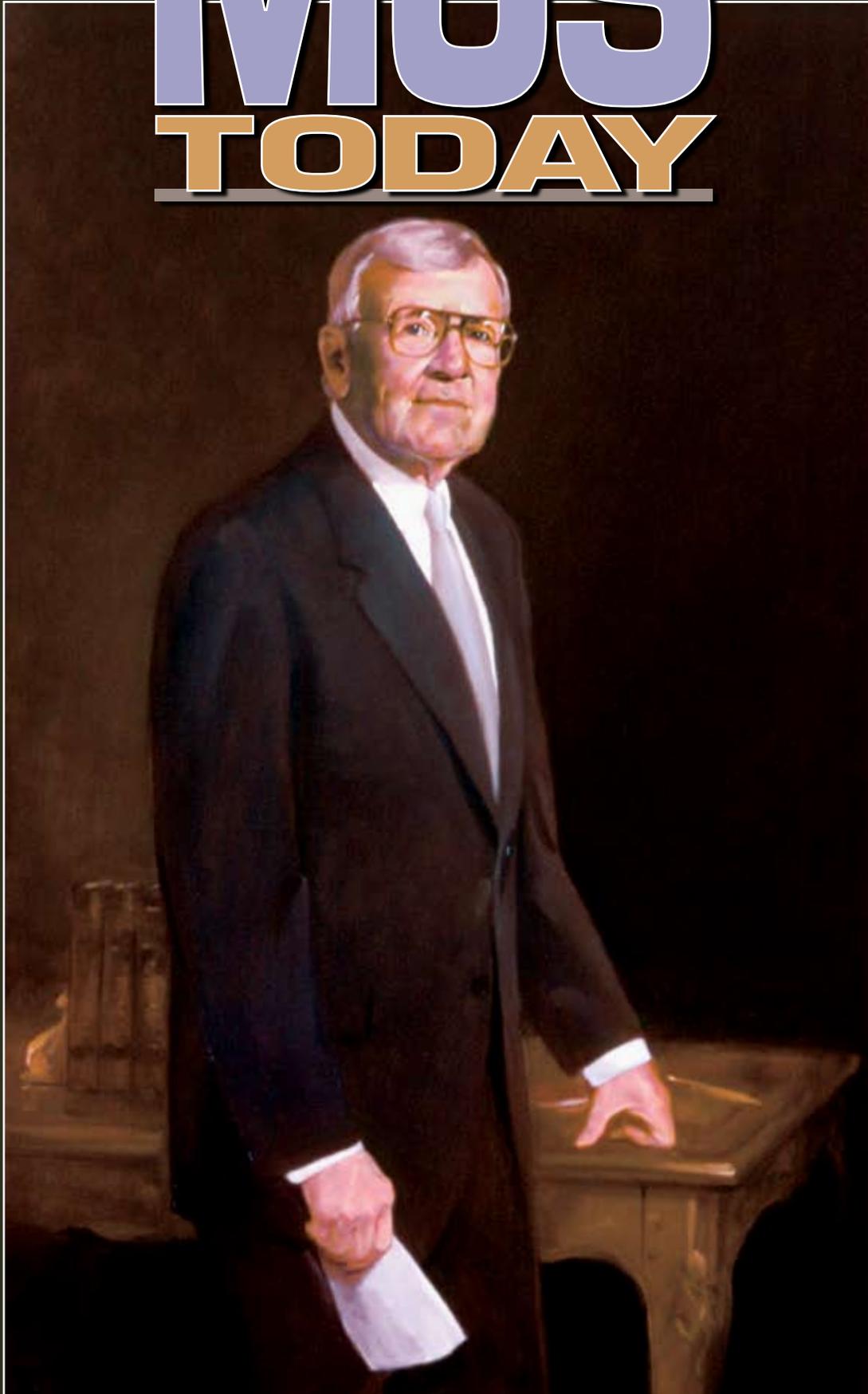


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From the Editor

You're going along just fine, working, getting ready to send children back to school or off to college, saying goodbye to the lazy days of summer, and looking forward to the routine of the school year. Then tragedy strikes. Hurricane Katrina comes out of nowhere and everything changes. For the residents of New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast, you can't count on a job, the comforts of home, your personal safety, or a routine of any sort. Life turns on a dime. And you're never prepared. Even those of us who were not evacuated are affected. We are bar-

ragged by the news media, we have family, friends, or business acquaintances who were displaced, and we feel that as much as we can do to help the victims is still not enough.

What you eventually realize at times like these is that humankind generally rises to the occasion. And although we offer food and water, cash, shelter, and other material necessities, it is the generosity of our hearts that is most beneficial to those in need. It is the everyday kindness and emotional support that are our greatest gifts. It is the kind of values and character traits that we work to instill in our boys here at MUS that are important to the very survival of a nation as we face trials, tribulations, and tragedies.

This issue of *MUS Today* focuses on "the generous heart of **Billy Dunavant**." And we pay tribute to **Buddy Morrison**, of blessed memory, a man who "embodied the noblest virtues...decency, honesty, hard work, perseverance, hospitality, compassion, service, unwavering loyalty, and generosity." Mr. Dunavant and Mr. Morrison are role models of what matters most. And that is the true lesson of life.

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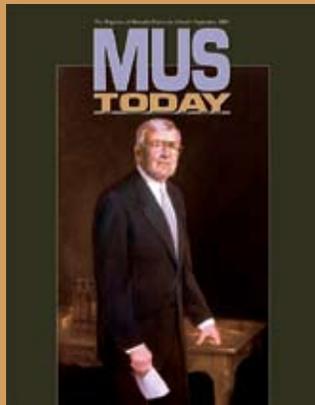
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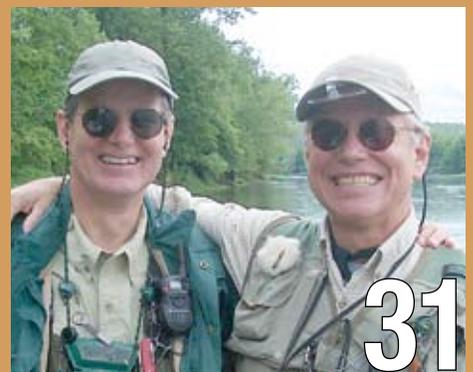
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Viewpoint



by Trow Gillespie '65
Chairman, MUS Board
of Trustees

Strategic Plan in Motion

In so many ways, MUS has been a school of a lifetime for me: many of my best friends in high school are still my best friends today; MUS had a profound impact in shaping my life; and it certainly has been and remains one of our community's most important assets. Every time I walk on campus, I am inspired by both what the school has meant to me and what it continues to do for our sons and grandsons. If my own personal experience weren't enough, my two oldest sons, **Paul '01** and **Stuart '04**, have the same memories and connections to MUS that I have. Having assumed the responsibility of chairing the Board of Trustees, I look back on the school experiences which have meant so much to me, and I look forward to the challenges ahead.

Since its founding in 1893, MUS has been known as the premier educational institution for boys in this area of the country, and as we find ourselves in an increasingly competitive market, we have an obligation to keep raising the bar of excellence that has become the hallmark of MUS. Strong competition mandates that we continue to improve every year in every way we can.

Last year we were given the task of creating a new strategic plan as part of the SACS/SAIS [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Southern Association of Independent Schools] accreditation process, and the goal of our strategic planning process was to identify the most significant initiatives for the school and focus on implementing them. To formulate our new plan, we engaged a number of our

constituents, including students, faculty, parents, alumni, and trustees. Under the leadership of Rick Broer, former Hull

Lower School principal and new academic dean, and Trustee Susan Faber, we have identified several areas we feel are imperative focal points for our energies and resources over the next five to ten years.

To reinforce our commitment to academic excellence, we recently named Rick Broer academic dean. Using the best processes available to manage the academic life of the school, we are putting an exclamation mark on what we're trying to accomplish academically, especially in the areas of curriculum, academic preparation for college, and in the incorporation of additional technology into the curriculum. Also key to remaining competitive academically is a qualified, enthusiastic, professionally fulfilled, and well-compensated faculty.

Another focal point, character development, has always been and continues to be an integral part of an MUS education. We are proud of the fact that our students graduate from MUS with integrity and strong values. As part of our focus, we will continue to develop programs that support our Honor Code, school motto – *Veritas Honorque* – and Community Creed. We will also continue to focus on involving our parents as partners in the education of their sons.

We also have a responsibility to maintain and add to our facilities. We made great strides as a result of our last capital campaign, but we have to look to the future. We will be putting a plan in place for the development of new facilities as well as for the enhancement and maintenance of our current ones. These changes will, of course, require additional funding, and to bolster the financial management of the school, we hired Rankin Fowlkes as director of business operations to set budgets, manage costs, and coordinate funding sources. He will be working with Perry Dement, director of advancement, who is responsible for increasing all aspects of giving.

Finally, in light of this more competitive landscape, we will have to work harder to attract a mission-appropriate student body. Hiring Danny Kahalley as a full-time admissions director will allow us to develop initiatives to attract and retain qualified students. In the area of admissions, we are poised to take a proactive stance, to look at the admissions process strategically, and to build on the relationships we have with our "feeder" schools, those schools from which we traditionally receive the majority of our students. With ever increasing competition and tuition, effective communication is more

important than ever; so we will continue to promote an image that is consistent with our mission, and we will explore more technologically advanced ways to effectively

communicate our messages to our prospective students, to their families, to the elementary schools, and to the educational community.

Our goal is to distribute the final version of the strategic plan to you in the fall. The people who have participated in formulating this plan have been energized by their involvement with MUS, and their commitment to this school is strong as is our plan for the future. MUS is an integral part of the fabric of this community; and when MUS students graduate and go out into the community, they are respected as men, husbands, fathers, and leaders. I look forward to my part in ensuring the future success of our students and our school.



THE GENEROUS HEART OF BILLY DUNAVANT

An MUS Father, Grandfather, and Friend

by Alison Barger

His gifts to the school are, let's just say significant, making **William B. Dunavant, Jr.**, the largest benefactor in MUS's history. He says the reason for his generosity "is simple."

"I like the young men that I see coming out of Memphis University School."

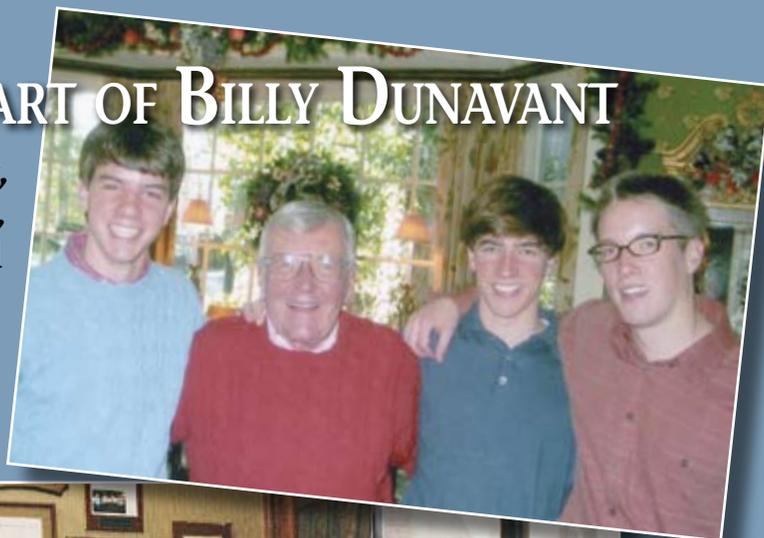
And he has seen a bunch of them. When **Hunter Dunavant Adams** returns this fall, "Poppy Dad," his grandfather, will have had a son or grandson attending MUS for 30 of the last 34 years. In fact, all five of Dunavant's sons: **Bill '78, John '82, Buck '90, Woodson '97, and Forrest** (attended in ninth and tenth grades, but graduated from Briarcrest); three of his grandsons: **Galloway Allbright '98, William Adams '03, and Hunter '06**; and both of his sons-in-law: **Lou Adams '70**, who is married to daughter Connie, and **Dick Fisher '72**, married to daughter Dot, have been MUS students.

"They've done a great job with my children and grandchildren who have been partakers," said Dunavant. "From Ross Lynn all the way down to Ellis [Haguewood], there are some really good leaders and good role models. The kind of boys they produce are top notch."

Hunter Adams expressed it this way in his bid for Honor Council president, "...just by coming to this school and living within our Honor System, you are learning things that others may never know. Things like honesty, respect for others, courtesy, and personal integrity will become second nature to you."

"I'm certainly proud of all my boys," Billy Dunavant added. "They turned out extremely well."

Connie Dunavant Adams, mother of Galloway, William, and Hunter, echoed her father's sentiments as she reflected on her brothers' and sons' experiences at MUS. "They learned discipline and study skills, but the focus is on helping you as an individual develop your abilities. Whatever their interests are, whether it's theater, writing, or sports, kids are embraced because of those differences. They are not making you in a cookie



Billy Dunavant (above) with three of his grandsons – Hunter, William, and Galloway; (left) with four of his sons – Bill, Buck, John, and Woodson; all the boys have attended MUS.

Laurie Johnson, CI World Report

cutter way, just molding you to become the man you're going to be.

"And I love that many of the faculty my sons have had are the same faculty their dad had," she added. "These men have skinned this cat more than once, and now they get to skin it with my kid."

Recalling his years at MUS, Bill Dunavant noted, "It's hard to pick a favorite teacher because there are just so many good people teaching at MUS." He said having dyslexia made school more arduous for him, but his education at MUS prepared him for the University of Virginia. "I have always looked up to Mr. [Gene] Thorn and Colonel Lynn with reverence because they were so kind and helpful to me."

John Dunavant says most important MUS taught him how to manage his time, and he especially remembers Coach Bill Taylor "helping me gain the confidence to do well in science when I thought there was no hope." Both Bill and John say their fondest memory of MUS is establishing the many friendships they still enjoy today.

Their brother Buck adds, "MUS instilled character and integrity in me and taught me to never take anything at face



Dunavant family members at the dedication of the Dunavant-Wellford Tennis Center in 1998

Far left: Dunavant and Peggy Wellford watch as the ribbon is cut for the center named in honor of Dunavant and the late Alex Wellford, both impassioned tennis players, competitors, and friends.

Below: Marshall Bouldin III and Dunavant at the portrait unveiling in 2002

value.” His favorite teacher was Dan Griffin, whom he calls “truly a man of honor, character, and integrity who taught each student it was okay to express your opinion whether a teacher would agree or disagree.”

And Woodson noted, “I remember MUS challenged my responsibility, honor, and service. Those days will always be remembered; you make friends for life. My favorite faculty member was Coach Peters. He exemplifies what a great teacher-coach should be like in the classroom or in life.”

The Beginning of a Long Friendship

Billy Dunavant’s relationship with MUS began in the 1960s, well before his boys were old enough to attend.

“It started way, way back with Alex Wellford, whose name, of course, is synonymous with Memphis University School,” Dunavant remembers. “We were tennis-playing friends, and he got me interested. Robert Hussey from church was also very instrumental in my involvement.”

Dunavant became a Trustee in 1967, serving until 1982. He is currently an honorary board member, a member of the Crest and Cornerstone Society, and a founding member of the Ross M. Lynn Society. MUS Headmaster Ellis Hague-wood noted how the school has benefited from Dunavant’s leadership and insight.

“He has been an important contributor of ideas and vision from the very beginning.”

There is no way to quantify what Billy Dunavant’s philanthropic support has meant to Memphis University School. His generosity to capital projects, endowments, and the Annual Fund have made MUS the premier educational institution it is today. Among his many contributions are large gifts to an endowment campaign supporting MUS faculty and the Sue H. Hyde Sports & Physical Education Center. He funded the original Wellford Tennis Courts, built in 1977, and the Hull Lower School’s Dunavant Lecture Hall (named in honor of his parents). A lead gift helped build the new twelve-court, state-of-the-art Dunavant-Wellford Tennis Center when the old tennis courts fell into disrepair. Dunavant also gave the lead gift, including a contribution plus a bequest, to MUS’s recent “Doors to New Opportunities” campaign. The Dunavant Upper School is named in his honor and in recognition of his magnanimous support over the years.

Hague-wood attributes Dunavant’s continued support of MUS to the same gift for long-range vision that has driven his extraordinary success in business.

“He is in an elite category of men who understand the true value of building the future of Memphis, and the world, through education,” said Hague-wood.



The cover of *MUS Today* features a portrait of Billy Dunavant that was commissioned by MUS to commemorate the naming of the Dunavant Upper School and was provided as a gift by Dot and Dick Fisher '72. The original painting is by Mississippi artist Marshall Bouldin III, one of the elite in portraiture. Recognized internationally for his perceptive eye, disciplined brush, and imaginative backgrounds, he has been described in the *New York Times* as one of America’s foremost portrait artists. During a career spanning more than three decades, Bouldin has created over 750 commissioned portraits, including governors, generals, senators and congressmen, university presidents, executives and board members, private collectors, celebrities, and philanthropists such as Dunavant. We are indeed fortunate for Bouldin’s portrait of Billy Dunavant to grace the halls of MUS.

“His vision is long-range. He understands it has to happen early on in boys’ lives if they are going to contribute the kind of leadership that they need to contribute when they are men.”

Building a Business, a Fortune, and a Legacy

Dunavant’s vision, business acumen, and devotion to his hometown are legendary. Born in Memphis in 1932, he attended White Station Elementary School and then the Normal Training School for junior high. His parents sent him to the boys’ prep school McCallie in Chattanooga for high school. (MUS was closed at that time.)

Recalling his school days, Dunavant said math and geography were his favorite subjects and added, “I took some public speaking courses and really did, and still do, enjoy speaking.”

He also said that the Christian-based education he received at McCallie changed his life. “It just gave me the basic foundation for the Lord, and it’s never left me,” he said.

From the time he was a boy, Billy Dunavant knew that he wanted to join his father, William Buchanan Dunavant, Sr., in the cotton business; and in 1952 at age 19, he joined T. J. White & Co., a small cotton shipping firm co-founded by his father. He was made a full partner in 1956, and when White retired in 1960, the firm was renamed W. B. Dunavant & Company, with the Dunavants, Sr. and Jr., in charge. Six months later with the unexpected death of his father, young Dunavant was left on his own.

Building on his father’s success, he began applying new ideas to the operation. The entrepreneur became one of the first merchants in the industry to use “forward contracting,” whereby a farmer agrees to a price before he plants. He opened offices in other important areas of the Cotton Belt, such as

Arizona, Texas, and California, and added trading partners in international markets, including participation in the first sale of U.S. cotton to Mainland China in 1972. Subsequently, Dunavant Enterprises grew into one of the world’s largest cotton merchandisers, handling more than four million bales of cotton a year, and Dunavant became widely acknowledged as one of the world’s foremost experts on cotton and commodities prices.

The company gained heightened prominence in the industry as it vertically integrated. Today, Dunavant Enterprises encompasses ginning and warehousing operations around the globe, as well as a commodities trading company, a cotton farming operation, and a trucking company that serves as agent for 5,000 trucks used to haul cotton. As evidence of his great influence and respect in the industry, comments he makes can trigger large swings in cotton markets.

Dunavant’s investments are also diversified with non-cotton related subsidiaries dealing in real estate, land development, and computer software sales. At one time the company was a major stockholder in the World Basketball League’s Memphis



Dunavant standing before a portrait of his father, William (Buck) Dunavant

Below: The Dunavant family at the dedication of the MUS Dunavant Upper School in 2002



Rockers franchise and in the former United States Football League’s Memphis Showboats. He founded the Racquet Club of Memphis and was responsible for bringing the Kroger St. Jude professional men’s tennis tournament to the club, which he sold in 1992.

Dunavant Enterprises has been consistently ranked by *Forbes* magazine as one of the best small companies in America and has been listed in the *Forbes 400* largest private companies every year since 1989. The *Memphis Business Journal* lists Dunavant as the city’s largest private company. Annual sales volume for the global business approaches \$1.75 billion.

Dunavant Family Tree Grows at MUS

R. LOUIS ADAMS '70

A plastic surgeon with The Plastic Surgery Group of Memphis and medical director of the East Memphis Surgery Center, Lou Adams is married to Billy Dunavant's daughter Connie and is the father of Galloway Allbright '98, William Adams '03, and Hunter Adams '06. Adams earned his B.S. degree from Duke University and his M.D. from the University of Tennessee, Memphis. He is a member of the MUS Board of Trustees and a founding member of the D. Eugene Thorn Society and has also served as Alumni Association President, Annual Fund Chairman, and a member of Task Force 2001. MUS's Honor Council Room is named the Adams Room, in honor of the Adamases' generous gift to the Doors to New Opportunities Campaign.

RICHARD L. FISHER '72

President and CEO of Dunavant Capital Management, Dick Fisher is married to Billy Dunavant's daughter Dot. Fisher has a B.S. and M.S. from the University of Virginia. The father of two daughters, Dottie and Bailey, he has remained actively involved at MUS and currently serves as treasurer of the Board of Trustees. In other MUS leadership roles, he is a founding member of the Thorn Society, a member of the Business Operations subcommittee of Strategic Plan 2004-2005, and a member of Task Force 2001. The Fishers underwrote the cost of commissioning internationally known portrait artist Mashall Bouldin to paint the portrait of Billy Dunavant which hangs in the Fisher Rotunda of the Dunavant Upper School Building.

WILLIAM B. DUNAVANT III '78

In August, Bill Dunavant became president and CEO of Dunavant Enterprises, officially taking the reins from his father. Dunavant III received his B.A. from the University of Virginia. He and his wife, Michelle, have four children: Audsley, Hilary, Billy, and Harry. His involvement at MUS includes having served on the Campaign Design Committee for the Doors to New Opportunities Campaign and on the Jefferson Scholars Selection Committee. He is also a Thorn Society founding member, participant in Task Force 2001, and a current member of the Ross M. Lynn Society.

JOHN D. DUNAVANT '82

John Dunavant is vice president of Domestic Sales for Dunavant Enterprises. He earned his B.A. at Clemson University. Dunavant and his wife, Leslie, are the parents of Sophie, Dobson, and Grayson. He has generously supported his alma mater as both a volunteer and a donor, including serving on the Financial Plan Committee of the Doors to New Opportunities Campaign and as an alumni class representative. He is a founding member of the Thorn Society, a member of Task Force 2001, a phonathon volunteer, and a mentor.

BUCHANAN D. DUNAVANT '90

Buck Dunavant is vice president of Memphis Operations for Dunavant Enterprises. He received his B.A. from the University of Kentucky. Dunavant and his wife, Douglas, have a son, Buchanan, and two daughters, Gardner and Mary Wilkinson. Dunavant is a member of the Thorn Society and has served as a member of the Alumni Executive Board and as a phonathon volunteer. He says his father "taught all his boys how important it is to give back to things we have enjoyed throughout our lives."

WOODSON Q. DUNAVANT '97

Woodson Dunavant attended Auburn University, where he received a B.S. degree in finance. He is currently assistant vice president of U.S. and Foreign Operations at Dunavant Enterprises. At MUS, he served as a Student Council convention delegate and a school tour guide and played basketball and lacrosse. Sharing his father's zeal for numbers and the outdoors, he was also a member of Math Lovers and the Outdoors Club.

B. GALLOWAY ALLBRIGHT '98

Galloway Allbright lives in Denver, Colorado, where he has started a public health advocacy group. A graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder, he majored in humanities, focusing on both ethnic and environmental studies. As an MUS student, he was a member of the National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll, editor of the yearbook, a football player, and a singer in Beg To Differ ("the most fun thing I ever did at MUS"). As an MUS graduate, he participated in Task Force 2001 for the Doors to New Opportunities Campaign. Galloway says his grandfather "played an enormous role in shaping my perspective and in allowing me to discover for myself what's important."

WILLIAM H. ADAMS '03

William Adams is a senior at the University of Richmond, majoring in international business and Spanish. While at MUS, he served as vice president of the Student Council and co-president of "The Club." He was inducted into the National Honor Society, participated on the mock trial team, sang in Beg To Differ, and was both a student mentor and a Student Ambassador. He also ran cross country and played soccer. According to his mother, Connie Adams, "He is the most like his grandfather of all the grandchildren with his vision and focus."

HUNTER D. ADAMS '06

Hunter Adams, a senior at MUS this fall, serves as president of the Honor Council. This is especially emblematic as his parents feel so strongly about honesty and integrity they had previously funded the new MUS Honor Council room. Hunter, who was awarded the Randall Ash Perkins Memorial Scholarship this past spring, will also follow in his brother William's footsteps as co-president of "The Club" and both of his brothers as a member of the Beg To Differ ensemble. He is also involved with civic service, as well as cross country, basketball, and track.

30 out of 34: Billy Dunavant has had a son or grandson attending MUS for the past 30 out of 34 years; and in 1997, three were enrolled – son Woodson and grandsons Galloway and William.



At the beginning of the year, Billy Dunavant announced that he would be turning the management of Dunavant Enterprises over to his oldest son, Bill, who was already serving as president. While Dunavant has remained chairman of the board, this August Bill assumed the position of CEO. John Dunavant is vice president of Domestic Sales, Buck Dunavant is vice president of Memphis Operations, and Woodson Dunavant is assistant vice president of U.S. and Foreign Cotton Operations. Son-in-law Dick Fisher serves as president and CEO of Dunavant Capital Management.

Dunavant's youngest son, Forrest, will be a freshman at Ole Miss this fall, and the youngest Dunavant daughter, Kelli, is currently a graduate student at the University of Memphis.

"I have had some great educational experiences in my life, from St. George's to MUS to the University of Virginia," Bill Dunavant said. "I have spent years traveling all over the world, but the greatest educational experience of my life has been the privilege of working for and beside my dad for the last 24 years and learning from him."

An Indelible Mark on Memphis (Life and Wildlife)

While Billy Dunavant's brilliant mind for business has changed the cotton industry, his great financial success and generous heart have allowed him to shape his community for the better. He and his wife, Dr. Tommie Dunavant, have donated abundantly to charitable organizations across Memphis and the Mid-South, particularly those associated with his two favorite causes, children and conservation.

To name a few: He has served on boards for The Boy Scouts of America, both locally and nationally, and the local Chickasaw Council's W. B. Dunavant Scout Center is named in his honor. He gave generously to The First Tee, a national program that makes the character-building game of golf accessible to disadvantaged youth, and he funded the "Time Square" exhibit at the Children's Museum of Memphis. He has contributed time and money to Memphis Young Life, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, and Memphis Youth Service. He has contributed major gifts to the Memphis Zoo and the Memphis Botanic Garden. And in addition to his support of Memphis University School, he has given generously to other schools including Hutchison, St. George's, Woodland, and the Shepherd School, and he established the Dunavant Honors Scholarship Endowment at McCallie.

The Dunavants funded the Dunavant Tennis Complex at Rhodes College, featuring ten lighted courts and stadium seating built to NCAA national tournament standards. Included among many contributions he has made to the University of Memphis is a gift to establish the Dunavant University Professorships endowment within the College of Arts and Sciences. The Memphis Library Foundation received a contribution aiding the private sector campaign to provide furnishings, equipment, and other needs for the new Central Library. Envisioning the quality of life in Memphis without Billy Dunavant would be like looking at the cotton industry without Dunavant Enterprises.

Passionate about conservation, Dunavant has held board positions with environmental groups across the country, including the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the Nature Conservancy, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Wetlands America Trust, Inc. He was the founder of Mississippi's Nature Conservancy chapter in the late 1980s and received the organization's "Beyond Our Borders" award in 2003, recognizing his conservation work in Tennessee and Mississippi. But in Memphis conservation circles, he is best known as the man responsible for Ducks Unlimited's decision to locate their national headquarters here.

His leadership has helped raise millions of dollars for the organization, which conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. His portrait hangs in the Ducks Unlimited headquarters building, which is also named in his honor.

William B. Dunavant's name is attached not only to buildings and

programs throughout the City of Memphis but also to many of the city's most prestigious philanthropic and business awards.

Having received his B.B.A. from the University of Memphis in 1954, Dunavant has been honored by his alma mater repeatedly for his business accomplishments and contributions to society. He was named Distinguished Friend of the University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences in 2000, received the University's Distinguished Alumnus for Achievement Award in 1996, and was the first recipient of the Alumnus of the Year Award from the University's Fogelman College of Business and Economics in 1989. Both Rhodes College and Christian Brothers University have awarded him Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degrees.



In 1995, Billy Dunavant received the Harry S. Baker Distinguished Service Award for Cotton, an award for extraordinary dedication, service, and leadership to the industry. Pictured with Dunavant are his wife, Tommie, and presenter, Phil Burnett.

He has been named Outstanding Philanthropist by the Memphis chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (formerly the National Society of Fund Raising Executives), Entrepreneur of the Year by the Society of Entrepreneurs, Humanitarian of the Year by the National Jewish Center, Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Civitan Club, Master of Free Enterprise by Junior Achievement, and Humanitarian of the Year by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Among his many other awards are the Leadership Memphis Award, the City of Hope Spirit of Life Award, the AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl Distinguished Citizen Award, and the West Tennessee Arthritis Foundation Tribute Award for Outstanding Community Service. He was the first recipient of the Carnival Memphis Cook Halle Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Agribusiness Industry and has received numerous honors specific to the cotton industry. He is even an inductee of the Memphis Park Commission Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

A Passion for Hunting and Fishing

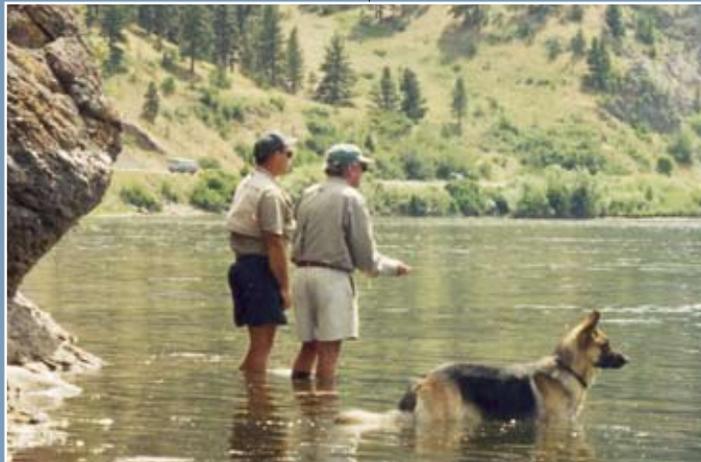
No list of Billy Dunavant's interests could be complete without mentioning his love of hunting and fishing.

"I am passionate about hunting and fishing," he says with relish. "It comes from my father. He had an ardent passion for hunting and fishing, and it was not as great as mine. Of course, my boys have all picked up on hunting and fishing from me and from my dad."

His daughter Connie affirms his ardor and notes, "It's all about the numbers and how quickly you can get to where you need to be."

She remembers from her childhood a hunting trip with her father she says illustrates the focus that has motivated his many accomplishments.

"Once my sister and I went duck hunting with my brother Bill and my dad on a very cold afternoon. Bill was three, I was nine, and Dot was seven. You would get in big trouble if you made any noise because it would scare the ducks away. So we wouldn't complain about how cold we were, my father brought a little hibachi oven. Bill had his rubber feet up on the hibachi to keep his toes warm and they caught on fire. We kept trying to say softly, 'Dad, Bill's feet are on fire. Bill's feet are on fire.' Then he starts smelling rubber. But the ducks were coming in, so he literally reached behind and grabbed Bill, and with one arm he was shooting the ducks as they were coming in, and with the other he was lowering Bill into the water to stop the fire on his feet. It never broke his train of thought."



Billy Dunavant fishing in Montana with his dog, (appropriately named) Montana, and his Conservation Manager, Dan Groshens

Did he get the ducks? "Of course we did!" Dunavant said with a smile.

Adams continued, "That focus is why he's a great tennis player and the reason he's been very successful in business. It was his ability to focus on what needed to be done, and where he needed to go, and how to go about getting there. The fact is, he's very, very intelligent and has this uncanny vision for where he or his business needs to be in the future, and that vision becomes his goal."

Brilliant. Visionary. Driven. These are the words people use when describing Billy Dunavant.

"The last one is probably more accurate than the first two," he says with characteristic unpretentiousness. "Once I get involved, I am driven. I don't know about being visionary or not...oh, I've been pretty good at that, I guess."

Ultimately, Dunavant gives God the credit for his success. "Without Him, I couldn't have done any of this, and I know that, clearly know that."

God also gave Billy Dunavant his generous heart for which MUS is deeply grateful.

"That heart always hasn't been what I would call generous," Dunavant says. "When I was coming up in business, I was a taker, not a giver. I was trying to accumulate for myself and my family. But then when I got to be about 38 years old, I realized that I needed to give back more than I had taken, and that's sort of been my program ever since. I'm 73 coming up."

If he were recommending a book for young men to read, Dunavant said it would be *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. "I read it a couple of years ago, and it had sort of a profound impact on my mindset."

The book records lessons about meaningful living the author learned from his former professor, who was dying of Lou Gehrig's disease. Two of the lessons quoted in the book are "devote yourself to your community" and "invest in people." Dunavant has used his good fortune doing both. As Ellis Haguewood once noted, Billy Dunavant's investment in MUS "is blessing the lives of boys yet unborn."

Alison Barger is a freelance writer and former marketing director for the Memphis Zoo. She and her husband, Keith, have two children, John Martin (16) and William (9). Her grandfather, J.P. Snider, was brought to Memphis by MUS, where he taught from 1926 to 1933. 



WHERE COTTON IS KING

by Caitlin Goodrich

Photo by The Commercial Appeal

The son of a cotton merchant, **Calvin Turley '68** spent much of his childhood on Memphis's Front Street, observing merchants and brokers, porters and squidges, as they continued to weave together the fabric of the largest spot cotton market in the world, booming since 1835. "I can still smell it, the distinctive smell of cotton samples," he says. "It sticks with you." Turley also recalls the sense of camaraderie among those participating in the "street scene" and the feeling that the district was more a neighborhood than a place of business. But change, brought on by the conception of a government loan program, the creation of the Green Card Class, and marked advancements in technology, was inevitable. By the time Turley started Turley Cotton Company in 1976, few remnants of cotton's heyday remained.

Fast forward nearly 30 years to a time when merchants use e-mail and cell phones to discuss purchases and the majority of a season's crop is shipped to overseas markets rather than within the continental United States. On Front Street, modern lofts, chic office spaces, and trendy restaurants have replaced those storefronts and warehouses not left to crumble over time, and trains no longer roll into town stuffed full of cotton from southern fields. In the midst of this new neighborhood, a special building has remained – not untouched or unchanged, but intact. Turley has decided to make the property his project, taking on the task of resurrecting a past inextricably tied to the development of his riverside city and inseparable from the histories of Memphis music and the Mississippi Delta. His brainchild, the Cotton Museum, will open in the Memphis Cotton Exchange building in the fall of 2005.

Chartered in 1874, the Cotton Exchange at 65 Union Avenue functioned as the physical center of cotton culture, establishing rules and procedures for the trading of the crop and regulating industry activities and standards. From within the Exchange, workers shaped the economy and culture of a country. It seems only fitting then that Turley's tribute to "King Cotton" be situated in a 3,000-square-foot room within the 12-story structure.

The museum "will balance permanent exhibits lining the walls with portable, temporary exhibits on the floor. A complete restoration of the interior walls and the chalkboard once used to tally the day's numbers will be accompanied by a mural on the room's south end, making it appear as it did in 1940," the *Memphis Downtowner* reported. Permanent exhibits will include The History of Front Street/The Memphis Cotton Exchange, Cotton from Field to Fabric, and the Cotton Hall of Fame. Turley has enlisted the help of the University of Mississippi in creating many of the temporary installations, several of which will illustrate the effect of cotton culture on the development of music – particularly the blues – in Memphis and other river towns around the world.

"We hope to provide tourists, school kids, and native Memphians a forum where they can learn not only about the history of Front Street and the Exchange, but also about the agricultural economy and the social and anthropological foundations of cultural characteristics like food and music. It can all be traced back to the land," Turley says. "With the impact cotton has had on the world, it's an important story to tell."

"WE ARE YOUR BOYS, YOUR LEGACY"

Headmaster Ellis Haguewood told the graduating Class of 2005 during this year's baccalaureate service that **Colonel Ross M. Lynn**, former headmaster of MUS, used to put the following verse in each graduate's diploma folder:

You have been given a bag of tools/A formless rock and a book of rules/And each must make, ere life has flown/A stumbling-block or a stepping-stone.

Haguewood explained, "...life is serious business, and how you understand it, what you do with it, and how you live it will indicate whether you have lived wisely or foolishly."

In his valedictory address, **Parth Sheth** made clear that his classmates were up to the task. He began by relating their experiences upon entering MUS: "We entered the halls of MUS in seventh grade, a group of testosterone-driven adolescents with nothing but a sense of utter invincibility which masked our nagging inner self-doubt. We boasted of things we had done, places we had been, only to hide our status as 'nobodies' at MUS and to conceal our desire to accomplish something truly great." And accomplish great things, they have.

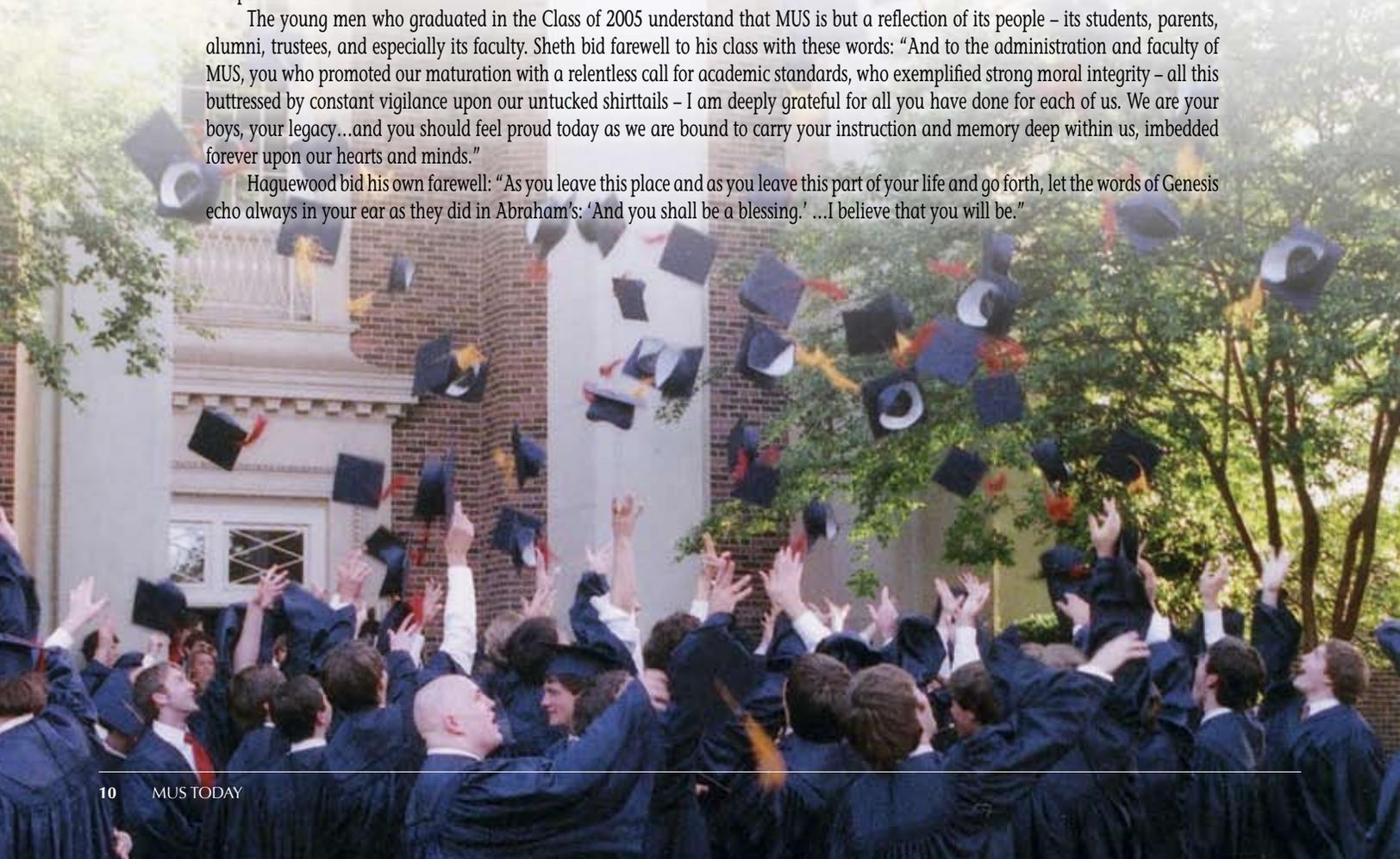
The 107 members of the Class of 2005 were accepted to 101 colleges and will be attending 48 colleges in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Twenty-seven percent of the class was recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program: 12 Commended students, 17 Semifinalists, 15 Finalists, and 2 Scholars. Thirty-six percent scored higher than 1400 on the SAT, and 35 percent scored higher than 30 on the ACT. They were leaders of every student organization on campus, led the football and tennis teams to state championships, and ably represented the school in academic, athletic, and extra-curricular competitions throughout the city, state, and country. And 92 students in the

senior class earned \$9.2 million in merit, talent, athletic, or military scholarships. Salutatorian **Alex Chinn** told proud parents and guests, "Each of us has found a niche for his unique talents, but our collective talents have made us an excellent class which I hope has left its mark on MUS for the betterment of the school."

According to Sheth, "That's not to say that our years at MUS have been easy or without setbacks. **Mr. Shelton**, for example, has never hesitated to return a paper with more red corrections than original text; **Mr. Berman** is all too willing to reduce his art history students to tears with the difficulty of his tests; **Coach Burr** and **Mr. Murphy** are always vigilant against the evils of long hair, two-day-old beards, and untucked shirts. Yet obstacles such as these have fostered in us the academic excellence MUS strives for.... And so, we must move on, explore new ideas, new fields of interest, but we will always be steadfastly guided by the solid foundation that MUS has provided us."

The young men who graduated in the Class of 2005 understand that MUS is but a reflection of its people - its students, parents, alumni, trustees, and especially its faculty. Sheth bid farewell to his class with these words: "And to the administration and faculty of MUS, you who promoted our maturation with a relentless call for academic standards, who exemplified strong moral integrity - all this buttressed by constant vigilance upon our untucked shirttails - I am deeply grateful for all you have done for each of us. We are your boys, your legacy...and you should feel proud today as we are bound to carry your instruction and memory deep within us, imbedded forever upon our hearts and minds."

Haguewood bid his own farewell: "As you leave this place and as you leave this part of your life and go forth, let the words of Genesis echo always in your ear as they did in Abraham's: 'And you shall be a blessing.' ...I believe that you will be."



AWARDS AND HONORS

FACULTY CUP FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE Phillip Osborn Flinn

The Faculty Cup for General Excellence is the highest honor given to a member of the graduating class. The recipient of the Faculty Cup has demonstrated qualities of leadership and strength of character which have earned for him the highest respect of his peers and his teachers. He must have given generously of his time, his talent, and his energy in service in a way that reflects his devotion to the school and his dedication to the ideals for which it stands.

ROSS MCCAIN LYNN AWARD Alex Jordan Chinn Samuel Clinton Cowan, Jr. Alexander Pierce Guyton Andrew Chairs Robinson Eric Dean Wilson

The Ross McCain Lynn Award is given in memory of the school's first headmaster. This award recognizes distinction in the areas of school citizenship, leadership, service, and character.

THE LEIGH W. MACQUEEN DEAN'S CUP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE Parth Dinesh Sheth

Named in 1998 in honor of the first academic dean of MUS, Leigh Windsor MacQueen, this award was originally donated by Mr. and Mrs. MacQueen in 1967. The award is given to that member of the senior class who, in the opinion of the faculty committee, has demonstrated to an outstanding degree a marked depth of intellectual maturity and curiosity and who, in the minds of the examining committee, has indicated sound intellectual attainment.

DANFORTH AWARD Jonathan D. Lunati

The Danforth Award challenges young people to aspire to their highest potential, to attain constructive lives of service and leadership, and to commit themselves to excellence. The award is presented in recognition of excellence of character and well-balanced personal development as well as leadership potential.

MARK COOPER POWELL MEMORIAL AWARD Robert Atkinson Baird V Christopher Cody Curtis

The Mark Cooper Powell Memorial Award is given in memory of Mark Cooper Powell, Class of 1980, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Powell, to those graduates who through persistence and courage during their careers at Memphis University School have shown the greatest development of character and scholarship.

SCOTT MILLER REMBERT SENIOR SERVICE AWARD Jere Matthews Sights III

This award, established by family and friends, is made in memory of Scott M. Rembert, Class of 1970. It goes to that senior who has shown the most unselfish service to the school. His name will be inscribed on the Scott Miller Rembert Senior Service Award plaque, which will hang permanently in the school. In addition, the winner will be presented with an engraved medal.

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE Harry Lowell Mayfield Jonathan Worth Morgan

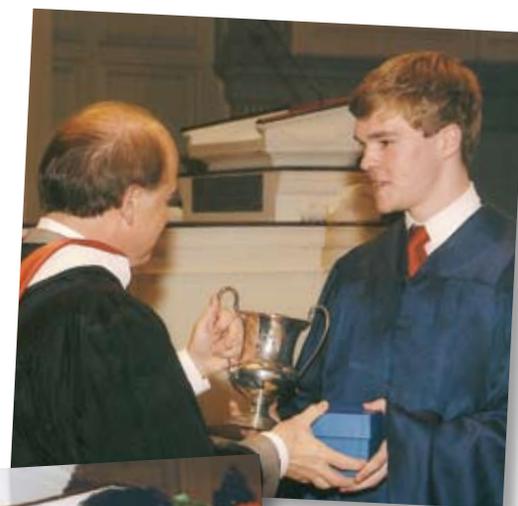
The Award for Distinguished Community Service goes to those graduates who have made service to others in the Memphis community a very high priority in their lives. The recipients of this award have given their time, talent, and energy in a way that demonstrates the school's commitment to community citizenship.

CHORAL MUSIC AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE Charles Adams Askew Warner Graves Russell Eric Dean Wilson

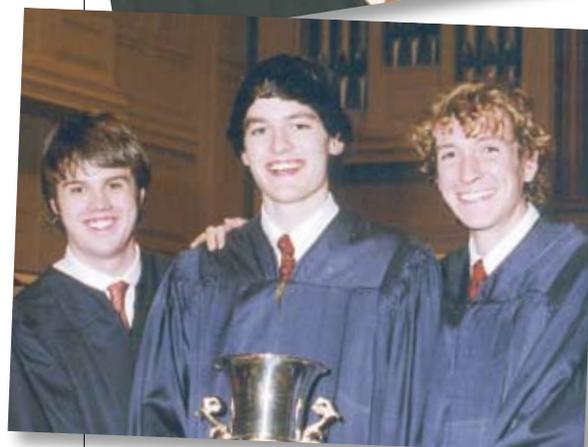
The permanent cup for this award was given by Dr. Kit and Mrs. Diane Mays.

WILLIAM D. JEMISON III AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DRAMATICS Eric Dean Wilson

BRESCIA AWARD FOR UNSELFISH SERVICE IN DRAMATICS Michael Sandeford Schaeffer



Phillip Flinn accepts the Faculty Cup from Norman Thompson; Parth Sheth was awarded the Dean's Cup among other honors; and the Senior Service Award was presented by Lin Askew to Matt Sights.



Warner Russell, Charles Askew, and Eric Wilson shared honors for choral excellence.

GRADUATION 2005
AWARDS AND HONORS

◇
VALEDICTORIAN AWARD
Parth Dinesh Sheth

To that senior with the highest average over eight semesters of work at Memphis University School.

◇
SALUTATORIAN AWARD
Alex Jordan Chinn

To that senior with the second highest academic average over eight semesters of work at Memphis University School.

◇
RUSSELL JOHNSON
CREATIVE WRITING AWARD
Eric Dean Wilson

The Creative Writing Award, given in memory of Russell Johnson, a former Memphis University School English teacher, honors that student who sees details and meanings in the world around him and expresses his thoughts imaginatively and lucidly.

◇
THE ENGLISH AWARD
Samuel Clinton Cowan, Jr.

The English Department awards recognition to the outstanding scholar who exemplifies effective writing, keen appreciation of language and literature, and singular achievement in his English courses.

◇
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARDS

French: **Parth Dinesh Sheth**
Latin: **Alex Jordan Chinn**
Spanish: **Charles Adams Askew**
Stephen Howard Nease
Michael Sandeford Schaeffer

◇
HISTORY AWARD

Samuel Clinton Cowan, Jr.
Aaron Joesph Markowitz

The Department of History and Social Studies recognizes the graduates who have demonstrated exceptional ability and appreciation of the courses offered by the department and whose academic records are in accord with the highest standards of excellence.

◇
CHRISTA GREEN WARNER
MATHEMATICS AWARD
Parth Dinesh Sheth

This award in mathematics is represented appropriately by a Mobius strip, an unending surface that symbolizes Christa Warner's unending devotion to her students and love of mathematics. The award is given by Jonathan and Stephen Weinberg in memory of their teacher Christa Warner. It is presented to that young man who not only understands and successfully applies the concepts of mathematics and computer science but has also displayed an unusual spirit of cooperation throughout his high school mathematics career.

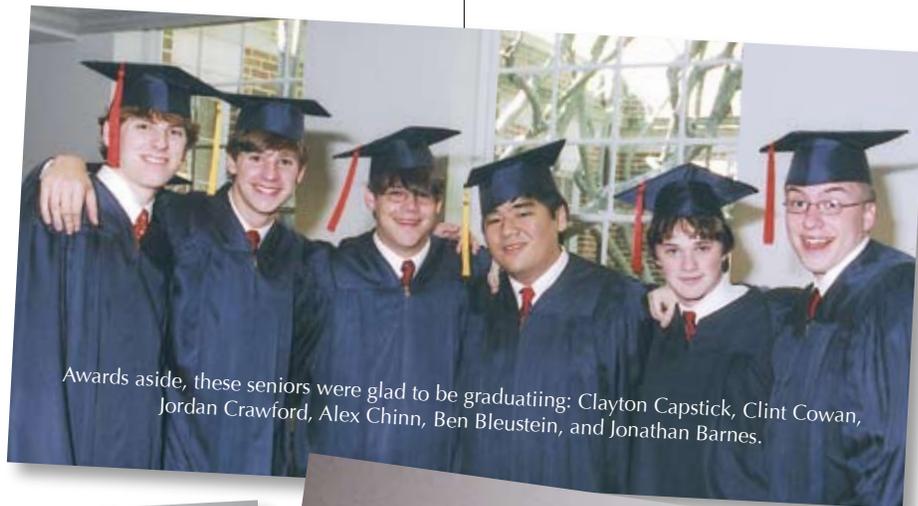
◇
RELIGION AWARD

Samuel Clinton Cowan, Jr.

The Department of Religion presents this award to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence while exhibiting the moral characteristics of the Judeo-Christian ethic, a personal dedication to justice, mercy, and humility among his classmates and with the subject studied.

◇
MARGARET OWEN CATMUR
SCIENCE AWARD
Alexander Pierce Guyton

The science award, established in loving memory of Margaret Owen Catmur by her husband, Eric Alan Catmur, is presented to that student who, in the opinion of the Science Department faculty, has done the most outstanding work in the field of science at Memphis University School. The student's name is inscribed on a permanent plaque, which will remain at the school.



Awards aside, these seniors were glad to be graduating: Clayton Capstick, Clint Cowan, Jordan Crawford, Alex Chinn, Ben Bleustein, and Jonathan Barnes.



Front: Michael Haas, Josh Hall, Rob Heflin, Russ Hinson, Tommy Horton,
Back: John Hammons, Will Hickman, Cooper Hopkins,
Ethan Knight, and Trevor Skelley



Scott McLeod, Mark Scales, Mili Patel,
Wills Gardner, and Sam Sawyer

Graduation photos by Kathy Daniel Patterson

CLASS OF 2005 AND THEIR COLLEGE CHOICES

Sloan Abernathy	Vanderbilt University	Cody Mayer	Vanderbilt University (s)
Kane Alber.....	University of Mississippi (s)	Harry Mayfield	Davidson College
Paul Anderson	Hendrix College (s)	Michael McCulloch	Vanderbilt University (s)
Charles Askew.....	University of North Carolina	Scott McLeod.....	Vanderbilt University (s)
Rob Baird	Texas Christian University	Wilson McManus	U.S. Naval Academy (s)
Jonathan Barnes.....	Hendrix College (s)	Will McQuiston.....	University of Mississippi (s)
Ben Bleustein.....	University of Miami (s)	Worth Morgan	University of North Carolina
Clayton Capstick	Texas Christian University (s)	Mason Mosby	Rhodes College (s)
Alex Chinn.....	Washington University (s)	Kyle Mullen	Vanderbilt University (s)
Clint Cowan	University of North Carolina	Stephen Nease.....	Rose Hulman Institute of Technology (s)
Jordan Crawford.....	Furman University (s)	Randall Noel.....	University of Mississippi (s)
Cody Curtis	Union University (s)	Andrew Olinger	Millsaps College (s)
Peter Dale	University of Tennessee (s)	McLean Palmer.....	Furman University
John Daniel	Vanderbilt University (s)	Rob Park.....	University of Mississippi (s)
David Delugach.....	Christian Brothers University (s)	Jayshal Patel.....	Drury University (s)
Preston Dennis	University of Alabama (s)	Mili Patel	East Tennessee State University (s)
Hays Doan.....	University of Alabama (s)	Brent Phillips.....	University of Missouri (s)
Weller Drennon	University of Alabama (s)	Walker Pritchard.....	University of Alabama (s)
Andrew Dudas	Vanderbilt University (s)	Mark Purnell	Austin Peay University (s)
Price Edwards	Furman University (s)	Jimbo Rainer	University of Mississippi
Watt Efirid	University of Tennessee (s)	Nelson Rainey.....	University of Mississippi (s)
Josh Evensky	University of Arizona (s)	Brad Rentrop	University of Mississippi (s)
Noah Feder	Middlebury College	Andrew Robinson	Southern Methodist University (s)
Phillip Flinn	Georgia Institute of Technology	Jesse Robinson.....	University of Mississippi
Kyle Fong.....	University of Mississippi	Sam Robinson.....	Mississippi State University
Michael Fong.....	Northwestern University	Kyle Rosenberg.....	University of Tennessee (s)
Ryan Freebing.....	University of Tennessee (s)	Warner Russell.....	University of Mississippi (s)
Chris Freeman	University of Texas (s)	Sam Sawyer.....	Southern Methodist University (s)
Joey Friend.....	University of Mississippi	Mark Scales.....	University of Tennessee (s)
Wills Gardner	University of Tennessee (s)	Mike Schaeffer	Kenyon College (s)
Dan Gibson	University of Notre Dame (s)	Parth Sheth.....	Harvard College (s)
Robert Goff.....	Rhodes College (s)	Matt Sights	University of Mississippi (s)
Warren Grimm.....	University of Tennessee (s)	Trevor Skelley	Harding University (s)
Stuart Groves	University of Alabama	Wes Spiro.....	University of Tennessee (s)
Alex Guyton.....	Dartmouth College	Warren Stafford	Vanderbilt University (s)
Michael Haas	University of Georgia	Tommy Stephenson	University of Mississippi
Josh Hall.....	Southern Methodist University (s)	Aaron Struminger	University of Florida (s)
John Hammons.....	University of Mississippi (s)	John Summers	University of Mississippi
Rob Heflin.....	University of Alabama (s)	Hunter Swain.....	Colorado College
Will Hickman	Denison University (s)	Ben Tacker	Vanderbilt University (s)
Russ Hinson	University of Memphis (s)	John Taylor	Wake Forest University
Cooper Hopkins.....	University of Mississippi	Jon-Michael Taylor	University of Tennessee (s)
Thomas Horton	Auburn University	Zach Thomason	University of Memphis (s)
Jon-Michael Jones.....	Auburn University	Rayner Turley	University of Tennessee (s)
Sashank Karri	Case Western Reserve (s)	Kevin Wang	Washington University (s)
Ben Katz.....	University of Texas	Jacob Weinstein	Washington and Lee University
Ronny Khuri.....	Appalachian State University	Jimbo Welch	University of Arkansas
Ethan Knight	Auburn University	Richard White	Southern Methodist University
Bo Ladyman	Furman University (s)	Daniel Williams.....	University of Tennessee (s)
J.D. Lawhorn.....	University of Mississippi (s)	Eric Wilson	Northwestern University
Chris Levy	University of Mississippi	Jonathan Wolf.....	Indiana University (s)
Jonathan Lunati.....	Mississippi State University (s)	Hank Wynn	Furman University (s)
Andrew Manugian	Middlebury College	J.P. Zdancewicz.....	University of Tennessee (s)
Aaron Markowitz.....	Georgetown University		

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LADIES TAKE A BOW AT MUS

NANCY GATES EARNS DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

There's no doubt about it: **Nancy Gates** moves fast. The diminutive math whiz doesn't stroll through the halls of MUS – she dashes with determination. It comes as no surprise then that Gates is equally energetic in the classroom. She expects her students to rise to challenges and keep up with her pace – and they have. Since 1990, 257 of Gates's students have taken the AP or BC Calculus exam. Of those 257, 225 have earned a 5, the best possible score, and no one has earned below a 3 or failed to qualify for college credit. Impressive statistics. Gates should know.

Results such as these, coupled with Gates's enthusiasm for math and ability to motivate, have earned the respect of colleagues and the admiration of students. In recognition of her expertise and her dedication to MUS, Gates received the 2005 Distinguished Teaching Award.

Established by former teacher and Lower School principal John Murry Springfield in 1990, the award honors a member of the faculty who demonstrates a willingness to go beyond the call of duty in helping students, com-

Board of Education and the Memphis Urban Systemic Initiative in 1998, and was one of three high school teachers on the College Board's Calculus Development Committee from 1998-1999.

Gates joined the MUS faculty in the fall of 1998 as the Donald Bailey Wiener Chair of Mathematics. Since then she has strengthened the camaraderie among department members while encouraging professional development, supported the creation of new classes such as Introduction to Statistics and Calculus and Algebra Essentials, and increased the school's participation in mathematics competitions.

SENIORS HONOR ELIZABETH CROSBY

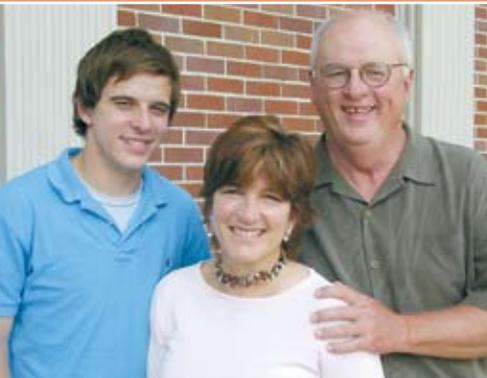
Each year, the senior class presents the John M. Nail Award to a teacher who exemplifies the qualities of John Nail, one of the school's most admired and respected educators. Established in 1991 in Nail's memory, the award recognizes the recipient's love of learning and sincere interest in the welfare of his or her students and includes a school medal, a plaque, and a check for \$5,000. The 2005 recipient of this prestigious award is English instructor **Elizabeth Crosby**.

she has developed summer courses for MUS in Europe; she organized a faculty spelling-bee team to help raise money for the Memphis Literacy Council, and she motivated students to donate books to that organization. And, after being awarded a Hale Fellowship, she organized a New England literary and historical trip for students taking American Literature and American History, which will begin in the fall of 2005.

PAULA SCHMITT RECEIVES HALE AWARD

One would think that after 21 years at MUS, **Paula Schmitt** would have an official title. But ask anyone in the business office to give her a label, and a conclusive response will be hard to come by. Instead, ask them what she does – if you have time. You could be there a while.

"Hard-working and responsible, smart and resourceful, honest and loyal, Paula Schmitt is an invaluable member of our business staff," Headmaster Ellis Haguewood said of Schmitt, who attended Indiana State University and worked in Foundation Relations at Yale University and in Wabash College's Annual Giving Office before coming to MUS in 1984. "Whether solving computer or telephone problems, meticulously handling accounts receivable or accounts payable, or keeping up with



Nancy Gates with son Alex and husband Greek; Elizabeth Crosby flanked by seniors Ethan Knight and Worth Morgan; Paula Schmitt accepting congratulations from Steven and Ben Hale

municates well with students and peers, has an impact on the school community, makes a subject interesting while maintaining standards of excellence, and pursues professional growth.

Gates earned her B.S. from the Mississippi University for Women and her M.S. from the University of Memphis. A teacher in the public school system before coming to MUS, she won the Rotary Award for Teacher Excellence in 1984 and received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at the White House that same year. She was the Tennessee Teacher of the Year in Mathematics in 1985, accepted certificates of appreciation from the Memphis

Crosby began her career at MUS in 1995, teaching American and British Literature. Following a hiatus from 1998-2000, she returned to the school and quickly became a favorite among students again. "Ms. Crosby is always willing to help any student who approaches her, regardless of whether or not that student is in her class," said **Andrew Robinson '05**, who represented the Class of 2005 in presenting the award at the graduation ceremony.

Crosby received both a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Virginia and taught at Episcopal High School before coming to MUS. At MUS she serves as faculty advisor to the Mock Trial team;

financial aid, Paula can do anything that needs to be done, and everything she does, she does extremely well," Haguewood continued.

As the 2005 recipient of the Jean Barbee Hale Award for Outstanding Service, Schmitt possesses the characteristics that endeared Jean Hale, a 24-year member of the MUS staff, to the school community: loyalty, commitment, dedication, discretion, and consistency. Hale's husband, Ben Hale, established the annual award in her honor upon her retirement in 1998 to recognize members of the staff who have demonstrated unselfish service and dedication to the school.

NATIONAL NEWS

Wilson Wins Monolog Gold

by Caitlin Goodrich



In his first-ever attempt at national competition, Eric Wilson decided to give it his best shot – judges thought he hit the mark!

It was a Wednesday at MUS, but for all intents and purposes May 4 might have been called “Eric Wilson Day.” Reporters from *The Commercial Appeal* and members of the Memphis community arrived early for Wilson’s performance; a cake bearing Shakespeare’s bust was prominently displayed in the Dining Hall; and students and teachers alike could be spotted wearing t-shirts that read “Eric Wilson, 2005 National Shakespeare Champion.” MUS was welcoming home a champ.

A closer examination of the shirts proud MUS fans donned for the event revealed a quote from *Hamlet*:

“My lord, you played once i’ the university, you say?”
“That did I, my lord; and was accounted a good actor.”

Although a bit of an understatement, **Eric Wilson’s ’05** legacy at MUS will undoubtedly read something like the above statement – just replace the word “good” with “award-winning,” “critically-acclaimed,” and “world-class.” A familiar face on the MUS stage, Wilson has portrayed a variety of memorable characters over the years; he was Curly in *Oklahoma*, Prospero in *The Tempest*, and Pippin’s Leading Player. He even tried his hand at directing, overseeing the entirely student-produced run of Neil Simon’s *Barefoot in the Park* last winter.

But it was in January of 2005 that Wilson’s road to *national* renown truly began. He won a school-wide Shakespeare monolog competition sponsored by English teacher and theater instructor **Flip Eikner ’77** and advanced to the English-Speaking Union’s (ESU) regional competition. There a panel of judges named him the winner, an award that came with a \$1,000 check and a plane ticket to New York City to participate in the ESU’s national contest.

Wilson flew to the Big Apple on April 23 and spent the week-end touring the city with 55 other regional winners chosen from over 16,000 student competitors nationwide. The aspiring thespian

ans explored Central Park and Times Square, took in Denzel Washington’s captivating performance in *Julius Caesar* on Broadway, and attended an acting workshop at New York University before arriving at Lincoln Center, the site of the ESU’s competition.

Students rose early on April 25 to perform their chosen Shakespeare monolog and sonnet before a panel of judges headlined by Emmy Award-winning actor Richard Thomas and Broadway, film, and television actress Emily Bergl. “I think the judges were looking for an honest, personal performance,” Wilson said. “They wanted us to really focus on the language, to use the words effectively and convey their meaning.”

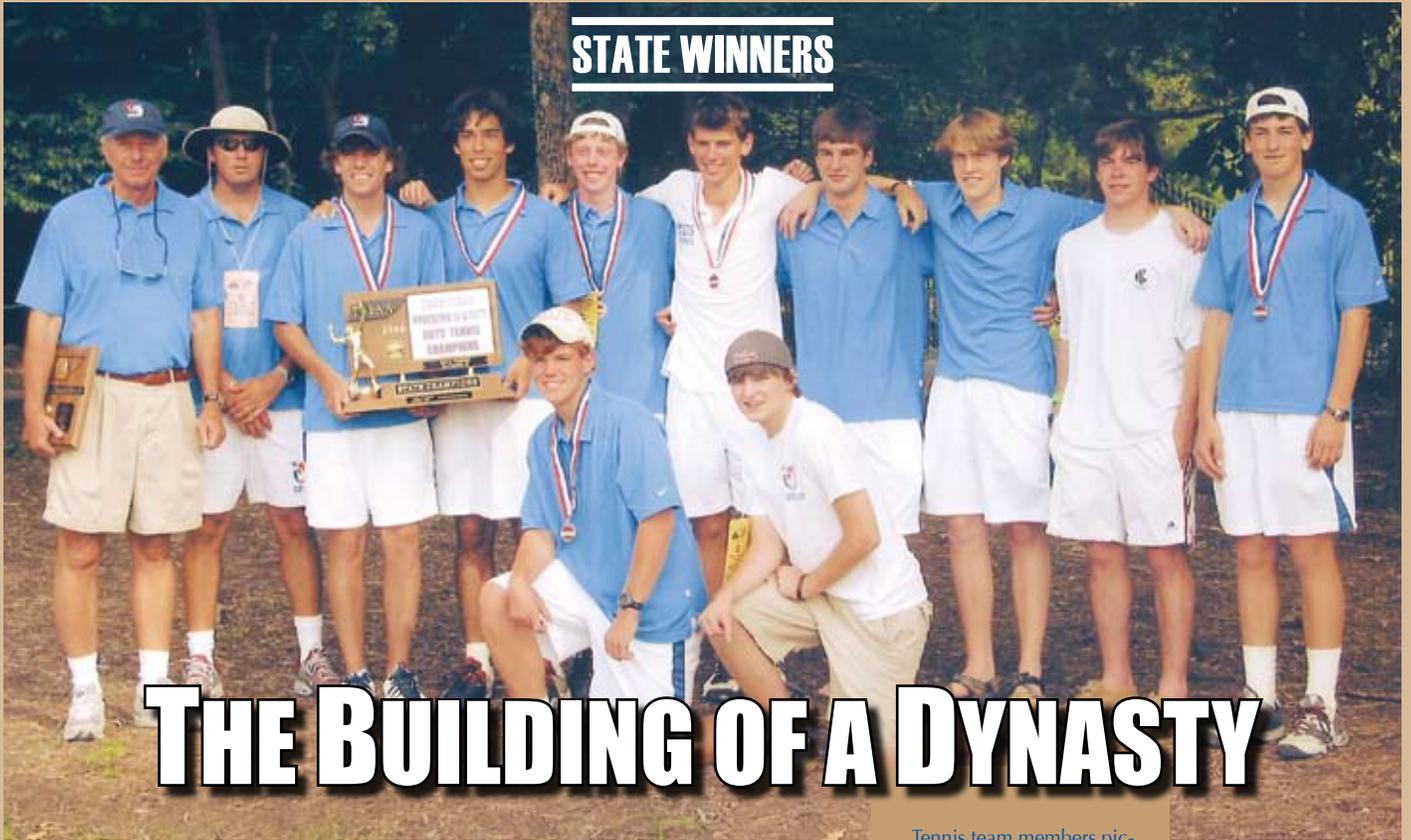
Performances stretched late into the afternoon, and when the names of the ten finalists were announced, Wilson was on the list. The final round required repeat presentations of the students’ monologs and sonnets as well as a cold reading of an additional monolog. “**Mr. [Norman] Thompson’s** Shakespeare class definitely helped me interpret my piece from *Coriolanus* quickly,” Wilson said. “The more you read Shakespeare, the easier it is to understand.” When all was said and done, Wilson’s portrayal of Jaques from *As You Like It* and his interpretation of Sonnet 147 took home the title.

While Wilson was surprised by his win, longtime theater instructor **Andy Saunders** never doubted his ability. “He has an unusual facility for making characters believable, regardless of the character,” Saunders said. “That’s something you can’t teach. That’s something you do.”

So what’s next for Eric Wilson? Will the neon lights of Broadway or Hollywood’s glamour and glitz come calling? “Maybe someday,” he says. For now, he has more practical plans. Although he was accepted to NYU’s prestigious Tisch School of the Arts, Wilson chose to attend Northwestern University, which has a more liberal arts-based program – *and* an outstanding drama department. “I’ll be able to get a degree in theater and something else,” he said. “But I may end up at Tisch eventually – they have a great graduate program.”

Wherever he goes, Wilson plans to continue acting – and has promised to return to MUS to participate in the alumni productions. “I just love being onstage, whether it be in the chorus or in a leading role,” he said. “I’ll take any part I can get.”

STATE WINNERS



THE BUILDING OF A DYNASTY

TENNIS CLAIMS TITLE AGAIN

One of the common questions often asked in sports circles is how many championships does a team have to win to be considered a “dynasty.” Does winning two straight titles make a dynasty? What about three consecutive? While these qualifications can be debated, what the MUS varsity tennis program has accomplished the last eight years cannot. By winning another team title this year, their seventh in the last eight years, and their eighth straight doubles state title, the Owls continued their tennis dominance and again set the standard as the premier dynasty in Tennessee high school athletics.

As usual, **Coach Bill Taylor** had a nice balance of seniors and underclassmen. Seniors **Alex Guyton** and **Bo Ladyman** anchored the squad and played well throughout the season. Two of the most dominant players in the South, the teammates added to their long list of accomplishments as they claimed another region doubles championship and their

third straight state doubles title, the school’s eighth consecutive. The 6-3, 6-1 victory over teammates **Worth Morgan** and **Watson George** in the state finals also tied a state record with the third title. Also excellent singles players, Guyton and Ladyman were rarely challenged and provided excellent leadership, work ethic, and character to the team.

Other seniors played important roles as well. Morgan had a fine season and played his best tennis in the postseason. Claiming second in both region and state doubles play capped an outstanding year for this Chapel-Hill (UNC)-bound young man. **Andrew Dudas**, **Michael McCulloch**, **Scott McLeod**, and **Jacob Weinstein** also provided quality depth to the team as they played significant roles throughout the year.

As always, underclassmen played essential roles in this title year. Sophomore **William Lang** did not have an

Tennis team members pictured above are Coach Bill Taylor, Assistant Coach Ali Hamadeh, Bo Ladyman, Alex Guyton, Spencer Heflin, Worth Morgan, Michael McCulloch, Scott McLeod, Jacob Weinstein, William Lang, (kneeling) Watson George, and Alex Addington.

ideal year as he fought a back injury most of the season but still played well enough to claim the region singles title,

defeating junior teammate **Spencer Heflin** in the finals. Then at state, Lang advanced to the championship match but eventually lost to finish second in singles play. Next year, he cannot wait to challenge for the one-spot on the team.

But he will have to compete with fellow teammates like Heflin for that position. A Best-of-the-Preps finalist along with Guyton, Ladyman, and Lang, Heflin began to make a significant impact as he improved throughout the year. A runner-up finish at region and a state appearance left him hungry to have a big senior year.

Freshman Watson George also had a fine season and gained valuable

experience from the older guys. Teaming with Morgan, George tasted pressure-packed postseason tournaments, and he played well, claiming second both at region and state in doubles play. George also won his singles match against MBA to help clinch the team title.

Other underclassmen also were essential to the squad. Juniors **Andrew Alexander**, **Zach Glover**, and **Mike Montesi**, sophomore **Alex Addington**, who battled a knee injury in 2005, and freshmen **Teddy Klug**, **Nick Nash**, **Michael Sousoulas**, and **Michael Wills** all gained essential experience and tasted what it takes to be successful at this level.

As always, the Owls looked to play quality competition during the season, not just in state, but also throughout the South. MUS lost to only two teams this year and went undefeated against Tennessee schools, beating every team handily as they did not lose one match. Wins over local teams such as Lausanne, Briarcrest, ECS, Harding, SBEC, CBHS, St. Benedict, and St. George's and out-of-state squads such as Jackson (MS) Prep, Westminster (GA), and Indian Hills (OH) readied the Owls for another title run.

MUS found little difficulty in region and state team postseason play. The team claimed their tenth consecutive region team title with a sweep over rival CBHS in the finals. Then, with the top-seed at state, MUS battled McCallie in semifinal action and had little trouble, winning 4-0. In the finals, the Owls once again were not tested as they manhandled MBA, 4-0, to win the team state title in front of the hometown crowd.

Coach Taylor, who won his eleventh state title in 2005, knows the value of good leadership and that the seven seniors will be difficult to replace. But a dynasty reloads, so the underclassmen will be looked to to continue the outstanding legacy of MUS tennis.

TAYLOR-MADE TENNIS

Under Bill Taylor's 29-year reign as head coach, the TSSAA lists MUS as the only high-school tennis team in Tennessee that has won state championships in four different decades. Over the years, Taylor's teams have amassed:

- 22 district championships
- 25 regional wins
- 6 state runner-up titles
- 11 state championship trophies
- 10 state doubles championships (8 in a row since 1998)
- 5 state singles champions



2005 BOP HONORS

The MUS tennis team was recognized at *The Commercial Appeal* Best of the Preps awards in June. Alex Guyton (right) took home the Scholar-Athlete Award in recognition of his exemplary academic performance and his dedication to both MUS and the tennis program. Guyton and his three-time state champion doubles partner, Bo Ladyman (above), also shared the BOP Boy's Tennis Player of the Year title. And Coach Bill Taylor was named Coach of the Year, an honor he has earned for eight of the past nine years.



DOUBLES POWERHOUSE Even before the final doubles match started, Coach Bill Taylor (center) knew MUS had another state title in the bag with (from left) Watson George and Worth Morgan playing Alex Guyton and Bo Ladyman for the championship. Guyton and Ladyman were the winners, taking home their third state title, but the runners-up don't seem too unhappy! The next time Guyton and Ladyman are on the court together, they will probably be opponents. Both will play tennis for their college choices: Guyton is attending Dartmouth, Ladyman chose Furman.



ALUMNI MPACT MEMPHIS AT THE 2005 ROGERS LEADERSHIP FORUM

by Caitlin Goodrich

When **Darrell T. Cobbins '91**, **Kerr Tigrett '96**, and **Gil Uhlhorn '93** returned to MUS for the third annual Rogers Leadership Forum on April 22, they found themselves onstage in Hyde Chapel rather than in the rows of seats where they once filed in to hear Monday morning announcements. The three men visited their alma mater not only as alumni but also as successful businessmen, community leaders, and members of Mpack Memphis, the featured organization in this year's forum. The program, "Mpack Memphis: A New Generation of Leaders," encouraged students to invest in the future of the city by building relationships with community members and taking on leadership roles.

Cobbins, Tigrett, and Uhlhorn identified with current students and spoke to issues that would directly affect their futures. Three other Memphis professionals were also included in the panel of speakers: Apryl Childs, account coordinator for archer>malmo; Tomeka Hart, an attorney with Young & Perl and a member of the Board of Commissioners of Memphis City Schools; and Jason Hernandez, director of business development for The Data Company. Doug Bacon, executive director of Mpack, moderated the discussion.

Founded in 2001, Mpack Memphis is a diverse leadership organization working to secure the city's success through ongoing projects, events, and campaigns. Its members hope to inspire and empower a new generation of leaders to bring positive relevant change to the social, civic, and political environment in Memphis. "Young people don't need to wait to be part of a movement for change in this city. It's not a matter of age, race, or background; the responsibility falls on everyone," Uhlhorn said.

The panelists answered questions posed by students regarding both Mpack as an organization and the importance of leader-

ship in their lives. "Leadership is a responsibility, and MUS offers so many opportunities to learn how to be a leader," Uhlhorn said. "We've been given so much, we can't ignore that responsibility."

Tigrett told the student body that he only recently began to think of himself as a leader. "By opening myself up to the ideas and opinions of others and learning to listen, I've been able to assume greater responsibilities in my work and activities – I've become someone that people look to," he said. "Leadership is really about being the bigger man, thinking of others rather than just yourself all the time."

Cobbins offered his own definition of leadership: "It's knowing what to do next, knowing why it's important, and knowing how to bring the appropriate resources to a project. Leadership needs to be thought of in a broad sense. You can be a leader anywhere, but it's important to get involved in your church, business, or community because it makes our city a better place."

After the chapel presentation, the Mpack panelists met with about 30 students to discuss additional leadership opportunities for students as well as potential collaboration between Mpack and MUS. One idea that came from this discussion was the possibility of hosting a forum on education in conjunction with Mpack and other area high schools. Another project discussed was raising awareness and/or funds for Imagination Library. Because educators have identified preschool reading and parent involvement as among the most important steps toward a child's success in school, Dolly Parton launched Imagination Library in Sevier County, Tennessee, in 1996 to provide children who register for the program an age-appropriate book every month until their fifth birthday. Last year Governon Phil

Bredesen unveiled plans to implement the program statewide, and this June Mayor A.C. Wharton's office announced plans to launch the program in Shelby County. Students **Mike Montesi** and **Stephen Thompson** volunteered to coordinate the school's efforts with Mpack for the upcoming school year.

All three alumni on the panel have been working to improve Memphis since leaving MUS. After graduating from Rhodes College and the Leadership Institute of Memphis, Cobbins worked as a senior resource development officer at the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce and as a unit manager at Guardsmark, Inc. He joined Commercial Advisors LLC as an associate broker in July of 2001. Cobbins has remained active in the Memphis community as a member of the BRIDGES, Inc. Board of Trustees, the Junior League of Memphis Advisory Board, the Memphis/Shelby County Center City Commission, and the Urban Art Commission – Public Art Oversight Committee. He is a founding member and past president of Mpack Memphis and recently served as senior campaign advisor to attorney Tomeka Hart in her successful run for the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioners.

Tigrett graduated from the University of Virginia and worked as a business development account executive with Value America in Charlottesville, Virginia, before heading across the pond to London, England, and Glasgow, Scotland, where he was a venture capitalist at Freund Communications and Consultants. Following his time abroad, Tigrett moved to Santa Monica, California, where he took a position as director of sales and marketing at Strome Investment Management, L.P. He has since returned to Memphis and is now president of Burton Capital LLC, a venture capital investment firm that focuses on real estate investments. Tigrett also serves on the Boards of the Memphis Charitable Foundation and the National Rock and Soul Museum.

A founding member of Mpack Memphis, Uhlhorn received his B.A. from Washington and Lee University and his J.D. with honors from the University of Tennessee College of Law. He works as an attorney for Glankler Brown, PLLC, as well as chief manager and president of Uhlhorn Properties Group LLC, a real estate investment firm, and a resident real estate broker with Uhlhorn Realtors. Uhlhorn is also actively involved at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens where he served as co-chair of the Young At Art Board of Trustees in 2002-2003 and is a member of the Grassroots Fundraising Committee at BRIDGES, Inc.



Cobbins Defines Community Service

by Gaye Swan

We took the opportunity to catch up with Rogers Leadership Forum panelist **Darrell Cobbins '91**, who sets a new standard for community involvement. "I believe it is important for the community to see MUS alumni doing good things as an extension of the MUS experience," he told us and further explained:

? *What experiences in your life made you recognize the importance of community service?*

I was raised in a family committed to community service and volunteerism. My activity with the MUS Civic Service Club as well as the annual MUS civic service requirements complimented what my family instilled in my brother **Donnell '90** and me, helping us understand the value, impact, and benefit of serving the community and helping improve life for others. MUS, where the academic environment is challenging and students are also encouraged to seek a well-rounded experience through extracurricular activities, formed my frame of thought to pursue a balance between work and service.

? *How do you feel MUS prepared you to be a community leader?*

I was not a "leader" per se at MUS. I never held a particular leadership position in an organization or ran for student government or Honor Council offices, but through my involvement in groups like Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Civic Service Club, and varsity football I learned a great deal about leadership in general and developed a high level of confidence in my personal abilities.

Friday morning chapel services, where we heard from community leaders and influential decision-makers, provided the opportunity to see first-hand how one's education, personal experiences, and relationships could influence the world in which we

live. MUS helped me understand, at a young age, that the world is made up of all types of people from different cultures. Based upon our individual experiences, we all make sense of the world in different ways. The relationships with fellow students, teachers, and administrators I enjoyed at MUS played a fundamental role in how I view the world and other people, which translates directly into my personal life goal of leaving my fingerprints throughout the Memphis community.

? *How do you see community service as an extension of your MUS experience?*

Since we do not live in the world with just our friends, our families, and ourselves, service is vitally important. In some way, shape, or form, we all should be making some attempt to improve the community in which we live. Regardless of the issue or cause, we are all affected directly or indirectly by the challenges that our community faces. Whether it is education, crime, poverty, job opportunities, or economic development, there is a role for each of us to play in helping to resolve these and a myriad of other issues that affect our lives and the lives of others. MUS students, administrators, and especially alumni have always exhibited an understanding of this fact through their actions. If MUS's impact on this community were to ever be quantified or visually

drawn, I believe it would truly be astounding to see how this institution and those associated with it have influenced the overall direction of this community. My service is merely an extension of the values I learned from my family and continuing an MUS value of service.

? *Can you tell us about a couple of the many organizations you are involved in and why you feel they are significant, both to you and to the community?*

In 2002, serving as a founding member and the inaugural president of Mpack Memphis was a tremendous honor. We were a group of young people working to address the community challenge of attracting and retaining young talent by creating an organization of more than 1,000 young citizens from a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds. Our goal was to form an organization that would enhance the Memphis community through service and leadership in a way that had never before been done. In those early days, I was invited to

be involved in developing the concept by fellow MUS alumni **Will Deupree '91** and **David Waddell '91**. Two more MUS alumni, **Gil Uhlhorn '93** and **Patrick Burnett '90**, were also instrumental in developing the Mpack Memphis concept, goals, and strategies. That experience made me a true believer in the power of an idea. We had a vision, built a team, developed a strategy, and made a significant impact on the community in a short period of time, changing the community landscape for the better.

Last year I also helped form a new political organization called New Path, which worked in 2004 to get young, local attorney Tomeka Hart elected to the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioners over an entrenched 17-year incumbent. Political insiders said our candidate was unknown and predicted that we would be crushed at the polls on election day, but we stayed focused and true to our vision of creating a new day in local public service and prevailed in a run-off with more than 60 percent of the vote. That was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life because at times the prospects for

BUSINESS TN RECOGNIZES LEADERS by Gaye Swan

Business TN is a relatively new magazine, but it has already become a popular tool for the state's business community. The magazine reports on events, businesses, people, and issues in the state of Tennessee. According to its website, *Business TN* "exists to provide a high level of knowledge to people doing business or investing in [Tennessee]. We believe that by providing intelligent perspectives, our publications transmit knowledge vital to our readers' professional success."

TENNESSEE'S 50 MOST POWERFUL AFRICAN AMERICANS

The October 2004 issue covered "Tennessee's 50 Most Powerful African Americans," the magazine's first effort to take stock of African American power in our state. In coming up with the list, the magazine took into account a person's political, religious, social, and business power, as well as power of celebrity, perceived power, and power from wealth. The magazine followed up with a "Future's List," detailing 14 up-and-comers including **Rey Flemings '91** and **Darrel Cobbins '91**.

BEST 101 LAWYERS

In January 2005, *Business TN* listed the "Best 101 Lawyers" in the state. The attorneys were selected based on the magazine's "own due diligence based



Ben Adams



William Fones



Brian Kelsey



Gil Uhlhorn

on peer review by other lawyers, judges, and business executives in the state." Five MUS alumni made the cut: **Ben Adams '74**, **Hunter Humphreys '70**, **Shep Tate '70**, **John Good '76**, and **William Fones '69**.

30 UNDER 30

Business TN's February 2005 issue listed "30 Under 30" – 30 young movers and shakers likely to make an impact now and in the future, and three Owls made the list: **Brian Kelsey '96**, **Kerr Tigrett '96**, and **Gil Uhlhorn '93**.

POWER 100: TENNESSEE'S MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE

More recently, *Business TN* published its "Power 100: Tennessee's Most Powerful People" (April 2005). The magazine's selections "reflect the perceived ability and inclination of those on the list to effect change in various realms of life in Tennessee – business, politics, academia, philanthropy, religion.... The result is a list of people who bear uncommon responsibility for Tennessee's present good fortunes." Three MUS alumni made this prestigious list: No. 1, **Fred Smith '62**; No. 4, **Pitt Hyde '61**; and No. 78, **Henry Turley '59**.

success seemed bleak, and failure was a real possibility. All we had to offer was our candidate, our ideas, and our message. Thankfully, that was just enough.

I believe firmly in seeking to find opportunity where others may see problems or challenges. In both of these cases, there were challenges facing our community and our school system, and, with the help of a few friends and some ideas, we were able to make things better in a major way.



What do you see for yourself in the future?

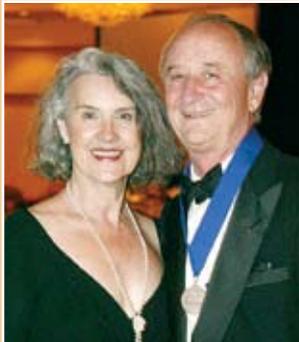
As I mentioned, I made an entry into the political realm last year, serving as a senior advisor and strategist to Ms. Hart in her successful campaign for the Memphis City Schools Board. I recently accepted an offer by U.S. Representative Harold Ford, Jr., to assume a senior role in his 2006 bid for the U.S. Senate to succeed Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist. I have also been admitted by Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government for a one-week course on how

to improve government performance to produce results that citizens value, which will provide an opportunity to learn with some of the brightest legislators and public executives from across the U.S. and the world. I view these new opportunities in the area of politics and government as the chance to take what I have learned in community service and apply it to effectuate broad-scale positive change through the sphere of public service for the ultimate welfare of Memphis as a whole.

Darrell Cobbins is married to Mikki and is an associate broker with Commercial Advisors, LLC, a commercial real estate advisory and brokerage firm. He works with fellow MUS alumnus Jim Rainer '77, senior vice president, to provide high-level strategic advice and brokerage transaction services to corporations, small businesses, and investors on their business' real estate goals and requirements.

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Turley Joins Elite Group of Master Entrepreneurs by John K. Lawo '59



Henry Turley with his wife, Lynne, at the award ceremony

Already much celebrated for his work in the revitalization and development of downtown Memphis and the inner city, **Henry M. Turley, Jr. '59** received another honor recently when he was selected as the 2005 recipient of the Master Entrepreneur Award given annually by The (Memphis) Society of Entrepreneurs and Junior Achievement of Memphis.

The honor is given to the member of the society who not only has the basic characteristics necessary for membership but also has pursued a vision that has had a lasting impact on society. This person is judged by his or her peers as the perfect example of an entrepreneur – one who achieves personal business success and possesses self-direction, leadership, personal integrity, determination, creativity, and the ability to transform a vision into a dynamic business achievement.

Turley joins an elite group of Master Entrepreneurs including Jack Belz, Carlos Cantu (deceased), William B. Dunavant, Jr., Jabie S. Hardin, R. Brad Martin, Harry J. Phillips, Sr. (deceased), Herbert Rhea, Willard R. Sparks (deceased), and Michael S. Starnes, and MUS graduates **J. R. "Pitt" Hyde III '61** and **Allen B. Morgan, Jr. '60**. Among other members of the society are **Scott P. Ledbetter '60**, **Henry W. Morgan '61**, **Frederick W. Smith '62**, and **James A. Thomas III '58** (deceased). Hyde and Smith are also members of the society's Hall of Honor.

Almost 46 years ago, Turley sat in **Mr. Hatchett's** classroom at MUS thinking about how he could "improve things," not to mention how he might score more GPs (Good Points) on his next English paper. Classmate **William W. Taylor, Jr. '59** recalls how Turley had thoughts on improving Shakespeare's Globe Theater, a model of which resided in a corner of the classroom. Little did

Turley realize that his thoughts on improving such public places would later serve him and his community so well.

The founder and president of Henry Turley Company, a real estate development company, and a founding member of the Society of Entrepreneurs, Turley continues to think of ways to make things better as he works from his office in the Memphis Cotton Exchange Building, which he developed with **Clyde Patton '58** and Patton & Taylor Construction Company. Notable among Turley's developments are Harbor Town north of Mud Island (a nationally-celebrated community nestled on what was once a relatively obscure island in the Mississippi River) and the South Bluffs (an array of condos and stunning homes offering picturesque views of the river).

Turley has paid close attention to the urban areas of other great cities and what makes them work. "They begin by honoring their history," he says. "Through space, place, and time, they define who we are and what is special about us. Cities embrace all their people and celebrate the diverse mixture that they create. Cities offer common spaces – shared ground for sharing ideas and ideals. They express our pride of place. Cities draw us to the world outside our own four walls and toward each other."

Such knowledge and understanding provide the basis for Turley's vision and success. "I guess I was unleashed on the world in the late '70s with the idea that someone had to do something about downtown Memphis," Turley says, "and I thought I had the opportunity to do things that were a little bit different."

The Society of Entrepreneurs was founded in 1991 to foster the development of the entrepreneurial spirit and to recognize the contribution of entrepreneurs to business and community. Its membership is comprised of Mid-South business owners, presidents, and other key executives. Members are chosen annually by their peers and must be mature (not emerging) entrepreneurs.

John K. Lawo is a freelance writer and independent business consultant specializing in magazine publishing. He has founded and developed numerous magazines, and his writing has appeared in national and international titles. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Germantown.

“Where Is My Money Going?”

MUS relies on alumni, parents, and friends to contribute to the Annual Fund each year. When you make a pledge during Phonathon or mail in your check, you may have a general sense of loyalty and goodwill toward MUS, but do you ever wonder what your contribution is actually being used for? Would you be inclined to increase your contribution if you knew that the projects the Annual Fund supports have a direct impact on students and faculty?

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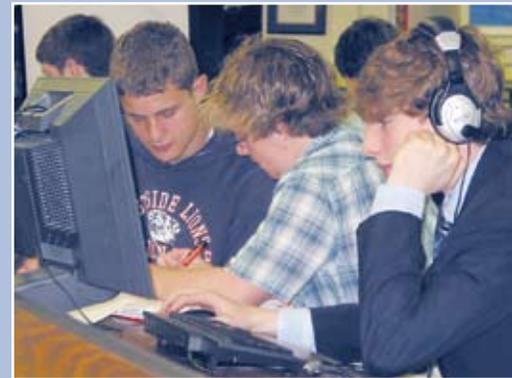


◀ **The addition of new technology and equipment in the McCaughan Science Center**
“The Science Department has recently made a major technological upgrade by equipping the chemistry lab, biology lab, and physics lab with Vernier LabPro data collection devices. These devices have interchangeable probes that can simultaneously measure such things as temperature, gas pressure, pH, and concentration of solutions. This upgrade makes a marked difference in the extent to which boys are able to experience the science curriculum at MUS.” – *Laura Lawrence, Science Instructor*

The purchase of new electronic and print media for the Hyde Library ▶

“Updating the library’s media collection to the more common CD and DVD formats is increasing use of these materials by both students and

teachers. Access to a large collection of specialized e-books, such as the *Oxford English Dictionary*, helps us to teach effective use of these formats and provides 24-hour access to these titles.” – *Ellen McDonnell, Director of the Hyde Library*



◀ **The installation of a drainage system for Rogers Field**

“Improved drainage and a well-kept lacrosse field gives our boys the opportunity to practice and play on a better surface, therefore providing a suitable environment for the educational experience that extends outside of the classroom...character development, sportsmanship, the pursuit of excellence, self-sacrifice, serving the greater good, and commitment to achieving individual and team success. This improved facility also provides the opportunity to develop fierce competitors, better prepared athletes, and lacrosse teams that are recognized on a national level.”

– *Elliott Dent, Lacrosse Coach and Religion Instructor*

The creation of a new summer travel program for MUS students ▶

“MUS in Guatemala offers our students the opportunity to improve their language skills through a total immersion program. Not only do they take four hours of one-on-one Spanish classes each day, they also take day trips and weekend trips around the country. From wandering through open-air markets to exploring the

ruins of ancient pyramids to living with Spanish-speaking host families, our students experience first-hand what life is like in Central America.” – *Mindy Broadaway, Spanish Instructor*

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In Memory of



W. P. "Buddy" Morrison

MUS lost one of its greatest friends on Sunday, May 8, 2005, when Buddy Morrison, former chairman of the Board of Trustees, passed away. Headmaster Ellis Haguewood eulogized Morrison at his funeral at Earle United Methodist Church in Earle, Arkansas.

"For to me, Buddy was a great man. He was the best of

what this country has to offer – a man of 'the greatest generation.' He embodied the noblest virtues that characterize the life that is truly life – decency, honesty, hard work, perseverance, hospitality, compassion, service, unwavering loyalty, and generosity. He was a man rooted in the earth he tilled but elevated by a sublime love for his wife [Ruth], his sons, his grandchildren, his family, his friends, his church, his community, the schools he supported. As an astute businessman, banker, farmer, civic leader, his achievements are monumental."

Buddy Morrison was a World War II Navy veteran and served as former director and board member of First Southern Bank; board member of Saint Francis Levee Board, Mississippi River Parkway Commission, and Union Services Industries; former president of Earle Rotary Club and Crittenden County Farm Bureau; and as a chairman of the administrative board and finance committee of Earle United Methodist Church where he was also president of Methodist Men.

Haguewood also spoke of Buddy Morrison's generosity and commitment to his family. "If you want to know what a man is like, I say look at his sons. John, Price [Class of 1975], Joe [Class of 1978] – all of them strong, generous, faithful, committed to their families and to their community. They are sons of whom Buddy was proud and with good reason. They in turn have sons and daughters, Buddy and Ruth's twelve grandchildren, whom Buddy loved intensely and generously. And they loved him. But Buddy had an extended family as well. Kent Wunderlich '66, who followed Buddy as chairman of the board at MUS, recounted this story about Buddy, who along with Ruth was always present at football and basketball games on campus. 'Do you have a boy on the team?' a parent asked Buddy, gesturing toward the basketball court and the MUS players. 'They're *all* my boys,' answered Buddy. 'Every MUS boy is *my* boy.'

"Leadership and generosity marked his life – trustee at MUS from 1976 to 1995, board chair from 1983 to 1988, he made the lead gift to provide the school with a much-needed science facility, the J. J. McCaughan Science Center, named for Ruth's dad. He led a campaign in the '80's for endowment to support faculty salaries, at that time endowing the Ruth McCaughan Morrison Chair of Science, and he made a transformational gift to our recent Doors to New Opportunities Campaign, which enhanced and improved our campus with new classrooms, teacher offices, athletic fields, dining hall, and meeting rooms. The Morrison Courtyard, a large and beautiful quadrangle, encircled by the new Upper School academic building, is named for Buddy."

It is not easy to sum up a man like Buddy Morrison. Haguewood reflected, "The most salient characteristic of Buddy to me was his sensitive and large heart.... He loved Ruth and his sons and his grandchildren and his family and his church and the land and MUS and God with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his mind and with all his strength, but especially, especially with his heart. We've all been blessed by having known Buddy Morrison."

MUS CREST & CORNERSTONE

"When it comes to estate planning, some might think it strange for a single guy in his mid-30s with no kids to be contemplating wills and beneficiaries. Why should those of us in our 20s, 30s, and 40s be thinking about giving back to MUS? It's simple... think about all of the positive things you took away from your time at MUS – an outstanding education, long-lasting friendships, a sense of tradition, and the like – and try to imagine someone in the future not being able to gain the same benefits simply because their family is under financial restrictions.

Or, think about the costs associated for MUS to attract and keep the most talented faculty around...or the expenses associated with keeping up with technological advances in the classroom... or the annual costs associated with theatrical performances, athletic team competitions, and general facilities maintenance.

Whatever your reasons, giving back is an important responsibility that we all share – no matter the amount. Give some serious consideration to making MUS a part of your estate planning. It will provide a great return on investment – allowing future students to reap the rewards."

– Jonny Ballinger '87

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Remember When

One May afternoon I ran sprints on the track with **Coach Batey** under **Coach Alston's** flinty gaze. Just before going to bed that night, a friend called to ask for help on a paper that was due the next morning at 9:00 a.m. He dropped by five minutes later because he lived only a few doors down. Before he left, we talked about a recent vacation to Destin that had started with a chance airport encounter with **Barham Ray '64** and had included a sighting of **Andy Cates '89** and his dad. We also shared some wisdom passed down the night before by senior mentor **Gavin Murray '86**.

A reverie of the Glory Days of the Class of '88? Unfortunately, no. This all happened today, and the "paper" sits before you, hastily typed in the midst of the Suns/Mavs game (the Suns are up by five – I'll keep you posted).

Consistency and community define MUS for me. My wife and I arrived in Memphis six weeks ago for my sister's wedding and the birth of our second daughter. We have lived most of the past 13 years in Asia and are en route to London. However, since 1998 we have spent several months a year in Memphis. Every time we visit Memphis, we go through the same MUS rituals – summer league basketball games, running on the track, and watching football games where half of my class seems to always be on hand. The facilities are nicer, there's more security and less parking, but the fundamental experience remains remarkably consistent.

My friends from outside Memphis think I am joking when I explain that 20 or so alumni teams get together for basketball in the summer or that many of my high school friends remain in contact on a weekly basis. Friends who live in Memphis sometimes find the MUS community suffocating. Transplanted Memphians who have been here long enough are invariably assigned a substitute MUS class just so the rest of us can place him. "Oh, yes, he would have been in **Doug Carpenter's** ['82] class if he'd lived here." The unspoken assumption: "Of course you would have chosen MUS if you had lived within 100 miles of the Pyramid."

MUS at its best offers a consistent experience guided by families dedicated to the school and to each other. My grandfather always called Coach Rudolph "Coach Thorn," but we understood, just as I knew what Coach Rudolph meant when he called me Ray after my uncle **Ray Brakebill '64**. The **McCarroll**, **Hussey**, and **Wunderlich** families, to name the first three that spring to mind, have rivaled the Sullivan family of World War II fame in their willingness to send their



**The More Things Change,
the More They Stay the Same**
by Andrew McDermott '88

Pictured from the fall of 1987, seniors Kevin Ogilby, Andrew McDermott, Fred Schaeffer, and Dan McEwan celebrate an MUS football victory.

sons to battle for MUS. In a private education world that increasingly resembles the corporate market for capital and personnel, the stability of MUS's administration and faculty stands out. Even the younger faculty members bring strong MUS ties to the school.

One of the greatest gifts that MUS provided me was a challenging, competitive arena in all parts of school life.

Failures teach me more than success, and the competitive environment in most classrooms and activities provided many opportunities for failure. Out of all my MUS academic memories, the most vivid is **Mr. Deaderick's** "F – You didn't answer the question." In sports, it's a tie between **Coach Alston's** "McDermott, your event is the right field of track," and **Coach Peters'** "McDermott has the least basketball talent on this team." In conduct, a perennial challenge, I remember bargaining with Mr. Batey for an S- if I could stand on my head for 30 seconds. What I do not remember was a real sense of competition between schools. We just assumed that we were the best. We might lose a game or a Latin tournament or some other one-off award, but there was never any question in any of our minds that MUS, taken as a whole, offered the absolute best overall program in Memphis. Until I left Memphis, it was easy to believe that we were the best school on the planet.

The end of MUS's local monopoly seems to have finally brought to MUS as an institution the same competitive forces that have shaped many of its students. The Coach Alston phrase I remember most probably applies as much to the school as it did to us: "There's no such thing as a plateau in life, you are either getting better or getting worse." The emerging free market in Memphis college-prep education will quickly tell MUS which way it is headed.

The Mavs won by 2.

Andrew McDermott '88 is employed with Southeastern Asset Management as assistant manager of the Longleaf Partners International Fund. He, his wife, Mitsuyo, their daughter Layla, and newborn daughter Sara live in London and summer in Memphis.

Editor's Note: Many thanks to **Fred Schaeffer '88** for his resourcefulness. Fred, you know what I'm talking about.

JAG

by Gaye Swan



Jay Heath standing in front of a mural of Saddam Hussein at Abu Ghraib prison in November 2004

The flag of the United States of America means many things to many people. But one particular flag will forever hold a special place in the hearts of MUS students, alumni and supporters: on November 26, 2004, Old Glory flew proudly over Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, at the request of Captain **John "Jay" Heath '93** on behalf of Memphis University School.

Heath, currently an officer in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps of the U.S. Army, recently visited his alma mater, bringing an American flag and a certificate detailing the mission flight that the flag accompanied. On Mission Number 1126A, two UH-60 "Blackhawk" Helicopters flew Lieutenant General David Petraeus to Camp Victory in Baghdad to meet with General George Casey; these aircraft then flew the Minister of Defense of El Salvador to and from meetings with Multi-National Division (Central South) officials and El Salvadoran troops. The flag presented to the school went with the soldiers on board these helicopters as they flew this mission. The flag (shown right) is now displayed in Humphreys Hall at MUS with other current school honors and awards.

Heath was pleased to present the flag to the school and enjoyed his trip down memory lane. "It was a great feeling to know that I can come to MUS and spend the day and feel so welcome," he said. "The same faculty and spirit is still here."

After graduating from MUS, Heath attended Harvard on an Army ROTC scholarship, an opportunity he credits to the teachers and atmosphere of MUS. "Had it not been for the background of my education at MUS, I would not have gone to Harvard," he explained.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army after his 1997 graduation from college, Heath opted to go to Georgetown Law School and pay his own way, got permission for a three-year educational delay, and went into the inactive ready reserve. His goal was to transfer from the Air Defense Artillery, the branch in which he was commissioned originally, to the JAG Corps, the branch of the Army that handles the Army's legal business, both criminal and civil.

SHIPMATE GOING ASHORE

With 32 years of service behind him, Rear Admiral Charles H. "Bert" Johnston '66, Vice Commander of Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) for the United States Navy, is looking ahead to new opportunities his retirement this past April may bring.

President John F. Kennedy said in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1963, "Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile...can respond with a good deal of pride and

satisfaction, 'I served in the United States Navy.'" And serve, Rear Admiral Johnston did. He has flown in excess of 3,000 flight hours in over 30 models of fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft, and he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (presented at his recent retirement ceremony), Legion of Merit, Navy Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and nine unit commendation/campaign awards.

Johnston entered the Navy through the Aviation Officer Candidate program and was commissioned in October 1973. He has master's degrees in aeronautical systems from the University of West Florida and in aeronautical engineering (avionics) from the Naval Postgraduate School, and he is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. He served three tours of duty on carriers in the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf, commanded an office in Melbourne, Australia, and

has served coast to coast from Patuxent River, Maryland, to China Lake, California, and back again. Johnston has been a part of NAVAIR for the last 20 years. On March 1, 2000, he achieved the rank of Rear Admiral, the third highest rank in the Navy. According to Johnston, "In June of 1985, I checked in as a test pilot under instruction...and I haven't left since.

"I never planned to stay in the military; I just never got out," Johnston said. "I was first attracted to the glamour and the excitement of being a jet pilot. Now, I have great respect for the Navy and a much better appreciation for the hard work and dedication that it takes to wear a uniform and serve our country."

Johnston's family attended the retirement ceremony on April 8 in Patuxent River, Maryland. Among them were Johnston's brothers-in-law, **Trow Gillespie '65** and **Steve Morrow '71**,

Heath graduated from Georgetown Law in 2000. He passed the Tennessee bar, then received permission for a further year of delay to complete a clerkship for Judge Eugene Sullivan at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. This federal court has military jurisdiction, hearing all appeals from every branch of the armed services. After a year of clerkship, he achieved his goal and went on active duty to the JAG School in Charlottesville, Virginia. Heath has spent more than three and one-half years on active duty, working both as a prosecutor and a defense attorney for the Army, first in Korea and later in the U.S. and Iraq.

"I was in Korea from January '02 to July '03," he said. "From January 2 until July 1, 2002, I served as a Legal Assistance Attorney and Tax Officer at Camp Casey – I ran the tax center, which is the Army's equivalent of H&R Block and is free to those in the Army."

From July 2002 to August of 2003, Heath worked as a trial counsel-prosecutor and as a legal advisor to the commander of the Second Aviation Brigade at Camp Stanley, Korea. His duties there included serving as prosecutor for any court martial; during the year he spent in this capacity, he prosecuted 13 cases.

In August 2003, Heath returned to the United States, posted to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, in the Trial Defense Service. "I am like a public defender, representing the soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division," he explained. "It is a 180 degree turnaround from my job in Korea in two ways. First of all, in Korea I was a prosecutor. I never defended soldiers. At Ft. Bragg and in Iraq, all I did was defense work (I never served as a prosecutor again). Second, in Korea, I advised the commanders in charge of my unit (i.e., Second



Aviation Brigade and its subordinate units) on a host of legal issues. Now, I only advise individual soldiers who are suspected of criminal misconduct; the commanders have their own lawyers."

He was sent to Iraq in April 2004 for a routine nine-month deployment, where he was appointed to defend Specialist Charles Graner in the Abu Ghraib case.

"I had no idea who Graner was or what had happened at Abu Ghraib," Heath said. "I got the case first thing when I arrived in Balad. (Graner's previous military attorney was rotated home in April). At that point, the Abu Ghraib story had not hit the media. Only after the *60 Minutes* piece and the *New Yorker* articles came out, did I have any idea of the intense media interest in the case. As the investigations continued and more information came to light, I devoted more and more time to working on SPC Graner's case. When his case was transferred to Ft. Hood in November 2004, I went back

to Ft. Hood, too – a few months early." Graner was found guilty of various charges and was sentenced to 10 years in a military prison and will be dishonorably discharged upon release.

Heath has remained posted to the 82nd Airborne Division Trial Defense Service at Ft. Bragg since his return from Iraq and Ft. Hood, still practicing criminal defense work. He is scheduled for discharge from the Army in September 2005 and is currently looking for his next job. He would like to go to Washington, D.C., to work either on Capitol Hill or for a private law firm; however, he has not ruled out the possibility of coming back to Tennessee. "I have really enjoyed my time in the Army and have had some truly amazing experiences – from peering into North Korea from an observation point on the DMZ, to jumping out of planes at Ft. Bragg, to interviewing suspected terrorists in Iraq," he said, "but I'm ready to move on. I'm looking forward to a career change that will bring a little less excitement and a little more stability."



Bert Johnston retires after admirably serving his country for more than three decades.

and nephews **Richard Garner '85**, **Paul Gillespie '01**, and **Stuart Gillespie '04**. According to Trow Gillespie, "The retirement ceremony was extraordinary, an unbelievable display of tradition." He further commented, "It was awe-inspiring to see the respect the officers had for each other, a reflection of the intimacy of these relationships that span the globe and go back 30 years." In fact, when asked what he would miss the most about his job, Johnston's immediate response was, "The people – I've got a lot of good friends here." He elaborated, "I'm pleased to have worked with so many warfare professionals – selfless servants of our nation who may not always agree with our answers. In the end, though, we all agreed with the focus on the warfighter and

that our Navy must support our nation and our president."

A serious end to a serious career. Johnston would like to continue to serve his country but in a different capacity – this time as a civilian. He is looking into opportunities in the defense industry. As stated in the program for the retirement ceremony, "...today we have to stop all engines, lay about smartly, drop the anchor, and stand by to honor one of our shipmates. A shipmate going ashore. To honor those years served, the guidance, the leadership, the expertise, and above all the friendship that this shipmate has given us these past 32 years.... He stood the watch so that we, our families, and our fellow countrymen could sleep soundly in safety each and every night knowing that a Sailor stood the watch. Today we say, 'Shipmate...the watch stands relieved. Relieved by those you have trained, guided, and led.

"Shipmate going ashore."

PETER ROOP:



Storyteller

by Caitlin Goodrich

We caught up with Peter Roop during his recent visit to Memphis; he spoke to students at Presbyterian Day School (pictured here), St. Mary's Episcopal School, and St. George's Day School. The Roops have two children. Sterling, 22, a graduate of Colorado College, lived in Africa for a period of time and has been known to strike up a conversation in Swahili. Heidi, 20, a geology major at Mount Holyoke College, has traveled with her parents, spent a semester in Ecuador, and – according to her father – is an exceptional writer.



Once upon a time, in a land not so far away – we'll call it Wisconsin – **Peter Roop '69** was writing a children's book about polar bears. It began as your basic bear handbook – a who, what, and where of the furry (and sometimes ferocious) creatures. But Roop, who holds degrees in both geology and children's literature, knows the importance of hands-on research in telling a story. So he and his wife and writing partner, Connie, set off for tiny Churchill, Canada, to observe the animals during their three-week migration through the town.

From mid-October to early November, the massive bears dictate the actions of the townspeople: men stand guard with stun guns, wearing white is

prohibited, and children trick-or-treat during a designated time period while helicopters circle overhead looking for wandering bears. There's even a polar bear jail for animals caught rummaging through the dump. Connie, a high school science instructor, and Roop, a former elementary school teacher, saw the perfect setting for an original story about the lives of the town bears, and the focus of the book shifted. "We figured there are enough biology books that tell about the lifecycle of these animals," Roop says. "Our visit to Churchill was an example of how seeing a certain location or setting can inform or change the story. We decided to go with something more creative."

Roop has never been one to think inside the box. His classmates at MUS recognized his quick wit and intelligence, voting him the member of the Class of 1969 most likely to succeed. And succeed he has – although not in the sense that many of his high-school friends might have imagined.

Following their graduation from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, the Roops spent a year in England teaching as Fulbright Scholars before returning to the states to pursue graduate degrees. Roop studied children’s literature at Simmons College in Boston – never mind the fact that the school is a women’s college: “It had one of the best programs around,” he says. The couple later returned to Appleton where Roop team-taught grades one through four for 25 years. His innovative, literature-based approach to teaching science and history garnered him Wisconsin’s Teacher of the Year award for the 1986-87 school year.

He’s flattered by the accolades he has received, but Roop insists that he never thought of teaching as a job – instead, it was his creative inspiration and, eventually, the impetus behind his decision to write. While he realized the importance of having quality reading material in the classroom early in his teaching career, it wasn’t until he compiled a collection of jokes and riddles and pitched the work to a publishing house that Roop considered writing children’s books himself. Once he put pen to paper, there was no stopping him. To date, the Roops have published 110 books and worked with over 15 publishers including Scholastic Books and National Geographic’s school division. Now a full-time writer, Roop travels the globe with his wife to research stories – Panama’s rainforests, miniscule Mexican villages, and historic sites across the United States have been destinations in recent years.

Given his penchant for exotic travel, it’s no wonder science and history inform the majority of Roop’s books – *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie*, *The Buffalo Jump*, and *Buttons for General Washington* are among his favorites. “I love to go back and learn about the cultural context of historical events,” he says. And once he understands the historical framework of a certain incident or time period, he imagines the details, “putting it together behind the scenes” – a skill for which he

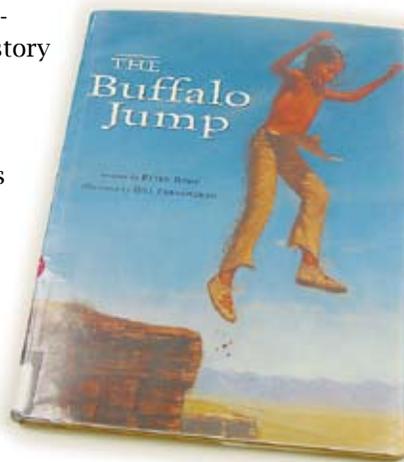
thanks late history teacher **Leigh MacQueen**. Most often, Roop interprets these events through the eyes of a child – he calls his protagonists “footnotes” in history, “real kids who did something heroic.” Take for example, Ah-yoka, the daughter of Cherokee chief Sequoyah, who helped her tribe create a written language, or Grace Bedell who wrote a letter to soon-to-be President Lincoln suggesting he grow his now infamous beard. Roop’s goal in telling these stories within a story is to bring history to life and make it a relatable experience for the reader: “Our books inspire children to reach beyond themselves as our characters find the courage to do something difficult or seemingly impossible,” he says.

Roop shares that message of courage with children in classrooms around the country. He’s on the road about a month each year, leading workshops and telling students his story. A founding member of Authors and Illustrators Who Visit Schools (AIVS), a professional group that presents school programs, Roop says speaking to and interacting with kids fulfills his desire to teach. In fact, it is often from these sessions that he develops ideas for future projects: “Sometimes a child will ask a question about a topic or an angle I’ve never considered. That question

will get me thinking and just might end up being answered in the form of a book,” he says.

There’s no doubt that Roop’s experiences at MUS – particularly those of a literary nature – influenced his career. The faculty encouraged him to write and, at the close of his senior year, awarded him the Russell Johnson Creative Writing Award. “I can remember **Mr. [William] Hatchett** pounding the five-paragraph essay into our heads,” Roop recalls. “It was very formulaic – you didn’t get off track. I often picture that structure when I write.” Roop also treasures his copies of the *MUSE*, a publication he copy-edited his junior year. “There’s something great about seeing your work in print,” he says. “I tell all the kids I talk to to hold on to their stories. It’s fun to look back and see how far you’ve come.”

From Memphis to Wisconsin to far-away and imaginary places, Roop has come a long way since leaving MUS. But with his eternal optimism and eager imagination, his personal story is sure to end in the happily ever after.



Alumni News

Marriages

Jeff Ruffin '87 to Karin Graves
on April 9, 2005

Hart Weatherford '93 to Beth Bainbridge
on April 16, 2005

Jim Echols '94 to Candace Williams
on May 7, 2005

Bo Hyde '94 to Katarina Kermanshani
on January 16, 2005

J-D McDonnell '94 to Nancy Morrison
on May 13, 2005

Brown Gill '98 to Elise Veazey
on May 21, 2005

Hunter Humphreys '98 to Elizabeth
Waters on July 29, 2004

Jonathan Limbaugh '98 to Ashley Talarico
on April 2, 2005

William Gates '99 to Elizabeth Minor
on March 12, 2005

Will Levy '99 to Brooke Raushel
on March 15, 2005

Births

Ann-Margaret and **Posey Hedges '83**,
a daughter, Ann Hayden, born May 1, 2005

Keith and **Andy Rainer '87**, a daughter,
Mary Lawrence, born April 24, 2005

Donna and **Jon Van Hoozer '88**, a daughter,
Julia Thompson, born March 13, 2005

Ellen and **Miles Fortas '89**, a son, Jackson
Slocum, born March 31, 2005

Janay and **John Minor '89**, a daughter,
Rowan, born May 7, 2005

Shannon and **John Kelley '89**, a daughter,
Claire Noelle, born October 25, 2004

Cindy and **Edward Dobbs '89**, a son,
Andrew Norsworthy, born July 23, 2004

Michelle and **John Arnold '92**, a daughter,
Lorelei Elizabeth, born January 1, 2005

Britton and **John Laughlin '92**, a daughter,
Elizabeth Jean, born October 5, 2004

Jenni and **Chuck Hamlett '92**, a son,
Charles Dewey, Jr., born January 2, 2005

Courtney and **Spencer Clift '92**, a son,
Raymond Spencer Clift IV (Drew), born
October 15, 2004

Ashley and **Hamilton Eggers '94**, a daughter,
Lilli Ousley, born February 5, 2005

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John Bell and his wife, Tammy, are moving to their new home at Sardis Lake, and John, Jr. is enrolled at Ole Miss this fall.

Hammond Cole and his wife, Kay, have recently returned from Norfolk, Virginia, for the homecoming of the carrier Harry S. Truman. Their youngest son, Andrew, was deployed for six months in the Persian Gulf. Their daughter, Mindy, graduated from Georgia State Law School in May but has nobly atoned for this episode with the prospects of giving them their first grandchild. Hammond is enjoying continued academic thoracic surgery at a decreased pace with his transfer of clinical activities to the Memphis VA Medical Center.

Dee Gibson and his wife, Doris, just came back from an eight-day trip to Ireland. UT Law School sponsored the trip as Continuing Legal Education on International Arbitration and Irish Legal System.

'62

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We've had a tremendous response from our class members this year. Thanks to all of you who've already contributed to the 2004-05 Annual Fund. We have tripled our pledges, which is amazing, but what's even more important is the participation which has more than doubled over last year! Way to go, guys. Whatever the reason, we all apparently have realized somewhere along the way the great preparation we enjoyed at MUS for life's challenges. Perhaps as we grow older, we appreciate it even more. Let's keep the momentum going till our next reunion year in 2007. We almost pulled it off in 1997 and did manage to get together in 2002, so perhaps the next one will be the best ever. For those of us who couldn't wait, we held a mini reunion over the Christmas holidays. What a relief to see how little we have changed and how easy it was to talk after all those years. Getting to know each other's spouses made it all the more enjoyable. We hope to do it again in the spring and make it an even bigger affair. So if you're interested in joining in, let me know via e-mail.

Jamie Hall has been a great help for several years during phonathon. With the popularity of answer machines, we are unable to speak directly with many of you. However, that didn't seem to matter this year. Apparently, you do check your messages regularly and respond. Thanks also to **Sam Gary** who has done a fine job of helping out in past years

and is so supportive of the Annual Fund. **Philip Crump** was in town over the Christmas holidays taking a break from his mitigation business in New Mexico, and we hear that **John Martin** has had a book published. My wife and I had a brief but very enjoyable visit with **Dan Copp** and his lovely wife, Ann, in Baltimore last summer. They both lead fascinating lives, and it was great to renew an old friendship.

Richard Smith is currently living in Santa Fe, Texas, as an investigator/author.

'63

Needs a Class Representative
Call Claire Farmer at 260-1350.

Frank Crump has been elected to the 2005 Trezevant Manor Board of Directors.

'67

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The Memphis Area Association of Realtors named **Mark Halperin** one of Memphis' Top 25 Commercial Brokers for 2004.

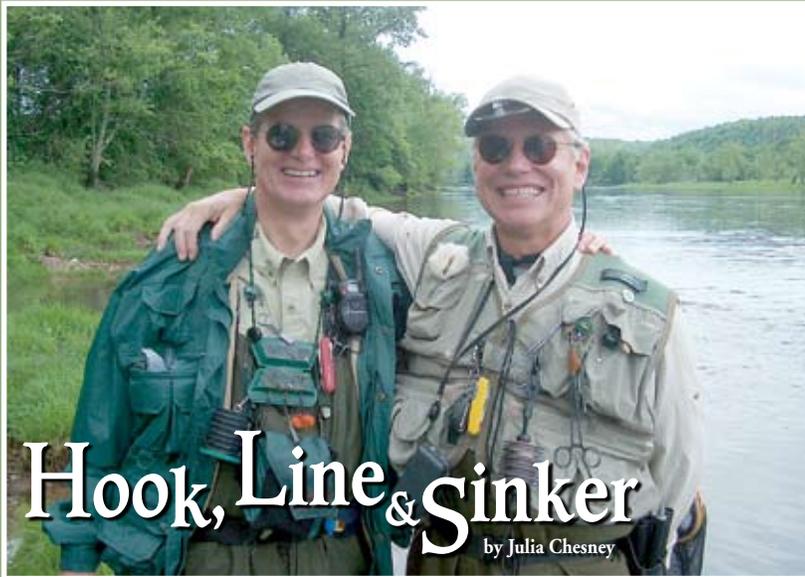
'68

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Bobby Barruel is alive and well in Palma de Mallorca, 90 miles off the Spanish coast. He's been working in the ship chandlery business for about 30 years. He speaks five languages: Spanish, French, German, Catalan, and, of course, English. He has done a lot of other things such as working as a radio DJ on the English-speaking radio station in the Balearic Islands under the name of Memphis Bob, as well as importing Armor All products into Spain and working with the humane shelters. He lives in a country house near the town of Sencelles (15 miles from Palma) and has an apartment in Palma that he just finished rebuilding (it used to belong to the English actor George Sanders). He says he would love to hear from any of the old MUS crowd at rbarruel@yahoo.com.

Bayard Snowden was recognized as 2004 Commercial Broker of the Year at the Pinnacle Awards. Bayard is president of Colliers Wilkinson & Snowden. In addition, he was elected to the 2005 Trezevant Manor Board of Directors.

Curt Taylor and his wife, Gracie, have moved to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where Curt is working with Stryker Orthopaedics. Their oldest daughter, Tish, presented them with their first grandchild last January, and



Hook, Line & Sinker

by Julia Chesney

Sid Caradine '66 (right) and his brother **Mac Caradine '70** (left) share a passion for fly fishing. Sid is one of only two certified fly fishing instructors in Mississippi, and Mac has just completed a year as president of the Mid-South Fly Fishers (MSFF), the local chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). The two spend as much time as possible fishing on the rivers and waterways of the Mid-South. The brothers have also parlayed their love of the sport into endeavors in tourism, conservation, education, and philanthropy.

The Caradines began fly fishing as children, catching bream on Bear Creek Lake in Arkansas with their grandfather. Though Sid recalls fishing Arkansas' Spring River in college with **Newt Metcalf '62**, neither brother became seriously involved with the sport again for years. In 1998, Mac sat next to fellow MUS alum **Jim Cowan '67** on a plane from Dallas to Memphis. Mac recalls, "Jim said that he was into fly fishing and was a member of the Mid-South Fly Fishers. He invited me to come to a meeting and a fly fishing outing. The rest, as they say, is history." Mac quickly became hooked on the sport and soon had Sid equally active and enthusiastic about it. Each has been an avid fisherman ever since.

In 1999 Sid passed the proper tests to become a licensed master boat captain. This qualification serves him well as the proprietor, along with his wife, Brenda, of the Amzi Love bed and breakfast in Columbus, Mississippi (featured in the Summer 1999 issue of *MUS Today*). Built in 1848, the antebellum home is the only one in Columbus to have stayed in the original owner's family for eight generations. Sid takes the inn's guests out on the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway in Columbus on his 1962 Chris Craft boat. As a certified instructor, he teaches fly casting and leads guide trips in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana. When he's not taking guests and clients out, Sid enjoys spending as much time as possible fishing with his brother, Mac.

He says that his wife Brenda "loves to come along and is the cheerleader on the shore, reading a book and keeping the campfire glowing."

Mac lives in Memphis and works as a project manager estimator at Linkous Construction. He spends most weekends at his house in Cotter, Arkansas, though, fishing the White and Norfolk rivers with his wife, Julia (his "fly fishing partner for life"). Like Sid, he also is an instructor, though he leads trips more as a hobby than as a vocation. Mac is very involved with the Mid-South Fly Fishers, a non-profit organization dedicated to conservation and education. He serves on the group's board and acts as the Director of Education for the Southern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The MSFF has over 700 members and offers classes to youths and adults, organizes weekend outings to nearby rivers, and conducts conservation projects. Mac considers his involvement with the group to be immensely rewarding, especially in events like Hooked on a Cure, the group's fund-raiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Mac says, "Sid and I love fly fishing and love to teach the sport on some of the most beautiful rivers in the country." He suggests that if people would like to become involved, they should attend a Mid-South Fly Fishers event (www.msff.org). Sid echoes his brother's sentiment, saying, "Contact the club or call Mac or me, and we will catch you at the next hatch somewhere out there on the river."

THEN & NOW OWL In the fall of 1966, Mac Caradine (left) displayed his school spirit in this homemade Owl costume, becoming the first MUS mascot to appear on the sidelines. In the fall of 2004, the Owl re-emerged with a new look and plenty of school spirit. Lloyd the Owl (right), as he was named by students, currently can be seen at pep rallies, chapels, football games, and other sporting events.



their youngest daughter, Sallie, is gainfully employed in Atlanta.

Carey Whitehead was named one of Memphis' Top 25 Commercial Brokers for 2004 by the Memphis Area Association of Realtors.

'70

Hunter Humphreys

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The Class of 1970 wishes a speedy recovery to **David Morris**. *MUS Today* did a story about David's dental mission trips to the Ukraine. In April, David was returning from a similar mission trip when he suffered a heart attack not long after the plane had taken off. There were doctors on board, but they had no equipment. David was taken from the airport to Baptist East where he had a triple by-pass.

Shep Tate was recently recognized among the 101 Best Lawyers in Tennessee in the 2005 edition of *Business Tennessee* magazine.

Henry Wetter has been promoted to senior vice president, fixed income capital markets with Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.

'71

Phil Wiygul

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Gayden Drew practices law and is a certified mediator in Jackson, Tennessee. He currently serves as a hearings officer with the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility and on the Commission for Alternative Dispute Resolution, having been appointed to both by the Supreme Court of Tennessee. He still enjoys golf and is on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Golf Association. He and his wife, Leigh Ann, have two boys, Gayden V and Logan. He coached Logan's baseball team, the Jackson Renegades, to a state championship last year. Gayden played defensive back and wide receiver in football and graduates from high school this year.

'73

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Buck Lewis was recently elected president of the Memphis Bar Foundation for 2005, the charitable arm of the Memphis Bar Association. The Foundation supports law related charitable causes including scholarship and equal access to justice.

'74

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David McDonald has joined Raymond James & Associates as a Certified Financial Planner. His wife, Marion, is a travel agent with Custom Travel. With twin girls in pre-K at Hutchison and David, Jr. in first grade at Woodland Presbyterian, they dream about investments and travel. He can be reached at 901-818-6509.

Don Ramier is working for Cook Systems as a technical writer producing highly technical manuals for FedEx. He's been in the computer field since 1982. Recently, he canoed the Jacks Fork River in Missouri with his ten-year-old son, Donny. He can be reached at 901-682-8384.

'75

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George Clarke was elected president of the board of the Professional Insurance Agents of Memphis.

Cliff Hunt was elected to the board of NBC Capital Corporation.

'76

Cage Caruthers

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Lane Carrick has been named to the Board of Directors of Memphis Development Foundation, the non-profit organization that operates the Orpheum Theatre.

'78

Chip Grayson

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Philip Adams has sold his securities business and is spending his time between Homestead, Florida, and overseeing his grandfather's farm in Texas. He and Marie Teresa are enjoying their one-year-old son, William.

Bill Dunavant recently returned from the Arctic Circle with a trophy he had been after for a number of years: a polar bear. He's been really mad at bears for a long time.

Chip Grayson is the head of Investment Banking at Morgan Keegan in Memphis. He and Lisa have two girls and a boy. Shelley will be a senior this fall at Hutchison where she is VP of the Student Council. Virginia will be a sophomore. She will be a football cheerleader for the Owls this fall. John will be a sixth-grader at PDS where he is on the

Academic Honor Roll and playing whatever sport is in season.

David Howe is living in Nashville. He was here a lot during the football season as his son is the star QB for Montgomery Bell Academy. David came out to the state championship game to support the Owls in their victory over Brentwood Academy.

John Norfleet is enjoying his recent marriage to Lydia. They have been traveling a lot, particularly to exotic places known for great trout streams. On one such trip in New Zealand, he ran into our former classmate, **Scooter Walters**. Scooter, by the way, is in the real estate business in Austin, Texas.

Vance Overbey is still enjoying working for Cingular Wireless in Atlanta.

Bobby Pidgeon called recently to complain in his inimitable way about the lack of Class of 1978 news in the last *MUS Today*. Bobby and his family are still living in the Sun Valley, Idaho, area.

'79

Fleet Abston

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Jeff Bell, the infamous bad boy from Arkansas with the bad %&# car, is living in Austin, Arkansas (just outside of Cabot), from where he commutes into Little Rock each day to work for a good old Memphis company, Crye-Leike. Since he's been there, they are experiencing a phenomenal growth curve as sales in Central Arkansas are up more than 46 percent over last year. With the help of Jeff, Crye-Leike is nearing 300 sales associates in Central Arkansas, as Jeff was brought in to head up the property management division in Arkansas. He loves the opportunities that have surfaced. He will have been married to his wife, Shelia, for 15 years in June. They have two sons, Grant, age nine, and Logan, age three. According to Jeff, Logan is hell on wheels. If he had come first, he would be the last. Can't imagine where he got that! Jeff says he does nothing but work and follow Grant's sports, whether it's baseball, basketball, or football.

Breck Bolton, his wife, Cindi, and their children, Breck, Jr. and Blair, continue to enjoy living in Charlotte, North Carolina. Cindi does some interior decorating, and Breck has been working at Clorox for 17 years. He loves to exercise and play golf (not in that order!). Breck and his family are involved in leadership in their local church, which he says is a real blessing. He is doing well after his most recent bout with cancer in the fall of '03.

This episode had no connection to the cancer he had ten years ago. In Breck's words, "I continue to look back on my years at MUS with the fondest of memories. My relationships

with friends like **Jerry Martin**, **Mark Crosby**, **Dan Daniel**, **Fleet Abston**, etc. carry on to this day. And my backcourt buddy **Jeff Peters** is here in Charlotte! Crosby will meet me in Charlotte soon for our annual NASCAR bonanza (yes, I have become a fan!).... We see the action from the pits, and it is a scream!" **Terry McGowan** is living in Modesto, California.

Tim Monaghan, remember him? He and his wife, Anna, have two children, Walker, 15 and Amelia, 13. They are both active in track and field with their school. Anna gives her time as a volunteer in the theater community. Outside of Tim's day at Herman/Monaghan Group, he has served on a local search and rescue team and as a volunteer firefighter (more of us should be doing so!). He and Anna enjoy saddling up their horses, Bugs and Popeye, and taking in the incredible New Mexico sunsets from the hills around their house outside of Santa Fe. (Party at Tim's for the 30th!)

'80

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Jay Good is senior vice president of Investors Capital Corporation. He lives in Memphis with his wife, Allison, and sons, Edward and Boone. Jay also rides motocross for Team Yamaha. He is currently third on the circuit in point totals for his division.

Scott Stevens is now living in Memphis. He is president of Investor Accounts for Merrill Lynch, where he works with **Richard Scharff**. Scott recently spoke at an MUS chapel program where he reflected on his days at his old school.

David Pepple was spotted at a youth-league soccer game. He is the comptroller for a national hotel chain and wants you to call him if you need a room. David has two kids.

Russ Billings recently opened Memphis Discount Cleaners on Poplar. Class of '80 alums get shirts cleaned for 99 cents. Russ and his wife, Ann, have two daughters.

'81

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Memphis Area Association of Realtors named **Kelly Truitt** one of Memphis' Top 25 Commercial Brokers for 2004. He was also named president of CBRE (formerly CB Richard Ellis, see story on page 34). He has been with CBRE over 15 years. They are one of the largest commercial real estate companies in Memphis.

Alumni Bestow Book Awards

In 2004 the Alumni Association Executive Board established the MUS Alumni Book Award to recognize and encourage scholarship and integrity, consistent with our school motto, *Veritas Honorque*, among selected elementary schools in the community who share the same commitment. The purpose of the award is to honor a deserving student in front of his peers and family for his academic excellence and moral integrity, and the goal is to work with our Book Award school partners to recognize and develop the leaders of tomorrow.

Bornblum Solomon Schechter School, Christ Methodist Day School, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School, and Woodland Presbyterian School accepted the invitation to participate in the program in its inaugural year. This past year, New Hope Christian Academy and Presbyterian Day School joined in the project. Ideally, an alumnus of both the elementary school and MUS and Headmaster Ellis Haguewood make the presentation at each school's end-of-the-year awards ceremony. A personalized copy of a notable book as well as an MUS Medal of Achievement is awarded to a boy who will be rising to the school's highest grade the following year. In addition, Mr. Haguewood presents a cash contribution from MUS to each school's library.

The recipient of each award is a boy in the top 15 percent of his class; an exemplary school citizen, making a positive impact on the life of the school and the community; and of high moral character. The selection is left to the discretion of each school. Award winners and presenters are listed below.



John Hamilton presenting to Zach Terhune



Ellis Haguewood congratulating Britt Colcolough



Adam Lazarov with Max Rippe

In 2004, **Nathan Bicks '74** presented to Scott Newman of Bornblum Solomon Schechter Day School; **Billy Frank '89** presented to Sam Jones of Christ Methodist Day School; Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School presented to Grayson Magruder; and **Tom Hutton '91** presented to Jason Weatherly of Woodland Presbyterian School.

In 2005, **Adam Lazarov '02** presented to Max Rippe of Bornblum Solomon Schechter Day School; **John Hamilton '98** presented to Zach Terhune of Christ Methodist Day School; Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School presented to Mathieu Baker; **Darrell Cobbins '91** presented to Blake Berry of New Hope Christian Academy; **Brian Sullivan '83** presented to Britt Colcolough of Presbyterian Day School; and **Jim Burnett '83** presented to Scott Vance of Woodland Presbyterian School.

After 20 years of trying, **Boyd Wade** won the Master Class Canoe Cruising category at the 30th Outdoors, Inc. Canoe and Kayak Race on the Mississippi River.

'82

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After 22 years of being in the golf retail business as Pro Golf and Gannaway Golf, **Sam Gannaway** sold both stores to Edwin Watts in July of 2004. After a brief retirement, he and his wife, Sandy, started a totally new career as Farmers Insurance agents. They explored many options and this appeared to be the best, since they did not want to move out of Birmingham after living there over 13 years. Their two boys are now eight and twelve. It's a small world after all. **Paul Shainberg**, an architect in Greenwich, Connecticut, was introduced to a recent client by a real estate broker up there that hails from Memphis. The new client is **Diego Winegardner '87**.

'83

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Jeff Siewert has recently accepted a one-year assignment in Shanghai as director of business integration for Home Depot Asia, where he will be part of the management team establishing stores in China. He and his wife, Katy, have a one-year-old daughter, Sophie.

'85

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THE CLASS OF 1985 WILL CELEBRATE THEIR TWENTIETH REUNION OCTOBER 21 AND 22, 2005. IT WILL ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL IF YOU ARE THERE. SO, START PLANNING NOW!

'87

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Hal Bailey relocated from New York City to San Francisco last year and reports that things are going very well. Hal keeps up with other former Memphians who now reside in the San Francisco area and also enjoys periodic visits from his classmates.



Photo by Skipworth Photography

Truitt Named President of CB Richard Ellis Memphis

Earlier this year, CB Richard Ellis Memphis, part of one of the world's largest global commercial real estate firms, named **Kelly Truitt '81** president of its 110-person staff. Truitt previously served as executive vice president. This new position comes as part of a major reshuffle for the company. "We have put an employee stock ownership plan in place, giving all employees the opportunity to buy stock in the company," said Truitt, "and that's exciting for me to head up the transition, carrying us forward as we embark on new challenges and opportunities in serving our clients." CB Richard Ellis Memphis specializes in asset and brokerage services, specifically office, industrial and retail properties and land.

But president isn't Truitt's only new title – he was also recently named chairman of The Food Bank in Memphis. Truitt has always had an interest in working with charitable organizations that help children, serving in the past as chairman of the Memphis Child Advocacy Center. His new position on The Food Bank's board is important to Truitt because he knows that "so many of the hungry in Memphis are our children. It's The Food Bank's job to distribute food to organizations that feed the hungry in our city." Truitt also serves as board member of the KIPP Diamond Academy and the Memphis Zoo, and he is a member of the MUS Alumni Association Executive Board. He and his wife, Sharon, have an eight-year-old son and a six-year-old daughter.



McWaters Named Realtor of the Year

Real estate is something of a family tradition for **Lee McWaters '84**, who was named Memphis's 2004 Realtor of the Year – the highest honor a realtor can receive. After graduating from Southern Methodist University with a degree in history, he went to work for McWaters & Associates, Realtors, a company founded by his mother in 1977. McWaters purchased the successful business in 1995 and since then has dedicated himself to continuing its tradition of excellence centered on the honesty and integrity of its realtors.

In addition to his latest title, McWaters is also a past president and lifetime member of the Multi-Million Dollar Club, a graduate of the Realtor Institute, and a certified real estate broker and residential specialist. He served on the Board of Directors for the Memphis Area Association of Realtors and as the director for the Tennessee Association of Realtors.

Alex Heros lives in Tucson, Arizona, but works as director of international sales for Memphis-based MCR Safety. He is responsible for the company's sales and marketing efforts outside the United States and travels quite a bit. Alex's twin sons, Conner and Josh, turned five on June 9.

Andy Rainer reports that their newborn (their fourth, by the way) is an angel and sleeps all the time, but their other three children are a different story.

Jeff Ruffin works as head of the boys' basketball and golf programs at St. George's Independent School and also teaches seventh-grade math. Jeff reports that St. George's will be fielding their first varsity teams after three years of competing at both the middle school and junior varsity levels.

Bill White still enjoys life in the Dallas area... he's building a new house in Flower Mound and recently left International Paper to join Finnforest as a sales manager. Finnforest is the largest forest products company in Europe, dealing mainly in import/export. You can contact Bill at bwhite@finnforestusa.com.

'88

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Mark Griffin is the assistant manager for his four-year-old son, Griff's, tee-ball team.

Will Jones completed his doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, which was only a nine-year process.

Brian Mallory has joined Coleman-Etter Fontaine Realtors as a realtor-associate specializing in buyer and seller representation.

Andrew McDermott, co-manager of the Longleaf Partners International Fund, has moved to London from Tokyo. He will still summer in Memphis and is very active in the St. John's Athletic Association Adult Basketball League.

Jason Peters is in his seventh year as the athletic director and head basketball coach at Lausanne Collegiate School. He and his assistant coach and fellow classmate, **Jon Van Hoozer**, led the Lynx to their fifth straight 20+-win season. While son defeated father (Coach Peters at MUS) during regular season play, the Owls prevailed when it counted in the second round of the regional tournament, beating Lausanne by two points to end Jason's season before advancing to the state tournament.

Fred Schaeffer is the chief representative of the infamous Group of Six, which is fighting to maintain the architectural integrity of the



Alumni 8, Varsity 4

Even though alumni tennis players were praying that the ambulance they heard in the background was coming to their rescue, they managed to beat their younger opponents, the MUS varsity tennis team, 8-4 in the Second Annual MUS Varsity vs. Alumni Tennis Match. Organized by **Coach Bill Taylor** and **Keith Tonkin '93** in 2004, the match pits Coach Taylor's past players against his current players. Everyone from the "legendary" **Tiger Buford '78**, who was on Coach Taylor's first team, to **John Morris '86**, a two-time national doubles champion and one-time national singles champ, to **Ben Cousins '95** and Tonkin, who still practice with the team, enjoyed the friendly competition consisting of eight singles matches and four doubles matches, although it's rumored that the alumni needed to be iced down after the first doubles match. Pictured above are Tonkin, Coach Ali Hamadeh, Buford, **Paul Hagerman '92**, **Bo Ladyman '05**, **Worth Morgan '05**, **Alex Guyton '05**, **David Winker '94**, Coach Bill Taylor, **Sarkis Kish '89**, Ben Cousins, and **Mason Cousins '99**. Missing from the photo are Morris and varsity players **Watson George '08**, **Michael Wills '08**, **Andrew Dudas '05**, **Spencer Heflin '06**, and **Jacob Weinstein '05**. **Scotty Scott '83** and **Bubba Halliday '82** sent their regrets.

If anyone is interested in playing in an alumni doubles league in the fall, contact Keith Tonkin at 901-526-6114 (home), 901-219-3913 (cell), or e-mail at ktonkin@utmem.edu.

Village Neighborhood versus developers and owners who are trying to build nice additions or new houses. Fred is going toe-to-toe with the sports radio legend, John "the rain man" Rainey, who is attempting to do an addition to his present residence in the Village.

Robert Sharp works for Smith & Nephew in Memphis. He and his wife, Amy, are raising two kids and live in the Midtown area. He keeps close tabs on **Brian Mallory**, who is a realtor with Coleman-Etter Fontaine in Memphis.

If anybody needs proof that God has a sense of humor, get this...**Will Jones** just had his third, that's right, third daughter.

'89

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Miles Fortas wants everyone to know that he promises to keep his new son away from ankle-breaking holes while pursuing the Notre Dame quarterback position.

John Kelley and his wife, Shannon, came back from Boston just long enough to get their new daughter baptized in Memphis. John is practicing law in Boston and told the Cardinal fans to hang in there (he claims to be a lifelong Sox fan).

John Minor is living in North Carolina and recently received his master's degree in Human Resource Development. He and Janay just had their second daughter in May! John is looking for a role that focuses on aligning strategic human capital initiatives with the overall company's strategy and might be relocating soon. Stay tuned.

Scott Sherman is doing well back in Memphis and can be seen running again. He's not quite down to his graduation weight of 140 pounds, but he's a lot closer to that than 200.

Boyd Waller has been in Sweden but was back in the states for an interview with the Swedish consulate in Atlanta in order to obtain a residence permit with the possibility of permanent status. While here, Boyd stopped in on the Memphis in May BBQ Fest. (I'm not sure the Swedes know what they're agreeing to.)

'90

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Brian Eason and his wife, Roberta, have two boys, Jack, age five, at PDS (he thought he was going to be lucky by winding up a grade ahead of little **Dunavant**, till he found out that he had little **Knowlton** in his class; oh well, every generation must have its challenges) and Charlie, age three, at Woodland Presbyterian.



On vacation with their families, these three alumni are pictured with their sons: Mason Cousins '99 holding James "Jack" Mason Cousins Jr., Max Painter '88 holding Max Wesley Painter III, and Trey Watkins '91 holding William Howard Watkins IV

Jim Whittington and his wife, Amy, have two daughters, Palmer and Rowan.

Sid Williamson says life is good. He is still attending physician in the Emergency Room of Bozeman Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman, Montana. He had 50 days on the river last year fishing and hopes to break that record this spring and summer. He gets back to Memphis about two or three times a year to visit family.

'91

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John Arnold has taken a new position with Genentech in California. He consulted for Genentech for a year prior to accepting his new position with the firm.

Jimmy Harris is director of Domestic Projects for RACE, LLC.

David Waddell has been selected to take the reigns as president and CEO of Waddell & Associates, Inc.

'92

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Mark Freeman and his wife, Tara, recently celebrated their first anniversary. Their marriage last year in Chattanooga provided the typical doctor-nurse jokes. After medical

school at the University of Virginia, Mark recently completed training as an orthopedic surgeon at UT/Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. They will spend a year in Charlotte, North Carolina, while he takes a fellowship in joint replacement surgery and then likely return to East Tennessee.

It's been a big year for **Chuck Hamlett**. He had a son and moved over to Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC with a primary practice in securities and mergers/acquisitions. Just as important, his contract as general manager of the defending C League Champions, La Famiglia, has been renewed through 2008.

Patrick McCarroll has been appointed to the Anne and Glenn Crosby Chair of Christian Ethics at MUS. He and Anne recently became parents for the first time.

Dow McVean and his wife, Nikki, are expecting their third baby. On that note, they ask that all donations be sent to McVean Trading in care of Dow McVean; having three girls at St. Mary's could break a man.

Kenton Smith works for Nike, focusing on their Global Supply Chain Project in Asia. He has been with Nike for six years. He plans to get married in the early fall.

Matt Wilson and his wife, Michelle, are living in Oxford, Mississippi, with their daughter, Madeline. Matt and some partners are developing a Fazio Golf Course Community. If anyone is interested in purchasing a lot on the beautiful golf course, please contact Matt. He also opened a Swanky's Taco Shop in the Carrefour Shopping Center at Poplar and Kirby. Go by and have a taco.

Due to a severe lack of employment, **Cort Winsett** has decided to go to law school. He started at the University of Memphis in August.



Activist, DRUMMER Hits the Road for Peace

by Cathi Jones

Whether he's touring with his band as a drummer or drumming up awareness of human rights violations as a peace activist, **Ceylon Mooney**'93 spends much of his time on the road. In the nineties, Mooney toured with his band, Pezz, a group which recorded 12 albums. Spreading their "hardcore sound and soul-baring convictions" across the nation, Pezz made their way across America on a dozen tours,

did two tours of Canada, and trekked across Europe once. These days Mooney drums with Akasha and Bury the Living, two bands that, like Pezz, maintain close ties to social justice issues and human rights campaigns. "Punk music is protest music," explains Mooney. "It presents social ills in an in-your-face kind of way. Sometimes people don't like what we have to say, but that's okay. We're just trying to bring to light what's wrong with things and maybe even offer solutions."

As co-founder of the Humanitarian Action Collective, Mooney began seeking solutions to injustices against the people of Iraq. Working closely with Voices in the Wilderness (an organization of which he now serves as co-coordinator), Mooney and his fellow non-violent activists spoke out against economic sanctions against Iraq. They gathered signatures and made Congressional visits. But Mooney wasn't going to stop there. He had much farther to go—all the way to Iraq, in fact. In 2001 he went to Iraq on two separate aid-distributing missions, missions which were in direct violation of U.S. policy. As Mooney explains the situation, because the U.S. had prohibited trade with Iraq, it was also against the law to provide humanitarian relief without a permit. But from the way Mooney and his fellow activists see things, "We shouldn't need permission from our government to perform acts of mercy." With the threat of arrest looming over his head, Mooney helped bring direct aid to Iraqi citizens. He stayed among the people he was helping in family-run hotels and homes from Baghdad to Basra. Of course, Mooney and his group ran into the law a few times. There were arrests and confiscations of passports, but, all in all, the group provided much more relief than any trouble they caused.

Though he's usually either on the road or planning to go on the road, Mooney has lived most of his life since high school "based out of Memphis." For a time in 2003, Mooney and his wife, Amy—a fellow activist whom he met when he gave her and her friends a ride to a peace protest in Georgia—moved to Chicago to work at the Voices in the Wilderness office. Later that year the Mooneys moved back to Memphis but still retain their ties to the organization. Mooney co-coordinates the Wheels of Justice Tour for Voices. According to Mooney, it's the "largest peace education campaign in the United States." Just like Mooney, Wheels rolls across the country, spreading messages of peace and activism.

Last December, Mooney traveled to Palestine and Israel with other members of the Memphis Peace Team as an activist and a pilgrim. He spent four weeks performing humanitarian work and "serving as witness to human rights violations." They covered much of the distance on foot. "We hiked the Jordanian countryside and through the Judean desert in the West Bank," said Mooney, "following the steps of the Magi as we made our way to Bethlehem for midnight mass on Christmas Eve." They planted olive trees in demolished olive groves, performed non-violent interference at check points, and drank copious amounts of tea with the new friends they made along the way.

This summer, Mooney continued his journeys. He toured with Bury the Living, which includes a speech by a teenage peace activist as part of its set. Currently, Mooney is planning the next legs of the Wheels of Justice Tour, which will roll in to a school, church, or civic organization near you. He's busy booking speakers with first-hand experience on injustices in Iraq, Palestine, and Israel. "There's no shortage of positive voices speaking out for human rights," says Mooney, "but we just have to access those voices." For his next big trip, Mooney plans to go on another mission to the West Bank.

When asked why he does it all—the planning, the protesting, and the traveling—Mooney said, "I've got tremendous resources at my disposal—education, a little money, a good work ethic, my family, my creativity. And I also feel like I have a tremendous responsibility to have a positive impact on situations for which I feel responsible as an American citizen." Undoubtedly, Mooney travels to the beat of his own drum. Each day he strives to pass on his music and his message, and each day he strives to live by this one simple philosophy: "Do what you can to leave this world a better place than when you came into it."



In the Holy Land, Cey Mooney, along with a group of Israeli human rights activists and Palestinian farmers, helped plant olive trees in demolished olive groves. Below, a sea of peaceful marchers enter Bethlehem on their way to midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

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Kevin Cubbins is an engineer at Easley McCain Studios, which is not doing so well – it burned down. Apparently, the studio WAS doing quite well, with a Grammy nomination or two for production. Loretta Lynn's recent Grammy winner was recorded there. You can see all he's been doing at www.easleymccainrecording.com.

A miracle happened – **Matt Duke** was hired at Pinnacle Airlines (Northwest AirlinK). All those hours of flight instruction paid off: he finally met the time requirements, was called for an interview, and the new-hire class started on May 23. With a little luck, he should be a first officer on the Canada Air regional jet by now.

Howie Gober has joined First Tennessee as vice president of private client financial services.

Mike McCarley, director of Communications and Marketing, NBC Olympics since July of 2003 has been promoted to vice president, Communications & Marketing, NBC Universal Sports & Olympics.

Philip McDermott is still in Poland teaching English as a Second Language. It has been almost two years since he went to Poland. He's still trying to decide what happens when



his time is up. He says he may come home or teach someplace else.

Gil Uhlhorn was recently named on the Top 30 Under 30 emerging leaders by *Business Tennessee* magazine.

Daniel Warlick, having recently abandoned his bid to purchase The Buc, has been promoted by First Tennessee Bank to be their VP in charge of marketing. As proof of this promotion, Daniel has been kind enough to send us a photo of himself (pictured left) hard at work in his new job.

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Richard Bloom just finished working on *Jarhead* (due out in theaters in November 2005). He's headed to Philadelphia for six months to work on the next M Night Shyamalan film, *Lady in the Water*. And, more important, he is shopping around a children's book that he just finished illustrating about kids that are terrible at sports called *A is NOT for Athlete*.

Hamilton Eggers had a busy start to 2005. He has started a new job with Financial Resource Management. He is in graduate school. If that's not enough, he and Ashley had a baby in February.

J-D McDonnell and his sister, Shannon Balmer, have partnered to form their own business, The McDonnell Group, which specializes in alternative investments.

Jason Robinson has been practicing veterinary medicine in Las Vegas, Nevada. Jason has completed his time in Vegas curing the gambling addiction of household pets and has signed a contract to work in Memphis with Norris McGehee at the McGehee Clinic for Animals. He has realized that the proximity of the Tunica casinos will allow him to practice his niche market in Memphis.

Hunt Taylor has been promoted to banking financial advisor for the West Tennessee/North Mississippi area within Wachovia Bank.

'95

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Gideon Scoggin has been promoted to assistant vice president of commercial lending at Bank Tennessee.



A collection of MUS alumni who played for the Memphis Flying Elvis lacrosse team are pictured after a recent tournament in Nashville: (standing) Ron Ansley '97, Dan Gibson '05, Edward Taylor '04, Sam Sawyer '05, Jeffrey Block '94, Thomas Quinlen '93, Whit Tenent '00, Elliott Dent (MUS lacrosse coach), Ben Mrva (MUS assistant coach), Andrew Steffens '99, Thomas Robinson '00, (kneeling) Brian Shoptaw '04, Oscar Atkinson '96, Kirby May '94, Emmel Golden '97, Jason Lewin '98. The majority of the rest of the team not pictured were CBHS alumni who later played at Auburn. The team went 3-1, beating Birmingham, Asheville, and Atlanta, only to lose the last game of the weekend to Nashville in a valiant effort. "The deck was stacked against us," one member commented. "Nashville scheduled all our games back-to-back and all of theirs with a game in-between so they could rest."

Doing D.C. on a Press Pass

by Cathi Jones

He's just completed his first year of law school at Georgetown University, but **Jay Tamboli '99** is way ahead of the game when it comes to political experience. While at MUS Tamboli participated in YMCA Youth Legislature, and it was during those conferences when he became interested in politics. But politics was a hobby, and computer science was his academic concentration. Tamboli attended the University of Illinois for the first three years of his undergraduate education, all the while stimulated intellectually by his computer science coursework but bored by his surroundings.

When Tamboli applied for and was accepted to a month-long internship with U.S. Representative Marion Berry of Arkansas, little did he know that he'd



Jay Tamboli took these two photographs – (above) Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan and Secretary of State Colin Powell speaking to reporters just outside the west wing of the White House; (right) swearing-in ceremony of SEC Chairman Bill Donaldson in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, February 18, 2003.

fall in love with our nation's capital and never want to leave. After his internship with the congressman, Tamboli went to work for the Talk Radio News Service. A connection his mother had with the head of the organization opened the door for him, and pretty soon Tamboli was getting doors all over Washington, D.C., opened to him with a flash of his press pass.

After his summer of press briefings in the Rose Garden and rides in the motorcade, Tamboli couldn't fathom going back to his humdrum college experience in Illinois; so he transferred to American University and plans to remain in D.C. for the long haul. During his time as an undergrad at American, Tamboli would plan all his classes for the afternoons so he could cover the news in the mornings. He recalls going to class, dressed in a suit, after a morning spent observing the Supreme Court. By the appearance of his sleepy-eyed classmates, Tamboli surmised that he'd definitely had a more productive morning.

Tamboli has worked as a correspondent either full- or part-time for the news organization since starting there, covering all three branches of the United States government. He most enjoys covering the judicial branch. "Sitting in on Supreme Court hearings is definitely the most interesting. It's kind of like the forgotten part of our nation's government. Just watching the exchanges among the justices is incredible." And after sitting and watching, Tamboli has a job to do – he summarizes and reports on the justices' opinions, sometimes delivering the news to another reporter and sometimes going on the air himself.



Jay Tamboli and his mother with the President and First Lady at the White House Christmas party in December of 2003

In D.C., Tamboli has definitely found a stimulating environment in which to learn and experience politics firsthand. He attended the presidential inauguration, and although he says that seeing the President isn't really a big deal to him anymore, Tamboli said it was thrilling to observe the ceremony, to see all the members of the three branches of government come together to celebrate. Tamboli has also gone on the road for the Talk Radio News Service, covering both the Democratic National Convention and the Democratic primary in New Hampshire.

For now, Tamboli is enjoying his time in the city he loves – learning and living politics everyday. This summer he planned to intern for a law professor as a research assistant. And although he doesn't officially hold the title, Tamboli is pretty sure that he is the youngest White House correspondent in history. He's been to the White House Christmas party, and he even sat in on a meeting in the Oval Office between President Bush and the president of Spain, a meeting he calls the highlight of his correspondent career thus far. As a first-year law student, Tamboli had to cut back on his work with Talk News, but he says that they still keep him on speed dial for when they need someone to cover the Supreme Court.

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Matt Cady is currently a LTJG in the United States Navy, stationed at Point Mugu, California. He just qualified as a Naval Flight Officer and is now working as an E-2C Hawkeye Radar Officer and is working on his Air Control Officer qualifications. He should be deploying on the USS Ronald Reagan carrier in January or February of 2006. He and his wife, Stephanie, are expecting their first child.

After concluding three years as an investment analyst with Deutsche Bank in New York, **Ellis Carson** has just completed his first year of the M.B.A. program at UCLA's Anderson School of Management. He was one of only ten first-year students selected as a Student Investment Fellow. He interned this summer in the Private Wealth Management group of Goldman Sachs.

Russell Erskine lives in Las Vegas with his wife, Natalie, and their two daughters. He keeps a guest room for classmates who wish to visit.

After four eventful years living in Atlanta, **Emmel Golden** will be heading off to the Johnson School of Management at Cornell this fall to obtain an M.B.A.

First LT **Bob Sayle** is in Iraq (near Baghdad) with the 155th Combat Brigade of the Mississippi Army National Guard. He is the general's Aid-de-camp and expects to be in Iraq until June 2006. During a recent two-week leave, he visited MUS and spoke to students about his experiences thus far. Now back in Iraq, he would love to hear from you at bob.sayle@us.army.mil.

John Scruggs will complete his masters degree in journalism at the University of Memphis this fall.

Now that **Brian Yoakum** is married and a University of Memphis School of Law graduate, he began his legal practice in Memphis this summer with the firm of Pietrangelo Cook, PLC.

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After completing three years in investment banking, **Courtney Carson** recently joined Soros Fund Management as an analyst in the Quantum Fund in New York.

Erick Clifford has completed three years as an investment banking analyst with SunTrust Robinson Humphrey in Atlanta. In April he joined Harbert Management Corporation's Mezzanine Capital Group in Nashville as an associate.

Brown Gill is living in Memphis and employed with Gill Properties in Cordova.

Rob Humphreys graduated from the University of Memphis Law School and is working at Burch Porter Johnson in Memphis.

Hunter Humphreys graduated from the University of Memphis Law School and is now working for Glankler Brown in Memphis.

Jason Lewin spent a month living in Krakow, Poland, where he was the head analyst on a global outsourcing project for International Paper.

Robbie Shappley graduated from the University of Memphis Law School and is working at Black McClaren Jones & Ryland in Memphis.

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Memphis Commercial Realtors have named **Frazier Baker**, leasing agent with In-Rel Management, Inc, Newcomer of the Year at the 2004 Pinnacle Awards.

Chris Copeland has recently reappeared in Memphis from a six-year stint in the great state of Colorado. He is working at a bicycle repair shop in Germantown. When he is not working, he and **Keller McCloy** are training for triathlons and any other race they can fit into their schedules.

William Gates graduated from Ole Miss in December with a degree in International Studies and Managerial Finance. He is moving to Jackson, Mississippi, with his new bride to look for a job. He says he's playing his drum more than ever!

Ben James and Lauren Holcomb are in the process of purchasing a house in preparation for their September wedding.

Keller McCloy lives in East Memphis and just took the MCAT. He should start medical school sometime in the near future, and when he is not taking tests or working at the Church Health Center, he spends all his time riding bikes, running, and rock climbing.

Elliot Pope has been working for an accounting firm in New York City. He is moving back to Memphis this summer and has assembled a Class of '99 softball team. We do not feel his short stature should have an effect on the season, but that is yet to be determined.

Andrew Steffens is selling insurance in Nashville where he lives with four college buddies. Though college is over, Andrew lives each day like his freshman year. He gets older, but the women stay the same age.

Bert Stemmler is attending law school at Cardozo Law in New York and plans to take a trip to Iceland this summer where he hopes to find true love.

Logan Taylor is running the books for a wholesale health food store in San Francisco. He is still icing his achilles and back as much as possible in the hopes that one day he will coach JV basketball for Coach Peters. Get up in there, Scrapper!

David "the Body" Willson has found the perfect girl. She's been said to be a pretty good basketball player. She played "the Body" in a game of horse. She won and in doing so received a proposal of marriage and the key to Dave's heart.

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Logan Abrahams graduated from Auburn this past spring, and he's working for Werner Trucking Company. He's training to be a fleet manager, and, as he says, they're sending him all over the country so that he may learn the business first-hand.

Spotlight on Mike McLaren

Reprinted from "Dartmouth College Big Green Hoops Action 2004-2005," by Kathy Slattery of Dartmouth Sports Information



Jerry Peters would be proud. The legendary coach of the Memphis University School boys' basketball team must have had moments when he wondered if his young protégé was paying attention.

Turns out that **Mike McLaren [MUS '01]** was listening. Now a four-year veteran for Dartmouth who's brought both offense and defense to the lineup, McLaren still stays in touch with his former prep coach. In fact, earlier this season, it was Peters who helped the Big Green starter snap out of a slump.

"I consider myself fortunate to have played for him," said McLaren. "I still keep in touch with him now. In fact, he called me in December and told me that I can only control two things — my effort and my attitude. And ever since that call, basketball, this year, has been the best. I've enjoyed it as much as any other year of my life.

Pre-phone call, McLaren averaged a paltry 1.8 points per game. Post-phone call, he improved to 11.5, including a season-high 22 at Albany when he hardly missed. That night, "Mick" was seven-of-nine from the floor and five-of-seven beyond the arc.

"Coach Peters is such a good role model. I've taken so many lessons from him, but most important, that you control your effort and your attitude. If you control those two things and do your best, then you'll be successful as a player. And he really emphasizes that it's not only in basketball, but also in other aspects of your life, like academics."

McLaren added, "I take those things to heart."

On the court, the Dartmouth senior clearly plays with heart. If he's not shooting his trademark three-pointer, then he might be on defense, where he's staring into his opponent's eyes. If he's taking a breather on the bench, he's yelling encouragement to his teammates, and when he's back in the game, he's probably diving for a loose ball.

McLaren comes into the final stretch of his collegiate career averaging more than eight points per game and probably just as many floor burns. As a sophomore, he torched the Big Red for a career-high 22 points, including six three-pointers. Two weeks later at Cornell, he went two better, pouring in 24 points and seven shots beyond the arc. This year, he enjoyed another personal highlight against Harvard, as

his game-high 15 points (all in the first half) gave him Ivy League Player of the Week honors for the first time.

Those numbers are all nearly, well, Barton-esque.

As Dartmouth basketball fans know, that's a true compliment. **Jim Barton [MUS '85 and Dartmouth '89]** is the Big Green's all-time leading scorer with 2,158 points and was twice an All-Ivy selection. Like McLaren, he grew up in Memphis and also played his high school ball for Coach Peters.

"Jim Barton's definitely a great player," said McLaren. "I've had the chance to meet him a couple of times, and he's a great person.

"He's very successful in Memphis, and at MUS, he was always a guy I looked up to. He's the only player at MUS who has his jersey retired."

When his collegiate career ends, McLaren is looking toward a career in law and possibly relocating back below the Mason-Dixon line. His father, Mike (a former basketball standout at Yale), has influenced the younger McLaren's thinking.

"My dad's a lawyer, and I've seen him love his job and succeed. I've worked a couple of years for him, and this past

summer, I worked in New York at a law firm. I've had a lot of opportunities to see that world, and I've enjoyed what I've seen so far."

McLaren — a two-time Academic All-Ivy selection — will spend the immediate future working, studying for the LSATs and applying to law schools. He'd like to continue his education in the South where he enjoys "the weather. And I like the culture a lot."

McLaren is ready to switch gears, making the adjustment from a college student-athlete to a professional career. He had some advice for his young Big Green teammates, advice that reaches far beyond the hardwood.

"There's no point in playing basketball if you're not going to do everything you can as a player to make yourself better and make your team better," said McLaren. "It's too much of a commitment not to give your maximum effort all the time. And that's something I've really learned this past semester. If you do that every practice, every single time you go out on the court, it just makes it that much better."

His parents and Coach Peters are part of a long, healthy list of folks who are proud of McLaren.

Best of all, he should be proud of himself.

Michael McLaren graduated from Dartmouth in May 2005 and is currently working in Chicago at the law firm of Jenner Block. He takes the LSAT in October and plans to attend law school next year.



Photo by Jamie Sabau

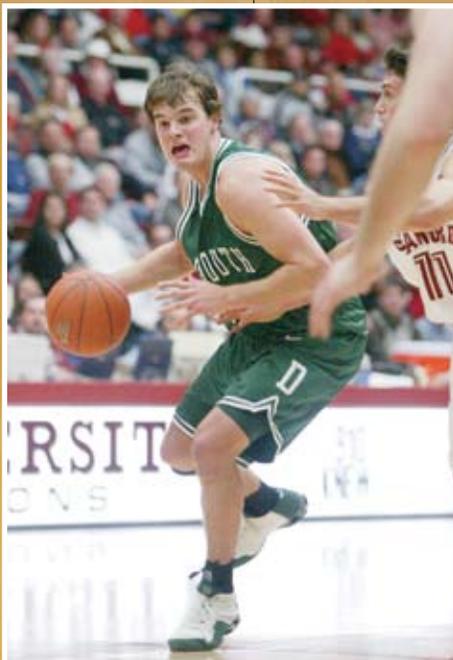


Photo by David Gonzales

Robbie Caldwell will be attending law school at St. Louis University this fall. Recently, he and **Al Newberry** were in Nashville recording a demo, which, as he says, is a cross between Bob Dylan and Linda Ronstadt.

Harrison Ford was in Uganda.

Kip Gordon is currently working as the associate producer of productions for Fox 13 in Memphis. He edits the appearance and the sound of all the commercials on Fox 13.

Matthew Harrison will be working as a consultant for Columbia University this fall.

Neil Mehta graduated from Swarthmore this spring, and he will be earning his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Michigan, starting this fall.

Ben McMurtry is currently in Washington, D.C., where he works as a programmer for SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation). He aspires to go into the military this fall, so that he can work with United States intelligence by looking at satellite photos and the like.

Al Newberry achieved one of his dreams at the end of July. He finally rented a motorcycle

in Memphis and rode it all the way to Boston to attend a wedding. Way to go, Al.

Pat Quinn will be working as a research assistant this fall for the University of Pennsylvania.

Dalton Rushing is going to seminary this fall, hoping to become a Methodist minister in three years.

Jim Sayle is going to graduate school at Mississippi State this fall; he is trying to gain a masters in science and agricultural economics.

Christopher Vincent graduated from Georgia Tech with high honor, Magna Cum Laude, in May. He recently heard that he has been awarded the National Science Foundation's Information Security scholarship by Johns Hopkins University and is a finalist for the same scholarship at Georgia Tech. If Tech offers, he will have to decide; but right now, he seems to be leaning toward Johns Hopkins for the change.

William White has just started training to be an investment banker for Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C.

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Spencer Bryan was inaugurated as Student Body Vice-President at the University of Mississippi.

Matt Kidd has graduated with a B.S. in Communications from Boston University. He has taken a position as the assistant to the producers at North Shore Music Theatre, an 1800-seat regional theater outside of Boston.

David Ratton will be transferring to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, from Franklin and Marshall College for the 2005 fall semester. This past summer, he was in Alaska for 75 days for a National Outdoor Leadership Service course.

On the road again

Westward Bound

On June 9, **David Sacks '90** and **Bo Hyde '92** hosted 25 of the 52 MUS alumni that live in the Los Angeles area at Sacks' home in Beverly Hills. To give them a little taste of home, Corky's ribs were flown in from Memphis to go along with the fried chicken and pecan pie that were served. Needless to say, the alumni ate like they hadn't eaten since their high school days in the Clack.

Live at the Garden

MUS alumni gathered at Memphis Botanic Gardens on August 5 for Hootie and the Blowfish – Live at the Garden. More than 100 alumni and guests enjoyed a fantastic evening of fellowship, food, fun, and entertainment. Last year the Alumni Office celebrated the summer with Harry Connick, Jr. With this year's growing participation, alumni can look forward to more events at Live at the Garden.



In LA, (above) David Sacks '90, Bill Hoehn '68, Beau Davidson '99, Albert Tat '95, (right) Will Newbern '72, his daughter, Camille, and Sam Ragsdale '90



At Hootie, Kendall and Evans Jack '84 with Julie Hays; Andrew Hartsfield '97 and Megan and Brett Grinder '91; Van Menard '93 and Patrick Morgan

In his sophomore year at Harvard, **John Minervini '03** realized he only spoke English and "passable" French. He wanted another language – one that he could use for the rest of his life, as in a job or maybe a country of residence. China and Chinese were the country and language, respectively, that were farthest from his comfort zone, so he decided to broaden his horizons while he was still in college. In late February he arrived in Shanghai to study Chinese Language and Culture for a semester abroad at Fudan University and East China Normal University. He liked it so much he decided to stay the summer, accepting an internship at Deutsche Bank Asset Management Asia in Shanghai, working in the area of real estate. His travels in China have taken him to Yunnan, Hainan, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Xinjiang, Nanjing, Beijing, Hong Kong, and two of the four Holy Mountains. Here he is pictured riding a camel across the Gobi Desert, outside of Urumqi in Xinjiang Province.



Alumni Witness Terror in London

When bombs threatened London's transportation infrastructure and killed and injured many, three members of the MUS Class of 2003 were there. **Preston Blankenship** and **George Edwards** were roommates at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and **William Adams** was interning at Cotton Council International (CCI), also living in the LSE dorm.



Preston Blankenship, William Adams, and George Edwards

Blankenship was in his dorm room about to go to class when Adams rushed in to tell him that bombs had been going off all over London. Earlier that morning, Blankenship had heard the fire alarm but didn't consider it a threat. When Adams told him the news, he ran to the window and saw police cars and ambulances screaming down the street and a flux of worried people running. As he searched for further news on his laptop, he became nervous as he read that one of the bombs had gone off in Russell Square, less than three blocks from his room. LSE informed their students that classes were cancelled for the day, and they should remain in their dorms until further notification.

Edwards was waking up about the time of the explosions. However, the ten-minute walk to his management class was routine as nobody yet knew what had happened. His teacher came into class a few minutes late inquiring if anyone had taken the tube. She went on to explain the situation. After class, Edwards left the building to find the streets eerily calm. He tried to call Adams, but all the networks were down. The first business he came to on his walk back to the dorm was packed with people glued to a television.

According to Blankenship, "We all were jolted back to memories of 9/11 and were uneasy about experiencing another attack, this time on foreign soil. Just like at MUS on 9/11 when we all congregated together and watched TV footage during the day, we came together and drew strength from each other." He further explained, "Being an American in London during this time has been a truly unique experience; our British friends looked to us on how to respond and act after a terrorist attack."

London is a resilient city and quickly recovered. Business was almost back to usual by the end of 7/7. Edwards continued to feel safe there and said, "Had the underground been up and running on Friday [the day after the attacks], I would have been on it. But there is a strange feeling in the air. It seems as if everyone is wide-eyed watching everyone else and their bags." Blankenship agreed, "I have not drastically changed my plans due to the attacks, but I do try to be more aware of my surroundings and not take something as menial as public transportation for granted."

A week after the bombings, the London mayor asked the city to observe two minutes of silence at noon sharp. Edwards was standing at a busy corner at noon when simultaneously every car, taxi, moped, bus, and pedestrian came to a complete standstill. "It was incredible to see a city with millions of people not making a sound."

This fall will see these three continuing their studies back on U.S. soil, hopefully safe and sound: Blankenship at Vanderbilt University, Edwards at Southern Methodist University, and Adams at the University of Richmond.

Pippin: Just Ducky



by Ada Thomas

Ada Thomas, a faithful fan of MUS theater, is an eleven-year-

old homeschooled fifth-grader. Her interests include art, knitting, reading, writing, and theater, theater, and even more theater. In the past year, she has appeared in several shows at the Morgan Woods Children's Theatre, such as *The Princess and the Pea*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Cinderella*, and *The Pied Piper*. Ada is the daughter of Ron and Sally Holmes Thomas (Hutchison '82), and older sister to Joel, Ben, and Rachel. Her uncle, **Elmore Holmes '86**, is a former MUS faculty member and an avid photographer who took the accompanying photo of Ada. Ada penned the following review for a newsletter she publishes for family and friends. Her review is reprinted here with her permission.

On Saturday night, April 2, my best friend and I went to see *Pippin* at MUS. It was SO good and SO funny.

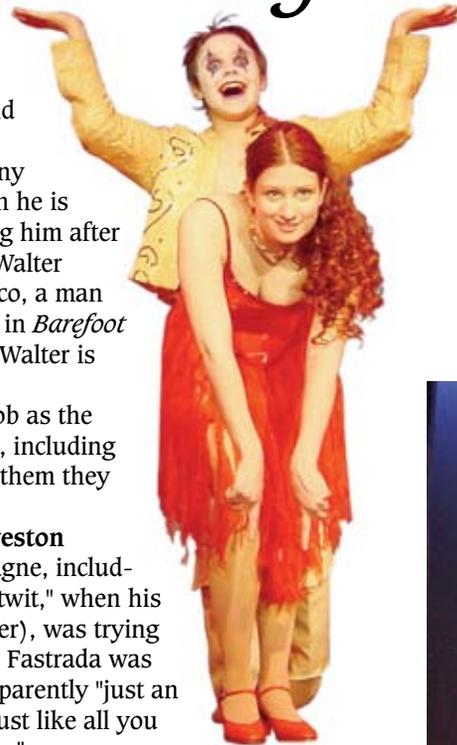
Walter Klyce was a very funny Pippin; I really liked the part when he is apologizing to his father for killing him after Charlemagne comes back to life! Walter Klyce previously played Mr. Velasco, a man who said he was a gourmet cook, in *Barefoot in the Park* – big change. Clearly, Walter is versatile.

Eric Wilson did a stunning job as the Leading Player (a very funny role, including shouting at the actors and telling them they were doing it wrong!).

I was also impressed with **Preston Battle's** performance as Charlemagne, including the hilarious line, "Lewis is a twit," when his wife, Fastrada (Pippin's stepmother), was trying to impress him with her own son. Fastrada was played by Ansley Fones and is apparently "just an ordinary housewife and mother, just like all you housewives and mothers out there."

Morgan Beckford was a wonderful Berthe (Charlemagne's mother) with her *very* funny song, "Just No Time at All," an audience sing-along. **David Minervini** did a brilliant job as Lewis (Pippin's half brother), especially considering that he played Paul (a very serious lawyer) in *Barefoot in the Park* – definitely another versatile change!

I almost cried when Theo's duck, Otto, died. My friend told Theo (**Peter Travis**) after the show she was sorry about his duck;



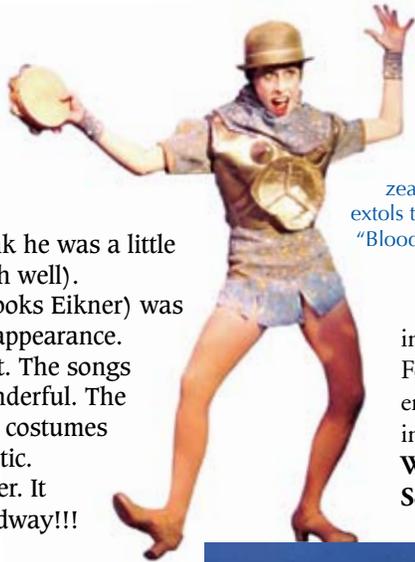
Charlemagne's son Lewis (David Minervini) rejoices in his scheming mother's resolve to "Spread a Little Sunshine" by helping Lewis and herself (Ansley Fones) onto the Emperor's throne.



As Charlemagne elucidates the intricate technicalities by which "War is a Science," some troops express awe (like Rachel Weeks), and others (like Alex Chinn) add their own labyrinthine commentary: "Booga, booga, booga!"



Deflated by his serial failures to find meaning in life, Pippin (Walter Klyce) strains for the strength of spirit to resist the Players' inducements to star in their suicidal Grand Finale.



One of Charlemagne's zealous minions (Rachel Weeks) extols the martial enticements of "Blood!" and "Glory!"

and personally, I think he was a little worried about her (oh well).

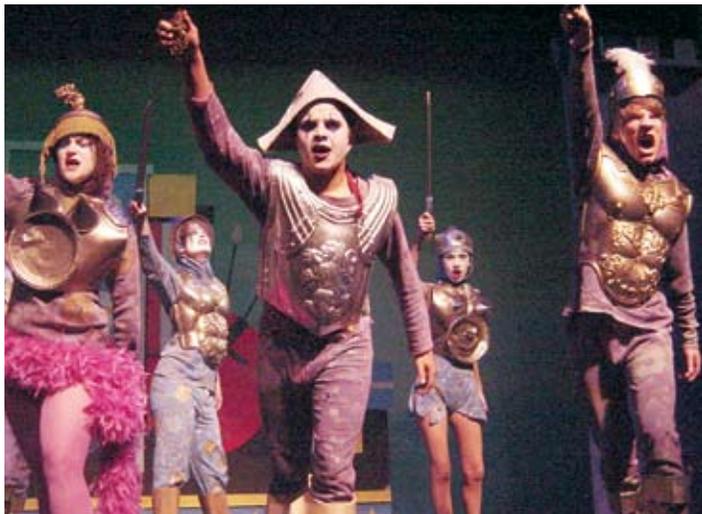
Little Pippin (Brooks Eikner) was very cute in his one appearance. The chorus was great. The songs and dances were wonderful. The lights and music and costumes were really very artistic.

Shame it's all over. It was as good as Broadway!!!

Pippin, directed by **Flip Eikner** '77, starred Eric Wilson as the Leading Player, Walter Klyce as Pippin, Preston Battle as Charlemagne, Ansley Fones as Fastrada, David Minervini as Lewis, Carly Crawford as Catherine, Peter Travis as Theo, and Morgan Beckford as Berthe. The chorus included the voices and dancing skills of Louise Smythe, **Ed Porter**, **Will Hickman**, Amanda Castroverde, **Alexander Fones**, Mari Earle, **Sonny Linn**, Rachel Weeks, and **Alex Chinn**. Brooks Eikner and **Andrew Robinson** provided cameos.

Overall design was by **Andy Saunders**, choreography by Kimberly Baker and Rachel Weeks, music direction by **John Hiltonsmith**, accompaniment by Dustin Pappin, costumes by Debby Jacobs, and various crucial backstage crew efforts by Elise Masur, **Roger Chu**, **Skip Aymett**, **Michael Schaeffer**, **Russ Hinson**, **Jonathan Barnes**, **Austin Beckford**, Mary Claire Smythe, **Jordan Crawford**, **Jon Jones**, Rachel Hogue, and **Stephen Nease**.

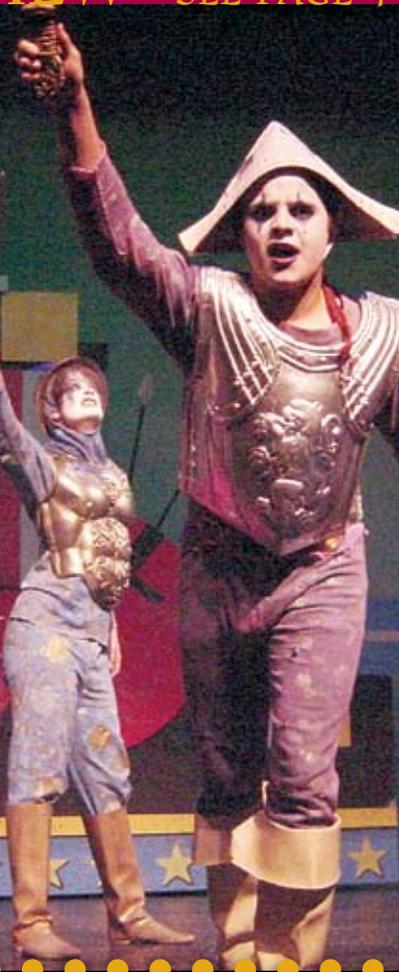
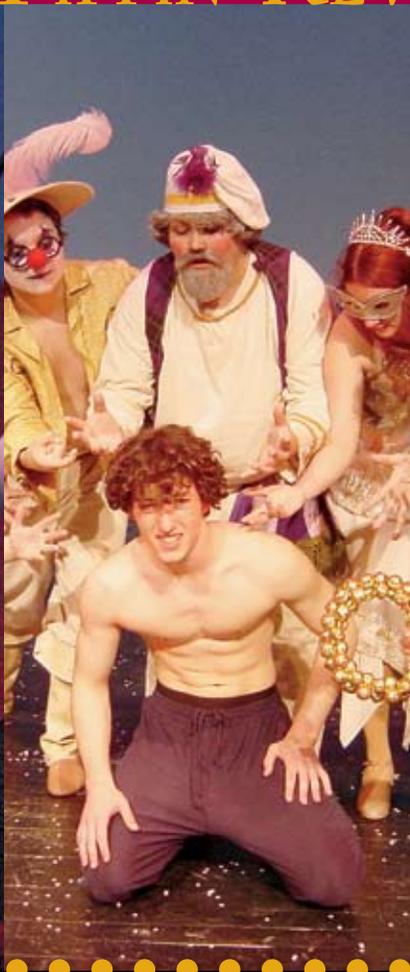
The Leading Player (Eric Wilson) and his troupe of Players guarantee the audience "Magic to Do."



Charlemagne's soldiers (Mari Earle, Alexander Fones, David Minervini, Amanda Castroverde, Peter Travis) hurl themselves ferociously into the battle for "Glory."



Introducing herself to the downcast Pippin, the widow Catherine (Carly Crawford) modestly asserts that she's just an average, ordinary Wonderful Girl, complete with backup chorus (Louise Smythe, Amanda Castroverde, Mari Earle).



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