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From the Editor

There are 25 issues of *MUS Today* sitting on the window sill behind my computer. These are the issues for which I have been responsible as editor. I look at them every day I'm at work. Each magazine is a time capsule that brings back memories of people and stories; that reminds me of a few mistakes and, thankfully, more successes; and, hopefully, that offers evidence of the magazine's growing sophistication.

From its inception way before my time, the magazine was seen as an extension of MUS and its mission. It began as a communication of school and student accomplishments and alumni class news. It has evolved into a magazine to serve alumni, families, and friends to keep them close to this place. It tells the stories of MUS people and strengthens the bonds that connect MUS constituents. And I hope it makes people feel good about MUS.

There's a lot going on in these pages. We hope to juggle a wide assortment of offerings and demands with a fun mix of creativity and surprise. This issue highlights a group of alumni, under the leadership of **Staley Cates '82**, who are managing investments and winning awards over at Longleaf Funds; **Spencer Reese '94**, a teacher who has brought Harry Potter into his classroom and is receiving all sorts of accolades for it; a day in the life of Summer SLAM, the school's program that brings high-achieving, non-traditional students to campus each summer; **Adam Kriger '84**, who is working at McDonald's and doing a lot more than flipping burgers; and even a story on the evolution of the Wallabee.

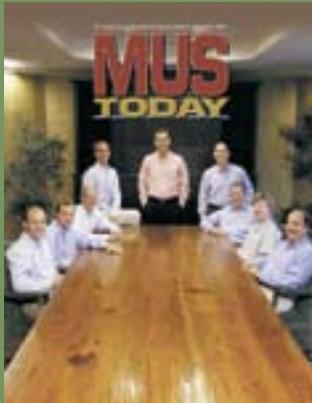
It's extremely gratifying to look over almost ten years of magazines. But the best part is getting to work on the next issue.

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Staley Cates '82 (center), president of Southeastern Asset Management, surrounds himself with MUS alumni for solid business decisions. Story starts on page 3. Photo by Jack Kenner.

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Headmaster's Message

by Ellis Haguewood



“...and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.”

(Exodus 2:24)

For the past six years, I have enjoyed teaching a seventh-grade Old Testament survey course. I get to know a number of young students as they begin their half-dozen years at MUS, I daily see teachers and students I might see only intermittently were it not for the class, and I hope that my presence makes a symbolic statement about the importance of biblical study at this great school. And, of course, as all teachers are wont to say, I learn more than my students.

The Bible has much to say about memory and remembrance. For example, several times the Exodus narrative states, “God *remembered* (italics mine) his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” But the “remembering” comes hundred of years after the promise was made. I ask the boys: “Do you think God forgot for centuries and then something jogged his memory?” They always say, “No, he doesn’t forget, in the sense that we forget. It probably means that he decided it was the right time to fulfill the promise.” Or as the apostle Paul put it, it was “in the fullness of time,” for often between the promise and the fulfillment, years pass.

So it is with boys. Over the years I have observed that boys do not always “remember” the important lessons they are taught by their parents or by the school or by their experiences at the time they are taught. The seed is planted, but the memory is too green in their hearts. Eventually, however, they *do* “remember.” They sometimes recollect in college. More often the fulfillment comes after they assume adult responsibilities as husband or father or employee. But the seed will grow, the leaves will sprout, the blossoms will form, and the fruit will ripen. They *will* remember.

Often the chords of their memory stretch back to their years at MUS – the outstanding teachers they had, the adversity and triumph they shared with comrades on the playing fields, the Honor Code they embraced, the leadership they imbibed, the accountability they learned, the service they performed.



As a school, our mission comprises a passion for excellence in all that we do and an intense desire to create strong moral character in our boys, but our view must be long-range.

We cannot allow ourselves to bog down in the problems of the day, for the boys we work with are still malleable. Our best efforts aim not at seeing what they are, but what they can become.

Like the boys of Southeastern Asset Management, who are featured in this issue of *MUS Today*, our alumni provide living proof that our boys “remember.” When I see alumni who are giving shape and vision to the future of Memphis, I am confident that they are “remembering” the lessons they learned at MUS. Our alumni lead in business, medicine, law, and education. They serve the community on non-profit boards in far greater proportion than their number. Their dedication to lifting the fortunes of others and their commitment to excellence provide conspicuous evidence that they imbibed the “promise” while here.

Every year, I end my brief talk to parents on “Back to School Day” with an anecdote from Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Poetic Principle.” In that essay, Poe argues that a poem must be brief. He admits, however, that a *very* brief poem, while now and then producing a vivid or brilliant effect, never produces a profound or enduring effect. He says, “There must be the steady pressing down of the stamp upon the wax.” So it is with boys: if we want the profound and enduring effects that last for a lifetime, there must be the steady pressing down of the stamp upon the wax. Providing our boys with steady, consistent, memorable experiences that support our mission

will form a storehouse that our boys can mine in the fullness of time. The imprint of the experiences that a boy has at MUS will remain. And years afterward, they “remember.”

Feeling a bit unsure but full of potential, all seventh graders start the school year at Owl Camp orientation, an experience full of games to build camaraderie and trust among new classmates. Here, two boys balance on ropes, working together to meet the challenge at hand.



A Sound Investment

Fund Managers of the Year Lead a Winning Team

by Adam Lazarov '02

It is nearly impossible to sort through information about Southeastern Asset Management's Llongleaf Funds without running across their ten governing principles. The first is "We will treat your investment in Llongleaf as if it were our own." If that reminds some of a similar phrase, one version or another of the reputable MUS pledge, "I pledge this work is my own," there is good reason: Southeastern is a firm populated with MUS alumni who never lost the spirit of honesty and integrity that they developed in their parents' homes and at their school.

A unique way of doing business brought attention to Southeastern in January 2007 with the news that Morningstar, a trusted leader in fund analysis, named president and chief investment officer **Staley Cates '82** and chairman and CEO Mason Hawkins the Domestic Stock Fund Managers of the

Year for 2006. This award was special to the entire Southeastern team, as it recognized the long-term success of the fund investment strategies that each member has had a hand in shaping and managing. This is not the first accolade that Southeastern has received for their innovative structure and policies. Noted Yale endowment manager Dr. David Swenson devotes a chapter of his 2005 book, *Unconventional Success: A Fundamental Approach to Personal Investment*, to Southeastern Asset Management. The book itself is about the failures of the modern for-profit mutual fund industry, but he cites Southeastern as an ideal firm that is finding success for themselves and customers by running an honest business. This is no surprise to the people of Southeastern. They have known all along that their methods were commendable

Southeastern Asset Management brings several MUS alumni to the table: Jeff Engelberg, Richard Hussey, Jim Barton, Andrew McDermott, Staley Cates, Jason Dunn, Andy McCarroll, Ross Glotzbach, Jake McFadden, and Dallas Geer (not pictured).



and have been praised for some time by industry peers. As early as 1998, an issue of *Money* magazine named Southeastern's Longleaf Partners Funds "the best mutual fund family in America."

Since its inception in 1975, Southeastern has been a business built on dual principles: always do right by the investor and work diligently to pick the best stocks. In this way, they believe, all parties find ultimate success. When people at Southeastern say they will treat your investment as their own, they stick to it. This is because Southeastern is unique in requiring its employees to hold all of their own investments in only Longleaf Funds. And Southeastern is also unique in its willingness to close funds to the public. Almost all mutual fund companies are guilty of over-saturating successful funds, thus making money for themselves but destroying what made the particular fund profitable in the first place. Because Southeastern employees hold the same funds as their investors, it benefits everybody to manage the funds responsibly.

Another crucial aspect that makes Southeastern different from competitors is the way the firm picks stocks in which to invest. Many investment firms hunt for undervalued stocks, often using primarily quantitative analysis. Southeastern, heavily influenced by the investment philosophy of Warren Buffett, places equal importance on the qualitative attributes of company management teams. This is done with the belief that managers

who are both excellent operators and trustworthy partners will not only build corporate value but will also close the gap between an undervalued company's stock market price and Southeastern's appraisal of its true business value.

What Southeastern's employees have to say about the firm's success is very telling. **Jim Barton, Jr. '85**, vice president of trading, finds Southeastern's success lies in "quietly doing things well." From the trading desk, **Dallas Geer '95** says succinctly that Southeastern has a "solid world view." He also mentions the importance placed on being humble even in the midst of success.

Andrew McDermott '88, who has represented Southeastern overseas as a research analyst for nearly a decade, recalls a big-name firm he previously worked for where "the focus was primarily on generating fees from transactions" rather than putting the client first.

From Student Council presidents to Professional Wrestling Club enthusiasts, the MUS alumni that represent Southeastern are a diverse group, but each of them credits MUS for helping to shape the person he has become. Geer thanks MUS for the tools that helped build his character – "drive, integrity, loyalty, and learning the benefits of hard work." These are sentiments shared by his co-workers. The leadership skills that **Richard Hussey '87** developed as Student Council president are the very same ones



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– Staley Cates

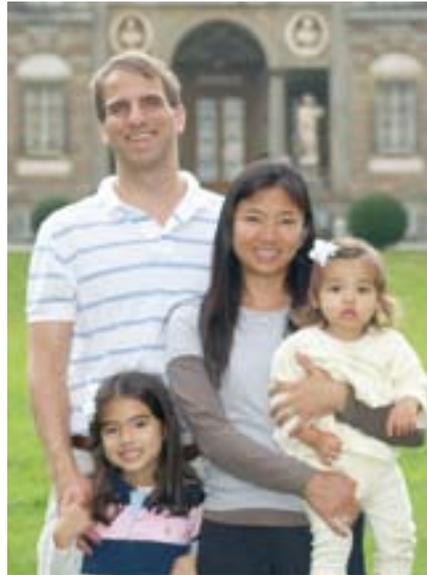


Longleaf Funds are named for the longleaf pine, known for its unique beauty, strength, and longevity. From the large industrial buildings in Chicago and Boston to the textile mills and warehouses throughout the South, longleaf pine has played a key role in the building of America.

Like longleaf forests that are slow to establish and take a long time to mature, Longleaf Fund managers practice a long-term approach to portfolio investment. Just as the trees resist damage from disease, ice, and insects and yield far greater value because of their high-quality wood, Longleaf employs investment disciplines to position the funds for more upside potential and to optimize resistance to capital loss.



Far left: Andy McCarroll with his wife, Anne, and daughters, Isabel and Josie



Left: Andrew McDermott with his wife, Mitsuyo, and daughters, Layla and Sara

he uses as Southeastern's chief operating officer and chief technology officer. Cates' take on the MUS experience begins to shed light on how he has helped to shape Southeastern: "The premium that MUS puts on character is not only totally correct, but it also prepares you for the realization in your professional life that your ability to get anything done in business completely hinges on your reputation for acting (or not acting) with integrity." At MUS, all students learn early on that integrity is not just a word to throw around. The same principle exists at Southeastern.

Vice President and General Counsel **Andy McCarroll '86** says, "If other schools emphasized integrity as much as MUS, some of the major corporate scandals of the past five years might have been avoided. I am proud to work at Southeastern, where the firm's integrity and shareholder orientation have such high importance." McCarroll was president of the Honor Council, and, years later, the Honor System at MUS has been an influence in his professional life and the professional lives of many others. Successful companies such as Southeastern have found ways to translate what an Honor Code offers into a business-world setting. Barton

adds, "The Longleaf Partners Funds' governing principles serve much the same purpose for investors that the Honor Code serves for MUS students. They provide a tangible framework of investment beliefs for which we hold ourselves as fiduciaries account-

able, and they are based upon the spirit of teamwork and partnership... it is easy to see how the Honor System has been influential on the firm."

Another reason that Southeastern employees hold their heads high is their constant dedication to improving their own community. Many, like Barton, consider Southeastern's enthusiasm for community endeavors a unique privilege in the business world: "An added benefit to working for Southeastern is that there is a sincere commitment to making the community in which we live a better place." One great example of this commitment that also makes an impact on MUS is Southeastern's

involvement in the Memphis Leaders program and its summer component, SLAM (see page 7). Memphis Leaders identifies minority and other nontraditional MUS applicants, primarily with Memphis public school backgrounds, who have shown outstanding academic and leadership abilities. Through the SLAM summer pro-



A couple of SLAM participants getting ready for their next activity



Jason Dunn's wife, Ashley, stepped behind the camera to get a shot of Jason with his girls – twins, Chloe and Ella, and baby, Mya.



Ross Glotzbach, busy on the job and still a bachelor-at-large



Dallas Geer with his wife, Blair, and dog, Little Jerry

gram, these students are introduced to MUS and receive a chance to develop their academic and leadership skills. A few SLAM students each summer are offered admission into MUS, including the top two summer SLAMmers (as determined by grades and demonstrated leadership qualities), who receive Peace Scholarships to attend the school.

Southeastern Asset Management Vice President **Jason Dunn '95** has been an integral part of Memphis Leaders and SLAM's success. Dunn is proud to offer his time giving back to the community through MUS because he feels that it was MUS that instilled in him the spirit of civic service while he was in school: "For me, [MUS Civic Service] was my introduction to community service, and it laid the groundwork for my understanding the significance of giving back to the community I live in."

There are others who both serve Southeastern Asset Management and share an MUS background: **Jake McFadden '71** is chief compliance officer; **Jeff Engelberg '94** has just recently moved from New York to join Southeastern; and analyst **Ross Glotzbach '99** spent three years at MUS, serving on the Honor Council in seventh grade, before his family moved to Little Rock. Aside from the MUS experience, these Southeastern associates have many things in common. They all praise their families as their main source of strength, growth, and comfort. And they all recognize Southeastern as the ideal working environment – one that fosters ideas, community, and honesty.

But they never discount the impact of their MUS connections. Dunn tells the story of how he got involved with Southeastern, and it begins with slicing ham. At an MUS mentoring panel while he was still a high school student, Dunn met MUS alumnus **Trey Jordan '83**.

He was soon working in Jordan's Holiday Deli & Ham Co. restaurants during breaks from school, and it was Jordan who introduced Dunn to Staley Cates as the hardest worker that Holiday had ever had, out of hundreds of part-time employees. That work ethic, combined with Dunn's unusual financial aptitude, earned him a rare internship at Southeastern, beginning his now long-standing tenure at the firm.

"I'm hugely grateful for this group of guys, both as friends and partners. And for producing these kinds of graduates, more than anything, I'm most grateful to the school," Cates says, "because selecting the right people and partners is the most important part of business." It is how they pick stocks, it is how they treat clients, and it is how they hire employees. It all comes down to the right people, and, for Southeastern, the right people have often been MUS people. Says Barton, "Southeastern is very selective when we make new hires, and we only hire people we believe to have integrity and high moral character. With that being said, it is probably not a coincidence that there is such a strong MUS influence here at Southeastern."

Editor's Note: Southeastern partners Deborah Craddock and Frank Stanley are parents of MUS alumni: Craddock's son is **Pierce Sullivan '04**, and Stanley's son is **Josh Stanley '02**. Staley Cates' son, Edward, and retired partner **Reid Sanders' '67** son, Reid, are members of the Class of 2010.

Adam Lazarov '02 graduated from the University of Texas with a B.S. in communication studies and currently works at carpenter|sullivan|sossaman, a Memphis-based advertising and marketing firm headed by fellow alumni Doug Carpenter '82 and Brian Sullivan '83. He was co-editor of the Owl's Hoot as a student at MUS. 

SUMMER SLAM: *A Success Story*

Minivans and SUVs began rolling into the parking lot around 7:30 a.m., many sporting school bumper stickers often seen at the corner of Park and Ridgeway – PDS, Christ Methodist Day School, and the familiar red “U.” As boys filed out of the cars and up the steps of the Hull Lower School for another day at SLAM, cars with seldom-seen-on-campus bumper stickers from schools like KIPP Diamond Academy, Grahamwood, and Peabody Elementary were also noticed. For six weeks this past summer, the MUS parking lot came to symbolize what the SLAM program is all about, bringing together some of the area’s best and brightest boys to learn from each other and grow as scholars, leaders, and citizens.

SLAM is an enrichment and leadership development program for boys entering grades five through eight that has two three-week sessions during the summer. Students apply to the program and are accepted based upon academic excellence and good citizenship; athletic ability is *not* a consideration. SLAM aims to identify and develop the future leaders of Memphis by imparting MUS’s ideals, values, and culture to young men in the greater Memphis community and, in the process, sending them back to their schools as better leaders.

This story follows two of those boys, Xavier Greer and Kamar Mack, during a typical day of SLAM. Both boys are sixth graders, Greer at St. John’s Catholic School and Mack at KIPP Diamond Academy. Both have big plans in life: Mack sees himself as a computer engineer, and Greer dreams of being the nation’s first African-American president. And neither one of these boys might have ever heard of MUS before the SLAM program was developed.

Xavier Greer introduces himself to Nancy Gates, chair of the MUS Math Department.



Speaking in front of his classmates, River Morris '12 practices what he has learned from instructor Orlando McKay.



Who Are SLAM Kids?

- Minority students from non-traditional feeder schools
- Students from MUS and traditional feeder schools interested in an enrichment and leadership development program
- Students accepted to MUS and recommended to the SLAM program by the MUS Admissions Office to acclimate them to their new school

Good Morning!

Greer, Mack, and their classmates began every morning with an assembly. In addition to the Pledge of Allegiance, Lord’s Prayer, and announcements, they also listened to speeches from fellow SLAMmers. The speeches were centered around a single word that was important to the student and that he thought applied to SLAM. One of the goals of SLAM is for students to leave the program as much more competent and confident public speakers than when they came. Through the tutelage of MUS teacher Orlando McKay, students learned how to craft interesting and informative speeches, how to deliver those speeches, and how to connect with their audience.

Students also spent one afternoon visiting the various offices on campus and introducing themselves to teachers and staff members. **Judd Peters '81**, director of SLAM, wanted to be sure that the SLAMmers could interact confidently and respectfully with adults, so he led the students through the halls to shake hands and meet new people. The students came away from this exercise with a newfound confidence in their ability to speak to authority figures, and the MUS teachers and staff members were delighted by their visitors.

Hit the Books

Academics are an integral part of SLAM. The rigorous curriculum, which focuses on English and mathematics, is designed to help each boy achieve his full scholastic potential. Because the SLAMmers come from so many different schools, 36 in all this year, coming up with lesson plans applicable to all 115 participants can be daunting. MUS is one of the 36 schools, with 28 of the 115 participants currently attending MUS. Luckily for all the SLAM students, they get to learn from some of the premier educators in the area.

"English is definitely my favorite class because it's hard," says Mack, a student in MUS teacher **Whit Tenent's '00** class. "I've learned all about prepositions, demonstrative adjectives, and the difference between indirect and direct objects from Mr. Tenent."

In math, the students benefit from access to ALEKS, a web-based program that assesses what a student knows and then directs his studies to those topics where he needs more help. SLAM was able to use this revolutionary program for free thanks to the University of Memphis and **Bill Wilson '81**, who taught math courses at SLAM. Wilson left a career in the financial world to pursue teaching, and he sees some of the best aspects of his new profession in the SLAM program.

"SLAM is meeting a real need in the city of Memphis, a mutual need really," he says. "By identifying



Kamar Mack does some last-minute studying for a spelling test in Whit Tenent's English class.



Xavier Greer tests his math skills with ALEKS, a computer-based math program that SLAM students were able to use for free thanks to Bill Wilson and the University of Memphis.



Glenn Vaulx and Tristan Morris are seriously amused while practicing Coach Shaun Gehres' wrestling instructions. Below: Dodgeball action is fast and furious in the Todd-Snowden Gymnasium.

students who are capable of succeeding in an environment like MUS, you are helping the student prepare for achieving in life, and you are potentially finding kids who could come to school here and be stars.

"There is competition in the school market now in a way that there never was when I was at MUS," he continues. "And there are kids in the city who might not traditionally go to school here but can succeed here, and there are people who are willing to underwrite it. But if we don't go out and find those students, they aren't going to find us. So in that sense, SLAM is a win-win situation. It's good for these kids, it's good for MUS, and it's good for Memphis."

Greer values the instruction he received from Tenent, Wilson, and the other SLAM instructors. "It helps me get ahead of my classmates in school," he says.

Let's Get Physical

SLAMmers participate in a variety of physical fitness activities designed to increase strength, conditioning, and agility. "Childhood obesity is a major problem, and we think that encouraging physical fitness is the best way to combat that," Peters told parents on the last day of the program. Students work out in the weight room, run on the track, and play in organized games of basketball, kickball, and football, all while being supervised by the MUS coaching staff. But by far, the hands-down favorite activity of SLAMmers is dodgeball.



“Dodgeball is the best part!” Greer says. “Everyone likes dodgeball, and everyone especially likes it when the counselors play, even though they normally beat us.”

Learning to Lead

SLAM, above all else, is a leadership program designed to equip area students with the tools necessary to make this city a better place. To that end, SLAM brings in prominent local leaders and businessmen to speak to the SLAMmers. This year’s impressive line-up of speakers included former NBA basketball star Elliot Perry, Managing Director at Morgan Keegan **David Montague '82**, Equity Research Analyst **Philip Blackett '03** from Goldman Sachs, and Universal Commercial Real Estate President and SLAM supporter **Darrell Cobbins '91**.

“Mr. Peters always tells us to get out a piece of paper and write down one good idea to take away from every speaker,” Greer says. “I can tell you the main idea of every speech I heard because of that.”

The students seemed to be especially enthusiastic about Mayor A C Wharton’s visit to SLAM. He told the SLAMmers, “When you look in the mirror in the morning, remember that no matter how good you think you are today, deep down there is an even better you just waiting to be born.”

The speakers use this opportunity to encourage SLAMmers to do their best and make a real contribution to their community. “It’s important for our students at MUS and that includes the students in SLAM – that they shouldn’t be the most important person in their own lives, and they know that their words and actions affect others,” Peters says. That philosophy, presented to SLAM parents at the closing ceremony, was embraced by the SLAM participants. “I’ve learned that everyone has a choice in how he acts, and if you are not self-aware, you are going to act badly and make a lot of mistakes,” Mack says.

Grand SLAM Success

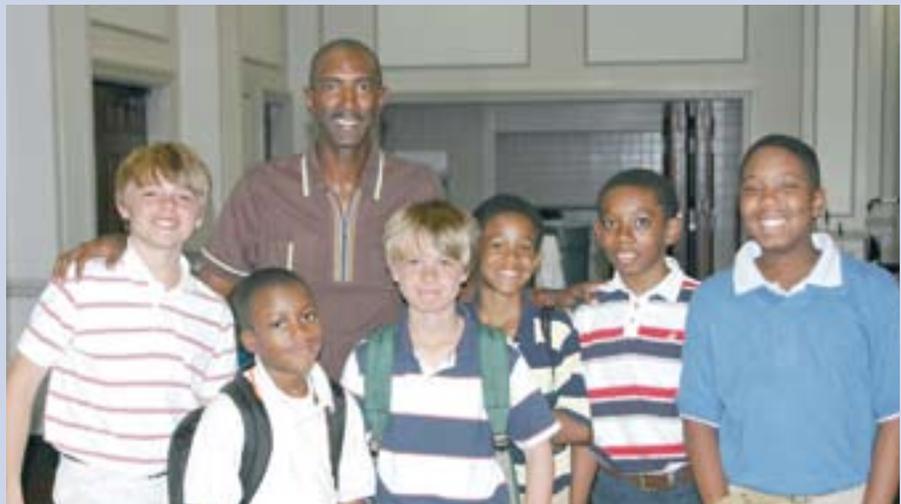
SLAM is making a positive difference in the lives of these participants, and it’s also making a positive difference in the life of MUS. The program specifically addresses one of the main goals of the Strategic Plan – to increase the number of qualified applicants and to attract African-American and other minority students to MUS. Thanks to the generosity of Cobbins and his wife, Mikki, up to two of the top African-American SLAM participants each summer are offered Maggie and Samuel Peace Scholarships to attend MUS. The scholarships are merit-based and awarded for academics, leadership, and citizenship. As the SLAM program continues to grow, so will its impact on this school and this city.



Top: Mayor A C Wharton accepts a SLAM t-shirt from Charlie Goodfellow '13.

Middle: Elliot Perry visits with SLAM participants.

Bottom: Jackson Cross '12 and Corey Clay '12 take a break from dodgeball.



SLAMmers Now Attending MUS

- 36 current seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-graders have participated in SLAM
- 9 of the 36 applied to MUS as a direct result of their experience in the SLAM program
- 5 of the 9 are Peace Scholars
- 4 of the 9 were elected to the Student Council by their classmates
- 3 of the 9 were elected to the Honor Council by their classmates



From Big Boy to Big Mac



by Caitlin Goodrich

IT WAS AN EARLY MORNING in May of 1984. The sun was shining, the sky was clear, and there was no indication that it would be anything other than an ordinary day at MUS. But as members of the faculty and staff arrived and walked deliberately from the parking lot to their respective locations on campus, they were startled to find a pair of glassy eyes staring down at them from the cupola atop Humphreys Hall. The roof-top figure was none other than Bob's Big Boy, the smiling, hamburger-toting mascot of the popular restaurant chain. There was only one explanation for Mr. Boy's presence at MUS that day, and it could be summed up in two words: senior prank.

One of the masterminds behind the prank was **Adam Kriger '84**. Kriger – Senior Class President, wrestling captain, and Dean's Scholar – learned that Bob's Big Boy was removing its trademark Big Boy mascots from franchises around the Southeast and storing them in a warehouse in Memphis. Through a family connection, Kriger contacted an executive at the restaurant chain and asked to use the chubby mascot as part of the MUS senior prank. "It was all legal," Kriger remembers.

So members of the Class of 1984 drove to the warehouse, commandeered 10 Big Boys, and set

about positioning them around the MUS campus in the dead of night. "There was one on the front lawn, one behind the curtain during assembly, one on the roof, one in the principal's office," says Kriger. "My memory of the whole experience is that it was hugely fun. [We had] really broad class participation."

Today Kriger brings that same strategic thinking, enthusiasm, and fascination with large plastic characters to his role at McDonald's Corporation. As senior vice president of corporate strategy for the world's largest chain

of fast-food restaurants, Kriger's chief responsibility is to help McDonald's further define and develop its company strategy: "To be better, not just bigger."

Kriger arrived at McDonald's in 2002 as the company realized that in order to continue its 50-year success story, new ideas and strategic thinking would need to be implemented. "Since its founding, McDonald's grew by adding more restaurants in more places," Kriger recalls. "Our business model

was essentially geographic expansion, and it had worked well in the past. We had restaurants in 118 countries and 30,000 basic units of business." But that strategy began to run out of growth potential in the late 1990s – a change that was reflected in the company's financial results starting in 2000. Something had to be done.

So under the leadership of a new CEO, McDonald's decided to shift the company's focus from bringing more restaurants to its customers to bringing more customers to its restaurants. It was what Kriger calls "a complete 180-degree turn. Now we ask ourselves what our customers are looking for, what makes someone want to go to a particular restaurant," he explains. "We've found that three things come into play: quality, convenience, and value. When you deliver those three things to the market, you win. So if our customers want an entrée salad, we're going to do that. If they want grilled chicken, we'll do that. If they want a great double cheeseburger for a buck, we'll do that too. And we know we can do it all better than anyone else." The company immediately saw the results of their work: "We've had more than 50 consecutive months of positive comparable sales, which is a first for McDonald's and almost unheard of in the food world," Kriger reports.

To ensure McDonald's continued profitability and success, Kriger and his team have permission to dabble

in any part of the company and, as a result, deal with a myriad of issues – domestic and international – on a daily basis. They constantly ask themselves the same questions: Are we doing the right things today? How should we change? Are our resources aligned with our strategy?

“We try to get better every day,” Kriger says. “We might be reevaluating ownership structures around the world, or taking a closer look at what we’re offering our customers. Regardless of the task at hand, we have a plan to win.”

Kriger’s plan to win takes him around the world on a regular basis. He recently returned from Hong Kong and the Philippines, where he met with the managing directors of McDonald’s Asian markets for their 2007 planning meeting. So how did Kriger go from MUS to a top-level executive position at one of the world’s biggest and most recognized companies? For Kriger, it’s all about big brands.

Following graduation from Stanford University, Kriger accepted a job at The Walt Disney Company, the second largest media and entertainment corporation in the world. During his 10-year stint in Disney’s corporate strategy department, he took a brief sabbatical to earn his MBA at Harvard Business School and was later lured away from the happiest company on earth by Starwood Hotels. He arrived not long after Starwood assembled its current family of brands – including Sheraton, Westin,

and St. Regis – and worked to create the W brand as well. “I did the same kind of corporate strategy work,” Kriger says. “I was brought to the company to try to figure out how all the brands related to each other.”

But it was Kriger’s work for Sushi Jones – a “quick food concept” he started in New York in the late 1990s – that caught the attention of McDonald’s top brass. “I love the service industry. I’ve always wanted to be in food, lodging, or entertainment...some sort of service business,” Kriger says. “I studied food culture and was

fascinated by how different foods become Americanized. And I had a feeling that the next big thing was going to be sushi.”

So Kriger decided to marry two food cultures into a single offering, and Sushi Jones was born. “Half of our menu was classic Japanese food and the other half consisted of selections that were created by taking traditional American flavors and putting them in sushi form. For ex-

ample, we sold barbeque chicken rolls, and portabella and goat cheese rolls.”

Sushi Jones’s creations were sold at retail outlets and through wholesalers for about a year, but the business was forced to shut its doors in the wake of the September 11 attacks. Within a week of its closing, Kriger received a call from a headhunter. He met with the CEO of McDonald’s, and he went to work. “McDonald’s is a great company to work for,” Kriger says. “They place real value on commitment, hard work, and loyalty. And it’s a very family-oriented corporation.” Which is good because somewhere between Mickey Mouse and Mickey D’s, Kriger met his wife Samantha, and the couple welcomed children Jackson, 5, Annabel, 2, and Olivia, three months.

In his spare time, Kriger and his wife enjoy traveling – for business or pleasure – and he recently completed his third Chicago marathon. So does Kriger’s training regimen include any McDonald’s staples? “Absolutely,” he says. “I eat at McDonald’s five times a week. I love a good Quarter Pounder with Cheese.”

Former director of public relations for MUS, Caitlin Goodrich works in Atlanta for Jackson Spalding, an independent communications management firm. She graduated from Rhodes College in 2004 with a degree in English and served as an intern in MUS’s Communications Department while in college.



Adam and Samantha Kriger with their children: baby Olivia, Jackson, and Annabel

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“In the ensuing turnaround initiated by a new leadership team, increasing same-store revenue became the new focus of top management. Doing so meant renewing the brand through marketing and advertising. It also involved a radical change in the product assortment, with an expanded menu including salads, snack wraps, and new sandwich and burger options. Restaurant renovations and redesigns, including the introduction of wireless Internet access, have had a striking impact, along with efforts to make drive-through service faster and more convenient. With increased confidence in the company’s future, McDonald’s investors have sent its share price skyrocketing from about \$12 at its low to \$43 by the beginning of 2007 and above \$50 for much of this year.”



The Snack Man

by Caitlin Goodrich

Kyser Thompson '00 and his cohorts at LesserEvil Brand Snack Co. are on a mission. The completion of this operation will require razor-sharp intellect, unflinching courage, determination, and...a refined palate, capable of detecting the presence of trans-fatty acids, preservatives, and artificial flavors in the battered, fried, and processed foods lining grocery store shelves today. You see, these superheroes of the food and beverage world, these sultans of snacks, have set out to rid society of snacking evil and to use their superhuman powers (and all-natural, low-fat recipes) for the benefit of humanity. They are quite literally saving the world – one snackcident at a time.

What exactly is a “snackcident,” you might ask? LesserEvil defines the term as “the act of consuming unhealthy, high-calorie snack foods or healthy unsatisfying snacks, either of which can cause remorse or frustration.” The eradication of such incidents has become the young company’s goal. Founded in 2004 by Michael Sands, former COO of Snapple Beverage Group, LesserEvil creates “better-for-you, gourmet snacks with real ingredients and superb taste.”

The company’s first product, All Natural Kettle Corn, made its healthful debut in late 2004, and in January 2005, LesserEvil hired a small New York marketing agency to promote their tasty treats. Thompson, a recent graduate of the University of Georgia and a newcomer to the Big Apple, managed the LesserEvil account for the agency for a year before joining the Snackmasters as Chief StoryTeller in early 2006 (other positions within LesserEvil include Chaos Controller, Emergency Snacking Technician, and Head Snackmaster).

Thompson’s duties as Chief StoryTeller are as fluid and far reaching as his slightly ambiguous



At a recent trade show, **Kyser Thompson** offered Elvis a healthy sample of LesserEvil, to which Elvis replied, “Thank you, thank you very much.”

title suggests. From the Village of Tuckahoe in New York’s Westchester County, he oversees LesserEvil’s marketing, public relations, and media efforts; functions as a one-man consumer response and customer insights department; assists in new product development (he had a hand in creation of LesserEvil’s new Krinkle Sticks line); and leads members of the company’s mobile marketing team – Emergency Snacking Technicians (EST) – as they crisscross the country in an effort to “Stop Bad Snacking.”

A self-proclaimed food lover, Thompson finds that the job complements his interest in all things edible – he follows the New York dining scene and has been known to spend whatever money is left over from his paycheck at the newest Manhattan eatery. But his position at LesserEvil also appeals to Thompson’s entrepreneurial spirit. “I definitely have that drive to build something from the ground up, so I love working at a start-up [company] and watching the growth process,” he says. “We’re all in it together. Our office is one big room, and my boss will sit there with me and stuff press kits or load boxes. I love my job, and I plan to stay as long as they’ll have me.”

A quick review of LesserEvil’s growth stats, and it’s clear that Thompson’s job – and the future of the company – is more than secure. LesserEvil tripled its sales in 2006, and by the end of 2007, Thompson projects that the company’s sales will have grown by more than 600 percent in just three years. Gourmet food sellers like Balducci’s, Whole Foods, Fresh Market, and locally-owned Mantia’s keep LesserEvil products in stock, and the company’s All Natural Kettle Corn became the #1 popcorn brand in the natural foods retail sector after only 20 months on the market. What’s more, their holiday product, Cocoa Coal, hit more than 1,500 Krogers nationwide this November and December. Given the current health-food craze and LesserEvil’s increasing popularity, Thompson is well aware that he may have stumbled upon snack food gold. “This could be something big,” he says.

Despite his fast-paced lifestyle and busy travel schedule – no distance is too great when it comes to preventing snackcidents – Thompson manages to make it home to Memphis from time to time. And when he does, he indulges in his mother’s homemade meals and visits one or more of the city’s famous barbeque joints. “New York has great restaurants and amazing food, but nothing beats Memphis barbeque,” he says.

Spencer Reese Passes O.W.L.* Exams

by Gaye Swan

*Ordinary Wizarding Level



Mr. and Mrs. Reese, of number 5196 Juniper Drive, are proud to say that they are perfectly normal, thank you very much. Just because Mr. Reese wears robes to teach his English classes, collects toy figures, enjoys the strange and mysterious, and holds with plenty of nonsense, does not make him any less an ordinary Muggle than you or me. (And if you don't know what I'm talking about, make Mr. Reese very happy and read *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.)



Mr. Reese is our own **Spencer Reese '94**. He and his wife, Alysson, (along with his mother, Ginger Reese) teach at Lausanne Collegiate School, and Reese has recently received a lot of attention for his enthusiasm for, and expertise on, Harry Potter. In fact, he was listed on today.com's "7 Signs You're Infected with Harry Potter Fever": number 7, Your Name is Spencer Reese.

In addition to this national instance of recognition, he was featured in *The Commercial Appeal* earlier this year for his "unorthodox, yet effective, Harry Potter-based" curriculum, and the newspaper published his review of the series' seventh book in July. He will be a keynote speaker at the 2008 MidSouth Comic Con and recently was named as this year's winner of the Leadership Development Award by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

"The award goes to one outstanding new teacher from across the state of Tennessee who demonstrates potential for leadership within the profession," explains Barry Gilmore, president of the Tennessee affiliate of NCTE. "Spencer already won the Shelby-Memphis Council of Teachers of English award for outstanding new teacher, so we've always known that he's great in the classroom and that he's the kind of instructor who engages students and combines rigorous academic expectations with exciting classroom practice. This award recognizes Spencer's potential for leadership within our professional community and is based on Spencer's dedication and involvement in recent conferences, programs, and presentations for teachers across the state. The Tennessee Council of Teachers of English is enthusiastic about welcoming young exemplary teachers such as Spencer to the profession."

"It's been pretty cool," says Reese. "I am taken aback – just amazed and humbled – by all the attention." Reese speaks from his cozy home study, lined with books of all types, as well as Harry Potter action figures, and decorated in the Gryf-



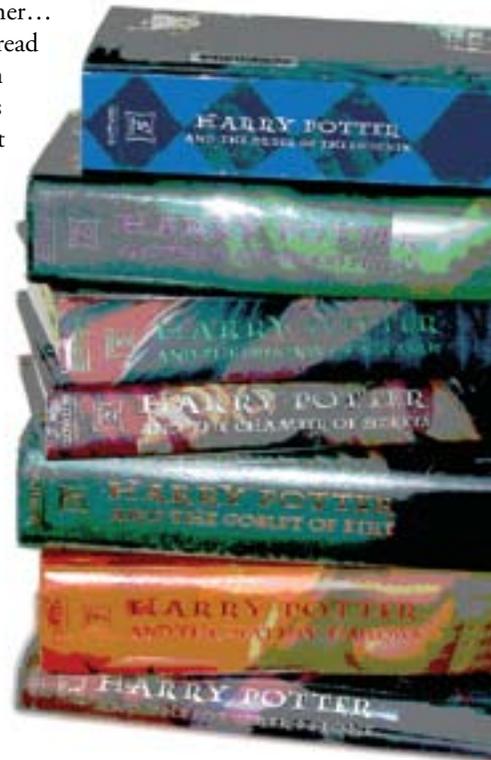
findor colors of gold and red. A glance at the four clocks on the wall will give you the time in Memphis and Exeter, England, where Reese is earning his doctorate, as well as in Hogsmeade and Hobbiton.

"I'm a huge J.R.R. Tolkien fan," he says. In fact, when his mom first suggested that he read a Harry Potter book, he resisted in part because he thought nothing would measure up. "My mother read the first three books. She kept telling me I had to read these books, I had to read these books, oh the value of these books," he relates. "I kept saying, 'This is just a fad, no one's going to care about these books in 20

years.' Then we were at the beach, and I was bored out of my mind. My mom said, 'Why don't you read a book?' I said... sigh...typical English teacher response. 'Fine, what do you have?'" he went on. "She says, 'I've got Harry Potter!' 'Oh, brother... all right, give it to me.' So I read the first book and was blown away. I rushed out as soon as I'd finished it to buy the next two. I can't believe I didn't read them before."

His enthusiasm soon spilled over into the classroom and from there to a doctoral dissertation. The turning point came during a field trip. "When the first movie came out, I wanted to figure out a way to make seeing it work with my curriculum. The kids got together with me and said, 'Let's turn it into a field trip, and you could talk about the movie's literary elements.' I told them to write up their ideas to present to me – a sneaky way to get them to educate themselves without knowing they're doing it.

"We went to the movie and as we got off the bus, a lady came up to me. She complimented me on bringing the kids to see a film – she thought going out of the classroom was



great. She gave me a little philosophical comment about teaching, and then she asked what movie we were going to see. I said *Harry Potter*, and she just snapped. She told me I was going to hell and taking all the kids with me for seeing this movie.

“I asked her if she had read the book, and she hadn’t. Her minister had warned her about it,” Reese continues. “But her minister hadn’t read it either. She was completely ignorant of what the book is about. That’s when I thought there’s something deeper here. That was sort of the leap point for everything I’ve been doing since.”

What he’s been doing since is quite a lot! Originally looking up information to defend using the Harry Potter books in his classroom, he came



Spencer Reese at Alnwick Castle in England, which was used as Hogwarts



Reese (back right) with his eighth-grade students at Kings Cross Station in London

across the works of Dr. Marion Gibson of England, whose research is focused on British and American literature of the supernatural from prehistory to the present, focusing on witchcraft, demonology, and magical religiosity. “I wrote her a letter telling what I was doing in my class, and she called me,” explains Reese. “She was interested in what I was doing and encouraged me to think about taking my interest even further by coming over to England to do my doctorate.”

A graduate of the University of Tennessee with a master’s degree from the University of Memphis, Reese was no stranger to higher education. However, this was a huge challenge, not the least of which was uprooting and living in England for a year.

He took a sabbatical from Lausanne and began his studies at Exeter University in August 2005.

“My dissertation is actually on the ontology of witchcraft in contemporary children’s literature, which is a fancy way of saying I’m looking at how witchcraft has been misused or abused in kids’ literature,” he says.

“Working toward a Ph.D. overseas is a little different from here in America,” he explains. “It is all research-based – no classes or tests. You research, write, and then defend what you write.” Reese presented his defense to Exeter’s Renaissance Research Department before he left for home in July 2006, and he returns to Exeter twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring, for defense. He will

continue distance learning – which includes giving lectures as well as research – for about two more years until his dissertation is complete.

Now back at Lausanne, he teaches the fifth Harry Potter book, *The Order of the Phoenix*, as a separate work of literature. “You can take the book as a great story about a kid and move on, but I teach that there’s more to it,” Reese says. “There’s definitely a literary value.”

“In eighth-grade classes, I teach the fourth quarter as a survey, where the elements we’ve talked about all year long will culminate,” he goes on. “The students use everything they have learned about ‘otherness,’ the human condition, heroism, being different in society, and tie it into Harry Potter.”

“By the time we get to *The Order of the Phoenix*, we’ve already done *Lord of the Flies*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Fahrenheit 451*. So when I get to Harry Potter, I can ask, ‘Now do you see what I’m talking about?’ Everything we’ve covered culminates in this book.”

"We also talk about the fact that there is a misconception about the books. I always start the year off telling the story of how I got interested in teaching Harry Potter in the classroom," he adds.

A persuasive essay, assigned for the fourth quarter in lieu of any tests, fits right in with that story. "I tell them, here's a person who has told us we're going to hell for reading this and is probably the same type of person who bans books or wants them censored from the classroom. And we talk about all that. We talk about the symbolism. We talk about religious motif," Reese says. "We talk about the characters and how, as in Dickens, the names mean something. Like Miss Havisham in *Great Expectations*...there's an MUS thing for you! I would never have remembered that if it weren't for Mr. [Norman] Thompson, and the way he talked about her name – 'to have a sham'...she's a sham, her life is a sham – has just stuck with me."

In fact, he traces his teaching style and drive for success directly to MUS. "If I had not gone to MUS, I can honestly say I don't think I'd have the educational background I have right now," he explains. "I don't think I'd have the appreciation for literature. I would not have been prepared to be one of the eight out of 37 people selected to go to the Renaissance Research Department at Exeter.

"The teachers inspired me – for example, I didn't like physics that much, but Mr. [John] Olsen was awesome. And I wanted to achieve greatness for Coach [Barry] Ray. MUS teaches you to become an independent, responsible learner. The ownership is on *you* – this is *your* education, what are you going to do with it? I think that's the way I run my own class at Lausanne."

With his passion for teaching clearly evident, it comes as a surprise that Reese intended to go to law school. Fortunately for hundreds of students, however, he found a summer job at a Memphis law firm to be boring and unfulfilling. He found more interest in a student teaching class through the Apple Program at UT.

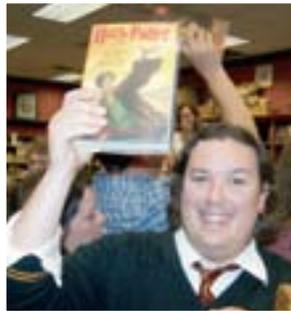
"On the first day, the students were asking me about my UT ID," Reese says. "I told them a little about college life – they were just fascinated and thought it was so cool. And I thought it was great that these kids were excited about the prospect of college. Then the teacher took me aside and asked me not to do that again, and explained that most of the kids were probably not going to college. She said most of them were not smart enough to get a scholarship, and their parents couldn't afford it. I said, 'That's horrible! Every kid should shoot for college. We're in the United States! There's always a way.' I realized then that this is something I could really get into. That was the end of my going to law school." Back in Memphis, he found a job open at Lausanne and Headmaster (and former MUS instructor) George Elder ready to hire him.

Today, he wears his Hogwarts-style robes to class, sponsors a Defense Against the Dark Arts Club with fellow teacher Fred Blackmon, takes 30 students to England for a "Myths

and Magic" tour each summer – and gets great enjoyment and fulfillment from his job. "For me, the biggest kick is when I'm walking down the halls with my robes on, and some little first grader I've never met says, 'Hello, Professor Reese!' I don't even know the kid, and he's excited about coming to school and excited about waving to this crazy guy in a robe. That's it. I've done my job for the day....It's awesome."

Reese and his wife are expecting their own little student in 2008. Will there be a little Harry or Hermione toddling around? "My wife told me I can name all the pets," he says. "But I am not allowed to name the child." Considering that the dog's name is Tonks, perhaps it is just as well. (Fred Blackmon, playing Sirius Black to Reese's James Potter, will be the godfather of his child.)

Besides the birth of his child, what else is on Reese's agenda? He flew to New York in November to be honored at the NCTE Annual Convention. He gave a lecture at Plymouth University in December on "Bringing down the Goddess: From Diana to Luna Lovegood." The Comic Con promises to be fun – he, of course, is giving his speech on Harry Potter. But he feels particularly honored by a return to MUS; he is speaking at a chapel program in January.



Alysson and Spencer Reese, along with Fred Blackmon and three Lausanne students, gather at Davis-Kidd Booksellers for the midnight release of the latest Harry Potter book.

"This is the epitome – when your alma mater calls you to give a talk," he says. "I remember sitting in chapel and really looking up to the people who spoke. It's humbling to think they want me.

"My Harry Potter curriculum has been effective and, more important, the kids love it – they learn without really realizing how hard they're working," he concludes. "My mom used to call it 'jam cake.' Get the kids to work hard all year, because in the last quarter, you're going to make jam cake – the fun stuff. They get so excited at the idea of doing something different. Harry Potter is my jam cake."

Finite Incantatum

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The Vision of Matt Ducklo



Photography by Jason Schmidt

Matt Ducklo (with camera) photographing one of his subjects at the Museum of Modern Art

The senses provide vivid catalysts through which to experience the beauty and meaning of art. But what happens when traditional methods of “seeing” become compromised?

Photographer **Matt Ducklo '92** explored this question in an exhibition called “Touch Tour Pictures” at Power House gallery in Downtown Memphis in May 2007. The show featured six large color photographs of blind and partially-sighted people touching sculptures at notable museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, as well as the Dixon Gallery and Gardens and the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. Many museums allow the blind to experience their artworks through “touch tours,” gallery visits in which they are able to feel the sculptures through gloved hands. Ducklo’s exhibition was a profound exploration of the unconventional yet meaningful way that people can experience works of art. By looking at the blind interacting with the sculptures, Ducklo captured a new mode of “seeing.”



A photo from the “Touch Tour” series

Ducklo’s love for art started early and was fostered by his opportunity for creative expression at MUS. He took art every year and, when he had exhausted the art course offerings at school, created an independent study with instructor Peter Bowman. “It says a lot about MUS to hire an art teacher who’s really so generous with his time and guidance,” Ducklo says. “People really respect Mr. Bowman because it’s understood that he is a real, working artist.” After MUS Ducklo attended the University of Tennessee, where he earned a B.A. in history but continued taking art courses. Studying with photographer Baldwin Lee at UT, Ducklo worked on his art, including creating a photographic series of Pentecostal churchgoers in eastern Kentucky.

On the strength of his photographic portfolio, Ducklo was accepted to Yale University’s prestigious master’s program in photography. Only seven people per year are admitted to the two-year program. It provided an amazing opportunity for Ducklo to learn, to improve his work, and to meet important photographers.

Upon graduation from Yale, Ducklo immediately moved to New York City, where he has done commercial photography, worked as a printer, and participated in numerous shows. Among his photographic motifs have been newscasters in television studios and trees being “chopped down” by beavers.

Ducklo had known Memphis art dealer David Lusk for several years when Lusk introduced him to **James Patterson '74**, president of the board of Delta Axis, a non-profit organization with several different arts ventures including the Power House art space and the Indie Memphis Film Festival. Patterson encouraged Power House curator Peter Fleissig to look at Ducklo’s work, and Fleissig became interested in doing a show. Patterson and Delta Axis are committed to communication between Memphis and the international art world. They are supporters of local artists and bring nationally and internationally known artists to do site-specific works here. Delta Axis considered the exhibition of a Memphis artist of growing national reputation to be a wonderful opportunity for the Power House. Says Ducklo, “I am thrilled about the show. I feel fortunate to have come into Peter Fleissig’s and James Patterson’s orbit. They’re doing something special with the Power House, and I’m so glad that I could be a part of it.”

Changing of the Guard

In July **Musette Morgan** rotated off the MUS Board of Trustees, having served on it since 1999. During her eight years on the board, she served on the Education Committee and the Admissions and Public Relations Committee, and she was the co-chair of the Executive Committee. In 2004 Morgan was named vice chairman, the board's first female officer. Founding members of the Thorn Society, she and her husband, **Allen Morgan '60**, are now Lynn Society Benefactors.

One of Morgan's most long-lasting contributions as a board member was her leadership in the implementation stage of the Strategic Plan. This document, approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2005, clearly illuminates the path to excellence, growth, and improvement for the school in this decade. Now in its third year of implementation, the Strategic Plan has already produced remarkable results. The plan was an enormous project involving all constituencies of the school, many hours of discussion, and several drafts. It could not have been completed as effectively without Morgan's involvement. She demonstrated a superb gift for encouraging the very best out of everyone involved, for sustaining a cooperative spirit throughout months of work, and for tackling very difficult issues and achieving consensus.



At her departure, Headmaster Ellis Haguewood remarked, "Your encouragement, your wise counsel, your comprehensive understanding of the role of a trustee, your wonderfully strong generosity, your kindness, your magnificent leadership with our strategic planning – all conspired to make you an ideal trustee." He went on to say, "All of us at MUS will always be in your debt for your unique leadership and service."

A graduate of St. Mary's Episcopal School, Morgan earned her B.A. at the University of North Carolina and received her M.A. and Ed.D. from the University of Memphis. She was a clinical instructor in the Graduate Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the University of Memphis from 1978-81 and was assistant to the program director of the Office of Special Education from 1982-83. Since 1990, Morgan has spoken across the state on behalf of public education. She is a past member of the Tennessee State Board of Education and was secretary of the Volunteer Public Education Trust Fund Foundation for the State of Tennessee.

Morgan is an active member of the community, serving on the boards of Hope Christian Community Foundation and the honorary board of the University of Memphis Speech

and Hearing Center. She is a past member of the boards of the Memphis Food Bank, St. Mary's Episcopal School, Junior League of Memphis, City of Memphis Museum Systems, and Memphis Urban Youth Initiative. She has also served on the Shelby County Mayor's Advisory Committee, as a member of the International Women's Forum, on the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, and on the Council of Advisors at St. Mary's.

Morgan and her husband have a daughter, Musette, and a son, **Worth '05**.

At the Board of Trustees meeting in August, **Chris Sanders** was introduced as MUS's newest trustee. She serves on the Drug and Alcohol Task Force and the Education Committee. In welcoming Sanders to her new position, Ellis Haguewood cited her "talent, [her] genuine interest in what is best for the school, and [her] generosity."



"I am thrilled to be a part" of the MUS board, Sanders says. "As I learn more about MUS, I want to be an ambassador for the school's strengths and an advocate for areas that can be enhanced."

Describing her passion for education, Sanders says, "During my time as the head of the Education Committee at PDS, I have made it a personal mission to understand how boys learn, how they think, and how to motivate them."

Sanders cites three focus areas of her board service: enhancing the Co-Edge program to enable boys to interact with girls in an academic setting, recruiting new faculty members who are first-rate in their subject areas and are advocates for boys, and increasing enrollment while preserving the individual attention that is the hallmark of an MUS education.

A graduate of Hutchison School, Sanders earned her B.S. from the University of Tennessee and her M.Ed. from the University of Memphis. She currently serves on the board and is a member of the Executive Committee of Presbyterian Day School. Sanders is a past board member of the Junior League of Memphis, Children's Museum of Memphis, and Downtown Street Ministries. She is a past president of the Hutchison Alumnae Board.

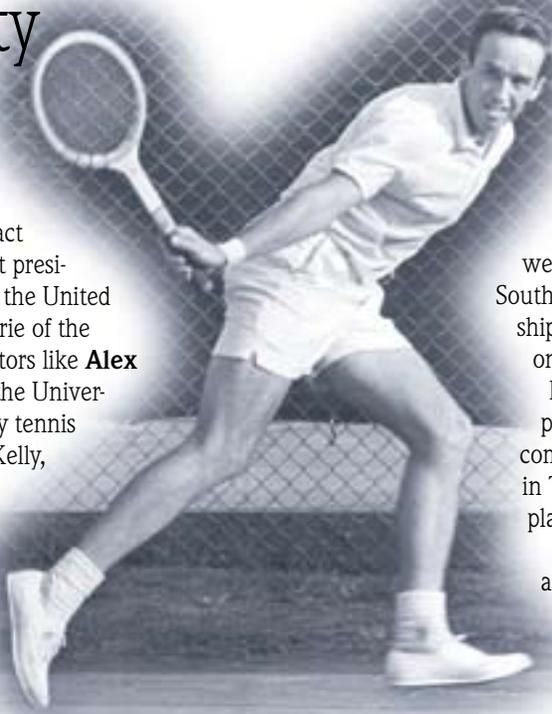
She is married to **Reid Sanders '67** and is mother to daughter, Aubrey, and son, Reid '10. She is the sister of three MUS graduates (**Jim Robinson '68**, **Wiley Robinson '75**, and **Bob Robinson '78**), and she joins brother Wiley on the MUS Board of Trustees.

Nicholson Serves International Tennis Community

by Anne Marie Dudas

As the fiftieth reunion of his graduation from MUS approaches, **Les Nicholson '58** took time to reminisce on his days as a member of the MUS tennis team and the impact of those years on his tennis career. The current president of the International Lawn Tennis Club of the United States (USIC), Nicholson credits the camaraderie of the MUS team and personal instruction from mentors like **Alex Wellford, Sr. '30** and Derrick Barton, pro at the University Club, for his love of the game and his early tennis success. Coached by science teacher Charles Kelly, the tennis team consistently provided MUS with winning seasons even though the school's other athletic programs struggled. The school opened in 1955 with only 97 students and went only to the tenth grade that first year. Nicholson remembers Headmaster Ross Lynn jokingly describe Coach Kelly, who played little, if any, tennis, as "the most successful athletic coach at MUS," a joke enjoyed even by Gene Thorn, the coach of everything else.

Fifty years later, Nicholson vividly remembers the six boys from the Class of 1960 who played alongside him from 1955 to 1958. "**John Bondurant** never worried or lost matches when he got a lead; **Archie "Mac" McLaren** returned everything – when necessary, by running up fences and grabbing hold with his left hand while he hit the ball; **Carl Olsen's** serve terrified both



opponents and his own doubles partners; **C.D. Smith's** fluid strokes were hit with a surgeon's finesse; **Bill Stratton's** shots could not be predicted, not even by Bill; and **Alex Wellford** was the ever-civil and totally determined competitor. In my senior year, we won everything, including the Southern Interscholastic Championship. Not bad for a team consisting only of tenth graders and me."

He credits practicing with these players for enabling him to become the #1 ranked junior player in Tennessee and the #2 ranked player in the South.

Nicholson carried the academic and leadership skills acquired at MUS into college and graduate school. Foregoing a National Merit academic scholarship, he accepted a full tennis scholarship to Louisiana State University. For all three of his varsity years, he played #1 singles and doubles on the team. He also won the Southeastern Conference Championship in doubles, was runner-up in singles, and was team captain his junior and senior years. During his three years of law school at Vanderbilt University, which he attended on an academic scholarship awarded by the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association, Nicholson served as the coach of the men's varsity

tennis team. In the midst of studying law, working as an editor of the Law Review, coaching, and being a newlywed, he found time to win the Tennessee State men's singles and doubles tournaments.

His love for the sport and involvement in the tennis community followed Nicholson into his professional life when he moved from Nashville to Washington, DC, where he joined the Attorney General's Honors Program in the Department of Justice. Nicholson rose to the top yet again when he became the #1 ranked men's player in the Middle Atlantic states. However, when he began practicing with a private



At MUS in 1958, Les Nicholson was the only senior leading this group of sophomores to a tennis championship trophy. Pictured left to right are Alex Wellford, Carl Olsen, Bill Stratton, Mac McLaren, Ferrell Varner, and Nicholson.



Nicholson and another squash player at the finals of the DC Squash Championship in 1983

law firm and while he and his wife, Laureen, were raising their two children, he was forced to reduce the amount of time he devoted to tennis. But, ever the competitor and athlete, he took up squash, which provided the perfect outlet for a tennis player with limited time. Nicholson became the #3 ranked squash player in the United States in the 40-and-over division and, then again, in the 45-and-over age category.

The year 1985 not only marked Nicholson's return to tennis but also his induction into the National Capital Tennis Hall of Fame and his selection to play on the USIC 45-and-over tennis team in Barcelona, Spain. Part of a network of International Clubs (ICs) in 35 countries, and begun after World War I to promote "international friendship and respect through tennis competition," the USIC selects players who have represented the United States in international competitions, such as the Davis and Federation Cups, and, in the eyes of the USIC, would serve well as emissaries to other countries.

During the last 22 years, Nicholson has traveled around the world playing IC matches from Argentina to Germany and Australia to Great Britain, with many stops between, most recently in Paris last year and Mexico this year. After being elected to the board in 1998, he was asked to serve as the overall captain of all USIC teams, which are comprised of men and women from across the country ranging in age from 16 through 85. Then, in 2005, Nicholson was elected president of the USIC. As such, he also represents the United States on the IC Executive Council, the governing body for all ICs.

Nicholson's tennis story is more impressive when you know it nearly ended at age 18, when he suffered a major compound dislocation of his right "tennis" elbow while trying to leap a low wall onto wet grass. But that's the tip of this iceberg. At his sixtieth birthday bash, "A Farewell to the 50s," his family presented a vignette entitled "Accidents, Injuries, and Self-Inflicted Wounds," recounting his three broken collar bones; a childhood injury from a rock which necessitated five eye surgeries over the last 15 years; a major reconstruction of

his elbow at age 40; a severe concussion from a bike accident; a ruptured quad tendon at age 58, requiring complicated surgery and 12 months of rehab; and a ruptured disc from lifting a helium tank for a party, requiring surgery yet again.

When asked to sum up his IC experience, Les replies, "It embodies everything I love about tennis – hard-fought matches, great sportsmanship, and good friends. In fact, it reminds me of tennis at MUS."

Editor's Note: Between matches and rehabs, Nicholson



Les and Laureen Nicholson (center) with their children, Erin and John

was a managing partner and head of litigation at a 250-lawyer firm, then executive vice president and general counsel of a large regional bank, and now serves as CEO of a small private investment fund and as a board member for two technology companies.

Anne Marie Dudas played tennis for Hutchison School, from which she graduated in 2003. She earned a B.A. from Vanderbilt University, majoring in English and communications. Currently, she works for an advertising agency in Nashville.



Alex Wellford, from the 1930 MUS yearbook

WELLFORD IN HALL OF FAME

In September, **Alex Wellford '30** was inducted posthumously into the Sewanee Athletics Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in tennis, baseball, and football as a student at the University of the South. While in college, Wellford was the tennis team captain, Sewanee's #1 tennis player, and the team captain in baseball and football. He was the fourth-highest scorer in the Southeast Conference in football.

Wellford graduated from the University of the South in 1934. Almost 20 years later, in 1952, he was a founder and first president of the Memphis Tennis Association, focusing efforts on renovating the city's only public tennis courts. He was the first native Memphian to play in a Wimbledon tournament in 1953 and was the first Memphian to win a national tennis championship in 1958. Later, in 1970, Wellford was among the first group to be inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame for his tennis accomplishments. He was also inducted into the Southern Tennis Hall of Fame.

At MUS, Wellford was captain of the baseball team, winner of the 1930 tennis and golf tournaments, quarterback and punter on the football team, and a letterman in six sports. He was a founder and first chairman of the board of the new MUS, serving as chairman from 1954-78. The Dunavant-Wellford Tennis Center at MUS is named in his honor. Wellford, father of **Alex Wellford '60** and grandfather of **Alex Wellford '89**, passed away in 1993.



White socks and penny loafers were the favorite footwear, judging from the yearbook in 1960.

Stepping Back in Time

by Temple Brown '81

The year was 1965. A typical MUS student dressing for school probably didn't think twice before throwing on a button-down Oxford shirt and khaki pants. If the weather were a little chilly, perhaps he substituted a pair of Levi's corduroys for the khakis. To complete the outfit, he very likely may have slipped on a pair of Bass Weejuns or Sperry Topsiders, or, in case of rain, a pair of L.L. Bean hunting boots.

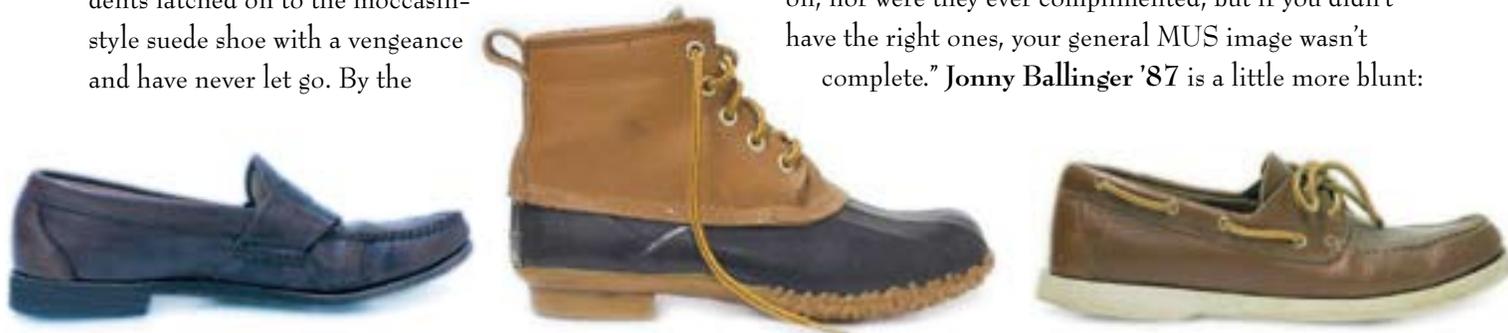
That same year, half a world away from the MUS campus, Lance Clark was hard at work on a new product at his family's shoe business in Somerset, England. Little could anyone have predicted the impact that his shoe would have on MUS fashion for generations to come. The new shoe, which Clark introduced to the world in 1965, was the now-classic Clarks Wallabee.

Exactly when Wallabees made their first appearance at MUS is uncertain, but one thing is clear: MUS students latched on to the moccasin-style suede shoe with a vengeance and have never let go. By the

early 1970s, they were in full vogue at MUS, and according to the 1975 edition of *The Owl*, fully 85 percent of the student body wore Wallabees to school. As recently as the 2006-07 academic year, a visitor to the Lower School noticed that an overwhelming majority of seventh- and eighth-grade feet were clad in Wallabees.

What makes Wallabees so popular? Comfort is certainly a factor, and anyone who has worn them will certainly attest to that, even when a pair is fresh out of the box.

But so much more than comfort is at stake when selecting a pair of back-to-school shoes. **Michael Liverance '00** puts it this way: "Shoes were never commented on, nor were they ever complimented; but if you didn't have the right ones, your general MUS image wasn't complete." **Jonny Ballinger '87** is a little more blunt:



“Peer pressure is a strange beast, and our shoes were not immune.”

To be sure, many shoe styles have had their day in the sun at MUS. Even as Wallabees were gaining their foothold at MUS, there were some holdover styles. **Mark Crosby '79** says, “Don’t forget Fruit Boots. The ones that were rounded toe, suede, tan, with a gum sole, and ankle-high lace-ups. Surely you remember? But I thought they were nothing compared to Wallabees.” “Wallabees were certainly present but far less popular than they are today,” says **Robert Dow '96**. “We had a definite movement toward hiking boots like the Vasque Sundowner.”

A consideration for students, then as now, has been to wear shoes that conform to the MUS dress code. One alumnus recalled an “underground movement” in which many students tried to get away with wearing athletic shoes, usually by taking all-black shoes and covering any logos or colors with a black marker. Upper School Principal Barry Ray, charged with enforcing the dress code, has an eagle eye for such shoe infractions. “When tennis shoes meshed with hiking boots, we had a problem,” he says. Another problem arose when Birkenstocks became popular a few years back. The open-toe styles, of course, were strictly forbidden; but Coach Ray relented and finally allowed the Birkenstock London style, with its closed toe and heel.

When Merrill slip-ons became popular a few years back, they, too, were outlawed initially. They finally became acceptable, **Justin Willingham '01** says, “after Coach Ray caved in and let us wear them, then got himself a pair.”

One thing is clear – when a style is popular, students will stop at nothing to be a part of the crowd. Shoes so worn out that they’re practically falling apart? No problem. **Andy McArtor '86** says that students in his class were so devoted to their worn-out

penny loafers that they wore them in spite of soles that “flapped.”

Some have taken that concept a step further with their deteriorating Topsiders. “I never wore Topsiders,” says **Whitney Brown '77**, “but they must have been kind of cheap. A guy in my class used to wear a pair that he had wrapped in duct tape around the toe to keep the soles from flapping.” English instructor Norman Thompson also recalled that “back in the day it was fashionable to wrap disintegrating [shoes] with duct tape.”

As for Wallabees, though, many tried them on and never looked back. **Robin Smithwick '80**, for instance, says, “My MUS shoe experience can be summarized in one word: Wallabees. I think I bought my first pair in seventh grade, followed by a new pair before school started each year. Those babies started to smell after a year of hard use.”

Asked what style was most popular in their day, many alumni did not hesitate. “The Wallabee has to be king,” says McArtor. “Wallabees all the way, without a doubt,” says **Sam Sawyer '05**. Or, as **Fred Schaeffer '88** says, “Wallabees dominated.”

“Of course, Wallabees dominated. I have owned a pair at all times since 1976,” says **John T. Fisher '82**, adding, “All shoes were best when worn out. New Wallabees were the worst!”

Brandon Westbrook '92 was so devoted to his Wallabees that he wore them to graduation, much to the consternation of his mother, who, peering under his graduation gown, said, “You aren’t wearing what I think you are wearing, are you?” Westbrook adds, “Needless to say, I got in a little trouble for that one.”

Students aren’t the only Wallabee enthusiasts at MUS. Tennis coach and biology instructor Bill Taylor has worn them for decades. “Coach Taylor was the only



teacher to wear Wallabees. Coach Taylor is a man of the people,” says **Barham Ray '99**. Wallabee fever may finally be spreading to other faculty members, as Lin Askew, John Hiltonsmith, and even Barry Ray now sport them as well.

But no issue surrounding Wallabees sparked more emotion than how they are manufactured. Most Wallabee owners probably were blissfully unaware that from their introduction in 1965, the shoes were manufactured by hand at a Clarks factory in Ireland. In the late 1990s, however, faced with rising manufacturing costs, Clarks made a pivotal decision to outsource much of its manufacturing and focus on marketing. As a result, the company relocated Wallabee production to China. While this hasn't affected their popularity with current MUS students, some were

horrified. “I will not ever forget the year when Clarks quit making them, and they began being mass-produced in China,” says **McKee Humphreys '01**. “The quality went down, the soles became larger, and it was one of the worst days of my adolescent life.”

Although their popularity has ebbed and flowed over the years, Wallabees appear to be as strong as ever at MUS. “Shoes are a lot like other fashion trends – what was old is new again,” says Barry Ray. Or, as **Erick Clifford '98** says, “Wallabees got the job done day in and day out.”

“Shoe styles at MUS have really changed little over the last 25 years,” says Mr. Thompson, who admits to performing at least informal research on the matter. “I have often, during quizzes, counted the number of Wallabees per class. Of a typical class of 16, 14 would be in Clarks Wallabees.”

“My most vivid memory concerning footwear did not involve MUS students,” Thompson adds, referring to a fad several years ago at Hutchison School. “For a brief season or two, it was actually fashionable for young women to wear long, flower-print straight dresses with Doc Martens, the steel-toed working boots worn by construction workers.”

Well, girls always do know how to stand out in a crowd.

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White socks and Wallabees are the favorites of today.

Faculty Profile

by Terre Sullivant

The David Lusk Gallery was abuzz one evening last February and again this past September as a throng gathered to view an exhibition of mosaic heads created by MUS students, primarily seventh and twelfth graders. The appreciative crowd marveled at the three-dimensional craniums, which were the result of an assignment by a recent addition to the school's Fine Arts faculty: Jim Buchman.

A noted sculptor and former Guggenheim Fellow with numerous exhibitions, commissions, and collections to his credit, Buchman joined the MUS faculty as an art instructor in 2006. He immediately engaged his students with the idea of mosaic heads. "It's a good project," he explains. "There are different stages to it, requiring different skill sets. The process is incremental, and the outcome is good. There are no failures."

Buchman's immediate experience with teaching young students was his previous five years at Bridges, Inc., as the creator and director of the Arts Bridge program, which exposes inner-city youth to art. At the same time, he held an adjunct position at Memphis College of Art. Although he has been in his native Memphis for seven years, he traveled an interesting road before arriving back home. After graduating from White Station High School in 1966, Buchman went to Dartmouth College where, surprisingly, he did not major in art, despite an early interest.

"My interest in art and sculpture began at age 16, when I took a ten-week driving trip through Europe with my mother and sister," he says. "Traveling from Rotterdam to Delphi, we focused on museums, art, and architecture; I saw an enormous amount of stuff at an impressionable age. An important moment was seeing an exhibition of twentieth-century American sculpture at the Rodin Museum in Paris.

"At Dartmouth, I knew I wanted to be a sculptor, but my very academic parents wanted to be sure I could read, so I majored in English and took a lot of art classes. After graduation, they were amazing supporters, both emotionally and financially, of my

youthful and perhaps naive plan for an art career. This allowed me to work as a sculptor, get a body of work together, and find an art dealer to represent me."

Buchman lived in New Hampshire and took his work to New York. In 1974, at age 26, he was met with what he calls "a brief flash of attention and early success." His first show of large pieces was well received and reviewed in *Time* magazine. By "bizarre good luck," this led to his receiving a Guggenheim Fellowship at age 29. "Several who had seen my show in New York encouraged me to apply for the Fellowship and even wrote in support of me. The award gave me a year of time and money to work on my sculpture."

His "funky career" includes teaching positions at Marlboro College in Vermont and State University of New York in Albany, as well as an elementary school in the Bronx. Along the way, he has had individual and group exhibitions throughout the country and several private and corporate commissions. His work is displayed in various museums, including the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art.

At MUS, Buchman teaches art to three classes of seventh graders and the Upper School. He hopes to offer architecture and design projects for his students in addition to the mosaic heads. He continues to work on his own sculpture, somehow managing to spend 25-30 hours a week in his studio in a warehouse on Flicker Street.

Buchman is married to Memphis artist Nancy Cheairs (mother of **Thomas Robinson '00** and **Andrew Robinson '05**) and is a brother of fashion designer Dana Buchman. Although he laughingly refers to himself as "Nancy's husband and Dana's brother," he has accomplished more than enough to rest comfortably on his own name.

Terre Sullivant retired as director of operations for Carpenter/ Sullivan, an advertising, marketing, and public relations firm in Memphis. She is the wife of Henry '70 and mother of Hank '01 and daughter, Connell.



JIM
BUCHMAN

Haguewood Recognized by AFP and TAIS

On November 15, Headmaster Ellis Haguewood was honored as the 2007 Outstanding Executive Leader by the Memphis chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) at their annual Crystal Awards. He is the first person to ever have been bestowed this honor. Also in November, Haguewood was named to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools (TAIS).

The Outstanding Executive Leader award is presented to a leader of a non-profit organization who provides positive and effective leadership, demonstrates good stewardship of the organization's resources, and is intimately involved in fundraising activities and in the development of the fundraising staff, the board, and volunteers. In addition, the winner of this award demonstrates a personal financial commitment to philanthropy through service and support.

Haguewood was nominated for this award because he inspires trustees, faculty, administration, parents, students, and alumni through his own commitment to MUS and his high ideals. Under his leadership and with his support for the last 11 years, the school has raised an unprecedented \$26.3 million. His accomplishments as headmaster also have extended to significant growth in admissions, alumni relations and programming, and academic achievements.

Former board chair **Ben Adams '74** says, "He has always served his students, his colleagues, his alumni, and, in more recent years, his trustees, with distinction and purpose. Everything about Ellis

embodies service and servanthood. His humility, his sense of humor, and especially his clarity of self and mission for MUS are clear and inspirational to all around him."

Says **Trow Gillespie '65**, current board chair, "He is a selfless leader, and his leadership by example always reflects the values on which he is grounded. His commitment to the ideals of character development, integrity, and honesty has had a profound influence on the students and their sense of purpose,



self-worth, and independence."

In addition, Haguewood was named a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools (TAIS). The group, a consortium of approximately 60 independent and parochial schools, offers a broad variety of services to its member schools including professional development for teachers and administrators. As a trustee, Haguewood will help guide TAIS and will represent the membership in all decision making. The Board of Directors is made up of heads of schools who are nominated and selected by their peers.

The successes of our students, the allegiances of our alumni, and the financial support from our constituents are testaments to Haguewood's integrity and leadership, commitment to philanthropy, and good stewardship – and they are the basis for his recognition by

AFP and TAIS. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to a deserving friend and leader.

Coaches Take TSSAA Honors

Tommy Harrison

Coach Tommy Harrison, a member of the MUS Athletic Department since 1997, was recently named the A.F. Bridges Contributor of the Year for the Memphis area by the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA). The TSSAA annually recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated the highest commitment to high school sports with the A.F. Bridges Award, named in honor of the TSSAA's first executive secretary.

In his decades as a high school coach, Harrison has served as head varsity basketball coach, head varsity football coach, head varsity track coach, and head varsity wrestling coach at a number of high schools



in Memphis and Shelby County. This experience with a wide range of athletes and schools has instilled in him a desire to celebrate and promote all of the

athletes in the area, not just the student-athletes lucky enough to receive his direct instruction.

He serves as the host of *High School Scoreboard*, a radio show that promotes all high school sports for men and women during the school year. Harrison uses this weekly, two-hour forum to showcase the accomplishments of students as they represent their schools on the fields, courts, and tracks around the Mid-South. He also coordinates

the Mid-South Football Combine, which provides rising junior and senior football players the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in the hopes of attaining football scholarships.

Harrison earned a B.S. from Delta State University and an M.Ed. from the University of Memphis. Currently, he serves as the assistant track coach and the offensive line coach for the varsity football team at MUS. Harrison and his wife, Carol, have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Jerry Peters

In the fall issue of its publication *TSSAA News*, the TSSAA announced its Distinguished Service Award winners. Distinguished Service Awards are bestowed on four notable individuals – an administrator, an official, a coach, and a journalist – in Tennessee high school sports. MUS Varsity Basketball Coach Jerry Peters was the honoree in the coaching category for fall 2007.



In 2007 Peters celebrated his first Division 2 State Basketball Championship and his 919th career win. Having served as the MUS Owls head basketball coach since 1964, he is the winningest high school basketball coach in Shelby County history and the third-winningest in Tennessee. His teams have won over 100 invitational, conference, district, regional, sub-state, and state championships. Under his leadership, MUS has claimed 7 regional championships, 16 district championships, and 26 20-win seasons. The Owls were sub-state champions in 1978, 1982, and 1985. They went undefeated in 1970 with a record of 22-0, and they posted 24 consecutive wins in 1973 and ended the season with a 27-2 record.

An instructor in history and social studies at MUS, Peters teaches

Comparative Government, U.S. Government, and Recent U.S. History. In 2006 he was named to the A. Robert Boelte, Jr. Chair of Excellence in Teaching. In 2003 he received the Jean Barbee Hale Award for Outstanding Service for demonstrating loyalty, commitment, dedication, discretion, and consistency throughout his career at MUS. In 1997 he was awarded the MUS Distinguished Teaching Award. The Tennessee Association of Independent Schools honored Coach Peters with the Hubert Smothers Award in 2000 for “distinguished teaching and dedicated service to his school.”

Peters received his B.A. from Southwestern College (now Rhodes College) and worked for a short time as a reporter for *The Commercial Appeal* before beginning his career at MUS in 1960. Peters was inducted into the Rhodes College Haygood Hall of Fame in October 2006. He and his wife, Ruth, have four sons: **Jeff '79, Judd '81, Jon '84, and Jason '88.**

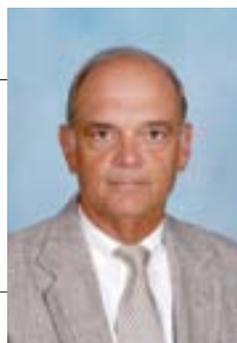
Two Owls Come Home to Roost

Two alumni joined the staff of MUS this year. **John Cady '69** returns to MUS as director of student life, taking on a number of advisory responsibilities that include Student Council and the Civic Service Organization. He also coaches football. Cady earned a B.A. in psychology from Rhodes College and an M.Ed. in counseling from the University of Memphis. He spent 14 years at MUS (1981-96), and the Senior Class awarded him the prestigious John M. Nail Outstanding Teaching Award in 1995. He has worked at a number of

schools in roles ranging from head football coach to high school principal, most recently serving as director of college guidance at Lausanne Collegiate School.

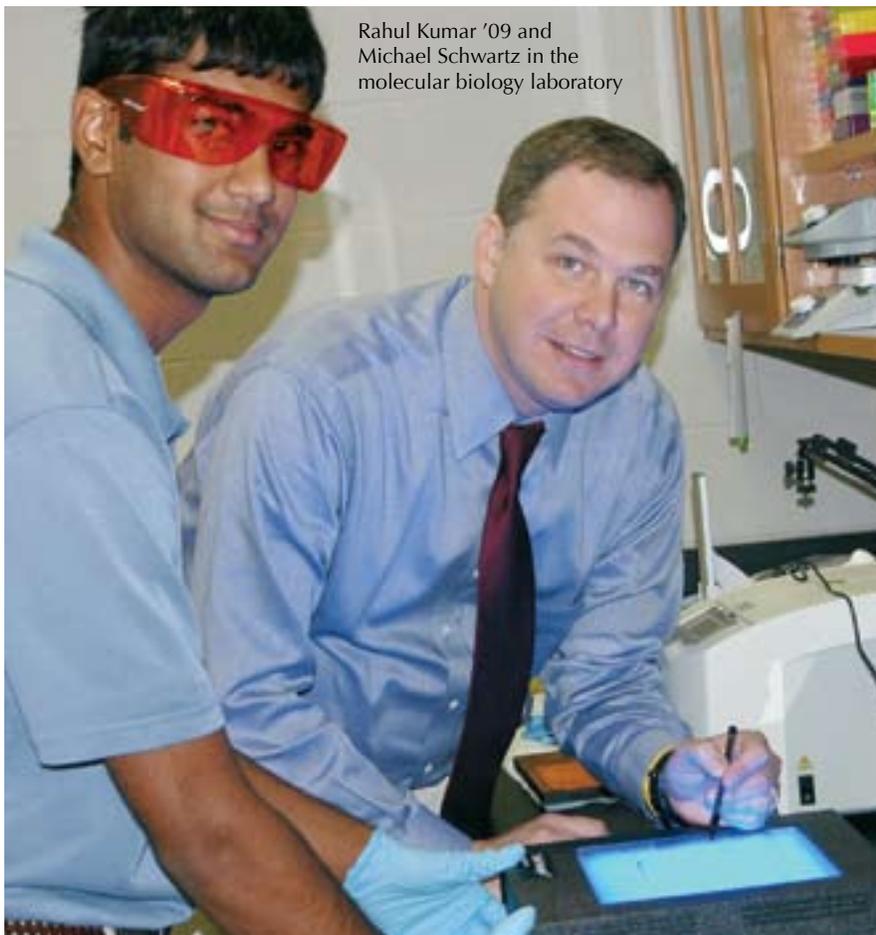
Cady says, “Since leaving the MUS staff in 1996, I have worked in several schools and gained a new perspective. There are a couple of things that set an independent school apart from its competitors: tradition and the alumni. MUS has incredible strength in both of these areas, and though some things have changed since I left, the important things have only grown and matured.”

Judd Peters '81 joins the staff as the director of school and community relations. He holds a B.B.A. from the University of Mississippi. In his new role at MUS, he continues to administer the SLAM summer program and coordinate with other on-campus programs; develops and maintains relationships in the admissions process with individuals, families, schools, and organizations in the Memphis area, including



families from non-traditional feeder schools; and works with the director of advancement to assist with alumni functions.

Peters says, “MUS has always been an integral part of my life, and I am excited to be working on a daily basis for the betterment of the school. I believe in MUS and the values it represents. The school has had a great impact on my life, and I look forward to being involved as it shapes these young men and the future of Memphis.”



Rahul Kumar '09 and Michael Schwartz in the molecular biology laboratory

SCHWARTZ NAMED TO NEW CHAIR IN SCIENCE

Biology instructor Dr. Michael Schwartz has been named to the Sally and Wil Hergenrader Chair of Excellence in Science. The permanent endowment for the chair was recently established by Sally and Wil Hergenrader, parents of **Terry '75** and **Steve '77** and grandparents of Wil '12. By endowing this chair, the Hergenraders have strengthened MUS's ability to attract and retain the best possible teachers for the Science Department.

According to the Hergenraders, "We felt it was time to do something significant to help MUS." They were "impressed with MUS's excellence and achievement in so many areas" since first becoming acquainted with the

school in 1972. "But the field of science rapidly changes and, to stay on top, the best leadership and teaching are required. We hope our gift helps make that possible."

"I am honored to be the recipient of the newly established Hergenrader Chair of Excellence in Science. It is extremely gratifying to know that people in the community believe enough in what we are doing here at MUS to invest in our success," says Schwartz. "It is extremely important to generate excitement about all disciplines of science as early in one's education as possible so that life-long enthusiasm and understanding can be established. The MUS Science Department wants to give our

students the background and knowledge to discuss scientific topics with authority.

"The generous gift provided by Mr. and Mrs. Hergenrader will greatly enhance our efforts to make MUS science the best that it can possibly be. The Hergenraders clearly recognize the importance of quality science education as well as the importance of science in the global community."

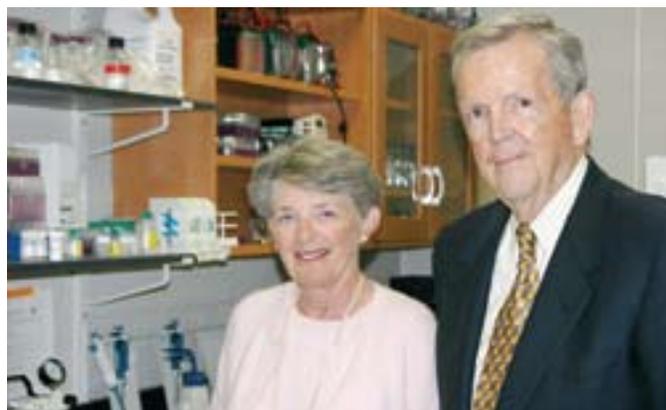
Dr. Schwartz, a molecular biologist with expertise in virology, cancer biology, cell biology, biochemistry, and electron/light microscopy, joined the Science Department as a biology teacher in 2005. He earned a B.S. from Purdue University and went on to receive his Ph.D. in oncology with distributive minors in genetics, biochemistry, and animal health from the University of Wisconsin. He was employed as a research associate for the Institute for Molecular Virology within the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Wisconsin before spending two years as a research associate in the Department of Biological Sciences at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Schwartz has published articles in various professional journals and has presented his research at a number of conferences and symposia.

In addition to his teaching duties at MUS, Dr. Schwartz spearheaded the creation of the molecular biology laboratory, located in the school's McCaughan Science Center. Similar to labs found at major research institutions, it features the exact equipment used by the most prominent scientists in the world. The modern lab provides the means to educate students on how the rapidly growing discipline of molecular biology affects their everyday lives, how it will influence the future, and how it will be used to improve technology in medical, environmental, and agricultural areas.

Headmaster Ellis Haguewood says, "In the past few years, MUS has committed significant energy and resources to improve what we do in science and how we do it, and we have made extraordinary progress. Our facilities, our equipment, our course offerings, and

our science faculty are better now than they have ever been. I am deeply grateful for the wisdom and the generosity of Sally and Wil Hergenrader, who understand that the teaching of science at MUS *must* be of the very highest caliber, and that it is the outstanding *teacher* who ensures academic excellence. With this gift, the Hergenraders provide funding to help MUS attract or retain a superb science teacher. For now, with this chair, we will be rewarding one of our greatest new assets, Dr. Michael Schwartz, a remarkably knowledgeable and effective teacher, who makes science come alive daily for the students he teaches and who inspires them to love science.”

Sally and Wil Hergenrader
visit the lab.



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Through such an endowment, the Academic Dean would be provided the necessary funds to research and develop new, innovative, or emerging academic or co-curricular programs to promote academic excellence and strong character development.

SCHOLARSHIPS: As MUS broadens its outreach to students who are academically bright and able to meet admissions requirements, but who are in need of assistance, the school will help with expanded tuition assistance.

FACULTY CHAIRS OF EXCELLENCE: Additional Chairs of Excellence will provide funds for salaries and resources to recognize and reward distinguished faculty with salary enhancements and professional development opportunities.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT: The endowment will provide funds for a Director of Student Development who will coordinate educational resources to support bright students who arrive at MUS with academic deficits or specific learning disabilities and who need more individualized attention to provide them with a successful adjustment to raised academic and community expectations.

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS: The school will provide the means for students to study abroad, an educational experience that allows for the development of critical, reflective, cross-cultural, and intrapersonal skills that are integral to a liberal arts education.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Professional development resources provide Summer Fellowships, which make available to faculty essential funds for professional research, study, and travel.

ACADEMIC OR EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMMING:

Examples of programs that add intellectual enrichment and stimulation include an endowed cultural series, an endowed writer-in-residence program, or an endowed artist-in-residence program.

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Your gifts in honor of special friends or in memory of loved ones directly enable young men at MUS to receive the best education available. Memorials to Memphis University School support the Annual Fund program. Families of those whose memories are honored will be notified by an appropriate card with an acknowledgment to the donor. We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to the school:*

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Why I Give to the U

by Trey Suddarth

When I was 18 years old, I was fortunate enough to receive a full scholarship to the University of the South. I was the first person in my family to go to college. As I look back, I realize what an impact a Sewanee education had on the life of a young man with a little intelligence and some basketball ability but no material advantages.

When I was invited to teach at MUS, I was amazed at how many similarities I witnessed to my college experience: deep traditions of excellence, dedicated faculty maximizing individual instruction, character development through leadership, and true *student-athletes*. My life-altering university experience would not have been possible if not for the generosity of patrons who wanted deserving, lower-income students to gain access to a high-quality, liberal arts education. At MUS our boys have access to just such an educational experience, but at a much younger and more impressionable stage.

I am privileged to work here and to witness those transformations in process. I give to MUS so we can give less fortunate boys an opportunity to better themselves, as I did.



Trey Suddarth came to MUS in 2004. He teaches Latin I and AP Latin IV and serves as the eighth-grade basketball coach and the Lower School golf coach. He received a B.A. from the University of the South and an M.Ed. from Vanderbilt University. He and his wife, Deborah, have a two-year-old daughter, Reese.

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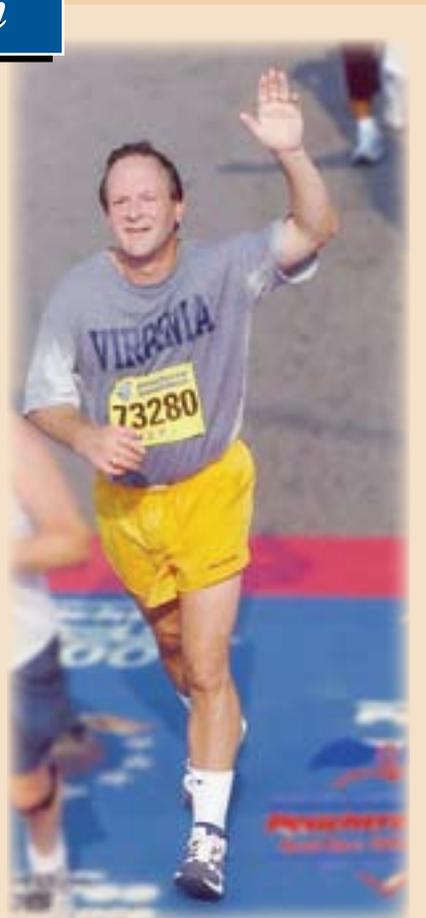
by Kip Caffey '73

It was a Friday afternoon in the fall of 1970. I was in my tenth-grade year, about six weeks into my first cross country season. In those few weeks, I had learned much about distance running and about myself. Still, there were other lessons yet to be learned, as I would discover that weekend.

Our team that year was outstanding, featuring some fine runners who were also fine people. Despite my relative youth and lack of experience in distance running, I had managed to become our eleventh-fastest runner, something I attribute to my natural athleticism, strength of will, and the fact that there were only ten other guys on the team. We were led by five seniors – our captain **Stan Fri '71**, **David Bull '71**, **Gayden Drew '71**, **Ed Garrett '71**, and **Woody Ray '71**. **John Young '72** and **Carroll Todd '72** were our juniors, and **Montgomery Martin '73**, **Bill Phelps '73**, **Wise Jones '73**, and I were the sophomore rookies. It honestly can be said that the team had no lack of intellect, wit, and character; it's equally true that we had no lack of characters. Most distance runners have a twisted sense of humor, and our team that year was proof.

Cross country in those days was a race run over two miles. Today, that seems a very short distance, but it was daunting back then, especially when a course involved a lot of hills. Physical and mental conditioning were paramount to competitiveness, and accordingly, our workouts were disciplined and difficult. Among the first lessons I learned was the parlance of workout types – fun runs, Indian file, fartleks (no, we were far too mature to make jokes about that name, I promise), time trials, and the dreaded 110-, 220-, and 440-yard accelerations. I recall Woody calculating that our typical mid-season workout averaged seven miles each day, enough to make a skinny sophomore even skinnier.

The highlight of each workout was our warm-up. We typically jogged a mile, then did stretches followed



Kip Reed Caffey, a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Harvard Business School, lives in Atlanta with his wife and four children. He recently completed his seventh consecutive Peachtree Road Race, and he is confident that his time in the event would not impress his former cross country coach.

by another half-mile jog. One had to learn the proper way to perform the “Cross Country Jog,” which as Young explained to me was “as slowly as you can move forward without actually walking.” Warm-ups were filled with nervous speculation about the workout ahead and frequently involved jokes and pranks on one another.

Thursday behavior was especially aberrant. A contributing factor was excitement about the coming weekend, the football game, and attendant social life. Most important, though, our meets were always on Friday afternoons. Pre-race nervousness and anticipation of the competition manifested in an escalated level of strange conduct. We were so consistently giddy and mischievous that we began to refer to “Queer Thursday, when anything might happen.”

The week prior to the one referenced in the first paragraph had produced a “Queer Thursday” highlight. We were doing our warm-up jog around the track while the junior high football team was playing on Hull-Dobbs Field. As we approached the opposing sidelines, Montgomery ran ahead to terrorize their young cheerleaders. While he was making faces at them, one of us – memory fails, but I’m pretty sure it was Jones, Phelps, or me – ran up behind him and yanked his gym shorts down around his ankles. It was one of

those rare moments when Montgomery was speechless.

On this particular Friday, we had a dual meet with a good team, one we and our coach expected to defeat. Unfortunately, it was a bad day for the Owls. None of our top five runners ran well, most finishing with poorer times than the week before, and we lost. Our coach was not happy. His remarks after the meet were brief, but his displeasure was clear. To our great dismay, he ended by saying, “I’ll see all of you right here on the track tomorrow morning at 9:00, dressed out, and ready to run.”

The dread that we all felt in the intervening hours was overwhelming, and it proved to be justified. Out on the track that Saturday morning, the coach divided us into three groups and positioned us on the 110-yard

markers, announcing that our workout was “Accelerate on the Whistle.” “Accelerate on the Whistle” is one of the most physically and mentally grueling workouts. It entails walking, jogging, striding, and sprinting, with a change of pace whenever the whistle is blown. The mental challenge is that you never know how far you may run a particular pace before the coach blows the whistle. This was compounded that morning by the fact that he hadn’t told us how many miles he intended us to go. Finally, after three long miles, he stopped us, telling us to jog our cool-down laps and meet him in the gym.

He sat us on the bleachers in the gym. We had no idea what to expect, but he spoke softly. “Yesterday, you didn’t compete,” he said. “You got beaten by a team that shouldn’t have beaten you. You didn’t rise to the challenge. You didn’t push yourselves.

“This morning when we started, I intended to make you run only a mile,” the coach continued. “But when we got to the end of one mile, I could see that you weren’t tired, so I decided to go two. At the end of two, I could see you weren’t tired, so I decided to go three.” He paused. “And you guys could have gone four.” While none of us spoke, we knew he was right. It wouldn’t have been fun, but we could have run another mile.

“You’re never as tired as you think you are,” he added. “You can always push a little harder.”

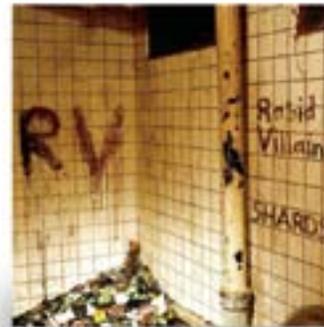
And then he said something I’ve never forgotten. “Don’t let your mind decide you can’t do something until you give it an earnest effort.” He repeated it. “Don’t let your mind decide you can’t do something until you give it an earnest effort.” Hmmm, he was just talking about running, right?

My accomplishments as a distance runner never rose above the level of mediocrity, but I’ve never forgotten the lesson from that day. He used that opportunity to teach us something about running, but mostly something about ourselves. In academic, athletic, business, and personal contexts, I’ve recalled those words: “Don’t let your mind decide you can’t do something until you give it an earnest effort.” More than a few times, I’ve tried something that I would not have tried otherwise. Because of the lesson learned that day, I’ll always remember to push a little harder, to make sure I’ve made an earnest effort. I’m grateful that he took the time to teach us on that Saturday morning.

Oh, by the way, our cross country coach? The one who taught me in the fall of 1970 that I should never let my mind decide I can’t do something until I give it an earnest effort? Well, as it turned out, he had other coaching talents as well. He was a young fellow named Jerry Peters.

COVERS

by Gaye Swan



Jeff Burch '94, Elliott Ives '96, David King '94, Blake Rhea '94, and Kevin Cubbins '93

Rabid Villain is a four-piece, Memphis based, new Southern metal group composed entirely of MUS graduates: **Blake Rhea '94** on bass, guitarist **Elliott Ives '96**, **Jeff Burch '94** on drums, and vocalist Burl Caine (better known to his MUS classmates as **David King '94**). The group recently released their first CD, *Shards*. **Kevin Cubbins '93** mixed the record.

“We wanted *Shards* to be aggressive, progressive, and intense...yet it still could be defined as ‘Southern metal,’ always influenced by the blues and always grooving,” says Burch. “There are no tricks to our music, no make-up, no wigs – just four friends going for it.”

“Rabid Villain is four dudes sweating in some beat-down basement, writing music, and playing it live,” adds Rhea. “What stands out to me is raw brutal energy. It hits hard with good lyrics.”

All four cite influences that range from Memphis musicians to groove music to Swedish metal, and all have contributed to the lyrics. According to a June 7, 2007, review in the *Memphis Flyer*, “Old-school heavy metal is brand-new again: Just listen to the double bass drums, screaming guitars, pulsing bass, and guttural vocals on ‘Jackball,’ one of the six tracks that comprise *Shards*, Rabid Villain’s new EP. The band’s churning sound is a far cry from the overly muscular nü-metal style that’s gained popularity in recent years – think ’70s-era Ozzy Osbourne, Slayer, and Metallica.”

Friends since their MUS days, Rhea, Ives, and Burch formed the band CYC about ten years ago and formed Rabid Villain as a trio in 2000 (the group self-produced a CD entitled *The Villainous Grip* later that year). King, who spent some years away from Memphis, living and working in California, Thailand, and Denmark, joined the band last year.

In June, Rabid Villain performed at the Memphis Metal Showcase at The New Daisy. Billy Gibson, a musician and co-producer of the Showcase, was quoted in *The Commercial Appeal*, praising Rabid Villain for their “creativity, musicianship, passion, work ethic, [and] honesty.”

Fans can catch the group at a variety of venues in Memphis: The New Daisy, The HiTone, Murphy’s, and Memphis Drum Shop. *Shards* is available wherever the group plays, as well as at local record stores and on iTunes.

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The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law alumni chapter honored **Charles Crump** among 16 of the Memphis legal community's "Pillars of Excellence from America's Greatest Generation" at its annual dinner in August.

'59

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Henry Turley was inducted into the Memphis Area Association of Realtors Commercial Council Hall of Fame.

'60

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After selling his veterinary practice, **Franklin Alley** now raises cows on his farm in Nashville. He and Jeannie coaxed all three of their children back from distant places so that the children and the four grandchildren now also reside in Nashville.

Allan Gold reports that any thoughts of retiring to Fayetteville after living for years in Little Rock have been put on hold by daughter Stefie's move to Little Rock with her husband and, more important, the first grandchild, three-year-old Miri. Allan's son is thriving in law school at age 32 at

the University of Arkansas, and his other daughter, Robin, is working with the linear accelerator at Stanford University.

Phillip Patterson is still practicing optometry and operating a small cattle farm. He and his wife, Teresa, own Normandy Flyers, Inc., an aviation business that specializes in older classic aircraft. Currently, they have five in the fleet and two planes under restoration. Teresa and their sons are all pilots. Three of their sons are active-duty military officers; two fly for the Navy, and one is serving as an Army cavalry officer. Their oldest son is a commercial pilot. Their older daughter is a nurse practitioner, and the younger gal is a violinist. In Phillip's spare time, he also serves as CEO of a dialysis investment group and treasurer of the area's regional airport authority. With six children, three grandchildren, and two more en route, he is simply too busy to retire.

Marriages

Sarko Kish '89 to Katy Simmons on July 8, 2006

David Sacks '90 to Jacqueline Tortorice on July 7, 2007

Jason Shelby '92 to Bonnie Renschler on October 6, 2007

Donald Crank '94 to Renee Marie Sturges on August 26, 2007

Ryan Prewitt '94 to Camille Hill on June 2, 2007

Bill Warnock '94 to Ashley Harris on October 14, 2006

David Barnes '96 to Mallory Olivier on June 9, 2007

Ryan King '96 to Kerry Fitzgerald on August 31, 2007

Ben Jenkins '97 to Emily Marie Halm on August 11, 2007

Bryan Dismuke '98 to Catherine Simpson on September 8, 2007

Foster Smith '98 to Palmer Haslam on July 14, 2007

Jim Hopkins '01 to Mary Elizabeth Jaco on June 9, 2007

Births

Lydia and **John Norfleet '78**, a son, John Randolph, Jr., born May 12, 2007

Romvadee and **Vance Overby '78**, a daughter, Alexis Cartwright, born September 18, 2007

Ann Margaret and **Posey Hedges '83**, a daughter, Wallace Parker, born December 17, 2006

Stacey and **Thomas Hussey '88**, a daughter, Lillian "Lilly" Rodgers, born April 19, 2007

Lindsey and **Ryan Riggs '88**, a daughter, Margaret Belle, born June 4, 2007

Christen and **Adam Tooley '89**, a daughter, Grace Louise, born December 20, 2006

Elizabeth and **Sid Williamson '90**, a daughter, Emma Ryer, born September 21, 2007

Michelle and **Ryan Ehrhart '91**, a son, Brady Earle, born September 23, 2007

Amy and **Josh Poag '91**, a daughter, Charlotte Rainer, born October 5, 2007

Emily and **Brooks Brown '92**, a daughter, Grace Bratton, born April 18, 2007

Katarina and **Bo Hyde '92**, a son, Nicholas Casper, born August 14, 2007

Molly and **Lee Huff '93**, a daughter, Annalee Timbs, born June 29, 2007

Ashley and **Jason Dunn '95**, a daughter Mya Rae, born August 16, 2007

Ginny and **Clay Lafferty '96**, a daughter, Mackinsey Rhodes, born September 4, 2007

Deupree and **Will McDonald '97**, a son, William "Trey" Morris III, born May 2, 2007

Nicole and **Michael Taylor '98**, a son, Michael McEwan, Jr., born June 7, 2007

Deaths

Edmund Kirby-Smith IV '66



45th Reunion for the Class of 1962

'61

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This fall and winter found many of our classmates attending various hunting outings both in and out of the country, as well as numerous football games, both college and high school. The MUS Owls continued their usual "top ten" performances; unfortunately, the Ole Miss Rebels have fallen from grace, as witnessed by **Hammond Cole** and yours truly when the Alabama victory was snatched from them by a "blind" official. Many of our classmates attended the Bill Evans Memorial Tailgate Area dedication, as is reported in this edition of *MUS Today* on page 34. This was one of the largest gatherings of the Class of 1961 in recent years. **Lyle Adams** was seen chatting with **Pepper Allen** and **Jeb Blunt**, while **John Bell** was entertaining Hammond Cole and **Jody Brown**. **Dan McGown** drove in from Nashville and relived many "golden moments" with **Henry Morgan**, **Bill Oxley**, and **Tom Hutton**.

After the Homecoming football game, our classmates retired to Jody and Lisa Brown's home to continue to spin yarns that were better left unspoken on school grounds. Pepper Allen, king of the jug wines, furnished the libations, and John Bell entertained the group with his versions of many adventures at MUS. Dan McGown, former head of the Honor Council, was heard to exclaim, "I never knew any of this." Most of those events related by Bell, Oxley, and others were on a "need to know" basis while we

were at MUS. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, as I was in Atlanta for my second granddaughter's baptism.

Bill Oxley joined Banes Capital Group, LLC, as senior vice president. Bill is responsible for sales of government-guaranteed loans and fixed income products.

Finally, I got to speak with many of you in October during our annual MUS Phonthon. Last year, for the second year in a row we achieved 100% participation, and we also achieved our total donation goal set by the school. Many thanks; let's be sure that we repeat our goals this coming year. We are the only class ever to achieve 100% giving.

'62

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What a great reunion we had! I'm sorry to see it pass, as it may be another five years before we get to do it again. It took us 45 years to get around to having a successful one, but it was certainly worth the wait. The ones who made it had a great time rehashing old stories and bringing ourselves up to date, as well as meeting each other's wives and hearing about their children and grandchildren. Special kudos to Canon and **Jamie Hall** for hosting the party at their beautiful home and to Sallie and **Gary Ford** for helping with the food and drink preparations. The dinner was delicious. Everyone seemed to want to try to do it again next year. We'll see. Special recognition to **Jim Garner** for coming the farthest (Dallas), and to **Jim Place** for coming from Knoxville. We were so saddened to learn of Jim's

wife's passing a short time ago and appreciated his making the effort to come back.

Stewart Austin and his wife had to cancel at the last minute because of a scheduling conflict, and **Fred Smith's** wife broke her ankle earlier that evening. We missed them.

Dan Work provided some comic relief by making posters of our pictures from the 1962 yearbook. Other attendees were **Nat Ellis**, **Cole Wilder**, **Newt Metcalf**, **Russell Patterson**, **Mike Shipmon**, **Sam Gary**, and respective wives and/or significant others.

Nat Ellis said, "Thanks to you, Jamie, Gary, and your wives, for organizing our 45th.

An even dozen of us showed up, which is a goodly percentage and portends well for our 50th. I was delighted to know that this is the first function for our class located off-campus. So 12 of us have attended every reunion. Over the intervening four-and-a-half decades, I'd seen only three of the guys.

What a glorious get-together, as we shared memories of our high school days... memories that were revived, tales that we had never heard, reminiscences of all those fond events of our teenage years. Yeah, what a nice bunch of guys." Nat's wife, Pat, had this to say: "Clay [Jamie] remodeled his whole house for the occasion. And what a house it is! I felt like I was stepping onto the pages of *Town and Country* magazine.

In between all the crazy things you all were doing at MUS, you must have gotten a very good education because most of you turned out to be not only good citizens, but good businessmen, doctors, educators, leaders in your industries, family men, and just all-around nice people. Just wanted you to know how special it was to meet everyone who I usually only see on the pages of Nat's yearbook or in 'Class News.' Hope I get to see everyone again before the 50th rolls around."

Jim Garner said of the reunion, "It was great to see all of you at our 45th reunion dinner. What a great evening, and I left Memphis being reminded how much I have missed you wonderful guys all these years. A special thanks to Jamie and Canon for letting us invade their house and to all who helped put this event together."

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Thurston Moore gave the baccalaureate address for St. Christopher's and St. Catherine's Schools in Richmond, from which his children, Brent and Ali, graduated in June.

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Michael Morgan and his wife, Janice, have a two-year-old son, Tadd. They live in Seattle, Washington, where Michael is with the University of Washington. Adams and Reese LLP named **Hank Shelton** the commercial restructuring and bankruptcy team leader.

'66

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“Captain” **Sid Caradine** reports if any of you are in need of an officially licensed fishing guide on the White River in Arkansas, he’s your man. Sid sends along his best regards and hopes to see you on the water. **Edmund Kirby-Smith** died unexpectedly June 29, 2007, at his home in Sumter, South Carolina. Edmund was well known for his eloquence and wit and will be sorely missed by his daughter and sister.

John Romeiser is recovering quite well from his surgery and chemotherapy for colon cancer.

George Stratton and **Brig Klyce** have a company known as Acorn Enterprises. Incorporating in 1999, they started by importing steel and builders’ hardware in container quantities. In 2003, they moved into a 40,000-square-foot warehouse and began selling to regional and national hardware distributors. George travels to China several times a year to strengthen vendor relationships and says the food is terrible. Please contact George and Brig at 360-8900 in the event you need any Chinese hardware.

Legacy of Friendship

A Tribute to Bill Evans '61

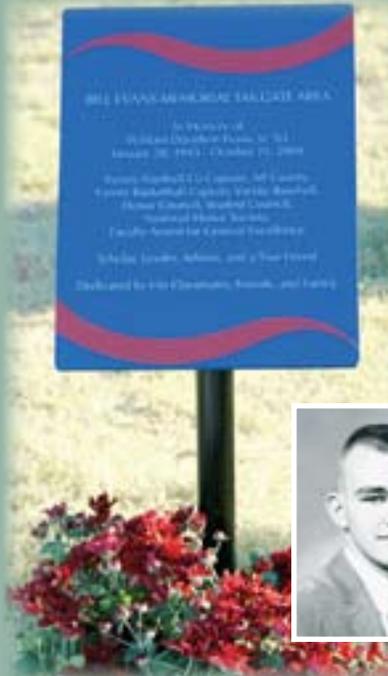
by Elizabeth Brandon

In Gaithersburg, Maryland, Will Evans looks at a sterling cup that sits in his home office, the Faculty Award for General Excellence, which his father **Bill Evans '61** received while a senior at MUS. “This award signifies the connection he had with the school,” says Will. “From the MUS experience, he became well-rounded – a scholar, athlete, friend, and ambassador for the school.”

Bill Evans’ good nature and talents did not remain within the walls of MUS or within the city limits of Memphis. Following high school, he received his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University, his J.D. from the University of Tennessee’s law school, and a master’s degree in labor law from Georgetown University.

Such educational foundation prepared him for a prolific career, beginning with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1968 to 1972. Evans returned to Memphis to practice law for the next ten years, after which he, his wife, Eileen, and their three Memphis-born sons moved to Washington, DC, where he worked for the Department of Justice. In 1986, he went into private practice for several years until he became senior assistant county attorney for the Anne Arundel County Office of Law in Maryland.

Between Memphis and the Northeast, Evans maintained dedication to MUS through continued friendships and support of his alma mater. Oldest son, Will, did not attend MUS but has grown to understand that “the friendships nurtured there are for life.”



At one point, Evans was intent on sharing that insight with his son firsthand. “A couple of years ago, while cleaning my parents’ house, I came across a receipt from March 1973, dated a couple of weeks after I was born,” remembers Will. “It was a deposit reserving a spot for me on the MUS admissions list for the Class of 1991.” This finding came as no surprise to Will, who grew up with MUS through his father’s investment in the school. Though he did not attend, the younger Evans appreciates the bond between alumnus and alma mater. “My high school did not generate much alumni involvement,” he explains. “There is a great amount of giving to MUS, a school that has upheld rich tradition.”

Will Evans and the rest of the family have witnessed alumni generosity with the creation of the Bill Evans Memorial Tailgate Area at MUS. Spearheaded by fellow 1961 alumni **Pepper Allen, Jody Brown, and Tom Hutton**, the memorial celebrates Evans’ commitment to MUS, his family, and friendships forged throughout his life. The dedication of the memorial took place during MUS Homecoming weekend on September 28, 2007. Located south of the stadium, the area is to be used for pre-game events during football season and other sports events.

Hutton’s earliest memory of Evans dates back to when they were 10 years old, Evans wearing an Indian headdress in his



'67

Class Representative:

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Rick Essex is CEO of AP Wagner, Inc., the largest multi-national distributor of appliance parts and accessories in North America. Before joining AP Wagner, Rick was head of the international division for Fedders, based in Shanghai, China.

Mark Halperin was re-elected to the board of directors of Triumph Bank.

grandparents' front yard when the two met. "Great sense of humor, outgoing and kindhearted, witty, well-read, bright," Hutton describes Evans. "He maintained those qualities from childhood to adulthood."

In spring 2006, Brown attended the MUS Alumni Executive Board meeting. Upon arrival, he noted the construction of the new stadium along with sports fields full of students playing and thought, "I wish Bill could have seen all this." Allen, Brown, and Hutton grew up with Evans, played sports together at MUS, and kept in touch long after high school graduation. Raising money for their alma mater in Evans' name was a no-brainer.

"The idea for a memorial tailgate evolved later," states

Allen, who along with Brown thought to raise money in Evans' memory. "At this point in all our lives, we were in a position to generate help for the school, to contribute in our friend's memory."

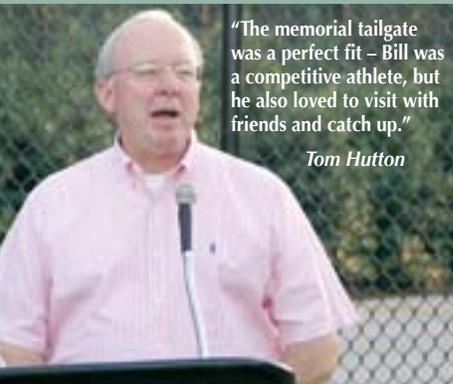
Headmaster Ellis Haguewood, Tom Hutton, and Will Evans spoke in tribute to Bill Evans at the dedication. Through the lenses of family and friends, Evans' image remains consistent, an excerpt from his memorial plaque summing it up: "scholar, leader, athlete, and true friend." Hutton said during the dedication, "One of Bill's favorite pastimes was visiting with friends and family and catching up with everybody. That's why this tailgate memorial is so perfect for Bill. He would love it. I can't think of a better way to remember our good friend and the wonderful times we all had with him."

"All that he achieved, he did through hard work, whether studying or practicing," maintains Brown. "He proved a model of what people considered 'doing right,' and his success in many avenues was well-deserved."

"The school is really a reflection of the people," remarks Will Evans. "They don't just sit there for a number of years and attend class, but they forge a lifelong commitment." After the dedication, he told Haguewood, "The evening really was a highlight of my life, to see my father's friends gather to honor him....The MUS community continues to demonstrate it is a true testament to loyalty, friendship, and life-long bonds. We are proud to be a part of the MUS community, and I look forward to many gatherings to come."

When considering the Faculty Award for General Excellence honoring his father, Will Evans declares, "This cup sits here in my office as one of my father's most treasured possessions from MUS, representative of the longstanding relationships he gained from the school."

Elizabeth Brandon is a Hutchison School alumna who graduated from Rhodes College in 2006. She currently works with Alzheimer's Day Services as Special Events/Volunteer Coordinator and is a freelance writer for MUS Today.



"The memorial tailgate was a perfect fit – Bill was a competitive athlete, but he also loved to visit with friends and catch up."

Tom Hutton



Sons Alex, Carter, and Will (and Will's son, Andrew) attended the dedication honoring their father, Bill Evans.

'69

Class Representative:

Scott Wellford swellford@juno.com

Dick Cowan continues to work as an industrial contractor for air pollution control systems. He and Frances have two grandchildren, Cowan and Walt.

Phillip Crawford is still living in Waco, Texas, and is in the electronics field. He and his son drove from Waco back to Annapolis, Maryland, this summer for some good windshield time. His son, Phillip, is a senior this year at the United States Naval Academy.

Like most guys our age, we live vicariously through our kids' exploits. **Parks Dixon** is no exception. His daughter pushes the envelope even further than most. His daughter, Ellis, competed in the Mongol Rally. The Mongol Rally is an event that began three years ago when three adventurers thought it would be a "fun thing" to drive to Mongolia. This past year, 200 global teams (five from the United States) blasted off from Hyde Park, London, took the ferry or drove through the Chunnel to France, and then fanned out in any direction they chose with the ultimate goal of arriving sometime in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, some 10,000 miles later. There is no prize, no time limit, no reward – just the satisfaction of having participated in such an adventure and having raised money for its charitable affiliates.

Mark Frederick is our "inside man" at Davis-Kidd, having been there for 15 years and in the book business for 27 years.

Barney Gordon is in charge of running a 500-acre research farm for Kansas State University. He was also ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church in September.

'71

Class Representative:

Phil Wiygul philwiygul@earthlink.net

Gayden Drew, of Jackson, Tennessee, received his LL.M. degree in dispute resolution from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He serves on Tennessee's Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission and is a hearings officer with the Board of Professional Responsibility.

The Class of 1971 extends their thoughts and prayers to **Bruce Edenton** and his family on the recent death of his wife, Elizabeth.

Ed Garrett's daughter, Christen, was the MUS 2007 Football Homecoming Queen. Congratulations to Christen and, of course, to Rose and Ed.

Hubert Turley's son, Hobbie, graduated from MUS in May 2007 and is a freshman at the University of North Carolina. His daughter, Leslie, is a senior at the University of Georgia.



Jordan Receives Presidential Award

Each year, the President of the United States recognizes and celebrates a small group of career senior executives in federal government with the President's Rank Award for exceptional long-term accomplishments. Award winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process. They are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards of private citizens, and approved

by the President. Winners of this prestigious award are strong leaders, professionals, and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry, and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service.

This year **Bill Jordan '67** received a Presidential Rank Award from President George W. Bush for his career at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). His work at the EPA has focused on pesticide regulation and has involved the development of international trade standards, rules for human research ethics, and strategies for regulating products of agricultural biotechnology. Jordan says that he has worked in public service for over 30 years because "I have always found the work to be challenging and meaningful."

Jordan earned a B.A. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Georgetown University. He and his wife, Joanne, live in Washington, DC.

'72

Class Representative:

Denby Brandon

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Rex Tate has something to brag about. His son, Worth, a pitcher at Houston High School, has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball for the University of Memphis.



35th Reunion for the Class of 1972

'74

Class Representatives:

Mark Ruleman mark@wealthsolutionsllc.net
John Dillon jdillon@orgill.com

Brett Bonner is living just outside Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is a senior director with Kroger. His son, Brett, is doing well after his kidney transplant from his mother, Charmaine.

Will Chase was re-elected to the board of directors of Triumph Bank.

Jeff Jones works for Whitestone Group in Knoxville. Whitestone provides software for hospitals. He and Kris have three daughters: Emery, a senior at UT-Knoxville; Jenny, a freshman at Clemson University; and Becca, a high school senior.

'75

Class Representative:

Lee Marshall lee.marshall@jordancompany.com

Reed Hamman is a distributor of tow truck parts. His son is in residency to be an orthodontist, and his daughter is in pharmacy school.

'76

Class Representative:

Lane Carrick lane@sovereignwealth.com

Pancho Batchelor is a local eBay trading assistant who sells everything from cars to motorcycles on the site. He is even trying to sell a store, Shelby Forest General Store, one of Justin Timberlake's favorites.

Sovereign Wealth Management, of which **Lane Carrick** is president, chairman, and CEO, was named a finalist in the *Memphis Business Journal's* Small Business Awards competition. Lane was also re-elected to the board of directors of Triumph Bank.

George Klepper was named by *Memphis Business Quarterly* as one of the "movers and shakers" in commercial lending in Memphis.

Blaine Strook is president and CEO of Mercantile Trust and Savings Bank in Quincy, Illinois.

'77

Class Representative:

Bruce Moore jmoore1977@comcast.net

John Murrach, an attorney with The Bogatin Law Firm, was named to the Best Lawyers in America. John practices trust and estate law.

Courtney Rudolph joined Morgan Keegan & Company as a vice president and financial adviser in the firm's East Memphis office. He was previously in wealth management at Smith Barney.

'78

Class Representative:

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Bill Dunavant was elected to the board of SunTrust Bank in Memphis.

Frank Hitchings is still very happily married to Mary Vassar, and they have three great children. Catherine is now 16, Mary Manning is 12, and Frank IV is almost 9. Their home and life can be described best as a "glorious mess." They are still on Lookout

IN MEMORY OF A BELOVED TEACHER

In October, artist and poet **Bill Ruleman '75** (left) presented the school with a portrait he painted of former teacher William Hatchett. Headmaster Ellis Haguewood (right) accepted the portrait saying, "The school is grateful to Bill for his generosity in sharing his creativity and talent in this tribute to one of the great teachers in the school's history." The portrait hangs in the Adams Room, the meeting place for the MUS Honor Council. That location is especially fitting, as the Honor Council uses Hatchett's Bible in its meetings.

In elegy to the beloved faculty member, Ruleman also composed a poem that accompanies the portrait:

To William Hatchett

*Out of character (camera-caught),
Stunned on the stage you typically strut
Shadow-dogged, brain filled with facts
(The boisterous role one, bluffing, acts
As buffer against the conch-cave noise
Of countless callow, shallow-fed boys),
Yes, caught immersed in reverie,
You suddenly sight that "immortal sea"
And classroom's block walls fall away
Into the light of lasting day,
Which shows that life's no walking shade
To play a sorry part then fade:
Truth you teach us from afar,
Our genius of this inland shore.*



Mountain where Frank has been serving for the last 16 years at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church (where Sandy Willson, now of Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, hired him in 1991). He serves as the senior associate pastor and spends most of his time preaching, teaching, counseling, and overseeing the church's ministries and staff of around 30 full-time folks. In the last eight years or so, he has spent quite a bit of time on mission trips to Scotland, Russia, Belarus, India, and Haiti. When he gets free time in the summer, he and his son walk up the street to Lookout Mountain Golf Club (about 200 yards away) and play a few holes in the evening. He also still enjoys tennis and recently (summer of 2006) got back his old 1974 MGB-GT, which he had sold to Jim Sasser in 1984. He's attempting a "rolling restoration" since his children love to have their individual "Daddy time" in the MG driving around Lookout Mountain. Frank sees MUS graduates **Marshall Jemison '74** and **Dan Fisher '68** quite often since they, too, live on Lookout Mountain. **Vance Overbey** is the executive director of advertising for ATT Mobility (formerly Cingular Wireless) and is responsible for all creative that is seen or heard (TV, internet, local/national print, etc.) as well as all media strategy and buying. He, his wife, Romvadee, and their daughter, Alexis, live in Atlanta.



30th Reunion for the Class of 1977

'79

Class Representative:
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Tucker Dewey is a partner with Hale Dewey Knight PLLC in Memphis. The firm opened its Memphis office in February. In July 2007, **David Dunlap** hung out his shingle for his own law firm in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Bruce Landau recently completed the Leadership Academy's Leadership Development Intensive class.

Chip Wood lives in Plano, Texas. He is vice president of retail management for UGL Unico, an international company specializing in facilities management. Chip oversees properties in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.



25th Reunion for the Class of 1982

Top Alumni Recognized for Involvement at MUS

Alumnus of the Year

The Alumnus of the Year award is given to an individual who exemplifies community leadership and personal integrity, representing the school's guiding mission of developing well-rounded young men of strong moral character. This year's honoree, Trow Gillespie, has demonstrated years of service to MUS, helping it grow and improve through his tremendous leadership, board involvement, participation in capital campaigns, and annual giving. Gillespie was elected to the MUS Board of Trustees in 1995 and was named Chairman of the Board in 2005. He served as chairman of the Doors to New Opportunities Capital Campaign steering committee, and he served on the steering committee for the Multi-Sports Complex and the Strategic Planning Committee. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were founding members of the Ross M. Lynn Society, and he served as president of the Lynn Society from 1996-98. Gillespie was named MUS Volunteer of the Year in 2003 for his endless support of the school, both financially and with his time.

After graduating from MUS in 1965, Gillespie received a B.A. from Vanderbilt University. He started his career with First Tennessee Investment Management, Inc. From there he co-founded and was principal and vice president of Southeastern Asset Management, Inc. In 1985, Gillespie became co-founder, principal, and president of NewSouth Capital Management, Inc.

He has served on numerous boards in the Memphis community, including Tennessee Economic Development Commission, Memphis Cystic Fibrosis Chapter, Chickasaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Presbyterian Day School, and MIFA. He currently is on the boards of Trezevant Manor, ArtsMemphis, Little Keswick Foundation for Special Education, Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation, Vanderbilt National Commodore Club, and the Leadership Academy.

Gillespie and Elizabeth have three sons, **Paul '01**, **Stuart '04**, and John.

Bobby Wade thanks Johnny Pitts for his past year of leadership on the Alumni Executive Board.



Every year the Alumni Association Executive Board recognizes MUS graduates who best embody the ideals of honor, service, and involvement through their participation in the life of the school. The honorees are acknowledged at a luncheon, held this year at the Racquet Club of Memphis. The alumni board awarded **TROW GILLESPIE '65** (left) the Alumnus of the Year honor and named **KEVIN PARKER '84** (center) and **PAUL REAVES '84** (right) the Volunteers of the Year.

lives of all the young men who played on their teams by improving their basketball skills, fostering teamwork, and providing valuable leadership. Their eighth-grade teams won five out of the past six Shelby League Championships, and their teams' winning percentage is a remarkable 83 percent.

Captain of the 1983 varsity basketball team, Kevin Parker graduated from MUS in 1984. He earned a B.S. in psychology from the University of Memphis, and currently he is a counselor at Lakeside Hospital. Parker married his high school sweetheart, Lauren, and they have three children, Luke, Matthew, and Courtney.

Reaves was on the MUS varsity squad in his sophomore and junior years, playing on the 1983 team that gave Coach Jerry Peters his 400th win. He graduated from MUS in 1984, and he earned a B.B.A. from the University of Tennessee and an M.B.A. from the University of Memphis. He has been a member of the Alumni Executive Board since 2005. Reaves is the vice president of finance for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. He and his wife, Anne, have two children, Ben and Sara.

Volunteers of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year award recognizes alumni who serve MUS in a significant and needed way throughout the year, seeking out opportunities to promote the interests of the school. Kevin Parker and Paul Reaves were acknowledged for their years of service as volunteer coaches for the MUS eighth-grade basketball team. Parker has worked with the eighth-grade squad for 11 years, with Reaves assisting since 2002. Both retired from volunteer coaching this year. They made a significant impact on the

New Leadership Steps Up

Following the presentation of awards and remarks by the honorees, **Johnny Pitts '76**, 2006-07 president of the Alumni Executive Board, turned the gavel over to this year's president, **Bobby Wade '84**. Pitts thanked the four alumni rotating off the board, **Jody Brown '61**, **Joel Fulmer '67**, **Billy Orgel '81**, and **Brian Sullivan '82**, for serving MUS. He also recognized the three new members of the Alumni Executive Board, **John Barton '95**, **William Tayloe '92**, and **Scott Williams '85**.



'80

Class Representative:

George Skouteris skouterislaw@aol.com

Sam Graham was elected the 2007-08 secretary for the Memphis Estate Planning Council.

Davant Latham won an Honorable Mention in the Writing-News/Commentary category of the Eclipse Awards for his article entitled, "Crystal Clear." The Eclipse Award is an American thoroughbred horse racing award sponsored by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Daily Racing Form, and the National Turf Writers Association. The organizations select three finalists each year in several categories. "Crystal Clear," which appeared in *The Blood-Horse* magazine in September 2006, is a commentary on the life of the horse and 2005 Eclipse Award Sprinter, Lost in the Fog. While wife, Shannon, and daughter, Dunn, toured France and England in 2007, Davant and his son D3 were busy at home with the new farm, Spring Croft. In addition, Davant is serving as president of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club. Is that a first for an MUS alum?

'81

Class Representative:

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Andy Meyer practices real estate law in Atlanta. His firm is Meyer Closings, LLC.

'82

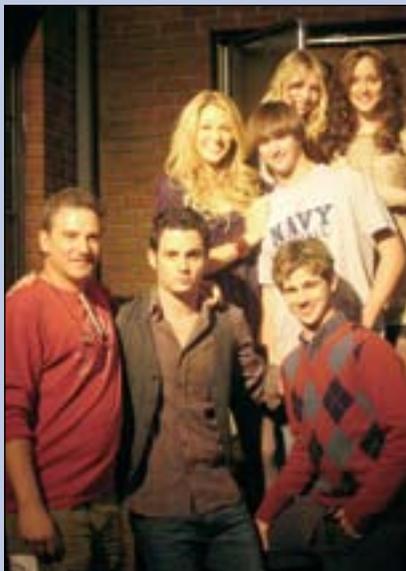
Class Representative:

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Bubba Halliday is COO and chief compliance officer with SouthernSun Asset Management.

After spending 18 years in the banking industry (mostly with First Tennessee), **Ken Johnson** retired from banking and began teaching. He is now an independent software agent with a company called United First Financial. He markets a software program that shows clients

how to eliminate debt and build wealth. He has an office in the Clark Tower and would welcome the opportunity to work with fellow MUS alums.



Joe Lazarov producer of the new CW show *Gossip Girl*, got a visit from his cousin Joey Notowich '11 over MUS Fall Break. Pictured are Joe (left) and Joey (middle right) with the cast of the show.

'83

Class Representative:

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Jamey Howdeshell was promoted to associate vice president at Morgan Keegan & Company, where he is a financial advisor.

'84

Class Representative:

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Richard Silverman is a consultant with URS Corporation, assisting FEMA with the historic reconstruction of New Orleans. While there is still much to be done, the city is a wonderful place and worth the investments being made.

'85

Class Representative:

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John Apperson lives in Midtown Memphis with his wife, Lacy; 6-year-old son, Jack, and 8-year-old daughter, Margaret; two guinea pigs, a fish, and a dog. John joined Centennial Partners, a fund of hedge funds, at the beginning of 2007 and enjoys the view of the MUS campus from the office.

Jeff Kelsey is a managing director of litigation at FedEx, where he manages a team of attorneys and support staff who handle commercial litigation for the company in courts throughout the nation. His practice consists of class actions, commercial disputes, cargo cases, and employment discrimination cases, including a case being argued in the United States Supreme Court this term. **Michael Higginbotham '86** and **David Billions '90** also work in the FedEx litigation section handling lawsuits on behalf of the company. Kelsey's management philosophy relies heavily on lessons learned as a former Owl football player including: "No one is useless. You can always serve as a bad example to others;" and "Let's just go out there and have fun. 'Course, it's no fun when you lose, so let's win one!"

Retiring Class Representative **Dede Malmo**, former infielder at MUS and Vanderbilt University, led the Alumni Softball League (ASL) with a slugging percentage of .863. Congrats to Malmo, whom the class also wishes to thank for all his years of service.

Tony Martin is programming for MLGW, where he has worked for 13 years. Church, work, family, and friends keep him busy in East Memphis. Tony recently enjoyed a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he toured the Lowe's Motor Speedway. He stays in touch with **Hugh Garner** and informs us that Hugh has 3-year-old twins named Sarah and Emily. No report on whether or not they have red hair.

David Pritchard continues his work in the Shelby County District Attorney's Office and recently was promoted to division leader in Criminal Court.

Scott Richman is senior vice president and commercial consulting lead at Informa Economics. He works extensively with the renewable fuels industry, which has kept him busy, as it has been growing rapidly over the last few years. Scott lives in Germantown with his wife, Elizabeth, and children, Jack and Megan.

Newsworthy

Hoo's Who

Memphis magazine's list of "Who's Who" for 2007 includes several members of the MUS community. Among them are **Rusty Bloodworth '63**, executive vice president of Boyle Investment Company; MUS trustee and parent **Mike Rose**, chairman of First Horizon National Corp.; and **Henry Turley '59**, president of the Henry Turley Company.

The "Who's Who Hall of Fame" includes 11 Memphians named to every "Who's Who" list since 1984. The Hall of Fame includes MUS honorary board member and parent **Billy Dunavant**, chairman of Dunavant Enterprises, Inc.; **Pitt Hyde '61**, president of Pittco Management, LLC, and former chairman and CEO of AutoZone; **Allen Morgan '60**, chairman of Morgan Keegan & Company; and **Fred Smith '62**, chairman and CEO of FedEx.

The "Who's Who Out-of-Towners" list includes author and journalist **Hampton Sides '80**.

DUNAVANT High on Ethics

Ethisphere magazine included Dunavant Enterprises, Inc., on its list of the 2007 World's Most Ethical Companies. The company was one of only two honorees in the agriculture and food processing industry on the list.

The researchers and editors of *Ethisphere* examined more than 5,000 companies across 30 separate industries looking for true ethical leadership. Companies were measured in a rigorous eight-step process and then scored against nine distinct ethical leadership criteria. The result is a list of 90-plus companies who demonstrate the highest standards of ethical integrity and leadership.

On another note, it was recently reported that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded \$8 million to an agriculture program Dunavant Enterprises started in Africa to help improve cotton yields. About 300,000 rural families in Mozambique rely on cotton as their main source of income. Dunavant Mozambique, a subsidiary of Dunavant Enterprises, works to increase farm production, wages, and quality of life for agricultural workers in Africa. The Gates Foundation grant will be used to improve literacy, health care systems, and the marketability of cotton and its rotation crops.

Congratulations to MUS Alumni MBJ "Top 40 Under 40" Winners



Patrick Burnett '90
Attorney
Glankler, Brown PLLC



Josh Poag '91
CFO and Executive Vice President
Poag & McEwen Lifestyle Centers, LLC



Tom Hutton, Jr. '91
Assistant Vice President
Boyle Investment Company

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Kerr Tigrett '96
President
JALP Global



Lee Harkavy '86
Attorney
Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs, LLP



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Dunavant Enterprises is the largest privately-owned cotton merchandiser in the world, handling more than six million bales of U.S. and foreign cotton per year. Honorary Board Member Billy Dunavant is chairman of the company, which counts **Bill Dunavant '78**, **John Dunavant '82**, **Buck Dunavant '90**, **Woodson Dunavant '97**, **Dick Fisher '72**, **Jimmy Wetter '70**, **Don Lake '85**, and **Coors Arthur '90** among its employees.

"We consider ethics extremely important in the way we conduct our business every day," company president and CEO Bill Dunavant told *The Commercial Appeal*.

'87

Class Representatives:

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Bo Brooksbank boandalanna@bellsouth.net

Marty Felsenthal is still in San Francisco and is now a partner with HLM Venture Partners.

Don Smith is back in Memphis and is the vicar for All Saints' Episcopal Church.

John Van Heiningen is living in Dublin, Ireland. He married his Slovak sweetheart, Viera, and is waiting for his EU residency card so he can legally live and work there.

Jay Weber lives in Fairhope, Alabama, with his wife, Laurie, and their nine-month-old son, Julian. After graduation from the University of Alabama, Jay received his M.B.A. from the University of Memphis. He is employed by Hancock Bank in Mobile in the commercial lending department. He was recently elected to Leadership Mobile, an organization of 40 young business leaders in the city.

Scott Wiles is an assessment officer for the sixteenth judicial court of Florida and a bikram yoga instructor on the side.

Keith Woodbury, along with his wife and daughter, is back in Atlanta. They spent a majority of the past few years on the island of St. John in the Virgin Islands with a few months here and there in Atlanta, where they've been living for about ten years. Their daughter is 15 months old, and they have another on the way.



On vacation in May, **Ryan Riggs** and **Max Painter** wrestled their kids into this group picture – (left to right) Turner, Will, Ellie, Max III, and Parks. Ryan and his wife, Lindsey, have since added a daughter, Maggie, to the family.

Fred Schaeffer qualified for the 2007 Masters Award, sponsored by New England Financial, as well as the next level, the 2007 Chairman's Council.

'88

Class Representative:

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Chris Hess is in the final year of his neuroradiology fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. His wife, Theresa, is a physician specializing in geriatrics, and his daughter, Madeline, just turned 10. They live in Mill Valley, which is 10 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge. They both commute to San Francisco to work, and their daughter is in the fourth grade in Marin. She's on the swim team and plays both violin and piano. Both Chris and Theresa are in the process of deciding final jobs as Chris finishes his fellowship. Chris says that they will most likely stay there, as they love the Bay Area.

'89

Class Representative:

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Seth Alpert lives outside Columbus, Ohio, with his wife, Julie, and their 20-month-old son, Justin. He is a pediatric urologist with a group associated with The Ohio State University children's hospital and is a converted Buckeye fan.

Matthew Crosby was promoted to vice president at Morgan Keegan & Company.

Billy Frank was named by *Memphis Business Quarterly* as one of the "movers and shakers" in commercial lending in Memphis.

After living in Boulder, Colorado, for several years, **Geoff Hall**, his wife, Gretchen, and their two kids are back in Memphis,



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where Geoff is the group director of sales operations for Medtronic's Spinal and Biologics Division.

Shaw Jones continues his acting career in Los Angeles and lives in Van Nuys, California. In his spare time, he leads the Daily Grill's expansion efforts and recently spent 30 days in Memphis leading the team that opened the Daily Grill restaurant adjacent to The Westin Beale Street Hotel.

Todd Photopulos was named to the 2007 board of directors for the West Tennessee Society of Healthcare Human Resource Administration.

Jonathan Segal recently bought a house in Westchester County, New York, and commutes to his job in New York City, where he is the head administrator for the ENT department at Columbia University. Although he's a Yankee now, Jonny did marry a Memphis girl – the former Alison Buchalter (sister of **David Buchalter '88**) – and they have a 2-year-old daughter, Sophie.

'90

Class Representative:

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Patrick Burnett was named a member of the executive committee of YALL, the young adult fundraising auxiliary of LeBonheur Children's Medical Center.

Mark Dumas's company, SPADAC, was named to the 2007 Inc. 500/5000 list, coming in at an astounding ranking of #32 on the list of fastest-growing private companies in America.

Jeff Kerlan joined the Stern Cardiovascular Center. He is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease and electrophysiology, pacemaker and defibrillator implants, and radiofrequency ablations to treat abnormal heart rhythms.

Philip Weber graduated from the University of Tennessee's medical school in 1999. He completed a residency in radiology and a one-year fellowship in interventional radiology at the University of Charleston. He is now employed by the Memphis Radiological Professional Corporation at Methodist Hospital. Philip lives in Memphis with his wife, Marian, and 6-month-old daughter, Kate.

Jonathan Weinberg is still in Bloomington, Indiana. He has published extensively and frequently travels to conferences. He has presented or given lectures at the University of Hong Kong, three universities in England, and several in the United States. Jonathan continues to love philosophy. He and Joanna have been happily married for almost three years.

ABL WRAP-UP



Bill Roberts '94, Adam Underwood, Blake Rhea '94, Joe Abrahams '96, Jared Becksfort, and Wade Rhea '98

Nethangers Take B League Trophy

by Joe Abrahams '96

After taking a one-year sabbatical, the Nethangers stayed true to their name for the 2007 Alumni Basketball League (ABL) season, gliding through the regular season without a loss. They continued their dominance in the playoffs, earning yet another championship title by beating Da Bears, 89-77.

The Nethangers have maintained an up-tempo and "in-your-face" style over the years, playing a tough man-to-man defense and using an offense that consists of dribble penetration, high percentage three-pointers, and physical play in the post. The core of the team has been **Blake Rhea '94**, **Joe Abrahams '96**, and **Wade Rhea '98**. This year, additions included **Bill Roberts '94** and aliens Adam Underwood and Jared Becksfort. We would like to thank God, our families, and of course the many fans that made it out to see us this year. We would also like to congratulate Jerry Peters, the coaching staff, and the 2006-07 MUS basketball team on their State Championship win. We hope to see these championship-caliber players enter the league, because we are looking forward to the challenge of playing these young guns in the ABL in the years to come.

Green Machine Dominates Again

by George Skouteris '80

Vince Lombardi once said, "Winning never gets old." Or was it Ed Orgeron? Anyway, the Green Machine knows the feeling. We have just completed our three-peat championship win of the ABL C League and, quite frankly, it still feels great. While we traditionally beat up on the Family every year in the championship game, this year we had to beat up on a much younger, more athletic team, Canidru, featuring the Cannon brothers (**Webster '02** and **Tyler '99**).

However, a crazy thing happened on the way to the championship game. The kiddies didn't even show up. Can you imagine? They offered up some lame excuse that they had to go back to college and study, so they couldn't make it. Did the Colts miss the Super Bowl so they could study? Did the Chicago Bulls skip the NBA finals in 1992 so they could go to a sorority mixer? I think not. So in the end, we won by forfeit, 50-0.

Green Machine team members include **Hopie Brooks '80**, **John Ogle '80**, **George Skouteris '80**, **Rick Thornton '81**, **Scott Anderson '92**, Rick Hechinger, Chris Caldwell, McNeil Hopper, and Mike Palazola.



15th Reunion for the Class of 1992

'91

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Jeremy Alpert was named a member of the firm Glankler Brown PLLC.

Darrell Cobbins is now the president of Universal Commercial Real Estate. He is also part of a minority development team, Riverside Partners, which is working to increase minority development in Memphis, particularly downtown.

Josh Poag had an eventful summer. He was diagnosed with lymphoma early in the year and spent his spring studying the disease to determine the best protocol, then swiftly beat the disease with chemotherapy. Josh is in complete remission, and his second daughter, Charlotte, was born in October with darker hair and eyes than her sister, Celia. Josh managed all this while continuing to open, at a rapid clip, lifestyle shopping centers that his company develops across the country.

Waddell & Associates, of which **David Waddell** is president and CEO, was named a finalist in the *Memphis Business Journal's* Small Business Awards competition.

'92

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Paul Hagerman continues his work in the Shelby County District Attorney's Office and recently was promoted to division leader in Criminal Court.

Cort Winsett was named a member of the executive committee of YALL, the young adult fundraising auxiliary of LeBonheur Children's Medical Center.

Brant Horne joined Regions Insurance Group as a vice president and property and casualty insurance sales executive in the Memphis office. Prior to joining Regions, he had worked for Marsh in a similar capacity for over 10 years. Brant and his wife, Caroline, stay busy raising two boys, 5-year-old John and 3-year-old Charlie.

'93

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Dean Decandia continues his work at the Shelby County District Attorney's Office.

He is a crucial member of the Gang Unit. He has published information on his work in the Memphis Bar Association magazine.

Lee Huff and family have recently moved from Savannah, Georgia, where he worked for Gulfstream Aerospace, to Tifton, Georgia, where he is now the senior cost accountant at Heatcraft Worldwide Refrigeration. Lee and Molly are enjoying life in South Georgia. Lee gained a substantial amount of sympathy weight during his wife's pregnancy; he grew a beard to hide his double chin and has now resorted to weekly exercise to shed the excess pounds.

Philip McDermott reports that he is now living in China. He is in Shenzhen, from which one may literally walk to Hong Kong – provided one has a passport, visa, etc. Philip is still teaching English, but with a better job, better company, and better opportunity for personal career growth. He works for English First, teaching English to groups as large as 25 people. He teaches professional, academic, and cultural aspects.

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He will be back in Memphis around the Chinese New Year (February 2008). The fact that the Summer Olympics are in Beijing next year had absolutely no influence on Philip's decision. No, really, it didn't. Seriously.

Thomas Quinlen, chastened by Lee Huff for letting an issue of *MUS Today* go by without any Class of 1993 news, decided to turn his life around and become a productive citizen. To that end, Thomas took a new job with Baker & Whitt, PLLC, where he will primarily represent physicians in medical malpractice cases. This should motivate all the physicians in the class to make sure they're not sued, as they might end up with Quinlen representing them.

Sam Rembert is living in Atlanta with his wife, Emily. Sam is a stagehand with the local theater union. Now that he is not working for Disney on Ice, Sam plans to work into programming and operating the lighting for theater and industrial shows.

Alan Taylor is in St. Louis, Missouri, finishing his residency in Emergency Medicine at Washington University. After a long day of treating acute chest pain, gunshot and stab wounds, and drug overdoses, he enjoys spending downtime with his wife, Danielle, and 2-year-old daughter, Isabella Grace. Also, lesson learned in the ER: latex paint, despite being thick and creamy, does not coat your stomach and provide the same relief as Pepto-Bismol.

Tom Wright finished his M.B.A. at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut, in the evenings while working full time in New York City as a senior marketing manager at Pfizer. He is glad to be done with the degree so he can regain some of his personal life.

'94

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Rob Coe recently moved back to Memphis and is working at Morgan Stanley.

Donald Crank is a winemaker with Willamette Valley Vineyards. He and his new bride, Renée, live in McMinnville, Oregon.

Duncan Galbreath was elected an officer of the Phoenix Club this year.

Kirby May continues to be employed by the Shelby County District Attorney's office; however, he is currently assigned to the United States Attorney's office as a special assistant U.S. attorney. He is practicing in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Unit and focuses his work in the prosecution of federal firearms crimes, especially convicted felons with firearms.

The newly-opened managed futures fund Red Hound Trading Partners LP is aptly named in more ways than one. It covers a

lot of ground, trading in 21 different commodities futures products, and its principal and portfolio manager is **John-David McDonnell**. Though he's preparing to hit the road in the first major marketing push for Red Hound, J-D is already tinkering with a new trading program that would operate along the same lines as Red Hound but incorporate inter-day tick data instead of end-of-day data. One day this could be expanded into a separate vehicle, but for now, he says, "It's a little bit of a side hobby."

Chris Ramezpour is getting his master's degree at Harvard University after having saved the world by going to Africa with the Peace Corps.

Jay Sansing is in San Francisco doing computer work at a law firm.

Bill Warnock is an attorney with Buist Moore Smythe McGee, P.A., in Charlotte, South Carolina.

Jason Whitmore left Morgan Communications as an account executive. He is not sure where he will end up, but he has his irons in several fires; so keep your fingers crossed. His wife, Kesha, is in the Communications Department with FedEx, and their daughter, Asia, is in the first grade at Macon Hall Elementary in Cordova, where they have lived for a little over a year.

Zac Zaricor, even with a recent marriage and knee injury, continues his landscaping enterprise, ZZLawns (www.zzlawns.com).

'95

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In September, **Alec Mooney** was in a show at Theatreworks called *Cycles: Before, Between, & Beyond*. The show is about aging in the different cycles of life.

Stephen Weinberg is still happily ensconced at Duke University. He is teaching health care economics to seniors and a freshman writing course for "Writing in the Field of Economics." He does not miss the Cambridge winters!

'96

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Oscar Atkinson is living in Nashville with his wife, Jocelyn, and attending business school at Vanderbilt University. He has enjoyed rooting for his brother, Sayle '08,

as the Owls battle Oscar's neighbors from Brentwood and MBA. Oscar worked at Pittco Management in Memphis over the summer.

Matthew Beem is working for Stanford Financial Group as a Latin American economist.

Jason Higginbotham was elected an officer of the Phoenix Club this year.

Peter Pettit finished graduate school at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management this past June. Peter, his wife, Christie, and his young daughter, Shea, have decided to stay up north after school and are renovating an older house in Evanston, Illinois. Peter is a senior associate with Chicago-based private equity firm Code Hennessy & Simmons.

After seven years with the San Antonio Spurs organization and three NBA championships, **Brian Ricketts** is retiring from professional basketball. Brian accepted a position at Alamo Heights High School in

San Antonio, where he will teach special education and coach cross country. Despite being semi-retired, Brian hasn't slowed down and continues to run like Forrest; he recently completed a marathon in Warsaw, Poland, and the San Antonio Marathon. Next he has a 50k trail race and 100k ultramarathon in the Texas Hill Country.

"Downtown Daddy" **Neil Roberson** tore his knee up in a freak dancing accident at Raiford's Hollywood. He is expected to make a full recovery and will continue in his role as social chair of the South Bluffs Apartments. In the daytime, he is an investment banker at Morgan Keegan.

Parrish Taylor joined Harbert Realty Services in Birmingham to spearhead the creation and development of their retail and restaurant corporate services group.

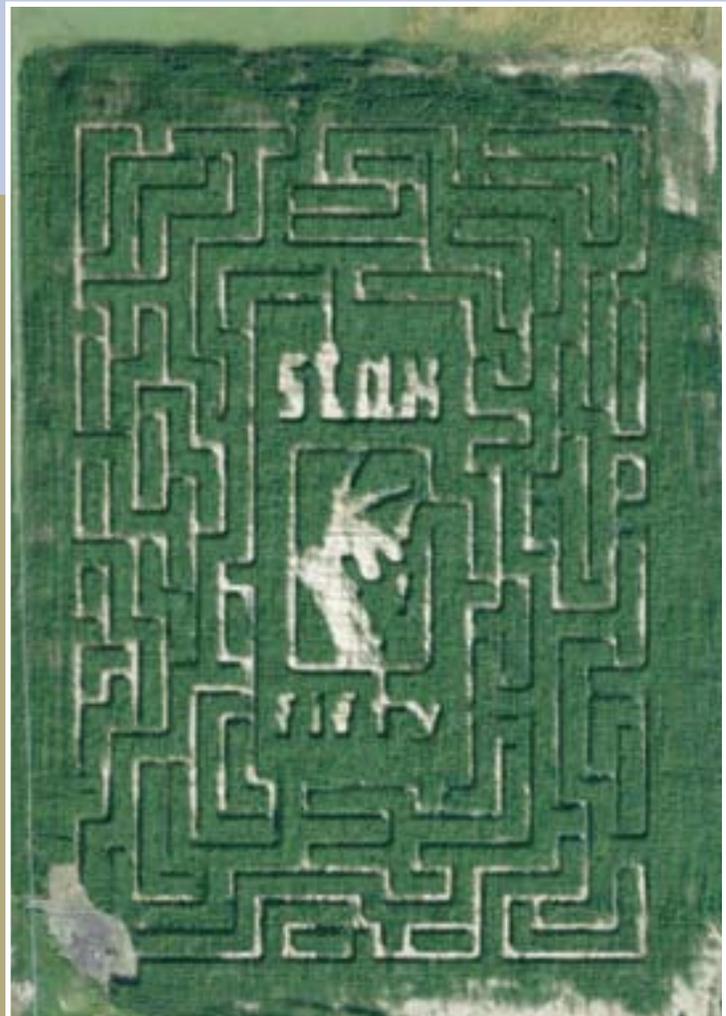
Kerr Tigrett is using his business, Burton Capital LLC, to turn his visions of downtown development for Memphis and the region into reality.

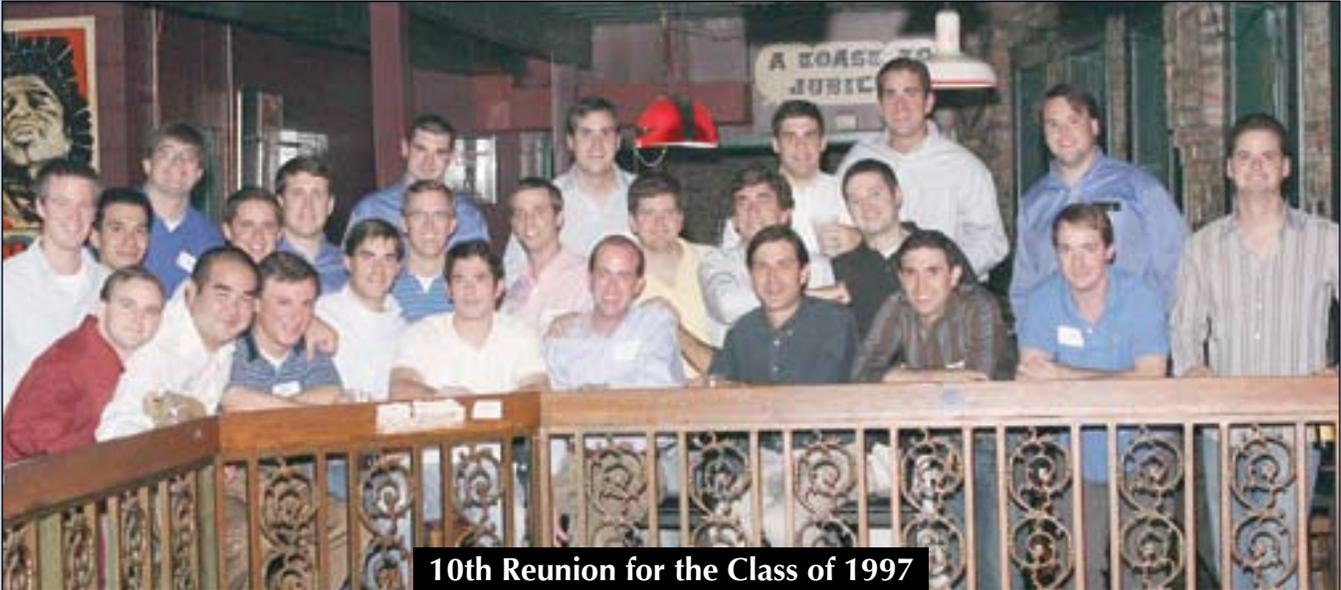
A-Maze-ing Entertainment

With eight acres of corn, the Mid-South Maze brought the "MAiZE craze" back to the Agricenter this year in a salute to the fiftieth anniversary of Stax Records. This was the sixth year that franchisees **Justin Taylor '95** and his business partner, Chris Taylor, organized and ran the popular Mid-South Maze in Memphis.

Part of an increasingly popular "agritainment" trend, the Mid-South Maze is one of nearly 150 affiliated MAiZE sites across the United States, Canada, and Europe. Though the correct pathways can be walked in under 30 minutes, most directionally-challenged visitors – adults and children alike – require about one hour to travel through more than two miles of twists and turns and over 85 decision points.

The maze gives visitors the chance to "get lost" every year in September and October. In anticipation of Halloween, the maze is haunted on Friday and Saturday nights in October, with local actors playing ghouls and goblins determined to frighten all who enter the corn labyrinth.





10th Reunion for the Class of 1997

'97

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Spence Hope has been promoted to vice president of wealth management services at Morgan Keegan & Company.

Ben Jenkins lives in the Washington, DC, area and works for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, a national trade association representing America's leading distillers and nearly 80 percent of all distilled spirits brands sold in this country.

Fletcher Maynard moved to Columbia, South Carolina, to attend seminary.

Will McDonald left Morgan Keegan for a new job with ING as regional vice president. He will be wholesaling variable annuities in the wirehouse/regional division. The Class of 1997 extends their thoughts and prayers to Brittany and **David Spence** for the loss of their son, Forrest.

'98

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For the past five years, **Jason Colgate** has worked for Boston Scientific in medical device sales, first at its headquarters in Boston, then traveling around the country, and last covering the Southeast out of Birmingham. In August he entered into Kenan-Flagler's Business School at the University of North

Carolina, Chapel Hill, to get his M.B.A., concentrating in entrepreneurship.

Rob Humphreys and **Michael Taylor** were named members of the executive committee of YALL, the young adult fundraising auxiliary of LeBonheur Children's Medical Center.

Beck Dando and his wife, Kelly, moved to Nashville in July. Beck is working as a project manager with the Parent Company, a general contractor in Brentwood, Tennessee, and Kelly is working as the executive director of the Associated General Contractors of Middle Tennessee, a non-profit organization.

Hunter Humphreys received his master's degree in government from Johns Hopkins University. He and Liz moved back to Memphis, where Hunter joined Glinkler Brown PLLC as an associate.

'99

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Chad Keller was promoted to associate vice president of wealth management services at Morgan Keegan & Company.

Wes Shelton is back in Iraq. This time he is a little north of Baghdad at an airfield called Taji. He will be based there for a while. He says it's definitely a different experience from his last tour because this place is much, much larger than Mahmudiyah was. That is good because it has a lot more support and things to do; but it's bad because the smaller the base, the less restrictions there are.

'00

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Justin Monday is living in Rocky River, Ohio. He moved to Ohio in 2005 to work for Congressman Sherrod Brown's Senate campaign; the campaign was a success. Since February, Justin has been serving as the development consultant for the Fund for Our Economic Future. The Fund is a collaboration among the major philanthropic organizations across Northeast Ohio with public sector support and the cooperation of the local corporations and chambers of commerce. The focus of the organization is the economic revitalization of Northeast Ohio.

John Stanfill is a fourth-year medical student at St. Louis University School of Medicine.

MUS alumni and staff continued the winning ways of the Flying Elvis lacrosse team. The team, which included **Whit Tenent**, **Jeffrey Block '94**, **Ron Ansley '97**, and MUS lacrosse coach Elliott Dent, recently played in the Steve Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia. The Flying Elvi won all six games by a combined goals scored, 74, against scores allowed, 18. The team beat Kennesaw State (twice), Birmingham Club, DSL Club, Atlanta Club, and Southern Empire.

Making a Journey of Hope



Sixty-four days of summer heat. Three mountain ranges. Fourteen states. Four thousand miles across America. All on a bicycle.

That's how **Trey Flowers '03** spent his time this past summer. As part of the 2007 Journey of Hope team, Flowers was one of 70 college students who rode his bicycle across the country to help raise money for people with disabilities such as Down syndrome and cerebral palsy.

The annual cycling trip, which leaves from San Francisco, California, and ends up in Washington, DC, over two months later, celebrated its twentieth anniversary this year by raising over \$500,000 for Push America. The organization, which is the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, devotes all of its resources to promoting volunteerism, awareness, and fundraising for people with physical and mental disabilities. The Journey of Hope is the biggest project of Push America and reaches millions of people across the country each year.

In order to participate as a cyclist, each team member must demonstrate a commitment to serving people with disabilities by raising at least \$5,000 for Push America. Flowers says he was "overwhelmingly blessed by MUS alumni and faculty and by the Memphis community as a whole" in his personal fundraising efforts, which totaled more than \$13,000. His efforts far exceeded his initial goal of \$8,000 and placed him in the top five overall fundraisers for the event.

Cyclists spent time training months in advance, whenever they were not fundraising, but the physical tests of the trip still proved to be difficult. "I had to learn the hard way that

no amount of training on the streets of Memphis can prepare you for the Sierra Nevada Mountains or the Rockies," says Flowers. "So the shock of cycling through a mountain range with an 8,000-foot elevation change in one day was almost overwhelming, especially when it was only four days into the trip. It was by far the biggest challenge of my life."

The Journey of Hope consists of three cycling teams that travel across America to spread the mission and message of Push America. All three teams met up on the lawn of the United States Capitol in Washington for one grand arrival at the end of the summer. Flowers was a member of the North Team, which covered 14 states including California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, DC.

All in all, the teams were on their bikes for at least six hours each day, covering an average of 75 miles per day. "Our longest day was 120 miles through the Rocky Mountains," says Flowers. "All day I was on the bike thinking 'there's no way I can do this,' but I just kept pressing on, trying to keep my mind on the people we were helping. Somehow I made it, and it was just one of those moments in life where you realize that you are capable of so much more than you ever thought you were."

The Journey of Hope team received an overwhelmingly warm welcome in each town where they stopped. Proclamations for Push America Day were decreed at several state capitol receptions, and hundreds of people turned out to cheer

Opposite page: The 2007 Journey of Hope teams meet in San Francisco before their 4,000-mile cycle trek.

This page: Trey Flowers cycling through the Rocky Mountains; at Loveland Pass, the highest altitude of the trip; playing wheelchair ice hockey in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; celebrating the end of the trek in Washington, DC



the team on at each stop along the way. Volunteers prepared huge dinners for the hungry cyclists and often donated tickets to the team for events like a Colorado Rockies game or a chance to play a baseball game on the “Field of Dreams” in Iowa. Presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani even took time to meet privately with the team after one of their rides through Iowa. “He asked us where we were going,” says Flowers, “and when we told him we were heading to Washington, DC, he candidly replied ‘Oh, so am I!’”

“There’s not a feeling in the world like biking up to the steps of our nation’s Capitol to thousands of screaming friends, family members, and supporters who are cheering you on and holding up signs for you,” Flowers recalls. First among the crowds in Washington was his brother, Tyler Flowers ’10, whom Trey appreciates for being one of his biggest fans. “But as we all finished the last mile of our 4,000-mile journey, each one of us knew that’s not why we did it. It wasn’t for the look on the faces of our friends or families. It was for the look on the face of each person with a disability we touched along the way.”

The team met with thousands of people with disabilities across the country. Each night, after the cyclists finished biking, they postponed their chance to return to their sleeping bags and rest. Instead, they went straight to various “Friendship Visits,” where they met local people with disabilities. “The Friendship Visits really were the heart of the trip, what the Journey of Hope was all about,” says Flowers. Each city had different events planned, including bowling nights, luaus,

karaoke, cookouts, dances, swim parties, and even casino nights. At each visit, the cyclists were able to spend time with the people to whom they had dedicated their summer. “It was so amazing to see where the money we raised was actually going,” says Flowers. “We were constantly told by caretakers how the people had been awaiting our visit for weeks. Each night we were encouraged beyond words, and we realized more and more that it wasn’t about how many dollars we raised, but rather how many people we had helped.”

As difficult as the trip was, Flowers says that it was certainly the most rewarding two months of his life. The lessons learned, however, go well beyond just one summer. According to Flowers, the key to acceptance is to focus on the extraordinary abilities that people with disabilities do have. “Day after day, I was amazed by how incredible these people are. I was constantly humbled by how much a person with even the most severe of disabilities has to offer the world.”

A recent graduate of Texas Christian University, Flowers is now a first-year student at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville. Although the Journey of Hope is over, he says he plans on spending the next year continuing to spread the message of Push America and will continue to raise money for it. Next summer, Flowers will spend 16 days with the Gear Up Florida team as he cycles nearly 1,000 miles from Miami to Tallahassee for Push America. As a Gear Up Florida team member, he has committed to raising at least \$5,000 once again for the charity. To learn more about the event and a chance to contribute to his efforts, visit www.TreyGUF.com.

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'01

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Battle Williford was elected an officer of the Phoenix Club this year.

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Chance Carlisle is director of strategic initiatives at Carlisle Corporation and project manager for One Beale.

Harrison Ford has the lead in an Off-Broadway musical show, *Extraordinary*.

Jim Hopkins is working as a portfolio specialist in the Wealth Investment Management Division of SunTrust Bank in Memphis.

Harvey Kay left Alpine Camp and returned to Memphis with his wife, Andrea. He is in software sales for Service U.

Tread Thompson moved back to Memphis from Birmingham with his company, White Plume Technologies.

'02

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'03

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Philip Blackett graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor's degree with distinction in political science and in economics. While at UNC, Philip was involved in many activities, including founder and president of the Coalition of Independent Voters. He is working as an equity research analyst at Goldman Sachs in New York.

Paul Bunch is in medical school at the University of Virginia. He is living with **Andy Garrett**, who is there in law school.

Alex DeBardleben graduated in May 2007 from the University of Mississippi. He is living in Costa Rica until May 2008 to study Spanish. While there, he is a volunteer teacher at a local high school.

After placing his college education on hold, **Dana Doggrell** is currently living in Bahia Drake (Drake Bay), Costa Rica. It is in the northwest corner of the Osa Peninsula, which in turn is located in the far southwest of the country. He lives on the Pacific Ocean and has been in Costa Rica since March 2007. Dana is volunteering for the Corcovado Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the natural resources in the Osa Peninsula, especially in government protected areas such as Corcovado and Piedras Blancas National Park, Golfo Dulce Forestry Reserve, Cano Island Biological Reserve, and Golfo Wildlife Refuge. He has also been working on small, local projects in the town of 200 people.

Jamie Drinan is living in Richmond, Virginia. He is trying to find a job either there or in Washington, DC. So far nothing of interest has come up, and in the meantime he's been working at the Country Club of Virginia and playing lots of golf.

George Edwards, James McKenzie, and Craig Sneed are roommates in Dallas.

James's art looks great on the walls and gives the place "real character," according to guests. Craig is pursuing his master's of accounting while continuing his nationwide club tour as DJ DRP. George accepted a full-time position with KPMG and is pursuing his master's of accounting upon completion of DRP's summer tour, which he managed.

Charlie Gordon graduated with a B.S. in physics from Millsaps College. He was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society and Sigma Pi Sigma physics honor society. He is in medical school at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine.

Barlow Mann graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude* from Sewanee. He is working in Washington, DC, for Sullivan & Cromwell LLP after going to the Sanford University School of Business Summer Institute.

Michael Morisy is working as a technology journalist for TechTarget, which owns a series of trade magazines and websites that report on emerging technologies.

'04

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William Brandon was named to the Rhodes College Dean's List for the 2007 spring semester.

Tom Billings was named to the Vanderbilt University Dean's List for spring 2007 for maintaining a GPA between 3.5 and 4.0.

'05

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Hays Doan has been in Jackson, Mississippi, since November 2006 and has been working at Buffalo Peak Outfitters (sort of like Outdoors, Inc. on steroids) full time since February 2007. He will continue to work while attending school and is enjoying getting settled into his new little bungalow in the Fondren area of Jackson.

Bo Ladyman, one of the 2006-07 Furman University tennis team captains, posted the second-most singles victories of anyone on the team with 17 and went 9-0 in league action last year. In doubles, Ladyman paired with Brian Crook to record 18 wins, including eight of nine in conference play. The tandem won all three SoCon Tournament matches and were victorious over pairs from Tennessee, Georgia Tech, and Nebraska. Ladyman also won the 2006 ITA Summer Circuit Event in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, ranking third in the Southeast region after the event.

Cody Mayer and **Scott McLeod** were named to the Vanderbilt University Dean's List for spring 2007 for maintaining GPAs between 3.5 and 4.0.

Memphis Sport magazine ranked **Rob Park** #7 on its Top 25 Memphians in the SEC, a list of top football players at Southeastern Conference colleges. Rob is a punter at Ole Miss.

Mike Schaeffer is spending his junior year at Kenyon College in Japan.

'06

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Andrew Alexander and **Peter Zanca** were named to the Rhodes College Honors List for the 2007 spring semester.

Collier Calandrucchio is a sophomore at Vanderbilt University. This summer he worked at Brussel's Bonsai Nursery.

Bobby Hudson (pictured below) shot a 1-under-par 71 to win the Tennessee State Amateur golf tournament in Nashville in August.



'07

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University of Tennessee freshman **William Lang** and his tennis partner won the Division "B" doubles championship at the Georgia Tech Invitational in Atlanta, Georgia, in October.

After three rounds of interviews, **Neely Mallory** was one of just 15 freshmen selected to the University of Virginia Honor Council. He is also writing for the UVA sports magazine, *The Fanatic*. He has a weekly column online. Neely says, "I guess my hours and hours of looking at Volquest and talking to Coach Harrison have finally paid off!"

Ed Porter was nominated for a 2007 Ostrander Award for outstanding achievement in Memphis community theater. He was nominated for his role as Jason in David Lindsay-Abaire's *Rabbit Hole* at Circuit Playhouse.

Memphis Sport magazine ranked **John Stokes** #21 on its Top 25 Memphians in the SEC, a list of top football players at Southeastern Conference colleges. John is a linebacker and defensive end at Vanderbilt.



Photo courtesy of The Commercial Appeal

Track Star Moore Finishes Second in Nation

Lee Moore '07 (center) finished second in the nation in the 400-meter hurdles at the AAU Junior Olympic National Championships in Knoxville, Tennessee, in August. He had an outstanding time of 51.38.

At MUS, Moore was the recipient of the 2007 Robert Hussey Track Award. He holds three individual school records and is a part of two school-record relay teams. Moore also earned All-American honors running indoor track. He is currently a freshman at the University of Mississippi and is a member of the Ole Miss track team.



2007 ALUMNI GOLF SCRAMBLE RESULTS

1ST PLACE TEAM

(pictured left)
Bruce Hillyer
Rob Preston '78
Daniel Brown '78
Jerry Martin '79



2ND PLACE TEAM AND CLASS AWARD

(pictured left)
Scott Anderson '92
William Tayloe '92
Jason Shelby '92
Brooks Brown '92



3RD PLACE TEAM

Keith Barton '75
Harvey Kay '75
Lee Marshall '75
Wiley Robinson '75

4TH PLACE TEAM

Jim Barton '85
Dede Malmo '85
Ted Simpson '85
Scott Williams '85

5TH PLACE TEAM

Spencer Clift '92
Allen McCool '77
Bruce Moore '77
Courtney Rudolph '77

CLOSEST TO THE PIN #10

Scott Anderson '92

CLOSEST TO THE PIN #2

Chip Campbell '99

LONGEST DRIVE #17

John Russell '87

Homecoming

Another Homecoming/Reunion Weekend goes down in the history books. The weekend of September 28-29 started with the annual Alumni Golf Scramble, featuring changes in both time and venue. The scramble, which took place at the Links at Galloway, began with lunch followed by a noon shotgun start. Twenty-two foursomes vied for prizes while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow alumni and perfect weather. Members of the Class of 1992 took the MUS Alumni Golf Scramble Annual Class Award, which goes to the foursome from the same graduating class with the lowest total score.

From the golf scramble, it was straight to the MUS Dining Hall for the Homecoming BBQ, where nearly 400 "pigged out" on a barbecue dinner. Student Ambassadors offered campus tours to alumni, some of whom were seeing the improvements from the Doors to New Opportunities Capital Campaign for the first time. At the same time as the BBQ, the dedication of the Bill Evans Memorial Tailgate Area was taking place at the south end of Hull-Dobbs Athletic Field (see page 34).

On to reunion celebrations for the classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997, organized by their hardworking class reps – **Jerry Bradfield '62, John Pettey '67, Denby Brandon '72, Bruce Moore '77, John Dunavant '82, Jonny Ballinger '87, Preston Miller '92 and Brooks Brown '92, and Trey Jones '97. Frank Langston '02 and Will Saxton '02** held the Class of 2002 reunion over the winter holidays when more of their classmates were able to attend; they gathered at Thompson and Company on December 22 for holiday cheer.

Homecoming festivities started in the stadium sky boxes for the Class of 1967 and on the Alumni Terrace for the Class of 1987 with prime viewing of the football game and special treats catered by Swanky's Taco Shop. These classes had the greatest percentage increases in their Annual Fund giving of all reunion classes, winning bragging rights and fun parties while they watched the Owls trample Northside, 42-0. Once the game ended, 1967 alumni headed to **Walter Wills'** Kirby

Jodi, Olivia, and Rob Howard '82 with Phil Graves '82 and Eli Thrasher, son of Ann Marie and Bud Thrasher '81

Whit '00 and Mandy Tenent with Kirby May '94 and his wife, Windy, and daughter, Brooks

Below: Ben Jenkins, Trey Jones, Alex Strong, and David Spence, all from the Class of 1997; Willis Ayres '72, Ruth Adams, Jim Garner '62, Donald Brady '82 (sporting his MUS cross country shirt), and Harriet and Tim Deaton '82 (seated)



Highlights

Farm House; the Class of 1972 enjoyed themselves at Cozymel Mexican Grill; 1977 alumni partied the night away at Missy and **Jim Rainer's**; the Class of 1982 gathered at Owen Brennan's; 1987 alumni hit the Blue Monkey; and the Classes of 1992 and 1997 took over Brookhaven Pub.

Saturday was even busier. Ellis Haguewood gave a private tour of the campus along with a walk down memory lane to the Class of 1982; 1967 alumni ate lunch at Huey's; and the Class of 1987 was at a family cookout at Roy Winegardner's, father of classmate **Diego Winegardner**. That evening, it was party time! The Class of 1962, after 45 years of trying, pulled off their first-ever reunion party, a lovely dinner at the home of Canon and **Clay "Jamie" Hall**. The Class of 1967 departed by chartered bus from MUS for a cocktail cookout at Karen and **Jack Erb's** family compound and polo grounds in Rossville, Tennessee. It was cocktails and dinner at the Tower Room for the crowd from 1972, and dinner at Jennilyn and **Neil Utkov's** for the Class of 1977. Leslie and **John Dunavant** hosted the Class of 1982 for dinner at their home, while Beth and **Richard Hussey** opened their home for the Class of 1987. The Class of 1992 dined at the new downtown restaurant Itta Bena, and 1997 alumni were just down Beale Street at Rum Boogie Café.

All the reunion planning committees' hard work paid off enormously with the large turnouts, smiles and laughter, friends remembered, and memories shared. Thank "U" to all involved in making Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend 2007 a huge success.



Above three pictures show members of the Class of 1987 enjoying the festivities on the Alumni Terrace: Chris Joe, Keith Woodbury, Derrick Calcote, and Dave Evans; Michael Blen and his son, Max, with Jeff Blumberg; and Will and Virginia Sharp with daughters, Mary Faith and Isabelle.

Homecoming Court:
Megan Adams and escort Michael Shoptaw, Elizabeth Blankenship and escort Michael Brennan, Cristen Garrett (queen) and escort Will Pryor, Virginia Grayson and escort Watson George, Cameron Luttrell and escort Malcolm Wood, and Adelaide Thornton and escort Whit Thornton



Alex '87 and Betsy Heros with Geoff McComic '87



Class of 1972 partied after the game at Cozymel Mexican Grill. See other reunion group pictures in Class News, pages 32-51.

Turning Heads



The MUS student art show at David Lusk Gallery was turning heads in all directions as attendees browsed through the mosaic creations. Read more about the brains behind this exhibit on page 23. Works shown here are by (top row): Ross Warner, Thomas Threlkeld, John Shields Wilson, Ryan Reisner, Drew Stevenson, (middle row) Danny Galvin, Britt Colcolough, Alex Weinstein, Mark Sorensen, George Ormseth, (bottom row) Max Barousse, Daniel Cunningham, Alex Crump, John Oates, and Healy Fuess.

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