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## LACROSSE STATE CHAMPS

### OWLS SECURED SEVENTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Every year, Varsity Head Coach Elliott Dent's main goal is to have his team play its best lacrosse by the end of the regular season. The team accomplished his goal this season, earning the chance to play for the Tennessee Scholastic Lacrosse Association State Championship. Completing their outstanding season with an overall record of 14-2, the Owls defeated Montgomery Bell Academy in the finals to claim the school's seventh lacrosse state championship.

Dent recognized how his team came together at the right time.

"We had an outstanding defense and goalie that kept us in games all season," he said. "We also had a young but talented offense that matured throughout the season and peaked at the right time of the year."

To get his team ready for the postseason, Dent always puts together a challenging schedule, and 2011 was no different. After defeating Houston and Collierville high schools to begin the year, the Owls faced a tough portion of their schedule, meeting five quality opponents, starting with Christian Brothers College High School of St. Louis, MO. They prevailed over the Cadets, 15-5, but suffered their first loss in the next game as they met Islip High School, a powerful program from Long Island, NY. Despite losing, 12-7, the team used the loss to learn and improve, and they went on to win three straight home games. In a preview of the state title game, they handled MBA, 10-5. The next day, the Owls continued their dominance with a 15-6 win over the Huskies of Naperville North High School (IL).

Then, they completed the five-game stretch with a 9-8 overtime victory against the Tigers of Wheaton-Warrenville South High School (IL) in one of the most exciting games of the year.

After a ten-day break, the Owls returned for their last home game of the year and easily dispatched the Ravenwood High School Raptors of Nashville. After this convincing victory, the team played the final eight games of the year away from campus, including five consecutive weekends out of town. That string began with two games in Atlanta against good competition. The Owls opened with a 4-2 loss to a quality Carl Harrison High School (GA) team, but they bounced back to defeat the Hawks of Charlotte Latin School (NC), 8-7. This win improved their record to 8-2.

The Owls' stellar defense held their final three

regular season opponents – MBA, Christian Brothers High School, and Brentwood Academy – to only 11 goals, securing three crucial victories. Relying on their defense all season, Dent and his staff knew their starting senior defensemen would be key for returning to the state title game.

These seniors – goalie **Rob Dickinson** and defenders **Henry**



The Buzzards' championship celebration begins.

**Dickinson, Blake Hennessy, Chase Schoelkopf, and Russell Scott** – provided not only good play but also toughness that carried over to their teammates.

By the end of the regular season, the Owls' offense also became more potent as it gained vital experience. The starting middies – juniors **Scott Freeburg** and **Heath Wilder** and sophomore **Peyton Klawinski** – and starting attackmen – juniors **James David Duke** and **Charlie Freeburg** and freshman **Patrick DiMento** – improved throughout the year, averaging nearly ten goals per game in their final nine regular-season contests.

The Owls' depth proved an additional strength. Dent did not fear using many different players to give them

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2010-2011 School Year Recap



# Straight From the Top

by Mr. Bobby Alston, Director of Athletics

## REMEMBERING THE INDISPENSABLE

“Here at MUS, we have always been proud of our athletic prowess. We believe, we have always believed, our games have always been indispensable in helping to complete the education of an Owl. They create character, they foster courage, honesty, and leadership, but most of all an unassailable spirit of loyalty, comradeship, and mutual responsibility.”

I wish I were talented enough to have put those words together. They actually come from the movie *Chariots of Fire*. I substituted MUS for Cambridge and Owl for Englishman, but doesn't it make a wonderful statement about what sports should be about?

Like many of you, I followed the Grizzlies with my heart last spring. I could not help wondering what our city might accomplish if we could carry that “unassailable spirit of loyalty, comradeship, and mutual responsibility” that was so present at those playoff games at the FedExForum into the Memphis City Council or Shelby County Commission meeting rooms. Well, as my father likes to say, “Now I've quit preachin' and went to meddlin'.”

My real point is that we as adults need to remember *why* schools are involved in sports. I am approaching (actually past) the

age when I get the question, “What changes have you seen since you started?”

Honestly, I have seen very little change with the boys.

Our boys are still competitive, incredibly bright, occasionally lazy, a little mischievous, and very loyal to each other. What has changed over the years is that adults have come to overemphasize the first part of the statement, “proud of our athletic prowess,” allowing it to overshadow the second part, where the key word is “character.”

I do not expect the boys to understand fully the character-formation part of sports at this stage in their lives. They are still most concerned about winning. But adults should be mature enough to understand what is indispensable, and coaches, parents, and fans must use every opportunity to plant the seed that these games have a purpose that is bigger than what appears on the scoreboard.

At the close of every practice, Mr. Eddie Robinson, the former Grambling coach, would call his team together and tell them the story of an outstanding leader from history. He concluded each of those stories about various leaders with the same line: “And, gentlemen, the question before the house today is: As the sands of time fall through the hourglass, what will future generations say about you?”

Our victories on the schoolyard athletic fields are hollow if we miss what is indispensable.

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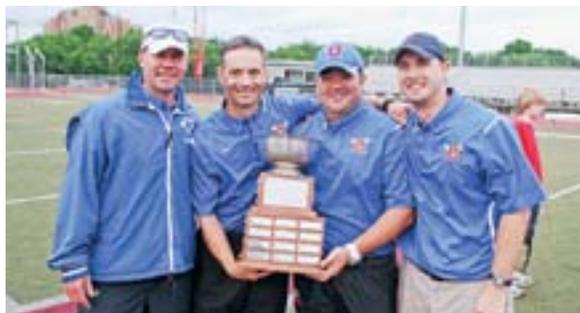
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(left to right) Pat DiMento, Elliott Dent, Ron Ansley, and Whit Tenent

**Garrott Graham, Joe Morrison, and Ross Warner;** sophomores **Andrew Miller, Remy Rea, and Fort Robinson;** and freshman **Lucas Crenshaw;** and sophomore attackman **Jackson Loeb,** a part-time starter, all played well throughout the season and were essential contributors to the team's success.

By finishing 3-0 in Division I West, the team claimed the top seed in the West and opened the playoffs in Nashville against Baylor School of Chattanooga. The Owls claimed an easy 14-2 victory against the overmatched Red Raiders to advance to the semifinals the next weekend.

On a cold, rainy May afternoon at Father Ryan High School, the Owls did not play their best against the defending state champions, McCallie School of Chattanooga, but the defense held the Blue Tornado down and gave the Owls a 5-1 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Despite giving up three goals in the fourth, the Owls maintained their advantage and once again advanced to the state championship game with a 7-4 victory.

In the finals the next day, MUS faced a familiar opponent, MBA. Having already defeated the Big Red twice in 2011, the Owls played confidently, and Duke and Scott Freeburg each scored two goals. The defense was also outstanding as goalie Dickinson made 11 saves. The team never trailed and claimed the championship with a 6-3 victory. With his play, Rob Dickinson was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Dent and his staff – comprising Mr. Ron Ansley '97, Mr. Pat DiMento, and Mr. Whit Tenent '00 – have had some great seasons at MUS, but 2011 has to be one of the best. The Owls committed themselves to the team in the preseason and worked very hard to improve throughout the year. For his success, Dent was named Boys Coach of the Year by *The Commercial Appeal*, and many of his players also received postseason awards.

Although the coaches said they will miss their ten seniors, they are excited about the underclassmen. They performed very well under pressure and will be contenders for the state championship next season.



experience and wear opponents down. Sophomore goalie **Selby Austin** and freshman **Jake Eissler;** senior defender **Ben Zambetti** and sophomores **Philip Aiken** and **Seth Carson;** sophomore long-stick middies **Grant James** and **Wil Rainer;** senior middies **James Akers, Drew Connors, Jeff Daniel,** and **Stephen Valentine;** juniors

Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik



Grant James securing the midfield against Naperville North



Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik

Chase Schoelkopf defending against a Naperville North player

## TSLA Division I All-Region West Team

### 1st Team

Henry Dickinson, defense  
 Rob Dickinson, goalie  
 James David Duke, attack  
 Scott Freeburg, midfield  
 Blake Hennessy, long-stick midfield  
 Peyton Klawinski, midfield  
 Russell Scott, defense

### 2nd Team

Patrick DiMento, attack  
 Charlie Freeburg, midfield  
 Andrew Miller, face-off  
 Chase Schoelkopf, defense  
 Heath Wilder, midfield

## TSLA Division I All-State Team

### 1st Team

Henry Dickinson, defense  
 Rob Dickinson, goalie  
 James David Duke, attack  
 Blake Hennessy, long-stick midfield  
 Peyton Klawinski, midfield  
 Russell Scott, defense

### 2nd Team

Chase Schoelkopf, defense

## U.S. Lacrosse All-American

Rob Dickinson, goalie  
 Peyton Klawinski, midfield  
 Russell Scott, defense

## U.S. Lacrosse Academic All-American

Chase Schoelkopf, defense

## The Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps

### Boys Lacrosse Overall Winner:

Rob Dickinson

### Lacrosse Coach of the Year:

Elliott Dent

### Finalist, Scholar-Athlete of the Year:

Chase Schoelkopf

### Finalist, Athlete of the Year:

Henry Dickinson

### Private Schools Team:

Henry Dickinson, Rob Dickinson, James David Duke, Blake Hennessy, Peyton Klawinski, Chase Schoelkopf, Russell Scott

### Individual Finalists:

Henry Dickinson, Rob Dickinson, Peyton Klawinski, and Russell Scott



# Owlcolades

## Eagle-Eyed Owls

### Five Students Attain Rank of Eagle Scout

by Mr. Dev Varma '07

On the day after his 11th birthday, junior **Jazz Singh** signed up for his local Boy Scout troop at the prodding of his mother.

Since then, Singh worked on projects that teach life skills such as personal financial management, outdoor survival skills, and physical wellness. He also gained a better understanding of his role as a citizen in the community, the country, and the world.

"By far, the most rewarding part of my work with the Scouts has been doing service in the community," he said.

Singh is one of five Owls who set their sights on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout and whose accomplishments earned them this impressive achievement in April. Sophomore **Bennett Mercer**, who said he wants to help build a new generation of Scouts, also achieved Eagle Scout rank, along with juniors **William Hammond**, **Christopher Walker**, and sophomore **Alex Taylor**.

The Boy Scouts of America, one of the largest value-promoting organizations in the country, emphasizes many virtues for maturing young men. Promoting ideals such as courage, honor, and respect for others aligns the Boy Scouts' mission with that of MUS. This connection explains why so many students have thrived in the program.

To reach the Eagle Scout rank, a scout must succeed in five stages – Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life. Once a Scout passes through these ranks, he must design and complete an innovative project to benefit his community. The project, along with the required service hours, merit badges, and embodiment of the Scout values, prepares young men for the highest possible rank of Eagle Scout.

# Owls 'AIME' High

## American Mathematics Competition Results

by Mr. Andrew C. Miller

Five students were top performers on tests offered by the Mathematics Association of America, designed to increase interest in mathematics and to develop problem solving through a fun competition.

Senior **Daniel Garrett**'s score of 109.5 was the highest in the state on the American Mathematics Competition 12 B test, while eighth grader **Richard Ouyang**'s score of 136.5 on the AMC 10 A test was second in the state, surpassed only by a tenth grader from White Station High School. Senior **J.P. Wheeler**, junior **Carson House**, and ninth grader **Garret Sullivan** also qualified for the national American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME), in which Ouyang excelled. By correctly answering 6 out of 15 questions, Ouyang earned a combined AMC 10 + AIME score that qualified him for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad. Only about 500 students of the 12,000 who compete in the AIME qualify for this national olympiad.

*Can you answer this question from Day 1 of the olympiad?*

Find, with proof, all positive integers  $n$  for which  $2^n + 12^n + 2011^n$  is a perfect square.

Find the solution at the bottom of this page.

# DUKE UNIVERSITY AWARDS LOWER SCHOOL OWLS

by Mr. Dev Varma '07

An impressive 13 seventh graders received awards for their test scores through Duke University's Talent Identification Program, recognition that will provide opportunities for summer enrichment programs, learning tools, and online classes.

Duke University identifies students who score in the 95th percentile of their grade-level achievement tests and asks them to take the ACT or SAT in the seventh grade, in order to assess high academic potential in young students across the country.

**William Fesmire**, **Saatvik Mohan**, **Ethan Schaffer**, and **Daniel Tancredi** received Grand Recognition awards for their national achievement on the test.

Other seventh graders received awards for their outstanding test scores among other students in the state. They are **Samuel Bartz**, **Grayson Lee**, **Jason Lin**, **Durand Martin**, **Stephen McHugh**, **Patrick Murphy**, **John Richman**, **Kevin Tu**, and **Theodore Wayt**.

TIP administrators invited these qualifying students to attend an awards ceremony in Nashville and to participate in a host of various summer programs organized by the program's Center for Summer Studies.

## What Did Your Son Do This Summer?

**Did your son go deep sea fishing? Perform research at a lab? Volunteer at a soup kitchen? Get a neat internship?** We'd like to know so we can be sure to include it in the Fall 2011 issue of *Inside MUS*.

Email the following information to [editor@musowls.org](mailto:editor@musowls.org): your son's name, grade, the event information, and no more than two high-res pictures, if you have them. If other people are in a picture, please identify them.

# Summing Up a Successful High School Career

## Garrett Wins Academic All-Star Award

by Mr. Dev Varma '07

Senior **Daniel Garrett** won first place in mathematics in the Cellular South Academic All-Stars competition in May, surpassing dozens of highly qualified high school students in the Mid-South to earn the honor.

“It was a long and difficult process,” said Garrett, “but I felt prepared. I had people at school helping me every step of the way.”

The Academic All-Stars program is designed to identify and recognize high school students in the Memphis metro area for excellence in academics, leadership, and community service.

Garrett, who will attend the University of Mississippi in the fall, is no stranger to awards for scholarly achievement. In 2009, he was a University of Tennessee Pro2Serve Math Contest award winner and received a \$16,000 scholarship to UT-Knoxville for placing in the top ten among some 600 students. Also, in 2010, he placed sixth in the West Tennessee Math Teachers’ Association exam in calculus and



(left) Mason Soun and (right) Kevin Szymkowitz congratulate Garrett at the Academic All-Stars awards ceremony.

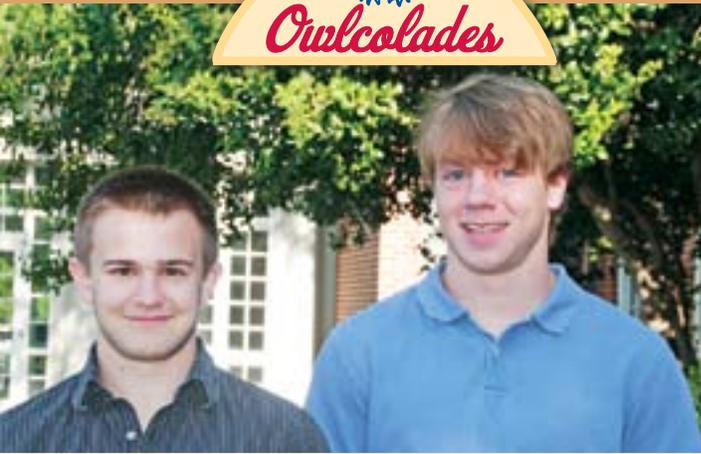
advanced topics. In April of 2011, Garrett again excelled, winning second place in his five-state region in the American Association of Physics Teachers’ Physics Bowl and becoming a semifinalist for the 2011 U.S. Physics Olympics Team. He also was inducted into the Mu Alpha Theta National High School Mathematics Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society. He was heavily engaged in MUS’s Science Olympiad and Quiz Bowl teams.

As an Eagle Scout, Garrett received the extra honors of bronze and gold palms. He has led a team of Boy Scouts in several projects for Brinkley Heights Urban Academy, a school for at-risk, inner city children. He also has worked in homeless shelters and participated with a work group for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Garrett is interested in a career in physics research and hopes to use his talents in math and passion for science to help create new ways of conserving energy.

(standing, third from left) Garrett and the ten other Academic All-Star winners pose for The Commercial Appeal. The Cellular South Academic All-Stars competition recognizes high school scholars who excel in academics, leadership, and service.





### Two Owls Make Perfect ACT Scores

In April, 78 juniors took the ACT test and 40 percent earned a score of 30 or higher. The national ACT average score is 21. Carson House (left) and Eli Goldstein (right) each made a perfect score of 36.



### New Seventh-Grade Inductees to the Order of the Owl

(back row, left to right) Forest Colerick, Cole Harrison, Colin Threlkeld, Witt Fesmire, Patton Orr, Eric Makapugay, Daniel Tancredi, (middle row, left to right) Sam Bartz, Tucker Colerick, Jason Lin, Saatvik Mohan, Grayson Lee, Russell Sands, (front row, left to right) Ethan Schaffer, Murray Morrison, Tom Fowlkes, Chandler Clayton, Philip Freeburg, Austin Hord, Henry Keel, and Patrick Murphy



### MATHCOUNTS' Accolades Keep Adding Up

Yunhua Zhao (left) and Richard Ouyang (right), together with Baty Daniel, Witt Fesmire, and Jeffrey Zheng helped MUS claim its second straight state MATHCOUNTS championship. Because of their individual scores in the competition, Ouyang and Zhao traveled to Washington, DC, to compete in the national MATHCOUNTS competition.

# Victories\*

## Classical Scholars Triumph on Every Level

by Mr. Dev Varma '07

Owls excelled in many state, regional, and national Latin competitions this year, bringing home a bevy of awards at all levels – a testament to their enthusiasm, passion, and commitment to classical studies.

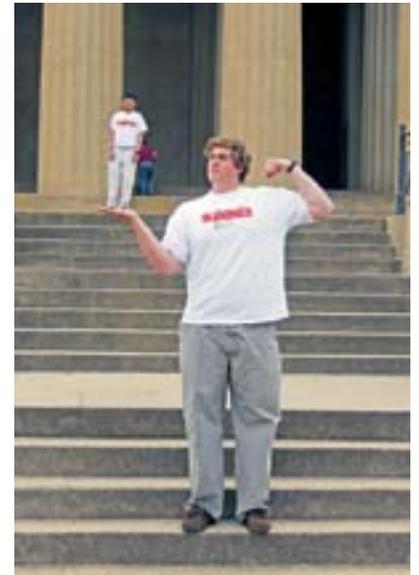
Students proved their abilities in the statewide Tennessee Junior Classical League's annual convention in Franklin, winning the overall competition handily by nearly 400 points over the second place school, Nashville's Hume-Fogg Academic High School.

This was the fourth consecutive overall victory at the state convention for MUS.

In the TJCL academics competition, sophomore **Jared Ashkenaz** placed second in his grammar level. Freshmen **Salman Haque** placed first, **Garret Sullivan** placed second, **Aditya Shah** placed third, **Nick Schwartz** placed fourth, and **William Lamb** placed fifth in their grammar level. Eighth graders **Richard Ouyang** placed third, **Yunhua Zhao** placed fourth, and **Baty Daniel** placed fifth in their grammar level.

On the regional level, junior **Carson House** rose to the challenge of a contest renowned for its rigorous expectations and won one of the few letters of commendation in the Classical Association of the Middle West and South Translation Contest.

This spring, MUS students also tested their knowledge of classical mythology in the international Medusa Mythology Exam. House, Lamb, and Shah won bronze medals, while freshman **Samuel Ostrow** and eighth graders **Jack Gray** and Zhao earned laurel crown certificates. Juniors **John David Christman** and **Nicholas Rouse** and freshmen **Shivam Bhakta** and Haque won olive wreath certificates.



Yunhua Zhao and Britt Colcolough on the steps of Nashville's Parthenon

When this year's National Latin Exam results were posted, 132 Owls had won gold and silver medals. Gold-medal students tested within the top 10 percent of test-takers, while silver medalists scored within the top 20 percent. Seven Owls made perfect scores on the exam.

These Latin scholars include Ashkenaz, Haque, freshmen **Will Prater** and Shah, and eighth graders Gray, Ouyang, and Zhao. But the honors did not stop there. Seniors **Mason Soun** and **Richard Twardzik** were recognized for their five consecutive years of winning gold medals, as were juniors **Charles Belina, Nathan Franklin, Eli Goldstein, Garrott Graham, John Grayson, Michael Green**, House, and Rouse, who have won gold medals for four consecutive years.

Guiding these young Latin scholars this year were instructors Mr. Trey Suddarth, Ms. Keturah Kiehl, Mrs. Marilyn Reinhardt, and Mr. Ryan Sellers.

\* Conquerors



*(standing, left to right) Andrew Wilensky, Nathan Franklin, Drew Hutson, Edward Simpson, (kneeling) Jack Gray, and Jerry Oates led the MUS processional at the Tennessee Junior Classical League convention.*

*Latin Club members get excited at the Tennessee Junior Classical League's convention.*



# MUS HONOR ROLLS

## Second Semester 2010-11 School Year

### Dean's Scholars

#### 12th Grade

James Akers  
William Cross  
Jeff Daniel  
Rob Dickinson  
Alex Jarratt  
Jack Klug  
Ethan Landau  
Chase Schoelkopf  
Russell Scott  
Carson Smith  
Kevin Szymkowicz  
Drew Thibado  
Richard Twardzik  
David Ursic  
J.P. Wheeler  
Ben Zambetti

#### 11th Grade

Obaid Anwar  
Max Barzel  
Charles Belina  
Daniel Cunningham  
Lee Downen  
Nathan Feler  
Nathan Franklin  
Charlie Freeburg  
Danny Galvin  
William George  
Eli Goldstein  
John Grayson  
Michael Green  
Jake Greenstein  
Wil Hergenrader  
Carson House  
Daniel McLeod  
George Ormseth  
Nicholas Rouse  
Mark Sorensen  
Ross Warner  
Alex Weinstein  
Andrew Wilensky

#### 10th Grade

Jared Ashkenaz  
Warren Ball  
James Belina  
Matt Bolton  
Kyle Gossett  
Farhan Kathawala  
Ryan Mayzell  
Bennett Mercer  
Andrew Miller  
Zachary Olsen  
James Rantzow

Hurston Reed  
Andrew Renshaw  
Brian Ringel  
Edward Simpson  
Blake Smith  
Nathan Vogt

#### 9th Grade

Shivam Bhakta  
Alec Carro  
Renn Eason  
Seamus Fitzhenry  
Matthew Gayoso  
Salman Haque  
Josh Hawkins  
Tal Keel  
William Lamb  
Ben Ormseth  
Stephen Pacheco  
Will Prater  
Nick Schwartz  
Aditya Shah  
Walker Sims  
Garret Sullivan  
Tejvir Vaghela  
Zain Virk  
Will Wells  
Harrison Williams

#### 8th Grade

Alex Carruthers  
Will Farnsworth  
Robert Gooch  
Jack Gray  
Jack Hirschman  
Richard Ouyang  
Azeez Shala  
Hamid Shirwany  
Matt Stephens  
Sherman Tabor  
Jeffrey Zheng

#### 7th Grade

Sam Bartz  
Chandler Clayton  
Forest Colerick  
Tucker Colerick  
David Dabov  
Witt Fesmire  
Tom Fowlkes  
Philip Freeburg  
Owen Galvin  
Andrew Hanissian  
Austin Hord  
Grayson Lee  
Saatvik Mohan  
Patrick Murphy  
Patton Orr

Austin Redick  
Russell Sands  
Bilal Siddiq  
Daniel Tancredi  
Connor Whitson

#### Dean's List

#### 12th Grade

Kyle Anderson  
Mac Armour  
Taylor Bates  
Forrest Baty  
Aditya Biswas  
Tony Bui  
Howard Choi  
Terrence Cole  
Elliott Collins  
Jake Deason  
Ivan Denson  
J.P. DeVincenzo  
John Edwards  
Landon Finney  
Shea Gabrielleschi  
Daniel Garrett  
Blake Hennessy  
Taylor Jordan  
Matthias Leung  
Wilson Luttrell  
Hunter McLendon  
Witt Meloni  
Matt Montsinger  
Wells Prather  
Nathan Prosser  
Jianyin Roachell  
Joel Saslawsky  
Max Sheppard  
Mason Soun  
Andrew Tackett  
Stephen Valentine  
Wyatt Whicker

#### 11th Grade

David Brandon  
Britt Colcolough  
Will Forsythe  
Scott Freeburg  
Garrott Graham  
Spencer Gruber  
William Hammond  
Anthony Hodges  
Joe Hoffsommer  
Nick James  
Carlton McCord  
Ashish Nathani  
John Oates  
Lane Sally  
Jack Shawkey

Ben Still  
Jack Stukenborg  
Nate Utkov  
Henry Valk  
Max Weiss  
Heath Wilder

#### 10th Grade

Philip Aiken  
Nick Antonelli  
Selby Austin  
Derrick Baber  
Hall Ballinger  
Daniel Britton  
Tucker Brock  
Walker Bussey-Spencer  
Seth Carson  
Colin Donoghue  
Forrest Field  
Wellford Gould  
William Hoehn  
Drew Hutson  
Michael Jalfon  
A.J. Kharbanda  
Peyton Klawinski  
Edward Lake  
David Montgomery  
Van Putman  
Andrew Raves  
Sam Shankman  
Marshall Sharp  
Alexander Taylor  
Ben Taylor  
Mac Trammell  
Alex Weaver  
Jonathan Wilfong

#### 9th Grade

James Bedwell  
David Blankenship  
Kameron Bradley  
Josh Douglass  
Connor Dowling  
Cal Edge  
Jake Eissler  
Cole Ettingoff  
Drew Evans  
Travis Floyd  
Reed Harrison  
Witt Hawkins  
Samuel Hecht  
Jay Mitchum  
Sam Neyhart  
Samuel Ostrow  
John Richardson  
Jackson Roberts  
Jordan Samuel

Andy Sorensen  
Paul Stevenson  
Stephen Tsiu  
John Valentine  
Chase Wyatt

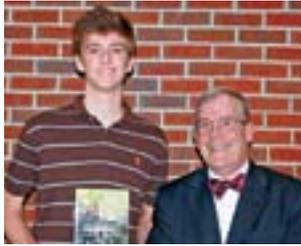
#### 8th Grade

Baty Daniel  
Nick Dunn  
Andrew Elsagr  
Jack Hawkins  
Brad Jarratt  
August Klinke  
Ashish Kumar  
Ahmed Latif  
Kamar Mack  
William Merriman  
Jerry Oates  
Joseph Preston  
Michael Reddoch  
Andrew Shelton  
Griffin Wilson  
Connor Wright  
Yunhua Zhao

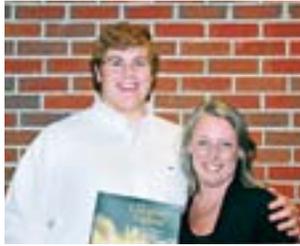
#### 7th Grade

Beck Blake  
Ben Daniel  
Matthew Davidoff  
Dawson Davis  
Nathan Dinh  
Dylan Echlin  
Ian Fitzhenry  
Matt Fuess  
Andrew Green  
Cole Harrison  
Jim House  
Henry Keel  
Cameron Lakin  
Jason Lin  
Eric Makapugay  
Mac McArtor  
Will McAtee  
Mac McHugh  
Murray Morrison  
Max Murray  
William Rantzow  
Ethan Schaffer  
Reid Smith  
Henry T. Stratton  
Alex Taylor  
Colin Threlkeld  
Kevin Tu  
Jordan Wallace  
Grant Webb

## Book Awards and Special Honors



Danny Galvin  
Sewanee Award for Excellence in Writing



Britt Colcough  
Jefferson Book Award



Eli Goldstein  
Dartmouth Club Book Award



Mark Sorenson  
Yale Book Award



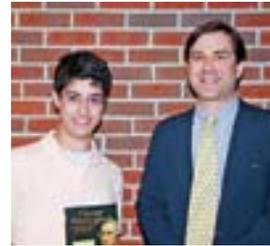
Garrott Graham  
Randall Ash Perkins Memorial Award



Andrew Renshaw  
Rhodes College Book Award



Richard Twardzik  
DAR Good Citizenship Award



George Ormseth  
Washington and Lee University Book Award



Garrott Graham  
Wellford Leadership Award

## Senior Awards



James Akers  
French Award



Shea Gabrielleschi  
Art Award



Alex Jarratt  
William D. Jemison III Award for Excellence  
in Dramatics



Joseph Levy  
Brescia Award for Unselfish Service in Dramatics



Clint Montgomery  
Spanish Award



Matt Montsinger, Jianyin Roachell, and  
John Edwards  
Choral Music Award for Excellence



Russell Scott and  
Kevin Szymkowicz (not pictured)  
English Award



Carson Smith  
Spanish Award, Christa Green Warner  
Mathematics Award



Mason Soun  
Wayne E. Duff Latin Award



Drew Thibado  
Margaret Owen Catmur Science Award



Richard Twardzik  
Russell Johnson Creative Writing Award,  
Religion Award,  
Distinguished Community Service Award,  
Al Wright Christian Character Award



Aaron Wolf  
History Award



Chase Schoelkopf, Paul Trowbridge Gillespie Scholar-Athlete Award  
Henry Dickinson, James R. Haygood III Best All-Around Athlete Award  
Richard Twardzik, Al Wright Christian Character Award

# IT'S AN HONOR

## Honor Societies Welcome New Members

### National Honor Society

Attaining membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can come to a high school student. Juniors and seniors who have at least a 3.75 cumulative weighted GPA are reviewed by a selection committee for strong evidence of scholarship, character, service, and leadership while at MUS. The committee uses student activity forms and leadership/service questionnaires prepared by the candidates, as well as faculty recommendations and evaluations.

Obaid Anwar  
Mac Armour  
Townes Buford  
Britt Colcolough  
Daniel Cunningham  
Jackson Darr  
Rob Dickinson  
John Edwards  
Nathan Feler  
Will Forsythe  
Charlie Freeburg  
Scott Freeburg  
Danny Galvin  
Daniel Garrett  
Eli Goldstein  
Garrott Graham  
Michael Green  
Jake Greenstein  
William Hammond  
Wil Hergenrader  
Anthony Hodges  
Joe Hoffsummer  
Morgan Hunt  
Taylor Jordan  
Jonathan Kim  
Matthias Leung  
Daniel McLeod  
Witt Meloni  
Ashish Nathani  
John Newman  
George Ormseth  
Russell Scott  
Billy Simco  
Mark James Sorensen  
Jack Stukenborg  
Drew Thibado  
Ross Warner  
Andrew Wilensky  
Aaron Wolf

### Red and Blue Society

The purpose of the Red and Blue Society is to recognize senior students who, in their campus involvement, have demonstrated outstanding leadership and/or service. A faculty committee appointed by the administration receives nominations from the faculty, the senior class, and the administration and recommends qualified students to the headmaster for approval.

Mac Armour  
Forrest Baty  
Chris Carter  
Sam Cox  
William Cross  
James Davies  
John Dicken  
Henry Dickinson  
Rob Dickinson  
John Edwards  
Zach Erickson  
Landon Finney  
Shea Gabrielleschi  
Blake Hennessey  
William Hepner  
John Hudson  
Alex Jarratt  
Kenny Johnson  
Clifton Jordan  
Taylor Jordan  
Jack Klug  
Joseph Levy  
Jerry B. Martin  
Britt McGuire  
Witt Meloni  
Clint Montgomery  
Matt Montsinger  
Joey Notowich  
Philip Overton  
Anand Patel  
Jianyin Roachell  
Joel Saslawsky  
Chase Schoelkopf  
Russell Scott  
Max Sheppard  
Carson Smith  
Mason Soun  
Kevin Szymkowicz  
Scooter Taylor  
Avery Tosi  
Richard Twardzik  
David Ursic  
J.P. Wheeler

### Foreign Language Honor Societies

Instructors in the Foreign Language Department recognize students who have excelled in the study of French, Latin, and Spanish through three national language honorary societies: *Société Honoraire de Français*, *Latin Honor Society*, and *Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica*. The modern language societies reserve membership for those who have completed a minimum of five semesters of study. The *Latin Honor Society* bestows membership on students who qualify at each level of study. The faculty considers academic achievement as well as a student's enthusiasm for the subject and his classroom comportment in choosing honorees each year.

### Latin Honor Society

Jared Ashkenaz  
Charles Belina  
James Belina  
Shivam Bhakta  
David Blankenship  
Alex Carruthers  
Elliott Collins  
Baty Daniel  
Jeff Daniel  
Nick Dunn  
Andrew Elsagr  
Will Farnsworth  
Nathan Franklin  
Chris Galvin  
Danny Galvin  
Matthew Gayoso  
Eli Goldstein  
Robert Gooch  
Kyle Gossett  
Garrott Graham

Jack Gray  
John Grayson  
Michael Green  
Salman Haque  
Reed Harrison  
Jack Hawkins  
Witt Hawkins  
Wil Hergenrader  
Jack Hirschman  
William Hoehn  
Carson House  
Alex Jarratt  
Farhan Kathawala  
Tal Keel  
A.J. Kharbanda  
Jonathan Kim  
Peyton Klawinski  
Ashish Kumar  
William Lamb  
Ahmed Latif  
Walker Lee  
Kamar Mack  
Nicholas Manley  
Bennett Mercer  
William Merriman  
Andrew Miller  
Leshan Moodley  
Jerry Oates  
Richard Ouyang  
Stephen Pacheco  
James Prather  
Andrew Raves  
Hurston Reed  
Andrew Renshaw  
Preston Roberts  
Nick Schwartz  
Aditya Shah  
Amit Shah  
Sam Shankman  
Marshall Sharp  
Hamid Shirwany  
Edward Simpson  
Matt Stephens  
Grant Stevenson

Garret Sullivan  
Sherman Tabor  
Sylvester Tate  
Richard Twardzik  
Tejvir Vaghela  
Nathan Vogt  
Ross Warner  
J.P. Wheeler  
Andrew Wilensky  
Andrew Griffin Wilson  
Ben Zambetti  
Yunhua Zhao  
Jeffrey Zheng

### Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Obaid Anwar  
Ali Ayoub  
Max Barzel  
David Brandon  
Nathan Feler  
William George  
Spencer Gruber  
Sam Henke  
Carson House  
Taylor Mays  
Ashish Nathani  
George Ormseth  
Nicholas Rouse  
Lane Sally  
Jack Shawkey  
Mark Sorensen  
Nate Utkov  
Max Weiss  
Tate Yawn

### Société Honoraire de Français

Constantine Cui  
Charlie Freeburg  
Scott Freeburg  
Healy Fuess  
Daniel McLeod  
Alex Weinstein



New inductees to the Red and Blue Society

### History Honor Society

Members of the History Department may nominate students at the sophomore level or above for induction into the History Honor Society. A student must have a solid academic performance in history courses with an 85 average or better. He must demonstrate intellectual curiosity in the field, an understanding of interrelationships of historical processes, a love of the discipline, and a pursuit of historical understanding beyond that required by the curriculum. Induction is based on majority vote of the members of the History Department faculty.

- James Akers
- Max Barzel
- David Brandon
- Jackson Darr
- Rob Dickinson
- Scott Freeburg
- Danny Galvin
- Eli Goldstein
- Garrott Graham
- Jake Greenstein
- William Hammond
- Ethan Landau
- Daniel McLeod
- Conor Miller
- Matt Montsinger
- John Newman
- George Ormseth
- Mark Sorensen
- Kevin Szymkowicz
- Drew Thibado
- Richard Twardzik
- Alex Weinstein

### Mu Alpha Theta

The purpose of Mu Alpha Theta, an international honorary mathematics club, is to stimulate interest in mathematics by providing public recognition of superior mathematical scholarship and by promoting competitive activities. Membership is reserved for those who have maintained superior scholarship in mathematics over a minimum of five semesters and who have demonstrated an exceptional aptitude and enthusiasm for the pursuit of knowledge in the field of mathematics.

- James Akers
- Shivam Bhakta
- Tony Bui

- Chris Carter
- Jeff Daniel
- Rob Dickinson
- Matthew Gayoso
- Salman Haque
- William Hoehn
- Alex Jarratt
- William Lamb
- Hunter McLendon
- Ashish Nathani
- Ben Ormseth
- Andrew Renshaw
- Nick Schwartz
- Garret Sullivan
- Tejvir Vaghela

### Quill and Scroll

Membership in Quill and Scroll, an international honorary society for high school journalists, is bestowed upon those students who satisfy the high academic requirements of the national organization and receive the recommendation of a faculty member for superior work in some phase of journalism or school publications.

- James Belina
- David Brandon
- Britt Colcolough
- Danny Galvin
- Garrott Graham
- Davis Howe
- Morgan Hunt
- Jarrett Jackson
- Srujan Jampana Raju
- A.J. Kharbanda
- Conor Miller
- Ashish Nathani
- John Prather
- Jazz Singh
- Mark Sorensen
- Scotter Taylor
- Wyatt Whicker

### Societas Caritatis

During the 2008-09 school year, Drew Cornaghié '09, past president of the Civic Service Organization, conceived the Societas Caritatis, meaning Society of Charity, to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding charitable leadership and/or service to the local community. The CSO sets the requirements for membership, and the CSO Executive Board selects the inductees.

- Charles Belina
- Townes Buford
- Britt Colcolough



New Springfield Scholars

- Drew Connors
- John Dicken
- Charlie Freeburg
- Scott Freeburg
- Daniel Harris
- John Hudson
- Daniel McLeod
- Joey Notowich
- George Ormseth
- Lane Sally
- Drew Stevenson
- Jack Stukenborg
- Tate Yawn

### Wilson Society

The Wilson Society was established to give seniors an opportunity to demonstrate their full grasp of the seven tenets of the MUS Community Creed – Truth and Honor, Scholarship, Service, Respect, Humility, Involvement, and Accountability. Celebrating the legacy of longtime MUS supporter and friend, the late Kemmons Wilson, the Wilson Society recognizes seniors, juniors, and sophomores who are committed to leadership and service.

- Charles Belina
- Tripp Crews
- Jake Eissler
- Chris Fiedler
- Jake Greenstein
- Buckner Hasenmueller
- William Hammond
- Daniel Harris
- Tal Keel
- Mitchell Marino
- Chima Onwuka
- George Ormseth
- Wil Rainer
- Lane Sally
- Drew Stevenson
- Andrew Wilensky
- Tate Yawn

### Springfield Scholars

Named in memory of the first Lower School principal, Mr. John Murry Springfield, the Springfield Scholars is the most elite Lower School honor society. The society requires an eighth-grade student to be in the top 10 percent of his class academically and to have demonstrated character consistent with the high standards of the school's Honor Code and Community Creed. Each of these students received a scholarship to the ninth grade.

- Andrew Elsagr
- Will Farnsworth
- Robert Gooch
- Jack Gray
- Jack Hirschman
- Ahmed Latif
- Jerry Oates
- Richard Ouyang
- Matt Stephens
- Sherman Tabor
- Griffin Wilson
- Yunhua Zhao
- Jeffrey Zheng

### The Order of the Owl

The Order of the Owl honors seventh graders with a 93 cumulative weighted average and eighth graders with a 90 cumulative weighted average at the third quarter who also display exemplary conduct and character.

### New Eighth-Grade Scholars

- Nick Dunn
- Jack Hawkins
- Brad Jarratt
- Ashish Kumar
- William Merriman
- Preston Roberts
- Connor Wright

### Eighth-Grade Second-Year Scholars

- Mitchell Apollonio
- Alex Carruthers
- Baty Daniel
- August Klinke
- Walker Lee
- Kamar Mack
- Nicholas Manley
- Michael Reddoch
- Hamid Shirwany

### Seventh-Grade Scholars

- Sam Bartz
- Chandler Clayton
- Forest Colerick
- Tucker Colerick
- David Dabov
- Witt Fesmire
- Tom Fowlkes
- Philip Freeburg
- Cole Harrison
- Austin Hord
- Henry Keel
- Grayson Lee
- Jason Lin
- Eric Makapugay
- Saatvik Mohan
- Murray Morrison
- Patrick Murphy
- Patton Orr
- Russell Sands
- Ethan Schaffer
- Daniel Tancredi
- Colin Threlkeld



# The Arts

## Fine Arts Updates



(left to right) Philip Overton, Russell Scott, and Stephen Valentine present the Elvis portrait to George Klein, friend of Elvis and host on Sirius XM's Elvis Radio.



Nicholas Vergos made a variation of a table with claw and ball legs: his plaster tabletop is supported by four copies of his forearm and fist.

### *Sculpture Class* by Mr. Jim Buchman

Students continued work on a two-part casting project. In the first part, detailed in the May issue of *Inside MUS*, students used molds to create positive plaster replicas of their hands. In the second and more elaborate part, the students made multiple-use molds out of these positives using rubber and plaster.

Each student divided his plaster hand in half with a clay wall. Liquid rubber, which becomes a flexible semi-solid after curing, was then brushed on one side of the positive. A plaster "mother mold" was formed over the cured rubber to support it. The project was turned over, and the clay wall was removed. The process was repeated on the other side. Next, the plaster halves and then the rubber halves were removed from the plaster positive, which was set aside. All four pieces were fitted back together, creating a void that was filled with plaster and de-molded. This process was repeated to create the number of positives desired. These multiple hands were then carved and assembled to complete a final project.

### *Printmaking Class* by Mr. Grant Burke

Students added three new faces to the Memphis Legends Portrait Series. Started in the spring of 2009, this series recognizes and rewards individuals who have inspired Memphians and helped make our city a better place, all while educating students on the importance of Memphis throughout history.

In class, each student worked on a five-inch square wood block. They were challenged to fill the block with "tattoo-inspired" designs and patterns highlighting their subject's accomplishments. The result was a limited edition, multi-colored woodcut comprised of 20 blocks, printed by a collaboration of students with different visions and ideas, but one overarching goal.

The new additions to the series were Elvis Presley, Memphis Grizzlies star Rudy Gay, and rapper Yo Gotti.



Shea Gabrielleschi was awarded first place in the High School Division of the Youth and Architecture 2011 Design Competition. He is pictured with (left) Executive Director of Memphis Heritage June West and (right) Mrs. Elaine Neeley, Gabrielleschi's art teacher of eight years.



Yo Gotti, by Forrest Baty, Tony Bui, Edward Francis, Daniel Harris, John Oates, Ryan Reisner, Kevin Szymkowicz, Heath Wilder, Markus Williams, and Tate Yawn



Rudy Gay, by Toby Baker, Constantine Cui, Ivan Denson, Henry Dickinson, Drew Stevenson, Scooter Taylor, Chris Walker, Anthony Walton, and Dylan West Brown



Elvis Presley, by Blake Caummisar, J.P. DeVincenzo, John Dicken, Peter Gill, Wilson Luttrell, Philip Overton, Russell Scott, and Stephen Valentine

## Orpheum Awards by Mr. Tim Greer

Mid-South high schools gathered at the Orpheum on May 26 for the 2011 High School Musical Theater Awards. MUS competed with 27 other schools, receiving an amazing 11 nominations for *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

At the end of the black-tie event, Owls left with awards in three categories, including the biggest one of all, Outstanding Overall Production. MUS also received the award for Outstanding Scenic Design and an individual award, Outstanding Student Technical Achievement, won by senior **Joseph Levy**, which included a \$500 scholarship.

The other nominations were:

- Outstanding Technical Achievement (Overall)
- Junior **Ashish Nathani** for Supporting Actor
- Junior **Christian Patterson** for Featured Dancer and Featured Actor
- Freshman **Samuel Ostrow** and seventh grader **Tom Fowlkes** for Comedic Duo
- Sophomore **Sam Shankman** for Actor in a Leading Role
- Hutchison School's Jules Jordan for Featured Actress
- Flip Eikner and Tim Greer for Direction by a Teacher



Photo by Orpheum Theatre

Alex Jarratt accepts the award.

## Recording Arts by Mr. John Hiltonsmith

For our current Studio Band recording, John Fry '62 at Ardent Records has provided us with the original raw tracks for the Big Star song, "September Gurls." Big Star was recorded by Fry and featured MUS alumni Chris Bell '69 and Andy Hummel '69. Bands like REM and Wilco cite Big Star as an influence, and *Rolling Stone* lists "September Gurls" as No. 178 of the 500 all-time most important songs in rock.

We first transferred the digital tracks to our analog tape machine to reproduce the big, warm sound of the original analog recordings. Junior guitarist **Tiger Adams** replicated the unique sound of the mandoguitar on the original recording with half-speed recording on our tape machine. Junior **Christian Patterson** sang vocals, junior **Max Weiss** replicated the drums, and sophomore **Colin Donoghue** finished with the lead guitar tracks. We left Hummel's original bass track and backing vocals so that he could perform posthumously with his would-be future MUS band mates. In turn, our students were able to perform with a former student on one of the most important records in rock history. The final details of the project will be completed this summer. Upon mixing, Fry and the Hummel family will be sent copies. Bell had already left the band by the time the original recording was made in 1974.

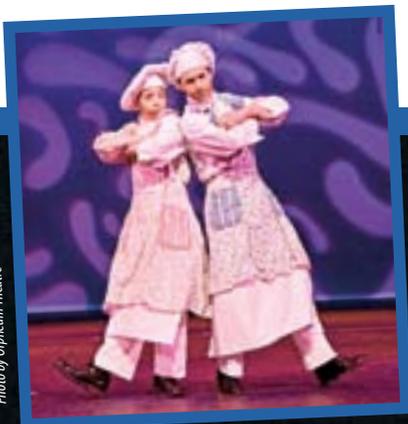


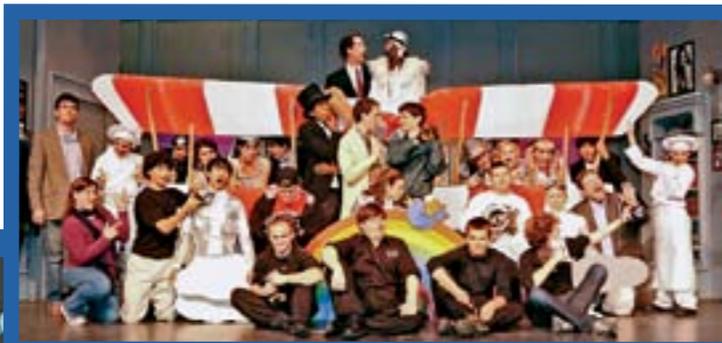
Photo by Orpheum Theatre

Samuel Ostrow and Tom Fowlkes



Photo by Orpheum Theatre

Sam Shankman



The cast and crew posed for their "wacky cast shot" for *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

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Mr. Greer and student performers celebrate their win while accepting their award for Outstanding Overall Production.

# NOTHING WINS LIKE A PIRATE

by Will Forsythe '12

Orson Welles, the director of *Citizen Kane*, once declared, “No decent, law-abiding citizen is immune to pirates. There are cowboys and Indians, gangsters and G-men, but nothing charms, nothing ingratiates, nothing *wins* like a pirate — a one-legged,

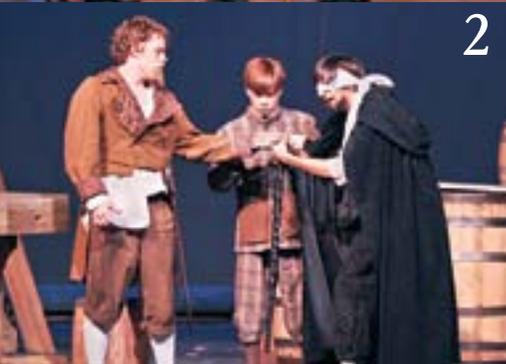
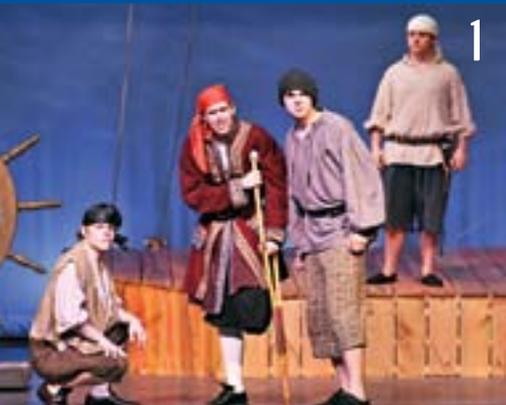


(standing, left to right) Seniors William Smythe, Hunter Krauch, Alex Jarratt, Daniel Garrett, James Davies, and (kneeling) Chris Carter celebrate the closing night of *Treasure Island*.

double-barreled buccaneer with a handkerchief on his head and a knife in his teeth.” My experience in the MUS spring production of *Treasure Island* can certainly attest to Mr. Welles’ classic statement.

I began rehearsals for *Treasure Island* in February as Israel Hands, the gruff pirate who receives his due from both of Jim Hawkins’ pistols atop the quarterdeck. Being a pirate is, of course, every young boy’s dream, and I was no exception. However, only a few days before Spring Break, Mr. Tim Greer called me into his office. I headed to the theater department, fearing the worst. When I arrived, I was amazed to discover I had been chosen to assume the larger role of Captain Smollett. I knew even then that *Treasure Island* was not going to be a typical theater experience.

1. George Marry (Chris Carter), Long John Silver (Alex Jarratt), Job Anderson (Daniel Garrett), and a lurking pirate (Hunter Krauch) make landfall.
2. Blind Pew (Ashish Nathani) slips the dreaded black spot to Billy Bones (Chris Carter) as Jim Hawkins (Samuel Ostrow) observes.
3. The on-board pirate mutiny (James Davies, Morgan Hunt, Andrew Elsagr, Will Forsythe, and Sam Shankman)
4. Dr. Livesey (Sam Shankman), Jim Hawkins (Samuel Ostrow), Captain Smollett (Will Forsythe), and Squire Trelawney (Morgan Hunt) looking out to sea
5. Israel Hands (A.J. Kharbanda), Tom Redruth (James Davies), and Joyce (Andrew Elsagr) deciding what became of Mr. Arrow (not pictured)



Photography by ShowTimeStudio.com

My *Annie Get Your Gun* days had taught me that dance choreography is strenuous and detailed, but I quickly learned that it is nothing compared to fight choreography. Of course, a show revolving around pirates could not be complete without swordfights, and *Treasure Island* featured a multitude of clanging, sword-to-sword action. Although it may have looked spontaneous, each move was carefully choreographed and relentlessly practiced to perfection.

As opening night loomed, we all began to comprehend how momentous the show truly would be. Props, costumes, accents, lines, and so much more personified the adventurous atmosphere, but the effect would not have been the same without the spectacular set. As a student in Mr. Robert Fudge's seventh-period Theater Production class, I had a unique "man-behind-the-curtain" experience. The hands-on work of building the set gave me a new respect for the many intricacies of the show's setting. Because the show is split among a tavern, a ship, and an island,

permanent sets were impossible to build. Instead, most pieces served dozens of purposes, oftentimes switching from pirate object to British sailor object. For example, the octagonal capstan served as a table in the Admiral Benbow Inn, in Long John Silver's Spyglass Inn, and on board the Hispaniola.

Opening night arrived, and with it came the usual butterflies and innocent mistakes. However, each night the cast became more confident and the performances were stronger. Our final night was a true buccaneer adventure, and every single person could feel the energy that was alive on stage.

It was a great privilege to be part of *Treasure Island*, and I know my fellow cast members would agree. However, the production wouldn't have been possible without the tireless efforts of Mr. Greer, Mr. Fudge, Mr. John Hiltonsmith, and the entire tech and running crews. To them we owe a fantastic run.

And, yes, pirates really do win, at least on stage.



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The cast and crew takes a "wacky cast shot" during photography night. (front row, left to right) Sam Shankman, Ashish Nathani, Tom Fowlkes, Hunter Krauch, Joseph Levy, Cale Carson, Chris Carter, Doug McClew, Billy Simco, and Walker Thompson, (back row, left to right) Will Forsythe, A.J. Kharbanda, Morgan Hunt, William Smythe, Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby, Samuel Ostrow, Alex Jarratt, Daniel Garrett, James Davies, Paul Stevenson, and Andrew Elsagr



# Sports Buzzy

## 2011 Varsity FOOTBALL SEASON

Aug. 19	Ensworth at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	Kingsbury at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	MUS at South Panola	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Central High at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	MUS at Olive Branch	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	East High at MUS (Homecoming)	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	CBHS at MUS	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	MUS at SBA	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	White Station at MUS	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	MUS at Briarcrest	7:00 p.m.



# A DOMINATING TENNIS PROGRAM

## Young Team Plays Well, Sharp Claims Second State Title

Every season, Varsity Head Coach Bill Taylor, his assistant Mr. Phil Chamberlain, and the tennis team have one main goal: to win the state title. And frequently, the Owls accomplish their goal, having won 13 team state championships, the second most of any school in the state, and having taken 13 doubles and eight singles titles overall. Undoubtedly, the tennis Owls are one of the most dominant programs in the state.

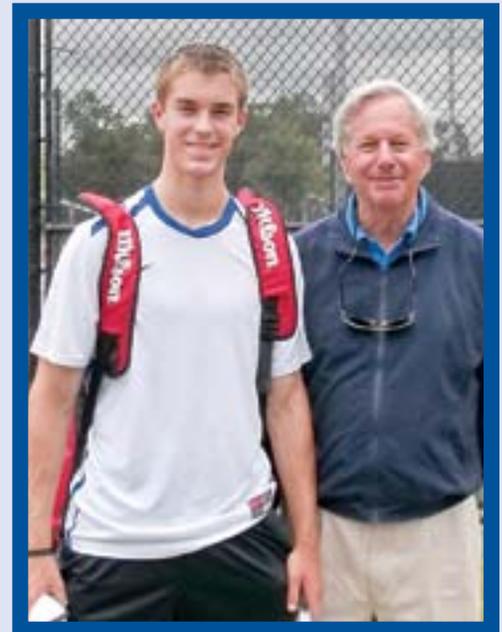
Two reasons why MUS is so successful in tennis are the players' dedication and talent. This year was no different, and the team performed well even though the Owls had only two seniors on the roster.

Seniors **J.P. DeVincenzo** and **Jack Klug** had been in the varsity program since they were freshmen and had played good tennis throughout high school. They brought quality leadership to the underclassmen with their businesslike approach, and they were important members of the squad during their four years in the program.

Yet to be successful, underclassmen had to play vital roles, and the younger players performed very well all year.

Juniors on the squad included **Healy Fuess**, **William George**, **Jake Greenstein**, and **Alex Weinstein**. The sophomore class was well represented with **Colin Donoghue**, **Brian Ringel**, **Frederick Scharff**, and **Marshall Sharp**. The seven freshmen on the squad included **Jacob Birnbaum**, **Michael Birnbaum**, **Alec Carro**, **Tully Dicken**, **Davis Owen**, **Walker Sims**, and **Hunter Varner**.

As always, the schedule was very challenging, and the Owls played some of the best teams in the South. They began at the DecoTurf High School Tennis Team Championships in Louisville, KY.



State Champion Marshall Sharp and Coach Bill Taylor



Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik

J.P. DeVincenzo

At this prestigious event, the Owls claimed fifth place as they went 3-1, defeating rival Montgomery Bell Academy in the final game.

Returning to Memphis, the Owls went up against some of the best teams in the area and beat them all. MUS battled local teams Briarcrest Christian School, Christian Brothers High School, St. Benedict at Auburndale High School, and St. George's Independent School and out-of-town teams McCallie School from Chattanooga, St. Xavier from Louisville (KY), and University School of Jackson (TN). These tests readied the team for the postseason.

Additionally, the Owls wrapped up the regular season by participating in the Carter Invitational Tournament in Nashville, an event that allowed the team to face excellent competition. Unfortunately, the event was cut short because of rain.

At the Division II-AA West Regional Tournament the next week, the players were barely tested as they claimed their 16th consecutive regional championship. Fuess and Jacob Birnbaum won the doubles regional championship and claimed the top seed from the West at the upcoming state tournament. The doubles team of George and DeVincenzo also advanced to state action. In singles, Sharp and Sims advanced to play at the state tournament.

With the regional team title, the Owls had the first seed from the West in the state tournament and faced Brentwood Academy in the quarterfinals. The Eagles competed well but fell to the Owls, 7-0.

Perennial power Baylor School from Chattanooga, the only school with more team tennis championships than MUS, was the Owls' opponent in the semifinals. In the postseason, play began with doubles action, and the first school to win two out of three matches took the doubles point. Baylor grabbed that first point when the Owls' teams (George, DeVincenzo and Sims, Jacob Birnbaum) lost to the Red Raiders. In singles action, the Owls were very competitive in all four matches, but won only one as Sims handled his opponent, 6-2, 6-3. Baylor's three singles wins gave them the four points needed to advance. The Owls finished the team season at 12-2 overall.

Despite losing the team state title, MUS was not shut out, as Sharp



Jack Klug

won his second consecutive singles state championship. As the No. 2 seed out of the West, Sharp dropped only one set in his quest for the title. He was pushed in the semifinals against the top seed out of the Mid-East, Palmer Campbell of MBA. Sharp won the first set, 6-3, but dropped the second to send the match to a tiebreaker. Here, Sharp's will prevailed as he triumphed in the tiebreaker, 10-3, to advance. In the finals, Sharp faced his toughest match, but his experience and drive helped him overcome his McCallie opponent, 7-5, 6-4, as he came back from 2-4 in the second set to win the final four games and claim his second individual state title.

Taylor was proud of his sophomore.

"Marshall Sharp has the potential to be one of the best ever in the program. Even though he's good now, he has the size and strokes to continue to get better, and he is also very competitive mentally. He could help a big-time Division I college program in several years," he said.

The Owls also had an opportunity to win the doubles championship as the team of Fuess and Jacob Birnbaum cruised into the finals, dropping only three games in their first two matches. However, an MBA team beat them in the finals, 7-5, 6-2, to claim the title.

Despite falling in the semifinals in team play, Taylor was pleased with the season and what the future holds.

"This is one of the youngest teams we have ever had, but also one of the most talented. We played some great matches, especially in the beginning of the year, even though we didn't end the season as we had expected. Regardless, the future's really bright for this group," he said.

Though the team will miss its two seniors, the Owls will once again be a major player on the state level next season. Taylor and his assistant, Chamberlain, know that next year's squad has the talent and the dedication to be very successful and continue the dominance of the school's tennis program.

## **The Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps**

### **Boys Tennis Overall Winner:**

Marshall Sharp

### **Tennis Coach of the Year:**

Bill Taylor

### **Private Schools Team:**

Jacob Birnbaum, J.P. DeVincenzo, Colin Donoghue, Healy Fuess, William George, Marshall Sharp, and Walker Sims

### **Individual Finalists:**

Marshall Sharp, Walker Sims



(left to right) Walker Sims, Michael Birnbaum, J.P. DeVincenzo, Healy Fuess, Marshall Sharp, and Jacob Birnbaum at the state tennis tournament in Murfreesboro

# Varsity Baseball Season

## *Exciting and Brimming With Rivalry Tension*

by Mr. Dev Varma '07

When junior **Brayden Phillips** came to MUS this past year, he sensed immediately that the Owls knew where they had been and where they wanted to go.

“The coaches and seniors made it clear throughout the year that they not only wanted to go back to the state championship, but they wanted to win it this year,” he said.

The Owls' baseball season was an exciting one. Not only was it filled with 27 wins, but it was also brimming with the tension of a long-standing rivalry with Christian Brothers High School.

The Owls started their season hot, winning 11 straight games leading up to the crucial USA Classic Championship. After beating Houston and Bolton high schools in the tournament's early rounds, the Owls fell to Bishop Verot Catholic High School from Fort Myers, FL. They moved on to a consolation game against CBHS. In this first big meeting between the two teams, the Owls fell to the Purple Wave, 5-2.

Though they finished fourth in the tournament, which they won last year, the team pushed deeper into the season with the experience and leadership of Head Baseball Coach Johnny Beard, Assistant Coaches Kyle Finney, Bo Hart, and Chris Stewart, and nine seniors – **Forrest Baty, Blake Caummisar, William Cross, Jake Deason, Landon Finney, Jason Manis, Wells Prather, Jianyin Roachell, and Carson Smith.**

The team followed up the USA Classic with crucial regular season wins against CBHS, Briarcrest Christian School, and St. Benedict at Auburndale High School. The Owls went into the postseason as hot as they had started, winning five straight games.

In the regional tournament, the Owls faced the Purple Wave again. In the first game of the series, junior **Victor Cole** pitched well and led the Owls to an easy 4-0 victory. In the second game, the Owls clinched their second straight regional title on Deason's powerful swings. The senior brought in four runs and gave the Owls a 10-6 victory over the Purple Wave.

But it would not be the teams' last meeting.

The Owls carried their regional success deep into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association tournament, winning another seven straight games against high-caliber teams from across the state, including

St. Benedict, Ensworth School in Nashville, and Brentwood Academy.

An 11-3 victory over Chattanooga's Baylor School launched the Owls into their second straight state championship game and pitted them for the seventh time against their crosstown rivals, CBHS, who had given them fits all season.

“Our team was on a mission to get MUS its first baseball state championship, but that required us to beat CBHS twice in one day,” Phillips said.

In the first game, CBHS scored quickly to take a 4-1 lead into the seventh inning. With one out and two players on base, sophomore **Dalton Dulin** swung for the fences.

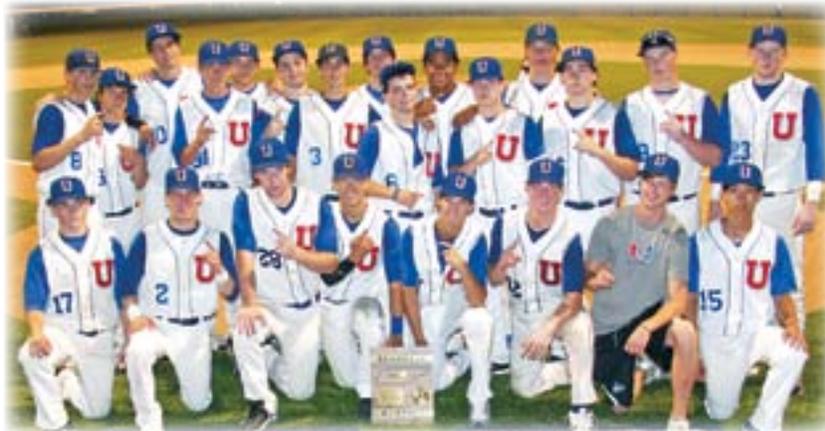
He almost cleared them.

Instead of getting the necessary runs to tie up the game, the Owls were faced with a two-run deficit and only one out to spare. Unfortunately, a popped fly ball to center field meant a third out and another loss to the Purple Wave, 4-2.

But junior **Spencer Gruber** said that the team is as excited as ever about the future of MUS baseball.

“We consider our playoff run to be a great one. But, having come up just one game short for the second year in a row, it leaves a bit of a bitter taste in our mouths. We believe that we have a good shot of putting ourselves in a position to win state next year.”

The 2010-2011 baseball team also included juniors **Edward Francis, Daniel Harris, Wil Hergenrader, and Holt Perdsock** and sophomores **Matt Bolton, Andrew Plunkett, Jordan Rodgers, and Shane Tucker.**



### ***The Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps***

#### **Private Schools Team:**

Victor Cole, Landon Finney, Jason Manis, Holt Perdsock, and Jordan Rodgers

#### **Individual Finalist:**

Victor Cole

Varsity Head Coach Bobby Alston approached this year's track season with the understanding that his team's youth would make it difficult to compete at the state level. At the same time, he was excited by the immense talent and dedication that was apparent in the group. Alston was not to be disappointed, because the team's hard work and determination earned the Owls fourth place at the regional meet and ninth place at the state meet. These solid accomplishments were made more impressive by the fact that underclassmen earned every point the Owls scored in the two postseason meets.

"This team shows a lot of promise for the future. We have every point back from our regional meet and some great young talent," said Alston.

As he has done for the past 11 years, Mr. Joe Tyler handled all of the team's distance runners. Seniors **Cale Carson, Shea Gabrielleschi, and Avery Tosi** showed good leadership to the large group of younger runners. The underclassmen included juniors **Charles Belina, Danny Galvin, John Oates, Chris Walker and Markus Williams**; sophomores **James Belina, Tripp Crews, Buckner Hasenmueller, William Mann, Austin Riggins, Mac Trammell, and Jonathan Wilfong**; and freshmen **Will Prater, Cole Stockstill, and Tejvir Vaghela**. These young runners showed a great deal of talent and, more importantly, the dedication to work in the offseason to become more significant contributors in the future.

Mr. Orlando McKay and Mr. Ross Rutledge '02 were in charge of the equally talented sprinters, hurdlers, and jumpers. The group's lone senior, **Michael Glenn**, set the example for juniors **Alex Dale, Nathan Franklin, David Lee, Mitchell**

**Marino, Christian Patterson, John Sousoulas, and Trip Underwood**. The sophomores were led by **Dustin Conway**, winner of the 2011 Robert Hussey Track MVP Award. Conway anchored the 4-by-100 meter and 4-by-200 meter relay teams, both of which qualified for state, and was one of the best 100-meter and 200-meter sprinters in the region. Other sophomores who played key roles on the team were **Jak Kinney, Edward Lake, Josh Patterson, James Rantzow, Andrew Renshaw, Alex Weaver, and Will Whitley**. Freshmen sprinters, hurdlers, and jumpers included **Berry Brooks, Josh Dixon, Josh Hawkins, Trey Moore, Devin Perry, Anthony Walton, and Harrison Williams**.

Mr. Johnny Jones is already eagerly anticipating next season, which will see the return of all of his throwers from this year. This group includes juniors **Ben Benton, Britt Colcolough, Ben Still, Nicholas Vergos, and Jace Watkins**; sophomores **Arbre Jones, Sylvester Tate, and DJ Walker**; and freshmen **B.J. Lewis, Dennis Parnell, and Malik Smith**. These throwers, who improved steadily over the season, will be an important component of the team's quest for another state championship.

Being the smallest group and often competing last on the field, Alston's pole vaulters are sometimes overlooked. The coaches, however, know how important this group is, and MUS has historically had some of the best vaulters in the region. Senior **Sam Cox**, junior **Eli Goldstein**, and sophomores **Fraser Humphreys and Farhan Kathawala** upheld this tradition, working hard to deliver good seasons.

The team's 2011 season began with a good performance at the Bonner Relays, held in late April at Harding Academy. Other events on the schedule included the Houston Track Classic and the Collierville Dragon Relays. The Owls also hosted three meets, competing against local teams like Bishop Byrne High School, Briarcrest Christian School, Christian Brothers High School, Evangelical Christian School, Germantown High School, St. Benedict at Auburndale High School, and St. George's Independent School.

After the regular season, the Owls once again hosted the Division II West Region Meet, where several team members' performances qualified them for the state meet. The 4-by-100 meter relay team (Conway, Dale, Rantzow, and Kinney) and the 4-by-200 meter relay team (Conway, Dale, Rantzow, and Whitley) both won regional titles.

Other state qualifiers included Conway in the 200-meter dash, Humphreys in the pole vault, Sousoulas in the long jump, and Williams in the high jump.

At the state meet, held one week later at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, this group of Owls compiled 25 team points and finished ninth overall. The 4-by-100 team finished second with a time of 43.68 seconds, while the 4-by-200 team finished fourth with a time of 1:31.65. In the 200-meter, Conway earned a tie for sixth with a time of 23.11. The Owls also performed ably in the field events. Sousoulas finished fifth in the long jump, Williams secured fifth in the high jump, and Humphreys claimed seventh in the pole vault.

Even though the Owls did not contend for team championships this season, Alston was still pleased with the year.

With the returning varsity athletes and a talented group of rising ninth graders, it is easy to understand Alston's enthusiasm for the track program.

## UNFLAGGING UNDERCLASSEMEN

### *A Solid Season for Varsity Track*



*Jak Kinney handing the baton to Alex Dale*

Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik



*Fraser Humphreys*

Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik

### **The Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps**

#### **Private Schools Team:**

Dustin Conway, Fraser Humphreys, John Sousoulas, Harrison Williams

4-by-400 meter relay team

4-by-800 meter relay team

# Stalwart Soccer

## Varsity Owls Advanced to State Tournament

Varsity Head Coach Vincent Beck and his young but talented soccer team knew that contending for the state championship this year would be challenging. Despite facing a very competitive schedule and playing in a league with some of the best soccer teams in the state, the Owls still had an outstanding season. The team earned a first-round bye to the quarterfinals of the state tournament and finished with a 9-5-1 record.

Though Beck had only five seniors on the team, the underclassmen relied on these five for leadership and experience. **Joseph Levy, Britt McGuire, Matt Montsinger, Philip Overton, and Richard Twardzik** had been in the program for several years and had played in important games in past seasons. They knew how to compete in tough regional and postseason games and wanted to maintain the excellence of the school's soccer program.

Following the seniors' lead, the underclassmen also played significant roles on the

team. Juniors included **Toby Baker, William Hammond, Sam Henke, Carson House, John Newman, and Nate Utkov.** Sophomore members were **Daniel Camuti, Ashton Clark, Marshall Clark, Dobson Dunavant, Will Kaelin, David Montgomery, Bobby Scott, and Hays Westlake.**

"After losing 12 seniors the year before, I did not know what to expect from the team this season. I knew we had talent, but they lacked varsity playing experience," said Beck.

"Overall, I thought the young players came through very well this season and played a major role in the team's success. As far as the seniors go, I had a small but strong core of veteran players who were led by two excellent captains in Montsinger and McGuire, and they did a great job of preparing the younger players for their next few seasons."

After five scrimmages to prepare for the regular season, the Owls opened the year by handling a talented Germantown High School squad, 2-0. Unfortunately, they suffered their first setback in game two as they fell to University School of Nashville, 1-0, to even their record at 1-1.

But that loss sparked the Owls, and they went on to win their next three matches, defeating St. Benedict at Auburndale High School in the first regional game of the year, 2-0; Montgomery Bell Academy of Nashville at home, 3-0; and Briarcrest Christian School, another regional opponent, 4-0. With the momentum created by the three victories, the team felt prepared to face top-ranked Christian Brothers High School in their next match. Though the host Owls played well much of the game, they could muster only a 1-1 tie and their regional record stood at 2-0-1.

The next week, the Owls participated in the Rivalry Classic, which pitted teams from Arkansas and Tennessee against one another. The team went 1-2 in this four-day event, falling to St. George's Independent School and Houston High School but defeating Little Rock Catholic High School, 2-0.

Once again, Beck's boys recovered, and they won their next four games, relying particularly on solid defense. In this stretch, they held scoreless two quality non-league opponents and two regional squads. First, they beat Cordova High School, 1-0, in a very competitive match. Two days later, they defeated Kingsbury High School, the eventual state runner-up in Division I A-AA. Montgomery's goal early in the game and a solid defensive effort



Matt Montsinger



(left to right) Ashton Clark, Will Kaelin, and Marshall Clark

Photo by Mr. Jerry Galik

### The Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps

#### Private Schools Team:

Sam Henke, Will Kaelin, Britt McGuire, Matt Montsinger

against the talented Falcons allowed the Owls to take the 1-0 win.

The other two victories were particularly important, as they were against regional opponents. The team defeated both St. Benedict and Briarcrest, 3-0, wins that meant that the final regular-season game against CBHS would be for the regional title.

Unfortunately, the Purple Wave, who would ultimately advance to the Division II-AA championship game, defeated the Owls at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex, 2-1, and took the regular-season regional title. As runner-up in the region, the Owls earned a first-round bye into the state tournament and hosted their opening game.

Their opponent for that quarterfinal match was MBA, the third seed out of the Mid-East region. Playing at Webb Field, the Owls were hoping to repeat the performance they had over a month earlier when they defeated the Big Red, 3-0, but MBA tallied three goals and held off the home team, 3-2, to advance to the semifinals and end the Owls' season. Though the loss hurt, it

did not sully what the Owls accomplished this season.

Despite losing their seniors, Beck and his assistants, Mr. Todd Erickson and Mr. Billy Smith, look forward to the immense amount of young talent returning to the program. With momentum building for the soccer team, the program should be a state contender annually.



Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik

(left to right) Carson House, Toby Baker, and Nate Utikov

## Fighting Mother Nature ~ Trap Team Weathers a Tough Season

by Mr. Andrew C. Miller

The first post from this year on the trap team blog tells the story of a tumultuous season: "We were planning on starting practice Saturday, but Mother Nature had other plans." The combined threats of wintry weather, thunderstorms, and flooded fields conspired to keep the Owls from shooting for much of the season. Even though they were often unable to practice or compete, team members still had the chance to show their resilience and commitment.

As frustrating as the winter delays of January and February were, team members kept their heads about them. In March, the Owls arrived at a tournament to find wet and frigid weather. Understanding that discretion is the better part of valor, the team decided to wait for more suitable shooting conditions and withdrew.

"I think we won the intelligence portion of the competition on that day," said Head Coach Hamilton Eggers '94.

Even amidst these difficulties, the Owls were able to

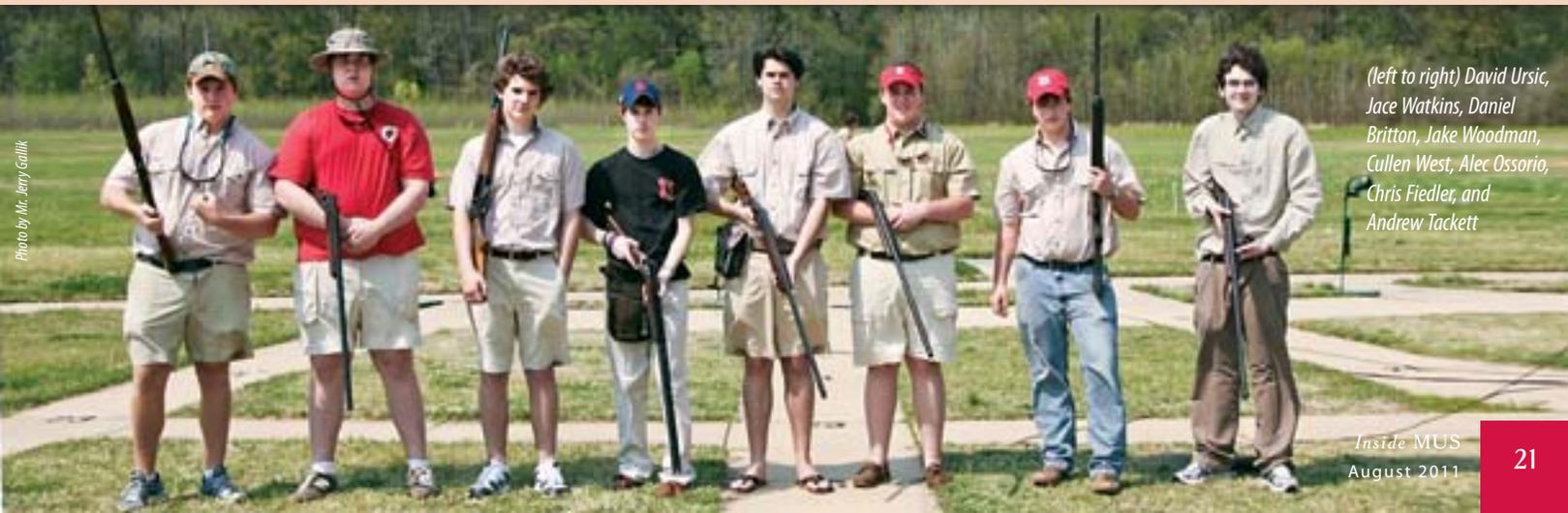
capitalize on brief periods of more welcoming weather. In an April tournament, the team had a strong showing with two varsity squads, including seniors **Andrew Tackett**, **David Ursic**, and **Cullen West**, juniors **Joe Hoffsommer** and **Jace Watkins**, and sophomores **Daniel Britton**, **Chris Fiedler**, **Alec Ossorio**, **Alex Taylor**, and **Jake Woodman**. The school was also well represented by a junior varsity squad, with freshman **Chandler Brown** taking first place among junior varsity alternates. Also on this squad were freshmen **Connor Goodwin**, **Davis Owen**, **John Richardson**, and **Will Wells**.

The good weather, however, did not last. In May, flooding at the shooting ranges at both Shelby Farms and the Memphis Sport Shooting Association forced the team to cancel its district tournament and miss a month of practice. When the regional shoot arrived on June 4, these delays and other conflicts meant that only Woodman was able to

compete. He represented the team ably, breaking 87 of 100 targets and taking second place in the varsity alternate division.

Although Woodman's score qualified him for the state shoot in Nashville, prior commitments kept him from competing. It was in some ways a fitting conclusion to the season, one more instance of potential thwarted by outside forces. The team has high hopes and ambitions for next year, which will hopefully be a little less wet.

This year's varsity squad also included seniors **Taylor Bates** and **John Hudson** and juniors **Ben Benton**, **Britt Colcough**, **Joe Morrison**, **Tunkie Saunders**, and **Trip Underwood**. The junior varsity squad included seniors **John Edwards** and **Billy Simco**, sophomores **Tripp Crews** and **Trey O'Neal**, and freshmen **John Estes**, **Will Morrison**, and **Luke Stallings**. Mr. Jonathan Large assisted Coach Eggers throughout the season.



(left to right) David Ursic, Jace Watkins, Daniel Britton, Jake Woodman, Cullen West, Alec Ossorio, Chris Fiedler, and Andrew Tackett

Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik

# MUSketeers' Season Recap

## Owls Qualified for a Record Number of National Events

by Mr. Andrew C. Miller

The fencing team started out the new year with a dominating performance at the Tennessee Division Junior Olympic Qualifiers, held in Knoxville at the beginning of January. The Owls took eight out of ten qualifying spots and only narrowly missed securing two more. Senior **Cale Carson** and sophomore **Jared Ashkenaz** both fell only one place short of qualifying in their respective epee age groups. Other fencers who did not qualify still delivered performances within the top ten, as sophomore **Aaron Clifft** did in several epee events.

This early performance set the tone for the season, one in which the Owls would distinguish themselves time and time again.

"We qualified more fencers for national events than ever before," explained Head Fencing Coach Brad Kroeker, "and we had more fencers finishing higher."

The team kept this momentum as it traveled to Nashville for the Music City Open.

Sophomore **Drew Hutson**, captain of the saber team, led the way for the Owls by taking second place in the saber competition. Other top performers were senior **Howard Choi**, who took fifth in saber; senior **Matthias Leung**, who took sixth in foil; and eighth grader **Jeffrey Zheng**, who took seventh in saber.

In February, the Owls had a strong showing at the 2011 Junior Olympic Fencing Championship, held in Dallas, TX. Hutson excelled again, taking 118th place in Cadet Men's Saber and 146th place in Junior Men's Saber. He also guided the saber team (with Choi and sophomore **Bennett Mercer**) to a 15th-place finish after a tough loss to Manhattan Fencing Center. Senior **Chase Schoelkopf**, captain of both the fencing and epee teams, finished 161st in Junior Men's Epee. He and the rest of the epee team (senior **J. P. Wheeler** and club member Grayson Harber) took 25th place after a loss to

The DC Fencing Club (Washington, DC). Junior **Mark Sorensen** fenced well as the team's only foil qualifier, and club member Abigail Aldea took 64th place in Junior Women's Epee and 91st in Cadet Women's Epee.



(left to right) Drew Hutson, Bennett Mercer, and Howard Choi at the Junior Olympics in Dallas

These impressive performances inspired Kroeker to wax poetic on the team's development.

*"We travelled last weekend by train, plane, and car, We saw some of Dallas while chasing that star. We may not have conquered in the opinion of some, But by conquering 'self' we start to become ..."*

Early in March, the Owls' saber fencers had the opportunity to shine in a meet against the Cheney Fencing School from Franklin. Owls swept the top five spots in the individual event, with Hutson in first, Choi in second, eighth graders **Nick DiMento** and Zheng tied in third, and Mercer in fifth. These fencers were equally dominant in the team event, defeating the Cheney fencers, 45-12. The Owls also faced Christian Brothers High School in a similar meet, with Carson taking second and Wheeler taking third in the individual epee event.

Later on in the month, the Owls also participated in the Tennessee

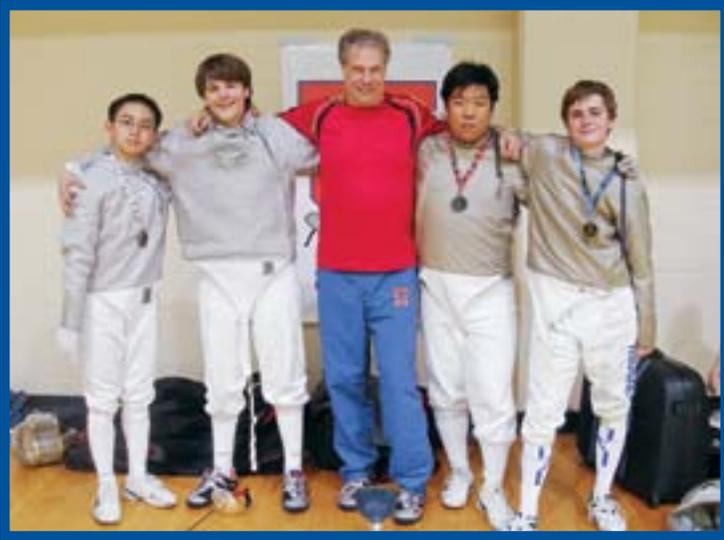


(left to right) Jeffrey Zheng and Howard Choi warm up in the practice round of a competition in the Todd-Snowden Gymnasium.

Division's qualifier for the USA Fencing Summer National Championships, held at CBHS on March 26. Hutson was the team's top finisher, placing second in Division II/III Men's Saber, while Carson placed third in Division II/III Men's Epee. The Owls were also able to qualify a pair of Y-14 (under the age of 14) fencers for the first time, DiMento in saber and epee and seventh grader **Kevin Tu** in foil. Also qualifying were the Owls' teams in saber, epee, and foil. Club fencers Aldea (Division II/III Women's

Epee) and Harber (Division II Men's Epee) also qualified.

On April 9, the Owls traveled to Nashville to compete in both the Dean Richard Open and the Tennessee Secondary School Saber Championships, both



(left to right) Jeffrey Zheng, Bennett Mercer, Coach Brad Kroeker, Howard Choi, and Drew Hutson

held at Vanderbilt University. Hutson took second in the Dean Richard Open, losing only to Chris Cheney of Cheney Fencing, a former national team member and junior national champion. Following Hutson were Choi in third, Mercer in sixth, and Zheng in ninth.

In the Saber Championships, the Owls capped off their strong season with one last round of impeccable performances. Hutson claimed first place in the state, followed by Choi in second, Zheng in third, and Mercer in sixth. And in the team event, these four fencers defeated three other schools to become state champions.

Not to be outdone, the Owls' foilists delivered at the Tennessee Secondary School Foil Championships, held in Chattanooga on April 16. The foil team, led by Leung and including junior Mark Sorensen, freshman **Doug McClew**, and Zheng, fenced well in the championships, but the foilists' standout performances were in individual events. Zheng claimed third place in the state, while Leung took sixth and Sorensen took seventh.

Finally, the epee team was able to compete at home when MUS hosted the Tennessee Secondary School Epee Championships on April 30. With eight schools participating, the epeeists were up against stiff competition, but Carson and Wheeler managed to claim fifth and seventh places, respectively. In the team event, Carson, Wheeler, Ashkenaz, sophomore **Ben Taylor**, and freshman **Andy Sorensen** narrowly lost to CBHS in a difficult match. Down in a 5-10 hole halfway through the match, the Owls made a valiant comeback to nearly even the score at 10-11 before being edged out, 10-13.

Balancing excellent individual performances with solid team efforts, the MUSketeers delivered an impressive season. Although the senior fencers will be missed, the team will retain a number of

outstanding underclassmen and is set to perform even better in the coming year.

#### First Team USA Fencing All-Academic Team:

Jared Ashkenaz, Bennett Mercer,  
Andy Sorensen, and Mark Sorensen

## LOWER SCHOOL TENNIS

### *Sweeps the Season*

Under the leadership of Head Coach Trey Suddarth, the Lower School tennis team continued its Shelby League dominance and again finished the year undefeated, winning both the singles and doubles titles in the postseason tournament.

The Owls finished the regular season 6-0, easily defeating Briarcrest Christian School, Collierville Middle School, Evangelical Christian School, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, St. George's Independent School, and Woodland Presbyterian School.

Then, in the Shelby League tournament, the team swept all spots in the finals.

In singles action, eighth grader **Spencer Richey** handled his opponent to take the singles championship. And in the doubles bracket, the duo of eighth graders **Paul LaHue** and **Matt Stephens** triumphed over eighth graders **Arnav Thakur** and **Michael Reddoch** to win the title.

Other eighth graders on the squad who contributed to the successful season included **Michael Apple**, **Andres Carro**, **Alex Carruthers**, **Walker Lee**, **Daniel Nathan**, **Ethan Pretsch**, **Christian Schneider**, and **Zach Walker**. Seventh graders included **Edward Apple**, **Matt Fuess**, **Edwin Gully**, **Austin Hord**, **Jack Lewis**, **Eric Makapugay**, **Stephen Ogle**, **Jack Richman**, **Henry Stratton**, and **Alex Taylor**.

# Track and Field Owls Claim Championship

## *An Undefeated Regular Season and a New School Record*

**H**ead Coach Matt Bakke and assistants Mr. Jesse Husseth '03 and Mr. Glenn Rogers led the Lower School track and field team through an undefeated year. The Owls won their four regular-season meets, going 15-0 and handily claiming the title in the Shelby League Championship Meet.

The team was led by a strong group of field participants. Eighth graders **Jack Gray** (discus), **Rashad Orange** (high jump), **Drew Richmond** (shot put), **Preston White** (high jump), and **Gaines Whittington** (long jump) and seventh graders **Bradley Foley** (long jump) and **David Nelson** (discus) all scored team points at the championship meet.

Owl sprinters also had a solid year and contributed much to the team's success. Individual runners who earned points for the team at the Shelby League Meet included eighth graders **Christopher Davis** (200-meter dash), **Nick Dunn** (100-meter dash, 200 meter), **MaLeik Gatewood** (100 meter), **Orange** (100-meter hurdles), and **Whittington** (100-meter hurdles), and seventh graders **Foley** (400-meter

dash) and **Terrell Jackson** (400 meter). Gatewood won the 100 meter, and Jackson set a new school record by winning the 400 meter, posting a time of 53.70 seconds.

Two relay teams also won their events. The 4-by-100 meter relay team — consisting of eighth graders **Davis**, **Dunn**, and **Hays Moreland** and seventh grader **Jackson** — set a new school record with a time of 47.29. And the 4-by-200 meter relay team of **Davis**, **Dunn**, **Stewart Love**, and **Whittington** also earned first-place points for the Owls.

The Owls were also very competitive in the distance events. At the championship meet, **Orange** handily won the 800-meter run and broke a 34-year-old school record as he ran 2:09.14. Eighth grader **Pierce Rose**, who finished second behind **Orange** in the 800 meter, won the 1,600-meter run by tying a school record (4:58.04).

As a team, the Owls scored a total of 154 points, more than doubling the score of the runner-up ECS Eagles. Individually, **Orange** earned the Dan Griffin Most Outstanding Performance Award by winning the high jump and

800 meter and finishing second in the 100-meter hurdles.

The squad also won its four regular-season meets, defeating rivals Briarcrest Christian School, Collegiate School of Memphis, Evangelical Christian School, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School, Harding Academy, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, Immanuel Lutheran School, Rossville Christian Academy, Southern Baptist Educational Center, St. Dominic School, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, St. George's Independent School, St. Louis School, and Woodland Presbyterian School.

Other team members who competed this season included eighth graders **Marvin Banks**, **Darien Bradburn**, **Alex Creson**, **Nick DiMento**, **Wesley Grace**, **Xavier Greer**, **Thomas Hayes**, **Luke Jordan**, **Kamar Mack**, **Max Meyer**, **Sam Simmons**, **Lee Tate**, **Corwin Vinson**, and **Bennett Wilfong** and seventh graders **Mark French**, **Patrick Murphy**, **Patton Orr**, **Bridger Smith**, and **Alex Taylor**.



## EIGHTH-GRADE OWLS DOMINATE SOCCER SEASON AND CHAMPIONSHIP

*No Home-Field Advantage, No Problem*



**C**oach Spencer Reese '94 said he was extremely proud to be a part of this squad's season.

"The team played brilliantly," he said. "To watch their talents develop throughout the year was something special. I couldn't be prouder of these boys, but most of all I'm proud of the character they showed this season."

The Owls were rarely tested as they outscored their opponents, 73-4, in all 11 matches. Houston Middle School and Evangelical Christian School provided the most competitive regular-season games, but MUS won both of these, 1-0. In the other nine games, the Owls won by at least four goals. Regular-season opponents included Briarcrest Christian

School, Harding Academy, Woodland Presbyterian School, St. George's Independent School, Germantown Middle School, and First Assembly Christian School, and all except one of these games were on the opponents' fields.

With their 8-0 regular-season record, the Owls claimed the top seed in the tournament, but they had to wait on the weather to see when they would play. After the rains and floods had somewhat receded, the team opened with Briarcrest and handled them convincingly to move into the semifinals.

The Owls then defeated St. George's, 9-0, to advance to the

championship round. There they faced the squad that gave them the most competitive game of the year. However, the ECS Eagles were no match for MUS in the title game. The Owls jumped out early and cruised to a 4-0 victory and a tournament championship.

Members of this talented team included **Alex Creson, Baty Daniel, Andrew Elsagr, Wesley Grace, Jack Hirschman, Michael Jacobs, Keegan Jones, Luke Jordan, John Kakales, Robbie Matthews, William Merriman, Max Meyer, Nevin Naren, Roberto Olvera, Spencer Richey, Andrew Shelton, Hamid Shirwany, Caleb Taylor, Zack Whicker,** and **Gaines Whittington.**

## Lower School LAX Champs

### *Perfect Seasons and a 13th Consecutive Championship*

**B**oth Lower School lacrosse teams emerged from the 2011 season undefeated, with the A-team defeating a talented squad from the Memphis Saints Lacrosse Club in early May to claim its 13th consecutive middle school championship.

The talented B-team also finished with an unspoiled record of 9-0, defeating Collierville Middle School, Evangelical Christian School, Houston Middle School, the club team Knights, Montgomery Bell Academy, McCallie School, St. George's Independent School, and the club team Saints (twice).

The A-team Owls finished the season 14-0, outscoring their opponents, 162-37. Locally, they defeated Briarcrest Christian School, Christian Brothers High School (twice), Collierville Middle School, Houston Middle School, the club team Knights (three times), Lausanne Collegiate School, St. George's Independent School, and the club team Saints. While in Nashville, they also dispatched Montgomery Bell Academy and McCallie School, an impressive sweep of two of the best programs in the state.

Head Coach Jeffrey Block '94 attributed the success of both groups to the players' support for one another.

"They always played as a team, looking for the next pass or slide, making their teammates better, and picking

each other up when they were down," said Block.

The A-team consisted of eighth graders and advanced seventh graders. Eighth graders were **Mitchell Apollonio, Chris Boswell, Patrick Demere, Will Farnsworth, Tom Garrott, Robert Gooch, Jack Gray, Will Hays, Lewis Hergenrader, Hayden Hunt, Will Hunt, John Madden, Peter Phillips, Joseph Preston, Preston Roberts,**

**Sherman Tabor, Griffin Wilson, and Ty Wolf.** Seventh graders were **Beck Blake, Drew Crain, Jackson Dickinson, Gil Humphreys, Henry Keel, William Rantzow, Trammel Robinson, Rob Stukenborg, and Daniel Tancredi.**

The B-team included eighth graders Apollonio, Boswell, **Mitchell Clark, Jeff Guenther,** Hergenrader, **Nicholas Manley,** Tabor, and Wolf and seventh

graders **Hadley Allison, Hudson Anthony,** Blake, **Nick Bragorgos, Chandler Clayton, Forest Colerick, Tucker Colerick, Billy Dunavant, Philip Freeburg, Owen Galvin, Robert Hammons, Cole Harrison,** Humphreys, **Edwin Hussey, Keel, Evan Knaff, Bedon Lancaster, Reece O'Keefe,** Robinson, Stukenborg, **Colin Threlkeld, Mac Treadwell, and Swep Wallace.**

Block and his assistants, Mr. Kevin Eissler, Mr. Jason Lewin '98, Mr. Garrott McClintock '06, Mr. Dave Rea, and Mr. Jack Straton, once again guided these young Owls to their championship finishes and undefeated seasons.

*"They always played as a team, looking for the next pass or slide, making their teammates better, and picking each other up when they were down."*

## **A Stormy Season** *for Eighth-Grade Baseball*

Playing a very competitive and diverse schedule against public and private schools, the eighth-grade baseball team completed a successful season. Team members learned valuable lessons from their coaches and gained experience they can use in the future.

The Owls finished 4-4-1 in 2011 after battling both talented teams and a string of bad weather, which caused problems throughout much of the season.

The team won the opening game against Evangelical Christian School, 9-7, to start the season well. After a 7-7 tie against Houston Middle School, the Owls suffered their first loss to Arlington Middle School, 4-2. St. Dominic School also beat MUS, but then the Owls rebounded to win their next three, defeating Bolton, Munford, and Brighton middle schools. Unfortunately, the Owls lost their final regular-season game against Collierville Middle School. In the postseason tournament, MUS lost its opening game as the squad fell to the Mustangs of Houston, 8-5, to end the year.

The team – made up of **Jack Christenbury, David Clarke, Scott Dill, Jack Hawkins, Jack McDowell, Carter McFerrin, Pierce Rose, Sam Simmons, Jason Stein, Lee Tate, Preston White, Gaines Whittington,** and **Connor Wright** – improved this season under the leadership of Head Coach Jeff Wright and his assistants, Mr. Ned Boyer, Mr. David Hawkins, and Mr. Andy Malmo. With continued commitment and work, many of these players have the potential to contribute on the varsity level very soon.



## **Seventh-Grade Baseball** *Owls Earn No. 4 Seed in Postseason Tournament*

The seventh-grade baseball team played against very talented opponents and completed a good season, thanks to the experienced coaching of Head Coach Ben Clanton '94 and his assistant, Mr. David Delugach '05.

“This year’s team improved over the course of the season and definitely had a lot of fun on and off the field. I really enjoyed spending some time with the kids on this year’s team and have no doubt that several will be able to help the varsity squad in the future,” said Clanton.

The team, composed of **Will Buser, Witt Fesmire, Hunter Finney, Mark French, Jalen Friendly, Trip Gibson, Mac McArtor, Max Murray, Austin Redick, Daniel Seward, Reid Smith,** and **David Watkins**, started the season 2-0 by defeating Brighton and Munford middle schools, but they lost seven of their final eight regular-season games to fall to 3-7. They defeated Tipton-Rosemark Academy in this stretch but also fell to them, as well as the club team Mustangs, Briarcrest Christian School, Brighton, and Munford.

At 3-7, the Owls earned the No. 4 seed in the postseason tournament. In their opening game, they handled Tipton-Rosemark and advanced to a meeting with the top-seeded Mustangs. Although the team played hard, the Mustangs ended their season.

The Owls finished the season at 4-8, not the record for which they had hoped; however, they played competitively throughout the year, won a postseason game, and had plenty of fun.

## **Seventh-Grade** **SOCCKER**

### *Season Ends in Hard-Fought Quarterfinals*

Despite playing many squads that contained the advantage of both seventh and eighth graders, the seventh-grade soccer team performed well and had a respectable season, finishing the 2011 year at 3-4-1.

Members of Coach Chris Fauser’s squad included **Matthew Davidoff, Christian Fauser, Ian Fitzhenry, Tom Fowlkes, Andrew Hanissian, Dylan Jones, Cameron Lakin, Grayson Lee, Bob Mallory, Durand Martin, Will McAtee, Saatvik Mohan, Murray Morrison, Russell Sands, Jasce Smith, Kevin Tu, Jordan Wallace,** and **Grant Webb**.

After a tough opening loss to a talented Evangelical Christian School team, the Owls won their next three matches, besting First Assembly Christian School, Briarcrest Christian School, and Harding Academy. St. George’s Independent School ended that streak in the next game, 1-0. Nine days later, Houston Middle School’s Mustangs also defeated MUS.

The Owls ended the regular season with a 1-1 tie against Woodland Presbyterian School. Looking to the postseason, they hoped to play well in the Shelby League tournament and make a run toward the championship.

Unfortunately, the Owls fell to Harding in a hard-fought quarterfinal match that ended their year.

The team showed tenacity, gained important experience, and learned a great deal from Fauser and his assistant, Mr. Neal McAtee.



## Campus News

# Stacey Makes Spanish Muy Fácil\*

by Miss Erin Floyd

**M**r. Ken Stacey, instructor in Spanish, uses technology to supplement the curriculum and simplify the process of learning a new language, and students are enthusiastic about the innovations.

“As every teacher does, I had the challenge of trying to find a way to present things to students in a way that’s not only compact, but contains mnemonics and methods to help them absorb the material,” Stacey said. “This is especially important when it’s a complicated grammatical topic that requires a lot of memorization.”

Having developed tips and tricks over the years, Stacey saw Amazon’s digital text platform as a way to compress all of his pre-crafted lessons into one place. He created two Kindle-compatible e-books that have been available online for a year and a half.

“It started out as nothing more than trying to organize my PowerPoints into something that would help the kids absorb it. They’re great resources for students to reference,” Stacey said. “The two e-book topics I focused on are traditionally difficult to learn: the preterite tense and the commands in Spanish. I wanted to model the books after the direct instruction method of teaching, which is generally what works best for grammar. It entails presenting modular practice segments and then giving some cumulative practice after they are completed. That way, the students can make sure they are mastering the material before they move on to the next segment.”

Stacey designed the books to give anyone with a background in Spanish a comprehensive understanding of a chosen topic within a maximum of two weeks. After finding out about the Amazon program, Stacey was

faced with figuring out the books’ layout system.

“Getting them into an acceptable format was a challenge in and of itself,” Stacey said. “It’s kind of a temperamental software. I couldn’t just put an Excel table in a Microsoft Word document and send it to them. Each table had to be submitted as a picture so that the words wouldn’t be all over the place, so I wrestled with that for a while.”

Students will not be able to access Stacey’s e-books from the library’s new e-readers; however, Hyde Library Director Bonnie Barnes found a solution for reading the e-books.

“I was happy to find out that we were getting e-readers, but sadly, my e-books were not the right format for Nooks or Sony Readers – they only worked on the Kindle,” Stacey said. “Luckily, Amazon has ‘Kindle for PC,’ which Mrs. Barnes downloaded onto the library computers. Now the students access my e-books from there.”

Stacey said he enjoys having his e-books available to the masses, despite the fact that “grammar manuals are not bestsellers.” He added, “I have plans to write one on the subjunctive mood this summer. Eventually, there will be a series of them.”

Stacey has also created a computer program that aids in the memorization of Spanish vocabulary.

“I did some basic visual programming for my Spanish classes or anyone else who wants to use it,” Stacey said. “No matter how hard we try as Spanish teachers, many students can develop poor study habits or a lack of motivation when it comes to memorizing vocabulary lists. It’s taken me four summers, but now I’ve combined all the programs I’ve written under one umbrella so that the students are carried through a controlled sequence. Once they reach a certain level on one program, they’re graduated to the next, and so on.”

The first is a multiple-choice exercise, the next is a fill-in-the-blank followed by a vocabulary quiz, and



then the recording exercises begin.

“The students are given a picture and asked to describe it in Spanish for 60 seconds,” Stacey said. “The hardest exercise includes recordings of my asking questions in Spanish, and then giving students 15 seconds to answer each question in Spanish, using the new vocabulary that they’ve learned.”

Before the recording exercises begin, students have the option to enlist a little help.

“There’s a pronunciation module that you have the option of opening,” Stacey said. “For every word that’s in the vocabulary list, it tells the number of syllables it has and which letter the syllable stress is on. They can also type in a letter to hear what it sounds like in the given instance, just in case it’s a letter with multiple sounds.”

When the student completes the exercise, he not only gets a score, but also a printout of every question. It shows the clue that was given, what the student’s answer was, and what the correct answer is. It also shows how much credit the student earned on each question — partial or full. The student can then use these printouts for focused study and preparation.

Sophomore **Wellford Gould** said these computer exercises “bring memorizing vocabulary to a whole new level,” and other students agree.

“It’s a really helpful program,” said sophomore **Grant Hechinger**. “I consider it the pinnacle of learning in terms of vocabulary.”

Sophomore **Seth Carson** has also benefited from this method.

“It helps me learn much more quickly than just reading over vocabulary lists,” he said. “The use of repetition can be tedious, but it is necessary in the process.”

Although Stacey expects a lot from his students, he allows them to learn as gradually or as quickly as they wish within the given time period.

“Some of the guys have more trouble than others, but the great thing is that they can do these exercises as many times as they want until they meet a certain standard,” said Stacey. “It’s really self-paced, as long as each student knows that he has to get a certain number of tasks done within the three or four weeks allotted. I tell them right from the start that they need to make time to do it — free periods, before school, after school, whenever.”

Sophomore **Richard Hoffsommer**, who has been in Stacey’s Spanish classes for the past two years, said he

thinks these programs are a good reiteration and assessment of what he has learned.

“I feel pretty comfortable having conversations in Spanish. And especially for two years of classes, I think that’s saying a whole lot,” Hoffsommer said. “Mr. Stacey’s class has been great, and the computer program is really beneficial.”

Sophomore **Brian Ringel** was also positive about his classroom experience.

“Mr. Stacey efficiently educates students while making the classroom setting more interesting and fun,” he said. “His own computer exercises have helped us improve our Spanish vocabulary, and his use of technology has definitely had a great influence.”

Even with all of this technology already implemented, Stacey still has plans for more in the future.

“We’d also like to do some video conferencing with Skype. There are groups where you can get in touch with other teachers around the world,” he said. “I’d like to

make contact with instructors who are teaching English to native Spanish speakers. We could do video conferencing and have question and answer sessions, speaking English one week and Spanish the next. Both groups could help each other that way.”

If his idea works out, Stacey would like to start doing short story exercises on Skype. His classes would compile a list of short stories in English for the native Spanish speakers to read, and Spanish speakers could compile a list of short stories in Spanish for MUS students. Then they would trade off doing summaries and interviews with each other about the texts.

“We haven’t started that here yet, but I’d love to get that going,” Stacey said.

Stacey also encourages all instructors to broaden their technological horizons, not just for the sake of new knowledge, but to benefit the new generation of students.

“Any faculty member can learn programming languages and use them for the benefit of his or her classes,” he said. “I’ve definitely learned a lot during the process, and it’s been a great medium for me to share my knowledge of Spanish.”

Spanish students are taking advantage of all this technology, so you may hear them say, “¡Gracias, Señor Stacey, por los programas y los libros electrónicos!”\*\*

\* Very Easy

\*\* Thank you, Mr. Stacey, for the programs and the e-books!

“It’s a really helpful program,” said sophomore **Grant Hechinger**.

# Hats off to the Class of 2011!







*Srujan Jampana Raju, Ross Warner, and Hunter Krauch*



*Jace Watkins and Nicholas Vergos*



# *Look Who's Caught on Camera*



*Warren Ball, Jake Rudesill, Marshall Sharp, and Nick Antonelli*



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*(clockwise from bottom left) Drew Bell, Will Prater, Francis Carlota, Matthew Gayoso, and Samuel Ostrow*

*Wil Hergenrader and Trip Underwood*

# BITS VERSUS WITS: A STUDENT BATTLES BOTS

by Miss Erin Floyd and Mr. Andrew C. Miller

In the movie *The Terminator*, renegade technology attacks mankind, resisted only by a small group of human freedom fighters. In Mr. Jonathan Saunders' Java programming class, one young man experienced a similar confrontation through assignments that incorporated robotics.

"We used Lego Mindstorms robot kits and programmed them with Java to help the students learn about object-oriented programming," Saunders said.

These robots had sensors that allowed them to "see," and the students learned how this technology worked by solving problems and completing activities. For senior **Andrew Tackett**, this class fueled a love-hate relationship.

"I chose this class because I liked computers," he said. "It was more work than I anticipated, but it was worth it."

If Tackett is able to look at the big picture now, it is only because of the difficulties he had to overcome.

"Robot labs were the most challenging for me," Tackett admitted. He found himself particularly tested by the time constraints governing each programming task.

"The most challenging part," he said, "was successfully doing the labs in a single class period."

For example, Saunders asked the students to navigate their robots around an object of unknown size, calculate the shortest path to the point of origin, and then make the return trip. In order to do this, the students were given

pieces of code but were also required to write some of their own.

At the time, it was too much for Tackett to handle. He was at the mercy of his machine in this process of trial and error, and even when the rest of the class succeeded, he simply could not make his robot obey. Tackett tamed his wily robot, but for a time it seemed that his interest in computers had gotten him in over his head.

Tackett improved his skills and chose a semester assignment to exact his revenge on the wily world of bits and bites.

"The students' semester projects included a blackjack game, a simple street fighter game, and other assignments equally impressive for students who had only been using Java for a short while," Saunders said.

Tackett created a program in which two abstract shapes fought each other to the death. One shape represented the user; the other represented the computer. By using keystrokes to control the "user object," Tackett

victoriously smashed the opponent to oblivion.

Tackett's game was the perfect capstone to a challenging but rewarding semester of work, one that helped to solidify his interest in the field.

"I have a love for anything techy and plan to go into the technology field after college," Tackett said.

The robots won a battle, but Saunders' class equipped Tackett to win the war.



Photo by Mr. Jeremy Capp

Andrew Tackett lost the early battles against an army of robots.

## Much Ado About Advanced Placement

by Mr. Brian K. Smith, Director of College Counseling



There are so many questions on the minds of parents and college-bound students regarding the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) program.

Should I take AP courses in high school? How will colleges use them for admission? What if

my school doesn't offer them?

In addition to these questions, new concerns have been raised by several recently published articles concerning the stress AP courses and tests place on students. Across the nation there are a number of high schools that are removing AP courses from their curriculum.

To clear up some of the confusion, I will explain the AP program and how it works. In so doing, I will also offer my two cents on the program and my recommendation for MUS students.

To start, let's look at the following from Princeton University:

"Are you taking advanced or college-level courses in high school? If so, you might be able to take advantage of Princeton's Advanced Placement (AP) policy. Through this policy, you may receive recognition for your previous advanced or college-level work. The policy allows you to be placed in courses that match your level of preparation and, in some cases, may allow you to skip introductory

courses and proceed to upper-division course work."

And from Vanderbilt University in regard to AP courses:

"At the determination of individual departments, Advanced Placement examination grades with a score of 4 or 5 may be accepted for credit. The amount of college course credit that may be awarded corresponds to the course work waived, up to a maximum of eight hours in any subject area. Advanced Placement credit does not affect the Vanderbilt grade point average."

For the admissions process, selective post-secondary institutions place great emphasis on students taking the most rigorous curriculum available at their high schools. Thus, beginning their junior year, students clamor to fill their schedules with AP courses – essentially college-level work. The students hope to demonstrate that they are more prepared than their counterparts and therefore worthy of admission and scholarship consideration.

Students and parents need to understand that AP courses may cause students some stress. The work necessary to complete these courses can be stressful, especially when students enroll in three or more AP courses in both the junior and senior years.

My colleague, Mr. Peter Gow, director of college counseling at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, MA, convinced his school to eradicate these courses. Gow said, "I think that pressure to make sure that you had that trophy on your transcript was something we felt wasn't

necessarily healthy for kids."

I applaud Gow's compassion for his students' well-being; however, this decision will hurt their chances to get into premier schools. That is the monster Gow and his students will have to wrestle with years to come.

Since post-secondary institutions give so much consideration to those who enroll in these courses and perform well, the key is performance in class. Students must perform well in the class, not necessarily on the test. Thus, I think too much hype has been placed on AP tests.

In my opinion, AP courses serve two valuable purposes. First, AP courses push students to deliver their best work in a demanding classroom environment, all in preparation for college-level work. More importantly, colleges often base their admission decisions on the number of courses taken by students. These days, students interested in matriculating to elite schools across the nation need many credentials to carry them forward in the admissions process.

Second, they actually relieve stress, provided students perform well. These students are able to move into more upper-level courses at many institutions and skip through introductory ones, which are essentially repetitive for MUS students.

If AP courses are available to a student, he should definitely consider them, as it will make college life, provided he performs well, that much better.

# CORNER: COLLEGE

## Senior Achievements and Junior Assignments

by Ms. Katherine Broer Parr, Associate Director of College Counseling



We are proud of the many achievements of the Class of 2011. These graduates were accepted to 115 different schools in 33 different states and the District of Columbia. They have gone to many wonderful schools across the country, from Princeton University to the University of Georgia, from Dartmouth College to St. John's College, from Vanderbilt University to the University of Chicago, and so many more. The Class of 2011 received more than \$9 million in scholarship offers. We are proud of these Owls and we wish them all the best as they begin their college years.

If your son is a junior, you should have received a letter in the mail explaining the summer assignments. These assignments begin your son's college application process. By now, he should have completed the Senior Summer Survey and the resumé found in Naviance/Family Connection. You, as parents, also have a survey to complete on Naviance, the Parent Insights Form. These surveys help us learn more about your son as we begin to write college recommendations. We have also asked that your son begin researching scholarship opportunities by going on [scholarshipexperts.com](http://scholarshipexperts.com).

All seniors were asked to complete one college essay and turn it in to our office at the beginning of the school year.

As always, please contact the College Counseling Office with any questions or concerns. We hope you had a good summer, and we look forward to working with you and your son.

### MUS College Counseling Presents THE CALIFORNIA TOUR

For Spring Break, pack your bags and travel to California with Director of College Counseling Brian K. Smith and Associate Director of College Counseling Katie Parr.

**Sign-up and \$200 Deposit Deadline: Thursday, January 5, 2012**

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**California Tour Return: Saturday, March 17, 2012**

**Cost: \$1,500\*** (includes airfare, hotel, transportation, four dinners, and an entertainment excursion)

*\* Actual cost is dependent upon number of attendees*

See the College Counseling Office or Web page for registration forms and details.



Thank you to the 2010-11 PA Board!  
Linda & Louie Sheppard

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# Amazed Time and Again

*Thank You for a Successful Year*

*by Mrs. Linda and Mr. Louie Sheppard*

Mr. Haguewood frequently advises us that parents often feel that “the days are long but the years are short.” We have always appreciated these words, but when he spoke them recently at graduation, they rang particularly true for us because the Class of 2011 includes our youngest. The years have been short. It always has seemed that, once Spring Break comes and goes each year, the rest of the school year flies by. This year was no exception – for our family and for the Parents’ Association.

Your grade representatives were busy organizing the final gatherings of the year and providing fellowship, service, and information throughout the summer. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Mary and Mr. Jimmy Edwards, 12th-grade representatives, who did a beautiful job of organizing a memorable year and send-off for graduating seniors and their families.

In April, seniors celebrated their upcoming graduation at the annual PA-sponsored senior picnic. Torrential rains, which forced the picnic indoors, were no match for the enthusiastic and adaptable Mrs. Claudia and Mr. Tom Twardzik, Upper School hospitality chairs, and an amazing group of parents who spread picnic blankets on the gym floor, served delicious food, and provided a wonderful, festive, and dry picnic for seniors, faculty, and staff.

Also in April, arts coordinators Mrs. Terri and Mr. Jeff Jarratt and volunteer parents worked behind the scenes once more for the spring theater production of *Treasure Island*, selling tickets and providing dinner and refreshments for cast and crew during dress rehearsals and four performances.

Mrs. Lisa and Mr. Charles Gill, parents of foreign exchange student **Peter Gill**, arrived from England for a two-week visit timed to include graduation. They were welcomed warmly by the school and host families at a reception on the Campus Center terrace. Special thanks to the Szymkowicz family, who graciously opened their home to the Gills, and to all who entertained and were hosts for them during their stay. Mrs. Beth and Mr. Stan Caummisar, exchange student chairs, have been fantastic in their roles as “MUS Mom and Dad” to Peter. They, along with everyone who welcomed him into their homes and lives this year, made his visit such a wonderful experience that he chose to stay until mid-June.

Finally, the PA and an army of grateful parents continued a tradition of showing our appreciation to faculty and staff with food provided during the busy week of exams and end-of-year grading.

As the year ends, it is a bittersweet time for us. We look forward to what is to come, but we will surely miss these days. The word that best describes how we feel is “grateful.” We are grateful to MUS for what it has meant to our sons and to us. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and to get to know the school and its families. We are so grateful for all of the support and encouragement that we have received along the way.

Thank you to the 2010-11 Parents’ Association Board and members for all that you have done to make all of these events happen. We have been amazed time and again by your dedication and commitment to your sons and to the school.





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### 2011

- September 5 School Holiday: Labor Day
- September 14 Parents' Back-to-School Day
- Student Holiday
- September 23 Homecoming
- October 6-10 Fall Break
- October 27 Fall Play Begins: *Sherlock Holmes*,  
*The Crucifer of Blood*
- October 30 Open House
- November 23-25 Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 14 Semester Exams Begin
- December 20 Last Day of First Semester

### 2012

- January 4 Second Semester Begins
- January 16 School Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 2 Winter Play Begins: *Code of Silence*
- February 20 School Holiday: Presidents' Day
- March 9-16 Spring Break
- April 6 Good Friday: School Holiday
- April 19 Spring Musical Begins: *The Producers*
- May 7 Senior and AP Exams Begin
- May 17 Underclassmen Exams Begin
- May 20 Graduation
- May 21 School Holiday
- May 25 Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

\* For a complete listing of all MUS events, please visit [www.musowls.org](http://www.musowls.org) and go to our online calendar.

## Theater Season 2011-12

*Sherlock Holmes:*  
**The Crucifer of Blood**  
October 27 and 29-31, 2011

**Code of Silence**  
Da Comedy You Can't Refuse  
February 2, 4, and 6, 2012

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