

# The Applied Approach



## Center focused on intelligence, security

Less than six months after its founding, the new Center for Intelligence and Security Studies in the School of Applied Sciences is getting a new home and numerous applications from interested students.

The center officially began classes in the 2008 fall semester. Students enrolled there will be eligible to apply for a minor in intelligence and security studies. The center also has supported the development of a new intensive Arabic language program in the Department of Modern Languages, the only Arabic program in the state of Mississippi.

Directing the center is longtime FBI agent Carl Jensen, assistant professor of legal studies.

"Dr. Jensen is uniquely qualified to lead the center, and we are excited about the opportunities this program offers students," said Marie Barnard, assistant dean in applied sciences.

The new minor includes six courses that cover analysis, intelligence communications and modern security issues.

"What we've found is that national intel-

ligence agencies are looking for people with core competencies," said Jensen, who worked for more than 20 years as an agent and researcher in the FBI. "So when a student gradu-

ates, he or she may have a degree in Chinese or computer science but is also well-versed in how intelligence organizations operate."

This January, the center moved into a new facility located next to the Turner Center, and a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held this spring.

Selection for the minor is competitive among interested students

based on applications submitted typically in their sophomore year, Jensen said. All applicants who wish to complete an intern-

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*Carl Jensen, a former FBI agent and assistant professor of legal studies, is director of the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies.*

## Panel examines future of homeland security agents

The world is becoming more globally connected, and the role of agents involved in national security and intelligence is changing rapidly, said a panel of FBI experts in a September discussion at UM.

The panel, hosted by the Department of Legal Studies, Center for Intelligence and Security Studies, and School of Applied Sciences, featured three members of the FBI's Futures Working Group. The group was created in 2002 in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, said Carl Jensen, retired FBI agent and director of the new CISS.

Joining Jensen in the panel discussion, titled "Homeland Security 2015," were Michael Buerger, a former fellow with the National Institute of Justice and associate professor of criminal justice at Bowling Green State University; Bernard Levin, director of research and development for the Society of Police Futurists International and member of the Traffic Law Enforcement Committee of the U.S. Transportation Research Board; and David McElreath, professor and chair of the Department of Legal Studies and retired U.S. Marine Corps colonel.

Jensen said the 9/11 Com-

mission found American intelligence agents should have been shocked by the horror of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., but they should not have been surprised they happened.

"So, we began to ask ourselves: What can we do to reduce the surprise? What can we do to reduce the uncertainty?" he said. "That became the goal of the Futures Working Group, and one reason it is so important is the way the world is unfolding around us." ✪

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ship in an intelligence agency also must pass a background check.

Melissa Graves, project coordinator for the center, said there are currently nearly 75 students participating in the program. The students come from all over campus including from the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and the Croft Institute for International Studies.

"The kind of students we really want for this minor are the best the university has to offer," Jensen said. "We really want to show how diverse the intelligence career can be—from investigating white-collar crime to working as a field agent. Students in this field could even find themselves advising the president on issues in a junior position."

Ben Pierce, a junior Honors College student and legal studies major from Clinton, said the program offers a great

educational foundation for critical thought.

"Watching this program develop over this semester and being on the ground floor of its creation has really added to my excitement [about the program]," he said. "But I



think the most exciting aspect of this is the teaching. I really believe a program's quality is defined by the excellence of its teachers, and Dr. Jensen brings not only personal expertise in intelligence but an ability to connect with students and inspire them with a will to learn."

Pierce, who currently is interested in pursuing an analyst position after graduation,

said another thing attracting him to the program is the rare opportunity for internships in the intelligence community.

The center aims to work with other universities and agencies to create quality internships and to make the

center a "bridge between the university and the intelligence community" by establishing public research venues such as online blogs and journals. Additionally, in January, the center hosted its first conference, which was designed to bring together experts from the United States and international agencies to discuss the best ways to teach intelligence studies.

Long-range plans for the center include investigating the possibility of establishing a master's degree and graduate certificate. The center is extremely interested in students who are majoring in modern languages (particularly Chinese and Arabic), computer science, business, international relations, chemistry and the physical sciences, Jensen said.

"We are fortunate to house this center within the School of Applied Sciences, but its benefits will reach across the entire university community," said Dean Linda Chitwood. "As the center grows, we will seek faculty fellows to develop intelligence and homeland security courses and research initiatives within their areas of expertise. This grant provides the institution an opportunity to develop a new model for interdisciplinary research and education designed to address a critical national need." \*

# Law and Order

## Criminal, social justice meet in new 300-level legal studies course

A new course in the School of Applied Sciences—the first of its kind at the university—is getting students directly involved with their communities.

Social Justice and Community Service is a 300-level course first introduced to the fall 2008 curriculum at The University of Mississippi's Tupelo campus. Created by Terry Lyons, an instructor in the legal studies department, CJ 399 was developed to enhance students' perspectives on civic responsibilities and social practices. The course is also available at the DeSoto Center in Southaven and on the Oxford and Booneville campuses.

"We want the students to become more socially aware by providing a hands-on approach

to getting involved in their communities," Lyons said. "At the same time, we want our students to find the relationship between criminal justice and social justice."

Students are required to complete a service-learning agreement that states they have performed a minimum of 50 community service hours at an agency approved by Lyons. Some service organizations included SAFE (Shelter and Assistance in Family Emergency), the Mississippi Department of Human Services Adolescent Offender Program, the Boys and Girls Club, Faith Haven Inc., Institute of Community Services Inc., the Head Start program and the North Mississippi Regional Center.

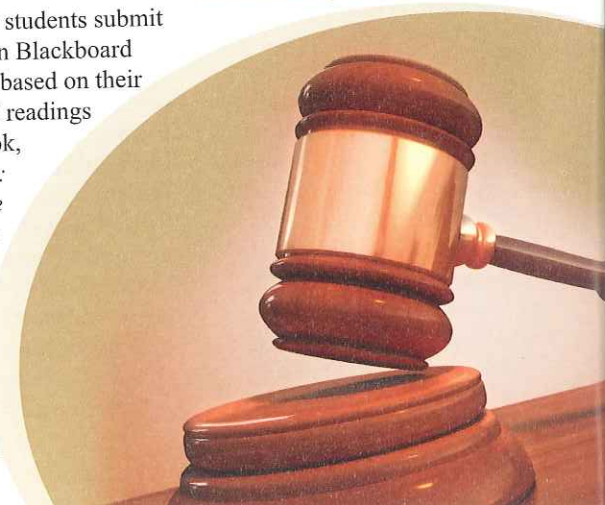
"Our students will literally be giving thousands of community service hours each semester as the program meets its potential," said David McElreath, chair and professor of legal studies. "CJ 399 is the first of its kind at the university, and it's positioned to be taken prior to the internship program."

Every Sunday students submit journal entries on Blackboard Academic Suite based on their weekly assigned readings from the textbook, *Annual Editions: Criminal Justice 08/09*. The journal entries, no less than 250 words each, are reflections on their

community service experiences, Lyons said.

One book report on *Tom and Huck Don't Live Here Any-more: Childhood and Murder in the Heart of America* by Ron Powers and one research paper focusing on a social-justice topic are also due during the semester.

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# Leaving With a Smile

Communication sciences and disorders professor, vice chancellor announces retirement

It's a typical day for Gloria Kellum. She arrives early at her offices on the third floor of the historic Lyceum, carrying several folders and wearing a smile. After a long day with many meetings, the vice chancellor for university relations at The University of Mississippi leaves late, carrying several folders and wearing a smile.

'Ole Miss is very, very special. Professionally, I was allowed and encouraged to grow.'

Gloria Kellum  
Vice Chancellor for  
University Relations

Last fall, Kellum announced her retirement from a university she said she "loves deeply." Ole Miss has marked many milestones during Kellum's 42-year career: a 150th-year celebration, two major capital campaigns and a historic presidential debate. The challenges of meeting those goals have been many, but one thing has remained constant—her smile.

"I love my job. I truly do, and I'm going to miss my job. I truly will," said Kellum, her smile

widening even more as she recalled how her love affair with Ole Miss began more than four decades ago.

It was 1966, and Kellum, who had just finished a master's degree in speech pathology from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, was looking for a job.

Kellum said one of her LSU professors mentioned she should apply for a teaching job at Ole Miss because she liked to talk. She took her

her first semester and said it was the hardest work she'd ever done, but it was very rewarding.

"It was a small program with only five students, but we were able to grow," Kellum said. Just four years after she joined the faculty, a master's degree program and a speech and hearing clinic were added, she said.

"Looking back, I realize it was a really great career opportunity for me to come

and audiologists for countless children and adults across the nation.

In 1975, Kellum became the first woman and the youngest person to receive the university's Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teaching Award.

Soon after, the academic vice president encouraged Kellum to return to LSU to earn a Ph.D. She completed her doctorate in speech pathology in 1981.

Kellum returned to Ole Miss in 1981 as an associate professor in what is now the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. She served as acting chair of the department from 1982 to 1984. In 1984, she took over as the director of clinical services in the department and

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Vice Chancellor Gloria Kellum started her career at UM in the School of Applied Sciences, which is now based in the George Street House on campus.

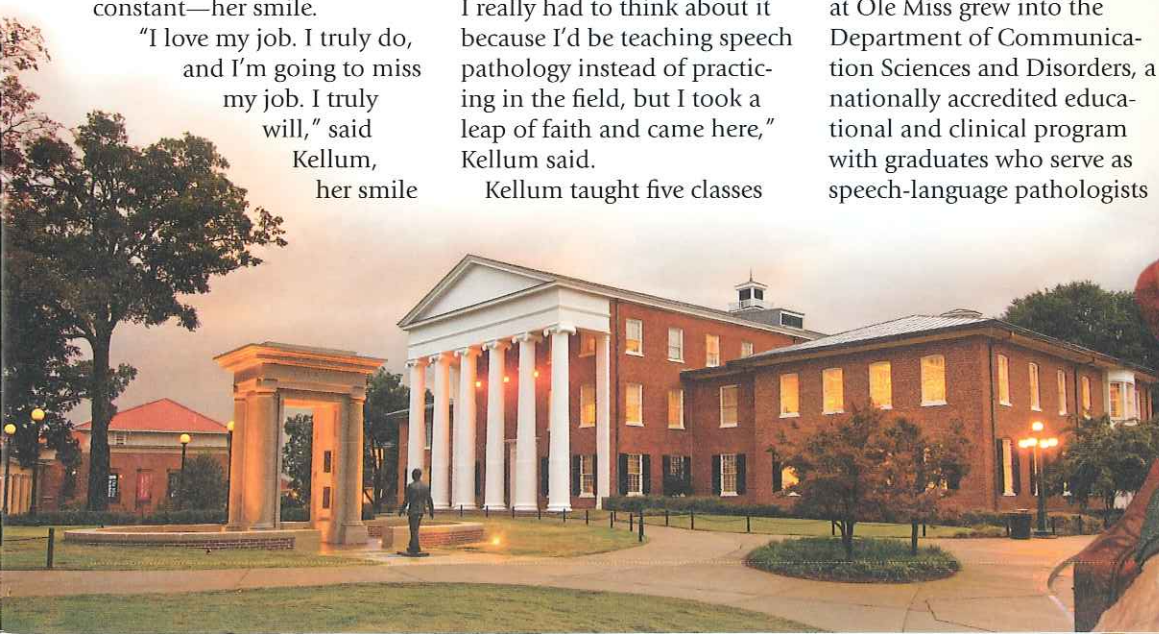
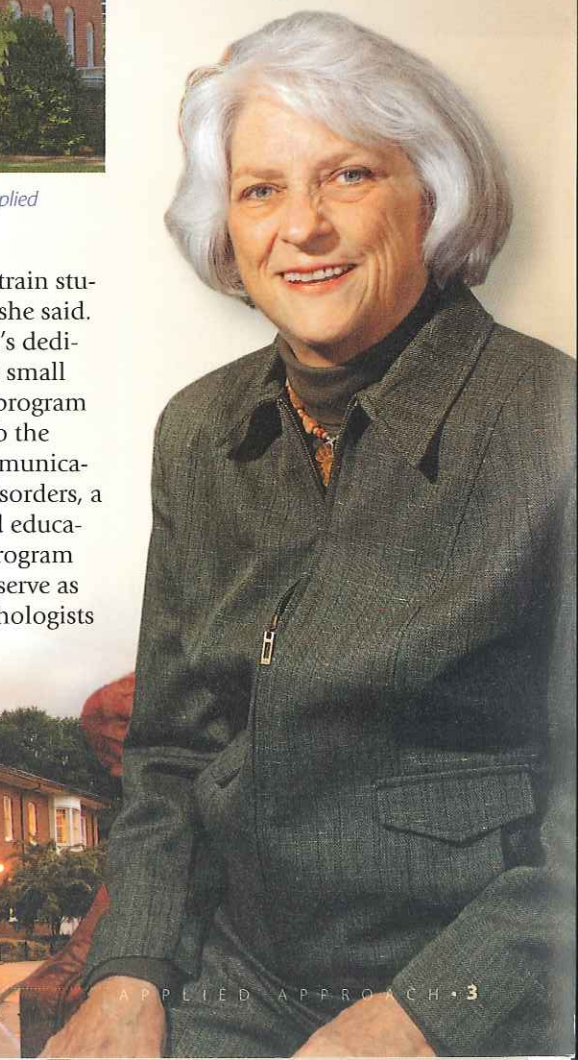
professor's suggestion as a "compliment and applied for the job," she said.

"I had a great interview, and they offered me the job. I really had to think about it because I'd be teaching speech pathology instead of practicing in the field, but I took a leap of faith and came here," Kellum said.

Kellum taught five classes

to Ole Miss. I could train students and practice," she said.

Because of Kellum's dedication and drive, the small speech and hearing program at Ole Miss grew into the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, a nationally accredited educational and clinical program with graduates who serve as speech-language pathologists





## New speech and hearing clinic director following in father's footsteps

**T**he new director of the Speech and Hearing Center at The University of Mississippi is following in his father's footsteps.

Brad Crowe, son of long-time communicative disorders professor Thomas A. Crowe, took over the clinic this past semester after six years of working in speech pathology in Georgia.

The move to Ole Miss is a return home for Crowe, whose father worked at the university from 1977 until his retirement in 2002 and served as the first interim dean of the School of Applied Sciences. Brad Crowe graduated from Ole Miss in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in communicative disorders and completed his master's degree in speech pathology at

Ole Miss in 1998.

He and his wife, who also grew up in Oxford, said they always knew they wanted to come back.

"It is home," Crowe said. "It was a goal of mine to eventually end up at the UM Speech and Hearing Center. I wouldn't trade my experiences in Athens for anything, but it is good to be home."

In addition to his responsibilities as the clinic director, Crowe teaches a class and provides direct supervision for speech therapy and evaluation. His goals for the future of the clinic are many.

"I would like to see us have the capability to offer physical therapy and occupational therapy to our clients, when needed," he said. "I would also like to see us expand our services in the treatment of individuals with sensory needs."

In addition, Crowe said he wants to develop partnerships to expand treatment for



Brad Crowe

language and literacy needs in Oxford and surrounding communities through outreach programs for patients and teachers.

"There are many, many things I would like to accomplish, and my list continues to grow every day," he said. "I am lucky to have a great team of clinical speech pathologists and audiologists here and the support of the graduate faculty to help me accomplish these goals." ❖

Nathan Latt

## Exercise science alum joins administration

**F**ormer Ole Miss linebacker Jamil Northcutt didn't think of a career outside of football until an NFL life-skills presentation opened his eyes.

"I learned that approximately 54,000 to 60,000 kids play college football annually. Less than 1 percent will make an NFL roster, and most players are done by the time they are 27 or so," he said.

Knowing that, Northcutt focused on his academic studies, earning a bachelor's degree in exercise science in May 2003 and a master's degree in higher education in 2004. After leaving the Ole Miss gridiron behind, Northcutt worked with the Southeastern Conference in areas of championships, sports administration and marketing. He then took a position with the Kansas City

Chiefs organization as the player development coordinator. Today, Northcutt is back

Kevin Bain



Jamil Northcutt

at Ole Miss, serving as the assistant athletic director for internal operations.

"As a student, Jamil was

a great listener, focused and knew what he wanted to do with his life," said Derek

Horne, senior associate athletic director of external operations.

"He's brought different aspects of athletics to the administration. All his experience allows him to bring a different eye on how you operate on a collegiate level," Horne said.

"And being a former student athlete makes him a person who knows the position of a student athlete and who can help us grow and develop as a department."

Northcutt hopes to instill in the athletes he works with the same lesson he learned as a student at Ole Miss.

'He's brought different aspects of athletics to the administration. All his experience allows him to bring a different eye on how you operate on a collegiate level.'

Derek Horne  
Senior Associate  
Athletic Director



"Define yourself by who you are as a person and not the sport you play. You need to know who you are and that there's life after sports," he said. ❖



# Policies for Prevention

Debate-related event features panel of experts looking for ways to lower health care costs

An April 2008 poll of American adults found that the top four health care issues of concern relate to cost, leading national health care experts to question how costs can be reduced.



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A panel of those experts, convening in a public discussion at The University of Mississippi in September, agreed that most roads to reducing health care costs and improving effectiveness begin with prevention. The event was hosted by the School of Applied Sciences as part of the activities leading up to the first presidential debate of 2008, held at UM Sept. 26.

"One reason cost is at the top of the list is that health care costs increase each year," said Therese Hanna, executive director of the Center for Mississippi Health Policy. "It's become a burden to families, employers, government and, therefore, taxpayers."

Hanna was one of four panelists participating in the discussion "National Health

Care Reform: Moving from Treatment to Prevention." The event was sponsored by the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease, American Dietetic Association, American College of Sports Medicine and Center for Mississippi Health Policy.

Panelist Steven Blair pointed to research showing physical activity and fitness can reduce a wide range of conditions, including depression, diabetes, hypertension, obesity and dementia.

"We've got to use exercise

at the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina.

Panelist Evelyn Crayton, a member of the board of directors of the American Dietetic Association, said, "As a registered dietitian, I can tell you many of the most costly disabling conditions can be prevented through nutrition strategies. With proper nutrition support, many complications can be averted or delayed. Federal attention to public nutrition and investment in nutrition care, education and research is essential."

Pointing out that politicians often say the United States has the best health care system

'The event was titled 'Moving from Treatment to Prevention,' and that is what the School of Applied Sciences is all about.'

Linda Chitwood  
Dean of Applied Sciences



A panel of experts on nutrition, physical activity and health policy discuss the role of prevention in U.S. health care in a debate-related event hosted by the School of Applied Sciences and sponsored by the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease, the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Dietetic Association and the Center for Mississippi Health Policy.

and other lifestyle measures to prevent chronic health problems. Low fitness is responsible for more deaths than any other factor in mortality studies," said Blair, a professor

She agreed with John Clymer, president of the Partnership for Prevention, that the American health care system is directing most of its funding to the wrong areas.

in the world, Clymer said, "I think we have one of the best rescue systems in the world."

He explained that little funding or emphasis is given to the role of prevention in lowering instances of chronic diseases because doctors are generally only compensated for treating actual diseases.

"The event was titled 'Moving from Treatment to Prevention,' and that is what the School of Applied Sciences is all about," said Dean of Applied Sciences Linda Chitwood. "We specialize in the rehabilitation part as well, but we really want to focus on ways to prevent health problems before they even occur." ✧

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"Although the course is still in the developmental stages, the goal is to meet once a month on each UM campus so the students can collaborate and discuss their experiences and goals. Separate meeting times are set for each location since the course is offered on all four UM campuses, and the remainder of the class is done via Blackboard," Lyons said, adding that she hopes to see the course evolve into a required seminar class.

"We are trying to increase social awareness by having the students realize there is a greater social responsibility," McElreath said. "If it's finding assistance to help a single parent who works two to three jobs, we all benefit."

Rachel Hear, a junior at UM-Tupelo, volunteered with Region III of the Adolescent Offenders Program for her community ser-

vice hours because that field interests her.

"After working with AOP, one of the most important things I learned was to never take what you have for granted because there is always one soul out there who has it worse than you," Hear said. "I wanted to make a difference in a juvenile's life, and I feel I did an excellent job."

Upon graduation, Hear hopes to get a job with the Mississippi Department of Corrections and work toward her master's degree in counseling. She said volunteering was her favorite part of the course because she wants to make a difference in somebody's life.

"I highly recommend this course because it's a great opportunity for a person to experience hands-on training and because the time spent is well worth it," Hear said. ✧



## Research emphasizes moving in the right direction

**T**he benefits of an active lifestyle might go beyond weight loss, lower cholesterol and a stronger heart. Dr. Dwight Waddell is investigating whether aerobic exercise is capable of relieving behaviors associated with certain neurological disorders.



Participants prepare for a study looking at the effects of colder temperature on postural control and balance in Dwight Waddell's lab.

"We're attempting to look at the positive effects of exercise in a population of people who suffer from primarily neurobehavioral disorders," said Waddell, assistant profes-

sor of exercise science in the Department of Health, Exercise Science and Recreation Management.

Initially, he plans on quantitatively measuring the effect aerobic exercise has on children with Tourette's syndrome. "I'm convinced that exercise may temporarily ameliorate certain motor and vocal tics associated with Tourette's as well as some of the issues of attention-deficit and obsessive-compulsive disorders that often co-exist with Tourette's," Waddell said.

His theories are based on years of research—the most recent of his three engineering degrees is in neuromechanics, or the study of how the nervous system controls the action of muscles and thereby movement—and he has spent

eight years working on funded research projects related to movement disorders including Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, Huntington's disease and dystonia.

For Waddell, it is also personal. He has Tourette's.

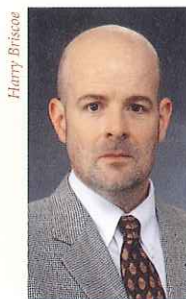
Waddell's goal is to find a quantitative neurophysiological measure of the effects of exercise on behavioral disorders.

To do so, this summer Waddell plans to head to Atlanta, where he and a colleague in Emory University's neurology department will use digital brain electroencephalograms

(EEGs) to look at the effects of exercise on brain coherence—a measure thought to describe how different parts of the brain work in concert to control the urge to tic. He plans to write a grant based on his results so he can further his research.

While Waddell's research will focus on children, he believes the results will also be applicable to adults.

"I'm convinced that a lack of exercise affects each one of us," he said. "The price we're paying for sedentary lifestyles is not just body weight." \*



Harry Briscoe

Dwight Waddell

Waddell has also received four external grants totaling approximately \$90,000 from Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals, parent company to Dr. Scholl's. The grants have enabled research focused on the ability of various Dr. Scholl's inserts to lessen bone shock, alleviate knee pain and provide stability to women wearing high heels. He has also received internal grants totaling \$22,000 to study various aspects of falling in an elderly population.

## Weekly Dose

Local children benefit from nutrition, exercise program

by Andrew Abernathy

**A**cquiring a \$10,000 grant from General Mills and the American Dietetics Association to benefit the Oxford chapter of the Boys and Girls Club was just the first step for Melinda Valliant, an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. There is plenty of work to do when it comes to teaching the next generation about healthy living, she said.

Since October, dozens of local children (ages 7 to 17) who attend after-school programs at the Boys and Girls Club have been receiving a weekly dose of nutrition



Melinda Valliant

education and exercise as part of a new program created by Valliant, volunteers and club staff members. The program is

scheduled to increase to twice a week in the spring, and Valliant is organizing a 5K run for March to further benefit it.

"I think they are enjoying it," Valliant said of the children. "For the past few weeks, we have been going running. We took their measurements so we will be able to see what the changes are."

In addition to participating in athletics, students are learning what a healthy body needs. Valliant, staff members and her student volunteers give lessons on the costs of healthy living and how healthy diets can be affordable on most any budget.

Children also learn about portion control, and lectures tackle subjects like eating disorders and body image. One of Valliant's goals is to organize evening classes for parents to learn the staples of family nutrition.

Physical health isn't the only thing a healthy diet and exercise can improve. Valliant also noted that the children seem to do their homework better on the days they exercise.

"[The running] helps them to focus, in my opinion," she said. "A lot of kids sit in school all day, and they have a lot of energy to expend." \*



## FCS investigates obesity in Mississippi children

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences will be part of a five-year, \$2 million study by the Center for Mississippi Health Policy involving childhood obesity in the state.

'We are excited to be a part of this statewide evaluation project that has potential to really impact the obesity trends in Mississippi.'

Teresa Carithers  
FCS Chair

Funding for the study, which involves three state universities, was granted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, N.J., and will evaluate the impact of the Mississippi Healthy Students Act on the state's childhood obesity rate.

"There is a strong connection between health and academic achievement," said Hank Bounds, the state's superintendent of education.

"Mississippi's new policies will create an environment in our schools that promotes healthy lifestyles for children and prepares them to be fit, healthy and ready to learn."

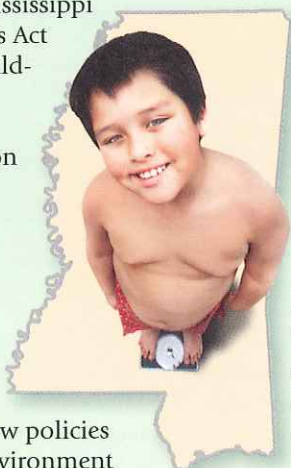
According to a survey conducted by researchers at the College of Health at the University of Southern Mississippi, 95 percent of adult Mississippians think that

childhood obesity is a serious problem for the state. The survey also showed that Mississippi adults strongly support public policies that address the problem by improving school environments.

The Mississippi Healthy Students Act was passed by the state Legislature in 2007 to improve nutrition, physical activity and health education in public schools. Together with funding from the Bower Foundation, the Center for Mississippi Health Policy will work with investigators at UM, Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi to evaluate the effectiveness of state policies in preventing childhood obesity and to coordinate the evaluation with similar projects in other states.

Teresa Carithers, chair of UM's FCS department, is one of three principal investigators and said FCS faculty members Laurel Lambert and Emmy Parkes also will be involved in the project. She believes the project can play a critical role in providing data policy makers need to better allocate resources and to formulate more effective state nutrition policies.

"We are excited to be a part of this statewide evaluation project that has potential to really impact the obesity trends in Mississippi and place a much-needed focus on the health of our children," Carithers said. ✱



# Mastering Social Work

## MSW program granted candidacy

The Council of Social Work Educators (CSWE) has approved candidacy status for the School of Applied Sciences' recently launched Master of Social Work program. The MSW program must undergo annual reviews by CSWE in 2009 and 2010 before it determines whether the program is eligible for full accreditation, said Carol Boyd, chair and professor of social work.

The MSW program is aimed toward nontraditional students who have been working in their communities but may not have clinical-level practice skills.

Boyd said the program will be considered for full accreditation in 2011. However, after the program is accredited, students who completed their course work under candidacy will also be graduates of the accredited program, Boyd said.

"That's important because when you do get fully accredited in the future, you go retroactive back to when you had candidacy, and the students under the candidacy get accredited, too," Boyd said.

A commissioner from the CSWE visited campus in spring 2008 for a site review and determined that the

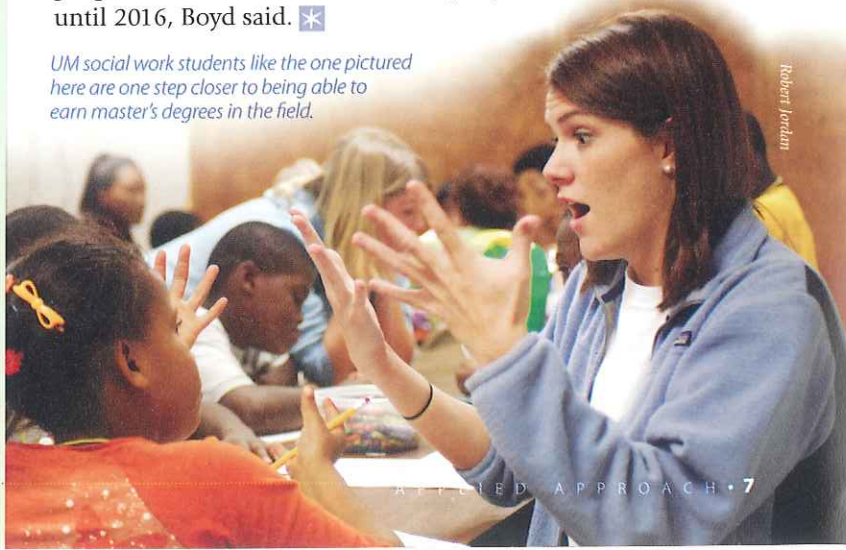
department met the standards for candidacy, Boyd said.

Currently, 15 students are enrolled in the three-year, 60-hour MSW track. In 2009, the program will offer a two-year, 36-hour option for students who have earned a bachelor's degree in social work within five years of enrolling in the program.

The MSW program is aimed toward nontraditional students who have been working in their communities but may not have clinical-level practice skills. The curriculum also allows students to earn a clinical specialty that would qualify the graduate to practice in clinical settings such as mental health, hospitals and child welfare. After earning the MSW degree, students must meet the state's licensure requirements to practice as clinical social workers.

In June, the department's undergraduate social work degree program was also reaccredited for eight years until 2016, Boyd said. ✱

UM social work students like the one pictured here are one step closer to being able to earn master's degrees in the field.



Robert Jordan



# Pediatrics chair at UM Medical Center named for alumna

by Patrice Sawyer Guilfoyle

For more than 20 years, Suzan Brown Thames (BA 68) of Jackson has worked tirelessly to improve health care for Mississippi children. Now her name will be synonymous with her life's passion through an endowment to The University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The Suzan Brown Thames Chair in Pediatrics in the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children was announced, as a surprise to Thames, at the Nov. 20 National Philanthropy Day luncheon sponsored

'This is a tribute not just to me but to the pediatrics department that has grown so much over the years.'

Suzan Brown Thames

by the Mississippi chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Thames also accepted the award for 2008 Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year at the event.

"I have never been so shocked, so overwhelmed and so proud," she said. "This is a tribute not just to me but to the pediatrics department that has grown so much over the years. We need more and

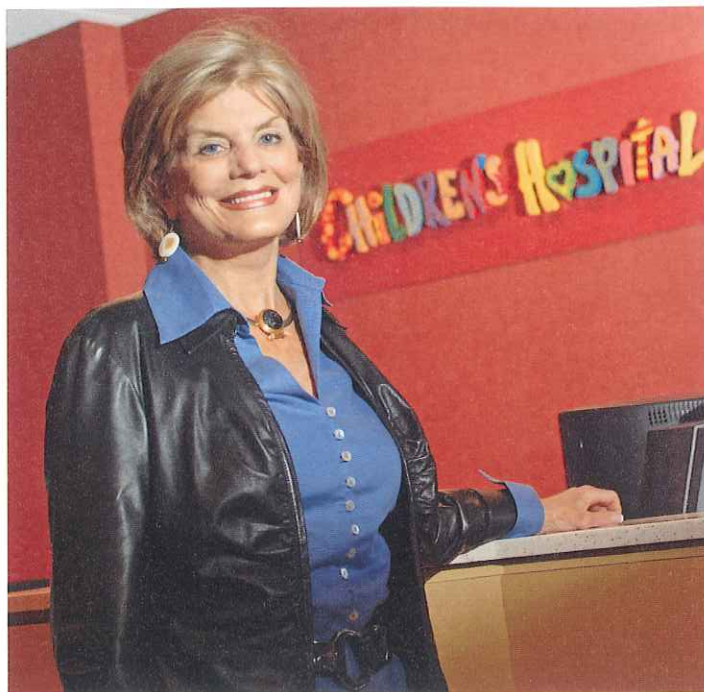
more chairs."

The consummate fundraiser and volunteer, Thames said her motivation is the well-being of Mississippi's children. She stated in her acceptance speech that she was among many people who did what was necessary to accomplish the impossible. She shared the credit with family, friends, fellow volunteers, and the physicians and leadership of the Medical Center.

At the Medical Center, a chair is fully endowed when gifts reach \$2 million. Dr. Dan Jones, vice chancellor for health affairs, said \$1.5 million has been raised for Thames' chair through private donations. "The resources are going to be great to move the department forward and to further the treatment of our children," he said.

A 1968 graduate of what is now the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the School of Applied Sciences, Thames became interested in the Medical Center with her involvement in REACH (Recreation, Enrichment and Activities for Children's Health), a Junior League project that works with young cancer patients. Thames and other members of the Junior League raised \$2 million to build the Mississippi Children's Cancer Clinic, which opened in 1991 and now serves thousands of children throughout the state.

Thames also was involved in



The Suzan Brown Thames Chair in Pediatrics in the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, named for UM alum Suzan Thames (above), was announced in November.

raising money to help build the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, which opened in 1997. Under her leadership as president and chair of the board, Friends of Children's Hospital raised a record \$1 million for the children's hospital in 2007.

Thames currently serves on The University of Mississippi Foundation's board of directors and on the advisory board of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. She is president-elect of the School of Applied Sciences Alumni Chapter board. In addition to giving to the Medical Center, she has made donations to the Chancellor's Trust, the School of Applied Sciences, The Inn at Ole Miss and the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

"She epitomizes what a foundation board member is all about," said Sandra Guest, vice president of the UM

Foundation. "She is supportive of the university at both the Oxford and the Jackson campuses. She has been an ambassador for Ole Miss for many years."

Thames also was involved in raising money to help build the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children.

In all, it's estimated that at least \$20 million worth of charitable contributions can be attributed to Thames. UM Chancellor Robert Khayat said Thames' name is equated with family, philanthropy and children.

"The word 'volunteer' means Suzan Brown Thames," he said. ✪



Dr. Shirley Hogan with Shelby Pope at UM's Medical Center.



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# 'Maitres Cuisiniers'

New chef joins Lenoir Dining program, looks forward to teaching

A new chef with impressive credentials has taken the helm of the Lenoir Dining program in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Chef Lee Craven, who came to the university in August from Morgan Freeman's restaurant Madidi in Clarksdale, quickly found his place in the department and says he is excited about several changes to the program that have been implemented this year.

The program now hosts a high-tea service of light snacks

and beverages and has instituted new cooking classes for the community.

Lenoir Dining is a required laboratory for UM students majoring in dietetics and nutrition and hospitality management. The laboratory was created to give students experience in all facets of restaurant operation, and that is one reason Craven gave up his gourmet chef job and turned to teaching.

"Students get real-life experience through this program," he said. "They learn how to

## Eat at Lenoir

Lenoir Hall Dining offers lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and dinner 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 662-915-1863. Menus change weekly but always feature three entrees: One is typical a la carte, another is ethnically inspired, and the third is a vegetarian dish. High tea is served on Mondays from 2-4 p.m.

handle the front of the house, the back of the house and everything in between."

"Due to his exceptional credentials and experience, Chef Craven will help our students gain knowledge and develop skill sets in culinary applications that will give them a competitive edge in all health care, food-service and hospitality industries," said Teresa Carithers, FCS chair.

Craven graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and quickly landed an internship at Chez Phillippe at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis. There, he worked under Chef Jose Gutierrez, one of only 52 chefs in the United States cer-

tified as a Maitres Cuisiniers de France. Gutierrez created a position for Craven, who ultimately advanced to sous-chef, a position he held until signing on as executive chef at Madidi in 2003.

Craven has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers, including *Bon Appetit*, *The New York Times* and *The Boston Globe*. In 2004, he was named a "Rising Star of American Cuisine" by the renowned James Beard Foundation. He has appeared on the Food Network with Rachael Ray, and he participated in the Julia Child Commemorative Dinner hosted by the James Beard Foundation. ✧



Lee Craven

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achieved full professorship in 1991. Even as her career branched off into administration (she became the vice chancellor for university relations in 1999), Kellum continued her work as a communicative disorders professor.

"The fact that she has continued to teach while serving as a university administrator is a testament to her love for students," said School of Applied Sciences Dean Linda Chitwood. "Even today, alumni from 40 years ago speak emotionally of their time with her. Although she is retiring from the university, we hope to keep her involved with the department and the School of Applied Sciences."

During more than 40 years

in the field of speech pathology, Kellum has delivered more than 50 national presentations in her areas of expertise, including cleft palate/orofacial anomalies, cerebral palsy and neurogenic-based communicative disorders, diagnostic theory and techniques, and augmentative communication. She has overseen numerous grants and contracts benefiting the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; has been a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the American Cleft Palate Association since 1966; and she received the ASHA Clinical Achievement Award in 1988.

The honors and awards given to her throughout her time



at Ole Miss are too numerous to list, and there is no doubt that Kellum treasures the four decades she has spent here.

"Ole Miss is very, very special. Professionally, I was allowed and encouraged to grow. Ole Miss encouraged me to continue my work in the speech and hearing field. I wouldn't have had these opportunities at another job,"

Kellum said.

On the eve of her retirement, Kellum is still smiling. She said she plans to spend more time with her husband, Jerry, who she met at Ole Miss, and their daughters Kate and Kelly. She also plans to focus on her latest role as grandmother to a smiling 1-year-old baby girl named Cecilia Grace. ✧



# Square Toast wine tasting event benefits hospitality management

**H**omecoming festivities were stretched a little longer this year, thanks to the introduction of a brand new event held on the Oxford Square the Monday after the reunion weekend.

More than 250 people purchased tickets to the event, which brought in more than \$14,000 in revenue.



The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in the School of Applied Sciences held its first Square Toast for Scholarships food and wine tasting fundraiser Oct. 6.

"The event was a success," said Jim Taylor, assistant professor of hospitality management. "We feel wonderful about our first attempt." Taylor and instructor Candice Varnell advised students working on the project. Proceeds

benefitted the department's hospitality management program.

According to Taylor, more than 250 people purchased tickets to the event, which brought in more than \$14,000 in revenue, including \$3,000 from a simultaneous silent auction, exceeding expectations. More than 20 venues—including restaurants and retailers—along with three wine brokers participated.

Three hospitality management students spent the spring 2008 semester doing preliminary planning for Square Toast, and eight students took over in fall 2008 to finalize the plans and execute the event. For their final project, they formally evaluated the event. Students enrolled in the program this semester will use those evaluations to plan the next Square Toast.

Taylor envisions Square Toast eventually becoming an annual weekend festival, such as the University of Nevada Las Vegas' UNLVino or the Food Network South Beach

Wine & Food Festival, which benefits Florida International University. Those events reach beyond the universities to include not only their local communities but also the larger food and wine industry.

community or university entities to take part and to benefit from their own related events and activities.

"Our goal is to make it bigger and better each year," he said. "To evolve into some-



Guests trade in tickets for wine glasses to participate in Square Toast, a wine tasting event that supports the hospitality management program.

While Taylor believes Square Toast will always serve as a fundraiser and teaching tool for the hospitality management program, he also thinks there is room for other

thing that's bigger than just the hospitality management program."

To get involved in the 2009 Square Toast event, contact Taylor at 662-915-1538. ✱

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