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Thursday, April 19:

- Alumni & Friends Educational Forum
Dinner and professional development opportunity for educational graduates and friends.
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Friday, April 20:

- Golden Girls Alumni Luncheon
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- Athletics Reunion and Reception
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- MUW Senior Art Exhibit and Reception in the Eugenia Summer Gallery
- Barbecue Celebrating 30 Years of Men at MUW
- Culinary Arts Wine and Dessert Tasting
- Leslie Farrell Threadgill Lecture and Artist Series
Frank Sinatra Tribute Concert

Saturday, April 21:

- 5K Homecoming Fun Run
- Campus Walk with the President
- Homecoming Brunch
Featuring Presentations from Student Leaders
- MUW Alumni Association Annual Membership Meeting
Featuring MUWAA Awards and Announcement of 2012-2013 Officers
- Social Club Reunions and Celebration of the D'Belle's 50th Anniversary
- Online Chat with the President
- Reception Honoring Dr. Harry Sherman Professor Emeritus, for his Longtime Service to MUW
- Reunion Banquet Celebrating Reunion Classes

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear MUW Friends:

I am absolutely thrilled and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the 14th president of Mississippi University for Women with its incredibly beautiful, historic campus that offers a very promising future for its faculty, staff, students and alumni.

As I have stated many times before, MUW is a terrific university and Columbus is a wonderful community, both have made me feel very welcomed throughout the presidential search process and during my first days on campus.

The spring semester is well under way, and I am excited about what the new year has to offer as you will read about in the following pages.

Homecoming is just around the corner and we have numerous events lined up for that weekend including the Golden Girls Alumni Luncheon, Athletics Reunion and Reception, Barbecue Celebrating 30 Years of Men at MUW and Frank Sinatra Tribute Concert. I look forward to seeing you!

I am also excited to announce that alumna Allegra Brigham has returned to campus as interim vice president for university relations and advancement. She did an excellent job as interim president for 18 months, and her career experiences have prepared her well for this position. Allegra has made everything about me becoming the president for this university so much better.

While good news abounds, it's imperative that the momentum continues. Over the next few months, I will spend my time listening, visiting and listening some more to alumni, students, faculty, staff, community and all other MUW friends and stakeholders. In fall 2012, we will begin a structured conversation to help us identify our path forward.

You will hear me talk a lot about recruiting, retaining and graduating our students, which are the primary mission of a university. We will continue to build on our excellent academic reputation, while we must provide excellent customer service to our students, including non-traditional and commuter students.



I also intend to work hard to expand our available financial resources. We must develop a culture of giving among our students currently enrolled as well as with alumni, friends and community. We must friend raise, fund-raise and build partnerships.

Again, thank you for making me feel so welcomed here. Today is just the starting point for the conversation I hope will last as long as I serve this institution.

This is joyful work and we must have fun doing it! And we must remember everything we do begins and ends with the best interests of our students in mind.

Sincerely,

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Alumna Shirley A. Graves Modell to Address Graduates

By Anika Mitchell Perkins



Modell

Dr. Shirley A. Graves Modell, one of the most accomplished women in the United States in pediatric anesthesiology and critical care medicine, will address Mississippi University for Women graduates on Saturday, May 5 in Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall.

She currently serves as professor emeritus at the University of Florida's College of Medicine's Department of Anesthesiology and Department of Pediatrics.

Modell has been named twice as one of the Best Doctors in America from the Southeast Region. A pediatric intensive care unit at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville has been named in her honor. Dr. Modell has served on both the American Board of Anesthesiology and the American Board of Pediatrics. In addition, she has been published extensively in numerous books, journals and other professional publications. Last year she was recognized by the MUW Alumni Association for contributions to her field as well as the university.

A native of Ackerman, Modell graduated from Mississippi State College for Women in 1957. She received her M.D. from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1966. ☰

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MUW

Ban and Bunnell honored by HEADWAE

By Laurel Kammer



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Mississippi University for Women junior Menuka Ban and instructor of English Todd Bunnell were recognized at the Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE).

HEADWAE was established by Mississippi Legislative Resolution No. 88 in 1987 to annually honor the academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

The Appreciation Day, hosted by the Legislature each February in Jackson, is the Legislature's way of saying "thank you" to these students and faculty for their commitment to the future of Mississippi.

Ban is a mathematics and political science major from Bhaktapur, Nepal. She serves as vice president of MUW's Student Government Association, community adviser for MUW's Community Living Organization, W-Rep and mathematics tutor. She also is involved in several other campus organizations including Stand Up-Speak Up Toastmasters club and the International Student Association. Ban is a member of the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society.

Bunnell was the 2011 Faculty Member of the Year. He is currently serving as coordinator of composition and director of the TESL Certificate Program and Writing Center. Originally from Urbana, Ohio, Bunnell came to MUW in 1996 as an adjunct instructor. He was also a full-time lecturer at Mississippi State University. Along with being an English instructor, Bunnell served as sports information director at MUW from 2001 to 2003. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Wright State University (Dayton) and a master's degree in English with a creative writing emphasis and a TESL Certificate from Mississippi State University.

The honorees were invited to the state Capitol where they were welcomed by the lieutenant governor and recognized in each chamber of the Legislature. A luncheon followed where each student and faculty honoree was recognized by name in front of their guests, institution leaders, corporate sponsors and legislators.

The goal of the Appreciation Day is to encourage excellence among those involved in higher education as a way to further leadership, increase knowledge across the broad spectrum of education and promote good citizens capable of thriving in today's society and prepared to meet future challenges. ☰



MUW professor and family served as missionaries in Japan

By Jill D. O'Bryant

For 30 years, Dr. Brenda Dickey, assistant professor of education at Mississippi University for Women, and her family have served others through missionary work in Japan.

She and her husband Jim, lived and worked with the Japanese people in a cross-cultural setting year-round through a large world mission organization, the Assemblies of God World Missions. Both are fluent in Japanese.

While in Japan, Dr. Dickey served as educational consultant for the Assemblies of God World Missions organization and served as a member of the Asian Educational Resource Consortium (AERC), which provides educational resources to all mission organization families living and working in Asia.

"We began Christian churches, developed cross-cultural educational programs and began an English school for students to learn English as a second language," Dickey said.

They also raised their daughter Karen, who is now 25, in Japan until she completed high school. The Dickeys returned to the states in 2004 to become stateside-based.

In addition to working at MUW, she and her husband now serve as member care consultants for families living in all areas of the world. They have traveled to Africa, Europe, Northern



Dr. Brenda Dickey holds the Honorary Ambassador Award presented to her by Mississippi College for outstanding contributions to multi-cultural understanding and care and concern for all international students.



Miyuki Okamoto, from left, Naoyo Matsui, Shoko Nakahata and Yuka Nakahata, all from Tupelo, prepare to go on a campus tour with Maeghan Tilley, MUW admissions counselor, and Dickey. While in Tupelo in the fall, Dickey invited the Toyota plant workers to campus for a tour.

Asia and Asia Pacific consulting with families concerning the educational needs of their children and providing member care support.

"Our hearts were saddened about the earthquake in Japan that brought devastation to the areas where we have worked for many years," Dickey said. "We are continuing to provide support and help to Japan and will be going to Japan to provide relief work to those devastated areas in the summer of 2012."

Because of her experiences as both a foreign missionary and an educator, cultural diversity and understanding are topics that are dear to her heart.

"The needs of the world economically,



MFA in Physical Theatre Has its Inaugural Graduating Class

By Cydney Archie

socially and educationally are becoming more and more connected to local communities in the United States," Dickey said. "Multiculturalism and cultural diversity in schools, businesses and communities require an understanding of diverse cultural communication. Cultural understanding and communication are necessary in the arena of education, jobs and economic growth in the world of globalization.

"My experience working and living in a cross-cultural setting provides competency skills in multicultural understanding and communication that impacts application of practice in education. Cultural understanding and empathy impacts teaching models of instruction in teacher education and practice."

Dickey, who joined the MUW faculty in the fall, holds an undergraduate degree in elementary education from Southeastern University in Florida, a master's in elementary school guidance and counseling from the University of South Carolina and a doctorate in educational psychology, learning and development from Regent University with her dissertation topic exploring student self-efficacy cross-culturally and how it impacts academic achievement.

She has experience teaching in both public and private schools in Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. Most recently she taught at Mississippi College in the International Department teaching English as a second language to foreign students. ☙



MUW students perform in "The Judgement of Don Quixote" as partial fulfillment of the MFA in physical theatre. The performance was performed at Milano Teatro Scuola Paolo Grassi (Milan, Italy).

Students enrolled in Mississippi University for Women's master of fine arts in physical theatre program recently completed their master's thesis show in Europe.

The eight students were a part of the inaugural graduating class which started the MFA program offered in conjunction with the Accademia dell'Arte in Arezzo, Italy.

Since 2009, students have been immersed in European theatre training approaches through its faculty, who have trained and worked in a range of European countries and settings.

Robert Shryock, one of the graduates, stated, "When I first started searching for MFA programs, I wanted to study somewhere that would provide unique training as an actor and theatre artist, and this institution provided this."

Meredith Fox, another graduate of the program, felt that the opportunities provided to students and travel throughout Europe are some of the best aspects of the program.

The Accademia is one of the only institutions in the world that offers an MFA in physical theatre. Primary program courses are offered on the Arezzo campus, but students also study in Torino, Berlin and Milan.

Students train in seven distinct modules and advance to higher levels of creative mastery. A final thesis and performance represent the culmination of their research and creative work.

William "Peppy" Biddy, chair of the MUW Department of Music and Theatre, said, "It is rewarding to see our first cohort receive their MFA degrees in physical theatre. The entire process from the inception of the idea to first graduate has been six years."

This spring MUW undergraduates will have an opportunity to work with MFA faculty Kali Quinn, who will create a devised piece of theatre using Commedia masks.

"This will give our undergraduate program an opportunity to connect with the MFA program and introduce the students to the ideas of physical theatre," Biddy added. ☙



Kerns and Hickoxes: MUW Sister Acts

By Cydney Archie

While it's known for its many traditions, Mississippi University for Women is also a place where friendships and strong bonds are created.

The Kern and Hickox sisters can attest to this statement since The W has been an enriching experience for them all and provided an atmosphere for the sisterly bonds to grow.

LaSquizzie and LaVosha Kern are from Ethel and are currently enrolled at MUW. LaSquizzie, the eldest, is a senior art education major who always enjoyed art as a youth. It wasn't until she visited the MUW campus and attended the play, "Little Women," during her senior year in high school that she decided to attend MUW. This was the place she wanted to be to help improve and develop her talent in art.

She has enjoyed her time at MUW and even inspired her youngest sister, LaVosha, to attend. Because of their close-knit relationship, it was no problem. In fact, LaVosha wanted to attend because of her sister. It didn't take her long to discover her new and exciting passion in theatre.

"I was a very shy person in high school, so I don't know why I chose theatre. I got into the work and I haven't left yet," she stated with a polite smile.

The Kern sisters have their differences, yet they share many of the same hobbies and interests. Both enjoy reading, writing short stories and crocheting. They are also interested in other cultures, particularly the Asian culture and are members of the Anime Club, JAM (Japanese Anime Manga Club) and the Asian Interest Club, where they practice the Japanese and Korean languages.

Although LaVosha is the theatre major, LaSquizzie has performed in a play. Together they starred as Mustardseed, the fairy, in "Midsummer Night's Dream." This was indeed one of their most memorable moments together and individually.

Theatre is not only familiar to the Kern sisters but the Hickox sisters as well. Sarah, a recent graduate of The W, earned her

bachelor of arts in theatre. The Decatur native originally planned to pursue a fine arts degree with an emphasis in photography but was drawn to the theatre department.

She said, "Before MUW, I had done community theatre, but had never considered it as a career. After discovering what possibilities were out there, I knew that theatre was what I wanted to do."

Sarah dedicated the majority of her time to the theatre department and completely immersed herself in activities and learned to sketch

costumes, construct a set, design props and posters and even do scenic painting. At The W, she performed in many plays including "A Year with Frog and Toad," "The Foreigner" and "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding." Sarah was even the stage manager for several plays.

Currently she resides in London and is pursuing a master's degree in applied drama at Goldsmiths, University of London. As a result of her experience at MUW, Sarah felt that the university provided

a great educational foundation with a fantastic theatrical resume.

Sarah is not the only one who has felt MUW's impact. Just like her mother and older sister, Mary was also a theatre major at MUW and graduated in May 2011. Her family was indeed an influence in why she chose to attend MUW, but also because the professors allowed her to audit theatre classes while she was in high school. She knew that theatre at MUW was for her.

While at MUW, she worked hard to improve her theatrical talents. In her spare time, she read monologues, plays and worked on shows. During her freshman year, she was accepted in Mission: IMPROVable, The W's improvisation group, which allowed her personality to shine and escape her shy nature. Mary's goal is to become a professional actress and maybe move to Washington, D.C., to begin her career.

Because Sarah and Mary were both at The W together, they were allowed to work together in ways that they hadn't before. They participated in theatre projects together, performed in plays together and made memories they will never forget. (1)



Mary Hickox, from left, Sarah Hickox, LaSquizzie Kern and LaVosha Kern after graduation in May.



Investing in Their Future

Donors contributing scholarships to the MUW Foundation had an opportunity to meet the student recipients of their scholarships at the annual Scholarship Donor Appreciation Dinner fall term. Donors now look forward to meeting the students in whose futures they are investing.

The MUW Foundation currently awards more than 300 scholarships annually as a result of the generous contributions of scholarship donors whose gifts enrich the lives of students as together, donor and student, embrace the academic quality of Mississippi University for Women.

Top Left: Symone Bounds, a senior legal studies major, talks about the opportunities provided to her through the Weathersby Scholarship.

Top Right: Abbye Davis, who received the Class of 1957 Scholarship, is pictured with alumna Carolyn Smithson Ritter '57, who established a Centennial Scholarship.

Middle: Drs. Jasper and Delene Lee are pictured with Robert Smith, recipient of the Delene Lee Scholarship.

Lower Left: Allegra Brigham, right, vice president for university relations and advancement, visits with Dr. E.E. "Butch" Caston, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Michelle Harmon '72, professor in the College of Nursing and Speech-Language Pathology, and her husband, John. Dr. Harmon contributes monthly to the Ruth Hart Scholarship established by Ann Severance, also one of the Ruth Hart Dancers.

Lower Right: Chun Chen is the recipient of the Mary Allen Paul Hicks Scholarship and is pictured with the Rev. Tom Hicks. ☰





Allegra Cope Brigham Leadership Scholarship Established

By Anika Mitchell Perkins

A scholarship fund has been established to honor alumna Allegra Brigham, former interim president of Mississippi University for Women.

The Allegra Cope Brigham Leadership Scholarship was announced at a surprise tribute to thank Brigham for her dedication and leadership to the university for 18 months.

Faculty, staff, alumni, family members and community representatives have contributed more than \$40,000 to the scholarship that will benefit students who exhibit exceptional leadership traits.

"Throughout her career, Allegra has been a leader and for the past year and a half, she has so generously shared those extraordinary leadership skills with MUW. She is incredibly talented, courageous and an inspiration to us all," said Andrea Nester Stevens, executive director of development.

Similar sentiments were shared by guests who participated in the tribute. Words such as inspirational, enthusiastic, persistent, optimistic and a rock star were used to describe Brigham.

Perry Sansing, assistant to the president, spoke on behalf of the President's Cabinet.

"A day like this always generates conflicting emotions," he said referring to Brigham's commitment, passion and dedication.

Sansing said he and other Cabinet members knew early on that MUW was in good hands, recalling a somewhat tense meeting Brigham had with a College Board staff person. He said she was able to neutralize the situation and possessed qualities that even some veteran presidents may have lacked in that situation.



A surprise tribute was held in honor of former interim president Allegra Brigham for her 18 months of service to MUW.

"Like most of us that have worked with Allegra, you know that you can put her in charge of a bank or a slaughterhouse and it would be successful."

Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences, said, "No task has been too insignificant or too overwhelming for her, and Mississippi University for Women has been the beneficiary. While maintaining and supporting the ongoing outstanding work in academics and student life, she has led initiatives to bring much needed healing and unity, aesthetic improvements, enrollment increases and expanded external support."

Jessica Harpole, Staff Council President, said, "We truly believe you took on this role like no one else could have."

"Your leadership and character inspire us to be better and work harder," she said.

SGA President Leander Williams Jr. thanked Brigham for the



Brigham and her husband, Bill, and other family members enjoy stories told by guests.

role she has personally played in his life. He also was accompanied by a group of student leaders who participated in a cheer typically performed during orientation to introduce themselves to new students. The cheer took a turn at the reception with traits about Brigham and closed on the following note: She loves The W. We're glad she's here. We're gonna miss her. So check her out.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, Lillian Wade presented Brigham with a ginkgo necklace and said, "You're a true W girl."

Alumna Mitzi Chandler Green, said, "Allegra Brigham is an exceptional leader, a tireless worker and a remarkable person. She has made tremendous progress while president with her steady focus on the best interests of The W."

Joe Max Higgins, CEO of the Columbus Lowndes Development Link, said, "Allegra is like Madonna, Elvis or Cher. One name and you know who she is. Very few of us reach that pinnacle. She is a rock star and was a rock star before she came to The W."

Angela Crossley Ferraez, director of major gifts and planned giving, was responsible for coordinating the event.

She presented Brigham a memory book designed by art students. Ferraez said nothing stays little when it involves Brigham. Other offices were called in to assist with the book and letters poured in from everywhere including the governor and other state officials.

In addition to the scholarship and memory book, Nora Miller, vice president for finance administration, announced that the President's Dining Room in Hogarth Dining Center is now the Allegra Cope Brigham President's Dining Room. Miller said

they look forward to hosting events there just as Brigham has extended her hospitality and grace to others.

During her remarks, Brigham said she was overwhelmed.

"I've dreaded the day to say goodbye," she said. "It's a bittersweet time for me. I have always loved this place."

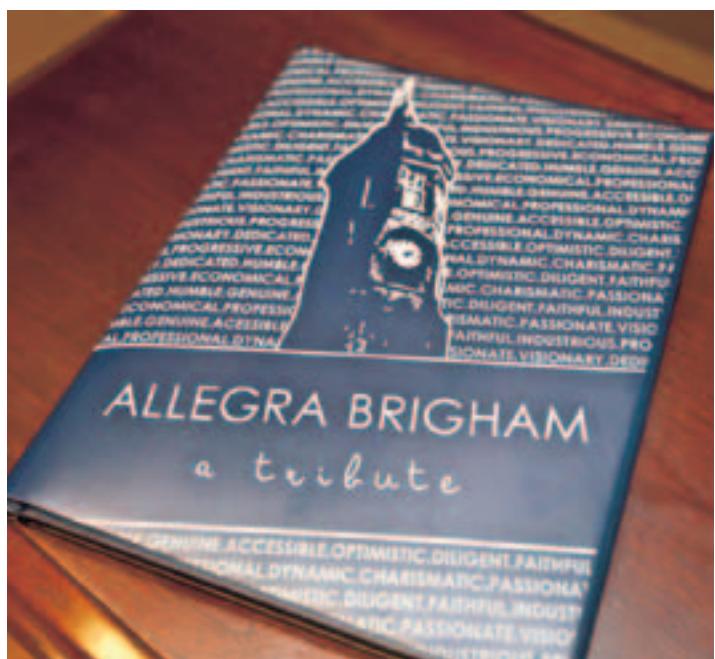
"It has rejuvenated me where learning is such a lifelong passion," she added.

Brigham also took the time to offer words of support for MUW's new president, Dr. Jim Borsig, and to thank the Campus Search Advisory Committee, the IHL Board and those she pulled out of retirement to join the MUW team during her tenure.

"He has a passion for our institution that will take us great places" she said.

"It has been a team effort. When we work together everybody achieves more," she added. "Thank you all for everything. I will never forget my time here."

For more information about this scholarship or how to establish a scholarship fund, please call MUW's Office of Development at (662) 329-7148. ☰



Brigham was presented with a memory book designed by MUW art students.

A professional portrait of Dr. Jim Borsig, a middle-aged man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and striped tie. He is seated in an office setting with bookshelves and a lamp in the background. He is smiling and has his hands clasped.

MUW Campus & Community
welcome
Dr. Jim Borsig



Borsig congratulated by MUW staff including Cathy Young, Dr. Phillip "Flapp" Cockrell and Jessica Harpole.

Immediately after being named Mississippi University for Women's 14th president, Dr. Jim Borsig wasted no time rolling up his sleeves and getting to work.

While he did not officially start until the first of the year, in the days following the announcement of his presidency in November, he was busy getting to know members of the community, attending the faculty holiday party, dropping in on an Administrative Council meeting made up of faculty, staff and students, and attending the annual Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers ceremony.

More recently he addressed the campus community at Spring Convocation, attended alumni receptions hosted in his honor, provided the welcome for the 100th Night Celebration to honor graduating seniors and launched the search for a provost and vice president for academic affairs.

His calendar continues to fill up with speaking engagements to various civic clubs and visits with media.

There is no doubt that his arrival has been embraced with open arms—a sentiment Dr. Borsig has repeated on several occasions.

"Columbus and the campus community have made me feel very welcomed throughout this process. This is a terrific place and a terrific university."

Man on a Mission

Recruit. Retain. Graduate students. If anyone has had the opportunity to hear speeches by Dr. Borsig, most should be familiar with these words.

"Our number one mission should be to recruit, retain and graduate our students and do it in four years if possible," he said.

During his first Administrative Council meeting, unofficially as president, Dr. Borsig told faculty and staff that they would hear him talk a lot about helping students complete college, connecting them to the university as graduates, MUW being relevant in the 21st century and much more.

"Someone who borrows money and doesn't get a degree is a significant failure on our part," he said. "I want us to analyze our data to better understand this university and where our opportunities are."

Dr. Borsig said he is evidence based and believes data should drive decision making.

"I believe what is measured gets done. I believe in a strategic direction to frame our path forward."

He added that the university's historic mission goes beyond serving women even though it does remain central to who The W is.

"Sense of place is important to those of us in the South and we must serve, nurture and continue our efforts in this region we serve," adding that near completers and non-traditional students must be served.

It Takes Everyone

Just as businesses and government have moved toward more accountability, the same is expected from colleges.



Dr. Jim Borsig strolls down the blue carpet at a campus reception held in his honor following the announcement naming him president of Mississippi University for Women.

"You will not hear me talk about a funding crisis because that implies it will go away when it's over," he said.

Funding challenges for all levels of education is a reality and he and others will strongly advocate for more state funding.

He explained that this fiscal year MUW's budget is funded more from tuition revenue than state appropriations.

"Tuition revenue is within our control via recruitment and retention."

While the focus on accountability and transparency is here to stay, Borsig added that the university must turn its attention to the possibilities of the future.

He reiterated that recruiting, retaining and graduating students are everyone's responsibility.

"We must provide excellent customer service, outstanding student advising, accommodate the schedules of our non-traditional and commuter students and maintain our excellence in teaching and learning."

MUW has a competitive advantage because of who and what it is, he stressed.

"We will know students by their names. It's not enough to just enroll students," Borsig said. "We must remember everything we do must begin and end with the best interests of our students in mind."

In addition, Borsig said the university must develop a culture of giving while its students are enrolled and among friends, alumni and the community.

"We must friend raise, fund-raise and build partnerships," he said.

What's Next?

From the very beginning, Dr. Borsig said there would be many conversations. He plans to listen, visit and listen some more.

"We cannot fear the future and be afraid to have conversations about change."

In the fall of 2012, the university will begin a major planning process to identify its path forward.

A consultant will be brought in to assist with enrollment management strategy.

In addition to finding a new provost, a search has been launched for a dean for the School of Business and Professional Studies.

"Today is the start of the conversation, a conversation I hope will last as long as I serve this institution," Borsig said stressing that he is at The W for the long haul.

"I am in love with the promise of our future and I think it's very bright."



Getting to Know Him: Dr. Jim Borsig

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Jim Borsig grew up in Jackson and attended St. Joseph High School.

He is the first in his family to earn a bachelor's degree, which he holds in political science and American studies as well as a master's degree in political science with a concentration in public administration, both from The University of Southern Mississippi. He earned his doctorate in public policy and administration from Mississippi State University.

It was at Southern Miss where the former college student body president, got his first glimpse into higher education. He credits one of his mentors, Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, for the outstanding leadership and guidance he provided.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Southern Miss is what launched not only opportunities for me when I was a student, but the University, in reality, launched my career."

Today, Dr. Borsig has a wealth of experience in higher education, government and the private sector.

Before joining Mississippi University for Women, he served as associate commissioner for external relations and public policy for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, where he was responsible for external and government relations, communications and staff support for the university systems research enterprise, public policy and economic research.

He also served as assistant commissioner for government relations for IHL, as executive assistant to the president of USM and as research and development coordinator for the John C. Stennis Institute of Government. Since 2007, he has been a visiting professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Jackson State University.

Dr. Borsig has held senior leadership positions in municipal government, not-for-profits and higher education. He has served as executive director of the Mississippi Municipal League and as Director of the Center for Member Programs at the National League of Cities.

He has conducted research and authored or co-authored papers on a wide variety of topics involving local government and higher education. Some of these include Strategic Initiative on Increasing Baccalaureate Degree Completion in Mississippi, Making Opportunity Affordable and the Graduation Rate Task Force Report.

Throughout his career, Dr. Borsig has been involved in numerous public and community service activities.

He holds memberships in a number of academic and professional memberships, including the American Planning Association, the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the Mississippi Economic Development Council, the University of Southern Mississippi chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa and the Mississippi State University chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha.

An Eagle Scout, Dr. Borsig received the National Distinguished Service Award, Order of the Arrow, from Boy Scouts of America and was named the Alpha Tau Omega Alumni of the Year by the University of Southern Mississippi chapter. He received the Presidential Citation from the Mississippi ASPA Chapter and was also named the Local Public Administrator of the Year by the same organization.

"What you see is pretty much what you get," he has said in meetings with faculty, staff and students. "Ask me a question and you will probably get an answer, but be sure you want one before you ask me."

His hobbies include kayaking, golfing and working out. ☺



Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

It has been said that “no matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow,” and even though the weather outside is still brisk, it is never too early to long for spring. In doing so, we hope that one of your first priorities will be to attend HOMECOMING on our beautiful Columbus campus. In addition to the plethora of activities planned for this fun-filled weekend, you are all personally invited to join us for the Annual Meeting of the MUW Alumni Association on Saturday, April 21. This event is not only a reunion of old friends but also an opportunity to revisit our historic university and witness the many wonderful things that are happening at MUW.



One opportunity every alum should greatly anticipate is the chance to meet our new president, Dr. Jim Borsig. A man of vision, Dr. Borsig is already hard at work transitioning our university into its next chapter. Its broad background and career experience will benefit The W right from the start and you can look for exciting things to come for our alma mater. An “encourager” in every sense of the word, Dr. Borsig is someone you will enjoy meeting when you come to campus.

Speaking of encouragement, as alumni, we can all be ambassadors and cheerleaders for MUW. If you haven’t already done so, we encourage you to **join the MUW Alumni Association** and help us reach our goal of **1,500 members by Spring Homecoming**. As 2011 ended, we had just under 1,000 members. Please consider joining and encouraging your friends and classmates to do the same. Membership is simple and can be done online at www.muwaa.org or by calling the Alumni Office at (662) 329-7295. One benefit of membership is the ability to keep up with your longtime friends while continuing to keep up-to-date on the progress of new curriculum and students currently on campus.

Lastly, we encourage each alum and friend of MUW to send names of potential W students to our Admissions Office by contacting Director Cassie Derden at (662) 329-7106 or cderden@admissions.muw.edu and to send your financial contributions to the MUW Foundation at 1100 College Street, MUW Box 1618, Columbus, MS 39701. Consider starting a scholarship in your family or class’ honor; it is easier than you think and serves as a lasting legacy of your generosity and a wonderful gift to your alma mater. As alums and friends of this great university, we have the ability to make a difference. Sometimes we just need to be encouraged to do so.

Join us as we make MUW a priority in 2012 through our time, talent and financial commitment. We look forward to seeing you in April and we “encourage” you to bring a fellow alum or classmate!



Emily Myers Garner
Class of 1995

Andrea Godwin Overby
Class of 1968

MUW Alumni Association Co-Presidents, 2011-2012



Classnotes

1950s

Laurin Fields Stamm '55 of Vicksburg has published her first cookbook titled, "From the Kitchen of Cypress House." The 280-page hard bound cookbook is a collection of food columns and recipes spanning a portion of her career as The Vicksburg Post's first and only food editor. A selection of columns and recipes focusing on cooks around Vicksburg, the food happenings and culinary creations that came from Stamm's kitchen in the Cypress House at 3400 Drummond Street are featured in the cookbook. For more information, visit www.kitchenofthecypresshouse.com.

Janet Morrison Burgess '58

of Shreveport, La., is a former faculty member of Southfield School. She began teaching as a kindergarten assistant in 1958, but was quickly promoted to the kindergarten teaching position. After a brief absence due to the birth of her son, Michael, who graduated from Southfield, she returned in 1963 to teach a 4-year-old class. Burgess started the Maypole for the 4-year-old classes in 1968 and it remains a beloved Southfield tradition to this day.

1960s

Patsy Lockhart McDaniel '63 and Frank McDaniel of Columbus celebrated their 50th anniversary Oct. 9, 2011.

Paula Crockett Mabry '65 of Starkville directed "The Night of the Iguana."

1970s

Helen Mason Taylor '70 is a dedicated advocate for Mississippi's children and less fortunate citizens. She leads the Brickfire Project as CEO and directs Voices for Mississippi's Children, a child care training program.

Addkison Appointed President and CEO of WOW

By Cydney Archie



Addkison

Being president and CEO of a major organization is a great responsibility, but a familiar one to Donna Addkison.

The W girl, who graduated in 1988, started her career at Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) in 2008 and was later appointed president and CEO in 2011 after a rigorous national search process.

For more than 45 years, WOW has helped women learn to earn, with programs emphasizing literacy, technical and nontraditional skills, the welfare-to-work transition, career development, and retirement security. WOW's mission has always been to provide the services women need to gain access to equal employment opportunities, and to break down the systemic barriers that keep women from enjoying these opportunities.

Since joining the WOW community, Addkison has implemented the missions and ideals of the organization. She has led WOW's green jobs technical assistance projects, WOW's work to address the economic security needs of domestic violence survivors and technical assistance projects for advocates, service providers and others at the state and local levels. What she enjoys most about WOW is working with a team of committed individuals and organizations who make a difference in the lives of women, girls and their families.

Many experiences have influenced Addkison's life and career including her time at MUW.

"Being a part of a university where the mission focused on advancing the educational interests of young women truly contributed not just to my professional interests but also my view of the world," she said. "The amazing mix of opportunities in the classroom and across the campus to present, to manage organizations and to represent the university off campus prepared me to move into public roles and management roles at a much earlier time in my career that I suspect would have been impossible otherwise."

She was a member of the Blacklist Social Club, treasurer and head of standards for the Revelers Social Club, Hottentots, senator for the Student Government Association, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Tau Delta. Addkison also chaired the Committee of 82, where students protested the Legislature to prevent the university from closing.

She earned a bachelor of arts in English with honors in political science at MUW and was awarded an Alumni Achievement Award in 2000. She also has earned two master's degrees in political science from Mississippi State University and criminal justice from Troy State University. (1)



Payne Edits Book about Women's History

By Cydney Archie

Elizabeth Anne Payne, 1964 graduate of Mississippi University for Women and professor of history at the University of Mississippi, recently edited the book, "Writing Women's History: A Tribute to Anne Firor Scott."

"The book grew out of presentations by seven leading scholars in American women's history at the Porter Fortune History Symposium at University of Mississippi in 2008," stated Payne.

Published by the University Press of Mississippi, Payne worked with these scholars to transform their oral presentations into scholarly articles.

Each essay regards "The Southern Lady," written by Anne Scott, as having shaped her historical perspective and inspired her choice of topics in important ways. These essays together demonstrate that the power of imagination and scholarly cour-

age manifested in Scott's and other early American women historians' work have blossomed into a gracious plentitude.

Contributions were given by Laura F. Edwards, Crystal Feimster, Glenda E. Gilmore, Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, Darlene Clark Hine, Mary Kelley, Markeeva Morgan, Anne Firor Scott, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich and Deborah Gray White.

Payne said, "Editing this book has created new opportunities for me." The book is available in hardcopy and eBook.

This volume is one of several in which Payne has been involved. She is the coeditor of volumes I and II of "Mississippi Women: Their Histories, Their Lives." Payne is also the author of "Reform, Labor, and Feminism: Margaret Dreier Robins and the Women's Trade Union League." ☐

Artwork by **Susan Ingram '73** of Jackson was shown at the Gallery Point Leflore reception. The artist, a native of Jackson, has been teaching art in the Jackson area for 30 years and now teaches at Jackson Preparatory Academy. She paints Mississippi landscapes and draws heavily on the Delta sights of swamps and cotton fields.

Cheryl Sparkman '73 of Scooba retired as Division of Economic Assistance director from the Mississippi Department of Human Services after more than 38 years of service.

Melanie Lyle Sarris '78 was named Teacher of the Year at Vaughan Elementary School in Powder Springs, Ga.

1980s

Frank Edmondson '84 of Lake penned his first book, "Mr. Frank's Magic School Bus," which was recently named Public America's number one selling e-book. He was a school bus driver for Scott County School District for 15 years. Edmondson currently serves as general manager for WQST 850 AM, where he has incorporated education for children at the radio station.

Lorena Bonnett Weinkle '86 was the key liaison with Scholastic Book Fairs Southeast in Kennesaw, Ga., and the Mississippi Magnolia Awards in Hattiesburg to establish a program to include Magnolia Award Books on all Scholastic Book Fairs in the state of Mississippi starting fall 2012. Weinkle has been a Book Fair Consultant with Scholastic Book Fairs for three years and currently manages book fairs for 12 counties in Mississippi.

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Payne Awarded Medal of Service



Photo courtesy of the Mississippi Economic Council

Former Court of Appeals Justice Mary Libby Payne '54 of Pearl and former Supreme Court Justice Ed Pittman.

Justice Mary Libby Payne was one of 11 Mississippians honored with the Mississippi Medal of Service for their significant contributions to improve their communities and state. She was one of the original members of the Mississippi Court of Appeals and was the first woman to serve on the court. Payne took office in January 1995 and retired July 31, 2001. During her career in public service, Payne served in all three branches of state government. She was a legislative draftsman, executive director of the Mississippi Judiciary Commission and assistant state attorney general. Prior to her election to the Court of Appeals, she was a professor of law and founding dean of the Mississippi College School of Law. After retirement, Payne was the only female lawyer to receive the national Christian Legal Society's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002. She was the second woman to receive the Mississippi Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005 and was awarded the Mississippi Women Lawyer's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. Payne is a current board member of the Mississippi Historical Society and has served as scholar in Residence/Professor Emerita of the Mississippi College School of Law since 2003. She completed the research and writing of the history of the law school entitled "A Goodly Heritage," which is awaiting publication. She attended Mississippi University of Women before transferring to the University of Mississippi and earned a juris doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Dawn Powell Woo '87 of Cleveland has been certified in Adult Development by the Professional Tennis Registry (PRT). PRT is the largest global organization of tennis teachers and coaches. She received the professional rating.

1990s

Lisa McNeese '92 of Smithville was one of four faculty members who represented Itawamba Community College at the Lamplighter Conference. The Lamplighter conference is sponsored annually by the Mississippi Community College Academic Deans Association to honor top community college instructors.

Jennifer Hughes Scott '93 of Jackson has become a shareholder of the firm, Wise Carter Child & Caraway.

Carol Jones '94 of Jackson wrote a letter that was chosen to be published in a USA Today piece asking is America any safer after 9/11.



Mary Atkinson Smith '95 received a doctor of nursing practice degree from the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing Aug. 5, 2011. She also received the Excellence in Writing Award from the Capstone College of Nursing and the 2010-2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Capstone College of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau Epsilon Omega Chapter. While pursuing her doctorate, she published several manuscripts in various nursing journals. Smith also successfully completed her capstone research project entitled "Empowering Nursing Home Staff to Utilize Evidence-Based Practices When Assessing Osteoarthritis Pain." She plans to employ the findings of this project in the future development of an osteoarthritis management program for nursing home residents.



Practitioners of the Year

Frances Jutman '48 and former MUW Interim President Allegra Brigham '69 & '72 were honored by the Public Relations Association of Mississippi-Golden Triangle Chapter. Brigham was selected as the External Practitioner of the Year. Jutman was named Internal Practitioner of the Year. PRAM was founded in 1978 and is a network of nearly 600 public relations professionals in 11 local chapters throughout the state. Its purpose is to foster networking, education and leadership opportunities among those who practice public relations.

Smith was recently appointed as assistant professor of nursing at MUW and will teach nurse practitioner students in the graduate nursing program.

Yvette T. Warren '97 of Memphis has been appointed and confirmed to the Shelby County Historical Commission by Mayor Mark H. Luttrell Jr. The Commission works on behalf of historical awareness, preservation and education. Members of the Historical Commission serve four-year terms and are appointed by the Shelby County mayor and confirmed by the Shelby County Commission.

2000s

Hozay Hausley '00 of Amory introduced his inspirational DVD, "I Am For Real This Time," at the Amory National Guard gala.

Kristie Metcalfe '04 of Jackson has joined the staff as a law clerk for Judge Ermea J. Russell of Flora.

Tell Us Your News or News About a Friend!

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Anissa Hollingshead '06 of Minneapolis, Minn., has been working as a committee coordinator for the City Council of Minneapolis and attending classes for her MPA at Hubert Humphrey Institute of the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Mary A. Williams '07 of Marks received her doctor of nursing practice degree with a focus in forensic nursing May 27. She graduated from MUW with a master of science in nursing.

Jan Starling '10 of Mantachie has met the qualifications to become Mississippi's first certified Heart Failure Nurse.

Weddings

1970s

Karen Daley '75 and AJ Silva were married Nov. 19, 2011.

1990s

Dr. Robert Youngblood '93 and Beth Randall were married Oct. 1, 2011.

Lucy Hardy '96 and Alston Wade were married Oct. 29, 2011.

Haley Brooke Moss '97 and Craig Allen Copeland II were married June 18, 2011.

Cher Sanders '98 and Ricky Tramel were married Oct. 15, 2011.

2000s

Katie Elaine Valsamakis '03 and Christopher Dale Broom were married Dec. 31, 2011.

Ryan Burnett '04 and Mackenzie Joy Russell were married April 9, 2011.

Shelley McNees '04 and Brooks Moss were married Dec. 30, 2011.

Rodney Falkner '05 and Shelley Merideth were married Oct. 22, 2011.

Kelly Honsinger '07 and Cody Nilsson were married Nov. 5, 2011.

Anna Marie Lindsey '07 and Keith Garner were married Dec. 17, 2011.

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Cook's Space Art Helps Educate Others about Discoveries

By Anika Mitchell Perkins

A glimpse into one of Lynette Cook's paintings takes you into another world.

The sun, stars, planets and a black hole in a galaxy are the subjects of many of her illustrations.

Cook's introduction to artwork of exoplanets, also known as space art depicting planets discovered outside our solar system, began in 1995, following the announcement of the first confirmed extrasolar planet orbiting a sun-like star, 51 Pegasi b.

"An astronomer said to me, 'You paint planets well, see what you can do with this,'" she remembers.

As a part of the process, Cook consults with astronomers to learn what these distant worlds might look like. Based on the information she gathers, Cook creates a science-based depiction including probable elements such as moons and planetary rings.

"I'm inspired by something outside of myself," she said about her work, which has been featured in USA Today and more recently on the front page of The New York Times.

Her pieces also have been published and produced in books, periodicals, and documentaries including Astronomy magazine, CNN, The Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, Time, and US News & World Report, among others.

"Science illustration has a purpose. It helps educate others about new discoveries," she said.

Cook has been self-employed for 11 years and works out of her home located in Daly City, Calif.

"A commute of three feet to the office is great," she said. "I love making my own hours."

Before expanding her freelance work to full time, Cook worked as senior illustrator for OneCosmos Network and prior to that as artist/photographer for the Morrison Planetarium, a



Cook works on a painting of an Earth-like planet.

position she held for 16 years.

She first moved West to attend graduate school at the California College of the Arts, specializing in scientific illustration and graduating with a Master of Fine Arts.

While a student at MUW, she was able to combine her interests of biology and drawing and painting, completing degrees in 1981 and 1982 respectively.

"My parents were nature lovers. I grew up being exposed to the outdoors. I did well in biology in high school," Cook noted even though she identifies mostly with her art degree.

She is grateful for her time at MUW, referring to faculty members she continues to be in contact with, including Dr. Bill Parker, who taught her zoology, and painting instructor Dr. Eugenia Summer.

"A lot of my encouragement still comes from them," Cook said. "That really speaks to The W and quality there."

Go to www.lynettecook.com to see Cook's artwork. ☺

Courtney Puckett '07 and Trey Shaw were married Aug. 20, 2011.

Kimberly Runnels '07 and Tim Mitchell were married Oct. 1, 2011.

Nicole Dilg '08 and Joey Beachum were married Dec. 27, 2008.

Kellie Johnson '08 and Rob McKnight were married Oct. 1, 2011.

Ashley Jones '08 and Jeremy Burns were married Nov. 5, 2011.

Elizabeth Barker '09 and Bradley Mobley were married Dec. 10, 2011.

Loren Carter '09 and Michael Dickerson were married Nov. 11, 2011.

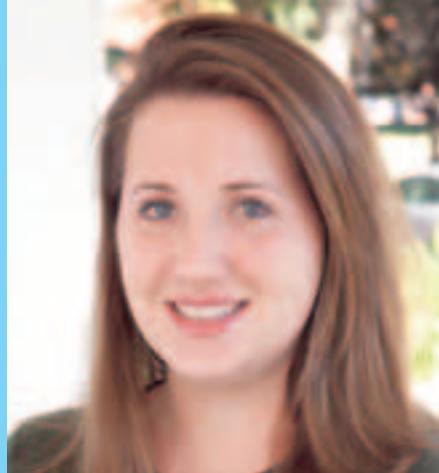
Amber Forrest '09 and Ryan Miles were married Oct. 8, 2011.

Whitney Howarth '09 and Samuel Wilson were married Sept. 10, 2011.



Alumni return to their alma mater

By George Body



Cumberland



Ferraez

Two Mississippi University for Women alumni are excited about their return to campus.

They are Lyndsay Cumberland, who serves as assistant director of alumni relations, and Angela Crossley Ferraez, director of major gifts and planned giving.

For the past four years, Cumberland has worked in the legal field where she has gained a wealth of knowledge and work experience. She said the position at MUW was the perfect opportunity for her to use her business education and outgoing personality.

"I look forward to getting from behind the desk and working with other individuals who are as excited about MUW as I am," she said.

Born and raised in Columbus, Cumberland moved back home from Savannah, Ga. She graduated cum laude from MUW in 2007 with a B.S. in paralegal studies and a minor in general business. Her husband, Jonathan, also obtained his graphic design degree from MUW in 2009 and completed graduate school with a M.F.A. in illustration at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Cumberland, who is a member of the local Civitan Club, serves as adviser for the Student Alumni Ambassadors.

She said, "I am absolutely thrilled to be back on this beautiful campus where I have so many fond memories."

Ferraez graduated summa cum laude from Mississippi State College for Women in 1979 with a B.S. degree in business administration. While attending The W, she was selected top scholar for her freshman class. She was also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Phi Beta Lambda.

She said, "I feel that I received a great college education from The W which laid the groundwork for a successful business career. I am thrilled to come home to The W to serve and give back to my alma mater."

Ferraez was selected Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's organization, served on the Board of Directors for Red Cross, director of Women's Ministries at First Baptist Church in Columbus and many others. She is currently a member of the Small Business Committee of The Columbus Link and the Republican Women of Lowndes County.

She was a marketing and public relations specialist with BTM Solutions and president and owner of ABC Insurance Company. 

Jessica Moore '09 and Jake Weseli were married Oct. 22, 2011.

Lottie Risher '09 and Lonnie Harris were married Oct. 1, 2011.

Ann Schubert '09 and Jace Hill were married Aug. 27, 2011.

Carrington Campbell '10 and Cody Carson were married Sept. 17, 2011.

Rachael Johnson '10 and Austin Wilbanks were married Oct. 29, 2011.

Barbara Vasser '10 and Kendrick Johnson were married Aug. 6, 2011.

Shelley Wheat '10 and William Cooper were married Nov. 19, 2011.

Leanna Elam '11 and Ryan Tucker were married August 6, 2011.

Britni Harvey '11 and James Reeves were married Sept. 10, 2011.



Kathleen Hedgepeth, No. 249, on The Road Again

By Anika Mitchell Perkins

When it comes to her love of travel, Kathleen Hedgepeth has done so via plane, train, boat and automobile. However, she is most comfortable hitting the road in her Airstream camper--her second home when she is not stationed in Brookhaven.

Hedgepeth is very comfortable in her trailer that is equipped with a queen-sized bed, television, microwave, refrigerator, dinette and vacuum under the couch.

"It looks like a silver bullet," she said of the Airstream trailer's recognizable rounded aluminum body.

The 1949 home economics graduate of Mississippi State College for Women is proud of the fact that she is able to tow the 34-foot travel trailer with her suburban all by herself, which is a good thing.

As president of Region 6 of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, a club for Airstream owners, Hedgepeth is on the road quite a bit. Wallace Merle "Wally" Byam was one of the pioneer manufacturers of the travel trailer and founded the company Airstream Inc.

In September, she was in Columbus to install new officers. She has traveled to all 49 states twice in her trailer with Hawaii being the exception. "I go home to get ready to go," she said.

The club is a community and has a culture of its own. Her trailer sports the No. 249, which identifies her as a regional officer, as well as the United States flag, the Mississippi unit flag and regional president's flag.



Kathleen Hedgepeth in front of her Airstream camper, which bears the No. 249, identifying her as a regional officer of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

"You meet people from everywhere who have the same common interests as you," she said.

While Hedgepeth has visited places such as Nova Scotia, Tokyo, New Delhi, London and Spain by other modes of transportation, she enjoys fulfilling the club's motto: "Fun, Fellowship and Adventure" in her trailer.

That passion was sparked in 1989 after she married Gene, who had an Airstream. The two logged thousands of miles traveling from place to place. They took their last big trip together in 2004 before he passed away.

Looking back, Hedgepeth said, "I've had a pretty colorful life."

While at MUW, she was involved with



Photos by Luisa Porter/The Commercial Dispatch

The trailer is a home away from home for Hedgepeth, who spends a lot of time on the road fulfilling her duties as president of Region 6.

anything connected to home economics. She also worked on *The Spectator* and did her practice teaching at Caledonia her senior year.

She recalls making her own wedding dress and having a double wedding with her sister.

For 40 years, Hedgepeth taught in the Hernando and Brookhaven school districts. She was also involved in Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile (for Shriner's wives) and served as past jurisdictional

president of Woodmen of the World.

She's also a clogger, a pastime she has enjoyed since 1982.

On May 5, 1995, Hedgepeth had to have a quadruple bypass. On June 16, the same year, she went clogging. And since that time, she has had to have a pacemaker put it.

Despite her medical history, Hedgepeth said, "I'm in good health!"

Looks like No. 249 won't be slowing down anytime soon. (L)

Births

1990s

Kristi Duncan Kennedy '94 and Brad Kennedy of Madison announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Elise Kennedy, Sept. 23, 2011.

Amy Strong Loggins '98 and Roy Loggins of Starkville announce the birth of their son, Jacob Hunter Loggins, on Dec. 21, 2010.

2000s

Elizabeth Chapman Coleman '05 and Kem Coleman Jr. of Spartanburg, S.C., announce the birth of their daughter, Lilla Grace Coleman, Sept. 14, 2011.

Deaths

1920s

Minnie Belle McIntosh '27 of Silver Spring, Md., June 26, 2011.

Nelle Fitts Beswick '27 of Byhalia, Nov. 30, 2011.

1930s

Anice Phillips Temple '30 of Ridgeland, Dec. 19, 2011.

James Carothers Herron (Jimmie) '31 of Southaven, Dec. 13, 2010.

Allie Spain Clayton '33 of Columbus, Sept. 1, 2011.

Daisy Brown Rhodes '33 of Starkville, Aug. 6, 2010.

Elaine Ford Eaton '36 of Taylorsville, Dec. 4, 2011.

Matty "Bessie" Miller '38 of Maben, Nov. 7, 2011.

Frances Virginia Mosley '38 of DeKalb, July 28, 2011.



Martha McCreary Bowie '39 of West, Sept. 10, 2011.

Martha Varnado Underwood '39 of Jackson, Feb. 7, 2012.

1940s

Margaret Burns '40 of Natchez, Aug. 31, 2011.

Elizabeth Melita Jones Fuller '40 of Laurel, Oct. 5, 2011.

Elizabeth (Lib) Andress Ackerman '41 of Kissimmee, Fla., Oct. 27, 2011.

Golda DeCell Minor '41 of Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 18, 2011.

Ruth Gilbert Emrick '42 of Natchez, Aug. 11, 2011.

Mary Jane Mounger Gilluly '42 of Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 5, 2011.

Jessie Vee Izard '42 of Madison, Oct. 18, 2011.

Helen Rigby Peeples '42 of Marks, Oct. 24, 2011.

Irma Hamm Stubbs '43 of Tupelo, Sept. 27, 2011.

Marjorie Scruggs Stewart '44 of Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 9, 2011.

Cora Belle Dodds '45 of Tulsa, Okla., May 7, 2011

Mary Caine Gibbs '45 of Irving, Texas, July 29, 2010.

Annette Dobbs Sledge '45 of Jackson, Oct. 11, 2011.

Charlie Butler Galloway '46 of Lawrenceville, Ga., Feb. 2, 2011.

Sue Hamm Bowie '47 of Tupelo, Dec. 24, 2011.

Margaret Sloan Venaglia '47 of Woodbridge, Va., July 3, 2011.

Betty Byrne Carnes '48 of Columbus, Oct. 4, 2011.

Betty Fisher Steffan '48 of Greenville, Sept. 22, 2011.

1950s

Billie Lynn Farmer Dunn '50 of Clarksdale, Dec. 7, 2011.

Miriam Beazley Luby '51 of Cape Coral, Fla., July 13, 2011.

Sally King Brakmann '51 of Orlando, Fla., July 31, 2011.

Betty Causey Bullard '51 of Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 1, 2011.

Dorothy Page Miller '51 of Drew, Sept. 26, 2011.

Maj. Junie M. Coursey '51 of Millport, Ala., Oct. 29, 2011.

Mary Ellen Brown Baeske '52 of Madison, Ala., Oct. 4, 2011.

Charlotte Young Hunger '52 of Winona, Oct. 3, 2011.

Anna Wood Spell '52 of Hattiesburg, Aug. 23, 2011.

Nelson Lovelace Stevens George '53 of Yazoo City, Aug. 29, 2011.

Hazel Brannon McKenzie '53 of Oxford, Aug. 13, 2011.

Betty McIntosh Milton '54 of Frisco, Texas, Oct. 9, 2011.

Georgia Alice Britton Taylor '54 of Noxubee County, May 26, 2011.

Patty Taylor Adelstein '55 of Tucson, Ariz., July 3, 2011.

Jo Caldwell Cross '56 of Sardis, Dec. 31, 2011

Shelby Thompson Watson '56 of Madison, Jan. 6, 2012.

Mary Feemster West '57 of Tupelo, Sept. 8, 2011.

Peggy Shawblosky Taylor '59 of Jackson, Dec. 8, 2011.

1960s

Jane Lena Swain Turner '61 of Bartlett, Tenn., Jan. 24, 2011.

Gayle Harris Graybill '64 of Roanoke, Va., Sept. 20, 2011.

Judy Johnston Maxey '65 of Pontotoc, Sept. 25, 2011.

Carol C. West '66 of Jackson, Dec. 5, 2011.

Patricia Cade Lott '69 of Columbus, Aug. 21, 2011.

Betty Davis Roberts '69 of Jackson, Jan. 3, 2011.

1970s

Rebecca Louise Womble '70 of Washington Crossing, Pa., Nov. 28, 2011.

1980s

Billie Totter Wartes '87 of Columbus, Aug. 18, 2011.

2000s

Sherry Law '02 of Greenwood Springs, Oct. 14, 2011.

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| Age | Rate |
|-----|------|
| 65 | 4.7% |
| 70 | 5.1% |
| 75 | 5.8% |
| 80 | 6.8% |
| 85 | 7.8% |
| 90+ | 9.0% |

TWO LIVES

| Ages | Rate |
|-------|------|
| 65/70 | 4.4% |
| 70/75 | 4.8% |
| 75/80 | 5.3% |
| 80/85 | 6.1% |
| 85/90 | 7.3% |
| 90/95 | 8.8% |

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Norma Hickman, Class of 1954, enjoys the benefits of her charitable gift annuity.

MUW GOOD NEWS

- The College of Nursing received certification scores for the August 2011 master's degree nurse practitioners who took the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Exam. MUW had a 100 percent pass rate and scored above the national means in all areas (MUW program average on the certification exam was 633 and the national average was 592). MUW also scored above national means on all the sub-components (assessment, diagnosis, planning and evaluation).
- The Mississippi Department of Education Licensure Certification Commission recently approved the redesign of MUW's Educational Leadership Program, which seeks outstanding teachers who have potential to lead schools.
- MUW's TVA Investment Club team won the TVA Investment Challenge for the 2011 calendar year, winning the competition over some elite teams from Mississippi State, University of Memphis, University of Kentucky, Ole Miss and Vanderbilt University. MUW's team dominated the competition earning a 14.94 percent return on its portfolio with the second place team earning only 6.8 percent. The portfolio they manage is now worth over \$500,000.
- Dr. Bonnie Oppenheimer, professor of mathematics at MUW, contributed to the paper "Perception, Race, and Gender in Assessments of STEM and non-STEM Images," which was selected as one of the top papers in gender studies at the Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, April 11-15. This study was written by a research group based in the Department of Communication at Mississippi State University.
- MUW nursing professors Johnnie Sue Wijewardane and Mary Atkinson Smith, were selected to present their research posters at the 2012 Statewide Nursing Summit recently held in Jackson. The theme of this year's Statewide Nursing Summit was Nothing Stays the Same Forever and the focus was on future health care changes that will affect nursing in Mississippi.
- Sirena Parker, MUW director of community living, was named president of the Mississippi Association of Housing Officers at the annual conference held in Gulfport. MUW's Office of Community Living was recently awarded the 2011 Educational Benchmarking Commitment to Excellence Award – Gold Institution. The office received the award in recognition of its annual participation in the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International/Educational Benchmarking, Inc. Resident Assessment in the last five years.
- Alisa Toy and Zane Lynn, two senior music education majors, competed in the southern regional student auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, where Toy went on to place first in her division. The regional auditions, which include Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, were held at Mississippi College.
- For the third consecutive year in a row, MUW's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was recognized as a Chapter of Merit by the national Phi Kappa Phi organization. Out of more than 300 chapters nationwide, only 33 met the requirements to receive merit status.