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by Rebecca H. Greer, Assistant Director of Communications



The fall of my eighth-grade year, something monumental happened. My science teacher, Mr. Shawn Dickerson, asked me to be in a play. Mr. Dickerson was an enormous

man, both in stature and personality, and he did amazing things in the classroom. He was a passionate teacher as well as a terrifying prankster, and my classmates and I loved him. I was afraid of my own shadow, but more afraid of disappointing him; so I agreed to be in his Western comedy. When the curtain closed, my sweaty little hands had twirled six-shooters with all the flourish I could muster, my lines had drawn a handful of respectable laughs, and I had learned to project my voice to the back of our gymnasium.

I performed in more than 100 shows after that shaky middle-school one-act, and when every show closed, I would think of Mr. Dickerson and smile. My greasepaint days are a foggy memory now, but I'll never forget that wonderful, warm, unpredictable man with the booming voice. He believed in me – and he made me believe in myself.

The purpose of *Inside MUS* is celebrating such ah-ha moments, albeit camouflaged

among the field trips, exams, extra-curricular activities, and classroom business.

In Owlcolades we highlight notable accomplishments reaching from ancient foreign language contests to a Future Business Leaders of America stock market game, and from Ducks Unlimited fundraising to Duke TIP scores. In arts you will see a few moments from photography, music, and stage; and in Sports Buzz we close out the year with spring recaps and awards. Don't miss the article by outgoing Parents' Association Chair Karen Fesmire as she reflects on the purpose behind PA activities.

Wonderful accomplishments are listed throughout the magazine, and we are proud of every single one of them. But beyond trophies and test scores, we know we're really celebrating a bunch of boys who learned a little more about the world and themselves.

And in our hearts we save a little bit of applause for those tired, smiling faces in the wings – for the teachers who pushed the boys to expect a little more, see a bigger picture, or try something new – because they believed in them. Thankfully, both teachers and students now have the summer to rest and recuperate before the orchestra begins playing the 2016-17 overture.

See you in August!



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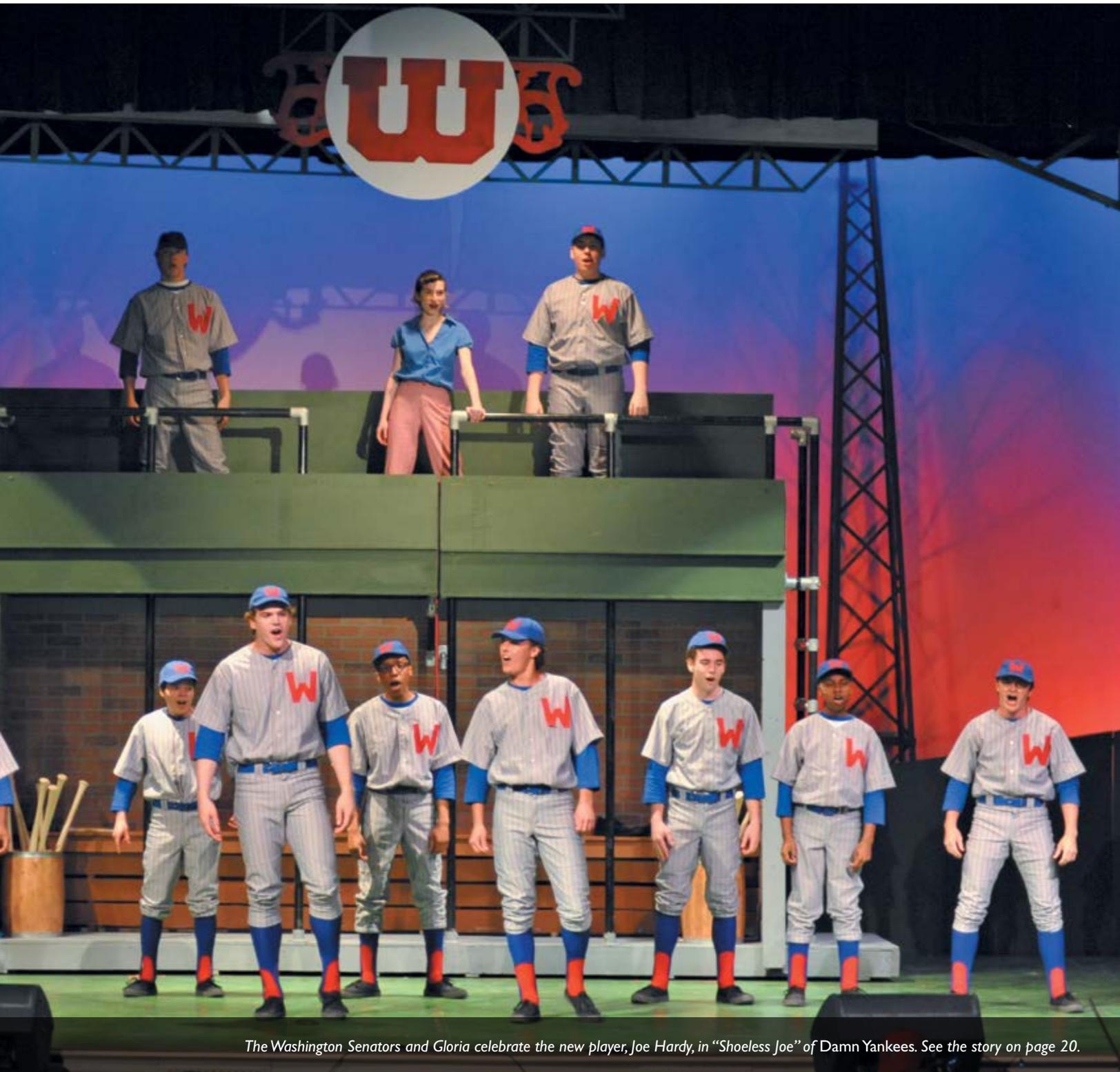
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2016 National Honor Society inductees

National Honor Society Inducts 50

In a mid-March ceremony highlighting the National Honor Society tenets of scholarship, leadership, character, and service, current members and faculty welcomed 10 seniors and 40 juniors as new members of the organization.

Following introductions by Headmaster **Ellis Haguewood** and Dr. **David Jackson**, chairman of the Religion Department and head of the National Honor Society committee, four student speakers, all seniors, explained the four NHS tenets.

Patton Orr spoke on scholarship, highlighting the importance of following one's inquisitiveness: "As Emerson said, 'The one thing in the world, of value, is the active soul.' ... The notion of scholarship flows from this idea of intellectual vitality. As students, we must not approach our learning with passivity. By following our natural curiosity, we can fulfill our potential as students, as learners, and, most important, as citizens."

Philip Freeburg spoke on leadership, concluding with a word of advice:

"Though our time here at this school is short, I can think of no better place to form us into well-rounded men who will thrive as leaders when we are needed. We are all capable of leadership; but

when the moment comes, we must be ready. Earn your leadership every day."

Character was the subject of **Daniel Tancredi's** address. "Character is a critically important part of what makes each of us unique. It's what defines who we are, how we act, and what we choose



Headmaster Ellis Haguewood leads students in the National Honor Society Pledge.



Jake Meskin with parents Mrs. Laurie and Mr. Jeff Meskin



Davis Harano with parents Mrs. Andrea and Mr. David Harano

to stand for," he said. "It cannot be assigned to someone else ... Good character cannot be bought or sold, only developed. There is no shortcut; it requires conscious effort and purpose with internal strength to stand up for what you believe."

Finally, **Grayson Lee** spoke on the subject of service: "Service isn't something we do to feel good about ourselves and inflate our egos. It isn't something we do to pad our resumes. Service isn't waking up early on a Saturday morning to volunteer at a homeless shelter because that somehow makes you a better person. It is something much greater than that. It is something we do because we have a duty to help others. We who have been given so much have a duty to help our neighbors who have so little."



Kobe Gibson with family, from left, Mrs. LaTreka Smith, cousin; Mrs. Lajuana Gibson, mother; and Mrs. Ella Alexander, grandmother

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Class of 2017

Webster Austin
Christian Berry
Jack Crosby
Philip Deaton
Brooks Eikner
Kian Ghodoussi
Kobe Gibson
Marcus Gronauer
Davis Harano
Grady Hecht
Henry Holmes
Andrew Hopkins
Alex Hyde

Josh Karchmer
Parker Kaye
Cade Klawinski
Jamie Lindy
Ravi Lipman
John McBride
Jack McCaghren
Rahul Mehra
Jake Meskin
Kanha Mishra
Ryan Pahlow
Mayur Patil
Aneesh Ram
Joey Rodriguez

Will Schneider
Sloan Schneiter
Matt Silver
Evan Smith
Ramiz Somjee
Jacob Suppiah
Henry Trammell
Josue Vela
Tom Wells
Luke Wilfong
Louis Wittenberg
Alex Wolf
Ray Zhou

Class of 2016

Joshua Benton
Beck Blake
Carter Coleman
Jalen Friendly
Austin Lacy
Kyle Lam
Winn Medlock
Jack Richman
Andres Salas
Theo Wayt



Yu Makes Perfect CML Calculus Score

Sophomore **Chang Yu** earned a perfect score in the national Calculus League Contest sponsored by the Continental Mathematics League. The contest consisted of four meets with eight questions per meet. Students take the tests at their individual schools, and the papers are scored and sent to the CML. In addition to challenging the student in his reading and calculus skills, the questions are designed to assist in preparing him for Advanced Placement exams. Yu's perfect score was one of only 20 in the nation and the only perfect score in the state of Tennessee.

Owls Game Wall Street

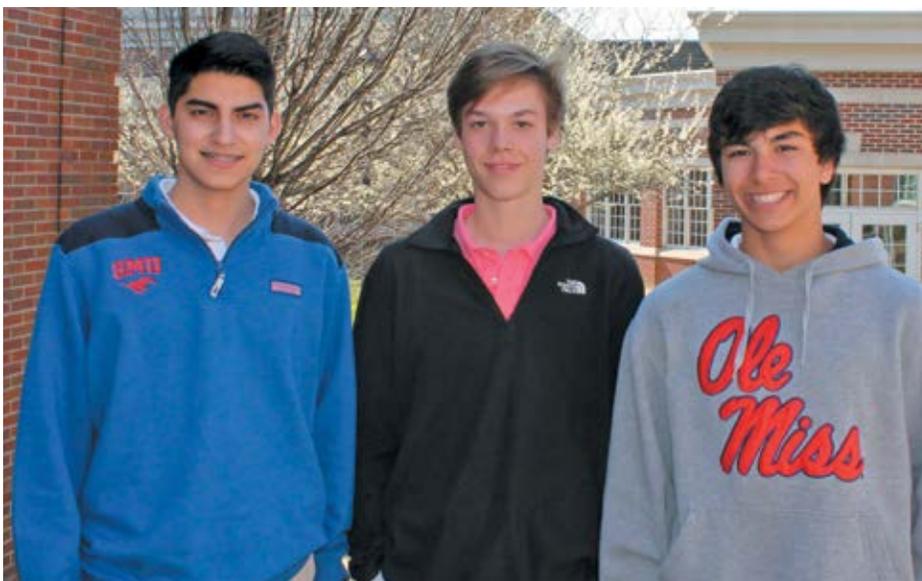
Students win big in trading game hosted by Future Business Leaders

Three Owls rose to the top ranks of 6191 Park Avenue's virtual Wall Street during second semester. The Future Business Leaders of America chapter, led by junior **Joey Rodriguez**, held a stock market game in mid-February. Students were given \$200,000 in virtual money to conduct realistic online stock trades for one week. The tools were provided by an FBLA-sponsored online trading center.

"I set a limit to the amount of trades students could make because I wanted students to learn self-control when choosing stocks," Rodriguez said. "This skill will be essential once students get older and start investing in real stocks."

Freshman **Jonathan Douglass** won the game, netting \$97,000, and sophomore **Brandon Haney** traded his way to second place with a net profit of \$63,000. An honorable mention went to freshman **Call Ford** for earning \$32,000 with one trade.

While the real stock market can be a place of pain as well as profits, Rodriguez hoped students had a positive experience.



The Future Business Leaders of America chapter president **Joey Rodriguez**, left, and trading game winners **Jonathan Douglass** and **Brandon Haney**

"The best outcomes can be summed up by what my economics teacher, Mr. **[John] Knaff** once told me: 'You never feel better than when you're making money while you're sleeping.'"

The Class of 2014 and their FBLA faculty advisors Mr. **Rankin Fowlkes**,

Dr. **Jonathan Jones**, and **Knaff** opened the school's FBLA chapter. A national organization with over 250,000 high school members across the United States, FBLA teaches students about business, community service, and leadership development.

Nine Earn State Honors in Duke TIP

Nine seventh-grade Owls qualified for state recognition in Duke University's Talent Identification Program. **Evan Boswell, Zachary Herman, Thomas Lusk, Colin McCown, Reid McGowan, Will Schuessler, Carrigan Sulcer, Haneef Usmani, and Wes Vanderslice** have been invited to participate in Duke's summer enrichment programs and online classes.

The state-level honorees, along with six classmates – including **Cameron Bouley, Caleb Littlejohn, Gavin Murrey, Fawwaz Omer, Jacob Rickels, and Charles Treadway** – scored in the 95th percentile on their fifth- or sixth-grade achievement tests and were invited to take the ACT or SAT during their seventh-grade year.



Duke TIP honorees, from left, Haneef Usmani, Colin McCown, Reid McGowan, Zachary Herman, Carrigan Sulcer, Will Schuessler, Wes Vanderslice, Evan Boswell, and Thomas Lusk

SEVEN OWLS ACHIEVE PERFECT ACT SCORES



Seniors, from left, Wesley Wells, Witt Fesmire, Murray Morrison, Grayson Lee, and Patton Orr



Juniors, from left, Ray Zhou and Andrew Douglass

Latin Students Win Ninth State Title

For the ninth year in a row, the Owls finished in first place overall at the annual Tennessee Junior Classical League State Convention, held this spring at the University of Memphis. About 500 students from 33 schools participated in this year's competition, and MUS won with an overall score of 1358. University School of Nashville took second place with 505 points.

"We are very proud of our 49 students who participated and conducted themselves with integrity," Latin Instructor **Ryan Sellers** said.

Five of the top 10 individual scorers in convention competition were from MUS: sophomore **Jackson Moody** with 114 points, sophomore **Chang Yu** with 108 points, freshman **Ethan Hurst** with 78 points, senior **Patton Orr** with 69 points, and eighth-grader **Reid Chandler** with 55 points.

In addition two students took home Academic Best of Show awards: senior **Dylan Echlin** in Grammar 2-6 and senior **Patrick Murphy** in Vocabulary.

The students also fared well in Certamen, a quiz-bowl competition in which contestants answer questions about classical history, culture,



From left, Warren Turner, Ben Cramer, Loi Vuong, Sean-Marc Taylor, Seth Richey, Jack Wellford, Cameron Evans, Gregory Guo, and Zuhair Somjee with the MUS chariot

mythology, and the Latin language. The Latin II class took first place, Latin I took second place, and the Advanced Latin class took fourth place.

Finally, the chariot race team finished in second place this year, losing by .03 seconds.

"We'll work on closing this gap next

year," Sellers said.

Headmaster **Ellis Haguewood** praised the students and instructors for their continuing dedication.

"Even though this is our ninth win, the team stays hungry every year for a state championship."



Forty-nine Owls participated in the Tennessee Junior Classical League State Convention held at the University of Memphis.

APRIL BRINGS LATIN APPRECIATION

Gov. Bill Haslam once again proclaimed April Latin Language Appreciation Month and adopted "Musica e montibus fluit" (Music flows from the mountains) as the honorary motto for the month. Back in 2014

eighth graders **Alexander Goodwin** and **Brandon Haney** proposed the motto while in Mr. **Ryan Sellers'** Latin I class. The governor agreed, proclaiming April 2014 as the first Latin Language Appreciation Month. Each year Owls have

successfully petitioned the governor's office. Latin Club officers, below, from left, sophomore **Charlie Evans**, junior **Brooks Eikner**, seniors **Dylan Echlin** and **Kyle Lam**, and freshman **Lloyd Templeton** present the proclamation.



Bubones Honored in Writing Contests

The Department of Classics at Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL, recognized senior **Dylan Echlin** with an Honorable Mention for his work in the 13th Bernice L. Fox Classics Writing Contest.

The topic for this year's contest, open to all U.S. high school students, was the following prompt: "The Trial of Aeneas: Imagine that Aeneas is on trial for abandonment of Dido of Carthage in a modern American courtroom. Give your closing remarks to the jury as either the prosecutor or defense attorney."

There were 73 entries from 18 schools in 13 states, and the winning entry was

submitted by Alex Frank from Portland High School in Portland, ME. Echlin was one of eight U.S. students recognized with Honorable Mentions.

Echlin and junior **Davis Harano** were finalists in the Phaedrus Latin Composition Contest, and senior **Kyle Lam** and juniors **Jamie Lindy**, **Jack McCaghren**, **Trent Scull**, **Evan Smith**, and **Jacob Suppiah** were semifinalists.

The PLCC is a writing contest sponsored by New Saint Andrews College, Moscow, ID. A total of 197 students in 18 states participated in this year's competition.



Dylan Echlin

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FAIR HONORS

MUS was among 25 schools competing in early April at the 25th Annual University of Memphis Foreign Language Fair. Twenty students studying French and Spanish represented the school, participating in a variety of events and winning the following 12 honors:

Culture Bowl, Fifth Place, Overall

Seniors Austin Hord, Cameron Lakin, Mac McHugh; sophomore Graham Boswell

French II, First Place, Drama

Sophomores Mack Bethell, Witt Miesse, Nick Rezaee, Nalin Verma

French II, Third Place, Music

Sophomores Graham Boswell, Stan Smythe

French IV, Honorable Mention, Music

Seniors Beck Blake, Nick Bragorgos, Bolton Gayden, Austin Hord, Cameron Lakin

Spanish II, First Place, Vocabulary

Sophomore Jeremy Jacobs

Spanish II, Third Place, Vocabulary

Sophomore Barry Klug

Spanish III, First Place, Essay

Sophomore Benjamin Freeman

Spanish III, Second Place, Essay

Junior Ammaar Kazi

Spanish III, Third Place, Essay

Junior Chris Barksdale

Spanish Heritage, First Place, Essay

Junior Alex Salazar

Spanish IV, Second Place, Essay

Senior Zach Shulkin

Spanish IV, Third Place, Essay

Senior Saatvik Mohan



Sophomores, from left, Jake Wilbourn and Buchanan Dunavant competed as mimes in the costumes event at the University of Memphis Foreign Language Fair. As part of their presentation, they described the cultural relevance of mimes in France.



Front row, from left, Mack Bethell, Nick Rezaee, Witt Miesse, Jeremy Jacobs; middle row, Nalin Verma, Beck Blake, Austin Hord, Stan Smythe, Benjamin Freeman, Chris Barksdale, Mac McHugh; back row, Cameron Lakin, Alex Salazar, Nick Bragorgos, Bolton Gayden, Barry Klug

OWLS GARNER YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT HONORS

Owls earned several accolades at the YMCA Youth in Government conference in early April in Nashville. The team of senior **Zach Shulkin**, juniors **Brooks Eikner** and **Aneesh Ram**, and sophomore **Omkar Hosad** won

the YIG Quiz Bowl. Conference members elected juniors **Kian Ghodoussi**, **Joey Rodriguez**, and **Ramiz Somjee**, and sophomores **Oyama Hampton** and Hosad to serve as YIG officers next year. They

selected Ghodoussi for a weeklong YMCA summer student government leadership program. Only 25 of the 700 statewide delegates received this honor.



Summer leadership program winner Kian Ghodoussi, center, and 2017 YIG delegates, from left, Omkar Hosad, Ramiz Somjee, Joey Rodriguez, and Oyama Hampton



YIG Bowl winners, from left, Brooks Eikner, Aneesh Ram, Zach Shulkin, and Omkar Hosad

Orr Receives AFP Honor

Representatives from the Memphis Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals visited campus in May to present senior **Patton Orr** with the 2016 Youth in Philanthropy Individual Award, in recognition of his uncommon persistence, determination, and long-term vision in spearheading an MUS-community effort to bring a TEDx conference to Memphis.



From left, AFP Youth in Philanthropy Chair Carolyn Dickens, Lower School Principal Clay Smythe '85, Patton Orr, and AFP Chapter President Bonnie Hollabaugh

YEARBOOK SELECTED FOR GALLERY OF EXCELLENCE

Walsworth Publishing again named *The Owl* to its national Gallery of Excellence, deeming it a superior publication in design, coverage, copy, and photography. Seniors **Jack Richman** and **Bilal Siddiq** were the yearbook editors, and Mrs. **Terry Balton**, fine arts/technology instructor, was sponsor of the yearbook staff.

The student-produced yearbook has received a Walsworth Gallery of Excellence distinction seven of the last eight years. The book's covers and spreads will be used as training material for schools nationwide.



Above, The Owl Editors Bilal Siddiq, left, and Jack Richman Right, the Walsworth Publishing Gallery of Excellence Award

Two Receive Academic All-Star Awards



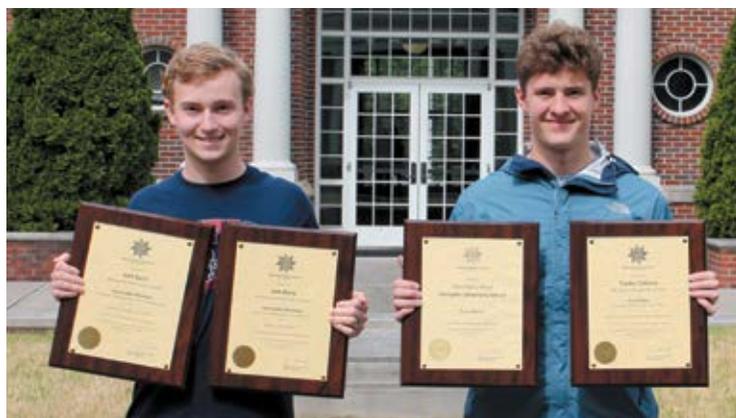
From left, Colin Threlkeld and Saatvik Mohan

In the 2015-16 *Commercial Appeal* Academic All-Stars program, senior **Colin Threlkeld** received the Social Sciences and History Award, and senior **Saatvik Mohan** received the Science Award. They were honored at a May luncheon recognizing all of this year's weekly winners.

More than 500 students from 40 high schools in the Mid-South were nominated for the Academic All-Stars Awards, and 196 were selected as weekly winners by a panel of judges, most of whom work at area universities. From the weekly winners, 11 students were named "best overall" in 10 categories for excellence achieved in academics, school leadership, and community service.

Congratulations to Mohan, Threlkeld, and six other seniors who were weekly winners: **Nathan Dinh**, Drama and Speech; **Will McAtee**, Foreign Language; **Patrick Murphy**, Mathematics; **Patton Orr**, General Scholarship; **Jackson Pacheco**, Art; and **Daniel Tancredi**, Mathematics.

The Owl's Hoot Editors Receive Lauds



Editors, from left, Sam Bartz and Tucker Colerick with The Owl's Hoot staff's 2016 Tennessee High School Press Association awards

The Tennessee High School Press Association awarded *The Owl's Hoot* staff several commendations during the THSPA Student Media Awards Ceremony held in early March at Lipscomb University in Nashville.

Judged against 933 submissions in seven categories covering content and design, seniors **Sam Bartz** and **Tucker Colerick**, editors, received an overall Excellent Rating, First Place for Best Review by Colerick, Honorable Mention for Best Editorial by Bartz, and Honorable Mention for Best Front Page Design by Bartz. Visit the THSPA website at lipscomb.edu/thspa to learn more about the association and awards.

Owls Score in Economics

Students of Mr. **John Knaff**, instructor in mathematics and economics, topped the field in the 2016 Tennessee Economics Challenge and went on to place 23rd in the nation in the Council for Economic Education semifinal competition, which involved over 10,000 students taking exams in

their schools.

Seniors **John Hamilton**, **Ethan Schaffer**, **Jack Skahan**, and **Jordan Wallace** took first in the state challenge and progressed to the semifinals in April. The team of senior **Will Buser**, juniors **Joey Rodriguez** and **Louis Wittenberg**, and sophomore **Jeremy Jacobs**

finished second in the state competition.

In addition juniors **Brooks Eikner**, **Ohm Patel**, **Aneesh Ram**, and **Ramiz Somjee** earned second place in the 2016 Tennessee Personal Finance Challenge, claiming the school's highest finish to date.

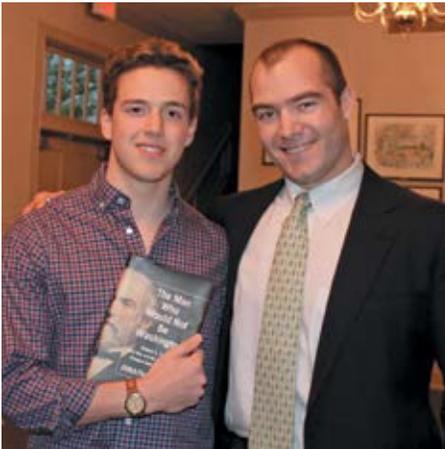


Front row, from left, Ethan Schaffer, Jeremy Jacobs, Louis Wittenberg; second row, Jack Skahan, Brooks Eikner, Ohm Patel; third row, Jordan Wallace, Will Buser; back row, John Hamilton, Aneesh Ram

Book Awards Recognize Achievement



Mr. George Clarke '75, right, presented the Sewanee Book Award to Kian Ghodoussi.



Mr. Garrott McClintock '06, right, presented Alex Hyde with the Washington and Lee University Book Award.



Mrs. Nancy Bassett, right, of the WeAhTahUmba Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Patrick Murphy with the DAR Good Citizenship Award.

At the annual Special Awards and Honor Societies Induction, nine students received community and collegiate book awards in recognition of scholastic achievement, leadership, and community service. Faculty, alumni, and special guests presented the awards.

Kian Ghodoussi – The Sewanee Book Award recognizes one student with outstanding writing and academic performance, proven leadership qualities, and community or extracurricular contributions.

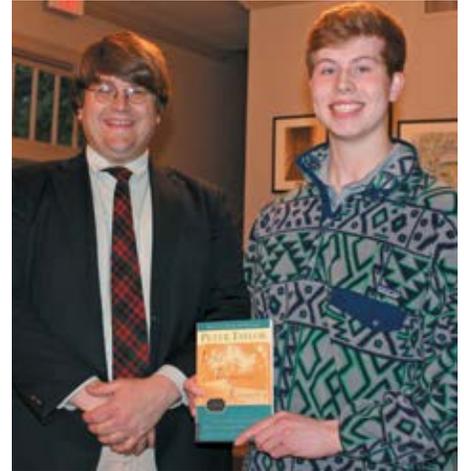
Brooks Eikner – The Dartmouth Book Award recognizes one junior who represents outstanding scholarship, high moral character, and a positive influence in the life of the school.

Jacob Suppiah – The University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award honors one well-rounded junior who best represents the Jeffersonian ideals of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.

Aneesh Ram – The Yale Book Award recognizes one junior with intellectual promise and an inquisitive mind, motivation to stretch himself, and moral concern for others.

Alex Hyde – The Washington and Lee University Book Award recognizes one junior who possesses personal integrity and strength of character, academic excellence, leadership, honor, and significant involvement in community service.

Ramiz Somjee – The George Washington University Book Award honors one junior with a passion for local, state, and national politics; a commitment to serving others on local, national, and international scales; and independent and creative thought.



Instructor in History Jonathan Large, left, presented John McBride with the Rhodes College Book Award.

Jack McCaghren – The Wellford Leadership Award honors one junior whose excellent athletic prowess is combined with a strong sense of leadership, a sense of fair play, integrity, gentleness, good humor, and solid scholarship.

John McBride – The Rhodes College Book Award recognizes one sophomore for his contributions to the school, his community service, and his superlative academic record.

Patrick Murphy – The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award recognizes a senior possessing the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in community service.

In addition to the special award winners, students were inducted into the French, Spanish, and Latin language honor societies, History Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Societas Caritatis (the school's service honor society). In all, 161 students were recognized.

Cowan Wins NCTE Writing Award

The National Council of Teachers of English has named junior **Darius Cowan** a winner of the national 2016 Achievement Award for Superior Writing. Only three students from Tennessee were selected as winners in the competition. To enter Darius wrote an argumentative essay in a creative form, which he submitted along with a short story he wrote. The creative argument, titled "Rue," was published in this year's literary magazine, *The MUSE*. According to the NCTE website, all compositions were evaluated by national judges on content, purpose, audience, tone, word choice, organization, development, and style. Judges also looked for writing that demonstrated effective and imaginative use of language to inform and move an audience.



Right, English Department Chair Elizabeth Crosby presented Darius Cowan with the NCTE 2016 Achievement Award for Superior Writing during chapel May 9.

Owls Dominate in Duck Dough

The MUS Ducks Unlimited Chapter hosted their second annual sportsman's dinner in early April, gathering to enjoy raffle prizes, a live auction, and great food – and to beat the stuffing out of the Christian Brothers chapter in fundraising. MUS alumni, students, and their families flocked to the challenge, raising over \$60,000 (before expenses) to support DU's mission of wetlands and waterfowl conservation.

"Our ultimate goal was to raise as

much money for Ducks Unlimited as possible, but we were in close competition with the Brothers' committee," sophomore **Wyatt Berry**, area co-chair of the MUS chapter, said. "The MUS chapter was determined to beat them this year."

The first banquet competition was held last year, with CBHS raising \$19,500 after expenses were paid. MUS raised \$11,500.

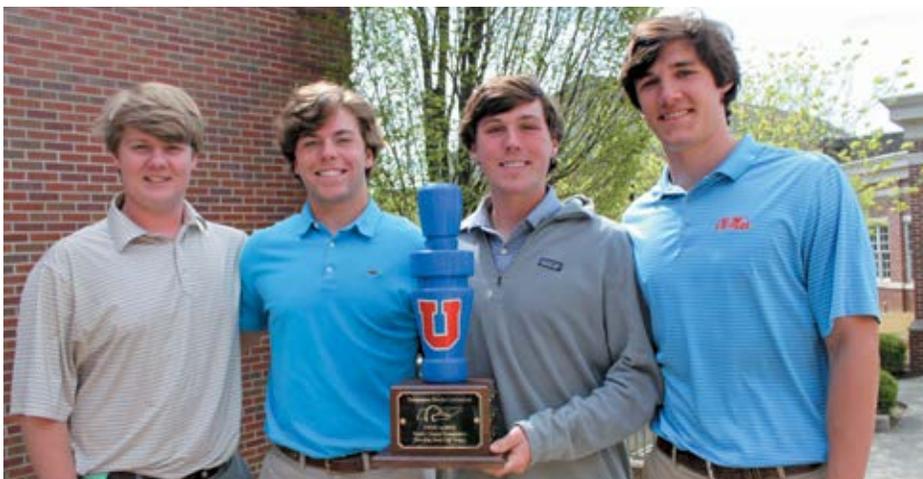
"We created the MUS Ducks Unlimited Chapter in the fall of 2014 and began planning the fundraising banquet,"

Berry said. "The Brothers created their chapter right after we did, and a friendly competition started at the last minute before we had our banquets."

This year the Owls raised \$45,500 after expenses, and the Brothers netted \$23,500.

As part of the glory, Berry along with co-chair and senior **John Kakales** and fellow seniors **Billy Dunavant** and **Sweep Wallace** captured the Tennessee Ducks Unlimited CBHS vs. MUS Varsity Chapter Competition Traveling Duck Call Trophy for the year. It will be on display at Dixie Pickers until the rivalry is reloaded next April.

"High school chapter members develop a keen understanding of our wild landscapes, as well as increased education about volunteerism and safe and ethical hunting," DU Regional Director Jimbo Robinson said. "These friendly competitions also teach students leadership and budgeting skills as well as basic business strategies. Most important, the money raised is dedicated to developing, maintaining, restoring, and preserving waterfowl habitat in North America."



MUS Ducks Unlimited Chapter members, from left, Wyatt Berry, Sweep Wallace, Billy Dunavant, and John Kakales



Front row, from left, Matthew Horton, Ravi Lipman, Henry Trammell, Rahul Mehra, Brooks Eikner, Andrew Douglass, Price Ford, Webster Austin, Davis Harano, Ohm Patel, Alex Salazar, Josh Gray; back row against wall at left, Dylan Riggs, Andrew Hopkins, Osman Blackett

Juniors Practice Interview Skills

Alumni, faculty, and other friends of the community visited campus this spring to help the Class of 2017 prepare for upcoming college interviews. An annual school tradition, the interviews give students insight into how to prepare for the college-interview process while improving their skills in a practice setting.



Jeff Harris '81 and Davis Harano



Clockwise, from top left, Brooks Eikner and Bob Fockler '77, Becky Hodges-Rice and Matthew Horton, September Eason and Andrew Douglass, Henry Trammell and Richard Scharff '80

Geology Class Digs Groundwater Study

Mr. **Vincent Beck**, instructor in science, took 26 Honors Geology students to Shelby Farms Park in March for a landfill and groundwater presentation by Mr. Scott Schoefernacker from the University of Memphis. Schoefernacker is a doctoral student and the program manager for the Center for Applied Earth Science and Engineering Research. They were joined by Mr. **Billy Simco '11**, a U of M

graduate student currently working on his master's degree in earth science.

This trip, one of a handful Beck planned this year, provided practical and enjoyable applications for the coursework covered in his class.

"The boys mentioned several times that they enjoyed the trip," Beck said. "They learned some interesting facts about the Memphis water system and the landfill situation at Shelby Farms."



Mr. Scott Schoefernacker, left, explains the history of Shelby Farms Park landfills.



Jack Morin

DISHING IT UP

Seventh grader **Jack Morin** participated in the 11th Annual Dishes for Wishes Downtown food event at Felicia Suzanne's restaurant on April 24. Raising more than \$1.4 million over the last 11 years, this event celebrates the culinary creations of Downtown's finest chefs, with proceeds benefiting Make-A-Wish Mid-South. Morin has volunteered annually since his sister was a Make-A-Wish recipient.



Mr. Vincent Beck took Honors Geology students to Shelby Farms Park to study the Memphis water system and park landfills.

Race to Remission Raises \$60,000+ for St. Jude

About 500 supporters gathered at Memphis University School in early April for the second Race to Remission 5K and festival to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Spearheaded by seniors **Grayson Lee** and **Daniel Tancredi**, the fundraising effort garnered more than \$60,000 this year to support the work of St. Jude.

The event was in honor of three teen cancer patients who have benefited from that lifesaving work: **Lin Zheng**, a junior; Allie Allen, a junior at Houston High School; and Adam Cruthirds, a senior at St. George's. Senior **Jawad Almaatouk**, who has been treated at St. Jude for sickle cell disease, was on hand to cheer on the racers.

Mr. Richard Shadyac, president and CEO of the hospital's fundraising arm, ALSAC, kicked off the race before running the course through the campus and nearby neighborhood on a beautiful spring day.

"It's because of races like this and amazing folks like you that no family will ever receive a bill from St. Jude



From left, Grayson Lee, Adam Cruthirds, Allie Allen, and Daniel Tancredi at the Race to Remission festival

Children's Research Hospital – not for the cost of treatment, travel, housing, or food," Shadyac said. "Know that you are providing tremendous inspiration to all the kids at St. Jude."

At the awards presentation, Cruthirds spoke about seeing the race double in size from last year and anticipating growth in future years.

"I just want to say thank you from all the St. Jude patients – that you

believe child cancer can end, and this is something that will do it," he said.

After the race participants enjoyed a festival with food trucks, live music, inflatable games, KnockerBall, face-painting by Allie Allen, and a highly entertaining dunk tank attraction, featuring Instructor in English **Jonathan Large** and Director of College Counseling **Brian K. Smith**.



Above, fellow St. Jude Children's Research Hospital patient senior **Jawad Almaatouk**, left, and Mrs. Bebe Jonakin, right, greet senior **Lin Zheng** and his mother, Mrs. Peng Lou, during his first day back to classes. At right, faculty and students celebrate Lin's return with applause during chapel.

Welcome Back, Lin!

Junior **Lin Zheng** got back into the swing of classes in April after a lengthy battle with leukemia. Students created signs and welcomed him at chapel.



Tri, Tri, Triumph

Winner battles competitors and toga in third Trigon Tournament

The Lower School crowd was vociferous as the three final competitors in the third annual Trigon Tournament battled it out in Thomas Amphitheater. Dressed in togas for the ancient Roman sport, eighth graders **Gregory Guo**, **Jack Wellford**, and **Graham West** zipped a ball to one another, throwing with one hand and catching with the other. They were the top finishers of the three preliminary rounds.

Guo's toga drifted south at least three times, prompting the chant, "Fix your toga. Fix your toga."

Guo hastily wrestled his garment back into formation and marched on to victory.

Juniors **Darius Cowan**, **Rahul Mehra**, **Aneesh Ram**, and **Tom Wells** presented the first-place trophy to Guo – who by then had the wayward toga wadded under his arm.



Gregory Guo displays his Trigon trophy with, from left, Aneesh Ram, Darius Cowan, Tom Wells, and Rahul Mehra.

Measuring One Man's Trash to Save Everyone's Treasure

Would you change your habits if you knew exactly how many tons of garbage you created each year? Seventeen students in Mrs. **Shauna Miller's** Honors Environmental Science class studied

this question during an assignment this spring.

For four days they saved every piece of trash they generated (other than unsanitary items, such as food waste) and brought their collections to class.

Miller's goal was to give students a tangible representation of the natural resources people waste regularly by throwing out products that can be recycled or reused.

After weighing their collections, they sorted and reweighed them in recyclable and non-recyclable groups. They used this data to extrapolate estimates for waste the entire school population generates in a school year, counting only days in session. By their calculations, Owls generate at least 58,572 pounds of trash in a school year, 45 percent of which is recyclable.

"The vast majority of the trash collected was food and beverage containers and bottles, so the data was skewed to what a teenage boy throws away," Miller said. "Plastic drink bottles were the most common recyclable items, and Styrofoam food containers were the most common non-recyclable items."



Honors Environmental Science students weigh their collections of personal trash before sorting them into recyclable and non-recyclable groups.

Found in Translation

Club helps local advocates save children lost in humanitarian crisis

When sophomore **Benjamin Freeman** agreed to take the reins of the Translation Club from senior **Andres Salas**, he thought he had a firm grasp on his future responsibilities. He knew the group translated birth certificates from Spanish to English; he knew the club sent the translations back to a nonprofit group named MIA; and he knew the name of his contact, attorney Sally Joyner. There probably wasn't much more to it, but circumstances being what they were – his collarbone was broken so he couldn't play soccer, his exams were nearly finished, and his MUS trip to Costa Rica was still weeks away – he thought he might as well get a jump on club business by calling Joyner and introducing himself.

Freeman met Joyner, staff attorney and co-founder of Mid-South Immigration Advocates, in mid-May, and Joyner began the conversation by giving a background of her agency.

"We are like any other law firm, with lawyers and a couple of assistants, except that we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit," she said. "We opened the agency in 2013 because we saw that more and more low-income immigrants were hitting this region and needed legal services, but there was no one to provide them. It just

so happened that the month we started, it was the beginning of what is now called a humanitarian crisis on the U.S. southern border."

The crisis Joyner referred to is an ongoing surge of unaccompanied children leaving Central America because of unsafe living conditions. According to reports by the Strategic Studies Institute published as far back as 2010, government corruption and societal breakdowns have enabled powerful international criminal organizations to take over entire regions of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. In other areas, crushing poverty or genocidal wars have destroyed homes and families.

The U.S. government takes temporary measures to find a family member or host in the U.S. and begins proceedings for deportation or granting citizenship. MIA – employed by the Department of Health and Human Services to handle the cases of children placed in Tennessee, Arkansas, North Mississippi, and Kentucky – seeks to gain citizenship for every child its attorneys represent.

The gravity of the details shocked Freeman.

"I had noticed that all the certificates I translated were for young children," Freeman said. "But I had no idea that



From left, Ms. Sally Joyner, Mid-South Immigration Advocates co-founder, and Benjamin Freeman, Translation Club president, meet to discuss plans for the next school year.

all our work was for minors. I couldn't imagine that many children needing help – and certainly not for reasons like escaping the sex trade. It's conceivable that we're playing a small part in saving their lives."

Along with Freeman six students participated in the translations projects in 2015-16: Salas and senior **Zach Shulkin**, and juniors **Ishan Biswas**, **Ammaar Kazi**, and **Mayur Patil**. Freeman intends for the group to grow in 2016-17.

"We don't need to be the only school helping MIA," he said. "And our club needs to be much bigger. I've already gotten a strong positive response from the people I've talked to, so I think we will have a very good club next year."

The club completed 15 certificates last year, saving the small staff at MIA around 20-30 hours of work.

"Translating one birth certificate takes us about two hours to complete, so it is a project you can finish in one evening and know that you've done something tangible and meaningful," Freeman said. "Ms. Joyner was very appreciative for the work we did last year, but we can do a lot more than that this year. We've just got to."



2015-16 Translation Club members, from left, Ammaar Kazi, Ishan Biswas, Mayur Patil, Zach Shulkin, Andres Salas, and Benjamin Freeman

War Stories

Eighth graders conduct history presentations



Battles of the ancient world were on display in the halls of the Hull Lower School this spring during Ancient and Medieval History class, taught by Mr. **Whit Tenent '00**. Using model soldiers, toy horses, chess pieces, greenery, and other props, eighth-grade students created replicas of conflicts such as the battles

of Ipsus and Actium. Then they presented their projects to one another in class.

"The boys did a great job in their research," Tenent said. "This project brings ancient events to life and helps the boys fully understand the implications of war and its effect on the development of the empires of the world."



At top, Drew Rakars shows off his hard work on the Battle of Hydaspes. Clockwise from next row, left, Wasif Abdullah listens attentively during a presentation; Jim Keegan waits his turn to present; Vijdan Gill gives a passionate presentation on the Battle of Kadesh; Jonathan Johnson explains the movement of armies during the Battle of Ipsus.

Damn Yankees Heats up Hyde Chapel

The Boys of Summer, a Latin seductress, a tenacious reporter, and Satan in a suit and tie hit Hyde Chapel in April for the Broadway musical *Damn Yankees*. The winning score by Adler and Ross and a devilish book by George Abbot have made this sporty musical comedy a true American classic. The story centers on middle-aged baseball fanatic Joe Boyd, who trades his soul to the devil for a chance to lead his favorite team to victory in the pennant race against the New York Yankees. As young baseball sensation Joe Hardy, Boyd transforms the hapless Washington Senators into a winning team, only to realize the true worth of the life he has left behind. Spoiler alert: In the end, love conquers all.

Director **Tim Greer**
Assistant Director **Ted Fockler '10**
Technical Director **Robert Fudge**
Music Director **Kenny Long**
Choreographer **Kimberly Baker**
Costumer **Amie Eoff**

CAST

Joe Boyd (old Joe) - **Witt Miesse**, sophomore; Meg Boyd - Avery Blanton, St. Mary's; Joe Hardy (young Joe) - **Stan Smythe**, sophomore; Lola - Patsy Detroit, Hutchison; Mr. Applegate - **Brooks Eikner**, junior; Gloria Thorpe - Rachel Christopherson, Germantown High; Sister - Eliza Oehmler, St. Mary's; Doris - Olivia Wilkinson, Hutchison; Van Buren - **Andrew Hanissian**, senior; Rocky - **David Nelson**, senior; Smokey - **Sam Payne**, sophomore; Vernon - **Andres Salas**, senior; Henry - **Tom Fowlkes**, senior; Sohovik - **Dylan Riggs**, junior; Bryan - **Matthew Horton**, junior; Lowe - **Jalen Friendly**, senior; Strane/Guard - **Winn Medlock**, senior; Mark/Postmaster - **Trammel Robinson**, senior; Eddie - **Darius Cowan**, junior; Mickey - **Ty Williams**, freshman; Mr. Welch - **James Smythe**, eighth grader;

Lynch - **James Blatchford**, freshman; Commissioner - **Clay Smythe '85**, Lower School Principal; baseball fans - **Eli Nations**, freshman; **Joshua Blackburn**, freshman; **Austin Hord**, senior; Blatchford - **Zach Shulkin**, senior

PRODUCTION TEAM

Stage Manager **Nathan Dinh**, senior; Sound Designer **Eric Makapugay**, senior; Sound Board Tech **Eli Gruen**, sophomore; Lighting Tech **Cash Brown**, seventh grade; Follow Spot Tech **Vijdan Gill**, eighth grade; Follow Spot Tech, Sophie Fernandez, Hutchison; Stage Crew members: **Dylan Echlin**, senior; **Alexander Goodwin**, sophomore; **Jim House**, senior; **Chris Padilla**, junior; **Matthew Stroock**, sophomore; Theater Production Class members: **Reed Barnes**, senior; Echlin; House; **Saatvik Mohan**, senior; **Ogonna Oraedu**, junior; Padilla;



Fine Arts

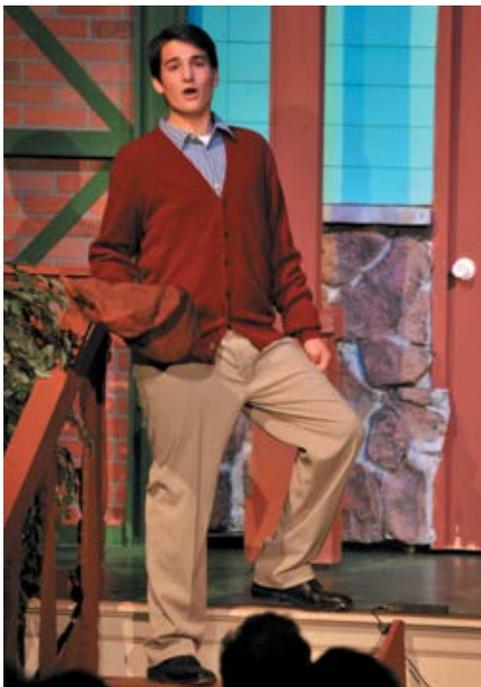
Will Schneider, junior; Shulkin; **Bilal Siddiq**, senior; **Jack Solberg**, junior; **Griffen Walden**, junior; Workshop Crew members:

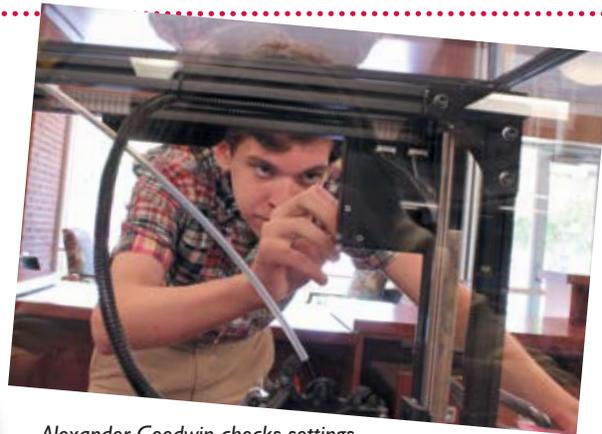
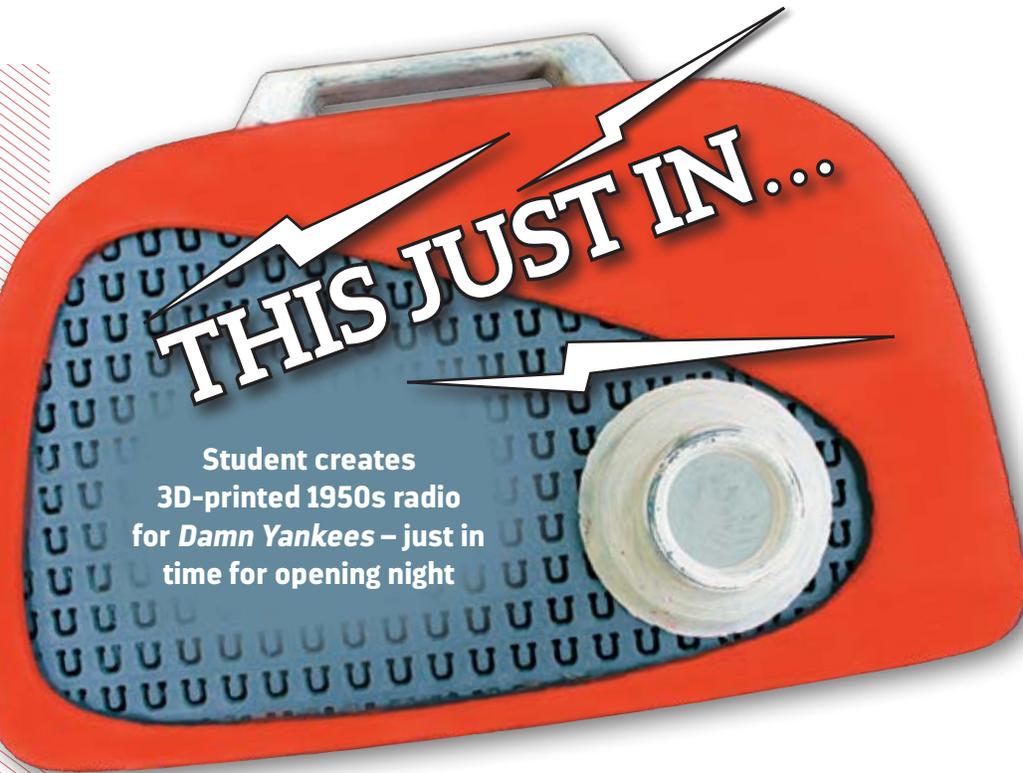
Chris Barksdale, junior; **Daniel Black**, sophomore; Blackburn; **William Bragg**, junior; **David Byrd**, freshman; **Shun Dukes**, junior; **Reeves Eddins**, junior; Eikner; Fernandez; Gruen; **Oyama Hampton**, sophomore; Horton; **Alex Humphreys**, sophomore; **Alex Hyde**, junior; **McCall Knowlton**, sophomore; Miesse; **William Miller**, sophomore; Padilla; Payne; **Joseph Threlkeld**, junior; **Josue Vela**, junior; Williams; **Alex Wolf**, junior

ORCHESTRA

Kenny Long, conductor/keyboards; Renee Kemper Murray, piano; Ed Murray, percussion; Ken Spain, trombone; Ionut Cosarca, violin; Scott Lane, bass; Chelsea Negray, woodwinds

Opposite page, Washington Senators strut their stuff in "Shoeless Joe"; clockwise from top, cast and crew celebrate closing night; Gloria reviews plans about the mysterious Joe Hardy; the players share the challenges of remaining focused during "The Game"; Young Joe Hardy sings "Goodbye Old Girl" as he heads off to join the team.





Alexander Goodwin checks settings on the 3D printer.

Student creates 3D-printed 1950s radio for *Damn Yankees* – just in time for opening night

The famous actor, writer, and comedian William Claude Dukenfield, better known as W.C. Fields, once said, “If at first you don’t succeed, try again. If that doesn’t work, give up. Don’t be a darn fool about it.”

His sardonic punchline, while clever comedy, is not a suitable philosophy for learning and nurturing creativity. Trial and error are undeniable necessities. Sophomore **Alexander Goodwin** lived out this lesson during a theater project in 3D Printing class this year.

A few years ago, Technical Director of Theater **Robert Fudge** tossed out an offer to students. If they wanted to learn about the theater’s 3D printer, they could talk to him about scheduling time during their free periods. Goodwin, intrigued by all things technological, signed up while he was still in Lower School.

“We explored Thingiverse [a digital makerspace for sharing 3D designs]; we made geometric shapes and models of the balconies for *Spamalot*,” Goodwin said. “We tried to make a 3D model of Mr. [Jonathan] Large. That never fully worked, even though Mr. Fudge took about 100 pictures of Mr. Large while we were trying to sort it out. It wasn’t a class yet, just a group of guys trying to learn the printer and modeling software.”

While the process never produced a completely successful miniature Large, all the trial and error over the past few years produced a wealth of knowledge and a core group of students who wanted to learn more.

They got their chance when Fudge taught a quarter course last semester. The first project, to design and print chess pieces, went well for



The radio was still wet with a second coat of paint – but successfully playing the audio file of the game – when it first appeared on stage in *Damn Yankees*.

seniors **Reed Barnes, Nathan Dinh**; junior **Dylan Riggs**; sophomores **Benton Ferebee, Aidan Lonergan, Matthew Stroock**, and Goodwin. The

second assignment was more open-ended – to design and print an object of their choice.

Goodwin, who was also in the Theater Production class, took on the assignment of creating a radio for the upcoming production of *Damn Yankees*. Fudge told him he was free to style it any way he wanted as long as the radio looked time-appropriate for the show, the 1950s, and could transmit sound.

“I don’t do well with ambiguity,” Goodwin said. “English research papers with open prompts, for example – they kill me. So naturally, I couldn’t decide what the radio should look like. I probably went over every Google page created for 1950s-style radio designs, and nothing inspired me.”

His first satisfying milestone was in the area of function, not form, when he decided how the radio would produce sound.

“Originally, I was thinking the project would have more of an electrical focus. I planned on having to do the wiring myself,” he said. “When I realized I had a Bluetooth speaker at home that I rarely used, that narrowed the focus. I could start the design from the inside out.”

Function was taking shape, but form was still a big question. He drew a design in Vectorworks, a tool used by architects, engineers, and designers. Fudge sent him back to the drawing board. He submitted a second drawing. That was shot down, as well.

“He kept saying that the design needed to scream the 1950s. I would draw something else, and he would say I was on the right track, but it needed to scream it even louder,” Goodwin said. “I would say to myself, ‘OK, OK,’ and start from scratch again.”

Goodwin became slightly frustrated during the process, but the project was too intriguing to punt. Finally, a basic design met with Fudge's approval, and Goodwin took it from a 2D drawing to a 3D version. He drew aesthetic details and designed the interior of the model to safely accommodate the speaker. Then the design was printed. After the parts were assembled and painted, he borrowed a transmitter from the Music Department and found some batteries for it. With the paint still wet, Goodwin turned on the speaker to test it in a corner backstage. Why test it there? Because it was intermission of *Damn Yankees* on opening night.

The second coat of paint was still drying when Goodwin handed the radio

to the actors for the climactic scene in which the announcer is calling the end of the game. The sound begins in the radio, grows louder, and spreads to the theater speakers. Everyone hears that Shoeless Joe Hardy has saved the day and won the game for the Washington Senators. The sports announcer and crowd go wild. Backstage, Goodwin was going wild, too.

"I couldn't believe that it worked," he said. "I had so much invested in that final project."

Goodwin said the 3D Printing class opened his eyes to the world of industrial product design. He originally assumed they would make what Fudge called "desk junk." He quickly learned that the focus was far more on usability

and the creative process – a process that inherently requires trial and error, design and redesign.

As part of the class, the students watched the three-part documentary *Objectified*, a study of the complex relationship between users, designers, and their manufactured objects. It clicked with Goodwin.

"I had never thought about why things I use are made the way they are. Now I'm pretty sure I want to study industrial design in college. I'm fascinated by the design process, and engineering appeals to me," he said. "I've always enjoyed making things with my hands and working with computers. I think it is awesome that we're provided an outlet for that here at MUS."

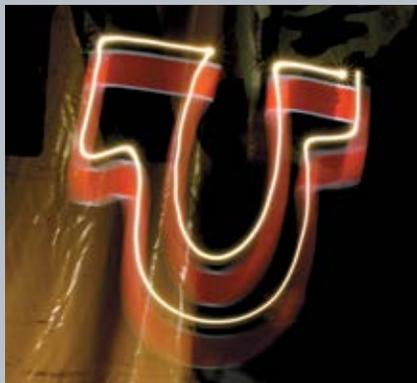
PHOTO STUDENTS WRITE WITH LIGHT

For their long-exposure project in Mr. **Grant Burke's** Photography class, seniors **Tucker Colerick**, **Christian Fauser**, **Will McAtee**, and **Sam Reese** worked through a series of exercises, including using iPhones as a light source to create a dramatic U symbol.

"As light moves within the frame, it is captured in the still frame," Burke said. "This is a cool project in photography [derived from the Greek words for *light* and *to draw*] because students are literally drawing with light. With the availability of smart phones, they can quickly change colors and add even more creative imagery to their photographs."

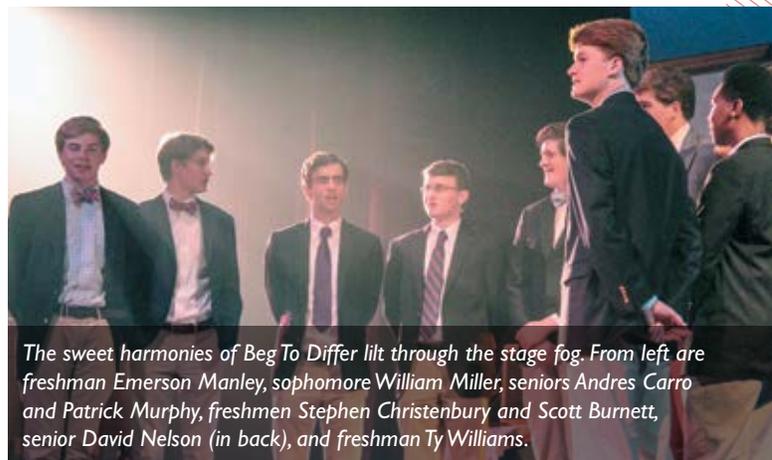
The students created the U image using two iPhones – one with the screen showing white-red-white, and another screen

behind it using the built-in bright LED light. The student drawing the image remains unseen because he is not exposed with light and because of the movement of his arm drawing the symbol.



Harmonies, Melodies, and Rock

Music filled Hyde Chapel April 21 as Beg To Differ and Studio Band performed a spring concert



The sweet harmonies of Beg To Differ lilt through the stage fog. From left are freshman Emerson Manley, sophomore William Miller, seniors Andres Carro and Patrick Murphy, freshmen Stephen Christenbury and Scott Burnett, senior David Nelson (in back), and freshman Ty Williams.



Sophomores Brad Kerkhof on keyboard and Eli Gruen on drums



The varsity lacrosse team celebrates with the state-championship trophy after besting Montgomery Bell Academy.

Owls Keep Up Pressure, Take LAX State Championship

by Call Ford '19

Motivation was not a question for this year's lacrosse team. They were hungry to bring back the state trophy to its rightful place in Humphreys Hall after killing a four-year title run against McCallie last year. Varsity Head Coach **Elliott Dent** and assistants Coach **Whit Tenent '00** and Coach **Buck Towner '07** knew they wanted to challenge the squad early in the season.

"We took the program on the road in some very competitive games early," Tenent said. "They did a great job in rising to the challenge throughout Spring Break, and this experience molded the team into a very competitive group."

After a rough 0-3 start against McCallie, 9-7, Atlanta's Westminster, 16-11, and Atlanta's Centennial, 12-9, the Owls rallied to clinch every game for the remainder of the year and pick up the regional championship along the way to the playoffs.

After beating No. 1 MBA, 15-4, on home turf, MUS garnered the top ranking in the state. The team earned a first-round bye in the state tournament and faced Houston in the quarterfinals, winning handily, 17-3. Up next in the semifinals

was in-town rival CBHS, whom the team had beaten 17-3 a few weeks prior. The Owls were again victorious, this time in a closer game, with a final score of 11-6.

The squad again faced a tough test from MBA in the state championship game. The team came out fired up and ready to play hard, gaining a very early lead in the first quarter. MBA would continue to battle, however, bringing the game within two goals before the half. The Owls kept up the pressure and took the win with a score of 12-6 over the Big Red.

Key contributors to this team included seniors **Jackson Dickinson, Gil Humphreys, Winn Medlock, Wilson Pisahl, William Rantzow, Trammel Robinson, Swep Wallace;** and juniors **Cade Klawinski and Louis Wittenberg.**

The team included a large roster of talented players, including seniors **Chandler Clayton, Billy Dunavant, Evan Knaff** (manager); juniors **Webster Austin, Eli Christenbury, Price Ford, Andrew Hopkins, Jamie Lindy, Henry Trammell, Cole Wilder;** sophomores **Cam Clayton,**

Josiah Crutchfield, Buchanan Dunavant, Harry Dunavant, Bentley Greenfield, Austin Hamilton, Brandon Haney, Jordan Hays, Anderson Horton, Michael Jennings, Aidan Lonergan, Daniel Shumake, Bobby Wade, Jake Wilbourn, Rucker Wilkinson; freshmen **Stephen Christenbury, Mac Coleman, Ben Cox, Anders Croone, Walker Crosby, JoJo Fogarty, Trey Fussell, Stuart Grow, Thomas Hayden, Stillman McFadden, William Quinlen, Sellers Shy, Alden Southerland, Liam Turley, Billy Weiss,** and **Philip Zanone.**

Having captured five of the last six state titles, the coaches and players hope to continue the momentum.

"We challenged the boys in everything they did as a team, from early season training to maintaining high academic demands," Tenent said. "This group left a mark on the program, and we look forward to the underclassmen carrying those experiences into the following years."



Daniel Shumake prepares to shoot against Brentwood Lacrosse Club.



Buchanan Dunavant breaks away from his opponent.

2016 Lacrosse Honors

ALL STATE:

1st Team Attack: Cade Klawinski and Winn Medlock

1st Team Midfield: Trammel Robinson

1st Team Defense: William Rantzow

2nd Team Defense: Swep Wallace

1st Team Defensive Midfield: Bobby Wade

ALL AMERICAN:

Cade Klawinski and Winn Medlock

JUNIOR VARSITY

Coaches: Whit Tenent '00, Buck Towner '07

Record: 10-1

Roster: Juniors Price Ford, Andrew Hopkins, Jamie Lindy; sophomores Cam Clayton, Harry Dunavant, Bentley Greenfield, Anderson Horton, Aidan Lonergan, Jake Wilbourn; freshmen Stephen Christenbury, Mac Coleman, Ben Cox, Anders Croone, Walker Crosby, JoJo Fogarty, Trey Fussell, Stuart Grow, Thomas Hayden, Stillman McFadden, William Quinlen, Sellers Shy, Alden Southerland, Liam Turley, Philip Zanone

LOWER SCHOOL

Coaches: Jeffrey Block '94, Henry Dickinson '11, Jason Lewin '98, Patrick McGrath, Jack Straton

Record: 24-7, City Championship winners

Roster: Eighth graders Stratton Barousse, Hall Barry, Gus Carter, Charlie Gilbert, Benjamin Klemis, Ben Lindy, Cole McDonald, Will McEwan, Seth McKay, Daniel Meskin, Austin Robinson, Collins Robinson, Charlie Street, Graham West, Benjamin White; seventh graders Elliot Allen, Will Arthur, Banks Benitone, Austin Dowdle, Judson Fair, Elijah Graham, Baxter Jones, Paul Marr, Davis McGhee, Gavin Murrey, Edwin Shy, Briggs Thomason, Jon Van Hoozer



From left, a Brentwood opponent trails as Philip Zanone picks up a ground ball with JoJo Fogarty and Anderson Horton at the assist.



Diamond Owls Form Strong Bonds in Challenging Season

Watching the game from the dugout are, from left, Miller Grissinger, Cole Middlebrook, John Ross Swaim, Nelson Kaye, Christopher Nanney, Hayden Stark, Conner Hobbs, and John Bolton.

Coach **John Jarnagin** began his second year as head baseball coach focusing once again on fundamentals and mentality to give his players the best chance for success. Facing a challenging schedule, the team played very well at times, including a stretch of seven consecutive wins, and finished the season 17-14.

In addition to playing some of the best teams in the area in non-division, regular-season games – Bartlett, Bolton, Central, Cordova, Covington, Evangelical Christian School, Germantown, Harding, Memphis Home School, St. George’s – and out-of-town teams Highland Park (IL) and Hillsdale (IL), the Owls were challenged by regional opponents Briarcrest, Christian Brothers, and St. Benedict, some of the best teams in the state.

The team also participated in two local tournaments, going 2-2 to start the season by defeating First Assembly Christian School and White Station. In the second tournament, the Owls went 3-2,

claiming wins over Armorel (AR), West Memphis (AR), and Ensworth but losing to First Assembly Christian School and Haywood County.

To succeed with this challenging schedule, the four seniors on the team had to meld with the younger players, and they did just that. Seniors **Will Buser, Mac McArtor, Max Murray,** and **Chris Roberts** helped build a foundation of hard work and dedication for the program.

“We had great leadership from our seniors. Those four guys were completely selfless and had team-first attitudes. I really believe their legacy will last for many years, and I am proud they were on our team,” Jarnagin said.

But while seniors played a large role for this team, Jarnagin and his excellent staff – Coach **Murphy Appling,** Coach **Johnny Beard,** Coach **Kyle Finney,** Coach **Bo Hart,** and Coach **Chris Stewart** – relied heavily on the younger players, who brought great talent and devotion to the program.

Juniors **Nelson Kaye, Cole Middlebrook, Christopher Nanney, Steven Regis, Evan Smith;** sophomores **John Bolton, Conner Hobbs, Jesse Homan, Hayden Stark, John Ross Swaim;** freshmen **Brock Dallstream, Maurice Hampton;** and eighth-grader **Will Portera** all gained valuable experience and contributed to the program.

The Owls completed their regular season with division games against rivals Christian Brothers, Briarcrest, and St. Benedict. After having dropped a hard-fought, 12-inning home contest against Christian Brothers, 2-1, the Owls struggled to get timely hits the rest of the season, and they lost their remaining two region games against Briarcrest and St. Benedict to claim the fourth seed in the region tournament. There, they lost to Christian Brothers and St. Benedict, sending them into the state tournament as the fourth seed out of the West. In the first round, they would take on St. Benedict in a best two-of-three



Pitcher Chris Roberts in the windup



Conner Hobbs, right, and Chris Roberts prepare to pick off an unsuspecting base-runner.



Steven Regis turns on a pitch as Jesse Homan peers on deck.

series. At St. Benedict the Eagles took the first two games to end the Owls' season.

The team can take many positives from the year. Junior catcher Evan Smith said he enjoyed the team chemistry this season and looks forward to next year.

"It was a tough way to end the season, but I've never been on a team that was more closely bonded together," Smith said. "The seniors did an amazing job leading the team, and we will miss them next year."

Next year began at the end of May as the players started their summer schedule looking forward to continued improvement for the program.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Coach: Murphy Appling

Record: 9-11

Roster: Juniors Nelson Kaye, Christopher Nanney, Callaway Rogers; sophomores Miller Grissinger, Tyler Rakers, Hayden Stark, John Ross Swaim, Chandler Tabor; freshmen Scott Burnett, Robin Coffman, Brock Dallstream, Griff Griffin, Wade Harrison, J.J. Johnson, Lee Linkous, Dylan Lomax, Henry Wood

LOWER SCHOOL

Coaches: Jeff Wright, Patrick Boyer '08, Jay Edwards '07, Blair Wright '08

Record: 9-2

Roster: Eighth grader Drew Rakers; seventh graders Hunter Barnes, Warren Barry, Ben Burkhart, Walker Burks, Drew Burnett, Alex Coffman, John Parker Hogan, Jeffrey Ince, Will Jarratt, Caleb Littlejohn, Hud McGehee, McLean Meeks, Watts Miller, Sam Scott, Nash Stewart, Carrigan Sulcer



J.J. Johnson follows through on a pitch.



Robin Coffman prepares to fire the ball across the diamond from third.



Goalie Will McAtee takes a shot from an opponent as he and teammates defend the net.



Max Scott battles with his opponent for possession.



SOCCER OWLS PLAY STRONG SEASON, END 13-5-1

Coming into this soccer season, Head Coach **Vincent Beck**, Assistant Coach **Billy Smith**, and Goalie Coach **Ted Fockler '10** wanted a hard-working squad committed to playing its best in the postseason. The team's 15 experienced seniors would need to lead the younger players and build chemistry throughout the roster. Seniors **Ben Daniel, Matthew Davidoff, Christian Fauser, Tom Fowlkes, Dylan Jones, John Kakales, Grayson Lee, Bob E. Mallory, Alex Mansour, Will McAtee, Murray Morrison, Jack Skahan, Jasce Smith, Michael Swift, and Connor Whitson** did just that. This was the second year for juniors **Max Scott** and **Ray Zhou** to be called up, starting every game both seasons. Juniors **Matt Silver** and **Jacob Suppiah** and sophomores **Matthew Temple** and **Trey Thomas** also stepped up with ability and enthusiasm and showed promise of good things for future seasons.

The regular season kicked off with a loss to Collierville, 2-1; followed by a five-game winning streak against Sheffield, 4-0; Cordova, 3-0; ECS, 4-3; Alabama's Bob Jones, 1-0; and Page High School, 3-2. Three Rivals Classic victories against Germantown, 4-2; Bearden, 1-0; and White Station, 4-0; followed a 4-1 stumble against Kingsbury.

The final six games of the regular season were against divisional rivals, and the Owls went 4-1-1 to claim the second seed in the division. Beck's squad defeated St. Benedict handily, 3-0 and 4-0, and topped Briarcrest in two close games, 3-2 and 1-0. In two battles against Christian Brothers, the Owls tied the Purple Wave in a 0-0 home contest and dropped the away match, 3-1. After a non-divisional 5-1 victory against Central, they ended the season at 13-4-1 with the second seed and a first-round bye at state.

In the quarterfinals, the Owls drew the third seed and faced defending state champion Montgomery Bell Academy. The Owls gave up an early goal and could never even the score, ending the season 13-5-1. MBA would go on to play for the state title and lose to the Brothers in the finals.

Even with the quarterfinal disappointment, players and coaches take many positives from the season.

Matthew Davidoff sends the ball through two converging defenders.

"The coaches have thoroughly enjoyed working with this year's varsity team," Beck said. "The team's development and dedication allowed these guys to put together a very good season with a competitive schedule. We will miss a great group of seniors, but we are excited about the core of returning players. We're ready to get started in the fall."



Christian Fauser slides to gain possession of the ball.



Showing good form, Jacob Suppiah controls the ball; Ray Zhou follows.



Ryan Matthews turns the corner against his trailing opponent.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Coaches: Mikey McGuire '03, Antony Eddy, Ted Fockler '10

Record: 8-7-1

Roster: Juniors Carson Boucek, John Walker Huffman; sophomores Zaid Alyousef, Bennett Barousse, William Dellinger, Charlie Evans, Benjamin Freeman, Carlo Guinocor, David Jones, Marshall Jones, Thompson McDonald, Javan Smith, Stan Smythe, Jonathan Williams (manager); freshmen Nicholas Hurley, Emerson Manley, Ryan Matthews, Kayhan Mirza, Robbie Musicante, Kirklin Perkins, Wright Sampietro, Zuhair Somjee, Grant Young

LOWER SCHOOL

Coaches: Jim McClain, Spencer Reese '94, Ted Fockler '10

Record: 12-3

Roster: Eighth graders Jack Billups, Lucio Blanco-Rosa, Henry Bridgforth, Ben Cramer, Sterling Hollabaugh, Jonathan Huang, Samuel Kilgore, Jake Knaff, Kyle Koester, Rob McFadden, Ben Merriman, Matt Michael, Ben Skahan, Edward Smith; seventh graders Doug Curtis, Rhodes Heard, Zachary Herman, Ben Hernandez, George Howard, Warren Johnston, Henry Robinson, Ahmad Selim, Stefan Smith

Varsity Track and Field Runs, Jumps, Throws, and Hurdles to a Strong Season Finish

Having lost to only five teams all season, the varsity track Owls completed a solid year and ultimately finished fourth at the state meet, the best finish by any team from West Tennessee.

The Owls competed in six regular-season meets, including four at home, and they won five of them, finishing second only in the Bonner Relays at Harding, the first meet of the season. Several elite performers anchored the team. Senior **Terrell Jackson** continued to show why he is one of the best runners in school history as he ultimately set the region record in the 800-meter run with a 1:51.17, besting the 13-year mark by 1.6 seconds. He also ran on several relay teams. Senior **C.J. Turner** had a very good year, winning the region title in the 300-meter hurdles and contributing to several relay teams. Junior **Jack Heathcott** was the team's best decathlete, and he represented the school in several field events and relays at the state meet.

After a runner-up finish at the region meet, several MUS performers competed at the Division II state meet in late May,



The 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relay team, from left, Maurice Hampton, Ryan Pahlow, Tavion Alexander, and Jalon Love pose with their medals at the Division II-AA West Region meet.

ultimately earning 58 points to claim fourth overall. Jackson won a state championship in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:50.84, besting the second-place finisher by over 6 seconds. The team of Jackson, Turner, Heathcott, and junior **Charlie Gilliland** won the state title in the 4x800-meter relay, running 8:08.33. Turner also ran well in the 300-meter hurdle race, finishing second overall. Junior **Kobe Gibson** claimed fourth in the shot put, while junior **Ogonna Oraedu** finished seventh in the

discus. Junior **Jalon Love** also qualified for state, finishing eighth overall in the 100-meter dash. Heathcott competed in three events, finishing seventh in the high jump, eighth in the pole vault, and 10th in the decathlon.

In relay events each MUS team scored. The 4x400-meter team – Gilliland, Heathcott, Turner, and Jackson – won the state title by almost three seconds at 3:20.89. The 4x100-meter team – comprising Love, junior **Ryan Pahlow**, sophomore **Tavion Alexander**, and



Maurice Hampton leads the way in a sprint heat.

freshman **Maurice Hampton** – claimed fifth overall with a time of 43.01. This same foursome also ran the 4x200-meter relay and scored five points with their fourth-place finish.

Coach **Bobby Alston** was pleased with how the team performed this year.

"This team worked hard throughout the spring," Alston said. "We were lacking some depth, but quality-wise we performed well. Seniors Terrell Jackson and C.J. Turner closed out outstanding careers in style at the state championships. Finishing as the top Memphis team at the DII state meet

was a great accomplishment by our guys."

Alston always quickly defers credit to his outstanding group of assistants, including Coach **Jonas Holdeman** (high jump and distance), Coach **Johnny Jones** (throws), Coach **Meredith McFarlin** (distance), Coach **Orlando McKay** (sprints and jumps), and Coach **Joe Tyler** (multi-events and distance). According to Alston, without them, the team could not have accomplished what it has the last several years.

Other members of the varsity team included seniors **Matt Fuess**,

Cole Harrison, Patrick Murphy, David Nelson; juniors **Keith Burks, George Crews, Bradley Foley, Josh Gray, Davis Harano, Andre Johnson, David Jordan, Will Schneider, Harrison Tabor**; sophomores **Joe Carter, Jack Eason, Noah Hooper, Jeremy Jacobs, Chris Kerkhof, Aedan McKay, Peter Raves, AJ Varner**; freshmen **Stephen Christenbury, Eddie Feild, Ben Gilliland, Reagan Griffin, Clay Harrison, Jalen Hollimon, Hudson Miller, Sam Nelson, Eston Pahlow**, and **Johnathan Whitehead**.



From left, Terrell Jackson, C.J. Turner, Jack Heathcott, and Charlie Gilliland bask in victors' glory after a regional relay win. They would go on to garner two state titles.



Charlie Gilliland passes the baton to Jack Heathcott in relay action.

Lower School

Coaches: Meredith McFarlin, David Ferebee, Orlando McKay, Glenn Rogers

Record: 46-2

Roster: Eighth graders Bo Abbay, Hugh Bourland, Sam Burchett, Charlie Eason, Charlie Gilbert, Fox Harris, Samuel Kilgore, Benjamin Klemis, Devin Malone, Seth McKay, Jerry Peters, Thomas Pitts, Ben Skahan, James Smythe, Loi Vuong, Alex Warr, McKee Whittemore; seventh graders Jack Beard, Banks Benitone, Doug Curtis, Beau Elkington, Judson Fair, Christopher Goodwin, William Harris, Rhodes Heard, Jack Jabbour, Thomas Lusk, Gavin McKay, Gavin Murrey, Henry Nickey, Edwin Shy, Charles Treadway, Wes Vanderslice, Tamaz Young



In the region 4x200-meter relay, second-leg runner Tavion Alexander hands the baton off to Ryan Pahlow.

Young Tennis Team Advances to State Finals

Carro and Danielson Win Doubles State Title

This season's young squad had a good year, playing their best tennis in the postseason as they claimed a doubles state championship and a runner-up team finish at the Division II-AA state tournament in Murfreesboro.

Having only three seniors, the team relied heavily on **Andres Carro**, **Austin Hord**, and **Jack Richman**. Each had been in the program for many years and brought leadership both on and off the court. The younger players, juniors **Mackey Alexander**, **Jack Crosby**, **Frederick Danielson**, **Andrew Douglass**, **Kirk Ruaro**, **Sloan Schneider**, **Maxwell Varner**; sophomores **Mack Bethell**, **Chang Yu** (manager); freshmen **Garrott Braswell**, **Jack Powell**, and **Weston Touliatos** also played significant roles on the team and contributed to the strong finish.

Winning all of their local matches in the regular season, the Owls took on two

prestigious out-of-town tournaments: In the Chattanooga DecoTurf High School Tennis Tournament, the squad finished eighth overall, going 1-3 in this bracketed event. They also defeated Chicago's Highland Park, but lost close matches to Baylor, Hinsdale in Illinois, and Etowah in Georgia. At the Carter Invitational held in Nashville, the Owls finished second after having won this event the previous two seasons.

Dispatching Brentwood Academy in the quarterfinals of the state tournament, the team advanced to the Old Fort Park in Murfreesboro for semifinal action. In this round the Owls overcame a talented Montgomery Bell Academy team, 4-2, to move into the finals. Their opponent would be rival Baylor, which defeated the Owls 4-0 by taking the first three singles matches as well as the doubles point. The doubles team of Carro and Danielson won a match in the finals, but because Baylor won the other two doubles matches,



Jack Crosby shows off his forehand.



Weston Touliatos follows through on his ground stroke.



As Weston Touliatos prepares, Jack Crosby summons all his power on the serve.



Andrew Douglass returns the volley with partner Sloan Schneider at the ready.



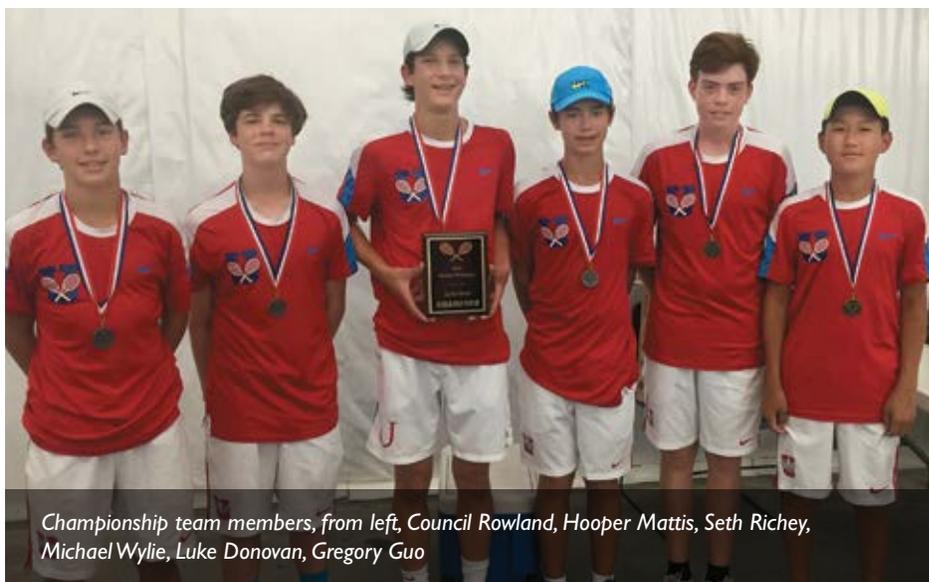
Showing good form on his backhand, Kirk Ruaro makes contact.

the Red Raiders claimed the doubles point. Carro and Danielson won the doubles state title in the individual state tournament, defeating a Baylor duo in the finals despite having dropped the first set, 1-6. The doubles championship was the school's 17th since 1968.

Head Coach **Bill Taylor** and Assistant Coach **Phil Chamberlain** were very pleased with this team and its region title, which marked the program's 35th regional win out of 36 seasons.

"With only two boys returning from last year's top eight players, I had plenty of doubts about this year's team," said Taylor, who just completed his 40th year at the school. "But those doubts faded somewhat with the great national invitational win over Chicago's Highland Park, the second-ranked team, early in the season. That win and some great senior leadership contributed to a season that few would have expected. We had a very good year, and I am very proud of these boys."

With many of the key contributors returning next season, the Owls will again be a major contender for the team state title, which would be the program's 17th overall.



Championship team members, from left, Council Rowland, Hooper Mattis, Seth Richey, Michael Wylie, Luke Donovan, Gregory Guo

Lower School

Coach: Jason Peters '88

Record: The team closed the regular season 12-0, then clinched champion titles at the Chattanooga Invitational and Shelby League Tournaments.

Roster: Eighth graders Harrison Finks, Gregory Guo, Hooper Mattis, Tom Monaghan, Seth Richey, Council Rowland, Benjamin Sklar, McKee Whittemore, Inam Zafar; seventh graders Luke Donovan, McKnight Johnston, Cullen Lonergan, Jack Morin, Max Shackelford, Stefan Smith, Will Watson, Michael Wylie



Jack Powell, Kirk Ruaro, Andrew Douglass, and Andres Carro relax after a match.

In Rebuilding Year Owl Fencers Take State in Saber

A state win in saber and trips to the Junior Olympic qualifying tournament and the national Junior Olympics highlighted the season for Owl fencing.

After two local tournaments, the team traveled to Nashville in November for the Tennessee Junior Olympic Qualifiers tournament and came away with top scores. In cadet epee sophomore **Jason Wang** took first place followed by junior **Dylan Riggs** in second, sophomore **Jacob Webb** in fourth, and sophomore **Omkar Hosad** in eighth. In cadet foil Webb, Riggs, and Wang swept first, second, and third places and qualified for the Junior Olympics in Cleveland, OH, in February. There Riggs finished in the top half of the championships, the program's best result ever.

At the state tournament in Chattanooga in April, 13 schools competed – a participation high point.

The saber team won the state title with two Owl fencers in the top eight and five in the top 16. The team championship score is based on the finishing place of the top five on each team. Fencers scoring points were junior **Osman Blackett**, Riggs, sophomore **Jon Staffel**, Webb, and seventh-grader **Akbar Latif**.

Every one of the saber participants made a contribution and performed well, Coach **Brad Kroeker** said, offering praise for senior **Wesley Wells**, junior **Will Tomes**, sophomore **Landon Springfield**, and eighth-grader **Jonathan Huang**. Junior **Darius Cowan**, freshman **Eli Nations**, and seventh-grader



The state saber champs, from left, Jacob Webb, Jon Staffel, Akbar Latif, Osman Blackett, and Dylan Riggs



Photo Credit: Dr. Mary Selvidge

Teammates watch tensely as Will Tomes, right, battles an opponent in a foil bout during the state tournament.

Photo Credit: Dr. Mary Selvidge



Jason Wang takes first place in cadet epee at the Tennessee Junior Olympic Qualifiers.

Evan Boswell also fenced at the state tournament.

The Owls were within a few touches of sweeping the foil and epee team events in Chattanooga but fell just short. In epee Wang won a bronze medal, and junior **Alec Scott** and freshman **Ethan Lam** also performed well, Kroeker said. Leading the foil team were Riggs and Wang, both bronze-medal winners, along with Webb and Tomes. Wells and Staffel in foil and freshmen **Sidney Selvidge** and **Ammon Wood**

in epee had "extraordinary performances," he said.

Kroeker and Assistant Coach **Sergey Petrosyan** were pleased with how the year ended and thankful for all the support the team received.

"In this rebuilding year, I am so grateful to Jon Staffel and [sophomore] **Jackson Howell** for their leadership and support of building a brand new saber team after the loss of five seniors last spring," Kroeker said. "I want to congratulate all of the fencers and parents for a successful season and another saber team win!"

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Sidney Selvidge, left, wins an epee match during the state tournament at Baylor in April.



Tennessee Middle School Golf Association regional champs, from left, Gregory Guo, Russell Williamson, Cannon Hurdle, Jack Billups, Charles Long, Coach Jason Peters

Lower School Golf

Coach: Jason Peters '88

Record: After completing an undefeated regular season, 5-0, the team advanced to postseason and took first in the Tennessee Middle School Golf Association District Tournament at Audubon. Five eighth-grade Owls finished in the Top 10: Jack Billups (second place), Gregory Guo (third place), Russell Williamson and Charles Long (fourth-place tie), and Cannon Hurdle (seventh place).

The team moved on to win the Tennessee Middle School Golf Association West Regional Tournament at Glen Eagle. Three players were named to the All-Regional Tournament Team: Jack Billups (third place), Russell Williamson (fourth place), and Charles Long (fifth place).

Roster: Eighth graders Jack Billups, Gregory Guo, Cannon Hurdle, Charles Long, Griffin Roe, Hewes Scull, Russell Williamson, Spence Wilson; seventh graders Jack Rogers, Daniel Russell

2015-16 PEPSI COMMERCIAL APPEAL BEST OF THE PREPS

FALL SPORTS

- Cross Country:** Benjamin Freeman, Charlie Gilliland, Terrell Jackson
- Football:** Jackson Dickinson, Tim Hart, Thomas Pickens, Steven Regis
- Golf:** Goodman Rudolph (finalist)

WINTER SPORTS

- Basketball:** Owen Galvin, Connor Whitson
- Bowling:** Jimmy Morrow
- Swimming:** Christian Berry (finalist), Ethan Hurst, Liam Kaltenborn, Parker Kaye, Henry Keel (winner), Jack McCaghren (finalist), Rick Reinhard, Alex Robinson (finalist), C.J. Turner, Warren Turner;
- Coach of the Year:** Bryan Parker

SPRING SPORTS

- Baseball:** John Bolton, Will Buser, Maurice Hampton, Max Murray
- Lacrosse:** Josiah Crutchfield, Jackson Dickinson, Buchanan Dunavant, Cade Klawinski (finalist), Winn Medlock (winner), William Rantzow, Trammel Robinson (finalist), Daniel Shumake, Bobby Wade, Swep Wallace (finalist), Rucker Wilkinson, Louis Wittenberg;
- Coach of the Year:** Elliott Dent
- Soccer:** Matthew Davidoff, Tom Fowlkes, Jacob Suppiah, Michael Swift
- Tennis:** Andres Carro (winner), Frederick Danielson (finalist), Andrew Douglass, Jack Powell, Sloan Schneiter, Weston Touliatos (finalist)
- Track and Field:** Jalon Love, Kobe Gibson, Jack Heathcott, Terrell Jackson (finalist), Ogonna Oraedu, C.J. Turner
- 400-Relay Team:** Tavion Alexander, Maurice Hampton, Jalon Love, Ryan Pahlow
- 800-Relay Team:** Tavion Alexander, Maurice Hampton, Jalon Love, Ryan Pahlow
- 4x400-Relay Team:** Charlie Gilliland, Jack Heathcott, Terrell Jackson, C.J. Turner
- 4x800-Relay Team:** Charlie Gilliland, Jack Heathcott, Terrell Jackson, C.J. Turner
- Athlete of the Year:** Terrell Jackson



Athlete winners of the Best of the Preps, from left, Henry Keel, Terrell Jackson, Winn Medlock (not pictured Andres Carro)

Mission Accomplished

by Mrs. Karen Fesmire

Co-chair with husband, Mr. Bill Fesmire, of the Parents' Association

I had a hard time coming up with a topic for this column, **Mr. Thompson**. Maybe the assignment was too broad. Maybe it was not broad enough. Or maybe I had writer's block. So instead of writing, I procrastinated by getting my notebooks together to pass along to the next Parents' Association chairs, Mrs. **Laurie** and Mr. **Jeff Meskin**. Lo and behold, I came upon the mission statement of the Parents' Association – and my topic. Funny how I had not seen this before.

The Memphis University School Parents' Association is a community of parents and families working together with common purpose: to advance and support the mission of Memphis University School in order to enhance the school experience for the benefit of the students, families, faculty, and administration.

I could almost hear **Mr. Haguewood**, in his commanding voice, recite the school's mission with its clear vision for the school: *Memphis University School is a college-preparatory school dedicated to academic excellence, cultivation of service and leadership, and the development of well-rounded young men of strong moral character, consistent with the school's Christian tradition.*

In the Parents' Association Mission Statement, I discovered the key to what we do as parents: We "ENHANCE the school experience." We are not a governing body. We are not a booster club. We do not create policy. We ENHANCE. While that might not seem like a big and important verb, it is what makes the work of the Parents' Association invaluable.

For our students and families, we enhance the MUS experience by fostering parent connections at grade-level parties and other networking opportunities and by supporting the



Karen Fesmire brightened festivities at football games with her confetti cannons.

school community in myriad ways. The Lower School grandparent reception provides a much-needed connection to special family members. The Blazer Consignment Sale assists both buyers and sellers in recycling those oft-abused but essential wardrobe items. Senior year is enhanced by the Senior Mothers' Coffee and Senior Picnic. My personal favorite is the spirit wear that enhances our appearance and shows school spirit. My guess is that every boy at MUS and many family members own at least one, if not many, spirit-wear items. From the annual T-shirt design, to Nike sportswear, to flash drives and school supplies – and yes, books – Schaeffer Bookstore and spirit sales enhance MUS life with style.

For our faculty and administration, parents enhance the school experience by hosting a welcome-back luncheon during in-service and providing exam breakfasts and holiday treats. We enhance the arts and theater program with support from our arts coordinators. While not directly part of the Parents'

Association, sports teams have the support of myriad parents and fans to create that exciting game-day atmosphere. There are those special parents who reach out to the school community during Phonathon and those who coordinate parent-education events. Parents also enhance the admission process, with their friendly faces and encouragement to prospective families during the stress of finding the perfect school for Junior.

Following a flash of panic over not seeing this Parents' Association "job description" before, I took a deep breath and read it. When I got to the end of the mission statement, I said to myself, "I think we all did very well. Mission accomplished."

Many thanks to Mrs. **Ann Laughlin** and the many faculty and staff members who assisted parents as we sought to enhance MUS over the past year. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve this community.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

8 Pitner Driving School Begins

29 Summer School Ends

AUGUST

8 Faculty In-service Begins

9 Book Purchase Week Begins

Seventh Graders
Leave for Owl Camp

Owl Freshman Forum

15 Opening Convocation

SEPTEMBER

5 School Holiday - Labor Day

9 First Progress Report Period Ends

10 ACT National

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CSO Day of Service
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16 First Progress Report
Available Online

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On the Cover

Bubones defended their winning record at the Tennessee Junior Classical League Convention by securing their ninth state title in mid-April at University of Memphis. Latin students pictured, from left, are eighth grader Cameron Evans, sophomore Jackson Howell, and freshman Loyd Templeton.

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