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## Government Club "In Motion" at MUS

More than one hundred participants put in long practice hours and complete loads of extra work each year to pass bills, make motions, and vote on resolutions, making the Government Club the most popular club "in motion" at MUS.

So why do so many students enjoy the club's activities? Faculty advisor **Mr. Guy Amsler** says, "These activities give young people the opportunity to shine. Some students excel in athletics, some in theater, arts, or publications. Our activities give students another

outlet for their talents." The club's activities also strengthen some natural abilities students may have. **Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby**, Mock Trial advisor, says, "The Mock Trial competition is excellent for the development of our students' public speaking skills and for the encouragement of their confidence in their ability to develop a keen, logical argument, but also to articulate it under some pressure in a public forum."

### What's It All About?

The Government Club acts as an umbrella organization for four activities: the Tennessee YMCA Model United Nations in the fall, the Mid-South Model United Nations at Rhodes College in February, the Tennessee Mock Trial Competition in February, and the YMCA Youth Legislature in April. Both the Tennessee Model UN and Youth Legislature are sponsored by the YMCA's Youth-In-Government program.

Model UN competitions demonstrate the importance of international cooperation by allowing students to act out the roles of delegates representing UN member nations. At the YMCA Tennessee Model UN more than 600 students from high schools across the state represent three branches of the UN—the General Assembly, the Security Council, and the International Court of Justice.

Students take on the responsibilities of witnesses and attor-

neys in the Tennessee Mock Trial Competition. Teams receive the case in late November and prepare both the prosecution and defense. MUS alumni **Scott Crosby '82**, **Jonathan Scharff '80**, **Jim Robinson '68**, and **Ralph Gibson '84** are attorneys in the Memphis area who volunteer to coach

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*Government Club members spend countless hours in practice sessions and all the preparation pays off. Here Andy Garrett is at the board as Barlow Mann distributes handouts.*

#### 2002-03 GOVERNMENT CLUB OFFICERS

**President:**  
ANDY GARRETT

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*Left to Right: Advisor Guy Amsler, Adam Kaplan, Babu Rayudu, Paul Moinster, Barlow Mann, Philip Blackett, Conor Quinn, Andy Garrett, and Faris Haykal*



# Straight From the Head

by Ellis Haguewood



Every year I accept an invitation to at least one Eagle Scout Court of Honor, a ceremony in which a boy receives the highest award scouting can confer. I was a Boy Scout myself, and I appreciate the virtues the organization embodies.

“On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and to my country...” begins the Boy Scout Oath. What still appeals to me most about the Oath, I think is the word *duty*—a word that has suffered disfavor over the last several decades in a culture which promotes individual license.

Though they are immersed in that culture, boys today still respond to the call of duty as they did over a century and a half ago in Emerson’s words: “When duty whispers low, *Thou must,*/ The youth replies, *I can.*” (“Voluntaries”, III)

The call of duty attracts them because *duty* implies the existence of a higher law, a reason to live other than to amuse themselves. It suggests that there is a right way to live, though that path may be difficult. *Duty* carries the weight of accountability for behaviors and attitudes, and it gives order and purpose to what otherwise would seem random and meaningless.

Boys are always looking for answers, though they may not know that they are. What is due? And to whom is it due? What do we owe? And to whom do we owe it?

By our speech and by our conduct, we must give careful answers. Duty and honor are important, but fealty must be directed toward the highest and worthiest sovereign.

Director Sam Peckinpah’s controversial Western, *The Wild Bunch*, examines a code of honor and duty through the eyes of outlaws, pursued by railroad-bought bounty hunters. Outlaws Pike and Dutch discuss Deke Thornton, former friend, now leading the bounty hunters:

Pike: What would you do in his place? He gave his word.

Dutch: Gave his word to a railroad.

Pike: It’s his word.

Dutch: That ain’t what counts. It’s who you give it to.

A man’s word does matter, but it also matters that he give it purposefully and thoughtfully. If he thinks through the implications of giving his word and giving what is due, he knows that his primary duty, his ultimate allegiance, must go to God. All other true duties in life derive from an acknowledgement of that obligation. “Fear God and keep his commandments,” says the writer of Ecclesiastes, “for this is the whole duty of man.”

A boy’s responsibility to honor his parents, to treat his fellows as he would wish to be treated, to do his best, to love justice, to extend mercy, to hate evil—all of these obtain from a desire to submit to the One who defines what is due. “And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

I believe that the experiences a boy has at MUS must sharpen his sense of duty to God, to others, and to himself. We must prepare our boys to become men who will not only know their duty, but also have the courage to do it. “First say to yourself what you would be,” says Epictetus; “then do what you have to do.”



Cage Carruthers, Nelson Rainey, and Noah Feder recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. See story on the opposite page.

## Students Achieve Eagle Scout Rank

Three MUS students were recently awarded the highest rank in the Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout. Sophomores **Noah Feder** and **Nelson Rainey** and freshman **Cage Carruthers** were all named to this prestigious rank in November. Feder is a member of Troop 270 at Grace Church of the Nazarene and also has been elected to the Ordeal and Brotherhood levels of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts' national honor society. Rainey is a member of Troop 221 sponsored by Colonial Park United Methodist Church and Carruthers belongs to Troop 55 at Second Presbyterian Church.

Eagle Scout candidates must complete several requirements before they are confirmed, including the planning, development, and management of a service project. Feder designed and supervised the construction of a 12-foot wooden bridge over a drainage area of Kennedy Park in north Memphis. He also directed the clearing of an overgrown half-mile trail and the building of five bird-nesting boxes for the park.

Rainey supervised the construction of a set of bleachers for a T-ball field at Colonial Park United Methodist Church. He said the project took approximately six months to plan, develop, and execute. Carruthers supervised the clearing of a trail at the new St. George's High School in Collierville. Teachers and students at the new school can now reach the Wolf River for classes because of his efforts.

## Beta Club Welcomes New Members

Students, parents, and school administration look on as new members are sworn into the National Jr. Beta Club on Thursday, October 3.

Students are selected for membership in the Beta Club based on their character, commendable achievement, and leadership.

Current Beta Club officers—president **John Stokes**, vice-president **Miles DeBardeleben**, and secretary/treasurer **Stephen Bowie**—and faculty sponsor **Mr. Richard Ellis** presided over the induction. The new members of the MUS chapter of the National Jr. Beta Club are eighth-graders: **Tyler Anthony**, **West Askew**, **Daniel Brown**, **Khang Dang**, **Drew Hammond**, **William Harris**, **Josh Henke**, **Lee Moore**, **Max Rose**, **Hobbie Turley**, **Ben Waller**, **Jeffrey Webb**, and **Jeffrey Wright**.



## Morisy Receives Writing Award

Senior **Michael Morisy** was singled out as one of the top young writers in the country this fall when he received a National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Award in Writing. MUS is allowed to nominate one student each year for the award and of the more than 2,000 students competing for the award in 2002, only 18 were chosen in Tennessee. Morisy submitted a ten-page portfolio of writing samples, including a lyric poem, two short stories, and an essay. Each applicant also had to submit an impromptu essay on the topic "Lessons Not Learned in High School."



**Mr. Terry Shelton**, Morisy's eleventh-grade AP English teacher, said, "Michael is a great student, one that reads and asks questions far beyond the requirement of a course. The English department chose him, I think, both because of his exemplary performance in classes at MUS and his outside-class talents as an imaginative writer with a good ear for prose, rhythms, and the apt word."

Morisy also spent several weeks this summer refining his other talents and abilities. The multi-talented student spent three weeks at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where he earned three college credits for completing an "American Democracy and its Dissidents" course.

## Turley Hoops It Up

As the Memphis Grizzlies build a home in Memphis, the team's connections to MUS continue to surface. Last year, alumni **Pitt Hyde '61**, **Staley Cates '82**, and **Andy Cates '89** were instrumental in bringing the Grizzlies to Memphis as part-owners of the team. This year, a new generation of Owls got involved. Sophomore **Rayner Turley** has joined the team as a ball boy for the 2002-03 season.

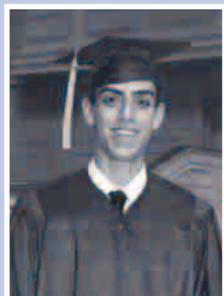
Turley joins other teenagers who were chosen from the community to be ball boys who complete a variety of tasks for the players and coaches. "We pretty much have to do everything," Turley said. "We have to be there to set up our locker rooms and the visiting team's locker rooms, set up the floor before games, and during timeouts we get the players towels, water, really whatever they need." Turley enjoys the interaction with the players. "I like meeting the other teams' players and I know our players personally, which is really cool." So far, he has met several NBA stars including Chris Webber and Mike Bibby of the Sacramento Kings and Steve Nash of the Dallas Mavericks. Turley enjoys the hard work, and is having a great time working with the Grizzlies this season.



## 46 Named AP Scholars

Forty-six students have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the

2002 AP Examinations. Their award designations are as follows:



*Sherief Gaber*

One student, **Sherief Gaber '02**, qualified for the **AP National Scholar Award** by earning an average grade of 4 on all AP exams, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams on full-year courses. MUS average—4.88

Twenty students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams on full-year courses. MUS average—4.29

Athul Acharya '02	Frank Langston '02
Omar Akbik '02	Lee McNabb
Mark Carney '02	Brett Meeks '02
Sean Foley '02	JK Minervini
William Goforth '02	Michael Norman
Kenny Hickman '02	Conor Quinn
Andy Juang '02	Babu Rayudu
Shahzad Khan	Andy Rock '02
Matt Kidd '02	Matt Simonton '02
Keith Lam '02	AJ Walzer '02

Thirteen students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Honor Award** by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams on full-year courses. MUS average—4.12

Chris Beck	Brooks Hamner '02
Philip Blackett	Joel Iglehart
Peyton Broer '02	Cody Jameson '02
Paul Bunch	Will McCawley '02
Tim Dean '02	Calvin Scott '02
Andy Garrett	Josh Stanley '02
Marshall Goldsmith	

Twelve students qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by earning grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams on full-year courses. MUS average—4.23

Dara Chan	John Harkess
Austin Chu	Faris Haykal
Dana Doggrell	Tristan Hill '02
Jamie Drinan	Michael Morisy
Christopher Friedenstein '02	Wesley Phillips '02
Joey Griesbeck '02	Edward Yang

# Owl News

## Science Team Has the Right Chemistry



*Coach John Olson, Michael Norman, Babu Rayudu, Austin Chu, Owen Brafford, and Conor Quinn*

The MUS Science Bowl team competed at the University of Tennessee at Martin on November 9. The

competition is divided into two parts—the first, a written exam covering different areas of science including biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science. Once the tests are graded, the top two scores from each school are averaged and the top eight schools then advance to a quiz-bowl style competition. Each school team has four members that answer questions similar to those on the written exam.

After the written test portion of the competition, the combined scores of **Austin Chu** and **Babu Rayudu** allowed MUS to advance to the quiz bowl and placed the team as one of the top eight of the 25 participating schools. Chu's score was the second highest of the more than 250 students participating. Unfortunately, the team's claim to victory was cut short by White Station High School.

MUS was a dominant force in the competition in the early 1990's winning several consecutive championships. This year's competition has inspired the students to become fierce competitors in other science competitions later this year. Science Bowl 2002-03 team members are: **Owen Brafford**, **Chu**, **Michael Norman**, **Conor Quinn**, and **Rayudu**.



*Walter Klyce, Sasha Castroverde, and Eric Wilson in a scene from The Sound of Music*

## Acting Out Their Part

Several MUS students took their love for the theater out of Hyde Chapel and onto the stage of another school. Sophomore **Eric Wilson**, freshman **Walter Klyce**, eighth-grader **Kevin Owen**, and seventh-grader **Austin Beckford** participated in St. Mary's Episcopal School's production of *The Sound of Music* November 21-24. The production was held on St. Mary's campus at the Buckman Performing and Fine Arts Center in the Rose Theater.



Wilson captured the lead role of Captain von Trapp, while Klyce portrayed Uncle Max. Beckford played Kurt, one of the von Trapp children, and Owen depicted Rolf, the boyfriend of the oldest von Trapp daughter. Jenny Madden, theater director at St. Mary's, said, "The boys are wonderful. They are very determined and professional. I still do not know how our girls and the MUS boys do everything they do while keeping their grades up. They are all amazing."

## Students Inducted As Charter Members of History Honor Society

On September 18, 25 students made MUS history when they were inducted as charter members of the newly established History Honor Society. The national society was an idea that originated with **Mr. Eric Berman**, who thought students with a passion and talent for the study of history should be recognized.

Mr. Will Fitzhugh—editor of *The Concord Review*, a journal that "recognizes and publishes exemplary history essays by high school students in the English-speaking world"—agreed with him and contacted several schools across the country, including St. Mary's Episcopal School and

Hutchison School. Interested schools formed their own chapters of the society and the students inducted have become charter members of the group.

MUS students that were inducted were **Philip Blackett, Austin Carpenter, Jamie Drinan, Andy Garrett, Marshall Goldsmith, Charlie Gordon, John Harkess, Faris Haykal, Joel Iglehart, Shahzad Khan, Barlow Mann, Lee McNabb, JK Minervini, Michael Morisy, Conor Quinn, Babu Rayudu, and Andrew Smith**. Eight 2002 graduates were also inducted: **Webster Cannon, Mark Carney, Estes Folk, Sherief Gaber, Kenny Hickman, Frank Langston, Matt Simonton, and AJ Walzer**.

## Volunteers Help a New School Plant Roots

A school often must suffer through hard times before becoming an established institution. MUS, for example, had to close its doors during the Depression due to low enrollment and was not able to reopen until the 1950's. Now current MUS students are helping another fledgling school during its inaugural year. The Memphis City School System and the Hyde Family Foundations have come together to sponsor a KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) Academy in Memphis, and MUS students are volunteering their time to act as tutors to KIPP students.

Speaking as the Civic Service Organization faculty sponsor, **Mr. Clay Smythe '85** said, "In every sense of the word, our kids are involved in making history in that this is Tennessee's first school of this nature. It is important to the civic service program to introduce our kids to circumstances where they have direct involvement, i.e., tutoring, mentoring, and coaching. My hope is that relationships build between our kids and the KIPP kids to such a degree that we become life-long friends in this community."

MUS volunteers are tutoring the fifth-grade KIPP students in reading. Many of these students are significantly below the average reading level for their age group, so our students are going to the school on Saturdays to work individually with



*Joel Iglehart reads with a student of KIPP Academy.*



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them. As the school grows, MUS students will likely get involved in tutoring other subjects and possibly as coaches for their athletic teams.

The school, like others around the country, is part of the Knowledge Is Power Program, which trains school leaders to "run academically rigorous public schools." The group has a philosophy of Five Pillars that are responsible for the success of their schools: high expectations, choice and commitment, more time, power to lead, and focus on results.

The Memphis school meets in Cypress Middle School, which is just north of Rhodes College. This year 70 students are attending KIPP Academy, and all are in the fifth grade. One grade will be added each year until the school has students in grades 5-8. Students in the surrounding areas choose to come to KIPP Academy, and parents must sign a contract for

their children to attend. The parents are heavily involved in all aspects of their child's education, including homework, grades, and attendance.

KIPP Academy is often mistaken for a charter school, which applies for state permission to use public school funds but has absolute control over its admissions practices. KIPP Academy, while having control over admissions, is different from a charter school because anyone can attend the school and there is an agreement with the Memphis City School System and the Hyde Family Foundations to ensure the school is financially supported.

# Letter from camp:

by Mrs. Barbara Crippen

"Hello Muddah, Hello Fadda, here I am at... Camp Granada"??? Naah. It's Owl Trek at the Team Trek facility in Arkansas, near Greer's Ferry Lake. Where? What? And most importantly, why?

## The Anticipation

Photos of **Coach Matt Bakke** in climbing gear, waiting nervously to leap from high in the Arkansas treetops for a grab at a trapeze a long, long way from the edge of the platform, brought out my inner coward ("I'll NEVER do THAT!") during a chapel presentation last spring. Therefore, my agreement was "Observer Only" in accompanying the seventh grade to Team Trek for a long weekend in early September. Experienced eighth-and ninth-graders delighted in filling us with horror tales about our adventures to come in the Arkansas woods: "Mrs. Crippen, are you going to Team Trek? Be sure to play the 'girl card' so you can sleep in the air-conditioning!" warned **Adrian Doggrell**. (My own plans included the girl card, the age card, the fear card, the I-have-to-get-back-early for football duty card....)

The same questions nagged at all of us: Where will I sleep? Will the food be edible? What kinds of frightening activities will we have to endure?

## Sleeping in Elk Lodge ("The Barn")

Think "treehouse" rather than "barn." Above each former horse-stall, a flat wooden ladder leads to a large room with canvas doors, electric fans, and bunk-lined walls. **Barret Huggins** said, "I liked where we slept." **Will Pryor** said, "We got to play around at night, and the beds were comfortable," while **Brent Hooks** offered this advice, "Don't stay up till two a.m."

## OWL TREK 2002



Trekking uphill and down, (front) Hudson Atkins, Morgan Arant, Asad Dilawari, Michael Stein, (back) Parker Joyner, Hunter Hagewood, and Conor Bolich

## Zipline and Other Leaps of Faith

Being in good shape helps at Team Trek, because there's a LOT of hiking. The wide trails meander uphill and down through the beautiful scenic woodlands.

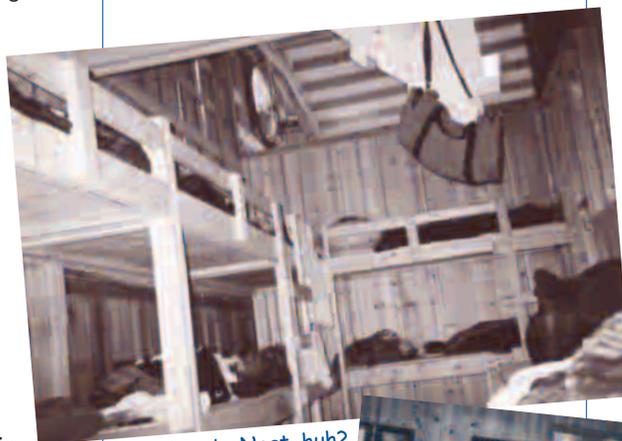
Favorite activities varied, but most popular and individually

challenging were "events that involved climbing or heights like the High Wire," attests **Anthony Dang**. **Michael Stein** said, "I was the first person to do the Leap of Faith, so I didn't know what to expect. Once I got to the top I was nervous, but I managed to push myself off the end. That was my best moment; I really felt open." **Kimari Shotwell**: "Everybody encouraged me when I was about to go on the Zipline. **Andrew Millen**: "Rapelling made me very nervous. I pushed through my fears and did it, though." Reaching the top of the Pucker Pole highlighted the trip for **Sam Goldstein**, **Tyler Massey**, and **Wesley Jones**. **Warner Johnson**: "My favorite moment was when I looked down upon my adversary, the climbing wall."

Most of our Owl Trekers learned a lot from the teamwork activities. **Nick Ray**: "My best personal moment was when I trusted my other teammates." **Austin Alexander**: "I liked the teamwork, and it was fun to be with everyone and do things with them." **Ben Hanks**: "Being with my friends was the best part."

## All You Can Eat

Pasta with meat sauce, salad, bread, and pile-your-own-sundaes for dessert: an all-you-can-eat buffet for each meal is my idea of a good time. Breakfasts featured popular heat-em-up sausage biscuits and Pop-Tarts plus healthier fare such as bagels, fruit, and Raisin Bran. The only drawback—a 15-20 minute hike from Elk Lodge. **Corey Weldon** exclaimed, "It was a long walk right when you wake up. You had to earn your breakfast." A make-your-own sandwich bar plus chips and cookies provided the bag lunches each of us carried with our personal water bottles during the day.



Bunkbeds. Neat, huh?

Ben Arnold workin' his way down the food line



## In Conclusion

**Kimari Shotwell** suggests, "Do everything and don't back out." And **Sayle Atkinson's** advises, "Bring soap for the showers!"

# Football Scores a Winning Season

With a win over CBHS on November 1, the MUS varsity football team completed their regular season at 7-3 and 3-1 in the "Super 7" conference.

It was a rough start for the Owls as they lost to an upstart Melrose team in the second annual Bridges Classic, 26-7, at the Liberty Bowl in August. After a fierce thunderstorm postponed the game, the Owls could not overcome the speed and talent of the Golden Wildcats when play resumed the next day.

MUS responded with two consecutive wins, including a big victory over Mississippi private-school powerhouse Jackson Prep. The Owls held the host Patriots to just 190 total yards as senior **Derek Clenin** completed four touchdown runs. The win was important for MUS to gain some momentum after the tough opening-game loss.

After the convincing 38-14 win in the home opener over Harding, the Owls made the trek east to battle perennial-power Brentwood Academy. Hoping to erase the memory of last year's shutout that ended their year, the Owls played tough early, but three MUS turnovers and three Eagle third-quarter touchdowns doomed the outcome as the Owls lost, 42-10, to even their record at 2-2.

The low point of the season had to be the next week at Briarcrest. Even though the Owls led much of the game, the Saints hung close and finally took advantage of a late turnover to score with only 13 seconds remaining to upset MUS, 24-21. The loss left the Owls wondering and seeking a direction as they could feel their season slipping away.

However, the team regrouped and gallantly turned their year around. Led by a revived defense, MUS went on to win their final five regular-season games, including two shutout wins.

They began with a 33-0 victory over 5-A contender Bartlett, a game in which linebacker **Tyler Wohrman** became the school's all-time leading tackler, and followed that win with an important conference win over MBA. Against the Big Red, quarterback

**John Conrad McCrary** led the Owls with 115 rushing yards and 181 passing yards to spearhead the 24-21 win.

On Homecoming Night, the Owls earned another shutout as they handled previously undefeated Fairley, 26-0.

Then, against Chattanooga McCallie, the first-ranked team in the state and defending state champion, MUS jumped on the Blue Tornado early and often as they grabbed a 32-0 halftime lead and went on to cruise to a 39-17 conference victory to improve to 6-3, 2-1.

After an off-week, their first one of the year, the Owls completed the regular season with rival Christian Brothers at home. After jumping out to a surprising 21-0 lead, MUS watched the Purple Wave fight back to tie the game. Yet wide receiver **John David Lawhorn's** fourth-quarter touchdown reception and a blocked extra-point by Clenin salvaged the 28-27 victory over the powerful Wave. The win gave the Owls their seventh win of the season as well as the second seed in the "Super 7" playoffs. That seed assured MUS a first-round bye and an all-important home date for the semi-final game.

Unfortunately, the home date did not help the Owls in their pursuit for the state championship. The team gave up an early lead and could never recover, losing to MBA in the Division II, AAA state semifinals, 20-14, and ending their season at 7-4, 3-2.

MUS came out on fire, looking composed and confident against the Big Red. After a three-and-out for

MBA, the Owls took over at their own 30-yard line. Eleven balanced plays later, MUS took the early lead as quarterback John Conrad McCrary went in from one-yard out on fourth-and-goal. **Ben Tacker's** point after touchdown (PAT) gave the Owls the 7-0 lead.

The MUS defense maintained the momentum as they forced another Big Red punt, and the Owls took over, looking to add to their advantage.



*Trae Bryant (80), Ryves Moore (7), and Tyler Wohrman (30)*



*Rob Park (10), Preston Blankenship (35), and John Phillips (17)*



*Charlie Gordon (88), John Conrad McCrary (4), Jeff Grimm (76), and Derek Clenin (20)*



## Golfers Post a Perfect Regular Season but Come Up Short for Title

The MUS varsity golf team completed an outstanding season with a third-place finish at the Division II State Tournament, held October 15 and 16 at the Pickwick State Park course in Savannah, Tennessee.

The Owls were in excellent position after day one of the two-day tournament. MUS, led by 75's from senior **Alex DeBardeleben** and junior **Scott Tashie**, had pulled even with Chattanooga Baylor, seeking their fourth consecutive state title, and finished tied for first. Other Owl scorers included freshman **Bobby**



*Michael Murphy*

*Alex DeBardeleben*

**Hudson's** 78, freshman **Alex Synder's** 81, and senior **Michael Murphy's** 82. Though these scores were good enough to give MUS an opportunity to win their first state title since 1996, each player knew that he had a better round in him to push for that championship.

However, on day two, while the Owls still were consistent and played well, they did not shoot the improved scores needed to claim the title as Chattanooga McCallie won, shooting a combined 609 and finishing 10 shots ahead of the Owls. Baylor finished second, shooting a combined 614 total, while MUS shook off their third-place sectional showing to best the other West Tennessee schools with a 619 total.

Second day rounds included Hudson's 76, Tashie's 77, Murphy's 78, Synder's 79, and DeBardeleben's 81.

The third-place finish did not diminish the great season the Owls and **Coach Ronnie Wenzler** put together.

MUS completed the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, including some outstanding team wins over Briarcrest, CBHS, SBEC, and ECS. The Briarcrest victory was a narrow two-shot win, while the win over SBEC occurred in a sudden-death playoff as DeBardeleben shot a 34, the low round of the day. Thus, the Owls were perfect heading into the sectional tournament.

MUS tasted defeat for the first time at the sectional tournament held at Orgill Golf Course. The Owls came in third, bested by Briarcrest



*State golfers: Coach Ronnie Wenzler, Scott Tashie, Alex DeBardeleben, Bobby Hudson, Michael Murphy, and Alex Snyder*



and CBHS. Though the fourteen-stroke loss to the Saints was difficult, the defeat refocused the team and lit a fire underneath them as they headed to Pickwick and state.

Then at the state tournament, the Owls put themselves in a position to win, only to come up a little short.

This year's team consisted of more than just the five Owls who played at state. In addition to DeBardeleben, Murphy, Tashie, Hudson, and Synder, other team members included juniors **Matt Ganier**, **Will Owens**, and **Scott Warren**, and sophomores **Watt Efirm** and **Richard White**. With a good, young nucleus returning next year, MUS will again be a competitor for a title.

## Runners Claim Third At State

With some of the best runners in the state assembled at the Steeplechase Course in Nashville on November 2 for the Division II State Cross Country Race, the MUS varsity team looked to better last year's fourth-place state finish and complete a fine season. Led by **Collins Roll's** 5th place finish, the Owls ran very well to finish third, 32 points behind champion Knoxville Webb.

Roll's 15:30 at state was some 20 seconds better than his career-best time, while **Marshall Goldsmith**, **Hunter Adams**, **William Adams**, **Brad Whiteside**, and **Peter Zanca** all had season-best times in the meet. Goldsmith's 15:51 was 30 seconds better than his previous fastest run as he finished 15th overall. Freshman Hunter Adams came in shortly after, finishing 19th with a 16:06, 17 seconds better than his career best. **Will Hunt** finished 23rd overall with a 16:18, while William Adams came in 31st with a 16:28, some 30 seconds better than he had ever run.



*Matt Dowling and Peter Zanca*

While the top-five runners scored, each team could run two more guys to push other runners. The other two Owl runners included Whiteside, who finished 48th with a 16:56, a fine run considering that he had been fighting mononucleosis during the season, and freshman Zanca, who ran a 17:23 to finish 56th.

**Coach Joe Tyler** was pleased with his team's performance at state as most of the Owls had season-best times, and the



average team time was 16:04, the best for an MUS team in several seasons.

Their performance at state was what the team had been working toward throughout the regular season. Season highlights included a first-place finish at the Chickasaw Trails Invitational in Alabama, a prestigious race featuring 220 runners and 21 teams from across the South. The Owls also claimed another region championship just one week before the state race.

Though they did not win the state title, Coach Tyler was pleased with the year. "Throughout the season, we kept very focused on the meet that mattered most—November 2. Wins and losses did not detract from the ultimate goal, which was to compete for a state championship."

Tyler was also happy with senior leadership on the team. "Our seniors did a great job not letting early season disappointments distract us. Their leadership allowed us to keep the team focused throughout on the goal."

Though only seven runners participated at state, the varsity team consisted of other runners. Senior **Eli Atkinson**, juniors **Tom Billings** and **Brad Spicer**, sophomore **Wilson McManus**, and freshman **Matt Dowling** all ran varsity races at some point in the year.



Marshall Goldsmith,  
Will Hunt (in back)

Because this team loses six key seniors, some of the underclassmen and other newcomers will have to step up to continue the excellence that the MUS cross-country program has come to expect.

### **Cross Country Athletes Honored**

The Best of the Preps All-Metro honors went to six MUS cross country runners after their team's third-place state finish. Seniors **William Adams**, **Marshall Goldsmith**, **Will Hunt**,

**Collins Roll**, **Brad Whiteside**, and freshman **Hunter Adams** were recognized by *The Commercial Appeal* for their outstanding performances this year.

## **Best of the Preps—Revisited**

Occasionally a student's name or activities are inadvertently left out of *Inside MUS*. In the last newsletter, several students were recognized for receiving *The Commercial Appeal's* Best of the Preps All-Metro honors for spring sports, however, a few students were not included in the list. The following athletes also received this honor for their commendable performance during the spring sports season: soccer—junior **Doug Pleiman**; baseball—seniors **Ryves Moore** and **Bunky Parr** and junior **Rob Park**.



## **TSSAA Honors MUS for Sportsmanship**

Each year the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) honors schools across the state with the A.F. Bridges Award. The award is "given in recognition of the ideals of ethics and integrity in the teaching and promotion of citizenship and sportsmanship." MUS was recently honored as a 2001-02 Divisional Finalist for West Tennessee. Local sports officials associations are asked to nominate schools that display this "overall, positive effort to teach, expect, and demand a positive atmosphere of sportsmanship at their particular contests." TSSAA recognizes these schools as part of their "Just Do What's Right" program. The schools are commended for remembering that there is a particular way to act if one wishes to be a part of an athletic event. The award is named for A. Foster Bridges, the first executive secretary of the TSSAA. Bridges worked for years as a teacher and coach in West Tennessee and was instrumental in bringing recognition to high school sports in the state.

## **Tennis Champ Signs with Michigan State**

One of MUS's championship tennis players will be continuing his career at Michigan State after graduation. Senior **Michael Flowers** will be making his way to East Lansing, Michigan, next year to join the Big Ten conference and the Spartans tennis lineup.



It is no surprise that Flowers will play tennis at the collegiate level considering his impressive history. During his eleven-year career, he has been ranked 22nd in the country among United States Tennis Association (USTA) juniors under 16, and he placed third at the International Hard Court Doubles Tournament in the fall of 2002. At age 14, Flowers ranked sixth at the US Indoor National, Junior and played #1 for the Davis Cup for the State of Tennessee at ages 12, 14, and 16.

Flowers visited Michigan State's campus while being recruited and was impressed with the school's program. "I really liked Coach [Gene] Orlando and everyone on the team," he said.

Flowers has been a member of the MUS tennis team since the eighth grade. "I've never lost a state championship," he said. He has been a standout and a vital part of the team's winning tradition. According to Coach **Bill Taylor**, Flowers "has been a huge plus for the MUS tennis program." Flowers and **Greg Sossaman '01**, who is currently playing tennis at Vanderbilt, were the state doubles champions last year. "He is a highly ranked national player and should be able to play in the top six next year for Michigan State. I am very happy for Michael," said Coach Taylor.



**FOOTBALL**, from page 6

Starting from their own 19-yard line, the Owls ran 13 plays to get deep into MBA territory. However, once MUS got inside the Big Red 20, the drive stalled, and Tacker came out to attempt a 38-yard field-goal. Tacker's attempt was no good, and MBA had the big play they needed to turn the game around.

After the missed field-goal, the game turned almost immediately as the Big Red began to control both lines and became very aggressive.

They took the MUS miscue and drove 80 yards in 9 plays to tie the score as wide receiver Matthew Jacques hauled in a 30-yard pass from quarterback Michael Fisher. Bryant Hahnfeldt's extra point tied the score at 7.

MBA eventually increased the lead to 20-7 on a pair of Michael Koban 8-yard runs, one in the second quarter and the other in the third. Hahnfeldt did not convert his third PAT attempt, a miss that gave MUS a chance.

The Owls tried to come back.

**John Phillips**, now at quarterback, led MUS down the field in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to six points. His 22-yard touchdown run culminated the 5-play, 58-yard drive as MUS was within one score with 7:34 left.



*John Conrad McCrary (4), Derek Clenin (20), Tyler Wohrman (30), and Alex Lawhorn (38)*



But the Owls could never get any closer. With MBA blitzing nearly every down, the Owl quarterbacks rarely had time to find their targets as they combined to complete 11 out of 31 passes for only 106 yards and 3 interceptions.

The running game was also stymied as the Owls could muster only 94 rushing yards. Running back **Derek Clenin** led MUS with 67 yards on 22 carries.

However, the MBA offense found the going somewhat easier even though it took several series to get started. They compiled 330 total yards, including 183 second-half yards. Koban led the Big Red in rushing, amassing 128 yards on 15 carries. He also may have saved his team on one of these runs as he broke off a 65-yarder in the fourth quarter to turn field position around after the Owls had cut the lead to 20-14 and had the momentum.

With the win MBA improved to 8-4, 4-2, and advanced to the state title game against Brentwood Academy, a 38-0 winner over McCallie. The Big Red victory also ends the Owls' season. Even though the team had a large number of seniors, they have several key players returning to spearhead next year's run.

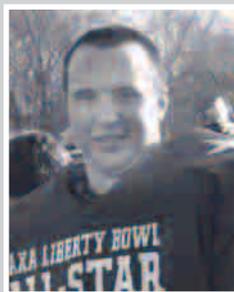
### ***Football Athletes Receive Accolades***

*The Commercial Appeal's* Best of the Preps All-Metro Team included six MUS players: **Derek Clenin, Jeff Grimm, John David Lawhorn, John Conrad McCrary, Todd Jean-Pierre, and Tyler Wohrman**. Clenin was also a Mr. Football finalist for Back of the Year in Division II AAA.

## ★★★★★ ***MUS Hosts Inaugural All-Star Game*** ★★★★★

On Saturday, December 14, at 1:00 p.m. Memphis University School had the privilege of hosting the first Liberty Bowl High School All-Star Game. The game brought to fruition Liberty Bowl Executive Director Steve Ehrhart's goal of promoting high school football. For the past couple of years, Ehrhart and MUS's **Coach Bobby Alston** have explored different ways that the Liberty Bowl organization might be able to create a community event in conjunction with the Liberty Bowl's annual events that would also aid all Memphis area high school football programs.

Last spring the idea of an area all-star game was explored, and Ehrhart asked Alston to form a committee to get the ball rolling. Alston said, "Steve has two sons who are alums of MUS. **Ryan '91** was a starting cornerback for our 1990 state runner-up football team and **Brandon '93** ran cross country and track. I had a great deal of respect for both of those boys, and it is indeed a privilege for me to play a small role in working with the Liberty Bowl to get this thing off the ground." Alston called upon two of Shelby County's finest football coaches, Paul Cox of Collierville and Stan Collins of Whitehaven, and the three of them drew up the initial plan.



The game featured 66 of Shelby County's finest senior football players who were divided into Red and Blue teams and were coached by Ken Netherland of Germantown High School and

Al Cate of Central High School. MUS had two players selected for participation on the Red team: **Jeff**

**Grimm** (left) for the offense and **Tyler Wohrman** (right) for the defense. The teams practiced for a week at the University of Memphis before showcasing their skills at MUS. Game day proved to be a success for fans and scouts who also enjoyed near perfect weather conditions. Oh, and for the record, the Blue team won 14-9.

A committee of sportswriters and coaches selected the teams after high school coaches nominated the players. "I have really been impressed with the enthusiasm that the Liberty Bowl staff has embraced this project. It will provide a great ending to the prep football season and also allow some boys another chance to impress college recruiters," says Alston.

## Eighth-Grade Football Undefeated Champions

Domination—this word best sums up the eighth-grade football season as they compiled a perfect 10-0 record and won another Shelby County League Championship.

The Owls, led by coaches **Bobby Wade '84**, **Will Thompson '95**, **Billy Bernard**, and **Matthew Ware '98**, were rarely tested as eight of their ten victories were shutouts, and they only had one game with a margin less than ten points. They also cruised through the title game, defeating a tough Collierville squad, 34-8.

The team was led by some talented players on both sides of the ball. Offensively, quarterback **Michael Park** had a great season. To help, he had several gifted receivers to throw to, including **Drew Alston**, **Stephen Bowie**, **Luke Jensen**, and **Zach Scott**. And when he was not throwing, Park was handing off to tough running backs like **Harrison Hunt**, **Philip May**, and **Chase Moore**.

**Will Aldridge**, **Tyler Horn**, and **Buck Towner** anchored the line and they cleared the path for linebackers **Jim Benton**, **Blake Cowan**, **Jay Edwards**, and **Ben Stallworth** to make the tackles. The secondary was secured by **Lee Moore**, **Bowie**, **Scott**, and **Park**, among others.

Though Collierville presented some trouble in the regular season, the Owls overcame the hurdle and remained focused throughout as they claimed another title.



## Seventh Graders Earn Their Title

Led by coaches **Jim Burnett '83**, **Craig Christenbury '83**, **Rankin Fowlkes**, and **Drew Harris '83**, the seventh-grade football team



completed the season with an 8-6 victory over Millington in the Shelby County League Championship game to keep the title here at MUS. The Owls finished the year at 9-1, losing only to Collierville in the middle of the season.

MUS had some outstanding players. The majority of the offense went through **Tyler Massey**, including most of the carries. Massey's hard-running and output made life easier for quarterback **Blair Wright**, who had many targets to throw to, including **Collin Fountain**, **Daniel Harriman**, and **Will Pryor**.

Defensively, **Max Dynerman**, **Connell Hall**, **Vance Montgomery**, and **Luke Wynn** were stalwarts on the line, while linebacker **Ben Hanks** led the team in tackles. The secondary was led by **Patrick Boyer**, who had several key interceptions throughout the season.

With such stiff competition, this group learned a great deal and improved dramatically as the season progressed—experience which will help them in the future.

## Cross Country Keeps Up the Pace

Knowing the hard work, time, and sweat required to succeed, the Lower School cross country team, led by **Coach Matt Bakke**, rose to the challenge all season in 2002. Their effort paid off as they claimed a second-place finish in the Shelby League Cross Country Meet, held at Shelby Farms on October 2.

In that two-mile race, eighth-grader **Louis Ghawji** shined as he finished first with a record time of 11:44. Seventh-grader

**Tyler Massey** followed closely behind, finishing 7th, while other Owl finishers included eighth-graders **Naveed Mirza's** 8th, **Reid Higginbotham's** 12th, **Richard Blount's** 15th, **Stephen Counce's** 17th, and **Andrew Jehl's** 23rd. The team finished second, 17 points behind ECS.

MUS also ran exceptionally well in the B-race. The seventh-graders came through as **Will Pryor** finished 1st, **Xander Batey** 6th, and **Alan Blount** 10th. Eighth-grade

finishes included **Miles Tamboli** 2nd, **Louis Amagliani** 3rd, **Josh Geraldson** 4th, and **Will Reeser** 9th.

With the commitment of these guys, the MUS cross-country program should remain strong for years to come.



*Philip May*



*Louis Ghawji*

## Golfers Shoot for the Top

Led by **Coach Manning Weir**, the Lower School golf team ended an outstanding season with a second-place team finish in the Shelby League Golf Tournament.

Members of the team included seventh-graders **Paul Billings**, **Kirk Malmo**, and **Blair Wright** as well as eighth-graders **Adam Bomar**, **Daniel Brown**, **Miles DeBardeleben**, **Collin Kelley**, and **Julian Prewitt**.

In late August, the team kicked off the season with a good start as **Brown** won the 27th annual **Randall Ash Perkins Memorial Tournament** at Audubon Golf Course.

After several practice matches, the Owls were ready for the Shelby League Tournament, held at Wyndyke Golf Course in late September. MUS placed second in the tournament, just one stroke behind ECS. **DeBardeleben** was the medalist with a winning score of 39, while **Brown** placed second with a 40.

MUS had a good season and now looks forward to success on the links next year.



*Medal winner Miles DeBardeleben with Coach Manning Weir*



## Homecoming Makes Memories for Students and Alumni

Homecoming Week 2002 was filled with excitement and nostalgia. Throughout the week of October 7-11, alumni returned to their alma mater, students donned spirited costumes, and the football team practiced for a tough game against undefeated Fairley High School.

A highlight of the week for students is the departure from their normal dress code and a chance to display their creativity with outfits for themed school days. On Monday, students and teachers got into the spirit of Criss-Cross Day by wearing their clothes backwards. Monday morning chapel featured a fashion show with suggestions and ideas for the rest of the week (including senior **William Adams** wearing a dress!). Tuesday was the school-spirited Red and Blue day, and one Lower School student even dyed his hair red and blue for the occasion. Leisure suits and butterfly collars abounded on Wednesday for Thrift Store Suit Day, but the most exciting part of the day was chapel as MUS alumnus and *New York Times* best-selling author of *Ghost Soldiers*, **Hampton Sides '80**, returned to school to address students and faculty. Sides discussed the success of his recent book and his upcoming movie deal. Thursday was Homecoming T-Shirt Day, and Friday was the traditional Grub Day, where students were allowed to wear anything they wanted (within reason, of course). Friday chapel also brought the Homecoming pep rally and treasured MUS traditions like the 15 Snappy RaHS led by Headmaster **Ellis Haguewood**.



*Wren Holcomb, Houston Hagewood, and Andrew Glenn showing their school spirit*

Hundreds of alumni return each year for the Homecoming Festivities. The classes of '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, and '92 had reunions this year, and many members of these classes showed up for the annual Alumni Golf Tournament at the Memphis

Country Club on Friday, October 11. That evening the BBQ dinner was held in the Dining Hall before the football game. Alumni, students, and friends of the school then made their way to Hull-Dobbs Field to watch the MUS Owls take on the Fairley High Bulldogs. The Bulldogs came to MUS undefeated, but left with a 7-1 record as the Owls easily beat the team 26-0. Megan Stout, a senior at Hutchison School, was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime along with first runner-up Emily Ladyman, also a senior at



*Homecoming Queen Megan Stout and her escort, Carter Landis*

Hutchison. Samantha Gould, a senior at Briarcrest, Lucy Harris, a junior at St. Mary's Episcopal School, Russell Jones, a junior at Hutchison, and Micah Pioreck, a senior at Hutchison, completed the 2002-03 Homecoming Court. After the game and on Saturday evening, reunion classes sponsored events around Memphis so they could see old friends and catch up since their respective graduations.

Homecoming 2002 was a great week for students and alumni. Remember to save those clothes you were giving away for Homecoming 2003!



*Jim Russell, Chairman of the English Department, talks with a prospective parent during Open House.*

## MUS Opens Doors for Open House

Every year **Mr. Lin Askew**, director of admissions, has to fill the classroom seats with young men who will carry on the tradition of excellence established by MUS over the years. One way he ensures that MUS gets the best students is by opening the doors and inviting interested parents and prospective students into the school for a day of touring and information gathering. This year the MUS Admissions Open House took place on Sunday, October 27.

After registering, families followed groups of student volunteers from all grades on tours of the school. The students were able to express their own views about the school, faculty, academics, and extra-curricular activities. Askew believes this is a great opportunity for parents to gain student perspectives on the school and faculty. "It's important to know how the students feel about their experience at a school and the education they're receiving. Open House provides a realistic look at the school and what we stand for at MUS," he said.

Once the campus tours were completed, prospective families learned about academics and campus activities by visiting with students and faculty in the Dining Hall. Refreshments were provided, and Beg To Differ performed for the visitors.

This year 116 families, approximately 331 people from 26 different schools, both public and private, attended Open House. A special thanks goes to **Mrs. Sheila Bohannon**, administrative assistant for the admissions department, for planning the event and to other members of the faculty and staff and students for helping make this year's Open House a success.

## TAIS Honors Faculty Loyalty

A Tennessee Association of Independent Schools (TAIS) conference on November 4 brought recognition to MUS faculty and staff who have given 20 or more years of service to the school. TAIS recognized the long-time allegiance of independent school employees for the first time in 2002 and more than 300 people received the Loyalty Award. Many of the MUS faculty members honored have more than 30 years of service to the



school. Those recognized were: (front) **Terry Shelton, Peter Bowman, Barry Ray, Reginald Dalle, Bill Taylor**, (middle) **Jim Russell, Ellis Haguewood, Andy Saunders, Norman Thompson, Jerry Peters**, (back) **Bob Boelte, Lin Askew, Vince Mutzi, Joan Ryan, Tom Brown, Bobby Alston, and Mary Nell Easum** (not pictured).

## Parents Keep Going and Going...

The Parents' Association continues to stay busy this year. For the first time the Parent Phonathon was held in new rooms in the Campus Center on October 21-23. Under the leadership of Phonathon Chairs, **Lissa and Randy Noel**, the Parent Phonathon surpassed all records. With only three nights of calling by 44 parents, volunteers raised \$105,824 in pledges for the Annual Fund, compared to \$70,000 last year. That says much about the leadership provided by the Noels, as well as the generosity and continuous support of our parents.

The Parents' Association loves grandparents! On October 22, Hull-Dobbs Athletic Field was inundated with Lower School grandparents and their grandsons as they came to cheer the "little Owls" on to victory against Cordova in the seventh-grade and eighth-grade football games.

On November 1, one of our Lower School grandmothers, **Mrs. Annette Popwell**, played hostess to Lower School grandmothers at a coffee at her home. About 35 grandmothers were treated to refreshments and a private performance by Beg To Differ, our award-winning *a cappella* group.

**Mrs. Terry Balton**, the Lower School computer teacher, taught a beginner computer class for grandparents on November 18 in the Lower School computer lab.

The grade level parent parties are well underway. Each year, parents volunteer their homes for an evening and host gather-

ings for other parents. On November 2, parents of seventh and ninth graders gathered at the homes of **Kristi and Bill McCann** and **Suzy Satterfield and John Pickens**, respectively. **Mary and Jimmy Edwards** hosted eighth-grade parents at their home on November 16, while **Ellen and Randy Holcomb** extended their hospitality to the parents of seniors on the same evening. The grade level parties, sponsored by the Parents' Association, are intended to provide opportunities for parents to meet their son's classmates' parents. The more parents know about their sons' friends and activities, the better equipped they are to keep them safe and secure.

## Seventh-Graders Learn How to Study

A new Lower School faculty member joined MUS during the latter part of the fall semester, and she may have the hardest job on campus. What is she doing? Among other

things, helping seventh-grade students clean out their lockers! **Mrs. Sloan Germann** designed a study skills course tailored to the specific needs of MUS students. Each seventh-grader meets with Germann twice a week during his study hall period.

Using the MUS Bible and social studies courses as context, Germann teaches the students organization and motivation, time management, homework and study skills, reading comprehension tips, mapping, note taking, outlining, and exam preparation skills.

## Faculties Meet For Common Goal

As part of the MUS and Hutchison coordinate program, Co-EDGE, faculty and staff of the two schools are coming together to discuss substance use and abuse. The two groups first met at MUS in September when Freedom From Chemical Dependency (FCD) representatives were visiting the school. Faculty and staff listened as the FCD representatives described what happened during a typical day of their program.

In October, during the FCD visit to Hutchison, the two groups met again on Hutchison's campus. During this meeting,

members of the two faculties were divided into groups to discuss contributing factors to alcohol and drug use, the impact an educator can have on a student, and reasons or ways to intervene if students show signs of substance abuse.

These meetings, along with other school events and Community of Concern presentations, help faculty facilitate communications with students.



## Student Council Has All the Answers

**Q: What would the Sue Hyde Gymnasium look like if it were filled with old, used furniture?**

A: In late September, the Student Council answered this question with its first ever Furniture Sale. More than one hundred pieces of furniture donated by MUS families, faculty, and friends were made available to the public. The sale raised \$2,700 and the proceeds were used to fund traditional Student Council events.

**Q: What would our students look like if they dressed in the clothes that former students used to wear?**

A: This question was answered at the Student Council sponsored Homecoming Dance, whose theme this year was Thrift Store Dance, a.k.a., wear the best polyester leisure suit you can find! The dance took place in the Morrison Courtyard with entertainment provided by The Willie Covington Soul Revue

**Q: Which grade would win if every member of the Upper School were competing on the playing fields?**

A: Tuesday, October 15, the Student Council sponsored the first annual MUS Field Day. It was homeroom versus homeroom, grade versus grade, competing in such events as

soccer, ultimate Frisbee, kickball, and "free way football." The day ended with entire grades competing against one another in the newly discovered "Deathball." Overall, the senior class won first place and, in a surprise twist, the freshmen class came in second!

**Q: What would happen if you stuck two students and two adults in a large pile of mud and had the four of them wrestle around a little bit?**

A: At Fall Fest, seniors **Joel Iglehart** and **Mauricio Rapalo** narrowly defeated **Mr. John Olson** and **Mr. Richard Cowan '97** in the mudpit. Although the rain cut the day short, all students in attendance seemed to enjoy the football, a large moonbounce, and the cookout that are staples at Fall Fest.

**Q: Which Upper School homeroom has the highest IQ?**

**Q: Will Student Council have a role in Charity Week?**

**Q: Who has the best dance moves after a high school basketball game?**

A: In the months to come, the MUS Student Council hopes to answer these and other awe-inspiring questions, all while supporting school spirit and providing the students with truly awesome activities.

### Fall Fest Highlights



*Boys in the band — Henry Talbot singing, Sloan Abernathy on keyboard, Craig Sneed in back, and Neely Bartlett on the right*



*Ryan Baum — grillin' to please*



*Miles DeBardeleben — car bashing*



*Christopher Steele — trying to reach higher ground*

### Mud wrestling appealed to more than just the boys:



*Faculty member John Olson wrestles with Mauricio Rapalo.*



*Even the girls could not resist slinging a little mud.*



*Alumnus Richard Cowan takes on Joel Iglehart.*



*Marilyn Morris*

## Lower Schoolers Aim for Success

As part of the Lower School's "Wellness Month" in November, Marilyn Morris, founder of Aim for Success, visited MUS to address all seventh- and eighth-grade students. Aim for Success is a nationally-acclaimed educational program with a focus on prevention of teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and emotional scars as a result of premarital sex among adolescents.



According to the Lower School Counselor, Mrs. Bryn Wulf, "Sex education is such a difficult topic to present to 200 boys, and Mrs. Morris seemed to be really effective. The students were actively engaged in the presentation and seemed to come away from it having learned a lot."

Students in attendance had positive reactions when asked about the benefits of such a program. "As you go through high school, there are a lot of pressures and she [Mrs. Morris] taught us educational information," said eighth-grader Max Rose. According to seventh grader Michael Cross, the presentation "taught us how to resist peer pressure and what could go wrong."

A parent program is also part of the Aim for Success curriculum. On the evening before the student program, parents were encouraged to see a preview of the presentation being given to their sons. Not only was this a great way for parents to learn valuable information about adolescent development and sexuality, it provided families a starting point for discussing this delicate issue. Parent Tina Bowie said, "The information was updated and easy to follow. I also liked the way she involved the boys in her activities. It's a wonderful resource."

## Alive at 25

### *A Driving Concept Students Can Live With*

During the week of November 18-22, Mr. Wayne Gutch, a fitness and wellness instructor from the University of Memphis, presented a program entitled Alive at 25 to the MUS ninth-grade students during their regularly scheduled physical education classes. The program consisted of a week-long series of discussions focusing on driving safety by looking at personal choices, actions, and consequences. Mr. Gutch has a reputation for approaching these topics without turning off the students. He actively involved the students in discussions covering the gamut of driving and safety, such as automobile maintenance, peer pressure, loud radios, alcohol and drugs, personal actions, and consequences.

According to Gutch, "The most important part of the program is probably the discussions of consequences." He explained the difference between parental discipline and that of the courts and,



*Zach Glover, Hugh Francis, and Bryan Fox look through the Alive at 25 booklet as discussions get underway.*

while doing this, he was able to connect with the students on their level, making impressions that will have a lasting impression on them. During the course of the week, he managed to discuss consequences such as fines, jail time, loss of license, and even the killing of a friend. Naturally, the discussions led into a consideration of the differences between a responsible and an irresponsible person. The ultimate goal of the program is to convince each student that he is the only person that can be in control of his behavior and his decisions will have consequences, positive or negative.

On Tuesday, November 19, Gutch conducted an informational meeting for parents in the Hyde Chapel. In this meeting he discussed concerns regarding parental examples, distractions in the car, alcohol, drugs, and the alternatives. Both students and parents have been positive in their comments about the program.





*Joe Bartos brings his message to eighth graders about drugs and alcohol abuse.*

During the week of September 23-27, Joe Bartos and Leonard Foote, two instructors from Freedom From Chemical Dependency (FCD) Educational Services, Inc., met with the eighth- and tenth-grade students during their regularly scheduled physical education classes. FCD Educational Services, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that provides alcohol, tobacco, and other drug education to schools and colleges across the nation and abroad.

FCD teachers are highly trained health educators who have achieved long-term recovery from alcohol and/or other drug addictions. Their unique “I’ve been there” perspective not only enhances the credibility of their message, but provides students with role models for happy, healthy, drug-free living. Having experienced the destructive effects of chemical dependency, FCD instructors teach from the heart.

Using a health education perspective and a conversational approach, the FCD educators help students acquire a vocabulary regarding addiction and an understanding of dependency’s consequences. Conducted without an MUS teacher present, the four-session course lends itself to comfort and candor in addressing personal questions and concerns.

Tenth-grade students enjoyed the program and had plenty to say about it. “FCD definitely strengthened my resolve against drugs and alcohol,” said **Jason Bond**. **Price Edwards** added, “I thought the FCD program was a more interesting, interactive way to learn about drugs.” **Stephen Nease** said, “I enjoyed FCD very much. It was a very informative and interesting experience. The real selling point of FCD was the former drug addict who was able to add personal insights and information, both of which caused the program to come alive for me.” Eighth-grade

## Activities Focus on Substance Abuse Education

students also benefited from the program. “It helps the reputation of the school and promotes involvement in the Drug Free Club,” said **Jim Kyle**. **Thomas McIntyre** said, “Since Joe (the FCD instructor) was a recovering addict, he knew a lot about drugs and the consequences of them.” **Steven Thompson** added, “It lets the students be aware of the dangers of drugs.”

In addition to the student sessions, the FCD instructors shared their perspectives regarding alcohol and other drug use and abuse with both the MUS and Hutchison faculties in meetings at both schools. Also, two parent meetings were held at MUS in coordination with the FCD program. In these evening meetings, Dr. Richard Luscomb and Dr. J. Kip Parrish, local experts in the area of adolescent psychology, informed our parents about their experiences and offered suggestions for dealing with the realities of alcohol and other drug use by adolescents in our community. A parental drug awareness test was administered. There were discussions about myths, false assumptions, and common errors in

parenting. It was also pointed out that parents have more influence than they think and should clearly express their expectations about non-use of drugs, set limits, and provide consequences for exceeding the limits. These meetings were well-attended with 150 families attending each night

Special thanks to the following students for their help at the evening meetings: **Brandon Arrindell, Philip Blackett, Timothy Chen, Trey Flowers, Andrew Hanover, John Harkess, Shahzad Khan, and Michael Morisy.**

## *National Consultant Says “Just Say Know”*

The Memphis Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) Community of Concern kicked off their third-year of substance abuse education efforts on November 14, by welcoming Dr. Wilkie Wilson, a neuropharmacologist, author, and national media consultant on the topic of teenage substance abuse. Approximately 165 people attended Dr. Wilson’s presentation at the Hutchison School on the scientific facts about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Drawing on examples from his most recent book, *Just Say Know: Talking With Kids About Drugs and Alcohol*, as well as his own experiences as a parent, Dr. Wilson offered scientific knowledge for parents about some of the most commonly used and abused drugs and recommended suggestions for initiating discussions with teenagers.

Dr. Wilson also addressed MUS students on Friday, November 15. The presentation, geared toward students, captivated the audience and informed them of the negative effects of many drugs currently in high circulation.

## From Munich to MUS

Members of the Kemmons Wilson Leadership Development and Counseling Center are increasing their emphasis on leadership education. To make this focus possible, **Judy and King Rogers**, parents of **King W. Rogers IV '98**, provided an endowment in 2000 to fund annual leadership development programs for MUS students. The income from the fund provides resources for a renowned speaker and programs throughout the year for juniors and seniors.

In October, the department held the first leadership program. Facing History and Ourselves Director Rachel Shankman, who was born in a displaced persons camp in Munich, Germany, spoke to eleventh- and twelfth-grade students. Shankman, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, discussed the effects of the attempted dehumanization of Jews during World War II. Program coordinator **Mr. Jeff Koehn '89** said, "Shankman's presentation powerfully illustrated how resilience and leadership qualities often emerge in response to adversity. I hope the students will better recognize and address social injustice in our community after having heard her story." A speaker from Facing History will again speak to the juniors and seniors during a program in March. In addition to attending the two Facing History programs, the seniors will participate in a third workshop in January.

Eleventh-grade students also participated in a program on Inspirational Leadership allowing them to examine the subject as illustrated by characters in popular cinema. Mr. Koehn commented, "Having used films when teaching my psychology class, I have seen that movies not only capture the attention of the students, but also assist them in making emotional connections with the concepts to which they are exposed. Inspirational characters on the screen allow the young men to see effective leadership in action." Students examined the "C's of leadership," such as character, communication, courage, commitment, and creativity. Furthermore, students had the opportunity to discuss these qualities by citing examples of traits illustrated by their peers and MUS faculty.

## Advising for the Future

Last year, a faculty advising system was initiated in order to monitor all students academically; to foster teacher/student relationships; to help find students with subtle drops in academic performance; to give "middle of the road" students more attention.

After a successful year of meetings with only the freshmen, this year the faculty advising system has grown to include the ninth and tenth grades. Faculty advisors meet students one Friday per month, hence Advising Fridays. The format of what advisors do is the same, however the focus of each grade is different. Advising groups include seven or eight students who discuss various topics each month. During a month when a progress report has been distributed students will have individual meetings with their advisors.

Many freshmen struggle when they reach the Upper School because of the differences in Lower School and Upper School study habits. Upper School students are encouraged to assume more academic responsibility, particularly in the area of studying ahead for upcoming tests. Many freshmen believe that if an assignment is not due the next day they have nothing to do that night. On the first Advising Friday, the advisors led a discussion about how students need to prepare every night for upcoming tests, quizzes, or papers.

Some sophomores see college as a long way down the road; what they don't realize is that what they do now will affect their future college acceptance. On the first Advising Friday, the sophomores looked ahead to where they wanted to be as seniors, and then they evaluated their present situation. Once they saw what they had to do, they derived motivators that were more immediate than college. For example, if a student wants to be a newspaper editor, he may be motivated to explore his creative-writing abilities during his sophomore and junior years.

Whether it is helping freshmen with the adjustment to high school or opening the eyes of sophomores in regards to college, the advising program strives to give all the students in those grades the knowledge they need to succeed.

## Parents Do Their Homework

Lower School Counselor Bryn Wulf, who has been creating innovative and enjoyable programs for Lower School students since the beginning of the school year, decided it was time to start working with the parents also. On October 21, Wulf met with nine parents for the first meeting of the Lower School Parents Book Club with the hope that these discussions will be a catalyst for discussion between students and parents. In November, the group read *Raising Cain* by Dan Kindlon and Michael Thompson. The book focuses on the cultural influences that encourage young men to keep their feelings inside.

The group will continue to meet throughout the year, and each month they will choose a new book to read and study together. For more information on the book club, please contact Mrs. Wulf at [bwulf@musowls.org](mailto:bwulf@musowls.org), or check the MUS website for updated meeting dates and times.



the student teams. Seniors **William Adams** and **JK Minervini** are the co-captains for this year's team.

The YMCA Youth Legislature gives students practical knowledge of the United States governing process through the experience of a mock Tennessee government. Participants debate real-life issues and vote on student-written bills, as they take on the roles of members of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches. First-year delegates participate in the "Blue" House and Senate, while those with experience are members of the "Red" House and Senate, the latter being held in the actual chambers of the state Capitol.

Government Club members at MUS are held to a high standard. Mr. Amsler and Mrs. Crosby distribute a packet to each student interested in joining the club. The packet includes the purposes of the club, expectations of club members, a code of ethical conduct, a dress code, and a pledge form stating "I agree to abide by the Government Club's Code of Ethical Conduct and the school's and YMCA's rules of behavior." Particularly interesting is the club's Code of Ethical Conduct. The MUS club created this code as a statement of appropriate behavior for students and describes the level of ethical standards to be used at competitions. The code reads as follows:

We, the members of the Memphis University School Government Club, in accordance with our school and club charter:

Recognize that our behavior at public competitions reflects on the entire MUS community. For this reason we will always strive to conduct ourselves in the spirit of integrity, professionalism, and fairness.

Agree to hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards which are appropriate to our social position as gentlemen and future business and community leaders.

Recognize that public debates should be based on substance and facts rather than the use of insults, personal attacks, excessive rhetoric, and the intentional distortion of the truth. It is clear to us that these derogatory and manipulative techniques only cloud debate and lead to the corruption of the political process.

Recognize that the criteria for the passage of bills and resolutions should be form, content, and consistency with the individual's ideals (at Youth Legislature) or the nation he is role-playing (at Model UN), rather than merely the school the author attends.

Recognize that victories attained in the passage of bills and resolutions through unfair voting practices, such as school bloc voting, are essentially meaningless and not fitting to the spirit of scholastic competition.

And agree not to utilize practices which undermine either the integrity or efficiency of government but rather incorporate methods which are virtuous and honorable.

For the past several years, many of the highest-ranking officials in the Model UN and Youth Legislature have been MUS students. **John Pettey '97**, **Chuck Brown '98**, **Ravi Bellur '00**, **Chance Carlisle '01**, **AJ Walzer '02**, and current senior **Philip Blackett** have secured MUS's grasp on the Youth Governor position since 1997. MUS students also have a hold on the leadership of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council. An Owl has been president of one of the two branches almost every year since 1996.



## *The Legacy of Leadership*

**Philip Blackett**, Youth Legislature Governor for 2002-03, believes that MUS is a "powerhouse" at the conventions. "We have four or five research and practice sessions as we are getting ready," he said, "but the success stems more from what we do outside of practice. There is a lot of on-your-feet thinking, and you have to be ready for that."

Blackett has been involved in the Government Club since his freshman year. Initially, he joined the club to expand his horizons and see what other career paths were available to him. He began to gain recognition within the group and won several awards, including Best Bill in ninth and eleventh grades and Best Statesperson in ninth grade. He was also a Committee Chair in eleventh grade and began to think there might be a future for him in government and politics. "I'm pretty certain that I want to major in government in college and be involved with political groups," he said. He still wants to go to medical school, but he would like to incorporate government into that. "Look at [Senator] Bill Frist," he said. "He does both, so why can't I?"

Blackett decided to run for governor this year because he "loves a challenge." The offices at Youth Legislature are all elected positions, so the students have to campaign at the previous years' convention. "It was pretty stressful because I was trying to get my bill passed for the conference, but also trying to meet people and win the election at the same time." Mr. Amsler thinks the election campaigns are great because they "encourage networking among the students." Blackett will be responsible for overseeing the entire 2003 Youth Legislature conference.

## *Need More Proof?*

The Government Club completed their first major event, the YMCA Model UN, November 15-17 in Nashville. Mr. Amsler, **Dr. Reginald Dalle**, **Mr. Bruce Ryan '80**, and **Mr. John Olson** accompanied 111 participants to the competition. "We had the top two positions this year in the Model UN," said Mr. Amsler, referring to MUS students **Andy Garrett** and **Babu Rayudu**, who served as General Assembly President and Security Council President, respectively. The following students also assumed the roles of Model UN officers: **Paul Bunch**, **John Harkess**, and **Barlow Mann**, General Assembly Vice-Presidents; and **Andrew Smith** and **Sean Curran** held the roles of justices in the International Court of Justice.



Several MUS students were recognized for their performance in the General Assembly this year. Juniors **Tyler Fisher**, representing San Marino, and **Adam Kaplan**, representing the United States, received Best Delegate awards. Best Resolution Awards were presented to seniors **Faris Haykal**, **Shahzad Khan**, and **Lee McNabb** representing Cyprus and to juniors **Gordon Conaway**, **Lee Hoyle**, and **Stephen Kriger**, representing Costa Rica.

Senior **Conor Quinn** received the Best Delegate award in the Security Council and Best Visiting Delegate awards went to junior **Robert Rogers**, representing Pakistan, and sophomore **Aaron Markowitz**, representing India.

As part of their preparation for Model UN, delegations prepare a research paper on the culture, geography, economy, and recent history of their chosen country. Conaway, Hoyle, and Kriger received an award for Best Research Paper. Individual students also turn in written briefs, called Memorials or Counter-Memorials to be heard before the International Court of Justice. The briefs are research-based and then argued by the student in a courtroom setting. Blackett, representing the US, won the award for Best Counter-Memorial.

Students are encouraged to wear their country's native attire and are awarded for the authenticity of their costumes. Juniors **Trip Wills**, **Pierce Sullivan**, and **Brad Spicer**, representing Zimbabwe, received this award.

Election winners were announced at the end of this year's awards ceremony for leadership positions for the 2003 conference and MUS will again be seated at the head of the table. Robert Rogers was elected as General Assembly President, **Paul Moinester** will serve as General Assembly Vice-President, and **John Collier** will act as Security Council Liaison. **Cash McCracken** will serve as the editor of the Model UN newspaper published by a group of students selected as the International Press Corps.

## The Future Looks Bright

The Government Club, off to a strong start for next year, still has plenty to look forward to in 2003. The Mid-South Model UN at Rhodes College and the Tennessee Mock Trial Competition at the Shelby County Courthouse will take place in February. In April, participants will return to Nashville for the Youth Legislature, where MUS students will again be seen in key positions. The following students

will act as officers at Youth Legislature: Philip Blackett—Youth Governor, Paul Moinester—Red Lieutenant Governor, Robert Rogers—Assistant Clerk of the Red Senate, Adam Kaplan—Assistant Floor Leader of the Red House, John Harkess—Blue Chief Engrossing Clerk, **Dara Chan**—Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Court, and **Brad Whiteside**—Press Editor.

Mr. Amsler expects participants to continue excelling in each of the Government Club sponsored events. "The quality of our students is self-perpetuating. The students sustain this quality over the years by a senior running a training session or helping in the library. A freshmen or sophomore witnesses that and they train the younger members when they become upperclassmen. Our success is a total team effort from the juniors and seniors who train, guide, and advise the underclassmen to **Mrs. [Ellen] McDonell** and her library staff who give their extra time to our research meetings. We have a reputation statewide for quality research papers, resolutions, and speeches in these events because of our culture of academic excellence,"

says Mr. Amsler. "What students learn," he says, "is the importance of free speech in a democratic society. We recognize that we disagree, but we agree to respect the other persons' right to their views. That is a fundamental lesson for functioning in a democratic society."

Each time the MUS Government Club members participate in an event, they are breathing new life into a quote by Thomas Jefferson that is the motto of the YMCA Youth-in-Government program: "Democracy must be learned by each generation."

Be sure to check the next issue of *Inside MUS* for Lower School Model UN results!



*Conor Quinn accepts his award from Susan Moriarty, the state director of YMCA Youth-in-Government.*



*Shahzad Khan, Faris Haykal, and Lee McNabb received a Best Resolution Award.*



*Stephen Kriger, Gordon Conaway, and Lee Hoyle were the delegates from Costa Rica and picked up awards for Best Resolution and Best Research Paper.*



*Other award winners included Aaron Markowitz, Robert Rogers (above), Adam Kaplan, and Tyler Fisher (left).*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January

- 6 2nd Semester Begins
- 14 8th Grade Parents Meeting, "High School Program," 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Parents' Association Board Meeting, 12 noon
- 17 Junior Class College Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 School Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 23 Junior Class Parents Meeting on College Admissions, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 End of 3rd Progress Report Period

### February

- 1 Civic Service Organization Talent Show, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Basketball Homecoming: MUS v. Harding Academy, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Lower School Dance, 8:00 p.m.
- 17 School Holiday - Presidents' Day
- 21 Cum Laude Induction in Chapel, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Regional Basketball Tournament Begins @ MUS

### March

- 4 National Spanish Exam, National French Exam
- 6 End of 3rd Quarter
- 7-14 School Holidays - Spring Break
- 17 4th Quarter Begins
- 27-29 Spring Musical: *Once Upon a Mattress*, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 National Honor Society Inductions in Chapel, 9:30 a.m.

### MUS Theater Presents

## Once upon a Mattress

March 27-29 • 7:30 p.m. • Hyde Chapel

Directed by Mr. Flip Eikner '77 and based on the classic fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea," the story centers on Prince Dauntless the Drab and his mother, Queen Aggravain, who devises a plan to determine whether Princess Winnifred (originally portrayed by Carol Burnett) is worthy of marrying his son. Music by Mary Rodgers and lyrics by Marshall Barer. Book by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer, and Dean Fuller.

## Harvey

April 24-25, 7:30 p.m. • Hyde Chapel  
April 27, 2:30 p.m.

This student production, directed by Houston Haguewood and Conor Quinn, is a timeless comedy by Mary Chase about Elwood P. Dowd and his invisible companion, Harvey.

Admission per play is \$10; \$7 for students and adults over age 65. For more information, call 260-1300.