leila-Ann, born Sept. 25, 2001.

Benjamin "Ben" A. Witt, B.A. 2001, and **Amanda Leigh Coody**, B.S. 2002, of Dallas were married July 27, 2002, in West Monroe, La. He is pursuing an M.S. in applied geography at the University of North Texas in Denton, concentrating his studies in archaeology. She is pursuing an M.D. at Southwestern Medical School, Dallas.

Kelli L. Crossland, B.B.A. 2001, of Atherton, Calif., is the reservations coordinator and tour manager for Stanford University's travel/study programs. She accompanies Stanford alumni on three to four international tours each year. In December 2001, she hosted a trip to Paris, and in April

2002 she led a group to Peru for a cruise down the Amazon.

Sarah C. Dees, B.A. 2001, of Oxford was crowned Queen Ixolib by the Gulf Coast Carnival Association in February 2002. She is a student at the University of Mississippi School of Law, where she is a member of the American Bar Association, the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association, the Law Association for Women, Delta Theta Phi, and the Christian Legal Society. Her community involvement includes working with Les Masques and serving as a leader for the Children's International Summer Villages.

Margaret M. Peaster, M.B.A. 2001, of Jackson has joined the firm of Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay PA, in Ridgeland. She specializes in taxation and auditing.

2002
Shane A. Hard, B.B.A. 2002, of Biloxi is a prime-time teller for AmSouth Bank in Jackson. He is pursuing an M.B.A. at Millsaps.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert "Rob" N. Anderson Jr., 1972, of Jackson died May 9, 2002. Originally from West Point, he was a real estate facilities manager. While at Millsaps, he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

Mary Lillian Barrett, 1951, of Pensacola, Fla., died June 12, 2002. A Jackson native, she was a homemaker and a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Jackson. She later attended Pine Summit Baptist Church in Pensacola.

Stacel Barney Boan, B.A. 1965, of Indian Harbour, Fla., died Nov. 2, 2001. A mathematics teacher at Satellite High School in Brevard County, Fla., she was a member of the National Council of Teachers of Math. She had attended Mississippi University for Women prior to Millsaps, and later received a master's degree from the University of Mississippi. She was a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. At Millsaps, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority, Eta Sigma Phi, and Alpha Psi Omega honorary.

Sammie "Sam" T. Boleware, B.S. 1952, of Brandon died May 28, 2002. A retired regional sales manager for the Ohio River Co., he had also worked for the Illinois Central Railroad for 26 years. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1946 and served 18 months touring the Middle East and Asia on the U.S.S. Toledo. He was an active parishioner of St. Peter's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church in Brandon. At Millsaps, he was a member of Delta Kappa Delta honorary and Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Robert "Jack" Brantley Jr., 1973, of Jackson died Nov. 15, 2001. A Jackson native and local attorney for over 20 years, he graduated from the University of Mississippi School of

Law. He was a member of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church. While at Millsaps, he was a member of the varsity football team.

Dr. Cal W. Bullock Jr., B.S. 1963, of Jackson died March 12, 2002. A dentist, he had attended the University of Tennessee Dental School before serving in the U.S. Army Dental Corps at Mainz, Germany, for three years. He practiced dentistry in Jackson until his retirement in 1984. An active member of the Professional Dental Organization, he taught courses at the University of Mississippi's Dental Hygiene School. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Joan Terry Case, B.A. 1964, of Bogue Chitto died Nov. 14, 2001. The vice president and corporate secretary for Casca Products Co., she had a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She taught fourth grade in the Natchez school system from 1964 to 1968. At Millsaps, she was a member of the Millsaps Singers and the Millsaps Players.

Neal W. Cirlot, B.S. 1938, of Moss Point died Feb. 7, 2002. He was retired from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, where he had worked as the public relations director for 27 years. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1942 to 1943 and the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1945. An active volunteer, he was a member of numerous civic and public relations organizations. Following retirement, he served as the chairman of the Moss Point Historical Committee and managed Griffin Cemetery. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Sigma Rho Chi.

David Terence Cobb, B.S. 1973, of Jackson died Jan. 3, 2002. A native of

St. Helen's, England, he was a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law and had practiced law in Jackson since 1984. He served as a director of the Better Business Bureau, was the president of the Jackson Futbol Club, and served as a lecturer at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Lady N. Gill Corban, B.A. 1957, of Rolling Fork died Oct. 13, 2001. A retired schoolteacher who had taught for 27 years, she was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Rolling Fork and participated in several community organizations. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta Epsilon honorary, the Millsaps Singers, and Wesley.

Betty Nelson Crisler, 1953, of Clinton died May 10, 2002. A long-time homemaker, she was a member of numerous civic organizations, including Le Midi Luncheon Club, the Magnolia Extension Homemakers Club, the Jackson Music Association, the Newtarrian Club, and the Women's Auxiliary of the Homebuilders' Association. For more than 35 years, she was a member of First United Methodist Church of Clinton, where she was active in church circles and service organizations. At Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Charles Thomas Ellington, B.A. 1955, of Forest died Feb. 2, 2002. A retired finance director for the Jackson Public Schools, he had retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of major in the 492nd Civil Affairs Unit. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 619.

Kenneth P. Faust, B.A. 1940, of Hattiesburg died Jan. 27, 2002. A retired chairman of the chemistry department at the Mississippi Gulf

Coast Community College at Perkinston, he had taught chemistry there for more than 25 years. After graduating from Millsaps, he attended graduate school at the University of Southern Mississippi and taught high school for three years. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta honorary.

Ernest Williams Graves, 1947, of Laurel died April 21, 2002. A retired attorney, he was a partner in the law firm of Gibbs, Graves Attorneys until his retirement in 1991. He completed his law degree at the University of Mississippi School of Law. While a practicing attorney, he served as the president of the Mississippi Bar Association, the Mississippi Bar Foundation, the Jones County Bar Association, the Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association, and the University of Mississippi Law Alumni. He was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in 1991. After retiring, he taught classes in legal research and terminology at Jones County Junior College. The author of five books of nostalgic essays exploring the history of the Jones County area, he was also an accomplished actor and founding member of the Laurel Little Theatre. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Laurel, where he taught Sunday school for more than 45 years. A member of the U.S. Navy during World War II, he served on the U.S.S. Juneau while enrolled in the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 program and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

Rev. Robert M. Huffman, B.A. 1960, of Hattiesburg died Feb. 8, 2002. A retired United Methodist minister, he served 22 churches during his 40 years in the Mississippi Conference, with appointments at Mount Olive, Long Beach First UMC, Columbia First UMC, and St. Luke's UMC of Jackson. He also served on many dis-

trict and conference boards and committees and was an active volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America.

George E. Kilmer, 1945, of El Paso, Texas, died June 14, 2002. A retired assistant vice president for Mutual Federal Savings & Loan Association of El Paso, he had attended the University of Oklahoma. He was an active volunteer in the Little League and the United Fund Drive and served as a local chapter president of the U.S. Savings & Loan Institute. He attended Millsaps as part of the Navy V-12 officer training program. He also played varsity football and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

John Breckenridge "Breck" King Jr., 1958, of Jackson died June 17, 2002. After graduating from the University of Mississippi, he served the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. While at Millsaps, he was a member of the varsity golf team and the Kappa Alpha Order.

Marie Grubbs Frantz-Murphy, B.A. 1944, of Garland, Texas, died Dec. 19, 2001. She owned and managed Frantz Properties in Garland and began her career as a copywriter for WHOC in Philadelphia. In Garland, she was active in the community, serving as a member of the Garland Women's Activities Association, the Garland Book Review Club, and the American Association of University Women. She was a president of the PTA and the Newcomer's Club, as well as serving as an alumni adviser for Kappa Delta sorority. While at Millsaps, she was a member of the debate team, the Millsaps Players, Kappa Delta Epsilon honorary, Pi Kappa Delta, Sigma Lambda honorary, and Kappa Delta Delta sorority. She was also involved in student publications such as the *Bobashela* and the *Purple & White*.

John W. Godbold, B.A. 1939, of Shalimar, Fla., died Jan. 5, 2002. He was a World War II veteran, civil service officer, and university instructor. After graduation from Millsaps,

he joined the U.S. Army as a buck private and was stationed throughout the South. After World War II, he joined the Civil Service Commission in Atlanta, later serving as a regional director in St. Louis, Mo. He also joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel following active duty in Korea. In 1960, he became the senior personnel director for the newly formed Federal Aviation Agency in Washington, D.C. Following his retirement from the FAA, he joined the faculty at the University of Mississippi. He then moved to George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., where he was instrumental in establishing the master's degree program in public administration. The John W. Godbold Scholarship in Public Administration was established there in his honor. Upon his retirement he traveled extensively and served as a consultant for U.S. government agencies. At Millsaps, he was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

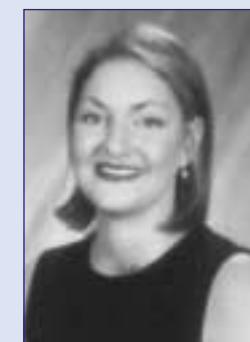
Steven Campbell Hull, B.E. 1983, of Scooba died Oct. 15, 2001. A basketball coach for 18 years, he spent the last five as the head men's coach at East Mississippi Community College. He also coached at high schools in D'Iberville and Columbus. After working in Florida as an umpire in professional baseball, he returned to Mississippi as an assistant basketball coach at Delta State University. He later served as the head basketball coach at West Lauderdale High School, where he led the team to four consecutive 20-win seasons and two state runner-up titles. At Millsaps, he played basketball and was a member of the varsity baseball team.

Johnny E. Jabour, B.A. 1950, of Vicksburg died Feb. 26, 2002. A life-long resident of Vicksburg, he was a successful real estate developer and businessman whose projects included many residential and commercial landmarks. Following graduation from Millsaps, he attended the

University of Mississippi School of Law. His many accomplishments include service as the president of the Warren County Board of Realtors and the Mississippi State Board of Realtors, and the chairman of the Mississippi Real Estate Commission. He was named to the National Board of Realtors in Washington, D.C., as well as to Who's Who in the Worldwide Registry of Global Businessmen. Jabour was nationally acclaimed for his achievements in real estate development, receiving the *Better Homes & Gardens* National Real Estate Developer of the Year Award, the National Homes Foundation's Blue Ribbon Home Award, and the Mississippi Historic Foundation's Historical Heritage Award in Architecture. He was a member of St. George Orthodox Church, the Vicksburg Country Club, the Vicksburg Jaycees, and the Rotary Club. At Millsaps, he participated in student government, was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was elected Major Millsaps, and was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Rev. Claude W. Johnson Jr., B.A. 1949, of Crystal Springs died Oct. 13, 2001. A retired minister in the United Methodist Conference, he graduated from Boston Theological Seminary and went on to serve churches in Coffeerville, Amory, Okolona, Lula, and Tutwiler. During his career, he served as the secretary-treasurer of the North Mississippi UMC, worked extensively with the Mississippi Methodist Historical Society, and served with the Mississippi Methodist Bicentennial Commission. In 1998, he received the Tobias Gibson Award for outstanding service during his tenure, and was recognized in summer 2001 for his 50-year membership in the UMC. At Millsaps, he was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta honorary, Eta Sigma Phi honorary, and the Ministerial League.

Dr. Phyllis Hayes Lanier, B.S. 1963, of Magnolia died June 24, 2002. A



Charlotte Murray Pace: Cherished friend and role model

Charlotte Murray Pace, B.S. 2000, died May 31, 2002, at her home in Baton Rouge. A native of Jackson, Pace was a student at Louisiana State University. She was named to the Dean's List at Millsaps, was a member of the Beta Alpha Psi accounting honorary fraternity, and had participated in the Millsaps International Business Program, studying in London, Paris, Munich, and Prague. She

was a varsity athlete and served as co-captain of the Millsaps women's soccer team during her junior and senior years. She was also a member of the Millsaps Athletic Advisory Committee. Pace earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Millsaps and was the youngest graduating MBA in her class at Louisiana State University in May 2002.

She served for two years on the Millsaps Student Senate and was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, where she served as alumni relations chair and rush co-chairman. She participated in many philanthropic activities, including mentorship of inner-city children, volunteering at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, building houses for Habitat for Humanity, serving meals at Stewpot, and fund-raising to benefit the victims of child abuse. At the time of her death, Pace was slated to begin her career as an internal auditor with the Enterprise Risk Services practice of Deloitte & Touche LLP in Atlanta.

Classmates, friends, and family have established a scholarship in her name. "If I could tell the future recipients of Murray's memorial scholarship one thing, I would tell them that Murray was defined by her choices," said her friend and fellow Millsaps alumnus Hayes Bryant (B.B.A. 2000). "Her choice to graduate early from high school and pursue a college degree, her choice to add sports to an already demanding academic schedule, and her choice to transcend cultural and social boundaries to include hundreds of people in her circle of friends. None of these choices made her life easier, but they made it more worthwhile. It is that young person's choice, now, whether or not to expand her own horizons with the opportunity that has been given her."

retired chemistry instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, where she had chaired the science division, she earned an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi and an educational specialist degree from the University of Mississippi. She won the 2001 Alumna of the Year Award from Southwest Mississippi Community College and received numerous professional awards throughout her career, including the Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar Award, Outstanding Instructor of the Year at Copiah-Lincoln, the Chemical Manufacturer's Association of America Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Mississippi Academy of Science Outstanding Instructor. In

1993, she was named in *USA Today* as one of only 50 community college instructors in North America to receive an Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. The author of several professional publications and a chemistry laboratory manual, she also published the book *Dorothy Laura* in 1987, which chronicled her mother's battle with Alzheimer's disease. Lanier was a member of the Amite County Farm Bureau, the American Quarter Horse Association, the South Pike-Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce, and numerous professional honoraria, including Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Delta Phi. She was a member of Gillsburg Baptist Church. While at

Millsaps, she was a member of the Baptist Student Union and Alpha Epsilon Delta honorary.

Helen Ball Lee, 1923, of Pearl died Dec. 1, 2001. She spent most of her life in Jackson, but lived in Washington, D.C., while her husband was in charge of claims with the U.S. House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee. She was a member of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, the Gavel Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Amity Luncheon Club, and the Wednesday Bridge Luncheon Club. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Robert "Bob" E. Luckett, B.A. 1967, of Florence died Feb. 5, 2002. A career educator fondly remembered for his dedication to students, he had served for 19 years as the principal of Richland High School. He worked most recently as the director of special projects for the Rankin County School District and chaired the Mississippi Secondary Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He received a M.Ed. degree from Mississippi College, a specialist's certificate from the University of Southern Mississippi, and did additional graduate work at Jackson State University and Mississippi State University. He completed principals' institutes at Millsaps and Harvard University, and was a visiting Fulbright educator in Cameroon in 1980. He began his career in 1967 as a history teacher at Wingfield High School in Jackson, then became an assistant principal at Jim Hill High School in 1971. He served as the principal of St. Joseph High School from 1973 to 1981, before moving to Richland High School. Luckett was named the High School Principal of the Year for Mississippi in 1997 by Met Life/National Association of Secondary School Principals. He served on the board of directors for the Mississippi Association of

Secondary School Principals and the Mississippi Association of School Administrators. He coordinated the Mississippi/German Principal Exchange Program for the state secondary principals association and was a member of the international programs committee of the national association. He was an active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, where he served as a eucharistic minister, lector, and had been a member of the parish council. He and his wife, Jeanne, B.A. 1966, served as foster parents for 16 children over the years. While at Millsaps, he participated in athletics and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

James I. Lundy Jr., 1935, of Greenwood died March 9, 2002. He was a retired Leflore County farmer, World War II veteran, and cotton magnate. After graduating from Mississippi State University, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a first sergeant in Great Britain and on the European continent. Following WWII and for the next 40 years, he and his brother farmed cotton and soybeans and raised cattle at Bonita Plantation, southwest of Sidon. As the commissioner of the Abiaca Drainage District, he helped provide for the maintenance of levees that protected Holmes County and parts of Leflore County from spring flooding. He served as the director and secretary-treasurer of the Leco Gin Co. in Sidon. Lundy was a member of numerous civic organizations, including the Delta Council, the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, the Leflore County Board of Education, the Sidon Lions Club, and the Greenwood Elk's Lodge. He was a past president of the Farm Bureau and a charter member and director of the Young at Heart social club. In 1986, he was named king of the Greenwood Junior Auxiliary Cotton Ball. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. At Millsaps, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Kathryn "Kathy" L. Lehmann Matheny, B.S. 1964, of Natchez died Nov. 3, 2001. A medical technologist at Natchez Pathology Laboratory, she completed training and licensure at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. She had also taught high school biology and chemistry at Trinity Episcopal Day School. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, the Pilgrimage Garden Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She was also a past secretary/treasurer of the Natchez chapter of Habitat for Humanity. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Otis A. Mayberry, 1931, of Jackson died May 4, 2002. After serving as a store manager with the Jitney Jungle Co. for 20 years, he began his own real estate firm. A member of the Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite, The Shrine, and the Drum Corps marching unit, he also served as potentate of the Wahabi Temple.

Lamar D. McQuarter, B.S. 1950, of Memphis died March 30, 2002. A retired vice president and account executive with the Bryce Corp. in Memphis, he was a member of Christ Methodist Church and a board member and life patron of Variety Club International.

Mary Margaret Nail Murphy, B.A. 1995, of Atlanta died Dec. 16, 2001. She was the regional manager of technical support for Qwest Communications and a member of Senatobia Presbyterian Church. She graduated cum laude from Millsaps. While at Millsaps, she participated in the Heritage Program and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary, Chi Omega sorority, Campus Ministry, and the tennis team.

David W. Nonnemacher, B.A. 1973, of Jackson died May 1, 2002. He was a self-employed building contractor. While at Millsaps, he participated in the Heritage Program.

Joseph Creath Odom, 1943, of Jackson died Feb. 18, 2002. The founder and operator of Odom's Optical of Jackson, he was a charter member and past president of the Mississippi Association of Dispensing Opticians. He attended Millsaps, Oklahoma State University, and Vanderbilt University as part of the U.S. Army Specialized Training Service. During World War II, he served in the 106th Infantry Division, assigned to the 424th Headquarters of the First Battalion. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. A longtime member of First Baptist Church of Jackson, Odom was active in the Fisher of Men Sunday School Class. He was a member of the Masonic Order and was a Shriner. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Dr. Marion P. Parker, B.S. 1949, of Jackson died Feb. 23, 2002. A retired anesthesiologist, he received his M.D. from Tulane University and completed his medical internship and residency at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force in Montgomery, Ala., prior to establishing his first medical practice in Rolling Fork. He then returned to Jackson, where he completed a residency in anesthesia at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He earned board certification from the American Board of Anesthesiology and maintained a private practice with Anesthesia Consultants of Jackson until his retirement in 1996. While at Millsaps, he was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta honorary.

Cecilia "Cele" Burdette Peterson, B.A. 1942, of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., died Jan. 28, 2002. A homemaker, she was actively involved with children as a Brownie and Cub Scout leader and in her work with the Junior Auxiliary. She was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and served in the mothers' clubs of St. Francis Xavier and St. Aloysius



**Johnnie-Marie Whitfield:
Beloved professor and friend**

Dr. Johnnie-Marie Whitfield, a beloved Millsaps professor of chemistry and native Jacksonian, died Jan. 13, 2002, at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

The first of four children, Whitfield was a Millsaps alumna, B.S. 1965, and earned her Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge in 1973. Her teaching career took her from California Polytechnic State

University at San Luis Obispo to Peace College in North Carolina and, finally, back to Millsaps as an assistant professor of chemistry.

As a student at Millsaps, Whitfield was the first graduate of the Millsaps Honors Program. In her professional career, she was a devoted member of the American Chemical Society, the Mississippi Science Teachers Association, the National Science Teachers Association, and Sigma Xi. Whitfield also served as a National Chemistry Week coordinator and as director and membership chair in the Mississippi Academy of Science. In recognition of her achievements in the field of chemistry and education, she was chosen as a scholar in chemical education at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, spending the spring of 2000 at foundation headquarters in Pennsylvania.

Whitfield was director of the Summer Research Institute, the Master Teachers' Program, and the Millsaps Science Teachers' Institute, which was established in 1997 and offered summer workshops for K-8 science teachers from central Mississippi. She was also active in arranging internships for Millsaps students, placing them in professional and business offices throughout Jackson.

"There is no wonder that Johnnie-Marie was loved by her students—not just the shy ones, but especially those who were shy and felt intimidated before others in the classroom," said T. W. Lewis III, B.A. 1953, emeritus professor. "The ease with which she engaged Eudora Welty, her students, and her colleagues must have sprung from a soul that knew itself so well that she had no need for defensive maneuvers. . . . Johnnie-Marie was incapable of indifference toward the plight of anyone she might encounter. Her gifts and graces did not diminish with her illness. Even in its most difficult moments she conveyed to callers her love and gratitude for the moments they had shared with her."

Catholic schools. At Millsaps, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Albert Carpenter Pippen, 1941, of West Point died March 8, 2002. A practicing attorney and World War II veteran, he spent most of his life serving the municipality of West Point. After graduating from the University of Mississippi, he served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 79th Division during the European Campaign. Returning to West Point

following WWII, Pippen began practicing law in the office of the late J. E. Caradine. He later served 16 years as a Clay County prosecuting attorney and 28 years as a municipal court judge for the City of West Point. He was a member of the Clay County Bar Association and a charter member and the first president of the West Point Civitan Club. He was a member of First Baptist Church in West Point, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. While at

Millsaps, he was member of the Kappa Alpha Order and the debate team, and was involved in student publications.

Maybelle Alford Furness Riser, B.A. 1927, of Raymond died June 26, 2002. A retired business professor at Hinds Community College, she also taught at Florence, Byram, and Forest Hills high schools after completing a master's degree in business education at the University of Mississippi. She served as the president of the Hinds Junior College Education Association, and was a member of both the Hinds Junior College Retired Teachers Association and the Jackson-Hinds Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Raymond. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and the Millsaps Singers.

William Alf Saums, B.S. 1941, of Louisville died March 22, 2002. A retired quality-control manager for the Georgia-Pacific Corp., he had also worked in research and development. He earned a master's degree in organic chemistry from the University of Mississippi. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Louisville, where he was active in the Ed Livingston Sunday School Class. While at Millsaps, he was a member of the Millsaps Singers and was included in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Bret Lyle Sigsby, B.B.A. 1992, of Baton Rouge died Oct. 28, 2001. While at Millsaps, he was on the Dean's List, participated in athletics, and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Joe Dixon "J. D." Simpson, 1938, of Rosedale died Oct. 28, 2001. The retired founder and owner of Simpson Dry Cleaners in Rosedale, he had built Liberty Ships during World War II while working for A. J. Jones Construction Co. in Georgia. A longtime

resident of Rosedale, he was a charter member of the Rosedale Fire Department and founded the first public ambulance service in Mississippi. He earned his emergency medical technician's license in the 1970s and was instrumental in securing government funding for ambulance and fire department services in Rosedale. Simpson was a former Rotarian, served as a deacon and elder of Rosedale Presbyterian Church, and had officiated at high school football games for 19 years. At Millsaps, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Claude J. Smith, B.A. 1953, of Jackson died Nov. 4, 2001. A retired insurance agent with more than 40 years of experience, he had worked as a property and casualty underwriter for Western Insurance Co. and American States Insurance Co. Prior to this, he had served in the U.S. Army as a linguistics expert. He was a past president of the Jackson Photographic Society and a member of the Jackson Central Lions Club. He was a volunteer with the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and had been president of the Friends of Handicapped Readers. A member of Christ United Methodist Church, he served on the administration board and sang in the choir. At Millsaps, he was member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Kit Kat, and the Millsaps Players.

Normastel Ford Smith, 1923, of Madison died Jan. 23, 2002. A lifelong resident of Jackson, she received her bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon College. She taught in the Jackson Public Schools for two years. During World War II, she served as a Gray Lady at Foster General Hospital. She served on the board of the Jackson YWCA and was a charter member and president of the Children's Theater. An active member of First Presbyterian Church, she held a lifetime membership in the Women of the Church. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Phi

Mu sorority and the Panhellenic Council.

Warren Grayndler Smith, B.A. 1998, of New Orleans died Nov. 7, 2001. A native of New Orleans and a self-employed carpenter, he had spent time in North Carolina and Australia after graduating from Millsaps.

Alice Kathryn Casey Vince, B.A. 1931, of Brandon died Dec. 14, 2001. A native of Jackson, she spent most of her career working in the intelligence division at the Pentagon. She had also worked as a schoolteacher in Tutwiler and Pearl. Upon leaving Millsaps, she attended Loyola University and the University of Chicago. She was a member of Pearson Baptist Church. She graduated with highest honors from Millsaps.

Udine Burns Williford, 1944, of Mobile, Ala., died June 17, 2002. A native and longtime resident of Drew, she became a schoolteacher after graduating from the University of Mississippi. She taught English at Cleveland High School and Spanish at A. W. James Elementary School in Drew. While at Millsaps, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Kathleen "Kate" M. Wimmer, B.A. 1986, of Memphis died Jan. 20, 2002. She was the vice president of the Equity Capital Markets division at Morgan Keegan & Company in Memphis. She was also a member of the "Lick the Toad" systems analysts association. At Millsaps, she participated in the Heritage Program and was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta honorary, Eta Sigma Phi honorary, and Kappa Delta sorority.

Dr. Hardy B. Woodbridge, Jr., B.A. 1957, of Jackson died Feb. 24, 2002. The retired physician, professor, and decorated veteran graduated from the University of Mississippi before completing premed training at Millsaps, and earned his M.D. from Tulane University. During World War II, he served in the Army Infantry in the

European Theater of Operations. Discharged with the rank of captain, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He earned numerous honors during his career as a family physician in Jackson, including the John B. Howell Award for Mississippi Family Doctor of the Year; Family Medicine Residents' Golden Stethoscope Award; life membership in the American Board of Family Practice; and life membership in both the Mississippi Academy and the American Academy of Family Physicians. One of four original faculty members in the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Department of Family Medicine, he was appointed professor emeritus in 1997. He received the Exemplary Teaching Award from the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians in 1996, the same year that The Teaching Center of the Department of Family Medicine was named The Woodbridge Teaching Center. A longtime member of St. James Episcopal Church and a member of the Vestry, he was a past president of the Jackson Swim Association, a member of Kiwanis Club International, and a member of the "ROMEO" Club (Retired Old Medics Eating Out).



Ruma Haque: A leader who touched many hearts

On June 20, 2002, Ruma Haque died as the result of an automobile accident, and the eve of the calendar's longest day became one of our lives' darkest nights.

In memorials, you always hear the word "irreplaceable." But if you look at the people she knew, the organizations she served, and the places she graced, and you realize the absence created, you know that Ruma Haque, in the lives of so many and in the life of her community, is irreplaceable. If you look around at all of us whom she touched personally and professionally, in social circles or in civic duty, we are all dots on a landscape connected by Ruma.

A native of Bangladesh, Ruma had served as the attorney for the Hinds County Board of Supervisors since 1989, that body's first full-time attorney. A 1983 graduate of Millsaps, she graduated from Callaway High School in 1979 and the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1987.

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 Jackson Arts Alliance), 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. She served on the boards of directors of the Millsaps Arts and Lecture Series, Arts Alliance, Jubilee!JAM, and the National Association of Counties. She was a member of the Mississippi Hearts Against AIDS Commission and the Junior League of Jackson.

Ruma was always somewhere: busy, involved, knowing. Even as a student, she was always active, never content to sit on the sidelines. Her many activities included membership in Sigma Tau Delta English honorary, the Millsaps Players, the English club, and Kappa Delta sorority. She also served on the staff of campus publications such as the *Bobashela* and the *Purple & White*. This energy and commitment continued into her professional life. She didn't just sit on boards; she served on them tirelessly and tactfully. Ruma was the touchstone. She was the red arrow on the compass point. For those of us who served with her, well, we will continue to find our way, but the journey will be longer and more difficult . . . and a lot less entertaining.

The memorial service was full of Ruma's good friends, all remembering their best friend, for not one who met her could fail to recognize the bond of her friendship, the focus of her commitment, the power of her understanding, or the joy of her presence.

Ruma did not shrink from involvement: If it was the right thing to do, she was there. If was important to Jackson and to Mississippi, she was there. If it improved our community, she was there. "She loved Jackson and was devoted to it," said Malcolm White, Mississippi music impresario and founder of Mal's St. Paddy's Parade in Jackson. "She did what so many talked about doing. She gave back."

In every circle, professional or social, we all relied on Ruma. If you had a question about laws or legislation or politics or society or entertainment or people . . . well, Ruma was good for the knowledge. "Ask Ruma, she'll know."

When the Crossroads Film Festival was created several years ago, the design and mission was to create a festival where film and art and vision and community come together, to create a crossroads where people join together in celebration, in illumination, in understanding. Ruma was central to its growth because Ruma embodied the ideals of communication and celebration and community that we envisioned.

Ruma was . . . and is . . . for all who knew her, our crossroads.

—Ward Emling (B.A. 1976), Manager, Mississippi Film Office