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THE HILL IS NOW PRINTED ON 100% RECYCLED PAPER.
As you can see, the magazine has changed— in size, content, and name. The old format was four years old and, while still functional and appealing, needed a kick in the pants. We brainstormed to create the next iteration of the MBA alumni magazine. I think you'll like the results. This iteration of the magazine will be a bit more organic than those in the past. In other words, we’re very “green” and still working the kinks out, so expect a few more changes in the coming issues. The magazine now officially has a name—The Hill. These two simple words invoke not only the history and traditions of the school, but also the sense of pride and care alumni have for it. It is on The Hill that lifelong friends are made, lasting relationships with teachers and coaches are forged, and memories that will last well into old age are formed. It was once said, “MBA is not like other schools, it does not want to be. MBA is on a Hill.” We try to keep these lofty standards in mind when producing the magazine. We want it reflect the quality of our community, whether it be through the articles, design, news, or photography. I can only hope it nears the quality of the professional photographers featured in the article, “More Than Meets the Eye” (page 64).

Other changes to the magazine include the size (bigger) and the overall design (a bit more sophisticated in my opinion). Perhaps the most significant change, however, is in the paper on which the publication is printed. I’m proud to say that it is 100 percent recycled. Frankly, this change to recycled paper is probably overdue, but we’re doing our best to make the change wholesale. Expect the majority of the materials you receive from MBA this year to be printed on 100 percent recycled paper. You can now feel less guilty when throwing them away[sic]. In coming issues, we’ll continue to focus on activities and happenings around campus, including academics, sports, and fine arts. You can also expect more in-depth alumni profiles, networking news, and historical articles. As I was thinking about this column, it occurred to me that the breadth and depth of our alumni— their talents, their diversity, and their experiences— is absolutely remarkable. We literally span the globe, from the far reaches of Africa, to Europe, to Asia, and almost every state in the U.S.; and there are some fascinating stories to tell. We’ll explore those. Finally, we need your feedback to make this the best possible publication we can. What do you and what don’t you like about the latest version?

With that, off you go. Enjoy.

TODD COUNTER (‘93)
Editor

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MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Capturing the moments is one thing—capturing it the way these alumni photographers do is on something completely different. J.L. Bibb takes the lens cap off to expose how these alumni developed their passion and craft.
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As you know, we just completed MBA’s 140th year. This community provides so much more than 14 decades of history and tradition and personal commitment, sacrifice, and loyalty. MBA is a school community that is virtually timeless, and its work and dreams and ambitions are as noble and valuable as any other entity I have known. Our three graduation speakers: the Salutatorian — Jonathon Lundy, the Valedictorian — Kyle Davis, and our Commencement Speaker — Senator Bill Frist, MBA Class of 1970, all spoke eloquently about MBA’s core strengths and values. Jonathon reminded us of the significance of appreciating our journey and experience in places like MBA; Kyle urged us to think about the value of friends and family; and Bill Frist emphasized many of the same points of view in his address to the graduation audience. I listened carefully on that beautiful evening this past May 31, 2007, and reveled in the beauty and goodness of the MBA education and experience.

Not long after graduation, a member of the Class of 2007 wrote me and expressed the following:

“Instead of excelling with all A’s, I learned how to work. I learned how to organize myself and how to study. Then I learned how to write. Not only did I learn how to write, but also I began to love to write… I made more friends than I will ever be able to keep up with. I developed a trust of my teammates. I counted on them to make plays and will continue to count on them throughout my life…I will cherish my time at MBA forever. I will miss all the late nights spent studying. I will miss wearing a red jersey and helmet in August heat. I will cherish my time at MBA forever.”

Following graduation, I also heard one of our faculty members deliver a speech about teaching:

“Teaching at MBA is a valuable experience — both the boys and the teachers are privileged to be there, and families and friends of the school should feel likewise. I think MBA is a valuable school because it was and is someone’s vision for the education of boys. It is humbling, terrifying, and exhilarating to think that one plays a vital part in a vision formulated and acted upon 140 years ago. There are many people of vision in the world, men and women who want to establish equality, democracy, decent lives for everybody, huge business empires, the building of cities. Like America, the Ford Corporation, or the Civil Rights Movement, MBA’s success requires men, women, and boys of extraordinary vision and energy. Like the aforementioned, MBA is not an inert monument to Montgomery Bell; rather, it is a dynamic, living thing that requires care, nurture, discipline, imagination, and energy for it to achieve excellence. Teaching at MBA is valuable because as teachers we can put our hands on the tiller of history. Boys of privilege and distinction are attracted to this school because of the traditions mentioned above, and as teachers, we have the opportunity to mold them into fine beings. It is scary to think so, but as MBA teachers we can change the world. I don’t think such thoughts are too lofty or overstated — I may have sneered at such sentiments at another school or at another time in my life — because we as teachers, Board members, parents, and friends can’t allow our grasp to exceed our reach, indeed, as Robert Frost said, “What is heaven for?” What is it for indeed…”

In June I participated in the annual Patrick Hale Memorial Golf Tournament celebrating our alumnus Patrick Hale (’92), many great friends of the school, and this community. At the end of that beautiful summer day, I was amazed at how many people care so passionately for what this institution does. The appreciation Walter Hale (’61) feels for the school honoring the memory of his son, the smiles and friendship of alumni, parents, and others as they enjoyed those 18 holes, all reminded me of the smiles and sense of fulfillment I saw on that graduation evening, or in the student’s letter I quoted above, or in the words and ideals of the faculty member who addressed us not long ago. May this school and this community thrive for many more ages and make a difference in the lives of young boys and men and families throughout Nashville and far beyond.”
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Bill Hawkins ('78) has been selected to join the Board of Trustees. Hawkins has been an active member of the MBA community for many years, serving on the Alumni Board and volunteering his time for Career Day and the Annual Fund. Additionally, Hawkins has been a regular attendee at MBA events through the years.

After graduating from MBA in 1978, Hawkins received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Engineering Department at Vanderbilt University in 1982. He then served as a fighter pilot for seven years in the United States Marine Corps. He was selected to be the Aide de Camp for the Commanding General of the Fleet Marine Corps Pacific. He served in this capacity for one year prior to exiting the service in 1989 at the rank of Captain. His military service was spent in the Pacific arena, including Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Hawaii, and California. He then moved back to Nashville where he began his career as a commercial real estate broker when he joined his fathers’ firm, The Chas. Hawkins Company. He has been involved in the leasing, sale, development, and management of industrial properties throughout his career. He currently serves as the President of the company. Hawkins holds a Tennessee affiliate broker’s license, is a member of the Society of Industrial and Office Real Estate, and is a member and director for the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors. Hawkins currently serves on the Board of Salama Urban Ministries, YMCA Camp Widjiwagan, Big Brothers of Nashville, and Rocketown (a teen ministry founded by Michael W. Smith), and is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club of Nashville. He has served on the boards of the Oak Hill School, Downtown YMCA, the Rotary Club of Nashville, Greater Nashville Association of Realtors, and was the President of Big Brothers in 2000 and NAIO in 2004. He and his wife Elizabeth have three children: Caroline, Charlie, and Eliza Grace. They are members of Christ Presbyterian Church.

Bill Frist ('70) has been selected to join the Board of Trustees. Frist has remained interested and involved in the school since his time on The Hill. He has spoken at commencements on several occasions, served as the Chairman of the Advisory Board, and hosted numerous Washington D.C. alumni events.

After graduating from MBA in 1970, Frist enrolled in Princeton University knowing he would devote his life to medicine. After graduating from Princeton in 1974, Frist earned his medical degree at Harvard Medical School. He graduated with honors in 1978 and spent the next six years in heart surgery training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and Southampton General Hospital in England. Recognized as a pioneer in cardiothoracic transplant surgery, Frist became Director of Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s heart and lung transplantation program in 1986 and founded the multi-organ Vanderbilt Transplant Center just three years later. Under his leadership, the Center became recognized as one of the premier, full-service transplant facilities in the United States. Following, Frist began exploring the idea of seeking public office. He won election to the U.S. Senate in 1994, becoming the first practicing physician to serve in that body since 1928. His colleagues unanimously elected him to serve as the 18th Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate just eight years later. Frist recorded a number of legislative accomplishments as Majority Leader. Among them are: the nation’s first comprehensive national energy policy, providing access to affordable prescription drugs for 43 million seniors, landmark bioterrorism preparedness legislation, and championing American leadership in the global fight against HIV/AIDS. Keeping his pledge to serve only two terms, Frist voluntarily stepped down as Majority Leader to return to Nashville in January. Among his numerous charitable board positions, Frist is currently co-chairing Bono’s ONE Campaign presidential initiative (ONE Vote ’08). Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Relations has also named Frist a visiting professor for the 2007-2008 academic year.
As reunions come and go, many decry them as a sign that “we’re getting older.” While this may be the case, it did not dampen the spirits of the reuniting classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002. Each class (headed by several reunion captains) played host at a number of events both on and off campus during the weekend of May 18 and 19.
The festivities began on Friday with a “welcome cocktail reception.” An excellent crowd punctuated a beautiful spring evening as guests mixed and mingled on the front lawn. The rest of the night was left open for friends to go out to dinner or socialize on their own.

Saturday morning began with a wake-up-call of coffee and pastries with Headmaster Brad Gioia. He brought an eager crowd of alumni and friends up-to-date on the latest school news and priorities. Following, many chose to participate in the campus tours as the scope and size of the school has changed a great deal in the last 15 years. After walking around campus, it was time to take in MBA’s top-notch Ellington Band as they entertained and wowed the audience with a brief concert on the lawn.
PRANKS IN THE LOBBY AND “CHUBBY BUNNY” AT PEP RALLY WERE JUST A COUPLE OF TOPICS DISCUSSED INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS AT REUNION.
After a morning full of activities, alumni and families “had the afternoon off” to rest for the night’s class parties. From sit-down dinner at Belle Meade Country Club to a Mexican fiesta, the parties were varied. However, they all had one thing in common — a good time was had by all.

The morning concluded with the Gold Luncheon hosted by the Class of 1957. Always a popular event, more than 70 alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago were in attendance. Tommy Barksdale, who served as the Class of 1957 reunion captain, helped organize the event. As is tradition, class members from the 50th reuniting class introduced themselves and shared interesting, often hilarious, memories of their time on The Hill.
FORTY-FIVE YEARS LATER
QUITE A BIT HAS CHANGED,
BUT FOR THE CLASS OF 1962,
IT IS STILL A BULL SESSION
IN THE HONORS ROOM.
I was recently asked to introduce myself to the MBA community as the new Director of Admissions and Financial Aid and to give everyone some information about my background. First of all, I want to say that while it is really hard for me to talk about myself in such a way, I have no problem expressing how much MBA means to me and the appreciation that I have for The Hill.

I grew up here in Middle Tennessee in Ashland City. I am from a family of educators and my mother was the principal at West Cheatham Elementary for many years. After high school, I attended Austin Peay and received my B.S. in Biology. It was there that I was influenced by some fantastic teachers like my advisor and biology professor David Chester. Dr. Chester challenged me and taught me the nobility of being a teacher, and it was he that really sent me into teaching. I stayed at Austin Peay an extra year to get my teaching certificate and this sent me down the path that has shaped my life.

After Austin Peay, I was hired at Battle Ground Academy in 1985 and I spent the next 18 years at what I consider the best co-ed school in Middle Tennessee. I was able to learn from some of the giants in education – like Dr. Lucas Boyd, Larry McElroy, Judy Speulda, and Gary Smith – the meaning of teaching and coaching with passion, conviction, and most importantly, integrity. I will always be grateful and indebted to these mentors.

When I first started teaching at BGA, I was also asked to coach the seventh and eighth grade track teams. I had almost no experience with track and by an incredible stroke of luck, I was introduced to Robert Inman at Ensworth. Robert and I both had first period off every
morning and he basically designed every workout and lineup for me over the telephone each day the first year. Robert Inman was another person who shaped my life as a teacher and a coach.

During the 18 years at BGA, I taught Life Science, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science, and Advanced Topics in Science. I coached cross-country, track and field, wrestling, softball, and basketball. I enjoyed getting to know the students in the classroom and in the athletic arena.

In 1994 I was awarded a fellowship from Vanderbilt University to go back and get my Masters Degree in Biological Sciences, and after five summers I received my degree. Having worked in Dr. Gerald Stubbs’ lab on my research, I continued to work at Vanderbilt during the next three summers in his lab and study the structure of plant viruses. Dr. Stubbs’ biochemistry class, while almost killing me, taught me the true meaning of hard work and pride of accomplishment.

My wife Betsy and I have two children. Our son Matt is a rising senior here at MBA, and our daughter Allison will be a sophomore at Harpeth Hall this fall. Matt came to MBA in the eighth grade and has had a tremendous experience at MBA. I see him put a lot of pride into his work in the classroom, as well as football and track & field. He has developed relationships here that I know will last his whole lifetime, and his friends are like family to me. We are in the midst of looking at colleges and I know that his senior year here will be fantastic.

I have always seen MBA as the true beacon of learning in Middle Tennessee and I was honored beyond belief when I was offered the job to teach here. I came here in the summer of 2003 and taught Introductory Physical Science and Earth Science in the junior school my first year. Since then, I have taught those classes as well as Biology and Honors Biology. I am constantly amazed at the uniqueness of this place. The boys here work hard but they also have a lot of fun. They are truly like brothers to each other in every sense of the word.

I have served as the school liaison and a member of the Teacher Services Committee for the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools for many years. In this capacity, I have had the opportunity to visit just about every private or independent school in the state of Tennessee and many in other states. I have yet to see a school that comes close to MBA in all that it does for boys. From the teacher and college counseling support that our students receive, to the joy that our boys experience every day being with their classmates, MBA offers so much that no other school can. Yes, the boys work hard in the classroom, but they also work hard in a myriad of service and community projects, and they come away with a sense of pride about themselves that can only come at the end of an arduous journey. The teachers here at MBA pour themselves into this place and their students. They take pride in seeing the boys succeed and grow in the classroom and in their many extracurricular activities.

I guess what I have been trying to convey through this introduction is that I might have the best job in the world. Not only do I get to stay in the classroom as a science teacher, but I am also able to let people know how special MBA is. I get to see boys on the front end of their MBA experience and watch them as they grow into the Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete that is MBA. I get to visit great schools and speak to boys and their parents about MBA and what makes it so special, which my predecessor and friend Robert Black ('85) so eloquently describes as "a boys' school with a single vision of excellence."
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SENATOR BILL FRIST ('70) WAS INVITED TO SPEAK AT THIS YEAR’S 140TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIS REMARKS:

Congratulations for a day you will always remember. And to you parents, congratulations on a day you at times thought you’d never see.

It reminds me of what one political pundit said right after I became Majority Leader. It’s a lofty title,
My children have asked me to write down what I believe. They want their children and their children’s children to know about some of the things that are important in life…I am writing it to you, even though I (will never) know you.

I am now 87 years old and so happy to be alive. I have had so many blessings and such a full life…I believe in a few simple things. I learned about them a long time ago from my mother and my father, my sisters and my brothers, my teachers and my friends…This is what I believe.

I believe that religion is so very important. I believe there is a God and a Jesus Christ. The only prayer I ever pray is thanking God for all the blessings I have. I never pray when I’m in a tight spot because I think God, in his wisdom, knows what you need. I believe in the morality of religion—the Golden rule…I believe that culture is so important.

Of the four cornerstones—faith, family, friends, fitness—the aged man begins with faith.

George Washington understood this. He knew that every thing he did or said as our first president was monumental in its long-term significance and meaning. With every act, he was establishing traditions and precedents for future generations…so he always consciously and deliberately acted presidential.

In his words, written to Catherine Macaulay Graham on January 9, 1790:

“I walk on untrodden ground. There is scarcely any part of my conduct which may not hereafter be drawn into precedent.”

Your actions matter.

From faith, the old man immediately moves to family:

“Be happy in your family life. Your family is the most important thing you can ever have. Love your wife or your husband. Encourage (your children) in everything they do. If they know you expect them to do right, they will do right.

You know, you can’t choose your parents, or your brothers or sisters, but you can honor them and treat them with respect.

Be happy in your career. Whatever work you do, do it well. Remember any job worth doing is worth doing well. Always do a quality job.”

Doing a job well begins with using your time wisely.

George Washington once wrote to a nephew, “Time is limited, every hour misspent is lost forever.” From an early age he valued time as a priceless commodity and every hour not spent wisely was an hour lost.

Doing a job well means doing it with determination.

Most historians feel that Washington’s personal determination was his most valuable character trait. He refused to give up during the toughest days of the struggle for independence.

Look back to 1776. Recall that the British army was the most powerful in the world. The Americans were poorly manned and ill-equipped; but Washington refused to accept defeat.

In late summer of 1776, Washington and his troops—after suffering defeat after defeat which drove them from Long Island to Manhattan, and then from Manhattan down to New Jersey, and from New Jersey into Pennsylvania—found themselves isolated at the Delaware River.

Where was he to go? Washington’s officers, almost without exception, said that crossing the Delaware was too great a risk.

On December 24, late at night with the snow and winds pummeling his troops, he set out to do the impossible—cross the Delaware in the most unimaginable of conditions. The river was rough, chunks of ice rocking by in the blizzard-like snow.

But they made it across.

And the next morning they moved to Trenton where they defeated the Hessians.

Washington achieved the impossible. His determination turned the tide of the war. Using the old man’s words, he did a “quality job” – and in doing so won the hearts and loyalty of his men.
(l to r from top left)  
Ben Daniel makes a last minute phone call prior to the graduation processional;  
Qushawn Clark receives some assistance with his pocket hankerchief; seniors process in first to begin the ceremonies and show respect for faculty members;  
Dylan Burroughs looking contemplative after receiving his diploma; faculty members line the walk to honor the new graduates as they file out after the commencement exercise;  
freshly-minted alumni light cigars in celebration of their accomplishments
Back to the old man’s letter:

“Be happy in your community. Charity is so important. Be active. Don’t be self satisfied. There’s so much good to do in the world and so many different ways to do it.”

The old man was right: “so many different ways to do it.”

At this commencement the whole world opens before you. Your purpose is “to do good.” And the world gives you so many different ways to do good.

You leave MBA prepared to serve. Explore where you can serve others, for a higher and a greater good. There is no nobler calling than to serve others.

It might be through medicine, or research, or mission work in Africa, or being in the senate, or all of them as it has been for me.

Back to the letter:

“I believe good people beget good people...In your work, when you hire good people, they in turn will hire good people and right on down the line.”

The old man put people first.

And so did Jack Welch when he began the transformation of General Electric. Says Welch, “Change doesn’t come from a slogan or a speech. It happens because you put the right people in place to make it happen. People first. Strategy and everything else second.”

A young George Washington, sometime before he turned 16, wrote out by hand the “110 Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior.” Rule 56: “Associate yourself with Men of good Quality if possible.”

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Both the aged man and George Washington understood the importance of the first three cornerstones in life: faith, family, and friends.

Success in life demands optimism, a belief that things will always get better — and that in failure, we learn from our mistakes.

It was Winston Churchill who said, “Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.”

A great leader learns from his mistakes because he knows that the curve is always going up.

Historian David McCullough in a speech at Brigham Young University observed: “Washington made dreadful mistakes, particularly in the year 1776. They were almost inexusable, inexplicable mistakes, but he always learned from them. And he never forgot what the fight was all about: ‘the glorious cause of America,’ as they called it. Washington would not give up; he would not quit.”

Let’s return to the letter.

“Finally, I believe it is so terribly important in life to stay humble. Always be confident. But never be cocky. Always...stay...humble.”

One of the most admirable aspects of Washington’s character was his sense of humility, his self-effacement, his respectful deference to others. He was quick to decline credit and quicker to give credit to others.

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It’s where that MBA motto of “Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete” all become intertwined and assimilated one with the other. Fitness of character, of mind, and of body.

Washington (in a letter to Alexander Hamilton in 1788) writes, “I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.”

Historian McCullough said, “Washington wasn’t chosen by his fellow members of the Continental Congress because he was a great military leader. He was chosen because they knew him; they knew him the kind of man he was; they knew his character; his integrity.”

You know, the old man had it right. The cornerstones laid here at MBA are what the wise, old man — and George Washington — understood:

Faith: “Religion is so very important.”

Family: “Be happy in your family life.”

Friends: “Good people beget good people.”

Fitness: “It’s how you carry yourself in the world that doesn’t change.”

Who was this old man?

Well, most of the grandparents here knew him well. His legacy lives on here at MBA. He was on the Board of Trustees from 1954 until 1998. He sat where you parents sit today on seven occasions, for three sons and four grandsons.

The old man was my dad, Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Sr.

And I bid you Godspeed and final congratulations with the closing words of his letter:

“So, my great-grandchildren, I hope you will live happy and long lives like I have. I hope this letter will help you. Maybe you will give it to your children, and they will give it to their children right on down the line. The world is always changing, and that’s a good thing. It’s how you carry yourself in the world that doesn’t change. Morality, integrity, warmth, and kindness are the same things in 1910 when I was born, or in 2010 or later when you will be reading this. And that’s a good thing, too.”

Congratulations.”

“Of course, I will be enthralled to receive my diploma in just a few minutes time, but the true lessons that I will take from The Hill will have little to do with that one piece of paper – or the overbearing amounts of information that I have had to absorb in order to receive it (perhaps John Updike was spot on when he called education a form of “torture”). Rather, it will be the practical skills that I will hold on to most tightly.

The knowledge that I can trust the kindness of people to lend me their aid when a problem is too difficult or a situation too complex for me to take alone; the happiness I glean from knowing that I would gladly do the same for others; the methods I have practiced for convincing and persuading others to see things my way; the benefits of managing my time and planning ahead (well, at least for a few hours, anyway) – these are the pragmatic lessons that I – that we – have learned along the way to where we are tonight.”

— Jonathon Lundy (‘07), Salutatorian
Advice. Students at Montgomery Bell Academy encounter an abundance of advice during their tenure on The Hill: teachers reveal efficient study habits, coaches demonstrate proper form, college counselors direct us toward the best-fitting universities, and most importantly, each morning our advisors bestow upon us a cornucopia of ever-appreciated wisdom. So tonight I aim to provide the most judicious advice I could conjure from a reflection on my limited existence so far, that life is difficult, and that friendship and love are essential in bolstering us through the challenges we face.

A song I heard recently is particularly effective in conveying this sentiment: the singer, who will remain Anonymous for now, observes the following: “When my world is going crazy, you can turn it all around, when I’m down, you’re there pushing me to the top for a shield from the storm, for the will to carry on, I turn to you.”

What does it mean to have a “shield from the storm?” While this artist’s diction may invoke images of shields from the Battle of Hastings or the great flood of Genesis, her intention is a much broader statement about coping with adversity. Individuals possess myriad methods of such recovery: many turn to God; some turn to the extremes, embracing alcohol, drugs, or even terrorism; but for this singer, for me, and, I believe, for many MBA students, our most perdurable “shield” is the friends and loved ones to whom we turn when we’re confronted with the proverbial “storms” of life.

Oftentimes MBA students band together against what seems the pinnacle of oppression: demerits for short socks and checking the time on one’s cell phone; the ban on games in the quad; the refusal of the lunch ladies to put our biscuit and chicken pot pie filling on separate sides of the plate. In each instance, our comrades surround us, sharing our pain and helping us foment rebellion against the omnipresent administration. “Friendship is a plant of slow growth and must be gentle, our willingness to receive the sustenance of others, and to provide our own companionship that will sustain you when times are tough. To all of you, that is my advice. ■
Scholarship Awards

Tipper Austin
MBA Merit Scholarship to Columbia University
Bank of America Joe Martin Scholarship

Adam Baker
TN Hope General Assembly Merit Scholarship
TN Hope Scholarship
Athletic Grant-in-aid Tennis Scholarship at Vanderbilt University

Jamie Berk
MBA Merit Scholarship to Dartmouth College

Nick Berklicich
TN Hope Scholarship

Denis Bermudez
TN Hope Scholarship

Travis Brannon
TN Hope Scholarship
University of the South – President’s Scholarship

Cullen Brown
Southern Methodist University - University Scholar

Will Bryant
TN Hope Scholarship

Charlie Byrne
CIC Foundation, Inc.
TN Hope Scholarship

Rob Campbell
University-sponsored National Merit Scholarship

David Carlson
Centre College – Faculty Scholarship

Lucas Carter
TN Hope Scholarship

Harlan Dodson
MBA Merit Scholarship to Williams College

Stephen Dolan
TN Hope Scholarship

William Emfinger
TN Hope Scholarship

Beau Evers
TN Hope Scholarship

Donesh Ferdowski
University-sponsored National Merit Scholarship
Washington University in St. Louis
Danforth Scholars Program

Jamie Fletcher
National Merit $2500 Scholarship
MBA Merit Scholarship to Yale University

Jackson Floyd
Trinity University – President’s Scholarship

John Fontaine
TN Hope Scholarship

Eli Gay
TN Hope Scholarship

Chris Geer
University of Alabama – Alumni Heritage Scholarship
University of Alabama – Alumni Scholar Award

Andrew Gibbs
TN Hope Scholarship

Treasor Granbery
University of Mississippi
Alumni Non-Resident Scholarship

Morgan Gregory
Carson Newman Dean’s Scholarship
Athletic Grant-in-aid Baseball Scholarship at Carson Newman College
Old Timers Baseball Association Scholarship
TN Hope Scholarship

Ray Henson
TN Hope Scholarship

William Herbert
Birmingham-Southern Greensboro Scholarship

David Howe
Birmingham-Southern Greensboro Scholarship

Weston Iler
TN Hope Scholarship

Brooks Jones
TN Hope Scholarship

Gena Kaboulov
TN Hope Scholarship

Matthew Kimball
MBA Merit Scholarship to Brown University

Sam Little
University of Denver – University Scholarship

Jack Long-Innes
TN Hope Scholarship

Jonathan Lundy
University-sponsored National Merit Scholarship
Washington University

Guy McClure
TN Hope Scholarship

Alec McGuffey
MBA Merit Scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania

Tate McNeilly
TN Hope Scholarship

Prabodh Mishra
TN Hope Scholarship

Carver Morgan
TN Hope Scholarship

James Nutkis
TN Hope Scholarship
Tennessee Student Assist Award
TN Aspire Scholarship

Mark Piana
MBA Merit Scholarship to Harvard University

Ben Satyshur
Patterson School of Accountancy at the University of Mississippi
Academic Excellence Scholarship at the University of Mississippi

Nathan Sears
University of Georgia – Charter Scholarship
University of Georgia – Regents Waiver (In-state Tuition)

Evan Small
Rensselaer Leadership Award

Gentry Smith
TN Hope Scholarship

Rich Tompkins
TN Hope Scholarship

Will Turner
TN Hope Scholarship

Jamey Vick
TN Hope Scholarship

Tyler Yarbrough
National Excellence Scholarship – University of Kentucky
The Trustees, faculty, and staff of MBA proudly recognize the 116 graduates of

THE CLASS OF 2007

They were accepted to 118 different colleges and universities and will attend 54 different schools in 27 states across the nation.

Zach Adkins
Wake Forest University

Chase Altenbern
Northwestern University

Michael Anderson
University of Virginia

Ian Anderson
Auburn University

Drew Andrews
Clemson University

Hayes Arnold
University of Colorado

Tipper Austin
Columbia University

Adam Baker
Vanderbilt University

Everitte Barbee
University of Edinburgh

Randy Bedrin
University of Santa Monica

Jamie Berk
Dartmouth College

Nick Berklaich
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University of Virginia

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University of Alabama

Dylan Burroughs
Clemson University

Charlie Byrge
Vanderbilt University

Chris Cahill
Gettysburg College

Rob Campbell
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David Carlson
Centre College

Lucas Carter
University of Tennessee

Quashawn Clark
Centre College

Jesse Colton
University of Virginia

Weston Cowden
University of Denver

Matt Crook
University of Georgia

Philip Cynn
Carnegie Mellon University

Ben Daniel
University of Alabama

Kyle Davis
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Harlan Dodson
Williams College

Stephen Dolan
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FATHER-SON DINNER

Racing from theater, music, spring sports practice, or their full-time jobs, students and their fathers gathered on campus for the annual Father-Son Dinner on March 12. More than 900 fathers and sons packed the Currey Gym for some a delicious barbeque dinner provided by Jim and Nick’s.

After enjoying the food and company, fathers and sons listened to MBA student music, a talk from senior Donesh Ferdowsi, and a keynote address from MBA alumnus and new Sewanee head football coach, Robert Black (’85). He talked about fathers and sons, the relationships between them, as well as between fathers and their son’s friends.

MOTHER-SON BREAKFAST

In April, hundreds of students, their mothers, and mentors clamored into Currey Gymnasium for an annual rite of spring that has become a much anticipated prelude to Mothers Day: the Mother-Son Breakfast.

After a Waffle House breakfast of eggs, sausage, fruit, and pastries, Headmaster Brad Gioia opened the program by introducing seniors Scott Schwartz and John Fontaine in a rendition of Louis Armstrong’s What a Wonderful World.

Seniors Harrison Brown and Jesse Colton told amusing stories about their mothers that were endearing, mildly embarrassing, but altogether poignant. The MBA Jazz Band then took center stage, keeping the mood lively with Save the Last Dance and Shining Star.

JUNIOR SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS DAY: A SPRINGTIME TRADITION

Hundreds of grandparents and friends of MBA seventh and eighth graders gathered on campus in early April to celebrate a special relationship built on mutual admiration and love.

Junior school students met their biggest fans first for a reception of cookies and punch in Massey Commons, followed by a program in Paschall Theater.

Headmaster Brad Gioia opened the program with his comments before introducing musical entertainment and student speakers. The seventh and eighth grade Jazz Bands performed, as did the Junior School Singers. The audience heard an eloquent speech from Gray Curtis (’12), as well as Zemel Shropshire (’11). The candid observations of life in the Junior School amazed and amused the audience.

At the conclusion of the program, students toured their grandparents and friends, many of whom are alumni, around campus.
Featured speaker, beloved art teacher Mrs. Rosie Paschall, spoke candidly about her education in South Africa, and the importance of love and laughter in one’s life. Her clear and sonorous voice, embellished with a crisp British accent, captured the attention of the audience as she read a poem in honor of mothers everywhere.

Seniors Lucas Carter and Brooks Jones followed with stories of their mothers who have persevered in the face of overwhelming hardship. In their tributes, both boys expressed a deep admiration, love, and respect for their mothers that will sustain them throughout their lives.

The MBA Chorus and MBA Singers entertained the crowd with Your Cheatin’ Heart, followed by The Softness of My Mother’s Hands. Wrapping up the program was senior Rich Tompkins who, in a poignant portrayal of his mother, acknowledged the importance of a mother’s influence in the lives of every boy in the room.

Filing out of the gym, the faculty, staff, mothers, and sons went their separate ways. Whether heading to class, work, errands, or home the entire MBA community will take with them the shared experience of this special tribute to the moms and mentors in our lives.

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CUM LAUDE
(l to r) row 1: Max Webster (’08), Corey Metzman (’08), Nathan Sears (’07), Donesh Ferdowsi (’07); row 2: Alec Martin (’08), Alec McGuffey (’07), Taylor Smyth (’08), Harrison Brown (’07), Daniel Arteaga (’08); row 3: Ben Gambill (’61), John Moynihan (’08), Austin Branstetter (’08), Stockton Beveridge (’07), Curtis Love lace (’08); Chet Gormley (’07), Chase Altenbern (’07), Prabodh Mishra (’07), Alex Smith (’07)

TOTOMOI
(l to r) Tom Wiseman (’07), Taylor Smyth (’08), Daniel Givens (’08), Donesh Ferdowsi (’07), Austin Branstetter (’08), William Herbert (’08), & John Fontaine (’08)
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### Greek

Zach Adkins and Zach Richardson earned Certificates of Merit Awards on the American Classical League’s National Greek Exam. Because the course is a college-paced year of Greek, MBA students take the Intermediate Level Attic Greek Exam instead of the Beginning Level Exam taken by most first-year students.

### Spanish

State rankings:
- Corey Metzman - 1st in state (regular category) out of 1016 students
- Clay Christain - 5th in state (regular category) out of 1016 students
- Daniel Arteaga - 1st in state (outside experience) out of 45 students

### Latin

- 271 students earned awards - 81 percent of all MBA students taking the exam
- 136 students Gold Medals (Summa Cum Laude) 50 percent of the total number of our awards
- 5 perfect papers - Sam Denney, Wiley Hunt, Eric Mace, Will Henry, and Fitz Lassing
- 4-year Gold Medal Winners – Austin Branstetter, John Fontaine, Curtis Lovelace, Alec Martin, Robbie Weikert

### Other Classics Awards

Michael Seitz won 1st place in the nation in the Bernice Fox Classics Writing Contest, sponsored by Monmouth College.
MBA students take seriously the quote in the weight room which reads, “To those to whom much is given, much is expected.” As beneficiaries of a top-flight education, the boys appreciate the value of community service and enthusiastically take part in popular programs like Soup Kitchen, Special Olympics, Titans/Vandy parking, tutoring, and neighborhood clean-ups.

With the emphasis this year on environmental awareness, more students have dug in to the initiatives involving the planting of trees and clearing of trails – from Habitat for Humanity to Edmondson Park. MBA high school students logged nearly 1,500 hours in service to the community – both here and abroad.

The seniors racked up 834 total service hours, with 202 in Titan’s parking, 181 in the Soup Kitchen, and 85 in Amman, Jordan with Operation Smile. The combined efforts of the junior class yielded 496 hours, with 187 being served at Preston Taylor YMCA Boys and Girls Club.

For more than 20 years, the Service Club’s Soup Kitchen has served hot meals to the patrons of Loaves & Fishes at Holy Name Catholic Church in East Nashville. It is worth noting that several alumni have recently gotten together to establish a Mobile Loaves and Fishes program that delivers meals directly to the homeless. The emphasis on the value of community service in high school has positive repercussions throughout the years as MBA alumni.

The Service Club wrapped up the year with a backpack drive to benefit youth refugees, sponsored by Catholic Charities. Summer plans include a Special Olympics program at Vanderbilt Camp Shriver Transitions and Sports Camp from June 4-15.

KING SOCIETY (l to r) row 1: Rashá Harvey ('08), Jamie Fletcher ('07), Patrick McGinn ('07), Morgan Gregory ('07); row 2: Austin Branstetter ('08), Chase Altenbern ('07), Tyler Ramsden ('08), Brendan Kiefer ('07), Stockton Beveridge ('07)
Springtime in the south welcomes change and renewal, as is the case with MBA’s spring season in theater. Opening its doors with performances both refreshing and transforming, MBA’s stage took many forms – a translation from Italian to English; an adaptation from required reading to musical; and an application of classroom study to a stage production.

In February Dr. Fuller directed a new translation – courtesy of MBA’s language guru Dr. Ed Gaffney – of Luigi Pirandello’s Nothing Serious. Winner of the 1934 Nobel Prize for Literature, Pirandello was one of the best modern experimentalists in theater; his innovations were brilliantly executed in this recent “in-the-round” production. A young Italian Casanova named Memmo Speranza, played passionately by Chase Altenbern (’07), lampoons marriage by proposing to his homely landlady. Memmo’s joke, initially a hit with his friends, masks his hopes and disappointments in life. Audiences enjoyed seeing the jest exposed and the characters becoming much more sympathetic as their true selves were revealed. Fuller spoke of the pleasure of working on Dr. Gaffney’s terrific new translation: “Working on this wonderful play with Ed and our talented group of actors has been deeply rewarding. Each time I hear the words, I am amazed at the depth of Pirandello’s perceptions into the human mind and soul.”

For the second year, MBA’s junior school produced a musical based upon a required reading book from the curriculum. This year’s production, T. H. White’s The Sword in the Stone, was a world premiere with music and lyrics by Kevin Fogarty and script adaptation by director Dr. Rick Seay. The March 30 – April 1 performances were enormously successful, featuring the talents of over 35 microbes. One of the many highlights was the metamorphosis of actors into fish, ants, birds, and geese through the use of cleverly constructed puppets created by Catharine Hollifield of MBA’s Art Department. Actresses from Harpeth Hall, Overbrook, St. Henry, and St. Bernard all contributed to making the show a magical treat.

At the end of April, the students in Dr. Cal Fuller’s Studio Theater class produced the 2007 One-Act Plays as the culmination of a year of study and practice. This year the short dramas focused on the season’s theme of conflicting points of view, aptly entitled “Cracked Mirrors.” The short plays were directed by seniors Weston Cowden, Everitte Barbee, and Chase Altenbern. They featured especially strong performances by seniors Jessie Colton, Jonathon Lundy, and Nick Heyden. Dr. Fuller said of his graduating seniors, “I am particularly proud of this group for their challenging choices and for their continued dedication and conscientiousness this late in the year! It has been an honor to teach and to direct these young men. Mr. Morrison, Dr. Seay, and I appreciate their dedication to theater. We will miss them. I hope they take with them pleasant memories of what they have learned and created together while here at MBA.”
Music

The Music Department wears many hats – chamber and orchestral music, pep band, chorus, and jazz band – and provides students with many ways to wear those hats. Young MBA musicians express their inner rock star through the pep band, their classical side with chamber music, and bare their souls in chorus and jazz band. Spring semester saw many opportunities for the boys to express themselves through concerts and performances.

The pep band rocked Currey Gymnasium during home basketball games, the Headmaster Singers had gigs on and off campus, as did the Ellington Band. Music in the Round, chamber music, and jazz band concerts enlivened campus on a succession of Sunday afternoons.

Talented MBA trombonists Ray Henson ('07) and John Fontaine ('07), eighth-grader Jack Warne and freshman Zach Sternberg auditioned for and made the All-Mid-State Jazz Band. Fontaine advanced to the All-State Jazz Band where he was appointed first chair.

The Ellington Band and soloists from our Chamber Orchestra played with members of the Nashville...
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Symphony in a concert on a beautiful Sunday in March. Choruses from St. Cecilia Academy, Harpeth Hall, and MBA presented a short performance before joining the Ellington Band and Nashville Symphony. This tradition is unique in that professional and student musicians, nearly 150 in number, join forces in a classical and jazz concert on the MBA campus each spring.

To add a practical dimension to the pursuit of excellence in fine arts, MBA hosted a panel discussion entitled Fine/Performing Arts and the College Admissions Process. The assistant dean of admission from Blair School of Music, along with admission directors from Sewanee and Belmont, were among the panelists. They discussed the ways in which visual and performing arts students can distinguish themselves in the college application process by building a distinctive portfolio or performing memorable auditions.

The jazz band and chorus performed for the father-son dinner, mother-son breakfast, and new parent meeting. The chorus ended the season with a crescendo at the 140th Commencement. From January through June the MBA campus was abuzz with a succession of musical performances; The Hill was indeed alive with the sound of music this spring.

Debate

In what has become regular fashion, MBA debaters again achieved a number of successes this semester. Led by coaches Michael Risen ('97), Alan Coverstone, Nicole Serrano, and Billy Tate, this group of young men excelled in a number of tournaments this season. In the NFL National Tournament, seniors Kyle Davis and Jamie Berk placed a fifth in Policy Debate. Although it was a somewhat disappointing result given the duo’s second place finish last year, two top-five finishes is rare in this highly competitive tournament. John Moynihan and Max Webster also advanced to elimination rounds in Extemporaneous Speaking, a solid achievement for juniors which bodes well for a superb senior year.

In Northwestern’s Juniors Round Robin, Alec Martin and Robert Awh performed admirably. The team competed MBA well against the top junior policy debate teams in the country. To conclude the season Kyle Davis and Jamie Berk claimed a top-20 finish in Policy Debate at the Tournament of Champions.

ART

painting by AP art student Randy Bedrin ('07)
Montgomery Bell Academy was founded in 1867, the legacy of Montgomery Bell, who left a $20,000 bequest in his will stating that “a classical education should be made available to all boys.” Shortly after his death, his school for boys was started and his vision lives on today. Thousands of young men have been affected by MBA’s opportunities, principles, and ideals, and it is for that reason the community celebrates another year of educating Gentlemen, Scholars, and Athletes at Founders Day.

The celebration began in assembly where senior Stockton Beveridge gave a rousing speech which highlighted the aspects of MBA that make it such a rare school.

Following, students gathered on the quad outside for one of the school’s newest traditions. Likened to the race around the quad in the 1981 film *Chariots of Fire*, today’s Founders Day Bell Run is an equally spirited event, evoking the sense of camaraderie and competition that is unique to MBA. The race, run in memory of Vann Webb (’00) who lost his battle to cancer, pits four high school sprinters representing their respective classes against each other. They race around the quad as the bells in the carillon on campus chime the ten o’clock hour. Each class selected its fastest member to run in the race. David Dalton represented the freshman, Max Jarrell—the sophomores, Jon Eisen—the juniors, and Rob Phipps—the seniors. The entire MBA student body surrounded the course to encourage their classmates. Phipps proved to be the race winner this year earning a well-deserved trophy. His win marks the fourth straight victory for the seniors, the only class whose representative has won the race.

The following are comments from MBA Student Body President Stockton Beveridge at the Founders Day Assembly.
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Good morning guests, friends, faculty, administration, and especially the Webb Family. My name is Stockton Beveridge. I’m a senior whose been here for six fulfilling years. I am here to tell you a little about my experiences at MBA and what my time on The Hill has meant to me.

Many people do not know exactly where MBA’s nickname “The Hill” originated. It was actually coined by our own Bill Frist, MBA Class of 1970, who just stepped down as Majority Leader of the United States Senate. In an eloquent statement in the yearbook his senior year, he (as far as I’m concerned) summed up MBA in the best way I have heard.

In that essay he said, “MBA is not like other schools; it doesn’t want to be. MBA is on a Hill. Its ideals are to produce the combined gentleman scholar athlete. And it does that.”

Anyone who is remotely associated with the Big Red can understand the meaning behind this message. There is no other school in our country where high accomplishments are greater or so fully expected. You will not see MBA with a colossal hillboard proclaiming its academic greatness or athletic prestige. The tradition of the Big Red commands such respect without the fanfare or showy publicity, and our alumni speak to MBA’s strength through their humility, integrity, and civility. These virtues are in fact, MBA’s real greatness.

MBA has been compared to many of the most prestigious boarding schools across the Northeast: Choate, Deerfield, and Groton to name a few. MBA, however, is on a Hill. It is not like other schools; it doesn’t want to be. While many of these schools had progressive phases in the 1970’s to account for a change in the times, one can find the same ideals of “Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete” still centered and displayed on our campus. Every boy in this room is part of a tradition set up over 140 years ago; a tradition that in a world of change has managed to stay steadfast.

We will learn more about empathy and equality through service opportunities and the changing landscape of color, background, and perspective; however, we should never forget those values of honor, courage, focus, respect, friendship, hard work, and high expectation that cement the educational foundations of MBA on this Hill; virtues that were personified in Vann Webb.

For all the young men in this room, always strive to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity in front of you. You are not better than others because you are here, but I hope that you personally are transformed in presence of an outstanding individual. Vann Webb’s accomplishments at MBA are not what is so astounding to me, but rather the humility and genuine happiness that he displayed through these accomplishments. In this way, Vann Webb is the perfect young man to remember every year for our Founders Day: both as a reflection of what MBA stands for and as a model for all students to become.

Here on Founders Day, one can attribute the success of our institution to the rigid ideals that have been maintained for over 140 years. MBA stands on a Hill. It has not and should not ever change. We are not influenced by standards set up by other schools; those schools are influenced by us. We are not changed by the world around us, but we are charged to change the world itself. Without question we will adapt in many ways in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in many other avenues. Courses like Astronomy and Chinese, or sports such as lacrosse and bowling will evolve in our curriculum and extracurricular offerings. We will learn more about empathy and equality through service opportunities and the changing landscape of color, background, and perspective; however, we should never forget those values of honor, courage, focus, respect, friendship, hard work, and high expectation that cement the educational foundations of MBA on this Hill; virtues that were personified in Vann Webb.
On Monday, April 23, seniors enjoyed a respite from their normal classroom activities and instead participated in Career Day. More than 25 alumni from varied careers talked with students about potential occupations and offered career advice.

After a hearty pancake breakfast, Career Day activities kicked off with a morning panel comprised of alumni and friends of the school who discussed topics that related to careers. Panelists Gari Cowan, Tate McDaniel (’91), Art Rebrowick (’69), and David Frederiksen (’88) commented on networking, internships, business etiquette, and graduate school. These often overlooked career building blocks provided an...
eye-opening start to the day. Students engaged in the forum and probed the panelists with insightful questions.

Following the panel, John Wagster ('81) and his guest William Mwizerwa from Sudan spoke at the Career Day Assembly. Mwizerwa came to the United States after years of torture, persecution, and injustice because of his tribal lineage. Through a set of coincidences William moved to Nashville and met Wagster at First Presbyterian Church. Their relationship grew and Wagster, using his legal experience, assisted in bringing Mwizerwa’s family to the States.

This story and many others were related to seniors. Alumni from the following fields discussed their career tracks: Architecture, Education, Investments, Law, Medicine, Media, Real Estate, Entrepreneurship, General Business, and Journalism. After the morning sessions, students adjourned for lunch where they heard from Rob Barrick ('70) and Gordon Peerman ('69) who talked about a new initiative they are bringing to Nashville called Loaves and Fishes. The program is dedicated to meeting the needs of the homeless and underserved by providing food and clothing. He discussed the meaning of “success” and how it has changed for him based on his experience with Loaves and Fishes.

Success is an appropriate word to describe another informative Career Day. Thanks to the many alumni who volunteered their time and efforts for the event.
Jim Hastings talks with students about the architecture profession.
ON THE HILL • SPORTS
BASKETBALL The 2006-2007 edition of MBA basketball was an exciting one to watch. Balance, depth, team play, and close games made for an entertaining 15-14 season. Nine seniors strong, the group was experienced and tight-knit and it showed early in the year. After an impressive preseason, the team won its first three games handily over White House-Heritage, Cheatham County, and Ezell-Harding, before some early season injuries and stiff competition slowed the group before the holidays. After a great win over Bowling Green High School, the Big Red dropped decisions to eventual AAA State Runner-up Clarksville and to Lake High Prep from Florida in the MBA Holiday Classic to finish the pre-Christmas schedule at 6-6.

After a refreshing break over the holidays, the team started the second half of the year with dominating wins over USN and Father Ryan and a good road win at JPII. Other notable wins over BGA, Glencliff, and Lipscomb highlighted the stretch run of the season. The Big Red completed the regular season at 14-12 overall and 4-3 in the region.

After a great 46-45 home win over BGA in the opening round of the region tournament, the Big Red gave four-time defending state champion Brentwood Academy all it wanted before falling 55-52 in the final seconds of the regional semi-final. Unfortunately, the group fell one point short of the state tournament losing in the consolation game 48-47 to JPII.

While a number of heartbreaking close losses kept this good Big Red team from having a great year and reaching all of its goals, it was a memorable, successful, and fun year nonetheless. The bonds among the players and the unselfishness displayed throughout the course of the year translated to the court, making this version of MBA basketball a joy to watch.

Seniors Adam Baker and Harlan Dodson led the team in scoring at 11 points per game and both were named to the All-Region team.

BOWLING The bowling team finished the 2006-2007 season as the Division II Middle Region runner-up with a team average of 155.4 over a 21-game stretch. The season opened with a heartbreaking loss to eventual state champion Father Ryan. The Big Red then ran off a string of seven straight victories before losing a second match to the Fighting Irish.

The team won the season series against powerhouse JPII; swept the series against region opponents USN, Brentwood Academy, BGA, and Ensworth; and defeated Division I foes David Lipscomb and FRA. The team finished the regular season with a 16 - 4 record, placing second in the region. The team qualified for the state tournament, but lost a close match to McCallie in the quarterfinal round of the Division II State Tournament.

The two top Big Red bowlers qualified for the state individual tournament: Captain Rand Woodson ('08) with a 201 average and Will Andrews ('09) with an impressive 175 average. Rand performed superbly in the state tournament and walked away with the State Championship trophy and a 1st Team All-State recognition for the second year in a row.

HOCKEY The 2006-2007 MBA Ice Hockey team had a very memorable season going 17-6-4 and ended up in third place in the GNASH. This year’s team was also the first MBA Hockey team to ever advance to the Tennessee State Hockey Tournament. The season was highlighted by great wins over league champion Mt. Juliet, Hendersonville, and Overton. The Big Red battled injuries all season and many players stepped into unfamiliar roles in order to help this team succeed.

The team was led by senior Captains Mark Piana, Rob Phipps, and Brooks Jones. Senior goalie Zach Juskiwiecz had an all-league season and was the key for this team’s success. Junior Chris Fike led the team in goals and earned a spot on the all-league team as well. Freshman David Dalton had a strong rookie season adding tremendous talent to a senior-heavy team. >>><br>
**Rifle** With the loss of five seniors last year, the rifle team started the new season with just two experienced senior shooters – Joseph Walkowicz and David Carlson – around which the team could rebuild the program. The success of the year depended on the development of five untested sophomores. The first test was a win against Tullahoma High School, followed by a victory over Union Grove in Georgia. Three straight losses to nationally-ranked teams demonstrated that Joseph Walkowicz could hold his own with anybody in the country, but the team needed to find the three shooters who could back him up for a winning four-man team score.

In November the team traveled to Enterprise, Ala., to shoot in a three-way match with Enterprise and Daleville High Schools. Enterprise won the match and MBA finished in a close second place. Next came a win over Siegel High School, which started a series of six matches in which the team posted a higher score in each succeeding match. Vic Goetz ('10) and Chris Whitlock ('10) had become solid point makers.

A high point during the year was a narrow victory over nationally-ranked St. Louis University High School. MBA fired 2290, the best score of the year, to win by four points. In the Junior Olympic Qualification Round, the Big Red fired a 2277 to earn the right to represent Tennessee in the Junior Olympic Team Championship in Bowling Green, Ky. The team ended the year with five wins and one loss in our last six matches. The last match of the school year was the State High School Air Rifle Championship where Walkowicz fired a personal best 588/600 to lead the team to victory and the 11th successive state title.

**Swimming & Diving** MBA’s Varsity Swimming and Diving team had a tremendous year finishing fourth in Region Championships and twelfth in the State Championships.

This year’s team was led by Captain Tom Wiseman. Wiseman ('07) is a five-year letterman, five-year “A” relay choice, a former Swimming All-American, and an Academic All-American. Seniors Chase Altenbern and Jesse Colton both earned national swimming honors as Academic All-Americans.

Individually, junior Curtis Lovelace was the team’s top swimmer. He holds the title as Tennessee State Champion for the 100 Breaststroke. Additionally, Curtis is nationally ranked and earned national honors as an NISCA Swimming All-American.

Over the summer most swimmers will work at two-a-day practices on a regular basis. They will compete regionally and nationally in Olympic 50-meter pools instead of the regulation high school 25-yard pool.

**Wrestling** Despite injuries to many key senior players, the MBA wrestling team remained a force to be reckoned with in Division II. The wrestlers fought hard, finishing the regular season with a 14-5 record. The team had strong results in four tournaments. In the Black Horse Invitational in Memphis they finished in second place out of 24 teams. In Atlanta’s Kyle Maynard Duals, MBA finished in fourth place in a field of 16. At the McCallie Invitational, they took tenth place out of 26 teams from throughout the Southeast; and in the Father Ryan Invitational, the team placed third out of 24.

In the State Duals, the Big Red went 1-2, and the boys felt that they did not live up to their potential in this tournament. They quickly went to work to train for the State Individuals in Chattanooga and came home with eight medals. MBA crowned two more State Champions this year as John Michael Simpson won his second state title and junior Ben Bartholomew battled to win his first title. Sophomore Jeff Francis finished second place at 112 lbs and also received a plaque for the “Best Match” of the tournament. An MBA first occurred this year when eighth grader Mark Simpson placed third in the state tournament. Good performances were turned in by seniors Mike Herron (3x state placer) and Wes McKeithan (3x state placer), junior Luke Bellet, and freshman Daniel Todd.

In national tournaments this spring, John Michael Simpson earned High School All-American Honors as he finished in eighth place at 125 lbs, and became the second wrestler in MBA history to place in the Senior National High School Wrestling Championships.

**State Placers:**
- 6th place Mike Herron ('07)
- 5th place Wes McKeithan ('07)
- 4th place Luke Bellet ('08), Daniel Todd ('10)
- 3rd place Mark Simpson ('11)
- 2nd place Jeff Francis ('09)
- 1st place John Michael Simpson ('07), Ben Bartholomew ('08)

**Special Honors:**
- 2007 All Mid-State Division II Team
  - Mark Simpson ('11) 103 lbs
  - Jeff Francis ('09) 112 lbs
  - John M. Simpson ('07) 125 lbs
  - Luke Bellet ('08) 135 lbs
  - Wes McKeithan ('07) 140 lbs
  - Ben Bartholomew ('08) 215 lbs

- 2007 All Mid-State Dream Team
  - Jeff Francis ('09) 112 lbs
  - John Michael Simpson ('07) 125 lbs

Drew Andrews ('07)
**BASEBALL**  Big Red Baseball had a successful 2007 season, finishing with a 16-12 record. The season opened with an exciting 10-inning 7-3 victory against Harpeth High School, and was followed with a Spring Break trip to Phoenix, which included tough losses and big wins. The team went 2-3 during the tournament.

The first anticipated series of the year took place in April, as BA and MBA met in divisional play. BA took the first two games 6-0 and 10-4, but the Big Red avoided the sweep by winning the final game 6-4 at BA. Defeating BGA in the final game of their series 5-4 started the Big Red on an eight-game winning streak. The team swept Davidson Academy, outscoring them 23-6 in the third regional series of the season. MBA then defeated a tough Franklin team 4-3, and proceeded to sweep JP II in their series match-up in late April.

After a victory against rival Hillsboro High School, the team had tough losses in May to rival Father Ryan. The Big Red entered tournament play in fourth place. MBA lost the first game of the tournament, but bounced back with two straight victories. In the regional semifinals, however, MBA fell 5-0 to BA to end the tournament run for the Big Red.

**LACROSSE**  The 2007 MBA Lacrosse team had a very memorable season that can be measured by more than their overall record. This team had a great senior class that has worked hard for four years to grow this program into what it is today. The team went 11-6 and lost in the State Semi-Finals in overtime to MUS. The season was highlighted by an overtime win at McCallie, a win over Lovett (Ga.) and defeating the St. Mark’s out of Texas, who was ranked number one in the entire south.

The team was led by senior Chris Cahill. Chris is the only lacrosse player in MBA history who was both a two time All-American and State Champion. Senior Rob Phipps, who is probably the best athlete to play lacrosse in recent history, was also named as an All-American. Senior goalie Carver Morgan was a team captain this year and also anchored a stingy defense. Carver was named to the All-League team with seniors Garrett Ramsey, Stockton Beveridge, Ian Anderson, Rob Phipps, and Chris Cahill. Junior leaders who were named to All-League were Sloan Sanders and Swan Burrus.

**SOCCER**  The MBA Soccer Program has completed a successful season with a record of 16-3-2, while finishing second in the region. For the season, the team outscored its opponents 76-16. During this outstanding campaign, the team reached as high as 12th in the nation in the NSCAA rankings.

The highlights of the year were many, but three games stand out. First was the 4-0 defeat of defending state champions BGA at home where the Big Red played possibly their best game of the season. Second was the 2-1 win over Houston, a traditional national power. The final standout performance came against Grissom, the best team in Alabama. Even though the Big Red were under intense pressure early in the game against the powerhouse from Alabama, the team fought hard and earned a tie as the score ended 1-1.

This year saw the blossoming of a star for the MBA team. Junior Alexander Darsinos became one of the most outstanding scorers in MBA history as he scored 23 goals for the season. Even though he was double teamed in almost every game, he still found a way to score a tremendous number of goals. At the end of the year, this powerful young man was offered a professional contract with AEK Athens, a team who will play in the Champions League in Europe next season.

The midfield was led by the playmaking tandem of Houston Oldham (’09) and Zach Richardson (’07). These two players dominated the midfield all season as Houston developed into a potent offensive threat who never hesitated to attack.
Even though this outstanding team fell in the state playoffs to Christian Brothers 1-0, the season was still an overwhelming success. With the outstanding performances of the junior varsity and the league champion microbes, the future of MBA soccer looks extremely promising for years to come.

**Tennis**  The 2007 Varsity Tennis team had yet another successful year, finishing the regular season with a commendable 12-3 record with only one in-state loss to McCallie. Led by seniors Benton Harvey (William and Mary signee), Adam Speyer (Arizona State signee), Eli Gay (Sewanee signee), and Adam Baker (Vanderbilt signee), the Big Red netters improved greatly over the course of the season. Following a solid showing at the Chattanooga Rotary, the Big Red played some of its best tennis of the year at MBA’s own Carter Invitational. At the tournament, Adam Speyer put together a four-match win streak, while the doubles team of Roger Briggs (‘10) and Adam Baker (‘07) captured a silver medal.

The tennis team continued its strong region play, winning an eighth-straight region title and a total of 61 out of 62. The doubles team of Jim Shaub (‘08) and Russell Anderson (‘11) won the region doubles championship with the senior duo Adam Speyer/Eli Gay finishing third. Adam Baker was the region runner up in singles.

**Track**  The 2007 MBA Track team garnered an impressive three state titles to finish third in the Division II TSSAA State Track Meet. The following athletes were state champs: junior Ben Bartholomew in the shot put, sophomore Patrick Crum in the long jump, and the 4 x 800 meter relay of senior David Smith, senior Jack Hudson, junior Tyler Ramsden, and sophomore Baker Mulherin. Patrick and Ben also were individual winners in the Division 2 Region Track Meet.

During the 2007 varsity track season, there were five school records that were broken. Junior Christian Waddey broke the pole vault record with a vault of 15’1”, Patrick Crum broke the long jump record with a leap of 22’6”, and senior Rich Tompkins set the 300 intermediate hurdle record with a time of 38.57. The three-man shuttle hurdle relay team of Rich Tompkins, junior E. J. Vinsang, and junior Carlton Baker set a new record with a time of 46.3 and the sprint medley relay team of junior William Davis, junior Nathan Wade, E. J. Vinsang, and Rich Tompkins set a new record with a time of 1:33.87.

A highlight of the season came in early April when MBA captured the 11th Annual Highland Games at Franklin Road Academy, defeating seven other teams including Brentwood Academy. Ben Bartholomew was named the winner of the “Big Man” award, and was presented with a medieval broadsword. MBA also won the City Track Championship at Harpeth Hall for the fifth time in the last seven years. Individual city champion winners were Ben Bartholomew in the shot put, Christian Waddey in the pole vault, Tyler Ramsden in the 3200 and 800, E. J. Vinsang in the 110 high hurdles, and Rich Tompkins in the intermediate hurdles. Waddey’s first-place win in pole vault with a leap of 15’1” set both a school record and a city meet record.

The Varsity Track won the rain-shortened Mid-South Classic held at the McCallie School in April with five events left to run. Patrick Crum in the long jump, E. J. Vinsang in the triple jump, and Ben Bartholomew in the shot put were individual winners.

- TSSAA D2 State Track 3rd place
- TSSAA D2 Middle Tenn. Region Runner-up
- O’Charley’s Nashville Track and Field Championships - Champions
- Doug Hall Relays Runner-up
- Mid-South Track Champions
- Highland Games Champions
An active member of the Student Council, Stockton Beveridge ('07) served on the student governing body every year during high school. As a senior, he was elected as the student body president. The UVA-bound Beveridge found enough time in his busy schedule to take 12 honors classes and nine AP classes. He was tapped for Totomoi and was a member of the Cum Laude Society. He was a four-year letter winner in cross country and a three-year letter winner in lacrosse, playing on the 2006 State Championship team. Despite all of his other commitments, Stockton still found time to work with Time to Rise as a counselor and math teacher in summer, as well as volunteer at the Preston Taylor Homes and with Special Olympics. His unselfish and humble approach to all things defines his “inner-gentleman.”
As the Honor Council co-president, Tipper Austin ('07) served with distinction since his eighth-grade year. His commitment to this organization mirrored his dedication to other endeavors on campus as well. He was a member of the Varsity Cross Country and Lacrosse teams and played in the jazz band during his high school years. As evidenced by his nine AP classes, Tipper was serious about academics. His hard work in all areas paid off in the form of the P. M. Estes Award as a freshman and junior, and being named the outstanding sophomore. As a senior, he was awarded the William Bailey Memorial Award and Colgate Book Award. Additionally, he was a junior-inducted member of both the Cum Laude Society and Totomoi.
Senior Rich Tompkins ('07) endured a string of injuries during his athletic career at MBA which would have sidelined most athletes for good. However, Tompkins, who will attend Vandy next year, still left his mark on the MBA sports record books. Aside from being the starting running back and corner-back for the football team as a senior, Tompkins' biggest contributions came on the track. It was there the four-year letter winner captured an individual state championship in the 110m hurdles, was a City Champion in the 300m hurdles, and set three school records in the 300m hurdles, shuttle hurdle relay, and sprint medley relay. Off the track, Rich was a P.M. Estes and Francis E. Carter Award winner; served at the National Student Leadership Conference; was the Service Club vice president; and headed MBA’s Special Olympics Program.
NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE YEARS THAT MBA HAS WON THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-SPORTS HVAC TROPHY; THE FIRST SCHOOL — EITHER INDEPENDENT OR PUBLIC — EVER TO DO SO

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NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND FACULTY WHO VISIT MBA IN EXCHANGE

32

NUMBER OF MBA STUDENT AND FACULTY PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

2

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT SCHOOLS (21 PUBLIC AND 20 INDEPENDENT) THAT MAKE UP THE CLASS OF 2013

23

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

680

PERCENTAGE OF ACCEPTED STUDENTS WHO MATRICULATED TO MBA

98

NUMBER OF ACRES THAT COMPRISE MBA’S LONG MOUNTAIN PROPERTY IN McMinnville, Tennessee

175
The Archives Room in the Patrick Wilson Library is fast becoming home to a myriad of personal mementos, bringing new life to re-discovered artifacts. Treasures like an MBA pin from 1918, a 1924 class ring, and a 1930 gold medal for Best Boy – each glittering in a glass display case – are symbols of MBA’s rich 140-year history. Newspaper clippings and photos, playbills and tickets, clothing, books, and jewelry – when organized chronologically by decade begin to paint a picture of MBA’s storied past. Long-buried scrapbooks...
rescued from dusty attics and carefully preserved with acid-free paper, suddenly gain significance when showcased alongside complementary memorabilia in the Archives Room.

There are many stories left untold. Countless items are buried in closets, locked in safety deposit boxes, and trapped in the attics of friends and family of MBA alumni. Items from the years of 1867 through 1925 are in greatest demand; the Ball Building fire of 1925 wiped out the bulk of the school’s artifacts from that time period. It is the library’s goal to amass a cache of memorabilia and collectibles needed to complete the story. Anyone with ties to MBA is asked to dig in and search for buried treasures.

Lee Ann Hawkins is one member of the MBA community who had a recent discovery. She unearthed a 1930 Gold medal for MBA Best Boy, which she donated to the library. As the wife of the late Charlie Hawkins (’50) and daughter of venerable football coach Howard Allen (’29), Mrs. Hawkins has many stories to tell and MBA mementos to share. “MBA has always been at the center of our family’s lives, and with two growing grandsons, it will continue to be. It is an honor to share these treasures with the MBA family.”

The museum-quality exhibits are fascinating to view, and offer up a lesson in history as well. Students of Dr. Fuller and Dr. Bailey, MBA professors of fine arts and history respectively, often research projects using information from the archives as their primary sources. The memorabilia serves another purpose: it can be used as a resource for tracing personal histories. People often call the school to ask if a family member or a friend attended MBA. In one situation Head Librarian Mildred Tilley discovered that three brothers had played football together at MBA (at a time long before yearbooks were in print) just by piecing together information from the archives.

The first yearbook was published in 1945 in honor of General Frank Andrews (1902), the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe who was killed in a military plane crash in 1943. Subsequently, Andrews’ MBA schools records, including grades, attendance, and conduct dating back to the turn of the century, have been recovered. An item as simple as a report card can offer insight into a young man who was to be instrumental in the victory over the Axis Powers, and for whom our football stadium and the U.S. president’s airfield would later be named.

Yearbooks, textbooks, and scrapbooks offer a glimpse into the life of MBA throughout the decades; rare books, on the other hand, add a valuable dimension in terms of authenticity, creativity, and historical context. The Class of 2007 recently presented the library with a 1927 first edition of *The Great Gatsby* signed by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Adding to the significance is the fact that every boy in MBA’s senior class over the past half century has read this book. To provide a chronological backdrop, the novel will be displayed alongside a photo essay of campus life in 1927 – the year the book was published.

In the last few years, MBA has amassed an interesting collection of first edition books. A copy of renowned London-based poet A. E. Housman’s *Last Poems*, received as a donation, has an important distinction. The inscription on the flyleaf reads: “Robert Penn Warren, February 14, 1923. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.” *Last Poems* is the second of the two volumes of poems he published during his lifetime. The Housman book joins a 1922 first edition copy of James Joyce’s *Ulysses* and another 1935 edition published in New York and illustrated by Henri Matisse. MBA is most fortunate to have acquired copies of two significant first editions: *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway (1929) and *All the King’s Men* by

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*Framed photograph of the D-Day Landing at Omaha Beach – presented to the school by Medal of Honor Winner Walter Ehlers.*
The THEODORE CODLEY MEDAL for Best Original Oration in 1902 won by W. E. Norvell, Jr. (Class of 1902).

MBA STICKPIN owned by Frank Turner (Class of 1903) given to the school by his son, Robert W. Turner III (Class of 1935).

In 1895 E. O. Dennenley won this First Prize MBA ELOCUTION MEDAL.

Pin owned by Nicholas Arthur Hardin (Class of 1923).

The WILLIAM MARTIN AWARD won by Howard Allen (Class of 1929) was donated to MBA in April 2007 by Lee Ann Allen Hawkins, daughter of Howard Allen.

Dr. Paul DeWitt won this First Prize medal for MBA ELOCUTION in 1892.
The most recent addition to MBA's First Edition Collection – a 1925 copy of the Great Gatsby, signed by F. Scott Fitzgerald.
Robert Penn Warren (1949) which includes Warren’s signature. These books are located in the breakfront cabinet in the Library Conference Room, along with 100 other rare books, including first and limited editions of Cold Mountain, Angela’s Ashes, and This Boys’ Life.

Mildred Tilley offers her view on the historical and aesthetic value of the collections: “My favorite part of the archives is the memorabilia. I love the old, gold school medals that date back as far as the 1890s, as well as examination books from the 1800s. The smallest item in the archives is a book that is 1/2 cm square. This tiny book was given to the school as a gift of friendship from the students at Southport School. It contains The Lord’s Prayer in English, French, Spanish, German, Dutch, and Swedish. You can read it with a tiny magnifying glass that also houses the book!”

Ms. Tilley’s enthusiasm is contagious. “We have well over 1,000 items that include letters, documents, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, videos/DVDs, yearbooks, board minutes, and jewelry. This summer I will work with an archival computer program used by many museums to classify the archives in a searchable database form. I will put items on the Web so that alumni and the community at large can see what we have. This program will allow us to put photographs of many of our items on ‘virtual display’.”

With an active alumni base, a 140-year history, and plenty of attics and closets to explore, MBA’s archives are sure to grow. Marc Stengel (’74), having been involved with the development of Vanderbilt University’s Special Collections, shares the optimism. “MBA is fortunate to have a wealth of alumni who have accomplished remarkable things. I would encourage them to offer up any document, book, or trinket they may come across. Articles that may appear mundane will take on a newfound importance when put in historical context within the archives room.”

Scott O’Neal (’84), Director of Alumni and Development, sees plans for future expansion. To accommodate the burgeoning collection, his vision includes better use of existing space, as well as creating new areas. “As our collections grow, we want to have outstanding spaces for our community to view and enjoy these wonderful artifacts,” says O’Neal. “Libraries are remaking themselves in so many ways. Technology and Internet research are changing libraries. We want to ensure through these collections that the Patrick Wilson Library is always the popular destination that it is today.”

Now is the time to put down the magazine and clean out closets, attics, and drawers in search of MBA memorabilia, items of historical value, and rare books of significance...all for the benefit of the students and of the Archives Room. The term archive is defined as “a place where something is deposited for safekeeping.” Let MBA preserve and display your treasures. Each item contributed will take on a new life, adding a vital chapter to the re-telling of the MBA story. □

Letter written by Gen. Andrew Jackson to the Hon. John C. Calhoun, June 18, 1820, concerning government contracts with Col. Montgomery Bell.
alumnus Daniel McGugin ('96) brings excitement to the gridiron

Daniel McGugin carries with him a longstanding football tradition, dating back to the early 1900’s when, for 28 years, his great-grandfather was head coach at Vanderbilt University. Daniel wasn’t the most outstanding athlete during his time playing for the Big Red, but like many others, he developed an enduring love of the sport and for the school.

As an athlete, McGugin’s game was tennis. He and his twin brother Bill won the state doubles championship in 1995. A love of teaching boys – in the classroom and on the field – is what convinced him to return to MBA as a 22-year-old history teacher, assistant football coach, and head tennis coach. That was the year the MBA tennis team reclaimed the state title from MUS, a stellar team that had held the title for five consecutive years. Under Coach McGugin, the 2003 state tennis championship belonged to MBA.

His career then took a new path. His competitive nature and desire to learn more about the game of football at a higher level led him to a position with the University of Miami. That experience, combined with
alumnus Daniel McGugin ('96) brings excitement to the gridiron.
his role as high school head football coach at FRA, provided him with a breadth of coaching experience.

With football as his focus, McGugin still manages to be involved in all aspects of the school – as long as it pertains to teaching boys. He is a faculty member in the History Department, has an interest in helping with the tennis team, and with seventh grade basketball as well. His respect for MBA’s ideal of gentleman, scholar, athlete is evident in all that he says and does.

As head of Vanderbilt’s football program for nearly 30 years in the early part of the twentieth century, your great-grandfather’s coaching skills were legendary. How did you learn of him influence your career?

Growing up, I got to know him through letters he’d kept, pre-game speeches that were printed in newspaper articles, and quotes that were posted at the McGugin Center when I was a student at Vanderbilt. I learned from him the importance of treating every coaching situation and individual differently. He was a great motivator, and intuitively knew how to deal with people.

Before returning to MBA, you were an assistant at a fine college program, and then head coach at a high school. How did these diverse experiences shape your coaching philosophy?

As a student assistant at University of Miami, I was low man on the totem pole. There I learned so much about the technical aspects of football, and how to organize my time to make every minute count. Those coaches dealt with the pressure to win by intense preparation, efficient time management, and a 24/7 commitment to the game and to the players. I have immense respect for coaches who could keep a bunch of 18- to 20-year-olds motivated and engaged enough to perform week after week.

My experience as head coach at FRA was extremely beneficial. I learned to relate to players in a new school culture. I grew as an educator, and developed different tactics to motivate the players. I adopted a similar philosophy used by many of the best coaches, including my great-grandfather, of dealing with each situation and each player differently. If the opportunity to return to MBA had not presented itself, I may still have been there.

The fact that you are a young man could be construed both as a negative and a positive: inexperience versus passion, energy, potential. What are your thoughts?

I think back to my first positions at MBA as a 22-year-old history teacher and assistant coach. I taught and coached many students who were four years my junior, and never experienced a lack of authority. MBA cultivates mutual respect between teacher and student, and my personality encourages the same. People often remind me that Tommy Owen was not yet 30 years old when he was hired. To me age is of little importance.

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As you embark on your MBA coaching career, carrying on the McGugin football tradition, what do you want the community to understand?

My passion for MBA extends far beyond the football field. A message that we communicate to our players is that they are a part of something bigger than any individual. MBA is a special place. The school has been around since 1867. Often football games are the only exposure members of our community have to our school. We want to make sure that we, as the MBA football team, represent our entire school family in a way that makes us all proud of our heritage. That means that we play with great effort and enthusiasm, and with care for our teammates and our community.
MBA hosted its fourth annual Mothers of Alumni Coffee on May 3. This event, created in honor of all mothers of alumni, seeks to give mothers the chance to see old friends and reminisce about old times. The Headmasters Singers provided the first bit of entertainment and they were followed by the Ellington Jazz Band, whose New Orleans boogie-woogie had the moms dancing in the aisles. Although it was a tough act to follow, MBA faculty member and resident gourmet chef, Malcolm Morrison, provided a cooking demonstration that would have made Emeril jealous. Ever the showman, Morrison called Adelaide Davis from the audience. She “cut right in” helping the chef prepare a delicious pasta and herb dish.

Following the demonstration, the mothers enjoyed social time with food and drinks.

A special host committee organized the event. Thank you to the following mothers for their involvement:

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MBA alumni pursue their passions, find creativity in every shot they shoot
THEY STARTED OFF AT MBA
JUST LIKE YOU AND ME.

They took geometry, chemistry, English, and history. They followed Mrs. Lowry’s rules about the five-point theme. They battled on the field of play, representing their school’s colors. They even managed to graduate with signed diplomas, just like you and me.

However, something happened along the way that makes their story different. For one, it was an innate love of nature; for another, it was the influence of a liberal arts education; for yet another, it was the mid-life discovery of an artistic self; and for the fourth, it was the gentle encouragement from an MBA teacher.

“To the complaint, ‘There are no people in these photographs,’ I respond, ‘There are always two people: the photographer and the viewer.’”
—Ansel Adams, American Photographer

BY: J.L. Bibb (‘93)
All four men now find themselves professional photographers. While they utilize similar skills, each lives in a different part of the country, and each maintains his own specialty in the field. Coming from a school that didn’t offer any courses in photography seems like it would have been a major impediment, but these men claim that MBA has influenced their approach to the craft in meaningful ways.
“MBA influenced me in the opposite effect,” John Schweikert starts. “My passion for creating something visual came, partly, from too much science, too much math, too much left-brain thinking, and my wanting a little bit more creativity in life.”

Schweikert, who only began marketing himself as a professional photographer in 1998, says he focused on math and science while at MBA and Vanderbilt University.

“I excelled in math and science at MBA, and those wound up being much easier for me at Vandy,” he explains. “I attended Vandy for two years and then took a year off and lived in Idaho with my sister. I just wanted some time away from Nashville, and that’s when I really discovered photography. My father was a hobbyist, and I borrowed some of his gear and taught myself. Of course, everything was beautiful in Idaho — there were great landscapes to photograph. When I came back, I kept doing it as a hobby.”

After graduating Vanderbilt with a degree in chemistry, Schweikert says he wasn’t content until he began pursuing his hobby more seriously.

“Early on, it was non-people related,” he says; “architecture, products, interiors, and so forth. As time has gone on, I find that I have less interest in doing that type of work and more interest in shooting people. However, it is important to explain that all of my work is business-related. I don’t do consumer-related work, no portrait studio, no weddings. Everything I am doing is for another business.” Schweikert has been the photographer for MBA publications for the past eight years.

For Schweikert, photography challenges his sense and sensibilities.

“My passion comes out of the creation,” he explains. “It started much more on the technical side, but for me, there is a point where the technical side is not fulfilling. I enjoy the projects that require more forethought and planning, less shooting from the hip. Our industry is constantly evolving; your creative work has to constantly evolve.

“Ultimately, to me, photography is problem solving, creatively and technically, and giving the clients what they need. We don’t take pictures, we don’t make pictures…we license photography. That’s the business side of it — you can make any creative photograph you want, but to make a business out of it, the best model is the licensing model.”

A short list of Schweikert’s clients include: Bridgestone/Firestone Tires, Business TN magazine, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Got Milk?, Minnie Pearl Cancer Foundation, Popular Mechanics, Real Health, and Sports Illustrated.

Schweikert wants to be clear about one thing — MBA’s overall influence on his craft.

“Being able to write well, have good grammar, and spell correctly might seem quite trite, but can make all the difference for a good business presence,” he says. “My work ethic derives more from my MBA experience than anywhere else. MBA almost over-prepares us for the next steps in life. My first year at Vandy was easier than senior year at MBA.

“With all that background, my single goal lies in the creative aspect of photography mostly from my deficiency of art through high school and college. At this point in my life and career, I would give anything to have taken advantage of more art education, appreciation, and creation at MBA and Vanderbilt. So, more of my efforts are steered toward absorbing what I missed.”

DISCOVERING HIS ARTISTIC SELF
John Schweikert (’91)
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Buddy Jewel
I have been a rock climber for 24 years now,” Harrison Shull says. “After graduating from Washington & Lee with an independent study major in architecture, I got a job in West Virginia guiding rock climbing at Seneca Rocks.”

Shull, who received a camera after graduating from college, says he started taking pictures on some of his climbs. After developing the photographs, he would show them to his friends who encouraged him to take more. He says from there it was a natural evolution, blending two passions together.

“I was never cut out to wear a coat and tie and sit on the 30th floor of an office building under fluorescent lights,” Shull explains. “I love being outdoors. I try to bring back inspirational images – from a trail-running day or a fly-fishing day – that others will see in magazines. Maybe it will inspire them to burn less fossil fuels or take stands against urban sprawl.”

In 1998, Shull moved to Asheville, N.C., where he currently resides. Though he initially established himself as one of the pre-eminent rock climbing photographers in the Southeast, Shull says he has branched out over the past few years.

“Recently, I’ve set up an aerial photography operation, Appalachian Aerial Images,” he says. “Last week I spent five hours dangling out of a helicopter taking pictures. Of course, I still shoot all manner of outdoor adventure sports photos. My niche is the southern Appalachian region – West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and the South, in general.”

Shull’s clients include the likes of Outside, National Geographic Adventure, Men’s Journal, and various stock agencies and boutique firms, such as Pace Communications, who represents dozens of titles and airline magazines.

Shull says that neither MBA nor W & L had much influence on his decision to become a photographer. He adds, however, that MBA still prepared him for the field.

“MBA had nothing to do with me being a photographer,” he says. “I never took art at MBA. I had no interest in art or photography, and I’ve never taken a photography class. In terms of life though, MBA prepares you for everything. Teachers are on you to get your homework done, and it teaches you responsibility and accountability. You get taught how to do your work, and the faculty and staff make sure you do things and do them right.

“One of the greatest things about being a photographer is that you are your own boss. There is no schedule. I like that about my job. Today I am working. Tomorrow I might wake up and decide to go for a hike and shoot some stock images. You don’t have to take a vacation because everything you do is a vacation. When you’re self-employed, you are the guy who makes it happen. MBA obviously educated me, but beyond the classroom, it prepared me for life and working.”
INSIDE, OUTSIDE, UPSIDE DOWN
Harrison Shull ('89)
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I started working on the yearbook staff at MBA, and by my junior year, I was taking photography for The Bell,” David Schenk says. “Mr. Moxley was really my primary influence. I did lots of photography for The Bell Ringer, as well. Mr. Moxley gave us a blank slate. We’d shoot four or five hundred feet of black and white film and it really allowed me to hone my craft. Without a doubt, I can say that it was my MBA experience that ultimately resulted in my decision to become a professional photographer.”

Schenk, who attended Tennessee Tech and earned a degree in chemical engineering, says he set his camera down for a while after high school. During his sophomore year, he attended a NASCAR race in Talladega and happened to capture a wreck involving Dale Earnhardt and Rusty Wallace. Wallace’s team found out that Schenk had captured the wreck in a 12-shot sequence, and they requested he share them. His photos were so revealing that they gave the young photographer free tickets to the next race.

“That gave me confidence to send the pictures to magazines,” he says. “The NASCAR Scene took me up. Even though I was going through school and getting my degree, I realized that I loved photography and the creative aspects of taking pictures. I realized that I wouldn’t be able to satisfy those desires as a chemical engineer.”

Around that time, the Internet began to take off, and Schenk learned how to build his own Web page to showcase his images. Clients began to ask him for his photographs and then his Web skills.

“I answered an ad for Gibson Guitar as a Web page developer,” he says with a smile. “However, because I had the background, I was able to create a position for myself as their staff photographer. I taught myself product photography.”

He stayed with Gibson until 2004, when he started Schenk Photography, with his wife Tracy. Now, their company specializes in an array of photography services, including product photography, corporate events, fund-raisers, portraiture, and weddings. Schenk’s images have been featured in campaigns for NASCAR, the Nashville Predators, Nashville Shores, and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

“The majority of what we do now is event-based,” he explains. “Because of my relationship with Gibson, and consequently with the Country Music Hall of Fame, we work with some huge companies, like General Motors, Southwest Airlines, and NASCAR. I also enjoy shooting picnics, galas, and Christmas parties. Really, it’s pretty diverse.”

For Schenk, the dream began on The Hill.

“The early principles I learned at MBA apply to my current occupation,” he says. “I can’t say enough about Mr. Moxley’s positive influence – he provided a forum for learning. I found my creative outlet with the yearbook and the newspaper.”
A PASSION FOSTERED EARLY

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Sam Fentress ('73)
In college, I was firmly set on majoring in English and being a lawyer, but that changed when I took a History of Photography class and some studio photography classes with Emmet Gowin,” (a renown American photographer who made large-format pictures of his own family and his wife’s relations, as well as landscapes and aerials).

Fentress says he created his own major at Princeton University, an independent study in photography. “At first, I designed a major where I would do film and film criticism, as well as photography; but that changed into photography,” he explains. “After graduation, I worked a summer as a research assistant. Then I came back to Tennessee and camped and drove around the state, taking landscapes.”

Fentress would go on to earn his Master of Fine Arts degree from the Art Institute of Chicago. In 1981 he moved to St. Louis, and has lived there ever since. He has established himself as an architectural photographer, and his work has been published in more than 60 magazines worldwide. In addition to his commercial work, Fentress has also made a name for himself as a photographer of religious roadside signs. In fact, in 1978 he was a recipient of an Emerging Artist Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Since then, he has amassed a body of work containing thousands of photographs from 49 states.

“My work is in several art museums around the country and oversees,” he says. “It all fits into a documentary photography tradition that goes back to Walker Evans, who did shots of sharecroppers in Alabama, among others. It is in this genre that I have created the roadside religious signs work. I try to capture images that would have appeal to anyone – atheists, Jews, Muslims, anyone – as a document phenomenon along America’s roads.”

Fentress says his time on The Hill opened his eyes to history and gave him a greater understanding of the world around him.

“With people like Mr. Frank Novak, Mr. Michael Drake, and Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry, I learned a great deal about science, history, and English,” he says. “I have a worldview that expresses itself in my artistic work. My choice of subject relates to the ideas I embrace.

“The roadside series is about how religious ideas get played out in the American public landscape, which is something that the groundwork at MBA allowed me to be able to see. Mr. Carter’s history class taught me that there is something unique about America and its tradition of freedom of speech, mixed with its background and founding. MBA’s English teachers helped me acquire a sense of how literature and art could influence others.”

For Fentress, making pictures is a way of life. “I like looking at architecture. It’s a wonderful subject matter to document, both inside and out. I love the history of photography. I’ve tried to carve out a segment of a territory that hasn’t been well-covered. It’s something I enjoy doing. Quite simply, I love making pictures.”
Despite losing a heartbreaking semifinal game only two days before, the Varsity Lacrosse was ready to play against the alumni team on May 19 in Tommy Owen Stadium. The back and forth game was highlighted by nice offensive goals from Aaron Ferguson ('97) and senior Chris Cahill. Defensively, Tyler Coleman ('97), James Banker ('06), Terrell McWhirter ('06), and William and Leighton Liles ('01) provided a strong front to keep the Varsity squad from posting too many points. In the end, the speed and conditioning of the younger players was the undoing of the “old guys.” However, the good natured game was enjoyed by all participants. A cookout after the game was a great time for alumni to socialize with past teammates and their families.
ALUMNI
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May 19, 2007
A beautiful March morning welcomed alumni spanning five decades back to Bennett/Forehand Field. Varsity Coaches Thomas Wims and Mike Anderson ('93) organized an excellent event which featured the JV team versus the alums. The youngsters made a game of it for several innings, pushing the more “seasoned” players. However, in the end it was the alumni who eeked out the win, putting their streak at five straight. Superb pitching from Scott Pettus ('03) and booming hits from Matt Garrett ('97) highlighted the morning game. Afterwards both teams and families enjoyed a cookout together. Thank you to Coach Wims and Coach Anderson for another stellar outing for MBA baseball alumni.
1952
Author Ridley Wills has a new book available at Davis-Kidd and the Vanderbilt Bookstore. **Yours To Count On** – A Biography of Nashville Banker Extraordinaire Sam M. Fleming is Wills’ ninth book and was published by Vanderbilt University.

1957
Tommy Barksdale and his wife Nanci are proud grandparents to Richard Thomas Barksdale III born April 7, 2007 to parents Rick (’89) and Edie Barksdale.

1959
Joe Luckey writes, “In June 2007, I retired and moved to Williamsburg, Va. During the last 45 years I worked as an engineer and manager in underwater acoustics, primarily involved in development and production of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) detection systems for US Navy and several International Navies – UK, Singapore, Israel, Brazil, Canada, Australia, Spain, and Japan.”

1960
Bob Gaines and his wife Kathy both retired from UNC-Greensboro this spring and celebrated with a Mediterranean cruise. They plan more travel and more Beagle rescue work.

1961
Morgan Kousser writes, “My son Thad has gotten tenure in the Political Science Department at UCSD; his son William, now two, cracked his first pun at one-and-a-half. My daughter Rachel, who teaches classical art history at Brooklyn College, will publish her first book (about Aphrodite, guys!) with Cambridge University Press in 2008. I continue to teach at Caltech, run every day, and serve as an expert witness against racial discrimination in voting rights and school segregation cases.”

1964
Tom Forehand’s book Robert E. Lee’s Lighter Side: The Marble Man’s Sense of Humor was published in February 2006. His next book, Robert E. Lee’s Softer Side, is scheduled to be out this fall. Both works were accepted and are published by Pelican Publishing Co. of Gretna, La. Tom hopes to make a book presentation and a portrayal of Robert E. Lee during the upcoming Southern Festival of Books (Memorial Plaza downtown Nashville) on October 12-14. “I often remember passing the portrait of Sam Davis. The portrait of this young, southern hero was prominent in Isaac Ball Memorial Hall during my six years on The Hill.”

When The Rubber Meets The Road, MBA Alums Deliver.

**It all started as Gordon Peerman (’69) was driving down the road, listening to National Public Radio, when a story caught his attention. A humanitarian project called Mobile Loaves and Fishes out of Austin, Tex. uses catering trucks to distribute food to those in need. Peerman was familiar with such local programs as Room in the Inn, Soup Kitchen, and the Nashville Rescue Mission – all initiatives where the homeless and working poor come to a central location to eat. The concept of bringing the food directly to people in their own neighborhoods struck him as a program worth pursuing.**

Peerman, co-founder of Vanderbilt’s Center for Integrative Health, rounded up fellow MBA alums Rob Barrick (’70) and Bill Peerman (’71). The three high school buddies headed to Austin to learn more about Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Founded in 1998, the program has served over 800,000 meals; nine catering trucks delivered over 250,000 meals in 2006 alone.

They were so impressed with the organization that they decided to establish a Nashville chapter, and convinced fellow alum Barry Holt (’69), to get on board. To get the Nashville program rolling (literally), the Austin chapter has promised to donate a catering truck worth $45,000 to be delivered in June.

Roll, Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Roll.
1973

Chip Gill sends his update: "I am a partner in Urology Associates, practicing here in Nashville. I am excited that my youngest child, Trey (Charles III), will be a seventh grader at MBA this fall. Also, my daughter Lauren is a senior, and my daughter Suzanne is in ninth grade, both at Harpeth Hall."

1975

Steve Ellis provides a picture from the past. He writes, "The picture above was of our soccer team that won the state championship my senior year. My father, Jimmy Ellis, was a photojournalist for the Nashville Tennessean and took this shot. I am not sure how many people have seen this picture, including the team members themselves, so this might be a chance for them to see it."

1976

Fred McLaughlin writes, "I am proud that my son Anderson is the new Student Body (Council) President and am especially looking forward to this year as he finishes his career at MBA. This is a great class and I am anxious to follow and be a part of their successes."

1977

Rick Jacques is working with Surgical Health Group in the outpatient surgery center business. He and his wife Anna have five children: Richard (’04) will be a senior at Furman University; Nicholas (’06) will be a sophomore at the University of Georgia; Kate (Harpeth Hall ’07) will be a freshman at Auburn University; Barrett (’09) will be a junior at MBA; and Becca will be in the eighth grade at Harpeth Hall. "Obviously, our lives revolve around family, and everyone’s doing great. Roll Red, Roll."

David Hyatt writes, "Bonnie and I have two grandchildren now – Gabe, 4, and Elizabeth, 4 months – who live in Kansas City (we are in St. Louis), with mom and dad (Brandon and Jenna). Grandparenting is a blast for sure! I have been a church consultant and coach for almost four years, growing a work to help churches and pastors to be much more effective in fulfilling their Mission to ‘make disciples of Jesus Christ.’ My business (1975 cont.) Rob Parrish and his wife Julie celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary in April with the addition of daughter Phoebe, joining 5-year-old big brother Cage (Class of 2020).

1978

Jim O’Neil sends his update: "I’ve had a number of MBA encounters recently, which is unusual for someone living in New York. First, I attended my 25th Yale reunion a couple of weeks ago and ran into classmate Mark Armour. He is living in Santa Monica, Ca. working as a political consultant for Democratic candidates at both the local and national level. Then recently I had a meeting at West Point. The Director of Admissions for the Military Academy was in attendance. I quickly learned that he was very familiar with MBA, which he described as a terrific academic school which turns out excellent
athletes. He said that MBA was on the list of schools he looks to for wrestlers. ‘When the Academy gets an athlete from MBA, we don’t have to worry about whether he can handle the academics.’ Nice endorsement, don’t you think?

“I’m living in New York’s Hudson River Valley with my wife and our three boys. For my day job, I manage IBM’s Microelectronics Research operation (think of the chips in your kid’s Xbox360). I’m also very active in the Boy Scout program at both the local and regional level. In what little time is left, I manage to squeeze in travel, photography, cycling (since running is now out of the picture) and skiing. The photo is of me and my boys taken at Cape Point, South Africa, last summer.”

1980
Morris Lewis started working as a Microsoft SQL Server database administrator for Vanderbilt Medical Center in January. “I’m still plugging away at my Ph.D. in Economics at MTSU. For family news, my 15-year-old got his learner’s permit and will be getting some hours behind the wheel on the family vacation during the week of the 4th of July. I’m feeling a little old and a lot nervous these days.”

1982
Jordan Asher has recently taken a new job as Physician Network Executive for Saint Thomas Health Services. He and his wife Jody have two children. Their oldest boy will start at MBA this fall.

1983
As a fan of the rock band The Who, Burton Anderson attended eight Who concerts this year, including a reunion with fellow MBA alumni John Levy. From the photo, you can see Burton met the band’s leader Pete Townshend during the SXSW Music Conference near his home in Austin, Tex. While not enjoying good music, he has been working as project manager for IBM Global Business Services, notably winning individual and team awards for a voter registration project he led with the State of Texas. Currently, he leads a team to modernize the State of Indiana’s social services systems. Bonnaroo ’08, anyone?

1987
Steven Hooper and his wife Laurie, daughter Lela (5), and son Cole (3) have had an exciting summer traveling to Amelia Island, Napa Valley, and Jackson Hole. In July I am golfing across Ireland for 12 days with 15 friends; and I hit my second hole-in-one in May. Our 20 year class reunion was a big success as we had around 60 people in for reunion weekend with a great party at Food & Company in Green Hills.

1988
David Frederiksen has recently signed on as the COO of Insight Healthcare Financial, Inc., a Nashville-based healthcare AR financing company that is well-positioned for significant growth. “I will be helping them take the great momentum they’ve built to the next level by assisting them to build their financial infrastructure and enter new markets.”

1989
Jeffrey Joe sends his report: ‘I’ve just finished animation on Dreamworks’ Shrek the Third, which opened May 18 nationwide and I am halfway through production on Shrek the Halls, which is a 30-minute television special that will be broadcast on ABC during the Christmas season of this year and is slated to run annually on the network for the next 18 years. This summer I will start production on Madagascar 2, tentatively slated to open in the fall of 2008.

1990
Renard François and his wife Mary celebrated the birth of their first child, Alexander Clément François, on June 19, 2007. Alexander weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces. Mother and son are doing well.

1991
Justin Maestas and his wife Lindsey have started a new business called SELL.BUY.DESIGN. She is the creator and the company provides real estate and interior design services. “The Web site is www.sellbuydesign.com and we...”

Joe Rich is still in New York City and working for Citigroup in mid-town. “Recently, I ran the Marathon de Paris in France, which was a great experience. I am also currently preparing for the New York City Marathon in November. Sorry I had to miss the reunion. My e-mail is joerunner68@gmail.com.”

Brian Stephenson announces the birth of his first child, Benjamin. Brian serves as e-commerce manager for an internet retailer; and his wife Lynn serves as a post-doctoral research fellow in immunology at Washington University in St. Louis.

We’re enjoying Northern California life. My wife Dynanne has just enrolled my daughter Lydia in kindergarten for the fall, and my two-year-old Ryan continues to be curious about everything.”

Alden Smith and Missy Hopkins are getting married New Year’s Eve in her hometown, Baltimore. “We will then live and work together at the Mountain School in Vermont.”

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can be contacted at maestasid@yahoo.com. I am currently the director of wine and service at Watermark Restaurant. The best of all—our baby girl Maguire Day just turned one this month.”

1992

Eric Crawford and his wife Katherine are expecting another baby in November. This baby will join his brother Davis who will be two in November.

Justin Crosslin and his wife Kimberly have a 22-month-old girl (Katherine), a nine-month-old boy (Justin), and they are expecting a third child November 5, which is a girl (Charlotte).

Roe Elam and his wife Anne Tolly have a one-year-old son, Oscar.

1993

Shannon Durrett and his wife Libba welcomed their second child, daughter Rollin Elizabeth Durrett, on June 30. She was 19.5 inches and 6 lbs, 10 oz. “Both mom and baby are doing great.”

Kyle Hatcher will join the 135th Foreign Service class with the Department of State, due to head out in early 2008 to a point TBD. In the meantime, because of governmental delays in the passport process, he will have to spend September-October in either New Orleans or New Hampshire helping the civil service passport officers on passport approvals.

1994

Mark Garton and his wife Holly welcomed their third child, Courtney Grace Garton, on April 21, 2007.

Andrew Fitzgerald and his wife Alli are raising their two-year-old daughter Lauren in the San Francisco Bay Area. They are expecting their second child in August. Andrew is the founder of SecuriCheck, L.L.C., a nationwide background screening company specializing in due diligence checks on prospective employees, tenants, and business partners among other searches. If you would like to find out more, see www.securicheck.com or contact Andrew at (415) 971-2453.

Brad Maggart is teaching English in St. Petersburg, Russia at the Ruukki Co. and traveling through Russia and Eastern Europe.

Sean Murphy, his wife Liz, and children Emma and Will have recently moved to York, Maine. Sean is excited about his new position as Principal of Coastal Ridge Elementary School with grades 2, 3, and 4. He and his family are enjoying living near the water again, and enjoying the sun and surf this summer.
1995

Freddie O'Connell writes, “I have just begun a new job as Director of Technology at The Nashville Post. Nashville’s premier business and politics journal. Whitney Boon, my girlfriend of many years, has recently returned to Nashville to attend Meharry Medical College after completing a post-baccalaureate pre-medical curriculum at Harvard University. I also recently finished up a 13-week pilot project expanding my long-running liberal talk radio show, Liberadio(!), to a commercial format with my co-host Mary Mancini. The pilot was a success, and we’re expecting further success and growth of the show.”

1996

In January 2007, Scott Bowen, his wife Amanda, and their son Jack moved to Opelika, Ala. (just outside Auburn) where Scott will be the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Opelika.

Paul Downey married Liza Wall on April 14, 2007 in Laurel, Miss. They honeymooned in Turkey and are living in Nashville. “I’m employed at Samick Music Corp. in Gallatin as Art Director.”

Allen Fuller and his wife Melanie are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Virginia Anne Beaugrez Fuller, born April 17, 2007. “We recently moved back to Middle Tennessee from Denver, Colo. and look forward to reconnecting with old friends from MBA.”

Brooks Hofstetter sends his update: “My wife Cameron and I welcomed our fourth son, William Luke Hofstetter, to the family on March 22, 2007. Both mother and baby are doing well. I’ve recently celebrated my seven-year anniversary working for Dell here in Nashville. My current position as a Business Development Consultant has me working on exciting projects such as Dell’s move into the retail sales channel through our Dell Direct Store kiosks and inline stores. Our family currently resides in Fairview, Tenn.”

Douglas Kasselberg has worked the last several years as an institutional trader at an investment firm in the Washington, D.C. area. “I realized something was missing. This discovery led me to change paths and seek out a career in teaching. I am currently pursuing my M.Ed. at the University of Texas-Austin.”


Matt Reasor is currently living in Nashville and has recently finished a record with his newest band, Matt Reasor and the Madness. “It’s a Nashville-native band and the album is called Pentecostal Pasta Salad. This fall, look for Nineville – it’s an all-Nashville born showing of contemporary artists from our community living all over the world. Last year’s “9 off 8th at 6” received quite a bit of media coverage and patronage.”

1997

Scott Blount just graduated from UT Law School (with honors) and will go to SMU in Dallas in August to get his MBA.

Sean Cunningham writes, “My wife and I are expecting our first child, a daughter, any day now. Other than that, I’m working as a Web developer and database administrator for a property management firm here in Nashville, and I’m a partner in another IT consulting firm called The Software Knowledge Company.”

Michael Jones is currently a student at Watkins College of Art and Design Photography. He has traveled extensively and his work is showcased at michaeljonesphotography.com. He is also the chief financial officer and photographer at Highland Music Publishing.

John Markham just completed Bank of America’s Credit Management Development Program and has been promoted to Client Manager Analyst in Bank of America’s Commercial Banking Group in Nashville.

Dudley Schiel was recently awarded the Accredited Buyer Representative designation from the Real Estate Agency Council of NAR. “I’m heading into my third year as a Realtor with Bob Parks Realty in Green Hills and am still enjoying it. Also, I have taken over as Chapter Leader for the Nashville College of Charleston Alumni Chapter.”

1998

Will Arnold writes, “My wife Becca and I just had our first child, a beautiful baby boy, on March 10. His name is Davis Stirling Arnold and was born at Baptist. He and mom are both healthy and happy. Family and our local friends, many who are MBA alumni, have been very supportive and Becca and I are overjoyed with Davis, possibly a future member of the MBA Class of 2025?”

Doug Oliver says, “Plenty of news in our household. Last fall my wife Erica and I, with our one-year-old girl, Aubry, moved back to Nashville from Louisville, Ky. I have taken a new job, and we are expecting a new baby in July. We are thankful to be back in the community and closer to family and friends, and we’re excited about my brother Louis (’99) getting married this fall in Atlanta.”


Wilson VornDick drops a line from Iraq. “I was promoted to Lieutenant in the US Navy last May while I was working at the National Naval Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Last December I volunteered for, and am currently completing, a nine-month tour in Baghdad, Iraq working with a Counter-IED/Bomb Demolition Team. I will return to the Medical Center in the fall to complete my tour.”
there. I can’t wait to see what the rest of the boys are doing. See everyone next summer for the 10-year reunion!”

1999

Cole Barfield and his wife Christen welcomed their first child, Margaret Cate Barfield (Cate) on May 21.

Stephen Choate writes, “Along with good friend and classmate Blake Bergeron, I graduated from the University of Tennessee’s College of Medicine in May. I recently moved to New Orleans to begin my five-year residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Ochsner Medical Center.”

Hunter Hillenmeyer sends his update, “I’m going into my fifth season playing “sam” linebacker for the Bears. I am taking grad school classes at Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern, where I am about halfway through my MBA.”

Erik Milam received his Certified Financial Planner TM designation, CFP®, in May 2006. His fee-based practice focuses on serving the needs of physicians, attorneys, entrepreneurs, self-employed individuals, and families. Erik advises clients both during wealth accumulation and also distribution. Areas of expertise include: investment portfolio management, retirement planning, education savings, estate and wealth transfer planning, insurance needs analysis, employee benefits, and income tax strategies. Erik is affiliated with TrustCore, one of the largest privately-owned financial planning firms in Tennessee, headquartered in Brentwood’s Maryland Farms.

2000

Jared Averbuch sent an e-mail, “Currently I am in between my first and second year at the Owen School at Vanderbilt where I am studying finance and healthcare. I plan to graduate next May and will then be looking to start a career in the healthcare industry in the Nashville area.”

Stephen Maggart is a NASA engineer at Lockheed Martin in New Orleans.

Roddy Story writes, “After living a semi-nomadic lifestyle for the past few years, I have returned to Chapel Hill and entered the MAT program (master’s in the art of teaching) at UNC. A few weeks ago, I was lucky enough to see a bunch of classmates at Eric Lawrence’s wedding and everyone seems to be doing well…especially Halsey Fischer who has recently started his own dance company called “Dance Like You Mean It.” Some friends also mentioned that I do not resemble a homeless man quite as much as in years past, so I guess the sky is the limit.”

2001

Andrew Coutlon recently received his Master in Health from Washington University in St. Louis.

Ben Derry says, “Here is an update on what’s going on in my life. I finally graduated from the University of Georgia on May 12 with a degree in Political Science. On the same day, I received a commission into the U.S. Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant. Seven days later, I was married to Elissa Bacso of Marietta, Ga. in Outer Banks, N.C., then we traveled through Europe for 13 days on our honeymoon. On July 4, I went to active duty in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft maintenance officer, stationed at Dover AFB, Del.”

Steve Ingram was recently engaged to Ashley Eaves.

Deke Shearon was recently named an AnBryce Scholar at New York University School of Law, where he will matriculate this fall. The award includes a guaranteed three-year full-tuition scholarship, a specialized summer employment placement program with elite New York City law firms, and various intimate meetings, lectures, and dinners with prominent government, legal, and business professionals. “Also, obviously more importantly, I got married on June 2 at St. George’s in Belle Meade to my high-school sweetheart and two-time MBA prom date, Alice Fort.”

Chris Vutinas sends his update, “I’m getting married on July 21, 2007 to Megan Alene Clarke in Clemson, S.C. I’ll also start my second year of graduate school in the fall for Computer Engineering, specifically computer architecture.”
This fall I’ll start graduate school at Vanderbilt in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences, where I’ll hopefully get my Ph.D. in 4-5 years. I also plan to run my second marathon in December at the St. Jude Marathon in Memphis.”

Robert Stewart graduated from Davidson College with a degree in Mathematics this past spring.

Robin Leo Beard, Jr. (’57) 1939 – 2007

Robin Beard, former Tennessee Congressman and NATO official, died June 16, 2007 losing a year-long battle to brain cancer. While at MBA, Robin played Varsity Football and Track, and was a member the Forensic and Monogram Clubs. He remained involved with school, most recently speaking at Career Day in 2003. From MBA, Robin went to Vanderbilt University.

He served the country throughout his life, first in the Marines, then as a Tennessee representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1972 and served five terms, representing the 6th District of Tennessee, which extended from the outskirts of Nashville to the suburbs of Memphis. Beard was the first Republican elected to represent the district since Reconstruction, and it has remained a Republican seat ever since. While in Congress, he was recognized for his efforts to build a strong national defense and advocated fiscal responsibility.

He also served two separate presidential appointments as Assistant Secretary General of NATO in Brussels during the Cold War and after the fall of the Berlin Wall. For his accomplishments, Beard received the Department of Defense’s highest award for distinguished service and the Department of State’s Superior Honor Award. He most recently served as a distinguished lecturer for the National Defense University’s Near East South Asia Center. In this role, he helped educate high-ranking government officials of the Middle Eastern and North African countries.

Beard is survived by his son Robin John Beard; his wife Cindy Beard of Charleston, S.C.; two daughters – Lisa Beard Boland of Pascagoula, Miss., and Bettina Louise Beard of Isle of Palms, S.C.; a brother, William Damon Beard (’61) of Nashville; a sister, Rochelle Beard Barthel of Bon Aqua, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

C.J. Hurt is in a summer medical internship at Meharry Medical College and is working as an insurance claims agent for Asurion. He will be entering his junior year at Tuskegee University.
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IN MEMORIAM

Thel Horn (W ’36)
1920 – 2007

Thel Horn of Flint, Mich., died Saturday, March 10, 2007 after a brief illness. A descendant of early Davidson County settlers, Abraham Louis DeMoss and Giles Harding, Thel was born at home in Bellevue, Tenn. on February 21, 1920. He was a graduate of George H. Harding School (named for his grandfather), and Wallace University School, where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. A 1940 graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Engineering, he was President of the Senior Engineering Class, and a member of Tau Beta Pi Honor Society. Thel enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1938, where he became the youngest Major in the Marine Corps ground forces during World War II. He participated in the landings at Tinian, Iwo Jima, and Saipan, with both the 3rd and 4th Marine Divisions. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. Thel was also an active member of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club, and a faithful officer in the Christian Science Church. He owned Horn Homes, Inc. in Flint, Mich. and developed the Belle Meade Subdivision there, and co-developed several other sites in Flint and in California. He is survived by three daughters – Pam Hoffman, Stephanie (Reid) Wierrs, and Heather (Frank) Pierson; four stepchildren; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces, a nephew, and his brother Francis Marable Horn of Nashville.

Bill Husband (’69)
1951 – 2007

Bill Husband passed away on March 2, 2007. He was a devoted husband, father, son, grandfather, and faithful friend. Bill graduated from MBA where he was a four-year varsity player, captain of the football team, and was awarded All-City Honors in addition to receiving a football scholarship to the University of Alabama. He was also a member of the Varsity Track team his junior and senior years and was a member of the Big Red Club. Following MBA, Bill went to David Lipscomb University. He is described as “having a caring heart and a listening ear.” He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Marcia Duke Husband; his sons Will (Alicia), John (Laura), and Andrew; his daughter Mary Hunter; and grandchildren Kate and Gracie; his mother Ann Joyner Hunter; and grandchildren Kirean Adell, and Woodie (Bitsy) Husband (66).

Arthur May (’41)
1922 – 2007

Arthur May passed away on March 5, 2007 at the age of 85. He graduated from MBA in 1941. Following his time on The Hill, he served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and was the last son of R. May & Sons Furniture Repair. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Hazel May; his son Kent May; his grandchildren Christine Sigrest and Jennifer May Bergstrom; his great-grandchildren Kirean Adell, Piper Elizabeth, Eleanor Wren, Maxwell Kent Sigrest, and Koltfrin Kent Bergstrom; and his sister Margaret Williams.

Hank Webb (’47)
1929 – 2007

Al Whitson (’45)
1927 – 2007

Al Whitson passed away on March 15, 2007. He was born June 15, 1927 in Nashville to Edna Pearson Whitson and Josiah Morford Whitson. Al graduated from MBA in 1945, where he was captain of a championship football team, being named All-City, All-State, and All-Southern. Additionally, he was All-City and All-State in Varsity Basketball. He served as the president of the sophomore class and vice-president of the senior class. In the 1945 Bell, he is described as “one of the school’s most outstanding athletes. Al has made a name for himself at MBA. He is a friend of every boy in the school, and always has a smile for everybody. Al has an unbounded reserve of energy and is always ready to enter a new undertaking.”

Pat Wilson (W ’37)
1919 – 2007

David Kirkpatrick “Pat” Wilson passed away on May 21, 2007 at the age of 87. Wilson was a leader in philanthropy, business, and politics in Nashville for the past 50 years. He graduated from Wallace University School in 1937 and then Vanderbilt University in 1941. Following, he served in the Navy during World War II. He was founder and president of Cherokee Insurance Co., known today as Cherokee Equity Corp.

Wilson served on the board of directors of Commerce Union Bank, First American Bank, Chairman of Genesco, Chairman of the Cumberland College Board of Trustees, President of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Trustee for MBA, a member of the Nashville Urban League, and Chairman of the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust. Additionally, he served as finance chair for the National Republican Party in 1973-1974 under the chairmanship of future President George H. W. Bush.

Wilson will most be remembered for his generosity and philanthropy. He received the 1998 Tocqueville Society Award from the United Way of Nashville for his long standing service to the community and was an anonymous donor to a myriad of civic causes throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife Paula, and his sons Justin, William (Bill) (’66), and Blair (’70). Wilson was preceded in death by wife Anne Potter Wilson and son Patrick.