Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

One writer’s reflection
By Will Henry
Co-Entertainment Editor

“Since I’ve left you, I’ve found the world so new,” a sampled lyric in an Avalanches song, captures the feelings I am having right now as I write this article. The end of an era on the Hill is on the horizon the Class of 2010 prepares to graduate. In a few months, a reference to Kim Possible won’t have anyone laughing. No one will fear Dennis DeYoung’s jackalope, long since abandoned. No more Herrons. Not even the faintest hint of a “gat gat” or a “kilt you” at Montgomery Bell Academy. It even the faintest hint of a “gat gat” or a
I guess those song lyrics are striking

William was driving, and he was jumping
the wake of the boat that was tubing some of the other players. Anyways, William jumped the wake too close to the shore and, to the shock of everyone, ran directly into a rock wall without even slowing down. Hence his broken arm.

Fast forward to freshman football: Jordan was standing right next to William when he was injured for a third time. Whether Jordan actually had a hand in these events is debatable.

I honestly remember nothing from freshman year except Holden Moby helping me after running 17’s with Coach Pride on New Year’s Eve. My stupid run with Naween in the cold after workouts, and Mr. Gaither telling Campbell Haynes that “talking to you is like talking to a rock.”

Sophomore year Thomas Moore began his illustrious broadcasting career as John Lowe realized his calling as a back-up dancer. Sadly, at the end of the year, our class lost several well-loved members, including Stuart Murphy. RIP.

Junior year brought the exchange students and all their glory. Jonathan Purnell and Andrew Mitchelmore were “cool as.” Football games were exceptionally crazy for me. Everyone went to Aashbir’s epic Hal

When the name “Mitchell” is spoken, we all think of the same person. The only Mitchell to us is the sports-raising, Dino-loving, deep-voiced tall kid who once accidentally insinuated dabbings in the naughty during an assembly presentation. A reference to a Point X-8 Oxford shirt would have most students stopping to ponder how Wesley got into college, and the only response to a “how do you beat the boss” question is “Tee Griscom cannot be defeated.”

My earliest memory is Lewis Ar-nied’s hard-hitting tackle as a punter of Andrew Fletcher in 7th grade football practice. Next comes Coach Sawyer’s incessant watch-checkings and hat-liftings. I’ve never seen someone drop more pencils than Will Campbell did in US History. I vividly remember when Dr. Marro threw magnes-iun flash-paper in Robinson Hunt’s face to wake him up. John Lowe was actually a key contributor to the basketball team for reasons other than his flow and command of the crowd. He once said, “If it takes longer than a minute, I quit.” That quotation doesn’t really need a context.

Thomas Moore in 8th grade theater talked about the “Staff of Doom” in every single one of his skits. Stephen Rocco started going to Rockettown. The 2nd period study hall kids pretended they were Drag-onball Z characters.

Tee Griscom and Fitz Lassing continued their bicep comparisons in Mrs. Qian’s class as Kyle Brantley thrust himself into the corner with each blow of his nose. In one class, some fake animal droppings procured from Mr. Spieg’s classroom (yes, the teacher who stopped on his vacation to hike up a mountain to acquire some “high quality calcite specimens”) managed to find their way to Mrs. Qian’s room. Fitz jumped out of his desk, licked the plastic droppings, and proclaimed to Mrs. Qian that the “poop in fact did not belong to Byron.”

Min Choi, the first exchange student to join our class, travelled from South Korea to study at MBA. One day after school, Min, Jordan Herring, Corbin Williams, and I were all hanging outside of Massey. Something from deep within Corbin inspired him to stand up and push Min into the bushes. Min screamed in terror as he couldn’t get out of the bushes while Jordan laughed harder than I have ever seen him laugh.

Jordan Herring was a bad-luck charm for William Tanner. On 8th grade Spring Break, Jordan and William by chance ran into each other while skiing, and on the next run, William actually ran into a tree full speed, breaking his collarbone. Later that year on a basketball trip to Rock Island, William Tanner, Tyler Paslick, and Jordan Herring were all riding the same jet-ski.

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With sinking of S. Korean ship, time for Chinese action is now

By Jesse Suh
Staff Opinions Writer

On March 26, a South Korean naval patrol vessel, the Cheonan, was sunk in South Korean waters killing 46 crew members. After examining evidence, an international investigative team concluded that the attack had been carried out by a North Korean submarine torpedo.

North Korea’s belligerence is a warning to the international community, especially the United States and countries in Southeast Asia, that it is dealing with an irrational government.

North Korea has continually shown belligerence with nuclear weapons, and this direct attack proves that the government under Kim Jong Il is not concerned for the welfare of their people, knowingly provoking tougher economic sanctions that cause the out-dated communist economy to suffer. The sanctions already in place have led millions of North Koreans to starve to death as their government does not provide any relief.

The international community is thus presented with a dilemma. It is dealing with a government whose primary motive for policy is centered on preserving a one-party Marxist state rather than enhancing the well-being of the people.

North Korea’s most recent act of aggression has led South Korea to sever nearly all economic and diplomatic ties with the North and have prompted talks on the United Nations Security Council to increase international sanctions against the rogue state.

Though South Korea has increased military exercises with deployed US troops and economic sanctions from the international community to counter these steps are simply not sufficient to check the North Korean regime from future aggression.

Without any meaningful action by China, North Korea’s sole remaining ally, sanctions will surely be unsuccessful because China is the largest supplier of aid to the country. So far, China has not joined the international community in condemning North Korea and has only gone so far as to say that both sides should act with moderation.

China’s condemnation of North Korea’s belligerence along with actions to follow will be necessary not only to incite real discontent among North Korea’s people but also to remove a security blanket that emboldens the North to defy the international community. Through China is hesitant to act against North Korea and hopes that tolerance may someday lead to a united, democratic Korea, it must recognize that continuing to allow North Korea to act irrationally may well end up leading to a human catastrophe.
Hillenmeyer (‘99) speaks at commencement

By Karthik Sastry
Staff Writer

The Class of 2010 has won many accolades and endeared itself to the faculty. For such an outstanding class, a fitting farewell came with a commencement address by distinguished alumnus Hunter Hillenmeyer.

In the words of his classmate and current MBA teacher Will McMurray: “Hunter was the perfect example of MBA’s ‘Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete’ motto. He was one of the nicest guys in our class, always smiling, and has changed very little in that regard. He could have excelled in any sport he tried. He was in Cum Laude, took all honors courses and was extremely well-respected and hard-working.”

Adds teacher Will Norton: “Hunter lived across the street from me growing up, and we would frequently go play football with him and his brother Morgan and some other neighborhood kids. Hunter always had a huge frame and was very smart. In high school, everyone knew he would do well in college, but I never expected him to do this well in the NFL. I guess, looking back, I should have seen that his huge frame and intelligence would have taken him this far. Hunter has always maintained a down-to-earth and humble approach to people that makes me appreciate his talents even more.”

Hunter Hillenmeyer (‘99) graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2003 and currently plays for the Chicago Bears in the NFL. In a relatively short amount of time, he has distinguished himself as a leader on and off the field.

Hunter excelled as a three-sport athlete in high school, earning varsity letters in football, track, and tennis. On the football team, he played defensive end, linebacker, tight end, and punter for Coach Ricky Bowers. He helped lead the Big Red to a 1998 state championship.

He went on to play 45 games for the Commodores over four seasons (1999-2002). He led the nation in tackles per game (14.0) during his senior year and won numerous honors, including 1st team All SEC, 1st team Academic All-American, and a selection as one of six Division 1-A National Scholar Athletes. Impressively, he graduated with a double major in Economics and Human & Organizational Development with a 3.8 GPA.

From 2004 to 2009, he started almost continuously as strong-side linebacker for the Chicago Bears. He has totaled 289 tackles and logged 7.0 sacks in his NFL career thus far.

Hunter is planning a sports management and broadcasting career after football. He is currently finishing an MBA program at the nationally recognized Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University. Recently, he authored a financial advice column for TheStreet.com, an investment website.

Hunter Hillenmeyer (Class of ‘99, No. 92) was chosen as the keynote speaker for tonight’s commencement exercises. Hillenmeyer excelled both academically and athletically during his high school and collegiate careers at MBA and Vanderbilt.
Juniors promise not to break anything next year

By Andrew Powell
News Editor

Howdy. Junior year has now ended. It is a new dawn; it is a new day. This news comes as a surprise to many but a relief to all.

First and foremost, Alex Hunt is enjoying the beautiful weather and can’t wait for Summer ’10. Also, he is working hard to get into college.

On a related note, Mason Foote ran over a baby fox. Mother Nature demands retribution as soon as Foote has his first blood.

Especially since there are still no cucumbers in the market, Chase Lovelace checked twice! We think it’s ‘cause Air Tod ate all the sandwiches…oh, Tod, what are we gonna do with you?

Ladies and gents, Mr. Douglas McWilliams, Esq., has taken news submission to a whole new level – he really is raising the bar. For his efforts he receives a lifetime achievement award from the Junior News Foundation. Doug, do you have change for a quarter? If so, you can collect your cash prize.

Bradley Worthington now comes in different three styles: cute, dressy and, finally, suave.

If I may be so bold as to presume that this news column has taught you something (as unlikely as that is), it would be a confirmation that “in matters of grave importance, style, not sincerity, is the vital thing.” But, really, none of this matters. Ford asserts, because we all live in the Matrix.

This year has seen a lot of changes within the class – some for better, some for worse. However, one thing has not changed - Clay Garrett remains a fan favorite.

During his summer, Clay plans a month-long trip to the exotic country of Lesotho. You don’t get that joke, unless you happen to know that Lesotho’s country code is 111. Reppppp it, Twinkie!

Clay, who got punched where it hurts by his Sign Language exam, is also debating postin’ up in South Africa…you know why that’s funny? Cause it’s code is 010. Is that even possible? Help me out, Weesul.

Stan Rozar is still absent. Total deffs: 6x10^5

Another insight I try to convey though the vagaries of this narrative is the importance of our acceptance that, “Some say tomato, some say tomato. Some say pea, some say potato.” Unfortunately this anecdote doesn’t exactly have the same effect in print.

Partha “Big Baby” Reddy, a man who lives by that mantra, was going to write a tre fo article, but was too busy winn’g fastbasketball with his 34% three-point shootin’ mark. Pasha also has a new Trion! Tom Markham is skeptical, but mayne you ain’t got that if you like one nah mean…our foe city is tre!

Max Worthy, two-time Fast MVP (as voted on by Max), was found to be very hungry after “fast”-ing all day.

A mysterious Hamster informed me that, “Lucas’ mom says, ‘hello’. That’s all.

Cody just would like to say that if it hadn’t been for Wige, Jorgo would never meet Warter. At least that’s what Walter told him. Milton’s back is still hurting from falling out of Cody’s tree. Well, he jumped willingly…he just didn’t land goodly.

Gemi Shropshire was recently heard humming a Justin Bieber song in the hall-ways. Roll Red.

Peas are to carrots as Will Cranbery is to banana popsicles.

Van: “Oh, hey, you could say something along the lines of… ‘Thanks for the input, Ralphie.’”

On a sad note, LilWayne is imprisoned and auto-tune as we know it has ceased to exist. Our heroes reach out to Clay Garrett.

Hunter Raetcliffe would say his summer plans are to play frisbee golf with The Industry’s new CD.

Jack Brow Johnson still hates Quakes. He plans to vent his anger by laying the beat-down to Afruigi this summer.

Tom says, “Roll Red.” He adds that the Reds are rolling, only one game back. Yeah… that’ll last…

Recently, Ryan, Cody, Will G., and Mijedan read the wax, lax, eatin’ tree. Ryan and Cody, who is really bad at picking apples, were swiftly reprimanded.

Basketball and swimming/diving state rings recently came in. We’re still waiting to hear on Science Olympiad rings…

Steve-who’s, Steevy-y – and Stephen say it’s ‘cause warm-o. Through this year it has become apparent that Steve was raised in northern Canada by an Inuit chief-tain by the name of Great Grasshopper. This explains why he looks so much like a cricket and why he eats Canadian bacon for breakfast every morning, and really enjoys cake. Despite these setbacks, he rolls red everyday, cause you know, not everyone is Steve!

Mason Kirkpatrick is 18! He enjoyed his birthday party but wondered why his cake had 151 candles. On the other hand, Miller Higgins is now old enough to party…at 76 years old.

Will McCaskell is hopeful that now that Mrs. Bakken is leaving MBA, she might accept his friend request.

Collin Brannon forces his way to the front of a bake sale. With determination like his, who could doubt next year’s senior class? Photo courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman

Scott Gould plans to spend his summer making perfect brownies and making Betty Crocker screwed.

In the time interval between when I submitted this article and when you are now reading it, MBA competed in Science Olympiad Nationals; state competitions in track, baseball, and tennis; Varsity golf had try outs; there was a faculty meeting in Paschal; and Mr. Brown’s 7 th-grade history class took their final exam. I am confident now (in you the reader’s past) that we will roll red in all areas, and hopefully you on the reading end, 10 days into my future, can confirm that for me in due time. Thank you for your cooperation.

I’m hot on the recruiting trail for next year’s Bell Ringer staff – we’ve got some big-time signees so far, but if you’re interested, let me know! Except for Van, he’s not welcome.

It’s been fun writing – thank you for reading.

Freshmen clear high school’s first hurdle

By McLean Hudson
Staff Writer

An absolutely fantastic year for the freshmen of MBA comes to an end tonight.

(1 mean, it has just been outstanding – great job to everyone for making it so incredibly special.)

Ronson Factor. Jody Gorham, and Will Campbell finished baseball last week in the second round of the state tournament. All three contributed all season to the upper-classmen-heavy team, and Lawson and Jody finished among the team’s most consistent pitchers. None, however, could match the offensive attack of James Kay at DH. The soccer team lost in the state tournament, but Trey Gill was great.

Now on to summer plans: Hunter Crabtree will be lifeguarding, swim-teaching, and going to Florida at some point, so call him if you want to do anything. On a different note, Christian Sargent plans to “begin my attempt at world conquest by reenacting the movie ther reenacting the movie ther...for four weeks to do China things. Since China banned Youtube and Facebook, he predicts complete isolation while abroad.

William also says he will spend the majority of his time in China eating fried rice and getting kidnapped by the people of China and further reenacting the movie...except it will be in China.

Mohammad Azamistarrahian is still regretful that he didn’t win one of the Wil- lon Grants, but who said life was fair?” Sam Neglia is just happy he passed ninth grade. And he’s probably smiling. And since we have missed it every single issue so far this year, I feel obliged to do this: Sam Wait.

I swear I spelled it right, I’m looking at the directory right now. So, if my editors change it again, I swear it’s not my fault.) (Editors’ note: Our bad.)

So 2009-2010 comes to an end. I don’t think any freshmen got expelled, so woo for us. Several of us will never really leave, seeing as we might as well set up tents and camp here for football. Either way, next year will be equally fantastic and another not-monotonous year in our lengthy lives. Sorry, no rhymes this issue. Have a good summer, get big, do whatever, and party harder – you know the drill.

The always stunning McLean Hudson, Freshman News writer and promising poet. McClean and the freshman class beat the odds and made it through the year without any expulsions. Photo courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman
Sophomores set to soak up some sun :) 

By Will Stewart 
Staff Writer

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loween Party. Later that year most students learned if you make fun of Cristine Osteen, you have well crossed the line according to Jackson. In the same year, Nate Smith made a costly mistake in the dark.

Senior year has brought so much unexpected joy. Alex Snow now has a girlfriend. Three state championships so far. Hershel Mehta got into Stanford, Jake Hymes is going to Princeton, and Wesley is going to Oxford (the trifecta). I am sad to be typing these words to my last and final class news article. The fun all started Junior year when no one responded to my emails, and I had to make up news. Now I’m here, and still no one responds to my emails. But hey, you can’t always get what you want. But what I do know, despite what anyone may think, the Class of 2010 is the best ever to set foot on the Hill, STONE COLD FACT.

To all my loyal readers, I can leave you with nothing now but advice. So heed the words of my grandfather and remember: “Drive safely, but don’t let anybody pass you.”

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Nashville flood hits MBA campus, families

By Jimmie Anderson  
Staff Writer

“We realized the creek was over-flowing and began to move what we could upstairs once there was visible standing water in the yard. After about a foot or so of water was in the house, we gave up trying to salvage possessions and went up the street to higher ground, where some neighbor offered to take us to his house for the time being. We spent the remainder of Sunday there as well as Monday morning.” Such was the experience of MBA senior Michal Zienkiewicz during the flooding that occurred on the weekend of May 1-2.

“On Monday morning, we went to check out the house after the water went down. The level that water reached was marked by a layer of dirt and mulch on the walls (about 2 feet out). The furniture was completely rearranged. The floorboards were pushed upwards from the water. All of the carpet and floor was covered with a half-inch-thick layer of mud,” Michal describes.

“That afternoon, we moved from the neighbor’s house to a family friend’s house in Bellevue (all streets including Highway 100 and the street leading to our subdivision were still flooded so there was no getting out). We came back to the house with him and started working – took all furniture outside to the driveway, tore out all carpets and hardwood. Spent the night at the friend’s house.”

Michal’s story reflects the experience of many people who were affected by the flood. Bellevue, where Michal lived, happened to suffer some of the most catastrophic destruction dealt. However, damage was seen citywide, and MBA even received its own share. While the debate team was far more than just a garage.

As most of you probably know, MBA has plans to build a brand new parking garage sometime soon, but that’s probably all you know. Mr. Sam Jackson, MBA’s Director of Finance and Operations, offers deeper insight.

On May 31, 2010, construction will begin on a two-story garage that will have 300 parking spaces. This new building, though, will be far more than just a garage. It will also contain the Maintenance Department, a brand new Rifle range, and be topped by a soccer field. The soccer field will be an artificial turf field and will come complete with bleachers, restrooms, and concessions all on the roof of the building.

The garage will have one elevator and several staircases, as well as various precautionary measures against crazy teen driving. It will be built down in the current sophomore lot, and will also be built over the current tennis courts.

Tennis players need not worry, as a brand new tennis facility is also going to be built on the recently acquired Brighton Road property, and it will be ready for the 2011 season.

In addition to the new garage, more parking is going to be added to the current senior lot and will continue to the east in the direction of Wilson Blvd.

The school has not decided which grades will be parking in the new garage, which will be finished by the beginning of the 2011 school year.

Placement wise, the garage is going to start along the left field fence of the baseball field, and will extend 100 yards in the direction of the creek, and will be 80 yards wide in between the football field and Wilson Blvd.

WATCH FOR HEAVY CONSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER AND INTO NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, AND LOOK OUT FOR MORE DESIGN UPDATES AS THE PROJECT PROGRESSES.

The currently carpetless basement of the Debate Building is in need of water treatment and refurbishment.

The floods have gained national attention, with Governor Phil Bredesen issuing a state of emergency for Davidson and other counties in and around the Nashville metropolitan area. Although the floods may have occurred almost a month ago, many people are still in need of flood relief.

While Nashville has experienced flooding in the past, none of those occurrences ever reached the magnitude of the May 2010 floods, which are estimated to have caused roughly $2 billion in damage. Despite the devastation, Nashville, under the leadership of Mayor Karl Dean, along with the valiant efforts of many local volunteers and donors, seems to be on its way back to its progressive nature and will hopefully continue to grow and become a stronger city after enduring this disaster.

Michal Zienkiewicz would like to thank Alexander Hornbuckle, Kevin Carr, and their families for making their homes available, and Herr Sawyer and his advisor (Jack Keller, Max Werthan, Will McCaskill, Matt Bracy, Jichao Deng, Dalton Fauts, Gaige Bolden, Alexander Hornbuckle, Sam Demney) for their support.

The debate team will miss each and every one of these seniors – Wesley for his intelligence and fanciful wit, Hershel for his work ethic and sense of humor, Matt for his moderating influence and class, and Campbell for his strength as a technical debater and ability to get other people to pack his bags.

Finally, the team loses another member of its family, Ms. Nicole Serrano, who played an integral role in the program’s success over the past four years. She cut theory files, played with the novices, and led from the front. The debaters wish her the best in the Dallas Urban Debate League.

Despite these heavy losses, the 2010-2011 team looks forward to the upcoming season. In the words of Mr. Quinn, “The Future is Partha, and Partha is bright.”

By McKay Proctor  
Staff Writer

“Partha Reddy is the new boss.” That statement resonated through the Debate Building as the exterminatorial speaking team met on Friday, May 20th. The news was a surprise to no one. Even Aaron Lutkovitz, the self-appointed king of the team bound for UNC-Chapel Hill, admitted when asked, “Partha has been the driving force behind this team for a long time.”

“One, when I was a freshman,” explained Lutkovitz, “Partha visited the Debate Building on a prospective student tour. We were organizing files, and Partha expressed disgust at the lackadaisical work ethic we showed. He proceeded to give a fiery speech laced with references to Die Hard 2. We knew from then on that he was something special.”

In response to the news, Partha said, “My first decree is that, in light of the new-found power that the Indians have in this organization between [Karthik ‘Sastry’, Tejas ‘Reddy’], and myself, next year’s team will be referred to as Team India. All joking aside, I have a real vision for next year. The ‘Rule of the Reddys’ will be one of prosperity.”

On the other side of the building, the Policy Debate team was going through a torch passing of its own: seniors Wesley Wilson (Oxford), Hershel Mehta (Stanford), Matt Vanek (Illinois), and Campbell Haynes (Dartmouth) were on their collective way out, leaving the squad under the strong leadership of Jesse Suh, Kelly Hasleton, and Max Werthan. Each has his own role, Jesse as the rallier of morale (a la Wesley Wilson), Kelly the workhorse (a la Robby Quinn in his prime), and Max as the solid rock of production (a form all his own.)

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The currently carpetless basement of the Ball. Though MBA will not have an estimate for repairs until sometime next week, the damage – here and at homes like Michal’s – is evident. Photo by Pat Killian (‘10)

The official blueprint for MBA’s new parking garage. Construction is set to begin on May 31. Graphic supplied by Rob Edwards ‘12

Partha and Aaron share a moment. With Aaron headed to college, Partha finds himself with big shoes to fill.
The Montgomery Bell Academy Class of 2010 would like to offer a special thanks to Mrs. Maddux, Mr. Klausner, Ms. Serrano, Mrs. Nutkis, and Mr. Davidson for all of their help in the college search!
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Six faculty members bid farewell to the Hill

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One great indicator of diversity on Montgomery Bell Academy’s campus is the trajectory of those departing from it. This year, the MBA community will say goodbye to six of its faculty, some of whom are just beginning their careers while others are bringing them to a close.

Mr. Sam Garner, a fairly new face on campus, will depart this year on the journey of a lifetime. Since a young age, to him the military was a natural call. With a family background rooted in the Armed Forces, his aspirations to serve are the continuation of a legacy.

His MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) will be Special Forces Candidate. In demolition, he derived that this means that he aims to become a part of the prestigious Green Berets. This daunting task will involve some two years of training, encompassing several schools and bases in multiple states, that will probably make the countless football workouts worthwhile.

Mr. Dennis DeYoung has spent a bit more time on campus – 20 years, in fact. Besides his exploits as a Latin teacher, he also coached debate from 1990-2000 and Cross Country/Track from 2001-2009. He will retire to his home-based book store that he and his wife have operated through Amazon for several years.

Change has been no stranger to DeYoung during his time on the Hill. His bookstore began as a way of coping after incessant layoffs forced him to bring a lengthy running career to an end quite suddenly several years ago.

He has witnessed a more gradual transformation in the nature of student-faculty relationships. “When I came here,” he explained, “everyone on staff was a teacher or secretary. In other words, every adult taught something.” Now, however, since many adults do not have the opportunity of relating with students in the classroom, he feels that extracurricular interactions may lack the understanding and perspective of the previous generation.

For this veteran member of the MBA campus, the hardest thing to leave behind will be his relationships with students in and out of the classroom. However, he will not complain about missing faculty meetings once he is gone. One last fun fact for all the Latin scholars: Mr. DeYoung has actually done considerable work on the newest edition of Ecce Romani.

Mr. Charlie Howell sees his time at MBA as a valuable period of self-discovery. He originally saw himself in a teaching career, but now he has different aspirations. He has just been accepted into business school at Wake Forest, and his tentative plan is one day to start a company.

“You’ve got to figure out what’s right for you,” he advises. “As fun as teaching has been, I don’t think it’s for me, but MBA has been the best place to experience it.”

It will be hard for Howell to leave behind certain aspects of life on campus, particularly the students, the faculty, and the ever-so-delicious guarantee of a buffet lunch each day. However, he will relinquish his airport pickup responsibilities with a bit more ease.

Mrs. Virginia Bakken has been willing to follow her husband in case of an attractive job offer under one condition: that the move take her closer to family. Now, Mr. Bakken has received a position as branch director of a public relations firm in Birmingham, Alabama. One could say this is the jackpot for the family, as Mrs. Bakken’s sister lives in that very city, and her parents are just a bit further south.

Bakken plans to continue her teaching career, but probably after a break of one or two years. She would prefer to end her hiatus by charging fearlessly back into all-boys education, which she finds much more enjoyable than co-ed in middle school. She points out, though, that Tennessee is a bit of an anomaly in its concentration of single-sex private schools, indicating that she may have to settle for a co-ed institution after all.

“I am lucky to have worked with such a great group of colleagues, who have become my friends, and with an extraordinary bunch of young men,” said Bakken. “It’s been an honor to be a teacher at MBA.”

Dr. David Cassel has been a key figure in the MBA music department since 1992. He has impacted the lives of countless students through the orchestra and the choir and has even worked with Harpeth Hall and St. Cecilia to encourage community-wide appreciation for music.

Next year, Dr. Cassel will help out at Vanderbilt as the director of choral studies. In his time here, Cassel has been impressed by the boys at MBA, and he will miss them once he is gone. However, he will bid WhippleHill goodbye with a straight face.

Mr. Jay Jenkins has been working at MBA as a history teacher, varsity wrestling coach, and eighth grade football coach for 11 years. In this past year his leadership has contributed to a 10-6 record for the wrestling team and an undefeated season for the 8th grade football team.

Next year, Coach Jenkins will be taking a position at a New England boarding school called Cheshire Academy in Connecticut. There he will be the head wrestling coach, an assistant varsity football coach, and an AP history teacher. Jenkins has truly enjoyed his time at MBA and will miss his colleagues and the students. He, too, is however glad to be done with faculty meetings.

Political stars align for Republicans in ‘10, ‘12

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theory, this should result in even greater defeat for Democrats. Stravinsky’s dogma becomes ever more prescient.

In 1994, a good economy shielded Democrats from even bigger losses, but the recent unemployment woes – dark days of double-digits – compound the precarious state of the Democrats.

The bipartisan passage of the bail-out package, TARP, showed a dearth of concern in both political camps of Washington. Democrats in 2008, already surging on the ideal of change, believed Americans wanted a new era of liberalism. Such an assumption prompted $787 billion to a stimulus package supposedly aimed at job creation. Its focus on scientific research, alternative energy, and a random hodge-podge of pork projects, however, cemented its failure to rejuvenate the American economy. Small businesses, the true stimulants of jobs, were largely ignored as the rise in taxes and health costs loomed and as the banks received the bulk of attention from Washington.

Regarding banks, the principal culprit of the current economic crisis, the response to these large financial institutions has been especially weak, if not counter-productive. The Dodd bill – another verbose piece of legislation gaining traction in Washington – reflects the current philosophy of the Democratic party: good politics, bad policy. While the bill appears to attack the financial institutions with added regulations, in reality, these soft new rules will establish a dangerous mentality of “too big to fail.” In essence, the bill busts out any bank making risky, imprudent loans.

Capitalism can only thrive in a win-loss world -- with wins to encourage risk-taking and losses to maintain prudence. The crisis started because financial institutions took too many risks. Revisions in legislation only encourage that process to repeat itself. It should come as no surprise, then, that Wall Street firms’ contributions to the Democratic Party almost doubled that of their contributions to the Republican Party.

Democrats have grossly misassessed the political ideology of the American people. Our country is yearning to become more conservative and is already turning on many issues. For example, even moderate self-proclaimed “maverick” John McCain helped pass a tough illegal immigration law in his relatively purple home state of Arizona. With decades of federal negligence towards border security, causing an influx of drugs and violence, the law hopes to fix our insufficiently protected borders. State officials accidentally searching someone innocent based on reasonable suspicion is far safer than the status quo -- trigger-happy armed vigilante groups roaming the border and a lack of actual authorities to monitor an increasingly deadly drug trade.

Last month, RealClearPolitics analyst Sean Trende researched previous midterm elections and concluded that three factors -- a bad economy, a previous major party swing in the previous midterm election, and a controversial agenda -- accounted for shifts in political control. Twelve years after Stravinsky was born, the midterm election of 1984 saw a loss of 125 seats from the majority party. That year, 1894, was the last time that all three of these factors occurred in the same election. 2010 will be the first time in over a century that these political stars will align. If Stravinsky’s ideas prove true, 2010 could be a revolution 120 years in the making.
**Bell Ringer writer offers personal Top Ten in film**

By Trey Howard  
Staff Writer

All movie buffs have in some way formulated a list or grouping of their favorite flicks. Whether for a major publication, local paper, or Facebook page, these lists are always tentative, serving merely to provoke thought and, in the best of circumstances, even debate. A great list needs not to be filled with movies deemed great by critics, but instead must be personal. The list that follows is completely my own, and each movie is special to me in its own way.

*Lord of the Rings Trilogy (2001-2003)*  
Without question the greatest spectacle of a movie released during my lifetime, the nine-hour trilogy took escapism to another level. From J.R.R Tolkien’s classic novels, Peter Jackson, along with cast and crew, created a masterpiece awarded with a total of seventeen Oscars.

*12 Angry Men (1957)*  
With outstanding direction and an exemplary cast, this film is as powerful today as it was forty years ago. Watching this film made me want to be a filmmaker, so it will always have a spot on any movie list of mine.

*Quiz Show (1994)*  
Based on true events, Redford’s film set in the fifties follows three key figures involved in the scandalous unfolding of 21, a popular quiz show of the time. Drama and tension are plentiful in this movie, and John Turturro creates a fascinating character in Herbert Stempel.

*Spiritued Away (2001)*  
The masterwork of Hayao Miyazaki, this gorgeous, exciting, and imaginative film imported from Japan won the Academy Award for best animated feature, still to this day the only foreign work to do so. The most impressive achievement for this benchmark of Japanese Anime is its status as the highest earning film in Japanese history.

*Star Wars (1977)*  
The franchise that redefined movie spectacle first appeared in 1977. Sprung from the brain of genius George Lucas, the franchise took some criticism for more recent installments, but the overall impact should never be forgotten. *Forrest Gump*, *Star Wars* is the ultimate sci-fi adventure.

*Samurai Rebellion (1967)*  
For most an undiscovered work of art, thispeerless samurai gem is more a political drama than an action film. In fact, no battle scenes occur in the film until the final fifteen minutes or so of its two-hour running time. Featuring Japan’s greatest star, Toshio Mifune, the period piece is a provocative, rousing triumph that is able to inspire despite its bitter ending.

*The Apartment (1960)*  
This “Best Picture” winner manages to be both a romantic comedy and a scathing satire. Legendary Billy Wilder gets away with some delicate situations by establishing tone and focusing on a great character in C.C. Baxter, played by Jack Lemmon. Inspired by Wilder’s viewing of Brief Encounter, this film is superb entertainment.

*Boy Story (1995)*  
This film brings back greater memories than this one, and no film appeals to a wider audience. Joy is the word for this film, and the franchise continues June 18, 2010.

*Amadeus (1984)*  
Awarded eight Academy Awards, Milos Forman followed his 1975 masterpiece, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, with this original take on the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. This biopic is a supreme entertainment and overcomes its inaccuracy by being fascinating.

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**LCD Soundystem deals with life on diverse new album**

By Daniel Smith  
Staff Writer

“You wanted a hit?

Well, this is how we do hits.”

The kid is in a lonely place. The lonely place has ensnared the kid in static and white noise, and the kid grows awkward for he is changing. The kid is changing. Oneiric cattle prods jut out of conformity for two years. And, contentedly, he dwells in his cave and watches the shadows dance across the wall. The kid would stay forever, but the inevitable Human Hand guides him out and into the sun: self-awareness, fine-tuning.

Call it McCarthy meets The Matrix meets Plato’s Allegory of the Cave – my point is nearly immaculate in both musical and lyrical brilliance.

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**The Food Review Team rides off into the sunset**

By Seth Akers-Campbell and Thompson Kerr  
Food Review Team

This past weekend, the food review team went on its final journey. We were on the prowl like wolves, searching the city and the SAC hit up Science Olympiad Nationals and the fruit tea was excellent, far superior to the smoothie king’s iced tea. Really, we went on its final journey. We were on the prowl like wolves, searching the city for hamburgers and fruit tea. Watching this film made me want to be a filmmaker, so it will always have a spot on any movie list of mine.

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McCabe’s Pub in Sylvan Park, site of the FRT’s last adventure. Much like General Bell Ringer, the group dabbled in simplistic dance songs such as the ridiculously-titled-and-just-as-ridiculously-executed “Daft Punk Is Playing At My House,” Silver was a collection of nine songs begging to become classics, the most well-known of which being “All My Friends,” a touching reflection on the importance of human relationships.

This Is Happening takes the ideas presented in “All My Friends” and runs with them, essentially embodying the parable in italics above, though transferring the backdrop of youth to one of middle age. Murphy yelps, moans, croons, wails, and sings his way through subject matter ranging from breakups to desperate pleas for someone to take him home (see the cathartic, Bowie-influenced “All I Want”).

Musically, LCD Soundystem has never sounded so diverse. “Dance Yrself Clean,” the album’s lead number, begins with three minutes of minimal texture before exploding into a swarm of massive synthesizer lines. “I Can Change” takes cues from Achtung Baby-era U2, and “One Touch” is a through-and-through neon rave freak-out.

The diversity present on This Is Happening backfires, however, on penultimate track “Somebody’s Calling Me,” perhaps one of the most cringeworthy and useless songs ever penned. This is unfortunate, considering that the seven-song run up to that point is nearly immaculate in both musical and lyrical brilliance.

“Somebody’s Calling Me” aside, This Is Happening is LCD Soundystem’s “summer album,” a record worth being blasted at high volumes from your car, a record worth being bought and worn out in the heat. It doesn’t quite reach the highs of Sound of Silver, but it does deliver. Here’s hoping it isn’t their last.
On Wednesday evening, May 26th, the 8th annual charity concert known as Cellophony was held at MBA's Paschal Theater. Begun in the spring of 2003 by Hamilton Berry and Michael DelBruyn, this concert has been a favorite musical and charity experience ever since.

About 75 students, parents, friends, teachers, and music lovers attended, enjoying the music of cello and rock. The event raised $355 for the W.O. Smith School, which furnishes music lessons and instruments at very low cost to very young and needy musicians. A portion of this year’s receipts went also to help victims of “The Flood.”

The program kicked off with the eponymous cello, as senior Alvin Kim and 7th-grader Kang Huh played a rousing duet.

Stan vs Wild, a guest band led by junior Tom Markham, followed. They were missing a couple of their regular band members, but the replacements saw to it that the group did not miss a beat.

The District, a band of sophomores, then did three numbers. Their energy was infectious.

After this run-up of guest performers, the Cellophony Band, an assortment of musically inclined seniors, finally took the stage. For the next few sets Conner Hastings performed vocals, with a fluctuating cast of musicians backing him up. Especially fun during this stretch was Jack Warne (a junior) on the trumpet. Alumnus Barrett Jacques also made an appearance to relieve Conner on vocals.

The band covered hits from the Strokes, Sublime, Nickel Creek, and Citizen Cope. Performers crowded the stage to belt out the finale, Cake’s “Short Skirt/Long Jacket.”

Will Henry, who organized this year’s concert, would like to thank everyone who came out and to express his hope that Montgomery Bell Academy will continue to support the W.O. Smith School for years to come.
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Athletic department reaches new heights with ‘10

By Kyle Brantley
Co-Sports Editor

It would be an understatement to say that “much has changed in the field of athletics” during the six years that the Class of 2010 has graced the campus of MBA. In fact, this senior class has seen three changes in athletic directors, the school’s first ever swimming/diving and ultimate frisbee championships, and a plethora of college-bound athletic studs.

The Class of 2010 has seventeen athletes that have signed letters of intent to play collegiate athletics in football (Fitz Lassing-Vanderbilt, Brad Bars-Penn State, Andrew Fletcher-Louisville, Andrew Phillips and Tee Griscom-Furman), tennis (Roger Briggs-Vanderbilt and Naveen Chadalavada-Wash U), swimming (Pat Killian-Yale, Seth Akers-Campbell-Brown, and Jack Murfee-Virginia), lacrosse (George Curtis-Middlebury and Andrew Holmgren-Center), baseball (Jackson Roberts-Rhodes), track (Ryan Venable-High Point, Austin Locke-Richmond), golf (Tyler Leroy-Furman), and basketball (Holden Mobley-Belmont). These phenomena have paved the way for the younger athletes, putting Montgomery Bell Academy on the radar of college recruiters across the country.

The seniors proudly boast state championships in cross country, swimming, and basketball, three titles which no other class has been able to win at the state level during the six years the class 2010 has been on the Hill.

Earlier this very week MBA’s tennis team joined that list of state champions. The team is a great example of a squad that has completely transformed itself in the past six years. Coach O’Neal has implemented a workout regimen and really helped the team develop its depth.

Furthermore, just this past year, the seniors led two new sports teams onto the scene: the rowing and climbing teams. Though currently limited in funding and popularity, both teams have received steadily increasing recognition over the past year.

The reign of Coach Scott O’Neal over the athletics department has proven to be beneficial for all facets of athletics. Students now have to compete in a sport all three seasons of the school year instead of the two out of three, the minimum in years past.

Additionally, the school-issued athletic clothes had a much-needed new look this past year, featuring differently colored shorts and shirts and the heralded red hoodie.

Coach O’Neal has been doing all the small things to improve the athletic department, like sending out weekly emails on important athletic events and news and supporting every athletic team at its games, from Friday night football to frosty Ultimate tournaments to the state swim meet.

Coaching shuffles are already under-way for the next athletic season, as Coach Deutsch will lead the hockey team into battle and Coach Harvey will make sure the golf team keeps the ball in the fairway in the fall.

The Class of 2010 has raised the bar and expectations in every single sport; it will be up to the juniors to continue the legacy and tradition of MBA sports so that the next time Sports Illustrated releases its rankings for the best high school athletics program in each state, MBA will top the always steady Baylor, who currently holds that honor.

At left: Current athletic director Scott O’Neal. Between his initiatives and the talent of 2010, MBA athletics has made great strides in the past few years.

Coaching carousel takes a turn for golf, hockey

By George Swenson
Staff Writer

After six years as the varsity golf coach, Coach Michael Kelly has decided to hand the reins over to Mr. John Harvey.

Coach Harvey, a Connecticut native, was introduced to the game at a young age by his father. He indicated that he has never really enjoyed golf until his late teens when, as a high school senior, he developed the patience and concentration to excel at golf and subsequently fall in love with the game.

“Golf has provided time for my father and me to become closer. We both have become addicted to the game, and we still play to this day.”

When asked about why he enjoys the game of golf, he responded, “I love the challenge, and the fact that the game can never be fully mastered. I love how golf brings out your true character and draws great parallels to one’s real life.”

“There is nothing more beautiful to me in the world than being on a great golf course on a pretty day,” Harvey continued.

“I have developed many special relationships on the golf course.”

In his first year Coach Harvey plans to continue the great legacy Coach Kelly is passing along to him. Concerning his coaching methods, he is focusing on team discipline as well as instilling a passion to work hard and practice.

Coach Harvey believes that strength and conditioning, as well as increased flexibility, are vital keys for golf success. With these methods Coach Harvey knows that a golf state championship for MBA looms in the near future. “We have the athletes and the resources to accomplish this goal, and it is my job to do everything I can to help our golfers reach their full potential.”

Because Coach Harvey is now the varsity golf coach, he has decided to hang up his skates as varsity hockey coach. Mr. Harvey based this decision on a number of factors: “I have two young children, and it was wearing me out going to work from 8:30-11:30 st night, sometimes two to three times a week after a full day of work and getting kids to bed.”

“I also felt like my coaching overlap between hockey and lacrosse was unfair to both programs, and it was very hard to give each sport the attention it deserved at key times,” he added. (The playoffs of hockey and the first few weeks of the lacrosse season always overlap.)

Ready to lead the hockey team to success is eager coach David Deutsch. This Minnesota native and MBA math teacher-

Baseball strikes out early in state tournament

By Alex Apple
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The Montgomery Bell Academy baseball team finished up a strong season, but it ended all too quickly. After starting out hot in their first 15 games, the team looked like they were headed to great success, as they were first in the region for the majority of the beginning of the season.

Starting pitchers Paul Baker, Luke Colbert, and Oliver Oldacre were throwing strong games, which were complemented by freshman reliever Lawson Factor and senior Denney Sandwith. The offense was led by David Lee, who led the team in batting average, steals, was third in RBI, and near the top in runs scored. Senior Jackson Roberts led the team in RBI.

While their regular season did not end as well as they desired, they gained some momentum as they easily swept Father Ryan out of the first round of the playoffs. In the second round, the team had to travel to Memphis to play Briarcrest, and the Big Red looked lethargic in both games.

In the first game, they lost 2-1, managing only two hits, one of which was a homer. Strong pitching kept them in the games, but errors in the field cost them a chance to jump ahead in the series. In the second game, the team fell behind early and could not manage a comeback, as their season ended with a 9-2 defeat.

Senior Luke Colbert said, “We made too many mental mistakes and weren’t focused enough, which led to the quick losses.”

Though the season may have ended more quickly than most would have liked, the team was still successful in winning 20+ games this season with some tough wins along the way, including a 12-11 win in 12 innings against JPIH.

MBA will miss seniors Jackson Roberts, Luke Colbert, Oliver Oldacre, David Lee, Denney Sandwith, and William Tanner next season, but they still have a strong core of Joe Riegle, Paul Baker, Lawson Factor, Eric Hunt, and James Kay around which to build next season.
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“Deuces.” - Spanky

- Biggest Rockstars
- Most teachers leaving (can’t imagine MBA without us)
- Frickin’ Matt Bellett

Good luck topping that...