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From the Editor

As alumni, parents, students, faculty, or special friends of MUS, you know what an MUS education can do. As we begin a new year and approach a new millennium, we want others to know how an MUS education not only benefits a young man, but an entire community. Therefore, we are embarking on a new marketing and public relations campaign: **Opening Doors For Boys For Over 100 Years.**

For over a century, MUS has opened doors for boys – doors to knowledge and learning, to college and career, to community service and leadership. We prepare young men to take on future challenges, armed with an excellent education and a strong moral character. A boy will develop qualities and forge relationships at MUS which will lead to his later achievements and contributions to society.

As Director of Public Relations, my task is to get the word out through our publications, press releases, advertising, and marketing initiatives. To that end, you will see new admissions materials and advertising incorporating our “Doors” theme. In addition, we have created a newsletter, *Inside MUS*, which highlights our students, sports, extracurricular activities, civic service, and life on campus. The newsletter is published quarterly for students and their families.

MUS Today also has a new look. The magazine will focus on alumni and faculty – those people who make a difference in the lives of our boys and in the communities in which our alumni live. We will take you through the doors that MUS has opened for them and tell you their stories. The current issue focuses on the Door to Career Opportunity – the story of three alumni, Jim Thomas '58, Trow Gillespie '65, and Steve Morrow '71, and the company they founded; the Door to Community Leadership – alumni Steve Carpenter's '83 work to give inner-city kids an educational advantage; and the Door to Knowledge – MUS' jump into the technology age.

If you have information you would like to share or suggestions for features, please write us at MUS, Development Office, 6191 Park Ave., Memphis, TN 38119. We appreciate and encourage reader comments!

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Headmaster's Message

by Ellis Haguewood



MUS A Leadership Institution

The strength of this school harks back to the leadership of visionaries like Colonel Ross McCain Lynn and Alexander Wellford, and many others—leaders who dreamed dreams, then built a school where none existed, hired faculty, and initiated the programs which have grown and ripened over the decades into the current Memphis University School. And if as Emerson suggested in *Self-Reliance*, “An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man,” then perhaps MUS still looks a good bit like the Colonel, and I hope that it always will.

MUS is a leadership institution, born of strong leaders, but it also encourages and inspires lead-

ership among its students. Opportunities for student leadership abound at MUS—Student Council, Honor Council, yearbook, newspaper, literary magazine, Model UN, Youth Legislature, Mock Trial, Civic Service, theater, Beg-to-Differ, and ten varieties of inter-school athletics. These activities offer boys the opportunity to succeed and, just as importantly, to fail and learn from that failure. Even if a boy holds no leadership position while at MUS, he learns and absorbs the characteristics of leadership—vision, perseverance, courage, stamina, character—which serve him well when those leadership roles come to him later in college and in his career. As Philip Stanhope put it, “Every man becomes to a certain degree, what the people he generally converses with are.”

Once our boys graduate from college, 70% return to work and live in Memphis, and their influence and leadership is far greater than their number. Think

of the jobs provided by FedEx and by AutoZone, for example. Or note the 38 alumni who work at Morgan-Keegan. Look at the company presidents, business leaders, doctors, attorneys, and corporate board members. Not only do our alums create jobs and economic good for this city, they also lead in civic and community service. Whether at Brooks or MIFA or Dixon or the Arts Council or the ballet or the Civil Rights Museum or Boys Club or Youth Villages, our alumni give back unselfishly to their community.

In fact, the leadership provided by our alums in Memphis makes Memphis University School one of the city's most significant assets.

I am thankful for the leadership of MUS alumni in Memphis. I believe that the seeds for that leadership were sown here because an MUS education nurtures and fosters leadership, the kind Colonel Lynn brought here many years ago.





The Door to Career Opportunity

School Ties Form Foundation for Successful Partnership in NewSouth

“Opening Doors for Boys for Over 100 Years” is the theme for Memphis University School’s advertising and marketing initiatives beginning in 1999. Here is the story of three men who walked through the doors that MUS opened – into this school to learn and to grow, and out again to fulfill the legacy given to them. They are tied to each other and to MUS in many ways.

Although they graduated from MUS in different years, and went on to different colleges, **Trow Gillespie ’65**, **Steve Morrow ’71**, and **Jim Thomas ’58** found their lives intersecting. In fact, Jim hired Trow for his first job at First Tennessee Bank. “My dad knew Jimmy through the investment community and helped set up the interview,” Trow remembers. “I began working in the bank’s trust department in 1970.” Two years later, they formed First Tennessee Investment Management, the country’s second wholly owned investment subsidiary of a bank holding company. In 1975, Jim, Trow, and three other colleagues left First Tennessee to start their own independent, investment advisory firm, Southeastern Asset Management; and they in turn hired Steve in 1980.

Jim, Trow, and Steve left Southeastern in 1985 to form a new investment advisory firm, NewSouth Capital Management. Today the firm is national in scope, with clients in forty states. They manage money for retirement plans, foundations, endowments, insurance companies, and individuals.

The three founders attribute the success of NewSouth to several factors. According to Trow, “We have assembled a wonderful group of partners who share the same values, possess strong work ethics, and exhibit an entrepreneurial spirit. We’ve had no professional turnover in the history of the firm, so the chemistry among the partners and the experi-

ence of working together are important parts of the structure. The company’s youngest of seven partners joined us in 1988. We have an independent environment without a lot of red tape and bureaucracy. And we are all motivated by the same economic incentives through our ownership of the business – our compensation is tied to the bottom line and the job we do for our clients.”

Steve added, “We all really love what we do. We are all committed to the business, and we have a mutual respect and trust that has carried us through.”

Each man brings to the company his own unique experiences, but they have common goals: the success of the company and making a contribution to the community. All three feel the grounding they received at MUS was critical to their success and instrumental in instilling in them a commitment to community service.

Jim Thomas began attending MUS in September of 1955, with 63 other young men. They were the first class at the then-new location on Park Avenue. “I remember walking across a bridge of 2x4’s over the mud between the parking lot and our one wing of classrooms. The yard had not been sodded and it was a rainy day. I remember helping tear off the wrapping paper



Steve Morrow ’71 (left) first came to work for Trow Gillespie ’65 and Jim Thomas ’58 (pictured below) in 1980. Five years later, the three formed their own company.



Even though they were never classmates, their school ties as MUS alumni helped pave the way for job opportunities and friendships that led to the founding of a new company.

As an MUS graduating senior, Jim Thomas wrote that his ambition was "to give more to the world than I take from it." He was editor of the school paper and voted "wittiest" by his classmates.

that covered brand new blackboards. That year MUS was grades 7-10, and I and twelve other 15-year olds comprised the senior class for the next three years," Jim recalls. Jim was on Coach Gene Thorn's basketball and baseball teams. He credits his coaches for teaching the importance of teamwork and for building the great sports traditions of MUS.



Jim attended Rhodes College, then began his career at First Tennessee Bank's Trust Investment Department. He was President of First Tennessee Investment Management Inc. when he left to co-found Southeastern Asset Management. Jim and wife Nancy love to travel and own a home in France. Jim has two grown daughters, Meg and Scott, and three stepchildren, Elizabeth, Stephen and Andrew Laws.

"Our first group of 64 would go on to establish traditions of leadership and service in the public and private sectors of our country. That group produced Chairmen of the Board of five New York Stock Exchange companies and others visible in virtually every amenity in the city through board service," Jim said. He himself serves on the boards of Rhodes College, Buckman Labs, Inc., MIFA,



Steve Morrow (24) was voted "most athletic" by his classmates and was one of the leading

and the Memphis Zoo. He is a former president of the Memphis University School Alumni Association and a founding member of the Ross M. Lynn Society.



scorers on the 1971 basketball team pictured here: Gayden Drew, Todd Miller, Hal Wellford, Morrow, Buddy Best, (back) Chuck Morris, Tommy Peters, Joel Bell, Mark Schandorff, and Jim Varner.

Steve Morrow remembers MUS for the people he met, the relationships he formed with his classmates, and the love of teamwork he developed while playing sports. "MUS never had the greatest athletes, but we had the greatest teams because we played as a

unit," Steve said. He was a starter on the basketball team that in 1970 won their first 22 games and went undefeated in the regular season. "It was a typical Jerry Peters team; what we lacked in physical stature, we more than made up with hustle and determination," explained Steve. In addition, he was captain of the 1971 track and basketball teams, and played football and baseball.

Steve also has fond memories of the classroom. "The path to my career really started in Skip Daniel's economics class. I majored in economics in college and had it not been for the initial exposure I got at MUS, I may have gone in a different direction."

Steve went on to the University of Virginia, and returned to Memphis after he graduated. He joined First Tennessee in 1975, at the time Jim, Trow, and their colleagues left to form Southeastern Asset Management, and joined them five years later. He is married to the former Nancy Johnston and they have two children. Son Paul is a fifth grader at Presbyterian Day School and daughter Anne is an eighth grader at Hutchison. Steve is very involved with his children's education; in fact, he is a trustee of Hutchison and current chairman of the school's capital campaign, and is a founding member of MUS' Ross M. Lynn Society. For relaxation, he and his family enjoy winter sports and spend time in Colorado every year.

Trow Gillespie recalls some of his experiences at MUS. "I was small, slow, and didn't like contact. But because of Jake Rudolph and the system at MUS, I had the opportunity to attend Vanderbilt on a football scholarship and ended up playing defensive back in the Southeastern Conference all four years." Trow was also captain of Jerry Peters' first varsity basketball team in 1964. "I made life-long friends at MUS and had great relationships with my teachers and coaches," Trow continued. "My math tutor was our Headmaster, Colonel Lynn, who founded the school. When it was time for me to look at colleges, Colonel Lynn personally got on the phone and made some calls on my behalf."

Trow is married to Elizabeth Johnston, Nancy Morrow's sister. "It's another tie," said Trow. "In fact, I introduced Steve to Nancy."



“VERY FEW EXPERIENCES IN MY LIFE WILL EXCEED WHAT I HAD AT MUS, IN TERMS OF FRIENDSHIPS, VALUES, AND LESSONS LEARNED.”

— Trow Gillespie

The Gillespies have three boys, Paul and Stuart who attend MUS, and John who attends Christ the King. Trow enjoys “working out” along with golf and skiing. He also finds time to serve the community, as a board member of the Memphis Arts Council and the Chickasaw Council Boy Scouts, among others, and he is a former trustee and chairman of the last capital campaign at Presbyterian Day School.

But his main focus for community involvement now is his work as a member of the MUS Board of Trustees, which he has served since 1996. According to Ellis Haguwood, “As a trustee, Trow came in and made an immediate, tremendous impact. Nobody works harder to further the success of this school than Trow Gillespie.” Along with his two business partners, Trow is also a founding member of the Ross M. Lynn Society.

According to Trow, he is involved for three special reasons: “Very few experiences in my life will exceed what I had at MUS, in terms of friendships, values, and lessons learned. Two, I have the ultimate equity in the success of MUS, in my tenth-grade and seventh-grade sons, who are living the same experiences I did. MUS is opening the same doors for them. And three, the culture here at NewSouth is focused on giving something back to the community that has given so much to us.” Both Trow Gillespie and Jim Thomas have taken that culture one step further as members of the MUS Crest & Cornerstone Society. The Crest & Cornerstone Society recognizes individuals who have ensured the future strength of the school by including MUS as a direct beneficiary in their estate plans.

“MUS is doing a terrific job on all counts,” Trow continued. “The product is the best it has ever been.” In addition to 100% of MUS seniors acceptance into college, more than 40% of the class of 1998 were offered scholarships based on academics, athletics, or leadership. Individual scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$146,000 – averaging \$45,482 – achievement-based

scholarships, which do not include need-based financial aid.

Trow also praised the school’s leadership. “Ellis Haguwood and his colleagues are doing a tremendous job. They inspire confidence every day in us as parents, in the teachers, and in the kids themselves.”

“MUS continues to be a major pipeline for success in the community, and is truly one of the city’s most important assets. Alumni are scattered in leadership positions throughout the corporate infrastructure in Memphis, in every profession. MUS alumni also serve the community in an amazing number of philanthropic endeavors – from the Zoo, MIFA, the arts, educational institutions, The Civil Rights Museum, and more,” Trow said.

MUS opened doors for these three men – doors of knowledge and growth, of higher learning and career opportunity, of leadership and community. In the 100 years since the school was founded, many boys have walked into the school, and out again, equipped to become men – men of value, men of faith, men of tradition. The next 100 years hold uncertainty and hope. Uncertainty, because no man knows what lies ahead; hope, because a school like MUS exists and continues to uphold the standards and traditions of the past and present. 



Trow and his family are often on campus for sporting events. This night Trow and his two younger sons, Stuart and John, will watch Paul play for the MUS JV basketball team.



In 1993, Jim Thomas and Anne Keesee co-chaired MUS’ Centennial Celebration at which time Dr. Harkins introduced the *MUS Century Book* and gave them the first copies.

Faculty Profile



Norman S. Thompson

When an acquaintance of Norman Thompson's, a high school principal, invited him to lunch back in 1972, he never thought the meal would end up as a career at Memphis University School. Norman's pal drove him to MUS rather than to a lunch establishment, and told him he would be happier teaching than at what he was currently doing. His friend introduced him to Colonel Lynn, and, as the cliché goes, the rest is history.

Over the last twenty-six years, Mr. Thompson has made his mark at MUS teaching ninth grade English, British Literature I and II, Shakespeare, and AP English. He is also advisor to the Honor Council and to the student newspaper, the *Owl's Hoot*, and he is the official voice of the Owls at MUS home football games. He is truly a man of many dimensions.

Mr. Thompson's childhood hero is Mickey Mantle and his most admired historical figure is Winston Churchill, but the most influential figure in his life is his father. According to Mr. Thompson, "Any virtue that I may possess I attribute to my father; my many shortcomings are the result of my failure to heed his advice or follow his example." And he tries to set examples for his students at MUS.

Over the past twenty-six years, Mr. Thompson has noticed that, "While students are as engaging and as bright as ever, it seems they are, in the aggregate, less willing to accept the responsibility of participating aggressively in their own education. Most are less willing to read beyond the assignment; many are less willing to read the assignment." He advises his students that nobody can teach them anything – they must teach themselves. This they must do by aggressively involving themselves in the learning process by listening, analyzing, and internalizing the material and the instructor's advice. According to Mr. Thompson, "A student cannot passively skate on the frozen surface of knowledge; he must break through the surface and drown his ignorance."

Mr. Thompson appreciates the fact that every day he gets to read and discuss inspiring literature with young men equipped to learn and be affected by what they learn, young men who will make a difference. And he likes to think that in some small way he will make a difference in their lives. Additionally, he acknowledges that he benefits daily from "immersion in the deep pool of knowledge and wisdom that my colleagues constitute." He even considers arguing with colleagues as one of his hobbies ("...where I have a chance of winning a debate, as opposed to home, where I have abandoned all hope").

Thompson shares his home life with his wife Carole and his daughter Melissa, who attained a grade point average of 3.81 as a first semester freshman at the University of Mississippi. He was also educated at the University of Mississippi, where he earned his BA, before furthering his studies at the University of Memphis, where he earned an MA. He considers the birth and graduation of his daughter as his most memorable events, "...events which seem to me separated by several months."

Because his academic interests focus on literature, Mr. Thompson was asked what his favorite book was. He answered, "One does not have a 'favorite' book – he has many that he habitually turns to depending on his mood. P.G. Wodehouse never fails to amuse me; Shakespeare never fails to affect me; Dickens never fails to do both."

Life with Hatchett

By Norman Thompson

I remember the genesis of a friendship that exerted a powerful influence over my academic life. Coming to MUS twenty-six years ago, I was callow, but I fancied myself as well read as the next guy. I had heard of an almost legendary English teacher with an encyclopedic mind named William Hatchett, a name synonymous with MUS in the minds of legions of graduates. One day quite early in my tenure at MUS, I was walking down the hallway with my nose buried in a book, frantically trying to prepare for a class that I was teaching for the first time. I looked up and saw Bill Hatchett approaching me. As he passed, he said, "But look where sadly the poor wretch comes reading." Crushed, I wondered how I had deserved to be called a "poor wretch" by a man I barely knew and by his reputation had every reason to respect. On a hunch I took down my *Complete Works of Shakespeare* and discovered what I should have known. Far from being insulted, I was being paid a double compliment, for these are, of course, words describing Hamlet. Bill Hatchett had compared me, however ironically, to Hamlet and had expected me to recognize the allusion. This was the beginning of a beautiful friendship.



How Far Can You Go With An MUS Education?



Lithuania

Bart Etter '64 first visited Lithuania in 1991. He stepped off the train and immediately fell in love with the country; he moved there permanently in 1997. Bart spent his first year teaching in Kuanas, the second largest city, and recently moved to the smaller town of Ukmerge, where he continues to teach.

Bart explained, "I teach sixth through twelfth graders one or two days a week. Their Lithuanian-born English teachers have them the rest of the week and teach grammar and spelling, leaving me free to do the 'fun stuff': speaking and listening, reading and writing, intros to British and American Literature, history, drama, music, and culture."

Bart convenes an English Club once a week to introduce kids to British and American games, books, toys, and films. In addition, he teaches an adult English class one evening a week. "I love adult education, dragging adults onto the Internet to learn about the world," he said. Bart went on to say that, since the fall of Communism in 1991, a spirit of pride has returned to the land – the people are happy to have their land and their language back. "Their language will always survive, but no matter what they do, they'll need English."

Lithuania, a strong, unified state in the thirteenth century, gradually merged with Poland between the years 1386 and 1569. In 1795, Lithuania came under Russian control, but established independence again in 1918 – only to be forcibly annexed by the USSR in 1940. Germany occupied the country in World War II. In 1991, after many struggles, the USSR recognized Lithuania as an independent nation, and the Republic of Lithuania was established in 1994.

"I love it here," said Bart. "The cost of living is low, violent crimes are very rare, and teachers are held in high regard. I have a great yellow house, typically Lithuanian, with apple trees, a grape arbor, and a large garden replete with beehives. I am just about as happy as a person gets to be in this world."

"At MUS, I learned to put service to others as a high priority," he continued. "Here in Lithuania, I'm putting what I learned to good use."

Prime Cut quartet: Eddy Sattah, Will Mays '94, Stuart Ambrose, and Mark Lamback



The Hague

Not that far from Lithuania lives another MUS graduate. **Albert Johnson '92** moved to The Hague, Holland to play basketball. He played for MUS and for Rhodes College, but after college, he left the game behind to sell bonds. A smart six-footer, he realized he didn't have the size and talent for the NBA. But one day, he realized something else. He missed the game.

And so began Albert Johnson's quest to play pro ball. He went to three tryout camps, the kind where you have to pay to play, and hope a scout is actually watching. On his third try, in Chicago, in front of scouts from all over Europe, he hit paydirt. He played as well as he ever had, and at the end, was approached by a scout from Poland. Albert eventually got an offer from a team based in Tallin, the capital city of Estonia.

Unfortunately, Albert incurred a knee injury in August 1998 with the B/C Kalev Tallin team in Estonia.

Fast forward to today. Albert begins his second stint in Europe. After extensive rehabilitation, he signed with The Hague Jumpers in Holland and joined the squad to be their point guard in early January. Albert may not be making the "big bucks" and you probably won't see him in the next Nike commercial. But he is one of the lucky few in this world doing exactly what he wants and loves to do.

High C

Or, in this case, several octaves lower. **Willie Mays '94** may not be as famous as *that* Willie Mays, but he has gained a name for himself. Not for running the bases – for singing bass. Willie is a member of Prime Cut, an award-winning barbershop quartet composed of current and former Emory University students. This past July, Prime Cut took top honors in the collegiate division of the international competition held in Atlanta. The quartet placed second in last year's competition, which is sponsored by the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA).

According to John Hiltonsmith, MUS choral director, "In 1991, when our *a cappella* vocal harmony group, Beg-to Differ, was formed, Willie rapidly emerged as one of the members who would define the standards and character of the group. He was critical to those early successes of Beg-to Differ, especially in the days when it was extracurricular, rehearsal time was short, and dedication and talent played the most important role."

Prime Cut has been featured twice on the cover of *The Harmonizer*, the official magazine of SPEBSQSA, and was featured in *The Atlanta Constitution*. The group released its first CD, *Beef Country*, this past summer. All four members were a part of Emory's popular male *a cappella* group, No Strings Attached, a group which has three CDs to its credit, and is a popular choice to sing the National Anthem for the Atlanta Braves, Hawks, and Falcons. 



The Door to Knowledge

MUS Meets Technology Head On

Patrick McCarroll shows fellow teachers ways to use the Internet for classroom instruction in history.



Two years ago, headmasters of the independent schools met to discuss how to better utilize and coordinate information technology in the schools. The group that evolved from this meeting is MAIS-TEC, Memphis Association of Independent Schools – Technology Coordinators. Representing MUS are Ellen McDonell, Director of the

Joseph R. Hyde, Jr. Library, and Judy Rutledge, Instructor in Mathematics and Computer.

MAIS-TEC meets regularly to discuss technology-related issues in the independent schools, to share information, and to formulate programs. One significant program that has developed from this group is HOT (Hooked on Technology) Sessions. According to

McDonell, “We developed HOT sessions so that all our teachers could take advantage of the same type of information and exchange that we experience in MAIS-TEC meetings.” This is the second year that various technology-related instructional sessions by teachers and for teachers were held during the months of January and February. More

than a dozen classes were offered to the faculties of the independent schools, including the following sessions presented by MUS faculty: **Patrick McCarroll** - Online Resources for Medieval Studies; **Eric Berman** - Using the Internet to Teach Art History; **Leah Allison** and **Ellen McDonell** - Can I Use This Web Site for My Paper? **Carla Aycock** - Using Geosketchpad; **Betty**

Geometry teacher Carla Aycock (right) uses a computer for classroom demonstrations. Logan Taylor points out the problem as Josh Winters (on keyboard), Chad Keller, Ben Bailey, Jason Vernon, and others watch.



Gene Bledsoe, Charles Thompson, AJ Walzer, Lee Grimm, and Jonathan Dunavant work independently in the computer lab which is available for students anytime during the day.



Patrick Decker, Jay Shoenberger, Witt Wittenberg, and Scott Fletcher use their TI-83 calculators to find the equation of a parabola in Algebra II class.

Williams and **Judy Rutledge** – Integrating Math Blaster into the Pre-Algebra & Algebra Curriculum;

Nancy Gates – Impact of CAS on the Mathematics Curriculum; **Lin Askew** – Web Sites for American Literature.

MAIS-TEC has also been instrumental in developing curriculum-mapping guidelines in regard to technology skills. The group agreed that all schools would strive for teaching typing skills before the end of the sixth grade. MUS examined and evaluated the means to better integrate information skills for incoming seventh graders. It was determined that emphasis in the information skills curriculum should be on the life-long learning skills of identifying and evaluating information sources. During 1997, the library research class in the seventh grade was restructured. The classes, which had been nearly 20 in number, were reduced to 9-10. The typing portion of the class was completely revamped and integrated with word processing and an introduction to the computer. The library portion of the class was restructured as well to teach information gathering and evaluating skills. The use of search engines and Boolean logic for database and Internet searching were incorporated within this curriculum. In addition, good Internet citizenship was stressed. During the fall of 1998, the library portion of this class was also extended to new eighth graders after school.

MUS’ strong commitment to technology is obvious. Each MUS student should enter college with the ability to use computers as an effective tool to communicate, access information, do research on the Internet, write papers, send e-mail, and perform complex calculations. The school will utilize technology wherever and whenever it makes sense to do so: to prepare our young men for college, to enhance our curriculum, and to meet the operational needs of the school into the next century. We will keep you updated on new developments.

Over the past few years, MUS has made great strides in computer technology. The administration has persistently and consistently supported logical technology implementation of programs and services, as evidenced by the following:

1. Development and revision of a school technology plan
2. Plan and implementation of:
 - LAN (local area network) in library/media center
 - computer classroom in the library
 - stand-alone computer lab in Lower School
 - LAN in Lower School Computer Lab
 - two Upper School Computer Labs
 - integration of all computers in Upper School Computer Labs
 - computer instruction classroom adjacent to the Upper School Computer Labs
 - Internet access in the library
 - shared CD-ROM tower in the library
 - LAN in the administration area of the school
3. Purchase of many CD-ROMs and access to databases for the library
4. Hiring of two technical professionals to maintain computers and networks, and to provide leadership to continue to move forward in this area

Alumni Support MUS with Gift of Software

MUS now has the software needed to carry the school to the next millennium, thanks to two alumni: **Bruce Ryan '80** and **Jim Springfield '83**.

Both are employees of Microsoft, but had never met. "Mr. Brown actually brought us together. I had no idea another MUS graduate worked at Microsoft," said Bruce. "He mentioned Jim to me last year, and that's when we got together." MUS recently purchased new computers and needed to upgrade capabilities. Jim and Bruce, together with a matching gift from Microsoft, donated enough software to meet all the current needs of the school.

"MUS is a great recipient. The administration does the best job of utilizing any gift we could give," continued Bruce. "And we wanted students to know that even those of us who are physically absent still think a lot about MUS."

Although Bruce resides in Seattle, he returns to Memphis occasionally. On a visit in October, he was the featured speaker in the Friday Chapel program. His discussion covered his life after MUS, working at Microsoft, and computer trends.

After MUS, Bruce attended Harvard University, graduating with a BA degree. He went on to study both law and business at Stanford, graduating with MBA and JD degrees in 1989.

"I always knew I wanted to work in technology with the consumer," said Bruce. He worked first for Axlon, Inc., where he helped design live-video home video games, or interactive television. He started with Microsoft in 1989 as a program manager for Microsoft Office for Macintosh CD-ROM.

"Microsoft is a great company," Bruce said. "We employ lots of smart people, and a lot of young ones! In fact, twelve employees are under the age of 20 – they are

fueled by caffeine, sugar, and pizza." Whatever the formula, it works.

He is, of course, often asked his opinion on the current lawsuit against Microsoft. "Are we a monopoly? If you have serious competition, and we do, there is no way you're a monopoly," Bruce explained.

Bruce has a few surprises on his resume of life, as well. He left a lucrative and satisfying job at Microsoft for a job as a production coordinator for the television series *American Gladiators*. "I left on April 1, 1994, so everyone thought I was making an April Fool's joke," Bruce laughed. "It was an adventure – I didn't want to turn around when I was 60 and say I never did TV." He rejoined Microsoft a year later, and has been there ever since.

Bruce spent time in Japan as Executive Producer of Microsoft Network Japan, from June 1997 to January 1998. While there, he helped develop two software games, "Eat the Sushi," where the player is a sushi chef and must fill the orders flying in fast, and "Bug Hunter," the object of which is to shoot cockroaches in order to advance to the next level. The games are extremely popular in Japan.

"I'm not surprised Bruce is such a success," comments Headmaster Ellis Haguewood. "Bruce transferred to MUS his sophomore year, was the yearbook editor in 1980, and a National Merit Semifinalist. He was and is extremely creative with boundless energy and optimism. We are so grateful for Bruce and Jim's gift of software to the school."

Bruce has the highest praise of MUS in return. "None of my years at Harvard and Stanford were as difficult as my years at MUS. College was much easier because of what MUS taught me – discipline and analytical skills."

"My years at MUS were great," he continued. "I always feel wonderful about giving to the school. They do a great job of turning out smart young men of character."

If Bruce Ryan is an example of the kind of young men MUS is turning out, then we are doing our job. 



Bruce Ryan '80 (right) fields questions from MUS students after his presentation.



This picture of the 1980 Computer Club at MUS shows that Bruce Ryan (tallest in the front) and Jim Springfield (hidden in the back) were headed down their career paths early.

Cast Already Getting Into the Woods

Rehearsals have begun for the MUS Theater Company's spring musical *Into the Woods*. In more ways than one, this "MUST C" show is a giant undertaking.

Primarily, it's a big show with a big cast, big effects, and lots of difficult Stephen Sondheim music. To get a head start, director Flip Eikner, in an unprecedented move for MUS theater, auditioned the cast in May, nearly a year before the show's scheduled run.

James Lapine's Tony-winning libretto focuses on selected Grimms' fairy tales and stories of Charles Perrault (a.k.a. Mother Goose), as well as the northern European folk tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. The plot offers a compelling look at what might have happened if Cinderella, Jack, Red Ridinghood, and Rapunzel had known one another.

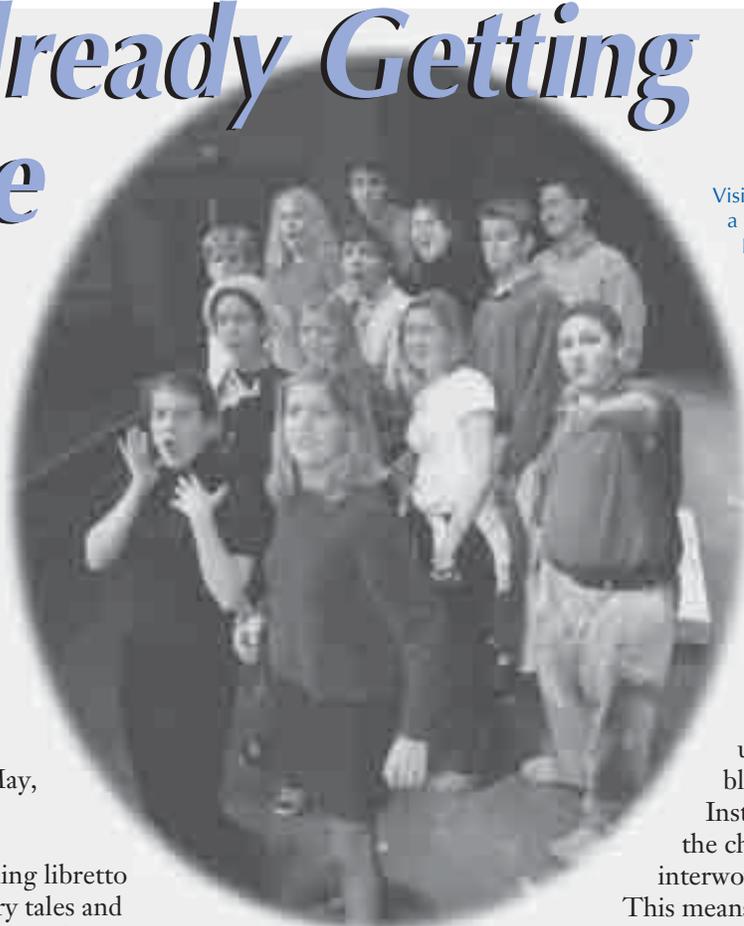
"This show is not like most book musicals," explained Eikner. "In shows like *Oklahoma* or *The Sound of Music* the songs are interruptions in or extensions of the dialog. In a Sondheim show the songs typically are the dialog."

Such an emphasis on the music means necessarily more of it to learn. Eikner had his auditionees commit to buying a CD of the Grammy-winning original cast recording and memorizing their songs over the summer.

"We rehearsed the music in August after school started, and I was already moved by the actors' performances," Eikner said. "Since we can now focus on interpretation and performance style, this head start has made our normal rehearsal period considerably more productive artistically."

This is only the second Sondheim show MUS has attempted. The first was *Sweeney Todd*, an alumni production in the summer of 1996.

Eikner justified his being "Sondheim shy": "Sondheim's music is extremely complex. Whereas most



Visitors to the woods recoil from a horrifying giant: (first row) Robin Watson, Carrie Rosson, (second row) Caroline Fourmy, Connell Sullivant, Allison Sossaman, Cody Jameson, (third row) Beau Davidson, Nathan Freeman, Jim Johnson, (last row) Annabeth Novitski, Justin Willingham, Alisa Horn, and David Kim.

composers write a song for each major character and let it go at that, Sondheim goes another step. He writes the songs, breaks them up into little bits, and blends them together.

Instead of wholesale tunes, the characters are suggested by interwoven, repeated leitmotifs.

This means I can't just call in, let's say, Jack and have him learn his melody. I

have to call in half the cast at once and stand

back in wonder while our musical director, John Hiltonsmith, teaches them all their different parts and how they intersect."

Fortunately, the cast of twenty-three is full of seasoned, award-winning actors and musicians. David Kim and Alisa Horn, well-known to MUS students for their string expertise in the Youth Symphony, are also talented singers. Beau Davidson, Harrison Ford, Nathan Freeman, Phil Janowicz, and Jim Johnson have all sung with Hiltonsmith's nationally-acclaimed Beg-to-Differ *a cappella* group. Robin Watson was named to the Tennessee Theater Association's All-Star Cast as part of MUS's contest entry this autumn. And Lillian Askew, who wowed audiences last year singing as Sister Sarah in *Guys and Dolls* is back this year after placing as runner-up in the Tennessee Junior Miss competition.

"We had a phenomenal turnout at auditions," Eikner reflected. "I think we have the best of the best from MUS, Hutchison, St. Mary's, St. Agnes, and White Station."

The director has also elicited the help of his father, Jim Eikner, to play the grandfatherly Narrator. Many will recognize the elder Mr. Eikner as the oft-seen pledge



The lascivious and cavalier Wolf (Justin Willingham) urges Little Red Ridinghood (Robin Watson) to seize the day.



With an obligatory “Once upon a time . . . ,” the grandfatherly Narrator (played by guest performer Jim Eikner) begins the convergence of assorted fairy tales.



Choral director John Hiltonsmith puts an ensemble through their vocal paces for the Act One Finale.



The Baker (Nathan Freeman) flinches at instructions from the Witch (Carrie Rosson) to fetch the ingredients for a magic potion—no matter the requisite Machiavellian tactics.



Disappointed that they cannot have every pretty girl they meet, the two Princes (Beau Davidson and David Kim) reflect on their “Agony.”

anchor for WKNO-TV’s periodic fund-raising campaigns. He has directed and acted in many productions around the city and also for MUS’s Alumni Theater.

The other “giant” demands of *Into the Woods* are its sets and effects. Since the show’s plot intersects several children’s fairy tales, the sets must be colorful, dynamic, larger-than-life, and fantastical. One of the major characters, the Witch, casts several mystifying magic spells, and a literal giant must appear as well.

Designer Andy Saunders has been conceptualizing the sets and effects on a scale model of the Hyde Chapel stage. While time constraints normally pre-empt such careful planning, Saunders is determined that this show succeed as the blockbuster it is meant to be. He has also been consulting about special effects with John Olson, MUS physics teacher, and Jim Schroeder, longtime props manager for Theatre Memphis and now St. Agnes drama teacher.

“It’s going to be an extravaganza,” Saunders said.

Structured as it is around telling fairy tales, the show is very much about why people perpetuate such stories. In the end the show reminds us what parents and grandparents yearn to pass on to their children. According to the com-

poser, *Into the Woods* is about “how hopeful we are about the future, about the human race, and about cooperative responsibility.”

Into the Woods premiered on Broadway in November 1987. It was named Best Musical of 1988 by both the New York Drama Critics’ Circle and the Drama Desk. Nominated for ten Tonys, and despite competing against Andrew Lloyd Webber’s phenomenal *Phantom of the Opera*, Sondheim and Lapine’s show won for Best Score, Best Book, and Best Actress (Joanna Gleason).

With its novel look at very familiar characters, its moving score, beautiful sets and costumes, magic, humor, and uplifting message for parents and children alike, *Into the Woods* promises to be an enchanting expedition for every member of the family.

Performances are March 25-27 at 7:30 p.m. Phone 260-1300 for reservations. 

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Correction: We regret that the following individuals were inadvertently omitted or listed incorrectly in the 1997-98 Annual Report. We apologize for these errors.

Henry P. Sullivan, Jr. '70
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Robert I. Abbay IV '92

Eleazer Family Establishes Chair of Excellence in Teaching

D. Eugene Thorn, MUS Headmaster from 1978-1992, said it best: "Without question, the positive influence our teachers have over the students cannot be overestimated. There is no better insurance for a young man's future than to have an inspiring, intellectually stimulating teacher who can serve as counselor, friend, and role model."

Great teachers are the heart of a great school, and in this spirit, Ed '66 and Katie Dobbs Eleazer have established the L. Edwin Eleazer III Chair of Excellence in Teaching in memory of their son, Ed '94. The Eleazer Chair is made possible through gifts provided by the James K. Dobbs, Jr. Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis and by the



L. Edwin Eleazer III

Eleazers. The permanent endowment supporting the Eleazer Chair will enable the school to attract outstanding new faculty, or to recognize excellent teaching by a current faculty member, in an academic discipline designated by the Headmaster. Ellis Haguewood will name a teacher to hold the Chair later during this school year.

In acknowledging the Eleazers' gift, Haguewood notes, "I continue to be overwhelmed by Ed and Katie Eleazer's and the Dobbs family's generosity and by the great good the endowment they have created in memory of Ed will do for MUS. What a marvelous way to bless the boys of Memphis University School and future generations of boys who will grace the halls of this institution!"

The Eleazers have had family ties to MUS for many years. Katie Eleazer's father, James K. Dobbs, Jr., is an Honorary Board member having served MUS on its Board of Trustees since it was founded. Her brothers have all attended MUS and her son Ed, for whom this Chair is named, graduated in 1994. Ed passed away while attending the University of Mississippi. According to Mrs. Eleazer, "My family, and especially Ed, have had so many positive experiences at MUS. Ed may not have been the most academically-oriented student at the school, but he made many friends and didn't know a stranger. He won the Dan Griffin Spirit Award when he played football. Ed had a great time at MUS."

Ed's father, Ed Eleazer, Jr. '66, understands the importance of establishing an endowment to recognize teachers. "If we created this opportunity, we could not help but attract and retain the best teachers at MUS. A school is no better than its teachers are, and that's the true value of the institution to the parents and the boys alike. The very heart of the school is the relationship between the teacher and the student."

MUS is committed to supporting faculty through appropriate compensation, professional development, and revitalization. The school is very appreciative of the

Eleazers' and Dobbs' gifts that will provide funds for salaries and resources to recognize and reward distinguished faculty with salary enhancements and professional development opportunities.

An endowment such as the Eleazers' and Dobbs' is a gift of a specific sum to the school, whereby the principal remains in perpetuity, and a percentage of the interest is used each year.

Jean Hale Leaves A Legacy

How do you value qualities like loyalty, dedication, and service?

Ben Hale found a way when he sought to honor his wife Jean at her retirement after twenty-four years of service to MUS. The school recently received an endowment for the Jean Barbee Hale Award for Outstanding Service, which will be awarded yearly to a recipient who demonstrates excellence in service to MUS.

"I wanted to honor Jean, who I believe demonstrated the highest levels of loyalty, commitment, dedication, discretion, and constancy in a wonderful academic environment. And I wanted to return something to MUS for the opportunities the school has given our family," said



Jean and Ben Hale

Mr. Hale. The couple's three sons all attended MUS and were delighted with the idea of the award. "This is our family's way of showing our appreciation to the school."

"The award is wonderful for MUS," agreed Headmaster Ellis Haguewood. "It also honors a wonderful person, Jean Hale. She is a model of excellence in both her professional and personal life. She was hardworking and efficient, no matter what the task. Jean was always encouraging and helpful, but never obtrusive. I relied on her as a knowledgeable, wise, and discreet counselor."

Any MUS employee that displays the qualities Mrs. Hale embodied is eligible for the award, which also carries a cash stipend. *The Hale Fund is open to donations from others who wish to honor Jean Hale. For more information on how you can make a gift to the Jean Barbee Hale Award for Outstanding Service, please call Perry Dement, Director of Development, at (901) 260-1350.*



The Door to Community Involvement

Steve Carpenter Opens a Door for Inner-City Kids

All children are a gift of grace, but all children may not know it. All children are born with the capacity to learn, but all do not have the chance to try. All children have a need for love, but some will never feel it.

There is a school in Memphis dedicated to reaching those children who may not know they are special and smart – who may not otherwise have the chance to reach their potential. The school is New Hope Christian Academy, founded by our own MUS alumnus, **Steve Carpenter '83**.

Steve Carpenter is a remarkable man with a remarkable vision. A graduate of the University of Texas, he spent several years in the financial industry. "But I always knew at some point I'd go to seminary," he said. In 1993, he and his wife Carrie and their children made the change that would lead to New Hope. They left Memphis for Princeton Theological Seminary. "I didn't know where God was going to lead us," continued Steve. "But He had already planted the seeds in my heart and in the hearts of others."

Another MUS graduate approached Steve with an idea. Wouldn't it be great to reach inner-city kids through a private school, one that was geared to meet their needs and help them realize their potential? He asked Steve to come back to Memphis to start the school. Steve graduated a semester early in December of 1995, and the quest for New Hope was begun.

From January to August of 1996, Steve prepared for the opening of the school. He

wanted the school to serve low-income children in the Memphis Housing Authority's Lauderdale Courts development as well as other downtown residents and children of downtown workers.

The right kind of support staff and teachers were essential to making the project a success. Steve recruited Lila Wilkinson as assistant administrator and found her past work experiences in ministry invaluable. Together they worked in the Lauderdale Courts

development, talking to

parents and children, getting to know the neighborhood, and building trust. He interviewed teachers, asking tough questions about inner city and racial issues. He found the best teachers for the job in Mrs. Sara Carpenter and Mrs. Anniece Green (kindergarten), Mrs. Willie Mae Cotton (first grade), and Ms. Cathy Meister (second grade).

Steve brainstormed with others involved in inner-city ministries, as well as teachers and principals of private schools. "Anne Fisher, St. Mary's former upper school headmistress, was very helpful. And Ellis Haguewood has always been very supportive," said Steve. "In fact, we are grateful to so many people and institutions. MUS and PDS donated computers, Christ United Methodist Church gave us furniture, and St. Mary's donated books. People will often call and offer things. Churches of every denomination have helped in one way or another."



“So much has been done here in such a short period of time – these kids have been affected for life.”

Funding for the school was established through generous donors who raised a substantial endowment for the start-up of the school. The school is now operating on the income, and as people in the community hear about the school, new donations are being made.

"This is a private school, and we do charge a tuition," added Steve. "The difference is, the tuition is based on a sliding scale, determined by parental income. We are geared toward offering an opportunity for parents who don't have much of a choice for their children."

In September 1996, classes began with about 30 students enrolled in kindergarten through second grade. The school was located in seven rooms on the first floor of First United Methodist Church at Second and Poplar. This year, only three years into the project, the school will have expanded and moved to the old Federal Reserve Building at Third and Jefferson, capable of serving up to 240 children.

Results of achievement tests show New Hope students scoring far above national averages. "We offer the same curriculum as PDS, St. George's and St. Mary's," Steve explained. "And we support these kids through high school, even though we are a K-6 school. We want our kids to go on to college."

New Hope has the support of the academic community. "The students spent a day at Rhodes College with Rhodes student volunteers one day. Now they all want to go to Rhodes. Not long ago, their idea of college was beauty school," he continued. "So much has been done here in such a short period of time – these kids have been affected for life."

Other schools have also been helpful. Girls from St. Mary's come down once a month to work with the kids, and the seventh and eighth graders of MUS hosted a carnival on their campus with pony rides and dunking booths. Last May, Bodine School welcomed them for a field day. "Our students are exposed to all parts of the community through volunteers and field trips, but they benefit especially from seeing teens as role models."

New Hope is a neighborhood school, focusing on the families as well as the student. A full time guidance counselor is available to assist families with social and financial problems and advise parents of resources available to them. "We help with uniforms, transportation to and from school, taking kids to doctor's

appointments – you name it," Steve explained. "We help our kids and their families. They are here until the sixth grade, but we stay with them through the twelfth. If they need help financially to go to a school, we are with them so that money is not an obstacle."

"My goal is to give these kids the advantage I had of an excellent education. I was very well prepared for college, thanks to MUS. You know, it's so nice to go back to MUS and see many of the same teachers. I believe consistency is a major strength of MUS, and I hope to offer it



to my students," Steve said. Just as MUS opened doors for Steve to learning, career growth, and community service, Steve is now opening doors for the children at New Hope Christian Academy.

"I am excited each and every day that this school is open," added Steve, who in addition to his job as principal at New Hope, serves part time at the Church of the Holy Communion and is the priest in charge of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Somerville, Tennessee. "I am overjoyed at the results which God has brought about and I am honored to be a part of this great ministry."

Steve is married to the former Carrie Jaeger, a 1984 graduate of St. Mary's, and they have four children, Justin (8), Carolyn (6), Taylor May (4), and Emma Kathryn (1). 

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER MUS, THE MEMORIES REMAIN

by Keith Ingram '73

The Beatles, Motown, muscle cars, and long hair were all part of our world in 1973. On TV we watched I Love Lucy, All In the Family, and Star Trek. John Glenn was one of our heroes, and the Volkswagon Beetle was perhaps the best-selling car in the world.

After all these years, the Beatles and Motown endure. We can still see those great TV shows on Nick-At-Nite. John Glenn is more famous than ever, and the VW Beetle is, once again, incredibly popular.

All this nostalgia makes me feel like a teenager again.

Then again, maybe not. It has been more than twenty-five years since I was a student at Memphis University School. In some ways twenty-five years is a lifetime, but it really seems like just yesterday. That may sound cliché, but it's true. Those of us who were part of MUS in the '70s woke up recently to find receding hairlines, expanding waistlines, and sore backs. Age has not diminished our memories however (at least not yet), and I recall vividly my days as an MUS Owl.

Sam Varner '76, a friend and noted MUS historian, has said the Class of '73 was the greatest class in MUS history. Who could argue? That '73 class produced a flock of accomplished Owls; architects, engineers, physicians, lawyers, musicians, and dozens of highly successful businessmen. What really made the class great, however, was its character, or perhaps characters.

We enjoyed Bob Loeb's quick wit, Tex Davis' unorthodox approach to life, and the athleticism of Jim Varner. We were amazed by the state record Gary Garner achieved in the 880-yard run, a record that still stands today. So many memories of MUS come rushing to mind: Beck's 442, the Rules of Civility, homemade cookies from Lee Drew's mom, Mr. Mutzi's pasta speech, gym hockey, Fat Boy, Meat Train, Zoots, Rawb and the Wizard, The Baker-Lynn debating society, Miss Easum, Halloween and Collier's station wagon, Robert and Willie, the Fouke Monster speech, the senior lounge, and the "Dyersburg incident." All were unforgettable pieces of my school experience, and some were as educational as my classroom work.

As I look back on my high school years, the interaction I had with my teachers and fellow students was a vital part of my education. The teachers at MUS have long understood that an education includes not only what you learn in books but what you learn from others. They foster an environment of creativity, enthusiasm, and camaraderie that helps shape

the personality of their pupils. I was an average student, but I was motivated to achieve far more than just "average." It's a personality trait that most MUS students acquire.

Now, after twenty-five years, I realize just how much I owe some of my teachers at MUS. Their value as role models is not apparent until you look back after many years and see the trail of their influence on your life.

I can still recite the first twenty-four lines of the *Canterbury Tales*, a feat required of all students in William Hatchett's English class. Although a 'zone buster,' I never played for Coach Jerry Peters. However, I always admired his great attention to detail. His meticulous preparation always gave his teams their best opportunity to win, a lesson that served me well in business and in political

campaigns over the years.

Coach Gene Thorn, the school's assistant headmaster in '73, was a terrific leader and a man of obvious character who quietly led by example until that didn't work. Then he led you through the nuances of the dreaded "D.C." Ellis Haguewood, the current MUS headmaster, taught us that humor was important in getting your point across, even when discussing something as droll as English in the Elizabethan era.

There were many other instructors who had a profound influence on me. I was certain that they cared about my education and about me personally. I'm sure my classmates felt the same, as do the current students at MUS. Few schools have such a relationship between faculty and students.

The MUS Class of 1973 had 57 students. I am happy to report that more than half still live in the Mid-South and many of them I count as close friends today. How very fortunate we were to meet way back in the '60s and be educated together at Memphis University School.

The world has changed so much since then, but some things remain the same. At MUS they still teach principles such as honor, integrity, character, and determination. The faculty is still devoted to the growth and development of the students. MUS remains academically strong and morally upright. In a world where fads come and go, MUS is constant. It is still shaping the lives of young men and creating indelible memories.

In twenty-five years the Class of '99 will look back and recall the best days of their lives, the days they spent as students at MUS.

Keith Ingram served two terms (1987-1995) as mayor of West Memphis, Arkansas, and has been a civic and business leader in the Mid-South for nearly 20 years. He and his brother, Kent '60, own and operate Razorback Concrete Company and RazorRock Materials, a sand and gravel company. 



Alumni News

Marriages

Bill Lansden '82 to Blair Savage,
May 30, 1998

Henry Gotten '83 to Patricia Leigh
Cook, November 7, 1998

Harold Brown '84 to Susan Irwin,
June 20, 1998

Bo Allen '86 to Elizabeth Griffin
Middlecoff, July 18, 1998

Rick Morrow '86 to Carol Bounds
Tillery, September 19, 1998

David Wilmott '88 to Catherine
Nelson Smith, July 25, 1998

Chris Lee '89 to Erin Christine Love,
October 31, 1998

John Percer '89 to Jenny Mireles,
January 2, 1999

Buck Dunavant '90 to Mary Douglas
Neblett, September 26, 1998

Sellers Shy '90 to Stephanie Carole
MacIntosh, August 1, 1998

Brant Horne '92 to Caroline Anne
Johnson, July 11, 1998

Brian Bolton '93 to Jennifer Hughes,
September 26, 1998

Births

Pitt Hyde '61 and Barbara, twins,
Claire and Alexander, born
September 20, 1998

Hal Wellford '72 and Amanda,
a son, Harry Alexander, born
September 15, 1998

Marshall Jemison '74 and Hilda,
a son, David King, born
December 4, 1998

Walker Sims '74 and Aimee,
a daughter, Elizabeth Bolling
Carroll, born April 4, 1998

Clarke Canfield '76 and Amy, a son,
Eli Jordan, born August 19, 1998

Ray Brandon '77 and Dana, a
daughter, Emma Ann, born
September 2, 1998



Glenn Crosby '77 and Liz, a son,
Jack Hutchison (pictured above), born
October 2, 1998. Jack is first cousin to
Lucy pictured below.

Arthur Fulmer '79 and Michelle, a son,
Arthur Hill, born August 20, 1998

Dean Underwood '79 and Linda,
a daughter, Elizabeth Graves, born
January 25, 1998

Hopie Brooks '80 and Debbie,
a daughter, Hallie Hope

Jeff Gray '80 and Carlene, a son, Will,
born October 28, 1998

Kimble Jenkins '80 and Erin, a daughter,
Marilyn

Scott Crosby '82 and Elizabeth,
a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth (right),
born November 4, 1998

Rick Riggins '82 and Kitti, a daughter,
Rebecca Jane, born August 3, 1998

Mac McCarroll '83 and Mary, a daughter,
Mary Marshall, born July 9, 1998

Albert Alexander '84 and Katie, a son,
Albert McLemore, born August 15, 1998

Evans Jack '84 and Kendall, a son,
John Davis, born June 24, 1998

Todd Eckler '85 and Kristen, a son,
Andrew, born March 3, 1998

Ken Jones '85 and Vivian, a daughter,
Caroline Rebecca, born August 18, 1998

Anthony Morrison '85 and Rachel,
a daughter, Julia Claire, born
December 21, 1997

Scott Richman '85 and Elizabeth, a boy,
Jack, born March 1998

Owen Tabor '85 and Jeannie, a son,
Owen Harrison, born September 18, 1998

Paul Anderson '86 and Jennifer,
a daughter, Ella Bradley, born
October 13, 1998

Stewart Austin '86 and Ellen, a daughter,
Sara Gorham, born October 13, 1998

John Dulin '86 and Susan, a son,
John Phillip III, born July 25, 1998

Trent Scull '86 and Lee, a son, William
Trent Jr., born July 27, 1998

Wellford Tabor '86 and Ann, a daughter,
Grace Vandevelde, born January 18, 1998

David Warlick '86 and Timmi, a daughter,
Cassie Graves, born January 9, 1999

Jason Hughes '87 and Amy, a son,
Palmer Douglas

Kent McKelvey '87 and Sheryl, a son,
Kent David III, born December 21, 1998

John Russell '87 and Beverly, a daughter,
Lillian Grace, born August 6, 1998



Don Smith '87 and Lloyd, a daughter,
Natalie Lloyd, born May 26, 1998

Danny Wilson '87 and Beth, a son,
Adam Raiford, born August 15, 1998

Will Jones '88 and Susan, a daughter,
Lelia Rose

Fred Schaeffer '88 and Courtney,
a daughter, Courtney, born July 21, 1998

Regan Burford '91 and Rachel, a daughter,
Taylor Theresa, born April 28, 1998

Martin Hussey '91 and Molly, a daughter,
Margaret Tayloe

Tal Vickers '91 and Julie, a son, William
Dobbson, born October 27, 1998

Cort Winsett '92 and Robin,
a daughter, Caitland Jane-Celeste,
born January 12, 1998

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Happy Birthday, Carlile Bolton-Smith '19

On the occasion of his 97th birthday, the MUS family extends best wishes to Carlile Bolton-Smith, our oldest living alumnus, who was born on February 27, 1902. Mr. Bolton-Smith currently lives in the Georgetown area of Washington, DC.



'60

Please send your news to:
Metcalf Crump
 Class Representative

Alan Gold is living in Little Rock, working and traveling — most recently he went to Kenya and Tanzania; also, he has been motorcycling in the US and Europe. He has three children, Daniel, a graduate of Brown University '98, Stefie, who will graduate from Oberlin College '99, and Robin, who is a freshman at Reed College in Portland.

Todd Slaughter opened his new exhibit at the Art Museum of the University of Memphis this past year. The show includes soaring chairs, tumbling tables, and celestial bouquets. Slaughter says the exhibit looks at the internal problems and rewards of our domestic lives, while offering a humorous view of the world. The exhibit ran through January 16.

Archie McLaren is chairperson of Front Street Enhancement Committee to rejuvenate the business district of Avila Beach, CA, which is being excavated to remove contamination caused by Unocal oil leaks and spills.

Ned Smith served as Race Officer for the Pickwick Yacht Club for 1998 and will be Fleet Captain for 1999. He won the '98 Spring Series 1st place trophy in the "A" Division, Non-spinnaker Class in his boat Girlfriend. He won 2nd place in the Fall Series Spinnaker Division. He and wife Sandra are enjoying visiting their oldest son Sandy in Knoxville and son Geoffrey and his wife and their two daughters in Iowa City, IA.

'61

Please send your news to:
Scott May
 Class Representative

Robert Ray, Director of Film Studies at the University of Florida, has completed his second book and is busy entertaining his two girls, ages 13 and 11.

Louie Spencer retired, some years ago, to Sun Valley, ID, where he spends his winters skiing and his summers hiking and fishing. From time to time Louie returns to his Ruleville, MS roots to visit with friends.

Arthur Seelbinder and his wife spent New Year's in Morocco. While in that part of the world, he probably did espionage work for the UN Inspection Team.

Scott May is proud to report that all three of his children have graduated from college. Scott, Jr. is in his second year of employment as an investor banker with Duncan-Williams in Memphis; Kirby is a first year law student at the University of Mississippi, and Walter is an admissions counselor at Lambuth University. Walter will start graduate school at the University of Mississippi seeking a Masters in Academic Administration next fall.

'62

Please send your news to:
Jerry Bradfield
 Class Representative

Another year has come and once more we find ourselves asking for help! **Sam Gary** was gracious to help out again, and we were able to do all the out-of-town calls in one night. Unfortunately, we missed most of you or got your answering machines! Were some of you screening your calls? I'm afraid we are all guilty of that in this day and age; nevertheless, we did catch up with a few of you and most agreed to send in something, which is much appreciated. The amount is not as important as knowing that you remember MUS in a positive way and want to contribute to the excellent job it is still doing in the Memphis community. Our class did a better job last year and hopes to do even more this year.

Sam talked with **Newt, Cole and James Garner**. I spoke with **Chris Denton**, who is living in New Orleans and selling time-shares. If you are interested in one, you may reach him at 4609 Galvez, 70125. He would love to hear from you.

Lee McCormick says to tell you all hello and that he thinks fondly of his MUS days. He is still at 406 Court St. in West Point, MS. His email is lmccorm@ebicom.net.

We do communicate on occasion via the Internet and wish we had more of your online addresses. Mine is still jbradfield@hotmail.com. I would appreciate hearing news from you to pass on.

John Martin headed down to Costa Rica in January with the hope of sailing across the Pacific. That should make us all take heart that it's never too late. I will be calling more of you and hopefully will have more news for the next magazine.

Fred Smith, founder, chairman, president and CEO of Federal Express Corporation will be awarded the Walter A. Barret Distinguished Service Award by the University of Memphis Society.

'58

Please send your news to:
Les Nicholson
 Class Representative

Let us hear from you next issue!

'59

Please send your news to:
Goodloe Early
 Class Representative

T.L. Stebbins reports life is good. He is still in Boston in investment banking, still has the same wife of 32 years, his sons are grown, and he is looking forward to slowing down.

'63

Please send your news to:
Lee Weiner
Class Representative

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'67

Please send your news to:
John Pettey
Class Representative

All of our class news comes from the recent MUS Phonathon, which gives several of us (it is always Mark Halperin, McClain Gordon, Jim Cowan, Walter Wills) the chance to talk with most of you about what is going on with you.

Rick Essex has moved to New Jersey and really likes the Northeast better than any place he has lived except Memphis. He lives five minutes from Princeton, NJ. His daughter Ashley married Jack Thayer in August, and they are living in Boston, while Jack is in his second year at Harvard Business School. Rick and Diane's son, Rick, works in New York City for Warburg Dillon Reed in mergers and acquisitions.

David Dunavant and Martha still have two children at home, Jonathan in the twelfth grade at MUS and Kristin in the tenth at Hutchison. David III is in his last year of surgery residency at the Med in Memphis, while Michael is in law school at Ole Miss.

John Callison is still with the Vanderbilt legal department. His oldest son, Clay, is a freshman at Wake Forest, and he also has a son, Allen, in the tenth grade at MBA.

We caught up with **Vance Vogel** for the first time since high school. He has just moved outside San Diego, after having previously lived in New York for twenty years and London for four years. He was most recently a substitute teacher at a performing arts school. His mother still lives at the family home in Memphis. **Hugh Bosworth** did not mention his soccer coaching this year, but he has one daughter on a full academic scholarship at the University of Central Arkansas and a second daughter who has been offered a similar scholarship. Congratulations! Nothing like a free college education. **Ralph Lewis** has been working as the development director for an inner city social services agency of the Methodist Church in St. Louis for the past five years. His son, Douglas, is a junior at Birmingham Southern. His parents still live in Memphis. **Walton Tomford**, who lives in Cleveland, OH, with his wife, Gretchen, is a physician specializing in infectious diseases. He practices with the Cleveland Clinic and teaches at Ohio State Medical School. He was named "Educator of the Year" for his teaching efforts.



Members of the Class of '68, Steve Rhea, Bobby Davis, Bruce Hopkins, Cary Whitehead, Bill Ferguson, Cleo Stevenson, David Gingold, and Tommy Adams, celebrated their 30th reunion at the Hopkins' house on Friday, September 25.

A larger group gathered for a dinner party at the home of Leslie and Peter Schutt on the following Saturday night, some of which are pictured here: (front) Bruce Hopkins, Henry Cannon, (second row) Bobby Davis, Curt Taylor, David Gingold, (third row) Bill Patterson, Jim Robinson, Cleo Stevenson, (back row) Swift Treadwell, Reg Aycok, Cary Whitehead, Marty Pryor, Bert Robinson, and Peter Schutt.



McClain Gordon has purchased Vernon and Elvis Presley's ranch in Fayette County, east of Memphis.

Nick Koleas was one of the first people in our class to turn fifty. He had a surprise birthday party on November 15, which was attended by Diane and **Mark Halperin**, Karen and **Jack Erb**, Valerie and **Jim Cowan**, and **Alan Stevens**.

John Pettey is pleased to announce that he is getting married in the spring to Jana Kerr Edwards of Memphis. His two sons in college are John at Amherst and George at the University of Virginia. They visited Beijing, China, Hong Kong, and Bangkok this summer. He is chairman of the board of the Memphis Arts Council this year.

'68

Please send your news to:
Bill Ferguson
Class Representative

Stuart Dornette is a veteran Cincinnati litigator who excels in complex cases. He spent five years helping Cincinnati Gas & Electric obtain a settlement with General Electric Co. in a dispute over the Zimmer nuclear power plant. He was part of the

Taft team that won a multi-million dollar settlement for Gibson Greetings, Inc. And no one has been more involved in Mike Brown's stadium quest than Dornette. Dornette was involved in litigation for 15 of the Bengals' first 23 years at Riverfront Stadium. With an undergraduate degree in mathematics, Dornette has become the local Republican

Party's leading expert on voting patterns. He's been called a strategic genius, advising candidates on their strengths and weaknesses, what issues can work for them, what issues to avoid. Over the last 10 years, Dornette has been more of an ear bender for the Bengals, explaining the team's plight to city and county negotiators. (Taken in part "From the Front," *Business Courier*.)

Charlie Chapleau reports his children are heading back to Tennessee. His oldest daughter Virginia, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Leann is thinking about Vandy.

Steve Rhea, Bill Ferguson, and Bill's son, Will, traveled to South Dakota November 20 to hunt pheasant.

David Gingold has relocated to Memphis from Dover, MA. He is president/CEO of Memphis Radio Group (a subsidiary of Barnstable), KIX 106, STAR 98, Soul Classics 103.5.

Ames Yeates ran the New York Marathon on November 1, and stated that he could not have competed in the marathon without the fundamental distance running training of Jerry Peters! Ames and wife Cynthia are working days and nights at their architectural firm in New Orleans.

Bill Hoehn is currently board president of The Bishop's School in LaJolla, CA where son Ted is a sophomore. Daughter Adrienne is a sophomore at Vanderbilt and daughter Rebecca, a junior at the University of Montana.

Holmes Pettey is in the investment business and he also recently opened the Backyard Burger in Oxford, MS.

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John Keese

Class Representative

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Please send your news to:

Hunter Humphreys

Class Representative

Wallace Johnston, owner of Johnston Tree Farms in West Tennessee, was named President of the Tennessee Forestry Association.

John Cosgrove is Executive Review Board Director of Intellectual Property Protection Corporation.

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Please send your news to:

Phil Wiygul

Class Representative

Mark Schandorff was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Navy. His new job next summer will be company commander of the 125th Dental Company in Cherry Point, NC. He and his family (wife and three children) will move there in July 1999.

William Fri reports his boat dry storage business is doing well (100% occupancy). He spends his time working, fishing, arrowhead collecting, and using his laptop computer.

George Dameron was promoted to rank of professor of History at St. Michael's College in Kolchester, VT.

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Please send your news to:

David Thomson

Class Representative

Henry Hutton, president of Chuck Hutton Chevrolet/Oldsmobile, addressed the inaugural *Taking Care of Business...Jesus' Way* luncheon at Central Church in October.

Randy Chow is moving his accounting firm, Chow, Grodsky, & Co., to Irvine, CA.

In summer 1998, **Chris Eilertsen** won the National Masters Championship in trampoline (over 30 age group), a feat which is both an inspiration and shame to those of us who can no longer run for more than 15 seconds. Chris says that trampoline will be an Olympic sport for the first time in Australia in the year 2000, and he plans to be there. We may find Chris weekdays at Christophers, Inc., his jewelry business in the Applegate shopping center in Memphis. CI does sales, appraisals, and engraving. Chris has two daughters, 8 and 3 years old. Internet info: Personal e-mail trampfossil@bigfoot.com, Personal website www.geocities.com/pipeline/dropzone/5590, Business e-mail christopherhsinc@nam.com, Business website www.concentric.net/~Edeeb/.

Dick Fisher continues as a senior vice president at Dunavant Enterprises; he also serves on the MUS Board of Trustees. Dick's band just finished its second CD; the band plays at the 9:45 worship service at Christ Methodist Church in Memphis. Dick and wife Dot have two daughters, ages 15 and 12. dfisher@dunavant.com
Frank Fulmer continues to run JA Fulmer & Son Hardware on Lamar in Memphis. He has two children, a son 13 and a

daughter 11. Both attend Briarcrest.

Warren Hamilton is enjoying his new home in Niceville, FL, with his wife Pam and daughter Kristin, who is now 14 and in the 9th grade. In addition to juggling family and career as an ophthalmologist, Warren literally juggles. He and his wife have put on ten shows recently. Warren and Pam have been performing since their time in the circus at FSU.

In the summer of 1998, the Tumblin' Sneakers starring **Joel Hobson** on drums, and **Wise Jones '73** vocals, was to have sung at Flying Saucer. Big thanks to Joel for his help with fundraising during fiscal 1997-98.

In summer 1998 when we spoke with **Richard Jameson**, he was in need of rain. He grows cotton, soy, corn, and wheat on his family's 2500 acres in Haywood City, 16 miles north of Memphis. He has four daughters between the ages of 2 and 13.

It's a little hard to reach **Paul Jones** these days. Info does come from a variety of sources, though. He continues to support the Robin Hood Foundation, which provides educational opportunities to individuals who might not otherwise have them. He has also recently moved his company, Tudor Investments, to Connecticut.

Ken Humphries says that his commercial contracting business is going well in Houston thanks to the good economy. He and his wife have triplet 10-year-old boys.

Read Kirkpatrick has lived all over the world: Sidney, Hong Kong, Singapore, Florida, and now Aurora, CO. He runs his own marketing business from home. He has two daughters, 14 and 12, and a son, 4. The family enjoys their horses. read@msn.com

Bill Maxwell has recently moved to a new home in midtown. He is enjoying refurbishing his new house. Bill received his JD degree from the University of Memphis and his LLM degree from SMU. He practices commercial and residential real estate law from offices on Kirby Parkway in Memphis.

Two and a half years ago, **Tom Moore** moved to Glast, Phillips, & Murray in Dallas after 15 years with another firm. The firm specializes in automotive industry law; the Ford Motor Company is a principal client. As a sideline, Tom is working with partners to use anti-theft technology on behalf of auto leinholders; his company is Aegis Technologies. He and his wife Jan of 15 years are moving their family from the historic district to a new cottage in the Lake Lewisville area of Highland Village. Tom's son, Martin, is

13, an excellent student, and into computers, basketball, and videogames. For those of us who battled academically with our class valedictorian, it's easy to imagine where Martin gets his smarts.

missionsws@aol.com

Another of our Southern California transplants is **Will Newbern**. He does real estate development in San Diego and specializes in low income rental housing. He has been married for 23 years and has two teenage daughters. He keeps in shape with rough water swimming. He has swum from Manhattan down the Hudson River, from Alcatraz to San Francisco in a race, and from one end of the Golden Gate Bridge to the other. In August 1998 he was to have swum from the San Pedro coast to Catalina Island. The English Channel is his dream. wnewbern@tomhomgroup.com.

Rush Patterson continues the Patterson OB-GYN dynasty with his brother, James. Rush spends his spare time collecting art. He and James have completed a vacation home in Pickwick that was featured in *Architectural Record* in 1997.

Mike Rose has been working for Dobbs International for twenty years as a senior financial analyst. He has two daughters, a 13-year-old who is an excellent ice skater and a student at St. Mary's, and a 10-year-old, who is a student at St. Agnes.

Harland Smith's path has taken him to Podunk. Really. He lives on the original Podunk Road in East Brookfield, MA. He is in the process of adding on to his house and building a barn. Harland has a solo law practice in Milford, MA, near Boston. His wife of four years is a nurse in Worcester; Harland is stepdad of three children.

Rex Tate has been with MC2 Software for twenty years. They develop and sell cost-estimating and building software for construction related contractors. Rex has two sons, 8 and 9 years old. Rex is one of the most lettered members of the class — BS in biology from VCU, BArch from UT Knoxville, and MBA from MSU.

Randy Taylor is Southern Regional Manager for ConMed, a medical equipment manufacturer. His territory covers TN, FL, AL, MS, and LA. If any of the eight docs in our class need some equipment, Randy will no doubt cut you a deal. Randy has two daughters, Lauren, who is 11-years-old and a swimmer, and Lisa, 8-years-old and a budding pianist. (She plays a mean *Fur Elise*.) rtaylortpa@aol.com.

David Thomson has recently relocated from California to Memphis to begin practice with his former pediatrician,



Dr. Henry Sullivant '70, father of Hank '01, proudly displays the fruits of his labor, Suzie Boulds.

have found in few other places. One of my greatest pleasures as a parent is the knowledge that my son has the opportunity to be enriched by the MUS experience as well.”

The components of a quality education are wide ranging — from purchasing and processing library books, providing laboratory experiences in the sciences, paying faculty salaries, expanding the use and instruction of technology, maintaining the campus, providing athletic and extracurricular services, to keeping the lights on in the classrooms and the library.

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“When reflecting on the myriad educational experiences that I've had (or endured) in my life, I always come back to MUS as one of the best. I came here as a junior, transferring from my hometown high school in Holly Springs. In two brief years, this institution took me from academically ill-prepared to college-acceptable. MUS instilled a competitive drive to perform at my best while imparting a joy of learning. Who among my classmates can forget Mr. Hatchett's Shakespeare class?

At MUS, I found myself surrounded by students who were intellectually curious and plenty of fun. They also possessed a spirit of honor and integrity that I



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Dr. Charles Householder. David's other partners include Drs. Ed and Judy Perry, dad and aunt, respectively, of **Andy Perry '92**. The practice is located at Laurelwood Pediatrics, 368 S. Perkins Extended. He has already seen the children of many MUS alums at the office and looks forward to seeing his classmates and renewing old friendships.

Sculptor **Carroll Todd** returned to Memphis four years ago from NYC. He continues to be represented by Schmidt-Bingham Gallery on East 57th Street in NYC. He lives in midtown with his wife and twin 6-year-old girls. Carroll works primarily in bronze and has a studio downtown.

Jamie Walkup is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology at Rutgers. Jamie studied philosophy at Yale and St. Andrew's (Scotland); he got his PhD at SUNY (Downstate). He is living with his wife of 10 years, Meg, who is also a psychologist. They have one boy, Jake, 8-years-old. Jamie's family shares an apartment near Central Park in NYC. Jamie says he would love to hear from anyone, especially classmates who might be in his profession. jaywalks@aol.com, walkup@rci.rutgers.edu. For a real kick, check out <http://www.rutgers.edu/~gsapp/gsapweb/walkup.html>.

On leaving MUS after the eighth grade to go to St. Paul's, **Abbott** (formerly Cottie) **Widdicombe** attended Harvard. He lived for a while in NYC. Abbott has a daughter in the 10th grade at St. Paul's and a son, Cotton, in the 8th grade at MUS. Professionally, Abbott runs his family's real estate development company, William L. Johnson, in West Memphis, AR.

Bill Woodruff has been in sales and marketing since he graduated from UNC. He has been with Lucent Technologies for 15 years. He has three daughters, ages 15, 12, and 10. Like Bill, they are soccer players. Bill spends his spare time playing Men's Open Soccer; he and his family have a boat on Lake Norman and enjoy travel. They recently spent a few weeks in Ireland, England, and France. wwodruff@lucent.com.

John Young continues to practice internal medicine in Dallas. He has three kids, two daughters, 8 and 13, and a son, 11.

Denby Brandon is president of Denby Brandon Organizations and vice president of risk management of Branco Planning Co. He earned a bachelor of business administration degree from SMU, a master of business administration from Memphis State University and his CFP designation in 1984.

Harry Wellford and wife Amanda are living in St. Louis with their three children, Warren, Rebecca, and Harry Alexander.

MUS/Hutch '73 cocktail buffet at Kathy and **Bob Loeb's** on Saturday night. A fun time was had by all with especially good attendance at the Loeb palace. Thanks to Bob and Kathy for hosting the event and we should pray for their fiscal recovery. As expected, twenty-five years has brought about a lot of changes for everyone, like extra pounds, gray and lost hair, missing body parts, wrinkles, etc., but we are grateful for Hutchison's attendance to improve the crowd. Awards go to **Charles Ivins** for the greatest distance traveled and **Geo Holmes** for just showing up. **Lee Drew** graced us with his presence. **Joe Sanders** played some blues. It was good to see **Earl Donelson**.

November 11 was the phonathon and **Grady McDonald**, **Montgomery Martin**, **Bob Loeb** and **Cecil Humphreys** manned the phones. Grady had huge success with his "answer machine" pledges. Ask him about it when you see him. Drew's mom said "Just write in a pledge; he'll send it." Way to go, Mom.

It was good to talk with **Larry Hayward**, who has been a Presbyterian minister for 19 years.

Austin Davis wrote a Southern novel and hopes to get it published. He has a new baby as of September 1.

David McGehee is manager of new accounts for Merrill Lynch in Colorado. He invites everyone to Aspen for winter sporting.

Beasley Wellford is with Gerber Taylor Associates, investment management consultants. He has a son Gill, 17, at Trinity Pawling School in New York and a daughter Liza in the 5th grade at St. Mary's.

Hal Crenshaw received unanimous support in the rezoning of 727 acres in Walls, MS, which will provide 589 homesites and 79 acres of commercial property on either side of U.S. 61. The smallest home sizes will be about 1,200 square feet with some of 3,000 square feet or over. The development will also have at least 43 acres of parkland.

Wise Jones and others have formed a rock and roll band called "The Tumbling Sneakers." They can be found at low key imbibing establishments such as the Poplar Lounge playing to some MUS regulars. Members of note are **Joel Hobson '72**,

Who's Who Wants You



Who's Who members from the Class of '74, now and then, Avery Lackner, Most Talented; Mike Goodwin, Most Athletic; Charles Stockley, Most Intelligent; Frank Crawford, Friendliest; Tom Preston, Most Likely to Succeed; Bucky Wellford, Most Popular; Stanley Garrott, Best Dressed; Mike Neeley, Most School Spirited; Ben Adams, Best All-Around; Mack Ray, Wittiest. Photo retouching by Brett Bonner.

Mark Your Calendar

25th Reunion for the Class of 1974

September 2 - 6, 1999 (Labor Day Weekend)

Weekend will include golf, football game (MUS vs. CBHS), and planned activities with Hutchison and St. Mary's Classes of '74.

For more information contact Mark Ruleman at 901-488-8228.

'73

Please send your news to:
Montgomery Martin
Class Representative

The Class of 1973 had its 25th Reunion during Homecoming Weekend. Activities included Friday's Golf Scramble (for all classes) of which **Bob Lafferty** was a member of the winning team for the second year in a row, a BBQ dinner hosted by MUS before the game, post-game analysis at the Grove Grill and a joint

and Sam Carson, who has a son at MUS. They play light rock, R&B, and, according to Wise, "acoustic groove music." They are available for parties and will record some original music in mid-November.

Reb Haizlip, along with **Hunter Fleming '74**, is an architect and has recently formed The Haizlip Firm. They are the architects for the new Gibson Guitar plant on Beale Street. Reb's busy in these economic boom times but would love to hear from anyone with a spare \$2 million to construct a building.

'74

Please send your news to:
Mark Ruleman
Class Representative

Sandy Schaeffer's seven-year-old company, Thoughtware Technologies, was highlighted by the *Memphis Business Journal* in July. The firm specializes in integrating employee training with unique initiatives, including using the Department of Psychology at the University of Memphis, to create more effective computer-based training. Some of their contracts include Thomas & Betts, Federal Express, and Promus. He and his wife, Beth, have three children, ages 13, 11 and 5, and reside in Germantown. Sandy was formerly employed at IBM.

Dennis Rasche is in India doing veterinary/mission work.

David McDonald is still working at Smith Barney Robinson Humphrey as a financial consultant. He and wife Marion have a 21-month-old son, David Jr.

Marshall Jemison is a hand surgeon in Chattanooga and his wife Hilda is a nurse.

'75

Please send your news to:
Kenny Kyle
Class Representative

Albert Jones and wife Melanie were gifted with their third child Sarah Aven Hartwell Jones last November. Her brother Harrison (13) and sister Hannah (10) are crazy about their new baby sister. Albert is still practicing psychiatry at Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospital, where he is now Medical Director and Vice President of Medical Affairs.

Robert Winfield is among the best financial advisors in the country according to two recent publications. *Medical*

Economics listed him among the 120 best financial advisors for doctors and *Worth* included him among the 300 best financial advisors.

Dan Denker and wife Lynn are still selling billiard tables across the Mid-South through the Denker Co. in midtown and are busy raising three girls and one boy, ages 1-11 years.

'76

Please send your news to:
John Phillips
Class Representative

John Good was appointed chairman of securities at Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell in April 1998.

Walter Jones and Jennifer have a six-month-old son named McLaughlin. Walter works for Advanced Clinical Systems based in Nashville.

Stephen King reports his veterinary practice is going and growing as well as his family of two boys, one girl, two dogs, and four cats.

Billy Oates and wife Mitzi have three girls, Amanda (8), Sarah Lane (4), and Taylor (2). Oates Graphic Design & Illustration enters its 13th year in April 1999.

Mike Schneider and wife Barbara are living in Pittsburgh, PA and have two children, Dana in the second grade, and Kenny (4).

'77

Please send your news to:
Bruce Moore
Class Representative

Ray Brandon is president of Branco Planning Co. Inc. and vice president of operations for Denby Brandon Organizations, Inc. He holds both Certified Financial Planner and Certified Financial Analyst professional designations. He received his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University with majors in economics and finance. He did his graduate work at the University of Texas at Austin and received a master of business administration in May 1983. He has been named to "Who's Who in Finance and Industry" and "Who's Who in the South and Southwest."

Eric Omundson is the controller for Harold Ives Trucking based in Little Rock, AR.

Ham Smythe has been elected president of the International Taxicab and Livery Association. His term lasts one year. Ham is vice president of Southern Transportation Co. Inc., which operates Yellow and Checker Cabs, buses, executive cars and vans in the Memphis area. The 955 member association has memberships in 17 countries, operates more than 75,000 vehicles and employs 107,000 people.

Tim Sharpe writes he expects to complete his MS in Business at Johns Hopkins in May 1999. Wife Alison is in seminary at Virginia Theological Seminary and they have 2 children, Rosemary (12) and Colin (9).

Marshall Clark has been named managing director at Morgan Keegan & Co.

Allen McCool has been a residential real estate appraiser in Memphis for 14 years. His daughter Callie is 6 years old and in the first grade at St. Mary's.



Melanie Martin and Vint Lawson '77 listen as the first toast is made at their rehearsal dinner. The couple married October 18. Below: A few guests with Vint (center) on the day of the wedding were Marilyn and Steve Hergenrader '77, Margaret Steffner, Beth and Bruce Moore '77.





At their 20th class reunion: (top) Andy Cowan, Joe Morrison, Vance Overbey, (below) Bobby Pidgeon, John Norfleet, Bill Dunavant



Carter Rise enjoys the simple life, commuting between his office in New York (at Prudential Securities), his home in Richmond, VA (where he and Lucy are raising three kids), and the rest of the country (where his clients are). Carter is a managing director in the Investment Banking Department, where he has been since getting his MBA at Wharton.



David Howe, John Norfleet, Bobby Marshall, and Chip Grayson, Class of 1978, can't believe it's been 20 years since graduation.

Vance Overbey came in from Atlanta with, as usual, a beautiful girlfriend many years his junior who, coincidentally, works with Vance at Coke. Vance provided the after-party entertainment by playing 1978 vintage Bruce Springsteen songs on the piano.

Earl McLanahan and **David Howe** came sans spouses and kids but managed to have a good time anyway. Earl recently joined J.P. Morgan in New York as an investment banker and David recently changed jobs, getting into sales for a drum company in Nashville.

Also coming in from Nashville was **Newton Allen**. Newton is a physician specializing in internal medicine.

Jay Watkins is a civil engineer in Ft. Worth, TX. He and Candace have two kids, Reed (4) and Maggie (2).

Chip Grayson has been named managing director at Morgan Keegan & Co.

Andy Caldwell also lives in the DC area, where he is an architect. He and Leanne have two children, Mary Elizabeth (4) and James (3).

Bobby Pidgeon came from Sun Valley, ID, where he, Theresa and his four children live. Bobby is in the money management business.

Frank Hitchings is the Associate Pastor of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. He and Mary Vassar have two daughters and a son, Frank III.

Gerald Snipes is senior vice president and manager of agency trading at First Tennessee Capital Markets. He and wife Daphne have four children, Katie (12), Christopher (9), Patrick and Madison (3). Gerald and family belong to Christ United Methodist Church and Gerald coaches the Dragon soccer club in Germantown for under-9 age teams.

John Norfleet has been promoted to senior vice president at Morgan Keegan & Co.

'79

Please send your news to:
Jerry Martin
Class Representative

Jerry Martin, executive vice president/principal of Kemmons Wilson, was named the 1998-99 president of the Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee in September.

'80

Please send your news to:
George Skouteris
Class Representative

Tim Greer is an international marine biologist on assignment in Kodiak, AK. He has been doing research for the Department of Commerce for the past 10 years. Tim works throughout the world and contracts his projects independently through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of Seattle. He also has conducted research for the Universities of Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii. He has worked on a wide diversity of projects including marine mammal, seabird, fish, and endangered sea turtle life history studies. Some of Tim's most interesting research includes a 2-year project out of Taiwan, Korea and Japan. He was assessing the damage of driftnet fishing on marine mammal populations. He was predominantly studying dolphins with a goal of making driftnet-fishing illegal in the northern hemisphere — he was successful!

Hopie Brooks is still living in Gastonia, NC, and managing Hohenberg's cotton office. He and wife Debbie have two children, a son, Berry (3), and a daughter, Halley Hope (6 months).

'78

Please send your news to:
Chip Grayson
Class Representative

The Class of '78 had a great 20th Reunion during Homecoming Weekend, September 25-26. Despite losing to a team that we hadn't heard of in 1978, the football game Friday night was fun. We had a good turnout Saturday night at the Memphis Country Club for a party with the Class of '78 from Hutchison and St. Mary's. We were able to catch up with some out-of-towners, including:

Chris Clark lives in the Washington, DC area where, he says, he's a geologist with the U.S. Army. We're not sure what he really does but we think **Phillip Adams** knows.

Eric Hunter came in from Montgomery, AL, where he is a developer. He and Liz have five children, Wilson (13), Sam (12), Josh (9), Becca (5), and Liza (2). Eric and his boys have a lot of fun hunting and riding motor cross together while the females are more into horses.

Curtis Cowan recently moved back to Memphis from New York. Curt is adapting well to life in Memphis.

Jay Good is vice president of NBC bank. He and wife Allison have two sons, Edward and Boone.

Kimble Jenkins is now with Morgan Keegan Co. doing private placement offerings.

Mel Payne and his wife Holly have moved to East Memphis. Mel is a general surgeon with the Methodist North Surgical Group. Mel has graciously offered to remove any non-vital organs of his classmates for 25% off during the summer months.

Don Miller and wife Dana have recently moved from Houston to New Jersey. However, I do not have an address because Don didn't send it to me — HINT, HINT!

Cavett Fallis was spotted at Seessels. He has moved back to Memphis to join the family business.

Hampton Sides, wife Ann, and their three sons were in Memphis at the end of May. They reside in Santa Fe, NM, where Hampton is writing a novel (published by Doubleday) about a World War II concentration camp in the Phillipines. He also is editor for *Outback Magazine*. Good luck to Hampton.

Sammy Graham and wife Margaret have two children. Sammy is co-chairman of Diversified Trust Co. where, with **Robin Smithwick**, they manage 450 billion dollars in assets. They are considering handling other peoples' money as well.

Jeff Gray works for Private Business, Inc. selling software. He and wife Carlene have two sons, Conner, born June 26, 1997, and Will, born October 28, 1998.

Andy Marker and wife Karen are enjoying life in Houston. Andy is practicing law there and they have a son Matthew who just turned two.

Jim Karn is back in Memphis trying to build Karn Automotive into an international conglomerate in whatever time is left over from guitar lessons, following the Radiators, and planning to spend the holidays in Iceland.

Daniel Robertson is busy with wife Janet raising their three girls, Leigh (5), Lauren (2), and Alison (1). He was recently in Memphis for his ten-year medical school class reunion and saw **Louis Jehl** and **Alan Pritchard**. He has started treating Parkinson's and tremor patients with stereotactic neurosurgery and implantable brain electrodes.

Scott Stevens and wife Liza still live in Los Angeles with their 3 children, Kyle

Alexandra (3), Benjamin Scott (2), and Molly Ann Grace, born July 19, 1998. Scott makes a living as an actor and says to look for him in the upcoming Lawrence Kasdan film *Mumford Avenue* scheduled to release sometime in early 1999.

Chip Broadfoot and wife Becky are keeping busy with their two daughters, Allie (6), and Katherine (4). The girls are taking ballet and gymnastics and both sing in the youth choir at St. Stephens Episcopal Church where the priest is Doug Carpenter, father of **Steve '83** and **Doug '82**.

'80

Please send your news to:
George Skouteris
Class Representative

Lance Fair and wife Karen moved back to Memphis in November 1997, and he joined Master Graphics as senior vice president of acquisitions and chief financial officer. He and Karen have three children, Lauren (7), Courtney (5), and Fletcher (2).

Stuart Aronson reports he and wife Inger have a one-year-old son, Kai Joseph.

Edward Smithwick is an associate brand manager at Smith Kline Beecham in Pittsburgh, PA. He and wife Michele have twin girls, 2 years old.

'82

Please send your news to:
Scott Crosby
Class Representative

Bill Lansden, Class Agent

Timothy Deaton has been administrator at Methodist Healthcare-North Hospital since 1994, being promoted from assistant administrator. He received his bachelor of arts degree in business administration from

Rhodes College and his masters of health administration from Tulane University. He is a member of several organizations including the American College of Healthcare Executives, the West Tennessee chapter of the March of Dimes, and Toastmasters International.

Clay Bethell was recently named a shareholder by the law firm, Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell. Clay concentrates his practice in real estate, banking, and commercial and corporate law.

David Montague has been named managing director at Morgan Keegan & Co.

Phillip Canale is president at Eastern Trading Co. in Greenville, SC. He and wife Mignon have two children, Philip and Sophie Russell.

'83

Please send your news to:
Wyatt Isbell
Class Representative

Taylor French was hired in May as general manager for French & Co. Realtors and the French Connection.

Mac McCarroll became a partner in December, 1997, of the Mississippi based law firm, Holcomb Dunbar. Mac and wife Mary have a new daughter and Mac says he will allow her to date in the year 2033 (for any alumni that may have sons born near the same time).

James Harwood has been promoted to first vice president at Morgan Keegan & Co.

Tom Hayes is coaching an adult soccer team (see picture) that originally started as a group of MUS alumni. The team currently is 50% alumni, and seeks alumni when adding new members. The team enjoyed an undefeated season in the spring and looks forward to the fall season.

Members of the "Rowdies," the unofficial alumni soccer team include
Tim Hayes '82,
Kim Jenkins '80,
John Monaghan '86,
Tom Hayes '83,
Peter Monaghan '89,
Lee McWaters '84,
Bryan Smith '91, and
Scott Crosby '82. Not pictured, John Fisher '82.



David Moore is an orthopaedic surgeon for the Air Force at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio. He and wife Lynda have three children, Wellford (3), Benjamin (2), and William, born on September 6, 1998.

'84

Please send your news to:

Bob McEwan

Class Representative

Michael Peeler and his wife Melissa Thrasher Peeler are living in Nashville, where Michael is a vice president with First Tennessee Bank. They have three daughters.

Harold Brown and wife Susan were married this summer at Second Presbyterian Church. Instead of leaving the reception in a limo, they drove off in an exact replica of Dale Earnhardt's #3 race car. Harold just finished his tenth year at Chuck Hutton Chevrolet, where he is the assistant comptroller.

Roy Walters recently joined Arthur Andersen Business Consulting to start a practice in Memphis. He and wife Michelle have been married since 1991, have no kids, 3 dogs and 15+ horses.

Ed Triplett is vice president and treasurer at Service Experts in Nashville, TN.

'85

Please send your news to:

Joel Sklar

Class Representative

Owen Tabor and wife Jeannie are doing well in Charlotte. They will be moving to Memphis in the summer of '99 to join his father in his orthopedic surgery practice.

Richard Nichol is in his fifth year of practicing law at Evans & Petree in Memphis. He married Caren Dantzker on August 15th of this year. She's originally from Houston, TX and is also an attorney. **Kenneth Jones** has become associated with the firm of Bourland, Heflin, Alvarez & Minor.

Ted Simpson started a new job last February as senior investment officer for Central Park Capital, a commercial real estate lending firm owned by Goldman Sachs.

'86

Please send your news to:

Paul Anderson

Class Representative

Cliff Goldmacher is a full time songwriter and producer living in Nashville.

Pearce Hammond decided to pursue his MBA at Rice University in Houston after spending five years as an investment

broker with A.G. Edwards and Sons. Upon graduation from Rice, he intends to go into investment banking.

Byron Winsett is doing criminal trial defense in the Shelby County Public Defenders Office.

John Dulin and wife Susan are living in Birmingham, where John is an attorney with Maynard, Cooper & Gale.

Bo Allen married Elizabeth Middlecoff this past summer and classmates **Tommy Lusk**, **Trent Scull**, **Duncan Williams**, and **Robert Yarbrough** served as groomsmen.

Andy McCarroll and wife Lucinda have moved back to Memphis from Nashville. Andy has joined Southeastern Asset Management as additional legal counsel for the firm.

Ted Miller is a senior vice president with Wunderlich Securities in Memphis.

Gavin Murrey is a first vice president in the Public Finance Group of Morgan Keegan's Fixed Income Banking Division.

Trent Scull is an institutional fixed-income salesman with Dain Rauscher in Memphis.

Gregg Mitchell and wife Amy live in Memphis where Gregg is practicing family medicine with the Family Physicians Group, PC.

Stewart Austin is an attorney in the real estate section of Glankler Brown, PLLC.

Bradley Conder moved back to Memphis a year and a half ago and is currently working as assistant vice president for Independent Bank.

Andy McArtor and wife Jessica have two children, Kelley Guinn (5) and Andrew Jr. (Mac) (1). Andy is a pilot for FedEx.

David Warlick is a commercial loan officer with NationsBank in Memphis.

Wellford Tabor is living in New York and is in private investments with Beacon Group.

'87

Please send your news to:

Jonny Ballinger

Class Representative

Carl Morrison is employed as an associate at McKnight Hudson/Ford & Harrison, the largest law firm in Memphis which focuses its practice entirely on the representation of management in labor and employment matters.

Jay Weber has taken a job with Gulf South Medical in Birmingham, AL after working four years with Morgan Keegan & Co. as a broker.

Sid Evans is now a deputy editor at *Men's Journal* magazine and having a ball in New York City.

From The Archives



Newspaper editors pictured in the 1985 annual: Brett Waddell, Chris Crosby, Shelley Harrison, Clay Smythe, Andy McCarroll, Parker Phillips, Jonathan Ringel, Owen Tabor, Cliff Goldmacher, Brent Turner, and Jeff Kelsey

Craig Nadel started a new company, MBA-On-Demand, which provides management and strategic services to start-ups and small cap companies.

Jason Hughes and his wife Amy welcomed their second child in July; Palmer Douglas joins his older brother Jackson, who is two years old.

John Norris is pleased to announce that *Crash Into June*, the band he and his brother David formed in 1992, is releasing their first CD entitled "From Blind to Blue," due out in January. The band has been busy this year playing locations such as Baltimore and Washington, DC. For those interested in checking out the tunes on the new CD, head to the band's website at www.crashintojune.com.

Tripp Wilson has joined the law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs in Memphis.

Bo Brooksbank and his wife Alanna are enjoying married life in Atlanta. Bo left CNN in August to join Convergent Media Systems as business development manager. The company primarily sells business television to Fortune 500 companies, and Bo likes his new adventure.

Brian Browder and his wife Caroline bought a home in Nashville in early '98 and are enjoying all that owning a home has to offer—both good and bad. Brian notes that he is quickly becoming a lawn maintenance expert in the process.

David Gold passed the bar exam in February 1998 and has formed DAG Enterprises in Nashville. David is a contractor with Transcender Corporation, where he performs both legal and computer work. Besides doing a lot of pro-bono work, David spends much of his free time racing in the Porsche Club of America. In fact, he recently placed 2nd in the Porsche 944 Turbo Class at the Memphis Motorsport Park.

Geoff Butler graduated from the Fire Academy in July 1998 and is working to finish his masters in forestry. Geoff stopped doing wildland fire fighting and works with the Fort Collins City Fire Department in Colorado.

Derrick Calcote is vice president in charge of purchasing and marketing for Continental Trophies, a family business he runs with his father and brother. Derrick, his wife Ginger, and their son Stephen (22 mos.) welcome the arrival of a baby girl.

Kent McKelvey is completing his 3rd year of Family Practice Residency through the University of Arkansas Wadley Regional Medical Center and St. Michaels Hospitals.

Chris Joe continues to work many long hours at the McKool Smith law firm in downtown Dallas. Between August and November last year, he spent his spare time remodeling his new home. His home has plenty of rooms for guests, if you're in the area. He and brother **B. J. Joe '93** have tickets to the final four at St. Petersburg in March, where they expect their college alma mater Duke University to win the national basketball championship. As a reminder, if anyone has news to report in upcoming editions of *MUS Today*, please forward all pertinent information to Jonny Ballinger at one of the following: E-mail: jonathan.a.ballinger@ac.com, Voicemail: 800.274.7607x4135.



Please send your news to:
Gary Wunderlich
Class Representative

Jon VanHoozer, Class Agent

The Class of 1988 held its 10th reunion during Homecoming weekend at MUS. After a strong turnout Friday night at the game, the class held a private party Saturday night with the 1988 class of Hutchison at the Riverboat Queen on the Mississippi River. Attendance was larger than expected and the Riverboat Queen staff experienced a mild trauma out of the gate as the MUS 88er's imbibed all libations on the boat before the ship left the dock. After restocking the galley, the ship left for a cruise around Ole Man River and the party began. Those attending the



Fred Schaeffer '88, Dan McEwan '88, and Bob McEwan '84 gathered in the Hyde Library to call classmates during the annual phonathon.

festivity included Frank Colvett, Dabney Collier, Bailey Weiner, Mark Fogelman, David Buchalter, Preston Dellinger, Jon Van Hoozer, Gary Wunderlich, Scott McArtor, Kevin Ogilby, Jay Keegan, Jeff

Lewis, Dan McEwan, Fred Schaeffer, Jason Peters, Steve Sands, Wren Greene, Robert Sharp, Jay Hardin, Patrick Gilmore, Marc Gurley, Mark Griffin, Michael Skouteris, Chris Gossett, Andrew McDermott, and Thomas Hussey. Several awards were presented during the cruise including: Best Dressed — Marc Gurley (sporting a lovely V-neck); Marco Polo Award (traveled the farthest to attend) — tie between Jay Keegan, Scott McArtor and Kevin Ogilby; Most Sociable — Scott McArtor and Kevin Ogilby; Biggest Surprise Attendee — Artis and his Alaskan bride. Thanks to all who attended. It was a great time.

Jason Peters was hired over the summer as the head basketball coach of Lausanne Academy. Rumor has it that the Lynx will be running a "Showtime fast-break style offense." We are looking forward to a Peters vs. Peters matchup in the future.

Chris Sullivan is in the process of completing his third year of law school at Denver University in Colorado. When not pounding the books at school, Chris competes on the pro snowboarding tour. He can be seen competing on ESPN2 under his alias, "White Thunder."

Philip McCaull is a consultant with Deloitte Consulting in Boston, MA. He recently graduated from the Tuck Business School in Hanover, NH. Philip recently ran into fellow classmate **Brian Davis** in Orlando, FL. Philip also had the pleasure of meeting **Fred Schaeffer** in Boston last month. He and Fred discussed different class activities and baby names.

David Wilmott and wife Catherine live in New York City and both work for Lehman Brothers in different investment divisions. David is in the merchant banking business specializing in LBOs and Catherine is in the investment banking division.

Robert Knapp is living in San Francisco and working in sales with a start-up company that is trying to establish its name in children's entertainment. He also just took the CPA Exam.

Hadley Hamilton received his Doctor of Medicine in June from The University of Tennessee Memphis, The Health Science Center.

Meyer Horn is now Dr. Meyer Horn; he is an intern in Internal Medicine at University of Chicago Hospital.

'89

Please send your news to:
Andy Cates
 Class Representative

Jason Fair, Class Agent

Andrew Crosby has started his own public relations and communications company called the Crosby Group in Washington, DC. Andrew is engaged to Molly Caldwell of Dallas to be married on March 27.

John Scott is living in San Francisco working for *Time Inc.-Money* magazine in ad sales.

Cameron Jehl is an attorney in Memphis working for Rossie Luckett. He will be making a guest appearance on *Law and Order* in May of next year.

Patrick Hopper is a captain in the Air Force stationed at The Space and Missile Systems Centers at Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA. He is a contract negotiator for the Global Positioning System program office and will not complete his active duty service commitment until July of 2000.

Richard Wanderman currently lives in Memphis and is working at Yarbrough's Music. After teaching English in Korea, this is a welcome break. With his partner, Rob Kadel, he is releasing a CD called *Long Distance* this fall.

Miles Fortas has recently accepted a new job at Consulting Services Group (CSG) as their chief financial officer. CSG is a Memphis-based money management consulting firm. Additionally, he has been making waves, tracks, and strides in the regional triathlon scene. He placed 13th overall in the southeast region in 1997 and has already had three top ten finishes in regional meets in 1998.

Christopher Hughey has been transferred to Barcelona to start local support/client relations for the Iberian peninsula (Spain and Portugal). He began his new post as Iberian regional support consultant in August.



Peter Monaghan '89 takes a break from calling during the phonathon.

MUS Salutes Our Top Four Under Forty



Stephen M. Carpenter
 Class of '83
 Founder, Executive Director
 New Hope Christian Academy



Darrell T. Cobbin
 Class of '91
 Unit Manager
 Guarabrant, Inc.



Norris W. McGehee
 Class of '81
 Veterinarian/Downer
 McGehee Clinic for Animals



W. Hamilton Smythe IV
 Class of '77
 Vice President Yellow Cab Co.
 President Checker Cab

From stacks and stacks of nominations, the *Memphis Business Journal* recently selected the "Top 40 Under 40" — forty movers and shakers of the community who are also under the age of forty. Four MUS graduates made the list.

Geoff Hall is regional account manager for Smith & Nephew Healthcare Division. In his spare time he runs — triathlon (3 years) and Memphis marathon (this year). **Will Hughes** graduated from the University of Alabama in 1993 and is living in Charlotte, NC. He works for Wachovia Bank in private banking.

'90

Please send your news to:
Andrew Sutherland
 Class Representative

Fargason Erb has joined Wunderlich Securities, Inc. as a senior vice president. **Hootan Hidaji** has been working for ICI Acrylics as a chemical engineer for the past two years.

Jonathan Weinberg is (still) working on his Ph.D. in Philosophy at Rutgers University in New Jersey, where he was recently nominated for a graduate student teaching award. Jonathan is happy to have the occasional chance to cavort in NYC with fellow MUS alumni **Michael Masterson** and **John Roberts**. **William Gotten** spent Christmas in Iraq deployed aboard the USS Carl Vinson with VFA-94 flying the F/A-18C Hornet until May 1999. Feel free to e-mail your favorite target location to him at wgotten@vinson.navy.mil and he will ask permission to blow it up or at least wave menacingly as he flies by! **Jimmy Whittington** is vice president at Jimmy Whittington Lumber Co.

'91

Please send your news to:
Brett Grinder
Class Representative

Darrell Cobbins, Class Agent

Trevor Benitone completed pilot training and received pilot's wings at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, TX. He was assigned to Training Squadron 31 and received flight training in Navy T44A turbo-prop aircraft. He will be assigned to Hurlburt Field in Fort Walton Beach, FL. He also will be losing his bachelor status. He recently became engaged to Celine Jones. Trevor proposed to her on an airplane, and what's most interesting is he was also piloting the plane at the time.

Darrell Cobbins was elected to the *Memphis Business Journal's* prestigious "Top Forty Under Forty" list for his community service and outstanding work as unit manager with Guardsmark in Memphis. Darrell is the youngest person on the list this year.

Josh Lawhead and **Jeremy Alpert** were recently admitted to the Tennessee Bar and have started their practices with Waring Cox and Glankler Brown, respectively.

Shea Flinn has taken a break from the radio business to study law at the University of Memphis.

Carter Campbell has returned to Memphis with his wife Bowie and is working as a commercial banker at the newly-formed Independent Bank; you can bring all of your finance needs to him on the first floor of the White Station Tower.

Josh Poag has left the merchant banking business and has moved into real estate to work at Poag & McEwen developing shopping centers around the country and leasing Saddle Creek in Memphis.

Will Deupree is an investment broker at Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc. and was recently promoted to vice president.

Trent Allen is busy these days running the day-to-day operations of his family business, Allens Steel Products, Inc. The Allens are planning to add on to their Arlington plant and will soon open an office and fabrication shop in Atlanta, a city where their business has blossomed over the past five years.

Ian Olney completed his master's in English at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He entered the doctorate program at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and is teaching

freshman and sophomore English. He received a fellowship and assistant professorship.

Trey Block is still living in Washington, DC and working for Arthur Andersen. He is currently an experienced senior in his fourth year.

'92

Please send your news to:
Preston Miller
Class Representative

Brandon Westbrook, Class Agent

Cort Winsett is working in Memphis as the general manager for Winsett-Simmonds, Inc., his family's business.

Perry Wilson is in his last year of law school and is clerking for the Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Tate Conrad graduated in May from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in Environmental Design.

Patrick McCarroll was listed in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Selection for inclusion in the directory is based upon academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.



Brandon Westbrook and Preston Miller were phonathon volunteers for the Class of '92.

Farees Farooq married last August and is now in his third year of medical school at The University of Tennessee, Memphis.

Cedric Strong is a second-year medical student at Meharry Medical College in Nashville.

Spencer Clift will be graduating from law school and will be a law clerk for David S. Kennedy, Federal Bankruptcy Judge.

Evan Liollo graduated from Clemson in '96 in architecture and got his masters in '98 in Construction Science and Manage-

ment. He is working for F.N. Thompson Construction Co. in Charlotte, NC, as assistant project manager

Daniel Moore is at Penn getting his MD/PhD.

Oliver Tai is in medical school at Duke.

Christian Gilmore just completed his second year at AT&T Labs Research, where he has been promoted to senior member of technical staff. He is working on developing next-generation Internet services and middleware.

'93

Please send your news to:
Gil Uhlhorn
Class Representative

Thomas Quinlen, Class Agent

Cavett Ostner graduated from the University of Denver in 1997. He is a freshman at the University of Denver Law School.

Cam Hillyer and **Zac Luttrell** are first-year law students attending the University of Mississippi Law School.

Tommy Wright is living in Lakeland, FL, where he works as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Jack Irvine is a first-year law student attending the University of Memphis School of Law.

Dean Decandia was recently listed in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Selection for inclusion in the directory is based upon academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Elbert Chiang is at Princeton working on his PhD in molecular biology.

Steven Yang is in New York attending night school for his MBA and works as an account-

ant at KPMG.

Ceylon Mooney is touring the United States with his band for the seventh time.

This will be Pezz's fifth U.S. tour. He locally represents Voices in the Wilderness, a campaign to end economic sanctions against the people of Iraq. He is a math major at CBU on the Dean's list.

Jonathan Kirksey is in the Memphis Symphony and living with **Hemant**

Gupta, who is studying for his masters and working at St. Jude.

Jay Heath is at Georgetown Law School and upon completion will serve in the Army.

Van Menard is living in NYC and working for Securitas Capital, a private equity fund that purchases insurance companies.

Sandy Hooper is living in Washington, DC, where he is a staff assistant for Republican Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska.

B. J. Joe graduated in May from Duke University and then took a 25,000 mile road trip throughout the US from coast to coast. For four months, he pursued personal freedom and interests: nine Phish concerts, mountain climbing, and backpacking at all the beautiful national parks in the West. B.J. is now residing and working in Palo Alto, CA at an e-commerce startup called Instill Corporation (e-mail brian@instill.com; business – 650-566-5203).

Congratulations to **Jason Whitmore** who wed Kesha (see picture) on November 28. Both are employees

and pre-med biology students at the University of Memphis.

Jason says, “That’s how we met.”



Kirby May is in his first year of law school at the University of Mississippi Law School.

Bill Warnock graduated from Washington and Lee in June 1998 with a bachelor’s degree in English with cum laude distinction.

Michel Khouri graduated in May from Duke University with magna cum laude distinction.

Wes McCluney recently graduated from the University of Virginia. Wes earned a BA in economics with a minor in government. He has accepted a position as associate auditor with Federal Express and will be based in Washington, DC.

Brian O’Sullivan was named a recipient of a Van Diest Award as Colorado College’s most outstanding male student athlete for the 1997-98 academic year. O’Sullivan, a wide receiver on the football team, set three records last season—for career receptions (184), career receiving yards (2,309), and catches in a single game (15). He had a cumulative 3.337 grade-point average in the classroom and was voted the Tigers’ most valuable player.

'94

Please send your news to:

Kirby May

Class Representative

Jason Whitmore, Class Agent

Jim Echols graduated from Vanderbilt University and is now attending classes at the University of Memphis in order to fulfill the requirements to enter medical school.

Jeffrey Block graduated from the University of Virginia with a major in Chemical Engineering and is now living in Atlanta, GA, and working for Isotec as an account manager for chemical sales.

Andrew Schaeffer received the Torchbearer Award from the University of Tennessee at the 1998 Chancellor’s Honors Banquet. The award recognizes students who “shadow themselves to give light to others.” Andrew is a recent accounting graduate, was executive director of the Tennessee 101 course evaluation project, and served as Student Government Association director of student services and as a student senator. His primary community service for his four years was with Team Vols and the Love Kitchen. Andrew is currently pursuing a master’s degree in accounting and is serving as a graduate assistant.

Duncan Galbreath will graduate in December from the University of Mississippi and will return to Memphis.

R.P. Dempsey graduated from Duke University, is living in Memphis and studying to take the LSAT in order to enter law school.

Reed Deupree '94 graduated from Washington and Lee University in June 1998 where he was founder and chairman of the Williams Investment Society. Last winter, the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University approved a program earmarking \$1 million of the University’s endowment for investment by a group of 34 commerce students functioning as the Williams Investment Society. The society was founded to provide students with an opportunity for hands-on experience dealing with markets, investments, and the real-life, sometimes nail-biting challenges of the financial universe. Students worked for six months developing the structure and investment philosophy of the society to present to the board. After six months and receiving the go-ahead, the group held interests in 13 companies, including DuPont, Seagate, and Anchor Gaming. Teams of four students researched and presented companies for potential investment, and the society voted on which to approve. The society had invested approximately 45% of its money, and, by the end of the school year, had earned a return of 5.88 percent or approximately \$58,000. The Russell 3,000, which tracks the 3,000 largest companies on the stock market, earned 7.05% in a similar time frame. At the May 21 Board of Trustees meeting, executive directors reported the group’s progress. Ronald Anderson, assistant professor of management commented, “The students learn more from doing this than they do in my finance class. I am very impressed with their commitment to do good work. The quality of their research is so high.” Reed was also vice president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated magna cum laude. In addition, he was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma honorary business society. He is now working in New York for Dillon Reed in their investment banking department.

Wayne Mink recently graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from the honors program at Southern Methodist University. He has deferred admission to Georgetown University Law Center for one year so he could accept a Fulbright Fellowship to the United Kingdom. Wayne will earn a master's degree in International Relations from the University of St. Andrew's, Scotland, with an emphasis in International Security Studies. He will research the differences between the causes, outbreak and outcome of nationalist-separatist violence in Puerto Rico and Northern Ireland. The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. government, sends scholars overseas as academic ambassadors pursuing research in various fields.

Jim Weathersby recently graduated from Vanderbilt University earning cum laude honors and a major in arts.

'95

Please send your news to:
Jeff Murray
Class Representative

Blake Bourland, Class Agent

Andrew Olney graduated from the University College of London in three years. He has been accepted to the Graduate Research Center in Cognitive and Computing Science at the University of Sussex in Brighton, England, where he will be pursuing his master's degree in Evolutionary and Adaptive Systems.

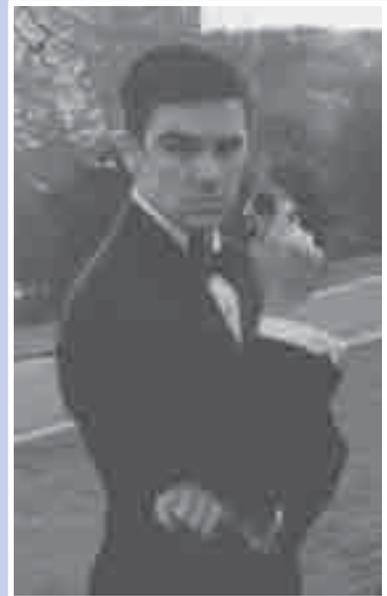
Joe Hagerman received an honor for outstanding achievement during the 1997-98 school year at Mississippi State University's School of Architecture.

Kelly Ensor is president of Kappa Sigma at Rhodes College. He is also interning at Brown Whee architecture firm in the marketing department this fall.

Ben Doane is a senior at the University of Tennessee Knoxville and worked this past summer as an intern for U.S. Senator Bill Frist.

Michael Nussbaum was named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during last spring semester. The dean's list is comprised of a select group of students who have succeeded in maintaining a scholastic average of 3.4 and above during the past semester.

Gus Mealor '95 studied at Durham University, the third oldest university in England, last year. A religion and philosophy major, Gus spent most of his time studying in the theology library, which occupies part of a 600-year old monastery. But once a month, Gus dons a tuxedo, loads a cap pistol, sips a martini that has been shaken not stirred, mingles with slinky-clad women, and suavely answers to "Mr. Bond." Gus won the title of "Mr. James Bond 1997-98". Gus belongs to the James Bond Society, a 300-member campus organization that includes the college president. The society raises money for charity and makes a substantial annual donation to the President's Charity Fund. At the beginning of each year, the Society holds a contest to choose a reigning "Mr. Bond." Prompted by some of his British friends to enter the contest, Gus put on his rented tuxedo; but, his most serious problem was having to wear his brown Bass shoes. About 15 contestants accepted the challenge to become James Bond. The first category was physical characteristics. Gus lost points for wearing a wing collar (Bond always wears the fold-down style); he won points for being able to tie his bow tie; his tux passed inspection and he gained points for his fancy-looking watch. Then the emcee began laughing at his shoes; but, like Bond, Gus was resourceful in the face of peril. One of his friends shouted from the audience, "Show him the eyebrow, Gus!" You see, Gus can control his eyebrows skillfully. He can raise one or the other in a couple of different ways; he can even make them



undulate like a wave. However, a single, cocked eyebrow is very Bond — Roger Moore to be specific. He raised his left eyebrow and then his right and the crowd applauded. Other tests were tossing his hat, sweeping a volunteer off her feet, and dancing like a Bond girl silhouetted behind a sheet. The final test was to walk across the stage, pivot and draw his weapon — much like agent 007 does at the beginning of each movie. The other fellow strutted across the stage and dropped to his knee to shoot. Gus knew that Bond walked confidently and with good posture, and when he turned to shoot, he did so very easily. Gus rated the greatest applause and became Mr. Bond. The college had a formal dinner two nights later and the president asked Gus to stand and raise his eyebrows for the crowd. Gus said he realized it's as much as, or more of, a tribute to the college that they would elect an American to be Mr. Bond.

Justin Taylor '95 has completed a six-week ocean voyage on board the *Westward*, a Sailing School Vessel that serves as a “floating” classroom for the Sea Education Association (SEA). Justin was one of 49 students participating in Sea Semester, a fully accredited, undergraduate academic program that combines intensive on-shore academic courses in oceanography, maritime studies, and nautical science with hands-on oceanographic study and research at sea aboard one of SEA’s two tall ships. After spending six weeks taking classes on shore Justin and his classmates set sail on October 15 from Woods Hole, MA. While at sea, Justin, a biology major, collected samples of marine resources, deploying oceanographic equipment, conducting an independent research project (how to sail and navigate the 125-foot staysail schooner). He and fellow classmates worked with professional nautical and scientific staff on board to handle the 24-hour operations of the ship and had a multitude of responsibilities, including standing watches on deck, helping in the engine room, and preparing meals in the galley. Except for two brief stops on the islands of Grenada and Dominica, Justin and his shipmates sailed 24 hours a day in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Their boat docked in St. Croix, USVI on November 24, 1998.

Kennon Vaughan played baseball this summer with Athletes in Action in South Africa and then was a counselor the second half of the summer at Kanakuk Kamp.

Michael Burnett is a junior at Rice University, majoring in philosophy.

Thomas Bruder is a junior at Florida State where is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

'97

Please send your news to:

Trey Jones

Class Representative

Michael Thompson, Jason Wheat, and John Scruggs recently transferred to the University of Mississippi, where they pledged Phi Delta Theta.

David Spence was recently appointed to the Student Government Association of the University of Tennessee. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity.

Trey Jones was appointed rush chairman for the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the University of Mississippi.

Scott Pritchett was recently inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta and Lambda Sigma honorary societies at the University of Mississippi. Scott is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Chris Speer is a sophomore at Southern Methodist University where he pledged Phi Gamma Delta and plays lacrosse.

David Hwang participated in a program called SURE this past summer hosted by Emory University. Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) is an intense 10-week program that provides participants with a hands-on approach to scientific research. Now in its ninth year, SURE has had more than 95% of its participants enter graduate or medical school. David was quoted in a recent brochure produced by Emory about his science experiences thus far, “I had what I consider a unique first year. Learning science became a much more interactive experience than I could have imagined. My freshman organic chemistry class — which had less than twenty people — was the perfect environment to meet fellow students and the professor and to get questions answered. My freshman biology class — with less than twenty-four people — focused not on rote memorization but on the development of scientific thinking, which is so essential to research. Now I am working with my former organic chemistry

Dallas Geer has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by The Educational & Memorial Foundation of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants. Dallas attends The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

'96

Please send your news to:

Robert Dow

Class Representative

Kennon Vaughan, Class Agent

Richie Hoffman was on the Dean’s List at the University of Georgia.

Richard McCluney was recently elected vice president/treasurer of the Resident Student Association for the 1998 school year at Wake Forest University. He has also been selected to serve as a Resident Advisor (RA) for next year. A junior pre-med major, Richard made the Dean’s List

for the 1998 spring semester. This past summer he was involved on a research project at the UAB Spain Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham, AL, and participated in a preceptorship program at Methodist Hospital.

James McGreger worked in network support at Federal Express this past summer. A double major in computer science and electrical engineering at Vanderbilt University, James will be busy this year as the executive producer of Vanderbilt Television and as president of Variations, a mixed *a cappella* group he co-founded.

Jon Daly is currently a junior at the University of Florida. He has served as service chairman and presently as rush chairman of Kappa Alpha Fraternity and received the Robert E. Lee Outstanding Character Award. He recently served as an intern for Congressman Ed Bryant in Washington, DC.

professor. We are engaged in research with cutting-edge technology, alongside undergraduates and graduate students from around the globe who form my extended family.”

Sean Alpert won the 1998 Albert I. Dickerson Freshman Essay Prize at Dartmouth for his freshman seminar paper, “A Travesty of Justice: The Case of Leo Frank.” The Dickerson prize, which includes a \$250 cash award, is aimed at effective expository writing. The Leo Frank case involved a Jewish pencil factory owner who was falsely accused of murdering a white female employee in 1913. After his death sentence was pardoned, a mob broke into the prison and killed him. Sean chose this topic because he wanted to know how something like this could happen. His winning entry was a 13-page research paper. Sean said his original sources led him to other sources and eventually he was down in the microfilm room and looking up *New York Times* articles from the 1920s. He said he liked the paper and was happy with it, but he did not think he was going to win. If anyone in the Class of 1997 has something to share for news in the *MUS Today*, please contact Trey Jones by phone at (601) 236-7012 or by e-mail at daddytj1@aol.com.



Please send your news to:
Don Drinkard
Class Representative

Erick Clifford, Class Agent

Brad Wiedman was this year’s recipient of the Memphis-Vanderbilt Honor Scholarship. The scholarship offers \$3000 each year to an incoming freshman. The recipients receive the scholarship money through graduation. Each year’s recipient is selected on the basis of his/her grades and extracurricular activities from the most outstanding Shelby County students who have applied to Vanderbilt. This past summer Brad worked at The Cardiovascular Center, observing and assisting in surgery, in preparation for his goal of being a doctor.

The Spotlight Is On You!

Alumni News is one of the most popular features in the *MUS Today*. Often this is the first section readers turn to in search of tidbits about their classmates, former students, and friends. Let us hear from you! We need your help to keep it interesting. Take a minute and send the information about that new promotion, your marriage, new kids, or that Congressional Medal of Honor you just received. It’s an easy way to keep in touch.

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Back to Front:
Jonathan Hassid,
Srinivas Ayyagari,
Rob Purple, and
Lee Wang were back
on campus this fall to
see physics teacher
John Olson (left)
before they left for
college.

Back to the Clack

The classes of '93-'98 gathered in Clack Dining Hall for the annual Young Alumni Holiday Brunch. Approximately 200 alumni attended. This was the largest group ever, proving once again that many graduates will forego sleep for a chance to dine in the Clack.



Peter Pettit, Wilson Moore, Stephen Shannon, Parrish Taylor, and McLean Wilson from the Class of '96



Woodson Dunavant, William Brakebill, and David Bowlin from the Class of '97



Left side of the table:
Kirby May '94, Pat Hickman '94,
Erick Clifford '98, Kevin Bohannon '98;
front: Sean Lyttle '95 and David Pritchett '97



Left side of the table:
Caperton White, A Thompson,
Harley Steffens, Robert Faber,
Richard Moore, Hunter Humphreys;
across: Galloway Allbright, and
Matthew Ware, all from the
Class of '98

Below left: Andrew Hartsfield, and
Robert Sayle; below right: Jonathan
Limbaugh, Philip Cruzen, and Jeff
Keltner, all from the Class of '98



Alumni Theater

Uh Da Da Da

In a harmonious collaboration of faculty, alumni, students, and family, the MUS Theater Company Alumni Summer Theater presented *Da* on July 22-31.

The title of Hugh Leonard's Tony-winning Best Play of 1978 is an Irish term of endearment for one's father. The play concerns an Irish playwright's brief return to his recently deceased father's home in Dublin to attend the funeral and to clean up the dead man's effects. In the process the son, Charlie, dredges up haunting memories of his past.

Charlie (played by alumnus Hugh Sinclair '77) is indebted to his Da, actually his adoptive father, because the man took him in, labored beyond retirement to send Charlie to school, arranged for the boy's first job, and sagely inspired his son's ambitions to escape their working-class neighborhood and become something more. Charlie is stuck between resenting his father's lifelong subservience to the thankless upper classes and loving the old man for his stubborn determination that Charlie should have the opportunity to walk among them as their economic and intellectual equal.

Playing the role of Da was extraordinarily difficult. This title character, whose name is actually Nick Tynan, must be both lovable and unlikable. Tackling this challenging oxymoron of a personality was Jim Eikner, father of MUS faculty member Flip Eikner '77, the play's director.

The irrespressible Da persists despite the nagging opprobrium heaped upon him by his sainted martyr of a wife (MUS college counselor Emily Baer), or by Charlie's acerbic employer, Mr. Drumm (MUS English teacher Jeffrey Gross). Drew Long '98 played Charlie as a teenager while Hutchison junior Carrie Rosson played the neighborhood "bad girl."

In the play's climax, Charlie recalls how his father obsequiously accepted a mere pittance as his retirement reward after fifty-seven years of back-breaking labor as a gardener. Though the Da has dedicated his life to growing beautiful roses, his employer (Kim Justis, wife of Flip Eikner), gives him no other bonus than a grotesque tangle of eyeglasses fused in the fires of the famous San Francisco Earthquake.

Faculty member Andy Saunders' warm, rose-colored kitchen set, ringed in an ascending boardwalk painted the colors of rich greenery, formed a very suitable backdrop for the comedy about a gardener who cultivated more than just beautiful flowers.



Leading characters were Charlie, played by Hugh Sinclair '77, and his "Da," played by Jim Eikner, who is real Da to Flip Eikner '77, the director.



Charlie, played by Hugh Sinclair '77, is shocked at the fight between "herself," played by Emily Baer, and Da, played by Jim Eikner.



Charlie muses over this scene from his past: "Oh-h-h-h now!" says Oliver, played by Harrison Ford, to the family portrayed by Drew Long '98, Emily Baer, and Jim Eikner.



Always the optimist, Da checks for signs of rain while his usually pessimistic son Charlie looks on, wet and incredulous.

After dinner Emily Baer, as "herself," and Young Charlie played by Drew Long '98, discuss the proper way to write a thank you note.

Alumni Basketball League

The MUS Alumni Basketball League completed its eighteenth and most successful year of play this past summer. The ABL, as players and fans know it, was founded to encourage basketball competition and fellowship among MUS alumni and friends of the school. The league is governed by the Commissioner who strictly enforces "Spirit of the League" rules intended to promote sportsmanship and fair play.

From its humble beginnings in 1981 as the MUS Summer League where six teams competed in games of "shirts and skins," the ABL has grown to include over 150 participants. These participants compose eighteen teams competing in three divisions: the H. Jerry Peters division for self-proclaimed "A" players, the E. "Buddy" Haguewood division for former "A" players who enjoy a more complete life outside of basketball, and the Robert and Willie's Lenti Lunch League division for players whose enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game far outweigh their abilities.

While the desire to win one of the coveted Championship T-shirts drives more and more players to lace up the Chuck Taylors and risk permanent bodily injury each summer, many participants point to the completion of the ABL's climate-controlled Ross M. Lynn Arena and the league's "My Dad Just Wants to Play" nursery program as the catalysts to league expansion. The expansion has brought increased awareness and exposure of the league's exciting brand of basketball. Like other highly successful major sports leagues, the ABL finally embraced corporate sponsorships of teams and products in order to alleviate

the financial strains brought upon many franchises by escalating players' salaries.

Other noteworthy league events this season included the new ABL website and the ESPN2 television contract.

As the largest college preparatory school alumni basketball league in the nation, the ABL continues to consider ways to capitalize on the league's popularity. The Commissioner expects the

1999 ABL season to see Fantasy ABL leagues, ABL Beanie Babies, and the naming of the ABL "Team of the Millennium." When asked about the possibility of the ABL's answer to the WNBA, the Commissioner commented, "That's a very sensitive issue. Obviously, we're committed to equal opportunities for all people. But frankly, the MUS WABL is something we just can't figure out. It doesn't make any sense. Off the record, I doubt you or I will ever see it."

The ABL runs for eight weeks from early June until the first week in August. If you would like franchise or sponsorship information, contact the ABL website at www.theleague.com or the Alumni Office at 260-1350.

RULES

by Judd Peters '81,
Founder of the ABL

1998 SEASON RECAP



The Ponies: Andrew Sutherland '90, Scott Rose '82, David Montague '82, Drew Sipple, James Rantzow '83, John Wilfong

THE PONIES ARE DEAD?

By David Montague '82

On Monday, November 5, 1997, the defending World Championship Chicago Bulls began their NBA title defense against the rookie-laden, youthfully energetic Boston Celtics. As you recall, the Celtics whipped the tired, slow, old (average age 33.7) Bulls. "The Bulls Are Dead" screamed *TIME Magazine*.

Please fast forward to Monday, June 15, 1998, as the twelve-time and defending ABL Champion Ponies (with an eerily Bulls-ish average age of 33.7) open their pursuit of an ABL record thirteenth title versus the rookie-laden, youthfully energetic Tigers, the school's highly touted class of '98. The Tigers win handily. "The Ponies Are Dead" screamed *MUS Today*. Ironically, it happens to be just one day after the Bulls recover to win another NBA title. No student of history, the league expects to crown a different champion for the first time since 1995.

The seven Ponies players, Bill Lansden '82, Scott Rose '82, David

Montague '82, James Rantzow '83, John Wilfong (BHS '83), Drew Sipple (BHS '84), and Andrew Sutherland '90, mostly seventeen-year ABL veterans from the class of '82, take solace in the pursuit of titles, not regular season records. The grueling ten game season starts out 1-5 for the cellar dwelling Ponies. But by July, the Ponies have regained their stamina after ten months of inactivity since their last title, and promptly finish out the regular season with four straight wins, each by more than 20 points. The Ponies' ABL Championship T-shirt Tournament draw called for three games in four days. After a 40 point quarterfinal victory over the Cubs (class of '97 plus Billy Smith, East High '89) and a 30 point semifinal spanking of the Chiefs (selected All Stars from '94, '95, and '96), the Ponies are set to meet the young Tigers for all the shirts. In front of a record crowd of twenty-one, the Ponies break open a ten point halftime lead to walk away with their thirteenth title in fourteen Finals in a 72-51 diaper changing.

As the aging Ponies now contemplate retirement from the ABL, they struggle for new goals. Could it be a Y2K goal: to win fifteen titles over three decades within two millennia? Now that Jordan has retired, they have a decision to make.

THE GREEN MACHINE:

A Perfect Combination of

Finesse and Power

by George Skouteris '80

The Green Machine won its first championship in seventeen tries. It was a sweet ending for the most "mature" team in the league. With an average age of 38, the Green Machine had to rely on its



John Ogle '80 (right), Rick Thornton '81 (kneeling) and other Green Machine players are ready to hit the showers and celebrate their first division title after seventeen tries.

superior knowledge of the game and its elbows.

While free agency threatened to weaken the Machine, management came back with some key signings. The Green Machine roster includes John Stewart '78, Rick Thornton '81, John Edmonson '81, George Skouteris '80, Willis Ayres '72, Chris Caldwell, John Ogle '80, as well as ringers Rick "The Hit Man" Hechinger and Clay "Anfernee" Holt.

Coach Peters called the Green Machine "the perfect combination of finesse, power, and Viagra." He is also conferring with Mr. Haguewood about changing the school colors from red and blue to camouflage. When asked about such a drastic move, Mr. Haguewood replied, "Our hope is that if we look like the Green Machine, we will begin to play like the Green Machine."

A PERFECT YEAR: Pros Complete Dream Season 12-0 En Route to Championship Title

By Jon VanHoozer '88

It had been several years since another team besides Ripple claimed the E. "Buddy" Haguewood League Championship at MUS. Finally, after a perfect 10-0 regular season and two breathtaking tournament victories, the Pros, consisting of Judd Peters '81, Jason Peters '88, John Sharp '81, Will Sharp '87, Eddie Murphy '81, Jon VanHoozer '88, Demetri Patikas, and Warren Ball, re-claimed the title they last won in 1994. Using a myriad of defensive sets (the amoebae, the Napoleon, the winged T), the Pros kept the competition in a constant state of frustration and bewilderment as they advanced toward the championship.

Gritty teamwork and gutsy playmaking characterized the 1998 E. Buddy League play. The youngest and most populous team in the league, Big Dyee, continued to show signs of improvement. Mark my words, they will be a force to be reckoned with in four or five years. The Rebels were also vastly improved from last year. The key addition of Andrew McDermott '88, fresh from his stint as an All Star in the Japanese Basketball League, increased the intensity of the Rebels throughout the season. The Dartoes, once a mainstay as one of the top teams in the league, slipped a bit as former ABL All Star Staley Cates '82 missed several games.

A new and lethal team introduced into the E. Buddy League, the Big Dogs, finished in second place during the regular season with an 8-2 record. Led by former Jerry Peters League All Star Greg Rhodes '89,



The Pros: John Sharp '81, Warren Ball, Will Sharp '87, Demetri Patikas, Judd Peters '81, Jon VanHoozer '88, Jason Peters '88, Eddie Murphy '81

Coach Jeff Ruffin, and Thunder Dan Shumake '89, the Big Dogs lit up the league during the regular season only to flame out to the veteran team Ripple in the semifinals. Despite a season ending injury to spiritual leader Kimbrough Taylor '84, Ripple survived a tumultuous regular season and fought their way to the league finals for the fourth straight year.

The Pros, the oldest team in the league, relied on superior teamwork and intense defense throughout the regular season and the tournament. After a scare in the semifinals by the Rebels, the Pros met archrival Ripple in the finals. Trailing throughout the game, the Pros turned the tide with two minutes to go and took their first lead of the game. After back to back baskets by both teams tied the game with 45 seconds left, the Pros snagged a rebound and came down the court, calling timeout with 30 seconds. After designing a play for their leading scorer, Patrikas, VanHoozer eschewed the script and decided to go mano a mano. After holding the ball for 20 seconds, VanHoozer faked left, drove right, pulled back and misfired on a 24-footer with seven seconds left. Rookie of the Year Warren Ball, using his superior vertical leap, grabbed the rebound with two seconds left and was hacked in his attempt for the tip in. Ball missed the first free throw, calmly sank the second, and after a desperation shot by Ripple missed, the Pros had reached the championship plateau yet again.

The team of Ronnie Wenzler, Bob Lafferty '74, Hunt Taylor '94, and Harvey Cook shot a 52 to capture the "low gross score" at the Alumni Golf Scramble which took place during Homecoming Weekend. Sixty-eight alumni and friends took part in the Scramble.



HOMECOMING WEEKEND ***GOLF SCRAMBLE***



Capturing the "low net score" by shooting a 51 in the Scramble were Eric Hunter '78, Fleet Abston '79, Jess Ossorio '78, and Will Mays '94.



Celebrating the 25th Reunion of the Class of '73 with a round of golf and a good cigar are Elmer Stout, Keith Ingram, Charles Ivins, and Jim Varner. Varner organized the Alumni Golf Scramble and Luncheon which was held at Memphis Country Club.

The champions from last year's Scramble, Warren Canale, Joel Fulmer '67, Mark Halperin '67, and Richard Robinson '72, were unable to successfully defend their title, but they tried.



BBQ DINNER

FOOTBALL GAME

REUNIONS



Homecoming's annual barbecue dinner has become a tradition for reunion classes and a family affair for many, such as Julie and Rob Hussey '81 and their children.



David Rudolph '81 with his three boys



Rick Thornton '81 and his children



Jennifer and Gary Wunderlich '88 and family



Sarah and Jeff Lewis '88 and Jodie and Patrick Gilmore '88

Homecoming Court and their escorts



Viewpoint

Two alumni have been appointed to the MUS Board of Trustees. **Mark J. Halperin '67** and **R. Louis Adams '70** assume pivotal roles in the leadership of the school with their appointments. According to Ellis Haguewood, "Both Mark and Lou are team players who share a common mission for MUS; both are deeply committed to the school. They have demonstrated their support for MUS in a variety of ways and have been actively involved as alumni."

MUS is indeed fortunate to have the time and talents of Mark Halperin and Lou Adams as valuable resources on our Board of Trustees.

Mark Halperin said, "I look forward to giving back to MUS, an institution which gave so much to me. There is such a true *esprit de corps* at this school. It was there when I was a student and it is still there. The strong bonds created between students and faculty are unique, providing life-long benefits. Some of the best relationships I have today, both business and social, started at MUS."

Halperin adds, "It's amazing what MUS graduates have gone on to accomplish in their lives. They provide a tremendous amount of business leadership, medical expertise, and counsel through the clergy, and that's not all. I think the greatest testimony to the school's success is its alumni. It's amazing that such a small school continues to produce the best and the brightest."

Lou Adams also looks forward to Board service. According to Adams, "MUS does three things well. One, it develops men of strong moral character. Through the Honor System, it instills the fundamental importance of honor among men. Honesty and integrity in our student body were very important to Colonel Lynn and the founders of MUS, and these qualities are even more important for our students today. The Honor System at MUS is what truly distinguishes this school.

"Secondly, we have always had a strong emphasis on teaching communication skills, stressing the mechanics of self-expression as much as the cultivation of individual thought. Precise, clear expression of one's ideas is such a rare talent in today's work force; we must maintain our high standards in teaching this skill to our boys. And third, the school's atmosphere makes being there fun – this comes from the top. Ellis as headmaster is wonderful for the school in this regard. He enjoys his job and this is contagious to the faculty and students. Is he a great headmaster or what?"



MARK HALPERIN '67

After graduating from MUS, Halperin earned a BS from the University of Tennessee in accounting and real estate. He is senior vice president of Boyle Investment Company, where he is responsible for the leasing and management of all office properties. Halperin has received professional designations from the Institute of Real Estate Management and the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, and is past president of Memphis Building Owners and Managers Association. His interests include golf and travel, and he is actively involved on many community boards. He currently serves as president of the Memphis Jewish Home and vice president of Temple Israel. Halperin is married to the former Diane Bronstein.



LOU ADAMS '70

Adams graduated Cum Laude from Duke University with a BS and went on to the University of Tennessee for his MD. He is a plastic surgeon with The Plastic Surgery Group of Memphis, and serves as medical director of the East Memphis Surgery Center and secretary of the Plastic Surgery Group. Adams enjoys hunting and fishing when he is not practicing medicine. He is married to Connie Dunavant Adams, and has three children, Galloway Allbright '98 who attends the University of Colorado at Boulder, William who is an MUS eighth-grader, and Hunter who attends PDS.

EndSight



Local Boy Makes Good

In 1957, MEMPHIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL had just moved to its new campus on what was then an empty piece of land on Park Road (now Park Avenue) in East Memphis. The prep school for 130 boys in grades seven through eleven didn't even have a senior class. But it did include a remarkable number of future business leaders who would leave their mark on Memphis, the South, and the world for the next 40 years. See if you can identify them from their 1957 yearbook photographs. *See the box to the right for answers.*

1. **Tommy Keesee**, cofounder and president of Oakley Keesee Ford
2. **Henry Turley**, downtown developer
3. **Scott Ledbetter**, founder of LEDIC Management Group
4. **Allen Morgan**, cofounder and CEO of Morgan Kegan
5. **Pitt Hyde**, founder and former CEO of Autozone
6. **Henry Morgan**, president of Boyle Investment Co.
7. **John Dobbs**, Dobbs Automotive
8. **John Fry**, founder of Ardent Studio and Ardent Music
9. **Fred Smith**, founder of Federal Express



Guys and Dolls, the last musical staged by the MUS theater department was an ambitious effort, ultimately acclaimed as their best ever, but they're not "out of the woods" yet! See story on page 10.

Nathan Freeman, George Elder, Phil Janowicz, Kim Justis, Kevin Kenny '75, Skip Jones '78, Beau Davidson, Drew Long '98, (kneeling) Galloway Allbright '98, and Harrison Ford

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