



HOOFBEATiNg

Class of 1963

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Winter/Spring 2010

Mitch Ferrell and His Wife Raise Arabians



Mitch Ferrell and Dazzlerr

that strives to breed, raise, and promote beautiful horses of quality and eye-appealing beauty of domestic breeding.

Since the purchase of their first Arabian mare in 1971, their objective has been to consistently produce Arabians of extreme type and athletic ability. While they have achieved great success with their breeding program, they continue to raise the bar on their goals.

Ferrell Arabians is nestled on 200 acres of grassy knolls and woodland, in the south central region of Mississippi. Mitch and Linda extend to you an invitation to examine and be transported to the pastures of **Ferrell Arabians**: www.ferrellarabians.com.

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Linda Ferrell and Patter My Heart

Connie and Billy celebrate his retirement with an RV grand tour



From Connie (Dunn) and Billy Overby: Billy retired last year, and much of our time has been spent traveling in our motor home. We traveled over 5,000 miles in the summer of 2009. We spent July 4 in Kentucky with friends. We attended the Winnebago Rally in Forest City, Iowa, where the RVs are made. Winne-

bago was celebrating fifty years of building RVs. In South Dakota we visited Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, and the Bad Lands. Then we went through Yellowstone National Park to the Grand Teton National Park. The wildlife was spectacular. We saw moose, elk, deer, antelope, fox, turkey, prairie dogs, chipmunks, bald eagles, geese, osprey, and hawks. In Utah we went to Bryce Canyon and Zion Canyon National Parks. This is where we had to pay a special tunnel fee. Traffic had to be stopped for us to drive in the middle of the two lanes through a one and a half mile very tight tunnel. (Can you imagine the dirty looks they probably received as they emerged from the far side of the tunnel? I hope Connie and Billy had tinted windows on that Winnebago, so people could not identify them.). As we drove through Wyoming, Billy looked out across the plains and hills in the distance and said "I'm sure there are cowboys and Indians out there somewhere." It was definitely horse country. We drove on



and crossed over Route 66 several times. Las Vegas was on our must see list since we had never been there. It didn't take long to realize that Las Vegas was not the place to be mid-August. However, Hoover Dam was very interesting. By this time, one of us was beginning to get homesick, so we set our sights on Florida. As we went through Texas, we stopped in Beaumont to visit some friends from high school, Tex and **Carol (Caldwell)** Sparks. They were our double dating pals. We really enjoyed catching up with them. They even have a chocolate Lab named Louie. And this made our yellow Lab Remy very happy. Remy loves the RV and is a lot of fun to travel with.

The King Edward Re-Opens!

The once stately King Edward Hotel, abandoned by all but the pigeon population and vagrants for 40 years, opened in December 2009. For years the King Edward sat like a giant tombstone in remembrance of a once grander, more elegant time in the city. If the walls at 235 West Capitol St. could talk they would tell of how they were destroyed during the Civil War but rebuilt in 1867. They would tell how they were replaced again in 1923 as the 12-story Beaux-Arts-



style building of today and how they were once the center for politics and society in the capital city. They would tell how in 1955 they were modernized and would share tales of blues musicians who once recorded there, the dances that graced the floors, and the elegant banquets and bustling conferences held there until 1967, when the doors would close again - this time for four decades. In 1976 the King Edward was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and a glimmer of resurrection began to take place.

In 2006 the wheels of change began to roll. Developers David Watkins, New Orleans Saints running back Deuce McAllister and Historic Restoration Inc. formed a partnership to develop the building and hired Clayco Inc., as contractors. The renovations were estimated to cost \$90 million with some of the financing coming from state historic tax credits, federal historic tax credits, new market tax credits, state loans and an EDI grant.

It reopened as a Hilton Garden Inn with 186 hotel rooms on the middle floors, 64 luxury apart-



ments on the top four floors. (They have a rooftop terrace with a swimming pool and health club.), and a signature restaurant, bar, and coffee shop on the first floor, and a pool and fitness area in the basement.

Heavily edited version of an article by Gloria Butler Baldwin, Special to the Northeast Ledger, June 4, 2008

Dr. Clifton Ware (choral music teacher and director of the Murrah Singers during our senior year) and classmate **Jean Smith Vaughn** were featured at a workshop held at Millsaps College. This was held as part of a conference for NATS (the National Association of Teachers of Singing). Below is part of the brochure and schedule for the event held at Millsaps College in mid-May 2010.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS
Vocal Arts Division
presents

WELLNESS WORKSHOP

FOR **WISDOM**

~featuring~

Dr. Clifton Ware

Vocal Pedagogue & Author

with

Jean Smith-Vaughan

Special Assistant Attorney General

**Wednesday, May 12 & Thursday, May 13
2010**

**Millsaps College
Ford Academic Complex**

DAY I

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

1:00 – 3:30 PM

Special Assistant to the Mississippi Attorney General and copyright law expert Jean Smith-Vaughan leads an insightful presentation and discussion on copyright law and how it affects the music/fine arts teacher and their students in the studio, as well as in performance. Arm yourself with the latest information on a very turbulent topic in this age of digital downloads.

DAY II

THURSDAY, MAY 13

9:30 – 11:00 AM/1:00 – 4:00 PM

Acclaimed vocal Pedagogue and author Clifton Ware returns to Mississippi for a day of Master Classes for Voice Teachers and their students.

MORNING SESSION

9:30 – 11:00 AM

Dr. Ware works with Teachers addressing common problems and procedures through vocabulary and his renowned holistic approach.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Dr. Ware turns the tables and addresses the students directly.

CLIFTON WARE

Pedagogue & Author

Author of **Basics of Vocal Pedagogy**. *The Foundations and Process of Singing*, **The Singer's Life**, and **Adventures in Singing...A Process for Exploring, Discovering, and Developing Vocal Potential**, Clifton Ware is a teacher, performer, and author. He has produced and presented more than one hundred clinics and master classes in the U. S. and abroad.

Dr. Ware has performed as tenor soloist with more than sixty major music organizations in North America and Europe in a repertoire that includes fifty-three operas, operetta, and musical theater roles, seventy-six major works with orchestra and chorus, more than twenty solo recitals, and several chamber music recitals. Ware can be heard in recordings of Benjamin Britten's *St. Nicolas* (MHS) and *Paul Bunyan* (Virgin Records), and *Vocal Explorations: The Bad, the Good, and the "Other"*, featuring all-original material.

Serving as professor of Vocal Pedagogy and Pedagogy Chair of the Schuessler Vocal Arts Center at the University of Minnesota for many years, Dr. Ware brings his broad palette of experiences to Millsaps College (his Alma Mater where he received a degree in Philosophy) to share with us in a workshop setting. The presentation will be for teachers and students, alike, and will encourage active involvement.



Dr. Clifton Ware

JEAN SMITH VAUGHAN

Special Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Vaughan received a Bachelor of Arts with distinction, from Mississippi College in English with minors in music and secondary education, and she received a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and has done additional graduate work in Special Education at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, in Reading and English Literature at Southeast Louisiana University, and in Music at Mississippi College. She has taught reading, special education, GED and has served as a middle school librarian and as a legal reference librarian.

She obtained a Juris Doctor from Mississippi College School of Law and has practiced with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office since 1992 in the areas of criminal appeals, gaming, consumer protection and cyber crime. She was appointed Director and Prosecutor of the Cyber Crime Division of the Attorney General's Office in 2005 and serves as Mississippi Internet Crimes Against Children Commander. She is admitted to practice to all Mississippi state courts; the United States Federal Courts, Southern and Northern Districts of Mississippi; the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. She is a Barrister in the Charles Clark Inn of Court.



Jean Smith Vaughan

Ms. Vaughan speaks to parents, teachers and children on Internet safety and online victimization and is working with Attorney General Jim Hood and Internet Service Providers to address the issue of transmission of child pornography and child victimization on the Internet. Current projects also include working with Mississippi universities on technical policies on peer-to-peer illegal downloads of copyrighted materials. Ms. Vaughan is a soprano soloist with the St. Philip's Episcopal Parish Choir and is a performing member of the Chaminade Music Club of Jackson.

Charles Simmons introduces Mr. Otis



Charles at home with his dogs

Charles Simmons is the proud owner of a horse named Mr. Otis. Mr. Otis thinks he's a big, ole pet dog instead of a horse. The following is the saga of Mr. Otis or vignettes involving Mr. Otis, Charles, and friends.

From Charles' emails:
 "Yesterday, I was outside talking to Kelly [Charles' cleaning lady] while she was taking a break and all of a sudden Otis ran by us at full speed. He flew down the hill where Chris, Kelly's husband, was working on a drain line, and about

twenty feet from Chris, Otis suddenly did a rollover (actually 3), jumped up, got on his hind legs, walking, and then kicked up his hind legs, and took off running back to us where he started giving strong hints that it was apple time. Of course, he prefers the extra large green apples, although any apple will please him. He, also, pulls a trick with an apple by dropping it after taking a hunk and nudging back to Kelly for her to fetch and hold the apple back out for him to take."

"Mr. Otis is doing fine. This morning I had to put latches on the stable doors where his winter hay is stored, because he had started moving the stuff keeping him from opening the stable doors and going in there to help himself to hay. He is still doing a better job of training me than I am doing training him."

"When I got in [from my trip with the retirees from Northeast Mississippi Community College to see the Civil War battlefields], Mr. Otis was in the yard and had to come over, check things out. He kept nudging me as I carried my suitcase and CPAP bag to the house. Sometimes you could do with a little less attention if you are standing in the dark, trying to get out the right key and are being nuzzled by him."



Mr. Otis

“Mr. Otis is quite a personality horse. Several times a day, Mr. Otis races the dogs down the hill to the fence by the road, does a dive and rollover, jumps up and kicks his hind legs, wheels around, rears up on the hind legs, and then runs up the hill into his barn; normally repeating the whole process a couple of times. When I call him, he answers and comes running. My cleaning lady [Kelly] is his favorite. He puts his head in the middle of her chest, shuts his eyes, and sways while she whispers and sings to him. While he is not really big on being led (he prefers to walk along side you), he will let the cleaning lady's eight-year-old daughter [Jasmine] lead him up and down my driveway. He wants to play with her hair. His two favorite places to be ‘on the other side of the proverbial fence’ are the yard and the dog pen (the two places he thinks that have the greenest grass). Also, he is easy to load. Just let Mr. Otis watch you put sweet feed in the trailer (after you open the back of the trailer) and get out of his way. After he loads himself, reach in and snap the halters and tie him (which he does not like). Then go wherever you are going”

“After the Civil War battlefield trip, Charles arranged training for Mr. Otis. Everyone thinks he will make an excellent ride, as he is very smart, good natured and calm, and has a good gait. So far, he has done an outstanding job of training me. I am, also, planning on taking riding lessons so I may have the capacity to enjoy Mr. Otis (the horse).”

“Otis is now being trained to ride. He has been doing great and taking everything in stride. The trainer, Chris, [no relation to the cleaning lady Kelly or her husband Chris] who is a sixteen year old, has grown up on horseback and is very pleased with Otis. He says Otis likes to please you and tries to figure out what you want him to do. David Gardner took some good pictures the other day, and I will bring them Thursday to the Lunch Bunch.”

Sixteen-year-old Chris is Mr. Otis' trainer. Charles says Chris has been riding since he was born.



In Memoriam



Milford **Larry Sanders**, 63, died of a heart attack on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Both his visitation and funeral service were held at Chancellor Funeral Home in Byram, Mississippi, with interment at Lakewood Memorial Park.

Larry was born in West Point, Mississippi, on November 24, 1945, to Milford T. and Lucile Wilson Sanders. His family moved to Jackson in 1952 and lived on Leron Avenue (between Cedars of Lebanon and Briarwood Drive). He attended Jackson public schools and graduated from Murrah High School. As a youngster, he played baseball in Jackson's youth leagues. His after school jobs included a bicycle paper route and work at the A & P Grocery Store. He and his family were members of the Meadowbrook Church of Christ.

Larry served in the United States Navy from 1964 until 1968. He was stationed in the Philippines. His ship was the USS Constellation. Later he served in the Air National Guard. While in the military, Larry was awarded the National Defense Medal, two Vietnam Service Medals, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon. After his military service, Larry graduated from Hinds Junior College and went to work as an accountant/auditor with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission. Larry married his wife Gerry in 1976.



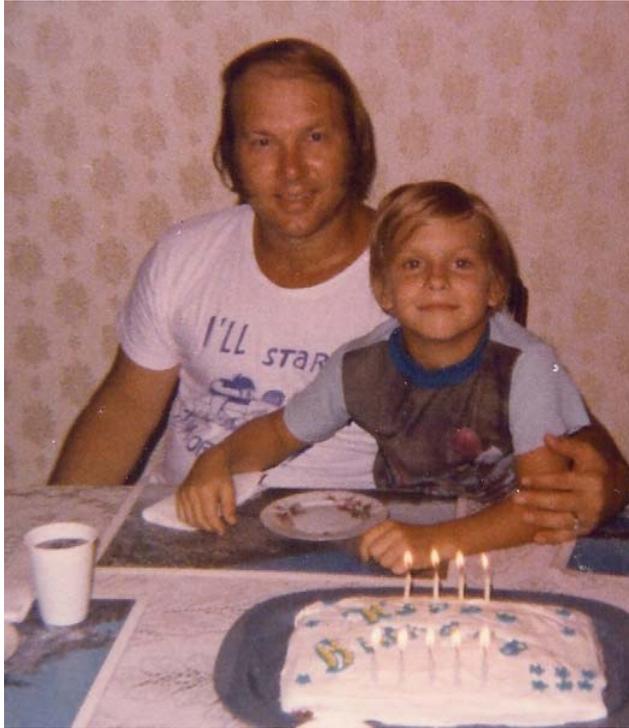
He was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Lowry Rifle Camp 20#1740 of Rankin County, Mississippi, and a member of the American Legion. He was founder and president of the Byram Men's Investment Club. In addition, he served as secretary for and was a charter member of the Exchange Club of Byram. Larry, an avid baseball fan and supporter, coached Little League. He was commissioner of the Forest Hill Youth Club and past president of the Terry Baseball Diamond Club. Larry was a member of Wynn-dale Baptist Church where he taught RAs (Royal Ambassadors), an organization for young boys.



He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Derek Larry Sanders, who died in an automobile wreck on March 25, 1987, during his senior year in high school. Survivors include his wife Gerry T. Sanders and son Nathan Jere Sanders both of Jackson; brother, Clint W. Sanders of



Florida and sister, Carol Jan Sanders Phillips and her husband Johnny Phillips (MHS Class of 1963) of Ridgeland, Mississippi.



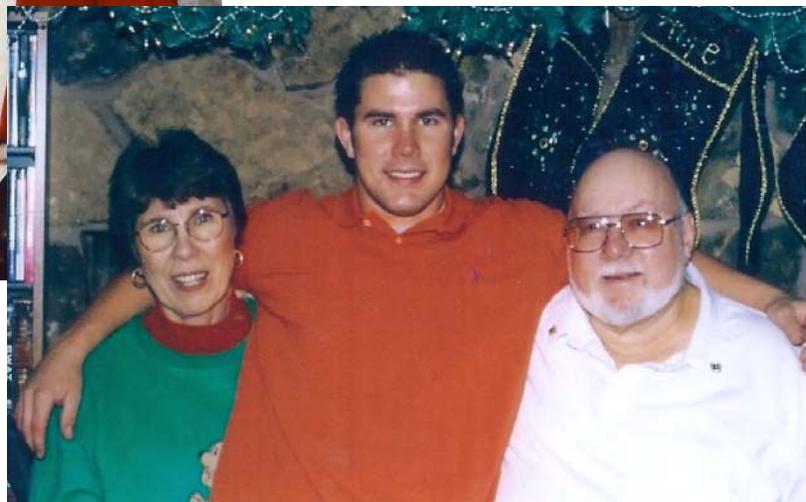
(above) Larry and Gerry were married in 1976.

(top left) Larry and Derek (his older son) celebrate birthday number four.

(below) Son Nathan, wife Gerry, and Larry



(above) Larry "plays" Santa with Nathan (his younger son) sitting in his lap.



In Memoriam



Nancy Fleming Sloan of Lake Village, Arkansas, died on December 16, 2009, of complications from Pure Red Cell Aplasia. She was born in Louisiana in 1945 to Norfleet and Elijah Fleming, Jr. Nancy spent her childhood in Jackson and Greenville, Mississippi. She and her family were active members of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. She attended Duling Elementary School and then Bailey Junior High School, where in the ninth grade Nancy was elected along with George Twente to represent their homeroom class on the Junior High

Graduation Court. She attended Murrah High School through the first semester of the tenth grade, graduating from Greenville High in 1963. She began her higher education at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, earning her B.S. degree in 1967 from LSU, where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. After graduation, Nancy was a social worker for one year. She and Neill Sloan married on March 16, 1968, and settled in his home town of Lake Village, Arkansas.

Nancy and her family were very active in Lakeside United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School, served on various boards and committees, and was a member of the Village Bible Study. Among her many community activities, she was a member of the Century Club, the Lelundi Club and on the board of Guachoya Arts Center.



Nancy and husband Neill celebrate with a toast in 1985.



Neill and Nancy at their house on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs

Whether it was cooking, sewing, knitting, decorating, or planning parties and weddings, she loved

Sister-cousins, Nancy Fleming Sloan and Marty Batte Dowdle

creating and doing things for other people. She also enjoyed spending time with her friends in bridge clubs, supper clubs, pottery groups, and the First Wives' Club. Nancy and her family also enjoyed their time spent at their get-away house on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Throughout her life, she shared the gifts of laughter and story-telling with whomever she met. However, her most important roles were as a devoted wife, loving mother and the very best "Mimi" in the whole world.



Nancy with her daughters, Caroline, Mary Martha, and Nancy



Nancy in September of 2009 looks forward to her daughter's wedding in Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Neill Moore Sloan; her three daughters, Caroline Mischke (Chuck) of Lake Village, Mary Martha Henry (Jason) of Little Rock, and Nancy Walton (Tyler) of Sea Grove Beach, Florida; her grandchildren Jay and Neill Henry and Sloan and Amelia Mischke; brother, Vic Fleming (Susan) and brother-in-law John Sloan of Little Rock; as well as two nieces, three nephews, an aunt, an uncle, and fifteen first cousins (one of whom is our MHS Class of 1963's **Marty Batte Dowdle**). In fact she and Marty were so close that they considered themselves sister-cousins.



Nancy and her husband Neill with grandsons Jay and Neill Henry

Nancy was thrilled to be with her twin granddaughters, Sloan and Amelia Mischke.

In Memoriam



Anna Louise Meiere Culver, 90, died Monday, April 12, 2010, at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Born November 19, 1919, in Atlanta, Georgia, she was the youngest of six children born to Ernest Julius Meiere and Bertha Traber Meiere. She graduated from Atlanta's Girls High School which was in existence from 1872 until 1947* and Agnes Scott College in downtown Decatur, Georgia, with a Bachelor of Science degree. Louise married Lewis Culver in 1944, and they moved to Jackson with their daughter Carol in 1949. Louise taught plane geometry and chemistry at Murrah High School for several years. In addition, she served as sponsor of the Theater Guild's Props Club at Murrah. According to her daughter Carol, Mrs. Culver always said that she taught the smartest students in the world. In fact, she chose most of her physicians according to whether or not she taught them at Murrah. She took graduate degree work at Mississippi College

in Clinton, Mississippi. When husband Lewis suffered a brain abscess in 1968, she retired from teaching and dedicated herself to his successful rehabilitation. He later retired from a career with South Central Bell. Lewis died in 2000. Both were members of Christ United Methodist Church. Louise was an avid gardener, an experienced seamstress, and enjoyed playing bridge. She was a member of the Wednesday Club and the Concordia Club.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years; two infant sons; her parents; five siblings; favorite aunt, Anna Traber; and her precious Fancy. Fancy had actually been her husband Lewis' prized pointer, who amazingly (and quickly) became Louise's beloved indoor dog and companion. Fancy lived to be eighteen years old and died just fifteen months before Louise's death.

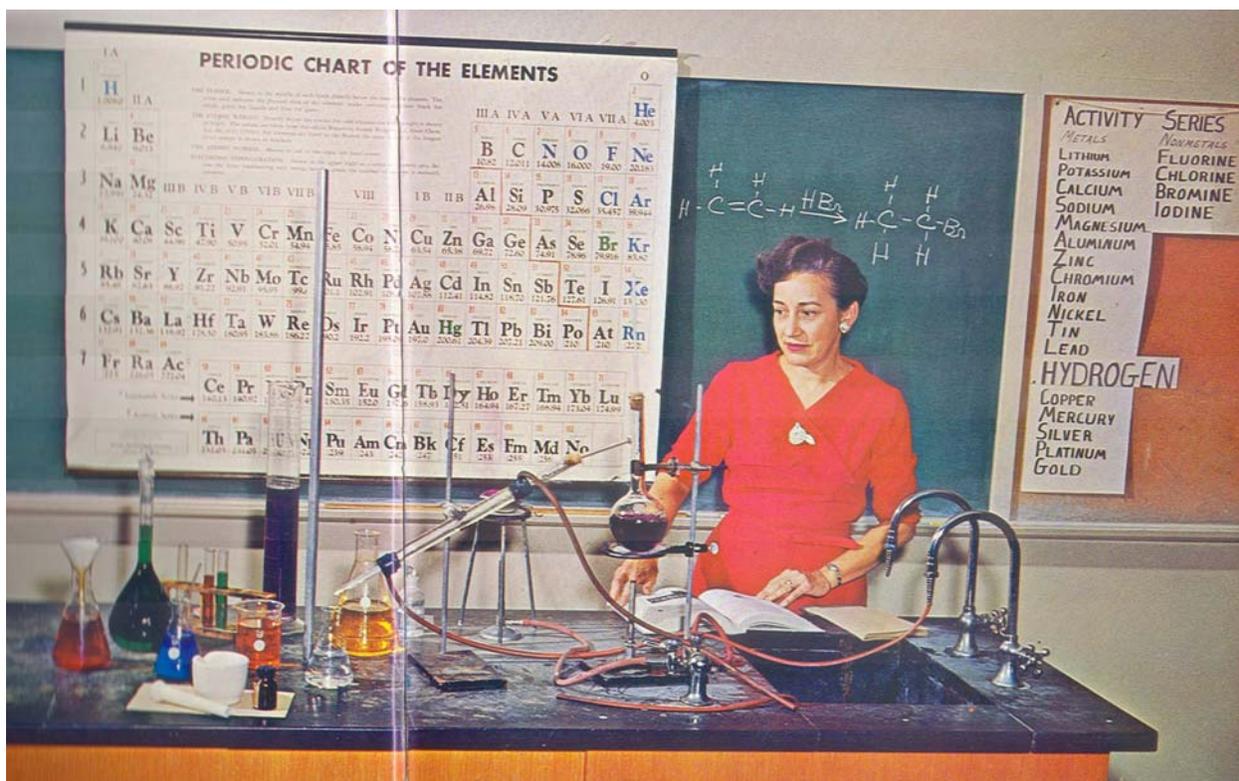


Mrs. Culver and Miss Carter at our 40-year reunion

Louise is survived by her daughter Carol Culver of Kennesaw, Georgia (MHS Class of 1964); Carol's fiancé John Meek; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of lifelong friends. Visitation and a memorial service were held at Christ United Methodist Church, Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, 6000 Old Canton Road, Jackson MS or to CARA (Community Animal Rescue and Adoption), 960 N. Flag Chapel Rd., Jackson MS.

*The name **Girls High School** was so intriguing, it was decided to include a bit of history for the readers of *HOOFBEATING*. This information came from City of Atlanta Online. The new Girls High School building replaced one of seven schools founded in 1872 as part of the original Atlanta public school system. The Girls High building, which opened in January 1925, had 104 rooms including science halls, laboratories, a business department, sewing rooms, a library, an art department, music room, and the outdoor classrooms on the third level. A model apartment contained a living/dining room, bedroom, bath and kitchenette. Twenty classrooms and individual offices for the 39 teachers were also included. Locker alcoves and two large study halls were located across the hall from the library. A school bank complete with cages, was part of the business department, and encouraged the girls to save as well as giving them an opportunity to learn the banking business. The new school building ... continued as a girls' high school until 1947 when Atlanta high schools became co-educational. Renamed Roosevelt High School for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the school continued as an Atlanta institution until 1985. At that time, Roosevelt was combined with Hoke Smith Technical School (located on the other side of Grant Park) and a new school building was established on the site on Glenwood Avenue just below the old school buildings, where it still stands.



In Memoriam



James A. "Coach" Springer, 74, died Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Born June 21, 1935, in Slate Springs, Mississippi, he was the son of the J.K. and Inez West Springer. He graduated from Slate Springs High School. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree and later his master's degree and his AAA teaching certification, all from Mississippi College. While an undergraduate at M.C., he was a member of the Choctaws basketball team.

A long time member of Briarwood Baptist Church and a Mason, he will be remembered for coaching and teaching for 47 years in the Jackson Public Schools, including the years from 1960 through 1963 at Murrah High School where he taught Drivers Education, Shop, and Algebra I and served as sponsor for the Stagecraft Club and the

Lighting Club. In 1991 he was honored to be named Metro Area Coach of the Year.

He is predeceased by his parents and is survived by his wife of 51 years, Betty Ellis Springer; a daughter, DeeDee Pond and her husband Michael of Jackson; a granddaughter, Dixie Pond of Jackson; a sister, Mallie Float of Wyatt, Mississippi; and two brothers, Hulet C. Springer of Calhoun City, Mississippi, and Jewett C. Springer of Ocala, Florida, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation and funeral services were held on Friday, January 8, 2010, in the Chapel of Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home in Ridgeland, Mississippi with burial in the Parkway Memorial Cemetery.

The family requested that any memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association - Jackson Chapter, 4830 McWillie Circle, Jackson MS 39206.



Obituaries of Interest

Bailey Gym Teacher Dies

Hallie Houston Keyes, 79, died April 28, 2010. Her visitation and services were held at Broadmoor Baptist Church which is now located in Madison, Mississippi. She was born April 7, 1931, in Charleston, Mississippi. Her family moved to Laurel when she was two. She attended the Laurel city schools, graduating from George S. Gardner High School in the Class of 1948, Jones Junior College in 1950, and the University of Southern Mississippi in 1952. She then moved to Jackson where she taught gym at Bailey Junior High School. In addition, Mrs. Keyes was an active member of Broadmoor Baptist Church for over fifty years. She was married to Earl Keyes for fifty-seven years. They were both avid tennis players, participating in both the Mississippi Senior Olympics and the 1999 National Senior Olympics held in Orlando, Florida. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her three children Ricky Keyes (Sheila), Peter Keyes (Sue), and Susan Keyes Ward (Greg); seven grandchildren; and one sister.



Millsaps Grill Legend Dies



Alice Carpenter Acy, known to thousands of Millsaps College students as "Acy", age 87, died Tuesday November 17, 2009, at her residence in Brandon, Mississippi, from Pulmonary Fibrosis. She was born in Carroll County, Mississippi, on October 19, 1922, to the late Jarvis and Elizabeth Mosley Carpenter and resided in the Jackson area for the past 52 years. She was employed at Millsaps College for over 39 years in food service and ran the Millsaps Grill for so long that it

eventually was known as "Acy's Grill". She also worked at Penn's Fish House in Clinton for 5 years. She was a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church. She was known by many who loved her as their "other Mama". She is preceded in death by her spouse, Claude Acy and a son, Harold Acy. Funeral Services were 2:00 pm, November 20, 2009, at Williams & Lord Funeral Home in Greenwood, Mississippi. Burial was in Mount Olive Cemetery in Carroll County. She is survived by 2 daughters, Carolyn Stodghill of Brandon and Margaret Lynn Aldridge of Pensacola, Florida; 1 son, Lamar Acy of Wesson, 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 14 great, great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 76 CR 158, Coila, Mississippi 38923.

Obituaries of Interest

Hollywood Sweet Shop Owner Dies



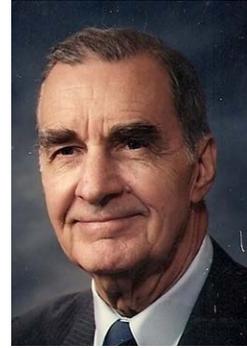
Domna Theo Fokakis Vallas, 97, died Sunday, February 7, 2010, at Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Virginia. Mrs. Vallas and her husband of 65 years, Theologos, were the owners of the Hollywood Sweet Shop on Lamar Street right next door to the Lamar Theater. They closed the thirty-five-year-old business in 1975 when Mr. Vallas retired. Born on the Greek island of Patmos, Domna spent many hours at the Sweet Shop assisting her husband. She “was famous for packing the candy boxes so beautifully and for always having a warm and hospitable smile for all their patrons.”

Classmates’ or Teachers’ Family-Deaths

Laurie Bishop Gillett’s mother, Flora Harris Bishop, 88, of Ridgeland, Mississippi, died Tuesday, December 8, 2009, in Jackson. She was born to Luther and Maggie Ruff Harris of Plantersville, Mississippi. The only daughter among six sons, Mrs. Bishop learned early how to get along in life. She was, according to her family, often opinionated and devoutly Baptist. She was a longtime and very active member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church. She loved traveling and saw the world from Alaska to China, from the Netherlands to Italy and beyond, sometimes with groups and sometimes alone. She loved visiting with people and sharing her family history. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers (Joe Thomas, Bill, Luther, Jr., and Rex). She is survived by her daughter Lauranne Gillett (Darrell) of Idyllwild, California; son Burns Bishop (Karen) of Madison, Mississippi; brothers Max Harris of Tupelo and George Harris of Brandon as well as five grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

Jack Bridges’ mother Helen Clay Bridges, 92, died Friday, December 18, 2009, at her home. Born in Jacksonville, Florida, and raised in Galesburg, Illinois, she graduated from Knox College in Galesburg with a degree in music with emphasis on piano and violin. After graduation, she answered an advertisement to teach music in the public school system in Belzoni, Mississippi. There she met her future husband Jack Bridges. They moved to Jackson in 1945. During that time, she taught violin and piano from their home. She was an active member of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, participating in church circle as well as teaching Sunday school. She was a charter member of the McDowell Music Club. Mrs. Bridges was an expert seamstress, enjoyed flower gardening and cooking, and participated in the Madison Homemakers Club as well as other clubs and organizations in the Jackson area. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister; and Jack, her husband of 44 years. She is survived by her brother Earl; son Jack Bridges (Judy) of Slidell, Louisiana; daughter Jeanne Bridges Cotter (Mac) of Madison, Mississippi; and four grandchildren.

Johnny Bruno's father-in-law, Samuel McPheeters (Mack) Glasgow, Jr., 93, died in mid-December 2009. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee, to Dr. Samuel McPheeters Glasgow and Samuella Keith Glasgow. He was educated at the Peabody Demonstration School and the Wallace School for Boys. He earned his BA degree from Vanderbilt University and his LLB degree from the University of Washington. Mr. Glasgow served in the U.S. Army in field artillery during World War II. He attended Officers Candidate School and was honorably discharged as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Department in 1946. He practiced law in Nashville for over 60 years, retiring in 2003 from the firm of Glasgow and Veazey. Mr. Glasgow was a fellow of both the Supreme Courts of Tennessee and the United States. He served as chairman of the Davidson County Election Commission for sixteen years, was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Nashville Rotary Club and Belle Meade Country Club. He was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, serving as Deacon and Elder since 1953. For over thirty years he had a vineyard on Center Hill Lake and was a founding member of the Tennessee Viticultural and Oenological Society of Tennessee. Mr. Glasgow was preceded in death by his parents and five sisters. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Susan Barbara (Bobbie) Leake Glasgow, sons Dr. Samuel McPheeters Glasgow III (Diane) and Bryant (Bim) Leake Glasgow (Candace) as well as his daughters Susan Seymour Glasgow Brown (Allen) and Emily Risley Glasgow Bruno (John). He is also survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Edsel Caine's mother, Evelyn "Lynn" Lucille Johnson Caine, 88, died Sunday, April 25, 2010, at her home on the Ross Barnett Reservoir in Brandon, Mississippi. She was born May 8, 1921, in Greensboro, North Carolina, to Edgar and Gertrude Johnson. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Dr. Curtis Webb Caine, Sr.; her son, Edsel Allen Caine of Seattle, Washington; and her daughter, Carol Caine Guess of Chattanooga, Tennessee; as well as seven grandchildren (Michael Gary Caine, Hannah Guess Campbell, Rebecca Guess Susong, Debra Guess Klein, Jason Aaron Caine, Brandon Curtis Caine, and Jordon Alexander Caine); and one great-grandson (Curtis Webb Caine III). Mrs. Caine was preceded in death by her children Gertrude Pearl Caine, Dr. Curtis W. Caine, Jr. (MHS Class of 1962), and Gary Lewis Caine. She was known for her deep and abiding Christian faith, her love of the Bible, God's Holy Word, her gift of leadership in numerous organizations, and her devotion to her husband and family.

Connie Dunn Overby's aunt, Iris Sybil Venturini, 86, died Thursday, February 11, 2010, at St. Dominic Memorial Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1943 Mrs. Venturini graduated from "The Infirmary" as a registered nurse. "The Infirmary" was later acquired by St. Dominic Memorial Hospital. She began her nursing career at the prisoner of war camp in Clinton, Mississippi. It was here that she met and married her husband of 66 years, Frank Venturini of Pitman, New Jersey. Mrs. Venturini was a charter member of both North Park Presbyterian Church and later Lakeside Presbyterian Church near the Reservoir. She kept the church nursery at Lakeside

for over twenty-five years. Both she and Frank were longtime members of the Metropolitan Dance Club. Mrs. Venturini was predeceased by her brother Issac Williams and sisters, Hazel Murray and Alma Pearl Dunn Gardner (mother of Connie Dunn Overby and Penny Dunn Schooler). She is survived by her husband, two sons, two grandsons, a brother, and a sister.

Ellis Haddad's sister Agnes "Aggie" Haddad Helms, 60, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in Pensacola, Florida, from pneumonia and lung infection. A native of Jackson, Mississippi, she had lived in Pensacola for most of her life. Aggie was a member of the Church of Christ. She had retired from her job with the state of Florida. She was predeceased by her parents Ellis and Ruby Haddad and siblings Evelyn Haddad Tomlinson and Ellis Haddad. She is survived by her son Paul Helms, Jr. (Elaine), sisters Shirley Haddad and Linda Haddad both of Gainesville, Florida, brother Pete Haddad of Houston, Texas, and sister-in-law (Ellis' widow) Lucy Clark Haddad of Brandon. Both her funeral and burial were private ceremonies handled by Waters and Hibbert Funeral Home.

Raye Harper Manning's brother, Richard "Dickie" Frank Harper, 66, died Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Trinity Mission in Clinton, Mississippi. He was born in Jackson on October 8, 1943, to Margaret and Cecil Terry Harper. In addition, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clinton. Mr. Harper is survived by his sister Raye and her husband Ron of Bolton, Mississippi, as well as two aunts, Mildred Harper and Jackie Harper, both of Jackson. Memorials may be made to the Mississippi Animal Rescue League, 5221 Greenway Drive Ext., Jackson MS 39204-3212 or to the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital, Division of Public Affairs at University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson MS 39216.

Susan Jeffreys Triplett's father-in-law, Dr. Rodney Faser Triplett, 77, died at home on Thursday, January 28, 2010. A native of Louisville, Mississippi, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Triplett. Valedictorian of his class at Louisville High School, Faser was an Eagle Scout as well as All Choctaw Conference halfback. As a high school graduate he was assistant to the campaign manager for Hugh White in his run for the governorship. Faser attended the University of Mississippi where he was football manager, a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, cheerleader as a junior, president of the school of liberal arts, and a member of ODK. After graduating, he entered law school and then medical school at the University of Mississippi, earning his medical degree from Tulane. Dr. Triplett became the first board certified allergist in Mississippi and was a founder of the Mississippi Asthma and Allergy Clinic in Jackson, where he practiced for 34 years. In addition, he was active in both political and business activities as well as community volunteer work. He was an active member of Christ United Methodist Church. Dr. Triplett is survived by his wife Jacqueline (Jackie) Dempsey Triplett; son Chip Triplett (Susan) of Ridgeland; daughters, Diane Holloway (J.L.), Suzy Fuller (Jim), Liz Walker (Chip), and Lou Ann Woitke (Trent) all of Jackson. He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren.

Jeannie Johnson Chunn's aunt, Marion Anding Johnson, 96, died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on April 21, 2010. Born in Leakesville, Mississippi, to Claude Ellis Anding, Sr. and Lucille

Bell Anding, she grew up in Flora, Mississippi. She graduated from Flora High School and then Delta State Teachers College in Cleveland, Mississippi. She taught third grade in Leland in the Mississippi Delta. It was there in 1939 that she met her future husband of 66 years, John Andrew Johnson, Sr. Married in 1944, they moved to Bonham, Texas, settling in Albuquerque in 1947. It was there both sons were born. She spent untold hours and her skills as a teacher seeing to the special needs of her son Johnny who had cerebral palsy. She played piano and sang in the choir at First Baptist Church where she also taught Training Union and was active in the Women's Missionary Union. An avid gardener and cook, she took up china painting later in life. She is survived by her husband; son, Harold Johnson; nieces and nephews, Jeannie Johnson Chunn (Bob) and Cyrus C. Johnson III (Kathy) among others. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, two brothers, son John Andrew "Johnny" Johnson, Jr., and daughter Janell Johnson.

Jackie Ledbetter Cooper's aunt, Jessie Mays Alderman, 91, of Jackson, Mississippi, died Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Ross H. and Johnnie Cain Mays. Growing up on Rankin Street just off South State Street and then Spengler Street in Belhaven Heights, she was educated in the public school system of Jackson: George Elementary, Enochs Junior High, and Central High School. In addition, she graduated from Clark's Business College. Mrs. Alderman was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over sixty years, serving as past Worthy Matron of Radiant Chapter #120. In addition, she was a member of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church for many years before becoming a charter member of Riverside Independent Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Warren G. Alderman, sister Hazel Mays Ledbetter, and brother Hubert Mays. She is survived by her son Steve Alderman (Carolyn) of Canton, Michigan; daughter Linda Bratton (Dr. Bert) of Slidell, Louisiana; three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mike Mockbee's first cousin, Kay Mockbee Gray, 64, died January 25, 2010, in Greenville, South Carolina. Born to T.J. and Lady Joor Mockbee in Jackson, Mississippi, she attended Davis Elementary, Bailey Junior High, and Central High School. Kay graduated from Hinds Junior College with a degree in art. She was a member of the Hinds High Steppers and enjoyed performing in parades in New York City, New Orleans, and Washington, D.C. An active member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Greer, South Carolina, she sang in the choir for 29 years and loved playing on the church softball team. At age 48 she attended ITT and graduated with honors in computer science and electronics. She worked at Agilysys until she became ill about 15 months prior to her death. Kay enjoyed both art and photography. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister Lady Marion Mockbee Mayfield, and her only child John Robert (Trey) Gray who died at the age of seven months. She is survived by her husband John Robert (Bob) Gray, Jr. of Greenville, South Carolina.

Betsy Tumlinson Rall's husband, Robert Brundage "Bob" Rall, 67, professionally and affectionately known to thousands of viewers and listeners as traffic reporter "Chopper Bob," died in his sleep early Tuesday morning, January 5, 2010. Visitation was held beginning at 9:30 am, Friday, January 8, 2010, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church on Old Canton Road. The funeral service will followed at 11:00 am at the church.



Bob was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His family moved to Jackson in 1954 when he was twelve years old. He attended Power, Bailey, Central and Murrah. After high school he enrolled in the University of Southern Mississippi (according to Bob, it was Mississippi Southern College back then), and then he attended the University of Tennessee. Bob was a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard for eight years.

Bob and his wife, Elizabeth (our Betsy Tumlinson, but known to him as Queen Elizabeth), lived in

Madison. In addition to Betsy, he is survived by two sons, Mike and Rob, and one grandson, Blake. His family also included a dog, two cats, and an Australian tree frog. Bob was a communicant of St. Philip's Episcopal Church for thirty years and served on the church Vestry. He was awarded the Jackson Advertising Federation's Silver Medal in 2007.

Bob had been in the radio business since 1958 at Jackson's WJXN when he was in the 10th grade. He and Bert Case were both disc-jockeys at WJXN for awhile. Bob moved on to radio stations in Memphis, Knoxville, Mobile, New Orleans and Dallas from 1961 to 1971. Dan Modisett, general manager of WLBT-TV Channel 3, first worked with Bob at Jackson radio station WSLI-930 AM 36 years ago. "He was doing the show with Al Simmons Jr., *The Bob and Al Show*," Modisett said. "He was absolutely brilliant, the quickest wit of anybody I've ever seen." Bob Rall and Al Simmons invented Jackson's first radio "talk" show. Unlike today's talk radio, the show was a mixture of famous and not-so-famous guests across the USA, an occasional song, and daily foolishness. Bob and Al talked to Roy Rogers, Charles Schultz (*Peanuts* creator), Queen Elizabeth's personal secretary (hoping to sing "Happy Birthday to the Queen), a woman who lived in a tree in Miami, Bob Hope, and over two thousand other guests during the nine years the show was on the air in the afternoon.

"If you remember the old TV sitcom, *WKRP*, well, Bob Rall was *WKRP*. He made radio stations so much fun to work in. He was always coming up with pranks and promotions and fun ideas." Modisett and Rall were reunited in 1998 at WLBT when the TV station began using Skycopter 3 for traffic reports. Rall was the traffic reporter, part of a three-man team that included a pilot and cameraman.

"He would always find something interesting to talk about, even when there was no traffic. ... He became an institution in Jackson. He loved Jackson, Mississippi. It will be hard to think of Skycopter without Chopper Bob," Modisett said.

Gwen Walker's mother and **Mike Mockbee** and **Tommy Watkins'** aunt, Eunice Gore Walker Watkins, 86, died December 30, 2009. The daughter of Richard and Zula Gore, she was a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church of Jackson and First Baptist Church of Madison, Mississippi, before she moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, to be near one of her daughters. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as many garden and civic clubs in Jackson. She was so respected as a rose gardener that her garden was chosen as a test garden for new roses. Eunice was preceded in death by her husbands Dr. Ben N. Walker, Jr. and H. Vaughan Watkins, Sr. She is survived by her son Ben III and daughters, Gwen Walker Johnson, Cindy Walker Stroud, Sylvia Walker Waterston, and Rita Walker, as well as two step sons and one step daughter.

Bio Updates

Hinds County Judge William “**Bill**” **Barnett** says that he will not seek re-election to the bench in 2010. The announcement comes as Barnett, 64, enters the final year of his fourth term as judge. He has held the position for 15 years. This is not a retirement,” Barnett said. “I have a friend in the banking business who once said (that) sometimes you need to know when it is the right time to make a change.” Bill was first elected to the bench in 1994, defeating then-Hinds County prosecutor Joe Moss. He went on to run unopposed in the following elections. Before being elected to the county bench, he served as a municipal judge for 16 years. Bill would not say what he plans to do but said running for public office is not out of the question. He said he wants to keep his options open. “I have really enjoyed this. It's something I've always wanted to do,” said the life-long Jackson resident.



Steve Elson wrote in an email, dated January 21, 2010, “A belated happy new year to y'all. Been really busy here. Couple of fun trips recently and a 2 day trip to Toronto to do a 5-year-after interview with "The Fifth Estate," the Canadian version of "60 Minutes." Really good people....next week over to Tucson for the rock show. 9 Jan, our kids in Japan return to us to go to graduate school. First time in the states in about 6 years. Jay is trying to stay outside the states. Shane/ Erin and our two grandkids (beautiful new baby girl born in Germany in Nov) are enjoying the work and life overseas. Roseanne and I are flying to Italy in April....” And then this email, dated April 21, 2010, brings us up to date. “Roseanne and I are currently in Germany, not too far from Frankfurt visiting our kids, seeing our beautiful grandson (almost 3) and meeting our new 5-month old granddaughter. She is a butterball, one of the easiest going babies I have ever seen, eats, poops, and smiles. A real doll. We are in love again. Roseanne and I took a med cruise and then were supposed to fly to Frankfurt. However, the volcanic ash wiped out the flight and we had to do some maneuvering, a bit of shading of the truth, and a little bit of rabba-dabba, but we talked our way on to an all-German two decker tour bus that took us from the pier in Genoa to Frankfurt airport where our daughter picked us up about 0230. Great trip. I know a few German words from my failed attempt at Vandy. The Germans knew little English, but we had a wonderful trip. The ride over and thru the Italian Alps reinvigorated the soul and freshened the spirit. God, it was beautiful. Our kids took off in the wee hours of the morning, and Roseanne and I have the two grandchildren. ‘It don't get no better than this.’ Weather is gorgeous. Cool, but clear and sunny.”

Martha Fondren Spisso and her husband David love their life in Macon, Georgia. As a Registered Nurse, Martha is the Health Education Administrator for a group of doctors who have a Diabetes and Endocrine Wellness Center. She is still pursuing multiple roles as RN and exercise instructor. As David put it, “she [was] ready to lead exercise, water aerobics and weight training when we [headed] into Sun City Hilton Head during the spring.” Starting in January, David decided on working three days each week with full retirement in March. Their son David “DJ” commutes to St. Louis every other week for work in a worldwide Logistics Command Center



Martha Fondren Spisso and family

for the Air Force and Air Guard. His wife Melinda is a CPA. They have two children Alexis and Drake. Son Michael and his wife Juliane are totally immersed in being mom and dad. Jude Fondren Spisso was born on Mother's Day 2009.

Jeannie Johnson Chunn, who is the Lower School Librarian for St. Andrew's Episcopal School, is pictured on page 134 of the May/June issue of *Mississippi Magazine*. The article features children's author/illustrator and Jackson native Gilbert "Bret" Ford. Ford who was a student at St. Andrew's credits Jeannie

with helping him determine his creative route to adulthood and his occupation. He says, referring to Jeannie and her emphasis on bringing authors and illustrators to St. Andrew's, "I was exposed to many different children's book authors and illustrators who visited St. Andrew's Episcopal School through Mrs. Chunn's library program. The school placed a strong emphasis on reading and creative writing. Since I liked to draw, I was encouraged to illustrate the stories as they were read aloud to us, and also to create my own stories." That is the kind of validation that all educators love to hear.

Hallie Kennington Hull and her husband C.G. still love being in Tuscaloosa. Hallie emails, "I am still doing lots of flowers. One commission was for the opening of the Moundville Archeological Museum... it is absolutely incredible to see. It is a world class museum about 15 miles out of Tuscaloosa. It is run by the University here. Look up their web site...it is a great place to visit. Other than that, I am still playing tennis...my senior team went to the State meet. We did not win, but had a great time.



We are about to become "great grand parents" in July. We have another grandson who will graduate from West Point next year and yet another grandson graduating from high school and going to Ole Miss in the fall. Others are all busy, busy, busy (10 grandchildren). We see the three in Memphis most often." Note: If you saw the May/June issue of *Mississippi Magazine*, be sure to take a look at the weekend house on Grenada Lake (pages 114 – 117). The house, which was built in the 1970s, was originally owned by Hallie's brother Robert Kennington and was designed by another of her brothers, architect Warnie Kennington.

Jean Magee Cox is recovering well from knee replacement surgery. She and her sister Maggie have attended several meetings of the Murrah Lunch Bunch. Jean spent part of May and up until June 5 in Ohio visiting her daughter Patty and family.

Barbara Miller Marshall's granddaughter Caylen had surgery May 19, 2010. Her pace-maker and leads had failed. She was in surgery for about 6 hours, but she seemed to be doing well. The surgical team led by Dr. Jorge Salazar, chief of congenital heart surgery at Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, UMMC, Jackson, Mississippi, replaced the pace-maker and leads. Caylen was scheduled to be in PICU for about 3 days and in a regular room for 3-5 days.



Tony Monk and **Pat Hatch** Monk have learned that Tony's son Josh and his wife Tiffany are expecting their first baby in August. Pat says, "WOW, we are excited. They live very near us, so this will be quite special."

Walter Neely, Professor of Finance, is being honored with the Walter Neely Finance Room by Millsaps College's Else School of Management. He



has been associated with Millsaps for twenty-nine years. Funds are being raised to upgrade the room in Murrah Hall where students meet to discuss and direct the Else School of Management's Louis Wilson Fund. Walter serves as advisor for the Wilson Fund, which was established in 1989 as a student managed fund with \$87,000 from the Merrill Lynch Foundation and matching funds from General Louis Wilson. Now valued at almost \$200,000, the fund helps students participating in its management to develop analytical skills in evaluating economic, industry, and security analyses and to improve their writing, negotiating, and presentation skills. Walter looks forward to using the room after the upgrades: conference table, audio-visual equipment, a glass wall, and flat screen displays showing current market information. The room will also include several computers that will have access to such financial databases as Bloomberg, Morningstar, and Value Line.

Billy and Connie (Dunn) Overby's son David married Molly on June 27, 2009. In addition, Billy's mother Lucy turned 90 in 2009, and this called for a big family celebration, complete with "Happy 90th Birthday, Lucy t-shirts".

Judy Rayner Bruce writes, "My beautiful grandchildren are all healthy and hearty - for which I am continually grateful.... I'm also teaching again (Reformed Theology) to a group of women at College Hill Presbyterian Church.

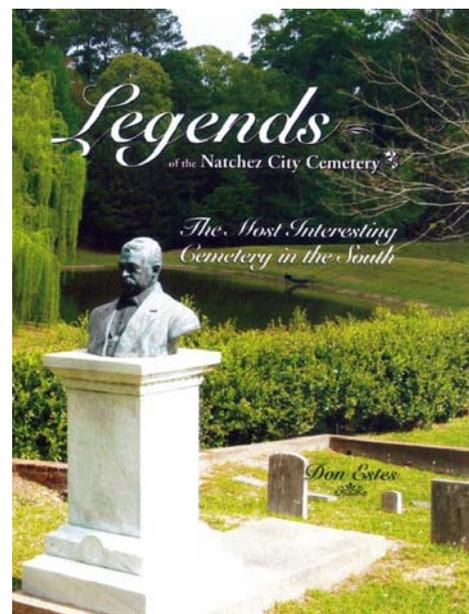
Cliff Seyler wrote in an email in November, “Just a note to say how much I appreciate the fine work that is represented by the quarterly *Hoofbeat*. While I do not contribute much, it is a wonderful way to connect with the past and acknowledge those of the Class of ‘63 who are living and thriving and those who have passed. It is amazing to see the variety of lives that have been lived by those who were privileged to attend Murrah. Thanks for your hard work and to your contributors. I am beginning my 36th year of Pediatric practice and work full time in Tullahoma , Tennessee.”

Charles Simmons and a group of fellow retirees from Northeast Mississippi Community College took a driving trip into Virginia and West Virginia. Their plan was to see a number of the Civil War battlefields. Charles emailed, “We spent Monday night at Bristol, Virginia, and Tuesday we went to Appomattox and Petersburg. Wednesday we visited Fredericksburg, Manassas, the horse country south of Washington, D.C., and Harpers Ferry. Then we started south in the Shenandoah Valley and spent the night at Staunton, birthplace of Woodrow Wilson. Yesterday, we continued south heading down the valley back to Bristol and just kept on driving going through Knoxville, Chattanooga, across Alabama, got on the Natchez Trace for about 10 miles, and returned home. Note: Harpers Ferry is well worth a visit.”



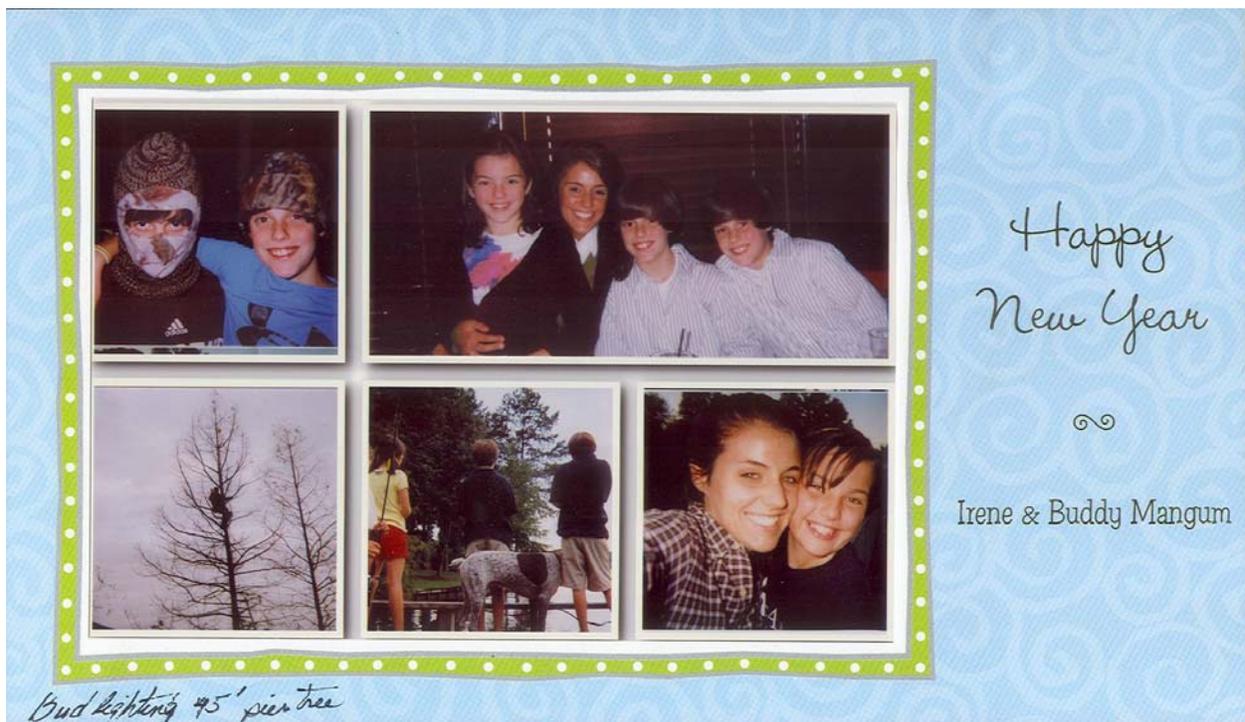
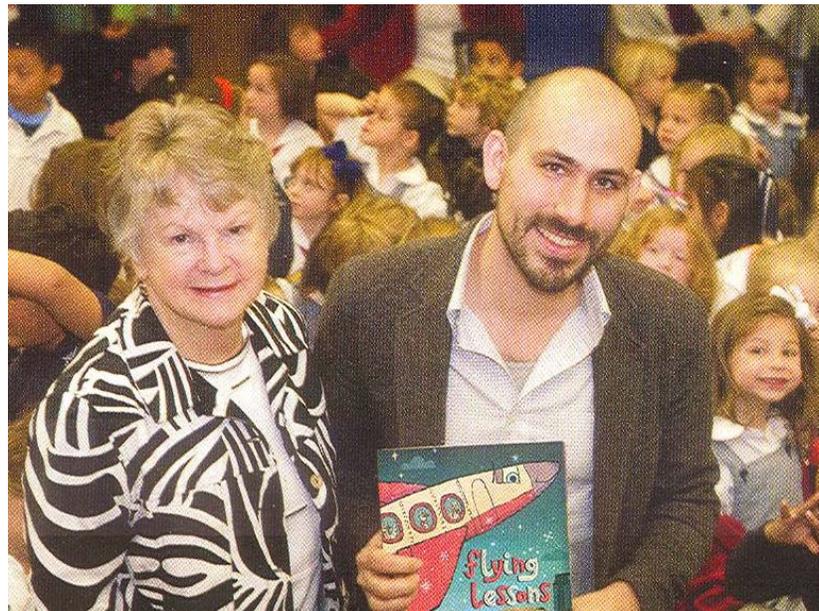
Michelle Slater Benoist (pronounced Ben-whah) is once again a member of the MHS Class of 1963. She was a member of the class through our junior year. Michelle is living in the Jackson area again and is working as a psychiatric nurse at St. Dominic Hospital.

Cathy Stephens Estes’ husband Don Estes has published a marvelous book, *Legends of the Natchez City Cemetery*. This is a book filled with photographs and stories of the “people “of the Natchez City Cemetery. It will appeal to short story enthusiasts, historians, Civil War buffs, genealogists, Mississippians, lovers of Natchez; the list goes on and on. Both Walt Grayson, author of *Looking around Mississippi*, the books and the television series, and best selling author Greg Iles (*The Quiet Game*, *Turning Angel*, *Sleep No More*, *The Devil’s Punchbowl*, etc.) wrote forewords for Don’s eminently readable book. As Greg Iles wrote “the most treasured resource of every novelist is that person who knows his field like no other, and who generously shares his knowledge solely for the joy of spreading it to others. For me, Donald Estes has long been one of those people. I have relied upon his encyclopedic knowledge of one of the most unique places in the South, the Natchez City Cemetery....It might be said that every headstone in every cemetery conceals an unwritten life story, but in the Natchez City Cemetery lie dozens of stories that deserve a novel in themselves....So turn the page and let yourself be pulled into the world of those who have gone before, where fact is always stranger than fiction and where the past, as William Faulkner famously said, ‘is never dead – it’s not even past.’”

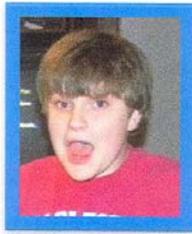


Class of 1963 Photo Gallery

St. Andrew's Lower School librarian *Jeannie Johnson Chunn* received a gift when former student Gilbert "Bret" Ford returned to the school library to read from the new children's book he wrote and illustrated. Her gift was both his return trip and an autographed copy of "Flying Lessons".



Irene Gayden Mangum and Buddy send out New Year's Greetings. These pictures feature their children and grandchildren for the most part. However, take special note of the bottom left photo. That's Buddy hanging lights in the 45-foot tall pier tree.



Taylor Rayburn, 12 1/2



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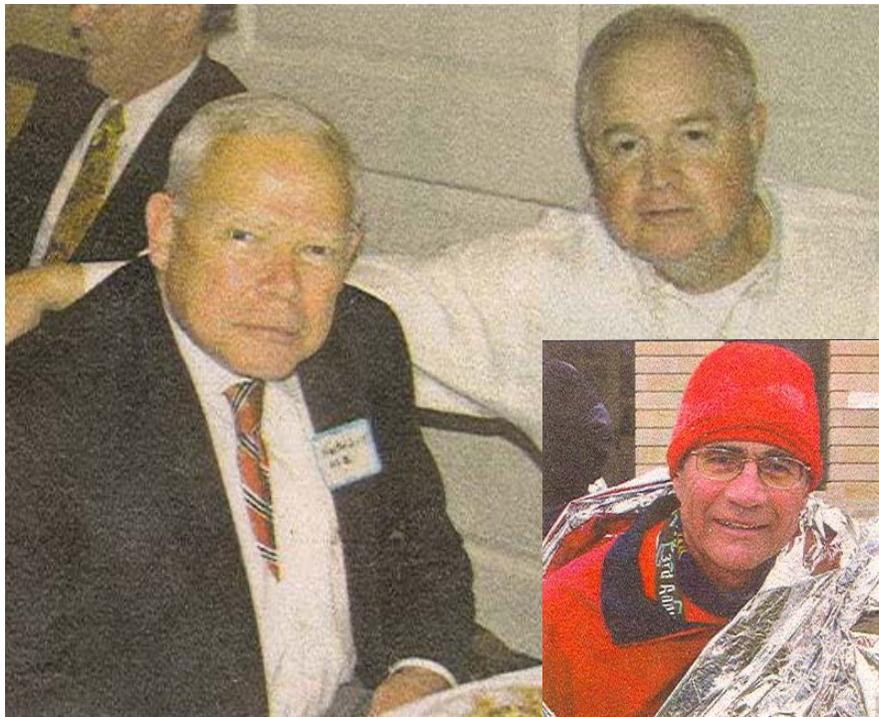
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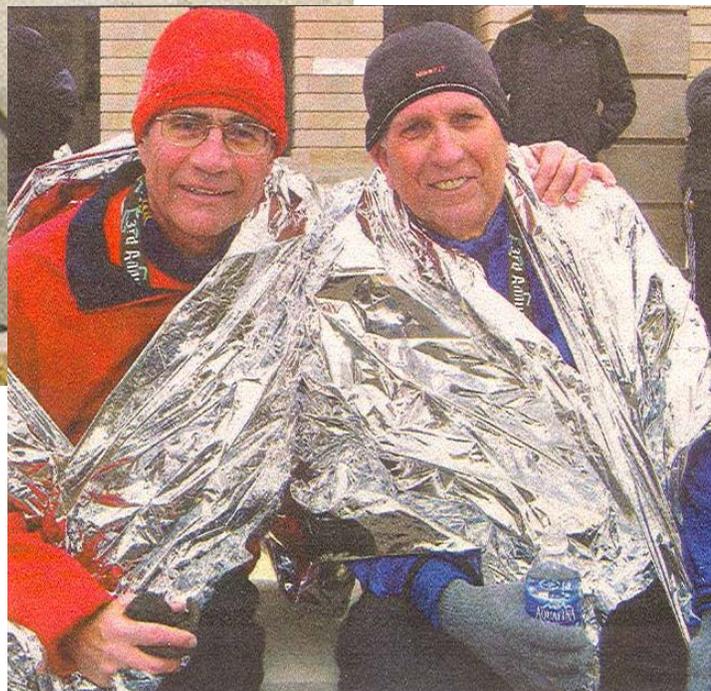
Judy Rayner Bruce and her grandchildren wish us all a Happy New Year in 2010!



Huston Lilley attends the SAE alumni annual meeting at the River Hills Club.

Turbo

Bill Barnett (right) and Secretary of State Delbert Hoseman try to stay warm after finishing the annual Mississippi Blues Half Marathon in January of this year.



Billy and Connie Dunn Overby's son David married Molly on June 27, 2009. The live in St. Petersburg, Florida.



Billy and Connie Dunn Overby and extended family celebrate his mother Lucy's ninetieth birthday. Connie is second from the left and Billy is beside her.

Ellen Eliza Gibson, granddaughter of Kit Davis Barksdale, helps pack personal hygiene kits for the Haitian earthquake victims. Ellen Eliza, who is a member of Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, is the daughter of Kit's older son, Edward Gibson, an attorney in Waveland.



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Check it out. Former staff members will remember counting headlines in Mr. Hunter's classroom and then setting them letter by letter in lead at Keith Press on the square in downtown Raymond, Mississippi. They will also remember galley sheets, scissors, and bottles of rubber cement – no more!

“Dude in the Hall”...it's a whole new generation.