MSU CVM meets class goal

Students raise money to help further college

The College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) at Mississippi State University always “gives back” on graduation day. But Keith Youngblood’s Class of 2010 decided to take the tradition a step further by committing to raise $10,000 for the Pegasus Partners Endowment Fund, which was established by early graduates from the college and supports activities at CVM.

In April, after all the donations were tallied, Youngblood, CVM class president, and his colleagues learned that they met their goal.

“This was really important to us because the money will be used for things like new labs or classroom equipment,” Youngblood, 36, said.

“Nothing entering class had ever proposed an ambitious undertaking such as this one,” he said.

Youngblood said this project was important for the class because “if it hadn’t been for some of the people who originally set up this endowment, we wouldn’t be here today.”

AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING

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Lyceum Bell rings for UM grads

Grades at the University of Mississippi this spring heard a sound they don’t hear very often — the ringing of the university’s first commencement bell in 1847. The Lyceum bell, installed in 1848, is rung on special occasions. It tolls only on special occasions. It tolls during the ceremony commemorating the university’s 150th anniversary in 1998. It also rings for special occasions. It tolls for events in the tradition that dates back to the university’s first commencement.

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The Second Diploma is presented to two—thirds of the class.

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The Lyceum bell has been a source of practical jokes over the years. Some students said that if the bell failed to ring on April Fool’s Day, classes would be canceled. They often secured the hammer so that it wouldn’t strike the bell.

Ole Miss began canceling its commencements even before any students graduated from the university.

### Distinguished faculty selected as MUW mace bearer

### MSU mace was made by the late Francis Newton Matthews, associate professor of industrial education and a woodwork craftsman, said Marilith Gender, director of the Office of University Relations. The design includes a carved flame at the top representing the Torch of Knowledge, with three faces under the torch symbolizing MSU’s three primary missions: Learning, research and service.

This year, Rachel McCann, professor in the School of Architecture and recipient of the 2010 Grisham Master Teacher Award, was honored as the chosen one at Mississippi State’s May 1 graduation.

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“Mag Chain’ MUW tradition

Treasured part of commencement ceremony

Graduation day begins on the steps of Orp Chapel at Mississippi University for Women with one of the institution’s oldest, most honored traditions. It ends with the hope that each graduate will have luck in life after leaving MUW. “We’re a very historic place, rooted in our traditions. Students really care about that,” said Sharon Holcomb, MUW Class Council Advisor.

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