



# HOOFBEATiNg

## Class of 1963

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## Sowell Celebrates Thirty-Six Years with Goodwill Industries

Darby Sowell who is enjoying (and I mean that literally) his thirty-sixth year as president of Goodwill Industries was born in Canton, Mississippi. His family moved to Jackson when he was in the fifth grade, and he attended McWillie, the brand new elementary school in northeast Jackson. From there he went to Bailey for two years before “graduating” to another newly constructed school, Chastain Junior High. One of his memorable teachers was fellow classmate Roy Lawrence’s father, his shop instructor. Murrah was obviously next on his agenda, but then what? As he said, everyone who went to Murrah was expected to go to college – to do what in life – he didn’t know – he just knew that you were “destined” to go to college after Murrah. When Clifton Ware (choral music teacher) asked about his plans, Darby told him that he had enrolled at Hinds to which Mr. Ware responded that he should consider coming on over to Belhaven. They could even give him a music scholarship, and they did.

Darby attended classes and worked at his dad’s Texaco station on Northside Drive across the street from Batte’s Furniture. But he realized that he couldn’t stay in Jackson and go to college also. The hours he was expected to work in the family business didn’t allow him the time he



needed for his studies. However, the next year, Mississippi Southern turned out to be a good fit. After some scholastic adjustment, he found his niche with a religion and philosophy major and a psychology minor – influenced no doubt by a cute brunette, Lynda Price from Gulfport (an A student) whom he was trying to impress. It seems that one summer while at Southern, Darby spent ten weeks in Ohio working with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and teaching vacation bible school at ten different churches and leading the music at ten different revivals up there! He earned one hundred dollars that summer, ten dollars a week, and thought he was a rich man. Soon after he re-



**Darby and wife Lynda with daughter Stacy and her husband John and their two children John Ryan and Rachel**

Goodwill's executive director left abruptly. Darby had no interest in applying for the job but came to realize as he was having difficulty providing the services he felt were necessary for his clients that he would have more control in helping these people if he were in charge. He applied for the job. In his interview, it was obvious that one member of the board, Leland Speed, felt he was too young for the job and asked him the following question: Could you fire someone on Christmas eve, knowing that the person has seven needy children at home? With wisdom belying his years he answered the question to the satisfaction of the entire board and on November 1, 1972, became at age 26, the youngest executive director of a Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center in the United States. The hesitant future employee of Goodwill has become its most enthusiastic and capable supporter. He loves what he does. If you ask him about retirement, he says that will come either when Wright & Ferguson carries him away or his Board of Directors gets tired of him. Retirement is not in his vocabulary.

Darby and Lynda were on top of the world. They had a wonderful marriage, he had a job he loved, they were happy with their home and their church. Then one day Darby came home to

turned to Southern from his summer in Ohio, he was speaking to the Baptist Student Union when he spotted the aforementioned cute brunette for the first time. In fact, it was her first time to attend one of these meetings. She had just returned to school after having to leave for a semester. She had experienced her first multiple sclerosis episode but was now in remission, and she was mighty impressed with this speaker she heard that evening. The rest, as they say, is history: Darby and Lynda married on June 1, 1968, and they moved to New Orleans where he studied for and earned his master's degree in religious education with an emphasis on psychology from Baptist Theological Seminary. He and Lynda returned to Jackson where Darby went to work as a counselor with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. About two years after he began his work there, the state director asked Darby to transfer to Goodwill, thinking he could be of service to the clients that Rehabilitation Services referred to Goodwill. Actually, Darby did not want to make that change; but after prayer and consultation with Lynda, he did. Later that summer

find Lynda unconscious on the ground at the clothesline in their back yard. The multiple sclerosis had returned. She would have remissions through the years but with every episode, Lynda would lose a little more. Darby says that their attic is a testament to the history of the disease (M.S.): a simple cane to a two-footed cane, then three-footed, four-footed, a walker, and finally a wheelchair. A lesser couple would not have lived their lives as Darby and Lynda have. Darby will tell you to this day that Lynda Price is the best thing that ever happened to him. She has inspired him to scholarship, to excellence in his profession, and success as a father. Lynda and Darby are the proud parents of daughter Stacy. Proud? They will tell you how she was a straight -A student at Jackson's Forest Hill High School, at Ole Miss (Bachelor of Elementary Education), and at Mississippi College (Master of Elementary Education – and that degree while teaching and expecting her second child). Stacy, a kindergarten teacher at St. Richard's Catholic School is married to John Kaiser who is originally from Brandon, Mississippi. He is a Delta State University graduate in business administration, who is currently a vice-president with BankPlus. They live in Madison, Mississippi. As Darby says, Stacy and John "have blessed us with two grandchildren: John Ryan [11] and Rachel [6]". Darby and Lynda are active members of Epworth United Methodist Church where he is also a lay leader. Though both were born and raised Baptists they love their church family and will be members as long as Epworth exists. In addition, Darby has been a member and chaplain of the Fondren Civitan Club since 1976. As he loves to joke, "They don't have a prayer without me!"

Darby has been so inspiring as director of the central Mississippi franchise of Goodwill that he has been a consultant for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities since 1979 and has traveled all over the United States in that capacity. Because Goodwill provides opportunities for employment to people who have limited options due to some type of disability, it adds dignity, sense of purpose, and the feeling of being "normal" to the lives of these individuals as well as strengthens the local economy. It funds programs and services for special needs persons through its six retail stores which specialize in recycling donated clothing and household items. Darby, because of his length of Goodwill service, has seen his people acquire work skills and experience that have enabled them to achieve success in the workplace for 20 to 25 years and then move on to contentment and comfort in retirement.

Darby is especially proud of Goodwill's ancillary volunteer organization (GIVS – Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services) which also boasts a re-



markable longevity, witness the members who have been a volunteer, president of GIVS, and Chairman of the Board and whose children have gone on to serve in these same capacities. It is a remarkable heritage. Another exciting project for Goodwill is their annual art competition. Begun 17 years ago, this art contest is open to anyone in Mississippi with a disability and is judged by a panel, which is chaired each year by different well-known professional artist. Goodwill has partnered with Methodist Rehab and Very Special Arts (VSA) of Mississippi in this endeavor. The show itself has grown so large that it is now displayed at the Methodist Rehabilitation Center on Woodrow Wilson Boulevard between North State Street and I-55N. Prizes are cash awards donated by GIVS from their fundraising activities.



Then in August each year Goodwill through GIVS sponsors a Salute Dinner to honor outstanding volunteers in any field in the Jackson metro area. This dinner, which was inaugurated in 1985, in addition to honoring volunteers, also raises money for services and equipment necessary to help Goodwill's clients. In 2006 one of the volunteers honored was Murrah High School Class of 1963's very own counselor, Pauline Carter. And fellow class member Carla Sorrells Wall was honored in 1988.



“Everything Goodwill Industries does, all it stands for, can be summed up in one word... WORK. Goodwill believes in work, not welfare. Its mission is to help people with disabilities and other special needs find and retain work in their chosen occupations. This is why Goodwill exists.”

**The artwork shown in this article is composed of some of the first place winners in the annual Goodwill Art Competition.**

# GIVS Honors Pauline Carter

For 21 years, Goodwill Industries Volunteer Services (GIVS) has sponsored a program to honor volunteers for their outstanding contributions in all fields to the metro Jackson area. Those honored usually have been active in several organizations and/or religious groups and have performed above and beyond normal expectations. In 2006 **Pauline Carter** was one of the twelve Goodwill Salute honorees. Helen Pauline Carter came to her skill and spirit of volunteerism early by virtue of profession, that of high school counselor. She provided stability to the Murrah Class of 1963, serving them as their



Pauline Carter

counselor throughout their three years at Murrah as well as being their Student Council sponsor. Miss Carter received her higher education from the University of Mississippi, the University of Alabama, the University of Cincinnati, and Blue Mountain College, earning her B.A., M.A., and M.Ed.

Though 94 years old, Pauline exhibits the energy and enthusiasm of one generations younger. She and her sister Jeffie Carter, 92, who was also honored in 2006, annually serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army. They are members of and are active in work with the Democratic party. Both are members of and active in the local AARP. At Covenant Presbyterian Church they help with 3Ms and serve as Circle leaders as well as prepare food whenever asked. Their serving and giving is tireless. The Carter sisters have a special affinity for helping needy children however they can. They were worthy honorees indeed.



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Pauline Carter



2006



Carol Drinkwater

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Dinner 7:45 p.m.  
Presentation of Honorees 8:30 p.m.

*THIS YEAR'S SLATE OF HONOREES is a testament to the generosity of which the human spirit is capable. They have given freely of their time and talents so that those less fortunate among us may find their true potential. Please join us as we honor Jackson's outstanding volunteers and the many causes they support.*

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## In Memoriam

**Ellis C. Haddad, Jr.**, 63, died Thursday, March 13, 2008, at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, after several hours of surgery precipitated by a torn aorta. Services were held Monday, March 17 at Ott and Lee Funeral Home in Brandon with burial in Brandon Memorial Gardens.

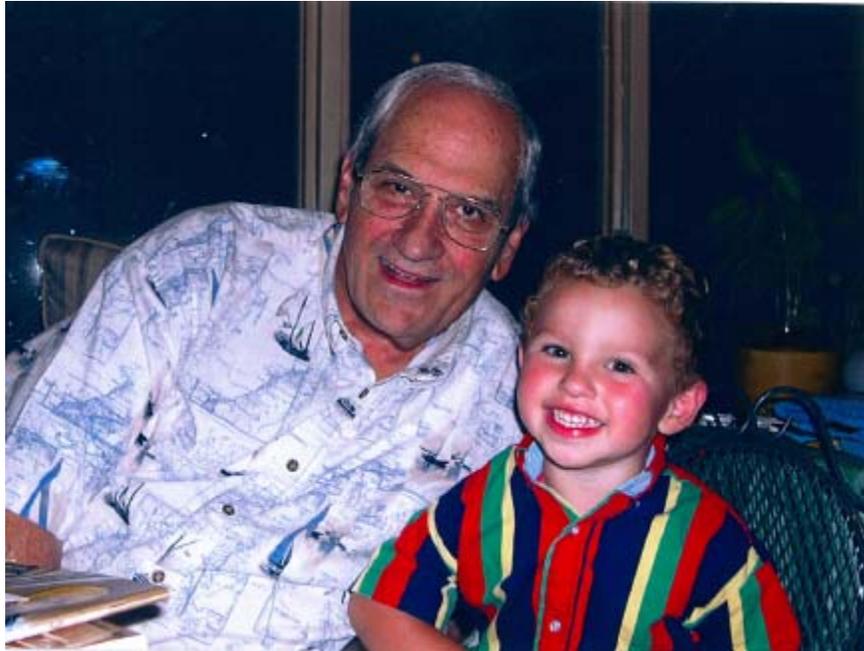
Ellis, a native of Washington County, was raised in Jackson, Mississippi, and was educated in the Jackson Public School System: Watkins Elementary, Bailey Junior High, and Murrah High (Class of 1963). While at Murrah, Ellis served on the Safety Council, was a member of the Music Club for three years, and played tuba in the Murrah High School Band each year. While attending Hinds Junior College, he worked for his father in his television repair shop near the Priamos Northgate complex on North State Street. He soon went to work for Vickers, Inc. where he was promoted to MRO buyer in 1965. Ellis remained at Vickers until 1970 when he started a career in industrial supply sales. Like many professions, the industrial markets changed dramatically over the years, he changed with them becoming associated with Gulf States Engineering Company as a territory sales engineer representing Gardner-Denver Air Compressors as well as Hollis and Company. He was employed by Air Center of Mississippi at the time of his death. His wife Lucy said, "Ellis truly loved being a salesman."



**Ellis Haddad, his wife Lucy and grandson Tate**

Ellis and Lucy Clark of Brandon, Mississippi, were married in 1967 and were the proud parents of daughter Michelle. Michelle is now married to Aaron Fox of Star, they have one child, a son named Tate (absolutely adored by his grandfather) and live in Florence, Mississippi.

Ellis enjoyed many hobbies including photography (photographer for several weddings each year, member and former president of the Jackson Photographic Society, and collector of old



**Ellis with grandson Tate**

cameras), woodworking (serious workshop with woodworking tools and equipment), auto racing (almost always made the race at Daytona International Speedway each July), and toy collecting (over 3,000 Hot Wheel cars, some racing model cars, and even some dolls, especially the “I Love Lucy” ones). He loved watching movies and had a great collection of DVDs. But according to his wife, “his biggest hobby of all times was his grandson, Tate. He loved Tate, and Tate loved his PaPa as he called [Ellis].”

Ellis was a charter member of the Exchange Club of Brandon and member of the Baptist church. In addition Ellis and Lucy were great travelers and invested in a truck and 36-foot-long 5<sup>th</sup> wheel camper four years ago to make their overnight stays to auto races, bluegrass festivals, campgrounds, and beaches more pleasurable (i.e., so Tate could go with them). In fact, they had planned a trip to the Grand Canyon for this October. In an email Lucy wrote, “He was always saying that ‘when we retire in three years we will hit the road in our camper and have no place in particular to go but have all day to get there. All you will see of us will be the tail lights of the camper.’”

Lucy says, “I know the future is going to be very hard for me, and I also know that others have gone through this. But when you lose the love of your life, your best friend, your shopping partner (many women can’t say that – he loved going shopping with me, even just to buy groceries) the person that you confided in about everything, the one who could do any repair around the house (whether it be the house, car, electronics), the one that had the answer for all my questions, I know that I will really, really miss him. He was a great daddy to our daughter Michelle. We only had one daughter. He was always a very happy person. He never met a stranger.” Lucy goes on to say that her daughter has been wonderful through all this, as have Lucy’s three sisters and one brother.



**Ellis' Senior Picture**

**For Ellis' visitation prior to the funeral service, the class sent an arrangement of spring flowers which the family could use in the home after the services. We received this lovely thank you note from his wife Lucy and daughter Michelle.**

Ellis was predeceased by his parents Ellis and Ruby Haddad and sister Evelyn Tomlinson. He is survived by his wife Lucy Clark Haddad of Brandon; daughter, Michelle Fox and husband Aaron of Florence; brother, Pete Haddad of Houston, Texas; sisters, Agnes Helms of Pensacola, Florida, and Linda and Shirley Haddad of Gainesville, Florida; and beloved grandson, Tate Fox of Florence

Thank you so much for the beautiful yellow flowers + for your thoughts + prayers during the saddest time in our lives. They really were some of the most beautiful flowers we received + helped bring a little sunshine to us. - Lucy Haddad + daughter, Michelle

#### HOOFBEATIng Memos

If you have an announcement that you would like to have included in an upcoming issue of this quarterly newsletter, please contact [estelle@ongulf.com](mailto:estelle@ongulf.com).

#### About the Class Website:

[www.ongulf.com/mhs](http://www.ongulf.com/mhs)

Be sure to check out the new user-friendly pop-up menu.

Remember too that you can access the current addresses and telephone numbers of all class members both alphabetically and geographically by state.

You can pull up any past issue of *HOOFBEATIng*.

You can check the "In Memoriam" listings.

You can reminisce by going to the past *Reunions*.

## In Memoriam

**Jean Shamburger** Baronich, 81, died Sunday, February 17, 2008, at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. As “Miss Shamburger”, Jean choreographed the musical productions at Murrah High School during the 1960s. “Miss Shamburger” owned and operated Jean’s School of Dance in north Jackson, teaching ballet, jazz, and tap. Two of her more notable students were David Keary, now the artistic director of Ballet Mississippi, and Kathy Thibodeaux, International Ballet Competition gold medallist and co-founder of *Ballet Magnificat!*. She was a sought-after dance competition judge and choreographer. She organized a troupe of more than 40 students who presented *Bye, Bye Birdie* to the London School of Ballet as well as performances in Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam.



Murrah students from the 1960s remember her choreography of the school’s musicals *Bye, Bye Birdie*, *Music Man*, and the Christmas variety production of *KNights Before Christmas*. **Jean Smith** Vaughan shared her memories: “I can just picture her giving instructions to a stage full of guys and girls and always getting a great result. She made us all believe we could dance and dance well. She always wore leotards and had jet black hair; and to high schoolers she looked like a gypsy, a lady of great mystery and allure, who had the patience of Job.” **Carla Sorrells** Wall said, “For such a little person in stature, she had such a large presence and command over a bunch of young people. She was a tiny person, but she came in and whipped even those big athletic boys into shape – she worked us hard!” Jeremy Wind (**Charles Richey**) had vivid memo-

ries, “Wasn’t it she who choreographed the telephone scene in *Bye, Bye Birdie*? I remember that it was a great challenge to keep the action of so many young, restless students in those boxes from turning that huge set completely over. Each movement by every player had to be in perfect balance with all the others. As I remem-

ber, it all was quite remarkable, and it worked beautifully. We had such fun doing those shows, and Emmy Lou Patton held every bit of production to Broadway



standards. I never truly appreciated the professional quality of our musicals until I hit the ‘Big Apple’.”

“Miss Shamburger” was preceded in death by her parents Everett and Annie Shamburger as well as her sister Sara Taylor. She is survived by her husband R. C. “Cotton”\* Baronich, her daughter Mia Meeks, and granddaughter Britney Renae Meeks all of Jackson as well as two sisters, Marlene Lee of Petal and Evelyn Dossett of Hattiesburg.

Jean Shamburger Baronich was interred at Roseland Park Mausoleum following a graveside service. Moore Funeral Home in Hattiesburg handled the arrangements.

\*Jacksonians will remember Jean’s husband “Cotton” as the consummate bartender at George Street Grocery and now at the Edison Walthall Hotel on Capitol Street.

## Classmates’ or Teachers’ Family-Deaths

**Thad Amacker’s** stepfather, Thomas Owen Roberts, 88, died Thursday, February 21, 2007, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Mississippi, following an extended illness. Mr. Roberts who was a prominent attorney and church and civic leader in Brookhaven was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Delta State University and graduated from Ole Miss where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He then earned his law degree from The University of Mississippi School of Law. During World War II he served in the United States Army Air Corps as a navigator of a B-17 bomber, flying 32 missions over occupied Europe. He served again during the Korean Conflict and was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and seven Air Medals. Preceding him in death were his parents, his sister, his brother, and his first wife, Katherine Leary Roberts. He is survived by his wife Mary Helon Child Roberts, son Thomas Owen Roberts, Jr., stepson Thad Amacker, and stepdaughter Carol Coursey, two step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**Betty Charles Baryshev’s** brother Dr. Printess L. Charles, 64, died Tuesday, March 25, 2008, in Ruston, Louisiana, following a three-year illness. Born in Ruston, he spent his childhood in Jackson, Mississippi, graduating from Murrah High School in 1961. He attended Ole Miss for three years and graduated from the Logan Basic College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Missouri. For 37 years Dr. Charles was a chiropractor, taking medical retirement in 2006. Printess and his wife Iris were heavily involved in their church (Cook Baptist and later First Baptist) as well as the community (Optimist Club officer, both local and regional; chairman of the Ruston Peach Festival; president of several boards of the Athletic Boosters of Louisiana Tech University; and team doctor for the Tech Power Lifting team). He



was preceded in death by his father Dr. John P. Charles and his brother Ronald D. Charles. In addition to his sister Betty, he is survived by his mother Katherine, wife Iris, son Adam Neville Northrop, and sister Barbara Jo Stewart.

**Eddie Harper's father** and **Beth Cleland Harper's father-in-law**, Charles Edward Harper, Sr., 88, died Friday, February 1, 2008, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Born in McComb to Matthew and Mason Harrell Harper, he received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Mississippi. Following service in the United States Army during World War II, he was employed by Gulf Oil Corporation until 1959. At that time he entered the private practice of law, specializing in oil and gas law and title work. An active member of First Presbyterian Church and former member and elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Mr. Harper was married to Mary Louise Curruth Harper for 62 years. Predeceased by his parents and wife, he is survived by two sons (Charles E. Harper and wife Beth and Dr. William K. Harper and wife Lou Anne) and a daughter Janet Harper Davis and husband Earl as well as nine grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. *One note of interest, especially to members of our class who went to the old Power School, **Ford Williams**, a former Power classmate and brother of Lou Anne Williams Harper participated in Mr. Harper, Sr.'s memorial service at First Presbyterian Church. Ford is a Presbyterian minister in Memphis.)*

**Tom Murphree's** mother Mrs. Thomas Martin Murphree, Sr. 91, died February 7, 2008, at her home on Meadow Hill Road in Jackson, Mississippi. Born Margaret Caroline Haaga in Memphis, she was the daughter of Sheppard William and Susie Gee White Haaga, Sr. Margaret was raised in Clarksdale, Mississippi, where her father was a cotton buyer, representing clients in Bremen and Liverpool. A member of Blacklist Social Club, she graduated summa cum laude from M.S.C.W. in just three years, earning not only her B.A. degree but also her teacher's license and a certificate in secretarial science. It was while she was working with the Works Progress Administration in Jackson, cataloging county historical papers that she met her future husband. They were married in 1940. During their engagement, they bought a lot (now at the corner of Brookdale and Buckley Drives) for \$500 and contracted for the construction of the house that would be their home for fifty years. "At that time Meadowbrook Road was gravel, and the nearest paved Road was North State Street." (Later famed Mississippi author Willie Morris and his wife would live in the Murphree home.) Mrs. Murphree was a founding member of St. Richard Catholic Church. In the 1960s Margaret and her husband began collecting clocks and had one of the finest collections in the state, especially their Howard, Fashion, and southern Calendar clocks. They also loved traveling, especially their time in England – in fact, Mrs. Murphree made over twenty trips there. The mother of seven, she still had time to cultivate interests in reading, painting, antiques, crocheting, and especially her flowers and gardening. Predeceased by her husband and four of her children, she is survived by three sons (Dr. Dennis H. Murphree and his wife Dr. Jean Murphree, Thomas M. Murphree, Jr. and his wife Cindy Felder Murphree, and Robert S. Murphree and his wife Melissa Russell Murphree), eleven grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

## Fondren Construction is Booming

*(The following article is an edited version of one that appeared in the April 2, 2008, edition of "The Northeast Ledger". It was written by Susan Marquez.)*

Take a drive through the Fondren area, and you'll see the landscape changing almost daily. Fondren Place, a new development by Mattiace/Peters Development Company, is coming along "better than we imagined it," according to Sam Peters, vice president of sales and leasing. "We are especially pleased with the way the old Duling School building is progressing."

The school itself, which was built in 1929, will be transformed into a compact mall filled with a variety of retail tenants. The plan is to retain as much of the original integrity of the building as possible. "The classrooms will be used as [retail] spaces, and the main [hallway] will remain," Peters said. "The old chair railings and even the coat closets and cubbyholes will remain."

While tight-lipped on prospective tenants, Peters said the response "has been incredible" and that if the deals they are working on now go well, the building will be 100 percent leased before it opens.

Nathan Glenn, owner of Rooster's and Basil's restaurants will be opening The Auditorium, a restaurant and entertainment venue in the old Duling School. "We're leaving the original stage in the auditorium, and we'll have live entertainment," he said. "We'll have everything from music to theater and even live cooking demos. And the venue has dictated the menu. We'll be serving Mississippi Gulf Coast seafood, Delta catfish, and north Mississippi barbeque." The restaurant will have a full service bar with premium poured drinks. "There's really nothing else like it in the area," said Glenn. "Every seat in the house will have a good view of the stage."

Adjacent to the school, on the corner of Duling and North State, a new office building is going in that will house Cooke, Douglass, Farr & Lemons LTD architects, a branch of BankPlus, and The Ramey Agency, an advertising agency now in Ridgeland.

"About a year or so ago we started thinking about what we wanted to do when our lease in our current building expired," said Chris Ray, CEO and partner at Ramey. "We looked all over the metro area trying to find the most interesting place with the best financial terms. We all loved what was going on in Fondren. There is a creative buzz that just charges around the whole area." Ray said they take a little delight in bucking the trend by being a company moving back to Jackson instead of out of the city. "It doesn't hurt that we'll be able to walk across the street and get one of those great milk shakes from Brent's Drugs." Because the agency thinks it's im-



portant to come in as a good corporate citizen, it's donating \$10,000 worth of in-kind services to the Fondren Renaissance Foundation, to assist with branding and creating a 'corporate identity' for the Fondren neighborhood. "It's the right thing to do," Ray said. "We are going to be a part of the neighborhood and we are excited about getting in on the ground floor of this development and watching the area grow."

The development's third phase is Hotel Indigo, a boutique hotel to be on the corner of Duling and Old Canton Road. "From what I heard," Peters said, "the president of Intercontinental Hotels was in town to meet with some other franchisees, and they took him to eat at Walker's. He took a look around the Fondren area and said he's building a hotel here." The hotel will be four stories and will have underground parking. Construction will begin in early summer.

"It's all just developing so well," Charles Richardson, executive director of the Fondren Renaissance Foundation, said. "From a personal standpoint, it excites me when I drive south on State Street and see the cranes and construction from as far away as Council Circle. It's just the coolest thing for me to see the continued progress in Fondren."



### On a lighter side: Henry the dog update

From owners Carla (Barnes) and Barry Camp, "Henry P. Camp\*", the toughest basset hound in Fondren, is recovering nicely after being beaten with a stick of firewood and slammed in the head with an ottoman (the furniture, not a Turk) by burglars. Henry is back to his usual routine of morning coffee, walks, growling at passersby and fleeting thoughts, as well as trying to keep the newest member of the family, Savannah Jane, off his back. Henry has a bounce in his step (especially when food is on the horizon)... he still has some bumps and tender areas, but he's about 90-95 percent of what he was before the attack. When he sits up and crosses his paws, he'll be 100 percent."



Carla and Barry now report that Henry is finally sitting up and crossing his paws, so he is back 100%! Recently the Fondren neighborhood had a big ole street party, as they are wont to do. This one was complete with music. Carla, Barry, and, of course, Henry were enjoying themselves immensely when an announcer from the bandstand called the "Baddest Dawg in Fondren" to come to the podium – Henry "came on down" and was serenaded by Jewel Bass and Raphael Semmes with the song "At Last", recognizing his recuperation. Carla said that Henry seemed to understand exactly what was happening and that he was being honored. Here is Henry after having his morning coffee.

The P in Henry P. Camp doesn't stand for anything. Barry and Carla have just always called him Henry P. Camp!

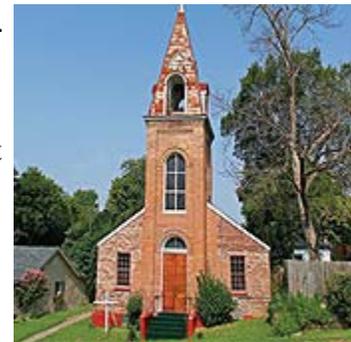
## Bio Updates

**Thad Amacker's** son Drew, a 2007 graduate of Jackson Academy is attending Auburn University. He was recently selected to be a part of the *Emerging Leadership Institute*, which is geared to college freshmen.



Hinds County Court Judge **Bill Barnett** (MHS Class of '63) was named Male Runner of the Year for 2007 by the Mississippi Track Club at its annual awards banquet held in January.

**Sandy Chustz** Schreiter's sister, Sherry Chustz Pace, recently released her latest coffee table book of photography, *Historic Churches of Mississippi*. Sherry has a unique talent for capturing the architectural essence of buildings as is evidenced not only in this book but also in her first, *Victorian Houses of Mississippi*.



Richard J. Cawthon, former head historian at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History again provides the background information and captions for Sherry's photographs.

**Kit Davis** Barksdale has been named executive director of Mustard Seed, a faith-based community for adults with developmental disabilities. Founded over 25 years ago, the Mustard Seed strives to program activities and services that fulfill the goal of meeting the spiritual, physical,



emotional, and intellectual needs of its clients. The major components of the program include: the BELLS OF FAITH hand bell choir, which offers the clients an opportunity to express themselves musically, GROUP HOMES, which allow residents to win many victories as they learn life skills while living in supportive group home settings, and CERAMICS and artwork, which provide the clients with an opportunity to contribute to their own support by working in a full production ceramics workshop

housed on campus. Creating these beautiful objects allow them to show everyone that they are people of worth and value.

**Steve Elson** and his lovely wife Roseanne are leaving the Washington, D.C., area (or as Steve calls it "the centrum of evil") for Phoenix and are enroute even as *HOOFBEATING* is being published. They are first time grandparents "of little (?) 21-lb." Gabriel, whom you will get to see elsewhere in this newsletter. To say that Steve is gaga over this baby is an understatement.

**Jim Ford** and his wife Sally retired: Jim after 30 years of federal service with the Department of Veterans Affairs and 23 years with the Air National Guard; Sally as the financial administrator for two churches in the Denver area. In 2003 they said that they had lived the last 12 years in Lakewood, Colorado, and had no plans to move from this Rocky Mountain paradise. However, look where retirement and grandchildren have led. Sally writes that they have moved to the Nashville area to be closer to son Jeff, his wife Bobbie, and their four children. In addition, son Bill, his wife Susan, and their two children live in Starkville (much closer to Nashville than Colorado or as Sally put it, “at least we are all on the same side of the Mississippi River!”).

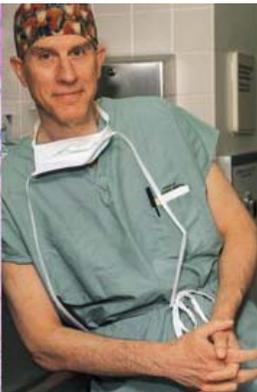
**Hervey Graham** Folsom had an outstanding article in the November/December issue of *Mississippi Magazine*. The piece features John Maxwell, actor, author, and director who is best known perhaps for his portrayal of William Faulkner. In Hervey’s submission, she highlights not only Maxwell and his work but especially his Fish Tale Group project and monologues of the characters of Peter, Paul, John the Baptist, Judas Iscariot, and Barnabus.



**George Hollingsworth** and wife Sharon will be in Jackson in mid-May for the graduation of a daughter from nursing school. They have two other daughters, both of whom are teaching in Mississippi: one teaches English at Gulfport High and the other teaches fourth grade in Oxford, Mississippi.

**Jean Magee** Cox’s beautiful daughter Patty was diagnosed with breast cancer and has undergone surgery and is now having chemotherapy. In addition, Jean and her husband Charles are dealing with his colon cancer. Jean and Patty say, We “really want to thank all of you for your support and prayers. It really means so much to us to know so many people care. To each and every one of you...may you have a Happy, HEALTHY New Year.”

**Wallace McMillan’s** son Charles Reid McMillan is engaged to marry Elizabeth Whip Adams of Gastonia, North Carolina, on June 7, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia. A graduate of Jackson Prep and Ole Miss, Reid is associated with the Charlotte North Carolina, law firm of Moore and Van Allen as deputy director of governmental affairs.



**Barbara Miller** Marshall’s granddaughter Caylen who was born with serious heart defects has made it through her heart surgeries – a complete success. She did have to have a pace-maker installed the week after Christmas. Hopefully she will outgrow the use of it in a few years. The family spent 5 weeks in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at Motts Children’s Hospital where Dr Edward Bove (bo-vay), director of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery (one of the busiest congenital heart programs in the U.S.) performed Caylen’s surgery. Barbara says, “Dr. Bove was wonderful. He ... brought in doctors from all over to see the procedure. The hospital has been great to us and helped in so many ways. Caylen received so many Christmas presents that we may

have to have a trailer to carry them home! She even had some of the Detroit Lions to visit and have their pictures made with her. They gave her an autographed football. Caylen returned home to North Carolina on January 9, 2008. Charlie [Barbara's husband]), along with Erin and David [Caylen's parents] want to thank everyone for their prayers and support. We could never have made it without these. Thank you for being such wonderful friends."

An important note to this wonderful ending to Caylen's journey is this: shortly after Barbara and Charlie returned home to Clinton, Barbara went in for some long delayed surgery. The surgery itself went well, and what could have become a problem (the beginnings of colon cancer) was taken care of; however, because of her diabetes, Barbara is having recovery problems and is still a patient at Baptist Medical Center. She is finally feeling better and thinks she is on the road to recovery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Marilyn and **Mike Nicholson** left for Orlando, Florida, March 7. It was their first venture of any distance since Mike's "belly surgery" last October. They went to welcome their new grandson into this world the following Wednesday, March 12. Daughter, April, was scheduled for a C-section that day.



**Mike and Marilyn (back) and daughters, Andrea and April (left and right in front)**

Mary Margaret (**Margie**) Reed Gibson is online, come and see MM's Blog.

Hi, Everyone,

If you go to [www.thegospelatwork.org](http://www.thegospelatwork.org) you'll see Mary Margaret's new blog at EvanTell. Just browse around and you'll see what we're doing (at this point) for folks in the workplace. We'll be adding resources and interesting (we hope) stuff right along.

Thanks for all your prayers! Mary Margaret

Jeremy Wind (**Charles Richey**) wished us a Happy New Year and shared the following: "Feel free to include these for any of our class mates .... Maybe someone will like my cabin, my music, or just remember me:

[www.MountainTopCabin.net](http://www.MountainTopCabin.net) [his cabin]

[www.myspace.com/jeremywind](http://www.myspace.com/jeremywind) [his music]

<http://www.refluxgoneforever.com/JeremyWindBiography.htm> [his biography]"

**Marty Smira** Perkins was recently mentioned in the January/February 2008 issue of *Mississippi Magazine*, also known as the wedding issue. Marty who lives in Moss Point, Mississippi, was credited as being the ceremony director for the Christmas 2006 marriage of Lyla Brooke James to Justin Eugene Sward at the First Baptist Church in Moss Point.

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## Jimmy Squires Builds Museum Quality Furniture WestMesa Woods

James (Jimmy) Squires sent *HOOFBEATING* a sample invitation to a recent showing at **WESTMESA WOODS**, his handcrafted, fine furniture line. As Jimmy wrote, “You will appreciate the style, craftsmanship, and unusual woods. Part with your money so we can move our inventory. We’ve got more to build. Joints wearing out. Too little time. Need more space.”

Enjoy a few samples of Jimmy’s work shown here.



## Multiple Generations of the Charles Family

While classmate Elizabeth (**Betty Charles**) Baryshev has six children, two daughters have 4 generations living and her oldest son has 5 generations living. She has shared those pictures with us and has updated her mailing address.

**Four Generations:** (left to right) daughter Judy Carter-Brooks, attorney for BNSF Railroad, Grapevine; grandson, Just Braxton, manager of Blockbuster, Grapevine; mother Katherine Charles of Williamsburg, VA; daughter Terri Braxton, HR manager for Systems Group, Dallas; Betty herself, owner of BTIP, Inc meeting management company, Grapevine; and granddaughter, Sydney Katherine Brooks (just turned 3 years old March 25, 2008)



**Five Generations:** (left to right) son Doug Stewart, Starz Entertainment Karaoke, Houston; great granddaughter, Courtney Danielle Stewart, 3 1/5 years old Atlanta, GA; Betty herself; grandson Aaron Stewart, Atlanta, GA; and mother Katherine Charles, Williamsburg, VA.

# Class of 1963 Photo Gallery

*Mike Crowell in Torres del Paines, Chile, in December 2007*



**Paul and Lyn Trussell**



**Paul Trussell and his wife Lyn were recently pictured in *The Sun Magazine*. They were in attendance at a reception hosted by the University of Mississippi Medical Center, honoring the institution’s cardiovascular research supported by the American Heart Association.**



*Merry Christmas*

From Our Home To Yours

Billy, Connie & Remy  
Overby  
2007

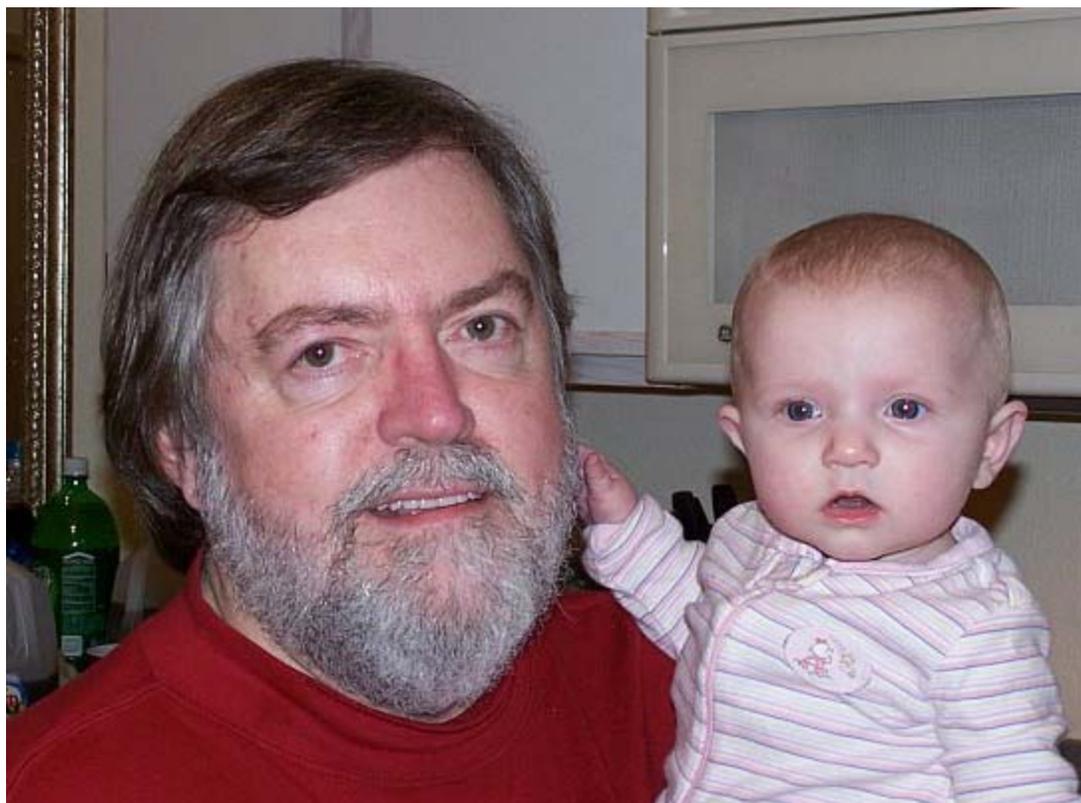
*Mike Nicholson's* grandchildren (left to right) Thomas, Connor, and Abby – note Connor's shiner. He acquired it within 30 minutes of their arrival at the grandparents' house for Christmas. Connor is not as nimble as his cousin Thomas (aka T-Bone) who was demonstrating how to jump from one bed to another in the downstairs guest room. Not to be outdone Connor missed on his first (and only) attempt, smacking his face on the corner of a hard suitcase. It didn't slow him down at all. According to Mike, "every single time something like that happens, Marilyn, the girls, and their husbands immediately look at me and say something like, 'yep, it's a genetics thing.' I don't have a chance."



Above are *Jean Magee Cox's* grandchildren Spencer and Jennifer.

*Jean Magee Cox's* daughter Patty with son Spencer

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Above *John Phillips* with his granddaughter **Hannah**

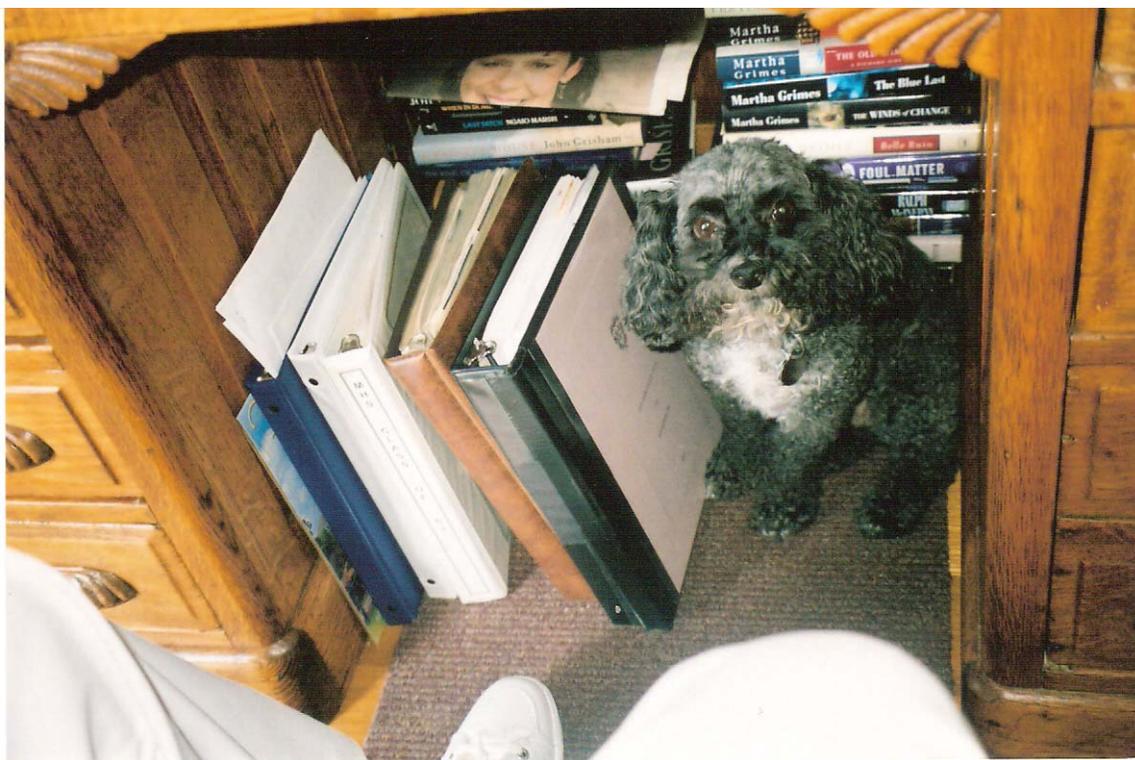


*John Phillips'* wife **Carol Jan**

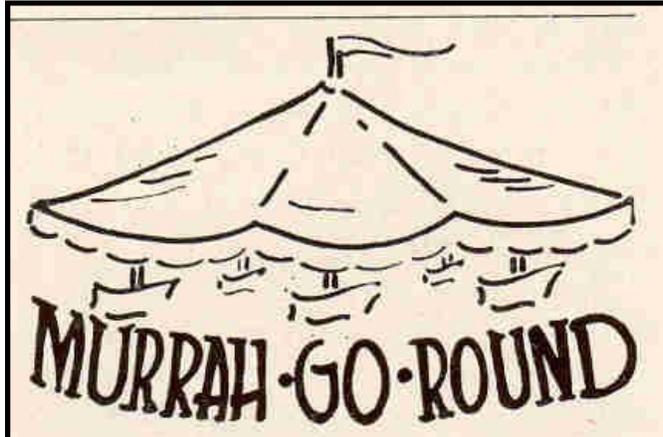
*Steve Elson's grandson Gabey plays on the big bed in his grandparents' hotel room. He and his mom Erin had just arrived by plane from St. Andrews, Scotland, where his dad is getting his M.A.*



*Steve Elson and his grandson Gabriel (Gabey) play in the surf on the beach in St. Thomas. The Elsons were in St. Thomas for a wedding.*



*Mike and Estelle (Noel) Mockbee's poodle Bug in his second favorite hidey-hole.*



## Murrah-Go-Round

Walt Grayson featured **Julia Walter** Allen and her *Poor Julia* scrap metal art in a recent *Looking Around Mississippi* video feature on WLBT Channel 3 TV.

When chatting with the anchors after the video ran, he was asked about Julia.

His comment was “nice lady but a little off”!

Aw, surely he didn’t say that about **our** “poor Julia”!

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Of course this is the **Winter Issue** of *HOOFBEAting*!

Remember, we publish quarterly or when we get around to it.

Besides, it’s still winter somewhere in these great United States.

Just ask **Charles Safley** in Michigan, **Lees Newton** Stuntz in Massachusetts, **Barbara O’Neal** Harper in Ohio, or **Martha Camp** Edmonds in Colorado!

Just think like the 4:00 p.m. drinkers who say, “Well, it’s 5 o’clock somewhere!”

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Julia Walter Allen’s scrap metal art

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