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Track and field team members and coaches after winning the state championship

Fencing, Latin,
and Tennis Teams
Win State Titles
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Years in the Making: Track Team Wins State

Hard work, tough practices, and team spirit paid off this year when the varsity track and field team won its first Division II state championship since 1997, and that victory just keeps resonating with both the team and the coaches.

For senior **Jared Davis** one word sums it up: surreal.

"Even though I had always claimed that [a state championship win] would happen, it still seems surreal to me," said Davis, who finished third in the triple jump, fifth place in the high jump, and third in the regional decathlon.

"After the tough practices and all the hard work that goes into running track for six years, for it all to have culminated with a state championship win during my senior year is beyond my wildest dreams," he said.

The Owls won in a staggering fashion, finishing with a meet-high 147 points. Not only was their championship the first in 12 years for the MUS team, it was also the first time a Memphis-area track and field team has won the Division II title since the divisions were re-organized in 1997.

Unselfishness and a team-first mentality played an integral role in the team's success, Coach Bobby Alston said.

"This year our team

came into the season as one of our most talented, and we built on that talent throughout the season," he said. "We had tremendous, unselfish leadership from our seniors and an *esprit de corps* that is often hard to construct in track. Talent plus leadership plus unselfishness is tough to beat."

The outstanding performances seemed endless as the team, led by Alston and assistant coaches Orlando McKay and Joe Tyler, racked up 81 points in the field events to give them a sizeable lead heading into the running finals.

In the field events, senior **Taylor Reed** placed first in the triple jump, with junior **Stephond Allmond** and Davis capturing second and third. Senior **Barret Folk** won the pole vault and the decathlon, an event MUS swept, as Allmond and Davis placed second and third, respectively.

Reed said the Owls' above-and-beyond performance made the victory twice as satisfying.

"I knew that, if we competed like we were supposed to, we would have the points to win," Reed said. "But in our case, almost everyone performed at their best, and, as a result, we won by 50 points, a margin which made the win even better."



Keith McBride hands off the baton to Hank Hill during a relay.



Jared Davis, Barret Folk, and Stephond Allmond on the winners stand at state meet

STRAIGHT FROM THE TOP

We have celebrated many great victories by our athletic teams this school year.

Those victories are the product of the talent and determination of our students and coaches. Of course, even in a great year like this, there will be some tough defeats as well.

So how do we evaluate ourselves to see if we are measuring up to our mission? One of our greatest strengths is that the school's leadership has given us a strong foundation of core principles by which we can safely and accurately judge our performance over the years. This foundation is readily revealed in written documents such as the school's mission statement and our athletic philosophy, and it also is woven into our lives by our many alumni and long-serving faculty who "walk the walk" every day.

I was reminded recently of the gift of a strong foundation when I received an e-mail from a former coach of one of our competitors, who has now become a headmaster. Part of the e-mail read: "I wanted to let you know that the school here has been moving toward creating some solid statements regarding core values and such. We have viewed close to 100 athletic mission statements from quality schools of all kinds. No one's athletic mission statement comes close to being as good as MUS's. I forwarded the page on which you all have it posted on your Web site. Everyone agreed with me. (You have tempted us to steal it!)"

One of the lines in our athletic philosophy speaks to how we evaluate ourselves: "While winning is of great importance to the program, the student-athletes and coaches should realize that there are two victories – the moral and the physical – and the program must not sacrifice the moral victory to gain a physical one."



Our outstanding lacrosse team breathed life into those words this season. An e-mail to Coach Elliot Dent from the parent of an athlete from a competing team gave this testimony: "I wanted to drop you an e-mail and let you know that, even though you did not win yesterday, you are winning the battle with teenage boys and parents at MUS. I cannot tell you how many times that we host schools that truly don't have any clue in regard to what this whole high school thing is about. Wins are great, but the character and morals of these young men are much greater than that."

Our team and school did win a championship that day.

Of course, we also have received our share of reminders that sometimes we fail to live up to these standards, and, in many ways, the thing I love most about our school is that we understand this because of our foundation of core values. We know we will make mistakes, but that does not excuse us from being held accountable. Is it not true that all of us have learned some of the best lessons the hard way?

I have often used the line, "Sports does not build character; it displays it." I think a truer version might be, "Sports builds character by displaying it." Our stumbles to live up to our goals show us and others where we need to improve.

Over the years, our sports program has grown, and we will welcome fencing to our varsity program next year. Now, we have almost 80 percent of the high school boys involved in one or more activities. This gives even more of our boys the opportunity to learn some great life lessons.

Quoting from our athletic philosophy, "As an extension of the classroom, athletics allow students to compete, to achieve goals, to become well-rounded young men of strong moral character, consistent with the school's Christian tradition."

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Field event medalists Stephond Allmond, Taylor Reed, and Jared Davis at regional meet.

Folk, who will run track for Dartmouth in the fall, said the team's commitment to win state from day one makes the victory that much sweeter.

"Winning state was the perfect way to end a great school year," he said. "Everybody on the team, not just the seniors, knew from the beginning of the season that our goal was to win state, and we prepared and competed every day to accomplish that goal."

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Barret Folk competing in the high jump at state.

Photo by Mr. Mike Strasinger/Tnsportpix.com

The 4-by-100-meter relay team members Elliott Bryant, Michael Folk, Keith McBride, and Wilson Luttrell, who substituted for an injured Hank Hill, show their medals at the regional competition.

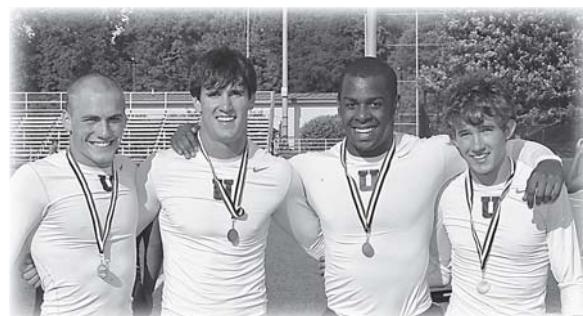


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Matt Grisham runs 3200 in regional and state meet.

Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik



Mrs. Amy Kirson-Rea, Harrison Rea, and Mr. David M. Rea attended the Academic All-Stars Awards luncheon.

Rea Named Science All-Star

Senior **Harrison Rea** should be renamed "Mr. Science." Not only is he one of the top science students at MUS, but he also recently won the science category of *The Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All-Stars competition.

Rea competed against 11 other weekly science winners from schools across the Mid-South. As the winner, Rea, who will be attending Washington University in St. Louis this fall, won a \$750 scholarship savings account with First Tennessee.

Eight MUS seniors, including Rea, were weekly winners in five different categories during the 2008-09 school year. **Michael Edwards**, **Rahul Kumar**, and **Robert Vestal** were weekly winners in the general scholarship category; **Robert Duffley** was recognized in the foreign languages category; **Lowell Hays** was a weekly winner in the English language category; and **Evan Mah** and **Jim Moore** won their weeks for social science and history. Each weekly winner received a \$250 scholarship savings account with First Tennessee.

CORRECTION

In the spring issue of *Inside MUS*, **Mark Beanblossom**, **Ryan Dillon**, **Grant Hopkins**, **Thomas Ivy**, and **John Rutledge** were mistakenly omitted from the list of senior team members in the article on the faculty-senior basketball game.

It's Their Honor to Serve

Honor is more than a word at MUS. It's a tradition that builds strong character and integrity, and helping to keep that tradition alive in the next school year will be one of the most experienced Honor Councils in the school's history.

Five of the seven Upper School council members have previously served at least one year on the council, according to Mr. Norman Thompson, who, together with Dr. Michael Schwartz, advises the council.

Those who will serve include newly-elected president **Sam Harris**, who says he believes the Honor Code unites students in a valuable way.

"I am confident that the cases we must address will teach students the important virtues and values of living with honor," Harris said. "The Honor Code is important because it is the common bond among all students here, and, by abiding by it, we can all come to school each day feeling secure. The Honor Council ensures that trust."

Harris also said that he is excited to continue leading by example like senior **Lowell Hays**, outgoing president. As president of the 2009-10 council, Harris, a junior, will steer two representatives elected from each grade. The new representatives are: juniors **Conner Davis** and **Louis Jackson**, sophomores **Forrest Baty** and **Kenny Johnson**, freshmen **Garrott Graham** and **Henry Valk**, and eighth-graders **James Belina** and **Hurston Reed**. Mr. Terry Shelton and Coach Elliot Dent co-advice the Lower School representatives, who are seventh-graders **Tejvir Vaghela** and **Gary Wunderlich**. In the fall, the Lower School will elect two additional representatives from the incoming seventh-grade class.

"We at MUS always say that the Honor Code is the foundation upon which the school is built, the oldest and most essential tradition, and the gratifying thing is that the students believe this," Thompson said. "To watch the process unfold with gravity and dignity is a yearly ritual that I look forward to with keen anticipation and the knowledge that the judiciousness of the selection process will yield a council that will be wise, prudent, and fair."



(first row, from left) Tejvir Vaghela, James Belina, Gary Wunderlich, and Hurston Reed (second row, from left) Conner Davis, Garrott Graham, Kenny Johnson, and Henry Valk (third row, from left) Louis Jackson, Sam Harris, and Forrest Baty

SEVENTH-GRADEERS PUT THEIR SMARTS TO THE TEST

For most students, sophomore year is the time to start taking the all-important ACT and SAT tests. This year, some Lower School students decided to get a head start.

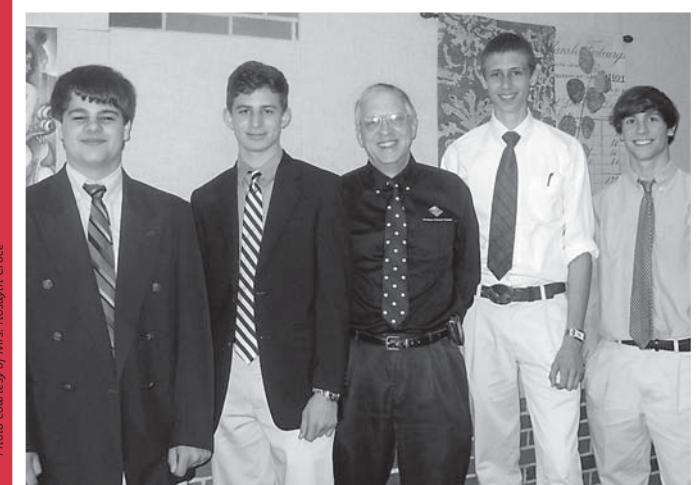
Students who score at the 95th percentile or above on a grade-level achievement test were identified by Duke University and asked to take either the ACT or the SAT.

In March, **Shivam Bhakta**, **Leo Bjorklund**, **Renn Eason**, **Jake Eissler**, **Connor Goodwin**, **Samuel Ostrow**, **Ryan Scheidt**, **Elliot Slovis**, **Tejvir Vaghela**, and **Zain Virk** took the college entrance examinations and, based on their results, were awarded Grand Recognition for their high level of achievement by the 2009 Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP).

The goal of Duke TIP is to identify academically advanced students and then provide them with summer enrichment opportunities, online classes, and learning tools. The many benefits of participating in the program include valuable testing experience and the chance for students to broaden their horizons at the program's summer camps. All of these experiences give students an advantage when it comes time to apply for college.

Mrs. Catherine Schumacher, Lower School counselor, said the boys' high level of achievement echoes the standard of excellence at MUS.

"These students' performance shows that we have well-prepared students who strive for excellence," she said. "These boys usually would not take the ACT or SAT until tenth grade, so to perform so well in the seventh grade is incredible."



Competitive Chemists

Sophomores **Drew Thibado** and **Ethan Landau** and juniors **Colin Thomas** and **Will Taylor** stand with Dr. Walter "Chip" Hill after competing in American Chemical Society competitions. Thibado and Landau competed in the High School Competitive Exam and came in first and second, respectively. Thomas and Taylor competed in the Chemistry Olympiad and came in first and second place, respectively.

Evil Dentist Gives Audiences a Dose of Laughter

Senior Turner Morehead stepped out onto the Hyde Chapel stage, and, as Orin Scrivello, D.D.S., he sang his heart out about the joys of being a dentist. But the joy didn't last long as his character was devoured by Audrey II, a man-eating plant, in the MUS production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Yet Morehead didn't mind his character's demise.

"The dentist was such a fun role because it allowed me to be energetic and funny and really just ham it up," Morehead said. "Plus wearing the black leather jacket was pretty cool."

Little Shop was Morehead's second MUS play. He had a part in this past fall's production of *Macbeth*, his first in several years. He had acted when he was younger but became too busy to continue. He auditioned for *Macbeth* after his mother encouraged him to get back into theater.

Now that Morehead's love of theater has been resurrected, he may have a chance to play Orin, the dentist, once again. Morehead, who will be attending High Point University in North Carolina, e-mailed High Point's theater director to ask about the program and opportunities for him in the department. As it turns out, High Point will be putting on *Little Shop of Horrors* in the fall.

"Since *Little Shop*, people have been telling me that I should do theater in college," Morehead said. "When he told me they are auditioning for *Little Shop* in August, I thought it was unbelievable."

MUS Theater Director Tim Greer said he is happy to hear that Morehead is auditioning for a college production.

"I think he has enormous potential and talents that have yet to be developed, so it's very gratifying to hear that he wants to continue in performance and sharpen those skills," said Greer, who cast Morehead as Orin in 2008 because he said that Morehead had the best audition, a wonderful singing voice, and a great attitude to play Orin.

Greer said he couldn't have been happier with Morehead's performance and enjoyed directing him.

"Turner was great fun to work with," he said. "His work ethic is



Turner Morehead sings on stage while Robert Duffley and Audrey II look on.

terrific, he's very dependable, and, best of all, he takes direction very well. If I give him an idea or a suggestion, he commits to it and runs with it."

Little Shop of Horrors ran from April 17 through April 20, and, in addition to Morehead, had an impressive cast, including seniors **Robert Duffley**, **Brandon Parrish**, **Evan Mah**, and **Tho Nguyen**; junior **Evan Baker**; sophomore **Trip McLaren**; eighth-grader **Sam Shankman**; and actresses from several Memphis-area schools.

Chomping down on Morehead's character onstage was the two-person team that brought Audrey II to life. Mr. Loyal Murphy, MUS math instructor, was the voice of Audrey II, and sophomore **Kenny Johnson** was the puppeteer.

Johnson worked in a small box to play the Audrey II part as a baby



Headmaster Ellis Haguewood makes a cameo appearance in *Little Shop of Horrors*.



The *Little Shop of Horrors* cast and crew

Providing the actors with an amazing, movable set were Mr. Andy Saunders, production designer, and his set crew, including sophomore **Howard Choi**; juniors **Whit Carr**, **Ted Fockler**, **Hunt Hensley**, and **Harrison Martin**; and seniors **Drew Cornagchie**, **Jared Davis**, **Mathew Jehl**, **Lee Moodley**, Morehead, **Joel Moss**, Nguyen, **Jason Weatherly**, and **Tucker Witte**.

Jehl, the stage manager, made sure everything ran smoothly during performances. His talented production staff included Fockler, Cornagchie, seniors **Fadi Assaf** and **Matthew Preston**, sophomore **Joseph Levy**, freshman **Nicholas Rouse**.

In May, Greer held auditions for the 2009-10 play season, which includes Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, *And Then There Were None*, and the musical *Annie*, *Get Your Gun*. Look for the Morehead name in the programs for two of those productions. Although Morehead graduated in May, his younger sister, Hannah Morehead, a freshman at St. Mary's Episcopal School, is cast in both *Metamorphoses* and *Annie*, *Get Your Gun*.

Photography by Mr. Charles Wayne Harrell

Sorensen Keeps Competition in Check

by Evan Blake Mah '09, Lower School Chess Coach

All Andy Sorensen needed was a draw, and the MUS Upper School chess team would clinch second place in the state tournament. Sorensen, a Lower School student who was a last-minute substitution on the Upper School chess team, knew there was a lot at stake. If he were to lose, the team would be forced to play Hume-Fogg High School in another series of speed chess games. If he won, the second-place win would go to the Owls.

Sorensen's position became more hopeless, and his time dwindled. With only four seconds left, the game was called. Sorensen, who had played an older and more experienced player, emerged from the crowd with a big grin on his face, signifying to his coach and teammates that he had won the tie-breaker. The Hume-Fogg player stalemated. If Sorensen's opponent had made any other move, Sorensen would have lost.

"It was a normal game until I started running low on time," Sorensen said. "I was rushing a little bit and made a couple blunders; however, my opponent was also rushing, and he did not see the stalemate I had set up. If he hadn't rushed, he probably would've seen it."

On March 21, both the Lower School and the Upper School chess teams packed their chess gear and drove to Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, TN. As the MUS players looked at the rosters of the other teams, they knew sections were considerably more competitive than in years past.

Coached by senior **Evan Mah**, the Lower School team came in third in the state and consisted of freshmen **Corey Clay**, **Ashish Nathani**, **Shiven Samant**, eighth-grader **Amit Shah**, and seventh-graders **William Lamb** and Sorensen. The Upper School team consisted of Mah, junior **Parker Wilson**, sophomore **Forrest Baty**, and eighth-grader **Nathan Vogt**.

Competition for the regional and state championships started in October 2008. Every Wednesday after school, team members congregated in the science building and played against one another. Casual games, mixed with jokes and occasional projectiles, made for a relaxed environment.

The teams overcame the first hurdle in early March by qualifying for the state meet. Both teams competed against several other public and independent schools for the four spots in the finals. The Lower School team won second-place, beating out White Station Middle School, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Grahamwood. The Upper School team also finished second, outplaying CBHS, another White Station Middle School team, Bolton, Collierville, and Grahamwood.



MUS freshmen Britt Colcolough and George Ormseth were two of three citywide winners in the Memphis In May Chile PowerPoint Competition. Ormseth came in first place, and Colcolough won third. The competition promoted design creativity through overall presentation, graphic design, and the written word and allowed students to incorporate what they have learned about the country of Chile.



Junior Ryan Turner (pictured with Red Cross staffers) was nominated for the Red Cross Youth Volunteer of the Year Award by the Volunteer Mid-South Organization. Turner regularly volunteers with the Mid-South Chapter of the American Red Cross, which won the award for the Outstanding Volunteer Program of the Year.



Senior Lowell Hays was selected by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for an internship at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to conduct research on sickle cell disease. Hays, who was chosen based on his academic achievements, a statement of goals, and teacher recommendations, will work in the laboratory of a faculty mentor at St. Jude for eight weeks.



Photo by Mr. Gregg Krog



Two MUS juniors are ranked in the top seven in Tennessee based on their National Spanish Exam results. Josh Feler placed second and Emmett Montgomery placed seventh in the state.



Junior Will Taylor made a perfect score of 36 on the ACT, putting him in the top 1 percent of high school students who took the exam. Taylor was one of only 268 students nationally who made a 36 that test day.



Sophomore Andrew Kennedy achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, earning more than the required number of badges.



Seniors Robert Threlkeld and Robert Vestal and freshman Will Forsythe achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and had their ceremony this past spring. Only 5 percent of Boy Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.



The new Civic Service Organization executives for the 2009-10 school year are (front row, from left) Will Carruthers, Holman Moores, Joseph Amagliani, Wilson Orr, Chase Schoekopf, Blake Anderson, (second row, from left) Josh Feler, James Davies, Reid Sanders, Richard Twardzik, Eric Catmur, and Carson Smith.

Math + MUS Students = Results

MUS students once again proved their math prowess by winning more top honors than any other school in local competition, as well as all of West Tennessee, on the Tennessee Math Teachers Association exam.

They won some 42 percent of the top ten places in local competition and one-sixth of all top awards in West Tennessee.

Each year, TMTA sponsors the contest in which students take an exam in the class they're enrolled in at contest time, with the exception of calculus and advanced topics, which may be taken more than once. The top ten scores are compiled from each local region, from West Tennessee, and finally the top ten in the state. State results will be available later in the summer at www.tmta.info.

West Tennessee Results

Algebra I:

Garret Sullivan, second place
William Lamb, tenth place

Algebra II:

Eli Goldstein, second place

Pre-Calculus:

Chase Harriman, first place
Cliff Guyton, second place
Edward Cates, eighth place

Calculus and Advanced Topics:

Amro Amro, fifth place
Robert Vestal, seventh place

Statistics:

Jim Moore, fourth place
Lawson Mann, tenth place



(first row, from left) Aaron Wolf, Matt Montsinger, William Hepner, Forrest Baty, and Noah Hanover, (second row, from left) Billy Simco, Ben Roberts, Scooter Taylor, Jian Yin, and Kevin Szymkowicz, (third row, from left) James Davies, Hunter McLendon, Clint Montgomery, Clifton Jordan, and Joey Notovich, (fourth row, from left) Whit Thornton, Jack Klug, Chase Schoelkopf, Shea Gabrielleschi, and Kenny Johnson
(not pictured: Blake Hennessy)



(first row, from left) John Stratton, Josh Feler, Brad Ringel, and Sam Harris
(second row, from left) Cameron Crawford, Mitchell Thompson, Evans McCaul, Wade Laycock, and Wilson Orr, (third row, from left) George Utkov, Clayton Furr, Ted Fockler, and Jon Kastan, (fourth row, from left) Drew Karban, Conner Davis, Patrick Massey, and Cliff Guyton
(not pictured: Joseph Amagliani and Alex Perry)

The More the Merrier

Director of Admissions Danny Kahalley had the type of problem one welcomes: He had too many applications from qualified sophomores hoping to become a Student Ambassador.

A record 41 percent of the sophomore class applied for only 17 spots in the Student Ambassador Program, which Kahalley oversees. To accommodate the high level of interest and enthusiasm from students, Kahalley solved his problem by increasing the number of ambassadors.

"There is no doubting the spirit of volunteerism and love for MUS embraced by the Class of 2011," he said. "This group's strong desire to share the positive impact MUS has made in their development speaks highly of the school community built by our teachers and parents. All the students who expressed interest in becoming an ambassador deserve commendation for their composure, confidence, and articulation during the interview process."

After interviewing all applicants, 21 sophomores were selected by a panel of faculty and current ambassadors to serve as 2009-10 ambassadors. They are: **Forrest Baty, James Davies, Shea Gabrielleschi, Noah Hanover, Blake Hennessy, William Hepner, Kenny Johnson, Clifton Jordan, Jack Klug, Hunter McLendon, Clint Montgomery, Matt Montsinger, Joey Notovich, Ben Roberts, Chase Schoelkopf, Billy Simco, Kevin Szymkowicz, Scooter Taylor, Whit Thornton, Aaron Wolf, and Jian Yin.**

These students, along with the current ambassadors, juniors **Joseph Amagliani, Cameron Crawford, Conner Davis, Josh Feler, Ted Fockler, Clayton Furr, Cliff Guyton, Sam Harris, Drew Karban, Jon Kastan, Wade Laycock, Patrick Massey, Evans McCaul, Wilson Orr, Alex Perry, Brad Ringel, John Stratton, Mitchell Thompson, and George Utkov**, will assist with daily campus tours, Homecoming, Open House, opening nights of plays, portrait unveilings, Parents Back-to-School Day, Night of the Arts, society receptions, graduation, and various other events throughout the year.

New ambassador Yin said he is excited about his opportunity to serve the school.

"I knew I wanted to become an ambassador because I desire to represent the school well, and I always enjoy meeting new people," Yin said. "It is always a pleasure to serve MUS."

M U S H O N O R R O L L S

SECOND SEMESTER 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Dean's Scholars

12th Grade

Mark Beanblossom
Will Benton
Drew Cornaghe
Robert Duffley
Michael Edwards
Evan Elmore
Matt Grisham
Lowell Hays
Rahul Kumar
Evan Mah
Andrew Maroda
Colin McDonald
Taylor Reed
Matt Shelton
Robert Vestal
Walt Wepfer

11th Grade

Joseph Amagliani
James Arnold
Mathieu Baker
Will Carruthers
Andrew Chinn
Brian Davidoff
Conner Davis
Josh Feler
Trip Freeburg
Cliff Guyton
Chase Harriman
John Michael Hoyle
Louis Jackson
Jon Kastan
Wade Laycock
Michael Lewandowski
Patrick Massey
Evans McCaul
Emmett Montgomery
Kelly Myers
Wilson Orr
Brad Ringel
Jake Rudolph
Reid Sanders
Rocky Stone
Will Taylor
Colin Thomas
Ian Turner
Matt Williams

10th Grade

William Cross
Jeff Daniel
Jack Klug
Ethan Landau
Clint Montgomery
Matt Montsinger
Nathan Prosser
Chase Schoelkopf
Russell Scott
Mason Soun

Kevin Szymkowicz
Drew Thibado
Richard Twardzik
Jian Yin

9th Grade

Charles Belina
Daniel Cunningham
Jackson Darr
Charlie Freeburg
Danny Galvin
Eli Goldstein
Garrott Graham
Michael Green
Daniel Harris
Wil Hergenrader
Carson House
Daniel McLeod
George Ormseth
Nicholas Rouse
Mark Sorensen
Ross Warner
Alex Weinstein
Andrew Wilensky

8th Grade

Philip Aiken
Jared Ashkenaz
Colin Donoghue
Farhan Kathawala
Andrew Miller
Brian Ringel

7th Grade

Shivam Bhakta
David Blankenship
Seamus Fitzhenry
Chris Galvin
Matthew Gayoso
Salman Haque
William Lamb
Ben Ormseth
Stephen Pacheco
Jordan Samuel
Nick Schwartz
Walker Sims
Andy Sorensen
Garret Sullivan
Tejvir Vaghela
Zain Virk

Dean's List

12th Grade
Amro Amro
Jimmy Ball
Xander Batey
Jordan Brown
Johnny Carson
Will Carter
Devin Cleaves
Robert Counce

Robert Cowan
Dylan Cunningham
Virgil Deanes
Johnny Dillon
Ryan Dillon
Barret Folk
Roy Fox
Drew Frisby
Russell Godfrey

9th Grade

Jake Henke
Barry Hillyer
Grant Hopkins
Thomas Ivy
Mathew Jehl
Cliff Jones
Graham Jones
Ben Khouri
Gunther Lee
Lawson Mann
Ahmed Minhas
Buddy Morrison
Will Nease
Brandon Parrish
William Paxton
Harrison Rea
John Riggins
David Ruben
John Rutledge
Sam Sorrelle
Jack Steffner
Will Stokes
Robert Threlkeld
David Tillman
Jason Weatherly
Tucker Witte
Forrest Wortham

11th Grade

Blake Anderson
Evan Baker
Edward Cates
John Edwards
Will Evans
Ted Fockler
Will Green
Matthew Harriman
Sam Harris
Alexander Kaltenborn
Evan Kline
James Long
Holman Moores
Phillips Morrison
Patrick Nenon
Ben Smith
Mitchell Thompson
Parker Wilson

10th Grade

James Akers
Forrest Field
Cole Flemmons
Taylor Bates

Elliott Collins
Rob Dickinson
David Hernández
Alex Jarratt
Kenny Johnson
Hunter Krauch
Matthias Leung
Wilson Luttrell
Hunter McLendon
Witt Meloni
Joey Notowich
Joel Saslawsky
Billy Simco
Carson Smith
Quay Stallworth
David Ursic
J.P. Wheeler
Aaron Wolf
Ben Zambetti

9th Grade

Obaid Anwar
Max Barousse
Max Barzel
David Brandon
Townes Buford
Britt Colcolough
Alex Crump
Nathan Feler
Will Forsythe
Nathan Franklin
Scott Freeburg
Healy Fuess
William George
John Grayson
William Hammond
Sam Henke
Anthony Hodges
Nick James
Mitchell Marino
John Oates
Lane Sally
Jack Shawkey
Trip Underwood
Nate Utkov
Henry Valk
Max Weiss

8th Grade

Derrick Baber
Warren Ball
James Belina
Srujan Bethi
Matt Bolton
Daniel Britton
Tucker Brock
Walker Bussey-Spencer
Seth Carson
Forrest Field
Cole Flemmons
Charlie Goodfellow

Kyle Gossett
William Hoehn
Drew Hutson
Jarrett Jackson
Peyton Klawinski
Edward Lake
Bennett Mercer
Utkarsh Mishra
Zach Olsen
Andrew Raves
Remy Rea
Hurston Reed
Andrew Renshaw
Sam Rosenberg
Jake Rudesill
Amit Shah

Sam Shankman
Marshall Sharp
Sylvester Tate
Noah Thomas
Mac Trammell
Nathan Vogt

7th Grade

Nicholas Beals
Michael Birnbaum
Jeremy Boshwit
Kameron Bradley
Andrew Crosby
Josh Douglass
Renn Eason
Thomas Eddins
Molitor Ford
Blake Fountain
Sam Fowlkes
Connor Goodwin
Reed Harrison
Josh Hawkins
Davis Howe
Ellis Kennedy
Jeffrey Lancaster
Cameron McDonald
Leshan Moodley
Samuel Ostrow
Dennis Parnell
James Prather
Aditya Shah
Elliot Slovis
Luke Stallings
Paul Stevenson
Harrison Stewart
Eason Taylor
Will Wells
Gary Wunderlich
Chase Wyatt

Congratulations!

(first row, from left) George Utkov,
Jesse Wade, Elliott Bryant
(second row, from left) Sam Ferguson,
Bryan Crenshaw, and Hank Hill
(not pictured: Drew Karban)



Newly-elected
Commissioner of
Student Athletics
Drew Karban



George Ormseth votes.

ELECTION SELECTION

Although the executives of the 2008-09 Student Council left some pretty big shoes to fill, the April 16 election results proved there are students who can step right into them. Just ask **Jesse Wade**, the newly-elected 2009-10 Student Council president.

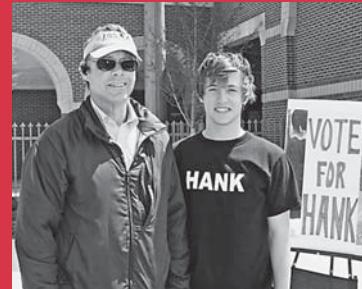
"We are all very excited for the upcoming year, and we know we can live up to the expectations of the student body and build upon the great foundation that this past year's council set," Wade said.

The executive members of the council are entrusted to be the liaisons between the student body and faculty. They are responsible for regulating student affairs by making recommendations to the administration about changes in school policies and programs. The council also is in charge of morning chapel services, student activities, hall cleanliness, school elections, and the operation of the lost-and-found department.

Working alongside Wade will be Vice President **Elliott Bryant**, Commissioner of Student Athletics **Drew Karban**, Commissioner of Student Welfare **George Utkov**, Commissioner of Special Activities **Sam Ferguson**, Commissioner of Social Events **Bryan Crenshaw**, and Secretary-Treasurer **Hank Hill**.

Bryant said he has known for a while that he wanted to be involved with the Student Council.

"Ever since I was in the ninth grade, seeing Sisco Larson '07 on stage in the pep rallies firing everyone up for the game,



Hank Hill III '66 supported his son, Hank Hill IV, in his bid for Student Council secretary-treasurer. Students running for executive positions and their parents hosted a campaign party for the Upper School.



Virgil Deanes, Sam Ferguson, William Hammond, David Tillman, Charles Belina, and Rhobb Hunter



(first row, from left) Shaan Jiles, Selby Austin, Zack Spisak, Andrew Miller, Lucas Crenshaw, Sam Moore, Malik Smith, and Patrick DiMento, (second row, from left) David Montgomery, Noah Thomas, Nick Schwartz, Derrick Baber, James Rantzow, Trey Moore, Chris Galvin, and Harrison Stewart

I knew that was what I wanted to do," Bryant said. "I like the excitement that the Student Council brings to the school, and I felt I could somehow help with the student-faculty relationships, keeping the faculty up to date with the students' ideas. I appreciate the opportunity that MUS gives the students to be leaders."

Joining the executive members are newly-elected class representatives: juniors **Jake Abston**, **Cameron Crawford**, **Gray Manhein**, **Franklin Martin**, **Peter Rainer**, and **Mitchell Thompson**; sophomores **Blake Hennessy**, **William Hepner**, **Quay Stallworth**, **Scooter Taylor**, **Whit Thornton**, and **Richard Twardzik**; freshmen **Britt Colcolough**, **Jake Greenstein**, **Lee Marshall**, **Chris Morgan**, **Nate Utkov**, and **Heath Wilder**; and eighth-graders **Selby Austin**, **Derrick Baber**, **Andrew Miller**, **David Montgomery**, **Sam Moore**, **James Rantzow**, and **Noah Thomas**. Seventh-graders **Lucas Crenshaw**, **Patrick DiMento**, **Chris Galvin**, **Shaan Jiles**, **David Montgomery**, **Nick Schwartz**, **Malik Smith**, **Trey Moore**, **Zack Spisak**, and **Harrison Stewart** were elected to the Lower School Student Council.



YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT TURNS STUDENTS INTO STATESMEN

Colin McDonald had a busy weekend. Not only did he have to prepare for his State of the State address, but he also had to choose which bills to sign into law and which ones to veto.

If it seems as though this high school senior was running the state, that's because he was, at least in theory. After serving as the Red House speaker during his junior year, McDonald had the honor of serving as governor at the Tennessee YMCA Youth In Government (YIG) Program's conference this past March.

"My job was, simply put, to mimic the executive position in our state government," said McDonald, a seven-year YIG participant.

YIG (formerly Youth Legislature) is an annual conference designed to offer high school and middle school students a hands-on experience with state government. Each year, more than 1,000 students from across the state meet at the Tennessee State Capitol in Nashville and assume the roles of government officials.

Selected from more than 600 delegates last year, MUS students served in 12 leadership roles. Along with McDonald, senior **Lee Moodley** was elected to serve in an executive office as secretary of agriculture.

Eight MUS students were selected to serve in the legislative branch. Representing the Red Senate were seniors **Mathew Jehl**, speaker pro tempore, and **Robert Threlkeld**, floor leader. Representing the Red House were seniors **Mustafa Motiwala**, speaker, and **Amro Amro**, sergeant-at-arms; and juniors **Josh Feler**, floor leader, and **Wade Laycock**, chief clerk. Representing the Blue House was senior **Fadi Assaf**, lieutenant governor.

Senior **Brandon Parrish** was the Supreme Court chief justice, and senior **Robert Vestal** was the solicitor general. Senior **Robert Duffley** led the press corps as the print editor.

During the conference, MUS students distinguished themselves and received awards for their performances. Red Senate patrons Amro, junior **Andrew Chinn**, and sophomores **Michael Galligher**, **Kenny**



Johnson, **Clifton Jordan**, **Conor Miller**, **Clint Montgomery**, **Mason Soun**, and **Richard Twardzik** won Outstanding Presentation Awards. Montgomery also won the Outstanding Delegate Award. As three of the top eight delegates, Jehl, McDonald, and Parrish were chosen to attend the Conference on National Affairs (CONA) this summer, and Duffley and Threlkeld were chosen as alternates.

At next year's conference, junior **Gab Oigbokie** will serve in an appointed position to be named at a later date, Montgomery will serve as the Blue House speaker, and Feler will be lieutenant governor for the

Red Senate. Feler said he participates in YIG because it not only hones students' writing and public speaking skills, but it also is an excellent opportunity for debate.

"The debates provide a forum for student's opinions on topics on which we normally would not have a say, and while these speeches might never be heard by state representatives, the familiarity and comfort with speaking out could lead to expression in other contexts that will have a greater impact," he said.

Also attending the conference as 2009 YIG delegates were seniors **Xander Batey**, **Drew Cornagchie**, **Rhobb Hunter**, and **Rahul Kumar**; sophomore **Howard Choi**; and freshman **Nicholas Rouse**. Mr. Eddie Batey, the Government Club's faculty adviser, accompanied the MUS students to the conference.

A group of students participated in the YMCA's Middle School Youth In Government conference, which was held April 24 at City Hall. Of the 56 bills submitted by 110 delegates, only ten bills reached the General Assembly (GA) for consideration and only four were passed into law, one of which was sponsored by seventh-grader **Eli Ostrow**. Seventh-graders **Cole Ettingoff** and **Thornton Brooksbank** received the Outstanding Bill Award, which was awarded to only two bills.

Brooksbank, Ettingoff, and Ostrow were joined by 12 other Lower School students who participated in YIG. They were seventh-graders **Logan Bolton**, **Jeremy Boshwit**, **Hal Boyd**, **Andrew Crosby**, **Srujan Jampana**, **William Lamb**, **Grayson Lynn**, and **Aditya Shah** and

eighth-graders **Ryan Mayzell**, **John Oxendine**, **Amit Shah**, and **Mack Weaver**. Junior **Ian Turner**, who served at the conference as a presiding officer, advised the Lower School students.



YIG Bowl team member Robert Duffley presented Headmaster Ellis Hagewood the YIG Bowl trophy as team member Robert Vestal looked on.

Owls Bowl Over Competition

Government Club members entered new and uncharted territory when they participated in the Youth In Government version of Quiz Bowl, called YIG Bowl, for the first time and emerged as champions.

"I felt our men had a good chance to get to the second round – primarily because I saw a 'bye' beside our name," said Mr. Eddie Batey, the Government Club's faculty adviser.

In Round II, team members **Fadi Assaf**, **Drew Cornagchie**, **Robert Duffley**, **Mathew Jehl**, **Rahul Kumar**, **Lee Moodley**, **Brandon Parrish**, and **Robert Vestal** battled University School of Nashville and won 90 to 40. In the semifinals, MUS competed against and beat Hume-Fogg 100 to 70.

In the finals, the team competed against Pope John Paul II High School in the Tennessee State House chambers. With hundreds looking on, the unbeaten bowlers won the championship title 110 to 85.

Photography courtesy of Colin McDonald

IT'S AN HONOR

Honor Societies Welcome New Members

National Honor Society

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

Seniors

Mark Beanblossom
Coleman Kimbrough
Carl Krausnick
Jim Moore
Mustafa Motiwala
Brandon Parrish
David Ruben

Juniors

Joseph Amagliani
James Arnold
Evan Baker
Will Carruthers
Cameron Crawford
Bryan Crenshaw
Brian Davidoff
Josh Feler
Ted Fockler
Cliff Guyton
Sam Harris
Hank Hill
Palmer Hunt
Louis Jackson
Jon Kastan
Wade Laycock
Michael Lewandowski
Evans McCaul
Holman Moores
Gab Oigbokie
Wilson Orr
Brad Ringel
Jake Rudolph
Will Taylor
Colin Thomas
George Utkov
Matt Williams

Red and Blue Society

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

Amro Amro
Walter Barnett
Xander Batey
Will Benton
Jordan Brown
Johnny Carson
Will Carter
Drew Cornagchie
Robert Cource
Jared Davis
Michael Delugach
Johnny Dillon
Robert Duffley
Michael Edwards
Evan Elmore
Barret Folk
Drew Frisby
Matt Grisham
Lowell Hays
Jake Henke
Barry Hillyer
Rhobb Hunter
Thomas Ivy
Mathew Jehl
Ben Khouri
Coleman Kimbrough
Carl Krausnick
Rahul Kumar
Evan Mah
Andrew Maroda
Colin McDonald
Lee Moodley
Jim Moore
Mustafa Motiwala
Will Nease
Brandon Parrish
Taylor Reed
David Ruben
John Rutledge
Matt Shelton
Jack Steffner
Will Stokes
Kimbrough Taylor
Robert Threlkeld
David Tillman
Robert Vestal

Walt Wepfer

Tucker Witte
Forrest Wortham

Foreign Language Honor Societies

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

Société Honoraire De Français

Eric Catmur
Will Evans
Trip Freeburg
Nigel Isom
Alexander Kaltenborn
Gray Manhein
John Austin Monteith
Holman Moores
Taylor Nauert
Peter Rainer
Ben Smith
Ryan Turner
Wilson Waller

Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Norfleet Abston
Mathieu Baker
Bobby Bell
Edward Cates
Daniel Clark
Cameron Crawford
Brian Davidoff
Holt Edwards
Josh Feler
Clayton Furr
Russell Godfrey
Cliff Guyton
Chase Harriman
Hank Hill
John Michael Hoyle

Jon Kastan

Christian Kauffman
Michael Lewandowski
Patrick Massey

Emmett Montgomery

Allan Palmer
Brad Ringel
John Stratton
Mitchell Thompson
Ian Turner
George Utkov
Matt Williams
Parker Wilson

Latin Honor Society

Philip Aiken
James Arnold
Jared Ashkenaz
James Belina
Srujan Bethi
Walker Bussey-Spencer
George Byars
Andrew Chinn
Elliott Collins
Jeff Daniel
Jackson Darr
Conner Davis
Robert Duffley
Sam Ferguson
Cole Flemmons
Nathan Franklin
Danny Galvin
Eli Goldstein
Edward Good
Charlie Goodfellow
Garrott Graham
John Grayson
William Hammond
Wil Hergenrader
William Hoehn
Carson House
Drew Hutson

Nick James
Farhan Kathawala
A.J. Kharbanda
Peyton Klawinski
Rahul Kumar
Edward Lake
Wade Laycock
Evan Mah
Evans McCaul
Bennett Mercer
Andrew Miller
Clint Montgomery
Mustafa Motiwala
Kelly Myers
Zach Olsen
Brandon Parrish
Andrew Raves

Remy Rea

Andrew Renshaw
Brian Ringel
Nicholas Rouse

Jake Rudesill
Reid Sanders
Sam Shankman
Matt Shelton
Mason Soun
Rocky Stone
Kevin Szymkowicz
Sylvester Tate
Will Taylor

Noah Thomas
Richard Twardzik
David Ursic
Ross Warner
Andrew Wilensky
Jian Yin
Ben Zambetti

History Honor Society

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

Norfleet Abston

James Arnold
Fadi Assaf
Daryan Barnes
Mark Beanblossom
Johnny Carson
Andrew Chinn
Brian Davidoff
Evan Elmore
Josh Feler
Sam Ferguson
Trip Freeburg
Chase Harriman
John Michael Hoyle
Jon Kastan
Wade Laycock
Evans McCaul

Mustafa Motiwala
Wilson Orr
Brandon Parrish
Reid Sanders
Ben Smith
Will Taylor
Colin Thomas
Mitchell Thompson

Mu Alpha Theta

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

Forrest Baty
Johnny Carson
William Cross
Brian Davidoff
Robert Duffley
Will Evans
Matt Grisham
Chase Harriman
Jake Henke
Carson House
Louis Jackson
Jon Kastan
Wade Laycock
Evan Mah
Evans McCaul
Matt Montsinger
Jim Moore
Wilson Orr
William Paxton
Brad Ringel
Jake Rudolph
Phillip Russell
Reid Sanders
Chase Schoelkopf
Mark Sorensen
Colin Thomas
J.P. Wheeler
Matt Williams

Quill and Scroll

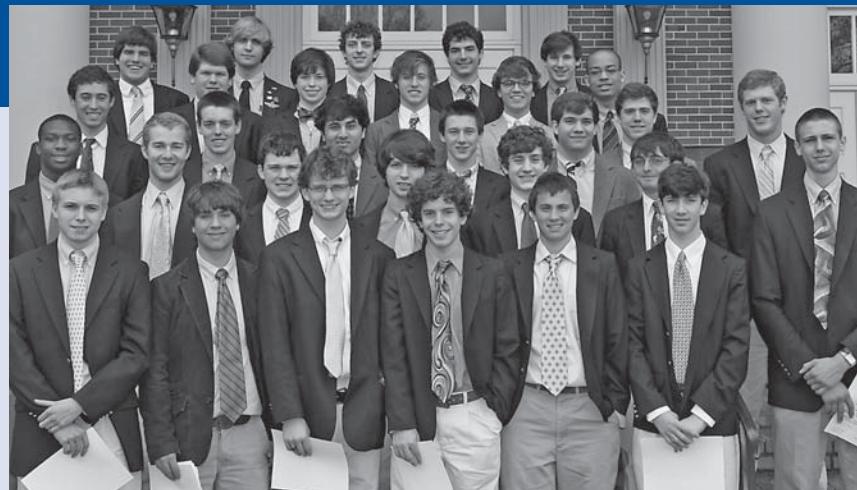
Membership in Quill and Scroll, an international honorary society for high school journalists, is bestowed upon those students who satisfy the high academic requirements of the national organization and receive the recommendation of a faculty advisor for superior work in some phase of journalism or school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

James Arnold
Fadi Assaf
Xander Batey
Cameron Crawford
Michael Edwards
Josh Feler
Ted Fockler
Cort Gatcliff
Cliff Guyton
Mathew Jehl
Wade Laycock
Emmett Montgomery
Brad Ringel
Ben Smith
Colin Thomas

Societas Caritatis

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

Stephond Allmond
Joseph Amagliani
Blake Anderson
Will Carruthers
Edward Cates
Eric Catmur
Drew Cornagchie
Robert Counce
Michael Edwards
Josh Feler
Lee Moodley
Holman Moores
Patrick Nenon
Wilson Orr
John Rutledge
Reid Sanders
Will Stokes
Ryan Turner



Newly-inducted National Honor Society members

Springfield Scholars

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

Philip Aiken
Jared Ashkenaz
Kyle Gossett
William Hoehn
Farhan Kathawala
Andrew Miller
Zack Olsen
Remy Rea
Andrew Raves
Hurston Reed
Brian Ringel
Sylvester Tate

The Order of the Owl

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

Eighth Grade

Derrick Baber*
James Belina
Srujan Bethi
Matt Bolton
Daniel Britton*
Tucker Brock
Walker Bussey-Spencer
Seth Carson*

Colin Donoghue
Forrest Field*
Cole Flemmons*
Charlie Goodfellow
Drew Hutson
Srujan Jampana
A.J. Kharbanda
Peyton Klawinski*
Edward Lake
Bennett Mercer
Andrew Renshaw*
Sam Rosenberg
Jake Rudesill
Amit Shah*
Sam Shankman
Marshall Sharp*
Edward Simpson
Blake Smith
Ben Taylor
Noah Thomas
Mac Trammell*
Nathan Vogt*

*Denotes a second-year honoree



Chase Harriman is inducted into Mu Alpha Theta by Mr. Mark Counce.

Matthew Gayoso
Salman Haque
Reed Harrison
Josh Hawkins
William Lamb
Ben Ormseth
Samuel Ostrow
Stephen Pacheco
James Prather
Jordan Samuel
Nick Schwartz
Walker Sims
Andy Sorensen
Garret Sullivan
Eason Taylor
Tejvir Vaghela
Zain Virk

Seventh Grade
Shivam Bhakta
David Blankenship
Kameron Bradley
Renn Eason
Seamus Fitzhenry
Chris Galvin



Mr. John Cady inducts Drew Cornagchie as the first member of Societas Caritatis.



Springfield Scholars



Red and Blue Society members



(first row, from left) Rahul Kumar, Mr. Darin Clift, Robert Duffley, and Brandon Parrish, (second row, from left) Jon Kastan, Harrison Rea, and Will Taylor

For a while, MUS participated in Quiz Bowl, which is similar to Knowledge Bowl but does not offer a chance for a scholarship.

"The great thing about Knowledge Bowl is that these kids have a chance to win some serious money for college," Clift said. "But the tournament is a one-and-done deal, so you've got to come out strong every match."

The team's hard work of practicing up to three times a week before a competition clearly paid off. Clift and fellow coaches, Mr. Jonathan Large and Mr. Doug Perkins, surfed the Internet for hours trying to find possible questions that would prepare the boys for what they would face.

"In the past, we've just always seemed to draw really tough opponents for that first match," Clift said. "This year we got Immaculate Conception, and we came out really strong. Jim Jaggers called us 'a machine.' We gained a good amount of confidence with this win, and it snowballed into wins over powerhouses Cordova and Houston."

Team members worked hard together, and they also celebrated together after winning the first match.

"It was a great first match, and to celebrate, we went out to eat at Spaghetti Warehouse," Clift said. "Seeing the boys gaining experience and celebrating together like that makes it so worth it."

KNOWLEDGE BOWL TEAM GOES TO FINAL FOUR

The Knowledge Bowl team not only made it past the first round this year, but reached the "Final Four" round of competition by beating Cordova 195-95. In a valiant effort, the team fell to Collierville in their next match, but that loss did nothing to take away from this season's overwhelming success.

"This was actually our first year since the team started four years ago to get past the first round," said Mr. Darin Clift, who coached the team.

Knowledge Bowl, an interdisciplinary academic competition, pits teams from the Shelby County area against one another, with team members trying to gain the highest number of points by answering questions from disciplines such as history, science, and literature, as well as current events.

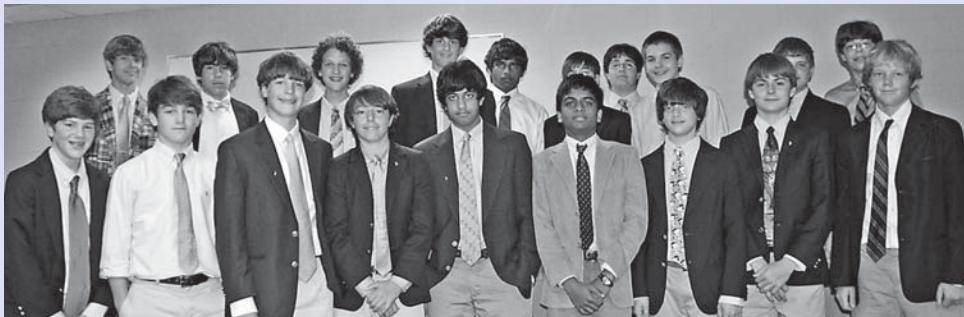
The team, led by senior **Robert Duffley**, could be quite impressive, Clift said. The other 2008-09 Knowledge Bowl team members were seniors **Rahul Kumar**, **Brandon Parrish**, and **Harrison Rea**. Alternates were juniors **Jon Kastan** and **Will Taylor**.

"Robert is definitely our leader, but all the guys contributed a lot to our success," he said. "I think what's really amazing to me is some of the things that these boys know. In one match, [Knowledge Bowl host] Jim Jaggers asked Harrison Rea, 'What was the unemployment rate in Tennessee in 2008 to the nearest tenth percent?' Harrison said, '9.1 percent,' and Jim had a look of bewilderment on his face as he said, 'And that would be correct.' Honestly, I am surprised at the boys' knowledge sometimes."

"Robert is definitely our leader, but all the guys contributed a lot to our success," he said. "I think what's really amazing



Seventh-grade 2009 Order of the Owl



Eighth-grade 2009 Order of the Owl



Eighth-grade Second Year 2009 Order of the Owl



Vestal Named Academic All-American

The National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA) has named senior Robert Vestal an Academic All-American. He is one of only 2 percent of high school swimmers being recognized this year. To qualify for this award, a student must have a minimum GPA of 3.75 on a 4-point scale, be a graduating senior, and have lettered in the sport. Vestal joins two alumni, Cody Mayer '05 and Jack Montgomery '08, as the only three students in MUS history to be recognized by the NISCA as an Academic All-American.



King Bee

For the second year, eighth-grader Farhan Kathawala was crowned the Lower School Spelling Bee Champion. To defend his title, Kathawala competed against three finalists, eighth-graders Tripp Crews and Joseph Sorrentino and seventh-grader Alex Carter.

Wilson Society Welcomes New Members

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

Twenty juniors and four sophomores were recently selected for membership into the Wilson Society for the upcoming 2009-10 school year.

JUNIORS

Norfleet Abston
Stephond Allmond
Joseph Amaglian
Will Carruthers
Edward Cates
Brian Davidoff
Trip Freeburg
Hunt Hensley
Palmer Hunt
Nigel Isom
Christian Kauffman
James Long
Austin Magruder
Keith McBride
Gab Oigbokie
Peter Rainer
Reid Sanders
John Stratton
Whitt Thompson
Wilson Waller

SOPHOMORES

Jeff Daniel
William Reid
Russell Scott
Carson Smith

Spring Awards

SENIOR AWARDS

Valedictorian Award

Rahul Kumar

Salutatorian Award

Robert Vestal

Faculty Cup for General Excellence

Lowell Hays

Ross McCain Lynn Awards

Drew Cornagchie, Robert Duffley,
Carl Krausnick, Rahul Kumar,
Evan Mah, and Robert Vestal



Seniors Michael Edwards (pictured) and Rahul Kumar both won the Christa Green Warner Mathematics Award.



Senior Rahul Kumar won the Wayne E. Duff Latin Award (pictured), the Margaret Owen Catmur Science Award, and jointly won the Christa Green Warner Mathematics Award.



Senior Mathew Jehl won the Brescia Award for Unselfish Service in Dramatics.



Senior Evan Mah won the History Award.



Senior Lee Moodley won the Distinguished Community Service Award.



Seniors Brandon Parrish and Will Nease won the Choral Music Award for Excellence.



Senior Robert Duffley won two awards, the William D. Jemison III Award for Excellence in Dramatics and the English Award.



Senior Robert Threlkeld won the Russell Johnson Creative Writing Award.



Senior Xander Batey won the Art Award.



Senior Drew Cornagchie won the Religion Award.



Senior Robert Vestal won one of two Spanish Awards given.



Senior Mark Beanblossom was also awarded the Spanish Award.



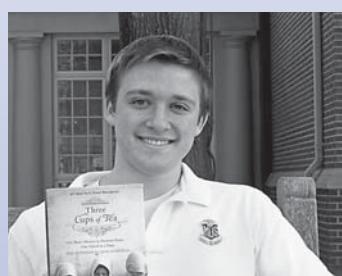
Junior Jake Rudolph, pictured with members of the Wellford family, received the Wellford Leadership Award.



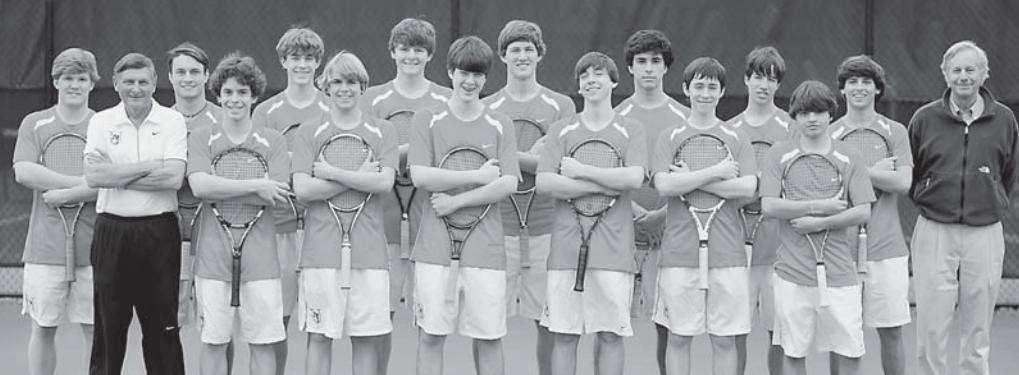
Junior Wade Laycock was awarded the Sewanee Award for Excellence in Writing.



Senior Lowell Hays was awarded the DAR Good Citizenship Award.



Sophomore Clint Montgomery was awarded the Rhodes College Book Award.



NEWS

(front row, from left) Coach Phil Chamberlain, Brad Ringel, William George, Jack Klug, Alex Weinstein, Healy Fuess, J.P. DeVincenzo, (back row, from left) Will Carter, Walt Wepfer, Marshall Sharp, Grant Hopkins, Blake Anderson, Cliff Guyton, Will Carruthers, Jackson Knight, and Coach Bill Taylor
(not pictured: Jake Greenstein and Colin Donoghue)

DUO SERVES THEIR WAY TO VICTORY



Coach Bill Taylor, Cliff Guyton, Will Carter, and Coach Phil Chamberlain after Guyton and Carter won the doubles state title

Photo by Dr. James Guyton

For senior **Will Carter**, the pressure was on in his fourth and final trip to the state doubles tennis final in as many years. After winning in 2007 and suffering a heartbreaking loss to a tough McCallie team in 2008, Carter was looking to redeem himself. Armed with a talented new partner, junior **Cliff Guyton**, Carter was ready to be a champion once again.

Together, Carter and Guyton won the match and defeated defending champions McCallie, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-4.

"It was such a roller coaster of a match," Carter said. "We lost the first set in a tiebreaker but knew we weren't out. We bounced back and won the second set. We were down in the third set, so we changed our strategy and played back on their serves, which worked like a charm. We won four straight games to take the third set and the doubles title."

This win not only served as a poetic ending to Carter's MUS tennis career but also set a new state record as the Owls are the only team in Tennessee to win 13 state doubles titles.

Guyton, who is known for his powerful serve, said he couldn't believe they had won.

"When we finally won the last point, it took a second to sink in," Guyton said. "It was a shock to me because the match had been going on for so long. I was really psyched and excited to win."

Coach Phil Chamberlain, a doubles tennis specialist who is also the assistant varsity tennis coach, worked with Carter and Guyton. He said he knew, from the moment he matched them together, they would become the best team in the state.

"Will and Cliff played well through to the tournament and had to bring everything they had in the finals against

the same team that won McCallie the team championship," Chamberlain said. "It was a great match with a lot of drama, but Will and Cliff were not to be denied."

Carter and Guyton were part of the varsity tennis team, which included seniors **Grant Hopkins**, **Jackson Knight**, and **Walt Wepfer**; juniors **Blake Anderson**, **Will Carruthers**, and **Brad Ringel**; sophomores **J.P. DeVincenzo** and **Jack Klug**; freshmen **Healy Fuess**, **William George**, **Jake Greenstein**, and **Alex Weinstein**; and eighth-graders **Colin Donoghue** and **Marshall Sharp**.

Head Coach Bill Taylor, who led the Owls throughout their spectacular season, praised his players.

"We had a strong competitive team this year," Taylor said. "Everyone improved over the season, and we are proud of our 10-1 season record."

With such a strong record, the Owls proved yet again that they are a tennis powerhouse. They came in second in the Francis E. Carter Tournament in Nashville and first in the regional tournament. They then beat Baylor 5-0 at the sub-state tournament to qualify to compete at state.

MUS had the maximum number to qualify for the state individual tournament. Carter, Guyton, Knight, Hopkins, Wepfer, and Carruthers all played in the state tournament. The team reached the semifinals before losing to McCallie, who went on to win state.

Wepfer said he is satisfied with the way he and the rest of the team played at state.

"We all put in hard work and gave it our best shot," he said. "I honestly don't remember ever walking away saying 'I could have tried harder.'"

Hopkins made it to the team state semifinals and the individual state semifinals.

"We had an incredible season," Hopkins said. "The whole team is close, and we've had such fun times traveling together. After playing tennis for the Owls and for Coach Taylor for four years, I'm sorry to see it end."

Hopkins said he doubts any other sports team is as close as the varsity tennis team. Van rides and away matches are a big part of team bonding. During one of those trips, Carruthers, who cramped during a three-hour singles match, saw that team togetherness firsthand when players came to his rescue.

"The trainer told him to take an ice bath," Carter recalled. "Our team worked hard and had a great time filling up a bathtub with ice."

Carruthers had to fight his way through it, making the match one of the most challenging he's ever had on the tennis court.

"Those 20 minutes in the ice bath were very tough because I was very cold and still cramping," he said. "Thankfully, my teammates helped me through it by encouraging me and keeping my mind focused on other things rather than the pain I was in."

Carruthers and Guyton have not stopped since the end of the season and will compete in singles matches throughout the summer. With those two strong players returning as seniors, Taylor is already looking forward to next season.

"We will lose four talented seniors from this year's top six, but we have some very talented underclassmen ready to fill the void," he said. "In addition, we have one of the best Lower School teams that we have had. The future looks bright for MUS tennis."

Spring Sports Awards

Paul Trowbridge Gillespie Scholar-Athlete Award

Will Benton

James R. Haygood III Best All-Around Athlete Award

Taylor Reed

Al Wright Christian Character Award

Michael Edwards

Carter Lee Murray Spirit Award

Xander Batey

Harrison E. Humphreys Tennis Award

Will Carter

Robert Hussey Track Most Outstanding Award

Barret Folk and Stephond Allmond



Photo by Mr. Jerry Callik.

Will Benton, Taylor Reed, Michael Edwards, and Xander Batey with their sports awards



(front row, from left) Crews Wellford, Tony Bui, Alexander Kaltenborn, (back row, from left) Johnny Dillon, Coach Laurie Clark, and Peterson Wellford were named to the Best of the Preps Swimming Team. Clark was named the Best of the Preps Boys Swim Coach of the Year.

The Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps

Scholar Athlete of the Year Finalist

Will Benton

Athlete of the Year Finalist

Taylor Reed

Football – Offense Finalist

Barry Brunetti, *winner*

Boys Golf Finalist

Zach Olsen, *winner*

Boys Lacrosse Finalists

Johnny Carson
Barry Hillyer, *winner*
Franklin Martin
John Rutledge

Boys Tennis Finalists

Will Carruthers
Will Carter, *winner*
Cliff Guyton

Boys Track Finalist

Barret Folk

Private School Baseball Team

Forrest Baty

Jake Deason

Kelly Myers

Private School Basketball Team

Robert Counce

Taylor Reed

Private School Lacrosse Team

Johnny Carson

Devin Cleaves

Sam Harris

Barry Hillyer

Ben Khouri

Franklin Martin

John Rutledge

Will Stokes

Private School Soccer Team

Mathieu Baker

Evan Elmore

Matt Shelton

Private School Swimming Team

Tony Bui

Johnny Dillon

Alexander Kaltenborn

Crews Wellford

Peterson Wellford

Private School Tennis Team

Will Carruthers

Will Carter

Cliff Guyton

Grant Hopkins

Jackson Knight

Walt Wepfer

Private School Track Team

Stephond Allmond

Elliott Bryant

Keith McBride

Jared Davis

Virgil Deanes

Barret Folk

Matt Grisham

Taylor Reed

4-by-100-meter relay team: Bryant, McBride, Hank Hill, and Michael Folk

4-by-200-meter relay team: McBride, Folk, Michael Glenn, and James Rantzow

4-by-400-meter relay team: Bryant, Davis, Glenn, and Wilson Luttrell

Private School Wrestling Team

William Alexander

Boys Swim Coach of the Year

Coach Laurie Clark

Girls Tennis Coach of the Year

Coach Phil Chamberlain*

Boys Lacrosse Coach of the Year

Coach Elliott Dent

*Coach Chamberlain is also the assistant coach of the MUS varsity tennis team.

Varsity Lacrosse Dominates Region

by Mr. Whit Tenent '00, Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach

Coach Elliott Dent begins each lacrosse season with the same goal: to get his team playing their best game by the end of the regular season. This year, he believes he achieved this.

The journey back to the state championships was full of memories and game experience for the talented squad. At the beginning of every season, Dent, who is the head varsity lacrosse coach, always puts together a challenging schedule for the team. This year, MUS faced McCallie for the season opener. After suffering a loss to the Blue Tornado, MUS headed to Orlando over spring break as they made their annual visit to the Disney's Wide



Johnny Carson, Andy Stubblefield, and Devin Cleaves

their first home game, MUS defeated Trinity High School (KY), 15-4. Then they downed Islip High School (NY), 10-6, as the squad began playing well.

The Owls had started what would become an eight-game winning streak, highlighted by a victory over Culver Academy (IN), a game in which the Owls played outstanding team lacrosse with assists and goals going to seniors **Barry Hillyer**, **Johnny Carson**, and **Devin Cleaves**. Sophomore goalie **Rob Dickinson** posted six saves against a talented Culver offense. From that game, the Owls learned that team lacrosse is the best way to play.

The winning streak ended in early April with a loss to Lassiter High School (GA), 13-8. It would be the Owls' last loss until the title game, as the squad was determined to improve and play team lacrosse as the postseason neared.

MUS ended the regular season with seven consecutive wins. With a sound 12-9 defeat of Montgomery Bell Academy, MUS was still molding into an outstanding team.

With a 13-2 regular-season record, MUS drew Ravenwood High School in the first round of the TSLA State Champion Lacrosse Tournament. The Owls advanced easily with a 12-1 victory over the Raptors.

In the semifinals, MUS faced Farragut High School in a game that challenged the Owls. MUS started out slowly as Farragut tallied the first goal of the game, but the team came back in the final two periods to advance, 15-8.

The Owls earned the chance to avenge their early-season loss to McCallie in the state championship final. Despite falling short, 11-4, this-year's team completed a very successful year, as it played its best during the playoffs.

The Owls played strong team lacrosse throughout the postseason, mainly because of

World of Sports Spring Training. Facing elite teams from the Northeast, the Owls won two of their three games, defeating Tabor Academy (MA) and Phillips Exeter (NH).

At home, the Owls faced a competitive 11-game home schedule. In

the leadership of the senior class, finishing the season with a record of 15-3, outstanding for such a competitive schedule.

Following the season, several Owls received Division-I state honors. MUS had eight First-Team All-Region players: Carson (midfield), Cleaves (attack), junior **Sam Harris** (face-off), Hillyer (midfield), senior

Ben Khouri (long-stick midfield), junior **Franklin Martin** (attack), senior **John Rutledge** (defense), and senior **Will Stokes** (defense). All-Region Second Team included Dickinson (goalie) and **David Ruben** (defense).

Hillyer and Martin were named All-Americans and First-Team All-State players. Carson also was named a First-Team All-State Player, and Cleaves, Harris, and Stokes were named Second-Team All-State Players.

This season was one of determination and team growth. The ultimate goal was achieved by having a team of well-rounded young men who knew the value of strong character and success. MUS did not win a state title, but players succeeded in performing to the best of their abilities and being a team throughout the season.

Along with Carson, Cleaves, Dickinson, Harris, Hillyer, Khouri, Martin, Ruben, Rutledge, and Stokes, the varsity lacrosse team included seniors **Grayson Magruder**, **Jack Steffner**, **Andy Stubblefield**, and **Kimbrough Taylor**; juniors **Norfleet Abston**, **Holt Edwards**, **Zak Eissler**, **Reid Sanders**, and **John Stratton**; sophomores **James Akers**, **Drew Connors**, **Henry Dickinson**, **Noah Hanover**, **Blake Hennessy**, **Chase Schoelkopf**, **Russell Scott**, **Quay Stallworth**, and **Ben Zambetti**; and freshmen **James David Duke**, **Charlie Freeburg**, **Scott Freeburg**, **Garrott Graham**, **Heath Wilder**, and **John Shields Wilson**. Seniors **Fadi Assaf** and **Rhobb Hunter** were team managers.



Kimbrough Taylor and David Ruben



Quay Stallworth during the MUS vs. Trinity game



Victor Cole



Photo by Coach Scott Young

Young Varsity Player Throws Competition a Curve Ball

What began as a slow season for the varsity baseball team got a boost from a standout young pitcher whose playing energized the team going into the regional tournament this year.

The Owls had started slowly and struggled against teams with older, more experienced players. Theirs was a young team, starting five sophomores and four juniors, who would often be on the brink of victory until a one-inning breakdown would turn the game into a loss.

Then an amazing performance by freshman pitcher **Victor Cole** provided a much-needed turning point. Cole stepped up to the mound during the Owls' third match-up with Briarcrest, which had defeated MUS in both previous games, and delivered a stunning performance. He struck out 10 batters and provided the Owls with a burst of energy and confidence. MUS dominated that game, winning 10-2.

"When the older guys saw this young freshman performing at such a high level and with such amazing energy, it really motivated them to add to that energy," said Coach Johnny Beard. "Victor's performance was a definite turning point in the season for us."

The Owls fed off of that energy and performed well in the regional tournament, where they went 2-1 and earned the right to play in the sub-state. In regional play, the Owls beat Briarcrest, 6-5, lost 7-4 to Christian Brothers, and then rebounded against ECS in a 9-8 victory. The ECS win proved to be all the more meaningful because the Eagles had defeated the Owls the first three times the teams had met.

At sub-state play in Chattanooga, MUS made a valiant effort but fell in both its games to McCallie to end the season with a record of 12-20. But Beard said the Owls can build on the experience they got this season to improve next year.

"Next year, all the boys will be older, and we'll be looking for a much better season," he said. "The playing field will be more even in terms of age, plus, these guys got a taste of tournament play by going to sub-state, and that is experience that will pay off down the line. And now that they've been there once, they'll be all the more eager to get back."

Although the team struggled at times, several players set themselves apart, performing at a high level consistently over the season and in tournament play. Second baseman **William Cross**, shortstop **Jake Deason**, pitcher **Gray Manhein**, and outfielder **Forrest Baty** were named to the Regional All-Tournament Team. Outfielder **Kelly Myers**, Deason, and Baty made the regular season All-Region Team.

"Our goal this season wasn't so much about the win-loss column as it was about getting better, and most every game we did that," Beard said, quickly pointing to next season with optimism because everyone will be a year older and more experienced.



Landon Finney

Photo by Mr. Jerry Galik

The 2008-09 varsity baseball team included (front row, from left) Forrest Baty, Jason Manis, Carson Smith, William Cross, Alex Perry, Jake Deason, Landon Finney, Matt Williams, Kelly Myers, and Evans McCaul, (back row, from left) Gray Manhein, Drew Karban, Michael Edwards, Jake Rudolph, Patrick Massey, Wilson Waller, Hunt Hensley, Wells Prather, Jack Novotny, and Holt Perdzock. (not pictured: Victor Cole)



Coach Vincent Beck and the varsity soccer team knew that returning to the state tournament would be challenging. However, despite facing

a very competitive schedule and playing in one of the most balanced regions in the state, MUS continued its string of state-tournament appearances by finishing in the top-three in the region tournament.

Although they lost to Pope John Paul II High School in the state quarterfinal round, the Owls still had a solid season as they finished 12-4-3 overall.

Six seniors provided excellent leadership throughout the year. **Michael Brennan, Evan Elmore, Jake Henke, Thomas Ivy, Andrew Maroda, and Matt Shelton** had all been in the program for several years and knew how to compete in tough regional and post-season games. They also wanted to teach the younger players about being a member of the MUS soccer program.

The underclassmen followed the seniors' lead and played significant roles on the team. Juniors included **Mathieu Baker, Brian Davidoff, Will Evans, Ted Fockler, Jon Kastan, Colin Lourens, and George Utkov**. Sophomore members were **Joseph Levy, Britt McGuire, and Matt Montsinger**. **Toby Baker** represented the freshman class.

The Owls opened the season against a very talented St. George's squad, tying the Gryphons in a competitive game.

The first wins of the year came in the next two games as MUS notched one-goal wins against two middle Tennessee teams, Maryville, 2-1, and Hendersonville, 3-2. After a tie against one of the best Shelby County schools, Collierville, the Owls then traveled to Arkansas to participate in the Conway Annual Tournament. MUS went 1-0-1, tying PC North (OK) and defeating Van Buren (AR), as their record stood at 3-0-3 headed into April.

The Owls returned home and defeated perennial-power Houston, 1-0, in their final match before the start of regional play.

Although MUS played hard, they suffered their first loss of the season, 2-1, in the opening regional game against CBHS. But the loss did not deter the Owls as they quickly moved forward and won their next three, defeating Kingsbury, 2-0, Bartlett, 8-0, and Germantown, 1-0.

The team built off that momentum and finished the regular season by winning four of their final five games. After having suffered a last-minute loss to MBA, 3-2, the Owls won their next four, topping regional rivals ECS, St. Benedict, and Briarcrest, as well as White Station, one of the best squads in the city this season.

Headed into the regional tournament, held at



Mathieu Baker, Jake Henke, Evan Elmore, Matt Montsinger, and Matt Shelton were all named to the All-Division Team. (not pictured Toby Baker)

Photo by Mrs. Abby Nortzinger

Varsity Soccer Scores Solid Season



Matt Montsinger

Matt Shelton

Jon Kastan fights for the ball.

Photo by Mr. Jerry Gallik

Briarcrest, MUS earned the No. 2 seed, which meant they would have to win just once to advance to the state tournament.

Unfortunately, the Owls were upended in their opening game against St. Benedict, avenging a previous loss to MUS, winning 1-0. This loss pushed Beck's team into the third-place game against host Briarcrest. The Owls cruised to a 3-0 victory against their host to advance to the quarterfinals.

As the third seed in the West, MUS had to travel on Friday, May 15, for their quarterfinal match as they visited Pope John Paul II, the No. 2 seed from mid-east Tennessee. In this game, the Knights took an early lead, following a penalty kick, to give them the advantage.

But rain and lightning quickly forced a postponement.

The teams and coaches decided to resume their match four days later, and MUS returned to Nashville the following Tuesday. As the game continued, neither team could find much offensive momentum until the Knights added a second goal late in the contest. The Owls tried to come back, scoring late in the game, but they could get no closer and ended their season with a 2-1 loss.

Although they did not reach their goal of claiming a state title, the Owls had an excellent season. Despite losing the six seniors, Coach Beck said he is excited about the talent of the underclassmen and eagerly anticipates next season.

Members of the trapshooting team gave their best shot – literally and figuratively – this 2009 season, finishing in the middle of the teams in state competitions but winning admiration all around for their sportsmanship.

Although they didn't win at state, Head Coach Hamilton Eggers '94 said the team learned valuable lessons that will carry over from trapshooting to other areas of their lives.

"The high point of the season for me was being congratulated by an official at the regional tournament for our sportsmanship," he said. "The boys worked hard, gave it their best shot, and treated their opponents, teammates, coaches, and officials with respect."

Exact results from the state championships are pending, but, according to Assistant Coach Jonathan Large, the Owls shot an overall 411 of 500 at state, placing them in the middle of the pack. Results will be available at www.tnsctp.org.

Large said the team, formed two years ago, has become a cohesive group.

"This is a team sport. They live and die as a team," Large said. "The shooters definitely got into a rhythm with each other as the year went on."

For freshman **Britt Colcolough**, team unity has been a source of inspiration.

"Everyone enjoys each other's company, but, at the same time, we get things done and improve our shooting," he said. "There are some exceptional shooters on the team who help us younger guys learn and excel to their level."

Although the trapshooting team is young, 2009 turned out to be a good year for the 24 athletes. Divided into two varsity teams and one junior varsity team, their season started in January with early morning practices every Saturday. In February and March, the Owls competed in two warm-up tournaments against other Shelby County teams, and in March, varsity team one shot 422 of 500 potential targets and finished tenth among 19 teams. Varsity team two shot 393 targets out of 500 possible and finished in 13th place.

Winter practices and competitions didn't bother team members. In fact, freshman **Jackson Cross** said he competes best when the odds are against him.

"The first shoot I ever competed in was great because we faced the worst shooting

conditions possible – freezing cold and 20-30 mile per hour winds," Cross said.

In April, a varsity and a junior varsity squad competed in the district tournament. The varsity squad shot 428 of 500 possible targets and finished tenth among 18 teams. The junior varsity shooters finished sixth among 12 teams and shot 386 targets of a possible 500.

Two varsity squads and one squad of junior varsity alternates competed in the regional tournament in May. The varsity one squad shot 418 of 500 possible targets and finished in 15th place among the 23 teams, and the varsity two squad finished in 14th place and shot 421 targets out of a possible 500.

Senior **Gunther Lee** shot 97 of 100 possible targets and finished with a tie for fourth place among individual shooters. Senior **Will Anthony**, juniors **Austin Magruder** and **James Long**, and sophomore **John Hudson** recorded perfect rounds with 25 of 25 targets destroyed. Lee also had two perfect rounds in a row. Junior varsity alternates freshmen **Joe Hoffsommer** and **Joe Morrison** tied for fifth place in their division with 76 of a possible 100 targets.

Coming from the state competition, freshman **Ben Benton** said he is already looking forward to next season and hopes to earn a varsity spot.

"Coach Eggers and Coach Large are amazing coaches who helped us with our form and taught us proper trapshooting etiquette," Benton said. "I think the trap program is growing very well. More and more students are interested in what we're doing. I have personally grown as an individual on the trap team, improving my scores and gaining wonderful knowledge of the sport itself."

In addition to Lee, Anthony, Magruder, Long, Hudson, Hoffsommer, Morrison, Colcolough, Cross, and Benton, the 2009 trapshooting team included senior **George Coors**; juniors **Whit Carr**, **Buck Morris**, **Reid Sanders**, **Paul Stephens**, and **Michael Wilder**; sophomores **John Hudson**, **Andrew Kennedy**, **Andrew Tackett**, **David Ursic**, and **Cullen West**; and freshmen **Taylor Mays**, **Joe Morrison**, and **Jace Watkins**.

Giving It Their Best Shot



James Long, Trip Hale, Will Anthony, George Coors, and John Hudson

Joe Hoffsommer



(first row, from left) Barnes Chism, Chase Schoelkopf, and Michael Lewandowski, (second row, from left) Evan Sousoulas, J.P. Wheeler, Eric Catmur, Ian Turner, William Smythe, Ben Smith, Colin McDonald, Howard Choi, Trip Freeburg, Matthias Leung, and Mark Sorensen

The journey to this year's state championships was something like a roller coaster for the MUS fencing team, but the ride ended with juniors **Michael Lewandowski**, **Ben Smith**, and **Ian Turner** taking home their first Saber Championship trophy.

Their win followed an outstanding performance by senior **Colin McDonald**, who defended the St. Michael's Cup during halftime at the MUS-CBHS basketball game. The challenge pitted McDonald against a nationally-ranked champion. Although McDonald fell behind by 2-4, he tied the score at 4-4 and finished in a spectacular fashion to keep the cup at MUS for another year.

"The fans went absolutely nuts when I pulled a highly unconventional move by leaping/diving at the opponent," McDonald said. "The winning touch was huge, but rallying back to tie it up against all odds and seeing our boys in the bleachers react was just the best for me."

This win proved to be a favorite with many team members, including Lewandowski.

"The St. Michael's bouts are usually really intense because it's two rivals pitted against each other with swords," Lewandowski said. "Usually, the two school crowds are just going absolutely crazy, but this year's bout was especially exciting because both guys fenced really well, and it came so close."

In November, the Junior Olympic Trials produced six qualifiers from MUS, doubling the number who qualified last year; the qualifiers were McDonald, Lewandowski, Smith, Turner, sophomore **Chase Schoelkopf**, and alumnus Skip Aymett '08. Highlights included a 1-2-3 sweep of saber by Smith, Lewandowski, and Turner and top finishes by co-captains Schoelkopf and McDonald in epee.

Schoelkopf, who started fencing in seventh-grade, won't soon forget the qualifiers.

"I was trailing by a few points in the final round of epee when, while scoring a point, I bent my sword severely," he explained. "During attempts to restore my sword to its normal shape, I snapped it in half. Everyone thought I had broken it in anger. The look on the opposing fencer's face was priceless. I then went on to win."

The Junior Olympic Tournament in Albuquerque, NM, was a huge event in February with more than 1,000 competing high school students during a four-day, non-stop melee. The Owls performed extremely well by climbing up from positions in the pre-tournament rankings by many places in every case.



Fencing Team Foils Competition

by Brad Kroeker, Head Fencing Coach

In addition, the Tennessee division

tournament produced some surprises, and some new talent stepped up with impressive performances. Junior **Trip Freeburg**, sophomore **Howard Choi**, and Aymett qualified in senior men's epee for the Summer Nationals to be held in Dallas, TX. Smith qualified in senior men's saber.

At the state championships, MUS was the only participating school to enter teams in all three weapons' classes – saber, epee, and foil. Each of the three weapons' competitions had both individual and team events and were expanded to a four-day format extending over two weekends.

The epee championship was tied after regulation, but MUS unfortunately lost in a one-touch, sudden-death overtime.

The six-fencer foil team included Schoelkopf, junior **Barnes Chism**, freshman **Mark Sorensen**, and eighth-graders **Jared Carson**, **Drew Hutson**, and **Ben Taylor**.

In individual competition, the saber team swept the individual results with another 1-2-3 finish by Smith, Turner, and Lewandowski. McDonald and sophomore **J.P. Wheeler** tied for third in epee, and MUS fielded its first ever foil team, showing very well

against tough and experienced East Tennessee fencers.

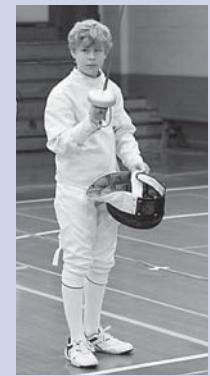
"We will have a chance at a three-weapon sweep of state championships next year," Schoelkopf said. "The Junior Olympics are in Memphis next year, so I hope more of us qualify and perform well."

Schoelkopf's wishes may be granted. The Owls have lost a great fencer, as McDonald graduated in May, but they retain the core of the epee team from this year with Schoelkopf, Wheeler, Freeburg, Choi, and Sorensen. The powerhouse saber team remains intact with the addition of Chism, Hutson, and junior **Eric Catmur**, who fenced foil this past year. Eighth-grader **Ryan Mayzell** and sophomore **William Smythe**, both rookies this year, will be ready for competition next season, and, with sophomore veteran **Evan Sousoulas**, will round out next year's team. The 2009 foil team will add sophomore **Matthias Leung** and will be together for at least the next year, while looking ahead to establish a formidable presence throughout the next four years.



Colin McDonald lunges to score a point.

Photography by Dr. Michael Sorensen



Mark Sorensen

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The following seniors will continue their athletic pursuits in college next fall:

Dylan Cunningham: football, Cornell University

Virgil Deanes: basketball, Hampton College

Barret Folk: track, Dartmouth University

Michael Folk: football, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Matt Grisham: track/cross country, Rhodes College

Barry Hillyer: lacrosse, Jacksonville University

Grant Hopkins: tennis, University of the South

Cliff Jones: football, Auburn University

Ben Khouri: lacrosse, Trinity College

Jackson Knight: tennis, Washington and Lee

Taylor Reed: football, Mississippi State

John Rutledge: lacrosse, Washington and Lee

Matt Shelton: soccer, Washington University

David Tillman: football, University of Tennessee

Walt Wepfer: football, Vanderbilt University

(first row, from left) David Tillman, Matt Shelton, Walt Wepfer, Jackson Knight, and Virgil Deanes
(second row, from left) Michael Folk, John Rutledge, Barret Folk, Taylor Reed, and Barry Hillyer
(third row, from left) Dylan Cunningham, Cliff Jones, Matt Grisham, Ben Khouri, and Grant Hopkins



Will Stokes was one of 11 high school seniors honored during the Memphis Chapter of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame awards dinner. Stokes was selected for his academic achievements, community service, and performance on the field.



Senior Barry Hillyer and Coach Whit Tenent

HILLYER SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT

Senior Barry Hillyer has always dreamed of playing lacrosse in college, and now his dream is becoming a reality. Hillyer has signed a letter of intent to play Division I lacrosse for Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL.

"Since I started playing lacrosse, I've consistently worked to compete at the next level," Hillyer said. "Now that my high school lacrosse career is over, that next level is playing for a Division I school. I'm excited I'll be able to step up and compete with, and against, the best."

Hillyer, a four-year lacrosse letterman, has been a statistical leader as an attack man and midfielder for the Owls since his freshman year. Now a captain on the lacrosse team, he started playing in the fifth grade in a Stickhead Lacrosse spring clinic. As an eighth-grader, he played for the varsity team at White Station High School before transferring to MUS before his freshman year.

"I thought playing for a good team like the one at MUS would help me get a good athletic scholarship, but it ended up helping me get an academic scholarship and I get to play lacrosse," Hillyer said.

He chose Jacksonville partly because he wanted to stay in the South. The lacrosse program at Jacksonville is brand new. Hillyer will be playing on the inaugural team for Mr. Matthew Kerwick, head lacrosse coach, something his current coach, Elliot Dent, head lacrosse coach at MUS, believes will benefit the university.

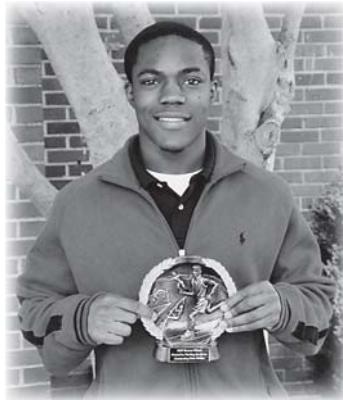
"Throughout his career, Hillyer has been a leader on the offensive end of the ball and will do the same for the Jacksonville Dolphins next spring," Dent said.

Hillyer is bringing championship experience with him to the new program. He played on the 2008 state championship lacrosse team, and he played defensive back on the 2008 state championship football team. Still, lacrosse is his passion.

"I love that lacrosse is always upbeat," Hillyer said. "It is called the fastest sport on two feet and never slows down."

According to Mr. Whit Tenent '00, assistant lacrosse coach at MUS, Hillyer excels in the high-energy sport.

"Barry has been a poised player his entire career and has always drawn the best defenseman," Tenent said. "He has always been able to perform under pressure."



Stephond Allmond won the Most Outstanding Male Athlete Award for his individual first place wins in the triple jump and the long jump at the Harding Invitational Bonner Relays in March.

Undefeated Season for JV Lacrosse

The junior varsity lacrosse team defeated some of the best teams in the South and the country on their way to a winning season.

Sporting an 8-0 overall record, the JV lacrosse team showed other local teams that they remain the dominant program in Shelby County. The Owls easily beat Houston, 17-1, and CBHS twice, allowing only one goal in both games.

MUS also played some outstanding competition from middle Tennessee. In defeating Ravenwood, Franklin, MBA, and Brentwood, the Owls outscored their opponents, 59-18, in tallying the four wins, two of which came on the road.

The squad even took on Pope High School (GA) in early May, beating their visitors, 11-3.

Members of the team included junior **Reid Sanders**; sophomores **James Akers**, **Drew Connors**, **Jeff Daniel**, **Noah Hanover**, **Blake Hennessy**, **Chase Schoelkopf**, **Russell Scott**, **Stephen Valentine**, and **Ben Zambetti**; and freshmen **John David Christman**, **Daniel Cunningham**, **James David Duke**, **Charlie Freeburg**, **Scott Freeburg**, **Garrott Graham**, **Anthony Hodges**, **Joe Morrison**, **Drew Stevenson**, **Trip Underwood**, **Heath Wilder**, and **John Shields Wilson**.



Photo by Mr. Jerry Galik

Russell Scott during the MUS vs. Atlanta Pope game



Photo by Mr. Jerry Galik

Blake Hennessy

Running for Charity

Freshman Tate Yawn placed first in his age group and 11th overall in the Youth Villages 5K in early spring.



Photo courtesy of Youth Villages

JV Soccer Team Faces Challenges With Courage

Interest in junior varsity soccer ran high this year with coaches dividing large numbers of young players into A and B teams, and focusing on bringing out the best in both groups of young men throughout the season.

Although the squad started slowly, they worked hard and improved as the season progressed and played their best soccer at the end of the year. The A team finished their season with a solid 5-4-2 record, winning competitive games.

Led by Coach Steven Medlock, the JV A team was made up of juniors **Robert Cartwright**, **Edward Cates**, **Klaus Garcia**, **Gab Oigbokie**, **Peter Rainer**, and **Parker Wilson**; sophomores **Kyle Anderson**, **Aditya Biswas**, **Cale Carson**, **Philip Overton**, **Max Sheppard**, and **Richard Twardzik**; and freshmen **Max Barousse**, **William Hammond**, **Sam Henke**, **Carson House**, **Chris Morgan**, **Nate Utkov**, and **Andrew Wilensky**.

Medlock said he was pleased with the young men's efforts.

"The team did a great job dealing with injuries and other setbacks throughout the season and should be very proud to have improved the way they did this season," Medlock said. "I'm sure some of the boys will be moving onto the varsity next year to compete for starting positions right away."

The JV B team, coached by Mr. Billy Smith, was comprised of Barousse, Biswas, Morgan, Wilensky, sophomores **Taylor Bates** and **Wyatt Whicker**, and freshmen **David Brandon**, **John Grayson**, **Lee Marshall**, **River Morris**, **John Oates**, **George Ormseth**, **Jazz Singh**, and **Thomas Threlkeld**.

Facing a very challenging schedule, the B team played hard and gained experience. Although the team lost to CBHS, Collierville, Cordova, and Houston, the season highlight came in a victory over St. Benedict, and the season ended with a 1-6 record.



Photo by Mr. Jerry Galik

Wyatt Whicker, Lee Marshall, and John Oates

FUTURE LOOKS GOOD FOR JV BASEBALL

Ask any baseball player and he'll tell you it's hard to beat a 16-6 record, but Head Coach Kyle Finney is looking for the junior varsity team to do just that next year when most of his players return for another season.

Led by one of the best pitching staffs in the state in recent memory, the Owls saw strong showings throughout the season from sophomore **Jian Yin**; freshmen **Victor Cole**, **Daniel Harris**, and **Spencer Gruber**; and eighth-grader **Andrew Plunkett**.

The Owls could also count on consistent hitting from Yin and Harris, freshman **Holt Perdzock**, and eighth-grader **Dalton Dulin**. Still other players could hit for power, including freshmen **Ben Still** and **Nick Vergos**, Plunkett, and Cole.

Behind the plate, the Owls improved from last season, as three top-notch catchers, freshmen **Wil Hergenrader**, **Fowler Gregersen**, and Perdzock proved their skills in the clutch. Defensive playing proved to be strong, as well. When the opposing team put the ball in play, the Owls' infield dominated, as Dulin, Harris, Still, junior **Austin Magruder**, and freshman **Edward Francis** took care of defensive business.

Although the Owls played an impressive season, they missed sophomore **Blake Caummisar**'s pitching and outfield skills while he was out with an injury.

Finney praised his team's success both on and off the field this season.

"The JV team was a lot of fun to coach," he said. "They worked hard every day, and since most of these guys will be back next season, the future looks bright for our team."

Lower School Lacrosse On Eleven-Year Winning Streak

The Lower School lacrosse team played like the champions they are, ending the season with the A team winning their 11th straight championship title.

Both the A and B teams dominated their competition. The A team finished the season 15-0, outscoring their opponents, 198-41. They defeated local teams Briarcrest, Collierville, Houston, the Knights, Lausanne, St. George's, and the Saints. They also dispatched Nashville-area teams Hendersonville and Montgomery Bell Academy, defeating the latter twice in very competitive games.

Their regular season earned them the top-seed in the postseason tournament. In the semifinals, the Owls easily handled St. George's, 14-2. Then in the finals, MUS claimed the championship title, defeating the Saints, 11-4, to complete their undefeated season.

The B team also had a successful year as they finished 7-3, defeating Briarcrest, Hendersonville, Houston, the Knights, MBA, and St. George's, while losing to Collierville, the Saints, and St. George's.

The A team included eighth-graders **Philip Aiken, Selby Austin, Seth Carson, Grant James, Peyton Klawinski, Jackson Loeb, Kris Lucas, Andrew Miller, Wil Rainer, Remy Rea, and Fort Robinson;** and seventh-graders **Lucas Crenshaw, Patrick DiMento, and Jackson Roberts.**

Eighth-graders **Wills Abston, Wellford Gould, Fraser Humphreys, Ryan Mayzell, and Sam Rosenberg;** and seventh-graders **Sam Fowlkes, Myatt McClure, Jay Mitchum, James Sexton, Eason Taylor, Michael Turley, and John Valentine** performed double-duty as they played for both teams.

The B team was made up of eighth-graders **Tiger Adams, Chris Fiedler, and Wells Jackson,** and seventh-graders **Renn Eason, Jake Eissler, Molitor Ford, Tyler Jacks, Jeffrey Lancaster, Ben Ormseth, Nick Schwartz, Tate Solberg, and Luke Stallings.**

Under the guidance of Coaches David Gearhardt, Jeffrey Block '94, Pat DiMento, Kevin Eissler, Dave Rea, and Jack Stratton, these young Owls improved and continued the excellence of the lacrosse program.

EIGHTH-GRADE SOCCER TEAM SCORES TOURNAMENT TITLE

The eighth-grade soccer Owls completed a memorable season as they finished the year undefeated and won the Shelby League Tournament title.

The team, led by Coach Justin Lohman '98, included **Grayson Andrews, Srujan Bethi, Tucker Brock, Walker Bussey-Spencer, Daniel Camuti, Forrest Field, Kyle Gossett, Will Jones, Will Kaelin, Stone McSpadden, Shaheen Mokhtari, David Montgomery, Trey O'Bannon, John Oxendine, Scott Sanders, Bobby Scott, Blake Smith, Nathan Vogt, and Hayes Westlake.**

The players easily handled most of their competition. The Owls earned the top-seed in the postseason tournament by defeating teams from Woodland, FACS, St. Francis, St. George's, Harding, ECS, Briarcrest, and the MUS seventh-grade team.

After winning against Harding and Briarcrest to reach the finals, MUS faced a talented St. George's team on the Gryphons' home turf. Despite a hard-fought match, the Owls outplayed their hosts, 1-0, to take the title and finish the season 11-0.

SEVENTH-GRADE SOCCER PLAYERS PROVE TOUGH COMPETITORS

The seventh-grade soccer team played a competitive schedule this past season and gained valuable experience to take into next year's games.

Led by Coach Mikey McGuire '63, the team was comprised of 20 student-athletes: **Leo Bjorklund, Jeremy Boshwit, Thornton Brooksbank, Alex Carter, Harrison Cox, Andrew Crosby, Thomas Eddins, Seamus Fitzhenry, Salman Haque, Jack Henke, Cameron McDonald, Leshan Moodley, Jacob Radin, Ryan Scheidt, Elliot Slovis, Paul Stevenson, Cole Stockstill, Marshall Sullivan, Zain Virk, and Gary Wunderlich.**

The team finished the season at 2-4-4 as they defeated Briarcrest and FACS. The Owls also tied ECS, Germantown, Harding, and Woodland, while losing to St. Francis, St. George's, and the MUS eighth-grade squad.

Seeded sixth as they headed into the postseason tournament, the Owls played hard but ultimately fell to St. George's to end the season.



Swimmer Slashes Seconds

Seventh-grader Eli Ostrow swam in the Southeastern Regional Swim Championships in Nashville, TN, and knocked almost 27 seconds off his previous best time in the 1000-yard freestyle, his favorite event.

SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST

by Mr. Matt Bakke, Lower School Track Coach

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here's an old saying that goes, "They saved the best for last." That is just what the Lower School track team did to finish the 2009 season by winning their last meet, the Shelby League Track Championship, in early May.

The Owls, who finished with a regular season record of 17-1, coasted to a 154-117 victory over Evangelical Christian School.

The team, comprised mainly of eighth-graders, built a 15-point lead after the first day of field event competition as **DJ Walker** won the discus and finished third in the shot put, and **Caleb McCoy** took fifth in shot put. In the long jump, **James Rantzow** took second place and **Chris Evans** won fourth. **Josh Patterson** won first and **Nedas Jakstas** took second to sweep the high jump.

In the running finals, the Owls captured seven first-place finishes in nine events on the way to the track title. Individual first-place winners for the Owls included: Rantzow (100-meter and 200-meter dash), **Jak Kinney** (400-meter dash), **Jared Carson** (1600-meter run), and **Will Whitley** (100-meter hurdles). MUS also won two relay events as **Edward Lake**, Whitley, Kinney, and Rantzow won the 4-by-100-meter relay, and **Marcellous Jiles**, **Andrew Renshaw**, **Hall Ballinger**, and Kinney won the 4-by-400-meter relay.

Other scoring for MUS came from Evans (second place, 100-meter hurdles), Kinney (fifth place, 100-meter dash), Whitley (fifth place, 200-meter dash), Ballinger (fourth place, 400-meter dash), **Buckner Hasenmueller** (third place, 800-meter run), seventh-grader **Cole Stockstill** (third place, 1600-meter run), and the relay team of seventh-grader **Reggie Anthony** and eighth-graders **Chaz Kemp**, Evans, and Jiles (second place, 4-by-200-meter relay).

Rantzow received the Dan Griffin Outstanding Performer Award, as he scored 30.5 points in four events and set a new meet record in the 200-meter dash (23.38).

Also contributing to the championship season were eighth-graders **Warren Ball**, **Tripp Crews**, **Ford Howell**, **Farhan Kathawala**, **William Mann**, **David Montgomery**, **Matthew Reid**, **Fort Robinson**, **Mac Trammell**, and **Chip Womack** and seventh-graders **Frederick Douglas**, **Malik Smith**, **Paul Stevenson**, and **Dennis Parnell**.

Writer's note: I have nothing but praise for this team's performance during the season and in the championships. I would personally like to thank all the athletes who participated in track this year. The guys were very dedicated, showed tremendous improvement and displayed a great sense of team throughout the season. Special thanks to Coach Joe Tyler and his varsity team for working with our distance runners, Coach Glenn Rogers for his excellent work with the sprinters, and Coach Tom Christenbury '78 for an outstanding job with the hurdlers and throwers. We had a total team effort and it was very rewarding to see it end with a championship.

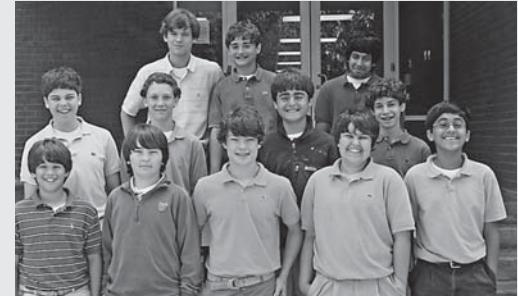


The Lower School track team presented their championship plaque to Mr. Clay Smythe, Lower School principal, during assembly.



LOWER SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM ACED SEASON

by Coach Trey Suddarth, Lower School Tennis Coach



(first row, from left) Marshall Sullivan, Chandler Brown, Walker Sims, Logan Bolton, Amit Shah, (second row, from left) Frederick Scharff, Davis Owen, Michael Birnbaum, Brian Ringel, (third row, from left) Hunter Varner, Jacob Birnbaum, and A.J. Kharbanda (not pictured: Tully Dicken)

The Owls continued their championship wins with the Lower School tennis team, who swept their league opponents in the regular season and the Shelby 7/8 League Tennis Tournament to become the 2009 Shelby League Champions.

Seventh-grader **Walker Sims** won the Shelby 7/8 League Tennis Singles Tournament title, and seventh-grader **Michael Birnbaum** came in third place. Seventh-graders **Tully Dicken** and **Davis Owen** worked together as a team and won the Shelby 7/8 League Tennis Doubles Tournament title. Eighth-graders **Brian Ringel** and **Frederick Scharff** came in second place.

Other team members contributing to an incredible season where there was only one match lost were eighth-graders **A.J. Kharbanda** and **Amit Shah** and seventh graders **Jacob Birnbaum**, **Logan Bolton**, **Chandler Brown**, **Marshall Sullivan**, and **Hunter Varner**.

Lower School Fencers



Jared Carson, Ben Taylor, and Drew Hutson (not pictured: Ryan Mayzell)



(first row, from left) Cole Stockstill, Chip Womack, Chris Evans, Andrew Renshaw, Reggie Anthony, and Marcellous Jiles, (second row, from left) Malik Smith, DJ Walker, Farhan Kathawala, Warren Ball, Paul Stevenson, and Caleb McCoy, (third row, from left) Ben Blackmon, Will Whitley, Jak Kinney, Jared Carson, James Rantzow, and Josh Patterson, (fourth row) Dennis Parnell, Nedas Jakstas, Chaz Kemp, Edward Lake, and Tripp Crews



SMITH NAMED NEW DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING



Mr. Brian K. Smith

Mr. Brian K. Smith has made an art of helping students select and get into the college that best suits them, and he is bringing his skills to Memphis University School as the new director of College Counseling.

"The college application process is unique to each student and, many times, can be quite confusing as well," Smith said. "My hope is to encourage our students to think outside the proverbial box and ask those tough questions to help guide them toward that 'right fit' institution."

Headmaster Ellis Haguewood said he believes Smith will have a very positive impact on the school.

"Charismatic, energetic, innovative, Brian K. Smith will be a superb director of College Counseling and a great asset to MUS," Haguewood said. "He has had a variety of excellent experiences, and he has a wealth of contacts. He was rated top-notch by everyone across the country with whom I spoke."

Smith also is nationally known at colleges across the

country and has an extensive network of contacts in college admissions offices. He comes to MUS from The Baylor School in Chattanooga, where he has served as their senior associate director of college counseling since 2004. Before Baylor, he spent a decade working in the Admissions Office at Lake Forest College in Illinois, ultimately serving as senior associate director of admissions and director of recruitment and application review.

On several occasions, Smith has been a presenter at National Association of College Admission Counseling meetings. He also has received awards from both the Illinois Association of College Admission Counseling and the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling. He currently serves on the *U.S. News and World Report's* High School College Counselor Advisory Board and the Admissions Board of the University of Alabama.

Smith, who holds a B.A. in English and vocal performance from Ball State University, will officially begin work at MUS in July, although he has already spent time meeting with students, parents, faculty, and staff.

"The school completely and accurately understands the importance of a college preparatory education and has perfected educating boys by providing a breadth of course offerings, outstanding leadership, both in the classroom and out, and a comprehensive college counseling program that results in students attending top colleges across the country," Smith said. "MUS has an extremely talented group of young men, and I look forward to assisting them as they work to matriculate at a diverse array of institutions."

Online Tuition Payments: It's a FACT

MUS has joined the more than 5,000 schools across the United States using FACTS Management Company to manage all tuition and student billings.

Charges that were billed to you by MUS, including tuition, bookstore charges, and athletic fees, will now come from FACTS, and you will remit all payments to them. Dining Hall charges will continue to be handled separately by Sodexo.

This change offers parents additional options for payment, including a convenient, online payment plan. The primary reason for the change is to give families more options for paying tuition. In the past, MUS has offered one payment plan (two times per year) and one payment method (check). FACTS assists the school in offering more payment plans and methods.

Every family should have received an e-mail with details and a link to sign up for FACTS. Each student must be registered.

"There are always start-up issues when a change like this is made," said Rankin Fowlkes, director of business operations. "We think that, after the initial registration process, the switch to FACTS will benefit the parents and the school."

In June, FACTS sent your first tuition invoice and will process payments according to the payment plan you selected. You can manage your account and make payments throughout the year at the FACTS Web site at www.factsmgt.com.

For additional questions, please contact Fowlkes or Mrs. Melissa Saenger in the Business Office at (901) 260-1300.

Here are some pertinent facts about your payments next school year:

- If you pay tuition *semi-annually*, you have the additional options of using an automatic bank draft (ACH) or a credit card (2.5 percent convenience fee applies).
- If you want to pay tuition *monthly*, you will now have that option by using either an ACH or a credit card (2.5 percent convenience fee applies). If you choose this option, you will pay a \$160 annual fee, and you must also purchase tuition refund insurance.

CHEMISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY

Junior Colin Thomas

Thomas likes setting fires and blowing things up, but it's all for a very good cause. The gifted, young chemist wants to show elementary school students that chemistry is a lot of fun.



Thomas and junior

Emmett Montgomery

lead members of the Chemistry Club, or ChemClub, in performing demonstrations at area elementary schools, including Presbyterian Day School, Dogwood Elementary, Grace-St. Luke's, St. George's, and Klondike Elementary. They also performed demonstrations for MUS students last fall.

"Basically, ChemClub is a group of guys dedicated to showing the community how important chemistry is," Thomas said.

ChemClub is affiliated with the American Chemical Society (ACS) and has been active at MUS for the past three years. It was started by Mrs. Rosalyn Croce, ChemClub faculty adviser, who helped MUS become one of 15 charter ACS ChemClubs. Students in more than 140 clubs across the United States participate in after-school activities, get involved in community building, learn about chemistry careers, enjoy social events, and better understand how chemistry plays a role in everyday lives.

Montgomery said he believes the demonstrations illustrate the importance of chemistry to elementary students.

"We talk to them about how everything we make uses chemistry in some form or fashion, meaning that everything around us is linked to chemistry in some way," he said. "For example, chemistry is used in how to make a bouncy ball have just the right amount of bounce."

As the club's co-presidents, Thomas and Montgomery discuss dates and times for the demonstrations with teachers and administrators at prospective schools. They then work with Croce, Mrs. Analice Sowell, a chemistry instructor, and fellow club members to devise experiments that are both interesting and relevant to the principles they are teaching.

During the demonstrations, club members give an introductory talk on the general principles of chemistry, including definitions of key terms and how to study experiments. Then they perform experiments, several of which include controlled fires and explosions. Next, they break into small lab groups to do hands-on experiments with the students, including items the participants

Will Taylor at a demonstration for Grace-St. Luke's students



Daryan Barnes at Dogwood Elementary



Klaus Garcia, Colin Thomas, Emmett Montgomery, Christian Kauffman, and Will Taylor at Grace-St. Luke's

can take home. One of the favorites is "slime," a polymer resembling Silly Putty.

During all demonstrations, safety comes first.

The ChemClub makes safety a priority and teaches the elementary students proper safety procedures, all

of which the ChemClub members also use. Junior Daryan Barnes is in charge of ensuring participants follow the safety contract, which all students sign. They must agree to wear their goggles at all times, refrain from eating or drinking the lab materials, behave during the demo, follow all instructions, and thoroughly wash their hands after the demonstration.

"If they break any of these rules, they will not be allowed to participate and may be asked to leave," Barnes explained. "The ChemClub members do the more dangerous experiments, and we reserve the children-friendly experiments for the ones the

elementary school students do."

Junior Will Taylor is a ChemClub member who leads the energetic light demonstration, which shows how fireflies and deep-sea fish use chemoluminescence to glow. He also manages one of the break-out groups.

"I enjoy seeing how the kids react to the experiments and how much they actually enjoy it," Taylor said. "It's important to show younger kids that chemistry can be cool and fun and has applications in the real world. It's not something that exists only in the realm of textbooks."

Thomas said he believes the demonstrations not only help the elementary students, but also the ChemClub members themselves. The members must take complicated lessons and relate them to fifth- and sixth-graders in simple terms they can understand.

"The best way to learn something is to teach it to someone else," Thomas said. "Some of the kids can come up with questions that cause even the veterans to sweat searching for the answer."

Along with Thomas, Montgomery, Barnes, and Taylor, many students were involved in the demonstrations throughout the year, including seniors Tho Nguyen, Evan Mah, and Rahul Kumar; juniors Josh Feler, Klaus Garcia, Cort Gatliff, and Christian Kauffman; and sophomores Mac Armour, Elliott Collins, Rob Dickinson, Shea Gabrieleschi, Nathan Prosser, and Ben Zambetti.

CAMPUS NEWS



THEY CAME, THEY SAW, WE CONQUERED

Eighth-grader **Charlie Goodfellow** strapped on a bicycle helmet, stepped into a modern version of an ancient Roman chariot, and steered his way to a first-place win at the annual Tennessee Junior Classical League Latin (TJCL) Convention recently.

Teammates junior **Kelly Myers** and sophomore **Forrest Baty** supplied the pulling power that resulted in the first-place win and set the tone for an overall first-place win for MUS in the convention for the second time in as many years.

"Most TJCL schools have only a handful of students capable of scoring points at this convention," said Mr. Ryan Sellers, MUS Latin instructor, TJCL state chairman, and convention director. "This year, MUS had 43 students score points, so we're very proud of the overall depth we have in our Latin program."

More than 700 students of Latin from 30 schools across Tennessee came to the convention on the MUS campus April 24 and 25. Regular classes did not meet in lieu of the convention and to allow for more MUS students to participate. Of all the schools represented, the top five were MUS with 910 points, Hume-Fogg High School with 740 points, White Station High School with 508 points, St. Mary's Episcopal School with 491 points, and Northeast High School with 432 points.

Along with the chariot race win, the MUS Latin Club came in first place in community service and in publicity. Individual results included a four-way tie in the Level 4 Vocabulary Test between seniors **Rahul Kumar** and **Mustafa Motiwala** and juniors **Will Taylor** and **James Arnold**. Other first-place finishers were sophomore **Clint Montgomery** in the cinema Romana video competition, freshman **Jackson Darr** in English oratory, freshman **Eli Goldstein** in both the academic heptathlon and level two grammar, freshman **Wil Hergenrader** in level two reading comprehension, freshman **Nicholas Rouse** in classical art, Latin literature, and Roman history level two, and eighth-grader **Sam Shankman** in dramatic Latin.

Shankman said he enjoyed competing in dramatic Latin, in which students memorize a monologue in Latin and present it to a panel of judges.

"It was the first time that I had competed in Latin, and it was really exciting," he said. "Latin is my favorite class, and I really love theater. Dramatic Latin was a fun way to combine two



Rahul Kumar, Michael Green, and Mustafa Motiwala

The team of Charlie Goodfellow (in chariot), Forrest Baty (left), and Kelly Myers (right) came in first place in the chariot race at the TJCL convention.



Sophomore Clint Montgomery, in costume for a Latin-themed skit, won first place in the cinema Romana competition and second place in the skit contest.

of my passions into one competition."

These competition wins, along with students who placed in the individual competitions, contributed to MUS's total points. The top nine scorers were Rouse, who also came in third overall in the convention, earning 99 points; Goldstein, who came in fifth overall in the convention, earning 93 points; eighth-grader **Andrew Raves** with 51 points; freshman **Carson House** with 42 points; Montgomery with 39 points; senior **Robert Duffley** with 36 points; Kumar with 33 points; and Taylor and Darr, both earning 30 points.

While competition was a large part of the day, some events, such as the art contest, costume contest, and Latin-themed skit contest provided entertainment, as well.

Sophomore **Richard Twardzik**, who was featured in the second-place winning skit and the first-place winning cinema Romana video, said he enjoyed the convention.

"I personally had a great time this year," he said. "It was an awesome time to have fun with friends while celebrating Latin. The convention reminded me just how historical Latin is. I keep in mind that when I read something originally written in Latin, I am reading the same thing that the Roman people read more than 2,000 years ago," he said.

One MUS student, junior **Wade Laycock**, had executive responsibilities this year as parliamentarian, which included oversight of elections for student officers next year.

"Overall, I thought that the convention was run very efficiently," Laycock said. "As the new TJCL state chair, Mr. Sellers eliminated many frivolous activities that have unnecessarily prolonged conventions in the past. Everything was much more streamlined."

Sellers credited this year's success to his fellow Latin faculty members, Mr. Trey Suddarth and Mrs. Marilyn Reinhardt; faculty members and parents who volunteered to assist at events; Mrs. Tina Fockler and Mrs. Claudia Twardzik, who coordinated the parent volunteers; Laycock and Arnold; and the administration.

"The administration has been so supportive of our Latin program in general," Sellers said. "No other school in the state would even consider having a school holiday for the TJCL."

Hyde Highlights: Fantasy Writer Enchants Students

by Mrs. Bonnie Barnes, Director of the Hyde Library



The life of a writer is very different from that of an academic, said Dr. Jonathan Rogers, a man who has lived both.

After finishing a Ph.D. in 17th century English literature from Vanderbilt University and teaching there for five years, Rogers worked construction one summer and met some fascinating people who seemed to be living the kind of concrete, authentic life he had read about in his literary studies. One of these people became a prominent character in his trilogy, and as Rogers became more acquainted with their way of life, he decided to pass up a job offer from a large university in order to connect with the "real world" and explore the path of a freelance writer. He has kept to that path ever since, and the choice has allowed him to write novels, while also contracting on practical projects, including brochures for banks and businesses.

Rogers, who spoke to students and faculty in a library-sponsored chapel on March 25, has published four books. One is on the *Narnia Chronicles* series by C.S. Lewis and three are books of his own fantasy fiction for middle school-aged children and are titled *The Wilderking Trilogy*. He has another book of fiction scheduled for publication in 2010.

In his chapel talk, Rogers paid tribute to his uncle Dan, who had died the day before. He said the stories his uncle had told influenced his own writing.

As a writer, Rogers said he has learned to take the Aristotelian approach: He avoids the abstract and includes concrete wording and images as much as possible. He described the difference between Plato's view of the world, where physical reality is dismissed because everything one sees is only the shadow of an ideal reality, and Aristotle's view, where experience is the best

teacher and observation of detail is important. Rogers offered respect to the academic world and said it plays an important role in teaching students how to develop abstract thinking; but he prefers the more concrete life of a freelance writer.

Following chapel, Rogers conducted a question and answer session in the Wunderlich Auditorium. First, he chatted with seventh-grader **Davis Howe**, who said he is interested in becoming a writer and showed Rogers the work he has begun on a fantasy novel. Then a group of seniors, accompanied by Dr. David Jackson, met



Mrs. Bonnie Barnes, Dr. Jonathan Rogers, and Mr. Ellis Haguewood with one of Rogers' books



Davis Howe discussed his idea for a novel with Dr. Jonathan Rogers.

with Rogers and discussed theories of writing, reality, and storytelling. Rogers noted that, rather than trying to put a message in his writing, he attempts to tell a story and lets the message take care of itself.

Rogers signed

copies of his books during Lower and Upper School lunch periods, while discussing Jerry Lawler, Memphis history, basketball, and art with faculty and staff members.

Seniors Read at MUS

The senior class recently completed a brief survey from the Hyde Library. The survey asked for the top three to five favorite books they had read while at MUS. Any book from any genre, whether required or not, would be acceptable for the list. After Mrs. Bonnie Barnes tallied the responses, Ms. Laura Bontrager created bookmarks with the top 20 books listed of the 99 titles contributed by seniors. On April 14 and 15, during the library's Senior Starbucks Days, the bookmarks were distributed, along with coffee donated by Starbucks, and hot chocolate and baked goods contributed by this year's corps of library volunteer moms.

Top 20 Books Voted on by Seniors:

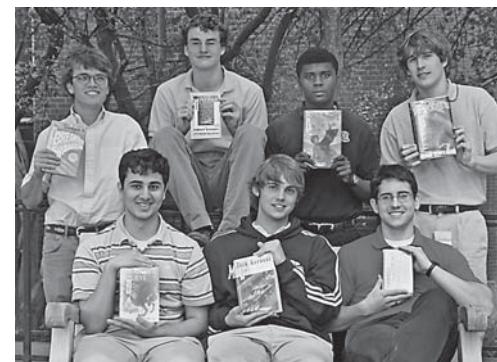
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
1984 by George Orwell
Watchmen by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons
Harry Potter series (any or all) by J.K. Rowling
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
On the Road by Jack Kerouac
The Sirens of Titan by Kurt Vonnegut
All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test by Tom Wolfe
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
A Separate Peace by John Knowles
Cat's Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut
Hamlet by William Shakespeare
The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene
No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy

(front row, from left) Mustafa Motiwala, Wesley Shannon, Xander Batey, (back row, from left) Carl Krausnick, Robert Threlkeld, Rhobb Hunter, and Tucker Witte frequented the library during their years at MUS and show their favorite books.



Mrs. Mac Molasky, Mrs. Barbara Presley, Mrs. Bonnie Barnes, Mrs. Nancy Arant, and Ms. Laura Bontrager





Seventh-grader **Cole Ettingoff** quickly stepped into the bright yellow, plastic suit that covered him from head to toe, exposing only his face. He put on large safety goggles that fit over his eyes and marched forward so he could be scrubbed down in the decontamination shower.

Once cleared, he got a chance to experience what turned out to be his favorite part of the day: riding in an ambulance.

Ettingoff was one of 22 students who volunteered to help members of the Shelby County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) conduct a city-wide disaster drill on the MUS campus for first responders on

March 25. He said he's glad he volunteered because the experience increased his interest in safety and emergency response.

"The drills provided an opportunity for the emergency responders in our community to practice for a real emergency," he said.

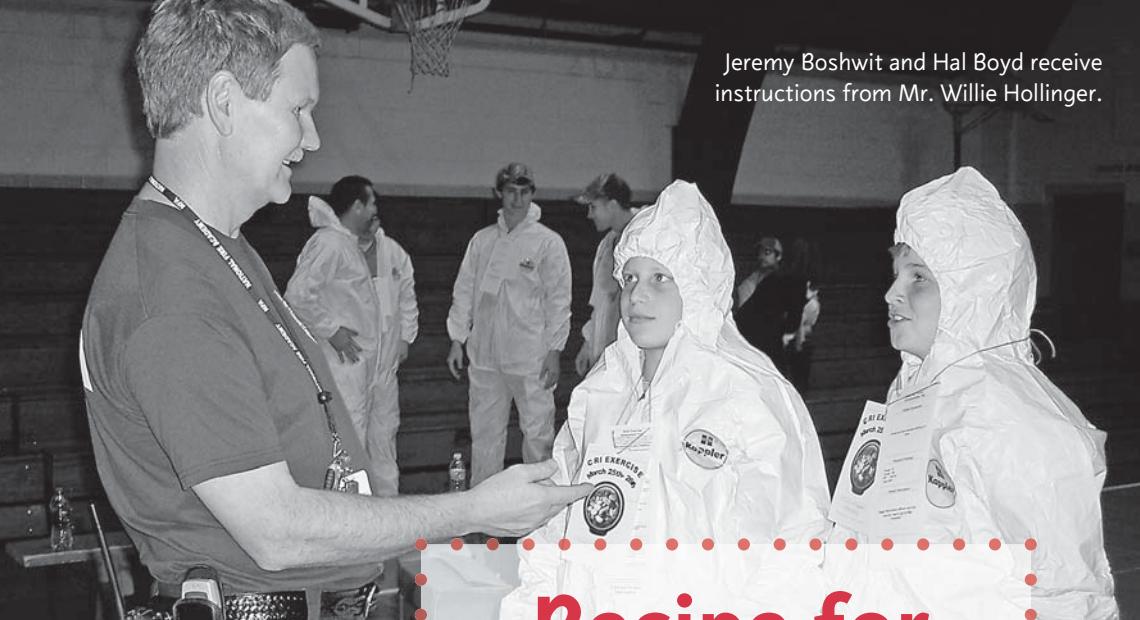
The exercise was a test of the Memphis metropolitan region's Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) plan, specifically a potential biological incident. MUS volunteered its campus, and students stepped forward to participate in the drill.

"Our students were complimented for their enthusiasm,



Hal Boyd suits up.

willingness to follow directions, and their participation," said Mr. Willie Hollinger, who helped plan, coordinate, and evaluate the overall performance of the drill as the EMA's public education officer. He is also the campus facilities manager.



Jeremy Boshwit and Hal Boyd receive instructions from Mr. Willie Hollinger.

Recipe for Disaster

"I think all of the participants went away with a better understanding of the amount of resources and manpower it takes to respond to a mass casualty incident," he said.

In addition to Ettingoff, volunteers included senior **Tho Nguyen**; juniors **Adam Crow**, **Palmer Hunt**, **Colin Thomas**, and **Ryan Turner**; sophomores **Aditya Biswas**, **Elliott Collins**, **Hunter Krauch**, **Joseph Levy**, **Joel Saslawsky**, **Billy Simco**, **David Ursic**, and **Grant Vogelfanger**; freshmen **Jackson Cross**, **Alex Crump**, **Joe Hoffsommer**, and **Jace Watkins**; and seventh-graders **Jeremy Boshwit**, **Hal Boyd**, **Zack Spisak**, and **Luke Stallings**. They received mock medical evaluations by emergency personnel and went through the decontamination process before being taken by ambulance to local hospitals.

Boshwit, who said he enjoyed the experience and learned from it, said he couldn't stop wondering what people driving by campus must have thought was happening. Stallings said he volunteered because it sounded like it would be fun. Like all the volunteers, he was given a card that described the symptoms he was supposed to have.

"My assignment was to act like I was suffering from shortness of breath, so I had to act like I was wheezing," Stallings said. "My assigned role was to have had confirmed chemical exposure, so they categorized me in critical condition."

Along with Hollinger, four faculty and staff members participated in the drill. Mrs. Analice Sowell was responsible for the volunteers and had to ensure that each "victim" understood his or her role. She also knew where each student was at all times and made sure they returned to campus safely. Mr. Eddie Batey, Mrs. Rosalyn Croce, and Mrs. Ann Laughlin participated as volunteers, and, according to Hollinger, were given high marks by the evaluators for playing their parts so well.

In the end, the drill served its purpose.

"Each drill is different and allows us to implement improvements, additional training or include other agencies as needed," Hollinger said. "In the past, we used adults. Overall, I think being able to use students was an eye opener for the responding agencies."

ROBERT M. METCALF SYMPOSIUM

METCALF SYMPOSIUM BRINGS JARVIS TO CAMPUS

Father Tony Jarvis has counseled many people through the years, and those who are happiest have learned that giving – not getting – is the key to a rewarding and successful life.

This was the message of the former headmaster of Roxbury Latin School in Boston and noted author who told stories of people he has counseled and lessons he has learned from them at the 12th annual Metcalf Symposium on March 20.

“These men know that if you want to be happy, it means you must give, not get,” Jarvis said. “This is your one and only life – it’s not a rehearsal. Why not dare to live a life radiant with giving?”

Jarvis, an Episcopal priest, also shared stories about boys he’s worked with throughout the years and how men should learn “what they are running from, and to, and why.” He talked about famous people he knows who are rich and have gotten every material thing they wanted but are still very unhappy.

“I had lunch recently with a businessman who had given \$1 million to Eaton for a Roxbury Latin boy to attend,” Jarvis said. “He told me that he had been happier since he started supporting good causes than he had ever been in his life. He had an epiphany that he might have done a little good.”

One of his more memorable stories was about Mr. Ross McGuinness, who loved cars, worked at McDonald’s, and had bad grades. He joined the Army, went to Iraq at age 18, and worked as a gunner in a Humvee. A year later, he and his team were escorting a truck carrying a generator to provide power in Baghdad when someone threw a grenade

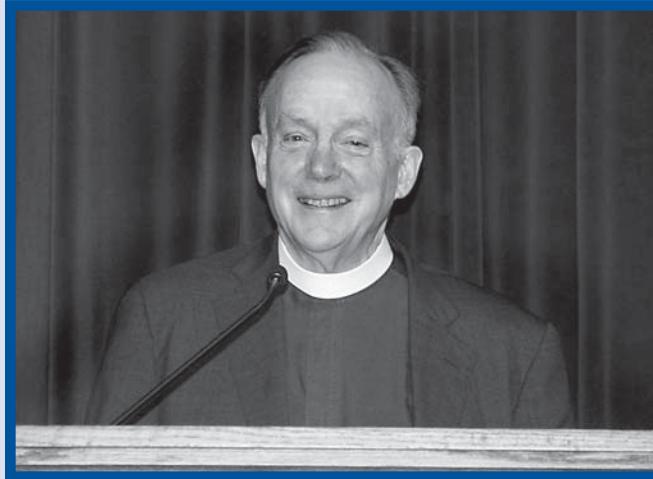
down the gun hatch. McGuinness threw himself on the grenade and was killed. He saved the four friends inside the Humvee with him and received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

“One of the guys whom Ross saved told me that he should have died,” Jarvis said. “He told me that, instead, Ross died for him so he can appreciate his children’s touch. Ross McGuinness decided to lay down his life so his buddies could live.”

Jarvis currently teaches at Yale University where he serves as the director of the Educational Leadership and Ministry Program at Berkeley Divinity School. He is the author of six books as well as numerous articles on history, education, and religion. His most recent book, *With Love and Prayers*, a collection of 40 addresses to students, won the Christopher Award for adult non-fiction.

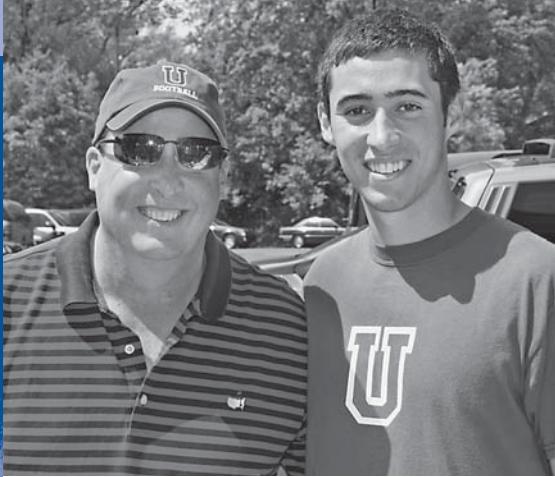
He was head of Roxbury Latin School for 31 years and retired in 2003. Roxbury, which opened in 1645, is a school for boys in grades seven through 12 and is the oldest school in continuous existence in the United States. Jarvis is also the founder of the International Boys School Coalition.

The Robert M. Metcalf Symposium, funded by the Wilberforce Education Foundation, is an annual lecture series designed for students at the secondary school level to encourage their reflection on the great ethical traditions of Western Civilization. Its goal is to initiate a lively exchange of ideas about the arts, humanities, sciences, civic service, and popular culture – all from a perspective consistent with the school’s Christian tradition.



Father Tony Jarvis

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Junior Jake Rudolph and his father, Mr. Courtney Rudolph '77, show off their Owl spirit.



Wilson Society members Rhobb Hunter, John Riggins, and Robert Counce (top) at a Wilson Society lunch meeting

Look Who's Caught on Camera



Upper School Principal Barry Ray and the soccer team's biggest fan: Ray's dog Beau.

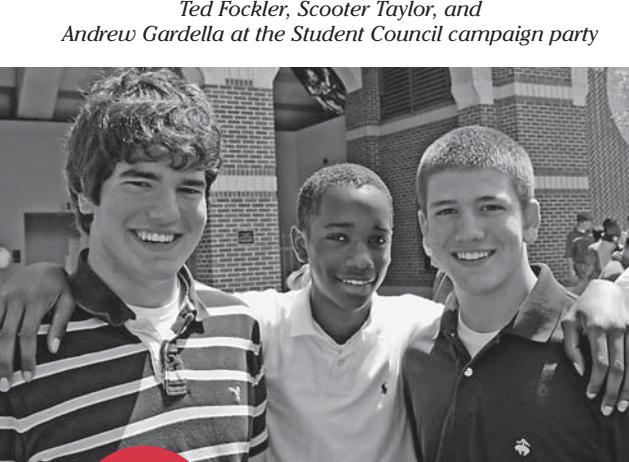
Photo by Mrs. Abby Morrisinger



Junior Barry Brunetti and Coach Bobby Alston celebrated Brunetti's selection to attend the ESPN Elite Eleven Quarterback Camp. The invitation-only football camp is run by the ESPN sports network.



Author Eric Barnes spoke to students in chapel about the trials and tribulations of being a writer. Barnes' novel, Shimmer, is available in bookstores.



Ted Fockler, Scooter Taylor, and Andrew Gardella at the Student Council campaign party

Seventh-grader Chase Wyatt created a mosaic head for Mr. Jim Buchman's art class. The heads were displayed during the Night of the Arts pre-theater reception.





Senior Evan Mah, who served as editor, holds a copy of this year's award-winning yearbook. Walsworth Publishing Company selected the 2008-09 Memphis University School yearbook for an Award of Excellence. Only 2 percent of schools get this distinction.

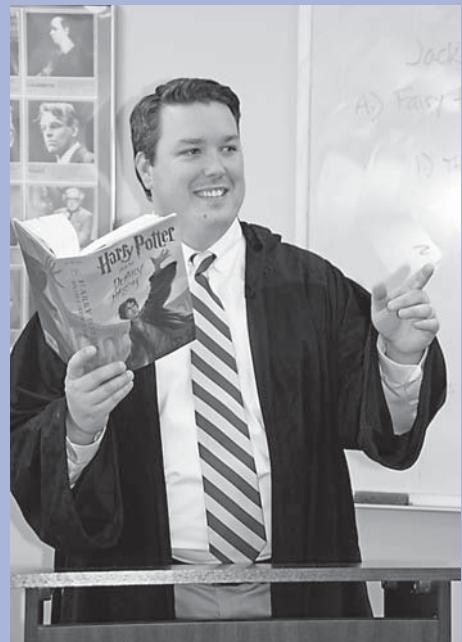


Junior Barnes Chism reenacted the pose in his printmaking self-portrait displayed at the Night of the Arts reception on April 17.



Eighth-grader Sam Shankman demonstrated the size of one of the puppets used in Little Shop of Horrors by climbing inside of it.

Mr. Spencer Reese, an English instructor and Harry Potter enthusiast, dressed up like the title character to help promote his Academic Adventures course on Harry Potter.



Dr. Steven Gadbois, freshman Tate Yawn, and sophomore Howard Choi used mathematics principles to construct a small whispering dome on campus as part of a class project.

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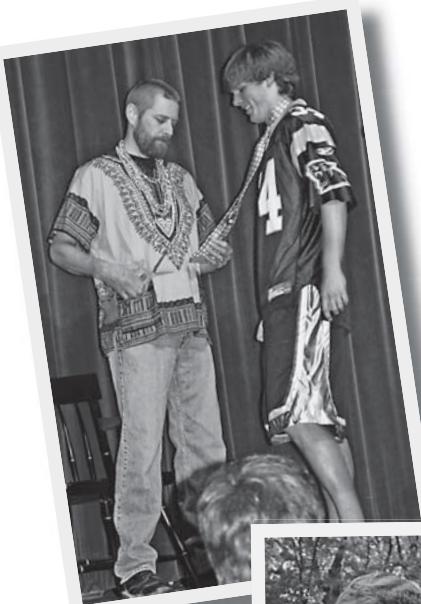
Senior Moments



(front row, from left) Turner Morehead, Barret Folk, Brandon Parrish, Drew Cornaghe, (back row, from left) Carl Krausnick, Evan Mah, Robert Counce, Lee Moodley, Robert Vestal, Grant Hopkins, Harrison Rea, Tucker Witte, Rahul Kumar, and Johnny Carson wear T-shirts showing which college they will attend in the fall.



Robert Threlkeld and Tucker Witte
at the senior picnic



Mr. Ken Stacey cuts Johnny Carson's tie during the mock graduation exercises.



Carl Krausnick and
Mustafa Motiwala



Robert Vestal, Jason Weatherly, Brandon Parrish, John Riggins, Jon Mitchell, and Ryan Dillon
at the senior picnic given by the Parents' Association



Jackson Knight, John Rutledge, and Matthew Preston
enjoy the senior brunch at the Headmaster's house prior
to the commencement rehearsal.



Kimbrough Taylor,
Harrison Rea, and Ben Khouri
at the senior picnic



John Battle, Brandon Parrish, and Grayson Magruder attended
the senior brunch at the Headmaster's house.

Owl athletes Barret Folk, Matt Grisham, Dylan Cunningham, Cliff Jones, Michael Folk, Walt Wepfer, and Taylor Reed wear hats showing the athletic teams they'll play for in college.



CORNER: College Decision Time

by Ms. Katherine Parr, Assistant Director of College Counseling

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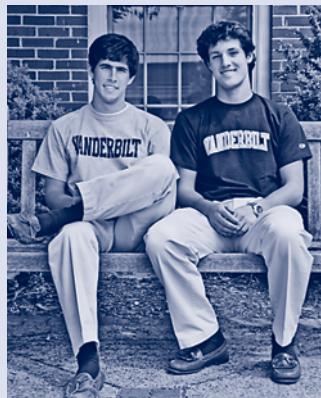


many of those are full tuition awards. The prestigious scholarships offered to the seniors include Washington and Lee's Johnson Scholarship, Vanderbilt's Ingram Scholarship, Washington University's Danforth Scholarship, J.E. Oglethorpe Scholarship, and more. We are proud of the graduates of the Class of 2009, and we wish them all the best as they head into their college years.

It is now time for the Class of 2010 to move into the next phase of their lives and take on the privileges and responsibilities of being seniors at MUS. If your son is a rising senior, he has some assignments to complete over the summer so that when he

The Class of 2009 will soon head to colleges across the country, from Pepperdine University to the University of Georgia, from Dartmouth College to Cornell University, from Eckerd College to Emory University, and to many more.

This year's graduates will attend 45 schools in 20 states and the District of Columbia. The senior class received more than \$7.9 million in scholarships, and



Lowell Hays and Will Stokes
are Vandy bound!

returns to school in the fall, he'll be ready to start the college application process.

He should complete the Senior Summer Survey on Naviance Family Connection by the end of the summer. This survey will enable us to get to know more about him and all of his achievements and will help us when writing his college recommendations. The second recommended assignment is to write a practice college application essay. Although some colleges do not require an essay with the application, we ask that every rising senior write one over the summer. An essay could be required for a variety of applications, and we want your son to be prepared. He should choose one of the Common Application's essay prompts found at www.commonapp.org. They are:

1. Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
2. Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
3. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
4. Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
5. A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
6. Topic of your choice.

As always, please contact the College Counseling Office with any questions or concerns. We hope you have a good summer and we look forward to working with you and the Class of 2010.

CSO School Year Totals

Blankets for LeBonheur:	30 hours
Blood Drives:	30 hours
Habitat for Humanity:	32 hours
Holiday Toy Drive:	20 hours
Mt. Zion Cemetery Clean up:	75 hours
Overton Park Conservation:	87 hours
Race for the Cure:	50 hours
Ronald McDonald House:	48 hours
Salvation Army Bell Ringing:	48 hours
Wish Bowl:	220 hours

Civic Service Organization

Roman Emperor Comes To Life in New Textbook

Some may view Roman Emperor Nero as a lunatic of epic proportions, but Mr. Ryan Sellers, a Latin teacher, thinks the ruler's life could be a useful resource in the classroom. To prove his point, Sellers has written *De Viro Mirabili: The Autobiography of the Emperor Nero*, an intermediate level Latin textbook based on episodes from Nero's life.

Sellers' interest in Nero arose from his experience with a study program in Rome in the summer of 2004, where he conducted research on Nero's famous palace, *Domus Aurea*.

"In the course of my research, I came across a quotation from Edward Champlin, a noted Nero scholar," Sellers recalled. "It read: 'The pages of Tacitus, Dio, and Suetonius drip with the blood of Nero's victims. Horror mounts on horror. But what if we were to accept the writers' facts and reject their explanations – what if we were to adopt Nero's version of events?'

According to Sellers, the problem is we don't have Nero's version of events because Nero didn't live long enough to record it.

"Therefore, I tried to imagine what Nero would

have said, and that's how the book developed," Sellers explained.

Sellers' book, which is intended to review grammar concepts, reinforce basic vocabulary, and develop the sight-reading skills of students, assumes an interesting angle. Told from an autobiographical perspective, all episodes are related from the viewpoint of Nero himself.

Sellers said he believes his book is different than many other Latin textbooks used in classrooms today.

"Most teachers write Nero off as a lunatic, but I think using his life as a springboard for Latin scholarship could be very helpful and interesting to students," he said. "He was a savvy politician and master propagandist, tools he used to spin the facts in his own favor. Caesar and Augustus were also talented propagandists, but their works are so carefully sanitized that they often put students to sleep."

The book is available at The American Classical League Teaching Materials and Resource Center at www.aclclassics.org/TMRC/.

INSIGHTS

Getting More Out of College Scholarships

by Mrs. Catherine Schuhmacher, Lower School Counselor



Negotiating prices may be helpful when buying a car or purchasing a house, but also may come in handy when selecting a college.

Mr. Dave Wottle, director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Rhodes College, concluded the 2009 Parent Speaker Series with "College Admissions 101" in early April and discussed some recent trends in the college application process, including the increased use of technology, the sophisticated marketing and analysis involved in the admissions process, the artificially inflated application pools, the increased interest in retention, and the desire for more early decision/action candidates.

Wottle also revealed that an initial scholarship or financial aid offer isn't necessarily the final offer. In fact, an increasing number of negotiations regarding financial aid and scholarships occur because students are often awarded scholarships from multiple colleges, but end

up declining offers, leaving money available for redistribution.

Wottle suggested calling the Financial Aid office directly and discussing options, especially if the college is the student's top choice. He advised students to negotiate only with schools they would attend if aid is increased.

Now, along with these trends come the inevitable increased levels of anxiety for both parents and students. To help with this, Wottle recommended following what he called the "Ten Commandments" for choosing the right college.

- 1. Know thyself.**
- 2. Research your options.**
- 3. Write, e-mail, or call ten to 15 colleges.**
- 4. Narrow choices to five to seven colleges.**
- 5. Visit.**
- 6. Apply to four to six colleges.**
- 7. Take advantage of financial aid offerings.**
- 8. After acceptance, visit the top two or three colleges again.**
- 9. Make the final decision by May 1.**
- 10. Smile, you've made the right choice.**

Our job at MUS is to prepare your sons to be the well-rounded individuals that attract top colleges so that their options are wide open when it's time to apply. We believe Wottle's presentation helped demystify the college admissions process.

We also hope you have gained some helpful knowledge from our 2009 Parent Speaker Series. I know I have. Thank you for being supportive and involved parents, who are interested in the topics we feel are both relevant and timely to your sons and families.



Mr. Dave Wottle

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION WRAP-UP

by Mrs. Laurie Benton, Parents' Association Co-Chair

The Parent's Association (PA) spent the spring semester doing exactly what they do best: supporting the school and the boys.

In February, senior class mothers came out in full force to help serve at the second annual Alumni Connection dinner. Each senior boy was paired with an alumnus to discuss future endeavors as they prepared for graduation. The mothers' participation as servers made this event special for the boys as well as alumni who participated. Also in February, the PA treated the faculty and staff to Valentine's Day cakes.

The Parents' Association also provided food and support for the Night of the Arts pre-theater reception, which kicked off the spring theater production of *Little Shop of Horrors* on April 17. The cast and crew were fed and supported each night of the week of performances by a group led by Mrs. Catherine Morehead. Mrs. Janis Kimbrough and her hospitality team planned a festive end-of-the-year picnic for the senior boys on Wednesday, April 29.

The eighth-grade mothers' prayer group met monthly to support their sons, and in May, they had a joint lunch with the eighth-grade moms from

Hutchison and St. Mary's. The seventh-grade parents had a very successful wine and cheese party at John and Hermenia Prather's home.

The PA also continued to ensure that parents have the opportunity to get to know one another and had the remaining three grade-level parties early in the year. The eighth-grade parents gathered at Lisa and Mark Putman's home, the tenth-grade parents had their get together at the home of Suki and



Mrs. Beth Moore, Mrs. Janis Kimbrough, and Mrs. Gwin Smith

John Carson, and Cindy and Jack Stratton were hosts for the eleventh-grade parent party. The evening wine and cheese gatherings that were popular in the fall also continued.

As the school year comes to a close, Bill and I would like to thank everyone who joined the Parents' Association this year and volunteered to support the school whenever called upon to help. That support makes a tremendous difference for the students, faculty, and parents.

Editor's Note: Bill and Laurie Benton, parents of Will and Ben, served as co-chairs of the MUS Parents' Association this year.



Freshman Ben Benton, Mr. Bill Benton, Senior Will Benton, and Mrs. Laurie Benton

wine and cheese party at John and Hermenia Prather's home.



Andrew Maroda with his mother, Mrs. Julie Maroda, at the senior picnic



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UPCOMING EVENTS

School Calendar 2009-10

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| August 13 | Convocation Day (first day of school, half-day) |
| September 7 | Labor Day Holiday |
| September 16 | Parent Back to School Day (Student Holiday) |
| October 7-9 | Fall Break |
| November 25-27 | Thanksgiving Holiday |
| December 14-18 | Semester Exams |
| December 18 | Last Day of First Semester |

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| January 4 | First Day of Second Semester |
| January 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday |
| February 15 | Winter Break – Presidents' Day |
| March 5, 8-12 | Spring Break |
| April 2 | Good Friday |
| May 20-26 | Underclassmen Exams |
| May 16 | Graduation Exercises |
| May 27 | Last School Day for Underclassmen (half-day) |



2009 BRIDGES Kickoff Classic

MUS vs. Millington

**Friday, August 21
7:30 p.m.**



MUS Hull-Dobbs Athletic Field