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Role model for faculty, students, retires after 38 productive years

By Dabney Weems

The end of an era in the School of Pharmacy occurred during the 2009 spring semester when longtime faculty member Dr. Dewey D. Garner retired from The University of Mississippi (UM) after 38 years of service.

The Raleigh, Miss., native received his bachelor's in pharmacy and doctoral degrees from UM. He began his teaching career at the University of Houston in 1970. He returned to his alma mater in 1971 as an assistant professor and achieved the rank of department chair in 1992.

His career research focused on community pharmacy education, practice, and management, and he also conducted research on physician prescriptions and drug consumption. As chair of the Department of Pharmacy Administration, he maintained the school's traditional high standard of excellence, and the department continues to be one of only two pharmacy administration programs in the nation to have had doctoral students enrolled for 45 consecutive years.



Dr. Dewey D. Garner

"I am most proud of the faculty I helped to recruit and retain," Garner said. "Our school and department are the strongest they have ever been in teaching, research, and service, and anyone would want to go out on top. I have been fortunate as a student and as a faculty member to have been here throughout the entire history of our graduate program and the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences. I have had the opportunity to know almost all of the faculty in the history of the school and every faculty member and graduate student in the history of the department."

Since Garner first entered pharmacy school as a student in 1961, he has witnessed numerous changes throughout the school and profession. At that time, the pharmacy school was primarily housed on the third floor of the Old Chemistry building, then moved to Shoemaker Hall, and eventually found a permanent home in Faser Hall in 1969.

"When I graduated from pharmacy school in 1964, there was no Medicare and Medicaid," Garner said. "Mail order did not exist. The chains had not discovered Mississippi. Seventy-five percent of the sales in a community pharmacy were 'out front,' not in the prescription department. Ninety percent of the pharmacies had soda fountains. Rarely did you dispense a prescription for more than \$10, and pharmacists (druggists) were not mandated to counsel their patients. So a lot has changed since I've started."

Garner also dedicated his time to serving the Kappa Psi professional pharmacy fraternity. He has held nearly every national office, served as a member of nearly every national committee, and served as the faculty adviser to the local UM Beta Rho chapter from 1971 to 2008. In 2009, Kappa Psi presented the A. Richard Bliss Grand Council Citation of Appreciation to Garner. The citation is Kappa Psi's highest honor, recognizing extraordinary contributions to the profession. It was presented at the American Pharmacists Association 2009 annual meeting in San Antonio.

The recent honors do not stop there. The Professional Fraternity Association also presented him with the Career Achievement Award earlier this year for his dedicated service. Garner was most recently inducted into the Mississippi Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame during its 2009 annual meeting in Destin.

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Message from the Dean

As we begin a new academic year, we in the School of Pharmacy pause to reflect on the accomplishments of the last year. As is our usual *modus operandi*, we undertake a systematic assessment of our progress in achieving our strategic goals, and we take the time to plan for how to best succeed in the 2009-10 year.

The pass rate of our pharmacy graduates (on the first attempt) on the national pharmacist licensure exam is among the highest in the nation. We continue to be ranked in the top five pharmacy schools in the country with regard to extramural funding for research, according to the rankings released annually by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. A strong research program is essential to support an excellent graduate program and ensure that we can continue to improve our infrastructure and instrumentation. In addition, a productive research program is foundational to recruiting and retaining the most accomplished faculty.

We have completed the first year of a two-year implementation phase for our newly adopted curriculum, specifically designed to bring us into full compliance with the new accreditation standards and guidelines for pharmacy schools. Practice experiences are provided for students each semester of the program, and skills labs are provided each semester the students are in Oxford. The biomedical sciences have been enhanced in the pre-professional curriculum, and professional electives will be

provided throughout the professional curriculum, not only during the final year. Introductory practice experiences have been greatly enhanced; student services, especially those provided for the Medical Center-based students, have been improved; and our admissions process has been strengthened in accordance with the new accreditation standards.

We continue to be extremely proud of our faculty and research scientists. Their first commitment is to highest quality professional and graduate education. They are also deeply committed to the creation of new knowledge that improves the health of citizens worldwide. I am quite sure that our faculty wrote and submitted more grants during the 2008-09 academic year than in any year in our 101-year history. They provide critical leadership nationally and locally within their professional and scientific associations, government agencies, and on editorial boards. Dr. Dewey D. Garner was inducted into the Mississippi Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame, and Drs. Larry A. Walker and Ikhlas A. Khan received the Commissioner's Special Citation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for their sustained efforts focusing on the safety of botanical dietary supplements and for promoting dialog and interface with industry and governments internationally. Dr. Walker also received a highly prestigious grant award from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support an innovative global health research project. Dr. Brian L. Crabtree served his final year on the board of directors of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

A new state-of-the-art auditorium on the Oxford campus was completed last year. This auditorium will facilitate our continuing enrollment increase, enhance student learning, and enable better communication among scientists and faculty on both campuses.

In spite of these challenging economic times, the opportunities before us are extraordinary. Planning is essentially complete, and we will go out on bid to initiate construction of the second research building for the National Center for Natural Products Research during fall 2009 or early in 2010. This building will help to take our research programs to a new level in discovery and development of new therapeutic compounds. In addition, the renovation of Faser Hall

continues, and the third-floor renovation will be completed in spring 2010.

As the capital campaign continues, we expect to also break ground very soon on the new pharmacy academic building on the Medical Center campus in Jackson. Our plans are to take occupancy of this critically needed pharmacy building early in 2011. This 26,000-square-foot building will serve to enhance student learning, elevate student and faculty morale, improve our teaching and research collaborations, and allow us to become full-fledged members of the healthcare team in the academic health center environment.

As the cost of living and cost of higher education continues to escalate, it is essential that we continue our initial successes in increasing the number and size of our scholarship endowments. We owe it to our students to do all in our power to help them defray the costs of their education. I ask all alumni, especially those who received scholarship support when they were in pharmacy school, to consider whether they have done what they should to assist those who follow them into the profession. Sarah Hollis (shollis@olemiss.edu) and I (sopdean@olemiss.edu) are available at any time to speak with alumni and friends of pharmacy about how their gifts can have the most impact for students.

As our economy slowly recovers, we know financial challenges will continue. We pledge to continue to be good stewards of our limited resources. We will be practical, entrepreneurial, and innovative as we define and pursue our opportunities, and we will put students first as we are guided by our strategic goals. We are continuing to increase our enrollment, enhance the quality of our curriculum, expand our research productivity, improve our infrastructure, and elevate our national and international recognition. Even in these difficult times, we can and will continue our upward trajectory by working with all of our partners, including alumni, government agencies, and corporations. I thank you for your ongoing support and ambassadorship, and I welcome your comments and questions at any time. Thanks for the faith and trust that you place in us.

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Baptist Memorial, NMMC team up to fund faculty position

By Tina Hahn

Traditionally competing hospitals Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi of Oxford and North Mississippi Medical Center of Tupelo have united to support the expansion of faculty for The University of Mississippi (UM) School of Pharmacy.

Each health-care organization is funding half the cost of a salaried full-time faculty position for the next six years, reflecting the hospitals' commitment to pharmacy education. The university will match the gifts, thus allowing the hiring of two full-time faculty.

When the positions are filled, both professors will serve in the school's Department of Pharmacy Practice. Projections indicate the addition of two faculty members will enable the pharmacy school to continue its enrollment growth.

"We are indebted to Baptist North Mississippi and North Mississippi Medical Center for their long-standing support of pharmacy education," said Barbara G. Wells, UM dean of pharmacy. "These gifts will allow us to grow our enrollment and better prepare our students to provide comprehensive drug therapy management for patients throughout Mississippi."

"The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy has an outstanding record for producing the pharmacy graduates so badly needed by

the health-care industry of our state, and the additional faculty positions will enable the school to expand the size of the pharmacy class," said Gerald Wages, North Mississippi Health Services executive vice president for external affairs. "We are excited about North Mississippi Medical Center's opportunity to assist in the growth of the pharmacy school, and we look forward to the opportunity to work with many of the school's graduates in the future."

This is not the first time the hospitals have embraced an opportunity to work together to ensure quality health care for the state's residents. The two previously joined to supply needed resources for nursing programs at UM, Itawamba Community College, and Mississippi University for Women.

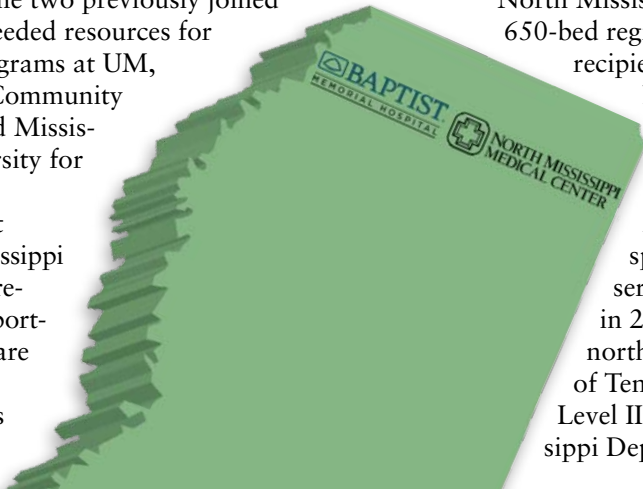
"Baptist North Mississippi has a track record of supporting health-care programs at area colleges and uni-

versities, so we were happy to partner with the Ole Miss pharmacy program," said Don Hutson, administrator and CEO of Baptist North Mississippi. "We value our collaborative relationship with Ole Miss and look forward to extending student pharmacy education into the future."

Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi is a 217-bed acute-care facility serving the northern third of the state. The hospital offers more than 90 medical and surgical professionals representing more than 30 specialty areas, such as cardiology, radiation oncology, and neurosurgery.

North Mississippi Medical Center, a 650-bed regional referral center, is a 2006 recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige

National Quality Award, the nation's highest presidential honor for organizational performance. With physicians representing more than 45 specialties, the medical center serves more than 650,000 people in 22 counties in north Mississippi, northwest Alabama and portions of Tennessee, and is designated as a Level II trauma center by the Mississippi Department of Health. •



School chalks up another successful year in research and education

By Dabney Weems

The University of Mississippi (UM) School of Pharmacy topped off a stellar year with a No. 5 ranking among pharmacy schools for total extramural funding awarded for research, according to a report compiled by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

During fiscal year 2008, the School of Pharmacy received slightly more than \$16 million in total extramural funding, and that amount included \$6.09 million in research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). All of these funds are used for specific research projects.

"The faculty of the School of Pharmacy continues to be very successful in garnering research funds to support [its] varied research endeavors," said Dr. Charles D. Hufford, associate dean for research and graduate programs.

The University of California at San Francisco took the top spot with \$27.6 million, followed by University of North Carolina, University of Utah, University of Kansas, and Ole Miss. UM is the only Southeastern Conference school listed in the top 15.

Included in the \$16 million is funding from

the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology, and the NIH, among others.

Receiving extramural funds from agencies such as NIH is vital to the accomplishment of the research mission and critical to the national reputation of the university and School of Pharmacy. The awards garnered are highly competitive and are used to gauge a pharmacy school's research program.

The success of the research program complements an already solid doctoral educational program for pharmacists. The school reports an average pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (on students' first attempt) exceeding 98 percent, and four of the last seven graduating Doctor of Pharmacy classes had a 100 percent pass rate.

"These statistics document the impressive success of the School of Pharmacy in accomplishing our educational and research missions," said pharmacy Dean Barbara G. Wells.

"The credit for these achievements goes to dedicated and highly expert faculty and to our competitive students, all of whom are committed to improving the health and quality of life of citizens. These accomplishments attest to the quality and value of pharmacy education at The University of Mississippi." •

Year	NIH Dollars
1999	\$2,751,838
2000	\$3,046,856
2001	\$2,746,481
2002	\$3,426,694
2003	\$4,984,275
2004	\$3,371,651
2005	\$4,064,112
2006	\$6,113,576
2007	\$6,328,110
2008	\$6,087,565

Alumni Spotlight

Alumni recognized for hard work during Pharmacy Weekend 2009

By Dabney Weems

Four graduates of The University of Mississippi (UM) School of Pharmacy were honored by the school and their departments for their career accomplishments and professional service during Pharmacy Alumni Weekend, March 6-7, in Oxford.

George Burdock of Orlando, Fla., Clarence DuBose of Moss Point, and David Gregory of Nashville, Tenn., were named 2009 School of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni of the Year, and E.M. "Mick" Kolassa was named the Alumnus of the Year by the Department of Pharmacy Administration. Selection of distinguished alumni is based on professional accomplishments and service to the pharmacy school, including its students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Pharmacy Administration Alumni of the Year are selected based on contributions to the discipline of pharmacy administration.

"These extraordinary alumni committed their lives to improving health and well-being, each in his own way," said Barbara G. Wells, pharmacy dean. "In addition, because of their hard work and leadership, their disciplines and their communities are advanced. Their example is an inspiration to faculty and students alike, and they show our students what can be accomplished with good preparation, hard work, dedication, and creativity."

Burdock is founder and president of the Burdock Group, a toxicology consulting firm. He is an internationally recognized authority on the safety of food ingredients, personal care products, and dietary supplements. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology, master's degree in physiology and biochemistry, and doctorate in toxicology, all from UM.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology and fellow of the American College of Nutrition. A leader in his field, he served as vice president of the Food Safety Section of the Society of Toxicology and as president of the International Society of Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology.



David Gregory (left), George Burdock, Clarence DuBose, and E.M. "Mick" Kolassa are recognized for career achievements during 2009 Pharmacy Weekend.

A 1975 graduate of the pharmacy school, DuBose is founder of Medi-Mart Pharmacy and We Care Hospice. We Care Hospice provides care for the terminally ill in their homes, as well as in a modern inpatient hospice facility with a 24-bed capacity.

A two-time president of the Magnolia Pharmaceutical Society, he is a member of the school's Galen Order, Mississippi Pharmacists Association (MPHA), and a life member of the National Pharmaceutical Association. In 2002, MPHA honored DuBose with the Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award. He has provided extraordinary leadership within his profession and his community.

Gregory is director of education, research, and clinical pharmacy services in the Department of Pharmaceutical Services at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1984 and Doctor of Pharmacy in 1999, both from UM. He is a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist, health care management specialist, and a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

He is a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee and a clinical educator for three pharmacy schools. In 1997, he was named Vanderbilt Hospital Pharmacist of the Year, and he received the

FDA citation given to center

By Edwin Smith

For years, the National Center for Natural Products Research (NCNPR) at The University of Mississippi (UM) has assisted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the international study of the safety and authenticity of botanicals in the U.S. market.

The FDA recognized the NCNPR's work with a special citation from the commissioner during its annual honor awards ceremony June 4 in Greenbelt, Md.

"This citation testifies to the recognition of the importance and quality of the work of Dr. Ikhlas A. Khan and his group by the FDA commissioner's office," said Larry A. Walker, NCNPR director. "They especially have recognized his work in promoting dialogue and interface with government and industry in India, China, and other countries."

Of the four centers of excellence recognized by the FDA's Centers for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, the NCNPR is the only one focused on botanical dietary supplements, said Khan, NCNPR assistant director.

"Our project officers and collaborators at CFSAN have watched our work develop, advised us, critiqued our program, and utilized our research findings over the last several years."

NCNPR, part of the UM School of Pharmacy, is a unique university-affiliated research center devoted to improving human health through the discovery, development, and safe and effective use of pharmaceuticals and supplements derived from natural products.

Besides the center's research program with the FDA, NCNPR hosts the annual Oxford International Conference on the Science of Botanicals, Walker said.

"Dr. Khan and Dr. Troy J. Smillie have fashioned this into a premier conference on botanical supplements, drawing regulators, industry, trade organizations, and researchers from around the world," he said. "This brings outstanding exposure for the NCNPR, and for Oxford, Ole Miss, and the School of Pharmacy." •

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Dr. Rachel C. Robinson (left), clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice, teaches students IV bag prep as part of the skills lab component of the curriculum.

School implements new curriculum based on accreditation guidelines

By Dabney Weems

Fall 2009 heralds the first class of pharmacy students entering under a new academic curriculum.

Updated standards and guidelines from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) drove the School of Pharmacy to reevaluate how to better prepare students for the workforce. The result is a new curriculum consisting of three years of pre-pharmacy course work and a four-year professional pharmacy program.

“We are constantly looking at ways to better prepare our students for the challenges that they will be facing,” said Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Marvin C. Wilson. “Along with new accreditation guidelines, it was the right time to implement these changes.”

Based on input from the school’s self-evaluation and the updated ACPE standards and guidelines, the following areas were addressed:

- Incorporating professional electives throughout the curriculum

- Increasing practice experiences throughout the curriculum
- Implementing a pharmacy skills lab in each of the first four semesters of pharmacy school
- Strengthening the biomedical foundation in the pre-professional program

Adding the required new course work and retaining the prescribed topics in the pre-professional curriculum resulted in an extended pre-pharmacy program, while the length of the professional pharmacy program remained unchanged. These curricular changes are consistent with those made by other schools of pharmacy, including those geographically proximate to UM.

“Some courses had to be moved out of the professional program and into the pre-professional program,” explained Wilson. “It is very important that we maintain our accreditation with ACPE. Without that, our graduates would not be able to sit for the National Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX).”

UM already boasts a successful professional program with graduates posting an average pass rate (on their first attempt) exceeding 98 percent on the NAPLEX, and four of the last seven graduating Doctor of Pharmacy classes had a 100 percent pass rate on the test.

“Our enhanced curriculum now includes a practice experience in each semester,” pharmacy Dean Barbara G. Wells said. “The biomedical sciences in the pre-professional curriculum are expanded, and professional electives are provided throughout the professional curriculum, not just during the final year. Introductory practice experiences have been enhanced, and the number of preceptors that provide practice experiences for our students has been increased.

“We are excited about the academic benefits that our students will have from the enhanced curriculum, and we are confident that improved patient care will be the ultimate outcome.” •

Faculty Focus

Abir El-Alfy

Degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in pharmacy, Cairo University, Egypt
- Doctor of Philosophy in pharmacology, The University of Mississippi

Areas of research:

- Pharmacology/toxicology. My research interests include studying the molecular mechanisms of neurotoxicity of acrylamide in rodent models, the role of the endocannabinoid system in depression and anxiety, and the development of new antidepressant drug leads.

Last appointment:

- Assistant professor, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia

Proudest achievements:

- Having my two girls
- Getting my Ph.D.
- Graduating my first graduate student

Why did you choose to pursue your discipline?

- As a pharmacist, the field of drug discovery has always captivated me. I have a great passion for research; thus, the field of pharmacology was a perfect fit for my enthusiasm and skills in research and drug discovery.

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

- Interaction with the students, challenging them and them, in turn, challenging my intellect is most gratifying. What I love most about teaching is the instant reward I get when I teach and see the look of comprehension and appreciation in the students' eyes.



What do you enjoy most about your research?

- I enjoy the challenge of trying to solve a research problem and coming up with ways to answer a research question. I enjoy mentoring new students and teaching them how to apply the scientific method to their research.

Where were you born?

- Cairo, Egypt

Hobbies:

- Reading
- Playing tennis
- Tae Kwon Do
- Wood burning

Favorite movies:

- "Mona Lisa Smile"
- "A Beautiful Mind"

Favorite book:

- All of Robin Cook's books

What's on your iPod?

- I don't want to have an iPod.

Favorite Web site:

- Pubmed—www.pubmed.gov

Ashley W. Ellis

Degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Mississippi
- Doctor of Pharmacy, The University of Mississippi
- Community pharmacy practice residency, Leesburg Pharmacy/Shenandoah University

Areas of practice:

- Community pharmacy
- Patient counseling
- Health literacy



Last appointment:

- Assistant professor of pharmacy practice, Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy, Shenandoah University

Proudest achievement:

- Finishing my Pharm.D. and residency program

Why did you pursue your discipline?

- After seeing several family members with health problems and complicated medication regimens, I realized how little most people understand about their own medications that they take every day. I wanted to build relationships with patients so that I could be the person who they could count on to help them understand all of the dosing schedules, interactions, side effects, and reasons for taking their medications. I believe that the pharmacist, by providing this type of education, can empower patients to take control of their own health and maximize the benefits they receive from their medications.

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

- I love pharmacy, and it is fun to be around students who love it, too. I really enjoy being able to teach and mentor students who will change the future of our profession.

What do you enjoy most about research/practice?

- I enjoy providing advanced patient care services and being able to demonstrate that pharmacists are invaluable members of the health care team who can help patients to achieve their health care goals.

Where were you born?

- Memphis, Tenn.

Hobbies:

- Playing with my two Puggle puppies
- Cooking
- Spending time with my husband, family, and friends
- Being a member of DeSoto Hills Baptist Church
- Remodeling our new house

Favorite movie:

- "The Notebook"

Favorite book:

- *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers

What's on your iPod?

- A Sookie Stackhouse book

Favorite Web site:

- Facebook—www.facebook.com

David Murray**Degrees:**

- Bachelor of Science in molecular and cellular biology, University of Southern Mississippi
- Doctor of Philosophy in physiology, East Carolina University School of Medicine

Area of research:

- Cardiovascular remodeling

Last faculty appointment or employment:

- Research assistant professor, University of South Carolina School of Medicine

**Proudest achievement:**

- When my children choose to put others first

Why did you choose to pursue your discipline?

- I see physiology as a great integrator of multiple disciplines. Thanks to this training, I can talk on a fairly high level with anatomists, biochemists, immunologists, pharmacologists, and clinicians. The basis of physiology is founded in areas from all the other disciplines and, thus, is not stagnant [but] rather ever expanding, which requires me to do the same. In regards to academia, people kept talking about how great college was; I figured I would just never leave, and this way I don't have to major in loans.

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

- Finding answers to questions. Students' individual perspectives often require changing tactics in order to get the information across in a perceivable manner, which may even open new lines of thinking for me.

What do you enjoy most about your research?

- Freedom to allow the science to take me where the answers hide. My mentor once said, 'The animals you use never lie.' It is fitting to have hypotheses concerning the results prior to getting the actual data, but not such that they become expectations that hinder the true interpretation of the findings. Also, regardless of what you may do, it is never the same day twice.

Where were you born?

- Virginia, but I spent the formative years in New Orleans.

Hobbies:

- Soccer
- Swimming
- Lately, racquetball

Favorite movie:

- Spaghetti westerns with Clint Eastwood

Favorite book:

- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

What's on your iPod?

- Haven't made it that far forward in technology. CD player would have a shuffle program of Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, Toby Mac, Lightning Hopkins, and John Lee Hooker

Favorite Web site:

- *Wall Street Journal*—www.wsj.com

Pharmacy Weekend 2010 slated for March 26-27

By Scott Thompson

Pharmacy Weekend will be here before you know it, and all alumni and friends of the School of Pharmacy are asked to mark their calendars and be at the weekend's events.

Weekend festivities will kick off Friday, March 26, with the return of the School of Pharmacy Golf Tournament. The popular event will take place at the newly renovated Ole Miss Golf Course. For sponsorship opportunities and registration information, contact Scott Thompson at thompson@olemiss.edu or 662-915-7375.

That evening, following the tournament, Dean Barbara G. Wells will host a reception featuring wine and hors d'oeuvres for weekend attendees. The Dean's Reception will be held at Bryant Hall on The Circle.

Saturday will begin with the Galen Order and Pharmacy Alumni Breakfast at the ballroom in The Inn at Ole Miss. Following breakfast, continuing education (CE) will be



The Pharmacy Awards Banquet and Reunion Dinners conclude the weekend's events.

available through the Division of Pharmacy Professional Development. Contact Dr. Randy Pittman, jpittman@pharmacy.umsmed.edu, for more information on CE opportunities during the weekend.

Weekend events will conclude with the Pharmacy Awards Banquet and Reunion

Dinners at the Paul B. Johnson Commons Ballroom. During the event, the 2010 School of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented, and the classes of '60, '70, '80, '85, '95, and 2000 will celebrate class reunions. While these classes will be recognized at the Awards Banquet, dinner is not restricted to members of those classes. All graduates of the School of Pharmacy are encouraged to attend.

For those graduates who are sports fans, the 2010 Pharmacy Weekend will also feature a home baseball series against the Florida Gators.

Further details about 2010 Pharmacy Weekend in Oxford will be released later this fall. Registration for the weekend is set to open January 2010. A block of rooms for Pharmacy Weekend attendees will be held at The Inn at Ole Miss. For questions concerning Pharmacy Weekend, contact Scott Thompson at thompson@olemiss.edu or 662-915-7375. •

Graduates don caps, gowns, smiles

The School of Pharmacy granted 86 Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degrees, and 73 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees at this year's May commencement ceremony. Long-time journalist Bob Schieffer gave the keynote address at the morning ceremony in the C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum.

Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduates

Chelsea Shea Bates
Class Marshal
Taylor Medalist
Phi Kappa Phi

Catherine Anne Black
Class Marshal
Taylor Medalist
Phi Kappa Phi

Donan Eckles Boggess
Class Historian

Danielle Barrows Burk

Marley Smith Burns

Curtis Walter Butler

Lucy Tess Cadwallader
Class Marshal
Taylor Medalist
Phi Kappa Phi
Student Body Secretary/Treasurer

Rosemary Joy Call
Taylor Medalist
Phi Kappa Phi

Andrea Whitney Carr
Kristen Deanna Carter
Andrew Jessie Chesney

Laura Beth Cialone
George Anthony Cibulas II
Phi Kappa Phi

Robert Justin Clark

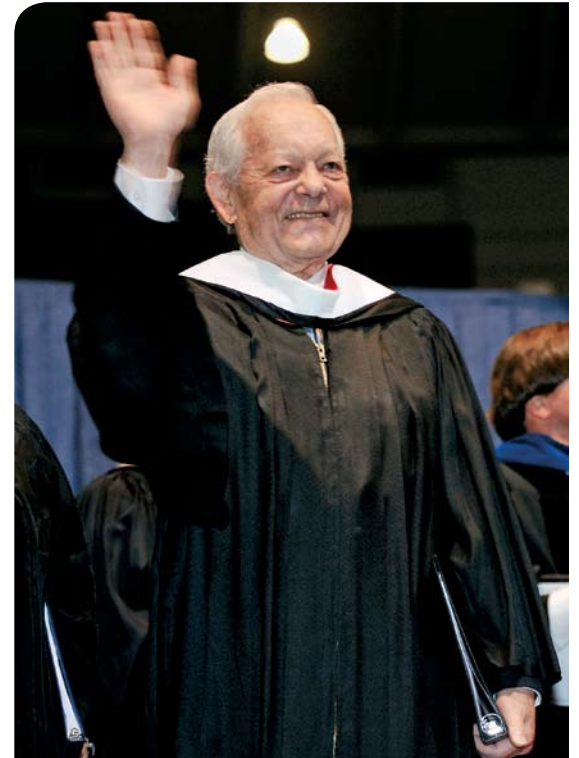
Leigh Ann Clifton
Class Marshal
Taylor Medalist
Phi Kappa Phi

Brent Edward Crenshaw
Class President

Jonathan Matthew Dabbs

Jeremy Paul Downs

Hillary Claire Freeman
Phi Kappa Phi



Bob Schieffer, 40-year veteran of CBS News, praises Ole Miss during his commencement keynote address.

Shaquilla Nichelle Gates

Errole Hope Glidewell

William James Graugnard
Phi Kappa Phi

Margaret Emily Grimsley
Class Marshal
Taylor Medalist
Phi Kappa Phi

Cliff Thomas Hendley

Aftan Elessia Henley

Timothy Matthew Hill
Phi Kappa Phi
Student Body President

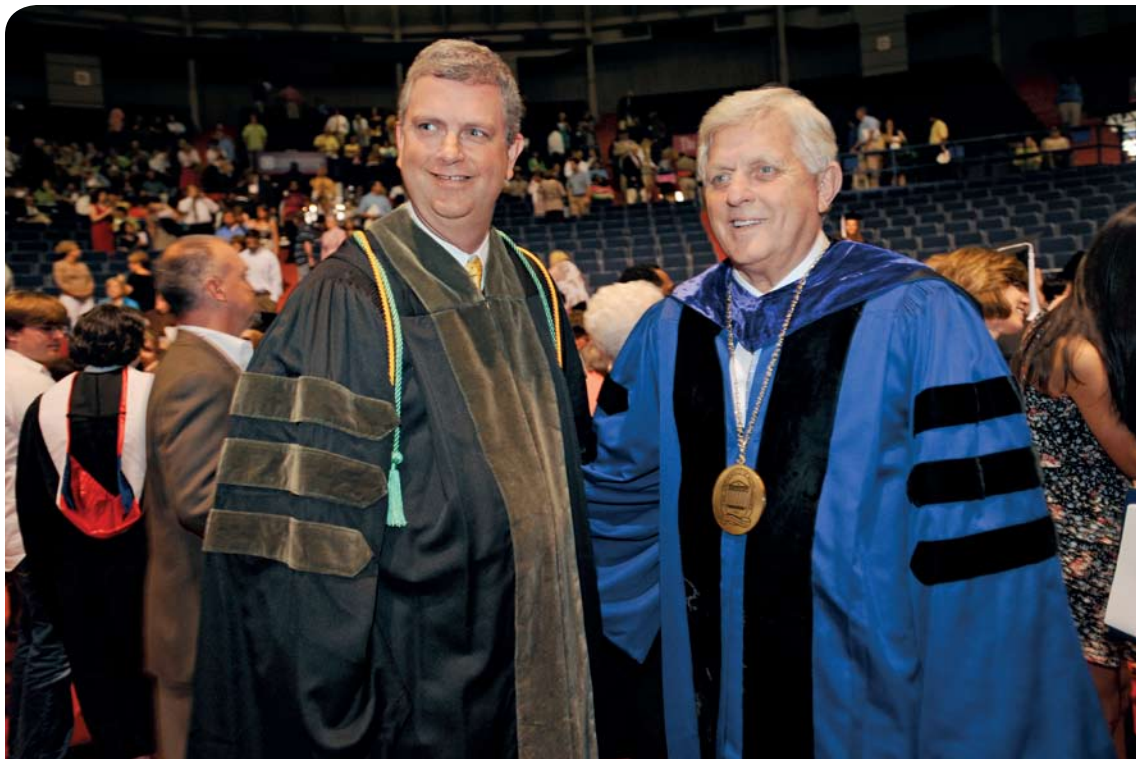
Elijah Chase Hilton
Phi Kappa Phi

Vera Hreish

Madalyn Rose Ivy

Ashlee Brashier Jelks
Class Marshal
Phi Kappa Phi

James Thomas Jelks
Phi Kappa Phi



Dressed in commencement regalia, Clay Taylor (left) stands beside former UM Chancellor Robert Khayat. May 2009 marked Khayat's last commencement before retirement.



Class marshals Chelsea Bates, B.S.P.S. (left), and Meredith Mansfield Hegi, Pharm.D., lead the procession.

Kimberly Erin Keeth

Hanna Valerievna Kovalenko
Phi Kappa Phi

Elizabeth Mary Krason
Phi Kappa Phi

Connie Lam

Elizabeth Ann Langenfelder

Brian Joseph LeBaron

Lesley Leigh Lukinovich
Phi Kappa Phi

Lana Michelle Malkovich

LeAnn Rebecca Malone

Kirby Nicole McClain

Teresa Dawn McClain

Brian Matthew McCrate

Class Marshal

Taylor Medalist

Phi Kappa Phi

Student Body Elections Chair

Sabrina Elaine McGee

Megan Ashley McKenzie

Phi Kappa Phi

Emily Lanell Melton

Ross Martin Merideth

Phi Kappa Phi

Jeffry Scott Miller

Keri Lynn Mills

Conduct Council Representative

Alice Kelly Cave Morgan

Jonethan Michael Morris

Samuel Andrew Myers

Sarah Elizabeth Needham

Nga Hoang Nguyen

Mary Brandon Norman

Class Historian

Holly DeAnna Norwood

Lauren Brandi Oakes

Jonathan Ross Peeden

Kristin Nicole Peeler

Jeffrey Wayne Perry

Stephen B. Porter

Student Body Vice President

Glenn Clayton Powell

Molly Noel Rector

Carrie Elisabeth Reed

Phi Kappa Phi

Samantha Marie Rester



Dean Barbara G. Wells addresses the audience during the 2009 School of Pharmacy commencement ceremony.

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“Ole Miss was a wonderful place for me to attend college and to later be employed for 38 years as a faculty member,” Garner said. “I will miss the students. The classroom is a magical place where time seems to cease. I will miss the school administration, faculty, and graduate students. I will miss working daily with the departmental faculty and graduate students, many of whom I assisted in recruiting.”

Plans for retirement call for time spent working in the yard, jogging, and playing tennis (a true passion). Garner also looks forward to spending more quality time with his wife, two sons, and two grandchildren. He expects to stay very busy with so many

things to do and see.

“I have been extremely fortunate to have seen the university and school from the perspective of an undergraduate student, a graduate student, a faculty member, and as an administrator,” said Garner. “It is gratifying to retire at a point in time where both the school and my department are extremely successful. Most of my accomplishments and joy resulted directly from the advice, assistance, and encouragement I received from my peers and students. Time flies when you are having fun, and, to me, it seems like every single day was special. I am extremely proud to have known so many talented and dedicated people.”

Students and developing faculty have

benefited most from Garner’s tenure, said pharmacy Dean Barbara G. Wells.

“He is a role model for faculty and pharmacy practitioners—truly a servant leader. He has devoted his entire career to the institution that he loves, and, because of that, the School of Pharmacy is a far better place.

“Upon the occasion of his retirement, he and his wife, Barbara, in an act of selfless generosity, established the Barbara and Dewey Garner Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment to assist in perpetuity deserving young men and women who are pursuing a degree in pharmacy at Ole Miss. From Barbara and Dewey, our students learn the importance of giving back to make the world a better place.” •



Jonathan Mitchell is hooded by Dean Barbara G. Wells.

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 James Maslin Roberts
 Lindsay Elizabeth Rogers
 Nathan Randolph Rucker
 Melissa Rae Shudak
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 FengYun (Debbie) Yang

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Doctor of Pharmacy graduates recite the Oath of a Pharmacist upon receiving their diplomas and hoods.

Andrew Timothy Huwe
 Deidra Michelle Hodges Ilion
 Kellyn Melissa Jenkins
 Terry Lynn Zepponi Joel
Phi Kappa Phi
 Steven James Juraszek
 Amy Nicole Katzenmeyer
 Clint Allan Livingston
 Lorelei Amber Lucas
 Joshua Brett Manning
Taylor Medalist
Phi Kappa Phi
 Christina Gabriela Marrongelli
 April Smallwood Matthews
 James Jonathan Mitchell
Phi Kappa Phi
 Carley Ann Green Navarrete
 Casey Louise Newell
 Yen Hoang Nguyen
 Adam Newell Pate
Phi Kappa Phi
 Dennis Ryan Paulk
Phi Kappa Phi
 Kimberley Paige Prestage
Conduct Council Chair
 Sally Renea Putt
 Alexander Reed Quesenberry
 Mary Margaret Rogers
Phi Kappa Phi



Doctor of Pharmacy graduates LeAnn Stone (left), Matt Eady, and T.J. Smith take a moment to pose for a picture before commencement ceremonies start.

Andrea Marie Rolwing
 Lauren Love Royals
 Maureen Elizabeth Shorter
 Troy James Smith
 Courtney Elizabeth Spahn
Phi Kappa Phi
 Lesley Eura Spencer
 Meagan Elizabeth Stokes
 Kristen LeAnn Stone
 Julie Marie Strickland
Phi Kappa Phi
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Amanda Danielle Stricklen
Phi Kappa Phi
 Ashley Jasmine Stubblefield
 Stacie Leigh Sullivan
 Joshua Taylor Swan
 Makena Claire Swanson
 Clay Grafton Taylor
 Stephanie Jean Wallace
 Thomas Murry Woods



Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences graduate Aftan Henley is congratulated by Teacher of the Year Dr. Stephen J. Cutler (left).

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Vanderbilt Pathfinder Award for his work with the Pediatric Asthma Center.

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Faser Hall front lawn

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Ole Miss/MSHP Reception

TBA

Venetian Resort and Sands Expo Center, Las Vegas, Nev.

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