

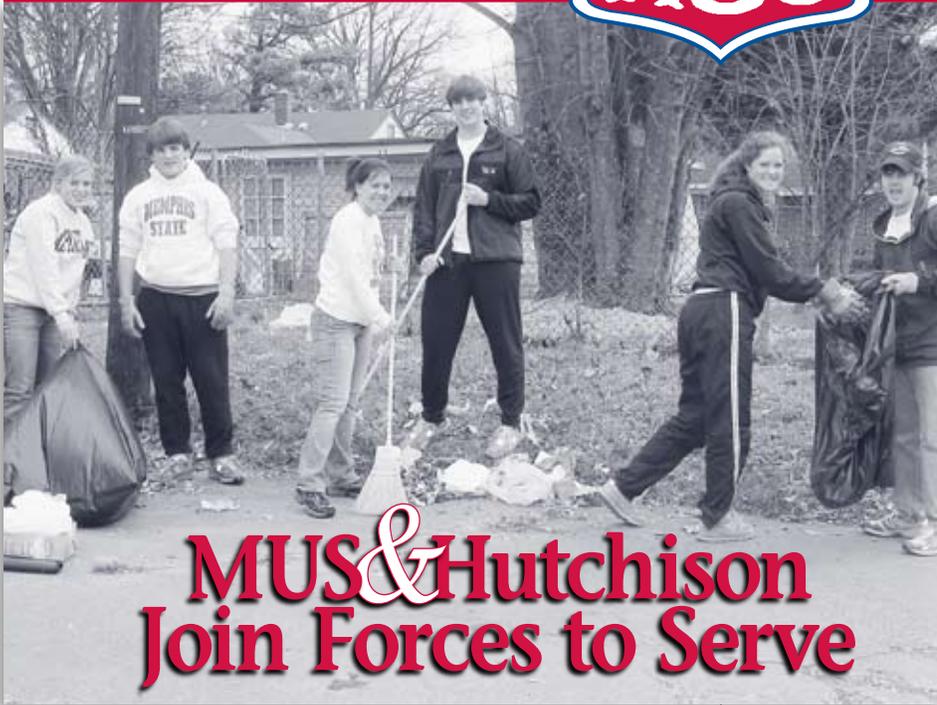
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MUS & Hutchison Join Forces to Serve

Getting down to work: Sophie Good, Sisco Larson, Alicia Jeter, Price Edwards, Malaney Cross, and Warner Russell

“delivered a challenging plea for the action of students in the lives of the Memphis-area poor,” said MUS instructor and civic service

advisor **Mr. Clay Smythe '85**. “Dr. Donlon offered numerous examples of injustice and social inequality, and his stories describing the parallel universes of Memphis – one of access, wealth, and standards in juxtaposition to an alternate one of limited opportunities, poverty, and lack of social accountability – caused much stimulated response in return.”

The next morning, following a breakfast of Mr. Smythe's award-winning pancakes, students put their words into action as the group descended on a block of the central Memphis neighborhood. Mr. David

Rain threatened as 60 Hutchison and MUS students emerged from Service Over Self's (SOS) headquarters on Poplar Avenue early Saturday, February 19. With rakes, work gloves, and garbage bags in hand, some were still groggy, but all were excited to hit the streets of Memphis's Binghampton neighborhood.

The morning marked day two of the schools' second annual Servant Leadership Retreat – a weekend designed to reinforce the values of civic responsibility and community service emphasized at both institutions. “Organizing and participating in hands-on community service projects provides our students an opportunity to refine leadership abilities and to develop a lifelong commitment to serving others,” Dr. Annette Smith, Hutchison head of school, said. The event was orchestrated through the two schools' Co-Edge program, which offers coordinate opportunities in the arts, academics, community service, and social settings.

Students arrived at SOS on Friday evening eager to share and reflect on past service experiences. Dr. Rick Donlon, founder of Binghampton's Christ Community Medical Clinic,

Montague '82, executive director of SOS, organized the cleanup. Students worked into the afternoon raking leaves, removing trash and debris, and interacting with Binghampton residents.

“This servant leadership retreat is and has been a great opportunity for both MUS and Hutchison students to learn about and experience the many ways we can serve the community. We're able to see what we can do to help solve some of the problems facing Memphis,” said senior **Worth Morgan**, chairman of MUS's Civic Service Organization, which helped organize the event.

Lucia Crenshaw, senior and head of Community Services at Hutchison, echoed Morgan's sentiments: “The annual SOS retreat is an excellent opportunity for Hutchison and MUS students to work together to better the community. I feel like the weekend

highlighted our community's need for service, as well as emphasized Hutchison and MUS's students' unbelievable potential to accomplish positive change in our respective communities.”



Some raked, others bagged, and a few did some heavy lifting: (left to right) Buck Towner, Stuart Groves, Andrew Robinson, Liz Wilder, and Stewart Taylor



Straight from the Top

by Rick Broer, Lower School Principal

Scholars. Leaders. Athletes. To anyone reading the MUS banners displayed periodically throughout the year along Park or Ridgeway, this might mean that MUS has three kinds of students: those who excel in the classroom, those good at organizing and leading their fellows, and those who put their athletic talent to work on the fields and courts. But the three words do not describe three different kinds of students; they describe one kind of MUS boy – the typical one.

In November, I was fortunate to be able to attend a coffee given for grandmothers of Hull Lower School boys. (As an aside, let me say what an important group grandmothers and grandfathers are in the lives of boys!) Beg To Differ, our excellent *a cappella* singing group, performed at the coffee. As I watched them and enjoyed their performance, I began thinking about what a diverse and talented group they are – and they are representative of just about any group you could choose from the MUS student body.

There are scholars in Beg To Differ – National Merit Finalists, Dean’s Scholars, Honor Roll recipients, members of the National Honor and Cum Laude Societies. There are also leaders – mentors to Lower School boys, Student Council officers and representatives, editors of publications, Honor Council representatives. There are athletes, too – players and managers on our state championship football team, basketball and tennis players, and cross country runners. And the list can be expanded: several of the boys in Beg To Differ act in MUS theater productions or are active in Civic Service, for example.

One might say that all three types of MUS students are represented in the membership of Beg To Differ. But the important point is that almost all of these boys fit into two or three of the categories. A cross country runner is an Honor Council representative and a mentor; an editor is also National Merit Semifinalist and a golfer; a mentor also plays basketball and is listed on the Honor Roll. And I could go on.

If you look at any representative sample of MUS boys, you will find a similar situation. Very few are one-dimensional. They are all involved in a variety of activities, playing a variety of roles. That is what makes our student body so interesting to work with. You can cheer on an athlete in the afternoon, applaud his performance on stage in the evening, and congratulate him for doing well on a paper the next morning.

So, when the banners are up and you think about scholars, leaders, and athletes, remember they are not distinct groups. They are our students. MUS is a school made up of boys who take on many roles – student, leader, athlete, classmate, artist, civic servant, team member, fan. In short, MUS, as our mission statement puts it, is a school made up of “well-rounded young men of strong moral character.”



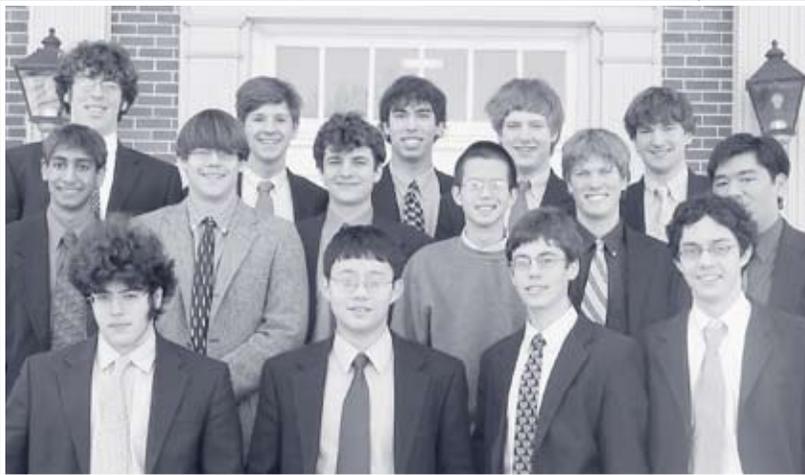
...three words do not describe three different kinds of students; they describe one kind of MUS boy – the typical one.



As school came to an end, Beg To Differ gave one last performance in the amphitheater before embarking on their concert tour in France. Bon voyage!

National Merit Finalists Named

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) named 15 MUS seniors finalists in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in 2005. Finalists were selected from a group of 16,000 semi-finalists from all 50 states who scored high marks on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and met the published program entry/participation requirements. The NMSC recognized 17 MUS seniors as semi-finalists, the largest number out of all Tennessee Independent Schools.



The 15 seniors named finalists for the 2004-05 school year were: (front row) **Andrew Manugian, Kevin Wang, Aaron Markowitz, Warren Stafford**, (middle row) **Parth Sheth, Jordan Crawford, Michael Schaeffer, Michael Fong, Hank Wynn, Alex Chinn**, (back row) **Noah Feder, Clint Cowan, Alex Guyton, Matt Sights**, and **Andrew Dudas**. These young men now have the opportunity to compete for more than 8,200 Merit Scholarships.



Presidential Prospects

Senior **Parth Sheth's** perfect 1600 on the SAT may just land him in the White House one day. In April, Sheth was selected as one of nearly 550 semifinalists in the United States Presidential Scholars Program, which has

recognized and honored "some of our Nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors" since 1964.

A student's performance on the SAT or ACT determines his candidacy, and each year some 2,700 candidates are named from almost 2.8 million graduating high school seniors. Students in this pool of candidates then receive invitations to apply for admission to the prestigious program. Following a detailed review of applica-

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tions by a committee of educational leaders, approximately 500 semifinalists are named on the basis of broad academic achievement, leadership, character, and involvement in school and community activities. The White House Commission

on Presidential Scholars reviews the semifinalists' applications and supporting documents before naming up to 141 Scholars.

Scholars are honored for their accomplishments during the program's national recognition events, held in June in Washington, D.C. As guests of the Commission, students enjoy an all-expenses-paid trip to the capital where they meet with government officials, educators, authors, musicians, and scientists

before receiving a Presidential Scholar medallion at a ceremony sponsored by the White House. Since the inception of the program, MUS alumni Jerry Dang '93, Wilson Chwang '97, and David Rosales '97 have been named Presidential Scholars.

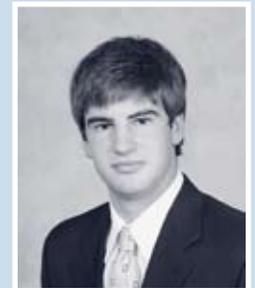
McCulloch Earns Eagle Scout

Senior **Michael McCulloch**, a member of Boy Scout Troop 86, recently completed the requirements for Eagle Scout and was awarded his badge at a Court of Honor this spring. The distinction ranks him

among an elite four percent of Boy Scouts nationwide who have fulfilled obligations in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills.

McCulloch has been an active member of the school community during his time at MUS. He is a four-year member of the tennis team, has been involved in YMCA Youth Legislature and Model United Nations, and has served as a student tutor, tour guide, and mentor. McCulloch is a member of Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society and was named an AP Scholar this past year.

Editor's Note: We apologize that McCulloch was inadvertently left out of the article about Eagle Scouts at MUS, which appeared in the January 2005 issue of *MUS Today*.



Hi-Tech Volunteer



Sophomore **Neale Hicks** doesn't mind being a guinea pig, especially for a good cause. So when his mother, Dot Neale, corporate community relations manager for IBM, asked if he would be interested in electronic mentoring, he jumped at the chance. While many IBM employees had been involved in the program for some time, the com-

pany wanted to test its potential among students, and Hicks was the first to sign up.

As an electronic mentor, Hicks was paired with Marecco Adams, a sixth-grader at Vance Elementary. After their initial meeting, the two began corresponding daily through MentorPlace, a safe, secure online forum where students' communications can be tracked by teachers and administrators. They discuss school and sports and can even collaborate on academic projects and homework by loading documents into the program. "It's a great way to volunteer," said Hicks, who would like to see his MUS classmates get involved in the project. "I've really enjoyed it. You get to know someone you wouldn't have otherwise and hopefully have some sort of impact on his life."



Freebing Next Noted Historian

Sophomore **Bret Freebing** lists *Gods and Generals* among his favorite movies and Civil War battlefields as ideal vacation spots, so it's no wonder the war buff has recently become a

published historian. Freebing's essay, "The Barriers that Determined the Battle of Gettysburg," won first place in *Battlefield Journal's* annual writing competition and was printed in the April 2005 issue. The publication, a tribute to the American Civil War, reaches 160,000 readers a month and has been named the "Civil War Newspaper of Choice."

Freebing wrote the paper in **Dr. Robert Winfrey's** eighth-grade history class, and his mother encouraged him to submit it to the contest. The essay, which required extensive research, provides comprehensive descriptions and analysis of topography's role in influencing the outcome of the famous Virginia battle. Freebing chose the topic himself: "I've always been interested in Gettysburg, and I wanted to explore it in detail," he said. *Battlefield Journal's* editors received so many great essays, poems, and drawings that it was hard to choose a winner, but Freebing's essay clearly came out on top. He wasn't surprised when he took home the prize: "I worked really hard on the paper," Freebing said. "I thought I had a good chance to win."

Mr. Long Goes to Washington

While his classmates spent their spring breaks hitting the slopes or splashing in the surf, junior **Parker Long** boarded a plane bound for chilly Washington, D.C., to try his hand at



politics. A representative to the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC), Long was one of four hundred students admitted to the six-day program for "well-rounded high school juniors and seniors with academic promise and leadership

potential." Spanish instructor **Mrs. Beba Heros** encouraged Long to apply, but he was hesitant initially: "I had never paid much attention to politics," he said. "I didn't think I would know what was going on."

But Long decided to take a chance. During his time at NYLC, he toured Washington's monuments, museums, and government buildings, listened as distinguished speakers addressed key political issues, met with members of the legislature, and participated in a Model Congress in which students authored, debated, amended, and voted on mock legislation. Long left the conference with a better understanding of the U.S. government, the challenges facing today's political leaders, and the important roles young people can play in shaping history. "I don't know that I'll pursue politics in the future," he said. "But I'm now much more educated about what goes on in our country and the world."

Artists in Residence

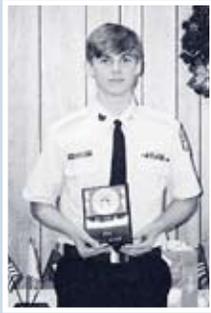


Patrick Nenon with his cut-paper creation and Michael Lewandowski with his painting of a familiar MUS sight

Each spring, the Memphis Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) coordinates an exhibition of student art. This year's installation at the Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women featured artwork by ten MUS students. Art instructors **Mr. Peter Bowman** and **Mr. Curt Schmitt** reviewed students' work and chose the pieces to be included in the show based on execution, creativity, and intensity. The MAIS exhibition featured the work of seventh-graders **Barnes Chism**, **Michael Lewandowski**, and **Patrick Nenon**; sophomore **Crispin Watson**; juniors **Thomas Harvell**, **Chad Hazelhurst**, **William Lang**, and **Mike Montesi**; and seniors **Rob Baird** and **Stuart Groves**. A reception to celebrate the opening of the show and honor the participants and their teachers was held on April 17 at the hospital.

Shannon Flies High

Eighth-grader **Wesley Shannon**, a member of the 99th Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), was named



one of the 2004 Cadets of the Year at the unit's annual end-of-the-year banquet in West Memphis, Arkansas. The CAP Cadet Program, a civilian auxiliary squadron of the U.S. Air Force, gives young people the opportunity to earn college scholarships, participate in search-and-rescue missions, and become

involved in national programs. A participant in the group since 2003, Shannon has been named Airman of the Quarter three times, an honor based on meeting and activity attendance, testing, and uniform inspection, among other factors. He also earned the highest leadership and aerospace test scores for three quarters – the first cadet in over five years to be recognized with both honors.

Shannon recently gave military life a try when he visited an encampment at the Little Rock Air Force Base. There he toured security police areas and flying squadrons and flew in an AC-130 Hercules plane. He's also begun flying lessons at General Dewitt Spain Airport and hopes to one day earn his pilot's license, a task that can take several years and hundreds of in-flight hours to accomplish. After college, Shannon's goal is to become a pilot, hopefully for the U.S. Air Force. "It's been a lifetime dream," he says.

Seventh-Graders TIP the Scales

In February, 29 seventh-graders sharpened their number two pencils and took either the SAT or the ACT in an effort to gain admittance into Duke University's prestigious Talent Identification Program (TIP). The program, in its twenty-fifth year, identifies gifted children and provides innovative resources to nurture the development of exceptionally bright youngsters. The following students qualified at the state level for this selective program:

Robert Cartwright, Andrew Chinn, Barnes Chism, Conner Davis, Josh Feler, Cliff Guyton, Amir Khan, Wade Laycook, Michael Lewandowski, Jake Rudolph, Ryan Saharovich, Reid Sanders, Brian Son, Michael Wilder, and Matt Williams. Feler (pictured left) also qualified at the "Grand" (national) level, placing him among the top seventh graders in the nation.



All students qualifying at the state level will be invited to a recognition ceremony at Vanderbilt University, while the one thousand Grand qualifiers will receive an invitation to a similar program at Duke.

Faculty and Seniors Face Off on the Fairways

A weekend of spring showers gave way to clear skies when 22 members of the faculty and the Class of 2005 gathered at Galloway Golf Course on Monday, April 28, for the first-ever Faculty/Senior Two-Man Scramble. Senior **Worth Morgan** and **Mr. Manning Weir '90** organized the event,

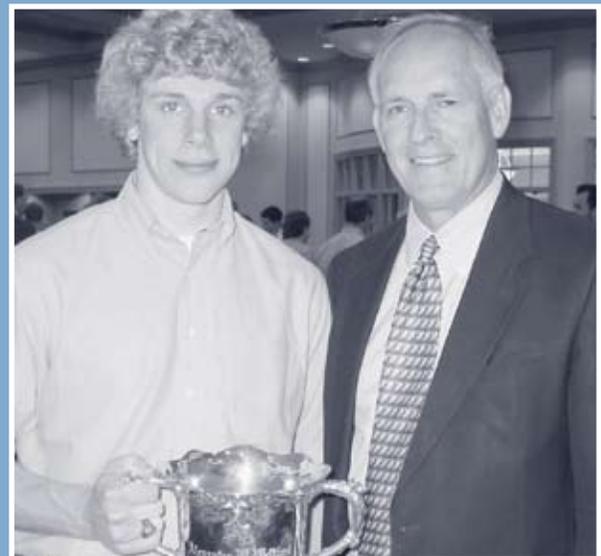


which they hope will become an annual occurrence. At the end of the day, the team of **Coach Greg King** and senior **Richard White** emerged victorious with a score of 62. "Everyone had a great time," Mr. Weir said. "We're already looking forward to next year."

Coach Bill Taylor with seniors Wilson McManus, Bo Ladyman, and Worth Morgan on the fairway

Spring Award Winners

- Hunter Adams** Randall Ash Perkins Memorial Scholarship Award
- Shea Conaway** Yale Book Award
- Cody Curtis** Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award
- Andrew Jehl** Rhodes College Book Award
- Walter Klyce** Sewanee Award for Excellence
- Jesse Mahautmr** Dartmouth Club Book Award
- Will Pickens** Wellford Leadership Award
- Peter Zanca** Jefferson Book Award



Will Pickens was presented the Wellford Leadership Award by Alex Wellford '60

Honor Council Elections Pick Adams

The student body turned its attention to honor on Monday, April 4, as juniors **Hunter Adams, Will Pickens,** and **Nicholas Skefos** took the stage in chapel to campaign for the respected position of 2005-06 Honor Council president. Each candidate spoke of the significant role MUS's Honor Code has played in his life and education.

"You may not recognize it now, but just by coming to this school and living within our Honor System, you are learning things that others may never know," Adams told his peers. "Things like honesty, respect for others, courtesy, and personal integrity will become second nature and automatic to you. We as MUS students have learned the value of a personal honor code that we carry with us forever in the outside world, and we have become better men because of it."

Pickens spoke of a similar individual moral code, one he has been encouraged to adopt by his peers and instructors at MUS. "It is up to us, the students of MUS, to make ourselves honorable," Pickens said. "Achieving this is not something we can do on our own; we need a community of trust."

Skefos referenced past experiences as a member of the Honor Council in his appeal to his fellow students. "I learned that holding people responsible for violating the Honor Code is the only way to be fair to the entire MUS community, and that I am not afraid to take positions that are unpopular in order to uphold the Code," he said.

Elections took place following the speeches, and, at the end of the day, Adams was named MUS's new Honor Council president. "I will do everything I can to make sure that the Honor Code is respected by the students and the community," he pledged.

Once the seriousness of Honor Council elections was over, the next week was devoted to the seriously, light-hearted and quirky antics leading up to Student Council elections.



From the left: Hunter Adams, Honor Council President; Zane Haykal, Student Council President; and David Minervini, Commissioner of Special Activities



Showing their support for Andrew Cabigao (center) are Daniel Harriman, Paul Zettler, Andrew's brother Ed Cabigao '01, and Kip Gordon '01. Cabigao won his bid for Student Council's Commissioner of Student Services.

Dev Varma enlisted the help of his father during the street party. Varma won the position of Student Council Secretary/Treasurer.

Preston Dennis, Jesse Zellner, Devin Owens, and Kimari Shotwell enjoy the fun, food, and music at the street party held before voting took place.



Student Leaders for 2005-06

HONOR COUNCIL

President: **Hunter Adams**
 12th Grade Representatives: **Rob Peeler, Will Pickens**
 11th Grade Representatives: **Miles DeBardeleben, Neely Mallory**
 10th Grade Representatives: **Peter Travis, Luke Wynn**
 9th Grade Representatives: **Devin Brooks, Lowell Hays**
 8th Grade Representatives: **Louis Jackson, Amir Khan**
 7th Grade Representatives: **To be elected in Fall 2005**

STUDENT COUNCIL

President: **Zane Haykal**
 Vice President: **William Montgomery**
 Commissioner of Student Welfare: **Preston Battle**
 Commissioner of Student Services: **Andrew Cabigao**
 Commissioner of Special Activities: **David Minervini**
 Commissioner of Social Events: **Doug Boyer**
 Secretary/Treasurer: **Dev Varma**

12th Grade Representatives: **Sam Coates, John Hensley, John Klinke, Devin Owens, Alvin Sidhu, Peter Zanca**
 11th Grade Representatives: **Will Aldridge, West Askew, Luke Jensen, Ben Jordan, Sisco Larson, Steven Thompson**
 10th Grade Representatives: **Watson George, Connell Hall, Vance Montgomery, Rob Pitts, Will Pryor, Malcolm Wood**
 9th Grade Representatives: **Barret Folk, Michael Folk, Jackson Knight, Carl Krausnick, John Riggins, Walt Wepfer**

Lower School President: **Wade Laycook**
 8th Grade Representatives: **Jake Abston, Cameron Crawford, Sam Ferguson, Alex Kenner, George Utkov**
 7th Grade Representatives: **To be elected in Fall 2005**

CIVIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION

President: **Garrott McClintock**

GOVERNMENT CLUB

Co-Presidents: **Jesse Mahautmr, Peter Zanca**
 Senior Executives: **Shea Conaway, Frank Jemison, Mike Montesi, Hayden Pendegrass, Paul Yacoubian**
 Junior Executives: **Chris McDonald, Erim Sarinoglu**

SENIOR CLASS

President: **Zach Matthews**

THE OWL (yearbook)

Co-Editors: **Paul Yacoubian, David Shochat**

THE OWL'S HOOT (newspaper)

Co-Editors: **Frank Jemison, Walter Klyce**

THE MUSE (literary magazine)

Editor: **Andras Tigyi**

Sharp Minds Hone Skills through Team Competition, Club Participation, and Academic Testing

MUS Mock Trial Team #2 in Memphis

It was an exciting and successful year for the MUS Mock Trial teams. The season culminated in the city championship round, where the Blue team placed second and earned the honor of a trip to Nashville to participate in the State Competition with the top 18 teams from the state of Tennessee, only two of which could come from Memphis.

The Memphis Bar Association sponsors the Mock Trial Competition every year, and at the start of the season, each high school team receives the year's case containing witness statements, evidence, rules of procedure, and relevant law. Some team members act as attorneys, and others take the witness roles. This year, students argued a criminal case in which the defendant, a country music star, was accused of murdering his former manager using a Country Music Award as a weapon. Students had a wonderful time taking on the roles of various colorful characters participating in the trial.

MUS has two Mock Trial teams, the Red and the Blue, and they perform separately in the competition; the local contest takes place downtown at the Shelby County Courthouse. Memphis attorneys and judges act as the competition's judges and juries.

This year, Co-Captains **Alex Chinn** and **Aaron Markowitz** ably led both teams. Mr. Mike Montesi (father of **Mike** '06) and Mr. Jim Robinson '68 (father of **Jesse** '05) were the teams' attorney coaches and spent countless hours with



Witnesses for the Defense at the Mock Trial State Competition: Preston Battle (in the role of police detective), Mike Montesi (in the role of "expert" civil engineer), and Ed Porter (in the role of the defendant, country music star "Kerry Edward")



The Mock Trial Blue Team at the State Competition: Erim Sarinoglu, John Carr, Mike Montesi, David Minervini, Ed Porter, Captain Aaron Markowitz, Preston Battle, Andrew Gordon, Kyle Fong, Alexander Fones, and Andrew Amos

the students – even traveling with them to Nashville for the state competition. English teacher **Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby** served as the teams' faculty advisor.

Chinn and Markowitz joined forces with freshman **Peter Travis** and junior **Walter Klyce** as attorneys for the Red Team, while Travis, sophomores **Ken Haltom** and **Chris McDonald**, and seniors **Worth Morgan** and **Eric Wilson** served as witnesses. For the Blue Team, freshman **Andrew Amos**, sophomore **Erim Sarinoglu**, and juniors **Andrew Gordon** and **David Minervini** acted as attorneys, and freshman **Alexander Fones**, sophomores **Preston Battle**, **John Carr** and **Ed Porter**, junior **Mike Montesi**, and senior **Kyle Fong** played the parts of witnesses.

TEAM Players

by Noah Feder '05

For more than 20 years, **Mr. Tom Brown** has led a group of students to the annual TEAMS competition. TEAMS is an acronym for the Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science, an annual competition held nationally at over one hundred test sites with almost two thousand students participating.

The test itself is divided into two parts. The first section contains multiple-choice questions on eight different subjects, which are announced several weeks before the competition. This year the eight topics were irrigation water-lifting systems, strain gauge measurements, solar measurements, orbital mechanics, nanotechnology, roadway design, nuclear engineering, and compressor applications. After completing the first part of the contest, the team moves on to a long-answer section on

four of the topics. The competition is open-book and open-notes, and calculators are required on many problems.

MUS fields a varsity- and a junior varsity-level team, ranked in different divisions. This year's varsity team was made up of **Alex Chinn**, **John Daniel**, **Chris Freeman**, **Alex Guyton**, **Andrew Manugian**, **Parth Sheth**, **Kevin Wang**, and Captain **Noah Feder**. The JV team included **Tom Chiu**, **Shea Conaway**, **Andrew Gordon**, **Jesse Mahautmr**, **Donald McClure**, **Paul Yacoubian**, **Peter Zanca**, and captain **Brian Evans**.

In preparation for the test, the two TEAMS teams met before school several times to go over the various topics. At each meeting, a different problem was discussed. Mr. Brown led discussion each

day and helped to supplement individual research with his own information sheets. With a background in civil and industrial engineering, Mr. Brown's knowledge was essential to the teams' success.

This year's regional competition was held at the University of Memphis on March 1. Other participating schools included White Station, Houston, Lausanne, and Ridgeway.

Because the test is open-book, the group brought textbooks in calculus, geometry, algebra, and physics. In addition to these resources, many printouts from the Internet and even an encyclopedia volume or two were used during the competition. Using those sources and the given equations in the problems, both the varsity and junior varsity teams worked feverishly for 90 minutes to finish the first section. After a quick break, the second 90-minute part of the test began. The same material from the first half could be used on the second half. Immediately after time was called, the rankings were announced.

Rankings at the local level are based solely on the first multiple-choice section. The varsity team placed third among all higher-level teams, finishing only behind two very strong White Station teams. The junior varsity team did even better, placing first in the junior level and beating out all the varsity teams to win the overall competition. The two upper levels of competition are based solely on the second, long-answer section. On the state level, both teams placed well enough to move on to the national round, and when the results were tabulated, the varsity team ranked twenty-sixth in the nation, while the junior varsity team came in at eighth place.

KnowledgeMaster Moves to the Head of the Class

On April 20, MUS participated in the KnowledgeMasters Open, an academic competition open to high school teams from the United States and several foreign countries. The competition involves answering 200 multiple-choice, multi-discipline questions, the subjects of which range from topics such as literature and physical science to current events. Teams are awarded points for correct answers and the speed at which they respond.

The MUS team placed second in the state and ranked in the ninety-first percentile for all participants. As the seventy-eighth team out of 845 schools, MUS beat groups from 13 states, Costa Rica, South Korea, the Phillipines, and Singapore. KnowledgeMasters team members, led by math instructor **Mr. Darin Clift**, included (pictured below, on the wall) **Paul Yacoubian, Chris Freeman, and Hunter Swain**, (off the wall) **Jordan Crawford, Aaron Struminger, Noah Feder,**

Hayden Pendergrass, Parth Sheth, Chris Mullins, Jayshal Patel, John Daniel, Jonathan Yeung, Sashank Karri, and Tom Chiu, (not pictured) **Jonathan Barnes, Ben Bleustein, Bruce Mathews, Chris McDonald, Samir Sheth, and Kevin Wang.**

Brainiac Bowlers

On February 26, the MUS Quiz Bowl team, under the leadership of math instructor **Mr. Darin Clift**, finished a successful season with a competition at Tennessee State University in Nashville. Quiz Bowl is an academic competition in which teams of four compete head-to-head to answer a variety of questions involving academic subjects and current events. Members of this year's team included seniors **Chris Freeman** and **Sashank Karri** (team founders and co-captains), **Ben Bleustein, Jesse Mahautmr, and Aaron Struminger**; junior **Hayden Pendergrass**; and sophomores **Alex Carter, Wilson Castleman, Chris Mullins, and Jonathan Yeung.**

The season marked the second year of the club's existence at MUS, and the team performed remarkably well in spite of their inexperience. Hours of practice paid off, and, in the fall, they made the "sweet sixteen" championship tournament. Freeman, who believes founding the club is one of his proudest accomplishments as a student, placed among the top ten scorers in competitions held at Munford and Covington High Schools. In the championship round at TSU, Bleustein ranked among the tournament's top ten scorers, but the team finished in fifth place, narrowly missing the "final four." For their conduct throughout the competition, the team was awarded the Good Sportsmanship Award, which is awarded to only one team out of the entire group of 24 teams.

Next year, the team will be lead by what Freeman calls "a promising group of juniors and sophomores" who hope to continue the club's tradition of excellence.



Clockwise from left, Mr. Darin Clift leads a practice session of Quiz Bowlers: Hayden Pendergrass, Jonathan Yeung, Aaron Struminger, Chris Mullins, Sashank Karri, and Chris Freeman.

MUS Plays Major Role in Legislature

Upper School students tested their political savvy and took a stab at governing when they attended the fifty-second annual Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature in Nashville from April 7-10. As part of nearly 480 students from 18 high schools across the state, 69 MUS delegates played the roles of senators and representatives, members of the governor's cabinet, Supreme Court justices, attorneys, lobbyists, press, and officers in the mock government. As senators and representatives in two houses, participants identified problems within the state, developed solutions, and drafted bills that were debated and voted upon by fellow students.

MUS students traditionally play a prominent role in the conference leadership, and this year was no different. Red legislature officers were: **Alex Chinn**, Speaker of the House; **Aaron Markowitz**, Floor Leader of the Senate; **Jayshal Patel**, Chief Clerk of the Senate; **Jesse Mahautmr**, Chief Engrossing Clerk; and **Chris McDonald**, House Sergeant-at-arms. Many of MUS's first-time participants took on major roles in the Blue legislature: **Noah Feder**, Speaker Pro-Tem of the House; **Peter Zanca**, Assistant Clerk of the House; **Andrew Manugian**, Speaker Pro-Tem of the Senate; and **Clint Cowan**, Floor Leader of the Senate. **Erim Sarinoglu** also served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

As members of the Governor's Cabinet, **Michael McCulloch**, Commissioner of Financial Institutions, and **Scott McLeod**, Commissioner of Environment and Conservation, wrote and presented proposals for their respective departments and spent time with their real-world counterparts in Governor Bredezen's cabinet.

At the close of the session, awards were given to three MUS students:



While Peter Zanca and Jesse Mahautmr played key roles in the Youth Legislature in April, they have an even bigger task ahead of them. Next year they will serve as co-presidents of the MUS Government Club, which has a membership of more than 90 students.

Even politicians can have fun! Mr. Guy Amsler, Oliver Green, David Deaderick, and Patrick Kimberlin hang out at the Youth Leg dance.



Hayden Pendergrass was named one of four outstanding delegates in the Red House; **Nathaniel Kastan** was selected as an outstanding delegate in the Blue Senate; and **Erim Sarinoglu** received the Outstanding Supreme Court Justice Award.

In addition, Chinn, Cowan, Feder, Mahautmr, Markowitz, Pendergrass, Zanca, and **Warner Russell** placed among the top 25 delegates from Tennessee and received an all-expenses-paid trip to the YMCA's National Affairs Conference in Blue Ridge, North Carolina.

Finally, MUS students were elected to leadership positions for the 2006 Youth Legislature. Zanca will serve as the

Red Lieutenant Governor, **Frank Jemison** as the Floor Leader for the Red Senate, **Shea Conaway** as the Speaker of the Red House, Pendergrass as the Floor Leader of the Red House, McDonald as Speaker of the Blue House, and Sarinoglu as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The team was especially grateful to Government Club sponsor **Mr. Guy Amsler**, **Mrs. Ellen McDonnell** and the library staff, and **Mr. Eric Berman** and **Mr. John Olson** who served as chaperones.

Jordan Crawford, Chris Freeman, Frank Jemison, and Parth Sheth in the foyer outside the Senate Chambers taking a break from debate



Foreign Language Students Rake In Awards

Latin Scholars Recognized for Excellence

Latin students proved that the classical language is alive and well at MUS when they took the National Latin Exam (NLE) this spring. All participating Upper School students and 86 percent of Lower School students who took the exam received an award. Eighth-graders **Drew Frisby** and **Rahul Kumar**, freshmen **William McGehee** and **Jack Montgomery**, sophomore **Chris Mullins**, and junior **Jesse Mahautmr** received perfect scores. The exam recognizes students in first, second, third, and fourth places within their grade levels. "The lads of MUS really did themselves and the school proud with their performance on the NLE this year," said Latin instructor **Mr. Trey Suddarth**. "These results would stack up well against any school in the country."

The scholars continued their winning streak at the Tennessee Junior Classical League (TJCL) Convention held at Rossvie High School in Clarksville, Tennessee, from April 21-23. TJCL is an all-around Latin tournament for schools across the state in which participants compete in three categories: academics, athletics (Olympika), and arts.

With 40 students competing, MUS won first place in the athletic category and second place in the academic contest. In addition, the novice team, made up of eighth-graders **Devin Brooks**, **Robert Duffley**, **Cliff Jones**, **Brandon Parrish**, and freshman Jack Montgomery, won the state title in the novice division of the Certamen competition, a sort of Latin quiz bowl. Points earned in individual and team events are tallied to determine a school's final standing in the Sweepstakes. MUS finished second overall and took home an additional award for outstanding team spirit.

Individual first-place medals went to freshman **Roger Chu** for Graphic Arts, Robert Duffley for Classical Art and Hellenics, sophomore **Louis Ghawji** for the mile run, Cliff Jones for Geography and Roman History, junior **Walter Klyce** for Dramatic Latin, eighth-grader **Jon Mitchell** for the 50-meter breaststroke, Jack Montgomery for the Academic Pentathlon and Reading Comprehension, and junior **David Shochat** for the 220-yard dash.

LATIN I

1st Place

Mark Beanblossom
Will Benton
John Carson
Drew Cornaghie
Robert Duffley
Drew Frisby
Lowell Hays
Thomas Ivy
Mathew Jehl
Cliff Jones
Rahul Kumar
Andrew Maroda
William McGehee
Jack Montgomery
Jim Moore
Brandon Parrish
Robert Peterson
John Riggins
Phillip Russell
Will Stokes

2nd Place

Skip Aymett
Devin Brooks
Dylan Cunningham
Jared Davis
Michael Edwards
Matt Grisham
Mason Gudelsky
Jake Henke
Coleman Kimbrough
Evan Mah
Colin McDonald
Jon Mitchell
William Paxton
Taylor Reed
John Rutledge
Matthew Shelton
Jack Steffner
Walt Wepfer

3rd Place

Thomas Castleman
Robert Cowan
Edward Fu
Robb Harrison
Grant Hopkins
Jackson Knight
Mustafa Motiwala
Harrison Rea
Wesley Shannon
Robert Threlkeld
Michael Wills
Forrest Wortham

4th Place

Michael Brennan
Jordan Brown
Barret Folk
Roy Fox
Derek Haynes
Rhobb Hunter
Graham Jones
Ben Khouri
Ahmed Minhas

LATIN II

1st Place

Morgan Arant
Roger Chu
Michael Cross
Hunter Edens
Nick Nash
Ragan Pitner
Joshua Vieira
Blair Wright
Luke Wynn

2nd Place
Barrett Huggins
Will Mays
Andrew Millen
Corey Scheinblum
Samir Sheth
Michael Sousoulas
Patrick Stewart
Ian Thomas

3rd Place
Andrew Amos
Rob Hartmann
Brent Hooks
Ross Montague

4th Place
Anthony Dang
Kimari Shotwell

LATIN III

1st Place
Drew Hammond
Josh Henke
Phillip Heppel
Andrew Jehl
Naveed Mirza
Chris Mullins
Ed Porter
Haynes Vaughn
Jeffrey Webb

2nd Place
Stephen Counce
Jay Edwards
Scott Guinn
Noah Ketter
Neely Mallory
Zach Scott
Byron Tyler
Jeffrey Wright

3rd Place
Stephen Bowie
Jonathan Yeung

4th Place
West Askew
Louis Ghawji
John Reinhardt

LATIN IV AP

1st Place
Shea Conaway
Greg Jones
Walter Klyce
Jesse Mahautmr
Will Pickens
Grayson Sharpe
Will Thornton

2nd Place
Tom Chiu
Bryan Eder

3rd Place
David Shocat

LATIN V AP

1st Place
Alex Chinn
Eric Wilson

French Students Place in Le Grand Concours

On March 16, MUS French students participated in Le Grand Concours, otherwise known as the National French Contest. The exam, written and administered by members of the Association of Teachers of French, tests students' knowledge of vocabulary, grammar, and culture in an attempt to stimulate further interest in learning French and identify outstanding achievers. MUS students performed well, with seven ranking in the top ten levels of the state competition and five placing in the top ten at the national level. (See results below.)

In addition, senior Jordan Crawford participated in the Memphis-area Alliance Francaise Writing Contest and took home the seventh-place prize.

FRENCH I: **Alex Kim**, 2nd in state, 5th nationally

FRENCH II: **Louis Ghawji**, 6th in state, 8th nationally;
Erim Sarinoglu, 7th in state, 9th nationally

FRENCH III: **Jonathan Davenport**, 9th in state, 10th nationally;
Andrew Gordon, 10th in state

FRENCH IV: **Jonathan Barnes**, 2nd in state, 10th nationally;
Parth Sheth, 7th in state

Spanish Students Excel

This spring, MUS Spanish students were among a group of over 5,000 contestants from 52 schools across the state of Tennessee who participated in the National Spanish Exams. Those students whose scores placed them in the top 25 percent of test takers nationally were recognized for their performances by the sponsoring organization, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The following students were acknowledged:

SPANISH I
John Alexander
Scott Edwards
Stephen Maroda
Will Pryor
Jay Snyder
Peter Travis
Jonathan Tutor
Robert Wallace

SPANISH II
Marshall Bartlett
Ashton Fisher
Ryan Foley
Stewart Gray
Ken Haltom
William Harris
Luke Jensen
Paul Kennedy
Lee Moore
Daniel Smith
Miles Tamboli
Andras Tigyi
Kristof Tigyi
Hobbie Turley
Dev Varma

SPANISH III
James Aiken
Matt Dowling
Oliver Green
Bryce Hendry
Frank Jemison
Zachary Kisber
John Klinke
Parker Long
Jason Northington
Keith Parsons
Hayden Pendergrass
Cameron Ridgway
Barrett Steinberg
Christopher Thomas
Dex Witte

SPANISH IV
Stephen Nease
Andrew Olinger
Michael Schaeffer
Hunter Swain

SPANISH V
Gabriel Rápalo

Math Students Add Up Accolades Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association Test (TMTA)

MUS math whizzes readied their calculators and brushed up on basic skills before taking the TMTA on April 19. The 80-minute, 40-question, multiple-choice exam is offered in the areas of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Statistics, Pre-calculus, and Calculus and Advanced Topics. MUS students placed first in four of the six categories.

The following students were ranked among the top ten students in these divisions in the Memphis area based on their test results:

ALGEBRA I: **Devin Brooks**, 3rd; **Amro Amro**, 6th;

Lowell Hays, 7th; **Rahul Kumar**, 8th;

Michael Edwards, 10th

GEOMETRY: **Jack Montgomery**, 1st;

Jonathan Tutor, 3rd; **Will Pryor**, 9th;

Joshua Vieira, 10th

ALGEBRA II: **Jonathan Yeung**, 1st;

Scott Edwards, 2nd; **Byron Tyler**, 5th;

Neely Mallory, 6th; **Andrew Jehl**, 7th;

Stephen Counce, 8th

STATISTICS: **John Daniel**, 7th

PRE-CALCULUS: **Jesse Mahautmr**, 1st;

Shea Conaway, 4th; **Andrew Gordon**, 9th

CALCULUS AND ADVANCED TOPICS:

Kevin Wang, 1st; **Alex Chinn**, 2nd;

Parth Sheth, 5th; **Jacob Weinstein**, 6th;

Aaron Struminger, 8th; **Michael Fong**, 9th;

Brent Phillips, 9th

American Mathematics Contest (AMC)

Seventeen MUS students who participated in the AMC, a 25-question, 75-minute, multiple-choice exam with a focus on Pre-calculus, qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). **Jim Carter**, **Alex Chinn**, **Tom Chiu**, **Roger Chu**, **John Daniel**, **Noah Feder**, **Michael Fong**, **Andrew Gordon**, **Alex Guyton**, **Bo Ladyman**, **Jesse Mahautmr**, **Cameron Ridgeway**, **Parth Sheth**, **Aaron Struminger**, **Kevin Wang**, and **Eric Wilson** advanced as a result of their performances on the AMC-12. Sophomore **Jonathan Yeung** participated in the AMC-10 and took first place in the state of Tennessee.

Approximately 2 percent of students taking the AMC qualify for the AIME. Scores from both contests are then added together to determine which 261 students from across the country will participate in the USA Mathematics Olympiad (USAMO), a six-question, nine-hour examination.



Matt Grisham congratulates Devin Brooks on being selected to participate in the lightning-fast Countdown Round at the Regional MathCounts Competition.

Lower School Mathletes Win Region, Place Second At State

Eighth-graders **Devin Brooks**, **Michael Edwards**, **Lowell Hays**, and **Harrison Rea** took home the top team prize at the Memphis and Shelby County regional MathCounts competition on February 5. MathCounts is a nationwide program designed to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics through grassroots involvement. In the individual countdown round, seventh-grader **Andrew Chinn** placed first, while eighth-grader **Amro Amro** placed fourth.

In addition to winning the team and individual oral competitions, MUS mathletes Edwards, Amro, Rea, Chinn, Brooks, and **Matt Grisham** occupied six of the top ten spots in the final written competition. Other participants included eighth-grader **Mustafa Motiwala** and seventh-graders **Will Evans**, **Cliff Guyton**, and **Travis Smythe**.

In the regional competition, organized and sponsored annually by the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, students competed individually and as teams in both written and oral matches covering subjects such as probability, statistics, linear algebra, and polynomials.

The winning MUS team of Brooks, Edwards, Hays, and Rea, under the leadership of Coach **Betty Williams**, competed in the Tennessee State MathCounts finals on March 19 in Nashville. A total of 22 schools and 53 students from across Tennessee participated, and, in the end, the MUS team took home second-place trophies in the written competition.



Lowell Hays, Michael Edwards, Harrison Rea, Coach Betty Williams, and Devin Brooks

Additional Results from Lower School

Continental Math League (CML)

The CML contest consists of five competitions designed to improve students' mathematical, reading, and problem-solving capabilities. Students earning individual awards were:

- 1st Place: **Devin Brooks**
- 2nd Place: **Josh Feler** and **Michael Edwards**
- 3rd Place: **Cliff Guyton**
- 4th Place: **Matt Grisham**

The Math Olympiads

Nearly 150,000 students worldwide, 27 of them from MUS, participated this year in the Math Olympiad program, a series of five monthly contests. National awards were given for excellence within the Middle School Division, and 13 MUS students took home these honors.

In the top 10 percent:

- 1st Place Silver Medal: **Amro Amro**
- 2nd Place Silver Medal: **Devin Brooks**
- 3rd Place Silver Medal: **Michael Edwards** and **Josh Feler**
- 4th Place Silver Medal: **Cliff Guyton**

In the top 50 percent:

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| Andrew Chinn | Mustafa Motiwala |
| Will Evans | Harrison Rea |
| Matt Grisham | John Rutledge |
| Lowell Hays | Travis Smythe |

Math League Press

MUS seventh- and eighth-graders enrolled in accelerated math classes compete each year with students from more than 1,000 schools in the Math League Press contests, which encourage student interest and confidence in mathematics through problem-solving activities. The top five scorers in the seventh grade tied for first place at MUS, correctly answering 35 out of 40 questions. The team placed third overall in the league and first in the state of Tennessee. Participants included **Andrew Chinn**, **Josh Feler**, **Cliff Guyton**, **Reid Sanders**, and **Rocky Stone**.

The top five scorers from the eighth grade team also placed third overall in the league and first in the state of Tennessee. Individual award winners were:

- 1st Place: **Devin Brooks**
- 2nd Place: **Amro Amro** and **Walt Wepfer**
- 3rd Place: **Lowell Hays**
- 4th Place: **Michael Edwards**, **Matt Grisham**, and **Harrison Rea**

SIGMA

SIGMA, a mathematics league that promotes problem solving and competition, provides opportunities for students to apply their mathematical knowledge in new and different ways by solving non-routine problems.

7th Grade

- 1st Place: **Cliff Guyton**
- 2nd Place: **Josh Feler**
- 3rd Place: **Bradley Ringel**
- 4th Place: **Reid Sanders** and **Travis Smythe**

8th Grade

- 1st Place: **Amro Amro** and **Michael Edwards**
- 2nd Place: **Devin Brooks**
- 3rd Place: **Lowell Hays** and **Harrison Rea**
- 4th Place: **Matt Grisham**

Wilson Society Grows in Second Year

“While leading and serving your peers, you have made a difference both in your life and the life of the school,” **Mr. Manning Weir '90** told the 27 new members of the Wilson Society during their induction ceremony on April 25. “From your work, younger boys have grown closer to being gentlemen and scholars. Four or five years from now, the leaders of MUS will have been influenced by you.”

It was with that community-building goal in mind that the school established the Wilson Society last year. Named in honor of long-time MUS supporter and friend, the late Kemmons Wilson, the organization gives seniors the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the seven tenets of the MUS Community Creed – Truth and Honor, Scholarship, Service, Respect, Humility, Involvement, and Accountability – by completing requirements determined by these values.

Inductees received a signed copy of Mr. Wilson’s biography, *Half Luck and Half Brains*, and a beautiful compass bearing the MUS seal and the seven principles of the Community Creed. Members of the 2005 Wilson Society are: **Charles Askew, Rob Baird, Alex Chinn, Clint Cowan, Cody Curtis, Andrew Dudas, Price Edwards, Josh Evensky, Phillip Flinn, Will Hickman, Tommy Horton, Bo Ladyman, Aaron Markowitz, Harry Mayfield, Michael McCulloch, Scott McLeod, Wilson McManus, Worth Morgan, Andrew Robinson, Jesse Robinson, Warner Russell, Sam Sawyer, Matt Sights, Wes Spiro, John Summers, John Taylor, and Jonathan Wolf.**



Honor Societies Welcome New Members



Zachary Kisber's mother and grandmother were on hand to see him inducted into the Cum Laude Society.

Cum Laude

On Friday, February 25, the MUS chapter of the Cum Laude Society inducted 10 seniors and 11 juniors. Membership in this prestigious society is based upon a student's academic performance and standing within his graduating class. Seniors are required to have maintained a weighted GPA within the top 20 percent of their class, while juniors must have a weighted GPA within the top 10 percent. Members must also have been enrolled at MUS for at least three semesters.

An honorary society modeled after the collegiate-level Phi Beta Kappa, the Cum Laude Society requires its members to pursue excellence, justice, and honor. Founded in 1906 and chartered primarily at independent schools, the society has included no more than 100,000 members in its history. There are 4 Cum Laude chapters in Memphis, 14 in the state of Tennessee, and 344 in the United States. Inductees were:

Seniors

Charles Askew
Clint Cowan
Cody Curtis
John Daniel
Sashank Karri
Aaron Markowitz
Cody Mayer
Stephen Nease
Andrew Olinger
Aaron Struminger

Juniors

Tom Chiu
Shea Conaway
Brian Evans
Andrew Gordon
Greg Jones
Zachary Kisber
Walter Klyce
Jesse Mahautmr
Keith Parsons
Barrett Steinberg
Peter Zanca



National Honor Society

In a candlelit ceremony on March 18, the MUS chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 31 new members into its ranks. Inclusion in the society is determined by a student's academic record, leadership experience, and unselfish service to the school. In order to be considered for membership, a student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 85 percent. The following students were inducted based on their scholarship, character, leadership, and service:

Seniors

John Daniel
Andrew Dudas
Price Edwards
Noah Feder
Michael Fong
Will Hickman
Sashank Karri
Bo Ladyman
Andrew Manugian
Aaron Markowitz
Cody Mayer
Harry Mayfield
Michael McCulloch
Matt Sights
Wes Spiro
Hunter Swain
Kevin Wang
Hank Wynn

Juniors

Doug Boyer
Shea Conaway
Andrew Gordon
Frank Jemison
Walter Klyce
Jesse Mahautmr
Zach Matthews
Garrott McClintock
Donald McClure
Will Pickens
Nicholas Skefos
Will Thornton
Peter Zanca

Red and Blue Society

Seniors (pictured above) who excel in the areas of leadership and service are commended for their contributions to MUS through induction into the Red and Blue Society.

Sloan Abernathy
Kane Alber
Charles Askew
Rob Baird
Alex Chinn
Clint Cowan
Jordan Crawford
Cody Curtis
Price Edwards
Phillip Flinn
Michael Fong
Joey Friend
Dan Gibson
Warren Grimm
Alex Guyton
Rob Heffin
Will Hickman
Ethan Knight
Bo Ladyman
J.D. Lawhorn

Andrew Manugian
Aaron Markowitz
Harry Mayfield
Scott McLeod
Wilson McManus
Worth Morgan
Stephen Nease
Randall Noel
Jimbo Rainer
Nelson Rainey
Andrew Robinson
Warner Russell
Hank Wynn
Sam Sawyer
Mark Scales
Mike Schaeffer
Matt Sights
John Taylor
Eric Wilson

Foreign Languages

Students who excel in the study of French, Latin, or Spanish are awarded membership into a foreign language honor society. The following students were recognized for their outstanding achievements:

LATIN

Morgan Arant
Will Benton
Devin Brooks
Alex Chinn
Roger Chu
Shea Conaway
Drew Cornaghi
Robert Duffley
Jay Edwards
Michael Edwards
Barret Folk
Drew Frisby
Matt Grisham
Drew Hammond
Lowell Hays
Barrett Huggins
Thomas Ivy
Andrew Jehl
Cliff Jones
Greg Jones
Coleman Kimbrough

Walter Klyce
Jesse Mahautmr
Neely Mallory
Colin McDonald
Jack Montgomery
Mustafa Motiwala
William Paxton
Ed Porter
Taylor Reed
John Riggins
John Rutledge
Wesley Shannon

Matthew Shelton
John Stokes
Will Stokes
Will Thornton
Byron Tyler
Joshua Vieira
Eric Wilson
Blair Wright
Luke Wynn

FRENCH

Collier Calandrucchio
Jonathan Davenport
Brian Evans
Zach Glover
Andrew Gordon
Zach Matthews
Chris McDonald
David Minervini

SPANISH

Matt Dowling
Daniel Harriman
Bryce Hendry
Matt Johnson
Zachary Kisber
Parker Long
Keith Parsons
Hayden Pendergrass
Gabriel Rápalo
Nicholas Skefos
Hunter Swain
Christopher Thomas

Shea Conaway, pictured with his grandmothers, was inducted into Cum Laude, National Honor Society, and Latin.



Bo Ladyman and Wes Spiro were inducted into the National Honor Society.



Walter Klyce with his mother, Ellen, and Frank Jemison with his mother, Jeanne, at the Honor Societies reception



Clint Cowan, pictured with his father, was inducted into several honor societies this year. He also was named MUS's History Student of the Year by the National History Club. He was inducted into MUS's History Honor Society last year.



History Honor Society

The History Honor Society recognizes students for excellence and enthusiasm in the study of history. The following students demonstrated these qualities and were rewarded with induction into the organization:

Andrew Alexander	Bryce Hendry
Ben Bleustein	Will Hickman
Doug Boyer	Greg Jones
Jim Carter	Sashank Karri
Alex Chinn	Zachary Kisber
Tom Chiu	Aaron Markowitz
John Daniel	Keith Parsons
Jonathan Davenport	Andrew Robinson
Matt Dowling	Parth Sheth
Andrew Dudas	David Shochat
Bryan Eder	Matt Sights
Price Edwards	Nicholas Skefos
Noah Feder	Aaron Struminger
Chris Freeman	John Taylor
Robert Goff	Reid Wesson
Andrew Gordon	Peter Zanca

Mu Alpha Theta

Students who have completed at least five semesters of college-preparatory mathematics with distinction are eligible for Mu Alpha Theta, a national high school and junior college honorary mathematics society. Inductees for the 2004-05 school year were:

Clint Cowan	Randall Noel
Jordan Crawford	Keith Parsons
Cody Curtis	Rob Peeler
Brian Evans	Hayden Pendergrass
Phillip Flinn	Will Pickens
Kyle Fong	Cameron Ridgway
Robert Goff	Grayson Sharpe
Andrew Gordon	David Shochat
Michael Haas	Alex Snyder
Tommy Horton	Barrett Steinberg
Andrew Jehl	John Taylor
Frank Jemison	Christopher Thomas
Greg Jones	Robert Wallace
Sashank Karri	Jacob Weinstein
Benjamin Katz	Paul Yacoubian
Walter Klyce	Jonathan Yeung
Donald McClure	Peter Zanca

Quill and Scroll

The Quill and Scroll Society, the international honorary society for high school journalists recognizes writers, photographers, layout artists, and graphic designers who contribute to student publications such as *The Owl's Hoot* newspaper, *The Owl's yearbook*, and *The MUSE* literary magazine. The following students were inducted based on their outstanding achievement:

Alex Chinn	David Shochat
Josh Evensky	Aaron Struminger
Michael Fong	Hunter Swain
John Hammons	John Taylor
Sashank Karri	Andras Tigyi
Walter Klyce	Hank Wynn
Donald McClure	Paul Yacoubian
David Minervini	Peter Zanca
Stephen Nease	
Warner Russell	
Parth Sheth	

Junior Beta Club

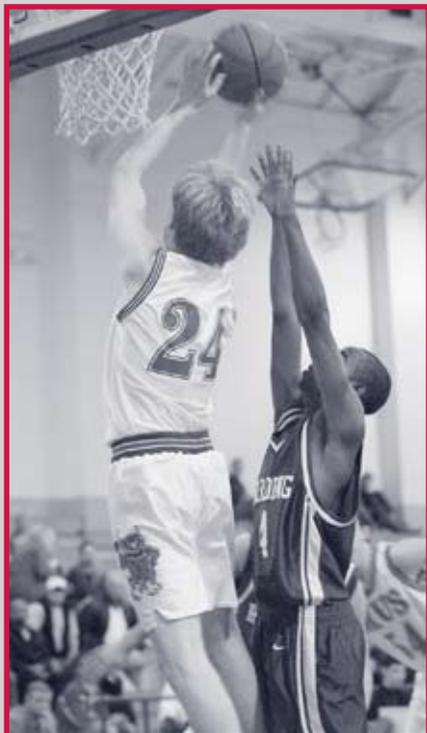
Lower School students (pictured above) who excel in the areas of academics, leadership, and character are recognized with induction into the Junior Beta Club each semester. This spring's inductees were:

Robert Cartwright
Andrew Chinn
Conner Davis
Josh Feler
Trip Freeburg
Cliff Guyton
Louis Jackson
Christian Kauffman
Amir Khan
Coleman Kimbrough
Wade Laycook
Evans McCaul
Wilson Orr
Brad Ringel
Jake Rudolph
Reid Sanders
Matt Williams

Varsity Basketball Defies Expectations

The MUS varsity basketball team concluded a season that saw many excellent wins and the school's first state-tournament berth since 2002. The Owls began the 2004-05 campaign with a solid 19-point victory over Collierville in the Turkey Shootout at MUS. The next evening, they battled an outstanding Germantown squad and came up short to even their record.

After having suffered a tough, one-point loss at Bishop Byrne in the first road contest of the year, MUS gained momentum with three consecutive wins over challenging competition. The Owls



Jimbo Welch takes the rebound.

first defeated MBA, 38-35, coming back from a fourth-quarter deficit to subdue their rivals from Nashville. They went on to beat Father Ryan by three points a day later and crushed SBEC in the first road victory

of the season. MUS did suffer two close, hard-fought losses before the holiday break, falling to Houston and Kingsbury to finish the early season at 4-4.

During the holiday break, the team improved its game and amassed several impressive victories. The Owls won two of three games in the FirstSouth Bank Holiday Tournament in Jackson, Tennessee, defeating Madison Academic and Columbia Academy while losing to state-ranked Wayne County. These wins provided energy for the New Year as the team took four of their next five games, including their opening district game against Harding during Homecoming, 64-52.

In the district tournament, the competition was as strong as it has been in years. Following the Harding win and another victory against Tipton-Rosemark, district play continued at CBHS, where the Owls have historically played well. MUS trailed by only eight points early in the fourth quarter, but a run by CBHS put the game out of reach.



Logan Welch looks determined to thwart his opponent's play.

The Owls quickly put that loss behind them in their next contest, a road game at ECS, a tough team to beat on their home court. In a game that was close throughout, MUS hit two late free throws to take the 45-42 victory.

However, the quality of the teams in the district showed itself as MUS lost three of their next four games. The lone win was a second victory over an outstanding Harding squad, one that eventually advanced to the state semifinals. The Owls trailed, 25-17, at the break and looked sluggish on the road; however, they came out and hit their first seven shots in the third quarter to outscore the Lions in the second stanza, 43-21. The victory evened their region record at 3-3.

Unfortunately, MUS ended the regular season against the district's top contenders and lost three out of their last four games. Despite falling to CBHS, Briarcrest, and St. Benedict, the Owls did defeat ECS for a second time, 36-34, as a late three-pointer sealed the win. MUS concluded the regular season at 13-12 (4-6 in the district) and secured a place in the postseason tournament.

As the fifth seed, few expected the Owls to do much; but MUS had other plans. After a competitive win against Catholic, the Owls faced Lausanne, who had defeated them earlier in the season, 47-34. Yet MUS's triangle-and-two defense surprised and confused the Lynx. The Owls led throughout the night, and even

when Lausanne tied the game with 1:17 left to play, late free throws helped MUS prevail, 57-52.

With the win, MUS headed into the semifinals against Briarcrest, the top-ranked team in the region. Though the Owls fought and played hard, they ultimately succumbed to the larger Saints, 47-32. The loss moved MUS into

the consolation bracket; a win was necessary to prolong their season.

In the consolation game, MUS drew St. Benedict, who had easily handled the Owls in their two regular-season games. Playing on their home floor, the Eagles again started strong as they hit their first three-point attempt and held an early lead. However, playing man-to-man defense, MUS confused their opponents and stayed close throughout most of the game. The Owls eventually took the lead midway through the



Head Coach Jerry Peters and Assistant Matt Bakke strike a familiar pose from the bench as the team goes into action on the court.



fourth quarter, and an outstanding effort from the free-throw line, going 23-29, helped MUS pull away for an exciting win and a berth in the state tournament.

Even though the Owls were overmatched by Brentwood Academy (who overmatched every team in the state this season and was led by 6'9" All-American Brandon Wright), they played hard. Trailing by only eight points late in the second quarter, MUS looked to stay close at the half; however, a 4-0 run by the Eagles ultimately led to the 64-40 loss that ended the Owls' season at 16-14. Despite the defeat, the season was full of positive moments, including solid play from the seniors and the maturation of many young contributors.

The team's four seniors contributed significantly to the squad. Captain **Jimbo Welch** started each of the 30 games and led the team in minutes played. He proved to be one of the most versatile players on the squad – second on the team in scoring average, defensive rebounds, and steals, and third in total rebounds and assists.

Charles Askew had his best season this year. Perhaps his most outstanding game came against CBHS: he contributed six points and five rebounds against the large Purple Wave post players. **Phillip Flinn** also provided excellent guard support as his tenacious defense and sure-handedness helped the Owls win many games. His ball handling and two late free throws secured the victory on the road against ECS. And **John Taylor's** perimeter skills made him one of the best shooters on the team.

Many underclassmen contributed to the squad as well. On the perimeter, junior **Jay Martin** started 25 of the 30 games and led the team in scoring, averaging 9.2 points per game. He was one of the most feared shooters in the region, shooting 35.4 percent from the three-point line and over 90 percent from the free-throw line. He also was one of the best rebounders on the squad, averaging nearly three per game.

Sophomores **Elliott Cole** and **Philip May** also started a majority of the games this season, and each showed glimpses



of being an outstanding player in the future. As a point guard, Cole led the team in assists and steals and provided leadership and timely shooting. May, one of the best penetrators on the team, averaged nearly five points per game and was also a feared shooter, shooting 32.6 percent from the three-point line for the season.

Junior **Logan Welch's** ability to play several positions brought excellent depth to the team. Possessing a good handle, Welch played in the point position; but his size afforded the coaches many options. He often guarded the opposing team's best player, as his man-to-man skills were unmatched.

Inside, MUS had many young, talented players who showed their potential throughout the season. Junior **Peter Zanca** started all but three games and led the post players. Averaging over eight points per contest, Zanca set season records in rebounding and blocked shots. But perhaps his biggest contribution was on defense as he led the team in charges, taking more than any MUS player in history.

Sophomore **John Stokes** also battled inside after overcoming a shoulder injury. During one four-game stretch at the outset of the region schedule, he averaged 11.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. His hard-nosed and competitive attitude gave the Owls toughness down low against bigger teams.

Providing depth at forward, junior **Hunter Adams** and sophomores **Brandon Byrd**, **Kimani Shotwell**, and **McCauley Williams** all logged minutes this year and played hard.

Four players were recognized for their outstanding play. Zanca was named second-team All-District, while Jimbo Welch and Martin received honorable mentions. May and Welch earned berths on the All-Regional Tournament squad. In addition, Martin was named All-State honorable mention.

Though the Owls say goodbye to four seniors, **Coach Jerry Peters** and his assistant coaches are excited about the talent and potential of the underclassmen who gained important experience this season in tough region play.



Varsity basketball team members were Phillip May, Phillip Flinn, John Taylor, Hunter Adams, Jimbo Welch (captain), Peter Zanca, John Stokes, Charles Askew, Brandon Byrd, Logan Welch, Jay Martin, Elliott Cole, and Devin Owens.

Stellar Year for Swimmers

The Aquatic Owls set six new MUS swim records this season with sheer hard work and team spirit. However, setting records wasn't the team's only accomplishment. Other remarkable successes included an overall season record of 54-17, a second-place finish at the Shelby County Championships, 20 state-qualifying times, and wins over Chattanooga's Baylor School and Notre Dame High School.

Breaking the MUS swim record five times this year, the 200-yard freestyle relay team of **John Goldsmith, Cody Mayer, Dex Witte,** and **Daniel Harriman** shattered the 2001 record by an astonishing 7.13 seconds with a new time of 1:34.99. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of **Erim Sarinoglu,** Mayer, Witte, and **Hank Wynn** broke this record three times, demolishing another 2001 record by an unbelievable 13.87 seconds. Meanwhile, the 200-yard medley relay team of Sarinoglu, Wynn, **Aaron Struminger,** and



Hank Wynn diving in; Cody Mayer swimming for the finish line

Harriman set their sights on the MUS record early in the season before tying it at the County Championships and breaking it at the state meet with a new time of 1:48.82. In addition to new relay records, several new individual MUS records were also posted this year. Wynn reset the standard three times in the 100-yard breaststroke, finally posting a 1:08.81 at the state meet and a 30.69 in the 50-yard breaststroke. Harriman set an MUS record twice in the 100-yard freestyle, finishing things up at state with a 51.66.

With no division between public and private schools in swimming, competition in Shelby County is deep. A regular season record of 27-2 included wins over Germantown, White Station, Ridgeway, Briarcrest, Lausanne, ECS, Collierville, and St. George's. The MUS team was awarded the second-place men's division trophy at the Germantown Invitational, with 11 teams competing.

The Aquatic Owls traveled to Chattanooga to compete in the McCallie Invitational – the only team west of Nashville to be invited. With formidable competition from 22 eastern and central Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina teams, and no divers to help score points, the Owls stepped up to the challenge. Three relay teams and an outstanding performance from Harriman gave



the team a fourteenth-place finish that included wins over Baylor, Notre Dame High School, and Atlanta's Lovett School.

The High School Swimming Championships at the University of Memphis finished off the regular season. All 31 MUS swimmers had at least one county qualifying time and, as a team, amassed 141 cuts. The Aquatic Owls brought back the second-place trophy, scoring 541 points, 171 points more than third-place finisher Houston. Individuals scoring points for the team included: seniors **Jonathan Barnes, Tommy Horton,** Mayer, **Parth Sheth,** Struminger, Wynn; juniors **James Aiken, Collier Calandrucchio,** Harriman, **Zak Kisber, Keith Parsons, Hayden Pendergrass, Eric Reid,** Witte; sophomores **Bill Bell,** Goldsmith, **Scott Guinn, Drew Haight,** Sarinoglu, **Steven Thompson;** and freshmen **David Harriman** and **Ross Montague.**

The team concluded their season at the Tennessee State High School Swimming Championships in Nashville on February 25 and 26. This intense two-day meet brought over 120 schools and more than 1,200 athletes together. Eight MUS swimmers qualified for 20 individual events – another record for MUS. The 200-yard freestyle relay team finished eleventh in the state. The 200-yard medley relay placed nineteenth, and the 400-yard freestyle relay team placed twenty-first. In addition, all 11 swimming events had at least one MUS swimmer or relay team entered, and every MUS swimmer met the challenge posting an incredible number of personal-best times.



At the Owls' closing banquet, individual team awards included the Coach's Award for outstanding leadership to Mayer and Wynn, the Most Valuable Swimmer Award to Struminger, the Spirit Award for dedication to Sarinoglu, and the Most Improved Award to freshman **Kenny Krzyzkowski.**

In her sixth year coaching the MUS swim team, **Coach Laurie Clark** was enthusiastic about the team's performance. "What sets the Aquatic Owls apart from other high school swim teams is their willingness to work for team successes. Their strength comes from being a team, and it shows in the impressive successes of the relays this year. Individual achievement will, and did, follow."

Wrestlers Take Another Step Toward Ultimate Goal



Led by **Coaches Tommy Harrison, Shaun Gehres, Steve Hendricks, and Burton Milnor**, the 2004-05 varsity wrestling season was one of improvement and success. The Owls continued to make strides toward their ultimate goal: to reach the top of the Tennessee wrestling scene. And with a team match win in the state duals in Clarksville, Tennessee, in February, the progress of this program continues.

The season began with a seventh-place finish out of 19 teams in the annual Blackhorse Tournament at Houston High School. Five individual MUS wrestlers placed as the Owls completed their first major event of the season fairly satisfied with their performance. Sophomore **Zach Gordon** won his weight class, while seniors **Joey Friend, Josh Hall**, and **Nelson Rainey** finished second and junior **Andrew Gordon** placed fifth.

Later in the season, after big wins over Briarcrest, Arlington, Munford, and Brighton, the Owls competed in the Cordova Duals where they took third place, defeating St. Benedict and White Station while losing to Ridgeway.

MUS used the momentum from the Cordova match to put together wins over St. Benedict, White Station, Harding, and Catholic before falling in a very close match to CBHS. Winners in the CBHS match included seniors Friend and Rainey and juniors **Mason George**, **Andrew Gordon**, **Cameron Ridgway**, and **Grayson Sharpe**. The close loss gave MUS hope that they could upend their rivals in the postseason.

The Owls then closed the regular season by hosting two squads. In this match, the team crushed Millington, 69-6, and St. George's, 78-0. MUS headed into the postseason with an impressive overall record of 12-4.

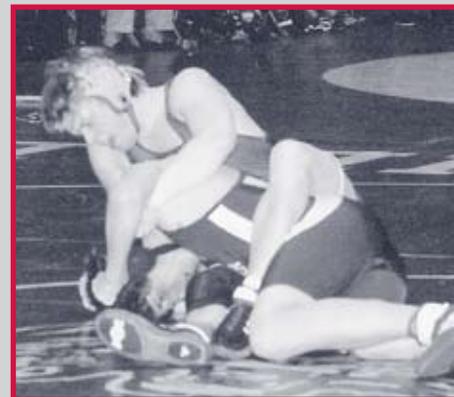
At the Regional Duals, held at St. Benedict, MUS claimed second place, their fifth consecutive runner-up finish, which earned the Owls a berth to Clarksville to participate in the State Duals.

The team made history in Clarksville, winning a match at the state competition for the first time. Their victory came against Brentwood Academy, 63-18. MUS went on to finish in sixth place after tough losses to Montgomery Bell Academy and Notre Dame

High School. Against Brentwood, winners included senior **Sloan Abernathy** (171); juniors **Johnny Duke** (130), **George** (189), **Andrew Gordon** (275), **Frank Jemison** (140), and **Ridgway** (135); sophomores **Ken Haltom** (119) and **Ben Stallworth** (215); freshman **Andrew Amos** (145); and eighth-graders **Barrett Folk** (103) and **Andrew Maroda** (112).

Two weeks later, the Owls competed in the state individuals in Chattanooga as each participating wrestler looked to win his weight-class and accumulate team points for his squad.

Several young men performed very well. **George** (189) and **Andrew Gordon** (275) claimed third place. **Friend** (215) and **Hall** (145) finished fourth in their weight-class, while **Abernathy** (171) wrestled to a fifth-place finish. **Zach Gordon** (160) claimed sixth in his class. Other team members included juniors **Will Cox**, **Drew Davenport**, **Phillip DeBardeleben**, **Russell Nenon**, **Christopher Thomas**, and **Reid Wesson**; sophomores **Will Aldridge**, **Miles DeBardeleben**, **Mac McCormack**, and **Chris Mullins**; and freshmen **Barrett Huggins**, **Nathaniel Kastan**, **William McGehee**, and **Corey Scheinblum**.



Nelson Rainey (top left) gets a win against his CBHS opponent. Josh Hall (above) takes down his opponent for a win during the state competition, as did Sloan Abernathy (left).

requires experience. Leadership this year made coaching easier," said Gehres, complimenting the contributions of this year's seniors.

Looking ahead, the coaching staff will focus on providing more experience to younger wrestlers so they, too, can step into leadership roles. Congratulations to the whole wrestling team!

According to Coach Gehres, this season's success can be attributed to leadership within the team. "Wrestling is definitely a sport that

Diamond Owls Pick-up Historical Win at AutoZone Park

On a cool, sunny, Sunday afternoon, MUS alumni, faculty, students, and supporters “got into the zone” – AutoZone Park – to watch the Diamond Owls take on Christian Brothers High School. In front of a crowd of approximately 1,500, MUS defeated CBHS by a score of 5-1. With the victory, it was the Diamond Owls’ first win in school history over the perennial state power.

This game that had first place in the division on the line certainly did not disappoint. After a scoreless first inning, the Diamond Owls were able to answer first in the bottom of the second. **Rob Park** led things off with a single up the middle, and **Tyler Massey** followed it up with a single to right. With runners on first and second, **Michael Park** hit a line drive, RBI single to right, plating his brother, Rob Park, and giving the Diamond Owls an early 1-0 lead. With runners on the corners, **Zack Rutland’s** RBI ground out scored Massey. After a pop out and another ground out, the Owls finished the inning up with a score of 2-0.

“Getting the lead was important. Rob Park and Massey did a great job putting good swings on the ball, and Michael Park did what he’s expected to do in that situation,” said **Coach Marc MacMillan ‘92**. “With a runner in scoring position, Zack’s ground-out was good enough to plate Tyler and give us an early 2-0 lead.”

Christian Brothers responded, however, in the top of the third with a lead-off triple and sacrifice fly to cut the lead to 2-1. After a strikeout and another triple, Owls’ pitcher Michael Park limited the damage by getting a fly ball to end the inning.

The Owls had an answer in the bottom of the third, scoring two runs of their own to up their lead to 4-1. **Max Prokell’s** two-out single followed by Rob Park’s RBI double scored Prokell. With Park on second, Massey followed with an RBI single to right, scoring Park.

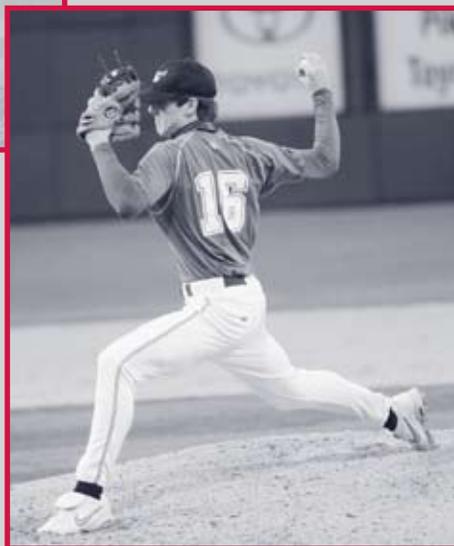
“I expected CBHS to answer as all good teams do,” said Coach MacMillan. “Michael kept his composure and prevented the tying run from crossing



Senior David Delugach clinches the win while striking out four in two innings of relief.

Sophomore Michael Park (right) picks up the “W” with five strong innings allowing only one run and three hits.

Senior Rob Park is congratulated by his teammates after scoring the Owls’ first of five runs against CBHS.

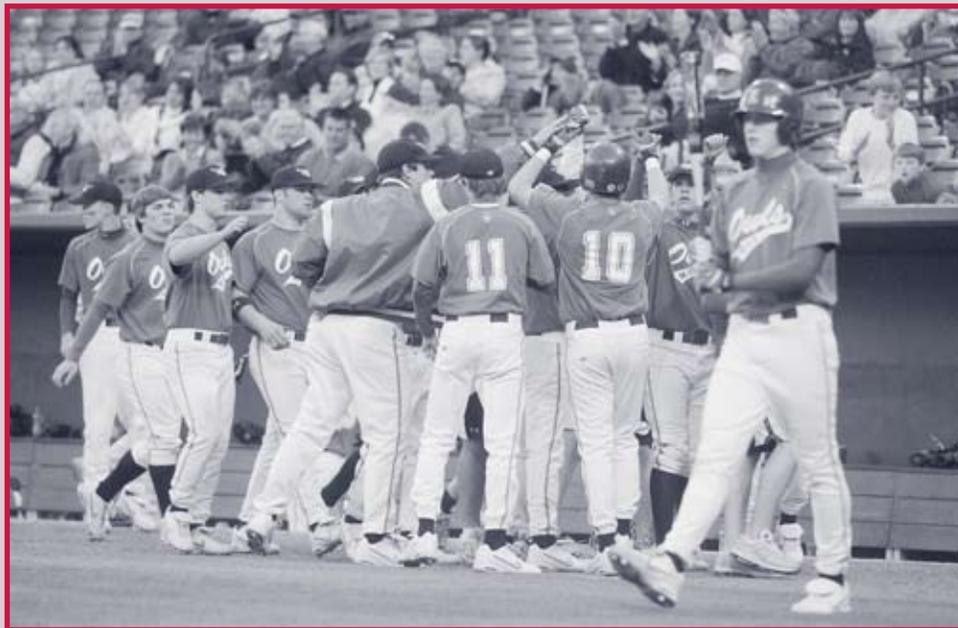


the plate. Offensively, our focus with two outs and determination to get an additional run or two in response was good to see.”

Michael Park kept Christian Brothers’ bats at bay in the fourth. After striking out the first batter in the top of the fifth, CBHS followed it up with a single and base on balls. With runners on second and third and two outs, Michael Park got a critical strikeout on a 3-2 pitch. “The pitch of choice that he threw says a great deal about his knowledge of the situation and his confidence as a pitcher,” shared Coach MacMillan. “With a base open and in a situation where he did not have to give in, Michael’s 3-2 change up was a big-time pitch.”

In the bottom of the fifth, the Diamond Owls responded when Rob Park picked up his third hit of the game – a triple – and scored his third run of the day on a passed ball to put the Owls up by a score of 5-1. **David Delugach** came in relief for Park and struck out the first four batters he faced. With the Diamond Owls’ lead still at 5-1, CBHS mounted a late opportunity with two outs in the top of the seventh. A base on balls, an error, and a hit batter loaded the bases, but a fly ball to rightfielder Rob Park ended the game.

“The MUS Baseball team appreciates all the support provided by the MUS community,” said Coach MacMillan. “Your presence at AutoZone Park today was an instrumental part of a historical win.”



THE FINAL WIND-UP

After starting the year 5-0, the 2005 Diamond Owls posted one of the best seasons in MUS baseball history, finishing first place in the 2005 Pepsi Challenge and as the runners-up in league play. The team earned 24 wins, the second most in school history, which included victories over CBHS, Germantown, Bartlett, ECS, and Briarcrest. "It was an exciting and memorable year," **Head Coach Marc MacMillan** said. "When you beat schools like CBHS, Germantown, Bartlett, and Cordova, you know you are picking up quality wins. Such experience allowed us to have additional success in our division against rivals Briarcrest, ECS, and Harding."



The team opened division play at 6-0 and continued their winning ways throughout the year. Following losses to CBHS and ECS, the Owls finished division play at 8-2 and earned the number two seed in the D2 West Tennessee Regional Tournament. With expectations high, the Owls unfortunately dropped their first two games to end their historic year. "We accomplished our goal for the regu-

lar season, and although I feel this team deserved a better ending, we just didn't earn it," said Coach MacMillan. "While our final losses may leave a bitter taste now, I feel these players will be able to look back and appreciate their hard work and accomplishments in due time. I just can't say enough about this group of boys and the fine season they put together."

The Diamond Owls finished the season with an overall record of 24-12. Although the team will lose seniors **David Delugach, Warren Grimm, Michael Haas, Mason Mosby, Rob Park, and Brent Phillips**, 12 lettermen will return in hopes of building on their 2005 success.

Mosby to Play Two Sports at Rhodes

Mason Mosby has committed to play football and baseball for the Rhodes College Lynx. The senior's ability to excel in multiple positions has been a great strength for the Owls on both the baseball diamond and the football field. As a linebacker and former tight end for the varsity football team, Mosby led the defense all season and was named the defensive MVP of the 2004 State Championship game. He played first and third base for the varsity baseball team his sophomore and junior years and has boosted the strength of the Diamond Owls' infield at shortstop this season. Currently hitting over .400, Mosby has been a force at the plate as well.

"We are very excited that Mason will continue to play football at Rhodes," said **Coach Bobby Alston**. "He is a great football player and someone who excellently portrays all of those character traits we expect from an MUS man."

Coach Marc MacMillan echoed Alston's assessment: "Rhodes is getting a scholar and a highly self-motivated athlete who has made a significant contribution to MUS athletics by participating in both football and baseball. I am very excited for Mason and his family as Rhodes will provide him with the opportunity to continue to maintain his high standards of academic performance and athletic competition."

Following a formal signing with members of the Rhodes coaching staff, Mosby voiced his enthusiasm: "I'm really excited to be able to play baseball and football at Rhodes," he said. "The overall quality of the school is excellent, and I'm looking forward to outstanding academic and athletic experiences."



Mason Mosby with Rhodes Assistant Baseball Coach Rob Schrier and Head Football Coach Joe White



Delugach Signs with CBU

April 14 was a good day for senior **David Delugach**. Not only did he celebrate his eighteenth birthday and start on the mound for the Diamond Owls in the Pepsi Challenge, he also signed to play baseball for the Christian Brothers University Buccaneers. The lefty currently holds the Owls' record for pitching appearances and has been an indispensable part of the team as both a pitcher and outfielder.

"I'm really excited about playing college baseball at a great school like CBU," Delugach said. "And staying in Memphis means my parents will have the chance to watch me play."

Coach Marc MacMillan was pleased with Delugach's choice. "I am very happy for David and his family," he said. "He is a fine young man who has put a great deal of time and effort into both his academics and athletics. CBU is a great fit for David to continue his commitment of excellence in both these areas."

Lacrosse, Second in State

For the varsity lacrosse program, being the premier team in Tennessee has its obvious advantages; but it also means MUS is the marked team in the state, a squad that every other team wants to beat. Despite this pressure, **Coach Elliott Dent** and his Owls continued to excel in 2005, going 13-2, and finishing second in the state tournament.

MUS cruised through the regular season rarely tested by any opponent. With the exception of a surprise 9-7 loss to CBHS, the Owls easily handled their strong competition, which included teams from Florida, Georgia, Illinois, and New Jersey, as well



As the opponent looks for the ball, midfielder John Klinke (6) has already snatched it and changed the direction of the play to MUS's favor.

as squads from across the state of Tennessee. Of all the regular-season wins, perhaps the most impressive was a victory over Atlanta's Lassiter High School, a team that was on a 32-game winning streak prior to the tilt with MUS. Undaunted by this impressive record, the Owls ended Lassiter's run with a 11-10 win and completed the regular season with a 12-1 record.

During the regular season, several leaders emerged, giving the team good balance and depth. Defense proved to be the Owls' strength as they gave up double-digit goals in only one game. Senior defensemen **Ethan Knight** and **Mark Scales**, juniors **Zach Matthews**, **Garrott McClintock**,

and **Russell Nenon**, and goalie, senior **Jimbo Rainer**, all had fine seasons and made scoring difficult for opponents.

Aiding these defensemen were skilled middies such as seniors **Josh Hall**, **Sam Sawyer**, and **Rayner Turley** and juniors **Doug Boyer** and **John**

Klinke, who could drop back in defense but also put pressure on opposing goalies when scoring opportunities presented themselves. These young men were in excellent shape and made the Owls a versatile team.



Skilled attackmen, seniors **Dan Gibson**, **Cooper Hopkins**, and **Randall Noel**, also helped the potent MUS offense as the Owls scored at least seven goals in every regular-season game and reached double digits in all but two competitions.

With an outstanding regular season behind them, the Owls were ready for the state tournament where they faced rival MBA in the semifinals. MUS led throughout against the Big Red and took a 10-9 victory that earned them a spot in the finals.

In the title game, MUS faced McCallie, the defending state champion, who had lost to MUS earlier in the season, 11-8. The early going favored the Owls, who dominated possession time in the first half and led at the break, 3-1. However, a 30-minute lightning break after the half changed the flow of the game, and the Blue Tornado eventually tied the score at 4. Despite a frenzied finish during which the Owls had several chances to score, including a shot by Gibson that hit the pipe in the final 30 seconds, neither team prevailed, and the game went to sudden-death overtime.

McCallie took advantage of this new opportunity and won the opening face-off. MUS never saw the ball again, and McCallie scored to take the title with the 5-4 victory. The heartbreaking loss ended the Owls' season at 13-2.

Several players received postseason awards following the tourney. Gibson and Sawyer were named All-American and first-team All-State. Also named to the first-team All-State squad were teammates Hall (for face-offs), Knight (defense), and Rainer (goalie). Additionally, Scales was named to the second-team for his defense, while

Klinke (midfield), McClintock (defensive middie), Noel (attack), and Turley (midfield) received honorable mentions.

Gibson Named Lacrosse Player of the Week

2004 U.S. Lacrosse High School All American **Dan Gibson** added another honor to his long list of athletic accolades when the Tennessee Scholastic Lacrosse Association (TSLA), the governing body for boys' high



Gibson was on fire as he scorched Lassiter with this shot to the goal.

school lacrosse in Tennessee, named the senior its Player of the Week for Division 1 Lacrosse on April 4. The announcement came shortly after Gibson scored a combined ten goals and five assists in victories over McCallie and Atlanta's previously undefeated Lassiter School. Gibson, a five-time varsity letter winner, will play for the University of Notre Dame Irish in the fall.

State Champion Varsity Tennis Team will be featured in the next MUS Today magazine.

Soccer Marked as the Team to Beat, Tries for Another State Title



In what is fast becoming one of the most consistent, successful sports programs at MUS, the varsity soccer team, led by **Coach Vincent Beck**, had another outstanding season and once again advanced to the state tournament. Winning the state championship in 2004, the school's second soccer state title, made the Owls a hunted team in 2005. But the players reveled in this role and continued to win as they put together another memorable year.

The team was led by a solid group of seniors who drew from past experience to take the Owls into postseason play. Forward **Cody Curtis**, midfielders **Kane Alber**, **Brad Rentrop**, and **Kyle Rosenberg**, defenders **Ryan Freebing**, **Will McQuiston**, and

Aaron Struminger, and goalie **Ben Tacker** all played hard and accepted the challenges implicit in defending a state title.

These seniors had help from a very talented group of underclassmen. Fourteen juniors saw varsity action this season. Forwards **Matt Johnson**, **Corbin Linebarrier**, and **David Wilcox** all provided scoring punch. Midfielders **Beau Creson** and **Brian Evans** were also potent scoring threats and provided support defensively. **Daniel Lansky**, **Alex Rainer**, and **Paul Zettler** played defender, **David Shochat** sweeper, and **Chad Hazlehurst** goalie for a squad that allowed approximately one goal per game.

Two sophomores stepped up to log significant minutes on the field as well. Forward **Louis Ghawji** and midfielder **Josh Henke** played well and showed their talent and potential throughout the year.

The Owls opened the season against soccer powerhouse Bearden in the East Memphis Invitational Tournament and were defeated,

4-1. MUS also lost their second game, to Father Ryan, 3-2. Despite these losses Coach Beck knew the challenging play would improve the team's strength and resolve. He was right.

The loss to Father Ryan was the last time MUS would lose in the regular season. Reeling off a 14-game winning streak, the Owls defeated such fine competition as Battle Ground Academy, Collierville, White Station, Cordova, Bolton, and Houston as they improved as a team and looked poised to make another state-title run. A tie against powerhouse CBHS gave them further confidence that they could play against any team in the state.

Heading into the regional tournament, the Owls hoped to keep the energy high and the momentum rolling. Following an 8-0 victory over St. Benedict, MUS advanced to the semifinals, a place where they had previously faltered. However, the team proved they had learned from the past and gained a state berth with a solid 3-1 victory over ECS. In the regional final, the Owls battled CBHS once again; but this time, MUS came up short, losing 3-1 to the Wave. Even with the loss, the team advanced as the West 2-seed to the state tournament, held

at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex.

Unfortunately, MUS entered state competition at less than full strength. Injuries to several key contributors hurt the team but created opportunities for other players to step up. In the opening game of the state tournament, the Owls drew McCallie. The game was close throughout, but the Blue Tornado



Ben Tacker defends the goal.

took advantage of their only two real opportunities to score and won, 2-0, to end the MUS season.

The Owls completed their year with an 11-4-5 record, a runner-up finish at region, and another state berth. Coach Beck, along with assistants **Mr. Todd Erickson**, **Mr. Jose Hernandez**, **Mr. Loyal Murphy**, and **Mr. Kyle Smith**, are looking forward to competing for another state title in 2006.



After Cody Curtis (above) makes an incredible shot to the goal, Kyle Rosenberg hoists him off the ground in celebration as Louis Ghawji (21) and Brian Evans join in.



Ryan Freebing blocks his opponent to take control of the ball.

Track Takes Region Title

The 2005 varsity track team returned the program to prominence this season as they claimed the region title and finished fourth at the state meet held at Briarcrest in late May.

The Owls started strong at the MUS Jam-boree and then proceeded to win a three-team competition against Briarcrest and Lausanne. The season also consisted of a meet at Germantown, one at Harding in which the Owls placed second, one at Bartlett, and a home meet against ECS and Lausanne. These competitions allowed **Coach Bobby Alston** to get his sprinters, long-distance runners, and field participants ready for the region and state contests.

Junior **Devin Owens** kicked off the postseason with a win in the regional decathlon, while sophomore **Drew Alston** finished third in the same event. Spurred on by the decathlon points, the Owls reclaimed the region title, their seventeenth in the last 19 years.

In the distance events, sophomore **Ken Haltom** won the 800-meter race, while fellow sophomore **Andrew Jehl** claimed fourth and junior **Donald McClure** finished fifth. Haltom took home the 1600-meter title as well, McClure finished third, and freshman **Josh Vieira** came in sixth. McClure won the 3200-meter race, an event in which Haltom came in second, and sophomore **Stephen Counce** finished fifth. The performances of these distance runners contributed valuable points to the Owls' overall score and boosted the team's confidence.

Senior **Walker Pritchard** led the Owl sprinters, finishing second in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races, thereby qualifying for the state competition. And in the 400-meters, sophomores **Clement Oigbokie** and **Adam Fussell** claimed third and fourth place, respectively.

MUS also had two qualify for the regional finals in the hurdle competition. Junior **Philippe Blais** finished sixth in the 110-meter race, while sophomore **Lee Moore** came in second in the 300-meter hurdles and advanced to state.

The 4x200-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams also qualified for the state competition with solid performances at the region tournament. The 4x200-meter team finished second with a time of 1:32.69 seconds, and the 4x400-meter team claimed third.



In the field events, three MUS athletes qualified for the state meet based on their regional performances. Owens continued his outstanding meet following the decathlon as he won the long jump and finished second in the triple jump. Senior **J.D. Lawhorn** also qualified with a third-place finish in the long jump, and **Andrew Gordon**, a junior, placed second in the shot put.

At the state meet, the team finished fourth and tallied 75 points, only 16 points out of second place. For the first time since 1998, one Owl left the competition as a state champion. Pritchard won the 200-meters, running a 22.63 to claim the title and ten



Philippe Blais (above) hurdles toward the finish line in regional competition. Walker Pritchard (right) out-paces the competition to win the 200-meter state championship. Pictured below, leading the pack in the regional 3200-meters, Donald McClure (center) won the race, while Ken Haltom (right) took second place, and Stephen Counce (left) came in fifth.



team points. He also finished fourth in the 100-meters to complete an excellent performance. Haltom scored points in three races, finishing fourth in the 800, third in the 1600, and eighth in the 3200. In the 3200-meter race, McClure was the Owls' best finisher, coming in fourth place with a time of 9:44:53. Oigbokie also helped the squad with his seventh-place finish in the 400, and Moore tallied three points with a sixth-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles.

In the relays, the 4x200 team, made up of **Kris Rhymes**, **Hugh Francis**, Owens, and Pritchard, finished third, bettering their region time by .64 seconds. And the 4x400 team, which included Oigbokie, **Miles Bryant**, Moore, and Fussell, claimed five points with their fourth-place finish.

Finally, in the field events, Owens finished third in both the long and triple jumps. In the long jump, Lawhorn improved his region jump by over seven inches, coming in second in his last meet as an Owl. Gordon threw the shot well as he finished fifth, garnering four team points.

BOP Private School Champs!

Following a banner year for MUS athletics, the Owls took home one of the top prizes at *The Commercial Appeal's* 2004-05 Best of the Preps (BOP) 36th Annual Awards event on June 10. In a field that included all area independent schools, both single-sex and coeducational, MUS captured the BOP **Private School Team Championship** title for the first time since the award's establishment in 1997.

Senior **Alex Guyton** represented MUS well, taking home the **Scholar-Athlete Award** in recognition of his exemplary academic performance and his dedication to both MUS and the tennis program. Guyton and his three-time state champion doubles partner, senior **Bo Ladyman**, also shared the BOP **Boy's Tennis Player of the Year** title. In addition, state champion golfer, junior **Bobby Hudson**, was named the BOP **Player of the Year for Boy's Golf**. Player of the Year finalists included senior **Kane Alber** (soccer), junior **Spencer Heflin** (tennis), and sophomore **William Lang** (tennis).

The Commercial Appeal also honored several MUS coaches for their outstanding leadership: **Coaches Bobby Alston** (football), **Greg King** (golf), and **Bill Taylor** (tennis) were named **Coaches of the Year** in their respective sports.



BEST OF THE PREPS WINTER SPORTS

Basketball: **Jay Martin**
Wrestling: **Sloan Abernathy, Joey Friend, Mason George, Andrew Gordon, Josh Hall**

BEST OF THE PREPS SPRING SPORTS

Soccer: **Kane Alber, Cody Curtis, Brian Evans, Ben Tacker**
Tennis: **Watson George, Alex Guyton, Spencer Heflin, Bo Ladyman, William Lang, Worth Morgan**
Track: **Andrew Gordon, Ken Haltom, J.D. Lawhorn, Lee Moore, Clement Oigbokie, Devin Owens, Walker Pritchard, 800 relay team, 1600 relay team**
Baseball: **Mason Mosby, Michael Park**



Seniors Honored at Sports Banquet

Five senior athletes were honored at the annual Jake Rudolph Sports Banquet on Sunday, May 1. Pictured left to right, **Kane Alber, J.D. Lawhorn, and Rob Park** took home the James R. Haygood III All-Around Athlete Award; **Price**

Edwards received the Al Wright Christian Character Award; and **Phillip Flinn** was awarded the Paul Trowbridge Gillespie Scholar-Athlete Award.



MUS Fencing Club President Wins at Rhodes

Junior **Greg Jones** (left) pushed through two of the city's toughest fencers to reach the finals of the Rhodes College Spring Epée Challenge on April 30. On his way to the championship, Jones entered the direct elimination round as the seventh seed in a group of 15 Epée fencers. Teammate **Walter Klyce**, a junior, proved to be his first-round competition and, in a tough match, Jones edged out Klyce 15-11.

Jones's opponent in the second round, Dorshka Wylie, was a national competitor and the winner of the Tennessee Division Women's Epée. Undaunted by his rival's past successes, Jones won convincingly 15-12 and advanced in the tournament. The Final Four pitted him against another highly competitive and experienced fencer, Robin Hodges, who has taken home 15 medals in regional competitions over the last five years. Despite this impressive record, Jones dominated 15-8 in the match. In the finals, Jones faced a member of the Rhodes fencing team. The pair was never more than two touches apart until Jones scored a double touch to win 15-14. The US Fencing Association awards "E" through "A" rankings based on local and regional tournament results in order to classify fencers for national competition. Jones won his "D," joining an elite group of eight ranked fencers in the city.

Several other MUS team members delivered notable performances. Junior **Jonathan Davenport** finished in seventh place, Klyce took eleventh, and freshman **Skip Aymett** and junior **Joe Hooker** placed twelfth and thirteenth respectively.

The MUS fencing club is coached by Mr. Brad Kroeker, a coach at Rhodes, and advised by Mr. Eric Berman. With many skilled players returning, the team looks forward to another outstanding season next year.

Both Grades Capture Basketball Titles



SEVENTH-GRADE BASKETBALL

The seventh-grade basketball team had an outstanding year as they finished the season 20-4 and won the Shelby-League Tournament title in a hard-fought victory over rival ECS in the championship game at St. George's.



Under the leadership of **Coach Dax Torrey**, the squad worked hard at practice and improved over the course of the season to become a true team. Members included guards **Joseph Amagliani, Edward Cates, Matthew Harriman, Hunt Hensley, Hank Hill, Holman Moores, Drew Pierotti, and Jake Rudolph**, and posts **Christian Kauffman, Peter Rainier, Mike Rose, Matthew Schaefer, and Matt Williams**.

In a preview of the title game, MUS opened the season with a three-point victory over ECS and won their first five games, including another contest against ECS on the road.

The Owls suffered their first loss over the holiday break in the Pendleton Tournament as they fell to ECS and Idlewild, but they came back strong to claim a runner-up spot in the Memphis Area Ministries (MAM) Tournament, losing to their familiar rivals, ECS, in the title game.

After the break, the team played its best basketball and headed into the postseason tournament with a 9-1 record. With this performance, the Owls claimed the top-seed in the Shelby-League Tournament.

In the opening round, MUS easily handled Briarcrest, 33-14, as the Owls' man-to-man pressure stifled the Saints. With the win, MUS advanced to the title game against ECS and looked to break the tie in the season series record with the Eagles.

In the championship tilt, ECS scored the first basket of the game but never again led as the Owls' man press and efficient-

zone offense confused and frustrated the bigger Eagles. Despite some missed free throws, the gutsy players won the title with a 41-38 victory.

EIGHTH-GRADE BASKETBALL

Led by **Coaches Kevin Parker and Paul Reaves**, the eighth-grade basketball team completed one of the most successful seasons in recent history as it finished 24-2 and claimed another Shelby-League title.

Members of the team included guards **Will Benton, Jordan Brown, Robert Counce, Lowell Hays, Thomas Ivy, Buddy Morrison, Taylor Reed, and John Riggins** and post players **Josh Belz, Dylan Cunningham, Michael Folk, Ferrakohn Hall, and Will Stokes**.

MUS started the season with 13 consecutive wins. ECS, who came within eight points of the Owls, was the only team to present a challenge. During its winning streak, the MUS team claimed the Pendleton Holiday Tournament championship with an easy disposal of the Homeschool Team, going 5-0 during the tournament.

Over the holiday break, the Owls suffered their first loss as Raleigh-Egypt, an extremely talented, athletic group, beat MUS in the semifinals of the Memphis Area Ministries (MAM) Tournament. The Owls went on to defeat Kirby in the consolation game to claim third place in a very competitive bracket.

MUS posted seven consecutive wins following the break, winning by an average of more than 16 points per game. They did suffer an unexpected loss to a talented Harding squad in the last regular-season game, but this setback served only to refocus the

group for the league tournament at St. George's.

In the postseason tournament, MUS drew rival Briarcrest in the first round. After a big half-time lead, the Owls cruised to the easy win, 55-28, to advance to the title game. In that championship game, the Owls faced ECS,

whom they had defeated three times during the regular season. Despite a close game at the half, the Owls played well to take the 46-35 win and claim the tournament title.

During their Lower School careers, the players combined for a 49-4 record and had a difficult time finding competition. If this group continues to work and play as a team, they will certainly be successful in Upper School.



Wrestlers Get Good Mat Time

The Lower School wrestling team gained experience this season as they competed in several tournaments and learned much from **Coaches Shaun Gehres** and **Burton Milnor**.

Members of the team included seventh-graders **Jake Abston, James Arnold, Whit Carr, Cameron Crawford, Abayomi Finnie, Bo Hale, Sam Harris, Richard Mallory, Franklin Martin, Harrison Martin, Gabriel Oigbokie, Brian Son, Colin Thomas, Ryan Turner, Eli Wilder, Michael Wilder,** and **Parker Wilson** and eighth-graders **William Alexander, Will Anthony, Jimmy Ball, Michael Edwards, Robb Harrison, Cliff Jones, Charlie Lowrance, Mustafa Motiwala, Jack Steffner,** and **Robert Threlkeld**.

Ten wrestlers from the squad placed in both the Bolton Tournament and the MUS Invitational, held in mid-November. To close out the season, the Owls battled St. George's in a dual meet and dominated the Gryphons.



Dunlap, Will Ferguson, Robb Harrison, Grant Hopkins, Ben Khouri, Carl Krausnick, Charlie Lowrance, Jim Moore, David Popwell, John Rutledge, Freddie Sandefer, Jack Steffner, Andy Stubblefield, Kimbrough Taylor, Christopher Thompson, Robert Threlkeld, and **Forrest Wortham**.

In the postseason tournament, the Owls defeated the Briarcrest Saints in the semifinals, 8-1, to earn a berth in the finals. Then, in the title game, MUS easily handled the combined team from Houston and St. George's, 13-0, to claim another tournament title.

With the return of experienced seventh-grade players and continued interest by new students, **Coaches David Gearhardt** and **Elliott Dent** look forward to the next season.

Soccer Fields Two Teams

STRENGTHENING SEASON FOR SEVENTH-GRADE SOCCER

Led by **Coach Billy Smith**, the seventh-grade soccer team played hard and gained valuable experience as they battled some good competition this season.

The team included **Bobby Bell, Robert Cartwright, Edward Cates, Eric Catmur, Wylie Coleman, Taylor Dargie, Brian Davidoff, Will Evans, Josh Feler, Ted Fockler, Alex Garner, Amir Khan, Jon Kastan, Christian Kauffman, Colin Lourens, Holman Moores, Buck Morris, Lee Olswanger, Reid Sanders, Greg Schryver, Brian Son, George Utkov,** and **Parker Wilson**.

The team began the season with three tough losses, including a 5-1 loss to the eighth-grade team. But the Owls did not give up and followed these losses with four straight wins, which included victories over Harding (7-0), Lausanne (8-0), Houston (4-3), and ECS (2-1).

In the first round of the Shelby-League tournament, the Owls again took on ECS and won, 1-0. But the season ended in the next round against St. George's as MUS lost, 4-1.

EIGHTH-GRADE SOCCER TAKES SECOND IN LEAGUE

Led by **Coach Justin Lohman**, the eighth-grade soccer team completed an outstanding turnaround, going from a one-win team a season ago to a squad that competed in the Shelby-League championship match.

The team was composed of 20 members: defenders **Cameron Fonseca, Edward Fu, Jake Henke, Thomas Ivy, Mustafa Motiwala, John Riggins, Wesley Shannon,** and



Lacrosse Triumphs

With a record number of participants this year, the Lower School lacrosse program continued to build interest in the sport and develop skilled players on both the seventh- and eighth-grade teams.

Playing almost 20 games, the Owls dominated much of the year and were rarely tested by Memphis-area teams, defeating squads such as Houston, St. George's, Ridgeway Middle, and Briarcrest.

MUS also took several out-of-town trips to battle teams from across the region, including squads from Atlanta, Birmingham, Knoxville, and Nashville. In addition to each grade's team, a combined team was formed to travel and participate in tournaments. Seventh-grade members of this team included **Norfleet Abston, Whit Carr, Cameron Crawford, Bryan Crenshaw, Sam Ferguson, Sam Harris, Franklin Martin, Harrison Martin, Peter Rainer,** and **John Straton**. Players from the eighth grade were **William Alexander, John Carson, Martin**

Steven Tutor; midfielders **Yusef Akbik**, **Jimmy Ball**, **Rahul Kumar**, **Andrew Maroda**, **Ahmed Minhas**, **Brandon Parrish**, **Robert Peterson**, and **Matthew Shelton**; forwards **Amro Amro**, **Michael Brennan**, and **Zeno Mercer**; and keeper **Dylan Cunningham**.

MUS started the season with a convincing 6-0 win against Lausanne before losing their first match of the year, a hard-fought 2-1 setback against Briarcrest. Yet the losing streak never reached two as the Owls pulled off three consecutive wins, including an impressive 1-0 shutout against ECS. The team ended the regular season with a 3-0 loss to St. George's, a game that would be a preview of the title match in the tournament.

The Owls won their first-round match in the postseason tournament, routing Harding, 9-0. Then, seeking a spot in the finals as well as a little revenge, MUS took on Briarcrest again. In a very even match, regulation time ended with the score tied at 1. After a scoreless overtime, the match went to penalty kicks, and there the Owls prevailed as they outkicked the Saints, 3-1, to reach the finals.

In the finals, MUS met the St. George's Gold team again. Despite a solid effort, the squad came up short, finishing second in the league. They ended the season with a 6-3 record, a vast improvement from the year before. The team's success generated excitement and momentum that Coach Lohman hopes will carry over to next year.

Track, Shelby-League Champs

Led by **Coaches Matt Bakke** and **Glenn Rogers**, the 2005 Lower School track team had another fine season as they won all of their league meets and captured the Shelby-League track title.

The Owls went through the regular season undefeated, beating rivals ECS, SBEC, Harding, Briarcrest, and Woodland. The team was led by a solid group of experienced eighth-graders who performed consistently well throughout the season.

This seasoned group triumphed in five individual events: **Robert Tipton** won both the 800-meter and 1600-meter races, **Michael Folk** took the 100-meter title, and **Will Benton** won the 100-meter hurdle race. In the field events, **Jared Davis**



Walt Wepfer (above) earned valuable points for his team by placing in several events, while Robert Tipton (left) won the 800-meter and 1600-meter races.

claimed the high-jump title with his 5'2" leap.

The Owls' depth was the key factor to this year's success. Eighth-grader **Walt Wepfer** contributed 14 individual points, finishing second in the high jump, fourth in the long jump, and fifth in the 200-meter race. Fellow eighth-grader **Steven Tutor** claimed third in both the shot put and discus events, adding 12 points to the total, while **Derik Haynes** took fourth place behind classmate Tutor in both events. Three other Owl runners performed well to help the squad. Eighth-grader **Lowell Hays** finished second in the 400, one spot ahead of Benton, the 100-meter hurdle winner. **Barret Folk**, also in the eighth grade, claimed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles, and his classmate **Jon Mitchell** finished sixth in the 800.

MUS excelled in the relays as well and won all three events. The 4x100-meter team, composed of Hays, seventh-grader **Hank Hill**, Folk, and Wepfer, won their race, while the 4x200-meter team of eighth-graders **Robert Cowan** and **Colin McDonald**, seventh-grader **Jon Kastan**, and Folk also finished first. And the 4x400 team, made up of seventh-grader **Matthew Murphy**, Cowan, McDonald, and Hays, beat the ECS team by nearly two seconds for a third relay victory and a 139-125 overall meet win. After the meet, Tipton was named the Dan Griffin Outstanding Male Athlete.

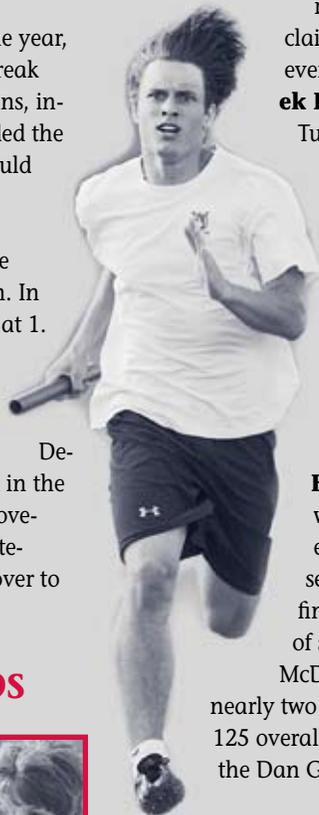
Tennis Undefeated

With yet another Shelby-League team title this year, the Lower School tennis team and **Coach Bill Taylor** have again proven that death and taxes are not the only certainties in life. With the win, the Owls extended their unbeaten streak in this tournament, which they have won each year since the league's inception in 1984.

Members of the team included seventh-graders **Jake Abston**, **Will Carruthers**, **Cliff Guyton**, and **Brad Ringel** and eighth-graders **Michael Brennan**, **Grant Hopkins**, **Jackson Knight**, **Evan Mah**, **Sam Montesi**, **Will Nease**, and **Walt Wepfer**.

The squad breezed through the short regular season, winning all four of their team matches. They defeated the likes of Harding, St. George's, Briarcrest, and ECS to ready themselves for the postseason tournament held at MUS.

In the singles tournament, Wepfer advanced to the finals but unfortunately lost, claiming the runner-up spot. In doubles, victory was certain. An all-MUS final pitted Guyton and Nease against Mah and Brennan, with Guyton and Nease taking the doubles title.



CharityWeek Celebrates Service



Students looked beyond the gates of MUS during the week of January 31 to February 5 in hopes of making a difference in the community. With can drives, cook-offs, and talent competitions, Charity Week raised funds and resources for many good causes in Memphis.

- 10,000 cans were donated to the Memphis Food Bank
- \$1,500 was donated to charities
- 36 pints of blood were given to LifeBlood

David Nicoll points to proof he gave to LifeBlood.



Harry Mayfield (top left) volunteered to give blood after friendly persuasion from (pictured left) Michael McCulloch, Wills Gardner, and Chris Levy.

Pictured below, John Klink and Shea Conaway (background) were willing blood donors, too.



Jordan Crawford and Frank Jemison were among the chefs who volunteered for the Cultural Cook-off.

Pictured below, Kane Alber and Sloan Abernathy provided unusual emcee entertainment between acts of the MUS Talent Show.





Express Institute at the University of Memphis, and the Memphis Office of the Tennessee Department of Economic Development.

Metcalf Symposium Brings Noted Speaker To Campus

MUS welcomed Mr. John Mason Hodges to the eighth annual Metcalf Symposium March 31 and April 1. Mr. Hodges, the featured presenter in the lecture series, is the director of the Crichton College Institute for the Arts and Cultural Apologetics and the director of music at Second Presbyterian Church. Designed

specifically for MUS and made possible by the Wilberforce Education Foundation, the Metcalf Symposium encourages reflection on the great ethical traditions of Western Civilization and aims to incite a lively exchange of ideas about the arts, humanities, sciences, civic service, and popular culture.

During his visit, Mr. Hodges addressed a senior ethics class (pictured below), conducted two open forums, and delivered a keynote speech during chapel that engaged both the faculty and students. This year, the lecture series "presented the historical argument for objectivity in approaching aesthetics," **Mr. Clay Smythe '85** said. In essence, Mr. Hodges attempted to define the word "good" in relation to art and to clarify the place of beauty in the past and present.

Rev. McMurray Garrott '85, Headmaster Ellis Haguewood, Mr. William "Bubba" Halliday '82, Mr. Frank Jemison '66, and Mr. Smythe serve on the Wilberforce Foundation's Board of Advisors that brought Mr. Hodges to MUS.

HARKINS HOSTS RUSSIAN HISTORIANS

History instructor and president of the West Tennessee Historical Society **Dr. John Harkins** (pictured standing, far left) hosted a delegation of community leaders from Russia this April in conjunction with Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis Heritage, and the Open World Leadership Center. The Russian envoy, representing the Novorossiysk City Historic Society, visited Memphis to meet with city leaders and discuss non-profit development, fundraising, and the importance of historical preservation.

The group enjoyed lunch on the MUS campus – "The delegates thought our cafeteria food was excellent!" said Dr. Harkins. They then heard a presentation by Dr. Harkins and Ms. June West, executive director of Memphis Heritage, which included an explanation of the ways in which the two historical organizations interact and the fundraising techniques they employ to support their programming. A lengthy question-and-answer session, facilitated by a translator, followed the presentation. "I think that we were all surprised at the commonality of our perspectives, our problems, and our approaches to solutions," Dr. Harkins said. "Thinking up ways to explain our situations helped me to clarify my perceptions on a number of matters key to promoting West Tennessee's history."

During their visit, the delegation also met with representatives from Regents Online Degree Program, the Corporate Center of Southwest Tennessee Community College, the Trezevant Manor Foundation, the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Federal



REPRESENTATIVE FORD, JR., ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Excerpted from an *Owl's Hoot* article by Clint Cowan and Andrew Manugian

On February 11, MUS was honored to receive U.S. Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., the newly re-elected Congressional Representative for Tennessee's ninth district.

Anticipation was evident, and Ford took the podium in Hyde Chapel with confidence. Representative Ford began by encouraging MUS to continue its work in the Memphis community. A former

plenty of time for questions. Responding to a student's concern about the Memphis City Schools and failing students, Representative Ford declared that early childhood education must be the priority. He feels that much of our city's learning problems occur because small children are neglected, left without mentally stimulating interaction with parents. But, he cautioned, "until the out-

cry gets loud enough, and people are willing to spend money, we will be asking these same questions [about educational gaps] for a while."

Equality in Memphis was also the focus of Representative Ford's

After leaving the podium, Harold Ford, Jr., talks with Steven Thompson (center) and Ashton Fisher (left).

response to a question posed by a student. Extending his theme of collaboration, he outlined his plan for government investment in America's youth. Ford's Aspire Program would allocate \$500 to an individual at birth, depositing the funds in a government account to stimulate parent/child investment in lower- and middle-class homes. These citizens would then, at age 30, return the \$500, showing allegiance and responsibility to the country. "We gotta get people something earlier in life, something they can build on and use to compound," he said. Throughout his description of the Aspire Program, the goal of giving kids a head start was apparent.

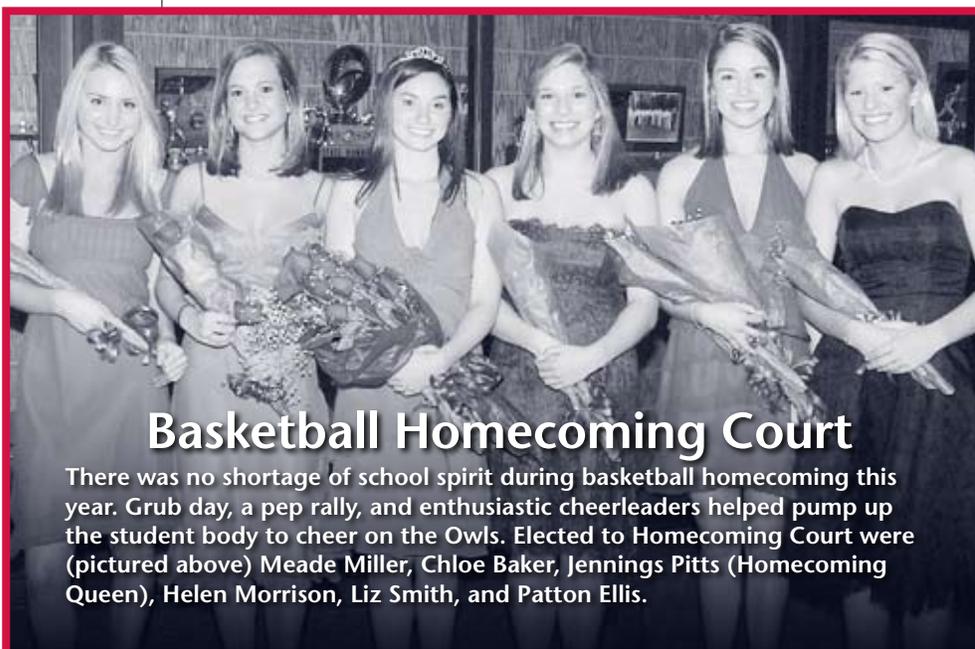
Ford's message encouraged every student to take seriously his role in America's future. The responsibility is ours "to create a more perfect union" and make America better, both for its citizens and in the eyes of the world.

preparatory school student at St. Albans in Washington, D.C., he clearly possessed a knowledge and perspective of MUS's background and responsibilities and challenged the students to use their educational blessings to change the nation's future.

Representative Ford's theme was largely one of collaboration; he repeatedly referred to group effort and cooperation as the solution to America's social and economic ills. Accompanying his theme was a serious concern over President Bush's Social Security proposals. Outlining the program's intended purposes, Representative Ford warned of massive deficits and held that the money just isn't there to undertake such a massive change in infrastructure.

Much of Representative Ford's brief address, however, dealt with America's image abroad and what can be done to increase global cooperation. Hailing the U.S. as "the greatest nation on the face of the earth," Representative Ford mentioned a great international responsibility, one requiring a foreign policy of mutual aid in global improvement.

Having a desire to involve students and faculty in his message, Representative Ford left



Basketball Homecoming Court

There was no shortage of school spirit during basketball homecoming this year. Grub day, a pep rally, and enthusiastic cheerleaders helped pump up the student body to cheer on the Owls. Elected to Homecoming Court were (pictured above) Meade Miller, Chloe Baker, Jennings Pitts (Homecoming Queen), Helen Morrison, Liz Smith, and Patton Ellis.



Coach Bakke Joins Athletic Hall of Fame

Southwest Community College honored **Coach Matt Bakke** during its third annual Saluqis Hall of Fame Banquet on January 13. Bakke played for the Saluqis basketball team from

1977-79 and currently ranks fifth in career assists with 348. As a freshman, he led the Saluqis to an 18-10 record, the West Division Championship, and the TJCAA runner-up title. Bakke guided his team to another West Division title his sophomore year before going on to play at Rhodes College.

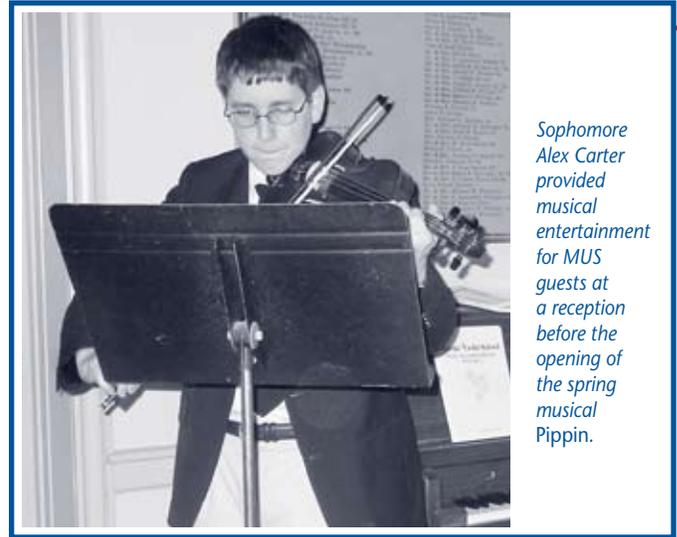


Who's Who Taps John Harkins

Dr. John Harkins, the Ross McCain Lynn Chair of History, has been selected for inclusion in the fifty-ninth edition of *Who's Who in America* 2005, the nation's preeminent record of leadership. The annual publication recognizes the U.S.'s most accomplished men and women and distinguishes Dr. Harkins as "one of the leading achievers from around the country."

Math Teachers Head West

In April, MUS math instructors **Mr. Tom Brown** and **Mr. Darin Clift** (pictured right) attended the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NTCM) Spring Conference in Anaheim, California. The conference is comprised of over 1,000 different workshops on topics such as "ADD in the Math Classroom," "How Well Does Your Class *Function*?" and "How to Nurture the Power of Algebraic Thinking." Mr. Brown and Mr. Clift took the opportunity to attend sessions on improving student achievement in Algebra II and A.P. Statistics, reviewed textbooks and new teaching materials, and brought back many ideas to share with the Math Department.



Sophomore Alex Carter provided musical entertainment for MUS guests at a reception before the opening of the spring musical Pippin.

Lower Schoolers Party for a Good Cause

On Friday, March 18, the Hull Lower School Civic Service Organization sponsored a library lock-in to benefit the charitable program "Doctors Without Borders." This private, non-profit organization strives to deliver emergency aid to victims of armed conflict, epidemics, and natural disasters and serves individuals who lack health care as a result of social or geographical isolation. After a tsunami ravaged Southeast Asia this past December, the Civic Service committee members felt it was important to provide aid to the victims of the catastrophe through their spring project.

The lock-in took place in Hyde Library where 30 seventh- and eighth-graders played board and video games and watched DVDs all night long. A few students brought their musical instruments and spent the evening jamming in the library classroom. All in all, not a bad evening's worth of entertainment for the price of admission, and the lock-in raised approximately \$225 for the charitable organization.

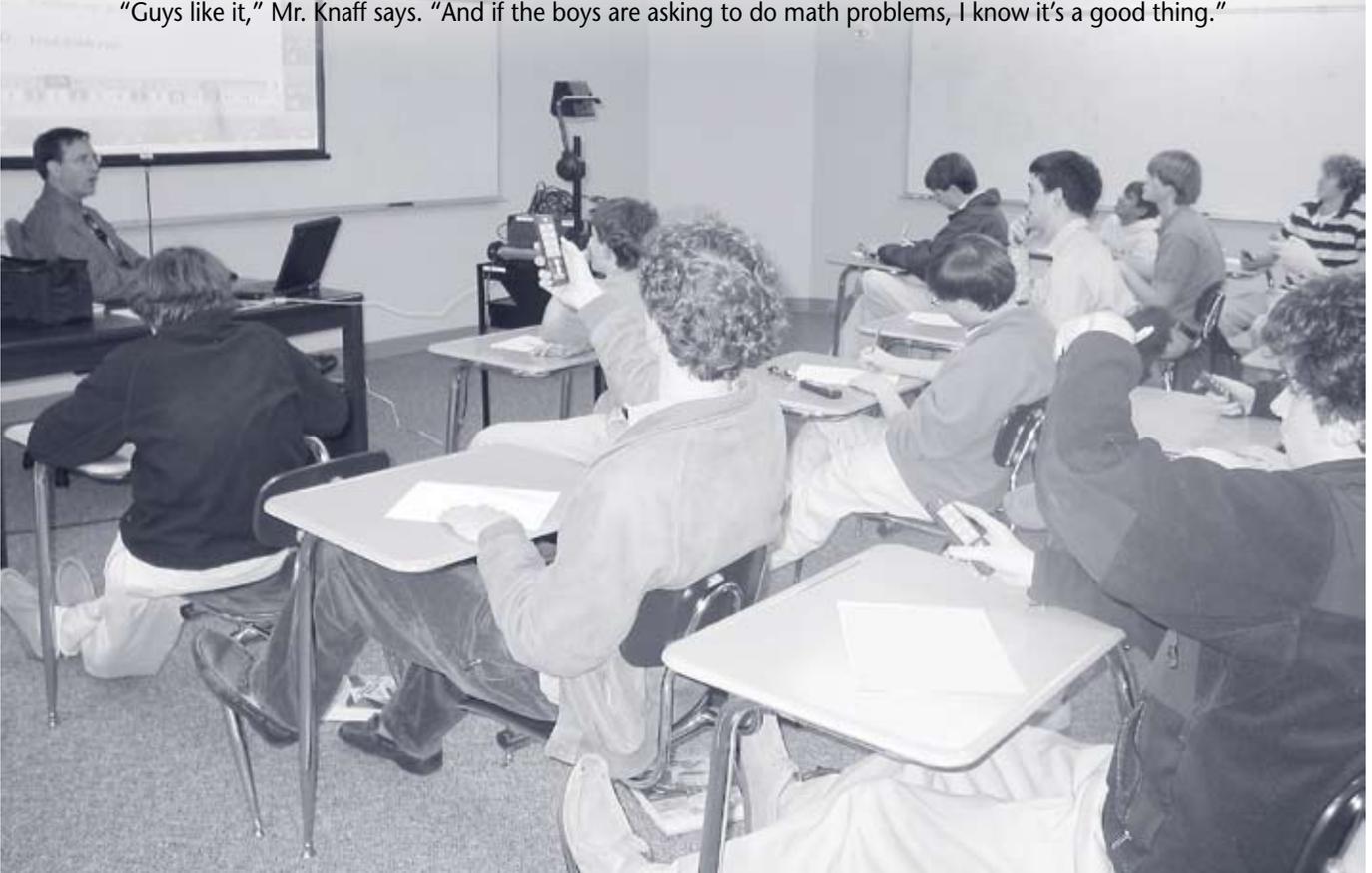
Librarian **Mrs. Leah Allison** worked with students to organize the event and was grateful to **Mr. Rick Broer**, **Mrs. Ellen McDonell**, **Mr. Dax Torrey**, and **Mr. Joe Tyler** who served as chaperones. Seniors **Phillip Flinn**, **Tommy Horton**, **Jonathan Lunati**, **Cody Mayer**, **Harry Mayfield**, **Scott McLeod**, **McLean Palmer**, **Andrew Robinson**, and

Jonathan Wolf helped to keep their younger counterparts entertained and in line throughout the night.

Interactive Software Motivates Math Students

While attending the National Conference for Teachers of Mathematics a year ago, math instructor **Mr. John Knaff** happened to wander by a vendor marketing the Classroom Performance System, a hand-held interactive response program. He liked the look of it, entered his name in a drawing, and sat down to watch the remainder of the presentation. As luck would have it, Mr. Knaff took home the whole package in a raffle: software, 32 individual wireless response pads, and a receiving module – all worth about \$3,000. With the help of **Ms. Judy Rutledge**, he learned to operate the system and was able to begin using it in his classes in early 2005.

The program allows an instructor to create sets of questions – they can be objective or subjective – that will appear on a screen when prompted to do so. Each student is given a remote-control-like device to respond anonymously to the questions. The students' answers are then collected through a receiving module, and the class's results are displayed onscreen almost immediately. Mr. Knaff has used the system to give practice quizzes and administer non-graded reviews for tests. Overall, he has been pleased: "The system involves the entire class," he explains. "No one is left out or afraid to answer questions because he'll be embarrassed about giving the wrong answer." Students have enjoyed the interactive experience as well. "Guys like it," Mr. Knaff says. "And if the boys are asking to do math problems, I know it's a good thing."



MUS and Hutchison Talk Heart to Heart

Members of the MUS and Hutchison Heartbeat groups who have pledged to stay drug and alcohol free joined forces for the first time to address some of the tough issues facing students today. Together these young men and women conducted two question-and-answer sessions for MUS seventh-graders and Hutchison eighth-graders in which they discussed topics such as alcohol and marijuana use.

During each session, students broke into small groups led by two upperclassmen from each school. Over pizza, the older students described how alcohol use has affected various people in their lives. Hull Lower School students also had the opportunity to ask their mentors specific questions about the effects of substance abuse. In response, Heartbeat members explained the ways in which individuals become addicted to drugs and alcohol, the physical and mental side effects of using these substances, and the adverse consequences one's decision to use can have on schoolwork and athletic performance. They also discussed many of the concerns young people have about the pressures associated with alcohol and drug use – for example, how to respond if a friend starts drinking or using, what to say when offered illegal substances, and how to handle the peer pressure associated with drinking.

Prior to these sessions, Heartbeat members met after school to develop effective strategies for addressing these important issues and to research information regarding recent trends in substance abuse. The upper-classmen also shared the reasons behind their personal decisions not to use drugs or alcohol in an effort to get to know each other and communicate better with the younger students. By being so adamant about their own commitment to nonuse, these young men and women were able to openly convey the many advantages of abstaining from alcohol and other drugs to those who look up to them.



Heartbeat participants: back row, Mrs. Bebe Jonakin (MUS sponsor), Bo Ladyman, Clint Cowan, Wes Spiro, Page Halle, Alex Guyton, Joy Thompson, Mary Grace Edwards, Price Edwards, Kendall Marston, Matt Sights, Cameron Stikes, Worth Morgan, Mary Dabney Wopter, Mrs. Pam Patteson (Hutchison sponsor); kneeling, Cody Curtis, Warner Russell, Janet Cox; not pictured, Randall Noel, Grace Simmons, and Lizzy Newton

Check out the Counseling Services page on the MUS website (www.musowls.org) for summer enrichment opportunities.

Parents' Association Supports Safe Home

The MUS Parents' Association strongly endorses the Safe Home program and encourages all parents to support the program by signing the Safe Home Pledge. By signing the Safe Home pledge, parents promise to provide for our sons an alcohol-free, drug-free home environment for student parties or gatherings at their home. The Safe Home program also encourages parents to call one another about parties and plans.

This year the school will post the names of Safe Home parents on the MUS website. The website is a more efficient place to make changes when appropriate, and parents will have an easy way to see who has made a pledge to the program and who has not.

The goal at MUS is to change the culture that accepts underage drinking, but that cannot happen without the support of parents. Research shows that parents still have the greatest influence on a child's choice of whether or not to use drugs or alcohol. So, for the safety of our boys and yours, please sign the Safe Home Pledge.



Pictured front to back, seventh-graders Michael Lewandowski, Evan Kline, and Reid Sanders take part in the discussions about dating and peer pressure.

Girls and Relationships 101

Did you know that one in four sexually active teens will contract a sexually transmitted disease (STD) this year? Or that 33 percent of ten- and eleven-year-old boys polled said that the pressure to have sex is a problem? Or that while teen pregnancy rates have decreased in recent years, the number of STD cases reported has increased dramatically? In February, the Lower School Counseling Center attempted to convey the startling reality of these statistics to students by focusing its educational programming on the subject of girls and relationships. Specific topics included dating, healthy relationships, abstinence, sexually transmitted diseases, and teen pregnancy. During assembly, Lower School Counselor **Mrs. Bryn Wulf** discussed the negative consequences of engaging in sexual activity as an adolescent. Specifically, the boys learned about the short- and long-term consequences of contracting an STD and the life-long ramifications of teen pregnancy.

In addition, MUS and Hutchison's non-use groups collaborated to facilitate panel and small group discussions about dating and peer pressure with our seventh-graders. Both the panel and small group activities were so successful that the groups reconvened with members of the seventh grade in early April to continue their dialogue.



Heartbeat members Matt Sights, Wes Spiro, and Page Halle field questions from lower schoolers.

To wrap up the month's programming, parents were invited to attend a presentation by Dr. Laura Bishop, OB/GYN, and Ms. Stephanie Yau, R.N., from the Ruch Clinic. The women spoke candidly with parents about teens and STDs, discussed teen pregnancy rates, and concluded the program with a question-and-answer session. MUS is grateful to these speakers for taking the time to educate our parents.

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Monday, August 15	Convocation Day (<i>first day of school, half-day</i>)
Monday, September 5	Labor Day Holiday
Wednesday, September 14	Parent Back to School Day (<i>student holiday</i>)
Thurs.-Mon., October 13-17	Fall Break
Wed.- Fri., November 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 14-20	Semester Exams
Tuesday, December 20	Last Day of First Semester

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Wednesday, January 4	First Day of Second Semester
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Monday, February 20	Winter Break
Fri.-Fri., March 10-17	Spring Break
Friday, April 14	Good Friday Holiday
Monday, April 17	Easter Monday Holiday
Friday, April 28	Last Day of Second Semester for Seniors
May 1-12	AP Exams
May 1-5	Senior Exams
Sunday, May 14	Graduation Exercises
Wednesday, May 17	Last Regular School Day for Underclassmen
May 18-24	Underclassmen Exams
Thursday, May 25	Last Day for Underclassmen (<i>half-day</i>)

Mark your calendar
for the
fifth annual

**BRIDGES
FOOTBALL**
KICK-OFF CLASSIC



MUS vs. Bolton

2:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 20
Liberty Bowl