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Arts building brings new teaching opportunities

Episcopal began its school year with a big addition to campus: the new Visual and Performing Arts Center.

The new building provides teaching space for visual art, drama, choral music, instrumental music and dance classes, bringing together all of the arts at Episcopal in one space for the first time.

"The teaching possibilities seem endless right now," said Charlotte Nordyke, head of Episcopal's visual and performing arts department.

Now that all of the arts are housed close to each other in the same building, plans are in the works for co-curricular activities. Dance students will work with art students, drama students will work with art students and choir students will work with band students, among other possibilities.

"This is going to open up a whole new teaching area for us to have our students working together in different and multiple disciplines," Mrs. Nordyke said.

The 37,000-square-foot facility includes four visual art classrooms, a band room, choir room, dance studio, black box theatre and main stage theatre, along with space for building sets, storing props and changing costumes during performances.

The size of the building provided a challenge for the architectural firm of Bodman, Webb, Noland & Guidroz, which planned a design that would reflect the feel of Episcopal's campus. For example, a col-



Dancers practice during ballet class. The dance studio in the new building has allowed the addition of dance courses.

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-- Charlotte Nordyke,
Visual and Performing Arts
Department Chairwoman

umned porch along the front and side of the building gives it an inviting look as well as providing a functional value.

To help plan for the unique needs of an arts center, two groups were consulted that specialize in theatre design and equipment. First, Auerbach and Associates, a

New York and San Francisco firm, looked at the initial plans for the project. Later, Pelton Marsh Kinsella, a theatre consulting firm in Dallas, gave recommendations on the infrastructure that will allow Episcopal's arts center to keep up with technological advances in the field for years to come.

For example, the new theatre has been built with provisions in place to add robotic lights.

"We looked at where technical equipment was going in the future so we wouldn't be left behind," Mrs. Nordyke said. "That's something we were looking at for the whole building

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The mission of Episcopal High School as a church school is to nurture and develop students who benefit from, and contribute to, an academically challenging college preparatory education through courses and activities which develop the whole person - spiritually, intellectually, morally, and physically.

On Campus Editor
Corrie Kiesel



The varsity cheerleaders pose with their camp awards.

Cheerleaders named Camp Champs

The Episcopal High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad attended Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Cheerleading Camp July 20-23 at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss. The cheerleaders worked a gruesome schedule for three days learning cheers and a dance/stunt routine, the Extreme Routine. The squad received superior ratings for cheer, dance and sideline evaluations. The squad won the Camp Champ trophy for its performance in the Extreme Routine Competition. The squad's winning performance climaxed in an impressive pyramid made up of 21 girls! Winning Camp Champ allows the squad the opportunity to perform at the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Eve.

2001 – 2002 Cheerleading Squad Members: Freshmen – Jennifer Jennings and Kelly Murtagh; Sophomores – Jamie Arbour, Carolyn Carnes, Amy Catalano, LaShina Finley, Rachel Fontenot, Ashley Hansen, Carmel Lawrence, Kade Roybal and Katy Shearman; Juniors – Terryn Fudickar and Katie Machen; Seniors – Jennifer Brock, Rachel Brower, Allison Brown, Reily Gay, Sarah Gay, Chandler Lewis, Catherine McKowen, Lesley Sanchez, Candice Shearman and Rachel Strubinger (captain). Faculty sponsors – Mrs. Carrie Goodall and Mrs. Emily Freeman.

13 honored by National Merit

Thirteen members of Episcopal's Class of 2002 have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Ten seniors were tapped as semifinalists in the annual competition based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. They are: Stephen Anderson, son of John and Cheryl Anderson, Michael Dasgupta, son of Sarah Rayner, Jeffrey Farrell, son of John and Mollye Farrell, Sarah Miletello, daughter of Gerald and Melinda Miletello, Robert Parenton, son of Vernon Parenton and Kathleen Andrus, Craig Sabottke, son of Craig and Cathy Sabottke, Austin Speier, son of Tony and Karen Speier, Michael Thompson, son of Paul and Mary Thompson, Emily White, daughter of Edna Latchem and William White, and Amy Wormsley, daughter of Frank and Carole Williams.

The National Merit Semifinalists join approximately 15,500 academically talented high school seniors in qualifying for this honor. As semifinalists, the students will have the opportunity to compete for about 7,600 merit scholarships worth approximately \$28 million. Before they can be considered for merit scholarship awards, semifinalists must advance to the finalist level of competition by fulfilling additional requirements, which include having an outstanding academic record and submitting SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier PSAT/NMSQT performance.



Episcopal's semifinalists and commended scholars

The following three students were recognized as commended scholars for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT: Sarah Cotter, daughter of Greg and Pennie Cotter, Benjamin Schellack, son of Jon and Pam Schellack, and Anna Wheeler, daughter of Donald and Janet Wheeler.

New faculty and staff

Episcopal welcomes the following people to its faculty and staff:

Elaine Alvarado joins the Mathematics Department in the Upper School. She previously taught math to juniors and seniors at Parkview Baptist School. **Amber Barnhill** is the new Lower School music teacher. She also assists Paul Taranto with band. **Bruce Bowman** is teaching Upper School chemistry classes. **Gary Buete** is the new head soccer coach.

Maria Caballero teaches Lower School Spanish classes. She is from Madrid and worked in Spain teaching English classes to students of all ages. **Myers Godwin** joins the faculty as the director of the new Visual and Performing Arts Center. He has assisted with many productions at Episcopal in previous years. **Regi Golden** is teaching eighth-grade social studies classes and serving as an assistant football coach. **Paulina Hopkins** teaches Upper School Spanish. Originally from Chile, Mrs. Hopkins previously taught at Millerville Academy.

Juliet Johnson is the new college counselor. **Dan Joslin** is the new NJROTC commander. He is a retired Navy pilot. **Yoko Kaihori** returns to Episcopal to teach Lower and Middle School Japanese classes. Ms. Kaihori was previously a teaching assistant here. **John Kahl**, a PC specialist, has been working with the Help Desk since this summer. **Alicia Kelly** joins the Lower School as the student program specialist. She fills the position created when Joy Werth switched to teaching religion. **Rosemary Luttrell**, '97, is the latest alumna to join Episcopal's faculty. She is teaching seventh-grade English. New dietician **Debbie Nicholas** has been on the job since September, having previously worked at St. Thomas More Catholic School. **Dawn Perret** is teaching sixth-grade science. Mrs. Perret previously taught science and math at Broadmoor Middle School. **Tamu Sterling** joins the Upper School faculty as a social studies teacher and college counselor. She will also assist with the dance program.

Wally Stevens, a physical education teacher, is a new assistant football coach. Mr. Stevens previously taught mathematics and coached at Woodlawn High School. **Anna Stuckey**, the eighth-grade science teacher, comes to Episcopal from Wildwood Elementary. **The Rev. Leigh Axton Williams** joins the faculty as associate chaplain. Mother Williams, who is a priest as well as a lawyer, will also teach religion classes and honors seminar.



New members of Episcopal's faculty and staff include: (front row from left) Amber Barnhill, Maria Caballero, Paulina Hopkins, Anna Stuckey, Rosemary Luttrell, Juliet Johnson and (back row from left) Elaine Alvarado, Tamu Sterling, Dan Joslin, Mother Leigh Williams, Regi Golden, Myers Godwin, Bruce Bowman, Wally Stevens, Alicia Kelly and Dawn Perret.

Holocaust education

David Zielinski, dean of student life and social studies teacher, traveled to Poland and Israel this summer on a Holocaust education trip. The trip was led by Vladka Meed, a woman who smuggled people and supplies in and out of the Warsaw Ghetto by passing herself as a non-Jew. She is one of the original donors for the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. While in Poland, Dean Zielinski stayed in Warsaw and visited Treblinka, Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek and Krakow. While in Jerusalem, Dean Zielinski heard lectures at Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust museum and memorial. He heard from some of the top scholars on the Holocaust and from Holocaust survivors, including three survivors of Auschwitz, a Schindler Jew and a survivor of the Sobibor uprising. Dean Zielinski also spent five days attending lectures at Lo Hamei Ha'getoat, which is on the Mediterranean near Lebanon. It is a kibbutz started by survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Upper School students learn about the Holocaust in their 11th-grade social studies classes. Dean Zielinski is also working with Middle School teachers on a cross-curricular unit on the Holocaust for sixth- and seventh-graders.

'Schools Attuned' course

Six faculty members traveled to Holland, Mich., this summer to attend a "Schools Attuned" program at Hope College. Lucy Smith, Jenny Hastings, Pam Goodner, Charlotte Carnes, Meg May and Joy Werth attended the five-day intensive course. The course focused on identifying students' strengths and weaknesses and helping students learn how to use their strengths to improve on their weaknesses.

Balkans seminar

Middle School teacher Johanna Leonard attended a Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities seminar titled "Understanding the Balkans" this summer at LSU. The five-week course was taught by Professor Karl Roeder. About 20 teachers from around the state participated in the seminar, which looked at the historical roots of conflict in the Balkans and focused on Bosnia and Kosovo. Guest speakers for the seminar were Serbian, Croatian and ethnic Albanian LSU students. Ms. Leonard learned tips on how to bring the information into the classroom, including websites with resources on the topic.

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Juliet Johnson joins Episcopal as new college counselor

Episcopal's new director of college counseling knows what college admissions offices are looking for in student applications. She spent six years working in a college admissions office, reading thousands of applications and making decisions about whom to admit.

Juliet Johnson joins Episcopal after spending six years at Spelman College in Atlanta. She was an associate director of admissions there and spent one year as interim director of admissions.

"I visited high schools, attended college fairs, hosted information sessions, interviewed students, read applications and

made decisions on who would be attending Spelman," she said.

Her new position at Episcopal allows Ms. Johnson to spend more time with students.

"This was a good opportunity for me in the admissions field to work with students, which I love to do," she said.

The position at Episcopal also allowed Ms. Johnson, 32, to return to her home state. She was born in Hammond, the middle child in a set of triplets.

"You always had someone to play with," she said of growing up with a brother and sister the same age and an older sister.

The family moved to Colorado when Ms. Johnson was still a



Ms. Johnson

baby, but returned to Louisiana after eight years. She attended Grambling State University as a Presidential Scholar, earning a bachelor's degree in public

administration. She earned a master's in public administration at LSU before moving to Atlanta.

When she's not working, Ms. Johnson enjoys playing tennis (she once played on the USTA circuit), listening to jazz, shopping for shoes and reading. She has two cats, Sydney and Paris.

Ms. Johnson hit the ground running when she arrived at Episcopal in mid-July and has enjoyed getting to know students and parents.

"I want to ease the overwhelming process for them so they can feel comfortable making the right choices," she said. "I really want the parents and the students to learn how the process works."

Faculty news

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Math training

Middle School teachers Brent Caldwell and Pam Goodner taught the course "Math Teachers for Louisiana" for area public school teachers at the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators this summer. The course focused on math instruction and on how to prepare students for the LEAP test.

Chaplain news

Chaplain John Houghton traveled to England in April for a family reunion celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Houghton family in the Meon Valley of Hampshire. He and his cousin the Rev. Sue Houghton, a priest of the Church of England, co-officiated at a family worship service in All Saints' Church, in the town of Botley. About a hundred Houghtons gathered for the reunion, including 17 from Australia, Canada and the United States.

During the same trip, Dr. Houghton received permission from the Librarian of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, to consult a medieval manuscript in the Parker Library.

The particular manuscript Dr. Houghton consulted, known as CCCC MS. 201, dates to the mid-eleventh century. It was written, probably at Worcester, on parchment, in Latin and Old English, with some decorated letters, and contains several different texts associated with Wulfstan, Archbishop of York. One of the texts is part of the "Old English Benedictine Office," on which Dr. Houghton wrote an article several years ago ["The Old English Benedictine Office" and its Audience," *American Benedictine Review* 45 (1994), 431-445].

In May, Dr. Houghton attended the 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies, at Western Michigan University, in Kalamazoo. He was elected to a second term as a member of the Board of the Consortium for the Teaching of the Middle Ages (TEAMS). He took part in a roundtable discussion on the use of the Web for research by elementary and secondary school students, sponsored by the Online Reference Book for Medieval Studies, to which he is a contributor, and he attended sessions on "Anchoritic Devotion in

Medieval Literature," "The Textuality and Transmission of Old English Prose," "Anglo-Saxon Homiletics," "Teaching the Middle Ages" and "J.R.R. Tolkien: Texts, Contexts, and Retextualizations." He was also invited to contribute a chapter on Tolkien and St. Augustine for a forthcoming book on Tolkien and the Middle Ages, edited by Prof. Jane Chance of Rice University.

Journalism courses

English Department Chair Becky Milligan and Publications Director Corrie Kiesel attended workshops for high school journalism teachers this summer. Mrs. Milligan and Mrs. Kiesel are co-teaching Episcopal's new journalism course for seniors this year.

Mrs. Milligan attended a seminar in July at Ole Miss. Mrs. Kiesel attended a June institute at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Topics covered included teaching news writing, feature writing, editing, newspaper layout and design, photography and journalism ethics and law.

Play direction

Paige Wax, Episcopal Theatre producer, will direct the Playmakers' Christmas show, "Best Christmas Pageant Ever." She will also direct the Baton Rouge Little Theatre's spring musical, "Cinderella." In addition, Mrs. Wax will conduct workshops at Oak Alley Plantation on acting skills and public speaking with the plantation's tour guides.

Study in Spain

Foreign Language Department Chairman Juan Barroso attended a course for high school Spanish teachers this summer at La Universidad de Cadiz in Spain. The course taught teachers methods for teaching Spanish to students and also included cultural lessons on topics such as dancing and food. Dr. Barroso received a scholarship from the Spanish government's minister of education toward the course. While in Spain, Dr. Barroso also visited Granada and Madrid, where he went to Colegio Nuestra Senora del Recuerdo, a school that will have an exchange with Episcopal this year.

Parents' Guild back-to-school socials a success

New to the Parents' Guild calendar this year was a series of student socials honoring those new to Episcopal and the student ambassadors. Also, the Guild sponsored a new parents' social to gather together parents who had children entering Episcopal for the first time.

Two student socials were held in the Alumni House on Picture Day for the Lower School crowd. Early on Picture Day, approximately 75 excited youngsters, from kindergarten through second grade, and their parents enjoyed juice and doughnut holes in the Alumni House dining room. One eager kindergarten child, with a handful of doughnut holes, smiled widely and emphatically stated, "School is fun! I like it here!"

Later in the morning, new students in grades three through five and their parents were treated to an old-fashioned ice cream social. Excitedly, the students chose from a vast array of toppings for their sundaes.

Parents were effusive with their thanks and

appreciation for an opportunity not only to meet the parents of other new students but also for the chance to see their own new students interacting with their peers. "This is a wonderful idea," declared the parent of a new student. "I'm happy to see my child meeting new friends and fitting in at Episcopal."

August 19 was a busy day on the Parents' Guild calendar. In the late afternoon, the Guild entertained at two student socials and sponsored a new parents' party. The Middle School crowd enjoyed a dip in the Episcopal pool and tables of munchies. Student ambassadors introduced the new students to each other and did a fantastic job in keeping the party lively and fun for all. One student exclaimed, "My other school didn't have a pool. This is neat!"

At a gathering in the Student Center in Perkins Hall, the Upper School new students, student ambassadors and other student leaders feasted on pizza and other treats. "We didn't have name tags, which was great. We had to

go around and ask, 'What's your name?' and give them our names," related an Upper School student ambassador. "I got to know so many new people."

Concurrently with the two afternoon student socials, members of the administration and the Guild greeted the parents of new students in the Alumni House parlor. The room was packed and lively with lots of conversation and laughter. One parent remarked, "Gosh! I was as nervous as my high schooler, but I had such fun. Episcopal is so warm and friendly."

It seems as though the goal of introducing to Episcopal the new students and their parents was achieved, and all of the five socials were a smashing success. The Parents' Guild applauds Tina Wood and Wendy Gilley, co-chairmen of the new student socials, and to Georgia Scobee, who coordinated the new parents' social. Also, a special "thank you" is extended to all of the Episcopal student ambassadors.

Who to Contact Within the Parents' Guild

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10th Grade: Lisa Crew, Betty Baker-Baldrige

11th Grade: Emily Freeman, Margie Hollis, Jeannine Schutte

12th Grade: Jane Whitlow, Ann Hartman, Pam Schellack

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Library Volunteers: Sue Kindervater

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New Student Summer Socials: Tina Woods, Wendy Gilley

Parents' Night Receptions: Cindy Maughan, Danica Woody

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Store Rebates: Kate Leupin

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Lucille Babb, Karen Feigley

Used Uniform Sale: Claudia Gauthier, Jan

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Yvonne's Angels

From the Parents' Guild president

It takes many dedicated individuals to help create this "little bit of heaven" we call Episcopal. To the many "angels," this column is dedicated:

General: Lillie Wooders, Marcie Rodriguez, Rickey Scroggins, Buddy Anderson, Andrew Wyly, Beverly Turner, Corrie Kiesel, Leon Bordelon, Marshall Watts, Janet Pace, Louann Bombet, Karen Firnberg, Elise Kaufman, Leah Edrington, Cheryl Anderson, Dora Jordan, Jenny Hastings, Lucy Smith, Debbie Babin Guthrie, Dana Huevel, Lisa Graphia, Marianne Snipes, Terry Preis, Cathy Irantalab, Ruth Hill, Tammy Duos, student ambassadors, Paul Hancock and Tommy Watts.

Used Uniform Sale: Claudia Gauthier and Jan Beard, chairmen.

Faculty Back-to-School Reception: Sandy Saye, chairman, Lisa Frost, Carolyn Bourgeois, Glenda Pollard, Edna Latchem and Pennie Cotter.

New Student Socials: Tina Wood and Wendy Gilley, chairmen, Lisa Graphia, Stella Nugent, Karen Firnberg, Terry Preis, Anne Broderick, Julie Hartung, Stephen Anderson, Liz Frischhertz, Sabrina Wood, Pam Craig, Dwayne Gilley, Katie Gilley, James Gilley and student ambassadors.

Lemonade Stand: Emily Freeman, chairman, Taylor and Debbie Kleinpeter, Liz Thurston, Katie and Carline Machen, Melanie Patrick, Katie Freeman, Katie Bourgeois, Regan Hall, Carla Verges, Karen Feigley, Sarita Karve, Ansley Rhodes and Kristin Kyle.

New Parent Reception: Georgia Scobee, chairman, Ruth Hill and Emily Freeman.

Pizza Sales: Johnnie Trask and Joann Thurston, chairmen, Betty Baker-Baldrige, Amelia Goodman, Doris Knatt, Sally Siakel and Mari Zuckerman.

Store Rebates: Kate Leupin, chairman.

Mailing Coordinators: Grace Campbell and Ginger Paddock, chairmen, Cathy Donald, Kate Leupin, Rosalie Pinson and Kathy Simpson.

Care Team: Anita Augustus, co-chairman (first quarter), Sandra Shuford and Wendy Gilley.

Arts

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– where the arts are going both in programming and in technical needs.”

Meticulous planning went into each room in the new center to make sure that the facility would have all the necessary components, not only for current needs but for future growth as well. “This will be one of the premier theatres in Baton Rouge,” said Myers Godwin, who joined Episcopal’s staff full time this year as director of the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

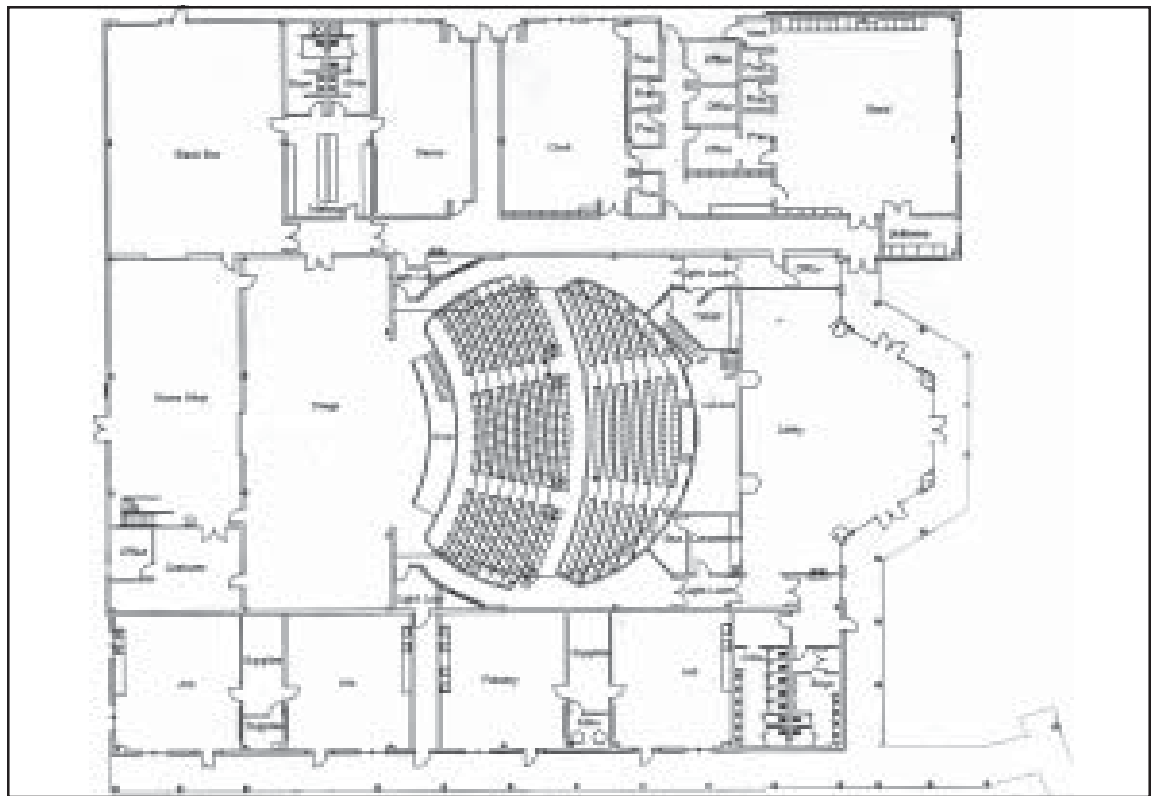
The visual art classrooms – one for Lower School, one for Middle School and two for Upper School – all open directly to the outside, which will allow students easy access to the outdoors for sketching. The pottery room is equipped with two new kilns and two new pottery wheels.

The band and choir rooms each are connected to individual practice rooms, which allow for small groups of students to practice together and for individualized instruction. Each room also has shelving designed for the needs of their libraries, and the band room is equipped with instrument lockers.

Student music chairs have been purchased for band and choir to allow for the proper posture for singing and playing instruments. Other new additions include a clavivona and keyboard, while the choir room is still in need of a baby grand piano.

The dance studio has been designed with a special floor that minimizes stress and strain on the body. The floor consists of multiple layers of plywood over a cushioning system, which is then topped by a marley dance floor. The top layer can be moved to the black box theatre or main stage, which are also designed with floors appropriate for performance.

The dance studio also includes a wall of mirrors and a combination of portable and



Top: The floor plan of the Visual and Performing Arts Center. Above left and above right: two stages in the construction of the VPAC. Right: Workers prepare to tear down the rectory, which was located in the spot where the VPAC now stands. The offices that had been housed in the rectory are now located in the Alumni House, which opened in the fall of 2000.



stationary bars.

The black box theatre, which, as its name suggests, has a black floor, walls and ceiling, is a flexible space for teaching and performances. Seating is not permanently fixed, as it is in the main stage theatre, which allows for theatre in the round and other configurations.

The main theatre was designed to provide an intimate feel for performances, even with 462 seats. The stadium-style seating is

arranged so that even people in the back row are close to the stage. The seating area is curved and encased within columns.

Mrs. Nordyke first got the idea for the look of the theatre from Cornell University’s Performing Arts Center, which she visited during the planning stages of the building along with Headmaster Paul Hancock and architect Butch Noland.

They also visited Ithaca College, which is well-known for

its music programs, to tour its facilities.

Episcopal’s theatre shares the curved seating style of Cornell’s theatre, as well as the columns around the seating area. However, the stage design was altered to give Episcopal’s performers more flexibility.

Side stages provide access for performers to go into the aisles of the theatre. A cover over the orchestra pit can also provide 16 feet of stage in front of the



Dance program is new to Episcopal's curriculum

The opening of the Visual and Performing Arts Center has allowed for the addition of a whole new group of courses to Episcopal's arts curriculum this year.

Dance courses are now being offered to Middle and Upper School students in the dance studio of the new building. This year students can take ballet, theatre dance and a survey of dance course.

Dance teacher Renee Chatelain said the mission of the dance curriculum is to expose students to dance as an art form in ballet, theatre dance, jazz, modern dance and other forms, and to explore the history of dance.

This fall, 72 students are participating in dance classes, and more are expected during the spring semester.

In addition to dance classes, Episcopal has formed a Dance Ensemble this year. The ensemble is a club for dancers or students who just love dance, Ms. Chatelain said. The group will give performances, attend dance productions in New Orleans and Baton Rouge and sponsor guest teachers and choreographers.

Two dance performances are scheduled this year for the Dance Ensemble and dance classes. They are Nov. 15 and May 7.

Two guest teachers are also scheduled to work with student dancers.

Thom Clower, a former ballet master for the Hubbard Street Dance Company of Chicago, will teach Episcopal students from Feb. 4 to Feb. 8.

From March 21 to March 28, Byron Suber, a dance teacher at Cornell University, will work with Episcopal students.



Top: The Jazz Band warms up in the new band room. Above: Art teacher Russell Roper works with students in the Middle School art room.

Beauty contest topic of first play

Episcopal High School students will present *Miss Firecracker Contest* Oct. 18-20 at 7 p.m. in the Greer Center.

The performance is set in Yazoo, Miss., during the "Miss Firecracker" beauty contest. The awkward and passionate Carnelle Scott, played by Emily White, is a very unlikely candidate for a beauty contestant. Carnelle tries her best to capture the glory that her beautiful and graceful cousin Elaine, played by Ashley Day, once enjoyed as a beauty queen.

With her on her quest for the crown is Carnelle's limited seamstress, Popeye, played by Johanna Rushing, her gregarious cousin Delmount (Miguel Jiron), Tessy (Stefanie Sanderson), the unattractive contest coordinator, and MacSam (Blair Edrington), one of Carnelle's former loves.

Paige Parsons-Wax is directing the production.

Tickets for this Beth Henley classic are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door and are available from Episcopal's bookstore at 753-3180, ext. 1163.

proscenium. This versatility is needed for the variety of productions at Episcopal as well as the number of students who participate in performances.

Another feature of the theatre is a fly loft, which will allow for the addition of a fly system for scenery.

The fly loft will eventually accommodate 28 lines of rigging to raise and lower scenery.

The control booth at the back of the theatre, with controls for

lights and sound, was built as a large space to allow for teaching students about technical theatre.

Behind the stage is a scene shop, which provides space for building sets. This is another feature that will facilitate teaching, as students will be able to be more hands-on in the set design process.

"The focus from the beginning has been on making this a really fine teaching space," Mrs. Nordyke said.

Naming Opportunities Still Available

Opportunities are still available for those who wish to dedicate a theatre seat in honor of a loved one. Brass plates will be fixed to the back of each seat displaying the designated message. For more information on theatre seats and other naming opportunities, contact Brian Zielinski, major gifts coordinator, at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1179, or e-mail zielinskib@ehsbr.org.

Outstanding teaching honored through STRETCH Awards

Six STRETCH Awards were given this summer to recognize outstanding teaching at Episcopal. The winners are the Lower School foreign language teachers, Susie Huston, Nathalie Roy, Beth Lemoine, Juan Barroso and Brian Galante.

This is the third year of the awards program. The awards are given annually to two teachers or teams of teachers in each division.

The awards are in the amount of \$3,500 and can be taken as cash or as professional development grants.

The awards were made possible by a generous donation to the school's endowment by the Pennimans.

Headmaster Paul Hancock announced the awards in August after the candidates' award applications were reviewed.

The Lower School foreign language teachers were recognized for their creativity in designing curricula and teaching materials and for their enthusiasm about their native languages and cultures.

Fourth-grade teacher Susie Huston was commended for her

dedication to teaching and her other contributions to the school, including her work with the Earth Day program.

Latin teacher Nathalie Roy was recognized for her work with Middle School students. In particular, she was commended for her creative teaching and her participation in cross-curricula lessons.

Middle School French teacher Beth Lemoine was honored for her dedication to teaching, her commitment to supporting school programs and her ability to integrate technology into her

instruction.

Upper School Spanish teacher Juan Barroso was commended for his work as Foreign Language Department chairman, which covers grades K-12 and four languages. He was also recognized for his work in developing a relationship with the Spanish government and for his exceptional teaching.

Choir director Brian Galante was praised for his active involvement in the Performing and Visual Arts Department and his exceptional work with Episcopal's choirs.



Football victory

Football players display the Bishop's Cup in Chapel following the Knights' 48-0 victory over St. Martin's. Bishop Charles Jenkins donated the cup to commemorate the annual game between the schools, which are both owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. The Knights have since added to the win column with a 7-6 defeat of East Iberville on Sept. 14.

Teachers attend courses for technology training

Fifty members of Episcopal's faculty and staff attended courses taught by their colleagues this summer to improve their computer skills.

The courses covered everything from basic troubleshooting to developing Web Quests to becoming familiar with online databases.

Michelle Chenevert taught a "Tips and Tricks" course to help teachers from all three divisions learn how to solve hardware and software issues. She also taught teachers and staff members how to use Publisher 2000 to create brochures, newsletters and programs. Additionally, Mrs. Chenevert and Sandy Kuhlmeier taught a course covering the new features of Office 2000.

Head Librarian Sarah Peckham taught two online database courses, one to Lower School teachers and one to Upper and Middle School teachers, to familiarize teachers with the databases available in the library and ways they could be used with students. Mrs. Peckham will be teaching three more database courses this fall for Middle and Lower School teachers.

Middle School Librarian Carrie Goodall taught a course for Lower, Middle and Upper School teachers on how to develop Web Quests to reinforce the curriculum.

Lower School teacher Renee Crousillac led a training session on using Alpha Smarts, which are basic computers to use with kindergarten through third grade students.

This fall, more than 50 teachers are participating in training on Dreamweaver software to develop web pages. Kassie Keller, Mrs. Kuhlmeier and Mrs. Chenevert are conducting that training.



Michelle Chenevert teaches a computer course for faculty.

Admissions Calendar

Testing Dates

Kindergarten/First Grade

Oct. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17

Grades 2-12

Feb. 23, March 23

Grades 3-12

Dec. 1, Jan. 26

Parish Day School 6th Grade

Dec. 1

Trustees' Scholars

Feb. 23

Open House

Oct. 22, 23, 24

12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Invite a friend whose child would benefit from an Episcopal education.

For more information or to schedule your child for testing, contact Director of Admissions Ruth Hill at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1161.

Annual Fund Volunteers -- Thank You!

Kindergarten

Randy Roussel,
Class Chairman
Alfreda Diamond
Jennifer Hicks
Myra Holland
Cindy Lawless
Alison McGehee
Linda Mitchell
Patrice Ostrowe
Darrelyn Roussel
Charlotte Wright

First Grade

Janel Chapman,
Class Chairman
Karen Clark
Tracy Coomes
Lisa Graphia
Alicia Hoover
Elaine Kjos
Jamie O'Brien
Bronwyn Perry
Karen Roussel
Garnett Slatton
Carter Stone
Madhuri Yadlapati

Second Grade

Kathleen DaQuanno,
Class Chairman
Maria Bowers
Missy Epperson
Elaine Haun
Angie Herpin
Anne Hughes
Lynn Kober
Laurie Maas
Tamara Penn
Michael Trufant
Ann Clark-Whitlock

Third Grade

Diane Breaux,
Class Chairman
Becky Cooper
Julie Folse
Amelia Goodman
Wendy LeBlanc
Nancy Markert
Denise Murrell
Bell O'Roark
Carrie Rudolf
Faine Stevens

Fourth Grade

Ana Isaza, Class Chairman
Missy Epperson
Ashley Heltz
Cindy Henkelmann

Cindy Lawless
Michelle Miller
Charlotte Murrell
Sally Siakel
Sue Steitz

Fifth Grade

Toni Phillips,
Class Chairman
Martye Ballenger
Edwina Harvey
Debbie Hudson
Jody Kennard
Nancy Kramm
Kate Leupin
Theda Little
Todd Moore
Jo Ellen Prutz
Barbara Zellmer

Sixth Grade

Kathy & Mike Simpson,
Class Chairmen
Lena Coleman
Greg Day
Jannie Day
Liz Frischhertz
Amelia Goodman
Cindy Hodges
Dee Keller
Madeline Kessler
Helene Kurtz
Tamara Santiago
Redhead
Joann Thurston

Seventh Grade

Tina Wood,
Class Chairman
Sara Henderson
Patricia Horvilleur
Jody Kennard
Debbie Kleinpeter
Jeff Kleinpeter
Janie Loftus
Judy Mouton
Stephanie Potts
Sandra Shuford
Yvonne Watts
Huma Zamin

Eighth Grade

Elizabeth Whitley,
Class Chairman
Jane Aldoretta
Lucie Barilleau
Susan Breaux
Kathy Chauvin
Carol Gikas
Sharon Hebert

Andrea McKey
Debbie Rossi
Johnnie Trask
Aza Walker

Ninth Grade

Jan Attinger,
Class Chairman
Ruth Boate
Sara Ferreyra
Elaine Kjos
Linda Knecht
Nancy Lutz
Cole Nalley
Julie Ruckstuhl
Amy Whitley
Jacqueline Williams
Monica Wilson

10th Grade

Kathy Garner,
Class Chairman
Nancy Austin
Betty Baker-Baldrige
Phil Breaux
Pam Craig
Marcie Drumm
Fran Lawrence
Lih-Lain Leu
Judith Levy
Madeline Pendergast
Linda Pendergast
Chuck Pendergast
Mary Jo Pohlig

11th Grade

Jean Vandal,
Class Chairman
Anne Broderick
Suzanne Curle
Lee Davis
Kim Embrey
Karen Elkind Hirsch
Mary Martin
Deborah Smithling
Nancy Van Nortwick
Robert Wilson

12th Grade

Jane Whitlow,
Class Chairman
Karen Elkins
Bob Fenet
Elizabeth McKowen
Mary Lynn McMains
Jerry and Malinda
Miletello
Jerilyn Sanderson
Pat Skinner
Paul and Mary Thompson
Michael Whitlow

From our Annual Fund Leaders

Dear Parents and Patrons,

MAKING A POINT is the theme of this year's Annual Fund Campaign. Episcopal greatly depends on your generous donations to this fund to ensure that our children receive the best education.

POINT #1: To ensure that Episcopal can retain and hire the best qualified educators' in their fields.

POINT #2: To ensure that Episcopal students benefit from proven education technology with trained educators.

POINT #3: To ensure that Episcopal's faculty and staff are able to participate in continuing education programs.

TO MAKE A POINT, we are asking each parent that did not contribute last year (87.2 percent participated, with more than \$440,000 donated) to please give a minimum of \$10 toward the Annual Fund Campaign. This will help toward our school receiving private grant money as well as sending a message that you highly regard your child's education at Episcopal beyond your tuition payment. What better investment of \$10?

Sincerely,
Patty Birkett and Richard Chauvin, '72
Campaign Chairpersons

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Thompson

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Bernie Keever
(decorations)

Alumni Chairperson

Chris Kiesel '92

Classes mark 10, 20 years since graduation



Jennifer Johnson Buecking, Julie Hiatt Vasocu, Sarah Coleman Jennings, Michael Hackett, Ashley Sexton Gordon and Jennifer Dodds Waghalter at the class of '91 reunion.



Chris Kilpatrick, Tee Pollard, Susan Cocke Kobayashi, George Murrell, Scott Folse and his son, Michael Jacobson and Kendrick LeBlanc at a picnic at Episcopal during the class of '81 reunion.



John Ross, Ellen Babers, Jim Simpson and Emily Longnecker-Kay at the class of '81 reunion.



Caroline Macdonell, Konrad Jackson and Patricia Gaspard at the class of '91 reunion.



Sally Burke Watts, David Watson, Julie Morgan Hubbell, Scott Folse and Miriam Campbell at the class of '81 reunion.



Dabney Garrison Lavelle, Sarah Coleman Jennings, Angela Shobe, Jennifer Stein Sibila, Leslie Heath Walsh, Laura Perkins Barr, Lowell-Ann Fisher Goodwin and Dana Young Kahn during the class of '91 reunion.



Elizabeth Bolick Rambow and Ken Rambow at the class of '81 reunion.



Cara and Phillip Bainum and Chris Kilpatrick at the class of '81 reunion.

Alumni join for TGIF, brunch, graduation



Vondel Ogden Stone, '76, Margaret Penniman Boudreaux, '76, Jeff Kleinpeter, '77, and Georgia Scobee, director of alumni affairs, at the Spring TGIF at On the Border.



Robin Young, Brian Freeman and Meghan Scobee, all '01, were elected the newest class representatives during the Senior/Alumni Brunch in May.



Denise Murrell, Mark Murrell, '77, Jeff Kleinpeter, '77, and Suzanne Curle, '79, at the Spring TGIF.



Randi Simoneaux Ellis, '90, Mary Caroline Dansky, Rachel Simoneaux Dansky, '89, and Barbin Caldwell Graham, '85, at the Senior/Alumni Brunch in May.



Chuck Gordon, Ashley Sexton Gordon, '91, Julie Hiatt Vasocu, '91, with son Jake, and Jerry Vasocu at the Spring TGIF.



Chris Kiesel, '92, Glenda Shannon Pollard, '79, Betsy Drew Harper, '77, and Caroline Hiatt Ross, '88, serve water to graduates and their families before Commencement on May 18. Mark Murrell, '77, and Jeff Kleinpeter, '77, also helped.



Scott Folse, '81, Jay Graham, '85, and Barbin Caldwell Graham, '85, at the Spring TGIF.



Natalie Bourgeois, '95, and Sherene Luke, '95, at the Spring TGIF.

Alumni Class News

1972

Beverly Gladney
Buckingham's son Travis graduated from Episcopal in May.

Donna Heitman Jones
Colbey's oldest son, Morgan, graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama in industrial engineering last year and is currently working for the USDA in Memphis. Her son Nick married Brittany Layne Smith last year and gave Donna a new grandson, Andrew Layne Jones, on Feb. 19.

Karen Holden Feigley is currently serving on Episcopal's Board of Trustees as past president. She just completed a two-year term as president of the board and was the first alumna to hold that position. Her three daughters are attending Episcopal as fifth-, ninth- and 11th-graders.

1973

Carol Walters Poche' began selling real estate in April for Gully, Phelps & McKey.

Amit Sen's band, The Also (www.thealso.com), is completing a full-length album and will promote it locally in the Memphis area. He reports that his son, Ramesh, just turned 21, which is a little strange.

Jim Sieberth and his wife, Kathrin, had a son, Kyle, on Sept. 5, 2000. Kyle joins big sister Samantha, 3.

1974

Lounelle Black's oldest daughter, Rachel, graduated from high school and is attending Southern Methodist University.

Barbara Rutter Dennis was named Employee of the Year for 2000 for BARC, which is in

Quakertown, Pa.

1975

Hew Hamilton was part of a three-man team that won the U.S. Sailing Association's Men's National Championship, the Mallory Cup, in October 2000. This year he is heading up the junior program at Pontchartrain Yacht Club in Mandeville. His daughter, Megan, rides horses in dressage competition around the country and is coached by **Anne Hornbeak**, '79. At the Region 9 Southwest Dressage Championships last fall, Megan was the first level Junior/Young Rider Reserve Champion and the second level Junior/Young Rider Champion. Hew's son, Ryan, competes in sailboats. He is the current Sunfish Midget North American Champion and is now competing in two-man dingys. He is getting some coaching from Hew's old sailing partner and current U.S. Olympic coach Luther Carpenter.

Bob Hansen's three daughters, Ashley, Caroline and Kelly, are all attending Episcopal.

Beyn Schwing is still riding the Harley's and has two Yorkies from Christmas. He and his wife, Merrilee, are enjoying sunny Southern California.

Kent Zammit works in research on alternative cooling technologies to reduce aquatic impacts of power generation. He spends his spare time fishing and boating, traveling, running railroad inspection cars and restoring old vehicles. He and his wife, Sue, are adding a second floor to their house in Menlo, Calif., which he says is "quite an experience!"

1976

Alice Lepard Marks and her husband, Bob, announce the

Episcopal Alumni Board

President:

Chris Kiesel, '92

Vice President:

Charlotte Wright Calbert, '92

Secretary:

Rebecca Rainer Badeaux, '87

Executive Committee:

Glenda Shannon Pollard, '79

George Murrell, '81

Dan Garrett, '84

Erika Gerdes Cochran, '88

Randi Simoneaux Ellis, '90

Austin Earhart, '92

Class Representatives:

1970

Mary Higgs Thompson

1971

Wendy Kahao Wilcombe

1972

Richard Chauvin

Karen Holden Feigley

1973

Class Representative Needed.

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Class Representative Needed.

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Charlotte Bujol Landry

1976

Beverly Hise Russell

Vondel Ogden Stone

1977

Betsy Drew Harper

Jeff Kleinpeter

Mark Murrell

Marthalee Manneer Marron

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Pat Broderick

Gordon "Skeet" LeBlanc

1979

Glenda Shannon Pollard

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Scott Singletary

1981

Scott Folse

George Murrell

1982

Class Representative Needed.

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Robert Singletary

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Dan Garrett

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Barbin Caldwell Graham

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Rebecca Rainer Badeaux

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Rachel Simoneaux Dansky

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Renee Ellender Roberie

Randi Simoneaux Ellis

1991

Ashley Sexton Gordon

1992

Charlotte Wright Calbert

Chris Kiesel

1993

Class Representative Needed.

1994

Kelley Strain

1995

Class Representative Needed.

1996

Mellie Preis

1997

Class Representative Needed.

1998

Caroline Preis

1999

Alison Blondeau

Gabriela Hilton

Erin McCrory

2000

Louise Hilton

Sarah McKee

2001

Brian Freeman

Meghan Scobee

Robin Young



Mindy Waller Bubb, '79, and her husband, Wayne, celebrate Christmas 2000.



Alex and Lindsay, the children of Mindy Waller Bubb, pose with their dalmatian, Poet.

birth of Charlie on Dec. 12.

Lisa Thomas Richard moved to Naples, Fla., in August 1999. Her son, Grant, is in third grade and likes Naples, except that it is really far away from Baton Rouge. Her husband, Gilman, is an architect with a firm that specializes in designing very large homes — some as large as 33,000 square feet. Lisa has been working as a provider relations representative with a local PHO, Community Health Partners, since April 2000. In February, she was promoted to team leader for her department. The Richards are members of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church, where Lisa is the lead catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium for 3-6-year-olds.

1977

Coleen Ogden O'Brien is enjoying the retail rug world with her business, The Rug Place, in Jackson, Miss. She invites fellow alumni to visit if they are traveling through Jackson or to visit her web site at rugplace.com.

1978

Laurie Valentine Brown purchased and renovated an old home for the relocation of her business, Sentimental Treasures

and Gift Baskets, with a counseling office in the back. The office opened in September 2000.

Jim Caldwell and his wife, Renee', had a daughter, Kathleen Kennedy Caldwell, on Oct. 31, 2000.

Eddie Drew Darragh and her husband, David, had a son, Thomas Eastman, on Dec. 14, 2000. Edie is now a stay-at-home mom.

Pamela Wellan McGraw and her family recently moved from Plano, Texas, to Edmond, Okla. Edmond is a suburb of Oklahoma City. Pamela and her husband, Michael, have two daughters, Caroline McNeely and Anna Frances.

Gunny Sen is enjoying his work as picture frame restorer and finished his first official year in his own business as a decorative painter. His partner, Chip, is a music history professor, most recently at the University of Minnesota, but still seeking a permanent job. Gunny says if anyone knows of a school out there that could use a brilliant, creative music historian, let him know.

1979

Mindy Waller Bubb is living in Slidell with her husband, Wayne, children Lindsay, 16, and Alexander, 9, and 1-year-old dalmatian Poet. Mindy says she

loves seeing pictures and getting information on classmates. "They all have a place in my heart that makes me smile when I remember those days," she says.

1980

Michael Sebastian recently enrolled in University of Louisville's entrepreneurially-focused "Integrative MBA" program. He is waiting to see what Pitino can do for the languishing U of L basketball team and reports that he cannot get live crawfish in Louisville, just "mealy, small, and frozen, not even suitable for bait." He and his wife, Dana, have two children, Kallen Elaine and Trent Michael.

Anne Kent Welch and her husband, Steve, had a daughter, Elise, on Jan. 26.

Tara Lake Zeringue's oldest daughter, Daphne', graduated from St. Amant High School as salutatorian. She had a 4.574 grade point average and is now attending Notre Dame.

1981

Harry Allen earned a master's degree in telecommunications and computers from George Washington University this year.

Grace Shin-Kwok completed an ophthalmology residency and

fellowship in strabismus and pediatric ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA. She and her husband, Gregory, have three sons: Michael Gregory, 5, and twins Alexander Blake and James Brandon, who were born Nov. 2, 2000.

Becky York and her husband, Robert, had a son, Spencer, on April 5.

1982

Amy Thornhill Gould and her husband, John, had a daughter, Kristen, on July 5, 2000. Kristen joins big sisters Katie and Kara.

Michele Dagoni Lobitz is a nurse practitioner working in a private family practice in San Mateo, Calif. She and her husband, Brad, have a daughter, Valeria Colleen, who will be 3 years old in February.

Vonda Sullivan Vassar moved to Denver from Columbus, Ohio, in January 1997, at which time she and her husband, Trey, purchased the Thrifty Car Rental Franchise (Greater Denver area). They now have five rental locations there. Vonda transferred to Denver with Progressive Insurance, but "retired" after the birth of their third child, Nick, who was born on Oct. 13, 1999. Nick joins his big brother, Matt, who is 11, and big sister, Ashley, who is 6. Matt and Ashley are



Delecia Carey, '83, with students at Trinity Episcopal's kindergarten graduation. She says they loved the velvet trim on her academic gown.



Amy Weidig Shoemaker, '87, with husband Mike on their wedding day.

to work as executive chef at La Cucina at Beau Rivage Resort.

Eric Tucker and his wife, Shoni, announce the birth of Caitlin Elise, on May 17. Caitlin joins big brother Holden, who will be 4 years old in November.

Mark Wrighton moved from being a lecturer at the University of Texas-Pan American to being an assistant professor of political science at the University of New Hampshire.

1986

Amy Keramian Brown and her husband, Matthew, had a son, Luke, on March 16. Luke joins big sister Gabriella, who is 6 years old.

Candace French and her husband, Rick, had a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on Jan. 15, 2000.

Summer Dann Johnson earned her master's degree in mechanical engineering in May. She recently began employment with Schlumberger as a design engineer. Her husband, Scott, recently became employed with Flurodaniels as a controls engineer.

Sherry Manno married Mark Yeaman on June 10, 2000.

Lauren Moonan-Yorek and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of a son, Greyson Michael, on Feb. 21. Greyson joins big sister Meredyth, who will be 3 years old in January. They are stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, where Michael is on active duty. They will return home to Baton Rouge in the summer of 2004.

Barry Taylor works for Sun Microsystems in Alabama as a system support engineer. He and his wife, Amy, have two children: Madison Conrad, 3, and Ford Gregson, 1.

Paige Weller rekindled her love for ballet after a 13 year hiatus and recently performed as a principal dancer in the *Nutcracker* for the Bayshore Ballet Company in Fairhope, Ala.

Carrie Wilder recently had a short visit from **Laurie Brown**, who was in Buenos Aires for the

both very active in competitive karate, which entails travel all over the United States. Vonda's and Trey's parents have now moved to Denver, which she says is great for the whole family, especially the children.

1983

Delecia Seay Carey is the headmaster at Trinity Episcopal Day School in Natchez, Miss. She writes, "My mother says that I grew up to be Father Webster! My years at Episcopal really help me as I try to guide my school. Our goal is to prepare students to succeed in college and in life, and I certainly know what a good college prep. school is because of EHS."

Ronnie Falgout and his wife, Nancy, have a new addition to the family. Anna Camille celebrated her first birthday on April 19.

Randall Rainer and his wife, Leslie, had a new baby, Kelli, on Feb. 16.

1984

Tracie Proctor Morse is a professional representative for Janssen Pharmaceutica. Her husband, Greg, owns a K-8 school in downtown Atlanta called Atlanta New Century School. He also is founder and president of Intelligent Education Inc., which offers fully accredited high school courses for grades 9-12 on the Internet.

Kim Sindelar Ploetz founded her own company, called It's A Stitch. She sews and sells embroidered and personalized baby gifts, such as bibs, burp cloths and blankets. Her web site is www.MyItsAStitch.com. She runs the business from home, which allows her the luxury of staying home with her children, Duncan and Belle. Duncan starts kindergarten this fall at St. George Episcopal in San Antonio.

1985

Jim Corbett has a new baby, Caroline August, who was born

Oct. 26, 2000. She joins big sister Madeline Rose, who is 4 years old.

Cherie Gary is heading up Nokia Corporate Communications for the Americas. The job keeps her traveling around the world, and she has had the opportunity to make friends in Italy, Denmark, Israel, Sweden, France, Finland and England.

Heidi Hulon Shipman and her husband, Bradley, own their own veterinary clinic. Heidi is the vice president of continuing education for the Greater Louisville Veterinary Medical Association and is on the Kentucky VMA Public Relations Committee. She works part time for a local college as education presenter to high school students.

Annabelle Beckwith Signorelli is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom to her 2-1/2-year-old son, Vincenzo. She and her husband, Vincent, recently bought a house in St. Andrews Golf Club of Ocean Springs, Miss. Vincent went to New York City in March to present a specialty dinner to the James Beard Foundation. He continues

Remember when . . .



Summer Dann Johnson sent in these photos in honor of 15 years since graduation for the class of '86. Above is a group of class of '86 members in a Bennigan's Parking lot. Below are students in the classes of '85 and '86 bowling during an NJROTC trip to Florida.



weekend. She says it was great to catch up and get an update on old friends.

1987

Amy Hackney Blackwell and her husband, Christopher, had a daughter, Zoe Claire, on May 3. Zoe joins big brother William Albert, who will be 3 in November.

Erin Earhart Cook and her husband, Michael, had a daughter, Cecelia Elizabeth, on Oct. 27.

Brian Fenn and his wife, Laura, had a son, Michael, on July 22, 2000. Michael joins big brother Jake.

Corey Hall Henderson is

currently completing a fellowship in infectious diseases at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York.

Susan Afeman Howell and her husband, Tim, live in Colorado Springs with a cat named Panther and a German Shepherd named Roux, "who people in Colorado pronounce Rux."

Amy Coates Johns and her husband, Theodore, had a son, Theodore A. Johns Jr., on Jan. 12. The family is living in Dallas.

Marque Millsaps and his wife, Gina, had a son, Harrison Major, on Jan. 14. He joins big brother Charles Layne.

Andreas Schmitz is engaged to be married on Oct. 6. He inquires whether any alumni are with the Pricewaterhouse

Coopers audit department or another Big Five auditing company who might be able to arrange a secondment for one to three years somewhere in the United States. Andreas has been with Pricewaterhouse Coopers for almost three years and took the US-CPA exam in May. His wife-to-be, Ulrike Schmitz-Renner, has worked for Price Waterhouse and Pricewaterhouse Coopers for almost 10 years and has the degree of a German CPA as well as the US-CPA.

Henry Schott relocated from Tampa, Fla., to San Antonio, Texas, in June. He and his wife, Deborah, have three children, Christian, Daniel and Matthew.

Amy Weidig married Mike Shoemaker on June 9 at the Episcopal Conference Center in Robert, La.

1988

Lori Piper Baker earned her professional engineering license in June 1999. She and her family live in Plano, Texas.

Jennifer Sydney Dann Betze gave birth to Virginia Summers "Jenna" Betze on May 14. Jenna weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and was welcomed by big sister Mary Dann (18 months). Sydney has formed a partnership and started a new business called Profits by Design. They are management consultants for three museums in Mobile, Ala., and coordinate all of the buying for and marketing of each of the museums' gift stores. She says that it's fun and she loves being self-employed.

Charles Carpenter and his wife, Kathleen, had a daughter, Abigail, on May 23, 2000.

Eleanor Wall Daigre earned her J.D. from the South Texas College of Law in 2000.

James Douglas is the vice president for business development of EFile Solutions Inc. and the owner/founder of Santee Company and World Pizza Company Russia.

Jason Dupree and his wife, Sarah, have a son, Warren, who

was born on Nov. 16, 1999.

Jane LeBlanc Edwards and her husband, Kevin, had a daughter, Ashley McCabe, on March 15, 2000.

Shawn Frazer and his wife, Rachel, had a daughter, Emily Eglin, on July 13, 2000.

Jennifer D'Armond Hatter and her husband, Chipper, welcomed their second child, Gray, on Jan. 5. Gray joins his 3-year-old sister, Ally. Jennifer reports that they are "fulfilled, blessed and most of all HAPPY!"

Tom Hebert recently became a partner with Dale J. Politz, D.D.S., in the practice of general dentistry. Their office is located at 7707 Old Hammond Highway across from Bocage. Tom married Kimberly Rodgers on Aug. 10.

Nancy Garrett Hoover and her husband, Jack, have been married for five years. They have a son, Noah. Nancy started a pediatric critical care fellowship in July.

Jaret Todd Meyer and his wife, Connie, have a 1-year-old daughter, Sydney Elizabeth.

Elise Kimbrough Routier and her husband, Jeff, had a son, Jacob Bryant, on July 6, 2000.

Stephen Staats performs in a band called Early Dawn. Their web site is www.earlydawn.net. Stephen lives in California with his wife, Michele.

1989

John Andrishok and his wife, Katie, had a daughter, Anna Katherine, on March 28. Anna Katherine joins big brother Austin Thomas. John works at Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson L.L.P.

James Christopher and his wife, Amy, had their second daughter, Olivia Catherine, on Jan. 25.

Shadley Hargon Gordon and her husband, Bobby, had a son, Alexander, on March 8.

Andrew Riche' and his family have moved from Little Rock to Fort Smith, Ark., where he has taken a staff OB/GYN position at Cooper Clinic. He and his wife,

Mary, are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, Madelene, on April 28.

Amy Howell Verges and her husband, Louis Peter Verges III, had a son, Joshua Lewis, on Dec. 23, 2000. Joshua weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was brought home on Christmas morning.

1990

Rachel Cobb recently finished singing with the Baltimore Opera. She is singing Donna Anna in Opera Madison's *Don Giovanni* in November. She will also spend nine months in Long Beach, Calif., singing with Opera Pacific, including a role in the new opera *Dead Man Walking*.

Jane Anne Cole graduated from University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in December with a master's degree in elementary education. She is teaching reading and math to first- through fifth-graders at Cloud Springs Elementary.

Trey Hargrove joined the doctoral program in geology at the University of Texas at Dallas, and he recently returned from a five month trip to Saudi Arabia and the Marianas Islands, where he did field work for his Ph.D. research on ancient and modern volcanoes.

Todd Henderson is completing a residence in internal medicine at Howard University Hospital. He plans to do a fellowship in pulmonary critical care.

Claire Morris married **Holden Spaht**, '92, on July 28 in Baton Rouge. They live in Cambridge, Mass., where Claire works for the International House of Blues Foundation, an organization that curates art and organizes children's programs for the House of Blues. In addition to her day job, Claire still finds time to paint independently.

Heather Brauer Symons and her husband, Jason, had a son, Ryan Alexander, on March 28.

Shannon Stephens Thaxton and her husband, Trey, had a



Nancy Garrett Hoover, '88, with her son, Noah.

daughter, Caroline Grace, on May 18.

Jason Vogel and his wife, Jan, had a daughter, Allyson Harumi, on April 3.

Veronica Mujica Wiksten and her husband, Andrew, had a daughter, Anna Claire, on Feb. 23.

1991

Lowell-Ann Fisher Goodwin reports that she's busy being a mommy of four great children: Max (6), Jake (4), Sam (3) and Abby (1 and 1/2).

Daniel Kusch married Rachel Schubert on June 16.

Amy McBride married Christian Kurtz on Nov. 11, 2000.

Jeff Stern is attending the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

Berkley Muse Wagner's husband, Will, graduated from dental school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in June. They moved to Knoxville, Tenn., where Will will pursue a one-year general practice residency at the UT Medical Center. Berkley will work for AmSouth Bank in Knoxville.

1992

Kristin Gill Cantwell and her husband, John, had a son,

Charlie, on Jan. 3, 2000. Charlie joins big brother Jac.

Tari Kindervater Clark's husband, Chuck, will graduate in October from Officer Candidate School in New London, Conn., with the U.S. Coast Guard. He will then move to an active duty post somewhere.

Preston Coles is living in Virginia Beach with his wife, Sara, and their 3-year-old son, Timothy, while Preston earns his master of divinity and master of counseling degrees from Regent University.

Amy Leblanc Goodson and her husband, Billy, had a daughter, Julia Anne Goodson, on July 31, 2000.

Michelle Lyon moved to New York in August to start the master's of law in taxation program at New York University.

Holden Spaht married **Claire Morris**, '90, on July 28 in Baton Rouge. They are living in Cambridge, Mass., where Holden is attending Harvard Business School.

1993

Bill Atkinson is attending graduate school at the University of Houston — Clearlake in pursuit of a master's degree in hospital administration and a master's degree in business administration.

Thomas Hansbrough is a

business developer for Computer Sciences Corporation's insurance products and consulting group in Jackson, Miss. For the last four years he has been traveling around the country offering software solutions to commercial insurance companies. In his free time he enjoys fishing, motorcycles and playing with his labrador retriever, Foxy Brown.

Amanda Kusch Hurtubise earned her M.D. from the Medical College of Ohio and is doing an OB-Gyn residency at the University of Wisconsin.

Blair Kornegay is attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. His studies there started in March and go through the end of 2003.

Larry Martin graduated *cum laude* in May 2001 with a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. He was honored as the outstanding mechanical engineering student for the class of 2001. He is engaged to be married in February.

Courtney Kaufman McPherson announces the birth of Mary Evelyn, on March 5. She enjoys playing with Kate and Mary Oliver (daughters of **Jennifer Roy Oliver**) and Lily Malone (daughter of **Neilson Malone**).

Zachary Miller married Elizabeth Wooten on May 25. He earned an M.P.P.A. from the University of Missouri at St. Louis this year.

1994

Beth Abramson graduated from Tulane Law School *cum laude* and was honored with membership in the Order of the Barristers. She also received a certificate in Civil Law. While at Tulane, Beth was a member of the Moot Court Board and was active in Tulane's Civil Litigation Clinic. She was a regional finalist in the National Jessup competition. Beth is clerking for the Honorable Katherine Kimball of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Laura Boyce is the managing partner of Portofino Papers on Highland Road in Baton Rouge.

Mark Brewer earned an MBA with a focus on internal audit from LSU this year. He works for Arthur Andersen in Houston.

Judson Carter moved to Houston in May and is working as an account executive for Logix Communications. He is selling local and long-distance phone service and Internet service to small-medium size companies.

Jeremy Davis married Christen Brock on July 13. Jeremy graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1999 with a B.S. in civil engineering. He is currently attending the University of Colorado at Boulder pursuing an MBA and will graduate in the spring of 2003.

Carolyn Icton earned a graduate degree in neuroscience from the University of British Columbia in June. She earned a bachelor's degree with honors from University of Western Ontario in 1998 in biochemistry.

Brian Juban married Angie Pitts on June 30 at First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge.

Jennifer Meade McCarthy earned her MBA from LSU. She and her husband, Patrick, are living in The Woodlands, Texas, and both are working for ExxonMobil.

Clint Smith is coaching basketball and baseball at Indian Springs High School in Alabama.

Dabney Dykes Weems is serving as the public relations director for the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the National Center for Natural Products Research.

1995

Emily Gary is attending law school at the University of Richmond.

Catherine Corbett Hanna had a son, Cody Matthew, on Feb. 14, 2000. She lives in Ruston and works at Louisiana

Tech Equestrian Center.

Christine Vinci Parks is enjoying married life and teaching first grade in Temple, Texas.

James Smyth earned his master's degree in statistics from Stanford University in 2000 and is currently pursuing a doctorate in economics at Harvard University.

Kelley Moore Tiffany earned her master's in psychology from Southern Methodist University in May.

1996

Ashley Atkinson is teaching at Giddings High School in Giddings, Texas, during the 2001-2002 school year. She teaches ninth-grade IPS classes in addition to several girls' PE classes. She serves as the assistant volleyball coach and girls' track coach. Ashley earned a master's degree from the University of Arkansas in kinesiology and biology.

Caroline Fayard is working for Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York. She graduated from Dartmouth in 2000 with a major in government and minor in religion.

Casey Hendry earned a bachelor's degree in audiology from Ole Miss in 2000 and is currently attending graduate school in audiology at LSU.

Kristin Hogan graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a BFA in video/film and a BFA in sequential art. Her independent short film, "The Price of Cheese," premiered on May 31 at the Trustees Theater in Savannah. It was written, directed and edited by Kristin.

Preston Lovelace is in his second year at the University of Illinois Law School. He is in a joint degree program, also working toward a master's degree in chemistry.

Melissa Salzer graduated from LSU in May with a bachelor of arts in communication disorders. She is attending LSU Medical Center in New Orleans to pursue

a master's degree in audiology.

David Spiller has moved to Austin to attend graduate school at the University of Texas. He is pursuing a doctorate in philosophy with plans to teach at the university level. He became engaged to Hillary Turrettine of Bell Buckle, TN (whom he met at college in Sewanee) on April 11 in Paris. They will be married in Sewanee in June.

Alex Tucker is attending graduate school at LSU working on a master's in accounting. He will finish in December.

1997

Anna Devereux Baker graduated from Washington and Lee *magna cum laude* in English. She earned two poetry awards from the Academy of American Poets and the Georg A. Mahan Award for poetry.

TAB Bedeian graduated from LSU with a B.S. in information systems and decision sciences.

Charles Heflin graduated from Texas A&M with a BBA in management information systems.

Christopher Icton will graduate in December from Mississippi State University, where he has studied marketing and professional golf management. He will be entering the Professional Golf Association Apprenticeship Program after graduation and will be employed by Bethesda Country Club in Bethesda, Md. He will earn a PGA Class A card in June.

Lori Kindervater graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Missouri — Rolla with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in May. She received the outstanding senior awards from the Civil Engineering Department and from Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honorary. Lori is continuing her master's research in earthquake design at UMR. She received the Steinman Fellowship for graduate study from the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Lindsay Lewis graduated from LSU in May with a B.S. in

cultural geography and anthropology. She was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa and spent the summer traveling and doing volunteer work in Panama, Peru and Brazil.

Courtney McCullough earned a B.A. in psychology from the University of Mississippi.

Gillian Rubin earned her bachelor's degree *cum laude* in public communications from American University. She has moved to Arlington, Va., with **Jennie Jackson**.

Blake Smith, a three-year letterman, has earned a football scholarship at Louisiana Tech. He is a senior deep snapper.

Jimmy Williams signed with the Buffalo Bills. Jimmy, who was a standout as defensive back at Vanderbilt, was one of Buffalo's three sixth-round selections in the April NFL draft.

1998

Meghan Barnes attended university in London this past spring and summer. In December, she danced in the Nutcracker, and she is a ballet teacher with the Springfield (Mo.) Ballet. She attends Drury University in Springfield and expects to graduate in 2002. She is involved in a research project at Drury on moon rotation. The results were delivered at a seminar at NASA in March and have been published. The research was done to see if the rotation of the moon has changed, and if so, if it is affecting weather patterns.

Meghan was chosen as a member of a team from Drury to participate in a NASA Reduce Gravity Experiment (a.k.a. Vomit Comet) at NASA in July. She had to pass an aviation flight physical and undergo training before being allowed to participate in antigravity experiments. Beforehand she was looking forward to being weightless one time in her life.

Aliska Drake graduated from LSU in accounting in May. She is attending Tulane Law School.

Alana Lyons earned a B.S. in zoology from LSU.

Alumni Loyalty Fund underway with goal of raising money for financial assistance

The Alumni Loyalty Fund is getting underway this month with the help of alumni volunteers who are working to raise money to provide financial assistance to those who cannot afford the full cost of an Episcopal education.

The Alumni Loyalty Fund was established last year using input from an alumni committee as Episcopal's annual fund-raising campaign for alumni. Previously, alumni fund-raising efforts were conducted through the same annual fund campaign as parents, past parents, faculty and friends of the school.

Gifts to the Loyalty Fund are sought by a combination of telephone and mail requests. Alumni are receiving a Loyalty Fund brochure with pledge information and a return envelope this month.

Additionally, phone-a-thons will be held this month to reach those alumni who prefer not to respond by mail.

Last year's Loyalty Fund campaign had great success. Led by Alumni Loyalty Fund Chairman Chris Kiesel, '92, and past Alumni Association President Betsy Drew Harper, '77, the campaign raised \$54,108.32. Last year's phone-a-thon volunteers were: Pat Broderick, '78, Randi Ellis, '90, Rachel Dansky, '89, Richard Chauvin, '72, Glenda Pollard, '79, deSha Caldwell, '95, Barbin Graham, '85, Eddie Lamont, '92, Andrew Melsheimer, '92, Charlie Frey, '92, Matthew Swanner, '92, Ashley Pearson, '92, George Murrell, '81, Mark Murrell, '77,

Dan Garrett, '84, Erika Cochran, '88, and Marthalee Marron, '77.

"I am very encouraged and pleased with the increasing numbers of alumni responding to the Alumni Loyalty Fund," said Beverly Turner, Director of Annual Giving.

All gifts to the Alumni Loyalty Fund are tax deductible. Each gift is important — no matter how large or how small. Alumni participation in the campaign is considered by foundations when deciding whether to make a grant to Episcopal.

For more information on the fund, contact Beverly Turner at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1144, or Georgia Scobee at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1186, or e-mail alumni@ehsbr.org.

Caroline Preis was elected vice president of finance for the Student Union and Panhellenic "Sister of the Year" for her work as rush chair last year. She was also invited into membership of Omicron Delta, an honorary society.

1999

Paul Dampf was selected to join two honorary fraternities at Washington and Lee: Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-med honor society, and Phi Eta Sigma, which requires at least a 3.5 GPA.

David Ellender is in his junior year at LSU, majoring in finance. He participated in a choir tour with LSU's Schola Cantorum. They toured through Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland, singing at many major cathedrals. Among the notable venues were the "Protestant Vatican" in Berlin and the church where Pope John Paul II used to serve before he was elected to the papacy. David is the secretary of Students For Life, an anti-abortion group at LSU.

Bettsie Stapleton was selected as Outstanding Sophomore in the Honors College at LSU. She was honored by the chancellor and dean of each college at a convocation held April 27.

2000

Brett Bolden is a member of the track team at LSU, where he is studying architecture.

Sabeen Faruqui joined Alpha Delta Pi sorority, was elected sophomore representative and is loving Emory.

Jami Kring pledged ADPi sorority at the University of Kentucky in the fall of 2000.

On Campus Deadlines

News and photos received by **December 7, 2001**, will appear in the **Winter 2002** issue.

News and photos received by **March 8, 2001**, will appear in the **Spring 2002** issue.

News and photos received by **August 30, 2002**, will appear in the **Fall 2002** issue.

Questions about the school newsletter can be directed to editor Corrie Kiesel at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1148, or kieselc@ehsbr.org.

Graduation photos needed

Episcopal is looking for class photos taken before graduation in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. The photos are being framed to display in the Alumni House.

We are missing photos from the following classes:

1973	1986
1974	1988
1975	1989
1976	1990
1977	1991
1979	1992
1982	1993
1983	1995
1985	1996

If you have a copy of your class's graduation photo that you are willing to let us borrow, please contact Georgia Scobee at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1186. Thank you!

BABY KNIGHTS



Mary Evelyn, the daughter of Courtney Kaufman McPherson, '93, was born on March 5.



Anna Katherine, the daughter of John Andrishok, '89, was born on March 28. She joins big brother Austin Thomas.



Anna Claire, the daughter of Veronica Mujica Wiksten, '90, was born on Feb. 23.

Baby Bibs

Baby Knight bibs are available for babies of alumni. Send us a birth announcement for your baby, and we will send a congratulatory bib embroidered "Baby Knight." The bibs are white with either pink or blue trim.

Send your announcements to Alumni News, Episcopal, 3200 Woodland Ridge Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 70816, or e-mail alumni@ehsbr.org.

After you receive your bib, send us a photo of your baby wearing the "Baby Knight" bib. We will include the photos on a "Baby Knights" page in future editions of the newsletter.

Alumni News Update

Alumni, please send us your news for the next edition of *On Campus*. Share news about your new job or promotion, marriages, births, hobbies, travel, awards, college degrees, etc. **Photos are also welcome and can be returned.** You can also send us your news online at www.ehsbr.org.

Write your news on this form and mail to:
Alumni News
Episcopal
3200 Woodland Ridge Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Name: _____

Class: _____

If you recently sent news that you do not see in this newsletter, it arrived after our deadline and will appear in the winter edition of the newsletter.

My news is: _____

ALUMNI EVENTS

Reunions

Regional Reunions

Episcopal will be taking reunions on the road again between January and May. Regional reunions are planned for Boston, Houston, Dallas and New Orleans. If you would like to help plan a regional reunion in your area, contact Georgia Scobee at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1186.

Class Reunions

The classes of '72, '82 and '92 will be having their 30-, 20- and 10-year reunions next year. If you are interested in joining your class's reunion planning committee, please contact Georgia Scobee at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1186, or call your class representative.

Alumni Christmas Party

Saturday, December 22

7:30 p.m., Alumni House

Don't miss this popular holiday event! Invitations will be arriving later this fall.

Homecoming

November 2

Come see the Knights take on Ascension Catholic at 7 p.m. and join fellow alumni for a barbecue dinner. Alumni volunteers are also needed to assist with the barbecue lunch for high school students. Contact Georgia Scobee at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1186, for details.

Visual and Performing Arts Center Gala

The official grand opening celebration for the new arts facility will be held in early March to coincide with the school musical, "Peter Pan." Watch for more information on this event, which will include a special event for alumni.

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