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Remembering John Pilkington, 'Champion of Libraries'

Following the passing of revered professor John Pilkington, the university community has remained dedicated to advancing the cause the scholar spent decades championing — the continued support of the J.D. Williams Library.

Through the John Pilkington Library Endowment, Pilkington's legacy continues to strengthen the library, which Pilkington believed to be the heart of the university.

"All the university library staff are saddened by Dr. Pilkington's passing," said University Libraries Dean Julia Rholes. "He was a steadfast champion of the libraries. As a scholar and teacher, Dr. Pilkington believed that you could not have a great university without a strong library collection, and as president of the Friends of the Library, he worked tirelessly for years to help build our collections."

During his 33-year teaching career at UM, the Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English influenced students, inspired colleagues, filled key leadership roles and made immeasurable

contributions to the library.

Pilkington, 93, died June 4 in his home in Oxford. The professor is remembered as a beloved and devoted UM friend and supporter.

"It's hard to imagine Ole Miss without John Pilkington," said Chancellor Emeritus Robert Khayat. "In addition to being a much-loved and respected professor, he and his longtime friend Dr. (Charles) Noyes were the leaders in seeking much-needed support for the J.D. Williams Library, and it's hard to remember a time when we were not receiving letters asking for donations for books and other support. I knew many of his students, and they loved and respected him."

Pilkington was active in the Friends of the Library annual giving club for more than 50 years, serving as president for 30 years.

Following his retirement in 1985, he continued his efforts, raising funds and finding friends to help the library.

Rholes said Pilkington had a great impact on the humanities collections at

the library. In addition to funds raised by the Friends, which went to purchase books for the entire collection, an endowment in his name helped purchase even more books for the humanities collections.

As senior professor of American literature from 1952 to 1985, Pilkington taught one of the first UM courses devoted solely to William Faulkner and helped established the annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference.

Among many accomplishments, Pilkington developed and taught correspon-

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Distinguished professor John Pilkington is remembered for his dedication to the university community.

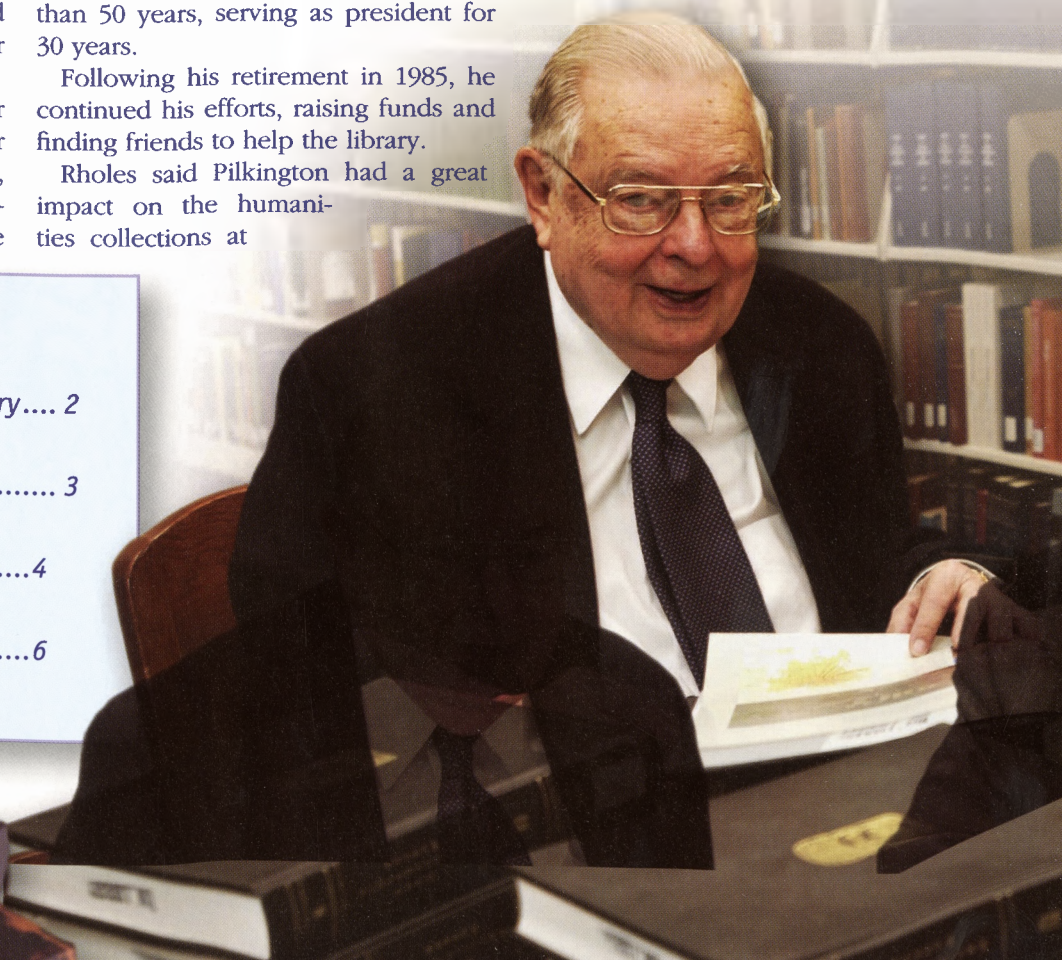
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Database adds new dimension to studying 18th-century texts

By D.J. Chumbley

Message from the Dean

Dear Friends,

With this issue of *Keywords*, we mourn the passing of Dr. John Pilkington, one of the University Libraries' greatest proponents. As a member of our Friends of the Library organization for more than 50 years, with 30 years as president, Dr. Pilkington made it his mission to increase support for the libraries. His strong belief that a university could not be outstanding without an outstanding library is as true today as when he arrived here as a young university professor. Although the way University Libraries delivers services and even some collections has changed significantly over the years, the need to provide our faculty and students with the best library possible has not changed. We do also continue to need library champions such as Dr. Pilkington who will encourage others to support the library and set a shining example by their own generosity.

I also would like to call your attention to our new exhibit opening in Archives in January titled "Preserving Our Past: Highlights from Archives and Special Collections." This exhibit promises something for everyone including cases devoted to William Faulkner, blues collections, Vivien Leigh and Tennessee Williams, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Revolutionary War letters. Even baseballs signed by Ty Cobb will be on display! We also hope to offer a wide variety of brown bag lectures, so we are looking forward to an exciting spring.

Sincerely,
Julia Rholes
Dean of University Libraries

A recently added database, available through the University of Mississippi J.D. Williams Library, offers students a new way to learn and teachers a new way to teach. The Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO) database provides more than 32 million pages published in the United Kingdom between 1701 and 1800, many of which were previously only available in microfiche.

While these dates may create the impression that this source is solely for the history and English departments, ECCO covers a broad range of topics that can be useful for any major or subject of research.

"What's exciting about having ECCO is that it enables students learning about the 18th century to view and study long-out-of-print and long-forgotten texts, which influenced the writers students typically access through anthologies and undergraduate editions," said Jason D. Solinger, assistant professor of English. "ECCO turns undergraduate students into archival researchers. It really transforms the classroom."


While many texts in ECCO are not well-known, some of the authors and works are surprisingly familiar. Voltaire's *Candide* can be accessed in the original publication, as well as works from George

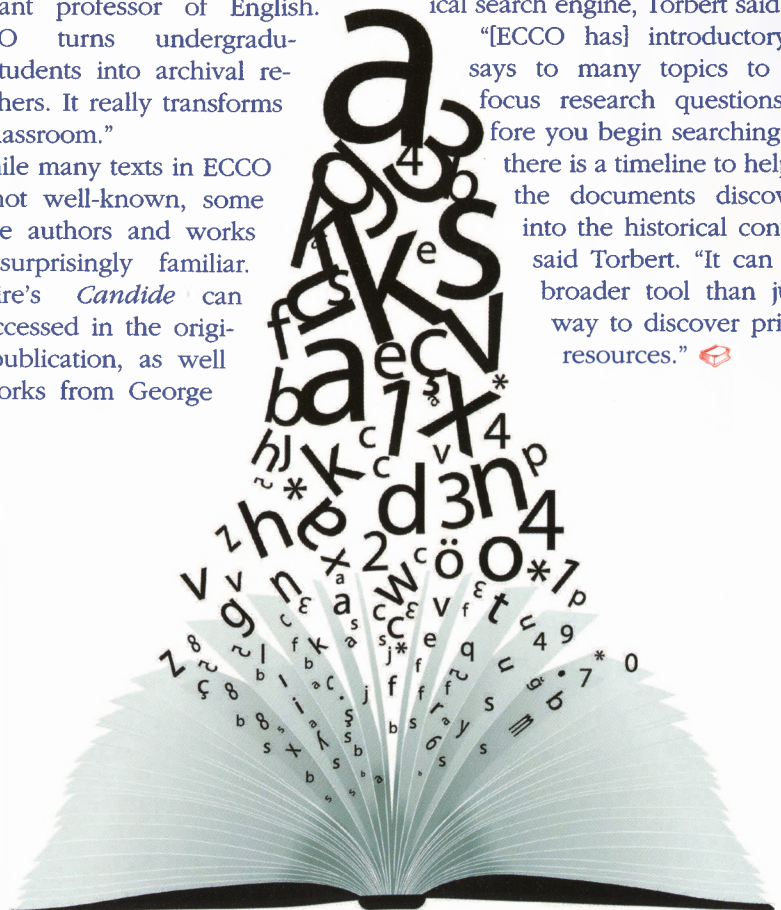
Washington including *Epistles domestic, confidential, and official, from General Washington*.

"ECCO adds a large amount of accessible primary documents to research resources of the university," said Christina Torbert, head of continuing resources and associate professor at the J.D. Williams Library. "These documents have only been available on microfiche in the past, and researchers had to know exactly what document they needed to find it. With ECCO, these documents are full-text searchable for a better research experience and for comparative research across multiple documents."

ECCO contains search features that allow the user to easily maneuver through the documents it provides, such as narrowing the search to contain only certain subjects or by searching for publishers, author or keywords.

The database is more than just a typical search engine, Torbert said.

"[ECCO has] introductory essays to many topics to help focus research questions before you begin searching, and there is a timeline to help put the documents discovered into the historical context," said Torbert. "It can be a broader tool than just a way to discover primary resources." 



University Grey's letters tell story of Civil War

By Ben Tucker

A little more than a century and a half ago, a University of Mississippi student left Oxford to fight in the Civil War. The journey sent him hundreds of miles from Mississippi — a home to which he would never return.

During those years, Richard C. Bridges' only way to communicate with loved ones was through letters, and now those letters have resurfaced.

Recently, the family of Bridges donated 27 letters written by the Crystal Springs native during his time with the University Greys to the UM Department of Archives and Special Collections. The final letter in the collection was written by the nurse who cared for Bridges. The soldier died from a wound sustained in the Battle of the Wilderness in Staunton, Va., in June 1864.

"He was a student at Ole Miss, so that is where the letters belonged," said Pat Owen, great-great niece of Bridges. "We felt like they couldn't go anywhere else because they are a vital part of Ole Miss history."

The family, who found the letters in the attic of their great aunt's home, realized the value of the correspondence and felt it



Richard C. Bridges' family visited campus Oct. 26 to formally present the collection to the library.

necessary to share with others.


"These letters are a part of our family history and a part of who our family is," Owen said. "Ancestry is who you are, and I believe this collection portrays just that."

After the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, Bridges joined the University Greys at UM. Like many other Mississippians, he left home and school in 1861 to fight with the Confederate Army. Many of the soldiers were young men, and Oxford was the farthest place they had ever been from home.

Bridges' letters were written in various situations and locations throughout the Civil War. Topics in his correspondence include health, worries, holidays, lack of receiving letters, homesickness, battles and wound history.

"These letters are an extremely rare and marvelous gift," said Jennifer Ford, head of archives and special collections and associate professor at UM. "They give us the opportunity to see the humanity of someone caught in a conflict bigger than themselves."

During Bridges' time in the war, he fought in Seven Pines, Ball's Bluff, the Seven Days Campaign, Manassas, Second Manassas, Gettysburg and the Battle of the Wilderness. The Battle of the Wilderness, during which Bridges sustained his fatal injury, is believed to be the bloodiest campaign in American history.

Viewing of this collection will begin in the spring semester. For more information, visit http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general_library/archives/. 


Library to host student-organized events

What do poetry slams, library tours, music events and open mic nights have in common? They're all event ideas proposed by a new Library Ambassadors student group that aims to encourage interaction between the library and the student body.

The group, which met for the first time in September and currently has 33 members, has the goal of representing and promoting the library at campus events

and raising awareness of the library's programs and services.

"This is a group for students, by students, with a direct line to the faculty and administration and a chance to make the library a place for interesting and entertaining events," said Amy E. Mark, information literacy and instruction librarian. "The students have the chance to organize events, coordinate them and to really make the library their own."

While Mark and outreach librarian Melissa Dennis direct the group, the students determine their own projects. They also have the opportunity to voice their opinion on a wide range of topics including library services and resources. 

Civil rights activist donates papers to UM

By Lindsey Abernathy

Sorting Bishop Duncan Gray Jr.'s mail into two stacks — the “good” and the “bad” — was a considerable task at the height of the civil rights movement in Mississippi.

The Episcopalian bishop, known nationally for his nonviolent stance against segregation in the South, received piles of letters. Today, a selection of these papers is available for viewing in UM's Archives and Special Collections.

Among the documents are newspaper clippings, Ku Klux Klan pamphlets and letters from churchmen all over the nation, pledging support.

“My mother tried to sort them — good pile, bad pile,” said the bishop's son, Bishop Duncan Gray III. “The bad pile was very predictable. The good pile ... I remember being touched.”

As Gray Jr. lived out his calling to the ordained ministry, first in seminary and later in various churches in Mississippi, he found himself placed in locations at integral times in the civil rights era. He always preached equality and nonviolence.

“Bishop Gray's legacy casts a long shadow,” said

UM head of the archives and special collections Jennifer Ford. “He preached nonviolence and acceptance of integration, and he did it in such a noble way that his legacy is still going on.”

While serving at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford, Gray became a fixture in Mississippi history. Hours before the Sept. 30, 1962 riots, he preached one of his now-famous sermons encouraging Ole Miss' integration.

That evening, he removed bricks from the hands of rioters and encouraged them to go home before he was pulled off a Confederate statue by the mob and beaten.

“Certainly I was scared,” said Gray Jr. “But more than that, I felt just total disappointment and disgust that we had gotten in that bad of shape. ... I was deeply concerned about the university and deeply concerned about Oxford and Mississippi and what was being done to all three.”

Former Oxford resident donates 1962 memorabilia

By Jennifer Farish

Robert A. Herring III was in 11th grade when one of the most significant moments in Mississippi and American history took place just outside his front door.

An eyewitness to the events surrounding James Meredith's admission to UM, Herring has donated three scrapbooks to the Department of Archives and Special Collections. The scrapbooks, containing day-by-day news clippings of the events from six newspapers, will be preserved with other documents related to the university's integration.

Herring's father became the first chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1957. In 1962, the family lived a short distance from the Lyceum. On Sept. 30, Herring found himself in the middle of the historic event.

“As an observer, I went back

and forth between our house and the base of the Circle,” said

Herring, a professor at the School of Business and Economics at Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina. “[It was] a feeling of [dis]belief that the riot was happening yet a realization that I was an eyewitness to history being made.”

Herring has also made available excerpts from his diary, a unique view into the thoughts of a young man who was at a formative age when Meredith was admitted.

Jennifer Ford, head of archives and special collections at the library, said the gift is an invaluable look at fall 1962 from a different perspective.

“Dr. Herring's gift is a tremendous record of the events surrounding the 1962 integration of UM,” she said. “We are extremely grateful for his generous gift to the university.”

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Jennifer Ford

150th Anniversary

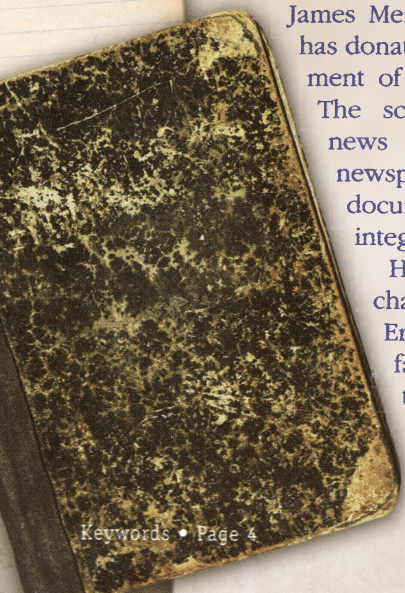
DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL



Rebel Dr.



The Lyceum



U.S. marshals remember 1962

Fifty years ago, as a young U.S. deputy marshal in his 20s, Herschel Garner was sent to Oxford to protect James Meredith's right to enroll at the University of Mississippi.


"Ole Miss was not nearly as nice and welcoming in 1962 as it is today," Garner said. "It's wonderful to be met with open arms and handshakes instead of bricks."

Denzil N. Bud Staple, who was among the 127 marshals also deployed to Oxford that fall, nodded in agreement, recalling that he lost count of the number of rocks and bricks thrown at him on the night Meredith became the first black person to enroll at Ole Miss.

The marshals returned to Oxford to speak as part of UM's 50th anniversary of integration commemoration. While on campus, they donated

a memory book to the Department of Archives and Special Collections. The book contains documents related to the violent confrontation of Sept. 30 — which left two dead and 79 marshals plus several border patrol agents injured — as well as items from the university's 40th anniversary of integration commemoration.

"The memory book is a big gift from a very important part of the university's history," said Jennifer Ford, head of archives and special collections. "It gives the perspective of the brave marshals that were here that night and following that day. This gift shows their commitment to our history."

The book contains maps, photographs, codes and a letter dated October 1962 that details the number of injuries. 



Collection highlights 1960 election, Kennedy's presidency

By Lindsey Abernathy

As President John F. Kennedy prepared to lead a nation in 1961, James Meredith planned to integrate UM the following year. The two men would soon become inextricably linked in one of many battles for civil rights in the South.


A collection in Archives and Special Collections, donated by Cincinnati judge and Kennedy/Meredith history researcher Tyrone K. Yates, sheds light on Kennedy's 1960 campaign.

"From my perspective, the crisis in 1962 really contained for me, two primary sets of actors," said Yates. "One was Mr. Meredith and the persons who may have supported him, and the other was the Kennedy administration — John Kennedy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy and their principal staffs. With this collection, I wanted to reach behind and into the official versions, and see what I could discover about their characters and their personalities and those who supported them on both sides of that equation, to see if there were valuable lessons to be gleaned about how other persons can successfully face difficult situations that involved both physical courage and moral courage."

The collection, intended to complement the library's James Meredith holdings, includes

items ranging from campaign buttons, bumper stickers and signage to a copy of Kennedy's inaugural address signed by adviser Theodore Sorensen, who helped the president through 14 drafts of the speech.

"There are so many wonderful items in the collection," said Leigh McWhite, political papers archivist. "Judge Yates has demonstrated tremendous generosity in acquiring items specifically with the intent to add them to the collection, and his gifts will enable researchers to examine the material culture of American national elections."

For more information, visit <http://purl.oclc.org/umarchives/MUM01774/> or contact McWhite at slmcwhit@olemiss.edu. 



Yates spoke on campus in October as part of the university's 50 years of integration commemoration.

Head nurse's photos, papers portray daily life in 1930s Southern prison

By Ben Tucker

It was more than 80 years ago, when Martha Alice Stewart walked into the Mississippi State Penitentiary known as Parchman Farm to assume her role as head nurse. She was one of few to get an inside glimpse between the walls that make up the most notorious penitentiary in the South.

The public can share in her experience by visiting Archives and Special Collections at the University of Mississippi, where a new collection donated by Stewart's family is housed. The "Martha Alice Stewart: Time on Parchman Farm, 1930s Collection" comprises photos and other materials related to the penitentiary. While working at Parchman for nearly a decade, Stewart accumulated a collection of nearly 200 black and white photos portraying life inside the prison, as well as nursing documents, personal cards and even a letter from a former inmate.

"This collection will fill in a gap we have about the history of Parchman Farm," said Pamela Williamson, curator of visual collections and assistant professor. "The images in the collection will benefit researchers by



Bryan King (left), Catherine King and Kate Stewart donated historical material from Parchman prison to Archives and Special Collections.

providing visual insight into the state's self-sustaining penitentiary. They capture a piece of Mississippi history that has not previously been seen."

"Time on Parchman Farm, 1930's," an exhibition featuring approximately 80 items from the collection, is on display at the University Museum until Dec. 19. Items on exhibit include photographs, holiday cards, personal correspondence and other material related to Stewart's nursing career. Other items tell the story of Pap Tabor, an "inmate who refused two gubernatorial pardons because he had food, a job, a bed and the opportunity to fish all inside the prison," said Robert

Saarnio, director of the University Museum. An opening reception was held Sept. 25 at the museum as part of the Oxford Art Crawl.

"It's rare for images of Parchman to emerge from inside its confines, and the portrait of the farm as a working agricultural environment, along with depictions of the daily lives of inmates, guards and wardens, is a compelling one," said Saarnio. "The show represents a great partnership between the museum and the university's Archives and Special Collections teams."

Stewart's two nieces Kate Stewart and Catherine King, and great-nephew Bryan King, recently donated the collection to Ole Miss so that this important piece of Mississippi history would be forever preserved and available for public viewing. Kate Stewart and Bryan King are both Ole Miss alumni.



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dence courses, for which he won a major award from the National University Extension Association.

He was honored for his service to the library in 2009 with the dedication of the John Pilkington Study Room, a project spearheaded by Rholes and his longtime friends.

Among those in Pilkington's university family who knew him best is Gerald Walton, his former student and later faculty colleague.


"John was well educated, a lover of learning at all levels, a distinguished scholar, a lively and humorous conversationalist, a world traveler, a devoted friend of the library, a thoughtful and considerate colleague, and a really, really good friend," said Walton, provost and professor emeritus of English. "The Oxford-University community will miss him greatly."

In 1977, Pilkington named one of UM's first two Distinguished Professors, an honor recognizing his extraordinary service, which ranged from serving as amateur architect for Bishop Hall to developing the school's first Doctor of Arts

program. He served seven years as associate dean of the Graduate School.

As a scholar, Pilkington published many articles and served with academic organizations. His work includes *Stark Young: A Life in the Arts*, which earned the prestigious Jules F. Landry Award


and was nominated for the J. Franklin Jameson Prize.

To make a contribution to the John Pilkington Library Endowment, mail donations to the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, MS 38677. 

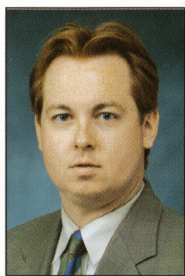
What is the 1848 Society?

Since its founding in 1848, the University of Mississippi has benefited from the foresight and generosity of people who have invested in the future by naming the university as a beneficiary in their wills. As tax laws changed, many other gift plans emerged, and each year these planned gifts have added to the value of the university's endowment and provided funds for professorships, research, facilities, library books, scholarships, lectureships and many other specific programs to enhance academic and athletic excellence. Those who have made commitments to the university through planned gifts have left significant legacies and have truly become partners of the University of Mississippi.

The 1848 Society was established in 1998, the university's 150th year. The society recognizes alumni and friends of the university who have either funded or planned a deferred gift, such as a bequest or life income plan.

For more information on the 1848 Society, call the UM Foundation at 800-340-9542 or go to www.umfoundation.com and click on "planning a gift." 

Measurable growth



Thanks to your support, the University Libraries continues to grow. To demonstrate this growth, I thought I'd share some numbers from the past few years.

Between 2006 and 2011, we increased the number of volumes in the libraries from 1.3 million to 1.9 million. We also added more than 2,000 new serials in that time. Not only do we have more materials for our users, but we also have increased our services. For example, library faculty gave 519 group presentations to more than 10,000 people in 2011, compared to 287 group presentations to 5,700

people in 2006. Expenditures also increased from \$6.7 million to \$7.2 million over the time period.

Your generosity is what allows us to provide increased holdings and services for the Ole Miss community. Whether it's book-buying support from the Friends of the Library or growth from one of our existing library endowments, your private support makes the difference. If you have any thoughts or questions about supporting the University Libraries, please feel free to contact me at 662-915-3027 or mupton@olemiss.edu.

Sincerely,
Michael Upton
Director of Development

2013 Exhibits and Events

Oxford Conference for the Book Luncheon and Program, featuring Ralph Eubanks

March 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Faulkner Room, J.D. Williams Library

Evans Harrington Panel and Reception, featuring Richard Howorth and James Seay

March 22, 10 a.m.

Faulkner Room, J.D. Williams Library

Evans Harrington Exhibit

March 20 to May 2013

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Libraries' Wish List

Apple iPads for Student Use

Apple's iPad has been an extremely popular device and has set new standards for what is possible with tablet computing. We would like to make a few iPads available for checkout by students. These iPads would include Apple's word processor (Pages), spreadsheet application (Numbers) and presentation software (Keynote). Having already seen a number of students using iPads in the library, we expect that these tablets would be very popular with students.

Cost: \$2,341.97 for five iPads

Large Monitors for Collaborative Work

The library provides several group collaboration rooms as well as a number of computers with large monitors suitable for group work. However, many students bring their own laptops to the library, and we would like to offer some additional group collaboration options for them. Beyond the existing stations, the library would like to offer some additional large monitors that students could use with their own laptops. These monitors would be placed in the Information Commons with attached video cables so that students could connect their laptops for impromptu group meetings as needed. Additionally, this proposal includes adapters to allow Mac and iPad users to connect to these monitors.

Cost: \$1,832 for four 27-inch monitors

Head nurse's photos **continued from Page 6**

"The pictures and letters have been in an album upstairs in the old family home for years," said Kate Stewart, who is a professor of English at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. "It is a rare look into the 1930s and an aspect of history that people normally do not think about, so we wanted to share it with others."

The prison, which is the oldest in the state of Mississippi, was established in 1901 and has been housing prisoners for more than 100 years. It serves as a self-sufficient farm in which prisoners are used as labor to maintain the grounds.

The process of piecing this collection together has been ongoing for nearly four years and was officially donated in early June 2012.

For more information, contact Pamela Williamson at pmw@olemiss.edu or 662-915-5851.