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Library, university remember 'loyal friend'

By Robert Jordan



Dr. Charles E. Noyes was a staunch supporter of the University Libraries.

The J.D. Williams Library lost perhaps its best friend when retired professor Charles E. Noyes died Aug. 30 at his home in Oxford at age 91.

Noyes came to the university in 1953 as a member of the English faculty. He retired in 1982, leaving a legacy of outstanding achievement in the classroom and success as an administrator. During his retirement years, he focused on support for the library. One of his staid statements explaining his commitment was, "A library is the absolute heart of a university."

"Dr. Noyes will be missed greatly, not only for his tremendous work on behalf of the University Libraries but also for his wonderful wit and humanity," Dean Julia Rholes said. "All of us who had the opportunity to work with him will treasure our memories and those

truly wonderful letters from him."

Chancellor Robert Khayat describes Noyes as "among the most loved people at Ole Miss."

"Chuck Noyes established extraordinary relationships with students, staff, faculty and alumni for more than 50 years," Khayat said. "Blessed with a keen mind and a clever wit, he was known among his students for his life-

enriching teaching style and within the community for his remarkable personal relationships. He was a bright, funny man who quietly gave most of his personal resources to the university. He will be missed and fondly remembered as a loyal son of this institution."

Noyes' many gifts to Ole Miss over the years amounted to more than \$100,000, and, in 2006, he notified UM officials that he had designated a bequest to benefit the university.

In addition to his monetary support, the retired professor devoted many hours of his time to the institution. For many years, he was membership chair of the Friends of the Library support group, serving alongside his longtime colleague and friend John Pilkington, distinguished professor emeritus of English. In 2003, Noyes spearheaded a fundraising campaign to honor Pilkington for his library work. The drive raised more than \$21,000 for books in his honor.

"I've known Chuck Noyes since he came here in 1953," Pilkington said. "He's been a splendid administrator, a fine teacher and a loyal friend. He leaves his mark upon the university."

In his professional career, Noyes specialized in the study of restoration and 18th-century English literature. He

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Beyond the Books

by Anna Stephens

\$100,000 gift completes high-tech study space

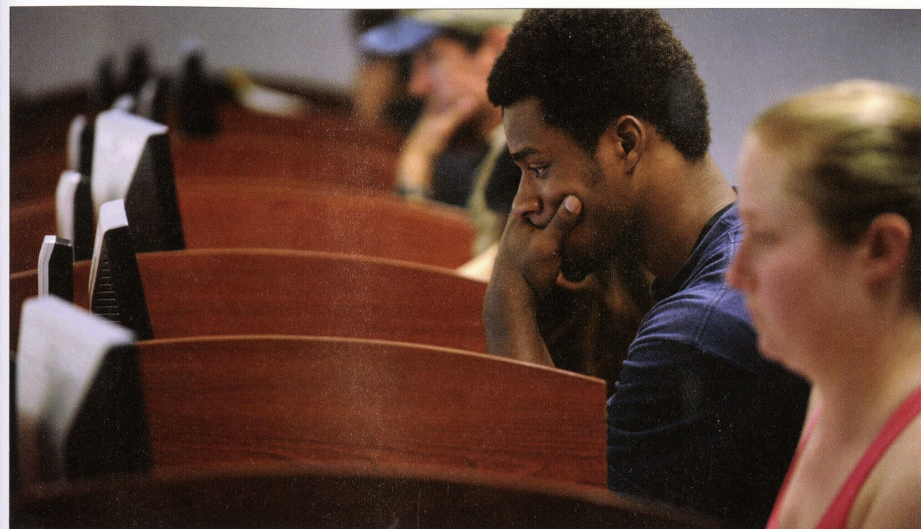
Thanks to a recent gift of \$100,000, the final phase of the Information Commons, a new technology-driven lounge and study space in the J.D. Williams Library, will soon be complete.

"We are incredibly excited about the completion of this much-needed new space for our students and other library patrons," said University Libraries Dean Julia Rholes. "There is a vast universe of materials now available

Stan Whitehorn, the library's operations manager, said he is grateful for the support.

"For the past 10 years, there has been a movement in the library community to have an Information Commons," Whitehorn said. "More students are sticking around here to study, and we're here to make that experience better."

Plans include three group study areas, 40 new computer stations, com-



This spring, the space the library devotes to studying will expand with the Information Commons, a new study lounge that will include 40 new computer stations.

in digital formats, and, thanks to this generous gift, our students will be able to access them. The state-of-the-art technology and cozy spaces will make studying and conducting research in the Information Commons a pleasure."

The donor of the gift wishes to remain anonymous, but, according to Michael Upton, development officer for University Libraries, the need for the commons was widely known around campus.

"We received this generous gift from a faculty member who was aware of the project and felt it was a great opportunity to serve the students and university," Upton said.

The funds will be used to help purchase furniture, allowing the commons area to be open and fully functional by the 2009 spring semester. Construction is expected to be completed during the 2008 winter break.

fortable and stylish furniture and an updated copy and print station. The area was designed and is being decorated by Suzanne McCartney of the Department of Facilities Planning.

The entire cost for the commons is approximately \$250,000, which has been raised through private sources.

The gift is part of the university's MomentUM Campaign, a four-year initiative to raise \$200 million. Funds raised through the campaign, which ends in December 2008, will support scholarships, graduate fellowships, faculty support, a basketball practice facility, residential colleges and a new law school on the Oxford campus. Also in the plans are a cancer center at the UM Medical Center and a new building to house the School of Pharmacy, both in Jackson.

Anna Stephens was a summer student intern in University Development.

Message from the Dean

These past few months, I have become increasingly aware of the importance of donors. This happened as The University of Mississippi Libraries lost several important friends, including Dr. Charles Noyes, Jill Faulkner Summers and Joan Popernik, and the libraries received an anonymous donation of \$100,000 from a friend for the Information Commons, which will support student learning and research through state-of-the-art technology and resources.

The libraries depend so heavily on donations, not only to help supplement our regular materials funds but also to help us with special needs, including acquisitions for the Department of Archives and Special Collections and innovative programs such as the Information Commons.

Dr. Charles Noyes, through his years of involvement with the Friends of the Libraries, helped us acquire thousands of additional books for the libraries, and, in 1992, former students of his established the Noyes Library Endowment in his honor.

The late Jill Faulkner Summers and her husband, Paul Summers, gave funds to our special collections endowment. These funds will be used not only to acquire archival materials but also to preserve the fragile collections that we already own.

Joan Popernik and our anonymous donor, along with others, are making our Information Commons a reality at last.

Although we have lost some very dear friends recently, their legacies will live on in our libraries.

Sincerely,

Julia Rholes
Dean of University Libraries

Sincerely, William Faulkner

Correspondence added to university's extensive Faulkner collection

A significant addition to the William Faulkner-related materials at The University of Mississippi was announced in July on the grounds of the Nobel laureate's home, Rowan Oak, during the 35th annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference.

The acquisition comprises letters dated from 1953 to 1962 that resulted from a meeting in summer 1943 when Faulkner sat down with Hollywood filmmakers William Bacher and Henry Hathaway to discuss a story plot based on an unknown soldier character portrayed as Christ returning to save the world. But, rather than a movie script, the discussions spawned the novel *A Fable*, which would win the Pulitzer Prize.

Faulknerians consider the nine letters, including seven written by the novelist and two by Bacher, to be a valuable addition to the university's extensive William Faulkner-related materials, housed in the J.D. Williams Library's Department of Archives and Special Collections.

"The acquisition of the William Bacher/William Faulkner Correspondence Collection is one that will provide Faulkner scholars, and literature and film scholars in general, with a great deal of food for thought," said Donald Kartiganer, UM's Howry Chair in Faulkner Studies.

"To begin with, the letters illustrate the kind of communication that can go on between a film producer and a novelist. They also give us fresh insight into Faulkner's character, particularly his sense of personal loyalty—especially when it comes into conflict with what he wants to write—and always his deep commitment to the need for quality in his art, a standard he refuses to violate."

At the time, Faulkner needed financial security and was made an attractive offer. Bacher advanced the writer



William Faulkner, shown in an image from the library's Keating Collection.

\$1,000, and Faulkner returned to Oxford to work on the script, although he was under contract with another film company. However, by January 1944, he had finished a 10,000-word first draft of the intended script. The draft soon turned into the novel project. *A Fable* was published in August 1954 and won the Pulitzer Prize in May 1955.

Meanwhile, correspondence and the idea to turn the story into a screenplay continued. Bacher kept in contact with Faulkner, and the two exchanged letters for almost a decade.

The correspondence, previously owned by the Bacher family, was purchased by the university with private funds.

"We are delighted to be adding the Bacher/Faulkner letters to our [Department of] Archives and Special Collections," said Julia Rholes, dean of University Libraries. "We are especially pleased to have worked with the Rowan Oak Society on this important

acquisition."

Funding for the purchase involved donors from both the library and the Rowan Oak Society, supporters of Faulkner's home, which is owned by UM and managed by the University Museum.

The letters also help bridge the library's holdings and Rowan Oak, which Faulkner bought in 1930. Faulkner outlined *A Fable* on the walls of his small office at Rowan Oak, and the lines are viewed by the many visitors who come there year-round to learn about the famed writer.

"The correspondence provides insight into the origins of *A Fable* and how Faulkner dealt with a commitment that was supposed to last briefly but stretched from the mid-1940s to the last year of his life," said Albert Sperath, director of the University Museum. "He was determined to give Bacher \$1,000 worth of his talent, which he did."

The letters are expected to be of interest not only to Faulkner enthusiasts and scholars but also to the general public, according to Jennifer Ford, director of the Department of Archives and Special Collections. The library will have copies available for research, and copies will be displayed at Rowan Oak. 📖



Good Neighbors

Library receives gift from estates of Carl and Olivia Nabors

A longtime University of Mississippi faculty member and his wife have left a final, transformative gift to the institution they supported for decades.

More than \$1 million was recently received from the estates of Carl (BA 52, MA 53) and Olivia (BA 51) Nabors to support several areas of the university: the J.D. Williams Library, the Uni-

versity Museum, the Basketball Practice Facility, the Ole Miss First scholarship initiative and the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy.

versity Museum, the Basketball Practice Facility, the Ole Miss First scholarship initiative and the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy. In home economics from Ole Miss in 1951, and Carl, a WWII veteran, followed with bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting in 1952 and 1953, respectively.

Ole Miss alumni Will Lewis (BA 58, JD 62) of Oxford, brother of Olivia, and Billy Bratton (BBA 72, MBA 75) of Chattanooga, Tenn., nephew of Carl, oversaw the recent settlement of

'Noyes'

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co-authored a critical biography of Christopher Smart, an 18th-century poet, and published articles on Samuel Johnson, James Boswell and David Hume. Until he retired in 1982, he taught at least two courses per semester except in 1963-64, when he served as provost. He later held the UM posts of acting vice chancellor, associate vice chancellor and director of the summer session.

The university honored Noyes with membership in the UM Alumni Hall of Fame in 1991. The following year, his former student David Arnold and wife, Barbara, of Yazoo City honored him by establishing the Noyes Library Endowment and inviting other former students of his to make donations to the fund, which now stands at more than \$55,000.

Noyes was born in Natchez and spent most of his youth in Memphis, where he attended Rozelle Grammar School and Central High School. He completed both bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Missouri; his doctorate was from the University of Texas. As a junior at Missouri, he gained membership in the prestigious academic honors organization Phi Beta Kappa.

Before coming to Ole Miss, he taught at the University of Missouri and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Noyes served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-46, attaining the rank of major. His service included the post of assistant chief of staff of the Third Army Airways Communications Wing, headquartered at Anchorage, Alaska. Survivors are a son, James C. Noyes of Nashville, and a daughter, Helen Noyes Linzey of Florence, Ala., nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruthie Marie Smith Noyes, and a daughter, Marie Noyes Hartwick.

A memorial service for Noyes was held outside the J.D. Williams Library's Charles Noyes Graduate Reading Room the week following his death.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to benefit Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 473, University, MS 38677.



Pictured left to right, Chancellor Robert Khayat; Billy Bratton; Beatrice Bratton, sister of Carl Nabors; Patricia Lewis; and Will Lewis.


versity Museum, the Basketball Practice Facility, the Ole Miss First scholarship initiative and the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy.

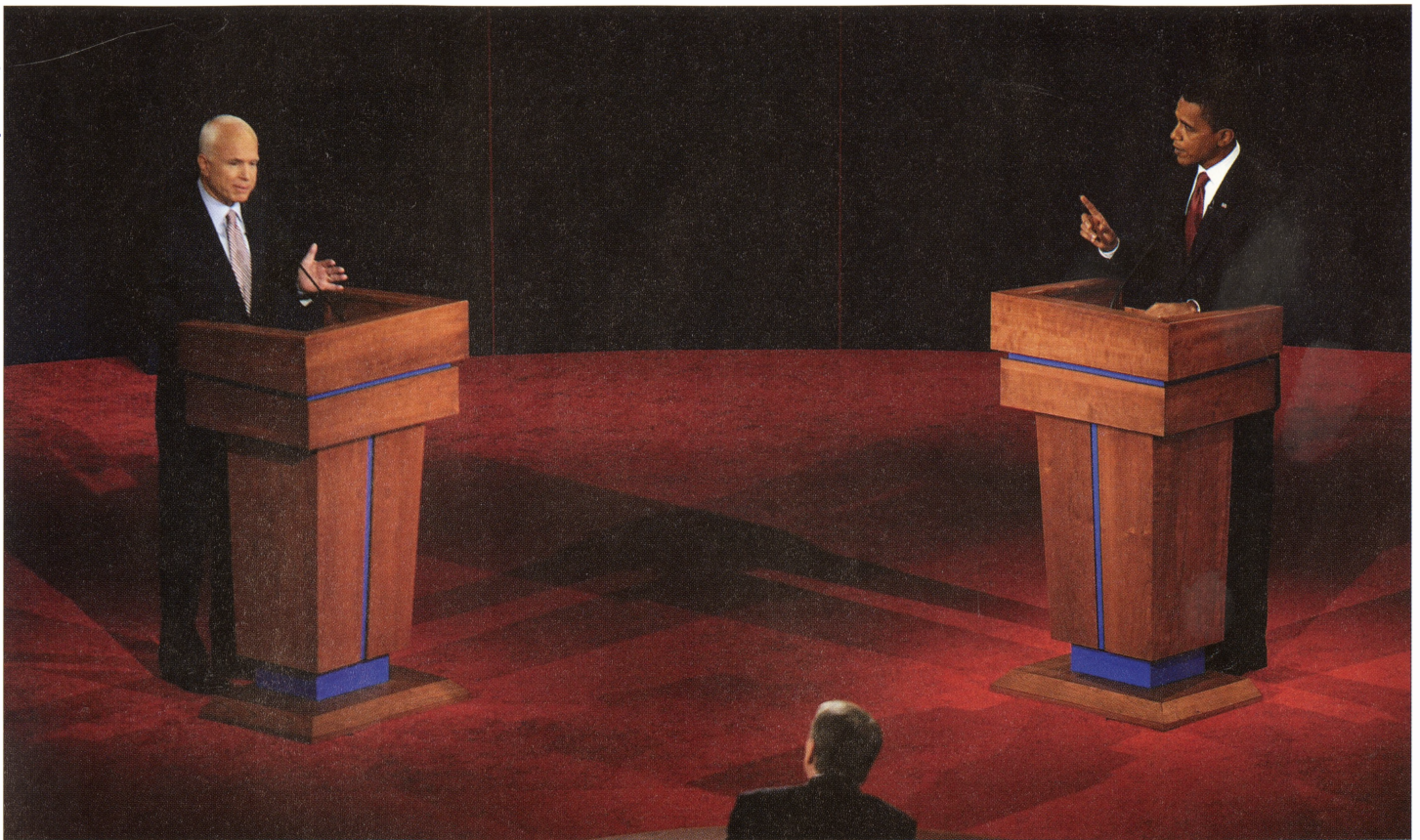
The library funds are being used to support the Department of Archives and Special Collections and the new Information Commons area. The funds are also being used to create a library endowment for accountancy materials and services.

"When I think of Carl and Olivia Nabors, I think of quiet, kind, generous people," said Chancellor Robert Khayat at a recent reception honoring the late couple and their family. "Everyone at Ole Miss is profoundly grateful for the generous gifts made by Carl and Olivia, and we wanted to celebrate the fact that they've designated funds to areas that need help."

Longtime Oxford residents, Olivia Nabors received a bachelor's degree

the couple's estates (Olivia died in 2001 and Carl five years later).

Although "their paths never crossed as undergraduates [at Ole Miss]," their love for the university eventually drew them together, Billy Bratton said. After working for the accounting firm Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company in Memphis for several years, Carl returned to his alma mater to teach. In 1961, he embarked on a 30-plus-year career with the university, serving as associate professor of accounting, chair of the accounting department, acting dean of the School of Business Administration and a member of the university's athletics committee. Most importantly, his move to Oxford allowed him to meet Olivia, a native of the town. They married in 1965 and lived in Oxford for the rest of their lives—lives spent actively supporting Ole Miss. 



Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama take part in the first presidential debate, held Sept. 26 at The University of Mississippi.

Debate '08

Libraries play role in university's historic event

A colorful exhibit featured Mississippi's role in presidential politics. Brown bag lectures piqued communitywide interest. A comprehensive subject guide allowed visitors access to archival resources. Through these efforts and more, the University Libraries went out of its way to welcome the first presidential debate of 2008 to The University of Mississippi this fall.

"Soon after the announcement that Ole Miss would host the debate, the university administration issued a call for academic courses and programming related to this momentous occasion," said Leigh McWhite, political papers archivist and assistant professor. "I believe that the library met this challenge with an array of activities that showcased the depth of resources we have available."

The exhibit

The library's main attraction, "Hail to the Chief!: An Exhibit on Presidents and Mississippi in Presidential Elections," opened in August and will remain on display until August 2009.

The exhibit features more than 130 items related to Mississippi's role in past presidential elections and U.S. presidents. Some of the most unique items include a letter from James K. Polk to an Oxford resident discussing the party's prospects in the 1844 campaign; correspondence from a university student pondering the probable outcome of Abraham Lincoln's election; a letter from John F. Kennedy responding to the 1962 integration riot at UM; and an IOU from Franklin D. Roosevelt following a poker game with Sen. Pat Harrison.

A grand opening for the exhibit was held Aug. 29. After an introduction by Chancellor Robert Khayat and Dean Julia Rholes, McWhite spoke on the Modern Political Archives and the library's debate-related activities. Guest speaker John Hailman, a UM faculty member and author of *Thomas Jefferson on Wine*, discussed "Uncovering the Secrets of the Founding Fathers and Mothers," and how he used the J.D. Williams Library for 80 percent of his book research. The library catered the

event with wine vintages favored by Jefferson, fruit and cheese. To commemorate the occasion, the libraries created a "Keepsake of Presidential Portraits from Special Collections."

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Library awarded for debate programming

The Mississippi Library Association recently gave special recognition to the J.D. Williams Library for its debate-related programming, stating, "This unique project showcased the library's services and special collections and the utilization of technology. It presented a once-in-a-lifetime event with national/international implications." The library submitted its award entry as a Web site, available at www.olemiss.edu/depts/general_library/debate2008.

Inside the Debate


A student's point of view

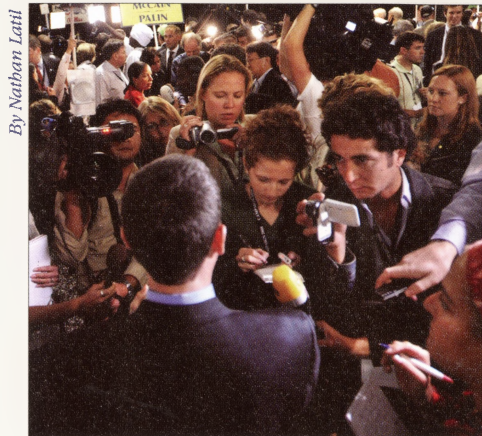
Joel Duff, a senior from New Albany and student worker in the University Libraries' administrative office, got an insider's view of the debate.

Duff volunteered with the Republican Party and, on Sept. 26, watched the debate from inside the media tent, along with most of the national media gathered on the UM campus. "This election is something that is of great interest to me, and I thought that volunteering would be a great way to get even more involved," he said.

For his volunteer stint, Duff was assigned to work with Steve Schmidt, Sen. John McCain's chief strategist. Duff's main job was to hold up a large sign with Schmidt's name on it so reporters could locate him in the crowded media tent the night of the debate for his reactions.

"It was crazy to see how the media swarmed toward him as soon as he entered the media tent," Duff said. "I was also impressed with his composure as he was bombarded with questions about the debate while dozens of cameras, microphones and voice recorders were just inches from his face."

Duff was as impressed with his university as he was with the national media's performance the night of the debate. "I think everyone would agree that it was a perfect way to demonstrate to millions of people the progress that The University of Mississippi has made in recent decades," he said. 



By Nathan Latifi

Reporters gather around a spokesperson inside the media tent the night of the debate.

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The subject guide

To assist visitors seeking debate-related materials, the University Libraries developed a comprehensive Presidential Debate Subject Guide. "While the exhibit emphasized our archival holdings, the Presidential Debate Subject Guide outlined possible research avenues available online and throughout the library," McWhite said.

The guide, available online at http://apollo.lib.olemiss.edu/center/subject_guide/debate/intro, assists researchers in locating information on presidential debates and elections by suggesting publications, databases, Web sites and archival resources. It also includes a bibliographic list of audio recordings in the Blues Archive that reference presidents, information on the library's debate-related exhibits and events, and an RSS feed to university debate news.

"By Sept. 24, the subject guide had received over 1,000 visits, but, by the day after the debate (Sept. 27), that number had multiplied to over 5,000 hits from all over the country," McWhite said. "It is extremely gratifying to know that our online efforts garnered so much attention."

Additionally, the libraries created a press packet to offer journalists background information on the library's ar-



John Hailman, UM faculty member and author of *Thomas Jefferson on Wine*, spoke at the opening of the library's "Hail to the Chief!" exhibit.

chives, suggested reading lists on the university and Mississippi politics, information on the library's debate-related events and exhibits, and a guide for requesting images.

Brown bag programs

Two brown bag programs were hosted by the libraries in the weeks leading up to the debate, and another was held following the debate. In an effort to extend these programs beyond the local community,



Visitors gather for a reception to celebrate the library's new "Hail to the Chief!" exhibit.


the brown bags were recorded and are available online by clicking on the Events page of the subject guide.

The first, "Women in Politics: The Archival Record in Special Collections," held Sept. 4, focused on three collections related to women in politics whose finding aids were recently revised and posted online: the Lily Thompson Collection, the Southern Women Legislators Collection and the League of Women Voters of Mississippi Collection. Panelists included Fran Leber, president of the League of Women Voters of Mississippi, and Dr. Cora Norman, founding member of the Oxford chapter of the LWV, who discussed the mission of their organization, the group's involvement in presidential debates and their personal history in politics.

"Tell Every President to Listen to the Blues: Presidents, Politics and the Blues," held Sept. 11, featured Blues Archivist Greg Johnson and Highway 61 radio host Scott Barretta discussing references to presidents and politics in the blues. Accompanying their Power-Point presentation were audio samples

from relevant recordings in the Blues Archive. More than 100 people attended the standing-room-only event.

Finally, on Oct. 23, the library hosted "History Lives in Mississippi: Creating the Presidential Debate Collection," to formally begin the process

of collecting and archiving items related to the debate so they could be properly preserved and cataloged, officially making the debate a permanent piece of Ole Miss history. 

UM plans to enhance student writing

The University of Mississippi plans to devote more attention and energy to improving student writing. After a two-year discussion among students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and external experts, the university has decided to focus new resources on this important area of need.

In the next five years, the university will undertake an ambitious plan to improve the first-year writing curriculum; offer more writing assistance to students outside of class; and support faculty who teach writing classes or who want to develop writing activities for existing classes.


Among the details are plans to hire

new faculty who specialize in writing, expand and enhance the existing writing center and create a seed-grant program for faculty. Also, the university plans to adopt technologies to encourage and support student writers. E-portfolios, for example, will allow students to collect and share their writing over a single semester or even over an entire college career.

Leigh McWhite, political papers archivist and assistant professor in the University Libraries, has been an important participant in this planning process. While serving on several key university committees, McWhite helped select writing as the topic of UM's Quality

Enhancement Plan (QEP), an important component of the upcoming re-accreditation visit by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"Our students need to become better writers because writing is a fundamental part of college," McWhite said. "All disciplines require it, and those students who are proficient writers stand a better chance of succeeding. They'll also be better equipped to succeed in their post-university careers."

The QEP Steering Committee invites and welcomes comments from all members of the UM community. To share thoughts on the writing initiative, e-mail qep@olemiss.edu. 



A keepsake was created to document the "Hail to the Chief!" exhibit's unique items.



Notes from the Bench

Collection 'rare resource' for legal researchers

Armis E. Hawkins (JD 47)—the legendary Mississippi country lawyer, judge and storyteller—requested before his death in 2006 that the papers he accumulated during his 14 years of service on the Mississippi Supreme Court be given to The Univer-

sity of Mississippi. Personal notes that Hawkins apparently jotted down during private court deliberations.

"These notes make this collection unique and historically significant," McWhite said. "They will provide lawyers and legal scholars rare insight into

line out there, because people are going to want to look at them, especially if they're going [to the Supreme Court] to argue a case."


On second thought, Freeland continued, "But then on the other hand, it's almost impossible for someone to learn how to be a lawyer or a judge, no matter how good he is, without also having some political skills. Judge Hawkins had more political skills than any politician I ever laid eyes on. He once came to Oxford and walked around the Square with my law partner, Phil Stone, and he came back saying, 'I took Armis around the Square once or twice, but I wouldn't do it any more because he knew more people than I did.'"

Reminiscing about his father, young Hawkins said, "Dad's ability to remember people's faces and names was truly unique. He also had a tremendous sense of humor and wit, and he never took himself too seriously. I think that's one thing his friends remember him for."

Before being elected to the Supreme Court, Hawkins practiced law in Houston, Miss., for 34 years. Born in Natchez in 1920, Hawkins later moved with his family to Houston. He graduated from Houston High School, attended Wood Junior College, then Ole Miss, where he enrolled as an undergraduate. His studies in law school were interrupted by World War II, when he volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps and served four years in the Pacific. He then returned and completed his law degree.

Samuel M. Davis, law school dean, said, "It's appropriate that Judge Hawkins' papers are here at Ole Miss, since he received his law degree from the School of Law.

"He was a distinguished jurist and outstanding public servant. He was also a 'country lawyer,' and he carried those simple and common-sense values learned in a small-town general practice with him to the Mississippi Supreme Court. His papers provide a rich resource for historians and other researchers."

McWhite said she expects work on the papers to be completed before the end of 2009. 



Jim Hawkins sifts through his father's collection with help from Hal Freeland.

sity of Mississippi.

Hawkins' son, Jim Hawkins of New York City, visited the Oxford campus in July and met with Leigh McWhite, political papers archivist, and others in the J.D. Williams Library to review some of those papers and discuss plans for the collection.

"The university had requested Dad's Supreme Court papers for their collection sometime in 2004. It was his decision—and honor—that these papers come to the university, where he completed his law degree in 1947," he said. "I hope this collection will be an open book for researchers to learn about the court and his passion for the Mississippi Bar's judicial and ethics reform efforts during his time on the court."

Hawkins was elected to the court in 1980, then re-elected in 1988, serving as a justice, presiding justice and chief justice. While on the court, he wrote numerous majority opinions and numerous separate opinions. He retired in 1995.

The papers, stored in more than 43 boxes, include not only copies of court cases and related material but also per-

sonal notes that Hawkins apparently jotted down during private court deliberations.

Hawkins' service is also significant because as chief justice he pushed for and won a modern appellate court system and an administrative office of courts for the state.

"It was one of Dad's honors to be able to lead the creation of the Mississippi Appellate Court. There's a plaque that is part of this collection that was given to him after he gave a speech to a joint session of the Legislature in 1993 requesting the creation of this new court of appeals. It has a picture of him standing before the Legislature, and it was signed by all of the justices and all of the employees of the court at that time, applauding his effort to try to get some help."

Retired Oxford attorney Hal Freeland was among Hawkins' many friends and admirers. "I think these papers have a great significance for several reasons," Freeland said. "Some of these notes he took while he was actually on the bench. As far as I'm aware, few lawyers have ever seen notes such as these. And I think there will be a long

By Nathan Latifi



David and Barbara Arnold

Motivated by Memories

Alumni couple shows gratitude by donating

David W. Arnold (BSChE 58) and Barbara Daves Arnold (BA, BS 58) met in an undergraduate chemistry class at The University of Mississippi and married the year they graduated. Among the memories they carried with them from Ole Miss were warm feelings for two professors in the Department of English: Charles Noyes and John Pilkington. David is Noyes' former student, and Barbara is Pilkington's.

To show their appreciation and to support the J.D. Williams Library, the Arnolds established the Noyes Library Endowment in 1992 and added a generous gift to the already established Pilkington Library Endowment.

"Both Barbara and I have many fond memories of Ole Miss and its people, including faculty like Dr. Noyes

and Dr. Pilkington, who enriched our learning experiences," David Arnold said. "We know that they both continued to support the library after they retired, and we admire them and honor them for their commitment.

"A library is the heart of any university. It's a critical resource for both faculty and students as a source of information, as well as for research and for personal knowledge. It's especially vital for graduate students."

Expressing appreciation to the Arnolds, Dean Julie Rholes said, "The Arnolds' contributions to the Noyes and Pilkington endowments are so critical to building our library collections, and they demonstrate the wonderful continuing tie between former students and faculty."

After Ole Miss, David Arnold earned both master's and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering from Iowa State University. Barbara Arnold completed a bachelor's degree in medical technology at the University of Tennessee.

The couple has made their home in Yazoo City for many years, where she taught school for more than two decades, then volunteered as a tutor. He retired in 2001 as senior vice president of the technical group at Mississippi Chemical Corporation.

Throughout their successful careers, the Arnolds have shown their love for Ole Miss in other ways, giving generously of their time and financial resources. The two have been life mem-

bers of the Ole Miss Alumni Association since 1982. Through membership in the 1848 Society, they have made provisions in their estate plan to support the Department of Chemical Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts.

David Arnold, a native of Tunica County, is past president of the Yazoo County Ole Miss alumni club, the School of Engineering's alumni chapter and the Ole Miss Alumni Association. He is also past chairman of the Woods Order and the School of Engineering Advisory Board.

He was named Engineer of Distinction by the engineering alumni chapter in 1989, and, in 1995, he was recognized with the Ole Miss Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Distinguished Alumni Award.


To honor his wife, and in recognition of her dedication to the teaching profession, he established the Barbara Arnold Women's Council Scholarship in 2007, which is designed to assist UM students pursuing degrees in history, English and chemistry.

A Greenwood native, she has served as president and member of the board for the UM School of Education's alumni chapter, as well as on the board of directors of The University of Mis-

'A library is the heart of any university.'

David W. Arnold

issippi Foundation and the Ole Miss Alumni Association. She served on the advisory board of the School of Engineering and is a charter member of the Ventress Order, an organization whose members make a financial commitment to the College of Liberal Arts.

To make donations to the Noyes and Pilkington endowments, contact Michael Upton, library development officer, at 662-915-3027 or mupton@olemiss.edu. 



Tyrone McNeal of Bowie State University (right), recently spent time at The University of Mississippi as part of an exchange program facilitated by a grant written by UM's Amy E. Mark (left).

Idea Exchange

Information literacy forms basis for lifelong learning

An exchange program between the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance and the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries identifies associate-level librarians who have participated in the HBCU Library Alliance's Leadership Institute and who want to work with an ASERL partner to address a project of strategic importance to their library.

Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the alliance brought Tyrone McNeal to The University of Mississippi in July. McNeal, a librarian and associate professor at Bowie State University's Thurgood Marshall Library in Bowie, Md., focused his project on developing an information literacy program at Bowie State.

Information literacy is a set of abilities enabling individuals to recognize when information is needed and to locate, evaluate and effectively use the needed information, according to the Association of College and Research Libraries Web site.

"[The J.D. Williams Library] wrote the grant for this exchange, and it turned out to be a good match with

Bowie State because this university is in the early stages of moving toward information literacy requirements," McNeal said.

Amy E. Mark, coordinator of instruction and associate professor of library science, was the grant writer and coordinator of McNeal's visit to campus.

"This is a good time for us to exchange ideas on promoting information literacy," Mark said. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education already has information literacy requirements in place, and we expect that SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) will soon."

Incorporating information literacy across curriculums requires the collaborative efforts of not only librarians but also faculty and administrators, according to Mark.

Noel Wilkin, interim associate provost, was among the UM administrators who visited with McNeal. "Information literacy is important," Wilkin said. "In order to improve information literacy across disciplines and with specific curricula, it will be important to engage faculty to delineate the importance of

the underlying abilities and develop strategies to foster those abilities within each discipline."

As a follow-up to McNeal's visit to UM, Rhoads and Mark traveled to Bowie State in September, where they met

Information literacy is a set of abilities enabling individuals to recognize when information is needed and to locate, evaluate and effectively use the needed information.

with the president, provost, library dean and library staff.

For more information about information literacy, see ACRL's Web site at www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/acrlstandards/informationliteracycompetency.cfm#ildef.

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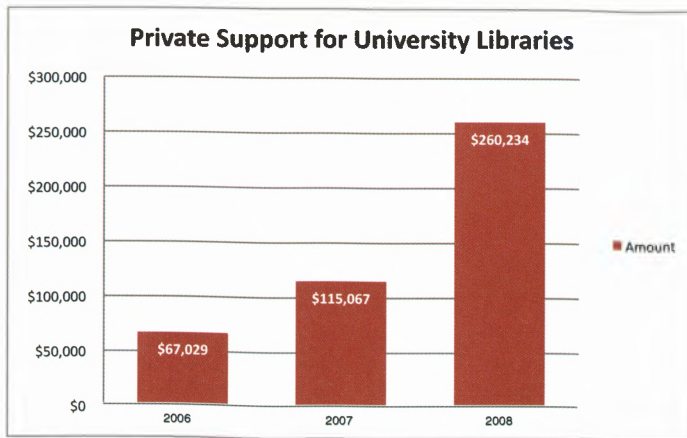
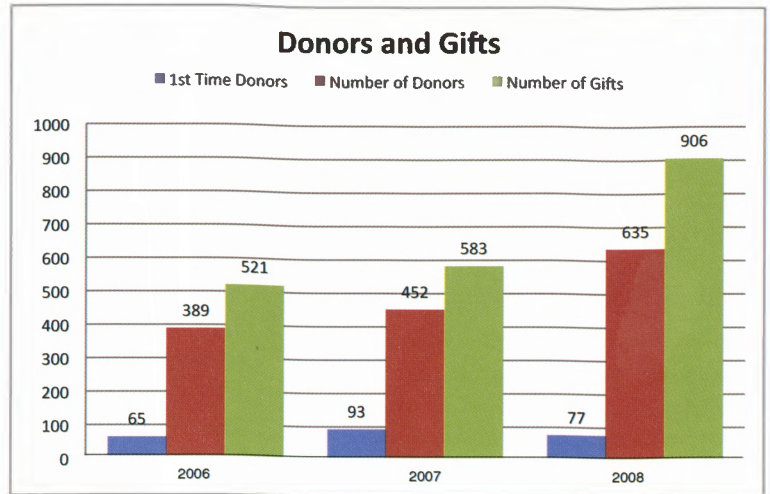
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Navigation Station

by Sarah Cure

Map Kiosk provides gateway to library resources

Students no longer need to fret about locating books, rummaging for research material or even finding classrooms at the J.D. Williams Library, thanks to an interactive directory service debuting this semester.

Funded by the Ole Miss Parents Association, Map Kiosk is a 3-D electronic communication system that's designed to facilitate a student's quest for library resources and to function as a medium for campus and national news.

“Since the library is very large, students typically have a difficult time finding books, research information, classes, offices, departments and faculty,” said Web Services Librarian Debra Riley-Huff. “With Map Kiosk, the program is oriented where you're standing; therefore it provides step-by-step directions to your destination.”

In the library, Map Kiosk is accessible through two Samsung televisions—one with a 40-inch screen and the other with a 37-inch screen. Powered by a Mac mini from Apple Inc., Map Kiosk is navigated with a single-click mouse, which is used to click on the links in

the Web application. Students can also retrieve the program via their personal computers.

“When a student approaches the program, news will rotate in the frame and every third slide is the library's map,” Riley-Huff said. “The TVs have cable accessibility, so we are able to turn on the news or weather stations.”

The program allows students to choose a call number range and within seconds, Map Kiosk will zoom into the desired area and give students a 3-D perspective of the item's shelf location.

Using 3-D model software, Riley-Huff added the library's floor plan to Map Kiosk, which shows intricate details such as bookshelves and hallways.

“Map Kiosk is a wonderful map system that can be upgraded in the future,” Riley-Huff said. “Our goals are to help students better locate information and provide them exceptional service.”

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