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from the Headmaster

Discovering Opportunities

The Realities of Managing a School in an Uncertain Economy



Paul Krieger,
Headmaster

"There will be some schools which will successfully navigate this recession better than others, and in that navigation, discover opportunities to improve, enhance, and position themselves above pre-recession levels."

Schools can make for an interesting hybrid of institutional dynamics. They pride themselves in being not-for-profit while performing the tender and transformational work of raising adolescents into functioning, engaging adults. But schools also have much to gain from the for-profit world of corporate business as the two entities have more in common than one might initially think.

Two years ago, I attended a conference for headmasters just after the world markets had crashed. We were all eager to hear from the featured presenter, Pat Bassett, President of the National Association of Independent School (NAIS). Pat's meticulous research showed that independent schools had weathered the six recessions since World War II, although some schools came out stronger and some weaker from those financial crises. In all cases, schools would always "return to normal."

It has become quite clear to me that this recession is different and there will be no "returning to normal" when and if it subsides. There will be some schools which will successfully navigate this recession better than others, and in that navigation, discover opportunities to improve, enhance, and position themselves above pre-recession levels. Below are some of the "rules of the trade" that my administrative team and I deem critical in order to manage an effective organization.

- The days of 5%-10% tuition increases are over. When schools have run into problems in the past, they have simply turned on the revenue spigot. Schools will have to find new ways to get by on smaller tuition increases combined with wiser choices regarding the reduction of costs and expenses.
- Schools used to distribute financial aid as if it were something hidden under their mattresses. With many of our parents currently suffering job losses, salary reductions, and general business contraction, financial aid budgets will soar in the future. A dramatic increase in every school's financial aid budget is the new reality. Don't be afraid to use financial aid to attract students. A full school is a vibrant, exciting, and healthy school.
- Schools that clearly tell their story using data will convince potential donors as to why they should "invest" in their school. Today, there is greater competition than ever for philanthropic dollars. Those schools which demonstrate and articulate institutional excellence will be the beneficiaries of discretionary funding in the future.
- Avoid the temptation to reduce your marketing budgets. At a minimum schools will have to maintain, but more likely have to increase, their admission-based marketing efforts and travel schedules. Make a school-wide commitment that additional resources will be dedicated to supporting your admission efforts.
- Define with even greater clarity your mission and make sure it aligns with what your school actually does. Your mission statement is your soul. Embrace it, support it, and do what you say you will do.



Hiring the best people.



Creating positive school culture.



Strategically upgrading facilities.

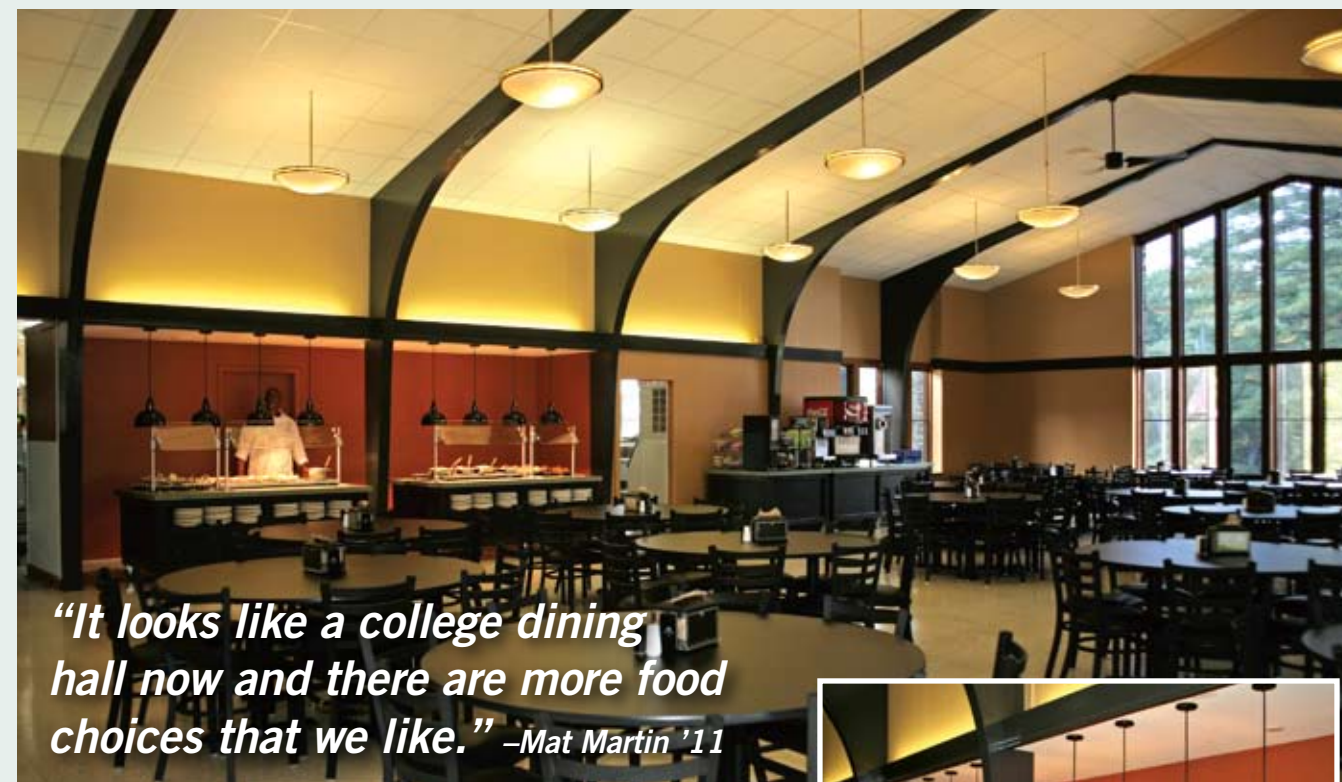
- Let the public “know” about your success. Place greater emphasis and be intentional regarding information displayed on your website; always maintain good relationships with local media outlets including newspapers, radio and TV.
- Keep hiring the best people, no matter what function they serve in your organization. Christ School strives to attract the best teachers, houseparents, coaches, office staff, and maintenance department. When you fill your institution with excellence, success will inevitably follow.
- Strategically upgrade facilities without getting caught in an “arms race.” Some institutions want to be cutting edge. That tends to be expensive. Christ School wants to be “first, second.” Watch and study what other schools do. Evaluate what has worked and what did not and then implement. Schools must be able to distinguish the difference between a fad and a trend. The result will be that you will end up spending your money more wisely.
- Communicate, communicate, communicate to both your internal public and to your external public. Effective communication reduces the amount of uncertainty in an organization. Schools will find that they have a more informed and happier community of alumni, faculty, parents, and students if they communicate frequently, effectively, and clearly.
- Evaluate your resources often. Personnel and programs that were successful in the past may not be so now. Teenage culture, the marketplace, and parental expectations are all having a more immediate impact on schools and the services that they deliver. Is what you are doing today still relevant and valued by the marketplace? This should be a daily discussion amongst your employees.
- Have the courage to do the right thing instead of the expedient thing. Focus on building your school from positions of strength. Christ School has been around for 110 years, and it did not get there by taking short cuts.
- Eliminate any elements that can diminish your positive school culture. Reward the behaviors that are valued by your organization; avoid rewarding (implicitly or explicitly) those that are undesirable. Although teenagers are natural cynics, they are also natural team players and will follow the dominant culture of your school. Creating a positive school culture and community (students, faculty, alumni, and parents) can not be underestimated.
- Identify your core values and beliefs and then protect, foster, and support them. Everything else outside of those core beliefs should be up for negotiation daily.
- Keep dialogue, programs, and spirit primed with positive reinforcement. Training your faculty, coaches, and houseparents to be good listeners is essential. Effective listening builds trust and invariably increases production as teamwork becomes the “glue” of your organization.

Thanks to all in our constituency who have provided generosity, teamwork, feedback and support over the years. Together as alumni, parents, faculty and boys, we will not only survive these trying times but elevate Christ School to new and significant heights.

Paul

Paul M. Krieger
Headmaster

Facilities Get Fit



“It looks like a college dining hall now and there are more food choices that we like.” –Mat Martin ’11

The Dining Hall has received a major renovation which features an enhanced interior décor, new seating, and a food-court style setting that is similar to what today's colleges offer their students. All athletic locker rooms have been gutted and renovated with paint, new lockers, carpet, and ventilation. Both upgrades have received rave reviews from the students.



“I like to think about this summer's projects like the continued renovation of an historic home. Over the last several years, the School has built and updated faculty homes, expanded the Chapel, updated Wetmore and increased on-campus parking. This summer we tackled the Locker Rooms, improved the Dining Hall and the most visible, adding an entrance gate and relocating Christ School Road to align with St Joseph's Chapel. Much like the front door of the historic home, the gate and new road will send a message that you have arrived at a special place, Christ School.”

— Mr. Nat Hyde '74, President, Christ School Board of Trustees

Faculty Profile:



After nine years and eighteen shows, theatre director Mary Dillon is still in love with Pingree Theater.

Drama Queen

In the nine years she has directed theater at Christ School, Mary Dillon has watched the culture of the school widen to include and highly value all of the arts: music, visual and performing. She finds it exciting to work in an environment that encourages a boy toward excellence on the stage and in the studio as well as on the playing field.

When I walked into the theater during my interview in 2001, I was immediately charmed by the space and thought, 'I want to work here,' Mary Dillon says. 'The clear acoustics and intimate size are perfect for young Christ School actors who are often performing for the first time.' The Pingree stage has housed comedies, dramas, a mystery, a melodrama, and three musicals in addition to countless thrills for actors and audiences alike.

'I remember my first show at school, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. I cast boys in the roles of the sweet little old ladies who just happen to poison lonely old men and wasn't quite sure how it was going to turn out. But when **Stephen Ballard '05** came onstage and became Abby, he had the audience in the palm of his hand!' Other highlights for Dillon are 'every show **Nathan Ruffin**

'07 was in,' as well as producing and directing the North Carolina premiere of a rediscovered play by Mark Twain, adapted by David Ives, *Is He Dead?*

For Dillon, theater training is a real-life skill. 'The teamwork involved in rehearsing a play teaches cooperation. The boys learn to work together, to support each other, and to stand up in front of an audience with confidence, all very helpful training for future leaders.' As important as the acting, the light, sound, and backstage crew members are essential to a show's success. 'Some boys just like to build things, and the theater is a great place for them to use those skills and have their work appreciated by a larger audience.' A background in yoga led Dillon to develop a training program for actors utilizing elements of that discipline. 'An actor's main tools are his voice, his body, and his face. Yoga teaches breath

'So many boys don't realize the talents they have inside them. I have been lucky to be someone who gets to unveil their gifts to them. It isn't a job, it's a joy'

— Mary Dillon

Right: Director Mary Dillon prepares George Wolfram for the dress rehearsal of 'Guys and Dolls'.



control, focus, and physical awareness integral to strong performance skills,' says Dillon. She will be presenting her Yoga for the Stage training at the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools Teacher Conference in November.

Dillon is also involved in the Asheville theater community. Her work with the Montford Park Players, North Carolina's longest running Shakespeare Festival, began in 2006 with a record-breaking production of *Hamlet*. 'Working in outdoor theater for the first time was daunting,' says Dillon. 'Shows are magical to watch there, as the sun sets, darkness slowly creeps in and the stars twinkle on overhead.' She has also directed *Cyrano de Bergerac* (2007) and *The Taming of the Shrew* (2009) at the amphitheater and is currently Chair of the board of directors.

Over the years Dillon has worked with hundreds of boys in the theater program as actors and technicians. 'So many boys don't realize the talents they have inside them. I have been lucky to be someone who gets to unveil their gifts to them. It isn't a job, it's a joy,' Dillon says. Two Christ School graduates have attended the prestigious Governor's School for Drama in Raleigh, **Dylan Parkes '06** and **Paul Webster '06**. Rising senior **Richard Walden** attended the 2010 session. In addition, rising senior **George Wolfram** attended the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts over the summer. Graduate **Nathan Ruffin** is in his senior year in theater studies at High Point University and is working toward his Equity status as a professional actor. But you don't have to be a pro to benefit from a theater experience. 'Working on a play is so enriching. Over my years at Christ School I have seen my boys blossom into men, gaining confidence and maturity. I cherish my role as director and look forward to working with whomever shows up for the next audition!'



Clockwise from top left:

Dylan Parkes '04 as Demetrius, Duffy Davenport '05 as Lysander, and Hannah Simms as Hermia in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

Max Baker '08 and Nathan Ruffin '07 in the comic mystery 'And Then There Were None.'

Jamie Locke '06 and Paul Webster '06 in 'The Complete History of Shakespeare, abridged.'

Nathan Ruffin '07 and Dornan Gresley '06 played several hilarious roles in 'Greater Tuna'

Nathan Ruffin '07 and Paul Webster '06 duke it out in 'Love Rides the Rails.'

Reed Cluxton '06 as Mushnik and Harrison Barrow '05 as Seymour are in step in 'Little Shop of Horrors.'



Shows produced at Christ School by Mary Dillon:

Arsenic and Old Lace
The Foreigner
Little Shop of Horrors (musical)
The Odd Couple
The Nerd
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Eye of the Beholder (one-act)
Love Rides the Rails
Greater Tuna
And Then There Were None
The Complete History of America, abridged
Charlie Brown
The Fire Alarm, The Most Dangerous Game
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
The Complete Works of Shakespeare, abridged
Is He Dead? (North Carolina premiere)
Guys and Dolls (musical)
Twentieth Century

Acting Up

Alumnus Nathan Ruffin '07 got in it for the laughs... and stayed for the show.

by Linda Cluxton, Editor

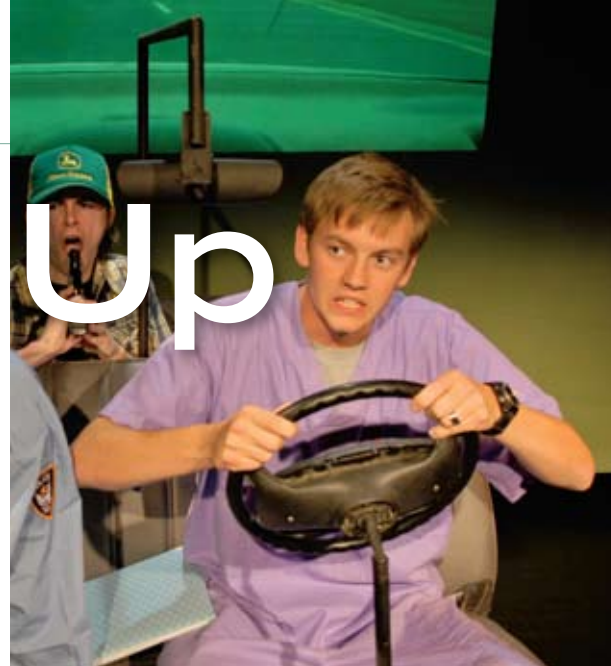
Sports are a big deal here, or at any boys school. But one of Christ School's great qualities is that boys can fearlessly try everything; and they should. Students are encouraged to try their hand at "competing" away from the playing fields and in the fields of art, music, video or drama. Come to an assembly in Pingree Auditorium any Friday and listen to the applause students give each other for their various achievements.

Alumnus **Nathan Ruffin '07** was a ferocious wrestler while he was at Christ School. Now he is off the Greenie Dome mat and passionate about his acting career which began in Pingree. "I got into acting because I enjoy making people laugh. I had good crowds at Christ School. I love sports too, but in college all the people from the sports teams come to the show!"

Nathan credits Christ School for his introduction to acting but also with teaching him patience, an important quality for aspiring actors. "Living in the dorm and with everyone taught me that you might not be good at things right away, you have to work at it. In acting, nothing is immediate, but there is always the chance to succeed if you are patient in the professional world." In the student vernacular, Nathan gave "shoutouts" to everyone at Christ School who helped him, especially Dale Sparacino, Leigh Harris, and his former dorm parents, the Pollocks. He spoke on the phone to me of drama director Mary Dillon... "A great person for Christ School theatre.



Nathan performed in "The Dining Room" in the Black Box Theatre at High Point University this past spring.



I couldn't imagine Nathan NOT being on the stage, and it was evident to me as I sat and watched him at HPU that he truly was following his passion and dream. There is no doubt in my mind that one day, when I see his name in lights, I will be blessed to say, "I know Nathan Ruffin!"

— Faculty Member Dale Sparacino

She was always supportive and polite, she always wanted to try new things."

Nathan is a rising senior in the theatre arts department at High Point University. He has been involved in numerous theatre productions and was recently recognized for his performance in "Almost, Maine," one of the top student productions in the nine-state southeast region. He has earned the Excellence In Performance Award, the highest honor given in theatre, two years in a row. A few months ago he was chosen to intern on a film written by his

advisor, Ed Simpson. The film, "Elephant Sighs" stars Hollywood legend Ed Asner. Says Nathan, "After a couple of hours he was just Ed, one of the guys. He was one of the hardest workers." The movie is scheduled to be released in the fall of 2010.

Enrolled in the "Equity Membership Candidate" program offered by select Actors' Equity Association-sanctioned theaters, Nathan has a prestigious internship at the Cape May Stage, one of New Jersey's premiere professional theaters. He is working in all areas of production, including audience development, scenic and costume construction, literary management, and backstage crew. In addition, he is participating in acting workshops and performing onstage in "Cape May Kids" and "Romantic Fools."

Nathan is a talented actor and he knows how fortunate he is to be interning at Cape May. Perhaps it was more than luck, his career tryouts really began with the lessons of patience and hard work he learned at Christ School.



In his senior speech at Christ School Nathan described learning to drive a stick shift with French teacher Vance Brown.



Above: "Greater Tuna"
Right: Thor, in "the Nerd"



Nathan's performance as the painter, in "Eye of the Beholder" won a local award.



The radio show host was another hilarious performance in "Greater Tuna."



Nathan, lower left, with the summer interns at the Cape May Stage, a professional theatre in New Jersey.

Take Two: Acting Grown-up



Zac Taylor '04 in the role of Ariel in "The Tempest"

Actor and director **Zachary Taylor '04** has two undergraduate degrees; one in Dramatic Arts and another in Business Marketing. He attended both the University of Montana and Georgia South Western. His dramatic focus was in movement and he trained in the arts of circus, mime, gymnastics, and several types of dance. He has a passion for the art of movement on stage as well as teaching young actors to recognize their talents.

Zac met his, Tania, whose degree is in Music Theatre and Directing, on a national tour with the Missoula (Montana) Children's Theatre. After several years of working together, they have moved to Boston



Zac Taylor '04 and his wife Tania Saunders Taylor recently visited campus.

and started Sky Rise Children's Theatre. Sky Rise gives both private and group instruction to middle and high school age students, teaching them how to perform, either in public speaking or acting. Zac is excited to help create an atmosphere for children to grow their performance skills in a way that is comforting to them. See their theatre at www.skyrisechildrenstheater.com

The obvious plot line continued the romance... Zac and Tania were married in August.

Dylan Parkes '04 graduated from Duke University and is now working in Chicago... working his way up in the acting world, that is. Like many young actors, he is paying his dues working mainly in the technical side of theater as an over-hire carpenter and technical director for several major theatre companies. Of course there is the requisite restaurant job, but it is in a world-class restaurant conveniently located across the street from the Steppenwolf Theater where he gets free tickets to every show. He calls this a job benefit.

Dylan performed a staged reading at the famous Lookingglass Theater last fall and is currently taking Aerial Circus Arts classes with their counterpart, The Actors Gym ("look for me in Cirque de Soleil in a few years"). Recently cast in a show that is appearing in the first annual Chicagoland Fringe festival, he is also working with a fledgling theater company started by some Duke college buddies.

Professional headshots and portfolio in hand, Dylan is looking forward to talking with agents and major companies this year.



Dylan Parkes '04 in the play "Spring Awakening."



On stage with Paul Webster '06, Dylan Parkes '04 (right) plays the part of Bottom in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



spring drama

TWENTIETH CENTURY

The spring's Drama team was the largest ever—and what talented young people! Twenty-seven boys and three girls worked together to build an ambitious moving set, film and edit an original documentary about the making of a theater production at Christ School and then perform the play itself.

This new adaptation by Ken Ludwig of *Twentieth Century* is set in the 1930's on the famous Twentieth Century Limited passenger train. It is a screwball comedy about the exploits of a failed Broadway actor and his entourage as they attempt to lure the darling of Hollywood, back into their fold to produce a much-needed hit. **Richard Walden '11** was the famed and egotistical Oscar Jaffe in a tour-de-force performance. **Alston Lanier '11** was very funny as his secretary, as was **George Wolfram '11** as the sarcastic bouncer. The beautiful Ginny Todd all but stole the show with her over-the-top performance as Lily Garland. Her dim witted boyfriend was played with gusto by **James Garland '10**, complete with a highly dramatic faint on her divan. Lily's new producer and Oscar's nemesis, Max Jacobs, was strongly played by **Lane Rogers '13**. Complicating the plot was **Gabe Dunsmith '11** as the passionate Matthew Clark, who wreaked havoc on Conductor **Thomas Heynen '11**; **Tripp Mann '11** played the Porter. Attempting to conduct an illicit affair was **Blaise Dunsmith '13**. Kaeli King as Anita Highland got caught up in the craziness. **Davis Jones '12** provided visual humor as "the Beard" of Oberammergau fame. **George Wang '10** brought the house down with his cameo as Detective Barnes. **Devin Lenahan '11**, **Alex Biggs '14**, and **Ilona Stanbeck** added their talent to the performances.

Helping technical director Brandon Herder with the elaborate set were: **Addison Honeycutt '11**, **Patrick Lanier '12**, **John Hall '11**, **Charles Leitner '12**, **Kyle Harrison '11**, **Price Mulford '11**, **Will Foley '12**,



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Albert Joo '11, **Cameron Owen '12**, **Matt Ray '11**, and **Marcus Stephanides '12**. The stage manager extraordinaire was **Monty Oates '10**.

George Wang directed the filming and editing of a 12 minute documentary illuminating what happens backstage during rehearsals for a theater production at Christ School. The cameraman was **Dylan Morris '13** and **Hayden Lalor '14** carried out the interviews. The short film was shown during intermission.

In April, students of Mr. Clapper's chemistry classes were treated to a truly remarkable visual demonstration of the gas laws they had been learning about in the classroom. Mr. Tom Mackie, father of rising junior Thomas Mackie, arrived on campus at 6:45am to unveil his 90,000 sq. ft. multicolored hot air balloon. Students were on hand to help unroll the balloon on the Fayssoux football field and help connect the balloon to the triangular based wicker basket. After partially inflating the balloon with a high powered fan, Mr. Mackie instructed his son on how to fully inflate the balloon with the burner. After tethering the balloon to the scoreboard and field goal post, the balloon was ready to lift into the air. After two hours of flying, Mr. Mackie managed to take approximately 60 students, faculty and staff (and one headmaster) into the air.

The primary gas laws that were being demonstrated by the hot air balloon were Charles's and Avogadro's laws. Avogadro's law states that as the number of moles of gas are increased, the volume of the container, or in our case balloon, is also increased. This was clearly shown initially by the fan inflating the balloon. Molecules of air were passed through the fan and collected in the balloon. As the propane burners were ignited and the temperature of the gas molecules increased, students observed Charles's law. Charles's law states that as the temperature of a gas increases, so does the volume of that gas. This law is what provides the hot air balloon with lift. The molecules that are heated move faster inside the balloon and take up more space than the cooler, slower moving molecules of gas outside the balloon. The difference in gas densities provides the balloon with lift. Voila, we have lift off.

As Mr. Mackie was taking students on tethered rides up to 120 ft. above ground level, he explained how to pilot the balloon. Balloonists only have control over vertical movement in the balloon and must depend on wind currents to push them horizontally. Knowledge of wind currents and weather patterns are key for the pilot.

After the students enjoyed the rides and hands-on learning experience, they helped deflate and pack the balloon into its storage bag. The science department would like to thank Mr. Mackie for providing an unforgettable opportunity to learn about practical chemical knowledge.

Chemistry Class has Lift Off!



Students help set up in the early morning.



Tom Mackie '80 with his right-hand man, Thomas '12.



Graylyn Loomis '10, Tom Mackie '80 and Headmaster Paul Krieger get a new perspective of the campus.

tapping & graduation

After a whirlwind ending to the school year, with the spring filled with the traditional AP Exams, Tapping, senior night and the Awards Program– and the newly-traditional events of Zeldafest and Dorm Wars, students and families were ready for the perfect Sunday, May 16th morning when 46 young men walked across the stage on Yard A. They were greeted by Headmaster Paul Krieger and received diplomas from Director of Curriculum Joe Mouer and a bible from Chaplain Kirk Brown.

Senior speaker Brad Dunn summed up the spirit of the year with an historical allusion to the fighting men of WWII who bravely dropped into the unknown, alluding to the unknown that the new graduates also face. French instructor Vance Brown, faculty member of the year, gave a retrospective of the growth he has seen in the school in his 30 years.



Senior Ben England (center) taps juniors Mitchell Smith and Addison Honeycutt as new day student prefects.



George Wang '10 received a personal book crate for college from Ms. Tillett at senior night.



Newly tapped juniors Alston Lanier, Bob Nelson and Marshall Plumlee board the bus for leadership training.

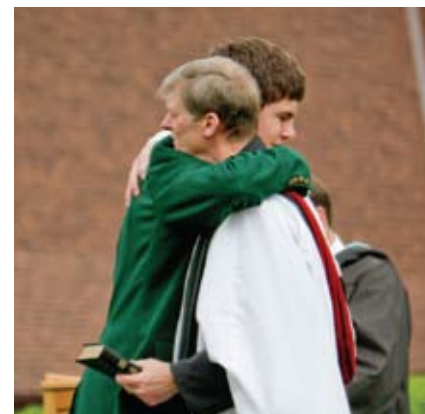


Willie Sprott leaves the Chapel service eager to line up for the graduation exercises.

Lined up and ready to receive their diplomas, seniors applaud each other.



Brad Dunn '10 addressed his classmates and the school community at the graduation exercises. A Headmaster's Scholar, Senior Prefect and Morehead-Cain Scholarship semifinalist (UNC Chapel Hill), Brad also performed the lead role in the school's fall drama production of "Guys and Dolls" and was goalie for the varsity lacrosse team.



Clockwise from Above: Legacy Brandon Allison receives a bible and a hug from Father Kirk Brown.

Seniors give their families a round of applause.

Photo frenzy after graduation.

Headmaster Paul Krieger is not feeling 5'11" between basketball players Lucas Troutman and Sebastian Koch.

Commencement Speech

"We don't know where anyone is going to land, all we know is that when we hit the ground... we are going to make a difference." – Brad Dunn '10

"We are here today to celebrate the unknown. We are here to celebrate the victory of graduation.

As planes flew over Normandy France on June 5th, 1944 they were filled with men. Men in rows of two, checking each other's parachutes, saying prayers, fidgeting. Some of them were volunteers and some of them were forced into service by the draft. They had trained for years for this one drop. Their teachers had equipped them with tools they would need for battle. Everything from the history of the region to the psychology of their opponents. The Airborne Division was about to jump behind enemy lines into the unknown. They had no idea where

their feet were going to land.... but they knew once their feet hit the ground they were going to make a difference.

I look at my classmates beside me and I see the same anxiety, fear and excitement that the men of the United States Airborne Division felt that night. Here we are in two rows, checking each other's ties, saying prayers and fidgeting. We are about to make a drop into the unknown with the knowledge of our basic training at Christ School. We don't know where anyone is going to land, all we know is that when we hit the ground... we are going to make a difference."

(Get the pdf of the speech at <http://www.christschool.org/page.cfm?p=565>).



awards

SPECIAL AWARDS

Valedictorian.....Chak Kwong “Tommy” Cheng ’10
Salutatorian Thomas Harrison Dent ’10
The Headmaster’s Cup James Garland III ’10
The Big Brother Award James Garland III ’10
The Philip Tilghman Memorial Andrew McMillan ’12
James Gibbon Merrimon Scholarship Prize..... Guang Yuan Feng ’10
The Class of 1941 Award Joseph Bowen ’10
The David L.M. Taylor Award Matheson Seely ’14
The Switzer Family Scholarship James Garland III ’10

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Redwood Senior English PrizeMichael Montgomery ’10
Robert L. McWhorter Creative Writing Award Gabriel Dunsmith ’11
The Pen and Plate Award Harrison Dent ’10
Robinson Journalism Award Gabriel Dunsmith ’11
Edward E. Ford Foundation Award..... Hagood Grantham, Jr. ’11
The Angelus Award Grayton Cloos’10
The Grayson Cole Mathematics AwardChak Kwong Cheng ’10
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award..... Colby Moore ’11
F.R. Meech Biology Award Benjamin England ’10
Chemistry Award..... Colby Moore ’11
Physics Award.....Chak Kwong Cheng ’10
Environmental Science AwardRobert Wiggins, III ’11
Technology Award.....Henry Nagle ’11
Technology Service Award Ross Weathersbee ’10
NC Council of Social Studies Award..... Ross Weathersbee ’10
The History Award Harrison Dent ’10
The Global Awareness AwardSpenser Dalton ’12
The Spanish Award Vincent Draddy, III ’11
The French Award Won Jae Cho’11
The Robert H. Reid Latin Cup Colby Moore ’11
The English as a Second Language PrizeXichen “Xavier” Wang ’13
The Art Award Guang Yuan Feng ’10
The Weil Award.....Derrick Pace ’11
The Sumner Pingree Theatre Award James Garland III ’10
Technical Theatre Award.....Montgomery Oates, III ’10
Lawton Ingle Music Award.....Santiago Londono ’10
The Sacred Studies Award Christopher Krolak ’11

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Dartmouth Club Book Award Joseph Dray ’11
Harvard Club Book Award Christopher Krolak ’11
The Sewanee Award for Excellence Marshall Plumlee ’11
The Yale Club Book Prize.....Mitchell Smith ’11

FORM BOOK PRIZES

The Second Form Book Prize Bailey Will
The Third Form Book PrizeChambers Loomis
The Fourth Form Book Prize Spenser Dalton
The Fifth Form Book Prize Joseph Dray
The Sixth Form Book Prize Benjamin England

THE SUCCESSUS FIDELITATE AWARD

The Second Form PrizeMarshall Willett
The Third Form Prize Rhyne Jones
The Fourth Form PrizeHampton Haney
The Fifth Form Prize Alston Lanier

FORM CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Second Form AwardAlexander Biggs
The Third Form Award Mingchen Chi
The Fourth Form Award Zachary Mitchell
The Fifth Form Award Connor Stemple
The Sixth Form Award.....Joseph Bowen

The Headmaster’s Cup



James Garland of Charlotte, NC earned the 2010 Headmaster’s Cup.



Ross Weathersbee of Charlotte earned the Technology Service Award and the Social Studies Award.

graduation



Graduate Thomas Willingham’10 from Atlanta, GA, with his sister Austin and parents Mary Beth and Tom Willingham ’84.



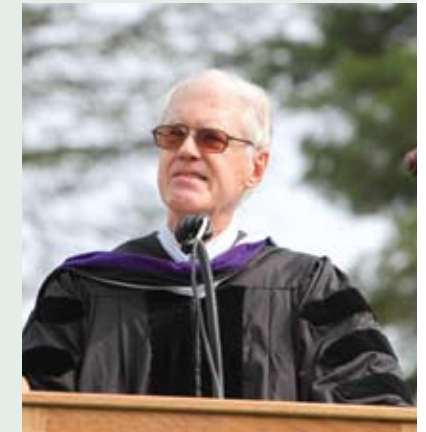
Headmaster Krieger chooses students for commendations each year.

Teacher of the Year Vance Brown addressed the graduation audience.

Headmaster Paul Krieger commented that French instructor Vance Brown won the trifecta this year; he was the students choice for Teacher of the year, he won the Headmaster’s Award, and had the school yearbook, the “Angelus” dedicated to him. All these accolades show the esteem in which he is held by both the students and the faculty.

Always quick with a joke, Monsieur Brown began his speech with “We all have one thing in common this morning... none of us knows what I’m going to say next.” On the contrary, he reflected for the graduation audience about the changes he has seen to Christ School in his 30 years. Changes in the size and shape of the physical school and the student body as well as the positive changes each of the four headmasters he has served under has made.

“I have told you all of this in the hope that as you take your leave of Christ School, as I soon shall, you may take with you an appreciation of the fact that you were fortunate to be here at a time when the fortunes of the school, so bleak a few short years ago, are literally now soaring. I know this gives me great comfort.”



Vance Brown, French Instructor



Graduates John Pharr, Bradley Dunn and Dylan Wiemer



Valedictorian Chak Kwong “Tommy” Cheng with his father Mr. Kam Shui Cheng of Kowloon, China

The Parent Council's lively involvement touches all aspects of campus life.

THE AUCTION THAT ROARED

GANGSTERS, molls, swells and flappers put on the Ritz at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Asheville for the Christ School benefit auction "Rhapsody in Green."

Auction chair Denice Dunn (Bradley '10) organized the 2010 Parent Council roaring-twenties themed gala. Denice was supported by a dedicated team of parents, past parents, alumni, staff, and faculty that helped with the success of the auction. The net proceeds, totaling approximately \$81,000, went towards the school entrance gate that will be finished by the opening of the 2010-2011 school year.



Swells, flappers & molls review the auction program ... lookin' for the goods!



Roaring-twenties costumed volunteers Denice Dunn, Auction Chair; Gin Hodge, Program Chair; Patti Harrison, Acquisitions; and Susan Smith, Silent Auction Co-Chair.



Dapper Dans L to R: Board Member Bert Scott, Board Member and Auctioneer Robin Boylan '66, Headmaster Paul Krieger and Past Parent Dieter Herterich.

Left: Flappers Andrea Chirieleison, Janet Bull, Robbins Richardson and Lydia Chase and Dapper Ryan John toast with newly-won silent auction glassware.



Parents, alumni, faculty and friends explore the vast array of silent auction items.

Left: Our new gatehouse

"As a member of the wonderful Christ School community, I would like to thank everyone who contributed their time, efforts, financial donations, and auction items that made this evening such a success. It was an amazing group effort that proved we can do anything when we work together."

—Denice Dunn,
Auction Chair

...more good news from the parents council.

The Christ School Parents Council under 2010 chairperson Patti Harrison (Kyle '11) added an unmatched vibrancy to the campus life for the students, faculty and staff. The successful auction this year chaired by Denice Dunn (Bradley '10) was just the tip of the iceberg. Co-ed dances like the spring semi-formal and the Mardi Gras dance have increased under the able guidance of Beth Krieger (Jeff

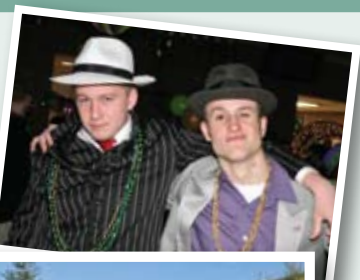
'12) and Susan Smith (Mitchell '11 & Tyler '12).

And the food that the Council has prepared, oh my! Culinary contributions that the Parents Council brought for the Big Game Tailgate, the Christmas luncheon or for the year-end faculty appreciation luncheon put the finest restaurants to shame... and well, the school dining hall asked for recipes too.

These are just a few of the ways the Parents Council is enriching the life of the school community. Please don't hesitate to ask current chairperson, Susan Smith how you can help this year.



The faculty appreciation luncheon had a luau theme.



Dances and activities enrich the students' experience.



We walk by faith and not by sight: Learning to see Anew

We Walk by Faith

by Chaplain Kirk Brown

“In order to avoid surgery, you are going to have to give your eyes complete rest for two weeks: no reading, no computer, no work, no driving—in short, nothing that would cause you to move your eyes.”

So for the next 14 days I sat staring straight ahead, at nothing in particular. And then I began to see. I began to see that our school community is an incredible place, full of generous colleagues and caring students. Faculty, though themselves already frenetically busy, stepped up to cover my classes. Students and parents expressed their concern and wished me well to speedy recovery. The area of greatest concern was Chapel: how would it fare? Who would lead the services?

Up to the plate stepped Erich Cluxton, a dear friend and colleague at Christ School for the past 15 years. Erich led the community in Morning Prayer, also introducing two more colleagues—Denis Stokes and Donna Kinney—who

offered talks they had prepared for the school community. Even the sacramental ministry was soon covered: the Rev. Patty Mouer, wife of Joe Mouer (our Director of Curriculum and Instruction), celebrated and preached at the Holy Eucharist.

Though I could not see with my eyes, I could see clearly that we are privileged to be part of a very special school community. And as I had plenty of time to reflect, I found myself giving thanks for this shared ministry. Perhaps it was my Damascus Road experience! There are times we need to be stopped in our tracks, so that we might behold the beauty all around. Christ School has always seemed beautiful to me, but never more so than this spring.

The doctor's orders came as a thunderbolt. How could I possibly miss two weeks of work in the busiest stretch at Christ School? Indeed, how could the school do without its chaplain? How would I keep my sanity?



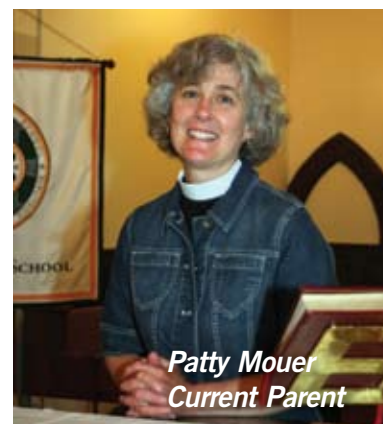
*Erich Cluxton
History Chair*



*Denis Stokes
Advancement*



*Donna Kinney
English Chair*



*Patty Mouer
Current Parent*

O Junge!

If the tears that flow freely at Commencement are any indication of emotional investment in Christ School, then this much is clear: among the greatest stakeholders are the foreign exchange students who come to us via the American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST) program. Each year (for nearly two decades now), Christ School hosts between one and three ASSIST scholars. This year two came to us from Germany (**Julius Karch** and **Christoph Koch**), and one from Bulgaria (**Iliya Stoev**). And as is typical of these students, each of whom has competed in his home country for one of a handful of scholarships to study in America, they are among the most academically gifted in the entire student body. But even more, each brings his distinctive mark: Iliya won All-State honors in soccer; Christoph and Julius brought us incredible musical talent, which they freely shared with the school. Perhaps the most important aspect of the ASSIST program is the role each boy plays as ambassador. When they gave their final speeches this spring, introduced by their advisor, Chaplain Kirk Brown, they all spoke about how much they had learned and how much they had grown to love Christ School. Christoph mentioned that his introduction to Christ School had been the “Oh Boy!” booklet prepared



“I think the belief of the teachers in their students is what makes Christ School special.”

*—Iliya Stoev
ASSIST Student from Bulgaria*

by the Admission Office; his father had told him he had better be on the cover of the next such publication. Linda Cluxton quickly arranged just such a photo, which was shown to the community at the final gathering in Pingree Auditorium on the Friday night of Commencement weekend. The caption for that photo included a German translation, “O Junge!” Quipped Christoph: “That’s what I love about Christ School: share an idea, and it’s done immediately!” And it’s clear that Christ School loves them. Several Christ School boys will be traveling to Germany this summer to visit them. We are all enriched by the experience and smile at the southern accent we imparted to Julius, Christoph and Iliya.

If you would like a few copies of the viewbook to give to a family friend whose son might be a candidate for admission or if you’d like a few copies to display in your office waiting area, please let us know by sending an email to: dsankpill@christschool.org



Julius Karch of Germany played the guitar at the CS music festival, Zeldafest.



Christoph Koch of Germany played “Silent Night” on the piano accompanied by Julius on the guitar.



Iliya Stoev of Bulgaria was an All-Conference and All-State soccer player.

Writer in Residence

Most students put pen to paper because a teacher requires them to write. **Gabe Dunsmith '11** writes for the joy of it.

From his first day as a Christ School day student when he staked out an “office” in the Pingree Theater lobby until the present, Gabe has eked out precious time between classes and before and after sports to write. All of that work has borne fruit. Now in his senior year Gabe has accumulated a slew of well-deserved recognition for his writing. Just a few of the accolades he has earned: a Second place prize in the *Claremont Review* Fiction Competition for his short story, “Lingering in Cloud Nine”; the publication of his poem “Summer Flies” in *Creative Kids Magazine*; a scholarship to the *Kenyon Review* Young Writers Workshop; the Robert L. McWhorter Creative Writing Award which provided a scholarship to the Duke Creative Writers Workshop; a two-time Robinson Journalism Cup winner; a member of the National Honor Society; election as the one of the new Service-Learning Prefects for 2010-2011; presenter at the TEDx Next Generation Asheville forum; all this in addition to acting as managing editor and lead writer for the Christ School *Galax Leaf*!

Gabe has written beautifully researched articles for the *Galax Leaf* over his career at Christ School. He has shed light on the authorship of the School of Raphael painting hanging in Hamner, rooted out the his-

tory of the Renaissance-era stained glass rose window in St. Joseph's Chapel, and most recently has focused on a local EPA Superfund site, CTS.

In the community Gabe was recognized for breaking a story when CTS sued Mills Gap Road Associates (the current owners of the site) for a “breach of contract.” It was mentioned on a local radio station that Gabe found the information that could lead to legal action. He was featured in a *Mountain Xpress* interview about his investigation of the CTS site and his own rare cancer which is felt to be attributed to the contamination.

Gabe has further exercised his research skills as an assistant in the Christ School archives for a summer, working closely with the archivists who search for and organize the materials that document the history of our school.

It is exciting to imagine where this dedicated young man will go next. He is looking at a variety of colleges such as Vassar and Columbia. What is certain is Gabe Dunsmith has a passion and a talent for writing that will take him on an adventuresome life. Christ School is lucky to count this gifted journalist, poet and essayist as one of its own.

—by Mary Dillon, English Instructor and “Galax Leaf” Advisor



An Excerpt from
“Lingering in Cloud Nine”
By Gabriel Walden
(Gabe Dunsmith's pen name)

I wasn't born yet on July 1st, 2005. But it was a day I remember vividly. It was the day the Buddha came to me and told me I was ready to be born.

No one smiles in heaven. Everyone just sort of walks around, dazed. They're all waiting for someone to tell them that their spirits are ready to be born again into a baby girl or a ring-tailed lemur or a redwood tree. When people's spirits leave the earth, they all go straight to heaven and just sit there for however long it takes for their reincarnation to be ready. It's like birth purgatory. Sometimes spirits have to wait hundreds of years. I know a wrinkled old man who calls himself Aristotle who's been waiting thousands of years now to be restored to bodily form.

The Buddha waddled over to me, his belly jiggling. He said there was finally an open spot; a boy was about to come into the world who would take on my image. I'd been waiting a long time to be born a human, but I knew it would be worth the wait.

Math + Physics = Art?

Guang Yuan (James) Feng '10 won an award for his concept drawing and sculpture entitled “Curve” at the Brevard College High School Art Competition this spring. One of the professors there at the college said to art instructor Betty Weil, “While we were judging the works, we made a little bet among ourselves that this student is very good at math and physics also. Is that true?” Mrs. Weil assured him that James does indeed have A's in calculus and AP physics as well as in studio art.

James plans to attend the University of California at San Diego next year, and to major in structural engineering. After completing his bachelor's degree, he is considering graduate study in architecture. His work in design shows great promise as well as precise craftsmanship.

“I actually have never thought of doing art for a living. I always treat art as something relaxing to do outside of work. It wasn't until recently that I thought about doing art as a profession. I am currently considering the field of architecture in the future.” —James Feng



James Feng '11 works on his painting in Ms. Weil's art class.



National Honor Society



Spring inductees to the National Honor Society, left to right: Richard Walden '11, Joe Dray '11, Won Jae Cho '11, Christopher Krolak '11, Dylan DeGraw '11, Gabe Dunsmith '11, Vincent Draddy '11, Robbie Wiggins '11, Kimu Elolia '11, Marshall Plumlee '11, Chak Kwong Cheng '10, Mitchell Smith '11, Austin Coward '11 and Spence Taylor '11.

The Bishop's Visit



Left to right: Bishop Taylor, Marshall Plumlee '11 who was baptized. Confirmed were: Elisabeth Armstrong-Price (sister of Hough Price '09), Jake Froelich '13, Mercer Lynn '14, Alston Bourne '14, Henry Keenan '14, and Landon Henry '14. Next to Landon are Father Kirk Brown and Headmaster Paul Krieger.

On May 13, the Right Reverend G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, made his annual visitation to Christ School. His visit this year also marked our final celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Bishop Taylor's visit is always a special event for the school community, in part because he himself once served as teacher at Christ School.

Service-Learning

—by Olga Mahoney
History Teacher and Director of Service Learning



Service has been an integral part of daily life at Christ School since its founding in 1900. Father Thomas Wetmore and his wife, Susan Allen Wetmore, were as committed to outreach to their community as they were to educating their students. As we prepare our students with 21st Century skills, a classroom education helps the learner acquire knowledge about leadership and, in turn, service-learning provides the practical component for transforming those concepts into the skills required for developing boys' leadership abilities. Staying true to Christ School's mission of producing "educated men of good character, prepared for scholastic achievement in college and productive citizenship in adult society," the new service-learning initiative will explore ways for students to implement these outreach opportunities and, thus, develop a genuine commitment to service.

Service-learning is an

educational model that encourages students, with support from faculty, to apply actively what they are learning in the classroom as they strive to meet a community or global need. This approach provides a richer, more meaningful learning experience because of its real-world context.

The main differences between community service and service learning are:

- the academic context in which service-learning occurs
- the fact that the projects must address a real community/global need and
- the intentional opportunity to reflect and learn from the project before, during and after service.

How does a student become a better leader through service-learning? Many studies have found that students engaged in service-learning acquire a variety of competencies associated with leadership: communication,

Service-Learning provides the practical component for transforming concepts into the skills required for developing the boys' leadership abilities.

self-knowledge and awareness, influence, vision, empathy, integrity, critical thinking and moral decision-making.

Two seniors have been tapped as the new "Service-Learning Chairs." **Gabe Dunsmith** and **Chris Krolak** will share their passion for and dedication to service with the Christ School community and inspire us all to get involved in projects that address real community and global issues of hunger, disaster relief, genocide, and access to education—to name a few of the areas of interest that students have identified. Faculty member, Olga Petrovich Mahoney, will serve as Director of Service-Learning as the Christ School community works to integrate service-learning into practice. "I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with so many students who are genuinely committed to service, have tremendous energy and enthusiasm and are interested in developing as thoughtful and productive global citizens." Upon announcing the initiative, several faculty members expressed an interest in integrating students' projects with their curriculum and have offered ideas for service-learning endeavors.

Current local projects include

our partnerships with many community organizations such as Manna Food Bank, Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, Riverlink, Church of the Advocate, Kids Against Hunger, Special Olympics and local schools. Globally, students have taken the lead in participating in "Darfur Dream Team – Sister Schools Program," the Children of Hope Orphanage in Haiti, and "Invisible Children" in Uganda.

In April, Christ School students helped the local Rotarians Against Hunger and helped package some of the over 175,000 meals that were assembled that day and have been sent to Haiti as part of a shipment of more than one million meals put together by Rotary Clubs in Western North Carolina. Another group of boys volunteered their time to sort and pack clothes and toys that Nurse Sarah Rideout took to the

Children of Hope Orphanage in Haiti. As a community, we had a chance to learn about the problem of world hunger and to propose ideas as to how we can help locally and globally. There is no shortage of ideas and energy among the boys, now we have a venue to coordinate the projects and channel their energy efficiently!

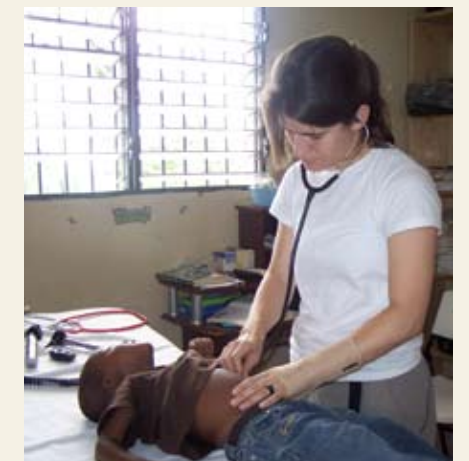
For more information about Service-Learning, please contact omahoney@christschool.org.

Haiti: Up Close and Very Personal

Christ School Head Nurse Sarah Rideout has travelled to Haiti three times to provide medical care to victims of the January 12, 2010 earthquake which leveled Port-au-Prince. She has established a relationship with an orphanage of almost 40 children in Thomazeau, Haiti. The Christ School community has already started to assist the orphanage with funds, supplies, prayers and encouragement. From Nurse Rideout's Journal:

"I can't even begin to describe what it felt like to drive/walk through the city.... it felt like I was seeing a movie instead of viewing reality.....the honest truth is not being there when all the destruction happened, puts this protective distance there....it's overwhelming, but not real to my soul. I can't imagine actually having experienced the trauma firsthand."

The above is an entry in my journal when trying to explain the calamity of viewing Port-au-Prince for the first time. Everything was surreal. I had shown up to provide medical relief care to a trauma-stricken people for a week, but what did I know about their sufferings? My week in Haiti was very trying, not so much because it is "third world" – as I have worked in Mozambique, Mexico, etc before, but because in order to make it through the week, I had to shut down my emotions in many ways. While having arrived with the intention of working a clinic in Port-au-Prince, it became surprisingly evident that the Lord had other plans. He took me to an orphanage...oh my heart. One of the first things that came to mind was how amazing it would be if Christ School could partner in some tangible way with Children of Hope Orphanage and Hospice. Those children changed my life in their own incredible way and knowing the heart of some of our boys here at school, a plan was starting to unfold that was way bigger than me and my "mission trip." What God does when we allow ourselves to be stretched gives pure joy! I recently returned from a second trip and will be going a third time in just a few short weeks with my husband, Matthew. My prayer is that we can be a conduit of love between little Arden, NC and Children of Hope Orphanage and Hospice in Thomazeau, Haiti. Who knows what the future can hold with a little hope and perseverance in the heart of our boys. There is more yet to come. —Sarah Rideout



Sarah Rideout in a Haiti Clinic



Sometimes just holding is needed.



Service-Learning Chairs Chris Krolak and Gabe Dunsmith strategize with Assistant Headmaster Chris Chirieleison, and faculty members Olga Mahoney and Travis Harris.

CHRIST SCHOOL SPEAKER SERIES

CBS Sports Broadcaster

Billy Packer



Billy Packer takes questions from the audience in Pingree Auditorium.

Christ School was fortunate to have Billy Packer, lead analyst for CBS Sports' college basketball coverage, as a featured speaker this year.

Packer has been with CBS for 27 years and has covered the Final Four for 34 years. He has written several books, including *Hoops*, *College Basketball's 25 Greatest Teams*, *History of the Final Four* and *Why We Win*. He was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, the Wake Forest University Hall of Fame, the Naismith Memorial National Basketball Hall of Fame as the Curt Gowdy Media Award and the National Polish Hall of Fame. Packer also has received the North Carolina Sportscaster of the Year Award.

Winter Varsity Sports Wrap-up



MIPs and MVPs (l to r): Frost Parker '11, John Meidl '11, Eric Smith '10, Sebastian Koch '10, Richard Walden '11 Carson Meyer '11

Winter Varsity Team Honors

Basketball—Head Coach David Gaines '84

Sebastian Koch '10 Most Improved Player

Eric Smith '10 Most Valuable Player, All-Conference,

Asheville Citizen-Times All-Western NC 1st Team, All-State

Tony Kimbro '11 All-Conference, Asheville Citizen-Times All-Western NC 2nd Team, All-State.

Damarcus Harrison '11 All-Conference, Asheville Citizen-Times All-Western NC 2nd Team, All-State.

Marshall Plumlee '11 All-Conference, Asheville Citizen-Times All-Western NC 2nd Team

Swimming—Head Coach Vance Brown

Carson Meyer '11 Most Improved Swimmer, All-Conference

Richard Walden '11 Most Valuable Swimmer

Wrestling—Head Coach Bruce Stender

Frost Parker '11 Most Improved Wrestler

Jon Meidl '11 Most Valuable Wrestler

Varsity Wrestling

What a year for the young and inexperienced Christ School wrestling team! The 21 wrestlers included only one senior (who was a first year wrestler) and only nine others who had wrestled for the Greenies last year. Although the year was plagued with injuries, two of those injured wrestlers worked hard to return to competition before the NCISAA State Meet. At the State Meet, Junior **Frost Parker** finished in 3rd place in the 140 lb. class and Junior **Jon Meidl** earned a fourth place finish at 135. Frost, a first year varsity competitor, was selected as the team's Most Improved Performer and proved to be an individual who worked with the coaches and pushed himself. Jon earned the team Most Valuable Wrestler award with the most wins, pins, and takedowns and leading by example. The three other underclassmen who were the 5th and 6th place finishers at the States were **Tripp Mann '11** at 130, **Grant Catoe '13** at 160, and **Zev Goodman '11** at 215. With this core of five strong rising seniors, Christ School Coach Bruce Stender is looking forward to a strong season next year.



Most Improved Wrestler Frost Parker '11 studies his opponent looking for the opening.

Varsity Swimming

Seniors **Ben England** and **Will Zemp** helped lead an experienced and energetic swim team to a successful season. Throughout the season, the team strived for continuous improvement in both their individual and relay events. Each swimmer showed commendable effort during the grueling afternoon swim practices, as well as the intense early morning circuit workouts. Their hard work and dedication earned them a record of 27–6 for the season, a second place finish in the CAA Conference meet, and a respectable performance at the State Meet in Charlotte.

The Most Improved Swimmer award went to **Carson Meyer**, a junior who was also named to the CAA All-Conference team. Already one of the team's strongest swimmers, Carson worked tirelessly during the season to improve his personal best times in both the 50m freestyle and 100m backstroke. Another junior, **Richard Walden**, earned the Most Valuable Swimmer award for his tremendous dedication to the team. In all that he does, Richard "pushes the team to victory," said Head Coach Vance Brown, adding that "He is a fierce competitor, an effective leader, and a



Connor Stemple '11 and Ben England '10.

generous instructor who is always willing to share his experience and knowledge with his teammates."

With only two members of the team graduating, the coaching staff looks forward to a strong 2010–11 season and the opportunity to build on this year's success.

Varsity Basketball

Again!

The Varsity Basketball team earned a fourth straight NCISAA State Championship

The 2009-2010 Varsity Basketball team set a school record for wins as the Greenies won a 4th straight NCISAA 3A State Championship with an overall record of 37-1. Despite the loss of 10 seniors from the 2009 team, the Greenies quickly bonded and played unselfish basketball from November 1st until the State Championship game in late February, a game which Christ School won 78-59 over the #2 seed, Charlotte Christian. Three players were named to the All-State team: senior, **Eric Smith**, who signed to play college basketball for the University of South Carolina, and two juniors, **Tony Kimbro** and **Damarcus Harrison**. The team's current win streak stands at 31 straight; the Greenies only loss was to Findlay Prep out of Henderson, NV. At the time, Findlay Prep was ranked #1 in the country, and the Greenies were ranked #8 in the country.

Christ School finished the season ranked #1 in North Carolina for all schools by Maxpreps and was ranked in the Top 20 in the country by several polls, including ESPN. The team set a national high school record for the most three pointers made in a season, 392. In addition to Eric Smith's signing, two other seniors signed Division I scholarships—both **Sebastian Koch** and **Lucas Troutman** signed with Elon University. The Greenies will return three juniors who currently hold Division I scholarship offers, **Marshall Plumlee**, **T. D. Dixon**, and **Damarcus Harrison**. The team won the CAA regular season and tournament titles and won its third straight Chick-fil-A Tournament Championship in Columbia, SC over Christmas Break. The team won its 4th straight Mountain Amateur Athletic Club's 3A/4A



Damarcus Harrison '11 goes up for a shot.

Major Sports Team of the Year award in May. Head Coach **David Gaines** '84 won his 300th game on January 9th. Gaines has been Head Coach for 12 seasons. Eric Smith was the team MVP and Sebastian Koch won the Most Improved Player award.

The team graduates five seniors. **Brandon Allison** and **Jeff Hudak** are the other two seniors. The team returns six underclassmen, junior **David Shaw**, sophomore, **Andy McMillan** and freshman, **John Edwards**, most of whom played quality minutes in 2009-2010. The outlook for the 2010-2011 season will once again be bright, as expectations will be set very high. Nothing short of a State Championship will be acceptable.



Marshall Plumlee '11



Above: MVP Eric Smith '10 drives through the defense.



Left: Greenie fans are the best!



The Varsity Basketball Team ventured to Washington DC to play in the ESPN RISE Tournament. While there they also played tourists with educational visits to historical sites and museums. Left: the team at the Museum of American History. Right: Team manager Chambers Loomis '13, a nationally-acclaimed pianist, found a piano and drew an audience at the Old Post Office historic site.

Honing our 17th-Century Skills

*Forging, fire starting
and surviving the
snows of a harsh
mountain winter*

by Director Leigh Harris

This winter in Outdoor was marked by several new and exciting experiences. The first and most wonderful was all of the snow that we had. The first snow (8-12 inches) started on the day that we let the boys go home early at Christmas and stayed on the ground and trails until March. During that time we had three more snowstorms and several more inches of snow. For an outdoor wilderness program like ours, this was great—we had to learn how to stay outside and move around in the snow and bitter cold. Many of our boys like **George Wang '10, Jonathan Yung '12, Bruce Chi '13** and **Chandler Ding '12** were not used to being outside in below-freezing temperatures with 15 mph winds. Fortunately, we have a box of outerwear that they could dip into for layering clothing.

Learning to start fires, biking and hiking all presented their own new twist in the challenging environment. It did not, however, stop us from taking trips. We started the season by attending the most intense kayak race in America. The

Green River
Race is
known
for its

*Horse shoe knife
made by Mr. Cluxton*



Thomas Davenport '13 ice climbs

challenging elevation drops and narrow channels—it has even been showcased as a Red Bull Xtreme race. We descended into the tricky river gorge with about 2,000 other people and spent the day watching paddlers wind their way among the rocks.

Other trips included a backpacking trip to Panthertown Valley and another very snowy trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for the knife forging seminar.

We tried some new projects this winter, the first of which was making our own knives. We started simple with a knife blank that is basically already a knife with no handle. We then spent time putting on handles by drilling and gluing and used belt sanders/grinders to finish the handles.



*Dylan DeGraw '11 at
work on the forge.*

The best work was done by **Ross Weathersbee '10**. Our next step was to produce a complete knife. To do that we went to a knife forging workshop over at Smoky Mountain Knife Works in Sevierville, Tennessee. There we learned to heat treat, forge and pound out a rough knife

from half a horse shoe and a railroad spike. We saw how to finish, temper, sharpen and then polish the knife on a belt sander and polish wheel. We learned enough to start our own forge in our new building.

Another project that we worked on was trying to start fires with just flint and steel and carving and constructing our own bow drills. The flint and steel was easy, but we have yet to start a successful fire with a bow drill. Along with these two

projects we also made “char cloth” from old white cotton t-shirts. We put strips of white cotton cloth into an Altoids can and then baked the cans over a fire until the cloth turns char black. In this form, the cloth will catch a spark from flint and steel and then can be blown into a flame.

All Oars in the Water

*Christ School rower Ben England competes
on a national scale.*

Ben England '10 has trained with the Asheville Youth Rowing Association (AYRA) on Lake Julian for two years but he and his teammates from other area high schools have only been racing together for about four months. Their hard work behind the oar has really paid off. They qualified their men's varsity 4-manned shell for the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships in June in Cincinnati, OH.

Because the team was small, they rowed the 8-manned shell and then Ben and his teammates in the 4 would row again, an incredibly athletic feat. The team from Asheville went into the competition ranked 18th and moved up through each race to finish number 9 in the nation.

Ben will row for Georgia Tech next year. His brother Nick is a sophomore, rows for AYRA, and is interesting his fellow students in the sport.

*Ben, second from right on
the bottom row, with his
teammates.*



Above: Rowing, the ultimate team sport.

Spring Sports



Sports Awards (left to right): PH Broyhill '11, Bob Nelson '11, Rhyne Jones '14, Will Wynn '14, Robby Wiggins '11, Thomas Willingham '10, Jervis Stuart '10, Sam Martin '12, Brad Dunn '10, John Coyne '11, Charlie Martin '10, Cory Sciupider '12

Spring Varsity Team Honors

Tennis—Head Coach David Price '01

Josh Horwitz '12 Co-Most Improved Player
Robby Wiggins '11 Co-Most Improved Player
PH Broyhill '11 Most Valuable Player, All-Conference, All-State

Baseball—Head Coach Pat James

Will Wynn '13 Most Improved Player
Jervis Stuart '10 Co-Most Valuable Player, All-Conference, All-State
Thomas Willingham '10 Co-Most Valuable Player, All-Conference
Trae Sweeting '12 WNC Top Hitter

Track—Head Coach Doug Embler

Bob Nelson '11 Most Improved Award
Damarcus Harrison '11 Most Valuable Award, All-Conference
Sebastian Koch '10 High Jump Champion, Buncombe County and CAA
Brandon Lopez '11 All-Conference

Lacrosse—Head Coach Jeff Miles

Sam Martin '12 Most Improved Player, All-Conference
Brad Dunn '10 Most Valuable Player, All-Conference, All-State
John Coyne '11 All-Conference, Conference Player of the Year, All-State

Dylan Wiemer '10 All-Conference

Andrew Walters '10 All-Conference

Gibbs McEachran '12 All-Conference

Charlie Jackson '11 All-Conference

Golf—Head Coach David Gaines '84 Asheville Citizen-Times Golf Coach of the Year

Rhyne Jones '13 Most Improved Player, All-State
Cory Sciupider '12 Co-Most Valuable Player, All-Conference

Charlie Martin '10 Co-Most Valuable Player, All-Conference Player of the Year, Asheville Citizen-Times Player of the Year

Jeff Krieger '12 All-Conference, All-State

Graylyn Loomis '10 All-Conference

Year End Athletic Awards

The Athletic CupJervis “Champ” Stuart '10
The Moltke-Hansen School Spirit TrophyAndrew Walters '10
The Bill Sewell Hustle Award.....Thomas Beard '12
Woody Cabbil '12

The Pat James Award..... Damarcus Harrison '11
The Mike Knighton Sportsmanship Award.....Marshall Plumlee '11



Left:
Jervis “Champ”
Stuart '10 earned
The Athletic Cup.



Marshall Plumlee '11 receives
his third State Championship ring
from Coach David Gaines '84.

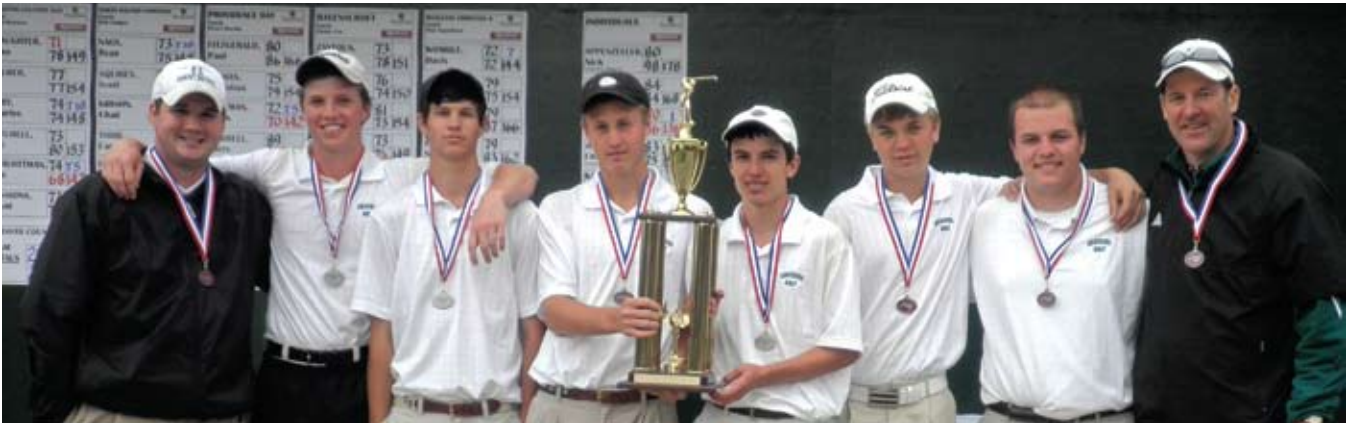


Andrew Walters
'10 receives his
School Spirit
Trophy from
Drew Hyche '94.



Left: Andrew in
action at a
basketball game.

An Historic Season! Golf Team Wins State Championship



The golf team, left to right: Assistant coach Garrison Conner, Jeff Krieger '12, Charlie Martin '10, Harrison Tye '13, Rhyne Jones '13, Cory Sciupider '12, Graylyn Loomis '10 and Coach David Gaines '84.

The 2010 Christ School Golf Team won the State 3A Championship, the first in school history. The Greenies capped off an undefeated season by beating Forsyth Country Day in a two hole playoff. After two days of competition, both teams were tied at 588 strokes, so the playoff started on the 18th hole at Bryan Park’s Champions Course in Greensboro, NC. **Rhyne Jones**, a freshman, shot a two-day total of four under-par 140 and sophomore, **Jeff Krieger** shot 74-72 for a total of 146. Both players earned All-State recognition for their efforts. The other four players in the state tournament were seniors **Charlie Martin** and **Graylyn Loomis**, sophomore **Cory Sciupider** and freshman **Harrison Tye**.

The golf team also won the CAA title and the Buncombe County title. Sciupider was Medalist at the Buncombe County tournament with a round of 73. Five Greenies were named All-Conference—Martin was Player of the Year and Sciupider, Loomis, Krieger and Jones were also honored. Sophomore **George Ibrahim** played in half of the matches and missed making All-Conference by one stroke. Other members of the team were senior **Hank Hodge**, sophomore **Hampton Haney** and freshman **Chandler Bradford**.

Head Coach **David Gaines '84** had a good feeling about the team’s chances at the State Tournament, “The confidence level slowly grew with this team and we had wonderful depth up and down the lineup; it was just a matter of the players believing that winning the State Championship was possible.” Gaines returned this year as golf coach, his 13th season. His assistant coach was Garrison Conner. Martin and Sciupider were Co-MVPs and Jones won the team’s Most Improved Player award.



All-Conference
Player of the Year
Charlie Martin '10
at the Buncombe
County Tournament.



All-State player Jeff Krieger '12 sinks putt at an AJGA event at The Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia.

Track

The 2010 Track and Field season revolved around the themes of teamwork and support and was punctuated by an endless stream of personal bests. Captains **Hagood Grantham '11** and **Brandon Lopez '11**, along with senior athletes **Sebastian Koch** and **Willie Sprott**, led the team to a successful season. Season highlights included a second place finish in the conference meet, and All-Conference recognition for **Brandon Lopez** and **Damarcus Harrison '11**. Sebastian Koch was the Buncombe County Champion in the High Jump at 6' 4" and the Carolina Athletic Association Champion at 6' 2".

The Most Improved Athlete Award went to junior **Bob Nelson**. An avid and committed distance runner, Bob redoubled his efforts during the season, resulting in a sharpened competitive edge and an impressive personal record in the 1600m of 5:36.

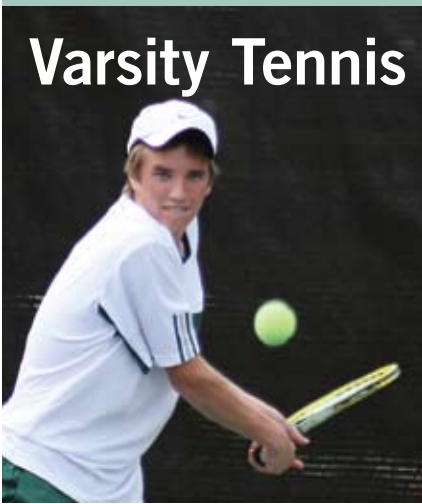
The Most Valuable Award was presented to **Damarcus Harrison** whose competitive efforts produced the most points for the team over the course of the season. "Damarcus is a talented sprinter and a gifted jumper," said assistant coach Amanda Gyves. "Whether sprinting the curve in a 4x200 relay, or clearing 6'6" in



Above: Damarcus Harrison '11
Right: Bob Nelson '11

the high jump, he always pushes himself to perform and deliver for the team."

Graduating only two of its members, the team looks forward to a strong 2010-11 season and the opportunity to build on this year's success.



Varsity Tennis

The hard work and determination of the Varsity Tennis team landed them in the state playoffs for the first time in a decade! The Greenies were led by the team's Most Valuable Player, **P.H. Broyhill '11** who was also selected to

the CAA All-Conference and NCISAA All-State teams. The Most Improved Players, **Robby Wiggins '11** and **Josh Horwitz '12**, personified this year's success with their hard work and dedication to improve. Already-solid performers, **Jean-Claude Dallies '13** and **Christopher Krolak '11** made major leaps towards the end of the season and became consistent winners. Up-and-comers include underclassmen **Kyle Hulsing '14**, **Colby Moore '11** and **Andy Anderson '13**,

who are committed to work hard, improve over the summer, and become major contributors next season. Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to standout senior **Tony Benjamin**. His great success over the last two years, with 5-2 in singles this year and 19-2 in doubles over two seasons, will be missed. The future for the tennis team looks bright as the team only loses one member and Coach **David Price '00** is looking to improve on this spectacular season by going deeper into the state playoffs next year!



Above left: Chris Krolak '11
Above: P.H. Broyhill '11

Baseball

Like watching a young child grow, learn and develop, Head Coach Pat James watched a group of very young and inexperienced players, led by two outstanding seniors, develop into an improved Greenie baseball team this spring.

With four returning players, the Greenies started the year off slowly. The team lost to Erwin High School in their first outing but bounced back to beat Shannon Forest. This trend of losing, then winning, continued throughout the season with the Greenies never losing more than two in a row and never winning more than two in a row.

As the season progressed and young players like 8th grader **Doug Piercy**, 9th grader **Will Wynn** and 10th graders **Andrew Wiggins** and **Spenser Dalton** matured, the Greenies entered the toughest part of their schedule ready to play. Senior **Jervis "Champ" Stuart** took his role as a leader to heart.

The season was highlighted by two victories over Asheville School. The first was a road trip to Asheville School for their alumni weekend. The Greenies wasted no



Trae Sweeting '12

time jumping on the Blues for six runs in the first two innings and earned a 14-1 win.

Asheville School then came to Christ School for our Alumni weekend. In an eight inning thriller, the Greenies beat the Blues 11-10 with Wynn driving in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning. Freshman **Trae Sweeting** had four hits, three runs, three RBIs and an inside-the-park home run. Dalton and senior **Thomas Willingham** contributed three hits, while Stuart stole five bases and scored the winning run.

Finishing the year 7-9 overall and 7-5 in conference, the Greenies captured third place in the conference and garnered several individual honors. Stuart and Willingham were named to the All-Conference team, with Stuart also earning All-State honors. They shared the Most Valuable Player team award. Wynn was recognized as the Most Improved Player. Sweeting was the top hitter in Western North Carolina with a .609 average.



Co-MVP Thomas Willingham '10

Lacrosse

Christ School lacrosse had an impressive season and finished 12-7. They captured the conference championship and completed their seventh consecutive winning season and fifth consecutive state playoff appearance. The Greenies won their first round playoff game against Caldwell Academy 29-7, but lost to in-state rival Providence Day 11-10 in the quarterfinals.

The Greenies boasted seven All-Conference players; **Gibbs McEachran '12**, **Sam Martin '12**, **Charlie Jackson '11**, **Brad Dunn '10**, **Dylan Wiemer '10**, **Andrew Walters '10**, and Conference Player of the Year, **John Coyne '11**. Both Coyne and Dunn were also selected to the NCISAA All-State team. The team set



several school records this year, including most goals in a season, most assists in a season, most goals in a game, and most wins in a season. At the core of the success was the outstanding leadership of Co-Captains Brad Dunn

Left: four-year manager, Nick Wall '10

and leading scorer and Mars Hill College Signee Andrew Walters. The Most Valuable Player was Brad Dunn, and the Most Improved Player was Sam Martin.

Christ School will miss its seven seniors, but the future looks bright as Coach Jeff Miles returns 7 of 10 starters and 15 varsity players. The Greenies will look to build off of this year's success.



Above: Brad Dunn '10

Left: Andrew Walters '10

Currently Blue but Always Green

Miles '08 and Mason Plumlee '09 play basketball for Duke University and Marshall '11 is on his way to join the team.

The Plumlee brothers are just good news—and we all crave good news. I happened to open Yahoo! News the other night and saw the back of a familiar head. Because I photograph the students and sports at Christ School and use their photos in publications, everything about the boys becomes familiar, especially the attitudinal sports stance. Well, as I stared at this international media clip on my screen I realized it was Miles Plumlee '08 using his brother Mason '09 as a springboard for a dunk at the Duke basketball camp. Not just any dunk, but a “one-handed tomahawk dunk” according to Jeff Eisenberg, writer for “The Dagger” sports blog.

All three Plumlees played in State Championship games at Christ School for Coach David Gaines '84, and next year all three will play for Coach Krzyzewski at Duke. It has been a communication director's delight to follow these bright, capable, well-deserving young men in the media highlights, knowing they played here in the Mebane Fieldhouse. Don't forget, we knew them first when they painted themselves green for the Asheville School games or dressed up like Winnie the Pooh and Tigger!

Credits: Asheville Citizen-Times, Ted Richardson, Chuck Liddy, Ethan Hynan, Charlotte Observer, Duke University web site, Reuters, Daily News, Michael Conroy, David J. Phillip, The Associated Press



Mason '09 and Miles '08



President Obama congratulates the Duke team for winning the national championship. Miles and Mason are in the back row, second from the left and far right.

Alumni Weekend

The 50th Reunion Class sets the bar high and the young alumni have their Friday event at an alumnus' microbrewery.

Over the past few years, the class celebrating their 50th Reunion has had a very large impact on the Alumni Weekend Festivities, and this year was no different. The Class of 1960 came out in force and was a fixture at all Alumni Weekend activities, sporting their custom made football style jerseys with a large “60” emblazoned on the front and back as well as their last names printed on the back. The fifteen or so members of the class who were able to make it back to Arden attended the Friday evening cocktail reception at the Headmaster's house and were also able to celebrate their classmate, Dexter Rumsey, who was presented with the

Distinguished Alumnus Award at the Awards Dinner on Saturday night. The Class of 1960 has set the bar high for the 50th reunion year classes and for that we thank them!

Other classes that had strong showings over the weekend included the class of 2005, 1995, 1985, 1970, and 1955. In addition to the strong showing from the reunion classes, the Christ School baseball, tennis, and lacrosse teams all secured victories over Asheville School!

Thank you to all of the alums that were able to make it back for the 2010 Alumni Weekend and we look forward to having reunion classes ending in “1” and “6” on campus for the 2011 Alumni Weekend. May 6-8.

“Paul Krieger and his staff are to be commended for taking Christ School to an all new level. During Alumni Weekend our class considered that the School had retained all of the good qualities that we remembered from our youth.” – Dexter Rumsey '60



Headmaster Paul Krieger greets Dexter Rumsey and Joseph Pressly from the Class of 1960.



1960



The Class of 1960 started their weekend-long fun at the Headmaster's cocktail party on Friday night.



Earle Prevost '60 and his classmates hit Fayssoux Football Field following the Saturday BBQ.

Alumni Snaps



The Rev. James K. Polk Van Zandt '70 stepped in to help Chaplain Kirk Brown with the Memorial Eucharist.



L to R: Math teacher Leigh Harris, Wade Strozier '95, English teacher Mary Jane Morrison, Eric Logan '95, History teacher Lyn Tillett and Jonathan Hemingway '95.



Kevin O'Keefe '85



Class of 1970



L to R: Bill Hazelgrove, Martin Lathrop, Greg Byrd, Mark Whitney, Bill Sewell and Tom Mackie at their 1980 reunion dinner.

Right: Drew Thorp '04, Sean Edey '05 and Josh Burke '04 played in the alumni golf tournament.



A good-sized group gathered at 2001 alumnus Jon Cort's Craggie Brewing Company, a local Asheville microbrewery.



Members of the class of 2005, back row: Aaron Pressley, John Wilkins, Headmaster Krieger, Oby Morgan, Sean Thompson ('04), Robert Kester. Front row: Josh Burke, Vann Fuller, and Duffy Davenport.

Alumni Weekend

2010 Reunion and

Awards Dinner

Alumni, families and friends attended the Reunion and Awards Banquet on Saturday night to honor five individuals important for their personal accomplishments and contributions to Christ School. Alumni Council President George Berger '83 welcomed everyone to the evening and Board of Trustees President Nat Hyde introduced the awards ceremony and presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dexter Rumsey '60. The program recognized Dr. Richard S. Wells '50, Mark A. Whitney '80, W. Vance Brown II, and Albert R. "Trey" Newsome '06.

DEXTER C. RUMSEY, III '60 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



Dexter Rumsey

Dexter C. Rumsey, III '60 graduated from Christ School in 1960 and went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning his undergraduate degree in 1964. Following his graduation from UNC, Mr. Rumsey entered the United States Marine Corps and served four years of active duty, including two years in Vietnam, attaining the rank of Captain. After completing his military service, Mr. Rumsey attended the University of Virginia School Of Law, graduating in 1971.

Professionally, Mr. Rumsey is a lecturer, an author and a recognized leader in the practice of trust and estate law. He holds many awards and accolades in his field including being named Virginia's Legal Elite and Virginia Super Lawyer in the field of Trusts and Estates by Virginia Business Magazine as well as receiving the Walker Award for exemplary service to the Virginia Bar Association (2002). Over the years, he has served both the state and local law community and also served as the town attorney for White Stone, Virginia from 1974-2004.

Mr. Rumsey is also very active in his community, currently serving as the President of the William F. and Catherine K. Owens Foundation as well as the North Neck (VA) Free Health Clinic Foundation, both local charitable foundations. Mr. Rumsey has also served on the Boards of several area banks, churches and schools and is also a founder and served as chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of Virginia Ducks Unlimited, an international wetlands and waterfowl conservation non-profit organization.

Over the years, Mr. Rumsey has been a very involved and dedicated alumnus of Christ School. He has been a volunteer for the Annual Loyalty Fund, has served as a class agent and reunion chair for his class of 1960, served on the Board of Advisors, and also served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1998-2004. Mr. Rumsey has also generously supported Christ School financially as a member of both the Angelus Society and the Galax Leaf Society for many years as well as supporting the Campaign for Christ School and other various school projects and needs.

Mr. Rumsey and his wife, Bonnie, live in White Stone, Virginia and have two grown children and five grandchildren.



Singing with the choir

Awards

DR. RICHARD S. WELLS '50 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. Richard S. Wells '50 graduated from Christ School and after a few years at both Davidson College and The University of the South at Sewanee, served four years in the United States Air Force. He went on to earn both his undergraduate degree in English and his Masters Degree in Government and English from Texas Tech University. He then completed his PhD in Political Science from Iowa University in 1963. After a year of teaching at Arizona State University, Dr. Wells moved to the University of Oklahoma where he taught for the next 26 years until his retirement in 1990.

At Oklahoma, Dr. Wells was awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award (1973), named the "Outstanding Professor of the University of Oklahoma" (1979) and was also awarded the David Ross Boyd Professorship (1979), which recognizes outstanding teaching, guidance, and



Dick Wells

leadership for students in an academic or interdisciplinary program at OU and is considered an emeritus position for which he is still recognized today.

During his time as a professor at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Wells had several works published in political science journals and co-authored a textbook. Following his retirement as a professor at Oklahoma, Dr. Wells developed a Master's level course which examined the social and political importance of the American military. He taught this course to classes that were primarily military in composition. In 1982, Dr. Wells was elected to Honorary

Membership in Phi Beta Kappa, which is widely considered the most prestigious collegiate liberal-arts and sciences honor society in the United States.

Dr. Wells and his wife of 50 years, Maurine, reside in Norman, Oklahoma.

"I have had the good fortune to follow an interest in ideas and institutions that help us to understand our governmental and political system—a task that seems to grow more difficult each year. While we often don't know just where such interests begin, I have a clear sense of just where my interest began. It began right here! I have thus always been grateful to this school, for a number of things, but especially that."

—Dick Wells '50

MR. ALBERT R. "TREY" NEWSOME III '06 ROBERT B. MOORE III '90 YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

Trey Newsome '06 was a high-honor roll student, a member of the National Honor Society, a captain of the soccer team and also a Prefect in Harris House during his time at Christ School.

In February of 2008, Trey founded Climb to Cure Cancer, Inc. (www.climbtocurecancer.com) a non-profit foundation dedicated to helping low-income families deal with the financial burdens of cancer. Trey and the Climb to Cure Cancer team are experienced mountain climbers and each summer, the team chooses an expedition and raises money to support families going through chemotherapy at the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center. Since the foundation's first year, it has raised more than \$33,000.

Trey has recently graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a Chemistry and Biological Psychology major with plans to attend medical school. At UNC-CH, Trey has been a Dean's List student each year, has been inducted into several of the University's elite honor societies, served as a Senior Research Assistant in the Department of



Headmaster Paul Krieger and Trey Newsome

Behavioral Neuroscience and also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and UNC Hospitals.

MR. W. VANCE BROWN II HEADMASTER'S AWARD

French teacher Vance Brown is a graduate of the Asheville School and Washington and Lee University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in French. Following his time at Washington and Lee, Mr. Brown completed his military service with the United States Marine Corps and lived abroad in France for a number of years. He is also a 1973 graduate of the law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Brown joined the Christ School faculty in the fall of 1979, taking a break from the classroom in 1982 for three years to study psychology and also to earn his teaching certification. During his nearly 29 years of service to Christ School, Mr. Brown has served the school in a number of areas. In addition to directing the French department during his time here, he has also taught classes in the fields of English and Art History. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Brown has also coached the swim team, junior varsity tennis, and cross country and has also worked with the drama department.

Mr. Brown and his wife of 37 years, Catherine, live in



Paul Krieger presents long-time French teacher Vance Brown with the Headmaster's Award.

Asheville, NC. They have three children, two daughters and a son Evans, who graduated from Christ School in 1995.

MR. MARK WHITNEY '80 BILL SEWELL SERVICE AND LOYALTY AWARD



Mark Whitney thanks classmate Greg Byrd '80 for his introduction.

Mark Whitney '80 served as a Prefect in Boyd Dorm and was awarded both the Senior Athletic Cup and the Headmaster's Cup during his time as a student at Christ School. Over the years, Mark has been a very active and loyal alumnus of Christ School. He is an

annual Angelus Society member, is an annual supporter of the athletic Booster Club, has served on the Alumni Council, and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees. In addition to his financial support of the school, he also donated the cabinetry that was installed in the three new faculty homes constructed on campus in 2006 and is an avid supporter of Christ School athletics, attending almost every home football and basketball game, as well as several away contests every year.

Mark has had two sons attend Christ School. Hayes, his oldest son, is currently serving as a field medic in Afghanistan. Josh attended Christ School for five years, graduated in 2009, and is currently a freshman at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. In addition to having his sons attend CS, Mark

has also recommended the Christ School experience to several current students who have enrolled.

Mark currently lives in Asheville, where he works as the National Sales Manager for sgblue, inc. a startup company. Mark is engaged to the lovely Janet Whitworth.

new faculty

Marshall Baltazar

teaches Spanish and assists with theatre. He earned his bachelor's degree in Spanish literature from the University of Illinois-Chicago, and his master's in education from Columbia College in Chicago. Marshall has taught at schools in Chicago, Florida, Costa Rica and Spain. Most recently he taught Spanish and directed the drama program at Asheville School. During the summer, Marshall leads student travel groups in Spain, including this year's trip to Salamanca.



Jill Fagen

is already familiar to many of her students in Learning Resources this fall. She has lived in Harris House for four years with her husband, physics teacher Matt Fagen. She has also proctored supervised evening study halls for several years. Jill holds a bachelor's degree in visual arts from Eckerd College and a master of fine arts degree from Bennington College. She has taught previously in Florida, Vermont and North Carolina.



Brian Higgins

is the new Instructor of Technology and Assistant Director of Media Systems. Brian earned his bachelor's degree in technology education from Central Connecticut State University. He



served as Technology Coordinator for the past three years at The Knox School, a boarding school in St. James, New York. While at Knox, Brian also was a dorm parent, network administrator, and cross country and basketball coach.

Brent Kaneft

joins the English Department. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and received his master's degree in English from James Madison University this spring. Brent taught previously at Blue Ridge School in Virginia, where he also served as hall parent, football and baseball coach and freshman class dean. At Christ School he will coach football and baseball.



Ken Kiser

is a veteran Spanish teacher, with ten years experience at Gaston Day School and Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta. At Christ School he teaches Spanish levels I, II and II, and serves as an adjunct houseparent. A graduate of Davidson College, Ken has studied in Spain and at Middlebury College's summer program, and taught English as a second language in Costa Rica. He has spent summers on the staff of Camp Rockmont and is also an accomplished songwriter.



Jennifer MacDonald teaches Arabic Language and Culture. Jennifer attended Los Angeles City College and San Francisco State

University, where she majored in Arabic, anthropology and film. She also received training at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA, and at the Arabic Language Institute of Fes, Morocco. She is an award-winning filmmaker and writer and served for several years as a translator and cryptologist for the United States government.



Sandy Powers

brings a wealth of experience to the math department. She has taught high school and college math in Georgia public and private schools for more than twenty years, including several stints as department chair. She holds a bachelor's in math education and master's degree in education from the University of Georgia and is an avid Bulldog football fan.



Felice Stokes

will be joining the faculty as the Director of Learning Resources. She is a graduate of Belmont Abbey College, and has spent the last seven years teaching at the Key School at Carolina Day. Prior to that she taught at schools in New Orleans and Charlotte. Felice is married to Denis Stokes, our Director of Advancement and External Affairs, and is the mother of Tyler '12.



Admission Additions

Morgan Scoville

is the new Director of the Admission Office. Morgan has spent the past five years as Associate Director of Admission at his alma mater, St. Andrew's School in Delaware. During his tenure there he coached the boys cross country team and served as a faculty adviser and dorm parent. While a student at St. Andrew's, Morgan participated on the cross country team and won the Delaware State Individual Cross Country championship in 1998 and 1999. Morgan continued his athletic and academic career at Villanova University, where he ran cross country and track, and earned his bachelor's degree in Economics. He competed in the Boston Marathon in 2009.



Also new in the Admission Office is **Kodi Shay**. Last year Kodi worked in admissions and taught in the history department at St. Andrew's School. He is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, where he played varsity football and earned all-conference and 2nd team All-American honors. Kodi has an extensive background in coaching, and will assist with the basketball program at Christ School.



Summer School

History teacher Lyn Tillet studied in London and Cambridge, England this summer as a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar. She participated in an institute entitled "Winston Churchill and the Anglo-American Relationship." Taught by leading academic experts on the life and times of Sir Winston Churchill the research included visits to major sites linked to his life and to the House of Parliament.



Ms. Tillet at the Imperial War Museum

Lyn's research was on Churchill's five months as a battalion commander on the Western Front during WWI. She looked at photos and paintings he made as well as reading his letters, memoranda, and memoirs of this period between November of 1915 and May of 1916. Lyn is interested in how influential this type of first-hand battle experience was on WWII leaders.

English teacher Donna Kinney studied "Picturing Early America: People, Places, and Events 1770-1870," a four-week-long NEH summer institute on interpreting and teaching early American art. Hosted by Salem State College in Massachusetts.

Picturing Early America explored the primary pictorial forms in American art from the British colonial settlement to the aftermath of the Civil War. The three units—portraiture, history painting, and landscape—took a multidisciplinary approach. For her final project, Donna developed a lesson plan which she has added to her American Literature curriculum. The topic, The Colonial Origin of Civility and Gentlemanly



Ms. Kinney presents her research.

Behavior, allowed her to research the various influences—spanning art, architecture, literature, and material culture—that contributed to the earliest concepts of what constituted a gentleman in America, and how those influences remain relevant today. Her hope is that, through research and study, her students will reflect on their own values as they prepare to be seniors, and "gentlemen" at Christ School.

Mrs. Weil took two courses this summer that gave her the chance to work with Mother art instructors from all over the US, and from several other countries. She spent ten days in Chicago in early July. She took an AP art history course at the Art Institute, and especially enjoyed seeing the new modern wing of the museum. During the last week of July, she attended the Art Educator's Forum at Savannah College of Art and Design, which included studio workshop classes in digital painting and animation, printmaking, and painting.

Andy Gyves spent the summer teaching French at The American School in Switzerland's (TASIS) summer academic program in Lugano, Switzerland. The program provides intensive language learning experiences for students from all over the world interested in learning English, Italian, and French. The program also offers academic courses in Art History and Digital Photography. In addition to teaching, Andy led group excursions to local museums, rock climbing trips, and weekend trips to Paris and Milan. "It was wonderful to work with another talented group of students and teachers, and I feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity. I look forward to sharing these experiences with my students and colleagues at Christ School!"



Mr. Gyves in Switzerland

In Memoriam

TRIBUTE: Mrs. Meta E. Allison '34

The Last of the Christ School Ladies

Note: Christ School was founded as a mission school for students of all ages. In the mid 1920s when public education came to Western North Carolina the school changed to an all-male boarding school.



Beth Allison '34 in the early days of Christ School and with her much-loved Christmas ornaments.

The hymn Beth Allison's family chose for her funeral in August was "Joy to the World." Beth loved Christmas and her eyes both shone and twinkled, though sometimes with mischief. She worked as a hairdresser for 50 years and then in a Christmas shop in Hendersonville well into her 80s because she loved people. She welcomed visitors into her home every year to view the hundreds of decorations and Christmas villages.

Five-year-old Meta Elizabeth, known to her family and friends as "Beth," began first grade at Christ School in 1924, walking the mile and a half from home every day with her brother and sister. The school was a family tradition; her parents had both gone to the school, although her mother dropped out to marry at age 16. Beth was a handful as she will readily admit. "It was a blessing to get me out of the house."

Mrs. Wetmore and Father R.R. Harris, founder and headmaster of the School, respectively, were family friends and visited in her home. Beth remembers Mrs. Wetmore as "rather stern" in her five-year-old view, but Father Harris was "real warm."

In 2005, the Christ School archivists were fortunate to be able to interview Beth Allison and add her stories to the oral history archives of the school. She joked at the time "I think my sister and I were the reason Christ School went to all-boys. We were a handful."

She was a true joy to those around her.



Beth Allison, her sister Annie and schoolmates by the Chapel stairs.

In Memoriam

CDR L. Thomas Roach '62	1/1/2010
Mr. Alexis Nelson "Sandy" Luke '61	4/8/2010
Mr. George Marshall Newman '34	4/9/2010
Mr. Marion William Pearson, Jr. (Former Faculty)	4/30/2010
Mr. Julius Henry Walker Guerard '49	5/18/2010
Mr. Quentin Cecil L. Pinner '37	5/31/2010
Mrs. Meta E. Allison '34	8/6/2010
Mr. James S. Wilkins '52	8/29/2010

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