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Science Department Adds New Element to Leadership

A successful school is like a lab experiment. It is the result of a delicate mixture of just the right elements—a challenging academic curriculum, extracurricular activities, and a dedicated group of talented instructors. Each addition to the mix must be carefully measured to avoid an adverse reaction. This year, a new “element” will be added to the MUS Science Department to complete its composition.

Beginning in August, Mr. Albert L. Shaw will join the MUS faculty as the Ruth McCaughan Morrison Chair of Science and head of the Science Department. Most recently, Mr. Shaw taught AP Physics and AP Calculus at Chatham Hall in Virginia, where his wife, Mrs. Marlene Shaw, was the head of school. Mrs. Shaw will be taking over as head of St. Mary's Episcopal School at the beginning of the 2003-04 school year.

Mr. Shaw is well qualified to join the MUS faculty. He earned a B.A. from St. John's University in New York, an M.S. in natural science from the University of Wyoming, and an M.S. in science education from Long Island University. He has also earned a law degree from Saint John's University and practiced criminal and family law in a private legal practice.

Mr. Shaw's wide range of experience and interests will be a valuable asset to MUS. He has served as an upper school principal, associate director of admissions, director of the summer session, and AP instructor at various schools during his career. “Mr. Shaw has had an extensive career in education over the last 30 years and comes to MUS with a commitment to professional development and a strong background in the sciences,”

said Headmaster Ellis Haguewood. Shaw is excited to be joining the MUS community and hopes to enrich the Science Department. “I want our curriculum and our classroom activities to reflect the excitement and challenge of science,” he said.

Mr. Shaw adheres to one fundamental educational philosophy. “Basically I believe that school should be challenging as well as stimulating,” he said. “The whole point of an education is to develop oneself both mentally and emotionally. A good school will find ways to bring out the best in each student while acknowledging the different strengths and interests that each student brings to the classroom. I am a fairly demanding teacher with, I believe, a big heart.

“Science courses offer unique opportunities to present the students with situations, many of them mathematical, which require them to analyze and reason. Science is much more than a collection of facts. It is a dynamic enterprise,” Mr. Shaw said.

A school full of boys can often be a big adjustment for a teacher.

However, Mr. Shaw has spent the last six years living on the campus of an all-girls school and says he is “totally committed to the idea of single-sex schools.”

As he prepares to join the MUS faculty, Mr. Shaw hopes to review the curriculum, enhance

the laboratory and discovery side of the program, and generate even greater enthusiasm on the part of both the faculty and the students for first-rate work in science. “The bottom line is that I am somewhat of a hard charger as a teacher. In the past, my students have generally responded well to the challenges that I have presented to them. As we all know, the more you ask of kids, the more you get from them,” he said.



Al Shaw —

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Straight From the Head

by Ellis Haguewood



Pedagogue is a word that means teacher or educator, but those of us who teach rarely refer to ourselves as pedagogues. We avoid the term, because over the years the original meaning, “teacher or educator,” acquired an additional connotation, this one pejorative. *Pedagogue* also now can be used to refer to one who teaches

in a pedantic or dogmatic or uninteresting manner, a teacher who pays too much attention to formal rules within his classroom. Once a word acquires an added pejorative definition, use of the word in its favorable meaning tends to die out. “Pedagogical methods,” a rather formal way of referring to teaching theory or the ways we teach, is still a popular phrase in educational circles, however.



The origin of *pedagogue* is rather interesting. In ancient Greece, a personal slave-attendant accompanied a freeborn boy wherever he went. The “pedagogue” was usually an old and trusted slave of high character. He was in charge of the moral instruction of the child, and he was responsible for taking the boy safely to and from his tutor or teacher. The word, from Greek, literally means “one who leads a boy.”



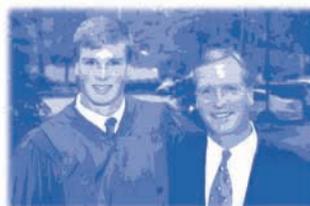
A question worth asking today is, “Who is leading your son to his teachers?” The best answer, of course, is that as his parents, you are. We cannot abdicate our roles as pedagogues to the music of our day or our media culture. The fortunate boy is the boy whose parents truly lead and guide, who set boundaries for him, who communicate the values of their family to him, who choose his teachers, who help

him find the right kind of friends, who involve themselves in his life.

At MUS, we believe, as you believe, that the primary responsibility for a boy’s moral instruction lies with his parents. The school can supplement, we can sharpen, we can aid in quickening his moral sensibility. And based on my observations over 34 years at Memphis University School, I believe that we do a good job of reinforcing the virtues that all of us esteem in men—honesty, responsibility, courage, perseverance, diligence, compassion. But what we do well we do well because the parents of MUS boys first have done their jobs well, and because they continue to do their jobs well. Our boys have learned those virtues at home, and they come to us well taught. Their parents, as caring and competent pedagogues, have led their boys to the teachers.



A partnership between the school and parents, between pedagogues and teachers, provides the very best moral education a boy can have. At Memphis University School, we value the partnership we have with parents as we work together to produce strong moral character and the highest virtues possible in every boy.



Beg To Differ Wins International Recognition

Beg To Differ, MUS's renowned *a cappella* ensemble, was recently awarded a place on the Best of High School A Cappella (BOHSA) International Compilation CD. The BOHSA CD, (produced annually by Varsity Vocals, showcases some of the world's best high school vocal groups as a means of encouraging students to dedicate themselves to the improvement of their art. The CD's are sold to the



Beg To Differ on the road again

featured groups at cost and are then resold to help finance future endeavors. Beg To Differ will contribute their song, "You Can Call Me Al," to the prestigious play list.

This adds yet another award to the long list of Beg To Differ's accolades. This year, members of Beg To Differ also brought home a gold award from the 2003 Atlanta Heritage Festival, a part of Heritage Festivals which operates more than 1,000 adjudicated music festivals a year in 25 cities, including international locations.

Since its founding in 1991 by music instructor John Hiltonsmith, the ensemble has recorded two CD's, received recognition in vocal competitions across the country, and been named "Over-All Best Choir" at New Orleans' 1997 Riverfest and New York's 2001 Heritage Festival. The group has traveled to France twice for performances and, in 2001, was recognized for its accomplishments by a proclamation from the Tennessee State Senate. The BOHSA International Compilation CD is available through Mr. Hiltonsmith at (901) 260-1382 or on line at www.a-cappella.com.



Brandon Arrindell with his parents at the Spring Awards reception

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Blackett Receives National Achievement Scholarship

Senior **Philip Blackett** received an exceptional honor from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation this year when he was presented with a National Achievement Scholarship. The National Achievement Scholarship Program is a privately-financed academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American students. Blackett's superior performance placed him among 4,500 other students to receive National Achievement Program recognition. Of the 110,000 students eligible, approximately 775 scholarships are awarded each year.

Leading Man

Sophomore **Eric Wilson** has already built an impressive resume with his numerous supporting and leading roles in MUS Theater productions, as well as in other theatrical programs throughout the city. This year, he added a third-place award in the Memphis and Shelby County Shakespeare Monologue Competition. The competition, held at the University of Memphis on February 24, allowed Wilson to practice his thespian skills as he recited a speech by Cardinal Wolsey from *Henry VIII*. The English Speaking Union of the United States sponsors the competition annually to "help high school students develop their language skills and dramatic talents through memorization of and interpretation of a monologue or sonnet."

Spring Award Winners

Sewanee Award for Excellence: **Todd Jean-Pierre**

Dartmouth Book Award: **Brandon Arrindell**

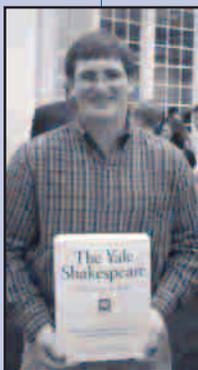
Jefferson Book Award: **Edward Taylor**

Yale Book Award: **Adam Kaplan**

Randall Ash Perkins Scholarship Award: **Brandon Arrindell**

Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award: **Andrew Hanover**

Wellford Leadership Award: **Andrew Hooser**



Adam Kaplan, Yale Book Award winner



Andrew Hooser, Wellford Leadership Award winner, with Megan Wellford Grinder, Alex Wellford '60, and Patricia and Stuart Hooser



Show Them the Money

On March 18, seniors **Wren Holcomb, Steven Carlson, Edward Nenon, Phillip Braun, and David Jacobson** won second place in the annual Fed Challenge at the Memphis Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis—a remarkable achievement considering that this is MUS's first year participating in the competition. Fed Challenge, an academically rigorous economics competition, requires that students familiarize themselves with the Federal Reserve and its monetary policies, research and analyze data about the present economic situation, and formulate a specific course for monetary policy. This course is then presented before a panel of economists who judge 15-minute mock Federal Open Market Committee presentations. Judges question the team members following their presentation, at which time students are forced to think on their feet and articulate the conclusions brought about by their extensive research and preparation. **Mr. John Knaff**, the team's advisor, hopes to sponsor another team at next year's Challenge in hopes of taking home first prize.

Roll Over Beethoven

The average symphony-goer probably would not expect to see a group of teenagers sitting on the stage but when they attend a Memphis Youth Symphony (MYS) concert, that is exactly what they get. Senior Andrew Howington and sophomore Kevin Wang are both members of the group that presents several professional-quality concerts each season. The MYS is a full orchestra consisting of brass, wind, strings, percussion, and harp for students ages 13 to 18.

Howington, who has played the viola since the eighth grade, is in his second year as a member of the MYS. He has also played violin since the first grade and started working with the symphony as a member of the smaller youth string orchestra.

Wang is in his first year of performance with the MYS, but he has been playing the violin for more than four years. His parents encouraged him to begin playing, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity for him to showcase his talents. "I think music is a wonderful way to channel your emotions into something useful. I enjoy performing with the symphony because it is a fun way to meet new people and every two years, we get to travel to Europe for performances," Wang said.

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Ladies and Gentleman... Kevin Has Left the Building

Eighth-grader **Kevin Owen** put his best voice forward on May 21 as he took first place in the inaugural Junior Star Search competition sponsored by WREG Channel 3 and FM 100. Owen submitted a performance tape and was chosen as one of only six contestants between the ages of 11 and 14. After a live performance on FM 100, the participants appeared on "Alive at 9:00" for the televised competition. An Elvis Presley medley, including "That's Alright Mama" and "Suspicious Minds," secured Owen's victory. He was awarded four hours of recording time at the legendary Sun Studios, where some of music's greatest artists recorded early in their careers. He also received tickets to the Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera concert scheduled in July.

Owen has been singing competitively since he was five years old and he will continue performing this summer. He was recently

selected as a principal entertainer for the Miss Mississippi pageant which was televised statewide on June 28.



From the "Alive at 9:00" show: host Alex Coleman, Ashley Weironski (female winner), host Marybeth Conley, and Kevin Owen (male winner)



John Knaff, Edward Nenon, David Jacobson, Steven Carlson, Phillip Braun, and Wren Holcomb

Owls Display Their Talents

Ten MUS students made their artistic debuts at Oak Court Mall this spring. Their artwork was chosen to be included in the Memphis Association of Independent School's (MAIS) Student Art Show. Students from the MAIS schools had their photography, painting, free-hand drawing, or other artwork on display from Sunday, April 6, to

Saturday April 12. The following MUS students were included in the talented group: **Christopher Bloodworth, Chase Carlisle, Winfield Clifford, Forrest Dunavant, Michael Eason, Michael Flowers, Ben Hanks, Mikey McGuire, John Phillips, and Kyle Wherry.** To see pictures of the students' work, visit the MUS website at www.musowls.org/academics/departments/mais_art_Show.htm.



Photography by senior John Phillips



Owls Named Eagles

A number of MUS students recently received the highest honor given by Boy Scouts of America. Senior **Owen Brafford**, juniors **Robert Rogers**, **Tony Montedonico**, and **Gatlin Hardin**, and eighth-graders **John Catmur** and **Neale Hicks** completed the requirements and were presented their Eagle badges in ceremonies during the spring. The students had to prove themselves worthy for this honor through their behavior, actions, and leadership and finally by the completion of a service project.



Owen Brafford

Brafford organized a group of 29 people and the construction of a nature trail for his project. The public trail, running through Davies Manor Plantation, is approximately 1,000 feet long and has four benches along the way.

Rogers organized a clothing drive in the Red Acres neighborhood. He and members of



Gatlin Hardin, Tony Montedonico, Neale Hicks, and John Catmur; not pictured Robert Rogers

his troop collected more than 900 pieces of clothing for city school students who were required to begin wearing school uniforms. The items were then donated to the Memphis Inter-Faith Association (MIFA) Thrift Shop for distribution.

Catmur taught math during the summer to kindergarteners and first-graders at De La Salle Elementary School.

Montedonico and Hardin worked together for their service project. Both students repaired large and small American flags for use in the Memorial Day service at the National Cemetery.

Hicks received his Eagle Scout ranking after organizing a collection of art and decorations for the rooms at Streets Ministries. Many of the rooms have only basic furniture, and the addition of Hicks' collections gave the rooms a more personal touch.

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Imagination is the Key

This fall, Hull Lower School students **Roger Chu**, **Josh Geraldson**, **Warner Johnson**, **Parker Joyner**, **John Kornegay**, **Samir Sheth**, and **Jon Tutor** made up one of the 40 teams that participated in Destination Imagination's fifteenth-annual regional tournament at Ridgeway Middle School. Destination Imagination is an international program that promotes the development of creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Students are presented with "Challenges"—mind-bending problems that emphasize structural, technical, artistic, improvisational, and/or theatrical elements. The participating teams, made up of seven students, work for several months to present their unique solutions at regional, state, and global tournaments. This year, MUS's team chose to solve one of the technical problems and was rewarded with an invitation to the state competition that was held at Lipscomb University in Nashville on April 12.

In Destination Imagination, emphasis is placed not on the final result, but rather on the lessons learned while working to achieve the end product. "We value the journey more than the destination," says Nancy Kornegay, MUS parent and Destination Imagination team leader, "We hope the journey itself never ends." As a result, participants blend their personalities, skills, interests, and experiences into a presentation that is uniquely theirs. They learn brainstorming and discernment skills, conflict resolution, and respect while having fun. "These are the life lessons that we hope stay with them for the rest of their lives," Mrs. Kornegay said.

MUS team sponsors plan to expand the school's involvement in the Destination Imagination program. In the past, MUS students have joined participants from Hutchison School to create successful co-ed teams, and as part of the Co-EDGE program, they hope to revive this tradition in the near future.

Hutchison, a long-time participant in the program, sponsored 10 teams in this year's competition. All of the teams, led by Mrs. Helen Patterson, attended the state competition in April, and two advanced to the global finals at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in May. While the fledgling MUS team was not invited to the global finals, organizers are excited about future involvement in the program.



Destination Imagination team: (back) John Kornegay, Roger Chu, Jon Tutor, Warner Johnson, (front) Josh Geraldson, Samir Sheth, and Parker Joyner. Photo by www.baldwinphoto.net



Seventh-Graders Taking the ACT?

That's right. Six MUS seventh-graders have received recognition from Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) because their SAT or ACT scores were among the top 25 percent of people in their grade across the country. **Scott Edwards, Daniel Ernst, Samir Sheth, Michael Sousoulas, Michael Stein, and Blair Wright** took the college entrance exams this year alongside high school juniors and seniors.

Sousoulas said taking the ACT was an interesting experience. He was the only seventh-grader in the building, and although he thought the test was challenging, he did not say it was overwhelming. In fact, when his parents looked over his scores, he had actually qualified for several colleges. Sousoulas thinks the experience will help him when he is a junior and takes the test for real. "I didn't take any practice tests this time," he said, "but when I get older I will definitely take some." He also believes that he will know what to expect when he takes it again.

Lower School counselor Mrs. Bryn Wulf said, "The Duke TIP program is an excellent way for students with high ability to be identified and then be provided with opportunities to enrich their knowledge base over the summer."

The TIP seventh grade talent search was designed to "assist young people with excellent mathematical or verbal aptitude by providing them with information about their abilities and then introducing them to a network of services and programs available." Depending on their scores, students are given the opportunity to attend summer studies programs on college campuses around the country. The three-week programs cover an advanced high school curriculum in a broad spectrum of topics such as history, arts, social sciences, business, mathematics, and writing skills.

Knowledge Masters Rule

MUS students once again showed their trivia prowess as they competed in the spring Knowledge Masters competition. The Lower School team finished third in the state and 186th out of the 931 national and international



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Front: **Michael Sousoulas, Scott Edwards, Blair Wright**;
back: **Samir Sheth, Daniel Ernst, and Michael Stein**

middle schools enrolled in the competition. The team members scored a 1339 out of a possible 2000 points, which was their personal best score so far. Lower School

team members include: **Austin Beckford, Roger Chu, Scott Edwards, Daniel Ernst, Josh Geraldson, Bruce Mathews, Mac McCormack, David Morelli, Michael Stein, and Jonathan Tutor.**

The Upper School team finished 99th out of 865 schools and ranked in the 89th percentile. With a total score of 1500 points, also a team best, the students placed fifth in the state and beat teams from South Korea, Poland, Singapore, Uzbekistan, and several American states. Upper School team members include: **Timothy Chen, Sean**

Curran, Noah Feder, Chris Freeman, Lee Hoyle, Sashank Karri, Parth Sheth, Andrew Smith, Warren Stafford, Aaron Struminger, Hunter Swain, and Kevin Wang.

Word Up

Each year, the Shelby County Council of Teachers of English and the University of Memphis Department of English co-sponsor the Wordsmith Competition to challenge the best writers in grades seven through twelve in Memphis. This year's event was held at the University of Memphis on February 9, and several MUS students received awards.

Sophomore **Mike Schaeffer** received an honorable mention in the tenth-grade 40-word dash and second place in the tenth-grade 80-word dash, and senior **JK Minervini** received an honorable

mention in the twelfth-grade 120-word dash. Students are given particular topics in the 40-, 80-, 120-, and 400-word dashes and expected to complete a writing assignment within a certain period of time using the allotted number of words. Other participants in the competition were **John Collier,**

Cash McCracken, Michael Morisy, and Walter Klyce. Freshman **Nick Skefos** was awarded third-place in the ninth-grade prepared manuscript category for his prewritten essay on "Sometimes You Get What You Wish For." Prepared manuscripts may be submitted in several genres including poetry, personal essay, and technical description. Klyce, **Benjamin Ashley, and Paul Kennedy** also submitted prepared manuscripts.

Left: Knowledge Masters Upper School team's combined brain power gave them a fifth-place finish in the state. Inset: Roger Chu helped his Lower School team achieve third place in their state division.



COMPETITIVELY speaking...

JV and Varsity TEAMS Teams Win State

MUS students' performance on the Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science, or TEAMS, has established the school as an intellectual powerhouse in recent years. This year was no exception. The varsity team—comprised of seniors **Paul Bunch**, **Charlie Gordon**, **Lee McNabb**, **Michael Norman**, and **Conor Quinn**, juniors **Austin Chu** and **Sean Curran**, and sophomore **Parth Sheth**—placed first in both the local and state



Stephen Day, a welder with RMS, educated the TEAMS team on the subject of welding in preparation for their competition.

divisions, defeating rivals White Station High School and Houston High School. Results from Test I, an advanced multiple-choice section, determine a team's local and state ranking, while the team's scores from Test II, an extensive problem-solving section involving complicated calculations, decide its national position.



Youth Legislature in action: Andrew Hooser and Todd Jean-Pierre



Jesse Mahautmr and Shea Conaway

Right: Michael McCulloch, Jon-Michael Taylor, and Owen Brafford

MUS's performance in the state competition ensured the team's advancement to the national competition, where the varsity team placed eleventh and the junior varsity team placed eighth. In order to take part in the tests, team members must have extensive knowledge of math, chemistry, physics, biology, and computer applications, and only the best math and science students are nominated to participate.

Mr. Tom Brown, the TEAMS sponsor, says that the students' traditionally outstanding performance is "a reflection of our excellent math and science programs." In fact, MUS has won the state title every year it has participated in the competition and has rarely ranked below tenth in the nation. Mr. Brown will look to members of the junior varsity team to carry on this tradition of excellence in years to come. The junior varsity team has already distinguished itself from its competitors, winning the state competition and advancing to the national level. Team members include sophomores **Alex Chinn**, **Noah Feder**, **Chris Freeman**, **Alex Guyton**, **Andrew Manugian**, **Worth Morgan**, **Brent Phillips**, and **Kevin Wang**.

High School Politics Builds Leaders

The YMCA held its fiftieth-anniversary Tennessee Youth Legislature at the state capitol in Nashville April 3-6. Seventy-four MUS Government Club members were among the 470 participants from across the state. Some acted as legislators presenting and debating bills, while others participated in the Supreme Court, the Governor's Cabinet, the various lobbyist "firms," or the Capitol Hill press corps. **Mr. Guy Amsler**, **Dr. Reginald Dalle**, and **Mrs. Susan Quinn** accompanied the group.

Twelve MUS students served in leadership positions: **Paul Moenster**, Lieutenant Governor; **Adam Kaplan**, Floor Leader of the Red House; **Conor Quinn**, Assistant Floor Leader of the Red House; **John Harkess**, Blue Chief Engrossing Clerk; **Robert Rogers**, Assistant Clerk of the Senate; **Barlow Mann**, Senate



Sergeant-at-Arms; **Warner Russell**, House Chaplain; **Andrew Smith**, Supreme Court Justice; **Dara Chan**, Assistant Supreme Court Clerk; and **Brad Whiteside**, Press Editor. In the Governor's Cabinet, **Andy Garrett** acted as the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation, and **Michael Norman** was the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. (Within the legislative branch, "Red" House and Senate are for veterans and

“Blue” House and Senate are for first-year delegates)

The following students were recognized during the awards ceremony for their exceptional work: Outstanding Statesman, Red Senate—**Faris Haykal** and **Tyler Fisher**; Outstanding Bill, Blue Senate—**Jordan Crawford** and **Price Edwards**; Members of the Outstanding Lobbyist Firm—**Brandon Arrindell** and **Sam Buckner**; Best Written Brief, Supreme Court—**Keith Parsons** and **Thomas Harvell**.

Tyler Fisher, **John Harkess**, **Faris Haykal**, **Barlow Mann**, **Paul Moinester**, and **Brad Whiteside** were among the top 25 delegates selected to attend the YMCA's National Affairs Conference this summer in North Carolina.

Finally, several MUS students were selected for leadership positions in the 2003 conference: **Robert Rogers**, Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Red Senate; **Adam Kaplan**, Floor Leader of the Red Senate; **Austin Rainey**, Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Red House; **Alex Chinn**, Blue Lieutenant Governor; and **Parth Sheth**, Floor Leader of the Blue House.

MUS Students Add Up Awards

MUS math students raked in numerous competitive awards and recognition. The American Mathematics Contest (AMC) is a series of tests given to junior high and high school students intended to test the participants on a variety of subjects and problem-solving skills. As a result of their AMC scores, nine MUS students qualified for the 2003 American Invitational Mathematics Examination, known as the AIME: **Paul Bunch**, **Austin Chu**, **Andy Garrett**, **Charlie Gordon**, **Alex Guyton**, **Lee McNabb**, **Michael Norman**, **Conor Quinn**, and **Parth Sheth**. The school team score is the sum of the top three scores—Chu, Sheth, and Gordon—and their combined score of 391 out of 450 on the AMC placed MUS among the top schools in the state.

Hull Lower School students participated in the AMC 8, and eight seventh-grade students received scores among the top 25 from MUS, which was very impressive, according to **Mrs. Maria Burke**, Lower School math instructor. Eighth-grader **Jonathan Yeung** scored highest, and there was a four-way tie for second place between seventh-grader **Scott Edwards** and eighth-graders **Andrew Jehl**, **Neely Mallory**, and **John Stokes**.

MATHCOUNTS is an annual, regional competition in subjects such as probability, statistics, linear algebra, and polynomials. As a team, MUS placed third in the regional competition.



Serving as Youth Legislature officers, left to right: Dara Chan, Paul Moinester, Robert Rogers, Philip Blackett, Andrew Smith, Adam Kaplan, Warner Russell, and Conor Quinn



Youth Legislature participants: Tyler Fisher, Price Edwards, Brandon Arrindell, Paul Moinester, Sam Buckner, Jordan Crawford, and Faris Haykal

Eighth-grader **Jonathan Yeung** advanced individually to the state competition. Eighth-grader **Neely Mallory** came in seventh in the regional competition and third in the Countdown regional competition, a fast-paced oral round placing students in head-to-head competition. This year's team members were: **Steven Counce**, **Roger Chu**, Mallory, and Yeung; and individual participants were: **Will Aldridge**, **Noah Ketler**, **Michael Stein**, and **Jonathan Tutor**.

The Math League Press involves more than one thousand schools and places seventh- and eighth-graders in league and regional competitions on topics such as decimals, exponents, sequences, and basic roots. The MUS seventh-grade team placed third in their league and first in Tennessee.

Team members were: **Conor Bolich**, **Roger Chu**, **Scott Edwards**, **Ross Montague**, **Samir Sheth**, and **Michael Stein**. Chu and Edwards tied for ninth place among the top students in the league and Stein placed twenty-first. The MUS eighth-grade team placed first in their league, and in the state. Team members were: **Steven Counce**, **Josh Henke**, **Neely Mallory**, **Naveed Mirza**, **Byron Tyler**, and **Jonathan Yeung**. All eighth-graders placed among the top 20 students in the league competition: Yeung, 3rd place; Counce, Henke, and Mallory, 8th place; Mirza and Tyler, 17th place.

The Continental Math League (CML) is a student contest designed to improve students' analytical skills and problem-solving abilities. Lower School winners were: **Jonathan Yeung**, 1st place; **Jonathan Tutor**, 2nd place; **Steven Counce** and **Roger Chu**, 3rd place; **Noah Ketler** and **Neely Mallory**, 4th place. Upper School students participated in the Calculus CML. Winners were: **Paul Bunch**, 1st place; **Lee McNabb** and **Parth Sheth**, tie for 2nd place.



MathCounts Team: Jonathan Tutor, Michael Stein, Roger Chu, Noah Ketler, Neely Mallory, Steven Counce, Will Aldridge, and Jonathan Yeung in front

Parlez-vous Français? ¿Habla español?

On March 4, MUS foreign language students participated in the national French and Spanish exams. Seniors **Lee McNabb** and **JK Minervini** placed sixth and seventh, respectively, in the nation, out of more than 10,000 competitors on the French exam. Six Owls placed in the statewide top ten: McNabb, 2nd; Minervini, 3rd; **Andrew Manugian**, 5th; **Jonathan Barnes**, 6th; **Parth Sheth**, 7th; and **Jacob Weinstein**, 10th.

Spanish students were tested based on their level of study. Many were recognized for their performance: Level 4—**William Adams**, **Austin Carpenter**, **David Warren**, and **Mauricio Rápalo**; Level 3—**Evan Herrera**, **Matt Sights**, and **Gabriel Rápalo**; Level 2—**Lee Hoyle**, **Mike Schaefer**, **Michael Fong**, **Charles Askew**, **Phillip Flinn**, **Warren Stafford**, **Stephen Nease**, **Wilson McManus**, and **Cody Mayer**; Level 1—**Matt Dowling**, **Christopher Thomas**, **Matt Farmer**, **John Hensley**, **Bryce Hendry**, **Daniel Harriman**, **Keith Parson**, **Frank Jemison**, **John Klinke**, **Hayden Pendergrass**, **Barrett Steinberg**, **Christopher Williamson**, **Paul Zattler**, **James Aiken**, **Jason Bond**, **Zachary Kisber**, **Paul Yacoubian**, **Jason Northington**, and **Eric Reid**.

Veni, Vidi, Vici

This spring, 37 MUS Latin students competed not only for academic excellence in Latin but also in swimming, discus, track and field activities, costume contests, and Dramatic Latin contests. The Tennessee Junior Classical League Convention (TJCL) was held in Smyrna, Tennessee, April 11-12, and more than 900 Latin students from across the state competed in the numerous academic, athletic, and artistic areas. As the 2002-2003 president of the TJCL, junior **Austin Chu** presided over two general assemblies.

The MUS delegation received a trophy for fourth place in academics, and the swimming relay team—**Chu**, **Erim Sarinoglu**, **Parth Sheth**, and **Hank Wynn**—won third place. The following students received individual awards: **Beau Britton**, **Alex Chinn**, **Austin Chu**, **Shea Conaway**, **Tyler Fisher**, **Bryan Fox**, **Will Hickman**, **Greg Jones**, **Walter Klyce**, **Jesse Mahautmr**, **Will Pickens**, **Conor Quinn**, **Erim Sarinoglu**, **Grayson Sharpe**, **Parth Sheth**, **Andras Tigyi**, **Robert Wallace**, **Hank Wynn**, and **Peter Zanca**. In addition, junior **Tyler Fisher** was elected first vice-president for 2003-2004.

Dean's Scholar

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Dean's List

GRADE 12

Lee McNabb

GRADE 10

Charles Askew
Alex Chinn
Clint Cowan
Michael Fong
Robert Goff
Brent Phillips
Parth Sheth
Eric Wilson

GRADE 9

Shea Conaway
Bryan Fox
Daniel Harriman
Bryce Hendry
Jesse Mahautmr
Hayden Pendergrass
Grayson Sharpe
Peter Zanca

GRADE 8

Andrew Jehl
Noah Ketler
Neely Mallory
John Stokes

GRADE 7

Xander Batey
Alan Blount
Michael Cross
Asad Dilawari
Scott Edwards
Teddy Klug
Stephen Maroda
Will Mays
Mark McLeod
Will Pryor
Michael Sousoulas
Peter Travis
Blair Wright

GRADE 12

William Adams
Ben Alexander
Eli Atkinson
Chris Beck
Preston Blankenship
Owen Brafford
Trae Bryant
Paul Bunch
Austin Carpenter
Dara Chan
Mark Chen
Derek Clenin
Dana Doggrell
Jamie Drinan
George Edwards
Andy Garrett
Dustin Geer
Marshall Goldsmith
Sean Gould
Houston Hagewood
Faris Haykal
Joel Iglehart
Shahzad Khan
Alex Lawhorn
Philip Lewis
Blake Lindsay
Barlow Mann
Clark Mayfield
James McKenzie
Hite McLean
Ryves Moore
Michael Morisy
Michael Murphy
Edward Nennon
John Phillips
Conor Quinn
Babu Rayudu
Hunter Shell
Craig Sneed
Hill Stoecklein
Scott Williams
Tyler Wohrman

GRADE 11

Brandon Arrindell
Tyler Beard
Tom Billings
Brent Boswell
William Brandon
Timothy Chen
Austin Chu
Chris Cole
Sean Curran
Spencer Dailey
Gatlin Hardin
Evan Herrera
Andrew Hoff
Lee Hoyle
Andrew Hooser
Todd Jean-Pierre
Peter Jones
Adam Kaplan
Jack Louie
Sunny Majumdar
Cash McCracken
Lyle Muller
Eddie Owen
Will Owens
Doug Pleiman
Austin Rainey
Phillip Reed
Brian Shoptaw
Scott Tashie
Edward Taylor
Clayton Thomas
Blake Wiedman

GRADE 10

Kane Alber
Ben Bleustein
Jordan Crawford
Cody Curtis
John Daniel
Preston Dennis
Andrew Dudas
Price Edwards
Phillip Flinn
Chris Freeman
Joey Friend
Alex Guyton
Michael Haas
Russ Hinson
Tommy Horton
Sashank Karri
Benjamin Katz
Bo Ladyman
Andrew Manugian
Aaron Markowitz
Cody Mayer
Harry Mayfield
Michael McCulloch
Wilson McManus
Stephen Nease
Randall Noel
Andrew Olinger
Mike Schaeffer
Matt Sights
Wes Spiro
Warren Stafford
Aaron Struminger
Ben Tacker
John Taylor
Kevin Wang
Jacob Weinstein
Hank Wynn

GRADE 9

Benjamin Ashley
Collier Calandrucchio
Tom Chiu
David Deaderick
Matthew Doss
Matt Dowling
Brian Evans
Zach Glover
Andrew Gordon
Oliver Green
William Jameson
Frank Jemison
Matt Johnson
Greg Jones
Patrick Kimberlin
Zachary Kisber
Walter Klyce
Scott Lillard
Garrott McClintock
Donald McClure
Jason Northington
Keith Parsons
Rob Peeler
Will Pickens
Gabriel Rapalo
David Shochat
Nicholas Skefos
Alex Snyder
Barrett Steinberg
Will Thornton
Andras Tigyi
Reid Wesson
Brian Wurzburg
Paul Yacoubian
Paul Zettler

GRADE 8

Tyler Anthony
Stephen Bowie
Elliott Cole
Stephen Counce
Khang Dang
Miles DeBardeleben
Jay Edwards
Drew Hammond
William Harris
Josh Henke
Philip Heppel
Naveed Mirza
Lee Moore
Ed Porter
Max Rose
Erim Sarinoglu
Kristof Tigyi
Byron Tyler
Artem Volosnikov
Jeffrey Webb
Jeffrey Wright
Jonathan Yeung

GRADE 7

Andrew Amos
Morgan Arant
Hudson Atkins
Austin Beckford
Paul Billings
Christopher Bloodworth
Conor Bolich
Roger Chu
Anthony Dang
Josh Henke
Hunter Edens
Daniel Ernst
Daren Freebing
Watson George
Sam Goldstein
Nelson Graham
Travis Hamm
Grant Heflin
Jack Heflin
Robert Hoehn
Barrett Huggins
Wesley Jones
Parker Joyner
Kirk Malmo
Tyler Massey
Scott McClintock
Andrew Millen
Ross Montague
Vance Montgomery
Corey Scheinblum
Jay Snyder
Michael Stein
Joshua Vieira
Cade Wallace
Cory Weldon
Kyle Wherry
Malcolm Wood
Luke Wynn
Robbie Zettler



Roll Call of Honor Societies



Cum Laude

Cum Laude is an honorary society modeled after the collegiate Phi Beta Kappa. Students are inducted based on their academic performance and their class standing. Seniors must have a weighted GPA within the top 20 percent of their class for seven semesters and juniors must have a weighted GPA within the top 10 percent of their class for five semesters. For their academic excellence, the following students were inducted into Cum Laude:

Pictured above left to right: **Shahzad Khan, Austin Carpenter, Lyle Muller, Brent Boswell, Cash McCracken, Sean Curran, Adam Kaplan, Timothy Chen, Edward Taylor, Brandon Arrindell, Hill Stoecklein, Tyler Woehrman, Edward Yang, and Marshall Goldsmith.** Not pictured: **Dara Chan, Austin Chu, Jamie Drinan, and John Harkess**

National Honor Society

A student must have earned an 85 percent academic average over seven semesters for seniors or five semesters for juniors to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society. In addition, he must have demonstrated sound and constructive leadership and given unselfish service to his school. Admission to this organization is one of the most prestigious honors that a secondary school student may be awarded. The following students were inducted based on their scholarship, character, leadership, and service:



Front row: **Cash McCracken, Paul Moinester, Brandon Arrindell, Owen Brafford;** second row: **Robert Rogers, Austin Chu, Adam Kaplan, Lee McNabb;** third row: **Blake Wiedman, Edward Taylor, Michael Morisy, Shahzad Khan;** back row: **William Adams, Andrew Hooser, Lee Hoyle, Todd Jean-Pierre, Hill Stoecklein, Craig Sneed, Paul Bunch, and Preston Blankenship**

History

MUS is a charter member of the History Honor Society, founded in 2002. Working in conjunction with Will Fitzhugh, founder of the Concorde Review (a quarterly magazine dedicated to the publication of exemplary history work by high school students), Mr. Eric Berman succeeded in founding a group to recognize students for excellence and enthusiasm in the study of history. These students were inducted into the History Honor Society in April as charter members of the group:

**Brandon Arrindell
Timothy Chen
Austin Chu
Gordon Conaway
Sean Curran
Spencer Dailey
Joey Friend
Stuart Gillespie
Evan Herrera
Turner Holm
Lee Hoyle
Todd Jean-Pierre
Adam Kaplan
Ben Kastan
Tony Montedonico
Lyle Muller
Michael Norman
Joseph Robinson
Robert Rogers
Edward Taylor
John Taylor**

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is a national high school and junior college honorary mathematics society. Students who qualify for membership must have completed with distinction at least five semesters of college preparatory mathematics. The following students were inducted into Mu Alpha Theta in April:

**Brandon Arrindell
Tom Billings
Brent Boswell
Dara Chan
Timothy Chen
Alex Chinn
Matthew Cohen
Sean Curran
Trey Flowers
Charlie Gordon
Gatlin Hardin
Andrew Hooser
Andrew Howington
Lee Hoyle
Tushar Jha
Adam Kaplan
Blake Lindsay
Cash McCracken
Ryves Moore
Lyle Muller
Will Owens
Philip Reed
Hill Stoecklein
Edward Taylor
Kevin Wang
Scott Warren**

Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll is a national honor society that recognizes achievement in journalism. Members include writers, photographers, layout artists, and graphic designers. The following students were recognized for their outstanding service and contributions to The Owls' Hoot newspaper, The Owl yearbook, and the MUSE literary magazine.

**Tom Billings
Philip Blackett
Owen Brafford
Paul Bunch
Austin Carpenter
Austin Chu
Sean Curran
Adam Kaplan
Shahzad Khan
Barlow Mann
Cash McCracken
Lee McNabb
Robert Rogers
Hill Stoecklein
Laird Tuttle**



Trey Flowers and his parents



Foreign Language

French

Justin Beard
Ben Jaqua
Todd Jean-Pierre
Sashank Karri
Ben Kastan

Latin

Alex Addington
West Askew
Stephen Bowie
Daniel Brown
Dara Chan
Alex Chinn
Austin Chu
Elliott Cole
Shea Conaway
Stephen Counce
Sean Curran
Khang Dang
Bryan Eder
Jay Edwards
Noah Feder
Ashton Fisher
Tyler Fisher
Ryan Foley
Bryan Fox
Scott Guinn
Drew Hammond
William Harris

Josh Henke
Philip Heppel
Andrew Jehl
Greg Jones
Adam Kaplan
Noah Ketler
Walter Klyce
Jesse Mahautmr
Sunny Majumdar
Neely Mallory
Naveed Mirza
David Morelli
Lyle Muller
Rob Peeler
Will Pickens
Ed Porter
Conor Quinn
Babu Rayudu
John Reinhardt
Max Rose
Erim Sarinoglu
Zach Scott
Tim Scruggs
Garthon Sharpe
Parth Sheth
David Shochat

John Stokes
Will Thornton
Hobbie Turley
Byron Tyler
Haynes Vaughn
Artem Volosnikov
Robert Wallace
Jeffrey Webb
Eric Wilson
Jeffrey Wright
Hank Wynn
Jonathan Yeung
Peter Zanca

Spanish

Brandon Arrindell
John Daniel
Paul Bunch
Andy Garrett
Evan Herrera
Andrew Hooser
Cash McCracken
Eddie Owen
Matt Sights
Edward Taylor



Dara Chan with Latin teacher
Richard Ellis



Marshall Goldsmith accepts his Red and
Blue certificate from Bobby Alston during
the Chapel ceremony.

Red and Blue

Seniors are recognized for outstanding leadership and service with induction into the Red and Blue Society. The following seniors were commended for their contributions to MUS.

William Adams
Geer Alexander
Ryan Baum
Preston Blankenship
Phillip Braun
Paul Bunch
Chase Carlisle
Derek Clenin
Alex DeBardeleben
Jamie Drinan
Michael Eason
Ken Farmer
Michael Flowers
Trey Flowers
Andy Garrett
Paul Garrett
Mikey McGuire
Marshall Goldsmith
Charlie Gordon
Houston Hagewood
Andrew Hanover
John Harkess
Faris Haykal
Nathan Haynes
Randall Holcomb
Alan Humphreys
Will Hunt
Jesse Huseth
Joel Iglehart
Shahzad Khan
Blake Lindsay
Barlow Mann
James McKenzie
Lee McNabb
JK Minervini
Ryves Moore
Michael Morisy
Bunky Parr
Jeff Posson
John Phillips
Conor Quinn
Babu Rayudu
Collins Roll
Hunter Shell
Andrew Smith
Robert Snowden
Hill Stoecklein
Brad Whiteside
Tyler Wohrman



Derek Clenin and his mother, Barbara



Brad Whiteside and his mother, Melinda



Phillip Braun gets a little help from Lisa
Holliday with his Red and Blue lapel pin.

Junior Beta Club

Each semester, a select group of Hull Lower School students are acknowledged for their outstanding academic achievement, character, and leadership skills with induction into the Junior Beta Club. On February 27, the following students were inducted:

Front: Noah Ketler, Stephen Maroda, Asad Dilawari, Peter Travis, Will Mays, Xander Batey; middle: Will Pryor, Blair Wright, Roger Chu, Teddy Klug, Ashton Fisher, Scott Edwards; back: Andrew Amos, Watson George, Mark McLeod, Jake McCrary, and Conor Bolich



Owls' Basketball Season Ends in Regional Tournament



The MUS varsity basketball team's season ended all too abruptly as the Red Knights of Bishop Byrne toppled the Owls in the quarterfinals of the regional tournament, 55-43, to conclude the Owls' year at 17-12.

MUS eased into the quarters with an easy victory over Catholic in the first round. The Owls jumped on the out-manned Chargers from the outset, grabbing an early double-digit advantage, and never looked back, winning 65-23. MUS placed three players in double figures as everyone got to play. Junior **Philip Reed** led the Owls with 16 points and 8 rebounds, while seniors **Ryan Baum** added 15 points and **Andrew Hanover** 12. MUS held the Chargers, who finished the year at 5-22, to only 17 percent shooting from the field and out-rebounded them by 11 to move on in the tournament.

However, the Owls' run ended the next game. Bishop Byrne, whom MUS defeated on the road just one week earlier, came out confident and prepared in the rematch. The Red Knights scored the first basket of the game, and they never trailed en route to the 55-43 victory. The Owls trailed by eight late in the second quarter, but a 4-0 run to end the half gave MUS the momentum as they trailed 25-21 at the break. However, the Knights extended that lead to ten in the third quarter, and the Owls never got closer than six the rest of the way to absorb the defeat.

Hanover led MUS in scoring as he tallied 16, while Baum added 15 points and 13 rebounds. Yet Charles Hampton's 21 points did the Owls in as the Red Knights advanced. But the devastating loss cannot diminish the many high points of the season.

MUS began the season 4-0, including a big home victory over mid-state rival MBA.

After losing to defending state champion Father Ryan by two, the Owls reeled off another four victories, including a 19-point win against Johnston City in the first round of the Carbondale Holiday Tournament.

With the addition of the football players, the seniors began playing much better during the winter holiday. Baum, who lettered four years during his career, scored 25 points again Johnston City as he began to show some consistency in his game. Fighting injuries all season, Baum led the team in scoring, averaging 16.5 points per game and 6.5 rebounds per game. He was also named as the boy's prep player of the week several weeks later by *The Commercial Appeal*.

Other seniors also emerged to play large roles on this team. Senior **Derek Clenin** became the leader of the squad from the point position as he ran the team and became one of the team's best defensive players. He also finished the season with nearly a

2-1 assist-to-turnover ratio—outstanding for a point guard.

John Phillips and **Philip Blackett** provided a much-needed post presence as they rebounded well and hit a high percentage of their shots. Phillips hit 50 percent of his shots and averaged seven points per game and nearly five rebounds per game, while Blackett, who played in only 16 games because of an injury, hit 49 percent of his shots and provided much muscle inside.

Clay Chapman was perhaps the most versatile player on the team as he could post up or step outside and hit a three-pointer. After coming back from a knee injury, Chapman started 16 games, was the team's fourth leading rebounder, and also hit 33 percent of his three-pointers.

Hanover was the Owls' biggest threat from the perimeter. The senior hit 34 threes this year, and he averaged nearly eight points per game. Hanover was also the team's best free-throw shooter as he hit 82.5 percent throughout the season. But Hanover may be best known for his defensive performances as he led the team in drawn charges, averaging nearly one per game.

The Owls got senior help from the bench as well. **Henry Talbot** and **Nathan Haynes** were invaluable teammates and



Andrew Hanover, Ryan Baum, and John Phillips

played hard when given the opportunity. Talbot gave ball-handling help when needed, while Haynes, with his signature goggles, taught the team and all who observed the magic of the sky hook.

MUS won two of three games in Carbondale to head into the new year with a 9-2 record.

Unfortunately, the new year did not start off well for the Owls. MUS lost four of their next five games against some outstanding competition, including Lausanne, Germantown, Bartlett, and Wooddale. The setbacks had MUS reeling with a 10-6 record headed into district play.

However, a win over Christian Brothers always serves as a panacea for a struggling team. The Owls played perhaps their



most complete game of the year against their rivals to take the 61-48 victory. Baum's 22 points and 8 rebounds paced MUS.

Yet MUS could not maintain the momentum from their big win. The Owls lost three of their next four district games to fall to 2-3 in the league as they reached a critical point in the year.

But the Owls responded once again, and the recipient was again the Purple Wave. In a truly outstanding game, a Phillips-to-Baum inbound pass led to a tip-in with fewer than ten seconds remaining to give MUS the 54-53 win and set their season back on course.

The Owls followed that win with an exciting triple-overtime victory over Harding. Baum was outstanding on this night, scoring 32 points and adding 11 rebounds. The win put MUS in position to finish high in the district, possibly even first, but the Owls could not take advantage. They finished their district season losing two of their last three games to finish 5-5 in the league.

However, some underclassmen began to play more minutes and play significantly better.

Reed started 24 games this season but really played good ball near the end of the year. He led the team in scoring in three of the team's final five games, and he averaged more than eight points per game and more than three rebounds per game for the season. His slashing style caused problems for teams throughout.

Junior **Blake Wiedman** also played better later in the year as he logged significant minutes coming off the bench. He played in 25 games and had only 13 turnovers all season to provide some depth for the team.

These underclassmen, as well as **Chris Cole**, **Lee Hoyle**, **John Conrad McCrary**, and **Marcus Moss**, provided good effort and were very valuable teammates.

The Owls finished the regular season well with a road victory over Bishop Byrne before heading into the region tournament. However, after an easy win over Catholic, they could not beat the Red Knights again as their 2002-03 season ended.

Ryan Baum, who completed his four-year varsity career with 1,326 points and 532 rebounds, was recognized with many post-season honors. He was named All-State, All-Metro, and All-District, all for the second straight year. Two other Owls, senior John Phillips and junior Phillip Reed, received Honorable Mention All-District. Team awards went to the following players: Dr. L.C. Ogle Most Valuable Award—Ryan Baum; Ross Livermore Spirit Award—Clay Chapman; Best Team Player—John Phillips; Best Defensive Player—Derek Clenin; Most Improved Player—Andrew Hanover; Leading Rebounder—Ryan Baum; and Highest Free Throw Percentage—Andrew Hanover.

Though the Owls say goodbye to eight seniors, they are excited about some younger players coming up and look forward to next fall.



Lapping the Competition

In only their second year as a varsity sport, the MUS swim team finished their season with an impressive 53-9 record. They also finished



Aaron Struminger, Geer Alexander, John Harkess, Jamie Drinan, Tyler Beard, Ben Katz, Warner Russell, Coach Laurie Clark, Gordon Conaway, Andrew Dillon, Sam Buckner, Joseph Robinson, Josh Evensky, Drew Fleming, Kevin Wang, Austin Chu, Parth Sheth, Jonathan Lunati, Tommy Horton, Sashank Karri, Sean Curran, Hank Wynn, Jonathan Barnes, Jon-Michael Taylor, Erim Sarinoglu, Collier Calandrucchio, Taylor Maury, Dex Witte, Gatlin Hartin, and Cody Mayer; not pictured: Jim Carter and Nicholas Vincent

second in the Shelby County High School Championships. With twice as many swimmers as last year's team, an extraordinary winning season was not the only thing the swim team accomplished.

After more than a 70-year hiatus, swimming returned to MUS four years ago as a club sport with six swimmers. The



second year the team grew to 13 swimmers. Last year, as the team became a full varsity sport, there were 16 swimmers on the roster. Led by senior captains pictured here **John Harkess**, **Jamie Drinan**, and **Geer Alexander**, the 2002-03 team finished the season with 32 swimmers, validating the swim team as the newest addition to the varsity line-up of sports at MUS.

The Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (TISCA) governs high school swimming. Unlike TSSAA, TISCA allows competition among public and private schools, regardless of the size of the school. MUS competes in the Shelby County High School Swim League. The 14 men's teams in this league are CBHS, Briarcrest, ECS, St. George's, St. Benedict, Lausanne, Houston, Germantown, Collierville, White Station, Cordova, Bolton, Bartlett, and MUS.

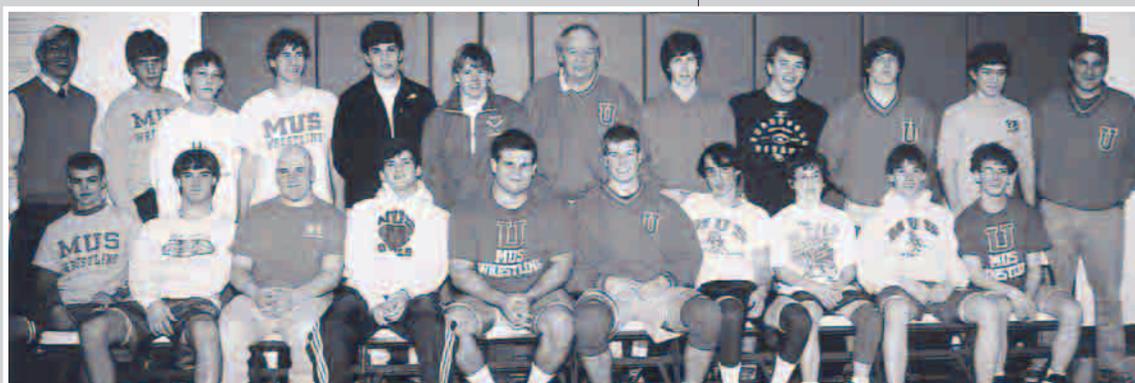
High school swimming is a team sport, and for teams to do well it requires swimmers to put the interest of the team ahead of individual performance. Even though the MUS team had a strong contingency of short freestylers and breaststrokers this



year, many team members swam events that weren't their strongest and swam them well. The 53-9 regular season record is testimony to the talent, depth, and character of this young team.

The Aquatic Owls finished in second place, of the 14 teams, at the Shelby County High School Swimming Championships. The MUS team scored 506 points, less than 50 points behind first-place CBHS's 550 points, and more than 100 points ahead of third-place Houston's 403. With a fourth place finish from three years ago and the third-place finishes for the past two years, the team has set their sights on the first-place trophy next year. Again, the team depth and spirit played a vital roll. The Owls were the only team in the league, male or female, to completely fill all their possible entries.

Finishing off the season, the team traveled to Nashville to compete in the Tennessee High School Swimming Championships. Competition included more than 100 teams and more than 1,000 athletes from across the state. In individual competition, Jamie Drinan qualified and swam the 50-yard freestyle, and Austin Chu qualified and swam the 200-yard individual medley.



Front: Tom Sampson, Hays Doan, Joey Friend, Buck Lawson, Andrew Hooser, Blake Lindsay, Matt Cohen, Cameron Ridgway, Nelson Rainey, Chris Levy; back: Coach Shaun Gehres, Sloan Abernathy, Grayson Sharpe, Geer Alexander, Wills Gardner, Josh Hall, Coach Tommy Harrison, Danny Travis, Mason George, Matt Rutherford, Garrott McClintock, and Coach Burton Milnor

Competing in the 200-yard medley relay were **Kevin Wang**, Chu, Drinan, and **Tyler Beard**. The 200-yard freestyle relay team consisted of Alexander, **Hank Wynn**, Harkess, and Drinan, while the 400-yard freestyle relay team members were Alexander, Harkess, Wang, and Drinan. Most team members swam personal best times.

Post-season awards were given to the following team members: Most Valuable—Jamie Drinan; Most Improved—Hank Wynn; Coach's Award—John Harkess; and MUS Award—Geer Alexander.

Swim team members included: seniors Alexander, Drinan, and Harkess; juniors Beard, **Sam Buckner**, **Timothy Chen**, Chu, **Gordon Conaway**, **Sean Curran**, **Andrew Dillon**, **Gatlin Hardin**, **Joseph Robinson**, and **Nicholas Vincent**; sophomores **Jonathan Barnes**, **Josh Evensky**, **Drew Fleming**, **Tommy Horton**, **Sashank Karri**, **Ben Katz**, **Jonathan Lunati**, **Cody Mayer**, **Warner Russell**, **Aaron Struminger**, **Jon-Michael Taylor**, Wang, and Wynn; freshmen **Collier Calandrucchio**, **Jim Carter**, **Taylor Maury**, and **Dex Witte**; and eighth-grader **Erim Sarinoglu**.

Hitting the Mats

The 2002-2003 wrestling team finished the regular season undefeated (9-0) and had three team members earn medals in the state individual wrestling tournament. The team placed second in the Regional Tournament, which sent them to the State Dual Tournament for the

third consecutive year. The team finished in the top ten of 21 teams in both the Black Horse Invitational and the State Tournaments. Senior **Blake Lindsay** was chosen All-Metro.

Several individuals had outstanding results at the State Individual Tournament. Lindsay was a third-place medallist. **Nelson Rainey** and **Andrew Hooser** (who is now a two-time state medallist) were also medallists. The success of this year's wrestling team has laid a solid foundation for success in future years. The team also received strong contributions from sophomores **Sloan Abernathy**, **Hays Doan**, **Josh Hall**, **Chris Levy**, **Nelson Rainey**, and **Tom Sampson** whom **Coach Tommy Harrison** expects will form a solid nucleus for the team next year. **Garrott McClintock** won first place in the Freshman City Championship and **Mason George** placed as well.

At the state meet, held in Clarksville, the Owls were competitive though they lost both matches. MUS lost in the opening round to Father Ryan, 57-24. **Geer Alexander**, **Lindsay**, and **Alan Humphreys** all won their matches, including a pin by Lindsay. The team loss moved MUS into

the consolation bracket where they battled Brentwood Academy. The Owls won several matches once again but could not do enough as they lost 56-23.

Alexander, Hooser, **Cameron Ridgway**, and **Matt Rutherford** all won their matches for MUS, including pins by Alexander, Hooser, and Rutherford. Though the Owls lost both team matches, they were much more competitive at the state duals this year as they finished ninth.

Post-season awards were given to the following students: Most Improved—Matt Rutherford; Spirit Award—Andrew Hooser; Team Award—Alan Humphreys; Team Award—Geer Alexander; Team Award—**Matt Cohen**; and Most Valuable—Blake Lindsay.

The coaching staff, **Tommy Harrison**, **Shaun Gehres**, **Burton Milnor**, and **Phillip Gennette** are proud of the hard work and dedication by the boys this year and expect the wrestling program to continue to grow.



Dedication and Drive Bring Home Lacrosse State Championship

by Ken Farmer '03

"Way to go guys. All the hard work and cold, rainy preseason practices paid off tonight!" This is what I heard over the cheers from the Montgomery Bell Academy bench as I walked back to the locker room with my head hung in shame after suffering a 16-5 defeat to the Big Red. We too persevered through miserable January Phy-D, but somehow we had just received by far the worst beating of my career. The team had lost focus of our goals, and we were no longer playing with heart.

Coach Elliot Dent started coaching lacrosse at MUS in 1997. That young team had heart and dreams of making it to the finals. They reached their goal by beating MBA for the first time in MUS lacrosse history in the semifinal game, but they lost a close game to McCallie in the finals. The returning players came back the next year with big ambitions of winning that championship game, which they did, and the MUS dynasty began. By 1999 many of those young players were now seniors, the team dominated, and they won the championship with ease. In 2000, new young players were starting to make an impact, but the senior leadership came from experienced veterans who had been there when the program was still struggling. We won the championship for the third straight year in 2000 after a very tough semifinal game over number one seed MBA. In 2001, there were still a couple of seniors that were around to learn from the example of the early great players like **Ben Bailey '99**, **Jason Lewin '98**, **Billy Kuntz '99**, and **Bill Mealor '99**, but the team's focus began to slip. It took a midseason loss in St. Louis to remind the team that state championships are only achieved through heart, dedication, teamwork, and desire. We faced a great MBA team in the championship and barely pulled it out in overtime. By 2002, there were no traces left of the leadership and heart that made the MUS lacrosse program as successful as it had become. We had become complacent and no one had memories of anything other than state championships. We forgot how much work it took and thought it would just "fall into our laps." We lost in the semifinals.

This year the team took on the blue-collar work ethic that started the program's success. We worked harder than ever in the off-season and started the season right with a successful spring break trip to Disney's Wide World of Sports where we defeated several Northeastern prep-schools including The Peddie School



Brian Shoptaw



from New Jersey who had beaten us at Disney in 2001. In Tennessee we were not really challenged at the beginning of the season, and we fell back to our old apathetic ways. This was made very apparent by an embarrassing loss to MBA. After that disappointment, we refocused on the goal of bringing the state trophy back to

where it belongs. We completed the regular season with a win over Christian Brothers High School, and then had two intense weeks of practice before the state tournament. We faced a very strong McCallie team, the defending state champion, in the semifinal. With strong senior leadership and play reminiscent of the 1999 year, we prevailed 7-5 and went on to face an 18-0 MBA



Seniors on the team were Lee McNabb, Philip Lewis, Gray Sain, Ken Farmer, Joel Iglehart, Chase Carlisle, Jamie Drinan, and James McKenzie.

team with 12 seniors who were very hungry for a state championship before they graduated. We knew it would be a challenge, but we were ready. The team played with more heart and desire than we ever had. After going down 5-3 at half-time, we had a great third quarter and pulled ahead 8-6. The defense—led by goalie **Phillip Lewis** and defensemen **Edward Taylor**, **Jamie Drinan**, and **Elliot Embry** along with defensive middle **Chase Carlisle**—did an outstanding job of holding MBA to two goals in the second half. Coupled with an offensive surge by the "bomb squad" (**Ken Farmer**, **Stuart Gillespie**, and **Dan Gibson**), we won our fifth state championship in six years 11-7.

Although the lacrosse program has become successful, it has never been easy and never will be. MUS was favored to win the championship in only one of the five championship seasons. The 2003 team decided that because our state championship was a team victory, we would not elect a team MVP. However, individual honors included Taylor as Defensive MVP and Farmer as Offensive MVP of the state tournament. Both were named First Team All-State. Drinan, Lewis, **Joel Iglehart**, **Gray Sain**, and **Carlisle** were named to Second Team All-State. **Kyle Slattery**, **Gibson**, **Gillespie**, and **Embry** all received an Honorable Mention.



Varsity Soccer Team, State Runner-Up

The 2003 varsity soccer season will go down as one of the most memorable and exciting ever as the team advanced to the state championship match before losing in overtime. Still, the surprising runner-up finish completes one of the most successful years in recent history for the soccer program, led by **Head Coach Vincent Beck**.

The team, with only one graduating senior, **Mikey McGuire**, started the season with eight consecutive wins, including a victory over Houston, a perennial soccer power. The Owls were rarely tested in these first eight matches as they scored at least three goals in each game. This stretch included wins over Nashville teams Father Ryan at home and Brentwood Academy in an away match.

After the win against Houston, the Owls suffered their first loss of the season, a 1-0 setback at CBHS, foreshadowing upcoming events. MUS then won two more games before settling for two ties. The Owls forced a 2-2 tie against a powerful Germantown squad, and then they tied defending AA state champion, Ridgeway, 1-1. MUS ended the regular season with a 1-0 victory over ECS to head into the regional tournament with a 11-1-2 record.

After having lost to ECS in the second round of the regional tournament, the Owls faced a must-win situation against Briarcrest to avoid having the season end. MUS stepped up in the regional third-place game to win 2-0 and advance to the state tournament, held at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex in Memphis during semester exams.

The players' stamina and spirits were tested in the state tournament as they fought off some outstanding, talented teams to stay alive and advance. In the first round against Battle Ground Academy, the number-one seed in the middle section of the state, the Owls led most of the way before being tied late in the game. BGA tied the game once again in the overtime period to force a shootout. However, MUS prevailed in the penalty-kick round to advance.

In the state semifinals, the Owls went up against McCallie. In another tight match, MUS again needed some extra time. And just as in the first round, the Owls needed to go to the penalty-kick round before dispatching the best team in the eastern part of the state. The win moved MUS to the title game against their rival, the extremely talented squad from Christian Brothers.



In the state-title match, the large, noisy crowd saw outstanding effort and performances. After a scoreless first half, CBHS took the lead with about 25 minutes remaining in the game with a goal, and they looked as if they would take control of the game. However, MUS did not lie down as they fought back to tie the game

with a goal by junior **Doug Pleiman**. Once again, the game eventually went to extra periods. After a scoreless first ten-minute overtime period, CBHS put the game out of reach in the second ten-minute period. Two goals in the final five minutes secured the championship for the Purple Wave. Though the season did not end as they would have liked, the Owls could take much from their experiences and runner-up finish, the school's first state-title appearance since 1996.

The youth of this team is what excites MUS soccer fans. The squad loses only McGuire, who will continue his soccer career at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee. Juniors on the team included **Winfield Clifford**, **Paul Moinester**, **Pleiman**, **Christian Reeser**, **Clayton Thomas**, **Scott Warren**, **Blake Wiedman**, and **Stephen Weston**. The team also consisted of sophomores **Kane Alber**, **Ryan Freebing**, **Ches Linebarier**, **Michael O'Mell**, **Kyle Rosenberg**, **Aaron Struminger**, and **Ben Tacker**, while

freshmen **Brian Evans**, **David Shochat**, and **Logan Welch** also contributed.

Post-season awards were voted on by the team members and presented to the following students: Most Improved **Blake Wiedman** and Most Valuable **Ben Tacker**.

With the nucleus of this team returning next season, more great accomplishments are expected.

Kicking Up His Heels

Senior **Mikey McGuire** has been kicking the soccer ball since he was four years old. Next year, he will step into a whole new

league as he continues his soccer career at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee, where he has been awarded academic and athletic scholarships to play for the Eagles.

McGuire has been a member of MUS's winning soccer team since he was an eighth-grader, and

during this time, the team has amassed a 53-26-16 record.

McGuire plays right fullback and was especially excited to have



Ches Linebarier

*Scott Warren (6)
Ryan Freebing (17)
Clayton Thomas (3)*



*Mikey McGuire with coaches
Vincent Beck and Clint Brown*



scored twice and had five assists in his senior season—quite an achievement for a defensive player. McGuire played in his first varsity game while still in the eighth grade and has been a starter since his sophomore year. McGuire was a two-sport athlete, but he gave up football this year to concentrate on honing his soccer skills, hoping to increase his chances of receiving a college scholarship. “I’ve always wanted to play soccer in college,” he said.

Lambuth was McGuire’s first choice on his list of colleges so he was excited when Eagles Coach Clint Brown told him he had been awarded the scholarship. Coach Brown is the former director of the Ranger Soccer Club in Memphis and has known McGuire for years. Brown says that Lambuth has recruited several talented athletes in recent years, and the soccer program is starting to gain national recognition. Last season, the school was ranked sixteenth in the nation in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) conference. Brown is leaving Lambuth to accept a teaching and coaching position at the Hutchison School for the 2003-04 school year. He is confident that McGuire will be successful in college. “I know what his abilities are, and I know his talents will be well-used.”

Coach Vincent Beck, varsity soccer coach and science instructor at MUS said, “Mikey is one of the finest young men I have ever coached. His work ethic and attitude are second to none, and I know that will make his college career at Lambuth very successful.”

Tennis Team Takes 2nd in State; Singles and Doubles Bring Home the Title

Some may say that the dynasty is over. Others may say that the king is dead. However, anyone who knows anything about varsity tennis in Tennessee knows that even though MUS may not have won their sixth consecutive state title this past May, Coach Bill Taylor and the Owls still have the premier program in the state and will once again be a favorite to win state next season.

Yet the loss in the state-title match still stings. MUS held a 3-2 lead against MBA going into the two doubles matches after wins by senior Michael Flowers and sophomores Alex Guyton and Bo Ladyman in singles action. But the two Owls doubles teams—Guyton/Ladyman and Flowers/Hays Mabry—could not get that final point as MBA took the title in dramatic fashion.

MUS responded in individual action as Flowers won the individual state singles title, and the doubles team of Guyton/Ladyman took the doubles state championship to end the season positively.

However, the loss at state should not diminish the accomplishments of this team. The Owls were rarely tested during the



regular season as they cruised into the postseason. MUS lost only three team matches all year as they tried to get experience for many of the younger players. They did not lose an individual match until nearly a month into the regular season, and they closed out the regular season with five straight team wins. The Owls

also once again claimed first in the prestigious Buckhead Rotary Tournament as they defeated powerful teams St. Pius X, Harrison, and Walton to defend their title. These matches prepared them for the postseason.



Hays Mabry

MUS looked primed to defend its state title in the regional tournament. The Owls easily won the individual singles and doubles titles, and they claimed the team title with 5-0 victories over both ECS and CBHS. Then they defeated Battle Ground Academy in the state quarterfinals, 4-0, to advance. In the semifinals McCallie offered little resistance as the Owls defeated them 4-1 to head into the finals against

MBA, whom they had seen in the finals the previous three years.

Coach Taylor loses only two seniors from this year’s team—Ben Alexander and Flowers who provided excellent leadership. Other members of the tennis team included juniors Justin Foreman, Alex Gates, and Mabry; sophomores Ben Bleustein, Weller Drennon, Andrew Dudas, Ronny Khuri, Michael McCulloch, Scott McLeod, Worth Morgan, Guyton, and Ladyman; and freshmen Zach Glover, Spencer Heflin, and Mike Montesi. Finally, two eighth graders who played large roles on



Tennis Team: Michael Flowers, Bo Ladyman, Assistant Coach Ben Cousins '95, Hays Mabry, Alex Guyton, Jordan Smith, Alex Gates, William Lang, and Coach Bill Taylor

this team and contributed greatly were William Lang and Jordan Smith. The Harrison-Humphreys Tennis Award was given to graduating senior Michael Flowers.

Though the loss at state may have disappointed the team and its followers, it should reignite the drive and hunger to start another streak.



Track Hurdles the Competition

The 2003 track-and-field season ended in a place it had never ended before—at the Briarcrest Sports Complex in east Shelby County.

With the TSSAA spring-sports state tournaments moving to Memphis for the first time in many years, the Owls state track qualifiers got to stay at home to compete, and they performed well. As a team the Owls finished eighth, tallying 37 total points.

Both **Andrew Hooser** and **John David Lawhorn** finished third, earning the team six points each. Hooser, a junior, received his third place in the shot put by throwing 49'-11 1/2". Sophomore Lawhorn, who finished tenth one week earlier in the state decathlon, ran third in the 300-meter hurdles. He also finished fourth in the 110-meter high-hurdles and eighth in the long jump, totaling twelve points overall for the Owls.

Other MUS athletes placed at state as well. Senior **Collins Roll** ran the 400-meter dash in 51.61 seconds, finishing fourth. Roll also anchored the Owls' 4x800-meter relay team, which finished fifth, about five seconds out of first. Other members of that team included freshman **Matt Dowling**, junior **Brad Spicer**, and senior **Will Hunt**.

Todd Jean-Pierre, a junior, also brought home a fifth-place finish and four team points in the discus as he threw 136'-8", and sophomore **Walker Pritchard** placed fifth in the 100-meter dash, running it in 11.31 seconds.

Rounding out the MUS team was senior **Will Hunt**. Hunt competed in the 800-meter run, and he finished it in 2:04.77, giving him seventh place.

At the beginning of the season, MUS placed fourth out of 17 teams at the Briarcrest Multi-Meet, beating some very good teams from across the state. The Owls also got a third-place finish at the Harding Invitational, including several first-place finishes. The long-jump team, consisting of sophomore **Rob Heflin**, who also qualified for the state decathlon and finished eleventh, freshman **Devin Owens**, and Lawhorn, finished first. Also, two relay teams came out on top. Junior **Neil Taylor** and sophomores **Kane Alber**, Pritchard, and Lawhorn won the 4x100-meter relay, while the 4x400-meter relay team, made up of Alber, Lawhorn, Hunt, and Roll, came in first as well.

MUS also won some key dual meets against some AAA schools. The Owls handily defeated Germantown and Collierville during the year to prepare them for the postseason meets.



The youth of this team creates some excitement for the future as sophomore participants dominated many of the events this season. Also, several freshmen made the jump to varsity and performed very well. **Hunter Adams** showed his potential to be an outstanding distance runner with some fine efforts this season. Also, athletes

like Owens, **Rob Peeler**, and **Will Pickens** competed in varsity meets. **Collins Roll** was presented the Robert J. Hussey Track "Most Valuable" Award at the team's end of season banquet.



Bunky Parr

With this youth and the experience gained from the regular season and the postseason meets, the program will return soon to competing for postseason titles.

Diamond Owls Future Looks Bright

Diamond Owls baseball continued to make strides in 2003 finishing with an overall record of 19-15-1. It was their first winning season since 2000

and the most wins since 1997. In a season that saw the Diamond Owls get off to the best start in school history at 5-0-1, **Coach Marc MacMillan '92** was very pleased with his team's overall performance. "This year's squad did a fine job of focusing on the areas we emphasized in the preseason, and, therefore, we were able to experience a little more success than in past years," said Coach MacMillan. "The overall strides we made and confidence gained are significant for our future teams."

The Diamond Owls opened the season with a 13-inning, 5-4 victory over Bolton High School and continued their winning ways by taking first place in the

2003 Pepsi Challenge. Junior pitcher **Will Owens** was nominated as the Tournament MVP. The Diamond Owls then captured third place in the 2003 Ridgeway Invitational beating White Station High School by a score of 7-2. After opening the season against outer-divisional competition, the Diamond Owls began divisional play and picked up big wins along the way against Division II (DII) state finalists Briarcrest Christian School, Harding Academy, and St. Benedict at Auburndale. "When the team is as young as we have been for the past three years, it is gratifying to

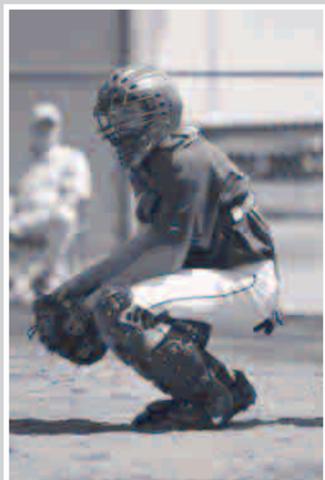


Front: Devin Owen, Will Thornton, Drew Alston; back: Coach Orlando McKay, Rob Heflin, J.D. Lawhorn, Hayes Doan, and Coach Bobby Alston



see the improvements we have made. In divisional play, we had struggled in the past against Harding, and this year we were able to get over that hump along with picking up our first victory in the opening round of the DII West Tennessee Regional," said Coach MacMillan. "Improvement is made with short steps and not one huge leap. This squad continued what we have been trying to do for the past four years—get a little better every year."

Post season awards were presented to the following students: Best Defensive Player-**Rich Bollinger**; Best Offensive Player-**Philip Reed**; Most Improved Player-**Brent Phillips**; Spirit Award-



Ryves Moore

Blake Lindsay; and Most Valuable Player-**Philip Reed**.

The 2003 Diamond Owls roster consisted of seniors **David Jacobson, Blake Lindsay, Ryves Moore, Bunky Parr, and Hill Stoecklein**; juniors **Rich Bollinger, Will Owens, Philip Reed, and Kyle Vogel**; sophomores **David Delugach, Joey Friend, Warren Grimm, Matt Henning, Mason Mosby, Rob Park, Brent Phillips, and William Stout**; and freshman **Donnie**



Malmo. With 20 players returning from both the varsity and junior varsity teams, Coach MacMillan and staff are optimistic for 2004. "Our seniors over the years have laid a foundation for those players returning to continue to build on, and I look forward to 2004 with great excitement."

Honored Athletes

The annual All Sports Banquet was held on May 4, and in addition to the athletes recognized for their individual sports, several graduating seniors were honored for their commitment and overall excellence in MUS athletics. The Paul Trowbridge Gillespie Scholar-Athlete Award for 2003 went to **Jamie Drinan** and **Blake Lindsay**. The James R. Haygood III Best All-Around Athlete Award was presented to **Derek Clenin** and the Al Wright Christian Character Award was given to **Alex DeBardeleben**.



Derek Clenin,
Alex DeBardeleben,
Jamie Drinan,
and Blake Lindsay

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Best of the Preps

MUS athletes were an integral group in *The Commercial Appeal's* Best of the Preps (BOP) program this year. The BOP program was started by two former *Commercial Appeal* editors in 1970 to promote and encourage athletics among high schools in the Memphis area.

Blake Lindsay was named Private Division Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, **Michael Flowers** was named Boys Tennis Champion, and **Derek Clenin** was a finalist for Male Athlete of the Year. Several other students were recognized as finalists in their respective sports: football, **Derek Clenin**; boys golf, **Scott Tashie**; boys cross country, **Collins Roll**; and boys soccer, **Mikey McGuire**. Coach **Bill Taylor** was named boys tennis Coach of the Year for the sixth time in seven years.

In the final team standings, MUS ranked third in the Boys Teams division, behind Christian Brothers High School and Ridgeway High School, and fourth in the Private School division.

The following winter and spring sports athletes were named to the BOP All-Metro teams: baseball-**Will Owens, Bunky Parr, and Philip Reed**; basketball-**Ryan Baum**; soccer-**Mikey McGuire, Paul Moinester, Doug Pleiman, Christian Reeser, and Ben Tacker**; tennis-**Michael Flowers, Alex Guyton, Bo Ladyman, and Hays Mabry**; track-**Will Hunt, Todd Jean-Pierre, J.D. Lawhorn, and Collins Roll**; and wrestling-**Blake Lindsay**.



Eighth-Grade Hoops Shoot for Titles

The eighth-grade basketball team, led by Coaches Kevin Parker '84 and Paul Reaves '84, completed another fabulous season, going 24-1 and claiming two tournament titles.

Members of the team included Drew Alston, Louis Amagliani, Richard Blount, Daniel Brown, Brandon Byrd, Elliott Cole, Stephen Counce, Tyler Horn, Philip May, Naveed Mirza, Max Rose, Zach Scott, and John Stokes.



Seventh-Grade Basketball Earns Their Trophy

Led by Coach Scott Rose '82 and Assistant Coach Jeffrey Wright, the seventh-grade basketball team completed a fine season, going 21-5 and taking home a Shelby League Championship trophy.

Members of the team included Alan Blount, Patrick Boyer, Watson George, Connell Hall, Brent Hooks, Graham Jones, Teddy Klug, Tyler Massey, Jake McCrary, Ross Montague, Blair Wright, and Robbie Zettler.



Eighth-graders John Stokes, Elliott Cole, and Zach Scott



The season started with a blowout victory over Collierville, and the Owls rarely looked back as they piled up many double-digit victories.

MUS also claimed two holiday tournament titles. They won six games by an average margin of 21.8 points to take the Pendleton Tournament, and later they cruised in the White Station Middle School Open Tournament behind four consecutive solid performances.

The squad entered the postseason Shelby League Tournament with a 23-0 record as they sought perfection. First, MUS got an easy victory over Harding to advance to the finals where they would meet their rival, the ECS Eagles, a team they had beaten three previous times. However, in the title game, ECS got the best of the Owls, defeating them 56-49 in double overtime.

Even with the loss, MUS had an outstanding season. Expect to see many of these eighth-graders contribute on the varsity level in the very near future.

The Owls started the season off slowly, going 2-2 in their first four games. However, a runner-up showing at the Pendleton Holiday Tournament got the team on track as they began to play better basketball.

MUS then finished the season winning 14 of their final 16 games, including a big win over SBEC near the end of the year. Klug's three-pointer in the waning seconds of the game secured the victory as the squad prepared for the postseason.

In the Shelby League Postseason Tournament, the Owls reached the finals with a hard-fought 44-26 win over Harding. Their opponent in the finals would be ECS, a team that had become their biggest rival throughout the year. The championship tilt was close, but the Owls persevered with a late run to win 32-28 and take home the title.

The season was a success, and the players learned much as they prepared for their future in the MUS basketball program.

In the Shelby League Postseason Tournament, the Owls reached the finals with a hard-



Tyler Massey follows the ball as Jake McCrary takes his shot.

Seventh-grader Ross Montague



Wrestlers Win

The 2002 Hull Lower School wrestling team was filled with many new faces as a large seventh-grade group participated with the eighth-graders. The seventh-graders, including **Austin Alexander, Andrew Amos, Andrew Flowers, Jack Heflin, Nathaniel Kastan, John Kim, Scott McClintock, Corey Scheinblum, and Luke Wynn**, played a large role on this team and participated in nearly all of the tournaments.

The seventh-graders joined a strong group of eighth-grade wrestlers. **Will Aldridge** placed second at the YMCA Tournament, while **James Jefferson** and **Miles Tamboli** claimed fourth at the same tournament. **Paul Kennedy** finished second at the Houston Invitational and third at the Collierville Tournament, and **Ben Stallworth** placed third at the Freshman City Championships. **Miles DeBardeleben** finished in the top four of every middle-school tournament that he participated in, while **Harrison Hunt** won several tournaments this year. **Tyler Anthony, Ashton Fisher, Josh Geraldson, Graham Gillespie, John Goldsmith, Drew Hammond, and Kristof Tigyi** also wrestled well and had fine seasons.

Coaches **Tommy Harrison, Shaun Gehres, Philip Gennette, and Burton Milnor** look forward to working with the rising eighth-graders on the varsity level and with the seventh-graders during camp. These coaches believe the guys learned much during the year and hope that each will continue to improve. All involved considered this year a success.

Lower School Up to Bat

The Lower School baseball teams finished their seasons with winning records. With 30 boys participating, the future looks bright for MUS Baseball.

With the eighth-grade led by Coaches **Billy Bernard** and **Kennon Vaughan '96** and the seventh-grade by **Hunt Taylor '94** and **Matt Evans '95**, the Lower School baseball program had a combined record of 19-11-1.

The seventh-grade team was made up of **Patrick Boyer, Scott Edwards, Daniel Ernst, Ben Hanks, David Harriman, Grant Heflin, Kirk Malmo, Tyler Massey, Mark McLeod, Nick Ray, Corey Scheinblum, Eric Sheppard, Blair Wright, and Robbie Zettler**.

The seventh-grade struggled early starting the season losing four of their first six games; however, after getting a few games under their belt, they rolled to a 7-1 finish and an overall record of 9-5. This late season run included third place at the Super Pretzel Shootout in Southaven, Mississippi, and co-champions of the Shelby League Tournament.

The eighth-grade team consisted of **Jim Benton, Miles DeBardeleben, Jay Edwards, Scott Guinn, Harrison Hunt, Luke Jensen, Collin Kelley, Paul Kennedy, Chase Moore, Lee**



Moore, Kevin Owen, Michael Park, John Reinhardt, Zach Scott, Ben Stallworth, and Ben Waller.

The eighth grade also struggled early opening the season with a 1-4-1 record but quickly turned things around winning nine of their next eleven games and finishing the season with an overall record of 10-6-1. Throughout the regular season, the eighth-grade finished second at the Bartlett Invitational, third at the Super Pretzel Shootout in Southaven, Mississippi, and first in regular season league play. After beating Houston by scores of 9-0 and 9-2 during the regular season, the Lower School Owls suffered a tough 2-1 defeat to Houston in the Shelby League Tournament.

Large Numbers Lead to Success in Lacrosse

Led by **Coach David Gearhardt**, the Hull Lower School lacrosse teams once again had successful seasons as record numbers of young men participated in the sport. Because of the unusually large number of boys trying out, two teams were formed—a blue team and a red team. Both teams gained some valuable experience in 2003.

The blue team was comprised of seventh-graders **Austin Alexander, Hudson Atkins, Sayle Atkinson, Conor Bolich, Michael Cross, Max Dynerman, Matt Gambrell, John Kim, Michael Sousoulas, Patrick Stewart, Mark Vives, Drew Wiygul, Malcolm Wood, and Luke Wynn**, and eighth-graders **Brandon Byrd, Wyatt Harris, Mac McCormack, and Haynes Vaughn**. Seventh-grader **Kyle Lucas** and eighth-grader **Jason Daniel** were the goalies and spent time between both teams. This group was very competitive but suffered some tough losses, including a 4-3 overtime setback to Woodland Presbyterian School and a 4-3 loss to the Houston Middle School eighth-grade team.

The red team was also made up of players from both grades, including seventh-graders **Ben Arnold, Austin Beckford, Christopher Bloodworth, Kent Francis, Connell Hall, Robert Hoehn, Graham Jones, Scott McClintock, Conner Pera, and Kyle Wherry** and eighth-graders **Will Aldridge, Stephen Bowie, Tyler Johnson, Julian Prewitt, Daniel Smith, Steven Thompson, and Hobbie Turley**. The red team experienced some big wins over Briarcrest Christian School and Houston but also some frustrating defeats to Woodland and the Houston eighth-graders.

The experiences gained in the regular season prepared the Owls for their postseason tournament. And they came through in the clutch. The MUS red team first beat Woodland, 7-4, to qualify for the finals against Houston. Although the Mustangs had defeated MUS several times in the regular season, the Owls were determined to bring home the title. They accomplished their goal with a 5-1 victory. The championship only accentuated an already successful season as the lower schoolers enjoyed the competition and learned much about the game.



Soccer Fields Two Teams

The health of any sports program may not be determined entirely by wins and losses. Active participation also plays a large role in evaluating the welfare of a program. According to this criterion, the soccer program is in good shape.

Led by **Coach Larry Creson '83**, the Lower School soccer program had so many students who wanted to play that the coaches had to make two teams, and both teams were full.

The red team was made up of seventh-graders **Paul Billings, Alan Blount, Asad Dilawari, Hunter Edens, Taylor Garrett, Stephen Maroda, Alex Quinn, Samir Sheth, and Jay Snyder** and eighth-graders **Tyler Anthony, John Catmur, Stephen Counce, Drew Hammond, Neale Hicks, and Byron Tyler**.

The blue team was comprised of seventh-graders **Michael Duke, Daren Freebing, and Will Pryor** and eighth-graders **West Askew, Richard Blount, Ryan Foley, Bret Freebing, Louis Ghawji, Danny Gholson, Graham Gillespie, Josh Henke, Reid Higginbotham, Jim Kyle, Will Reeser, Erim Sarinoglu, Jeffrey Webb, and Jonathan Yeung**.

The red squad struggled somewhat this year as they finished with a 1-4 mark. Their win was a big one, however, as they routed Harding, 7-3. This team was made up mostly of seventh-graders, and they played several eighth-grade teams throughout the season.

The blue team fared much better as they finished undefeated and won the Shelby League tournament title. The team finished the regular season with a 5-0 record after victories over the red team, White Station Junior High, Lausanne, St. George's, and Ridgeway. Then, in the Shelby League tournament, the Owls cruised to the title after having beaten Harding, 7-1, and Briarcrest, 5-1.

This season was successful as participation was high and the wins came in.

Tennis Team Serves Up Another Title

The Lower School tennis team had another outstanding year as they finished the season undefeated and easily claimed another Shelby League title.

The team was made up of seventh-graders **Collin Fountain, Watson George, Connell Hall, Teddy Klug, Nick Nash, Rob Pitts, Michael Sousoulas, and Peter Travis** and eighth-grader **Alex Addington**.

The squad went 4-0 in the regular season as they defeated Harding Academy, Grace St. Luke's, St. George's, and Briarcrest Christian School before heading into the Shelby League tournament. In the tournament, MUS dominated. George won the singles title while Addington finished third. In the doubles, the finals set two Owl squads in opposition, as the team of Sousoulas and Klug defeated Fountain and Hall in a heated battle.



This year's team maintained the dominance of the Lower School program and should contribute in the future at the varsity level.

Lower School Track Sets the Pace

The Lower School track team just continues to win. Led by **Coach Matt Bakke**, the lower schoolers once again went undefeated in the regular season and easily won the Shelby League track meet to finish a successful year.

The team won all three of their regular season meets as they prepared for the postseason. The Owls defeated teams such as ECS, Harding Academy, Grace St. Luke's, Woodland Presbyterian School, Tipton-Rosemark, Fayette Academy, St. Dominic's, and St. George's as many athletes got to compete and improve.

These wins readied MUS for the Shelby League meet, held April 30-May 2 at MUS. In this meet, **Will Aldridge, Drew Alston, Philip May, and Kimani Shotwell** got the Owls out early with good showings. Alston placed first in the high jump, shot put, and discus and second in the long jump. May placed third in the long jump and fifth in the high jump. Aldridge finished fourth in the shot put, and Shotwell placed sixth in the discus. These showings gave MUS the advantage heading into the running events.

In the running events, the Owls dominated. May and **Zach Scott** had two good battles in the sprints. In the 100-meter dash, May finished second, and Scott placed fourth, while in the 200-meter dash, May and Scott finished first and second, respectively.

Alston also continued his outstanding performance in the running events. He placed second in the 400-meter race and first in the 100-meter hurdles. Seventh-grader **Tyler Massey** came in closely behind Alston in the 400 as he finished third to help the team.

In the long-distance races, the Owls represented themselves well once again. In the 800-meter race, **Andrew Jehl** placed fourth while **Stephen Counce** came in fifth to pick up valuable points. And in the 1600-meter race, **Louis Ghawji** came in a close second while **Naveed Mirza** finished fifth.

MUS wrapped up the title in the relays. The Owls won the 4x100-meter relay as Massey, Scott, **Adam Fussell**, and May finished in 49.15 seconds. MUS finished second in the other two relays—in the 4x200 meters, seventh-grader **Sam Goldstein** and eighth-graders **Ben Goldstein, Se-an McDonald, and Fussell** ran a 1:48.14; in the 4x400 meters, the last event of the meet, Massey, Fussell, Ben Goldstein, and Alston ran a 3:59.77. These finishes clinched the title for the Owls as they accumulated 146.5 points, 54.5 points ahead of second-place ECS.

Drew Alston won the Outstanding Male Athlete award for the meet as he tallied 58 total points for the Owls, yet the victory was a team effort. The victory and undefeated season continue the success that the Owls have been accustomed to in Lower School track.





MUS Teachers Are In a Class of Their Own!

Ms. Judy Rutledge spends many of her days researching new forms of technology, helping people in technological crisis, and offering innovative solutions or suggestions to give a new approach to an assignment. She is one of our resident “tech gurus.” One of her most important job functions is to keep faculty and staff members abreast of improvements in technology by helping them learn new productivity skills or software programs and by helping them discover new ways to use technology as a tool with their students. Each semester, Ms. Rutledge plans a variety of in-house classes that faculty and staff may attend to learn more about the technology topic of their choice.

This year, spring classes ranged from advanced skills in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and web editing, using a variety of technology hardware effectively, to creating customized templates and utilizing powerful web-based teacher tools. “All of our teachers are comfortable using the basic produc-

tivity software, so the faculty technology classes now deal with more advanced topics and always emphasize ways to use it with student work,” Ms. Rutledge said.

Ms. Rutledge is actively involved in professional technology associations and online groups that stimulate additional ideas and methods for effective integration of technology at MUS. “Our teachers work very hard, and they do not always have time to go through every new innovation and try it out, so I try to siphon it down and give them the best-of-the-best of new ideas and share practical examples for using their new skills with their own classes.”

Teachers have taken the lessons they learned and applied them directly in their own classes. For example, Spanish teacher Vincent Mutzi immediately used skills he learned in a class to create an online quiz on his teacher web page. History teacher Dr. John Harkins pulled together skills learned from many classes to develop an extensive multimedia presentation in Chapel. Mr. Jim

Russell took a class to advance his PowerPoint skills and now creates presentations for his English classes and has the students use PowerPoint in his humanities class. Vincent Beck has his science students do data analysis and graphs of the results in Excel spreadsheets.

“We have such a talented and dedicated faculty at MUS. It is a pleasure to get to work with small groups of teachers, with departments, and one-on-one with the faculty members. I appreciate their willingness to embrace new methods and experiment with different approaches to teaching their subjects, utilizing technology as a tool,” said Ms. Rutledge.

In addition to faculty classes, Ms. Rutledge gives “Tech Tips” during monthly faculty meetings and has technology staff development sessions for all faculty during in-service before each school year. Check out her Tech Tips and selected tutorials on her MUS homepage at <http://faculty.musowls.org/RutledgeJ/index2.htm>.

Hooked on Technology Offers Spring Classes

This spring marks MUS’s fourth year of participation in the Memphis Association of Independent School’s (MAIS) Hooked on Technology program (HOT). The program was established as a means of expanding the role of technology in the classroom and includes teachers from 25 Memphis-area schools. The sessions, taught by teachers themselves, are available in a variety of different areas and cater to individuals with varying degrees of technological experience. They provide educators with an opportunity to share knowledge, introduce innovative technology into the curriculum, and develop advanced computer skills.

Once again, MUS instructors played a vital role in this spring’s HOT program. Mr. Bruce Ryan presented his “Microsoft Office Tips and Tricks;” Ms. Judy Rutledge taught a session entitled “Templates for Teachers;” and Mrs. Terry Balton instructed her colleagues on the process of using Microsoft Excel and Word in her session “Personalized Form Letters.” Their sessions proved popular and filled quickly. Participating teachers benefited from handouts, web pages developed especially for the class, and individual attention. The overwhelmingly positive response to these sessions cements MUS’s status as one of the leading schools in technology in the Memphis area.



Basketball Homecoming Activities Revolve Around Students Having Fun



Homecoming Court is introduced to the student body by their grubby-clad escorts during the pep rally.

This year, Basketball Homecoming Week began on a slightly nerdy note as students crowded into Hyde Chapel on Monday, February 3, wearing “high pants and comfy shoes” and later competed for the coveted “highest pants in the school” award. This theme day began a week full of friendly competition between classes, unusual attire, and uncontrollable school spirit. Monday marked the announcement of the week’s theme days and activities, and Tuesday students wore their favorite professional athletic team’s jersey to class. New to this year’s festivities, Wednesday’s Quiz Bowl competition included a team of seniors, a team of juniors, and a combination team of sophomores and freshmen – all dressed up as seniors **Shazad Khan** and **Steed Carson**. The seniors emerged victorious, and the west hallway erupted in celebration and shows of senior spirit.



Lower schoolers show their preference on Jersey Day: Richard Blount, Jay Edwards, Neely Mallory, John Reinhardt, Blake Cowan, William Ware, Philip May, Luke Jensen, Kimani Shotwell, Tyler Horn, and Drew Alston

Friday, students arrived at the morning pep rally, led by MUS cheerleaders, in their best grub day get-ups for the traditional roll call, movie, and pep talk by Coach Peters. The highlight of the week came Friday night when MUS defeated Harding 66-62 in triple overtime which student government president **John Harkess** called “an amazing game.” Not only did senior **Ryan Baum** hit the three-point shot that took the team into overtime, he also had the first dunk of his high school career. Hutchison School senior Emily Ladyman was crowned queen, and the student body celebrated after the game at the Homecoming Dance. Students danced to the music of X-Soul late into the night, enjoying the last few hours of Homecoming Week.

Boys’ Schools Director Visits MUS



Mr. Chris Wadsworth, executive director of the International Boys’ Schools Coalition (IBSC), visited Memphis in April and spent several hours with **Headmaster Ellis Haguewood** and other faculty members. Mr. Wadsworth was visiting member schools in the area and had interesting insights into the future of single-sex education. According to Mr. Wadsworth, new brain research is strength-

ening the proof that boys and girls have developmental differences that affect their learning styles. He says it is these differences that enable boys’ schools to serve boys in a way they could not do if there were girls. The research is allowing schools to reaffirm their commitment to single-sex education because of the benefits to the students, not simply due to tradition. “I think we are going to see much more awareness and acceptance for single-sex education in the future,” he said.

The IBSC is a group that “grew out of an interest among heads of schools and admissions directors of boys’ schools throughout the world,” according to the IBSC website. Members of the IBSC are committed to the education and development of boys, the advancement of those who work with them, and the advocacy of all boys’ schools. For more information on the IBSC, visit <http://www.boysschoolscoalition.org/index.html>.

Coach Burr Named Referee for State Basketball Tournament

Assistant Football Coach and Physical Education Instructor **Bubba Burr** served as a referee for the TSSAA Boys Basketball State Championship March 19-22. A member of the MUS coaching staff since 1992, Coach Burr was one of only 14 officials asked to call the games—quite an honor in the coaching world! In order to be eligible for this position, a referee must be nominated by his local supervisor and then observed by a committee designated to judge his skills and mechanics. Coach Burr spent four days in mid-March refereeing the games, including the Class A final in which Tennessee Temple defeated Greenfield Academy. He also officiates in a number of area leagues, including NCAA Division II, NAIA, and the MUS Alumni Basketball League.



Making History

Dr. Robert Winfrey, MUS history instructor, was recently approved as an Adjunct Graduate Faculty for the University of Memphis History department. During his three-year term, Dr. Winfrey will serve on the advisory committee for master’s theses or doctoral dissertations. “We are working to bring excellence in both research and teaching to our graduate programs. [Dr. Winfrey’s] contribution to our academic community will help achieve this goal,” said Karen Weddle-West, Ph.D., Interim Assistant Vice-Provost for Graduate Studies.





Dr. Drew Trotter is greeted by Headmaster Ellis Hagewood.

Metcalfe Symposium Goes to the Movies

Dr. Drew Trotter shared his observations of modern cinema and world views at the sixth-annual Metcalfe Symposium on March 21. His lecture focused on the five films nominated for Best Picture at the 2003 Academy

Awards: *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*; *Chicago*; *The Hours*; *Gangs of New York*; and *The Pianist*. "Representing the pick of the industry's crop, these films serve as a cultural barometer for determining what Americans think about themselves in the dangerous and uncertain world of the twenty-first century," he said.

Dr. Trotter, besides being an author and a professor, has a sincere interest in the movies and writes movie reviews for *Critique* newsletter. "Movies boldly communicate what Americans believe as a people. They often seem more real than the lives we live," he said. Dr. Trotter said that two things struck him about the five film choices this year. The first was the diversity of genres in the choices, and the second was how elevated the thinking in the films was. "There were major life questions available in each of these films," he said.

Dr. Trotter is the president of the Center for Christian Study in Charlottesville, Virginia, and teaches biblical studies and systematic theology at the seminary level. A graduate of the McCallie School in Chattanooga and the University of Virginia, Dr. Trotter earned his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Cambridge University and a Masters in Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

The Robert M. Metcalfe Symposium is held at MUS each year and aims to bring a lively exchange of ideas about the arts, humanities, the sciences, civic service, and popular culture, all from a perspective consistent with the school's Christian tradition. The series is named in honor of Robert M. Metcalfe, a life-long businessman and past service elder at Second Presbyterian Church.

Crichton College and the Wilberforce Education Foundation, a group that seeks to develop and fund Christian world and life view programs that cultivate leadership at the secondary and university levels, also sponsored the symposium. **Mr. Clay Smythe '85**, MUS religion instructor, **Mr. William "Bubba" Halliday '82**, **Mr. Frank Jemison '66**, and **Headmaster Ellis Hagewood** are members of the Wilberforce Foundation Board of Advisors.

Senior Activities Liven Up Final Week

The last week of high school for a senior can be many things—sad, scary, exciting, or excruciatingly long! In an attempt to spice up the final week, Student Council President **John Harkess**, Vice President **William Adams**, and Director of Student life **Mr. Manning Weir** thought of a few activities to make the seniors' last week memorable.

The seniors coordinated an appreciation program Wednesday to thank the faculty for their service to MUS and for the significant role they played in their education. They showed their appreciation by providing a team of four masseuses offering back and hand massages in the Morgan Foyer. The Parents' Association then sponsored a lunch for seniors and faculty in the Morrison Courtyard.

Thursday morning students worked on a service project—cleaning up the neighborhood surrounding the MUS and Hutchison Habitat for Humanity house. After lunch, the seniors broke into groups for field trips. Some accompanied **Mr. Lin Askew** to Oxford, Mississippi, on his annual pilgrimage



The last week of school for seniors always puts Mr. Jim Russell in such a melancholy mood.



Mr. Darin Clift, straight from the pages of GQ in his gold chains and purple suit, bids farewell to Charlie Gordon who will be giving up short pants to attend "Big Boy" school.



Sean Gould, Mr. Clay Smythe, Babu Rayudu, and Lee McNabb relax at Wednesday's luncheon.



Cutting off each senior's tie was part of the mock graduation ceremony. Phillip Braun braces for the worst as scissor-wielding teachers Barbara Crippen and Loyal Murphy do their duty.

to Rowan Oak, the home of William Faulkner; some went to the Pink Palace Planetarium with **Mr. John Olson**, the zoo museum with **Mr. Eric Berman**, the zoo with **Coach Bill Taylor**, on a riverboat with **Mr. Clay Smythe**, or to a movie with **Mr. Jeff Koehn**. The boys ended their day with the Rendezvous party, thrown each year by the twelfth-grade parents in honor of the senior class.

Friday was the last official day of school (pre-finals). The morning's Chapel presentation, planned by the seniors, was a mock graduation ceremony, complete with graduation awards, a "Maledictory" speech, and presentation of "diplomas" (actually a pair of boxer shorts bearing the MUS seal for each member of the senior class).

The point of the week, according to Mr. Weir, was "to provide some fun activities that would help with some of the nervous energy that comes at the end of their high school careers, to have special experiences outside the classroom with some of the teachers that they have had in

class, and to have some entertaining closure with the mock graduation. Hopefully, we did that."



Spring Elections Designate Campus Leaders for Next Year



Undoubtedly, one of the most important responsibilities MUS students are charged with is electing students who will carry on the sacred tradition of the Honor Code. Each year, students choose officers who will uphold the code of honor and fairly judge their peers for violations. Pictured above, **Edward Taylor**, **Andrew Hooser**, and **Gordon Conaway** were nominated to campaign for the 2003-04 Honor Council president position. The three candidates spoke to the importance of the Honor Code on behalf of all MUS students—past, present, and future.

In his speech, Taylor credited the honor system with “not only producing scholars, but morally educated gentleman as well.” He cited the moral advantages of the honor system and promised to “maintain the honor system tradition” if elected. Hooser stated that he believed the Honor Council president is “the most important student-held position.” His comments focused on the subject of integrity, and he said that although everyone is tempted at some point, the Honor Code is “a guideline to help us all maintain integrity.” Conaway told the student body what the Honor Code meant to him and stressed the fact that in today’s world “truth and honor are under constant assault.” Conaway promised to reinstate the right of the president to announce Honor Code violations and expulsions to the student body to raise awareness of the Honor Council’s purpose and to increase their visibility in the school.

Hooser won the vote of the student body and will serve as president next year with Taylor and Conaway as senior class representatives. The following students will serve as other class representatives: eleventh grade, **Phillip Flinn** and **Weller Drennon**; tenth grade, **Hunter Adams** and **Nick Skefos**; ninth grade, **Miles DeBardeleben** and **Kevin Owen**; and eighth grade, **Christopher Bloodworth** and **Peter Travis**. Seventh grade representatives will be announced in the fall.



Sloan Abernathy campaigning hard before elections

Unconventional Campaigns Turn Out Future Officers

Everyone at MUS looks forward to Student Council election speech day. The Wednesday of student elections week provides comic relief and the opportunity to see classmates in crazy costumes and starring in self-produced videos, but it also presents a forum for new ideas and the determination of the school’s future.

Before any videos are made or costumes chosen, each homeroom chooses two students to serve on the Red and Blue conventions. Members decide on a slate of candidates, and when the students accept their nomination, the campaigning begins.

On April 9, students assembled in Hyde Chapel to see what their classmates had in store. The genre of choice for this year’s speeches was video, so we saw **William Stout** (pictured right) dressed as his “girlfriend” shopping in Sears and **Andrew Dillon** diving into the fountain at Oak Court Mall. We saw **Harris Jordan’s** recollection of the botched car theft he witnessed last semester and a plethora of celebrities endorsing **Palmer Phillips**.



While many Student Council hopefuls made good use of their home video cameras, still others stuck to the more traditional campaigning methods of dressing up like video game characters, using flashy cars and even flashier girls, and imitating personas from popular television shows.



Brandon Arrindell working the the food line during Student Council elections



Block Party participants Rob Baird, Mark Scales, Jeff Grimm, Warren Grimm, Ryves Moore, and Joey Friend

The mood quickly became serious as the presidential candidates took the stage. Three rising seniors vied for the 2003-04 presidency and the chance to implement their ideas for school improvement. **Trey Bowden** said that we were “only limited by our ability to get up and do things.” **Winfield Clifford** assured students that he would work to maintain the traditions so valued at MUS. **Brandon Arrindell**, the third candidate and ultimate victor, said, “I want to see an active Student Council that is not afraid to make changes.”

After hearing what the candidates had to say, the student body got to see what they had to offer—in terms of food, that is. The ever-popular Block Party took place on April 10 during Upper School lunch period. Although the days before that Thursday had been unseasonably cold and gloomy, the clouds lifted and the sun and warm weather made for a great afternoon of sausage and cheese plates, grilled shrimp, hamburgers, Corky’s barbecue, and Chinese food.

While most students were enjoying themselves in the gym parking lot, the Election Commission was inside working the voting tables. These students gave up their right to vote and to endorse any one candidate. Election commission members were: **William Adams, Jamie Drinan, George Edwards, Andy Garrett, Will Hunt, Blake Lindsay, Mikey McGuire, Hill Stoecklein, and Brad Whiteside.** These students tallied the votes and everyone waited for the final announcement.

That afternoon, clapping began as students waited to hear the names of their

future leaders. The current officers, clad in robes and bearing candles, marched down the aisles of the Chapel to announce their successors. The candles lit the stage as **Mauricio Rapalo**, donning a sombrero, made a dramatic entrance on Palmer Phillip’s Segway Human Transporter. Rapalo carried with him the names of the seven young men who would serve as Student Council leaders in the 2003-04 school year:

- President: **Brandon Arrindell**
- Vice-President: **Steven Weston**
- Commissioner of Student Services: **Harris Jordan**
- Commissioner of Student Welfare: **Andrew Robinson**
- Commissioner of Special Activities: **Sloan Abernathy**
- Commissioner of Social Events: **William Stout**
- Secretary/Treasurer: **Kane Alber**
- Lower School President: **Malcolm Wood**



Scott Warren, Jonathan Cooper, Winfield Clifford, and Philip Reed



Harris Jordan, Stuart Gillespie, and Sam Sawyer

The following class representatives for the 2003-04 Student Council were elected the following week: Twelfth Grade—**Rich Bollinger, Andrew Dillon, Christian Reeser, Stuart Gillespie, and Scott Warren;** Eleventh Grade—**Cody Curtis, Warren Grimm, Rob Heflin, John David Lawhorn, Sam Sawyer, John Taylor, Clint Cowan** (alternate); Tenth Grade—**Doug Boyer, Andrew Cabigao, Matt Farmer, William Montgomery, Devin Owens, Christopher Williamson, and Mason George** (alternate); Ninth Grade—**Preston Battle, Luke Jensen, Collin Kelley, Kimani Shotwell, Steven Thompson, and Jeffrey Wright;** Eighth Grade—**Tyler Massey, Scott McClintock, Vance Montgomery, Rob Pitts, and Will Pryor.** Seventh grade representatives will be elected in the fall of 2003.

Other student leaders for 2003-04 will be:

- The MUSE* (literary magazine) Editor, **Chad Donahue**
- The Owl’s Hoot* (newspaper) Editor, **Cash McCracken**
- The Owl* (yearbook) Editor, **Adam Kaplan**
- Government Club President, **Paul Moinester**
- Civic Service Chairman, **Elliot Embry**
- Senior Class President, **Winfield Clifford**



Lending a Hand Proves to Be Rewarding and Fun



Building Blitz Completes New Home for Family of Four

Last year, MUS students opened doors to a new home for a family through the Habitat for Humanity program. This year, they have once again picked up their hammers and donned their tool belts for the charitable organization. Construction began at 815 Heiskell Place, near LeMoyne-Owen College, on Friday, April 11, with a "Building Blitz." Students, faculty, and alumni from MUS and Hutchison School worked alongside Habitat volunteers all weekend framing the house, installing windows and doors, and putting a roof on the house that would soon

belong to Brenda Nesbitt and her three sons, ages 9, 13, and 16.

Throughout the month of May, groups worked tirelessly to finish the house for its new owners. The experience is invaluable to volunteers as they learn the importance of affecting the future of a less fortunate family. Senior Alex DeBardeleben worked at the site on several occasions. "It's a great opportunity to give back to



Alex DeBardeleben helps with the roofing. He, along with about 200 other MUS students, put in plenty of man-hours to finish the home.

a family who is not as fortunate as many of the people we know. Habitat is a great organization, and I feel lucky to have been able to help." Although the work was difficult, the students enjoyed their time on the site, and several clubs and classes sponsored a day as an activity and supplied the volunteers.

Several homes were built in the area, and they were opened to their new families in a dedication ceremony on May 18. Habitat volunteers and representatives from MUS and Hutchison spoke before presenting the key to Ms. Nesbitt and her family.



Hutchison girls applying math skills to the project



Brenda Nesbitt happily works on the new home she will own with her three sons.





Diamond Owls Swing Into Civic Service

In the middle of a busy season filled with double-headers and tournaments, the MUS varsity baseball team took a break to supervise a fun-filled morning for kids from KIPP Academy, Vance Middle School, and Faith Bible Church. Approximately 50 students from these schools joined the Diamond Owls May 3 at Thorn Field for a clinic and a cookout.

MUS players worked individually with the children on the fundamentals of throwing, defensive skills, and swing development. After the technical exercises, everyone enjoyed a cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs.



Coach Marc MacMillan getting down to the basics of batting



William Stout helps with throwing mechanics

MUS parents played a major role in the coordination of the clinic by donating used baseball equipment for participants to use. Senior team captains **Bunky Parr** and **Ryves Moore** sent a letter to parents requesting the equipment saying, "It is our desire for each participant to leave this event not only having learned much about the sport, but also with the necessary equipment to continue to play." Local vendors pitched in by donating their goods and services. Nike contributed athletic bags for the children to carry equipment in, All-American Sporting Goods donated

additional baseball items that were not previously collected, and Pepsi America donated beverages for the cookout.

"We have taken steps over the past three years to get involved in the community, and I am thankful for the opportunity to hold such an event and the support from all those involved," shared **Coach Marc MacMillan**. "It was a fun day, and the players are excited to have the chance to act as mentors for these students."



Warren Grimm congratulating the girls on their big play

Working Together Gets It Done

For several years, Hull Lower School students have sponsored a Civic Service Fair in the spring for students at New Hope Christian Academy. This year the two groups decided to partner up and sponsor an activity benefiting another organization. On April 25, MUS and New Hope students met at the For The Kingdom retreat in Frayser, Tennessee. The retreat offers a camping experience for inner-city Memphis youth between the ages of seven and fifteen and uses character building and recreational programs to influence them. Members of the Memphis Leadership Foundation fund the retreat.



Digging together, MUS and New Hope students clean up the gardens at a camp retreat for inner-city youth.

The two groups of students worked together on basic upkeep of the facilities and gardening. After eating lunch, everyone was able to have some fun playing kickball, basketball, and other field games. Lower School counselor **Mrs. Bryn Wulf**, **Coach Matt**

Bakke, and librarian **Mrs. Leah Allison** accompanied the students, and **Mr. Clay Smythe** brought everyone lunch. "It was a great, great day, and I hope we can do something very similar to it next year," said Mrs. Wulf.



Changes Coming to the SAT I Exam

In the last year or so, newspapers, television, and professional journals have been abuzz concerning the new SAT I college entrance examination. Parents and students are concerned and sometimes apprehensive about the change. **Note first that the new test will not be implemented until March 2005, aimed at the high school graduating class of 2006.** Until then, the current test will continue to be given. The new SAT I will assess three important college skills: critical reading, math, and writing. The three sections of the new SAT I will include the following, according to Lee Fails, vice president, Eastern Regions, College Board:

- The critical reading section, which will replace the current verbal section. Analogies will be replaced by more critical reading passages.
- The math section, which will be expanded to include content from three years of high school math instead of just two years. Quantitative comparisons will be eliminated from this section.
- The writing section, which includes multiple-choice questions and a 20-minute essay. The section will be modeled on the current SAT II: Writing Subject Test. No decision has been made yet concerning the need to continue the current SAT II: Writing Test.

The new essay section assesses the student's ability to write on demand. Written under a short time constraint, the essay will not be a polished, finished product; it will be representative of a first draft. This is the kind of writing required of students to answer essay questions in college. The College Board is researching the type of essay to use through surveying high school and college English teachers, as well as college faculty in other disciplines. The writing prompt will probably be persuasive in nature, asking a student to take a position on an issue and support it with reasons and evidence from his or her reading, experience, or observation. It will elicit an open-ended response, allowing students to support their position in a variety of ways, including exposition and narration.

Here is an example provided by the College Board:

Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide—both reasons and examples—will help make your view convincing to the reader.

Appreciation of music, paintings, books, and movies doesn't make us into better people. In fact, it may actually worsen us, diminishing our ability to respond to actual situations and making it more difficult to identify with the real world. As one scholar said, "the voice in the poem may come to sound louder, more urgent, more real than the voice in the street outside."

Assignment: What is your view of the idea that enjoying music, painting, and other forms of art does not improve people but instead makes them less able to relate to real life? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, or your own experience or observation.

The essay in the new SAT I exam will be scored in a method similar to the scoring of the Advanced Placement exams by trained high school teachers and college professors who teach writing composition. Each test will be scored independently by two readers on a 1-6 scale using a rubric similar to the one used for the SAT II: Writing Subject Test (see below). If the two readers' scores differ by more than two points, a third reader reads the test. While AP readers usually come to a table together for a period of several days, the SAT I essay will be scanned and distributed to the readers via the Web.

The current scoring rubric for the SAT II: Writing Subject Test is as follows:

SCORE OF 6

A paper in this category demonstrates clear and consistent competence, though it may have occasional errors. Such a paper:

- Effectively and insightfully addresses the writing task
- Is well organized and fully developed, using clearly appropriate examples to support ideas
- Displays consistent facility in the use of language, demonstrating variety in sentence structure and range of vocabulary

SCORE OF 5

A paper in this category demonstrates reasonably consistent competence, though it will have occasional errors or lapses in quality. Such a paper:

- Effectively addresses the writing task
- Is generally well-organized and well-developed, using appropriate examples to support ideas
- Displays facility in the use of language, demonstrating some syntactic variety and range of vocabulary

SCORE OF 4

A paper in this category demonstrates adequate competence with occasional errors and lapses in quality. Such a paper:

- Addresses the writing task
- Is organized and adequately developed, using examples to support ideas
- Displays adequate but consistent facility in the use of language, presenting some errors in grammar or diction
- Presents minimal sentence variety

SCORE OF 3

A paper in this category demonstrates developing competence. Such a paper may contain one or more of the following weaknesses:

- Inadequate organization or development
- Inappropriate or insufficient details to support ideas
- An accumulation of errors in grammar, diction, or sentence structure

SCORE OF 2

A paper in this category demonstrates some incompetence. Such a paper is flawed by one or more of the following weaknesses:

- Poor organization
- Thin development
- Little or inappropriate detail to support ideas
- Frequent errors in grammar, diction, and sentence structure

SCORE OF 1

A paper in this category demonstrates incompetence. Such a paper is seriously flawed by one or more of the following weaknesses:

- Very poor organization
- Very thin development
- Usage and syntactical errors so severe that meaning is somewhat obscured



The new SAT I writing section will also include a multiple-choice section that will test a student's ability to identify sentence errors, improve sentences, and improve paragraphs. This section will focus on the use of standard written English. Most MUS students will have little difficulty with the new additions to the SAT I. The emphasis on grammar and usage and the writing intensive curriculum of MUS will assure the continued high performance of our students on this examination. In addition, the changes in the SAT I math section reflect the addition of Algebra II, a course that most MUS students have completed by the end of the tenth grade.

To help prepare students for the new test, the College Board will also change the PSAT, taken in the fall of the tenth and eleventh grades. The PSAT will be based on the principle of aligning the test more closely to high school curricula and college skills. The first new administration of this test will be in the fall of 2004. All of the changes have not been delineated; however, analogies and quantitative comparison items will be removed. The math section will not include Algebra II, and there will be no essay section.

There is still some controversy concerning the standardized tests. For example, the ACT will also add a writing section, but it will be optional. That means some students (not MUS students as they are required to take both SAT I and ACT) could escape a writing test altogether. Because of this loophole, the University of Michigan and the University of Texas have announced that they will require all applicants to take a proctored writing test, and other universities may follow suit.



LOWER SCHOOLERS PLEDGE TO BE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE

In an effort to provide positive outlets for adolescents, Hull Lower School students have formed the Drug Free Club (DFC). In order to be a member of the club, students must sign a pledge stating, "I pledge to be drug and alcohol free and discourage the use of drugs and alcohol by my peers this 2002-2003 school year."

This club, made up of more than 140 seventh- and eighth-graders, hosts a variety of events throughout the year that are "good, clean fun" according to Mrs. Bryn Wulf, Lower School Counselor. Additionally, the DFC is governed by eight executive officers elected by their peers. These officers meet regularly to discuss and plan upcoming events.

The first event of the year was an after-school dodgeball game where the seventh-graders competed against the eighth-graders. Hurling foam objects at one another at the end of a long day was a welcomed opportunity by the students of both grades.

The second event of the year was "Movie Night," which took place on a Friday, and both St. Mary's Episcopal School and Hutchison middle school students were invited. The "Movie Night" was held in the Hyde Chapel, creating the feeling of a movie theater. Members of the club also participated in a spirited game of Capture the Flag in April. The beautiful weather and big crowd made for an afternoon of fun.

The Drug Free Club events have had strong attendance by Lower School students throughout the year. The DFC is an extracurricular opportunity open to all students in the Lower School. If you have any questions about the Drug Free Club, contact Mrs. Wulf at bryn.wulf@musowls.org.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR

Fall Semester 2003

Monday, August 18	Convocation Day (first day of school, half-day)
Monday, September 1	Labor Day Holiday
Wednesday, September 10	Parent Back to School Day (student holiday)
Tuesday, October 14	End of First Quarter
Wed.-Fri., October 15-17	Fall Break
Monday, October 20	Faculty In-Service (student holiday)
Wed.-Fri., November 26-28	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, December 12	End of Second Quarter
Mon.-Fri., December 15-19	Semester Exams
Friday, December 19	Last Day of First Semester

Spring Semester 2004

Monday, January 5	First Day of Second Semester
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Monday, February 16	Presidents' Day Holiday
Thursday, March 4	End of Third Quarter
Fri.-Sun., March 5-14	Spring Break
Friday, April 9	Good Friday Holiday
Monday, April 12	Easter Monday Holiday
Friday, April 30	Last Day of Classes for Seniors
Mon.-Fri., May 3-7	Senior Exams
Sunday, May 16	Graduation Exercises
Monday, May 17	Hutchison and St. Mary's Graduations
Thursday, May 20	End of Fourth Quarter (half-day)
Fri.-Thurs., May 21-27	Underclassmen Exams
Friday, May 28	Last Day of School (half-day)

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