

## BREAKING NEW GROUND



The College of Veterinary Medicine takes pride and care in identifying and educating the committed individuals who dedicate their lives to caring for animals. As a state-assisted institution, rather than a state-supported one, our CVM relies on state appropriations for basic operating costs. It is private sup-

port, however, that provides the vital resources necessary to attract top students and faculty, support new research and enrich the colleges' innovative programs.

A college of veterinary medicine requires qualified and dedicated personnel, modern equipment, adequate facilities and strong support from constituents who recognize veterinary medicine's value to society. We are teaching a new generation of veterinarians to become problem solvers and lifelong learners, ready to protect the health of animals and people and to meet challenges in animal health, biosecurity, biomedical advances and global environmental issues.

MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine has touched the lives of millions of pet owners, farmers, equestrians, veterinarians, wildlife rehabilitators, agricultural scientists, educators and students. The Animal Health Center is a valued resource for regional veterinarians and animal owners. The hospital examines, diagnoses and treats more than 6,000 individually owned pets each year. CVM diagnostics and research has prevented tens of mil-

lions of dollars in losses to aquaculture, poultry, beef, dairy and swine producers.

We are able to have this type of impact because of individuals with the vision to invest in the future of animal care, but we still have a long way to go in addressing the changing needs of animal health care, the environment and public health.

Financial contributions from friends, alumni, practitioners, industry, foundations, clubs and others make a difference in animal health care and research in Mississippi, the region and the nation by ensuring that the CVM reaches its full potential.

A very generous donor to the CVM once told me that there are many great causes to support, but he focuses his philanthropy primarily on higher education because that is where we find solutions to problems facing the world and a strong educational system is crucial for the success of future generations.

We consider your gift an investment in excellence and are committed to being good stewards of your contributions. We appreciate your consideration, and we hope that you become a member of the CVM family and join our mission of service.

Keith Gaskin, CFRE  
Director of Development  
College of Veterinary Medicine

## CVM's First Endowed Graduate Fellowship Honors Bentinck-Smiths

A generous pledge from the family and friends of the late Dr. John Bentinck-Smith and his wife Marjory will endow the College of Veterinary Medicine's first graduate fellowship.

"It has been a goal of the college to offer postdoctoral training programs in a number of specialty areas, and thanks to this generous gift from friends and family of Dr. John and Marjory Bentinck-Smith, a residency training program in clinical pathology will become a reality," said David Hardin, department head of Pathobiology and Population Medicine.

Both dedicated educators, the Bentinck-Smiths were committed to helping students further their education. He graduated from Harvard and received his degree in veterinary medicine from Cornell University. A graduate of Buffalo State, she was a teacher and later worked with the 4-H program in Tompkins County, New York.

During his career, Dr. Bentinck-Smith made significant contributions to research and to improvements in clinical medicine, but his primary interest and devotion was teaching. His family quotes him as saying "I never object to teaching people if they are anxious to learn."

Following his 1981 retirement from Cornell, Dr. Bentinck-Smith brought his love of teaching to MSU, where he served as the College of Veterinary Medicine's first professor of clinical pathology.

"It is only fitting that our first endowed graduate fellowship in clinical pathology is named for our first professor of clinical pathology," said Interim Dean Gregg Boring.

Dr. Bentinck-Smith was "a true scholar and a gentleman," according to those who worked with him during his 9 years at MSU.

"Endowing graduate fellowships is one of the top priorities of MSU's State of the Future Campaign, and these gifts move us closer to our goals," said Keith Gaskin, CVM director of development.

An endowed graduate fellowship in the College of Veterinary Medicine will ensure your legacy or honor the memory of friends or family, while fostering motivated graduate students. To find out how you can help prepare the way for future veterinarians, contact Keith Gaskin at 662-325-3815.

## Wade Scholarship Established in College of Forest Resources

Clyde Patrick “Pat” Wade was no ordinary businessman. His interests extended far beyond his business into the world of fields, streams, woods and wildlife. His family said that even as a child he loved and respected God’s creation.

A 1982 MSU graduate, Wade earned a degree in business administration. Following graduation, he joined his father’s business, Starkville Fence Company. Two years later he bought the business from his father, a business that still allowed him the freedom of being outdoors.

The Starkville native began a tree farm, planting pine trees for harvest and fruit bearing trees for wildlife, as well as ornamental trees. In 1999, he sold his business and focused on developing a good ecological plan for his land.

After Wade’s death last year, his sisters, Mary Martha Morgan, Betty Hilton and Carol Lynn Crouse, established an endowed scholarship in his memory to benefit students majoring in forestry or wildlife and fisheries.

Wade also is survived by his parents, Clyde F. and Martha Wade. Though he had no children of his own, he taught his nieces and nephews how to conserve, enjoy and use the land and its resources, valuable lessons that they, in turn, can pass on to future generations.

“Many good students do not have the financial resources to enable them to complete a university education. This generous gift in memory of Mr. Wade will help a deserving student learn the knowledge and skills for a rewarding professional career in forestry,” said Jim Shepard, head of the Department of Forestry.

Pat would be pleased to know that he was lending a hand to a young person to study the subject he loved so dearly, his family added.

For more information about giving to the College of Forest Resources, contact Jeff Little at 662-325-8151.

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## Donor Support Nurtures Horticulture Program

Those who know him best describe Robert H. Dunlap with just three words: “down-to-earth.” That part of his nature shows in his love of the land and his sharing with others.

Dunlap is president and chief operating officer of Dunlap and Kyle, the parent company of Gateway Tire and Service Centers, one of the nation’s largest independent tire dealers.

He also plants and manages numerous species of trees on acreage around his Lafayette County home. His plantings include more than 100 acres of pecans that have grown along with his relationship with MSU.

His love of nature—especially trees—is shared through a scholarship established in 1996 to benefit students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and a recent gift to fund the Robert H. Dunlap Endowed Scholarship for undergraduate students enrolled in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences.

“When I first went out and visited with Bob Dunlap, he had a few pecan trees. As our relationship grew, he planted more and I got him on a management program,” said Richard Mullenax, former head of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences.

That first contact with MSU’s horticulture program prompted Dunlap’s initial gift to the university, made in the late 1980s, to create the Dunlap Horticulture Fund in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. The fund is used to purchase equipment for horticultural research and to provide faculty enhancements not otherwise available.

“Bob Dunlap is a true philanthropist and a strong advocate for higher education in Mississippi,” said Jud Skelton, director of development for the college. “Our faculty and students are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of his generosity as a friend of this institution.”

As the information provided by MSU researchers helped him nurture his trees, his support has helped nurture programs benefiting MSU horticulture students and pecan growers across the state.

Mullenax summed up his impact: “Robert is one of the reasons that we were able to significantly advance our knowledge of pecan varieties, and he has been a great asset to the Plant and Soil Sciences Department over the years.”

For more information about giving to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, contact Jud Skelton at 662-325-0643.

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