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**From the Editor**

One of the articles in this issue of *MUS Today* focuses on those who achieve the highest rank in the Boy Scouts, that of Eagle Scout. It takes a special kind of boy to make the commitment necessary to work toward this rank, and it takes a special kind of man to mentor and inspire these boys as their scout leader.

**Johnny Pitts '76** is that special kind of man who believes that "scouting teaches fundamental values and life skills and gives boys a moral compass," and he leads by example. I cannot help but make a parallel to what we do here at MUS: we are committed to giving boys the tools to make ethical and moral

choices that will affect them – and others – the rest of their lives.

We hear all the time from our alumni who believe that MUS did indeed give them those tools – values such as persistence, honesty, personal responsibility, integrity. And the choices they make provide us with excellent material for our magazines.

MUS abounds with stories of people who are making a positive difference in the lives of others. Whether it's trying to find a cure for cancer (see the story of GTx and its principals, **Pitt Hyde '61**, **Marc Hanover**, **Mitch Steiner**, and **Henry Doggrell '66**); being recognized as the city's top fundraiser for philanthropic causes (**Trow Gillespie '65**); or working to make a difference through the political system (**Brian Kelsey '96**, **Ben Jenkins '97**, and **Alex Strong '97**), MUS constituents work to make a better life for people everywhere.

Our boys learn through the Honor System that we expect civility and adherence to the highest standards of personal integrity and morality. And like the Boy Scouts' Law and Oath, our motto, *Veritas Honorque* (Truth and Honor), is a great guideline for how we should live our lives. MUS alumni make us proud as they go out into the world and put their learning to practice, leading by example.

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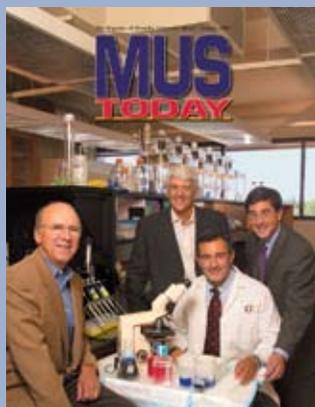


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Left to right, Pitt Hyde '61, Henry Doggrell '66, Mitch Steiner, and Mark Hanover are leading the way in developing the biotechnical industry in the Mid-South. Story starts on page 3. Photograph by Jack Kenner.

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## Corrections

In the Summer 2004 issue of *MUS Today* magazine, **Kathy Daniel Patterson** should have been given photography credit for the graduation pictures which appeared on pages 8-12. An error was also made in the article titled "Sports Report: State Champs;" **Andrew Dudas '05** was inadvertently left out of the report on tennis. He has been an essential member of the tennis team, lettering in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades.

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# Headmaster's Message

by Ellis Haguewood



We're having a very good school year, in just about any way a school year can be measured. We began the year with a record enrollment of 649 students. We have 17 National Merit semifinalists in the Senior Class – the largest number of semifinalists from any independent school in Tennessee; another 11 seniors received Letters of Commendation. In October, we had an outstanding production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Our *a cappella* group, *Beg To Differ*, remains in great demand in the community. Our YMCA Model UN students made us proud in Nashville, winning multiple awards and electing several officers for next year's conference; and our math team won top prize in a math bowl at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. The Board of Trustees is currently leading a strategic-planning process that will continue to set the bar for excellence in education for the next 5-10 years, and the faculty has never done better work or been more involved in professional development.

The beauty and grace of our campus continues to attract favorable notice, and the spirit and morale of the boys has caught the attention of us all. The golf team finished second in the state; one of our boys won the individual championship. The cross-country team, encouraged by the appearance of the entire football team and their formation of our first-ever cross-country "fan tunnel," won the Regional Championship. Our varsity football team had a banner year, winning the State Championship game in Nashville.

These accomplishments are tangible and quantifiable evidence of a very good school year, but how much more compelling it would be if I could cite concrete evidence that we are producing men of virtue. Are we accomplishing the mission of the school – excellent college preparation and the development of well-rounded young men of strong moral character? For final proof in the lives of the young men who are current students at MUS, we must wait a few more years before we can give a definitive answer.

The end goal of an MUS education, I believe, is to produce virtuous men – men of courage, integrity, compassion, perseverance, generosity, and selflessness. The ideals we promote in our classes and assemblies, the lives we live before the students we serve, and the readings we assign from the best that has been written – these, we hope, will have lasting effects on the boys with whom we work. And the activities we design for boys to experience, the civility we demand, the Honor Code to which we subscribe – these, we hope, will have their effect. The immersion in rigorous studies – history, mathematics, ancient and modern languages, the Bible, natural sciences – will have their effect, as well, we hope. But for this generation, we must wait to see whether what we are doing at MUS will ultimately have the noble effects we desire.

When I take stock of the men who have graduated from this great school in years past, however, I take more than simple hope. I take solid assurance. When I see alumni who are giving shape and vision to the future of Memphis, I am confident that we are doing the right things at MUS. Our alumni are living as virtuous men. They are leading in business, medicine, law, and education. They are serving the community on non-profit boards in far greater proportion than their number. Their dedication to lifting the lot of others and their commitment to excellence is conspicuous evidence that they imbibed the *veritas honorque* which will always remain the hallmark of an MUS education.

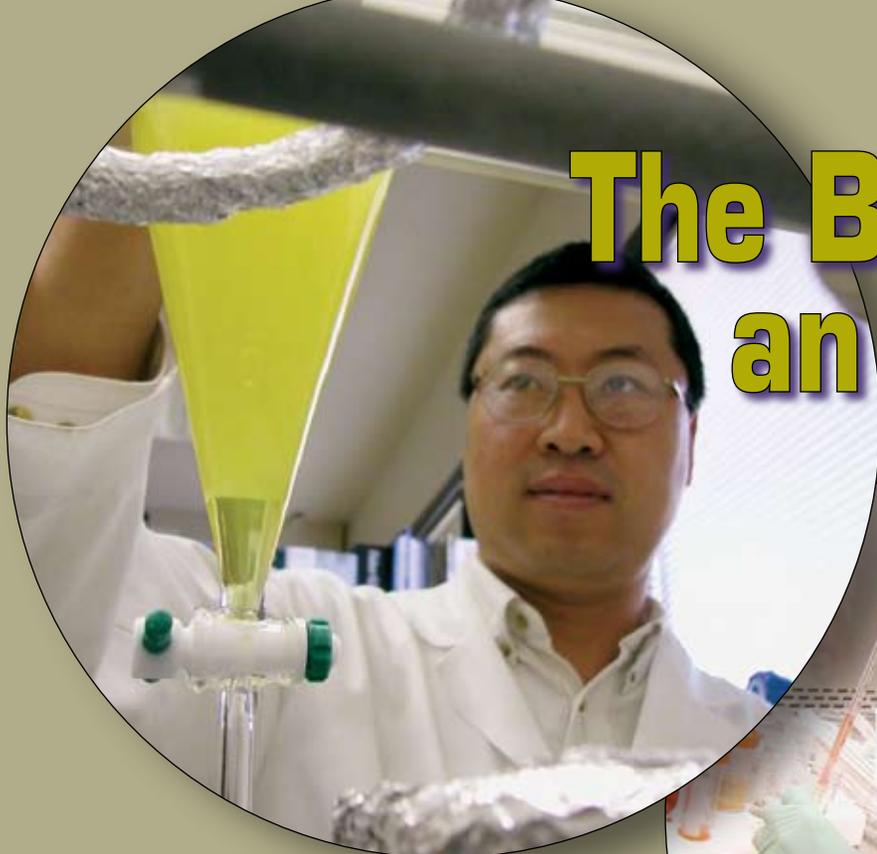
Do I believe we're having a very good year? I know that we are.



Owl-mania was at a fevered pitch as MUS students watched the football team clinch the state title.

# The Birth of an Industry

by Michelle Goldwin



## GTx

The Men's Health Biotech Company

## Building Biotech in Memphis

Photos by  
Christopher Reyes

This was serious business. More serious than **Pitt Hyde '61** had ever encountered in almost twenty-five years of building AutoZone and working toward the good of the community in countless philanthropic endeavors. This was cancer.

In 1996, Hyde was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He was determined to overcome this illness and went to see a surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital to look into different treatment options. The doctor pointed Hyde right back to the patient's hometown of Memphis. The leading physician in the field was none other than urologist **Mitch Steiner**, parent of **Derek '06**. Steiner determined that Hyde's best chance to survive was to undergo a radical prostatectomy; Hyde agreed, endured the surgery, and recovered fully. The first collaboration between doctor and entrepreneur had been a success.

About a year later, Steiner teamed up with another MUS parent and businessman who had begun building and developing start-up healthcare companies, **Marc Hanover**, father of alumnus **Andrew '03**. Steiner had been doing innovative research in a University of Tennessee lab, funded partially by his recovered



patient Hyde, in an attempt to produce a drug that would reduce the incidence of prostate cancer. He contacted Hanover, experienced in raising capital for other healthcare companies, to help him move his research results from test tubes at UT to the hands of prostate cancer patients whose lives might depend on such drugs. After spending more than six months studying the possibilities for potential business opportunities, the two men founded Genotherapeutics, Inc., in September of 1997 (the company was to be renamed GTx, Inc., in January of 2001).

Steiner's goal was to expedite the time lapse between research and reality. He had to first form a license agreement with UT Health Science Center for the type of drugs he had been developing. With the help of Hanover, he overcame this potential obstacle in July of 1998. Although forming the company would help make cancer-preventative drugs accessible to at-risk patients, Steiner had to reconcile his somewhat diverging roles as researcher, doctor, and entrepreneur: his involvement in both research and a newly-formed company would limit his time spent saving lives in the operating room. He determined, however, that he could impact more people through this bud-

ding biotechnology company than if he were to limit himself to the traditional, more comfortable roles of doctor and researcher. Steiner's personal decision to collaborate with the corporate world soon would immensely affect the biotech industry in Memphis and beyond.

Steiner and Hanover recognized that, in order for their company to bring these drugs to the market, they would need more than just revolutionary research. They needed money to fund the company's research ventures. In talking to potential investors, Steiner and Hanover were encouraged by many people to take their company to the West Coast or New York City – regions where the biotech industry was already well established. With strong personal and occupational ties to Memphis, however, these men were determined to look for potential options that would allow them to keep their business in the Mid-South. Luckily, Steiner had continued to have a strong relationship with Hyde after the successful operation; Hyde became an "angel investor," making the first of many investments in the company. Hyde, like Steiner and Hanover, was adamant about keeping the company in Memphis; he shared Steiner's vision of bringing savvy, intelligent people to Memphis while also feeling a personal loyalty to the doctor who had saved his life. So, the doctor, the businessman, and the venture capitalist worked together to initiate the bioscience movement in Memphis.

The partnership was not yet complete, however – these three men needed to make one final addition to their company before it could reach a new level of commercial success – that is, by going public. Hyde suggested **Henry Doggrell '66**, father of **Dana '03** and **Adrian '06**, as a possible manager for matters related to GTx's investor relations, corporate finance, and legal issues. Largely through their mutual affiliation with MUS, Hyde and Doggrell began their friendship over 30 years ago; Doggrell attributed their joint alma mater as a bond which contributed to his opportunity to become the general counsel of GTx, Inc., in October of 2001. He recognized that GTx had legitimized the biotechnology industry in Memphis. Building such a company in Memphis, however, seems like an obvious choice if one looks at some of the hidden strengths the city has to offer potential biotech and healthcare companies. Memphis is the largest city in the United States for medical device development – including Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Smith & Nephew, Wright Medical Group – and contains two of the largest not-for-profit, private hospitals in the country – Baptist Memorial Health Care and Methodist Healthcare – in addition to other leaders in the medical community such as Semmes-Murphey Clinic and Campbell Clinic. And unbeknownst to many Memphians, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital already attracts over 500 employees annually, more than a quarter of whom come from outside the Mid-South region, especially faculty members and postdoctoral fellows.

Steiner, along with Hanover, Hyde, Doggrell, and others, hopes to help stimulate the local economy, particularly other medical facilities, by bringing business to local corporations, researchers, and lab supply companies. With technology that he first developed at UT, Steiner initiated a chain of events whose result is still to be determined. Now, after GTx has established its credibility as the first biotechnology company in the area, the Memphis Bioworks Foundation has been created in order to further add to the city's industry. Under the leadership of Hyde, among others, the Memphis Bioworks Foundation is looking to create a \$500 million program that will provide 5,000 new jobs, better downtown housing, educational programs for high school students, and other opportunities for Memphians. Additionally, the development of an urban research center similar to Research Triangle Park in North Carolina will keep the native intelligence in Memphis and hopefully attract academics, researchers, and entrepreneurs alike. Doggrell recognizes the importance of providing an opportunity for the biotech industry to have its own niche in the city of Memphis.

He explains, "Just as car dealerships are all located closely together in order to attract a critical mass of people, so too can biotech-associated companies be more successful by forming a close symbiotic relationship with one another." By becoming more efficient in using research from UT, St. Jude, and other Memphis institutions, and with GTx as an example of a successful business enterprise, the creation of a research park will be an additional draw for outside companies and venture capital money to invest in the industry here in the Mid-South.



Henry Doggrell, Marc Hanover, and Mitch Steiner (seated)

GTx can be distinguished from other similar biotechnology firms in that it is a multi-product commercial company. Currently, they are conducting research on Acapodene, a Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator, and a variety of Selective Androgen Receptor Modulators, in particular Andarine. (*Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators*, also known as *SERMs*, can stimulate or block estrogen's activity in various tissue types, stimulate estrogen's beneficial action in bone, and block estrogen's harmful activity in the breast and prostate. *Selective Androgen Receptor Modulators*, or *SARMs*, stimulate testosterone's beneficial action in bone, muscle, and brain, block testosterone's harmful action in the prostate and skin, potentially cross into the central nervous system, and selectively modulate receptors – depending on tissue type. *SARMs* are used to treat low testosterone and muscle wasting conditions, some central nervous system disorders, male reproductive malfunctions, and prostate disorders.) GTx follows the FDA-determined clinical trial program to test its drugs. As of late July 2004, they have completed their study on Acapodene, a drug tested for two indications: the prevention of prostate cancer in high-risk males and cancer supportive care for the treatment of side effects from androgen deprivation therapy used to treat advanced prostate cancer. They conducted a study on 514 males in order to measure impact and effectiveness of the drug. As a relatively young company, GTx does not have any drugs on the market thus far; all of their potential medicines are still in the clinical trial stages,

This complex will accommodate Memphis Bioworks Foundation, GTx, and other biotech companies in the future, replacing the old site of Baptist Memorial Hospital at Union Avenue and South Dudley.



although Acapodene only needs FDA approval before it will go on the market. Although the odds are slim that any given drug will make it from the preclinical stage to the market, those at GTx are optimistic about the success of Acapodene.

No one from Wall Street could deny that Memphis was a hidden gem and that GTx was perfectly positioned to take advantage of the opportunities in the area. GTx, a company built from scratch by Steiner and Hanover less than a decade ago, went public in February of 2004 in order to meet the enormous capital requirements the very expensive research and clinical trials required. As a result of a team effort by Steiner, Hanover, Doggrell, and CFO Mark Mosteller, the company successfully launched its initial public offering of \$86 million. They are confident about the company's potential to become an important contributor to the biopharmaceutical community.

GTx – an up-and-coming player in men's health biotechnology – offers scientists not only high-paying jobs but also the opportunity to become a part of an entire research community. Doggrell sees GTx as a catalyst for the biotechnology industry in Memphis: "GTx is an example of a concept that could reinvent the face of Memphis by making the city more attractive to potential employees who are not from the area and by keeping research, money, and acclaim in the city." For example, the level of expertise of the high-level, highly-trained GTx employees is remarkable; there are 15 M.D.'s and/or Ph.D.'s that make up over a quarter of the company's staff. When GTx was still an idea, Steiner was passionate about attracting and retaining talented people in Memphis. Now that his idea is a reality, he,

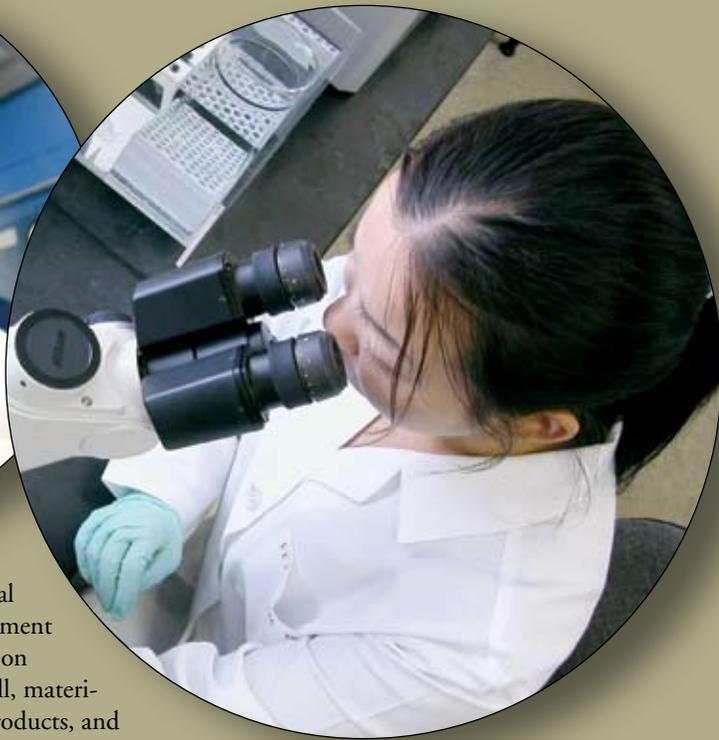
along with Hanover, Hyde, and Doggrell, is optimistic that GTx will make a valuable impact on the city of Memphis and will provide life-saving drugs to men for years to come.

According to Steiner, "Here at GTx we are dedicated to the discovery, development, and commercialization of therapeutics related to the treatment of serious men's health conditions. Our mission is to discover and to develop drugs that can potentially make a positive impact on the lives of patients. We will continue to stay focused on the business of getting new, effective, and life-saving drugs to patients as quickly as possible while also maintaining shareholder value. GTx has a deep pipeline of products with short, medium, and long-term commercial opportunities – all with one goal in mind, addressing the unmet medical needs of the patient, and value will follow."



## Supporting Growth

GTx is part of a greater movement that is working to establish Memphis as an internationally-recognized center for the development and commercialization of biomedical technologies. In 2001, a non-profit organization called the Memphis Bioworks Foundation was formed to help build the infrastructure and partnerships required to foster entrepreneurial undertakings in the rapidly growing biomedical field. One of the foundation's most monumental plans thus far has been its decision to build a 1.2 million square foot UT/ Baptist Research Park that will include facilities for research, education, and business development. The ten-acre campus is located in the center of the Memphis medical



district in order to best meet the needs of researchers, teachers, and entrepreneurs. Some of the stakeholders in the research park include Methodist Healthcare, the Regional Medical Center at Memphis, UT Cancer Institute, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The City of Memphis has also invested directly in the foundation by committing \$5 million of the capital budget over three years for construction and demolition to revitalize the downtown medical district. Dr. Steve Bares, president and executive director of the Memphis Bioworks Foundation, hopes that as the non-profit organization grows and shows results, government organizations will continue to support its activities.

Bares values Pitt Hyde's contributions to the foundation as the chairman of their eighteen-member board and a champion for biotech work in general. We "wouldn't be as far along in the area without the leadership and support that Mr. Hyde has provided." The foundation also acknowledges the various existing assets in Memphis and Shelby County, including \$340 million in research at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, UT Health Science Center, and the University of Memphis; 37,000 employees at 310 bioscience entities; national leaders in orthopedics and musculoskeletal implants; and FedEx – a world leader in logistics. In the process of combining all of these previously existing benefits, the foundation hopes to provide new occupational and



Pitt Hyde

housing opportunities to downtown residents and thus eliminate the present blight in the downtown medical district.

The Memphis Bioworks Foundation is a broad-based public and private partnership between leaders across the Mid-South, ranging from corporate CEO's to university presidents to other community and foundation leaders. The organization considers GTx as the embodiment of its goal to commercialize the research and discovery that is taking place locally. The foundation expects that GTx will yield more than 150 jobs and \$100 million

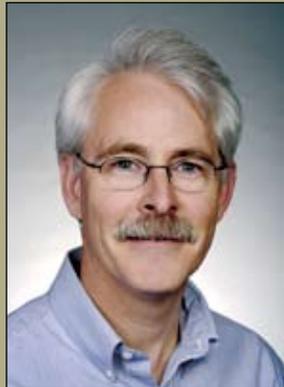
in local investment spent on payroll, materials, products, and services; furthermore, if GTx is successful, UT is projected to attract potentially millions in royalties. Bares recognizes that "the dramatic effect [of GTx] has yet to be felt in the community. They are fairly small still. The long-term effect will be fairly significant. As they grow, they are going to demand a workforce that needs to be educated. Local schools will develop new programs and offer degrees to serve GTx and similar companies."

The educational aspect of the Memphis Bioworks Foundation makes it a unique organization, particularly its workforce development plan. The foundation hopes to elevate the academic performance in the community, particularly in the disciplines of science and technology, and has invested accordingly in the city's schools by helping develop one of Tennessee's first charter schools, Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering (MASE). MASE will ultimately serve 850 students in grades seven through twelve and currently has 270 students in seventh and eighth grades. The foundation will offer students at UT Health Science Center and other local universities the opportunity to collaborate with private businesses and university faculty. In turn, the entrepreneurs and scientists will be provided with a place to conduct their research in modern and cost-effective facilities with up-to-date equipment. The students will also be provided with training that could lead to potential internships and job opportunities in the field of bioscience. Memphis' potential to become a world-class science and technology center is becoming more and more of a reality each day.



## R&D: The Science of Discovery

**William C. Phelps, Ph.D. '73** (below) would say that the biotech movement in Memphis comes at a time of rebirth in the industry – it died for a couple of years, but it's coming back now. Phelps is on the cutting edge of biomedical research in his position as a scientific director in the American Cancer Society's Extramural Research Grants Program and in his work with BWA Consulting, Inc., a group of experts in biopharmaceutical management.



Weighing in on GTx, Phelps is aware of the company because he grew up in Memphis. He believes "they are working in a good arena because steroid receptor agonists and antagonists will continue to be a good area for drug discovery and development for a number of years to come." According to Phelps, "For Memphis to become a big player in biotech, they need active investors with deep-pockets and patience; a cadre of experienced entrepreneurs; and a ready, local source of new technology. Pitt Hyde is at the vanguard of local investors, GTx is helping to train future entrepreneurs, and St. Jude and UT are a great source of new technology in human health and life sciences." He also notes that GTx has two compounds in clinical development which is key to limit investor risk.

Phelps keeps busy these days commuting between his job with the American Cancer Society (ACS) in Atlanta and his

home in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The ACS is the nation's largest private source of funds for scientists studying cancer, funding training and research programs for 501(c)3 non-profit institutions such as universities and research institutes. The ACS extramural grant program allocates funding to the best and the brightest young investigators. Examples of research studies funded just in Memphis include:

- \$720,000 to the UT Memphis Department of Pharmacology for gene research in regard to liver tumors;
- \$124,000 to St. Jude's Department of Structural Biology and Tumor Cell Biology to study a class of proteins which has been implicated in controlling cell division, a hallmark of malignant tumors;
- \$12,000 to St. Jude's Department of Social Work for training master's level social work interns to provide clinical social work services to children with cancer and their families;
- \$400,000 to St. Jude's Department of Hematology-Oncology for research to improve the treatment outcome of children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common childhood cancer; and
- \$718,000 to the same department for tumor suppressor gene research.

Back in North Carolina, Phelps works in his spare time with BWA Consulting, Inc., which allows him to work with small companies like GTx and enthusiastic entrepreneurs, helping to evolve new technology into valuable medicines. The company is about a year old and is made up of former executives from Burroughs Wellcome, GlaxoWellcome, and GlaxoSmithKline. They assist clients on assignments ranging from single specific projects to fully integrated corporate programs including developing business strategies, researching and developing drugs, obtaining regulatory approvals, launching and marketing products globally, raising capital, providing due diligence and creating strategic partnerships, and providing interim management. The principals of the company have drug development experience in a broad range of therapeutic areas with pronounced strength in oncology and infectious diseases.

Phelps joined BWA after two and a half years as vice president of Research and Development at Ribonomics, Inc., an early

stage, start-up biotechnology company in Research Triangle Park. Prior to that he spent 13 years in research and development at Burroughs Wellcome, GlaxoWellcome, and GlaxoSmithKline. During his tenure, he held several positions of increasing responsibility, including head of Antiviral Exploratory Discovery and head of the Department of Virology. Prior to joining Burroughs Wellcome, he did postdoctoral work at the National Cancer Institute in the Laboratory of Tumor Virus Biology.

After graduating from MUS, Phelps earned a B.S. in biology from Rhodes College, an M.S. in botany from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Minnesota. The scope of his research during the past 25 years has spanned antiviral drug discovery and development, biochemistry, cell biology, and molecular oncology. Phelps has published over 50 book chapters, reviews, patents, and peer-reviewed scientific articles. Since 1996, he has held a position as adjunct professor of Genetics and Microbiology at Duke University Medical Center. When Bill Phelps is not working to promote potentially lifesaving research, he spends time with wife, Judith, at home in North Carolina, his son, Taylor, who is a senior in high school, and his daughter, Chelsea, who is a junior at Furman University.



## Finding Funds for Healthcare

According to **Marty Felsenthal '87** (left), “Our job is basically to do a lot of networking to make sure that the best entrepreneurs and businesses seeking capital come to us when they need that capital. In other words, we try to make sure we get invited to

the dance – which, incidentally, was never my strong suit in high school. Then once we are on the dance card, we vet these entrepreneurs and their business plans, and, if we believe in them, we put our firm’s capital behind them.”

Felsenthal is a general partner at Salix Ventures, a healthcare-focused venture capital fund. Founded in 1997, Salix Ventures pursues high-growth investment opportunities in health care services and healthcare information technology companies. Salix Ventures assists other entrepreneurs in creating their own companies by coaching them on strategic development, building a strong management team, and obtaining the capital necessary to grow.

Felsenthal joined Salix in the fall of 1997 (just as the firm was getting off the ground) after receiving an M.B.A. from Stanford University Business School. His past experience at the healthcare investment banking group of Alex. Brown & Sons provided him with deep experience in working with venture-backed, emerging growth healthcare service and healthcare in-

formation technology companies. Felsenthal’s partners at Salix were former healthcare entrepreneurs themselves, having started and been managers of five or six successful venture-backed healthcare companies that either went public or were acquired by public companies. Three men’s initial networks, experience, and enthusiasm have resulted in a company of six investment professionals in three cities. Salix currently manages more than \$180 million from institutions including the University of Notre Dame, Emory University, the Verizon pension plan, and Goldman Sachs. Felsenthal worked in the original Nashville office until the fall of 2001 when he moved to San Francisco with his wife, Amy.

Although the company is relatively young, it has proven to be successful thus far. The firm’s objective is to generate returns, net of expenses, that exceed their public benchmarks by investing in healthcare companies that “improve the quality of care, improve the efficiency of how that care is delivered, and generate sustainable profitability in the process. Basically, we hope to do well by doing good.” Felsenthal describes his primary job as networking in order to make sure that the best entrepreneurs and businesses seeking capital come to Salix when they need that capital. He explains that “on a weekly basis, our job is to meet with numerous entrepreneurs, each of whom has a concept or existing business that is attempting to drive change in our healthcare system and evaluate these individuals and their businesses. That part of the job doesn’t really feel like work.” They then conduct extensive due diligence on those opportunities that capture their interest and, once they have made an investment, play an active role on the company’s board of directors and assist them in their development.

Felsenthal believes that he can attribute part of his success to his time at MUS. He believes that “there are two aspects of my education and experience at MUS that play an integral role in my day-to-day activities at Salix. First and most important is a value system that I rely upon daily in this job. Our portfolio consists of 20-plus healthcare companies, and we are active board members for each of these companies. With a portfolio that size, ethical issues come up all the time, ranging from black to white to gray. You really do need a good moral compass in this profession. While the core of my value system was instilled at home with my family, I think MUS is all about values and preparing its students to step up to leadership and make tough decisions. The other part of my education that I rely upon daily is the critical thinking and analytical skills that I first developed in MUS’s history and English classes, with Mr. Deaderick and Coach Askew in particular.” After graduating from MUS, Felsenthal earned a B.A. from Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs before attending Stanford; he also received certification as a Chartered Financial Analyst.

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# STATE CHAMPS

## *How Sweet It Is!*



In its most complete game of the year, the MUS varsity football team won the "Super 7" state

championship with a 35-14 victory over perennial power Brentwood Academy Tuesday, November 23, at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville. This was only the Owls' second state title and the first in 19 years. The win culminated an outstanding season that saw MUS finish 11-1 and galvanize the school community, from students to alumni, as school spirit reached levels not seen in years. According to **Head Coach Bobby Alston**, "I have been at MUS for more than 25 years, and I cannot ever remember a year where the support was so outstanding." But just like many games this season, the Owls had to overcome setbacks to succeed in this championship tilt.

In front of a crowd of approximately 4,000 frenzied fans, a majority of whom were MUS supporters, and a televised audience (via Comcast Cable) that reached into ten states and approximately 4.5 million homes, the game could not have gotten off to a worse start. ----->

Mason George's face tells the whole story: a season of hard work and commitment, culminating in the ultimate prize, the state title. George (56) hoists the trophy overhead as seniors Kyle Fong (32) and Price Edwards (67) look on.



Brentwood Academy tried to establish a ground game early in the Clinic Bowl, but constant pursuit and gang tackling kept the Eagles sputtering.

The Owls had to feel confident at the break as they had put together consistently long drives against this powerful Brentwood defense and had not given more than 17 points all season. So, with 21 MUS points already on the board, the Owls looked poised to bring the trophy back west. The Eagles did try to get back into the game early in the second half. Following an MUS punt, Brentwood needed only one play to cut the deficit in half as Ford scored again, this time on a 69-yard run, to make the game closer. However, this group of Owls, with their classmates, parents, faculty, administration, and alumni behind them, would not falter on this historic night.

MUS added two more touchdowns to squelch the Eagle momentum and win handily against the ten-time state champion. A Park 1-yard plunge in the third quarter and an amazing 16-yard Houdini run by senior **Warren Grimm**, during which he magically reappeared in the end-zone after having been swallowed in a large scrum near the 15-yard line, gave the Owls the 21-point advantage as the final five minutes served as a coronation for the team and fans. Coach Alston summed it up, "We were fortunate in that we played our best game of the year the last game of the year."

MUS may have had more talented teams in the past, but the senior leadership of the '04 squad set this one apart. Led by captains **Kane Alber (28)**, **Warren Grimm (23)**, and **Joey Friend (71)**, pictured below, the Owls stayed committed throughout the season to achieving their goal: to play as hard as they could for their teammates and school. Because of this commitment, begun in the summer by carrying out the school banner to preseason practices, fans and alumni easily got behind this team to support them as the Clinic Bowl turnout showed. Coach Alston explained, "The leadership of the seniors set the stage and gave us the framework to build the team. We had a lot of good players this year, most who played the year before and didn't like

Just 14 seconds into the contest, the Owls faced a deficit as RB Tyree Ford took the opening kickoff and returned it 91 yards for the score to give Brentwood the early 7-0 lead. The situation did not get much better once MUS got the ball. On the first play from scrimmage on the MUS 30-yard line, Eagle LB John Garrett intercepted QB **Rob Park (10)**, pictured right, and returned it to the MUS 27-yard line as Brentwood looked to put the game away.



At this point, as they had faced so many times before, the Owls could have easily given up, simply satisfied with reaching their first Clinic Bowl in 14 years. However, not this team and not this year.

Following a defensive stand that forced Brentwood to give the ball up in MUS territory, the Owls got back into the game on their next drive. Park culminated a 10-play, 69-yard drive that took 4 minutes and 40 seconds off the clock as he hit WR **John David Lawhorn** [#12 on the back cover] from 16-yards out for the touchdown that evened the score late in the first quarter.

From that point, MUS was never seriously challenged as they kept the solid Brentwood defense off-balance with excellent play-calling and stymied the Eagle backs, allowing only one offensive touchdown all evening. The Owls held a 21-7 halftime lead as they scored on three consecutive possessions to end the half. Following the Park-to-Lawhorn pass, MUS added an 8-yard **Kane Alber** run and a second Park-to-Lawhorn touchdown pass, this one on a slant between several defenders from 8-yards out, to build a dominant 14-point lead over the Eagles, who had been state runner-up four consecutive years heading into this game.





Above: With a perfect snap from Buck Towner and a clean hold from Donnie Malmo, Ben Tacker boots one of five extra-points in the Clinic Bowl as the offense kept him busy on this memorable evening.

the results. The way they prepared themselves from January to August allowed the coaching staff to change some things that ultimately put all the pieces in the right places. Our players and coaches matched up just right."

Scattered in the enthusiastic crowd on that joyous Tuesday night were some gentlemen who knew exactly what the team and coaches were going through. Several members of the 1985 state-title team felt compelled to see the Owls capture their first football trophy since they won 19 years earlier. They had learned the lessons of commitment, teamwork, and pride, and they wanted to relive the glory they had achieved back in 1985 with this 2004 squad.

**Diego Winegardner '87**, a defensive end on the first title team, was one of many so proud of the team. He, along with many of his teammates, wanted the present team to "know that the spirit of the 1985 team is firmly with you as you go forward onto the field of battle." In a letter to the team, Winegardner went on to say, "It has been said that the best way to predict your future is to create it. You should know that the 1985 team was not particularly blessed with size or even speed for that matter. We did, however, possess an indomitable spirit and will to win that usurped any one player's statistics or historical precedent. We played as a team, we trusted our coaches, and we rose to the occasion at the time of our calling." The bond between past and present has never been stronger.

Left: Rob Park's 1-yard plunge midway through the third quarter doubled the MUS lead to 14 and all but secured the Owls' first state football title since 1985.

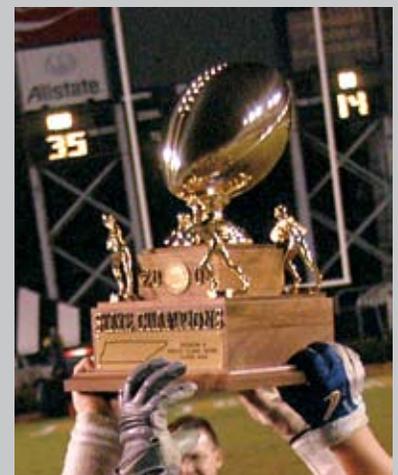


Head Coach Bobby Alston certainly had something to smile about as he left the field.

The victory and season will be celebrated for many months to come as the community again has a renewed sense of pride in the U. Coach Alston compares building a football team to constructing a building. It starts with a foundation, which in the case of a team is character. Then, the pillars of the building are represented by talent. "Our boys had the kind of character that would allow them to take their talent and utilize it for the good of the community, the team, not just for their own personal gain," according to Coach Alston.

Finally, the glue that holds the building – or the team – together through the winds of adversity is love – love for the cause and love for each other. "Our boys had it all – the right kind of character, a lot of talent, and love."

But Coach Alston doesn't view the championship as a measure of success. He told the players, students, and faculty gathered at chapel a week after the game, "This shiny gold ball [the state championship trophy] is not just a trophy, it's a lighthouse. The success of our team was not completed at the state championship game. We will know how successful we were in the years to come. What kind of husbands, fathers, and citizens you become is much more important than winning a state championship. I hope in 20 to 30 years, we'll find that the lessons you took from this season and applied to life have kept the ball shiny rather than letting it tarnish." 



# On My Honor

by Gaye G. Swan

What do former President Gerald Ford, Olympian Willie Banks, astronaut James Lovell, Ross Perot, Donald Rumsfeld, and Ellis Haguewood have in common? They all achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), a goal realized by only around four percent of all Boy Scouts nationwide. Recently joining this group of leaders are quite a few MUS students: in October, Troop 55 swelled the Eagle Scout ranks with **Ben Arnold, Hudson Atkins, David Curran, Connell Hall, Jack Heflin,** and **Rob Pitts**. They joined current Troop 55 Eagle Scouts **Rob Heflin** and **Wilson McManus**, who earned Eagle rank in 1999; **Philip Flinn**, 2000; **Josh Hall** and **Parth Sheth**, Eagle Scouts since 2001; **Cage Carruthers**, 2002; and **John Catmur** and **Neale Hicks**, 2003. **Drew Cornaghie, Robb Harrison,** and **Cameron Ridgway** of Troop 55 and **Kyle Lucas** of Troop 27 have completed the requirements and soon will have their Eagle Scout Court of Honor (when the scout is invested with the badge); **Ken Haltom** planned to complete his requirements by the end of 2004. Fellow Eagle Scouts from other troops include **Dylan Baker** from Troop 457, an Eagle Scout since May; **Duncan Adrian, Donald McClure,** and **Jessie Robinson** from Troop 34 and **Byron Tyler** of Troop 331 also earned the rank in 2004; and from Troop 221, **Nelson Rainey** and **Austin Rainey**, Eagles since 2002. **Owen Bradford** and **Robert Rogers** of Troop 241 earned the rank in 2002, as did **Gatlin Hardin** and **Tony Montedonico** from Troop 86. Other MUS students who earned the rank in 2002 include **Noah Feder**, Troop 270, and **Wesley Hughes**, Troop 767.

To fully appreciate the Eagle rank status, the highest advancement level in scouting, let's take a look at what earning the rank entails:

- A scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Many options are available for a scout to show his proficiency in each area, but a scout must advance by rank through Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life before reaching Eagle. Keep in mind, a scout must pass specific tests to advance to each level.
- There are 120 merit badges offered in scouting which indicate mastery of required skills. Twenty-one badges are earned to qualify for Eagle Scout, and of these 21, 12 are required, including first aid, citizenship, personal fitness, and environmental science.
- At each advancement in rank, a scout has a conference with his



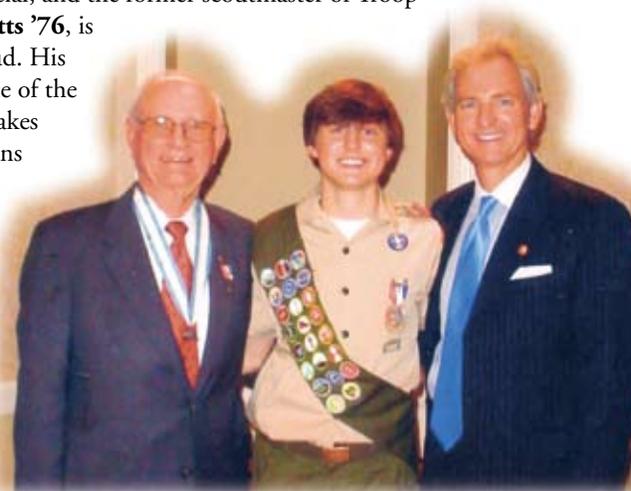
Some of the Eagle Scouts recently inducted were Rob Pitts, Jack Heflin, Hudson Atkins, Ben Arnold, and Connell Hall (in front).

scoutmaster to set and evaluate his goals and performance, followed by a troop board of review, which is an intense interview with two adults who review the scout's qualifications.

- A scout must participate in service projects that demonstrate his growing skills and sense of responsibility. (For a better perspective on the work and time involved in an Eagle Scout project, see "An Eagle Soars" on page 14.)
- To advance, a scout must learn something at every turn and then demonstrate his skills by test and by review. The review includes an assessment of the scout's attitude and practice of BSA ideals.

Only when a scout has met the required standards to advance and been approved by his troop, the district, the local council, and the National Council will he be recognized as an Eagle Scout and presented with his badge.

You can see obtaining the Eagle rank is no easy feat! To have nine boys in one troop alone earn the badge in the same year is something special, and the former scoutmaster of Troop 55, **Johnny Pitts '76**, is justifiably proud. His son, Rob, is one of the nine, which makes three generations (pictured here) of his family to earn the badge – Pitts and his father are both Eagle Scouts.



"Scouting teaches fundamental values and life skills and gives boys a moral compass," Pitts said.

When asked about his continuing role in Boy Scouts, Pitts replied, "When my son started, there were a lot of boys from MUS in Boy Scouts. I wanted to have significant involvement in helping them become Eagle Scouts. They all started together in the first or second grade and have been together all these years."

And that togetherness may in fact be the secret of their success. Pitt says, "We taught them from the beginning: here is the mountain, and this is where the peak of the mountain lies – and then we showed them how to climb it. They have seen the peak looming, they have seen others climb it, and they have had a clear vision of this goal since first grade. Eagle Scout has always been their ultimate goal...to them there was no other option except to make Eagle."

Mary Ben Heflin, mother of Rob and Jack, agreed. "The troop was fortunate that it attracted a group of good friends. They were able to stick together, encourage each other, and make it all the way."

The Boy Scout oath is familiar to most: *On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

But it has come to be a way of life for these young men. "I knew scouting would be a great thing for my son," Pitts said. "I wish everybody would live by the 12 points of the Scout Law: A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

"Actually, the law and the oath are great guidelines for the way a company should be run," Pitts continued. "It's a great mission statement that has survived almost 100 years, and I find myself hiring employees whose beliefs track the Scout Law."

Pitts should know about the way a company should be run; he is one of the principal owners of Lipscomb and Pitts, LLC, which just celebrated 50 years of doing business. He attributes the longevity and success to having a plan in place and hiring and keeping the right people. The company has a rolling seven-year plan, updated each year, and spends a significant amount of time searching for, then training, ambitious, talented people.

A draw for employees is the commitment Lipscomb and Pitts has to the community.

"We have found with our employees that they don't just want our company to give money to worthy organizations, they want meaningful involvement," Pitts explained. "They want our company to help them get plugged into the community in a meaningful way. Lipscomb and Pitts has adopted Youth Villages and Service Over Self (SOS). Employees are a member of Team Youth Villages or Team SOS, and we give not just our treasure, but our time and talent."

Pitts is the chairman of the board of directors for Youth Villages, serves his church as a deacon as well as on three committees, and was this year's King of Carnival Memphis. He remains active at MUS as a Thorn Society member and an Alumni Executive Board member; he has served in the past as a board member of the Parents' Association and phonathon volunteer. He and his wife, Kim, are raising Rob, Jennings (a senior in high school), and Mary Carson (a fourth-grader).

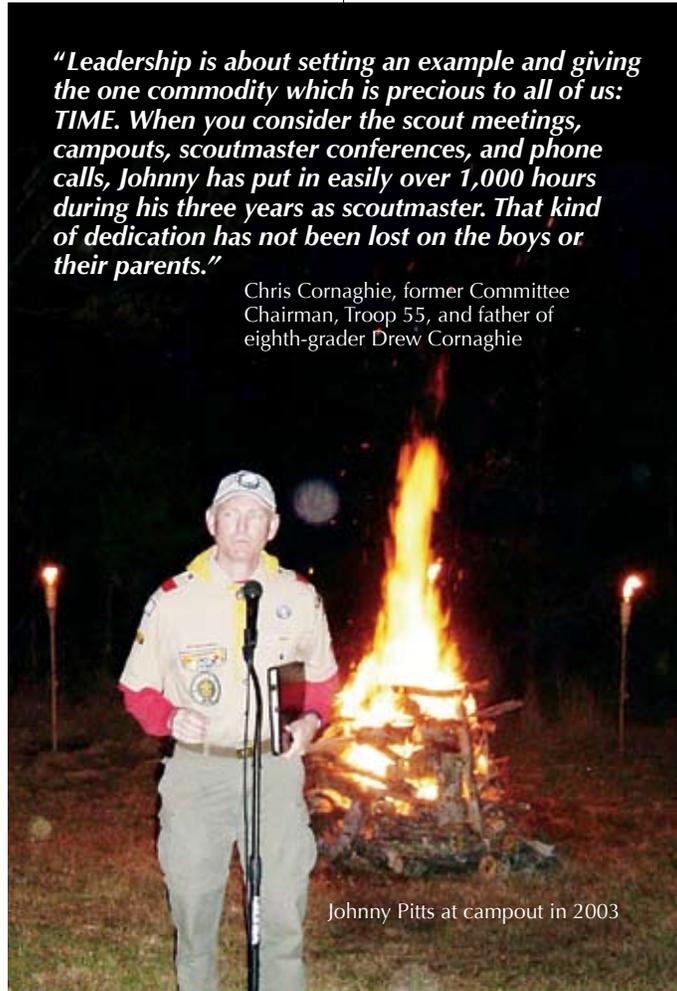
"I am a life-long Memphian. I want Memphis to be a successful city, and I want to take a part in that. As blessed as my family has been, it is important to give back to the community," Pitts went on. "It is something MUS teaches; it is something the Boy Scouts of America teaches."

A recent sampling of just a few newspaper articles backs up Pitts' statement, including one written by Byron Tyler. The March 11, 2004, *Collier-ville Appeal* story describes how Byron and his Troop 331 raised a 30-foot flagpole and American flag for the Page Robbins Adult Day Care Center. The troop (with help from parents) worked hard to dig the hole, mix and pour the concrete, and lift the pole into place. The community service event served as Byron's Eagle Scout project.

Duncan Adrian contributed to *The Commercial Appeal* with a February 29, 2004, article on how he, with the help of his Troop 34, worked to clean up and replant John Corlew Park (severely damaged in 2003's "Hurricane Elvis") for his Eagle project. The cause was near to Duncan's heart, as his parents were friends with John Corlew, who died of cancer.

***"Leadership is about setting an example and giving the one commodity which is precious to all of us: TIME. When you consider the scout meetings, campouts, scoutmaster conferences, and phone calls, Johnny has put in easily over 1,000 hours during his three years as scoutmaster. That kind of dedication has not been lost on the boys or their parents."***

Chris Cornaghie, former Committee Chairman, Troop 55, and father of eighth-grader Drew Cornaghie



Johnny Pitts at campout in 2003



**Oliver Cobb III '72** (pictured above) was caught on camera recently, also in *The Commercial Appeal*. Cobb, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 34, and two of his scouts were working a refreshment stand during the Central Gardens Home Tour, selling soft drinks, bottled water, and homemade cookies. The troop earns money and gets some exposure during this yearly fund-raiser. Cobb is himself an Eagle Scout, earning the rank in 1970, and was a member of this same Troop 34, which has been in existence a remarkable 80 years.

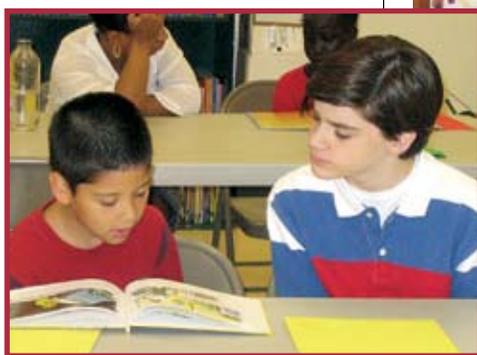
These stories and others like them remind us anew of how our MUS scouts, current students and alumni alike, are striving to maintain the ideals of the BSA, to make ethical and moral choices for the rest of their lives based on the values of the Scout Oath and Law. We salute those who are living the Oath, not just reciting it; who are embodying the Law, not just memorizing it. We congratulate those young men who have achieved the high standards and skills necessary to become an Eagle Scout.

*Editor's Note: Johnny Pitts left Troop 55 in good hands when he passed the title and responsibilities of scoutmaster to Bruce Harrison, father of seventh-grader Robb Harrison. If we have missed any of our current students in the article, we apologize. Please let us know so we can run an updated listing in a future MUS publication.*

## An Eagle Soars

We recently heard from a proud father of a new Eagle Scout. Chris Cornaghie wrote to thank us for the part MUS played in helping his son, **Drew Cornaghie**, complete his Eagle project.

Drew, from Troop 55, spent four weeks this summer teaching "at risk" children in grades K-4 at De LaSalle Catholic School. He planned and taught a unit on story writing, using the *Arthur* books by Marc Brown as a guide. The students kept notebooks specially made for each child by Drew to keep up



Drew Cornaghie (above) helping a young student read and (right) with his class holding the workbooks he made for them

with vocabulary words and responses to the stories. At the end of the four weeks, each student was confident enough to write and illustrate his or her own masterpiece, which they shared with the class.

Drew worked with kindergarteners and first-graders for 50 minutes each day, followed by another 50-minute class for grades 2 – 4. Each class had 10 – 15 students, most of whom speak English as a second language.

After his first visit to the school, before the project began, Drew told his parents that what these kids would benefit from most was the same kind of teaching he experiences at MUS. So Drew asked some of the staff at MUS to lend a hand. His dad said the response was overwhelming. The MUS faculty is always willing to go the extra mile, and special recognition goes to **Bryn Wulf, Maria Burke, Andy Saunders, Guy Amsler, Terry Balton, Leah Allison, and Mindy Broadway** for helping Drew this summer.

His fellow scouts were ready and willing, as well – one each day to assist Drew in his labors. Drew also raised funds for a daily snack for each student.

And in case you think he wasn't busy enough, there's more. On July 22, the summer students went on a field trip to the Children's Museum – all planned and organized by Drew. He raised funds for transportation, arranged for free admission, and scheduled everything. His supervisor at De LaSalle was "extremely impressed with Drew's dedication and hard work." As for the children, they expressed themselves as only children can:



"Thank you for being my teacher for summer school. And you are funny." - Keioshsha

"I like Drew because he's a good and nice teacher. I like Drew because he has black hair. I like Drew because he dresses funny." - Kara

"Thank you Drew for teaching and reading to us. Drew thank you for bringing food and your friend." - David

Drew will have his Eagle Scout Court of Honor in January 2005.

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## Ben Bailey: All-American

**W**hen head lacrosse **Coach Elliott Dent** thinks about **Ben Bailey '99**, he can't help but conjure the image of Herb Brooks speaking to the 1980 Olympic Ice Hockey Team and challenging them with the famous line, "How hard are you willing to work for the unknown?" Dent says, "As a boy it is easy to dream, but as we grow older we all must inevitably face the reality of our dreams. In order to pursue a dream we must face challenges, both known and unknown, and be willing to accept outcomes that are not guaranteed. This is Ben's story."

Bailey started playing lacrosse in the spring of 1994 as a seventh-grader. This was before MUS had an "official" school lacrosse team, and the members of the club team wore "Burrhead Lacrosse" jackets. Who could have predicted then that in just ten years this young man would overcome so many challenges and play in the NCAA Division I Lacrosse Championship game attended by 43,898 people in Baltimore and witnessed by thousands more on ESPN? Only one person dared to predict this...to dream this...and that was Ben Bailey.

Even then, **Coaches David Gearhardt** and **Pat DiMento** noticed something special about this boy. According to Gearhardt, "When Ben was a seventh-grader, Coach DiMento and I lined the guys up to watch their throwing skills. We were immediately impressed with one of the youngest boys at the front of the line who could throw and catch pretty well with his right hand; we were surprised when we got to the end of the line and found him again, this time throwing and catching with his left hand!"

Then, in the spring of 1996 (the first year lacrosse was made an official varsity sport), the MUS lacrosse team traveled to Baltimore for a game. While there, they also attended the Johns Hopkins University/University of Maryland game at Homewood Field on the Johns Hopkins campus. Homewood is the Mecca of lacrosse, and this game is a time-honored tradition in the state of Maryland. It was an eye-opening experience for the MUS players. It was at this game when Bailey fell in love with the sport and started to dream about playing at the Division I level. As Gearhardt puts it, "We took the team to Baltimore to learn what 'real lacrosse' is all about. Coach DiMento and I laughed when we returned because Ben soaked up so much about the game that he even began to dress like the players at Johns Hopkins."

That summer, Coach Dent moved to Memphis, and by the end of Bailey's sophomore year, all three of his coaches were convinced that Bailey would be the first MUS lacrosse player to play Division I lacrosse. He finished his junior year at MUS as a high school All-American, and he had just led the team to a state championship. That summer, he went to "Top 205," a recruiting camp, to try to impress the college scouts. His first day at the Baltimore camp was enough to make most people want to hang it up and go home. He heard the same thing everywhere he went: "You can't play lacrosse...you're from Tennessee." He heard it from the players on his team, his team coach, and even the city bus driver who drove him from the dorm rooms to the field. Bailey says the only thing that saved him that week was that his team had just three attackmen, so the coach had no choice but to play him. The opportunity was all he needed, and assistant coaches from Duke, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, and even Navy talked to him between games and drills.

He came back from camp with high hopes, but those hopes soon dissolved as the calls stopped coming from North Carolina and Duke. He visited Delaware that fall and was thinking of walking on to the team at Maryland, but he still had two more places to visit: the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Before the visits, he was convinced that he wanted to go to Air Force — until he saw Annapolis. After his visit, he knew he should attend Navy, but there was one catch. Coach Richie Meade suggested that Bailey complete a post-graduate year. He was young for his grade, and the coach thought it would give him another year to mature physically and prepare for the academic course load at Navy.

Bailey opted for a fifth year of prep school at The Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey, which did not guarantee an appointment to the Naval Academy, but did improve his chances. While at Peddie, he became a team leader in both football and lacrosse and led the school to a lacrosse state championship. Bailey also made the necessary grades to be admitted to the Academy for the following year.

What happened next would be the biggest challenge in Bailey's young life. "Tragedy struck two weeks prior to Ben's departure to the Naval Academy when his father, George Bailey, was killed in a motorcycle accident. Elliott, Pat, and I were suddenly thrown into unfamiliar territory as we tried to comfort Ben on the evening of his father's death," said

Gearhardt. “While visiting Ben and his mother, Marion Bailey, it became apparent that the separation of mother and son during the opening weeks of his plebe summer after such a loss would be an enormous strain. About 20 percent of students do not make it past these opening weeks. We knew Ben would survive, and we knew he would play lacrosse for Navy; we just did not know he would turn so much sorrow into such great accomplishments.”

Bailey managed to get through plebe summer; but, like many plebes, he struggled academically. However, he won a starting position as a midfielder and scored four goals. His role that first year was to create scoring opportunities for senior All-American Adam Borcz. In his sophomore year, he emerged as one of Navy’s leading scorers with 17 goals, he was alternating at both attack and midfield, and he made the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) All-Conference Team; but his sophomore year at the Academy was even more of a struggle as his GPA sank to 0.81.



The semifinal game reunited MUS alumni Billy Kuntz '99, Bill Mealor '99, Ben Bailey '99, Jason Lewin '98, Trevor Knight '02, and Dan Gibson '05 and (right) coaches Pat DiMento, David Gearhardt, [Bailey], and Elliott Dent.

He also began to worry about things back home. “It was not so much that my dad was gone, but the fact that my mom was alone,” Bailey said. “It really started to eat at me. Finally, sophomore year, my grades went way down, and I was thinking about leaving because she was by herself.”

At the beginning of that summer, Bailey had to present his case to an academic board who decided that he could return to the Academy if he went to summer school and made a 3.6 in his summer classes. Bailey had a big decision to make. At the end of the second year at the Naval Academy, sophomores must decide if they want to leave the school or sign papers binding them to stay the final two years and serve at least five more. In Bailey’s case, signing these papers meant that he would have to serve his five years as an enlisted man rather than as an officer if his grades did not improve.

He returned to Annapolis planning to take summer classes to improve his grades and his chances of acceptance to another college. But the Navy coaches were not ready to give up on him. Coaches Meade and [Assistant Coach John] Tillman continued to give him support that summer, and he received several phone calls from Navy lacrosse alumni. Finally, Mike Sheedy, his plebe year captain, gave him a simple message: “You’ve always been a Navy type of guy.” This solidified it for Bailey. “I just could not imagine not playing with these guys. We had been through so much together, and I was not ready to give that up.” He signed an agreement stating that he would have to maintain a 3.0 GPA for the next two years, but he did more than that. “I became the poster

boy for the academic board because I had a 3.6! Faculty representative Captain Thorpe said that I am probably the only guy in the history of the Academy to quadruple my GPA,” said Bailey.

As he was finding success in the classroom, he was also planning to top the lacrosse success of his sophomore season. He had high hopes of becoming an All-American his junior year, but the season turned out disappointing at best. He was struggling with chronic back pain and being the marked man on every opposing team’s scouting report. The team was also floundering – after a great start with wins over a strong Ohio State team and the University of North Carolina, they lost key games to the University of Massachusetts, Georgetown, and Maryland; and they were blown out by Johns Hopkins. Navy’s lacrosse team finished the 2003 season with a record of 6–7, and Bailey did not receive any post-season honors, not All-American, not even All-Conference.

In the off-season, the coaching staff made the decision to change their style of play to a fast-pace and up-tempo game. Throughout the season the lacrosse world was describing Navy as a “run and gun” team. The truth is that Navy managed to balance the best of both styles of play. They could play a settled half-field game with the best of them – Princeton – and they could play the up-tempo transition game to rival Syracuse. Bailey was enjoying Navy’s success, but no one was sure whether Navy was for real until they beat #4 Georgetown and then #1 and undefeated Maryland. Navy had finally broken the 11-year curse against Maryland, and all eyes were focused on the Navy/Hopkins game. Hopkins was #1 and Navy was ranked #2.

“This was the first time I can remember Ben ever calling me before a game to let me know he was nervous,” said Dent.

“He said that 5,000 people were in attendance Friday afternoon for their pre-game practice, and they were predicting from advanced ticket sales that this game would break an NCAA lacrosse attendance record for a regular season game.” The state of Maryland was getting excited about the possibility of a Navy victory over Johns Hopkins.

According to Dent, “Ben waited for the right moment to

bring out one of his best performances of the year.” Bailey scored three goals that day. His second goal tied the game late in the fourth quarter, and his third goal put Navy ahead by one with minutes left. Unfortunately, Hopkins scored to tie the game with seconds left and then proceeded to beat Navy in overtime.

Navy’s performance against Hopkins made the MUS coaches realize they needed to make plans to go to the National Championship in Baltimore during Memorial Day Weekend 2004. When the weekend arrived, it quickly became an MUS lacrosse alumni event. **Billy Kuntz '99** and **Bill Mealor '99** were in school at Washington & Lee and had been able to attend many of Bailey’s games during their college years. “It was Ben, Billy, and Bill who chose to forego their MUS senior trip to go to the Final Four at University of Maryland. I am sure even they never thought the three of them would be back in Baltimore at the Lacrosse National Championships five years later; this time, Billy and Bill in the crowd cheering for Ben on the field below,” said Gearhardt.

Game day was nothing short of spectacular with many past and present MUS and other Memphis lacrosse players making the trip to watch Bailey. Late in the first half, he lit up the crowd with two blasts to the corner of the net for back-to-back goals in only 17 seconds (pictured opposite page, top right). Navy held off Princeton 8-7 for a berth in the title game against Syracuse.



Against Syracuse it took only a couple of minutes for the first goal to be scored. Ben Bailey put Navy on top 1-0. By the end of the game, however, the fairytale took a sudden turn when Syracuse defeated Navy, 14-13, in one of the closest back-and-forth games in Championship history.

Despite the loss, it was a big weekend for Bailey: he was finally awarded All-American status, icing on the cake after graduating from the United States Naval Academy and playing in the Division I Lacrosse National Championship game.

In a matter of two weeks, the best MUS lacrosse team in its history had been beaten by McCallie in the State Championship, and the best MUS lacrosse player in history had lost in the National Championship game. Second place, twice. But Gearhardt sums it up, "What I learned and what I hope our boys at MUS learn is that winners never really come in second. Winners occasionally come up short, on a particular day, at a particular time; but they are winners all of the time. You don't make it to the State or National Championships by coming in second place all of the time. Ben Bailey is a winner."



## On the Sideline

This story could not have been written without **Coaches David Gearhardt, Elliott Dent, and Pat DiMento**. As in coaching, it was truly a collaborative effort.

David Gearhardt started the MUS lacrosse program in 1990, but it was 1983 when he began the lacrosse program at Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) and was instrumental in the start of the Memphis Lacrosse Club. Memphis high school lacrosse began in 1989 when Gearhardt started the team at Germantown High School. It really took off the following year as he helped kick off the program at CBHS and became head coach at MUS during the 1989-90 school year. Gearhardt remained head coach for seven years; and, during the 1995-96 school year, he asked Headmaster Ellis Haguewood to begin the search for a full-time lacrosse coach. As luck would have it, Elliott Dent knew former MUS lacrosse player **Brian Evans '92** from college. Dent was hired and has led the MUS lacrosse program for the past eight years. In Spring 2000, Gearhardt, Dent, and Pat DiMento (assistant coach for more than 10 years, whom Gearhardt acknowledges as the backbone of the MUS lacrosse program) opened Stickhead Lacrosse, a specialty lacrosse store.

Gearhardt is the father of 10-year-old Byers, 8-year-old Loring, and 5-year-old Griffin. He recently married Dr. Mace Coday, and he remains active in the MUS lacrosse program by coaching the seventh- and eighth-graders, as well as assisting with the Presbyterian Day School fifth- and sixth-graders. He owns and operates a local insurance and investment firm, Capital Benefits Group.

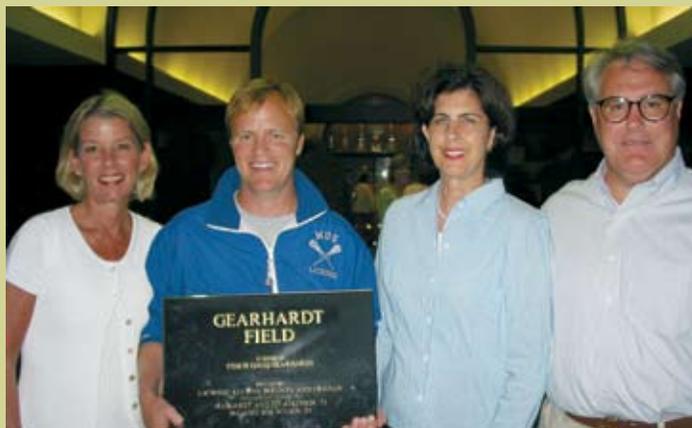
Elliott Dent came to MUS in 1996, fresh from college-level lacrosse at Hampden-Sydney, to teach religion and English and take over as head coach of the varsity lacrosse team. Since 1998, when the team won its first state championship, Dent's squads have been

the elite program in Tennessee, winning five titles. In 2004, the team finished second despite losing only once in the regular season. But the 2004 team finished the season ranked #1 in the South (LaxPower.com), defeating both the Texas and North Carolina State Champions during the regular season. Also during Dent's tenure, the team beat McCallie and Montgomery Bell Academy for the first time in the school's history as well as schools from stronger regions such as Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Dent and his wife, Stephanie, keep themselves busy off the field with their interest in Stickhead. And Stephanie recently ended her career as a local reporter at ABC 24 and UPN 30 to focus on having a family. Stephanie and Elliott are expecting their first child in early July.

According to Pat DiMento, "I've been Coach Dent's assistant from his first day and don't plan on going anywhere until I'm old and gray or he asks me to leave. We still have a lot of Championships to bring home." This spring will be DiMento's 11th season with MUS. He actually started helping Coach Gearhardt when he moved to Memphis in 1984. DiMento grew up on Long Island (New York), played lacrosse at Islip High School, and was recruited to play lacrosse at the Air Force Academy. After he graduated from the Academy in 1986, he went to pilot training and flew B-52's in the Air Force. He flew Desert Storm, returned to the United States, got married, and left the Air Force to pursue a job in commercial aviation. FedEx hired him in 1995, and he is now Assistant Chief Pilot there.

As with the other two coaches, DiMento attributes the time he spends with MUS lacrosse to an understanding and supportive wife. He and Kristen have two boys, 9-year-old Patrick and 8-year-old Nick, and they recently added a little girl to the team, 8-month-old Katherine. DiMento says it's time for him to start learning the women's game as well.



AT THE DEDICATION LAST SPRING OF GEARHARDT FIELD, THE NEW LACROSSE PRACTICE FIELD, HEADMASTER ELLIS HAGUEWOOD DUBBED GEARHARDT THE "FATHER" OF LACROSSE IN MEMPHIS. ACCORDING TO GEARHARDT, "I'D LIKE TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE NAMING OF GEARHARDT FIELD...AN HONOR I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE. IT TRULY WAS ONE OF THE PROUDEST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE." GEARHARDT IS SHOWN WITH PAL WILSON AND MARGARET AND EDWARD ATKINSON '73, LEADING CONTRIBUTORS ALONG WITH BOB WILSON '70 (NOT PICTURED).

# MUS Board of Trustees Announces Changes and Additions

by Alison Barger

The Memphis University School Board of Trustees voted to implement several historic changes at a meeting on October 11, 2004. For only the sixth time in its 50 years of existence, the board has a new chairman, having elected **Trow Gillespie '65** to assume the reins from **Ben Adams '74**, who held the office since 1997. **Musette Morgan** was named vice chairman, the board's first female officer. The board also voted to increase its membership from 21 to 25 trustees, add two new *ex officio* (non-voting) positions, and create an executive committee.

Following an example of long tenures from MUS board chairmen **Alex Wellford** and **Kent Wunderlich '66**, Adams served for nearly eight years, leaving a remarkable legacy of productivity and unprecedented success. The school will continue to benefit from his dedicated, insightful counsel, however, since he is remaining on the board. "My passion is no less now than it has ever been," he asserted.

Gillespie's stellar leadership abilities and unwavering devotion to MUS are also well known. He worked tirelessly as chairman of the largest capital campaign in the school's history, harnessing support from a record number of donors and raising over \$21 million toward a \$15 million goal. During the past year, he served as vice chairman of the board. Gillespie received plaudits from Adams and MUS **Headmaster**



Newly-elected Vice Chairman Musette Morgan and Chairman Trow Gillespie

**Ellis Haguewood**, who worked side by side with him in both endeavors.

"There's no one who loves MUS more or has done more to contribute to the betterment of MUS than Trow Gillespie," reflected Adams. "With the capital campaign, Trow made what

normally would be a burdensome process a pleasurable and fulfilling process." Adams says he anticipates a smooth transition while the school furthers its commitment to excellence as part of strategic planning by the board, now underway.

Haguewood echoed Adams' enthusiasm for Gillespie's leadership aplomb. "If anyone can do the job, he certainly can," he said. "No one has greater passion or loyalty for the school or understands its culture better than Trow does."

The decision to increase the number of board members from 21 to 25 was a result of strategic planning. The board examined its functions in order to improve the governance structure and determined an expanded board would encourage more participation from other important groups serving the school and, in addition, bring new energy and vision to the table. Haguewood noted that while younger alumni who love the school will have more opportunities for involvement, the board is also hoping to develop the next generation of chairs and leaders.

Newly appointed trustees are **Steve Morrow '71**, **Wiley Robinson '75**, **Collie Krausnick '79**, and **Sam Graham '80**. The board still plans to fill one vacant trustee position. The two *ex officio* positions are for the presidents of the Parents' Association and the Alumni Executive Board, thus improving communications and providing an important voice for

each group. Current Parent Association co-presidents are **Lisa** and **Jimmy Guyton**; president of the Alumni Executive Board is **Owen Tabor '85**.

The board's final change was the creation of the new Executive Committee, consisting of the four board officers – Chairman Gillespie, Vice Chairman Morgan, Secretary **Tom Hutton '61**, and Treasurer **Dick Fisher '72** – as well as **Ben Adams** and **Jim Varner '73**.

## Gillespie Named Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by AFP

Trow Gillespie was also recently recognized for his efforts, especially his leadership of MUS's Doors to New Opportunities

Campaign, by the Memphis Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals during the AFP Crystal Awards luncheon on November 17. Gillespie received the organization's prestigious 2004 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser award.

AFP presents the award to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in coordinating groups of volunteers for major fundraising projects for more than one nonprofit organization. The recipient demonstrates dedication, skill in organizing and leading volunteers, and achievement of desired financial results for nonprofit organizations.

With Gillespie as campaign chairman, the MUS Doors to New Opportunities Campaign began in 1998 with a goal of \$15 million. The campaign officially closed in 2002, having raised \$21.25 million in commitments.

Over the years, Gillespie has demonstrated a magnanimous history of philanthropic involvement in the community, especially at MUS where he is a founding member and past president of the Ross M. Lynn Society, a mentor volunteer, and a member of Task Force 2001 which preceded the capital campaign. He was named MUS Volunteer of the Year in 2002.

Gillespie has shared his leadership acumen with numerous organizations. Besides MUS, he serves on the boards of the Greater Memphis Arts Council, Trezevant Manor Foundation, Little Keswick Foundation for Special Education, Vanderbilt National Commodore Club, and the Baptist Memorial Health Care Community Advisory Board. Past board affiliations include the Chickasaw Council Boy Scouts of America, Liberty Bowl Festival Association, "100" Club of Memphis, Tennessee Economic Development Commission, Presbyterian Day School, and Memphis Cystic Fibrosis Chapter.

He has also led successful fundraising campaigns for St. John's Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Day School, and the Greater Memphis Arts Council. He currently is leading a capital campaign for the Trezevant Manor Foundation and is the nominations committee chair for the Arts Council as well as on the leadership committee for the "Memphis for the Arts" endowment campaign, which has already raised \$20.3 million of its \$25 million goal.

A lifelong Memphian, Gillespie and his wife, Elizabeth, have three sons: **Paul '01**, **Stuart '04**, and John, a student at The Franklin Academy in East Haddam, Connecticut.

### FORMER CHAIRMEN MUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Alexander W. Wellford, Sr. '30	1954-1977
Robert G. Snowden	1978-1981
Roy E. Bell, Jr.	1981-1983
William P. Morrison	1983-1987
Kent Wunderlich '66	1988-1997
Ben C. Adams '74	1997-2004

## MUS Welcomes Four Alumni to the Board of Trustees



### D. Stephen Morrow '71

Steve Morrow, co-founder and executive vice president of NewSouth Capital Management, received his B.A. from the University of Virginia. Morrow's commitment to the MUS tradition of excellence is demonstrated through his generous and active involvement at the school. He is currently serving on the Business Operations Sub-Committee of Strategic Plan 2004-05, is a founding member of the Lynn Society and its current president, and is an honorary member of the Red and Blue Society. Morrow is also a former member of the Alumni Executive Board. His business affiliations include the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute and Memphis Society of Financial Analysts, where he served as president. He is involved in the community with board memberships at the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis and Synergy Foundation and is a past trustee of Hutchison School. Morrow and his wife, Nancy, have two children: Anne, a student at the University of Mississippi, and Paul '06. He enjoys playing golf, hunting, and snow skiing in his spare time.



### Wiley T. Robinson '75

Wiley Robinson is an internist with Inpatient Physicians of the Mid-South. He received his B.A. from the University of Tennessee and his M.D. from St. George's University and served as chief resident in internal medicine at St. Joseph Hospital and Medical Center in New Jersey. At MUS he is a member of the Thorn Society, former president of the Alumni Executive Board, and a mentor volunteer. He also served on the Doors to New Opportunities Campaign Special Gifts Committee, on the Drug and Alcohol Task Force, and as a phonathon volunteer. His professional activities include staff physician appointments at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Methodist Hospitals, and St. Francis Hospital, as well as precepting medical students at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. Robinson is president of the Memphis Medical Society and a member of both the Tennessee Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a board member of Health Choice Insurance and Metro-Care, and he serves on the Quality Assurance Committee and Medical Advisory Board of the Preventive Medicine Department at Methodist Hospital. He and his wife, Shade, have two sons, Fort and Trammel, students at Presbyterian Day School. His pastimes are golf, fly fishing, snow boarding, and watching his sons play sports.



### E. Carl Krausnick, Jr. '79

"Collie" Krausnick is president of the Equity Capital Markets Division of Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., where he also serves as an executive managing director. He earned his B.B.A. in banking and managerial finance from the University of Mississippi. Krausnick has a steadfast history of supporting MUS. He is a member of the Thorn Society and serves on the Development/Advancement Sub-Committee of Strategic Plan 2004-05. He also participated with leadership roles in the Doors to New Opportunities Campaign, as a member of the Special Gifts Committee and Task Force 2001; he served as Alumni Class Representative from 2001 to 2003, an Alumni Executive Board member, a mentor volunteer, and a phonathon volunteer. His current civic activities include memberships on the Junior League of Memphis Community Advisory Board and the Memphis Country Club Board of Directors; past board memberships include the Children's Museum of Memphis and Memphis Oral School for the Deaf. Krausnick and his wife, Veazy, have a daughter, Elizabeth, a junior at Hutchison, and a son, Carl '09. Hunting, fishing, and golf are his favorite recreational activities.



### Samuel N. Graham II '80

Sam Graham is managing principal and chief operating officer of Diversified Trust, a company he co-founded in 1994. He has a B.S. from the University of Tennessee and an M.B.A. from the University of Memphis, and he is a graduate of the ABA Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University and the Cannon Financial Institute Trust School. One of four brothers who attended MUS and the father of two boys, Graham volunteers enthusiastically for his alma mater. He is president of the Thorn Society and serves on the Academic Committee and the Programs Sub-Committee for Strategic Plan 2004-05. He is also a former member of the Alumni Executive Board and served as alumni division chair for the Annual Fund Council. Graham's professional affiliations include certifications as trust and financial advisor and corporate trust specialist, board membership on the Estate Planning Council of Memphis, and membership in the Association of Independent Trust Companies. In civic activities, he serves as an elder at Independent Presbyterian Church and on the Board of Directors of Neighborhood Christian Center. He and his wife, Margaret, are parents to Nelson '08 and Garrott, a student at Presbyterian Day School. Graham likes spending time with his family, church activities, inner-city development endeavors, and traveling.

# BEN THERE, DONE THAT



The achievements of former MUS Board Chairman **Ben C. Adams '74** would distinguish an octogenarian; they are even more remarkable considering his age. Professionally, he serves as chairman and chief executive officer at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, which was ranked last year as the fastest growing law firm in the United States by the National Law Journal. The firm is one of the 125 largest law firms in the country, with over 400 attorneys in ten U.S. markets, as well as a representative office in Beijing, China.

However, Adams' most far-reaching accomplishment may well be the indelible mark he has left on MUS after leading the Board of Trustees for almost eight years. His tenure as chairman, the third longest since the board's formation 50 years ago, will undoubtedly shape generations of scholars and leaders to come. The Adams years are laden with milestones. The board developed a long-range plan, a strategic plan, and a campus master plan; undertook extensive construction and renovation projects; preserved the highest standards of excellence with academic, administrative, and athletic enhancements; upgraded information technology; and saw record fund raising on all fronts, including the most successful capital campaign in the school's history.

**Headmaster Ellis Hagewood** described Adams as the consummate board chair. "Ben has a great heart and a great mind. He had the ability to see the big picture, as well as all the details, and was always interested in making the educational goals succeed. He was extremely generous with his time, always encouraging, and incredibly empathetic. As a lawyer, he had an amazing ability to fix problems, looking for win-win situa-

## Ben Adams Steps Down As Board Chairman After Eight Outstanding Years

by Alison Barger

### THE ADAMS YEARS\*

#### 1997

Capital Campaign Feasibility Study Underway • Task Force 2001 Develops Strategic Plan • Trow Gillespie Accepts Campaign Chairmanship • New Hull Lower School Computer Center Opens • Dunavant-Wellford Tennis Center Dedicated • Voice Mail System Implemented • Rejuvenated Development Office • Ross M. Lynn Society and D. Eugene Thorn Society Formed • Library Card Catalogue Computerized and All Books Bar-Coded • Choral Music Program Strengthened • Increased Parent Association Involvement • Annual Fund Raises Record \$364,000 in Unrestricted Gifts • Total Gifts Exceed \$775,000

#### 1998

Facilities Master Plan Developed • Quiet Phase of \$15 Million Capital Campaign Announced • Roadways and Entrances Reworked • New Faculty Hired for Academic, College, Career, and Personal Counseling • School Technology Plan Developed • Every Teacher Supplied with a Computer • All Buildings Networked • Public Relations Expanded with New Communications Director • Pepsi Alliance Provides New Scoreboards and Financial Benefits • Tennis and Lacrosse Teams Win State Championships • Annual Fund Raises Record High \$401,000 in Unrestricted Gifts • Total Gifts Exceed \$672,000



#### 1999

Public Announcement and Groundbreaking for Capital Campaign • School Adds Education Technology Specialist • Alumni Board Expanded • Commissioned Master Landscaping Plan • New MUS-In-Europe Study Travel Program Offered • Beg To Differ A Cappella Group Tours Europe • Focus Groups Explore Ways to Increase Student Diversity • Locker Rooms Renovated For Baseball and Lacrosse Teams • Students and Faculty Conduct Summer Camp for Inner-City Youth • Tennis and Lacrosse Teams Win State Championships – Again • Annual Fund Raises Record High \$416,000 in Unrestricted Gifts • Total Gifts Reach Record High of Nearly \$2.5 Million



*Don Austin '59, Met Crump '60, Ben Adams '74, and Trow Gillespie '65 at groundbreaking for capital campaign in 1999*



\*Items reflect school year figures as presented in annual reports.

tions that let everybody get something. And as an alumnus, he understood the culture and tradition of the school, while helping us bring about wonderful improvements in every department.”

“Ben was not only the titular head, but also the ‘glue’ of the board,” added **Jim Varner ‘73**, who served as vice chairman under Adams. “Applying his skill as a consensus builder, he had respect for divergent opinions of other board members, as well as the administration. He excelled at the implementation of policy and was always effective in getting other board members to buy into his recommendations, while considering the necessities of a diverse constituency, including parents, students, alumni, faculty, administration, and, ultimately, the board.

“Most important, Ben laid the foundation for subsequent board leadership by his active involvement in formulating the board, as well as serving as an example through his selfless hard work, dedication, and commitment.” Varner also credited Adams and **Kent Wunderlich ‘66** with bringing Haguewood on board as headmaster.

As schoolmates at MUS, Varner and Adams were a year apart. “We called him ‘the Chinnman’ (his middle name is Chinn) back then, and everyone still calls him that – he’ll always be the Chinnman to us,” Varner said. While his boyhood years at MUS determined what he is called today, Adams also believes they determined who he is today.

“Serving as chairman was an immensely fulfilling experience and an opportunity to give back to the school that had such a huge impact on my development as a young man,” Adams reflected. “As Colonel Lynn frequently told us, you get out of something what you’ve put into it. I’ve truly received more fulfillment and enjoyment serving as chair, working with Ellis, working on the capital campaign, than the little contribution that I’ve been able to make. There are many others before me and to follow that feel similarly.”

MUS does not view Adams’ contributions as “little.” In addition to his magnanimous efforts as chairman of the board and on the Doors to New Opportunities Campaign, Adams has served in various other capacities. He is a founding member of the Thorn Society, co-chaired the Special Gifts Committee to build the Sue H. Hyde Sports and Physical Education Center, and has been an Annual Fund Phonathon volunteer and a mentor volunteer. He was even named an honorary member of the Red and Blue Society.

To put Adams’ long-standing commitment in perspective, consider that he and his wife, Kathy, had a son in first grade and a son in kindergarten when Adams first joined the MUS board. Today, their son **Ben ‘01** is a senior at Vanderbilt and son **Scott ‘02** is a junior at Southern Methodist University. Their daughter, Conlee, is a junior at Hutchison.

## 2000

Capital Campaign Pledges Exceed \$13 Million • Hull Lower School Renovation Completed • MUS Website Developed • New Student Orientation Emphasizes Team Building • MUS Spearheads Community of Concern Parent Education Program Among MAIS Schools • Parent Association Leads Safe Home Program • Task Force Established For Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention • Student Visioning Leadership Development Program Launched • Beg To Differ Group Wins Top Honors in National Competition • Staff Adds Director of Alumni and Parent Programs • New Activities and Awards Increase Alumni Involvement • Tennis and Lacrosse Teams Win Third Straight State Titles • Annual Fund Raises Record High \$438,000 in Unrestricted Gifts • Total Gifts Reach Record High of Nearly \$3 Million



## 2001

Bridges Kick-Off Classic Kicks Off at Liberty Bowl • New Campus Center Opens with Dining Hall, Auditorium, Bookstore, Meeting Rooms, and Athletic Facilities • Old Upper School Demolished • Board Votes to Increase Faculty Salaries to Compete with Public Schools • MUS Included in Morehead Scholarship Program at University of North Carolina • Computer Classes for Parents Introduced • Beg To Differ Group Wins Top Honors in National Competition – Again • Class of 2001 Writes Community Creed • Tennis and Lacrosse Teams Take Fourth Straight State Titles • Annual Fund Raises Record High \$465,044 in Unrestricted Gifts • Total Gifts Reach Record High \$3.06 Million

Ben Adams' academic honors and business achievements reflect the personal attributes and skills with which he selflessly guided MUS. While a student at MUS, he was recognized for his leadership abilities when he received the Faculty Cup for General Excellence, the highest honor given to a member of the graduating class. (His son Ben earned the same award in 2001!) Adams received his B.A. in economics from the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law, where he was a member of the Vanderbilt Law Review and the Order of the Coif, the national legal scholarship society. Before being named CEO at Baker Donelson, he served as chairman of the firm's Corporate Department and as managing partner of the firm from 1993 to 1998. He concentrates his practice in the areas of business planning, mergers and acquisitions, and estate planning. He is a member of the Tennessee, Memphis, and American Bar Associations, a member of the Memphis Estate Planning Council, and a reporter for the American Bar Association, making probate decisions for the State of Tennessee.

Adams' alma mater and law firm are not the only beneficiaries of his visionary leadership.

He serves as Senior Warden of the Vestry at Church of the Holy Communion and on the board of directors for Memphis Tomorrow, a group of 25 CEO's representing Memphis' largest companies who work to better the city's culture, education, health, and economic growth. He is also a trustee of Historic Elmwood Cemetery and just retired from the board of Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis after serving 20 years. He is a 1990 graduate of Leadership Memphis and was formerly president of Dixie Homes Boys and Girls Club and the Phoenix Club.

Adams' successor as board chairman is **Trow Gillespie '65**, who raised \$21.25 million spearheading the recent Doors to New Opportunities Campaign. Both men have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to MUS, ironically using the exact words to characterize the other's loyalty.

"Nobody loves this school more than Ben, and it is reflected in everything he did," Gillespie stated when discussing the Adams' years. Unbeknownst to Gillespie, Adams had recently made the same observation lauding his successor! (See article on page 18.)

Gillespie credited Adams with extraordinary leadership and exemplary service that "range from overseeing a capital campaign that enabled us to virtually rebuild MUS to elevating the school's status to that of one of the South's premier boys' preparatory schools.

"His ideas and vision, his work ethic, and his relentless sacrifices to make a difference all contributed to his success as our leader and ultimately the success of the school," Gillespie said. "Ben Adams possesses a passion for excellence and a passion for MUS; and in the end, that was the best combination we could have had. He leaves big shoes to be filled."

Gillespie then added, "Fortunately, we don't have to fill Ben's shoes as a board member since he will continue as a trustee and serve on the Executive Committee."

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## THE ADAMS YEARS CONTINUED



Programs • Over 2,500 New Books and Audiovisual Items Added to Library • Annual Fund Raises Record High \$542,047 in Unrestricted Gifts • Total Gifts of over \$2.6 Million

### 2002

New Dunavant Upper School Opens • Capital Campaign Closes with More Than \$21 Million Raised • Co-Edge Program Provides Co-educational Opportunities with Hutchison • Enrollment Reaches Record High 620 Students • New Hale Fellowship Funds Faculty Development • School Engages Full Time Campus Security • Student Life Adds New Mentoring and Faculty Advising

### 2003

Second Art Studio Constructed • Photography, Sculpture, Woodworking Added to Fine Arts Curriculum • Lower School Science Lab Refurbished • Spanish Curriculum Developed for Lower School • *Century Book* Updated • School Becomes Charter Member of National History Society • Faculty Endowments Enhanced • MUS Hosts Inaugural Liberty Bowl All-Star Game • New Weight Room Equipment Installed • Swimming Added as 11th Varsity Sport • Video Production Highlights Honor Code • Technology Upgraded to Fastest Speed Available • Parents Given Access to Grades on Internet • New Sunken Dugouts, Batting Cage and Amenities at Thorn Field • Thorn Field Voted Field of the Year by Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association • Added Facilities Manager to Staff • Lacrosse Team Wins Fifth State Championship • Annual Fund Raises Record \$597,000 in Unrestricted Gifts • Total Gifts of over \$2.6 Million



*Ben and son Scott Adams '03 on Scott's graduation day*

### 2004

Largest Enrollment in School History at 648 • Most National Merit Semifinalists of Tennessee Independent Schools • Significant \$250,000 Gift Dedicated to Faculty Development • Digital Design, Speech, German, Astronomy, and Geology Added to Curriculum • Refurbishing Plus New Equipment For McCaughan Science Center • Construction of Guardhouse at Ridgeway and Primacy Parkway Entrance • Wilson Society Leadership Program for Seniors Formed • Fully Developed Faculty Web Pages • Three-Week Spanish Immersion Program in Guatemala Offered • Lacrosse Enhanced with New Gearhardt Practice Field and Rogers Field Bleachers • \$800,000 in Need-Based Financial Aid Provided for 15% of Students • Soccer and Tennis Teams Win State Championships • Annual Fund Raises Record High \$610,000 in Unrestricted Gifts • Total Gifts of over \$2.25 Million



# MUS Alumni Swim the Distance

by Cathi Jones



Bill Hoehn swimming the English Channel

One of them decided that 2004 was his year to accomplish his lifetime's greatest physical feat. One of them loves the thrill of the sport and looks upon it with a very philosophical mind. Both have spent countless hours in pools, oceans, lakes, and channels. Both **Bill Hoehn '68** and **Bruckner Chase '84** went the distance in 2004: Hoehn completed swims around Manhattan and across the English Channel, and Chase swam the Maui Channel and across Lake Tahoe. Here's the story of two MUS guys, each equipped with a pair of swim trunks and a crazy dream to swim for miles and miles.

## Charging the Channel

When he was growing up in Memphis, Hoehn read about fellow Memphian and MUS alumnus Richard Halliburton, "who in the '20s and '30s went around the world performing feats, swimming the Suez Canal and things like that." He read books about Halliburton, admired his accomplishments, and decided he wanted to accomplish a feat like his hero had done. *[Editor's Note: Richard Halliburton attended MUS 1908-1915, went on to graduate from Princeton University, and then wrote seven popular books, capturing the wonder of youth everywhere with his adventures. He died in 1939 sailing across the Pacific Ocean aboard the Sea Dragon, a 75-foot Chinese junk that was caught in a storm.]*

Since before his days at MUS, where he played guard on the football team and threw shot in track, Hoehn has always had a knack for athletics. A runner all his adult life, he trained for and ran in half-marathons, calling them uncertain "death marches." When he realized the marathon was probably out of his reach, he decided that he'd have to accomplish his great physical feat by

some other means. He took up swimming at age 40 because it was less jarring on his body. Since Hoehn started swimming, primarily in the open water (accessible since he lives in California), he trains three times a week, supplementing his workouts in the gym. He joined the La Jolla Swim Club, where it's more about the camaraderie than the competition, and began ending each summer with a five- or six-mile race with the swim club.

By the time he reached his fifties, Hoehn still hadn't reached his goal of accomplishing a great physical feat. He thought to himself, "If I'm going to do a physical feat, I'd better get on it, because I'm not getting any younger." So last summer, he took on the challenge. He talked to two friends, and they all made a pact to race in the Manhattan Island Marathon. Hoehn kept up his regular training routine but also added increasingly longer swims to his repertoire, up to 14 miles in May.

On July 3, Hoehn swam 28.5 miles around Manhattan Island in the highly publicized annual Manhattan Island Marathon. The Manhattan race, in terms of physical difficulty, is a breeze compared to the English Channel because in this race one swims with the tides. Hoehn was the eldest of 20 male solo swimmers, and it took him 8 hours, 36 minutes, and 43 seconds to complete the race. After the race, Hoehn admitted that he felt "physically thrashed." He received quite a compliment as he climbed out of the Hudson River onto Battery Dock when a reporter congratulated him, saying, "Rage on, old man. Rage on!" And that's what Hoehn was about to do, because the New York race was the last big step in his training program before charging on the Channel.

Hoehn flew to England in late July and was able to get a slot to swim the Channel in early August. On August 7, four days before his fifty-fourth birthday, Hoehn swam across the



Above: Bill Hoehn (center) warming up after completing his swim surrounded by his coach, niece, daughter, wife and official observer. Right: Hoehn celebrating afterwards with his coach



English Channel. The whole thing took him 15 hours and 53 minutes and was the fulfillment of a life-long dream of performing a challenging physical feat. Hoehn said that conditions that day were better than he could have asked for. He began in the morning at 3:30 under pitch black skies, and as the day progressed he was immersed in warm water, calm seas, and sunny skies. "On any given day, you can be defeated by nature," he explained. But nature was smiling on Hoehn that day. He was clad in his standard swimming uniform – swim briefs, swim cap, and goggles. For the swim to be official, swimmers are not permitted to wear wetsuits. Hoehn's guide through the Channel was veteran Channel pilot, Captain Mike Oram, skipper of Aegean Blue, a 34-foot motor cruiser. Swimmers must book a guide to help them make it safely through the busy shipping lanes. During the swim, Hoehn wasn't allowed to touch any person or boat, but he knew they were there cheering all the way. On board, along with the captain, first mate, and "official observer," were Hoehn's wife, Susan, his daughter, Adrienne, and his niece Mary. Also along were friend Paula Selby and coach Alan Voisard, both from his hometown swim club. Hoehn was allowed to receive periodic nourishment from the boat, but they had to extend out a bucket containing the water and liquid caloric nourishment so as not to break the rules.

The shortest distance across the Channel, from England to France, is 21 miles. Swimmers begin in Dover and hope to end in Cap Gris Nez. But Hoehn didn't catch the optimal tide that day and was forced to swim an extra five miles, finally setting foot upon Cape Blanc Nez. Throughout the swim, Hoehn fought currents and dodged boats and ships. Each season about 100 swimmers attempt the crossing; only half make it. A total of

only about 1,000 swimmers have ever accomplished this feat. On August 7, Hoehn and another swimmer completed the challenge. Four others tried that day and failed.

Hoehn explained that he had the roughest time about eight hours into his swim. His pace slowed, and he got very tired. But he kept it up and also got some help in the form of a little extra nourishment from his friends on the boat. "I was exhausted the last two or three hours, but when my feet touched ground, it was the biggest high I've ever had." When Hoehn got to France, there weren't any cheering crowds, no media officials scrambling for the first photograph. But none of that mattered to Hoehn: "When I saw France about a mile ahead, all of a sudden all the aches and pains left. I got a tremendous shot of adrenaline. When my fingers hit the sand in France, it was just tremendous exhilaration."

Hoehn, a graduate of Stanford University, lives in Santa Fe, California, with his wife, Susan, and children Adrienne, Rebecca, and Ted. When he's not out trying to swim around the world, Hoehn works at his Mercedes dealership, Hoehn Motors in Carlsbad, California. "I don't have any athletic gift," Hoehn humbly says of himself, "but what appeals to me about endurance sports is that anyone who is able-bodied, with the right planning, the right coaching, and the right discipline, can accomplish it."

## *Sharks, Swells, and Miles of Open Water? Bring It On!*

Bruckner Chase's (far right) athletic background is extensive. Although he says that he wasn't very involved in athletics at MUS, Chase has always been very active on his own, running his first marathon at the age of 16. He is an accomplished triathlete, has been involved in ultra-running, and even surfs. Chase accomplished his first marathon while spending his junior year of high school in Australia. His father was a member of the Rotary Club, and Chase diligently pursued a Rotary Scholarship that would take him all the way around the world to Moe, Victoria, a little town east of Melbourne. Chase was encouraged by friends that had traveled, and he wanted to experience international culture firsthand. (The fact that Australia is an English-speaking country appealed to him, too.) While in Australia, Chase met students from all over the world, and although he says that he found it hard to fit back in at MUS after his Outback adventures, he says that he'd "never trade anything for that experience."

After running a 100-mile race in 1998, Chase started swimming as a way to stay in shape while taking a break from running. He had been on the swim team for two years at Rice University and said that when he started back, it felt really good, "and I actually swim faster now than I did back in college." After he moved to California, it didn't take him long to get over

Bruckner Chase  
crossing Lake Tahoe



his fear of swimming in the ocean. “I bought a wetsuit, hooked up with a group of swimmers, and have been doing it now for the past two and a half years.” Chase relishes the camaraderie of long-distance swimming. “Because of the level of difficulty, it’s all about finishing.”

Living in Santa Cruz allows for an extensive training program: Chase swims 45,000-55,000 yards per week. He’s in the pool by 5:30 a.m. each morning and in the ocean after work for another one to four miles. This is his six-day-per-week schedule. In his training, Chase tries to marry the two types of swimming, pool and ocean, to train for speed. His philosophy is to do as much training and be as fit as possible, so that he can get out of the water as quickly as possible. During the colder months, Chase plans to do some shorter swims. He’ll compete locally and focus on speedwork. “I only tolerate the cold water of the oceans, and I don’t like spending any more time in it than necessary.”

On July 24 Chase finished his longest distance to date by swimming across Lake Tahoe, which is 11.2 miles across from Nevada to California. In a race usually done as a relay, Chase swam it as one of nine solo swimmers and 130 teams. He finished the race after 4 hours and 25 minutes at an altitude of 6,000 feet in 50- to 58-degree water. And like Hoehn’s experience – wetsuits aren’t allowed in this kind of swimming!

On Labor Day 2004, Chase swam in the Maui Channel Swim, a 10-mile race. “It was the hardest swim of my life. I had the absolute worst conditions, and it’s definitely the most difficult thing I’ve ever done.” Chase swam through six- to eight-foot swells, got stung multiple times by a Portuguese man-of-war, and got sick from ingesting salt water. Although they stayed away that day, Chase said that those waters are known to be home to tiger sharks. The boats found it difficult to stay close to him, and it took him six and a half hours to finish the race. But Chase has learned to overcome his fear of the open water and thinks his time in the rough Hawaiian waters only made him stronger. “Fear is an interesting thing that you have to overcome in this sport,” he said. “It really puts everything into perspective.



Anything can happen to you when you’re out there in the water.” Obviously there’s something about the thrill of the sport that makes Chase keep going out there.

“As a kid, I thought that there was stuff some people were meant to do and stuff people weren’t meant to do. I remember being on swim team at 13 or 14 and being unable to swim 200 yards. I was so bad and so scared. But now I’ve come to realize that it’s really all in your head.” Though none of it can be accomplished alone, says Chase, “You need someone beside you, behind you. It’s so nice to have someone to share it with. On the surface it looks

like a solo accomplishment; but as a swimmer out there in the elements, your life depends on the person in the boat. For me it was my fiancée, Marta, in Hawaii, and my mom in Tahoe. They’re there to give you food and water, to keep you on track, to keep you going.”

Chase, who looks at all sports with a philosophical mind, shares his love of endurance sports with his family. He ran a half-marathon in Memphis with his sister and also ran a marathon with his brother-in-law. He finds great joy in encouraging others to find it

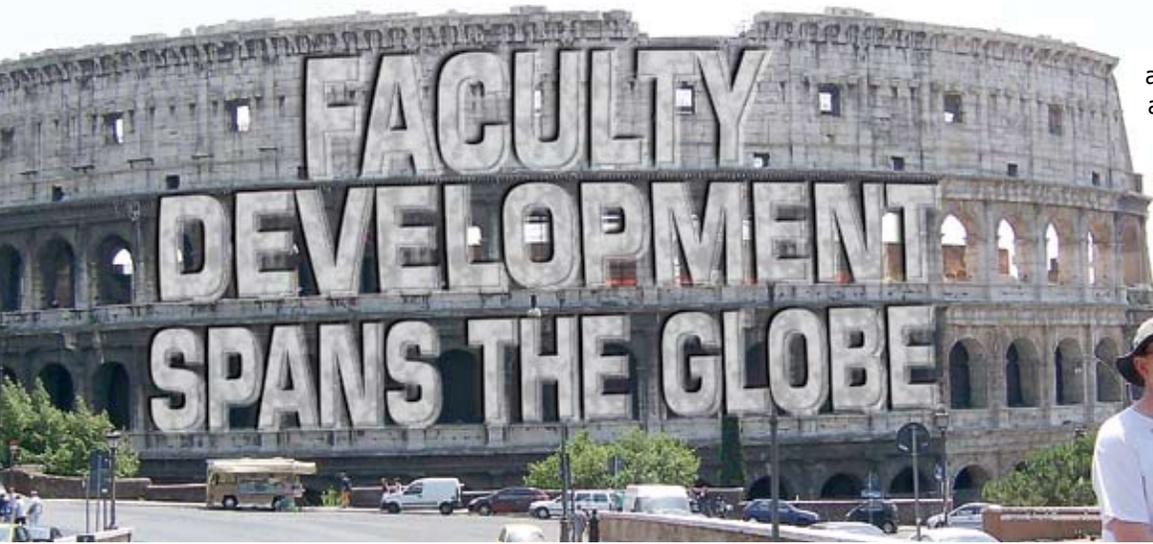
within themselves to accomplish these feats of stamina. “It’s all a matter of degrees and experiences. Anybody can go for these kinds of accomplishments if they’re willing to put in the work and willing to believe in themselves.”

Chase attended Rice University, receiving a degree in exercise physiology. He works as a senior manager for Masterbuilt West, a project management consulting firm.

He met his fiancée, Marta, during his swimming training two years ago. The two frequently train together. Right now, Chase is trying to get a spot to swim the English Channel. “I’m going to go over to England to try to get a Channel spot, but if I don’t this year, I’ll focus on reconnaissance swims in the lochs with the British Long Distance Swimming Association.”

Through this *MUS Today* story, Chase now has another friend with which to share his love of endurance sports. He found a new swimming comrade to help him reach his goal of swimming across the English Channel. He’s been in touch with Bill Hoehn and plans to drive down the coast to swim with Hoehn’s club. Rage on in those open waters, you two. Rage on.

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as well as learn about local culture and attractions.

English instructors **Lin Askew** and **Barbara Crippen** led an MUS in Europe group through Ireland and France studying the Irish Renaissance and some of the period's main figures – William Butler Yeats, Lady Gregory, John Millington Synge, James Joyce, and Sean O'Casey. The group visited Galway and Sligo in western Ireland and Dublin before flying to Paris and then to La Giraudiere (home-base of the MUS in



Trey Suddarth at the Colosseum in Rome

Europe program and the family home of French instructor **Reginald Dalle**) for seminars and more detailed study of the literature and culture of the Irish Renaissance and the role of myth and folklore in its development.

Another English teacher, **Elizabeth Crosby**, led an MUS in Europe trip through Spain and France studying World War I and the American Expatriate Experience. The trip followed the journey of Jack Barnes, the protagonist in Hemingway's 1926 novel, *The Sun Also Rises*. This group traveled from Paris to Beuguete, a French mountain city, to Pamplona and San Sebastian in Spain, and then on to La Giraudiere.

History instructor **Eric Berman** (left) and his wife, Joan Traffas (history instructor at St. Mary's Episcopal School), traveled to Europe to walk the El

Camino de Santiago (the Route of St. James) this summer. The route begins in Germany, passes through France, and ends in Spain at the tomb of St. James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. The life-changing journey took Berman and Traffas 35 days and 500 walking miles to complete.

**Trey Suddarth** was chosen as one of 25 Latin teachers nationwide to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Seminar entitled, "Houses of Mortals and Gods: Latin Literature in Context," which focused on the

Attracting and retaining extraordinary instructors is a goal at any educational institution, and MUS is no exception. Salaries must be competitive; working conditions must be excellent; and opportunities for personal and professional growth must not only be offered, they must be supported and encouraged by the administration. One mark of an extraordinary instructor is the desire to learn more, to constantly improve one's skills and knowledge in a chosen subject matter; and professional development opportunities are paramount to teacher retention and growth.

Thanks to a generous gift to the school, \$50,000 annually for five years has been made available for faculty professional development. This summer, an MUS history teacher took a class at Cambridge, an English teacher did a workshop at Phillips Exeter Academy, a history teacher walked a medieval pilgrimage trail in Spain and France, an English teacher taught boys in France and Spain as part of MUS in Europe, two other English teachers taught an MUS in Europe course in Ireland and France, two Spanish teachers took a group to Guatemala for a Spanish immersion program, two math teachers spent a week with the author of their textbook, another

math teacher wrote his own textbook, 11 faculty members attended the International Conference of Boys' Schools, a Latin teacher studied in Rome on a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, many faculty members attended a five-day workshop on critical thinking, a history teacher added hours toward his Ph.D., ten teachers worked on faculty web pages at school, and ten more teachers worked on projects ranging from two to seven days integrating technology into their curricula. Our faculty is committed to personal and professional growth. Here are a few examples from this past summer.

Spanish teachers **José Hernández** and **Mindy Broadaway** sponsored MUS's first annual Spanish immersion program in

Antigua, Guatemala. The program was conducted

through the Christian Spanish Academy which offered a structured language program for the boys. For three weeks, ten students attended classes five hours a day and lived with host families in Antigua. They were able to develop relationships with native Spanish speakers

*Mindy Broadaway, dressed in traditional wedding attire, practices her skills at carrying a baby and water jug just as many women still do in rural parts of Guatemala.*



study of Roman houses. Suddarth studied architectural elements, did a wide range of reading in Latin, and traveled to many places of historic interest throughout Italy, including the hometowns of Vergil and Horace.

In July, history instructor **Robert 'Doc' Winfrey** attended the Cambridge Teacher Seminar in Cambridge, England. There are approximately 20 American teachers per program who break down into smaller discussion groups to focus on themes in history, literature, science/math, or school administration. The groups were able to experience local culture as well, such as soccer games, outdoor plays, and tours of schools and cathedrals.

English teacher **Jeffrey Gross** participated in a five-day humanities institute at Phillips Exeter Academy. His learning process began with the Harkness table which is found in most classrooms at Exeter and sits at the center of its teaching methods and curricula. He learned that it is possible to encourage "mid-dling" students to contribute to their own education as well as to the education of others through student leadership of discussion and the conscious awareness of classroom dynamics and interaction.

Sixteen MUS teachers took advantage of the opportunity to expand their knowledge of technology use in the classroom by participating in webpage workshops or by working on individual technology projects. Math instructor **John Knaff** perfected his knowledge of software that works with the graphing calculator and learned other math software as well; and **Mindy Broadway**, Lower School Spanish teacher, mastered *Rosetta Stone* (the new Spanish software purchased for the Lower School language students) and provided training for the other language teachers during in-service. Math instructor **Nancy Gates** worked with a new collection of calculus activities and labs that can be used with the Geometer's Sketchpad software, and **Betty Williams** explored on-line materials and software available to use with her class's new algebra book. Religion instructor **Elliott Dent** developed new methods of integrating technology into the existing course curriculum; and science instructor

**John Olson** developed web pages for the new astronomy course.

**Bonnie Barnes, Mindy Broadway, Barbara Crippen, Diana Moore, Loyal Murphy '86, Jim Russell, Norman Thompson, Dax Torrey '94,** and **Bryn Wulf** participated in the faculty web page workshops under the tutelage of Education Technology Coordinator **Judy Rutledge** to improve their proficiency in Microsoft FrontPage and create or update their faculty websites.

**Nancy Gates** and **Bruce Ryan '80** attended a week-long workshop in July at Mills College in Oakland, California, that was led by Paul Forester, author of their new textbook, *Precalculus with Trigonometry, Concepts and Applications*.

**Darin Clifft** wrote a textbook to be used by MUS students for his Introduction to Calculus and Statistics course. His book includes six

chapters of material, each with four sections covering the lessons, and he developed practice tests to accompany each chapter, as well as electronic notes to be used on an overhead projector.

Dr. Linda Elder is a well-known educational psychologist with extensive experience in leading seminars for educators in such topics as infusing critical thinking into instruction, the affective dimension of thinking, and Socratic questioning. **John Harkins** arranged for her to lead an in-depth, five-day critical thinking workshop for a group of faculty members prior to in-service and another workshop for the entire faculty during in-service week.

**Ellis Haguewood, Rick Broer, Ellen McDonell, Bryn Wulf, Manning Weir '90, Debbie Lazarov, Emily Baer, John Knaff, Loyal Murphy '86,** and **Elliott Dent** attended the 11th Annual International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC) Conference, "Broad Shoulders; Open Minds," in Dallas, Texas. These teachers and administrators attended workshops and seminars, listened to several lectures, and shared ideas with other leaders of boys' schools throughout the world. The keynote speakers included Reverend F. Washington Jarvis, headmaster of

The Roxbury Latin School, who spoke on the spiritual life of boys, and fiction writer Tim O'Brien, whose book *The Things They Carried* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.



Top: Lin Aske and Barbara Crippen teaching on the Atlantic coast of Ireland; Above: Bill Taylor, Elizabeth Crosby, and Reginald Dalle in the poppy fields at La Giraudiere in France; Right: José Hernández with MUS students in Guatemala



## Faculty Profile

# CHAIR HOLDERS



Clay Smythe and  
Patrick McCarroll

*A school can teach* the basics of education and turn out hundreds of *capable students* each school year. To turn out a truly *remarkable individual* – someone who is morally bound, intellectual, and a socially-conscious member of society – a school and its faculty must focus on the spiritual well-being of a student as well as his academic standing. MUS faculty members exhibit ethical behavior both inside and outside the classroom, and our students receive a comprehensive life education because of their example and teaching. This year, two faculty members, both MUS alumni, have been named to MUS chairs because of their valuable contributions to the spiritual life of MUS students.

### **Clay Smythe '85**, *the Robert J. Hussey, Sr. Chair of Religion*

Religion instructor **Clay Smythe '85** has been named to the school's Robert J. Hussey, Sr. Chair of Religion. **Robert J. Hussey, Jr.**, **Richard W. Hussey**, and **Edwin C. Hussey '63** established the award in honor of their father in 1985. The senior Mr. Hussey was a founding member of the Board of Trustees and a long-time supporter of the school, and he is considered one of the school's founding fathers.

Smythe feels honored for this recognition and believes strongly that his position as religion instructor is vital for MUS students who recognize the need for some higher power in their lives. "The Bible states that humankind is 'made in God's image,'" said Smythe. "I

find that statement true as I witness the spiritual nature of our boys. I see evidence of this nature in their rich opinions about justice, mercy, and truth, and they sense a higher authority pressing upon them, something that informs their moral opinions. It is something more than tradition. It is weightier than their emotions. They sense that they are not simply random products of a material chemical universe.

“Rather, our students recognize beauty and love and duty as something worthy to achieve,” he continued. “Even though we do not always agree on the source of these insights, we realize that we are all in some tension with the world we encounter every day. I see their tension as evidence of the fact that there is something real, something personal beyond the empirical, beyond the temporal, which we all long for. That is why I enjoy teaching religion and philosophy. At MUS, I live among boys in my classes who search for something better, for that unknown which they long for in order to make sense out of their lives. I believe what they long for is God.”

“I am pleased that Clay Smythe now holds the Chair of Religion, made possible through the generosity of the Hussey family,” said **Headmaster Ellis Haguewood**. “Loved by students and respected by colleagues, Clay exemplifies the scholarship and faith-commitment one expects of the holder of this chair. Clay Smythe and the Hussey Chair of Religion are a perfect match.”

Smythe has been a member of the MUS faculty since 2001, and prior to that he was an owner and president of Memorial Park, Inc. Smythe holds a B.A. in history from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and an M.A. in theology from the Covenant Theology Seminary. As chairman of the MUS Religion Department, he leads courses in philosophy, ethics, New Testament, comparative religion, and Christian Theology. Smythe is also actively involved with the students, formally as faculty advisor to the Civic Service Organization and informally as the brains behind many of the students’ skit themes and Homecoming activities.

Additionally, he is co-founder of the Wilberforce Education Foundation, a non-profit foundation that strives to develop and fund Christian world- and life-view programs that cultivate leadership at the secondary and university levels. He is a past president of the MUS Alumni Association, MUS Volunteer of the Year in 2001, a former board member of Memphis City Beautiful, and an inaugural member of the Leadership Academy Fellows Program, which began in January 2004. Smythe, along with many MUS students, is also actively involved in tutoring efforts at K.I.P.P. Diamond Academy, a Memphis City School, as well as with the Emmanuel Episcopal Center.

Smythe and his wife, Gracey, are parents of five-year-old Stan and three-year-old James.

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## **Patrick McCarroll '92**, *the Anne and Glenn A. Crosby Chair of Christian Ethics*

History and German instructor **Patrick McCarroll '92** has been named to the Anne and Glenn A. Crosby Chair of Christian Ethics which was founded by **Nancy** and **V. Glenn Crosby** in honor of his parents. The chair recognizes an outstanding educator, in an academic discipline selected by the headmaster, who is an exemplar of Christian ethics in the classroom and in daily life, promoting the mission of MUS to develop “well-rounded young men of strong moral character, consistent with the school’s Christian tradition.”

The chair has been vacant since the retirement of William Mulroy in 2001 and was originally intended for a religion instructor. This year, however, the scope of the endowed teaching chair was broadened to include teachers from other academic disciplines.

McCarroll has tried to be a leader by example in terms of ethics. “I try to live my life according to God’s will,” he said. “I do not see myself as an outspoken advocate, *per se*, of ‘Christian ethics’ on campus; but I believe strongly in leading by example and not doing things for recognition.” McCarroll places a strong emphasis on devotion and service in his personal, spiritual life. “I have always tried to place a heavy emphasis on prayer, both private and public. I believe it is very important to go to church and pray with others.”

McCarroll also serves MUS as an assistant football coach. He received his B.A. in European History and graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Rhodes College in 1996. He earned a master’s degree in medieval history from the University of Memphis in 1998, and he is currently pursuing a Ph.D., also from U of M. “Patrick is an outstanding classroom teacher and is truly a faculty exemplar of the Christian ethics of justice, mercy, and humility and a role model for students and teachers alike,” said Haguewood.

The Crosby Chair comes with a financial stipend which McCarroll plans to donate to several charitable organizations, including St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Cordova, the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, the Memphis Literacy Council, and the Memphis Inter-Faith Agency (MIFA). These organizations represent the four areas of charitable giving and service he believes in most strongly – hunger relief, literacy, environmental preservation, and the church. He is married to Anne and hopes to take a more active role in student-run service activities when his football commitments lighten in the spring.

Nancy and Glenn Crosby are the parents of four MUS alumni: **Glenn '77**, **Mark '79**, **Scott '82**, and **Andrew '89**.

MUS has been fortunate over the years to be the recipient of many generous gifts designated to establish endowed chairs of teaching. The Hussey and Crosby Chairs are two of eight eminent chairs that have enabled the school to recognize and reward our exceptional teachers.

**A. Robert Boelte, Jr.**  
Chair of Excellence in Teaching  
*currently being funded*

**Anne and Glenn A. Crosby**  
Chair of Christian Ethics  
*held by Patrick W. McCarroll '92*

**L. Edwin Eleazer III**  
Chair of Excellence in Teaching  
*held by Norman S. Thompson, Jr.*

**Robert J. Hussey, Sr.**  
Chair of Religion  
*held by S. Clay Smythe '85*

**Sue Hightower Hyde**  
Chair of English  
*held by James D. Russell*

**Ross McCain Lynn**  
Chair of History  
*held by John E. Harkins*

**Ruth McCaughan Morrison**  
Chair of Science  
*held by Albert L. Shaw*

**Donald Bailey Wiener**  
Chair of Mathematics  
*held by Nancy N. Gates*

# THE CLASS OF '04 HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

The Class of 1904 left the building a century ago, and they left us few clues as to where they were going. We do know that the Class of 1904 graduated into a pretty good world where war and pestilence were behind them, prosperity was all around them, and the country believed in progress. In 1904 Dr. Seuss was born, the St. Louis World's Fair opened, and Pope Pius X banned low-cut dresses in the presence of church men. The Wright brothers had flown, and automobiles were on the road. Americans believed in progress, the mood was expansive, and, as the boys might have said, "*Laissez le bon temps rouler*" — Let the good times roll.

The Class of 1904 was made up of only four boys, the rest having fallen by the wayside. The boys were: **Lois Bejach**, **Albert Curry**, **Elliott Fontaine**, and **Douglas Hunter**. All had been at MUS for two or more years, with Fontaine holding the record at ten. In '04 they were editors of the *MUS Kito* (the yearbook) and *Topics* (the newspaper), played tennis and football, and belonged to clubs and societies. In their pictures as editors, they are posed stiffly, very grave and solemn, as befitted their status and responsibilities. As editors of the yearbook, the Class of '04 paid homage to the school, its faculty, its founders, and any and all grave and serious entities there might be. They also made jokes about themselves and their schoolmates, and they printed a list of "aspirations," a light-hearted look into the future of the Class of '04. In the spirit in which they were written, we present the "aspirations" for the Class of '04 and then what really happened, the facts: where the members went, what they did, and what happened to them. The "where" and "what" are lives as lived in the newspapers, as the Class of '04 did not see fit to report back to the school as "old boys." And now, in alphabetical order, the Class of '04:

## Lois Bejach

**Aspiration:** Have long hair and write poetry

**What really happened:** Lois Bejach obtained a law degree from Harvard in 1911, then returned to Memphis for a



Left to right:  
Lois Bejach,  
Albert Curry, Elliott Fontaine,  
and Douglas Hunter



long and distinguished career as a judge and legislator. He was a lieutenant in the field artillery during World

War I and was active in veteran's organizations. He was the author of the "Bejach Law," which gave women the right to retain their property after they married. Perhaps this was a foreshadowing of events in 1920, when Tennessee became the thirty-sixth and deciding state to ratify the constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote.

## Albert Curry

**Aspiration:** Leader of the Salvation Army

**What really happened:** Reverend Albert Curry, Jr., Ph.D., became a teacher and Presbyterian minister. He attended Davidson College and taught briefly at MUS before following in the footsteps of his father, who was a local minister of some note. Reverend Curry held a chair at a New York seminary before becoming interested in what now would be termed outreach. He seems to have led a rather peripatetic life and was reported as living near

the east and west coasts at the same time in newspaper accounts of his father's death.

## Elliott Fontaine

**Aspiration:** A chef of dainty dishes

**What really happened:** Elliott Fontaine became a banker at what was then called the Union and Planters Bank. He never married and lived with his mother at the family home on Adams Avenue. By 1918, not only war but pestilence, in the form of the Influenza Pandemic, had come into the lives of the Class of '04. According to a newspaper account, Fontaine

came home from work one day in September 1918, stating that he was tired out and seemed to be suffering from the effects of a heavy cold. Ten days later he died of pneumonia, with the contributory cause of death being influenza. Services were held in the family home, and he was buried at Elmwood Cemetery. He was 33 years old when he died. His family home, now known as the Woodruff-Fontaine House, is operated as a museum by the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities.

## Douglas Hunter

**Aspiration:** Enlightened writer of essays

**What really happened:** Douglas Hunter, who appears to be an energetic and athletic boy in his yearbook pictures (he was "right end" on the 1903 football team) became an invalid early in life. He attended Vanderbilt University and graduated with a degree in law but was never able to practice. He seems to have become ill about the time he graduated from Vanderbilt, and he was in poor health for the rest of his life. He lived with his mother until his death at age 47.

And so ends the story of the Class of '04, which, in its small numbers, was a microcosm of its times. One class member went to war, and another class member fell victim to the great pandemic. The world had changed, and no one would look upon it with the same eyes as before.

The age of innocence, if such ever truly existed, was past.

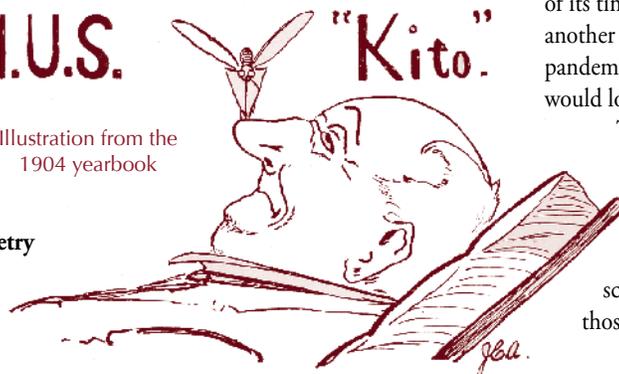
The MUS Archives, ever on the search for new materials, welcomes items relating to the history of the school and appreciates the generosity of those who have given such.

— Carolyn Crum, Archivist

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Illustration from the  
1904 yearbook



# Lynn and Thorn Societies **THRIVING**

by Cathi Jones

The Lynn and Thorn Societies, both established in 1996, have grown steadily over the past eight years. In 2003-04, the Lynn Society had 28 members who made gifts totaling \$139,675; the Thorn Society had 241 members who gave \$280,988. Together, that represents 69 percent of all gift revenue from the Annual Fund. The impact that these giving societies have on the school is crucial. Because tuition does not fully cover operating expenses, this support helps us operate within a balanced budget each year, while offering the best educational and extracurricular programs available.

We recently welcomed two new presidents of the societies. Both are graduates and fathers of current MUS students, and both have agreed to offer their support to MUS by serving in these important leadership roles.

**D. Stephen Morrow '71** is the new president and a founding member of the Lynn Society. "When Ellis Haguewood asked me to serve as the new president of the Lynn Society, of course I said yes," Morrow explained. "The society is imperative to the advancement of the school because it raises funds above and beyond tuition. Colonel Lynn was the most important man in the school's history, and we alumni strive to honor him by becoming members of this society."

**Samuel N. Graham II '80** serves as the new president of the Thorn Society. When asked why he is making this commitment to MUS, Graham said, "The school had such a positive impact on my life. This is a way for me to give back in a service role. As a parent, I see how much the school depends on outside contributions to maintain its standard of excellence. It's exciting to see such a groundswell of support from the MUS community, and I'm eager to give information to this community on how their investments will impact on the school now and in the future."

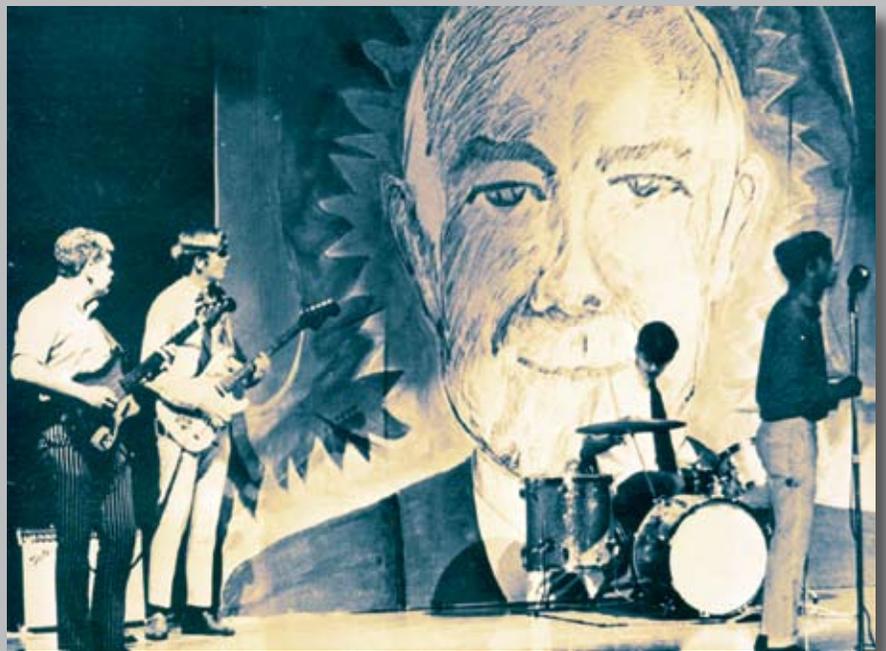
"I always had a good relationship with Gene Thorn," added Graham. "He is the epitome of a gentleman and a scholar, and I will do everything I can to give honor to him."

Perry Dement, Director of Advancement, said of these new presidents, "Steve and Sam will each provide exceptional leadership for the Lynn and Thorn Societies. They both have long histories of involvement at MUS and are dedicated volunteers who want the very best for their alma mater. I'm confident that, with their direction, we will see continued growth in the societies and the impact they have on our students and faculty."

The Lynn Society is named for Ross M. Lynn, who served as Headmaster from 1955-1978. The society recognizes individuals who

have provided generous financial support for the annual operation of the school as well as leadership, loyalty, and expertise. Lynn Society members give annual unrestricted support of \$10,000 or more as Benefactors or \$5,000 or more as Patrons of the society.

Members of the Thorn Society also set an outstanding example for others to follow through their generosity and school involvement. The society is named in honor of Headmaster Emeritus D. Eugene Thorn, a dedicated teacher, mentor, and leader. He began his 37-year career with MUS in 1955 and served as headmaster from 1978-92. Benefactors of the society provide annual unrestricted gifts of \$2,500 to \$4,999. Patrons of the society provide gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,499.



This picture above shows how much Headmaster Ross Lynn was revered but was also part of the spirit and fun at MUS. From Steve Morrow's 1970 yearbook, the caption reads: [John] Cosgrove, [Hughes] Mayo, [Gary] Stevens, and [Warren] Ayres give tribute to The Boss.

From the 1980 yearbook, Gene Thorn leads a round of 15 snappy rahs with Yell Leader Sam Graham. Today Thorn is still an active part of the MUS community and often can be seen at sports games and special events.



# Selling *Door-to-Door*

by Frances Rabalais

Even at the young age of 26, **Brian Kelsey '96** has big plans – for himself and for the state of Tennessee. He ran for the State House as the representative from District 83, which includes parts of East Memphis and Germantown. This past August, Kelsey defeated five other candidates to win the Republican primary, sending him to the general election against Democratic candidate Julian Prewitt. And on November 2, with 75 percent of the vote, Kelsey claimed the District 83 seat being vacated by veteran GOP lawmaker Joe Kent.

A practicing attorney with Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston, Kelsey has had a passion for politics ever since he first attended Youth Legislature as a ninth-grader at MUS. Although the bill he crafted for Youth Leg that year, one that encouraged designated drivers for underage drinkers, was not passed by his fellow lawmakers-in-training, Kelsey says that his experience taught him “to appreciate that a rigorous lawmaking process results in well-honed, well-drafted legislation.” He also credits Youth Legislature with showing him the difference between government and politics, a significant distinction any political candidate must understand. So far, Kelsey has maneuvered successfully between the two by integrating his ideas about specific legislation with the tangible results of winning an election.

Kelsey’s campaign has been marked by a slew of volunteers, which he feels is his greatest strength in the election. His volunteers, including his brother **Carr Kelsey '92** who says that Brian’s dream has always been to be a politician, aided Kelsey in campaigning door-to-door, passing out literature, and managing his database of voters. Door-to-door campaigning was an essential step in making sure that supporters actually made it to the polls to cast their ballots. Kelsey was not too worried, though. He felt that his voters were “enthusiastic enough to turn out,” and he was sure that would make the difference in the race.

While some may see Kelsey’s youth as a sign of inexperience, he viewed it as a bonus in this election. His youth contributed to the energy and enthusiasm he possessed while walking through neighborhoods for several hours each evening, meeting voters and listening to their concerns. Kelsey also has the benefit of recent experience working in the offices of President George W. Bush in the White House Counsel’s Office, Senators Bill Frist and Fred Thompson, and Congressman Ed Bryant while he was in school at Georgetown University, which, Kelsey says, is more government experience than all of his competitors in the primary combined. “My love of the lawmaking process was solidified with my time in Washington working for Senator Thompson,” Kelsey elaborated.

One thing that Kelsey learned from his campaign is that friendships made at MUS definitely do not end at graduation. **John McGreger '04** and **Austin Rainey '04**, two of Kelsey’s volunteers, are among the many alumni who have supported the former Owl in his bid for election. Kelsey says, “I am very glad to have involved MUS students and recent graduates in my campaign so they can learn the political process early.”

Kelsey’s excitement at the opportunity to represent the people of District 83 is evident to anyone who speaks to him about the campaign or witnesses his hands-on style of reaching out to voters. In his new position, he hopes to lower healthcare costs, improve schools, and reduce frivolous litigation in Tennessee, and Kelsey promises to sponsor a bill to give surplus funds back to taxpayers as a property tax refund. He expects that these initiatives will reduce unnecessary bureaucracy at the state level.



Brian Kelsey and Carr Kelsey on the campaign trail



Whether it is Kelsey’s enthusiasm, his innovative ideas about new laws in Tennessee, or his ardent supporters that has made him successful, it is no surprise that this young MUS alumnus is already winning elections. “District 83 is a special community that deserves not just a backbencher but a real leader in Nashville to champion its issues,” remarked Kelsey. “The district includes MUS, after all.”

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# CONVENTION

by Ben Jenkins '97

## IN ANTICIPATION...

I packed no journal and left no room for expectations. I figured that keeping a “blog” was a good idea but would have been terribly impractical. Given the choice between flying or taking the train, I chose to drive; and, given the nature of my week-long trip, I decided that when everything was completely finished, I wanted the ability of quick escape as much as the soothing effect of a political storm’s residual wind on my face. I was headed for my first Republican National Convention – ready to maneuver my jeep north along that familiar stretch of I-95 that frustrates thousands of motorists daily and discourages even the most adventurous souls from leaving their homes. I was committed.

## HOW WE CAME TO BE AT CONVENTION...

I guess I should say we were committed. My fellow GOper and MUS alumnus **Alex Strong '97** and I work for two organizations that by nature intersect politically on a daily basis. The Republican Governors Association (RGA) and the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee (RGPPC) have more in common than just two letters of their acronyms. Each organization works entirely with the Republican governors of the United States and its territories – as well as with Republican gubernatorial candidates.

The RGA has somewhat more of a controversial role in the current American political climate – due in large part to campaign finance reform and our aggressive



Ben Jenkins met country music star Lee Ann Womack during the festivities.

amounts of money and spend according to state laws. Of course, different states have different fiscal regulations.

The RGPPC, though more shielded from the public eye, helps shape GOP policy at the state level, which then influences policy on the national plane – reaching even the White House. In fact, three of the last four presidents were governors, and two (including the sitting President) were Republican governors who worked closely with both the RGA and RGPPC. Ronald Reagan actually chaired the RGA from 1968-1970.

After graduating from William and Mary in Virginia ('01) with a double-major in religious studies and philosophy, I gave up plans to go straight into law school when I landed a position at the RGA. As RGA’s deputy press secretary, I help elect and re-elect Republican governors – a job that is almost exclusively political; thus, I felt obligated (read as: *was sort of required by work*) to attend the Grand Old Party’s Olympiad – which we quickly learned to refer to simply as: *Convention* (secretly at first, I just wanted to see Blues Traveler play at Planet Hollywood).

agenda as an IRS-designated 527 political organization, which among other 527s has pervaded presidential politics as well as gubernatorial elections. Political organizations such as the RGA, though controversial, are allowed to raise unlimited

Alex, like me, went from Memphis to a Virginia school. He earned his degree in economics from Virginia Tech in 2001 and similarly deferred law school aspirations to try his hand in the nation’s capitol. Starting at the RGA, Alex moved to the RGPPC to satisfy his policy fix. Rapidly excelling through the policy department, Alex is currently the RGPPC’s senior policy analyst. As the governors convened in New York City, Alex’s blossoming expertise was required to liaison between the governors and the elder RGPPC policy-wonks. Thus, Alex joined me along the voyage to Convention – Alex for the policy, and me for the political.

Leaving our day (and sometimes night) jobs behind, we departed the capitol via I-95, bound for *Convention* and what was sure to be an exciting week. What we found was not only a thrilling political journey (regardless of partisanship), but also an exhilaratingly fun time in which we saw several MUS alumni along the way. Arriving at the illustrious Midtown Manhattan New York Palace Hotel, we checked in and set up our headquarters for the following week. And on the first night, we rested.

## THE HIGHLIGHTS...

Opening Day was a blur of excitement. The festivities began with a welcome from Ed Gillespie, the chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC), during the morning session. After New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Republican Governor Marc Racicot (MT) gave rousing welcomes, there was time to wander along the floor and familiarize ourselves with the lay of the land. Since it was opening morning, there was plenty of space to move freely around Madison



David Bowlin '97, Alex Strong '97, McCown Smith '98, and Ben Jenkins '97 on the convention floor

Square Garden. During our meanderings, we listened to a variety of speakers – as well as the less attractive formalities of RNC official business.

Later on Opening Day, the RGA hosted “A New York Night at Noche” in Manhattan. This party featured salsa entertainment and hand-rolled cigars. Though there is no smoking in the city, Noche has a rooftop patio where one could walk outside if so inclined. (It’s always surreal to see the governors doing ridiculous things like puffing away on free cigars while crammed outside on a balcony.) For Alex and me though, it was back into a strategy session at headquarters to tweak our “media response” plan, as was often the case throughout the week.

After our first “adjustment” meeting, as most *Convention* patrons were putting down their cocktails and finishing off their appetizers to move on over to evening session, Alex and I made our way out to Long Island where we began preparations for the Governors Golf Tournament the next day – at the renowned Bethpage

State Park Black Course, site of the 2002 U.S. Open. Though we missed two amazing speeches [Senator John McCain (AZ) and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani], the Black course was at the very least breathtaking. And, just to remind the governors that they were still indeed human, we had Tiger Woods’ 2002 U.S. Open drives marked on every hole.

After a full day’s golfing and lesson in humility, it was back for the next evening session of *Convention*. Tuesday night’s lineup was highly touted, and it delivered. Senator Bill Frist welcomed the night’s audience and introduced the evening session’s attractions. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger keynoted the event and was tough – throwing around controversial words and phrases like only someone from Hollywood could. But, in the end, he was successful. He was followed by the unfortunately less experienced Bush twins and lovely First Lady Laura Bush. After session, we ran into some Texans who invited us to a “Toast to Texas” party featuring music

from Austin’s own Pat Green. It was a very good day.

Wednesday was another full day’s “work.” The morning session featured Republican Governor Linda Lingle from Hawaii and Senators Rick Santorum (PA) and Mitch McConnell (KY). Afterward, Alex and I made our way to Brooklyn for the Republican Governors “A Brooklyn State of Mind” Street Fair—complete with Uncle Sam on stilts and face-painters. New York Governor George Pataki introduced Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee and his southern rock band, Capitol Offense, which entertained at the event with the East River as a backdrop. The fair was a great chance to have serious one-on-one time with the governors and talk about anything from the presidential election to the sound of the band. Alex and I were mostly trying to introduce the RGA members to governors, while making sure everything ran relatively smoothly. This was a joint operation between our groups – which meant it was a laid-back and fun time on the surface, but it was pretty stressful underneath with so many people attending.

Back to the Garden in time for Democratic Senator Zell Miller’s speech, Alex and I decided to wander down to the Tennessee delegation in hopes of finding more familiar faces than the members we’d spent most of our time with up to that point. As we stood there, tight in a crowd, the only recognizable persons were Frist and former Senator Fred Thompson. Not exactly what we were hoping for in terms of conversation. However, just as we were about to turn and head back up to the Governors’ Cloakroom (solace from the storm), Alex and I were called out by two fellow MUS alumni, **David Bowlin '97** and **McCown Smith '98**.

David works for America International Group (AIG) in the Alternative Risk Group. Part of his job is addressing

collateral obligations of Fortune 500 companies—many of whom were represented at *Convention*. McCown, a trader for The Galleon Group, attended for similar reasons. Both David and McCown work out of New York City and received tickets as guests to visit clients. After mingling and moving, David and McCown too decided to seek comfort near the Tennessee delegation. We all four arrived at exactly the same time. From there, we collectively agreed to move to the Governors' Skybox for a bird's-eye view of the main speech of the Wednesday evening session: Vice President Dick Cheney.

Still fired up from Zell Miller's prime-time speech, the four of us watched attentively the Vice President, and the Garden was *loud*. You could feel the intensity getting heavier. We all knew that the next day would bring President Bush to the podium – and *Convention*, at least as far as the public was concerned, would be coming to a close. But before it did, the four of us had tickets to see *Brooks & Dunn* at Rockefeller Center in a private concert hosted by Frist and Bono of U2. The concert benefited "World of Hope" in support of the international AIDS effort. It was an amazing cap to a fantastic day. It was at this concert that the four of us decided to submit photos of our chance reunion to *MUS Today*.

Finally, Thursday had arrived. There was no morning session – just organizational events throughout the day in preparation for the President's speech. In the late afternoon, RGA hosted a party at Planet Hollywood called "RGA Rocks the Planet" featuring entertainment from *Blues Traveler*. John Popper, though skinnier, was no less accomplished a musician. It was a wonderful show, and we left for the Garden in high spirits, ready for the main event.

## THE GRAND FINALE...

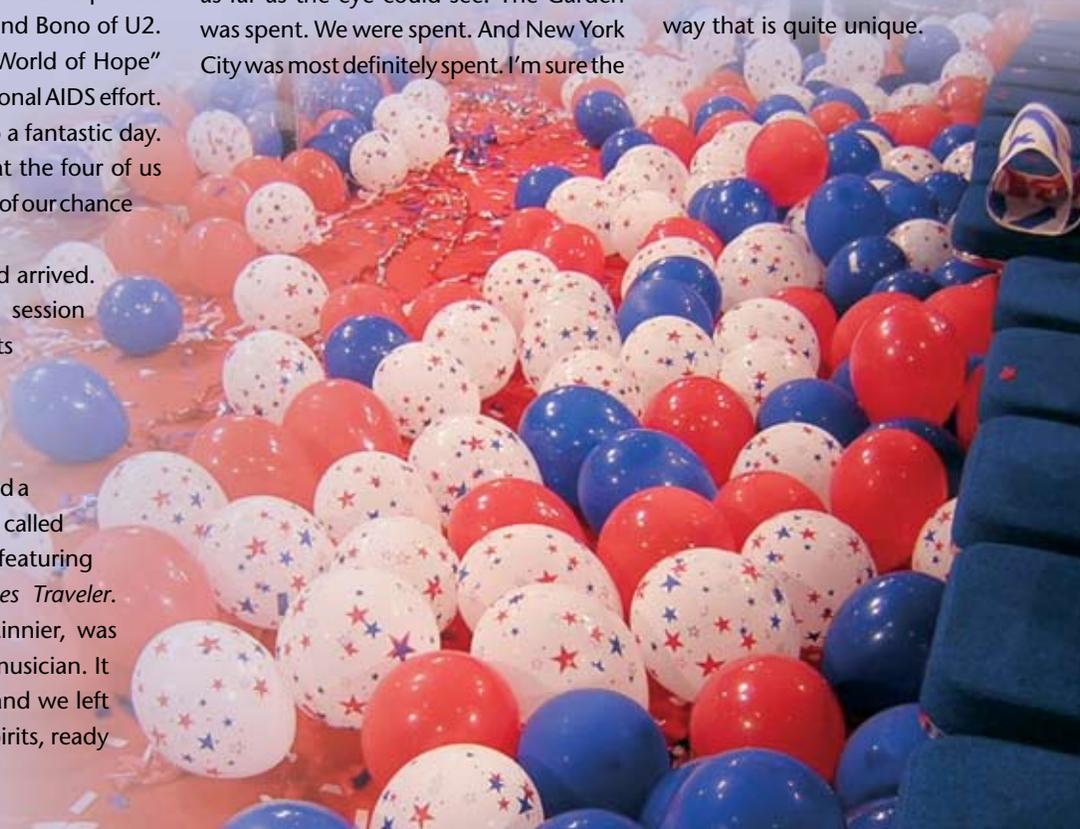
It was a quiet, calm-before-the-storm sort of feeling. The Call to Order, Presentation of Colors, and National Anthem all seemed to have a more patriotic tone than the rest of the week. This was the moment we'd all been waiting for – the moment when Bush would formally accept his party's nomination. The entire week had been built in anticipation of this speech – geared toward making everyone excited enough to run out and vote on Election Day – every single organization trying to participate in "energizing the base."

General Tommy Franks commanded our attention with his support of George Bush's leadership abilities. Then the music of Michael W. Smith brought everyone into a more reflective mood. Next, Governor Pataki was up for his primetime turn to introduce Bush to the podium. Finally, after a week's events, the moment had come – and gone.

When it was all said and done, there was nothing left but balloons and confetti as far as the eye could see. The Garden was spent. We were spent. And New York City was most definitely spent. I'm sure the

city-folk were ready for our departure – as they let us know from time to time. On the whole it was a tremendously positive experience. RGA and RGPPC each had an unbelievably successful *Convention*. In the meantime, we met up with some Owls, as well as got to meet and mingle with some of Tennessee's most influential leadership.

The drive home was soothing, just as I had expected. The week was complete; and it was time for rest – at least for a day or two. As Alex and I drove back to Washington D.C. – along an interstate that now seemed less high-strung than *Convention* – we reflected on all that happened while we were in New York. We decided that there was much work, but there was also much play. Unfortunately, the norm was that there was very little sleep. However, the best part by far was catching a glimpse of the paths other Owls have taken and getting to reunite with fellow Memphians. Further, we realized that partisanship aside, really significant happenings tend to tie us back to MUS somehow – in a way that is quite unique.



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PERRY DEMENT AND JULIA CHESNEY

## BACK FOR AN ENCORE PERFORMANCE

**Perry Dement** is back after a year-long gig with the Greater Memphis Arts Council where he was vice president of marketing and development. And he's back with an expanded role. He is returning as Director of Advancement, responsible for development, communications, and admissions.

Dement began at MUS in 1996 as Director of Development. In his first seven years, he helped the Annual Fund grow more than 200 percent and inaugurated the Thorn and Lynn Societies. He also managed the Doors to New Opportunities Capital Campaign, the largest in MUS's history. This time around, Dement is working to expand development and admissions in an environment of increased competition in the independent school marketplace.

According to Dement, "I look forward to the challenge of retaining and building on MUS's status as the premier educational institution for boys in this area of the country."

The consummate professional, Dement lends his expertise to the community as he serves on the boards of the Memphis Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and The Wesley School. MUS welcomes Dement's leadership as he rejoins the administration.

## ANNUAL FUND UNDER NEW DIRECTION

Welcome to **Julia Chesney**, who has joined the MUS Advancement Office as Director of the Annual Fund. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Communications and English. She also holds dual graduate degrees, an M.B.A. and a Master of Arts in Arts Administration, from Southern Methodist University. During her masters programs, Chesney gained considerable experience through internships in communications and development at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Sotheby's in Dallas, and the Nasher Foundation in Dallas. Prior to her graduate work, she was assistant membership coordinator at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis. She was recently named to the Delta Axis Advisory Board.

Chesney is well acquainted with MUS and independent schools. She is a 1996 graduate of St. Mary's Episcopal School. Her older brother, **Duncan Chesney**, graduated from MUS in 1992 and younger brother **David** also attended MUS for several years. If you get a call from Julia, don't be a stranger!

### OMISSIONS FROM THE 2003-04 ANNUAL REPORT

Our sincere apologies to those who inadvertently were left out of listings in the recent *2003-04 Annual Report*.

**Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Halperin '67** should have been included as D. Eugene Thorn Society Patrons in the Thorn Society listing, and **Mark J. Halperin '67** should have been included as a Thorn Society Patron in the Board Donor listing and Class of 1967 listing.

The following should have appeared in the Thorn Society Patron listing:

**Mr. and Mrs. Keithley J. Barton '75**,  
**Mr. and Mrs. Cage B. Carruthers '76**,  
and **Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Roberts '92**.

**Mr. Ralph T. Gibson '84** should have been included as a Thorn Society Patron in the Class of 1984 listing.

**Mr. Jonathan A. Ballinger '87** should have been listed in the Class of 1987 Faculty Club.

**Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baer** should have been included as making a Restricted Gift in the Friends of MUS listing.

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— D. Elton Trueblood

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## *In Memory of*

### **William H. Bryce III '67**

Bill Bryce passed away on February 24, 2004, in Boca Raton, Florida, at the age of 54. His work as treasurer and vice president at Bryce Corporation was cut short by a long illness. From 1975-2003, Bryce managed and led the Memphis-based manufacturer of snack foods packaging. His father founded the company in 1969. **John Pettey '67**, a friend since kindergarten, called him "a very bright, very intelligent, at-the-top-of-his-class, high-achieving person." Bryce earned a B.A. from Lambuth in Jackson and attended Memphis Theological Seminary. He served as an elder at Christ the Rock Church and was involved in prison ministry and other activities. Bryce leaves his wife, Patricia; mother, Dorothy; brothers, Tom and **John Bryce '73**; and two sisters, Beth Hackett and Meg Robertson.

### **William D. Evans, Jr. '61**

On October 31, 2004, one of the most popular members of the Class of 1961 passed away. Bill Evans was a leader in his class while at MUS and a dear friend to his classmates throughout the years. At his funeral, many members of the 1961 class and retired MUS administrators, including Coach Jake Rudolph and Headmaster Eugene Thorn, paid their last respects.

Evans played basketball and baseball and was an All-County football player while at MUS. He was also president of the U Club, an Honor Council and Student Council representative, and a member of the National Honor Society. At graduation, Evans was given the Faculty Medal of General Excellence and was named Best Athlete.

After his graduation from MUS, Evans attended Vanderbilt University where he earned his undergraduate degree. He then received his J.D. from the University of Tennessee Law School and received a master's degree in Labor Law from Georgetown University. He began his career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and after several years he returned to Memphis to practice law with Glankler, Brown, Gilliland, Chase, Robinson, and Raines where he worked until 1982. He returned to Washington, D.C., to work for the Department of Justice until 1986, and he then went into private practice for several years before joining the Anne Arundel County Office of Law where he was a senior assistant city attorney.

Evans was a lector at Holy Trinity Church in Washington and was active in social and charity work. He was also a member of the Chevy Chase and Metropolitan Club social clubs.

Evans' son Will said his father remained close to his MUS friends throughout his life for several reasons. "He grew up with these men, and their parents all socialized together. They had the bond of MUS and playing sports together there, and then they had children who were the same age and socialized together." Will also said that Mr. Evans came to Memphis almost every month to care for his aging mother and almost always saw his MUS friends. "He was very loyal to his friends, and they all came to each others' weddings and then to their children's weddings. The MUS bond is truly like nothing I have ever seen before."

Evans was the beloved husband of the late Eileen McKenna Evans, and he leaves three sons – William D. Evans III, Carter M. Evans, and Alexander B. Evans – mother, Maxey Carter Jackson; and daughter-in-law, Elisa Katherine Evans. A memorial fund has been established in Evans' memory at MUS. If you are interested in contributing to the fund, contact Perry Dement, Director of Advancement, at (901) 260-1350 or perry.dement@musowls.org.

### **Humphrey E. Folk, Jr.**

MUS lost a great friend on June 19, 2004. Humphrey Folk, 68, grandfather of three current MUS students and one alumnus and an ardent MUS supporter, died as a result of on-going problems from a 1991 skiing accident that left him confined to a wheelchair. "He was such an inspiration to everyone, the way he handled his disability," said his son Tripp Folk. "He always, always had a positive outlook and never lost his love for life. He never let that wheelchair slow him down."

Folk, a successful businessman and philanthropist, was most well-known as co-founder of Folk's Folly, one of the city's finest restaurants. The ironically named establishment has been a Memphis favorite since Folk opened it with partner Pete Aviotti in 1977. Folk was inducted into the Tennessee Restaurant Association Hall of Fame in 2000. Although most well-known as a restaurateur, Folk also found success in the 1960's with Folk Construction Company, which specialized in river work.

Doubly well-known for his love of children, Folk was involved with several local charities including Youth Villages, the Leukemia Foundation, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for these and other charities over his lifetime, Folk's commitment to children was boundless. A significant donor to the Memphis Library Foundation's construction of the Central Library and sponsor of scholarships at MUS, Folk was strongly committed to the advancement of education in Memphis. From publishing a cookbook for the Memphis Child Advocacy Center to establishing a summer camp for the Boy Scouts, the results of his contributions are widely visible throughout the community.

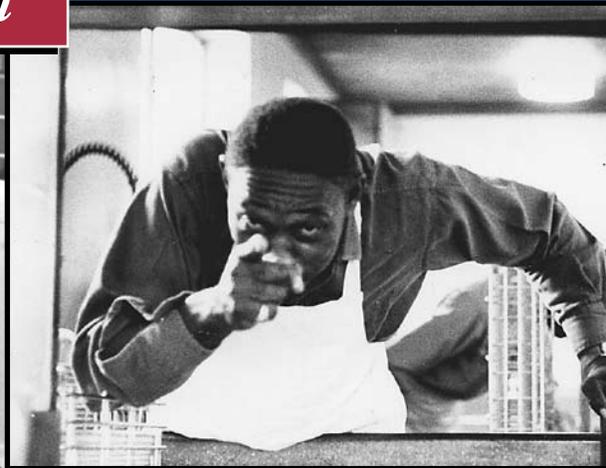
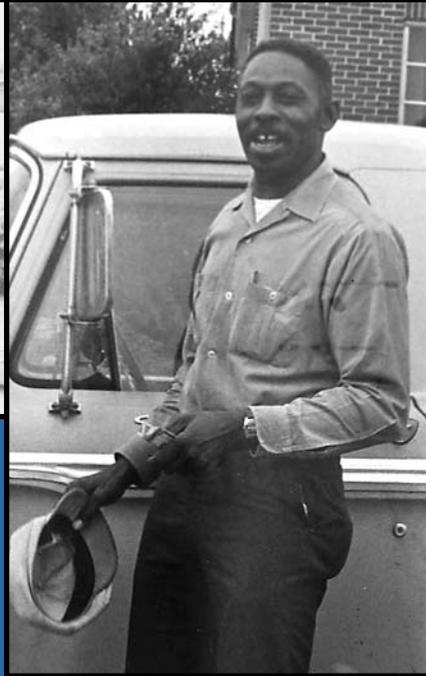
Folk, who attended Castle Heights Military Academy and Vanderbilt University and was a member of the Society of Entrepreneurs, will be greatly missed by his family, by MUS, and by Memphis. He leaves his wife, Gloria Fowlkes Folk, four sons, a stepson and stepdaughter, and 17 grandchildren, including **Humphrey Estes Folk '02**, **Alexander Folk '07**, **Robert Folk '09**, and **Michael Folk '09**.

### **Steven C. Minkin '65**

Steve Minkin of Anniston, Alabama, passed away on February 20, 2004, in Birmingham. Minkin lived in Anniston with his wife, Missy. He leaves a son, Steven; a daughter, Molly; and mother, Katherine Merlin Minkin. Born in Lausanne, Switzerland, Minkin was a U.S. Army Officer in the Vietnam War. He attended the University of Tennessee, where he earned his B.S. and M.S. in geology. Minkin served as an environmental engineer for Westinghouse Corporation in Anniston for seven years. He attended Grace Episcopal Church where he was active as a lector and volunteer. Minkin was also active in the Alabama Paleontological Society and the Anniston Museum of Natural History.

A great supporter of MUS, Minkin established the **Ross Whittier Livermore '63** Basketball Spirit Award in 1977. He established this award in memory of his friend and neighbor, who was killed in action during the Vietnam War in January 1969 at the age of 23. During their years at MUS, the Minkin family and the Livermore family were neighbors on Massey Road. Minkin and his brother, **Bruce Minkin '69**, continually made gifts to MUS for this award, which is presented annually at the Basketball Awards Dinner by Coach Jerry Peters to the player who most embodies the "spirit" of MUS basketball. Although not a player himself, Ross Livermore was an enthusiastic team supporter. The Reverend **Charles Livermore '67**, brother of Ross Livermore, officiated at Minkin's funeral service.

## Remember When



With admiration and fondness, we remember **Robert Watson**, a friend of MUS and former long-time employee. He died at the age of 79 on September 5, 2004, at Saint Francis Hospital.

From 1960 to 1990, Watson could be found roaming the halls of MUS, always busy, and always with a smile on his face. He was beloved by students, alumni, faculty and staff, so much so that the school established a day on which to celebrate his many contributions. On March 24, 1976, Colonel Lynn declared it Robert Watson and Willie Taylor (another long-time employee) Appreciation Day. The Student Council decided that a "long-deserved honor should be bestowed upon these men who have devoted almost 20 years of friendship and service to MUS and MUS students." Invitations for the celebration were sent to alumni, who sent back responses such as: "These

were friends in the truest sense." Both were presented with a hand-lettered scroll of the proclamation of the day and a check, a small token of appreciation from alumni, faculty, staff, and students. At that time Watson had been working at MUS for 16 years; he would go on to work at the school for 14 more.

Watson served in countless custodial capacities and saw to it that the school ran smoothly and seamlessly all the days that he worked here. The following article from an old edition of *The Owl* sums up in a few words why March 24 will always be Robert Watson Day at MUS:

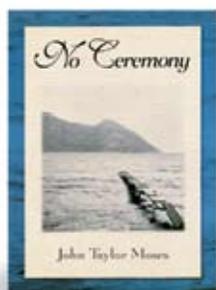
*Virtually all MUS students know Mr. Robert Watson as the friendly man who always has a*

*kind word as he cleans around them during the school day. His other contributions to MUS, however, are largely unrecognized. For more than 30 years, Robert has helped make the school function smoothly and efficiently. He opens and closes most of the school every day. He has helped with keeping the grounds, driven students and faculty all over the Mid-South, catered and cleaned up after dances and receptions, and earned the reputation as one of the most dependable persons on campus.*

Watson attended Taylor Chapel CME Church where he was member of the steward and trustee boards. The widower of Louise Watson, he leaves an incredibly large family of 4 daughters, 2 sisters, 3 brothers, 23 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Robert, we will miss you.

# COVERS



**John Taylor Moses '95** has written *No Ceremony*, his first work of literary romantic fiction. According to the publisher, "Several good authors emerge each year that can offer a style of writing that is clearly different than any other. *No Ceremony* by John Taylor Moses is a book that presents this possibility...."

*No Ceremony* is the story of two young adults from completely different cultures who have both suffered the first tragedies of their lives. Cole Morgan is a recent college graduate from the South who feels a deep kinship to the woods, fields, and waters of his native Mississippi Delta. One summer afternoon, after a day on the lake with friends, an automobile accident that results in a death forever changes how he views the world around him. Seeking to help him recover from the loss, Cole's parents send him to a remote Greek island in the Ionian Sea to stay with family friends. In Kefalonia, Cole meets Maria Girgiou, a British-educated young Greek woman who is dealing with a recent loss of her own. Together, they embark on a significant lesson in healing, friendship, and potential love. In the process, *No Ceremony* transcends generational definition and becomes a story readers of any age can personally relate to and enjoy.

At MUS, Moses was first introduced to the texts that stimulated his desire to write, such as *The Merchant of Venice*, *Wuthering Heights*, and *Catcher in the Rye*. In 1995, he began a seven-year period of study at the University of Mississippi. The English Department at Ole Miss flooded him with more favorite books and authors, including Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, Cormac McCarthy, Will Percy, and Larry Brown. He wrote for the college newspaper, the *Daily Mississippian*, during his undergraduate years, and the Department of Journalism published his newspaper works in a paperback entitled *The Last Stand of Innocence*.

After college, Moses spent a summer on a fishing ranch in Wyoming as well as on a secluded island in the Ionian Sea. Earth, sea, and sky transformed his work, and the ensuing story shares not only the innocence of the people but also the unspoiled beauty of the physical world. His law school years further influenced his writing technique. He graduated *cum laude* from Ole Miss Law in May of 2003 and currently practices law at Glankler Brown PLLC in Memphis. He spends much of his free time writing, visiting Oxford, and enjoying his family at their farm in Brownsville, Tennessee.



**Matt Tutor '91** recently released his self-titled debut album which he recorded in California with Steve Holley on bass and Donzell Davis on drums. The two sides of his music, electric soul and acoustic stories, have been blended together to form a wonderful listening experience. In fact, he wants to bring back storytelling to songs. From the mildly dark sentiment in the opening tune, "Would You Love Me Anyway," to the tongue-in-cheek humor of "Please Forgive Me," from the highly energetic "Mrs. Jones Again" to the laid-back groove of "All I Need Is You," the listener is taken through a journey along the various paths everyone crosses from time to time. Tutor wrote "Pretty, Little Red Headed Girl," an instrumental, about his wife, Sheila, and it was included in their recent wedding. According to Tutor, "It's a musical representation of how I feel when I think about her."

Love, life, mistakes, regret, faith, doubt, and second chances fill up this eclectic mix of blues, soul, folk, funk, and rock. The songs have beginnings, middles, and ends, and by the end of the album, you've been through many experiences with the characters in the songs.

After MUS, Tutor worked in studios around Memphis. Over the last 13 years, he has recorded with such people as Derek Trucks, Eric Gales, R. L. Burnside, James Cotton, Dave Smith, Steve Potts, Carl Weathersby, the HI Rhythm Section, and Bob Brookmeyer. He received critical acclaim from the rendition of Led Zeppelin's "Custard Pie" that he recorded with Eric Gales and Derek Trucks on the album "Whole Lotta Blues: The Songs of Led Zeppelin."

In December of 2000, Tutor received a bachelor's degree in Jazz and Studio Performance from the University of Memphis. His educational pursuits would eventually land him in Boston, Massachusetts, where he received a master's degree in Jazz Composition from the New England Conservatory of Music. In Boston, he had the honor of studying with such legends as Bob Brookmeyer, George Russell, and Malcolm Peyton, as well as younger, though equally brilliant composers like Ken Schaphorst and Allan Chase.

Tutor is currently performing in Memphis and is passionate about music. His album is for everyone. The variety is refreshing, the musicianship is delightful, and the production is terrific. While the songs may vary slightly in terms of genre, the musical thread is always there: it's all honest, it's all real, and it's all Matt.

# Where y'@?

MUS alumni are a small and tight-knit group. But despite the small number, it is difficult to keep tabs on everyone as jobs, homes, and families change. Below is a list of "missing" alumni – meaning MUS has no current contact information for them. If you know one of these men (or you are one of them), let us know where you are. Contact the Alumni Office at (901) 260-1350 or [jean.saunders@musowls.org](mailto:jean.saunders@musowls.org).

## Class of 1958

J. C. King

## Class of 1959

Howard W. Ellis  
Robert M. Metcalf  
Richard Snyder  
Thomas L. Waring

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William C. Doggrel  
Bennett F. Files  
O. J. Norris  
Raymond J. Strong  
Dan S. Taylor  
James R. Williams

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Thomas W. Hayden  
Michael P. McTighe  
James F. Rawls  
William A. Richie  
Jerome B. Temple  
James S. Thomas  
Earl F. Thompson

## Class of 1962

Ronald R. Chamberlin  
James G. Place  
Richard L. Smith  
Dan T. Work

## Class of 1963

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Robert H. Crump  
Robert W. Graham  
John M. Hutchison

## Class of 1964

Richard M. Gatling  
Robert A. Hunt  
Gerald W. Lumm  
Gary E. McCrory  
Gregory C. Warren

## Class of 1965

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Samuel K. Hardy  
Robert H. Howe  
James W. Lawson  
Frederick C. Lovitt  
William P. Miller  
Michael S. Morgan  
John A. Nicky  
Peter J. Schelhorn  
Donald F. Sloan  
William B. Walton  
Thomas C. Woods

## Class of 1966

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William H. Bryant  
John E. Carrier  
William E. Glover  
Edmund K. Smith  
George H. Smith  
Robert L. Taylor  
Timothy P. Whittington

## Class of 1967

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Gregory K. Davis  
Ralph E. Lewis  
Noel H. Mayfield

## Class of 1968

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James E. Dwight  
Robert A. Hoffmeister  
Joseph E. Moser

## Class of 1969

John B. Booth  
James Condon  
Herbie Davis  
James S. Garner  
Paul R. Jobe  
Douglas E. Jones  
James M. Langdon  
Percy H. McBride  
Shaun B. McIntosh  
Wylie G. McLallen  
Christopher N. Powell  
Terence J. Reilly  
William S. Roberts

## Class of 1970

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R. S. Cherry  
Hart G. Dillard  
David T. Gildart  
Allen N. Howe  
Harold L. McGeorge  
Nelson L. Stephenson  
Howard Stringfellow  
William G. Walker

## Class of 1971

David R. Bull  
Bruce C. Edenton  
Kirkpatrick W. Frederick  
Gabe C. Hawkins  
Patrick N. Hay  
Mark M. Jarzombek  
David W. Lenz  
J. M. Perkins  
James L. Petty  
William L. Pritchard

## Class of 1972

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Charles F. Farmer  
Danny P. Goodwin  
Warren H. Hamilton  
David L. Larson  
George L. Miller  
Christopher H. Pinkel  
Michael A. Rightsel  
James T. Walkup  
Charles L. Weber  
Ronnie E. Wilson

## Class of 1973

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Arthur J. Fisher  
Wayne C. Gullede  
Stephen W. Leachman  
Robert H. Mays  
David H. McGehee  
Douglas M. O'Neill  
Joseph W. Sanders  
Kenneth W. Smith  
John K. Williams

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Stephen Bedford  
Frederick A. Belton  
Ronald A. Caldwell  
Steven C. Hayward  
Morris M. Jones  
Lee W. Lance  
Charles W. Lewis  
J. R. Matz  
Mark E. Meeker  
James T. Taylor

## Class of 1975

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L. D. Johnson  
Samuel F. Lewis  
W. L. Richmond  
Roy B. Scott  
Keith F. Sellers  
Bradford L. Sides  
John A. Trumpore  
Allen C. Williams  
Roger R. Wynfrey

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Barry M. Morris  
Bryan D. Thompson  
William C. Threlkeld  
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## Class of 1977

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James G. Enright  
John M. Gowdy  
W. C. Kehoe  
Jack McDonald  
Mack B. Oliver  
Henry B. Rogers  
Robert L. Shemwell  
Charles E. Stuart  
William S. Westland  
Leonard D. Wright

## Class of 1978

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William R. Bruce  
Thomas K. Creson  
Henry H. Hancock  
George D. Higley  
David A. Howe  
Lon D. Lazar  
Steven K. Manly  
Carl T. Morrow  
Robert M. Robinson  
W. D. Stinson  
Stephen A. Thomas  
John M. Townes  
Ben R. Vasa

## Class of 1979

John H. Allen  
Joseph E. Baker  
Kent W. Boler  
Roy R. Bratton  
Steven E. Corlew  
David M. Dunlap  
Babak Esmali-Azad  
Bobby C. George  
John R. Jennings  
Allen W. Landers  
Henry L. Massey  
J. T. McGowan  
Hilton A. Roberts  
Robert W. Shockley  
Matthew L. Smith  
H.M. B. Sprunt  
Carmi Y. Stadlan  
Dennis B. Steinmetz  
Barron L. Williams

## Class of 1980

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Allen O. Battle  
Charles W. Burrow  
Brian D. Cunningham  
Bruce M. Gordon  
Steven R. Hays  
Richard F. Jackson  
Gregory E. Parker  
Lawrence S. Spencer  
Ray E. Wooten

## Class of 1981

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Peter B. Amminger  
Michael A. Howlett  
Keith F. Johnson  
Keith M. Killebrew  
Campbell H. Levell  
Charles C. Sullivan

## Class of 1982

Charles S. Blatteis  
Michael T. Boals  
Bradley J. Bolton  
David S. Galloway  
Everett B. Gibson  
Michael M. Howard  
William T. McLemore  
Vance A. Roe  
Benjamin F. Ward

## Class of 1983

Kenneth J. Byrd  
Chauncey L. Denton  
Richard Y. Jung  
Robert P. Rogers  
William T. Sorrells  
J. M. Wright

## Class of 1984

Scott D. Blen  
Thomas W. Cooke  
Thomas F. Faires  
Scott O. Tackett

## Class of 1985

Thornton E. Bryan  
Robert W. Campbell  
Michael T. Commerford  
Trent M. Hanover  
Ian A. Jones  
Hank C. Lee  
Frank J. Steed  
Michael E. Thomas  
Robert F. Thompson  
Howard B. Turner  
Bradley R. Young

## Class of 1986

Kouross Esmali  
John E. Matthews  
Brian S. Moore  
Mark A. Salky  
Jeffrey S. Schlosberg  
Jason M. Strong  
M. B. Waddell  
Richard M. Wells

## Class of 1987

John E. Dahl  
Tejas A. Desai  
Daniel J. Hartman  
Arun Ramanathan  
Kevin K. Sipe  
Howard M. Sklar  
John K. Van Heiningen  
Alvin J. Weber  
W. M. Yarbrough

## Class of 1988

J. M. Cisneros  
G. F. Earney  
Andrew S. Girard  
Christopher N. Gossett  
Hadley J. Hamilton  
Meyer A. Horn  
Shawn T. McClure  
Brant L. Weber  
Britton K. Woodward

## Class of 1989

D.W. S. Jones  
David M. Phillips  
John H. Pritchard  
Manish R. Purohit  
Reginald J. Richter  
Robert O. Riggs  
Eric M. Schofield  
Morton B. Waller  
Brian A. Webber

## Class of 1990

John B. Ballentine  
John T. Battaile  
Daniel H. Biller  
Leslie L. Buck  
Ryan J. Lieberman  
Rajeev Memula  
Max B. Ostner  
W. C. Parsons  
Scott M. Peterson  
John A. Roberts

## Class of 1991

Wayne W. Chang  
Damon C. Desio  
John W. Effinger  
Eric L. Elms  
Brian S. Lindseth  
C. C. Maddox  
J. W. Perkins

## Class of 1992

Jarks Ahlbon  
Timothy L. Davis  
Wade A. Fogarty  
David S. Henderson  
Christopher W. Kelly  
Sanjeev Memula  
Paul H. Morris  
John T. Nichol  
J. B. Witherington

## Class of 1993

Joshua S. Benton  
John B. Carter  
Drew A. Germain  
Hemant Gupta  
M. R. Leoncavallo  
James W. Summers

## Class of 1994

Harold C. Bartlett  
Brandon M. Cuicchi  
James K. Dickinson  
Daniel J. Kapner  
Vinay U. Kini  
Timothy R. Mainardi  
W. C. McCullar  
C. J. Novel

## Class of 1995

Phillip M. Cook  
Kevin M. Howard  
Thomas K. Lamoreaux  
Brian M. Paris  
Bryan K. Parker  
Brandon M. Woo

## Class of 1996

Scott R. Bratton  
Aaron A. Ewert  
Thomas M. Hewgley  
Alan S. Hsu  
Joseph A. Inman

## Class of 1997

Ronald L. Ansley  
Fletcher F. Maynard

## Class of 1998

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Matthew R. Decker  
Henry D. Gayden  
John G. Hollingsworth  
Joon S. Kim  
Minor B. Leblond  
John K. Massey  
George A. Pettey  
J. S. Priester  
John S. Rouse  
John C. White

## Class of 1999

Stewart C. Copeland  
Nathaniel L. Freeman  
William B. James  
Chun-Jen Wang  
Andrew W. Yeh

## Class of 2000

Ramsay C. McCullough  
Adam R. Whitt

## Class of 2002

David A. Rattton

# Alumni News

'58

Needs a Class Representative  
Call Claire Farmer or Julia  
Chesney at 260-1350

'59

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'61

**Scott May**  
Class Representative  
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It saddens me to report that our classmate, **Bill Evans**, died October 31, 2004. He was vacationing with friends at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. Bill had a massive heart attack at about 6:00 a.m. (See more on page 38.)

**Pitt Hyde** was recently inducted in the Automotive Hall of Fame, which is located in Dearborn, Michigan. In a press release, officials said he "revolutionized the automotive aftermarket. In 1991, he was instrumental in overturning legislation that would have threatened the existence of the aftermarket parts industry."

'62

**Jerry Bradfield**  
Class Representative  
jbradfi293@aol.com

**Fred Smith** was named 2004 CEO of the Year by *Chief Executive* magazine. He was described as the mastermind behind the \$25 billion FedEx, revolutionizing how business absolutely, positively gets done.

Class of 1964 and their wives welcomed special guests Carolyn and Jake Rudolph (front) to their 40th class reunion party.



'68

**Bill Ferguson**  
Class Representative  
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**Bill Hoehn** and his wife, Susan, celebrated the birth of their first grandchild this past June. In July, he swam in the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim with **Will Newbern '72**. They both finished in less than nine hours, and were the oldest entrants in the solo division. In August, Bill swam the English Channel solo. Four days later, he turned 54. (See full story on page 23.)

## Marriages

**Will Hughes '89** to Katy Bratton on October 9, 2004

**Andrew Shipman '89** to Ashley Brewer on November 15, 2003

**Ross Dyer '91** to Amy Johnston on August 14, 2004

**Matt Tudor '91** to Sheila Brusky on October 2, 2004

**Michael Shivers '95** to Margaret Povall on October 23, 2004

**Grady Saxton '96** to Jennifer Russell on June 12, 2004

**Kevin Williams '96** to Esie Arrindell on August 14, 2004

**Josh Acker '97** to Amy Treat on April 8, 2004

**Eddie Aftandilian '97** to Catherine Cogley on July 10, 2004

**Matt Saenger '98** to Melissa Thompson on July 10, 2004

**Phillip Cook '00** to Renee Wimmer on August 21, 2004

## Births

E Bet and **Clayton Peebles '77**, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, born August 9, 2004

Jeanne and **John Wilbourn '77**, a daughter, Jean McCadden, born September 17, 2004

Erin and **David Simpson '80**, a son, David Louis Simpson V, born May 10, 2004

Amy and **Jeff Barry '84**, a daughter, Elizabeth Sykes, born August 11, 2004

Shanna and **Winston Brooks '87**, a daughter, Anna Catherine, born August 6, 2004

Kristine and **Kevin Ogilby '88**, a daughter, Emily Grace, born June 26, 2004

Meredith and **Jason Fair '89**, a daughter, Brooke, born May 31, 2004

Elizabeth and **David Newman '89**, a daughter, Caroline, born October 9, 2004

Kristi and **Gilbert Strode '89**, a son, Gilbert P. Strode IV, born January 19, 2004

Adriana and **Cameron Trenor '89**, a son, Owen, born April 5, 2004

Cathy and **Robert Wilson '89**, a daughter, Ann Meade, born April 6, 2004

Julie and **Philip Wunderlich '90**, a daughter, Katherine Ann, born October 19, 2004

Kimberly and **William Tayloe '92**, triplets, a daughter, Juliette Claire, and two sons, William Roberts Tayloe, Jr. and Henry Byars, born September 17, 2004

Kellie and **Owen Morse '95**, a son, Jackson Palmer, born October 18, 2004

# Alumni Honored for Commitment to School and Community

Each year the MUS Alumni Association Executive Board recognizes alumni who have actively supported the school or contributed significantly to the community. This year's award recipients were **David Montague '82** as Volunteer of the Year and **Allen B. Morgan, Jr. '60** as Alumnus of the Year. A luncheon in their honor was held on Thursday, October 7, at The Racquet Club of Memphis.

**Wise Jones '73**, president of the 2003-04 Alumni Association Executive Board, presided over the awards luncheon. "The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an MUS alumnus who serves Memphis University School in a significant and needed way throughout the year, seeking out opportunities to promote the interests of the school," Jones said before presenting the award to Montague, who is the director of Service Over Self (SOS), a Memphis-based Christian community development organization. The program gives high-school age students an opportunity to work with homeowners in the Binghampton neighborhood who are physically or financially incapable of maintaining their homes. Students participate in work days, weekend retreats, and weeklong mission trips. For the past two years, MUS students have joined Hutchison School students in SOS projects in their civic service endeavors. Montague is a regular phonathon volunteer, Annual Fund donor, and Capital Campaign contributor to MUS. He has led an MUS student Bible study group for many years and is a veteran of the Alumni Basketball League multi-championship team, The Ponies. Montague and his wife, Kelli, have four daughters.

Morgan was chosen for the Alumnus of the Year Award, which is "given to an MUS alumnus who exempli-

fies community leadership and personal integrity, personifying the school's guiding principle of developing well-rounded young men of strong moral character." Morgan is founder and chairman of Morgan Keegan & Company and vice chairman of Regions Financial Corporation. He serves on the boards of many civic and cultural organizations, including the Public Building Authority of Memphis and Shelby County, the State of Tennessee Building Finance Committee, the City of Memphis Mud Island Park Board, Methodist Hospitals, the Memphis Community Foundation, Trezevant Manor Allen Morgan Health Center, and St. Andrew's School. He is a past president of the Arts Appreciation Foundation, the Cotton Carnival, the Liberty Bowl, the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, and the Memphis Downtown Leadership Council. Morgan was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Society of Entrepreneurs in Memphis, and *Financial World* magazine honored him as one of three outstanding CEO's in the securities industry. He is a founding member of MUS's Thorn Society and a current

member of the Lynn Society, and he is a Capital Campaign contributor. It is significant to mention that Morgan Keegan & Company is the number-one employer of MUS alumni. Morgan is married to Musette Sprunt Morgan, an MUS trustee, and they have two daughters and a son, Worth, who is currently a senior at MUS.

**Owen Tabor '85** was named as the new Alumni Association Executive Board President during the luncheon, and nine new board members were named: **David Bradford '95, Joel Brown '61, Craig Christenbury '83, Marshall Clark '77, Andrew Cowan '78, Joel Fulmer '67, Cecil Godman '78, Billy Orgel '81, and Johnny Pitts**



Headmaster Ellis Haguewood thanks Allen Morgan (left) and David Montague (right) for their extraordinary service to MUS and Memphis.



Owen Tabor (left) accepts the presidency from out-going president Wise Jones.

'69

**John Keese**  
Class Representative  
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**D McPhaul** is living in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he is the owner of Nu-Life Properties, a real estate and construction company.

'73

**Montgomery Martin**  
Class Representative  
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**Larry Hayward** has accepted a call to become pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia, after serving fourteen years as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

'74

**Mark Ruleman**  
Class Representative  
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**David Yawn**, his wife, Cathy, and their two children live in Memphis where David is a professional business writer for David Yawn Communications.

'76

**Cage Carruthers**  
Class Representative  
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**Nap Overton** placed third for his stock-picking prowess in real estate companies from Forbes.com. Nap is an analyst with Morgan Keegan.

**Johnny Pitts** has finally recovered from his reign as this year's King of Carnival. Although it makes for an exhausting week, Carnival Week is always exciting and invigorating for the Carnival Royalty making their daily visits to the various schools and charities around Memphis.

Reunion classes partied in all parts of Memphis during MUS Homecoming Weekend, October 8-9. Pictured left, the Class of 1969 and their wives gathered at the Grove Grill to celebrate their 35th reunion.



Class of 1974



Class of 1979

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear *MUS Today*,

I was intrigued by the letter from Chuck Hamlett regarding the 1997 ABL Championship game. I wish that I could shed some light on the matter of who actually won the C League Championship in 1997, but I can't. As team historian of the Green Machine, I can tell you that in our 25 years in the ABL, we have won so many championships and retired so many trophies that we ceased keeping records of championships won in 1995, two years prior to the date in question.

What I believe is worthy of discussion, however, is Mr. Hamlett's reference to our team, the fabled Green Machine, as "cheap shot artists." The veteran athletes of our team deserve more respect than that, since we were all playing in the ABL when the members of La Famiglia were still drilling with the PDS Safety Patrol.

It's pretty common for inferior athletes to resort to name-calling when they are unable to defeat their rivals in the arena of competition. Lou Thesz, the seven-time World Wrestling Champ, was belittled by his competitors because he wrestled with a scientific style that wasn't flashy or theatrical. But he reigned as World Champion for 13 years, and most experts agree that he would have pinned any of today's "champions," including Hulk Hogan and "The Rock," in less than three minutes. Likewise, the other teams in the C League have difficulty adjusting to the Green Machine's finesse and deliberate style of play. Therefore, they respond by hurling invectives rather than by attempting to improve their level of play in order to better compete with us.

But I digress – the issue at hand is that my team, The Green Machine, was viciously libeled by Mr. Hamlett and, by extension, his team. He should be aware that The Green Machine is owned and managed by Attorney George Skouteris, Jr., a world-renowned litigator. While it is unlikely that we will pursue any legal remedies in this case, Mr. Hamlett and his team should know that we present an even more formidable opponent in the legal arena than on the basketball court.

I'm sorry I'm unable to clarify the issues that have arisen among the ABL, the *MUS Today* staff, the Commissioner, and La Famiglia. What should be clear, however, is that the differences between La Famiglia (what a stupid, juvenile name for a team) and The Green Machine are obvious – like the difference between champs and chumps, or between winners and whiners.

Looking forward to a healthy and prosperous 2005 season, I remain,

Sincerely,

E. Hope Brooks III '80  
Scribe and Historian  
The Green Machine

P.S. Please give my regards to the Commissioner – we go way back.



## FOR THE RECORD

The 2004 ABL champions were La Famiglia of the C League: pictured above, Brandon Westbrook '92, Chuck Hamlett '92, Dow McVean '92, Clarence Chapman, Matt Wilson '92, Brad Snider, Preston Miller '92, and Mitch Stem '93. Winning team of the B League was Net Hangers: pictured right, Blake Rhea '94, Ben Wunderlich '97, Bill Roberts '94 (a one-day contract player), Jeff Woods '94, Wade Rhea '98, and Joe Abrahams '96.



'77

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Welcome new MUS parents, Sharon and **Courtney Rudolph** and Tina and **Bob Fockler**, who have seventh-grade sons. We're still looking for "Lost Classmates," **Rich Dietrich, Jim Enright, John Gowdy, Cullen Kehoe, Mack Oliver, Barry Rogers, Robert Shemwell, Charlie Stuart, Stew Westland, and Dave Wright.** **Marshall Clark**, managing director of fixed income capital markets for Morgan Keegan & Company, is the company's community service award winner. In Clark's 14 years with Morgan Keegan, he has worked with Calvary Episcopal Church, St. George's School, Perea Preschool, and other charitable groups. The recognition is part of the brokerage firm's Circle of Excellence Employee Awards. **Randy Graves** and a colleague, both landscape architects, recently opened Madison Planting & Design Group in Madison, Mississippi, a fast-growing suburb of Jackson, Mississippi. The new firm will provide quality landscape contracting and design-build landscape services for Central Mississippi.

'79

**Fleet Abston**  
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**Henry Caldwell**, his wife, Kimberly, and their two daughters live in Roanoke, Virginia. They have three Sonic Drive-In's, one with a mini-golf course next door. He plans to open Henry's Memphis BBQ in early 2005. **Sam Hollis**, his wife, Dabney, and their two children, Tift and Suzanne, live in Atlanta where Sam is senior director at Cushman and Wakefield, Commercial Real Estate. He still loves to hunt and fish and just bought a farm outside Atlanta to help him better his aim. His parents have recently moved to Atlanta, and believe it or not, sold their house to Suzy Mann's parents—strange, but true. (Suzy is one of Sam's old girlfriends.)

'81

**Rob Hussey**  
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**Kelly Truitt**, executive vice president for CB Richard Ellis Memphis, will act as principal broker for a new downtown residential real estate firm called Bluff City Realtors, LLC.

'82

**John Dunavant**  
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**Phil Canale's** eleven-year-old son is now ranked #1 in South Carolina for twelve and under boys' tennis. **Tom Owen** and his wife, Stasia, are living in Big Sky, Montana. **Jim Wilder** has started a new division of Wilder Systems for residential at home computer systems in the Memphis, Nashville, and Birmingham areas. **Brad Wilkinson** has opened his new dental office, Pediatric Dental Specialties, in Memphis.

'83

**Porter Feild**  
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**Trey Jordan**, a partner in Jordan Enterprises Incorporated, opened another Holiday Deli & Ham in Memphis where The Market on Main had been located for four years.

'84

**Bob McEwan**  
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Amy and **Jeff Barry's** brand new daughter, Elizabeth, is already having her calls screened by big sister, Kate, and big brother, Hall. The story is that little Bobby Wade is already trying to call her.

**Jim Calise** went to work for HotelPro, LLC in Atlanta.

'85

**Dede Malmo**  
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**Don Wiener**  
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**Rob Lillard**, his wife, Kathryn, and their two children, Mark and Sarah Elizabeth, are enjoying their new house in Franklin, Tennessee. Rob is a pediatrician at Green Hills Children's Clinic in Nashville.

**Ted Simpson** was promoted to executive vice president and chief lending officer of 1st Trust Bank in Memphis.

**Clay Smythe** is a member of the inaugural class of The Fellows Program, The Leadership Academy's latest initiative to offer new solutions to community problems.

'86

**Gavin Murrey**  
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**Andy McCarroll**  
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**Paul Anderson** has joined Asset Management Advisors, the wealth management affiliate of SunTrust Banks.



Class of 1984 hit the Hi-Tone for a reunion party on October 9, 2004.

# A Little Business That's Cleaning Up

by Gaye G. Swan

Ahh, the college life: a busy schedule of studying, attending class, and maybe even squeezing in a little relaxation and a party now and again. Who has time for laundry? (OK, besides your mother.) That is the question that got **Chris Schultz '91** started on a fast-growing small business in Oxford, Mississippi, better known as home to the Ole Miss Rebels.

Schultz and his partner, Matt Bruder, met when they were both logistics officers in the Navy. At Ole Miss, they decided to start a business that gave students a service they really needed, and thus Easy Laundry was born. Their motto – “Do College. Not Laundry.” – sums up the attitude of these entrepreneurs as well as their customers. The laundry provides next-day service for laundry and dry cleaning – they will even pick up and drop off the clothes. Students can have pre-paid, semester-long billing plans, and the accounts can be billed back home to mom and dad (who are thrilled to see their sons home for the weekend without bags of dirty laundry in tow).

Started in 2002, Easy Laundry has grown rapidly. “I came to Ole Miss for a master’s degree in Southern Studies. During my first semester in the program, Matt and I started Easy Laundry, and we became busy enough that I had to make a tough decision – business or school? So I stopped being a student and dedicated myself full-time to establishing and growing Easy Laundry,” Schultz explained.

Schultz credits a large part of the growth of the business to the basics he learned at MUS. “I do all the marketing/communications for Easy Laundry, and it’s important to present your business with a consistent voice and image, both in working with other businesses and in interacting with customers,” he said. “What I learned in MUS classrooms helps me every day in that regard. Communication is key. There’s nothing more underwhelming than getting a letter or e-mail from a potential business partner who can’t write a sentence, or who knows as much about commas as he does about quantum physics.

“Writing was the most important thing I learned at MUS,” he continued. “After getting a bunch of papers back from Mr. Shelton on which he’d written more than I had, the basic rules started to sink in – be specific and avoid passive voice

“The other thing I took away from MUS is confidence,” Schultz went on. “I came to MUS from a tiny private school in south Alabama in the second semester of my freshman year – not exactly the easiest time to hop into a new world. I knew nobody, and I was terrified. Was I going to be eaten alive? Even the little stuff was big to me (everybody here wears T-shirts under their collared shirts!). At the end of the year, I got selected to go to the Red & Blue Convention as a freshman rep, and I went each following year, all the while forming some great and lasting friendships. That meant a lot to me and helped to inform my confidence as I grew up.”

After MUS, Schultz headed for Duke University as an English major, and he also took classes in marketing and advertising. “I lucked out and got to study individually with some terrific writers and teachers, and I



received the university creative writing award when I graduated.

“The Navy paid my way to Duke University, so after graduation I was a supply officer for four years,” Schultz related. “I spent the time on two different ships, both out of the Norfolk, Virginia, area – first a small amphibious ship and then the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier. Supply officers are sort of the mafia of the military: you ‘get stuff’ for people. I learned customer service via the jobs I had as a supply officer – you’re responsible for people’s pay, their food, their clothes, etc. One of the many jobs you have as a supply officer is being in charge of a ship’s laundry, so that explains the genesis of Easy Laundry.”

Schultz left the Navy in 1999 to pursue a writing career in New York. He landed a job at *Inside* magazine, which covered the entertainment industry. “Probably the most notable thing I did

there was work as a reporter for the story *Inside* broke about the Segway – that super-secret scooter thing that came out in late 2000, probably most famous now for being lampooned on *The Simpsons*,” he said. He also wrote articles about music and the new economy for *The New York Times*, *Spin*, *The New York Sun*, and other publications.

“When the publishing universe got bad in New York, and when I’d determined that I didn’t want to work for magazines forever, I decided to go back to school; that’s what brought me to Oxford and Ole Miss. I’m still writing – at night, when the laundry rests – but it’s been mostly fiction.” His first published fiction was in *Shenandoah* magazine, a literary journal founded in 1950 by a group of writers including Tom Wolfe and William Hoffman.

So the future looks bright for Chris Schultz. He is enjoying Oxford and appreciates the response Easy Laundry has gotten. The laundry cleans the uniforms of the Ole Miss football coaching staff and the men’s and women’s golf teams and has a steady stream from Oxford residents. Of course the biggest amount comes from students, and Schultz is glad to contribute to student life by freeing up more time to “do college.”

And after recently expanding to Athens, Georgia, to help those University of Georgia Bulldogs keep clean, what’s next? Schultz said, “We’ve discussed implementing Easy Laundry with several other schools around the Southeast, and we will continue to expand, although the specific destination of the next Easy Laundry outlet is still up in the air. Regardless, I look forward to shepherding its expansion for years to come.” That sigh of relief you hear comes from tired mothers across the South.

Class of 1989



'87

**Jonny Ballinger**Class Representative  
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**Ralph Ho** has recently joined Mid-South Imaging and Therapeutics. He will be practicing interventional radiology at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

'88

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**Kevin Ogilby** has co-founded a real estate development company with two other partners in Ocala, Florida, that is expecting to break ground in its first residential development of 140 single-family homes in March 2005.

**Will Stratton** is no longer MIA. He recently moved back to Memphis and is in corporate sales with Interface Flooring Systems.

'89

**Pat Hopper**Class Representative  
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**Horace Carter** and his wife, Missy, live in Memphis with their two boys, Joe and Gus. Horace works at Morgan Keegan on the Fixed Income desk.

**Ted Cooper** is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Texas at El Paso.

**Rob Edwards** returned to duty last April as an Army intelligence officer, after spending a few days in a MASH hospital near Fallujah, Iraq. He came back home this month to resume his civilian life.

**Christopher Hughey's** job as a consultant with Plan4Demand Consulting Services, Inc. has him hopping. He is now living in France, his third country in two years.

**Roc Johnson** has opened a new interactive virtual agency, RocJohnson.com.

**David Newman** is an executive vice president with Checkvelocity in Nashville. His nine-

year-old son, Jack, and his wife, Elizabeth, are busy with the addition of baby Caroline.

**Todd Photopulos** has joined the law firm Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC, in its Memphis office. His former office, The Kullman Firm, will become a part of Butler Snow's Labor and Employment Group.

**Andrew Shipman** is a portfolio manager for Invesco Institutional in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Cameron Trenor** is a pediatrician living in Red Sox Nation. He's published seven papers and is married to a PhD, Adriana. Rumor has it that schools are already recruiting their new son, Cameron, for academic scholarships.

**Richard Wanderman** is the office manager for a pediatric cardiologist in Memphis and is working on his second novel.

**Robert Wilson** was recently appointed vice chair of the American Health Lawyers Association Health Information and Technology Practice Group. He was also elected to the executive council of the Tennessee Bar Association Health Law Section. Robert practices at The Bogatin Law Firm, P.L.C. in Memphis.

Headmaster Ellis Hagewood (center) dropped in on the Class of 1994 during their reunion party at Pat O'Briens on Beale Street.



# On the Road to the Major League

by Caitlin Goodrich

When **Ben Clanton '94** makes a call from behind the plate, he doesn't mind hearing a "boo" or two from the crowd in response. In fact, he prefers a resounding chorus of jeers and taunts: "It's the greatest," Clanton says. "Not many people know what it's like to be booed by 10,000 angry fans. They can't do anything about it. You're the boss, and it's awesome."

The futile feedback he receives from baseball fans who fill minor league ballparks across the country isn't the only thing Clanton enjoys about his job as a Triple A umpire – he pretty much loves it all. "I work three hours a day, and I go to work every day with a smile on my face. I can't wait to get there."

Clanton's obsession with baseball began long before he stepped onto the MUS diamond. It was love at first swing...or strike. "I always wanted to be a professional baseball player," he says. "As far as I'm concerned, baseball is the best sport out there." So it came as no surprise to family and friends that Clanton played in the summer leagues and joined the team in his first year at MUS. "All three years that I was playing heavily in varsity, we made it to the district tournament," he remembers. "We won my sophomore year. It was the first time we were good in a really long time."

After graduating from MUS, Clanton attended Christian Brothers University. "He was getting B's and C's," his mother Cecilia Clanton told *The Commercial Appeal*. "All he did was play baseball. All he cared about was baseball." But two years into his college career, shoulder problems sidelined Clanton's major-league dreams. His mother suggested that he attend Harry Wendelstedt's umpire school in Daytona Beach, Florida. The six-week "boot camp for umpires" proved to be a clarifying experience for Clanton; he completed the program determined to make it to the major leagues, this time as an official. Clanton was among the 55 picked from a group of 400 to move on to another two-week camp, and he eventually secured a job in the rookie Gulf Coast League.

The career path of an umpire is similar to that of a player: "You move up in division." And Clanton has done just that. His itinerary for the past eight years reads like the index of a U.S. atlas: Arkansas, California, Kansas, Louisiana, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia...and the list continues. Clanton, who makes his off-season home in Memphis where he works at Rafferty's to pay the bills, believes travel is

both the best and worst part of the job. "I'm gone from March to September, and when I get home, everything's changed.

All my friends have started to get married, but six months away tends to put a wrench in any relationship." Still, he makes the best of it. "I have friends in every city.

That's why I have a cell phone with 4,000 minutes," he says. "But it's great because I've seen almost all of the country." Clanton's travels have also taken him beyond U.S. borders to Canada and, in 2002, to Venezuela where the baseball season happened to coincide with a violent nation-wide strike. "We were stuck in our hotel for ten days,"

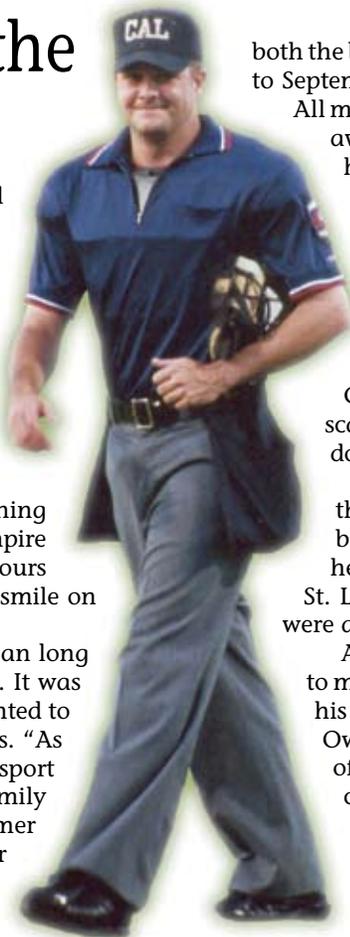
Clanton remembers. "That was probably the most scared I've ever been in my life." Needless to say, he doesn't plan to return.

But Clanton's nomadic lifestyle hasn't changed the way he feels about his hometown; he's a Memphis boy through and through. The two exhibition games he umpired between the Memphis Redbirds and the St. Louis Cardinals at AutoZone Park this past season were among the most memorable of his career.

Although Clanton can't play favorites when it comes to major and minor league teams, he makes no secret of his allegiance to his alma mater and often attends the Owls' home games. In fact, he credits MUS with much of his success: "I definitely think that I was prepared coming out of high school for just about anything, socially and academically. The older I get, the more I realize how much MUS and people like **Coach Peters** helped me grow up. A lot of those guys follow my umpiring career. My mom calls and gives them updates. I want to make them proud."

During the upcoming season, Clanton will be stationed in the Pacific Coast league where he'll travel to a different city every four days. Making it to the major league usually takes between 10 and 12 years, but that doesn't deter Clanton. "I'm on the right track," he says. "I'll get there someday."

*After graduating from Rhodes College in 2004 with a degree in English, Caitlin Goodrich joined Justine Magazine as a writer and editor. In January, MUS hired her as Director of Public Relations where she is the editor of Inside MUS newsletter and manages the MUS website and media relations.*



'90

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**Lea Riddle** has been named area executive for the Danville, Virginia, area for BB&T Corporation. BB&T Corporation is the nation's ninth largest financial holding company.

'91

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**Nicholas Getaz** is living in London, England, with his wife, Marjorie. He works for Goldman Sachs in the area of asset management. He says that if any of you find yourselves on his side of the pond, don't hesitate to look him up.

'92

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'93

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**Philip McDermott** is teaching English and working on a Masters of Education with the American Academy of English in Sosnowiec, Poland. The town he lives in is about an hour from Krakow by car.

'94

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**Jason Whitmore** has been promoted to assistant store manager at the Home Depot at the Wolfchase location in Memphis. In addition,



The Class of 1999, pictured in front of Waterford Plaza, had the largest attendance of any 5-year reunion class to date.

he is the community project coordinator for Home Depot on the revitalization project for Handy Park on Beale Street. Since graduating from law school, **Jeff Woods** has taken a job with Howard L. Wagerman in Memphis.

'95

**Jeff Murray**  
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**Jake Lawhead** has finally found his calling... after years of unsuccessful soul searching in print and radio, Jake came back to MUS as director of the annual fund. Now he has made yet another move to Colliers Wilkinson Snowden Commercial Real Estate. He was so excited that apparently, on his way out of MUS, Jake tried to broker a deal for a new, more convenient, cost-efficient campus.

'96

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By the time **Michael Rodgers** graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in May 2000, he was already living in London. He has since worked for the Barbican Art Gallery, toured as a technician for an international dance company, and spent two years engineering television for the BBC. He

'98

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**King Rogers** has joined Commercial Alliance Management as a marketing specialist. **Robbie Shappley** is a law clerk for Black McLaren Jones & Ryland in Memphis. He is currently between his second and third years of law school at the University of Memphis.

'99

**Chip Campbell**  
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**Richard Burt** has joined Destination King, a destination management company, as sales and event coordinator.

'00

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In May, **John David Hollis** graduated with honors from Georgia Tech with a degree in International Business Management and a certificate in Finance. He has accepted a position with Accenture in Atlanta, Georgia, as a financial analyst. After completing four extremely successful years at Amherst College, **Eric Osborne** will study at the Princeton Theological Seminary to pursue a Masters of Divinity on a full three-year scholarship.

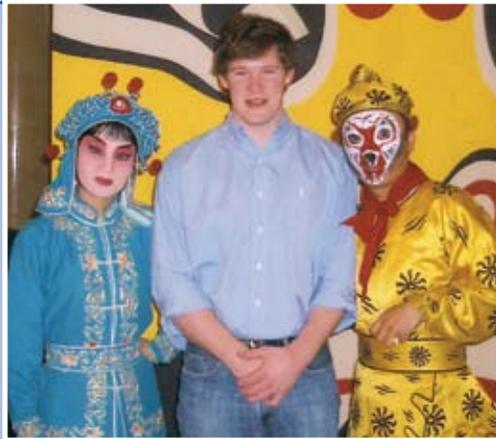
'01

**Daniel McDonell**  
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**Harrison Ford**  
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**Matthew Harrison** was elected president of the student council at Columbia University for the 2004-05 school year.

**William White**, a student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, was selected to join 80 other college students this past May in a two-week career exploration program in China. White participated in the International Mission on Business in China. The program provides an opportunity for students



William White '01 in China

to explore business in the Chinese culture, to make reflective decisions about future careers in business, and to examine the aspects of business from varying perspectives. White went behind the scenes and into the heart of Chinese business centers in Beijing, Nanjing, Suzhou, and Shanghai.

'02

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**Tyler Clemmensen** is a junior at Millsaps College, where he is a biology major. He is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and served as a campus senator his sophomore year.

**Yusuf Malik** has been elected vice president of students at Denver University. He has been an active leader on campus, serving as president of his soccer club, president of his fraternity, and president of his class in 2003-04.

'03

**Jamie Drinan**  
Class Representative

**Randall Holcomb**  
Class Agent

**Chris Beck** is an honors student at the University of Georgia and is double majoring in political science and Japanese. He is on the dean's list and was inducted into The National Society of Collegiate Scholars in September.

'04

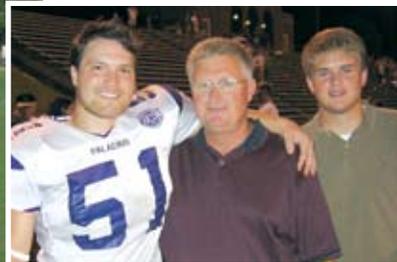
**Elliot Embry**  
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**Harris Jordan**  
Class Agent

**Cash McCracken** was elected Freshman Representative on the Undergraduate Council of Students (UCS) at Brown University. He also serves as UCS Representative on a ten-person Undergraduate Finance Board. **Philip Reed** received the Provost's Baylor Scholarship, which provides \$24,000 for eight semesters at Baylor University. The award is based on class rank and SAT/ACT scores.

## DEDICATION ON AND OFF THE FIELD

**Brent '01** and **Preston Blankenship '03** flank the new sign designating the football practice field as Blankenship Field. The field was named in honor of the two brothers through a generous gift made by their parents, Kim and Earl Blankenship. The inscription on the sign reads, "Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." (John 4:35).



In September, Coach Bobby Alston and his son, Drew, attended a football game in Birmingham, Alabama, to see Brent Blankenship (51) play for Furman University. Blankenship said that his high-school coach must have been a dose of good luck — Furman beat Samford 45-10.



# And a Good Time Was Had By All

Mother Nature couldn't quite decide if she was going to smile on Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2004 or not. The weekend had a chilly, overcast, and windy start with the Alumni Golf Scramble and luncheon at Chickasaw Country Club. Nineteen foursomes made up of MUS alumni from the classes of 1961-1999, and one son, received an MUS ball cap and headed to the fairways for good times and good golf. First place, with a score of 54, went to (pictured above)



Left: Chip Wood  
Below: Gary Wunderlich, Dan McEwan, and Andy Wright



**Evans Jack '84, Kevin Parker '84, George Early '84, and Walker Hays '84.** Second place, with a score of 55, went to (pictured right) **Jerry Martin '79, Keith Barton '75, Jim Varner '73, and Daniel Brown '78.** Jerry Martin also got closest to the pin on #15, as did **Chip Wood '79** on #9. Longest drive went to **Gary Wunderlich '88. Dan McEwan '88** and **Andy Wright '86** tied in the chipping contest.



From the Golf Scramble, it was off to the Homecoming BBQ. By this time, it was beginning to sprinkle. But the light rain didn't prevent over 400 Owls from joining in the Homecoming festivities in the Dining Hall. Reunion classes from 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, and 1999 shared memories of the good old days and pigged out on Pig-N-Whistle barbecue.

After the Owls hooted and hollered to a victory over Brentwood Academy, it was "let the parties begin!" The **Class of '64** headed to **Bill Quinlen's** home for a reunion gathering after the game, while the **Class of '69** attended a dinner party Saturday evening at the Grove Grill. The **Class of '74** met after the game at Fox & Hound and reunited Saturday night for a blow-out event at Memphis

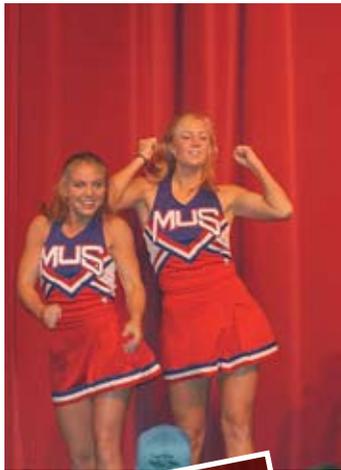


Hunt & Polo Club. After a Texas Hold'em Tourney at The Woodland's clubhouse on Thursday and the BBQ and game on Friday, the **Class of '84** held a family picnic, in the rain, at Kim and **Rick Fogelman's** house on Saturday. That night, the crowd moved to the Hi-Tone to dance the night away to the music of The Fieldstones. (Thanks to **Shermon Willmott** for making those arrangements.) The **Class of '89** left the game a little early in order to get to their big bash at Stax Museum with Hutchison's Class of '89. The five-year reunion for the **Class of '99**, the best-attended five-year reunion ever, took place in the party room of the Waterford Plaza on Saturday night.

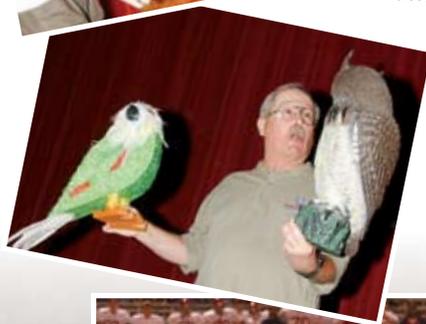


But what about the **Class of '94**? Each year, the reunion class with the greatest increase in their Annual Fund giving is rewarded with a special Homecoming party on the Alumni Terrace (this year, because of rain, the party was moved to the Wiener Hospitality Room),





Sloan Abernathy crowned Homecoming Queen Tucker Adams as Headmaster Ellis Haguewood presented roses. Her escort was Cooper Hopkins.  
Left top to bottom: Pep Rally antics fired up the MUS student body as the team prepared for a tough match with Brentwood Academy, the team that the Owls would ultimately face for a second time to win the state title.



complete with plenty of food, beverages, and fun, not to mention prime seats for watching the football game. This year, the honor went to the Class of 1994. After the game, they retired to the Blue Monkey on Madison and then to Newby's on Highland to relive the glory of their high-school days until the wee hours of the morning. On Saturday evening, the class gathered at Pat O'Brien's on Beale to cap off the reunion weekend with the Hutchison Class of 1994. The evening ended with a nightcap at Earnestine's and Hazel's, again until the early morning.

Tremendous thanks go out to those hard-working class/reunion reps that made it all happen: **Bill Quinlen '64, John Keesee '69, John Ruleman '74, Fleet Abston '79, Bob McEwan '84, Jason Fair '89, Pat Hopper '89, Kirby May '94, Chip Campbell '99, and Norfleet Thompson '99.**



## Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

Join MUS families, alumni, and friends for a day at AutoZone Park.

**MUS vs. CBHS**  
at AutoZone Park

**Sunday, April 24**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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