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Long Live Latin

Latin is considered a dead language, or one no longer spoken as a native tongue; however, the four students who competed in July at the national convention would say that Latin still thrives.

Mrs. Marilyn Reinhardt, Latin instructor, hosted this summer's trip to Eastern Kentucky State University.

"The national convention is conducted on a much grander scale than the state convention," Reinhardt said. "Because MUS students take pride in being well-prepared, it is always a pleasure to take them to competitions like these."

Senior **Nicholas Rouse** and three sophomores competed in the event. Rouse received an award to attend the nationals when he won the state convention's upper-level Academic Heptathlon. At the national convention, he placed in the Grammar and Latin in Literature competitions.

Salman Haque excelled in a number of tests, placing sixth in his grammar level, eighth in both Ancient Geography II and Latin Derivatives II, and ninth in his reading comprehension level. **William Lamb** proved his

academic and artistic skills by finishing eighth in the grammar exam and seventh in the Mosaics 7-9 category. **Garret Sullivan** tied Lamb in the grammar exam and placed fifth in his reading comprehension level. These three sophomores, who represented all Tennessee Latin II students in this competition, formed a strong Certamen team that made it all the way to the semifinals. The Certamen tournament pits teams in informative trivia-style games that test the students' knowledge of classical cultures.

Since the Owls had such a positive



Because the convention was held in Kentucky, a theme at the event was "Colonel Sanders." (left to right) Nicholas Rouse, Salman Haque, Garret Sullivan, and William Lamb sport KFC disguises.

experience competing, Reinhardt is already excited for next year.

"We are looking forward to taking more students to next year's National Junior Classical League Convention. It will take place in July at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC."

There are many benefits to studying both Latin and the classics in general. It enhances



From the Editor

by Rebecca H. Greer
Communications and Media Relations Manager

I've always been fascinated by highwire artists.

Their death-defying acts demand a complex blend of physics, art, and athleticism, yet the goal is deceptively simple: Don't fall.

For a wire to be considered high, it must be at least 20 feet above the ground, but the more famous practitioners have taken their journeys much higher. Blondin (Jean-Francois Gravelet) made a career of crossing Niagara Falls. Maria Spelterina was the first woman to accomplish this feat. Astonishingly, she chose to dare the devil further by crossing with her feet in baskets. These artists performed their acts without safety nets, as do many today.

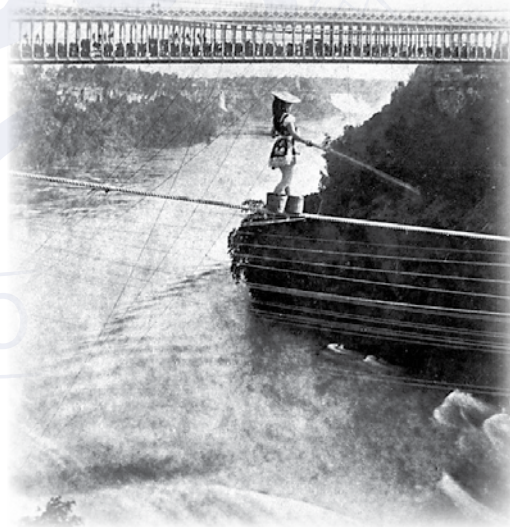
In the highwire act, I find a metaphor for life. We must rely on our experience and our education, but success will ultimately be a question of remaining relaxed, focused, and balanced, while navigating the challenges that arise along the way. The path is narrow, distractions are everywhere, and the wind can shift at any moment.

The analogy applies to many recent items in the news. A man can be a noteworthy coach, but he can utterly fail at management responsibilities. An executive may meet shareholders' goals, but at the cost of closing plants full of talented and dedicated workers. A group may exercise its First Amendment rights but inadvertently create a ripe environment for others to commit lawless acts of violence and destruction. We get one thing right, such as maintaining perfect posture, only to take our

eyes off the wire. To truly "win with honor," a person, a team, a family, or an organization must master all the skills of a wire walker — relaxed focus, smooth forward motion, and equilibrium among competing priorities.

On a smaller scale, we in the Communications Department strive for that kind of balance in the pieces we produce. We want to do justice to all the stories simultaneously unfolding in academics, arts, and athletics. We strive to balance the serious happenings, such as scholarships and community service, with the silly, such as Mustache Mondays and cheese chugs.

While we cover a variety of topics, we undoubtedly miss a few. We always welcome your comments, contributions, and suggestions. Together, we can reflect an even better view of what is happening *Inside MUS*.



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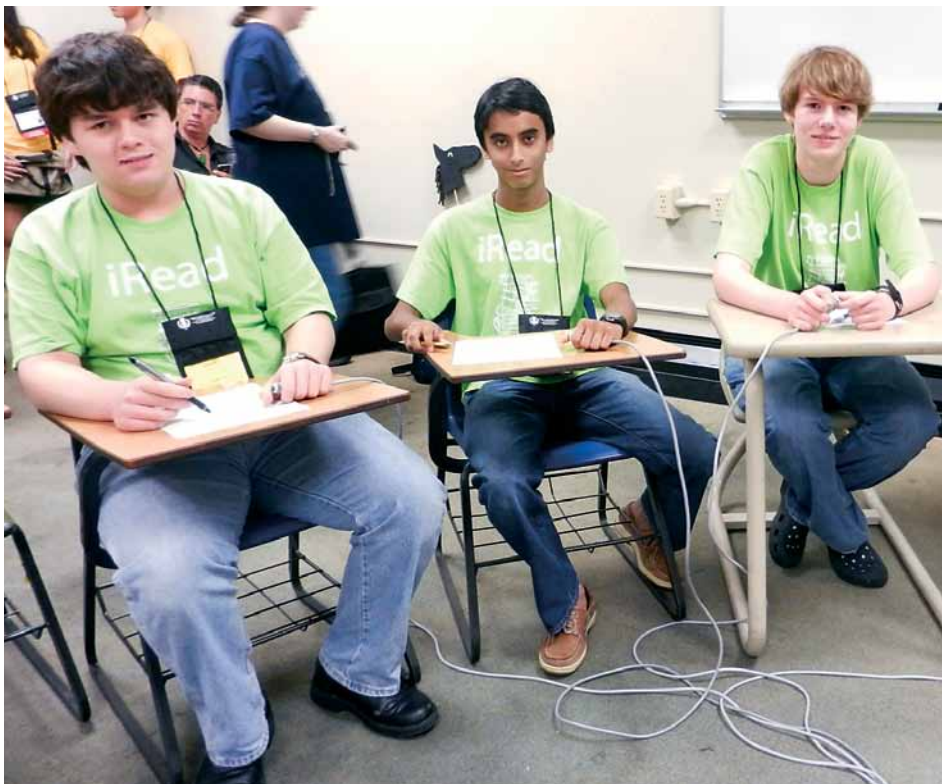
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a student's vocabulary, improves grammar, raises SAT scores, develops critical thinking – and for those who attend the convention, it provides camaraderie.

"One of the best parts of the convention was interacting and competing with other like-minded students who shared our appreciation of Latin," said Haque. "It was nice to see, metaphorically speaking, that Latin is still alive."

*Latin is a dead language,
As dead as dead can be.
First it killed the Romans,
And now it's killing me!*

~ Anonymous



(left to right) Garret Sullivan, Salman Haque, and William Lamb

The Order of the Owl

The Order of the Owl honors eighth graders who achieve a 90 cumulative weighted average at the third quarter and who also display exemplary conduct and character. These young men met this goal during the third quarter of 2010-11 and were not reported in the last issue of Inside MUS.

Mitchell Apollonio
Alex Carruthers
Baty Daniel

August Klinke
Walker Lee
Kamar Mack

Nicholas Manley
Michael Reddcho
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Owlcolades

PHYSICS BOWL NEEDS YOU

by Mr. Dev Varma '07

A four-man Physics Bowl team triumphed over much of the five-state region, finishing only four points shy of powerhouse Oak Ridge High School in early April, in the competition sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers. Small though the troupe may have been, they walked away with honors.

Drew Thibado '11 and Daniel Garrett '11 placed first and second, respectively, defeating regional opponents from five states: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The hard work of physics students J.P. Wheeler '11 and senior **Mark Sorensen** also contributed to MUS's second-place Division 2 finish.

With this outcome, Instructor in Science Wayne Mullins is excited about the next Physics Bowl. The competition does not limit the number of competitors, so Mullins wants everyone to consider participating and offers several worthwhile reasons for joining the team.

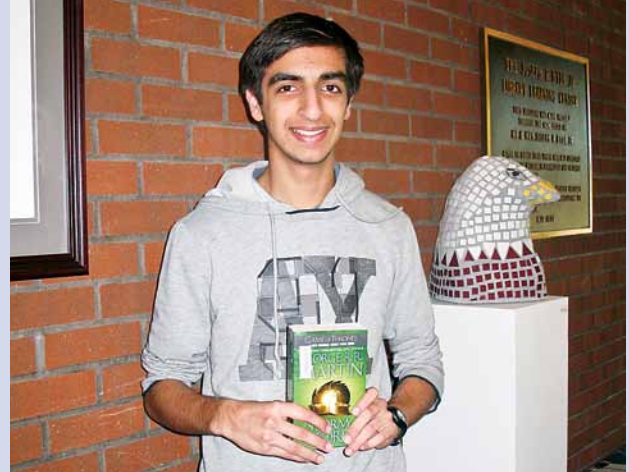
"Preparing for the competition actually equips students for a lot of other things – the AP Physics, MCAT (medical), and engineering licensing exams – which will be on the horizon for many science and math students," Mullins said.

Teen Read Week Winners

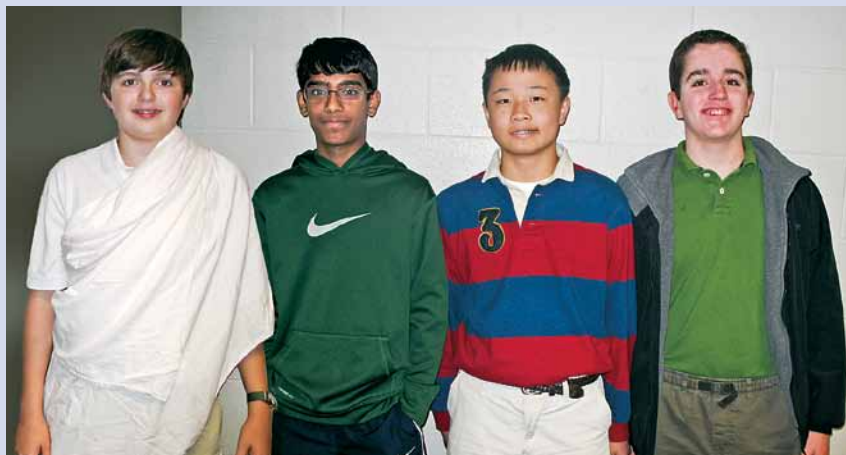
Teen Read Week is an American Library Association event that promotes teen literacy. This year's event took place at the end of October. To celebrate, the Hyde Library challenged students to read as many pages as they could throughout the month.



Zack Whicker read over 4,200 pages in three weeks, winning the Teen Read Week contest.



Ashish Nathani placed second, reading over 2,000 pages during the contest.



In the Lower School category, (left to right) Charlie Wiener was the seventh-grade winner. Eighth graders Bilal Siddiq, Kevin Tu, and Andrew Green all tied for first place in their grade, reading a combined 3,600 pages.

EAGLE HONORS

(left to right) Forrest Field and Cole Flemmons of Troop 86 were named Eagle Scouts on October 2. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts program. This honor requires at least 21 merit badges and the completion of a scout-led service project.



Owl Campers

Take Flight

by Mr. Andrew C. Miller

On the afternoon of August 10, a group of students started down the road to becoming the Class of 2017. These new seventh graders began a two-night trip to Victory Ranch for the ninth-annual Owl Camp. Accompanied by student counselors from the Upper School and a number of their future teachers, these new Owls lived and ate together at the Bolivar camp, while engaging in a mix of activities and bonding.

Many of the exercises challenged campers to work creatively and as team members. One obstacle required them to use a small number of wooden boards to bridge the gaps between a grid of stumps. To get every member of their team from one side to the other, campers had to be in constant communication as they passed the boards around and inched from one area to the next.

These exercises in teamwork were paired with activity stations, including a zip line and a giant tree



Steven Regis ziplines with style.

swing. Each Owl who took a turn on the tree swing first had to be hoisted up on a rope pulled by his new classmates.

The incoming class of seventh graders came from 13 different public and private schools, as well as from home-

school settings, and Owl Camp was the perfect opportunity to leave the former school days behind and begin learning what it means to be MUS students.

"My favorite part of Owl camp was meeting and getting to know my future classmates," said seventh grader **Jack McCaghren**.

Whether they were climbing up the rock wall or chowing down at lunch time, these Owls were taking their first steps toward becoming the Class of 2017.

"What's better than new peers and new beginnings for the Class of 2017? Owl Camp is a weekend like no other!" Carter Braswell



(left to right) Carson Boucek, Cole Middlebrook, David Jordan, Christopher Nanney, Tate Yawn, and Jamie Lindy



(first row, left to right) Matthew Horton, Frederick Danielson, and Carter Braswell

(second row, left to right) Tripp Crews, Wil Rainer



(left to right) Rahul Mehra and Steven Regis



(left to right) Parker Ford, McCall Knowlton, Kian Ghodoussi, Evan Smith, and Price Ford

FROM CAMPER TO COUNSELOR

by Mr. Andrew C. Miller



Archaeology • Football • Robotics • Creative Writing • Comics/Graphic Novels • Digital Filmmaking
 Introduction to Ancient Greece • Computer Video Game Creation • Digital Comic Book Creation
 Exploring Harry Potter • Math Scholars Camp • Civil Rights in Film • Music Camp

When sophomore **Dennis Parnell** started seventh grade at MUS, he was ready for his first year as an Owl.

"I already knew some of my classmates," he said, "so I wasn't as nervous about being at a new school."

Parnell was prepared because he had already participated in SLAM, a comprehensive summer leadership program held on campus that recruits high-achieving students from throughout the Memphis region for a mix of academics, leadership, and physical education. It was this stimulating environment that prepared him to hit the ground running.

This confidence inspired Parnell to return to SLAM, this time as a counselor.

"I really like the idea of being able to help out with the program, so I decided to become a counselor," he said.

And he is not alone. Every year, a number of Owls serve as counselors and oversee the development of campers, and many of them are, like Parnell, former campers themselves.

Sophomore **Will Prater** is another one of these counselors. After his own SLAM experience, he felt compelled to return.

"I became a counselor because I wanted other kids in Memphis to have the same opportunity that I did," he said.

For Prater, the SLAM experience started even earlier. When he began attending in the summer after fifth grade, the benefits were clear to him.

"I received quality review and preparation for the upcoming academic year, and I even got to play sports, too," he said.

Sports are certainly a popular aspect of SLAM, both for the counselors and the campers, who enjoy learning from experienced coaches and meeting other like-minded players.

"My favorite part of SLAM would have to be playing dodge ball with the kids in the afternoon," said Parnell.

This summer, campers and counselors had the unique chance to take this popular activity to a new level when a group of U.S. Army Rangers visited the camp. In keeping with the leadership spirit of SLAM, the Rangers first gave a presentation to emphasize the importance of teamwork and related principles, a view of athletics that forms the foundation for all of the sports that campers play in the program.

Counselors and campers then tested their mettle against the Rangers in a game of dodge ball. The ensuing battle was a perfect reflection of what brings boys back to SLAM year after year – intentional character development mixed with exhilarating summer fun.

This same spirit of productive fun also pervades the "academic adventures" in which older SLAM campers participate. This summer, for example, Instructor in English Spencer Reese '94 taught a reading and writing class focused on Harry Potter, while Instructor in History and Social Studies Orlando McKay taught a class on the basics of digital filmmaking.

"The best thing that happened this summer was watching the campers make their movies with Mr. McKay," said Prater. "I liked that the movies were shot quickly and were still well done. It showed talent."

Even with all of the perks, of course, being a SLAM counselor is not always easy, as Parnell knows.

"The most challenging part of being a counselor is trying to get a group of kids to concentrate on academics during summer vacation," he said.

These challenges are one of the program's greatest strengths.

"It can be very challenging to understand some of the younger folks and to get through to some of the older ones," Prater said.

Ultimately, however, overcoming these obstacles is an important step in the program for both the campers and the counselors.

"To me," Prater said, "the most valuable part of being a counselor is the time you spend with the kids, helping them with their problems – academic or even personal – and seeing their happiness afterward."

Other SLAM counselors this summer included seniors **Alex Dale, Edward Francis, John Grayson, Anthony Hodges, Carlton McCord, and Aaron Noble**; juniors **Philip Aiken, Charlie Goodfellow, Jarrett Jackson, Arbre Jones, Frederick Scharff, Sylvester Tate, and DJ Walker**; sophomores **Bailey Buford, Seamus Fitzhenry, Rashaan Jiles, Tal Keel, B.J. Lewis, Aditya Shah, and Eason Taylor**; and alumni **Blake Hennessy '11, Kenny Johnson '11, Matt Montsinger '11, Gab Oigbokie '10, and Jake Rudolph '10.**

The SLAM program, which is directed by Mr. Judd Peters '81, is now in its seventh year. With a blend of instruction in sports, leadership, and academics, the program continues to shape its participants and to inspire future Owl counselors.

MUS Travels the Globe

by Mr. Dev Varma '07

This summer, students travelled with faculty to study science in Iceland and Spanish in Guatemala.

Iceland

Before going to Iceland, senior **Mark Sorensen** had a clear mental image of certain features about the country and several topics of interest that he planned to pursue.

"I was especially intrigued by Iceland's different landscapes because they looked beautiful in pictures," he said.

But, as Sorensen found out on this summer's MUS in Europe trip, there is a lot more to the country than its photogenic plains of lava and clouds of ash.

Along with a group of 23 other seniors, Sorensen discovered something fascinating about the Icelandic way of life.

"I appreciate their style of environmentally-friendly living," he said. "Although Iceland's per-capita use of electricity is the highest in the world, its power is sourced through renewable means," he said.

Before setting foot in Iceland, the group spent time at La Giraudière, Dr. Reginald Dalle's family home in the Loire Valley in France, where they prepared for their field study of Iceland's geology and ecology.

"Those classes made us appreciate the unique features of Iceland that we normally would have not paid attention to," he said. "For example, studying the rocks let us figure out how the formations formed from the lava flows."

But the French leg of the trip wasn't all studying and class time. The group also took day trips to local towns around La Giraudière, where they could absorb French culture. In Paris, they saw the usual tourist attractions – the Louvre, Notre Dame, and the Eiffel Tower – but had time to explore the city.

Mr. Vincent Beck, Dr. Michael Schwartz, and Mr. Bill Taylor led the group to Iceland where the students saw lava fields from thousand-year-old volcanic eruptions. They also visited the Thingvellir rift zone, which grows a few centimeters wider each year, a glacier comprising ash and ice, and multiple waterfalls. Through visits to the Reykjanes Geothermal Power Plant and the Búrfell Hydroelectric Power Station, the group experienced a fascinating geography and gained a better understanding of future energy developments.

"Even though Iceland's volcanoes and glaciers may occasionally cause problems like the air travel shutdowns, they provide Iceland with a unique landscape and a way to produce vast amounts of clean energy that may eventually lead them to self-sustainability," Sorensen said.

Other seniors who went on the trip included **Toby Baker, Charles Belina, David Brandon, Durham Bryce, John David Christman, Britt Colcolough, Daniel Cunningham, Healy Fuess, William George, Garrott Graham, John Grayson, Wil Hergenrader, Carson House, David Lee, Lee Marshall, Taylor Mays, Daniel McLeod, Joe Morrison, Nicholas Rouse, Trip Underwood, Henry Valk, Alex Weinstein, and Tate Yawn.**

Guatemala

Guatemala has frequently been a locale for Owls to immerse themselves in the culture and language of Central America. Since 2001, Mr. José Hernández, Spanish instructor

and director of the MUS in Guatemala program, has taken a group of Spanish students to his home country. And he's done it for three reasons.

"I want my students to taste the culture, learn the language, and have fun in the process," Hernández said.

The Guatemalan way of life struck senior **Tunkie Saunders** first. Saunders went on the trip because he wanted to improve his Spanish and had heard the trip was fun. But there were facets of the trip he didn't expect.

"Living there was a culture shock," he said. "The people's living quarters are very different from those in America. Everyone wakes up early. "Chicken busses" [old, colorful school busses used to transport goods as well as people] are the main transportation."

To absorb the culture, students lived with Spanish-speaking host families and served in the community.

"Right next to our school, there was a school for younger kids. It had a section for special-needs children. We split up into groups and helped rebuild the roof or helped the teachers. We also played soccer with the kids. They were a lot better than we were," Saunders said.

The students received individualized instruction from a Guatemalan teacher in Antigua, which made Saunders' Spanish "ridiculously better." After daily lessons, the students practiced their new language skills through evening and weekend excursions. Through these expeditions, students also witnessed Guatemala's natural beauty.

"We climbed a volcano. Señor [Hernández] told us it would take half an hour to climb. It took us five hours! We also went to a small beach town on the Pacific coast. The sand was completely black and the waves were the highest I've ever seen," Saunders said.

Other individuals who were on the trip included Mr. Jeremy Cupp, MUS's technical support specialist; seniors **Nathan Feler, Sadler McLendon, Lane Sally, and Jazz Singh**; juniors **Philip Aiken, Nick Antonelli, Srujan Bethi, Lane Carrick, Wells Jackson, Michael Jalfon, Kris Lucas, Bryan Luttrell, Ryan Mayzell, Shaheen Mokhtari, Alexander Taylor**; sophomore **Chandler Brown**; and alumni Miles Bryant '07 and Hunter McLendon '11.



MUS in Guatemala

MUS in Iceland





Sports Buzzy

Upcoming Varsity Basketball Games

Dec. 9-10	Atlanta-Memphis Classic at MUS	TBA
Dec. 27-29	Holiday Tournament at Carbondale, IL	TBA
Jan. 6	Millington at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Lausanne at Lausanne	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Bolton at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	St. Benedict at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	St. George's at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	CBHS at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Dyer County at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Briarcrest at Briarcrest	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	FACS at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Jackson Christian at Jackson Christian	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	St. Benedict at St. Benedict	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Arlington at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	CBHS at CBHS	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Briarcrest at MUS	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	State Tournaments Begin	TBA

OWLS HOST MEMPHIS SUMMER CLASSIC

Twenty-four of the top basketball teams in the area participated in the three-day Memphis Summer Classic, which was held in conjunction with the Memphis and Shelby County Officials Basketball Association training camp.

The Memphis Summer Classic, which is the premier summer high school basketball event in West Tennessee, took place on the MUS campus in late July for the 12th-straight year.

The continually successful tournament was directed by Mr. Jerry Peters and Mr. Matt Bakke. Each school played six games over the three days, with a total of 72 games played in all. Only Briarcrest Christian School went through the event undefeated.

Other teams participating were Craigmont, Douglass, East, Kirby, Melrose, Raleigh-Egypt, Southwind, and Wooddale city schools; and Arlington, Bolton, Collierville, and Millington county schools. West Tennessee was represented by Chester County, Covington, and Dyer County high schools; and independent schools were represented by Bishop Byrne, Christian Brothers, Evangelical Christian, Harding, Memphis Academy of Health Sciences, MUS, St. George's, and West Tennessee Christian.

"The event has been great for area high-school basketball as it brings together schools that would not play each other during the season," Bakke said.

The Owls gained valuable experience as they won four games in the event, defeating Bishop Byrne, Covington, Douglass, and MAHS. The coaching staff is looking forward to the regular season and said the Memphis Summer Classic helps players improve.

"The purpose of the classic is team improvement, and the participants accomplished that goal," Bakke said.



Did you know? You may obtain sports pictures from Jerry Gallik (our sports photographer). Check out his website: www.musowls.photorelect.com.

Like Father, Like Son

by Mr. Dev Varma '07

What makes a great pitcher? Is it nature or nurture? For senior **Victor Cole**, who has an outstanding pitching pedigree and more than one supportive coach behind him, it may be a combination of both.

Cole spent most of last June and July doing what many college hopefuls do – playing in showcase and summer league events, hoping college coaches would give him offers to pitch for their schools. On July 27, after playing in events at the universities of Arkansas, Memphis, and Chicago, Cole decided playing at the University of Memphis was a perfect fit for him.

"I had three good offers from great schools, but after meeting with the U of M coaching staff, I just knew I was going to be comfortable there," Cole said.

The announcement made waves in local sports news, but the Owls' baseball coach, Mr. Johnny Beard, was not surprised. He has seen Cole on the field and in the dugout for the past six years.

"Victor knows what he needs to do, and he does it without someone making him," Beard said. "His mental preparation is as good as I have ever seen. Victor brings confidence and a winning attitude to the field every day. The other players pick up on that."

But becoming a confident player has been a process. When he was younger, Cole relied on certain pitches, such as his world-class changeup, to win games. Last year, he began taking risks and adding new pitches to his repertoire. And those risks paid off. Cole won every game that he started last year and he ended the year with a 0.54 earned-run average.

Beard can attest to Cole's desire to grow.

"Victor's maturity as a baseball player lies in his confidence to compete against the best and use every pitch he has to get players out," he said.

But one man, Victor Cole, Sr., has even more insight than Beard. "Big Cole" played for major-league teams, such as the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Kansas City Royals, and the Chicago Cubs. He also played for the Memphis Redbirds in

the minor leagues. He still remembers "Little Cole's" initial forays into the game.

"Victor started playing baseball at age 2 and played on his first t-ball team at age 4," he said. "While he was between the ages of 2 and 8, he would go to the ballpark with me and get some work in on the field and hang out in the clubhouse. He always had a big smile on his face, bouncing around the clubhouse and talking to all the players."

When he was 9, "Little Cole" started pitching. And, as his father remembers, he had a strong arm, even back then. As his son got older, "Big Cole" used his professional experience to make his boy an even stronger pitcher.

As a coach, Cole, Sr., is pleased with his son's athletic development, but even more proud of the young man his son is becoming. Cole, Sr., attributes much of his son's success to the support of family and the culture of MUS.

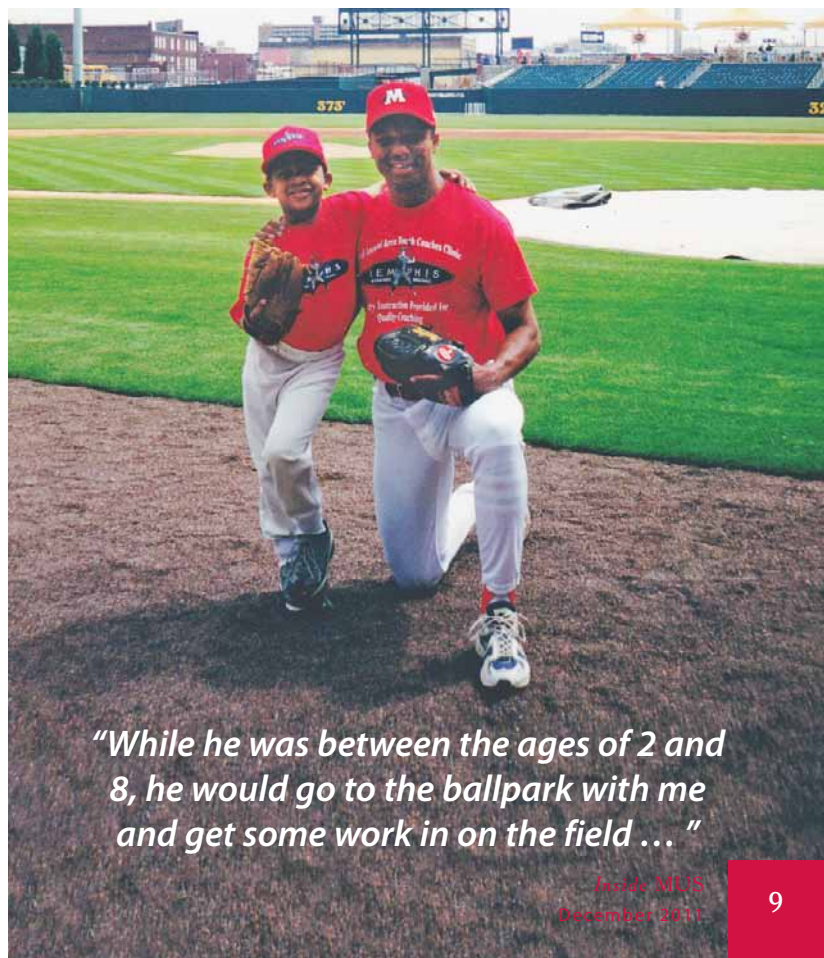
"The school has been a tremendous influence on Victor's growth, both in the classroom and on the baseball diamond," he said.

When asked whether his natural love for the game or his coaches' nurturing inspired his success in baseball, Cole, Jr., credited both.

"Both nature and nurture have played huge roles, because I was born into the baseball lifestyle and I've enjoyed every moment of it," he said. "I have been blessed to have a father who has shared his knowledge and passion for the game with me. My family's lifestyle and the guidance of great coaches have made baseball a natural choice for me."



"Little Cole" in action



"While he was between the ages of 2 and 8, he would go to the ballpark with me and get some work in on the field ..."

FROM AUDUBON TO WILLOWBROOK

Varsity Golf Team's Season Recap

Varsity Golf Coach Cliff Frisby fielded a competitive group that played very well and achieved a winning record of 26-17-1. The team barely missed advancing to the state tournament when they finished third at the regional meet. Yet, the Owls were represented at the state tournament, as freshman **Hays Moreland** qualified individually for that competition.

The lone senior on the squad, **Daniel McLeod**, was one of the team's most consistent golfers. He not only brought talent and experience to the group, but he also had a calming influence on some of the younger players. With only one senior, the pressure was on the underclassmen to continue to mature and play well, and they accomplished both goals.

Juniors

Zachary Olsen, Van Putman, and Jake Rudesill; sopho-

mores **Hayden Combs** and **Tucker Fox**; freshmen Moreland and **Ross Redmont**; and eighth graders **Patton Orr** and **Parker Sexton** battled other teams and each other for their overall stroke averages.

The team started the season well as they came in second in a four-team match at the Audubon Park Golf Course in early August. The Owls defeated Collierville and Houston high schools but fell by one stroke to Christian Brothers High School. After this initial match, the team traveled east to participate in the prestigious Baylor Preview Tournament in Chattanooga. They finished fourth and defeated several talented teams: Baylor School, Brentwood Academy, Notre Dame High School, Evangelical Christian School, Farragut High School, and Montgomery Bell Academy.

Upon returning home, the Owls faced some of the best competition in the area in regular-season matches, competing against Arlington High School, Briarcrest Christian School, Christian Brothers, Houston, St. Benedict at Auburndale, St. George's Independent School, and White Station High School. The Owls lost only to Christian Brothers in these matches, as the Purple Wave defeated the Owls at the Audubon Park Golf Course in late August.

The team also participated in the Dragon Invitational, where the Owls placed tenth out of 17 local squads at the Forest Hills Golf Course in Drummonds. In this tournament, the Owls defeated Brighton High

School, First Assembly Christian School, Germantown High School, Harding Academy, Marion High School, Millington High School, and St. Benedict.

With their challenging regular season finished, the team looked forward to the postseason. They hoped to qualify for the state tournament at the regional, which was held at the Quail Ridge Golf Course on September 30. To do so, the team needed to place in the top two out of the four participating teams. Unfortunately, the Owls claimed third as

they fell to Briarcrest and Christian Brothers, just three shots off the pace. Individually, Olsen, who shot a 74, and Moreland, who shot a 75, qualified for the state tournament with their performances.

At the state tournament, held at the WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester two weeks later, Olson was

unable to attend, but Moreland started well when he opened with a 35 on the front nine on the par-72 course. Playing under adverse weather conditions, the freshman finished the round at 77. In fact, weather prevented a second day of competition, so Moreland's 77 placed him in a tie for 16th place at the championship, a very respectable finish.

Although the squad missed out on competing as a team at the state tournament, they still had a quality season, and Frisby said he was pleased with the year.

"A team always enters the season with hopes of winning region, going to state, and possibly winning state," he said. "Many things must happen to reach those goals. Unfortunately, they did not happen."

Eight of the team's top nine players will return next season, and the Owls are looking toward the future once again.

"With this gifted young team, we will rebound and be prepared for next year," Frisby said.



(left to right) Ross Redmont and Daniel McLeod



(left to right) Pace Clark and Crews Wellford competed during the first week of August in the USA Swimming Junior National Meet at Stanford University. Their times placed them in the top tier category of under-18 swimmers.



Daniel Rutter was one of 20 U.S. soccer players selected to play in Spain this summer as part of the Adidas International Training Program, where he practiced under coaches from the Real Madrid professional soccer team.

Winning, The Right Way

Led by Coach Trey Suddarth, the Lower School golf team continued the program's tradition of excellence as both teams completed an undefeated 2011 season.

Both the A and B teams played well throughout the season.

Members of the Lower School program included eighth graders **Sam Bartz, Forest Colerick, Tucker Colerick, Bob E. Mallory, Murray Morrison, Austin Redick, Reid Smith, and Daniel Tang**; and seventh graders **Jack Crosby, Lamar Mallory, Goodman Rudolph, Mason Rudolph, and Trent Scull**.

The A team won its four regular-season matches this year, defeating St. George's Independent School, Lausanne Collegiate School, Evangelical Christian School, and Briarcrest Christian School. The B team also won all of its matches, besting Woodland Presbyterian School and First Assembly Christian School.

The Owls won both championships in the Shelby League post-season tournament September 27-28 at Little Mirimichi. The A team claimed the title by defeating runner-up St. George's by one shot, 162-163. Individually, Goodman Rudolph finished second, while Mason Rudolph and Scull tied for fifth. Other A-team members included Redick and Smith.

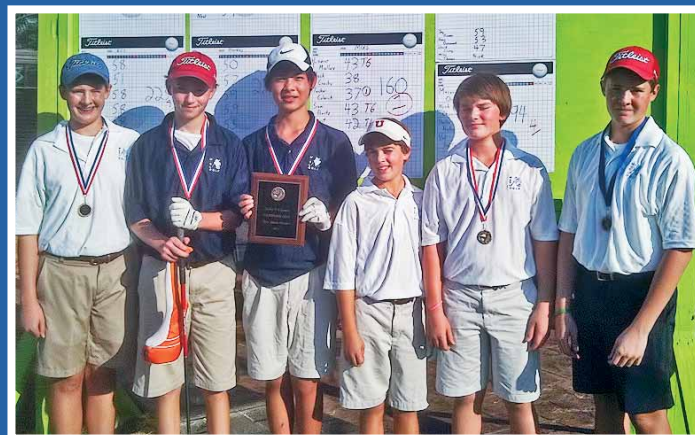
The B team easily finished as the victors in their tournament as they won by 21 strokes over second-place St. George's and Briarcrest. Tucker Colerick won the event with a 37, while Crosby finished second, Tang and Forest Colerick tied for fourth, and Bartz and Lamar Mallory tied for sixth.

Suddarth said he found great fulfillment in coaching the group.

"These guys were a real pleasure to work with this year," he said. "I was very proud of their gentlemanly behavior on the course and the way in which they played the game of golf the right way. Winning was an added benefit of executing the proper process."



(left to right) A-Team members: Austin Redick, Reid Smith, Trent Scull, Goodman Rudolph, and Mason Rudolph



(left to right) B-Team members: Forest Colerick, Sam Bartz, Daniel Tang, Jack Crosby, Lamar Mallory, and Tucker Colerick

Speedy Lower School Runners Wrap Up Their Season

Despite a second-place showing at the 2011 Shelby League Championship Meet, the Lower School cross country team completed an excellent and experience-building season. They competed in four league meets, the



championship meet, a regional meet, and an out-of-town race.

The young team, led by Coach Matt Bakke, consisted of a combined group of seventh and eighth graders. For many of the runners, including 11 of the top 12, this was their first year racing in cross country meets. Seventh graders included **Carson Boucek, Parker Ford, Sloan Schneiter, Jacob Suppiah, and Griffen Walden**. Eighth graders included **Chandler Clayton, Hunter Finney, Philip Freeburg, Matt Fuess, Owen Galvin, Andrew Hanissian, Cameron Lakin, Grayson Lee, Mac McHugh, Patrick Murphy, Jonathan Peters, and Connor Whitson**.

The Owls started practicing early in September at Shelby Farms Park. With dedication from both Bakke and the student-athletes, the team began to develop, and most of the young men improved their two-mile times as the season progressed.

Bakke eventually took his group on the road as they made their annual trip to Oakville, AL, for the Chickasaw Trails Invitational. Competing against some of the best programs in Alabama, the team performed very well, taking fifth place out of 30 schools.

In the Shelby League Championship Meet, the Owls ran well but fell short of first-place St. Francis Middle School, who defeated the Owls by 15 points. MUS easily outpaced third-place Evangelical Christian School by 17 points.

All Owls finished in the top-50 at this event. Freeburg was the quickest runner on the squad as he claimed seventh overall with a time of 12:25.47 on the two-mile course. Other finishers included Galvin (10th), Peters (11th),

Suppiah (15th), Fuess (18th), Whitson (23rd), and Lee (46th).

In the Shelby League Championship B race, held just after the A race, once again MUS excelled as all runners finished in the top 50. Walden won the race, while Schneiter followed closely to take second. Lakin (fourth), Boucek (sixth), Finney (10th), Murphy (12th), McHugh (19th), Ford (27th), and Hanissian (45th) all ran very well.

After the Shelby League race, several Owls participated in one final meet at the West Tennessee Cross Country Regional, also held at Shelby Farms Park. As a team, MUS claimed fifth overall. Individual finishers included Freeburg (18th), Peters (23rd), Galvin (29th), Whitson (45th), Fuess (47th), Lee (52nd), Schneiter (70th), McHugh (106th), and Murphy (110th).

Bakke was very pleased with these young men throughout the season as they worked hard and represented the school well.

"I am extremely proud of this year's guys," said Bakke. "Although our team was very inexperienced, their dedication, hard work, and competitiveness allowed them to exceed expectations and become one of the top teams in West Tennessee. We also have a very promising group of seventh-grade runners that will enable us to continue to compete at a high level next season."

Eighth-Grade Football Team Goes Undefeated

Once again, the eighth-grade football team, led by Head Coach Bobby Wade '84 and assistant coaches Mr. John Barton '95, Mr. David Frazier '01, Mr. Larry Heathcott, Mr. Rob Park '05, Mr. Chris Rogers, and Mr. Robert Vest, completed an undefeated season as the Owls went 8-0.

Quarterbacks **Drew Crain**, **Trip Gibson**, **Terrell Jackson**, and **Thomas Pickens** led the offense, and all four had ample talent around them.

The running game was potent, including tailbacks **Bradley Foley**, **Jalen Friendly**, and **Henry Keel**. Fullbacks **Robert Hammons** and **Tim Hart** opened holes for these powerful runners.

When the Owls looked to pass, they had a talented receiving corps, including **Nick Bragorgos**, **Billy Dunavant**, **Tom Fowlkes**, **Mark French**, Jackson, Keel, **Winn Medlock**, and **Reece O'Keefe**. Crain and **William Rantzow** served as the team's primary tight ends.

The offensive line anchored this effort. Consisting of **David Dabov**, **Dawson Davis**, **Jackson Dickinson**, **Witt Fesmire**, **Bolton Gayden**, **Evan Knaff**, **Mac McArtor**, **Will McAtee**, **David Nelson**, **Sam Reese**, **Bridger Smith**, **Rob Stukenborg**, **Daniel Tancredi**, **David Watkins**, and **Wyatt Young**, the offensive line shut down opposing defenses and opened the door for big plays.

Defensively, the team held most squads in check with their physical play. Linebackers included Dabov, Foley, Friendly, Hammons, Hart, **Durand Martin**, McArtor, Pickens, Smith, and **Swep Wallace**.

They were effective because of an excellent defensive line, including Davis, Dickinson, Fesmire, Gayden, Knaff, McAtee, Nelson, Rantzow, Reese, Stukenborg, Tancredi, Watkins, and Young.

Opposing quarterbacks rarely had successful passing plays because of an aggressive defensive backfield, including Bragorgos, Crain, Dunavant, Fowlkes, French, Jackson, Keel, Medlock, **Murray Morrison**, and O'Keefe.

Crain adroitly handled all of the kicking duties, and **Dylan Jones** and **John Kakales** served well as team managers.

The Owls dispatched all of their opposition, including Airways Middle School, Briarcrest Christian School, Brighton, Colonial, Covington, and Lanier middle schools, the Memphis Academy of Health Sciences, and Southside Middle School. In fact, the Owls' play was so dominating that they won each of their eight games by double digits.



Offensive linemen, including Tim Hart, 37, and David Nelson, 60, open a hole for running back Bradley Foley.



Eli Christenbury and Harrison Tabor work to bring down a St. Dominic runner, while a host of Owls, including Andrew Roux, 38, and Jalon Love, 35, close in.

Great Attitudes and an Aggressive Defense

Seventh-Grade Football's Season Recap

Members of the seventh-grade football team always know they will face quality competition in each game. Facing several teams comprised of seventh- and eighth-grade players, the Owls competed hard and ended the 2011 campaign with a 1-6 record.

A constant element throughout the season was the Owls' aggressive defense. The defensive line played hard and provided strong resistance at the line of scrimmage. Defensive players were **Eli Christenbury**, **Reeves Eddins**, **Hugh Fisher**, **Jack Heathcott**, **Henry Holmes**, **Walker Horn**, **John Walker Huffman**, **Jamie Lindy**, **Jalon Love**, **Ben Mims**, **Christopher Nanney**, **Wyatt Neyhart**, and **Andrew Roux**.

Their play made the jobs of the linebackers easier. That corps was made up of **Marcus Gronauer**,

McCall Knowlton, **Cole Middlebrook**, **Steven Regis**, **Evan Smith**, **Richard Trippeer**, and **Louis Wittenberg**.

When opposing teams tried to pass, defensive backs **Burch Baine**, **Philip Deaton**, **Price Ford**, **Charlie Gilliland**, **Will Johnson**, **Henry Trammell**, **Cole Wilder**, and **Luke Wilfong** defended well and rarely gave up big plays.

Quarterbacks Middlebrook and Wilfong led the Owls' offense, and they had a speedy set of backs to hand to with running plays. Middlebrook, Regis, and Roux all carried the ball effectively. Fullbacks Fisher and Smith assisted, running the ball and providing blocking support. The offensive line was made up of Christenbury, Eddins, **David Graber**, Heathcott, Holmes, Horn, Lindy, Mims, Nanney, and **Harrison Tabor**. All blocked well and opened holes.

When the Owls threw the ball, the receiving corps was effective, as each member became a good route runner. Wide receivers included Baine, Ford, Johnson, Jordan, **Cade Klawinski**, **Jack McCaghren**, and Wilfong, and the tight ends were Huffman, Jordan, and Love.

On special teams, Middlebrook handled all the kicking and punting. Managers **Britt Mallery** and Drew Burnett, the coach's son, worked hard and kept order at practice and during games.

The Owls played Briarcrest Christian School, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School, Holy Rosary Catholic School, St. Dominic School, St. Ann Catholic School, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, and St. Louis School. The team fought hard all year, and they upended Grace-St. Luke's in one of their three home games of the season.

Coach Jim Burnett '83 and assistants Mr. Craig Christenbury '83, Mr. Derek Clenin '03, Mr. Trevor Knight '02, Mr. Richard Moore '98, and Mr. Scott Williams '03 provided outstanding leadership as they taught the young men skills and attitudes that will help them on future Friday nights.



Campus News



(left to right) Jack Hawkins and Kamar Mack inaugurate the science lab's new microscopes.

Summer Campus Improvements

Thanks to the generous support of many alumni, parents, and grandparents this past year, great things continue to happen at MUS. With \$1,166,295 in unrestricted Annual Fund giving from more than 2,100 donors, we were able to:

- complete the third phase of the library improvement project, including new lighting, ceiling tiles, shelving, and furniture
- support professional workshops and seminars for our teachers
- furnish new microscopes in science labs
- update several faculty offices with new carpet and furniture
- install new seats and carpet in Hyde Chapel
- add a computer-controlled HVAC monitoring system to the Hull Lower School and McCaughan Science Center to save on energy costs
- provide need-based financial aid awarded to more than 30 percent of the students
- upgrade the campus phone system
- add parking next to Thorn Field for baseball and tennis events

If you haven't done so already, make your gift to the 2011-12 Annual Fund. Every gift is important, and you will make a difference in the educational experience of a new generation of boys.

MUS Welcomes New Faculty

Six new faculty members joined MUS this year, adding a combined 78 years of teaching experience to the school's family of educators.

Mr. David Gagliano joined the faculty after six years of collegiate teaching, and instructs both Latin and etymology courses.

Mr. Lee Loden hailed from Lausanne Collegiate School, where he taught physics and environmental science for the past decade.

Mr. Jim McClain came from the University of Memphis, where he taught for 15 years as an English instructor.



Mr. David Gagliano



Mr. Lee Loden



Mr. Jim McClain



Mr. Jason Peters



Mrs. Susan Quinn



Mr. Phillip Stalls

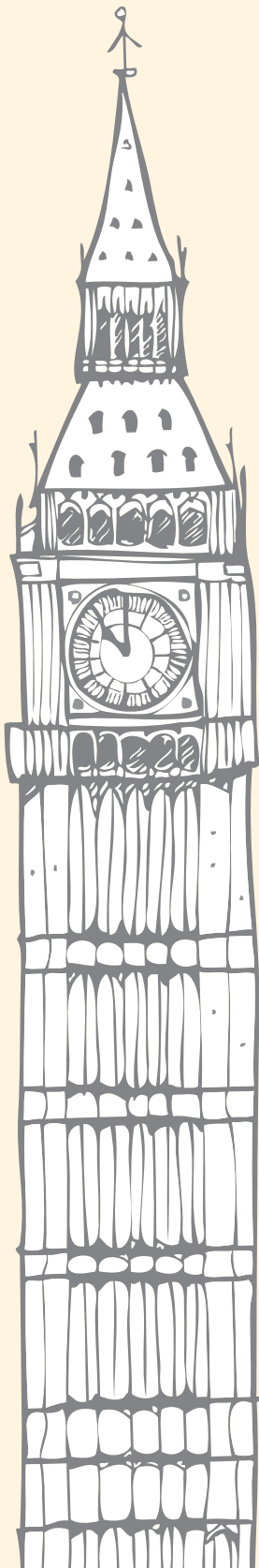
Mr. Jason Peters joined the faculty after teaching and coaching at Germantown High School, Lausanne Collegiate School, and the Out-of-Door Academy in Sarasota, FL. Peters teaches American government and assists the basketball program.

Also returning was math teacher **Mrs. Susan Quinn**, who previously taught mathematics at MUS from 1999-2004.

Mr. Phillip Stalls also came from Lausanne, where he taught mathematics for 10 years and served as the chairman of the Upper School mathematics department.



From the Home of Big Ben to the Bluff City



London is home to Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, and MUS senior **David Protheroe**, who decided to come to the United States this year as an exchange student and experience what Memphis and MUS have to offer.

There were mixed emotions about coming to live in a different country, but he said he was ready to see where the adventure would lead him.

"I wasn't really nervous, but I was apprehensive," Protheroe said. "I wasn't sure what everything was going to be like, but I was excited at the same time."

Once he arrived in Memphis on August 11, he was greeted at the airport by an Owl welcoming committee, including George Utkov '10 and seniors **John Grayson** and **Nate Utkov** (Protheroe's student-host.)

"A big group came to Nate's house on my first day here, so I got an opportunity to meet people," Protheroe said. "I felt welcome and everyone's been really friendly."

Because he has already completed his high school requirements in England, but is not sure which college or major he will choose, he is taking what is known as a "gap year."

"I wanted to see what it's like in another country and how different everything is," Protheroe said. "I'm also hoping my time here will help me figure out what I want to study. In London, you can't just apply to a university – you have to apply for a specific subject. So until I pick a subject area, I can't really pick where I want to go."

Protheroe's alma mater is St. Mary Magdalene Academy in London, which includes pre-school through high-school classes.

"My school back home is co-ed, so it's been different having only guys around," Protheroe said. "Also, the MUS campus is a lot bigger than what I'm used to. It's spread out so much farther."

The exchange program is administered through the English Speaking Union, an international educational charity that promotes a variety of activities such as debating and public speaking, and programs such as scholarship grants and international student exchanges.

"You have to apply through the ESU, and then they send you where you want to go," Protheroe said. "I chose to come to the States in particular because I always see it on TV, and I wanted to see if it's the same as it's portrayed. So far, I'd say it's pretty similar."

Protheroe said London differs from Memphis in numerous ways.

"Memphis is generally a lot more spread out than London. Everything in London is more compact with a lot of tall buildings," he said. "That was probably the biggest shock to me – how much space there is. Here, houses are about one or two stories and

spread out over a wide area. In London's residential areas, houses are usually up higher and don't have as much of a yard."

Protheroe said he likes traveling and tries to visit as many places as he can, mainly in Europe.

"I go to Australia every now and again because part of my family is from there, and this is the second time I've been on short



Exchange student David Protheroe with student-host Nate Utkov

trips to the States," he said. "I went to Connecticut and New York for Christmas once."

Protheroe plays American football and enjoys anything music-related. He plans to expand his knowledge of American sports while at MUS.

"I'd love to see what the American sports are like, especially lacrosse and baseball," he said. "I also haven't been exposed to basketball very much, even though we have it in London. It's just not as popular as it is here, so I'd like to get a feel for it."

Even though he's excited about the year ahead, Protheroe also misses certain aspects of home.

"I miss being able to get around easily," he said. "I can't drive – in London, I didn't need to. I could take the bus or the Tube (London's underground railway system) or just walk to where I needed to go. Here, you pretty much have to drive. I don't want to be a burden to anyone – having people drive me everywhere. But it's going fine so far."

Above all, Protheroe is looking forward to experiencing the culture of the Bluff City.

"I just want to learn as much as I can about the whole culture of Memphis – things like country music. Everything here is completely different from London, so everything is new and interesting to me. You wouldn't get the same experience anywhere else but Memphis."



(left to right) Dr. Reginald Dalle, Mr. Ellis Haguewood, and Mr. Rick Broer

Faculty Farewells

At a reception held on May 17, the school celebrated the careers of retiring faculty members **Mr. Rick Broer** and **Dr. Reginald Dalle**. Broer served the school for 22 years as a teacher, Lower School principal, and academic dean. Dalle retired after 30 years of teaching French and providing guidance, support, and the hospitality of his home in France, La Giraudière, to the MUS in Europe program.

Ambassadors at Open House



Open House was held on Sunday, October 30, and 124 prospective students and their families attended. They represented 45 different schools within the Mid-South area.

Forty-four Student Ambassadors helped to host the event. Each gave multiple tours, guiding prospective students and their families through the campus and answering their questions.



Derrick Baber, Dustin Conway, Daniel Camuti, and James Burnett



Frederick Scharff and Brian Ringel



Chima Onwuka, Remy Rea, Edward Lake, and James Rantzow





Mrs. Luanne Donoghue with Mrs. Jana and Mr. Tom Marino



Mr. Tony and Mrs. Genine Taylor



Mrs. Asha Nathani and Mrs. Jackie Shawkey

Parents' Back-to-School Day

Parents met with faculty and administrators, visited classrooms, and enjoyed a meal in the Dining Hall. The freshman class led in turnout, with 94 percent of parents attending the September 14 event.



Mrs. Danese Blankenship and Mrs. Sylvia Perry



Mrs. Akasha and Dr. Vince Samuel



Ms. Babette Shaw and Ms. Terri Payne



Dr. Rachana Vaghela, Mr. Vanraj Vaghela, and Mrs. Jacque Schwartz



Mrs. Pushpa Kumar and Mrs. Beth Moore



Mrs. Evie Carrier with Mrs. Susan and Mr. Todd Love

7th Grade: 93%
8th Grade: 92%
9th Grade: 94%
10th Grade: 90%
11th Grade: 81%
12th Grade: 81%

HALLOWEEN WAS ALSO KNOWN THIS YEAR AS MERRY MUSTACHE MONDAY.



Britt Colcolough and Ben Benton



Jarrett Jackson and Andrew Miller



Jake Greenstein and Edward Francis



Look Who's Caught on Camera



(left to right) Scott Kadien, Christian Patterson, David Lee, Jake Woodman, Bennett Mercer, Walker Bussey-Spencer, and Alexander Taylor with the TCU Horned Frog during the College Counseling Texas and New Orleans Tour



Tucker Brock



Peyton Klawinski

DJ Walker attempts some musical stylings on the French horn while on the Memphis Leaders trip to Memphis Symphony Orchestra.



Mr. Whit Tenen '00 and Jonathan Wilfong pour on the steam at the CSO 5k finish line.



Mrs. Susan and Jamie Lindy make their purchases at the seventh-grade Book Sale while (in the background, left to right) Chris Galvin, Trey O'Bannon, and James Burnett man one of the booths.

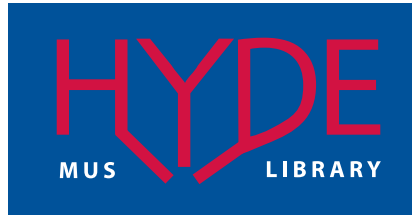


Kameron Bradley and Tejvir Vaghela bump fists after Mr. Grant Burke's chapel about art.

Putting the Tech in *Bibliothèque**

by Miss Erin Floyd

From e-books to online journals and databases, as well as new hardware, the Hyde Library has upgraded its technology offerings to assist students and faculty in every area.



The library has added two new iMacs, a printer, and video-editing software to its video-editing lab, and last semester's Digital Film class, taught through the Co-Edge program, embraced these new resources.



Nathan Feler studies in the library.

In addition, two Flip video cameras and one Canon digital video camera are now available for budding filmmakers to check-out overnight with a parent's permission.

Hardware is not the library's only hi-tech offering, though.

"We subscribe to 79 databases in every subject area and have more than 12,000 full-length educational digital videos for teachers and students to use, as well as the physical video collection," said Ms. Bonnie Barnes, Hyde Library director. "The Discovery Education video collection adds content every year and includes a new popular series from the Discovery Channel. Math explanations, games, quizzes, and an interactive atlas are available, and we'll add a third video collection from Facts on File in January."

This year, the library bought 12 e-readers for a pilot project.

"Book club members were the first to try them, and they

love them," Barnes said. "Content is added by library staff, based on availability and students' needs or interests. For example, when a faculty member assigns a book for a whole class to read, we can buy one title and put it on six Nooks and six Sony Readers at the same time."

The readers can now be used by all students on campus during the school day, and they can be checked out for a week with a parent's signed permission. Request and permission forms are available at the Welcome Desk or on the library's website.

To top it all off, the library staff added a large digital reference collection and now offers more than 40,000 e-books and 16,000 journals online. When off campus, students can access these materials by logging into the library's website.

"Since students frequently use Internet research, we try to help them make sure they are not just accepting the first clump of information that drops into their laps. We want them to compare sources and evaluate them carefully, which they can now do through our virtual library," Barnes said.

*French, "library"



(left to right) Alex Carruthers, Proctor Ford, and Win Duncan investigate the new e-readers.

Communication 101

by Mrs. Ann Laughlin, Director of Alumni and Parent Programs



This year, the Parents' Association has taken advantage of a couple of technology options to make communication and membership easier. For the first time, parents were able to join the Parents' Association and register for their volunteer preferences on the "Parents" page of our website. Along with the traditional method of mailing in the form with a check, we were able to honor the request of those parents who preferred to sign up electronically. This link will remain active with the Parents' Association information and allow parents to join or renew their memberships at any time. The association provides important services that benefit the faculty and students, sponsors programs of interest to parents, and

assists with communication between school and home. We appreciate the hundreds of parents who join each year.

Class blogs have been put in place as the primary way for parent grade representatives to communicate information to their classes. With increasing challenges and restrictions put on email, both business and personal, it was becoming more and more complicated for the reps to deliver simple and often time-sensitive emails to such large groups. Now, each grade has a blog, updated by the class's designated representative with grade-specific information. These reps are due our thanks for embracing and helping to launch this new concept. The blogs are not designed for discussion, but to be the central location for parents to check for

events relevant to their grade. Please note that the blogs are not replacing the mainstream communications from the school, such as Owls Alerts, Parenting Notes, grade notifications, news feeds, and our magazines. You are encouraged to subscribe to the blog for your son's class so you'll receive reminders, invitations, and general notices about class-specific happenings. Visit the "Parents Association" page of our website, select the appropriate blog, and click on the "Subscribe by email" link in the top left corner of the page. Within a few minutes, you'll receive an email notification. Click on the link within the email to activate your subscription.

As you take advantage of these new communication tools, feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (901) 260-1398 or ann.laughlin@musowls.org.

COLLEGE CORNER: THE COLLEGE-PREPARATORY PROCESS MOCK INTERVIEWS

COLLEGE



by Mr. Brian K. Smith, Director of College Counseling

When you enroll at MUS, you have started the college process, as we are a college-preparatory institution. Throughout your high school career, we provide a series of events to prepare

you for the college process, such as the practice interviews we schedule during the school year. ences and to be comfortable in formal situations, such as job or internship interviews. Students are sometimes reserved when discussing themselves; however, the interview is not the time to hold back!

We don't encourage students to exude arrogance, but we do suggest and encourage them to discuss the many activities they've been involved with, either direct-

ly or indirectly. Our students participate in so many fabulous programs, such as Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association Handyman and St. Jude projects. Why not tell others about the work they've done?

A young man's first few interviews can be nerve-wracking, but they are worth the effort. Many colleges and universities still place great emphasis on admissions interviews. In fact, Kenyon College in Gambier, OH, notes on their

We want our graduates to be prepared to speak about their high school and extracurricular experiences and to be comfortable in formal situations, such as job or internship interviews.

website, "Not all colleges approach interviewing the same way. We'll be clear. We highly encourage you to interview with us. Most students who interview at Kenyon are happily surprised not only by how much they learn about Kenyon during the process, but also by how much fun it can be."

For many schools, the admissions interview is not a "grand inquisition" but more a sharing of ideas and thoughts about the student's high school experience and his anticipation of things to come in college.

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There are so many factors that go into the admissions equation, and the interview really begins to set people apart, especially when there are too many applicants to some schools. The mock interview process also teaches the basics that many take for granted, for example, how to shake someone's hand properly and look him or her in the eye during conversation. I'm often reminded of my days in college admissions and of conducting admissions interviews where the student didn't have a firm handshake, wasn't dressed appropriately, or couldn't articulate his own high school experience. I strongly believe that, armed with this information and practice, our men are bound for success. Remember: "Failing to plan is planning to fail."

Staying Connected

Mrs. Lisa and Mr. Chip Grayson '78



Lisa and Chip Grayson '78

When we were asked to chair the Parents' Association Board of Directors, our first thoughts were to say no. Our youngest child, **John**, was going to be a senior and we just wanted to "coast through this last year." It didn't take us long to realize that this would be our last opportunity to ever volunteer for any of our children in such a capacity. We became excited about this venture and quickly started to slate our board. We were overwhelmed with how easy it was to fill each position. Now, our job is easy ... we really can sit back and enjoy this last year of high school.

With the help of Mrs. June and Mr. Rodney Baber, Jr. '67, hospitality chairs, the faculty was treated to a wonderful lunch to show our appreciation for all that they do for each and every boy here. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding faculty.

Our foreign exchange student this year is **David Protheroe** from England. He was greeted by several of the seniors when he arrived at the Memphis airport. Mrs. Jennilyn and Dr. Neil Utkov '77 have been David's first "MUS mom and dad" while he is here.

You can't begin school without buying your books. Book sales went off without a hitch, as usual. Mrs. Mollie



Mr. Rob '78 and Joseph Threlkeld at the Book Sale



Griffen and Mrs. Sara Walden at the Book Sale

and Mr. Scott Newman, membership chairs, were busy recruiting parents to the Parents' Association. Please remember that it is never too late to join! Online registration is available on the "Parents" page of the school's website.

As is traditional at the beginning of each year, Mrs. Peggy Haguewood was kind enough to host two coffees in the headmaster's home. One was

for new MUS mothers and the other was for moms of seniors. Both of these events are always well attended and a good way to start the year. We appreciate Ms. Linda Underwood and Mrs. Debbi and Mr. Philip Freeburg '81 for their assistance with both of these events.

Mrs. Lauren and Mr. Myron Boswell and Mrs. Karen and Dr. Bill Fesmire are sports coordinators and in charge of "spirit sales." They have been extremely busy and have added a lot of new items. They were present at the football kick-off dinner, at book sales, and at every football game. All the merchandise is available in the Schaeffer Bookstore, which is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Be sure to stop by and do some of your holiday shopping.

The annual Parent Phonathon was a great success in October. Mrs. Leslie and Mr. Bryan Darr were in charge of securing volunteers.

The Annual Fund bridges the gap between tuition revenue and the total cost of an MUS education, and thus is vital to the school. If you haven't contributed yet, contact the Advancement Office today.



Mrs. Suzanne and Mr. Ralph Gibson '84 work the Parent Phonathon.



The Arts Coordinators went "all out" with food for the fall show. The books/ deerstalker hat/ pipe in foreground is actually a cake.

The fall play this year was *Sherlock Holmes: The Crucifer of Blood*. We would like to thank Mrs. Michelle and Mr. Andrew Hunt for accepting the roles of arts coordinators. They managed ticket sales and took fantastic care of the cast and crew. Be sure to put the spring musical, *The Producers*, on your calendar for April 19-20 and 22-23. You will not want to miss it!



The cast and crew dig into Swanky's before the curtain goes up.

Open House was held on October 30. Student Ambassadors toured 124 prospective students and their families throughout the campus and all the related events. Mrs. Kathy and Mr. Albo Carruthers '78, admissions chairs, helped coordinate this important event. If you know any families that are interested in visiting the school, please let the Admissions Office know and they will schedule a tour.

We also note a special thanks to all of the grade representatives. They have been very busy planning a variety of events for parents. We hope that you are taking advantage of these opportunities to get together with other parents in your son's class. It is the perfect opportunity to stay connected and informed.

Wow! First semester is almost over. It will be no time at all before we start talking about graduation and sending our sons to college. Time flies, but remember it is never too late to get involved!

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2011

- December 14** Semester Exams Begin
- December 20** Last Day of First Semester

2012

- January 4** Second Semester Begins
- January 16** School Holiday:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 20** School Holiday: Presidents' Day
- March 9-16** Spring Break
- April 6** School Holiday: Good Friday
- May 7** Senior and AP Exams Begin
- May 17** Underclassmen Exams Begin
- May 20** Graduation
- May 21** Graduations at Hutchison School
and St. Mary's Episcopal School
- May 25** Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

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