

# Major Notes

## Major Perestroika: Council Restructured As Alumni Association

Alumni representation at Millsaps has been restructured, with what was once a council of no more than 60 giving way to an association open and free to the more than 12,000 graduates of Millsaps. It is a move intended to empower the alumni body to better help themselves through networking, and better help the College through the creation of chapters around the country.

The association, formed in 2003, came about partly because of a “collision of ideas that our Alumni Council didn’t always provide us an avenue to help the College very much,” said **Ward Van Skiver**, B.A. 1966, of Madison, president of the Alumni Association. “Basically we were a sounding board listening to reports from Alumni Relations about what was going on.”

Five leadership teams had existed within the council. The first was designed to assist the College in recruitment of prospective students; the second, to encourage alumni giving; the third, to support the Millsaps faculty; the fourth, to strengthen career networking opportunities, and the fifth, to build “visibility,” or alumni engagement in the life of the College. “For a couple of years we worked toward the goals of each of those committees,” Van Skiver said. “But it became evident that we really needed a more widespread opportunity to reach out to people in the Washington, D.C., area, for instance, if we were having an admissions effort there. We looked at the structure of quite a number of alumni associations around the country and determined that the council structure didn’t allow us the format to be effectively involved.”

The College identified the areas where it needed help and alumni wanted to know how they could help, said John Conway, director of alumni relations. “The Alumni Association bridges that gap,” Conway

said. “Our five leadership teams evolved into committees nationwide. We wanted to better reach our alumni and the association structure gives us the resources to do that.”

The next step was to provide regional chapters, with 10 target cities in development, from New York and Washington, D.C., to New Orleans, Nashville, and Memphis, in addition to in-state chapters in Jackson, Tupelo, and the Gulf Coast. “We want more alumni, no matter where they live, to be involved in projects that benefit the school,” Conway said. “The game plan is to form chapters geographically dispersed that can actively work in these five committee areas.”

Some committee work is already under way. Take admissions, for example. “We put together an alumni panel who addressed prospective students’ parents as part of Scholars Day, while the high school students were off visiting classes,” Conway said. “In career development, we’ve had alumni addressing graduating seniors on employment issues, graduate school, handling work and school, and studying for the LSAT.”

“The Faculty Support Committee has been very active over the past several years,” added Tanya Newkirk, associate director of alumni relations. “Annual projects include welcome packages given to new professors each fall, attendance at on-campus lectures, and hands-on help with conferences and symposia organized by Millsaps faculty.”

Conway said that the Alumni Association could be the catalyst for connections not only between alumni and the College, but also among alumni themselves. “What I visualize over the next three years is an alumni body aware of what’s happening on campus, aware of what’s happening with one another, and with what’s happening in the world via one another,” Conway said. “The association, and things like the online community and the eNewsletter, can help alumni stay in touch. Perhaps, because of reading the eNewsletter, and checking on [mymillsaps.com](http://mymillsaps.com), two alumni discuss an upcoming Arts & Lecture program and decide to meet for dinner at the Mayflower before

the program. We've not only helped them stay connected to the College, but we have given them the opportunity to reconnect with each other."

Alumni chapters are forming across the country. To help get a chapter started in your city, or for more information about alumni chapters, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@millsaps.edu](mailto:alumni@millsaps.edu) or call 1-866-455-7277 or 601-974-1038.

—J.W.

## Graves Is Elected To State High Court

**James Graves**, B.A. 1975, was elected to the Mississippi Supreme Court in November, a seat to which he was appointed by Governor Ronnie Musgrove in November 2001. He had previously served as a circuit court judge for 10 years.

"When I was sworn in as a Supreme Court justice, I promised the people of Mississippi that I would serve with honor, dignity, and integrity: honor because Mississippi deserves it; dignity because my family expects it, and integrity because God requires it," Graves said.

Giving back to the community is a part of every student's legacy from Millsaps College, but for Graves it has become a part of everyday life. As a student, Graves became interested in social work. This eventually led to a career in law.

"I saw law as an opportunity to effect change, make policy, and influence the law," Graves said. "I could also have contact with people." So he left his home state for Syracuse Law School, only to return after graduation to dedicate his life to public service. He knew there was still work to be done in Mississippi and he longed to reinvest his energies in improving the state. Graves has likened this sort of public service to the ministry.

Graves graduated from Sumner Hill High School in Clinton, where he was valedictorian. He met his wife, Dr. Bettye Ramsey Graves, an assistant vice president



Justice Graves and President Lucas.

of Jackson State University, at Millsaps. One of his sons is an attorney in Jackson, and another is a senior at JSU.

Graves served as an instructor at Harvard Law School, where he taught trial advocacy in 1998, 1999, and 2000. He also served as an adjunct professor at Jackson State University, where he taught both media law and civil rights law. Graves has been active in the Jackson Public School district, and JPS named him Parent of the Year for 2000–01. Student mock trial teams he has coached have reached the state finals every year since 1991, and the Murrah High School mock trial team that he helped coach won the 2001 state championship.

Millsaps has honored Graves numerous times for his dedication to law, education, and service. The Millsaps College Black Student Association named him the recipient of its *Alumnus of the Year Award* in 1993. He received the *Livesay Award* for service to the College in 2004 and was the commencement speaker in 2002.

This semester, Graves is teaching *Law and Society* at Millsaps College. As soon as word spread of his lectures, students were eager to sign up. "It's rare that you are able to take a course that is being taught by such a distinguished jurist," said Clint Kimberling, a senior from Fort Worth, Texas, who plans a career in law himself. "I think Judge Graves will have a lot of unique and profound observations to offer on how law affects society and vice versa."

—Becca Day

## Holmes Is Tapped To Head Archives



**H. T. (Hank) Holmes**, B.A. 1973, has been selected to serve as the new director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Holmes succeeds Elbert

Hilliard, who led the department for 31 years.

Holmes, director of the department's Archives and Library division, began his association with the state archives in 1969 as a college intern. "While a freshman at Millsaps I began interning with the Department of Archives and History," Holmes said. "The liberal arts education I received has been invaluable in my work, and I am glad to see that liberal arts tradition reflected today in the Millsaps students coming through the department."

Holmes went on to serve as oral historian, archivist, records analyst, manuscript curator, map curator, and head of the special collections section. After earning his English degree at Millsaps, the Winona native earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1982.

"I cannot think of a more appropriate choice for director than Hank Holmes," said William Winter, former governor and president of the board of the Department of Archives and History. "I know that under Hank the department will continue to meet the high standards set by Elbert Hilliard during his decades of leadership."

Established in 1902, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is the second-oldest state department of archives and history in the United States. The department collects, preserves, and provides access to the archival resources of the state. In addition, the department administers museums and historic sites, and oversees statewide programs for preservation, state and local government records management, and publications.

# Major Notes

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

## 1944

**Rev. Franklin W. (Wilson) Ray**, B.A. 1944, of Itta Bena was appointed pastor of Moorhead and Sunflower United Methodist Churches for a second year as retired supply.

## 1947

**Mary Tingle (Tink) Selah**, B.A. 1947, of Huntsville, Ala., is retired from the Huntsville City School System. Active with the Huntsville Art League, she is in charge of a drawing group, the Monday Morners. Her main duty involves gathering live models for the group's weekly drawing sessions.

## 1949

**John Garrard Jr.**, B.A. 1949, of Atmore, Ala., was elected to a third term as councilman of District Four in Atmore. He was recently named an advanced certified municipal officer by the Alabama League of Municipalities and named to the Half Century Club by the Alabama Bankers Association. Garrard is a retired president and chief executive officer of First National Bank.

## 1950

**Daphne (Middlebrooke) Bruce**, B.A. 1950, of Hermanville is on the music staff at Utica United Methodist Church. She also volunteers at the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Port Gibson.

## 1952

**Rev. Herbert L. (Lavelle) Woodrick**, B.A. 1952, of Philadelphia, Miss., is a retired United Methodist minister. He plays trumpet in three bands in Meridian: the Community Band, the Wind Ensemble, and the Jazz Band. He played with the Community Band of America on a cruise through the Northeast and Nova Scotia.

## 1954

**Michelle (Mike) Punshon Covington**, 1954, of Rock Hill, S.C., has received the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services Award for the Southeast/Southwest region, a 12-state area.

**Franklin A. Nash Jr.**, B.A. 1954, of Hopkinsville, Ky., volunteers part-time as minister of congregational care at St. John United Methodist Church in Hopkinsville.

## 1955

**Eugene (Gene) B. Antley**, B.A. 1955, of Edinboro, Pa., has retired as an associate professor of sociology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Dorothy (Dee) Ford Bainton**, B.S. 1955, of San Francisco retired from the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine in June. Her retirement marked the end of a remarkable 42-year career at the university. The Mississippi native and graduate of the Tulane School of Medicine (where she was one of only five women in her class) worked as a postdoctoral fellow and research associate in the UCSF pathology department from 1963–69. She joined the faculty in 1969 and became a full professor in 1981. In 1987, she was appointed chair of the Department of Pathology, becoming the first woman at UCSF to head a department. In 1994, she was appointed vice chancellor of academic affairs. For more than 30 years, she headed research on bone marrow cells and blood diseases. Bainton has chaired editorial boards of prestigious scientific journals and among her numerous honors, belongs to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. In addition to her personal

successes, Bainton has served for three decades as a role model for women in academic medicine, achieving her goals and rising in the ranks at the university while taking time off to raise her three sons. She has become a strong advocate for mentoring and promoting women pursuing careers in her field. At UCSF, she served on the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women from 1976–78 and 1985–89, chaired the Academic Senate's Equal Opportunity Committee from 1979–81, spearheaded a 2001 survey of the work climate for women faculty on the campus, and recently chaired the Council on Faculty Life. Among her goals was to implement family-friendly policies, such as the provision that now allows university faculty (both male and female) to earn six weeks' paid leave for childbearing and childcare. Bainton is also credited with helping to strengthen campus sexual harassment guidelines and improving the merit and promotion system for women faculty. In 2003, she was awarded the Chancellor's Award for the Advancement of Women.

**Dr. Anne C. (Finger) Graves**, B.S. 1955, of Bowling Green, Ohio, received the Woman of the Year Award for a nonbranch member from the Bowling Green American Association of University Women in April.

## 1957

**Martha W. (Wolford) Willets**, B.A. 1957, of Birmingham retired as music educator from the Fairfield, Ala., school system in June 2002. She provides educational consulting for the Alice Stephens Performing Arts Center and serves as organist and choirmaster for St. Alban's Episcopal Church, both in Birmingham.

## 1959

**Peggy Seay Brent**, B.A. 1959, of Jackson received the 2003 Emphasis on Excellence Award, the highest employee award given at Hinds Community College. She also recently received a Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher Award and was named a William Winter Faculty Scholar.

**Rev. Arnold A. Bush Jr.**, B.A. 1959, of Niceville, Fla., recently retired. He is serving as an interim rector in Panama City, Fla., and works as a consultant in church growth.

**William (Billy) M. Rainey**, B.S. 1959, of Gulfport was named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers during the 2004 spring meeting in Phoenix. He is a partner with Franks, Rainey, & Salloum of Gulfport. Rainey has practiced in Gulfport for 37 years.

## 1960

**Dorothy May Davis Miley**, B.A. 1960, of Jackson received the Hinds Community College 2003 Alumni Service Award in October 2003. She is serving her second term as a member of the Hinds Development Foundation Board.

**Beverly B. (Bracken) Rhodes**, B.A. 1960, of Forest writes "The Cook's Corner," a weekly recipe column for the *Scott County Times*.

**Clay (Marler) Stone**, B.A. 1960, of Memphis received the 2004 Eugart Yerian Award for Lifetime Service to the Memphis Theatre in August. A Memphian since 1965, Stone has appeared in and directed many regional theatrical productions. His acting roles include: King Arthur in *Camelot*; Willy Loman in *Death of a Salesman*; Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady*; Pangloss, et al. in *Candide*; Harold Hill in *The Music Man*; Matthew Harrison Brady in *Inherit the Wind*; C. S. Lewis in *Shadowlands*; and Daddy Warbucks in *Annie Warbucks*. His starring roles since 2001 have been Nunzio in *Over the River and Through The Woods*

## You've Got (Millsaps) Mail!

The first edition of the Millsaps College alumni eNewsletter, with information on alumni happenings, College events, and more, went online in December.

Found at [www.millsaps.edu/enewsletter/](http://www.millsaps.edu/enewsletter/), the newsletter has updates on the Alumni Association's first official meeting, the Millsaps Arts & Lecture Series, the Bell Concert Series, other performing arts events, Homecoming, the Southern Circuit Film Series, exhibitions at the Lewis Art Gallery, community enrichment, the spring 2005 Leadership Seminar in the Humanities, and other links.

This publication is in addition to [mymillsaps.com](http://mymillsaps.com), the alumni online community and a source for email addresses, the alumni directory, a calendar of events, and other member services.

For more information on the newsletter and other Millsaps alumni happenings, call toll free, 1-866-455-7277 (1-86-Millsaps), or contact Trenee Palmer, administrative assistant for alumni relations at 601-974-1038.

and Yaveni in *No Niggers, No Jews, No Dogs*—the latter a play concerning racial prejudice and tensions in the South in the late 1940s. His directing duties have included productions of *Brigadoon*; *The Diary of Anne Frank*; *The Subject Was Roses*; and *Little Red Wagon Painted Blue*. Stone has also been a theatre judge for the *Memphis Magazine*/Greater Memphis Arts Council Theatre Awards for the past eight years. He serves as director of community relations at Youth Villages. Headquartered in Memphis, the organization provides home-based counseling, therapeutic foster care and adoption services, residential treatment, community-based programs, and prevention services to children and their families.

## 1962

**Robert (Bob) N. Leggett Jr.**, B.A. 1962, of Great Falls, Va., has been elected to serve on the board of trustees of the Washington National Cathedral's Cathedral Choral Society. The resident symphonic chorus of the National Cathedral, the 200-voice chorus is the oldest choral group in Washington, D.C. It performs four major concerts each season. In addition to its subscription concert series, the Society sponsors educational and community events, including a Partner Schools project, preconcert lectures, Cathedral Sings!, and summer community concerts. Leggett will serve on the board until 2008. A private investor whose career focused on private

sector work for leading-edge technologies, he is president of the Robert and Dee Leggett Foundation, co-founder of the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, and director of the Vienna Choral Society.

**Dr. Terry J. Puckett**, 1962, of Wesson received an honorary associate of public service degree from Zane State College in Zanesville, Ohio, in June 2004. Zane State is a two-year technical school that was formerly named Muskingum Area Technical College. Puckett served as president of the college from 1973–80.

## 1964

**Jennifer Stocker Yates**, B.A. 1964, of Fulshear, Texas, donated her father's collection of art books to the Millsaps-Wilson Library during Homecoming 2004. Her father, the late Dr. Leonard Stocker, was a professor of voice at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he also taught music appreciation and humanities and started the opera workshop program. The collection of 132 hardcover and 45 paperback books includes books on museum collections such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, works on specific artists such as Manet, Rembrandt, and Andrew Wyeth, and more general works on art history.

## 1966

**Sherry M. (Monk) Jones**, B.A. 1966, of Madison teaches "Pathways," a program for gifted students in the Brookhaven school district. In July 2004, she served as a study leader for the Mississippi United Methodist Women's School of Missions at Millsaps, where she taught public education.



**Marion (Taylor) Reid**, 1966, of San Marcos, Calif., has been named interim vice president for external affairs at California State University San Marcos.

She leads campus fund raising, communications, and civic and legislative affairs



## Wheelchair Accessible

**George B. Pickett Jr.**, B.A. 1966, of Jackson, is the 2004 Million Dollar Round Table president. He traveled to Jamaica in December 2003 to help donate wheelchairs to people in need. The wheelchair donation was the result of a partnership between the MDRT Foundation and the Wheelchair Foundation.

efforts. She has worked for the university since 1989, as director and later dean of library services.

**Wilson R. (Ragan) Rodgers**, B.S. 1966, of Lynchburg, Va., is the manager of the finance department in the Nuclear Products Division of BWX Technologies in Lynchburg.

## 1967

**Michael W. Allen**, B.A. 1967, of Adrian, Mich., received the Ross Newsom Award for Outstanding Teaching at the Adrian College Convocation ceremony in September. Allen, professor of theatre and chair of the theatre department, has significantly revised and expanded the theatre program at Adrian. One of his most notable achievements was the development of a playwriting class, which results each year in the production of several student-written, student-performed plays. Many of these plays have been performed at regional festivals, have won awards and commendations, and have been published in anthologies. Allen has frequently acted at the Crosswell Opera House, where he is serving his second term as chair. He also serves on the board of the Adrian Symphony Orchestra.

**A. Jerry Sheldon**, B.A. 1967, of Jackson was named partner-in-charge of the Jackson office of Adams and Reese in the

fall of 2003. Adams and Reese is a regional law firm with approximately 275 lawyers with offices located in New Orleans, Houston, Baton Rouge, Birmingham, Mobile, and Washington, D.C., in addition to Jackson. Sheldon is presently listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (Natural Resources Law) and is a past chairman of the Natural Resources section of the Mississippi State Bar Association.

## 1968

**Dr. Ben L. Mitchell**, B.S. 1968, of Jackson was named dean of the School of Health Related Professions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in spring 2004. He had served as associate vice chancellor for institutional affairs at UMC since 2001.

## 1970

**Rev. Joe G. Burnett**, B.A. 1970, of Omaha, Neb., was consecrated as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska in September 2003. Burnett, a Mississippi native, was serving as professor of pastoral theology at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., at the time of his election in May 2003.

## 1971

**Sandra (Sandy) I. Hackemann**, B.A. 1971, of Mishawaka, Ind., is the general education program head for the Elkhart campus of Ivy Tech State College. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education through Capella University.

**Beecher Smith II**, B.A. 1971, of Memphis is the author of three poems that appeared in *Off the Record: An Anthology of Poetry by Lawyers*, published by the Legal Studies Forum, in February 2004. His poetry and short-story collection, *Recovering My Sanity*, was released as an audio CD in June. He is a practicing lawyer in Memphis.

## 1972

**Dr. Gilliam S. (Swink) Hicks Jr.**, B.S. 1972, of Madison is a professor of medicine at the University of Mississippi School

of Medicine. He was named Teacher of the Year at the medical school in June 2002.

## 1973

**Martha J. (Jan) Mullin Lamb**, B.A. 1973, of Durham, N.C., was awarded the E. Robertson Hersey Distinguished Faculty Award at Durham Academy. The award is given annually to a teacher for inspiring enthusiasm in the classroom, encouraging the academic aspirations of students, demonstrating sensitivity to the academic and personal needs of the individual student, encouraging and supporting the efforts of colleagues, and contributing to school life outside of the classroom. Lamb has taught at the Hill Center Special Education division of Durham Academy for more than 19 years.

## 1974

**Lamar (Marty) D. Jones**, B.S. 1974, of Cherryville, N.C., is the president and CEO of Innovative Developments in Cherryville.

**Joseph L. Morris**, B.S. 1974, of Jackson is an assistant vice president at Trustmark Bank in Jackson.

**Karen Ezelle Redhead**, B.A. 1974, of Jackson is working part-time at the Eudora Welty House, assisting the director. She also taught social studies at Murrah High School for 12 years.

## 1977

**Robert (Bob) C. King**, B.A. 1977, of San Antonio, Texas, received the 2003–04 Division III National Athletic Director of the Year award for the West Region from the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics in June 2004, during the association's annual convention in Dallas. King, who has served as athletic director at Trinity for 11 years, also received this honor in 2000. The Trinity University Tigers have claimed 91 Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference titles since King's arrival, in addition to winning 10 of the last 11 SCAC President's Trophy awards.

Four Trinity teams have won NCAA Division III championships (men's and women's tennis, men's soccer, and women's basketball). The university was selected as the third best college in Division III for female student-athletes by *Sports Illustrated for Women*. King was director of athletics at Millsaps from 1989–93.

**Catherine (Cae) A. Ivy Larsen**, B.A. 1977, of Pascagoula retired from the Pascagoula Municipal Separate School District in May. She taught children with learning disabilities for 25 years.

**Daryl M. Plunk**, B.A. 1977, of Alexandria, Va., is self-employed as an international business consultant.

**Stephen H. Wilsey**, B.S. 1977, and Terry Wilsey of Lake Jackson, Texas, have an adopted son, Samuel Hunter, and will be adopting one more child from Russia by spring 2005.

## 1978

**Janet M. Hall**, B.A. 1978, of Chevy Chase, Md., has been elected to a two-year term as president of the board of trustees for the Washington National Cathedral's Cathedral Choral Society. The resident symphonic chorus of the National Cathedral, the 200-voice chorus is the oldest choral group in Washington, D.C. It performs four major concerts each season. In addition to its subscription concert series, the Society sponsors educational and community events, including a Partner Schools project, preconcert lectures, Cathedral Sings!, and summer community concerts. Hall, a former Choral Society singer and Fulbright scholar, is president of Flash Talk Communications, a startup Internet communications company based in Silver Spring, Md.

**Elizabeth Box Plunk**, B.A. 1978, of Alexandria, Va., is the office manager for the Washington, D.C., and Reston, Va., offices of Bracewell & Patterson, a Houston-based law firm of 400 attorneys.

## 1979

**Ellynda P. (Price) Lipsey**, B.A. 1979, of Doraville, Ga., is the pastor of St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Stone Mountain, Ga.

**LTC Richard E. (Rem) MacNealy**, B.S. 1979, of Killeen, Texas, was promoted to vice president for aviation training and sustainment with System Studies and Simulation in September 2004. MacNealy joined the firm in August 2000, and is the 11-year-old company's first vice president. He is a 27-year veteran of government and commercial business enterprises, with experience primarily focused on rotary-wing aviation training, operations, and maintenance. He entered into commercial business activities after serving more than 20 years as an officer in the U.S. Army, where he served in a variety of leadership and staff positions. System Studies and Simulation provides technical and support services to the Department of Defense, the Intelligence community, and NASA. The company is a small business with headquarters in Huntsville, Ala., and employs 245 people at 11 sites located throughout the United States and Europe. As vice president, MacNealy operates from the company's Training and Sustainment business unit office in Killeen. His responsibilities include overseeing company activities at six sites in both the United



### Chartered Flight

From left, Betsy McLean, M.B.A. 2004, a member of the Mississippi state treasurer's staff; Dr. Walter Neely, CFA, professor of finance at Millsaps; Dayne Zimmerman, a 1991 economics graduate with Centrica, an energy company in Houston, and Helen Currie, a 1990 economics graduate employed in Houston at ConocoPhillips. Zimmerman and McLean were awarded the Chartered Financial Analyst designation in October at a meeting of the CFA Society of Mississippi.

States and Europe, representing approximately 35 percent of the company's business revenue.

**Christopher L. Yochim**, B.S. 1979, of Parkesburg, Pa., was unanimously selected in June 2004 to join the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Association's board of directors. A director of licensing with AstraZeneca's Global Discovery Alliance Group, Yochim is responsible for technology transfer and strategic collaborations in North America, while providing AstraZeneca's Swedish and U.K. drug discovery sites with access to U.S.-based academia and NIH research. In addition, he coordinates the image and awareness activities for AstraZeneca Global Discovery as the official company representative to the Biotechnology Industry Organization and the Association of University Technology Managers, where he serves as eastern regional chairman. He joined the cardiovascular pharmacology department of ICI/Zeneca Pharmaceuticals in 1980. During his 15 years in drug discovery, Yochim has contributed to the discovery and development of several key products, including treatments for cardiovascular disease, asthma, and schizophrenia. He also breeds and trains standardbred racehorses.

## 1981

**Steven W. Smith**, B.A. 1981, M.B.A. 1986, of Alexandria, Va., has been appointed chair of the trustee affairs committee on the board of trustees for the Washington National Cathedral's Cathedral Choral Society. The resident symphonic chorus of the National Cathedral, the 200-voice chorus is the oldest choral group in Washington, D.C. It performs four major concerts each season. In addition to its subscription concert series, the Society sponsors educational and community events, including a Partner Schools project, preconcert lectures, Cathedral Sings!, and free summer community concerts. Smith is senior vice president of U.S. Trust in Washington, D.C.

## 1982

**Dr. Leah E. Adams-Curtis**, B.S. 1982, of Peoria, Ill., was named associate dean of the social sciences department at Illinois Central College-East Peoria, in August 2003. Prior to joining the college, she was associate professor of psychology at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. She has published numerous articles on behavioral science in professional journals.

## 1984

**Tom Gober**, M.B.A. 1984, of Birmingham is the president and owner of Thomas Gober Forensic Accounting Services in Birmingham. He specializes in fraud investigations and forensic accounting, and consults primarily in the insurance and health-care industries. During his 17-year career, he has served as an expert witness in insurance fraud for the U.S. Attorney's Office, as well as other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. He has also served as a consultant to the FBI in connection with criminal investigations within the insurance industry. The author of numerous articles on the use of forensic accounting and fraud detection, Gober also delivers lectures and seminars for organizations such as the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.



**Suzannah Bowie Moorman**, B.A. 1984, of Houston, Texas, presented lectures and performed in Singapore in August and September. Sponsored by the

Methodist School of Music, she was featured in a sacred concert at Toa Payoh Methodist Church with the Methodist School of Music Singers. In addition, she lectured on hymn appreciation, worked with two area children's choirs, and sang in worship during her stay. Moorman has presented recitals and sacred programs in churches since 1983 throughout Texas, the Midwest, and the South. In 2003

she released two recordings: *Great Wesley Hymns*, in honor of John Wesley's 300th birthday, and *Words of Life*, an album of favorite traditional hymns. She has appeared on "Time That Makes the Difference," a production of the *United Methodist Hour*, and for the Mississippi United Methodist Annual Conference. A native of Mississippi, she was the first student to receive a B.A. in Church Music from Millsaps. She is a member of Cornerstone UMC, where she directs the elementary children's choir and is chair of worship.

**Dr. Benjamin R. Wynne**, B.B.A. 1984, of Funston, Ga., wrote the introduction for *Recollections and Letters of Robert E. Lee*, a collection of the Confederate general's correspondence, published in July 2004 by Barnes & Noble. He is also the author of *A Hard Trip: A History of the 15th Mississippi Infantry, 1861-1865*, published in June 2003 by Mercer University Press. Wynne is currently visiting assistant professor of history at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga. He has served on the history faculties at Florida State University and the University of Mississippi.

## 1986

**Marion H. Lyons III**, 1986, and Marie Lyons of Avon Lake, Ohio, are the parents of Payton Carrington, born July 4, 2004. He has a brother, Marion H. Lyons IV, and four sisters: Hayden Carrington, Ashlyn Bixler, Bailey Marie, and Cassidy Amelia.

**Kirk A. Patrick III**, B.A. 1986, of Baton Rouge, La., started a law firm, Donohue Patrick, in December 2003.

## 1988

**Sara W. (Williams) Berry**, B.E. 1988, of Corinth has created a 26-week educational curriculum entitled "Integrity Time," designed to reinforce values in education. The multimedia curriculum for children ages 4-8 focuses on such values as serving others, using good manners, being kind,



## In the Big Easy for the Big 4-0

From left, Ralph Kaiser, B.A. 1986; David Loper, B.A. 1986; Charles Woods, B.S. 1986, and Stephen Bush, B.A. 1986, gathered this fall in New Orleans not only to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays, but also as an excuse to have a reunion with other Lambda Chi Alpha members.

and being fair. Other Millsaps alumni involved in the project include **Tracy Applewhite Broome**, B.A. 1989, and **Allyson S. Willis**, B.A. 1995. The curriculum has been adopted by West Corinth Elementary School for all kindergarten and first grade classes. Schools outside of Mississippi have also expressed interest in the program.

**Robert T. Davis**, B.A. 1988, of Olive Branch is a teacher and coach at Desoto County Academy in Olive Branch.

**William J. (Jack) May Jr.**, B.B.A. 1988, and Loree May of Fairhope, Ala., are the parents of a daughter, Madeline Ouida, born on April 2, 2003.

**Thad C. Pratt**, B.S. 1988, and **Wyn Ellington Pratt**, B.A. 1990, of Vicksburg are the parents of Sara Elizabeth, born Aug. 4, 2003. She has one sister, Mallory Grace.

## 1989

**Carolyn A. Bibb**, B.A. 1989, of Decatur, Ga., became a certified massage therapist in August 2003 and began her own massage practice. In February 2004, she completed her sixth marathon.

**Mitylene (Mity) Myhr**, B.A. 1989, and Larry Clay of Austin, Texas, are the parents of Andrew Myhr, born on March 27, 2003. Mitylene is a postdoctoral associate at St. Edward's University in Austin.

**William P. (Paul) Wilson**, B.A. 1989, of Belleville, Ill., is deputy division chief of Mission Support and Global Readiness for the U.S. Air Force at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

## 1990

**Kenneth T. (Andy) Andrews**, B.S. 1990, of Chapel Hill, N.C., is the author of *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: The Mississippi Civil Rights Movement and Its Legacy*, published by the University of Chicago Press in September 2004. He is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Kevin A. Crothers**, B.S. 1990, and Kimberly S. Crothers of Ridgeland are the parents of Quinn Ashburne, born on Oct. 30, 2001.

**Dr. Steven A. Fesmire**, B.A. 1990, of East Poultney, Vt., is the author of *John Dewey and Moral Imagination: Pragmatism in Ethics*, published in September 2003 by Indiana University Press. Fesmire teaches philosophy and environmental studies at Green Mountain College in Poultney.

**Dr. John W. Maynor**, B.A. 1990, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is an assistant professor of political science at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

**Beverly V. Renfroe**, B.B.A. 1990, and Tim Renfroe of Madison have a daughter, Brooke Anne, born on Sept. 7, 2003.

**Martin E. Willoughby**, B.A. 1990, of Madison has formed the law firm of Harrington & Willoughby in Ridgeland and launched the firm's website.

## 1991

**Dr. Rainna P. Bahadur**, B.S. 1991, of Gulfport is an ophthalmologist with Eye Associates of the South in Biloxi. She specializes in cornea, external disease, and refractive surgery.

**Mary Margaret (Dill) Case**, B.A. 1991, of West Point started her own business, Mary & Me Company, in January 2004. The company specializes in personalized and customized ceramic, paper, and wood products.

**Dr. William E. Henderson**, B.S. 1991, of Oxford is in his fifth year of private practice as an OB/GYN in Oxford.

**Shelley L. (Lose) Johansson**, B.A. 1991, of Johnstown, Pa., is marketing manager for the Johnstown Area Heritage Association.

**Rev. John P. Leach**, B.B.A. 1991, of Germantown, Tenn., graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in May 2004 and was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church at St. Mary's Cathedral in Memphis in June. He serves as vicar of the Church of the Annunciation in Cordova, Tenn.

**Blair R. (Richards) Manning**, B.A. 1991, and Judson Manning of Smyrna, Ga., are the parents of Russell Judson Manning Jr., born on Jan. 6, 2004.

**Margaret Jones Moore**, B.S. 1991, and Brian Moore of Kingston Springs, Tenn., are the parents of David Stone, born July 2, 2004. He has one brother, George Everett, and one sister, Martha Florine. Margaret provides part-time computer training and Access database development from her home. Brian is an employee of Southwest Airlines in Nashville.

**Amy L. Morris**, B.A. 1991, of Jackson is the coordinator of international student and scholar programs at Millsaps.

**Rev. Ollie V. Rencher**, B.A. 1991, of Oxford is assistant rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford and the Episcopal chaplain of the University of Mississippi.

**L. Drake Walsh**, B.S. 1991, and **Kathleen (Katie) Walton Walsh**, B.A. 1992, B.S. 1993, of Peachtree City, Ga., are the parents of Hayden James, born on Sept. 18, 2003.

## 1992

**Christina (Chrissy) Coker Hrivnak**, B.M. 1992, and Michael J. Hrivnak of Milford,

Ohio, are the parents of John Michael, born on Oct. 3, 2003. He has one sister, Maren Elizabeth. Chrissy is pursuing a doctorate of musical arts in voice performance at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music.

**Dr. Jana M. Rose**, B.S. 1992, and David R. Wehrstein of Demorest, Ga., have a daughter, Ava Katherine Wehrstein, born on June 15, 2004. Jana has a solo practice in foot and ankle surgery in Cornelia and Gainseville, Ga. David is the administrator of Riverpoint Community Church in Cornelia.

**Dr. William W. Snow**, B.S. 1992, of Mobile, Ala., graduated summa cum laude from Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in May 2003. He practices at Rehm Animal Hospital in Mobile.

**Dr. Jennifer L. (Lewando) Sutton**, B.S. 1992, and Jeff Sutton of Biloxi have a son, Connor Rice, born on Aug. 16, 2003. The Suttons are both veterinarians and own Gulf Coast Veterinary Emergency Hospital in Biloxi.

**Heidi J. Wood**, B.A. 1992, of Baton Rouge, La., has a son, Warren Thomas, born on Nov. 23, 2002. She is a licensed clinical social worker who works part-time with the geriatric psychiatric department of Summit Hospital in Baton Rouge.

## 1993

**Sonya B. (Bowser) Ashley**, B.A. 1993, and Randy Ashley of Long Beach are the parents of Rhayna Auriel, born on Feb. 11, 2003.



**Tanya G. Brieger**, M.B.A. 1993, of Ridgeland, is the director of enrollment for Belhaven College. Her main responsibility is to oversee recruiting and

accounting efforts for the ASPIRE program in Memphis, Jackson, and Orlando, Fla. The program, which awards bachelor's and master's degrees to adult students, has flourished under Brieger's leadership for the past two years. Enrollment has increased 35 percent, with significant gains in Memphis and Jackson. In 2003, Brieger was named to the Institute of Professional Development's President's Circle and awarded the institute's Annual Achievement Award, given to its top employee.

**John O. Lawrence**, B.L.S. 1993, of Auburn, Ala., is the chief administrative officer for Aetos Technologies in Auburn.

**Betsy (Varner) McIntire**, B.A. 1993, and Troy McIntire Jr. of Hattiesburg are the parents of Jane Tess, born on Nov. 10, 2003. She has one sister, Mary Elizabeth.

**Walter B. (Burl) Salmon**, B.A. 1993, of Washington, D.C., teaches 9th and 10th grade English and is the yearbook adviser at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va. A co-educational, college preparatory school serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, it is one of five schools owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

**C. Ballard Searce Jr.**, B.B.A. 1993, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is an attorney with the firm of Husch and Eppenberger in Chattanooga.

## 1994

**Elizabeth (Beth) L. Hewitt-Colley**, B.A. 1994, and Andrew S. Colley of Crownsville, Md., are the parents of Rebecca Anne, born on June 2, 2004. Hewitt-Colley earned her certification as a professional résumé writer through the Professional Association of Résumé Writers in October 2003. In July 2004, she established her own résumé writing and career coaching business, Chesapeake Résumé Writing Services, in Crownsville.

**Candice R. Love**, B.A. 1994, and Emile Pierre Lafourcade III of Hahnville, La., were married on May 24, 2003, in New Orleans. She is a national account manager for Southern Eagle Sales & Service in Metairie, La., and he is a sales representative with Allergan Pharmaceuticals.

**Ursula K. (Allen) Pietsch**, B.S. 1994, of Munster, Ind., is the staff therapist at the Samaritan Counseling Center in Munster.

**Dr. James M. (Matt) Randall**, B.S. 1994, and **Laurie Carpenter Randall**, B.B.A. 1994, of Baton Rouge, La., are the parents of Jackson David, born on March 30, 2004. He has one sister, Allyson Virginia. Matt's dental practice, A Family Dental Care Clinic, in Baton Rouge, continues to grow. Laurie is a full-time mother.

**Chase L. Robertson**, B.A. 1994, and Antoine Martin of Austin, Texas, were married on May 8, 2004, in New Orleans.

**Anna Burdette Taylor**, B.A. 1994, and Justin Taylor of Pass Christian are the parents of Ella Linwood, born on March 24, 2004. Anna became a national board-certified teacher in November 2003.

**Robert C. Tenent**, B.S. 1994, of Broomfield, Colo., is a process engineer for ZettaCore in Denver. ZettaCore is a semiconductor startup company that integrates molecular charge storage into computer memory devices.

**Dr. Michael H. Vanderlick**, B.S. 1994, and **Emily Prejean**, B.B.A. 1997, of Lafayette, La., were married on Jan. 24, 2004, in Lafayette. She is an accountant with Prejean Company and he is a practicing physician in internal medicine.

## 1995

**Margaret Cross-Beliveau**, B.B.A. 1995, and David M. Beliveau of Waltham, Mass., have a son, Lane Martin, born on March 17, 2004.

**Christopher C. (Chad) Duncan**, B.B.A. 1995, of Atlanta is the manager for Accenture in Atlanta.

**Robert K. Hubbard III**, M.B.A. 1995, and Stephanie Hubbard of Memphis are the parents of Robert Kellis Hubbard IV, born on March 7, 2004.

**Jason F. McMillian**, B.B.A. 1995, and Melissa Lee McMillian of Cedar Park, Texas, are the parents of Zachary Taylor, born on Jan. 21, 2004.

**Lynn M. Pohl**, B.S. 1995, of Asheville, N.C., is assistant professor of history at Warren Wilson College in Asheville.

## 1996

**Dr. Christopher D. Lawrence**, B.S. 1996, of Lafayette, La., is an emergency room physician at Lafayette General Medical Center.

**Renee A. (Gober) McGill**, B.A. 1996, and Derek McGill of Corinth, are the parents of Hannah Renee, born Dec. 25, 2003. She has one sister, Sarah Anne.

**Dr. Stephen A. Morgan Jr.**, B.S. 1996, and Amanda Bell Morgan of River Ridge, La., are the parents of Avery Christopher, born on Jan. 16, 2004. He has one brother, Preston Locke. Steve is a practicing dentist in Houma, La.

## 1997

**Douglas S. Leonard**, B.S. 1997, of Chapel Hill, N.C., received a Ph.D. in physics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2004.

**James P. (Philip) McDermott**, B.A. 1997, of Memphis teaches English with the American Academy of English in Sosnowiec, Poland.

**Thomas H. Moore**, B.L.S. 1997, of Richland is an administration specialist for the Mississippi Military Department in Jackson.

## Saterstrom's Prose Is Pretty in 'Pink'

**Selah Saterstrom**, B.A. 1996, is the author of *The Pink Institution*, published in early April by Coffee House Press. In her debut novel, Saterstrom uses her childhood in the South to tell the tale of four generations surviving in a Southern family. She describes *The Pink Institution* as "the institution of memory/bodies/marriage/blood/mad-houses/haunted houses. It is also the rich, sugary, impoverished, decaying places of the Deep South as I have known it. It is the institution of the law, the book of social codes, the suspect history book."

With its beautiful and unusual prose, the book has seized the attention of several noteworthy critics. *The Pink Institution* has been described as "masterful" and "utterly compelling." Also impressive is the budding author's commitment to giving back. Ten percent of proceeds from *Institution* will be given to the Sunshine Shelter for Abused and Neglected Children in Natchez. "It sees and honors children," Saterstrom said. "It is an organization more than deserving of support."

—Becca Day



**Christy (Sylvan) Nash**, B.A. 1997, and Derek Nash of Huntersville, N.C., are the parents of Nicholas (Cole) Robert, born on May 21, 2003.

**Pamela M. (Musgrove) Rials**, B.A. 1997, and Billy Rials of Brandon are the parents of Katelyn Mea, born on May 18, 2004.

**Heather (Lott) Welch**, B.S. 1997, and **D. Duncan Welch**, B.B.A. 1998, M.B.A. 1999, of Brandon are the parents of Aidan Von, born on March 16, 2004. He has two brothers, William Gray and Tristan Sage. Heather is a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Jackson, and Duncan is manager of credit operations for Saks in Jackson.

## 1998

**Michael D. Biegel**, B.B.A. 1998, of Jackson graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law in May 2003.

**Amanda W. (Wood) Johnston**, B.A. 1998, and **Patrick W. Johnston**, B.A. 1999, of Dawsonville, Ga., are the parents of Abigail Leigh, born on Nov. 7, 2003.

**Melinda C. Owens**, B.B.A. 1998, M.Acc. 1999, of Austin, Texas, is audit manager for KPMG in Austin.

**Brett O. Theiss**, B.B.A. 1998, of San Antonio, Texas, is director of marketing for SBC in San Antonio.

**Amy M. Yeend**, M.B.A. 1998, of Purvis is the assistant director of career services for the College of Business and Economic Development at the University of Southern

Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She began her position in February 2004.

## 1999

**Molly K. Alton**, B.A. 1999, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., will be running in P. F. Chang's Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon in Phoenix in January and the Birmingham Mercedes Half Marathon in February. She is participating in both as a member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Team in Training" program, which offers personalized training and a support group for athletes in half and full marathons, biking, swimming, and triathlons. In return, team members help raise funds to benefit the society's research programs. Alton is the assistant vice president of commercial lending with Aliant Bank in Birmingham.



**Daniel M. Scarce**, B.B.A. 1997, and Lesley Anne Stiles of Chattanooga, Tenn., were married on June 14, 2003, in Chattanooga. The wedding party included **C. Ballard Scarce Jr.**, B.B.A. 1993. Daniel is controller of the Herman Grant Company and Lesley is director of development for WhykNOW Abstinence Education in Chattanooga.

**Kimberly Pace Becker**, B.A. 1999, of Wauwatosa, Wisc., graduated from Northern Arizona University with a master's degree in applied linguistics in May 2004. While attending graduate school, she taught both freshman composition and English as a second language in the Program in Intensive English. She currently works as an online instructor of writing and grammar for Johns Hopkins University.

**Nicole (Saad) Bradshaw**, B.A. 1999, of Brandon graduated cum laude from Mississippi College with a master's degree in communications in May 2004. In the fall of 2003, she was named director of public relations and marketing for the USA International Ballet Competition, headquartered in Jackson. Her duties include writing and disseminating press releases and serving as general copywriter for the *IBC Pointes* newsletter and other USA IBC printed pieces.

**Sarah A. Calhoun**, M.B.A. 1999, of West Monroe, La., was selected as the 2004 Best Small Business Person of the Year for northeast Louisiana in June 2004. The Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the U.S. Small Business Administration chose the regional winners of the awards. Calhoun is the owner and president of Medical Temps, a temporary medical staffing agency with more than 100 clients and 380 employees.

**David R. Jones**, B.B.A. 1999, M.Acc. 2001, and Jamie E. Jones, B.S. 2000, are the parents of Ainsley Elizabeth, born on Oct. 31, 2003.

**Suzanne E. Wahrle**, B.S. 1999, of St. Louis, Mo., is in her fifth year at Washington University's M.D./Ph.D. program in St. Louis. She is researching the role of lipid metabolism in Alzheimer's disease.

## 2000

**Michael J. Bentley**, B.A. 2000, and **Sarah McAtee**, B.S. 2001, of Jackson were

married May 31, 2003, in Mobile, Ala. The wedding party included **Chris Alexander**, B.A. 1998, **John R. Gomez**, B.A. 2000, **Prasad V. Vasamsetti**, B.S. 2001, **Georgia W. Pearson**, B.S. 2001, and **Jane E. Buck**, B.S. 2002. McAtee completed her master's degree in geosciences at Mississippi State University in May 2003. She works as a science writer for *Mental Floss* magazine. Bentley worked as a citizen and community services coordinator for Governor Ronnie Musgrove from July 2000 to January 2004. He began law school at the Mississippi College School of Law in fall 2004.

**Hayes Bryant**, B.B.A. 2000, and **Sarah K. Young**, B.A. 2000, of New York City, were married June 18, 2004, in Lafayette, La. The wedding party included **Dr. Thomas R. Bryant**, B.A. 1970, **Bart Liles**, B.A. 1999, **Ashley E. Reed**, B.S. 1999, **Amy C. Brazda**, B.S. 2000, **Matt Carroccio**, B.A. 2000, **Rachel E. Cook**, B.A. 2000, **Jessica Ditch**, B.A. 2000, **Lindsay Lehman**, B.B.A. 2000, **Wes Lehman**, B.S. 2000, **Deanna K. Wise**, B.B.A. 2000, **Jeff Douglas**, B.S. 2001, **Stephanie A. Hardwick**, B.S. 2001, and **McCall K. Bryant**, B.S. 2003. Hayes is an investment banker for UBS in the firm's Global Industrials Group and Sarah teaches fifth grade at the Buckley School.

**Marin R. Dawson-Caswell**, B.S. 2000, of Orlando, Fla., graduated from Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with a doctorate in osteopathic medicine in May 2004. She is a first-year pediatric resident at Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital in Orlando. Her husband, Kyle Caswell, is completing his third year of medical school at NSUCOM and is doing his clinical rotations at Florida Hospital East in Orlando.

**Bridget E. Foss**, B.S. 2000, and John Hagan of New Orleans were married June 5, 2004, in New Orleans. She is employed with the New Orleans Reading and Learning Center.

## 2001

**Laura W. Ferry**, B.A. 2001, of Cambridge, Mass., graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in June 2004. While at Harvard, she was a prelaw tutor, a research assistant, and was awarded Best Advocate as a member of the first place team at the 2004 ABA Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition in Chicago. During the summer of 2002, she was a law intern with Lawyers for Human Rights in Pretoria, South Africa. During the summer of 2003, she worked as a law intern with the Public Defender Service in Washington, D.C. After graduating from Harvard, Ferry served as a summer associate with the law firm of Crowell & Moring in Washington, D.C. As of August 2004 she was working as a law clerk for Judge Nancy Gertner on the U.S. District Court in Boston.

**Blake A. Huggard**, B.B.A. 2001, M.B.A. 2002, and **Mary Frances Prejean**, B.B.A. 2001, of Houston, Texas, were married Aug. 30, 2003, in Lafayette, La. She is a professional representative with Merck, and he is a consultant with Deloitte Consulting in Houston.



**Julie T. Lassalle**, B.A. 2001, of Blacksburg, Va., has entered the master's degree program in higher education and student affairs administration at Virginia

Tech in Blacksburg. Participation in the program is limited to only 15 new students each year. She has also been awarded an assistantship in the residence life office. For the three years prior, Lassalle was employed by Ferrum College in Ferrum, Va., as a residence life professional.

**Cary M. Pierce**, B.B.A. 2001, of Nashville, is a credit analyst for First Tennessee Bank.

## 2002



**Jonathan E. Kelly**, B.B.A. 2002, of Memphis was recently appointed as a financial representative for Strategic Financial Partners in Memphis.

The firm is affiliated with New England Financial, a Boston-based financial services company.

**Frances (Fran) C. Stallings**, B.B.A. 2002, M.Acc. 2003, of Jackson passed her CPA examination in May 2004. In August 2004, the Mississippi Society of CPAs newsletter listed her as one of only 15 people to pass all four sections of the CPA exam during the first period of the new computer-based examination process. In November 2003, she took the last-ever paper version of the exam, passing all but one section. Stallings is the director of accounting for the law firm YoungWilliams.

**Raymond M. (Michael) Waters IV**, B.B.A. 2002, of Jackson is a business analysis manager for Saks of Jackson.

## 2003

**Elizabeth L. Vincent**, B.A. 2003, of West Somerville, Mass., is a receptionist for ViaCell. ViaCell is a cellular medicine company that develops treatments for cancer, genetic diseases, immune deficiencies, and neurological diseases.

## 2004

**Megan T. Shaw**, B.A. 2004, of Arlington, Texas, is working as a field consultant for Delta Delta Delta sorority during the 2004–05 academic year. She is helping to establish the Tri Delta chapter at Elon University in Elon, N.C. She served as her chapter's president, vice president of chapter development, and secretary at Millsaps.