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Board of Trustees appoints Kay Betts as Head of School

Deborah "Kay" Betts takes over as Episcopal's third permanent Head of School on July 1 after an extensive search by the Board of Trustees' Search Committee. Ms. Betts comes to Episcopal by way of the Marist School in Atlanta, where she has served as academic dean, teacher and coach since 1998. She is a graduate of Centre College of Kentucky and Bank Street College in New York, where she received her Master's of Science in Educational Leadership. Her 28 years in independent schools include nine years at St. Mary's Episcopal School in Memphis, Tenn. She is an active communicant in the Episcopal Church.

Below is a Q & A with Ms. Betts in which she discusses the appeal of the position at Episcopal, her role models and her family.

Q What attracted you to the Head of School position at Episcopal?

A There were many things that attracted me to the position – among them would be the fact that the school is an Episcopal school, the excellent reputation of the academics and the athletics, and the stunning physical plant. But I accepted the position because of the contact I had with the students. I really liked the students I met at Episcopal. They were engaging and passionate and interested. The older students were able to disagree and remain respectful. The

younger students giggled and delighted in showing me their work. Students are not like this everywhere. These children are a reflection of their parents and their teachers. And so I wanted to be a part of, and serve, this community.

Q How did you decide to pursue a career in education?

A My paternal grandmother was a teacher and so, I guess, there was a genetic predisposition towards education as a career path. But the real notion that education was my vocation began when my son was young. I was doing a lot of reading about child development because I wanted to be a better (more informed) mom. It was natural to link that personal research to my work as the director of an arts program for children. This was in 1981. That was the point at which I became passionate about my work – when I realized I could make a difference, not just to my own

children, but to many children and to their families.

Q What role does family play in your life?

A My family is very important to me. I have two grown children, a son and a daughter. All of my

intentional decisions as an adult have been based in what was best for the two of them. When they were young, we were lucky to be living in Memphis — close to my parents and to my mother's extended family. One of the things that attracts me to the Episcopal community is the sense that many families are tied to Baton Rouge



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-- Kay Betts

in a similar, generational, way. I like that rootedness.

Q Who are your role models and how have they inspired you?

A I find my inspiration in real people, people I know, who have overcome obstacles with grace,

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Episcopal's Mission Statement

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

42 students honored for AP test results

Twenty-eight members of Episcopal's class of 2004 and 14 students in the class of 2005 have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations, including two National Scholars.

Bill Burke and Adam Wyatt, both class of 2004, earned the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of those exams.

Fourteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of those exams. Those students are Burke, Wyatt, Catherine Boyle, Courtney Craig, Stephanie Leu, Jon Jon Lo, Claire McMurrian, Drew Pace, Meredith Patrick, Kade Roybal, Allyson Seger and Laura Wasson, class of 2004, and Sara Paccamonti and Alex Whelan, class of 2005.

Ten students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of those exams. Those students are Burton Garner, John Grinton, Phuong Le, Brandon Nissing, Chris Paul, Emily Reed and Andrew Uffman, class of 2004, and Vanessa Begat, Elizabeth Stewart and Bret Wilson, class of 2005.

Eighteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher: Charley Austin, James Gilley, Alyce Howe, Sarah Landry, Kirk Langheinz, Sarah Mack, Edward Sellers, Colin Toney and Danielle Zuckerman, class of 2004, and Rachel Aguiar, Lauren Breeland, Jessica Ferreyra, Ashley Mick, Coleman Nalley, Andre Prudhomme, Lauren Stanat, Michael White and Kristen Williams, class of 2005.

AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale (5 is the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both for grades of 3 or higher.

Students place third overall in math tournament

Episcopal High School students placed third overall in the Baton Rouge Magnet High School Math Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Additionally, Episcopal students received the following honors: Bret Wilson, first place, Calculus BC; Jacob Graves, second place, Advanced Mathematics; Chris Hobbs, Michael Becker, Kristen Williams, Michael White and Lindsay LeBlanc, first place, Calculus AB Cyphering; Chris Hobbs, Michael Becker, Kristen Williams and Lindsay LeBlanc, second place, Calculus AB Math Bowl; Jacob Graves, Zach Barilleau, Stephanie Bayne, Chris Hobbs, Michael Becker, Lindsay LeBlanc, Ken Leu, Jessica Ferrerya, Michael White, U.J. Santiesteban, Bret Wilson, Trey Miller and Kristen Williams, first place, Upper Division Interscholar Test.

Other schools competing in the tournament were Abbeville, Baton

Rouge Magnet High, Ben Franklin, Bishop Sullivan, Catholic, Catholic of New Iberia, Destrehan, Jesuit, McKinley, Mount Carmel, Runnels and St. Joseph's.

Episcopal is up-to-date on EPA requirements concerning asbestos containing building materials. AHERA compliance training programs have been attended by maintenance and custodial personnel. The Asbestos Management Plan for Episcopal is available for review in the Director of Building and Grounds' office. Any questions should be directed to Rickey Scroggins.

Math teacher of year

The Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics named Episcopal teacher Kay Fenton the Outstanding High School Math Teacher in Louisiana for 2004.

LATM named three finalists for elementary school, middle school and secondary school. The winners in each category were announced at the regional meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics on Nov. 6 in New Orleans.

Last year, Ms. Fenton was one of 18 recipients nationally of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement.

This is the second consecutive year an Episcopal teacher has been recognized by LATM. Last year Pam Goodner was named the state Middle School Math Teacher of the Year.

Art teacher of year

Episcopal art teacher Russell Roper was named the Louisiana Middle School Art Teacher of the Year by the Louisiana Art Educators' Association during its fall conference on Oct. 23 in Natchitoches.

The award is given based on demonstrated leadership in advocating the importance of art in education, as well as performance in the classroom.

Mr. Roper is the coordinator for next year's fall LAEA conference, which will be held in Baton Rouge, and has served as president of the organization.

LAEA is the state chapter of the National Art Education Association.

National certification

Three Episcopal teachers earned their national certification this year from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The newly certified teachers are Latin teacher Nathalie Roy, French teacher Louise Stowell and Spanish teacher Poly Hopkins.

Episcopal now has seven nationally certified teachers. Previously earning national certification were French teacher Lynn Baudrand-Aertker, Middle School math teacher Pam Goodner, Upper School math teacher Kay Fenton and Middle School English teacher Martha Guarisco.

Annually, about 40 to 50 percent of



Episcopal faculty, staff, students and alumni participated in the Alzheimer's Services Walk/Run to Remember. Front Row: Jenny Hastings, Georgina Lemoine, Heather Harpole, Tammy Duos, Amy Shoemaker. Second Row: Terry Todd, Jacklyn White, Renee Crousillac. Third Row: Beth Mahaffey, Donna Willis, Kaye Liles, Christy Talbot, Nancy Callaway, Rita Kemp, Eda Mangham, Bridget Berrigan, Nancy Ellis. Not Pictured: Martha Guarisco, Lucy Smith, Natalie Bourgeois, Lorren Rhea, Rosemary Luttrell, Arthur Perkins, Emily Lutz, Ana Jackson.

teachers who seek this distinction achieve it. Certification is achieved through a rigorous performance-based assessment that takes between one and three years to complete and measures what accomplished teachers and school counselors should know and be able to do, according to NBPTS.

Artwork on display

Lower School art teacher Kate Trepagnier's painting "Solstice Light" was selected for display at the Louisiana Governor's Mansion. Her work was chosen based on a juried competition.

The painting will be on display in the Governor's Mansion until April 2006. The competition was sponsored by the Circle of Friends for the Louisiana Governor's Mansion.

Ms. Trepagnier is also scheduled to be featured in a one-person show at LeMieux Galleries on Julia Street in New Orleans in October 2006 for the Art for Art Sake celebration.

Ms. Trepagnier was also the recipient of an artist's mini-grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts in September.

Holocaust teaching program

Upper School Head David Zielinski participated in a Latvian Teacher Training Program at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial

Museum in September. The program paired U.S. teachers with teachers from Latvia. During the five-day program, the teachers worked together on curriculum development and learned more about topics related to the Holocaust, such as anti-Semitism and the Jewish resistance during the Holocaust.

Chemistry teaching award

Upper School science teacher Nancy Delahaye earned an award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. The \$200 award is to be used to aid in teaching chemistry.



Math teachers Bryan Post, Courtney McCullough, Pam Goodner, Mabrouck Faradj, Nancy Callaway, Kay Fenton and Mike Davis (not pictured) attended the regional conference for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in New Orleans in November. Ms. Fenton presented a session at the conference on data analysis activities for Algebra II.

Journalism class wins awards in state competition

Episcopal High School's journalism students won awards for their work on the student newspaper and yearbook during the Louisiana Scholastic Press Association's annual convention on Oct. 6 at LSU.

Episcopal won first place in the Team In-Depth Reporting category for the students' work on a special edition of the newspaper. The students receiving that award were: Emma Frost, Robin Neely, Jordan Lewis, Chad Berg, Susan Elkins, Courtney Craig, Richard Whisnant, Diana Wolff, Amy Catalano, Lauren Gauthier, Warren Quirett, Holt Kirkindoll and Coralie Brumen, all class of 2004.

Courtney, Susan, Warren and Holt also earned second place in the Team In-Depth Reporting category for a two-page report on last year's flu outbreak.

Additionally, the 2003 yearbook, edited by Kaylee Hartung and Martha Claire Hollis, both class of 2003, earned second place in the small schools division.

Episcopal students also earned the following individual awards for newspaper: first place, Reader's Aids, Richard Whisnant; first place, Editorial Page Design, Chad Berg; first place, Center Page Spread Design, Courtney Craig; first place, Graphics, Courtney Craig; first place, Advance Story, Lauren Gauthier; first place, Individual In-Depth Reporting, Susan Elkins; first place, Spot News, Robin Neely; second place, Advance News Writing, Diana Wolff; second place, Individual In-Depth Reporting, Courtney Craig; second place, Features, Jordan Lewis; second place, Spot News, Jordan Lewis; third place, Reader's Aids, Susan Elkins; third place, Individual In-Depth Reporting, Chad Berg; third place, Advance News Writing, Susan Elkins.

The following students earned individual awards for yearbook: first place, Feature Layout and Design, Martha Claire Hollis and Kaylee Hartung; and first place, Sports Photo, MacKenzie Smith.

Two on-the-spot contests were held during the convention, and Episcopal students earned awards in both. Seniors Jill Whitley and Shannon Kaple earned second place in the yearbook layout contest. Senior Ashley Mick earned second place in the newswriting contest.



Episcopal teachers view a new Parent to Parent videotape on "Lessons Learned About Drugs" in the Aldrich Library conference room in November.

Parent to Parent program offers new videotapes on drug use

The Parent to Parent program offered two new videotapes this fall on "Lessons Learned About Drugs."

The videos covered the questions: "What's wrong with drugs? Why do kids use drugs? How would I know? What can I do to prevent it? What if prevention doesn't work? Does it work?" Sessions with the first of the two new videos were offered for the faculty this fall.

Approximately 70 parents participated in the Parent to Parent program this fall. JoEllen and Stan Prutz, Debbie Guthrie, Carrie Rudolf, Becky Davis, Melanie Patrick, Tina Rhodes, Terry Preis, Julie Folse and Cheryl Causey facilitated classes for Lower, Middle and Upper School parents.

Bronwen Rispono, Terry Preis and Debbie Neese coordinate the Parent to Parent program.

Episcopal students named to All-State choirs

Episcopal senior Evan Scott was selected for the All-State Choir, Louisiana's top honor choir. He was selected after successfully competing in the second round of auditions on Oct. 9.

The All-State Choir performed in Baton Rouge on Nov. 20.

Additionally, eight Episcopal students were selected for the Louisiana Women's

All-State Choir. They are Jessica Ferreyra, Lindsay LeBlanc, Celia Hoy, Erin Kirchoff, Elizabeth Stewart, Kelly Murtagh, Lauren Breeland and Danielle Shockey. Mary Craig and Savannah Walker were selected for the Louisiana Jr. High All-State Choir.

Those choirs performed on Oct. 30 at the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge.

Senior earns National Hispanic Recognition

Episcopal senior Jessica Ferreyra has been recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

The program, established in 1983, is a College Board program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for

postsecondary institutions.

Students enter the program by taking the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors and by identifying themselves as Hispanic. From more than 140,000 students nationwide, approximately 4,200 of the highest scoring students were identified.

Two seniors sign letters of intent with universities

Two Episcopal seniors signed letters of intent with universities in swimming and track and field.

Senior Sarah Bedell signed a national letter of intent with Louisiana State University for swimming on Nov. 15.

She recently completed her high school career by winning the Division IV state championship in the 100-yard breaststroke for the third straight year and repeated as the state champion in the 200-yard individual medley.

She was also a member of the state champion 200-yard medley relay team in 2003 and 2004.

Bedell was recognized as the Division IV Nokia Outstanding Female Swimmer in 2003 and 2004. She broke her own state record in the breaststroke at this year's meet with a time of

1:06.12 and received All American Consideration honors.

Karen Pace signed a letter of intent with Arkansas State University for track and field on Nov. 10 during a ceremony at Episcopal's student center.

Pace was the 2004 state champion in pole vault for Class 2A, as well as the indoor state champion for Division 2. Pace was also a member of the state runner-up 400-meter relay team in 2004.

She was the 2004 LSWA Outstanding Field Performer and holds the Class 2A state record in the pole vault at 11'3". Pace also won the District 8-2A championship in pole vault, 100-meter hurdles and 1600-meter relay in 2004.

Pace is a member of the National Honor Society and has a 3.94 GPA.

Athletes earn three state championships

Episcopal continued its success in athletics with three state championships during the fall sports season.

The girls cross country team, coached by Butch Helveston, won the state title, the first for girls cross country since 1990.

Mary Evelyn White was named All-Parish Outstanding Runner, and Coach Helveston was named Parish Co-Coach of the Year. Caitlin Hodges and Wiebke Volmari were named first-team All-Parish, and Ryan Lyle, Melissa White, Sarah Seger, Brittany Culotta and Callie Uffman were named second-team All-Parish.

Coach Claney Duplechin's boys cross country team won its 17th state title in 19 years. Sean Swanner was named All-Parish Outstanding Runner, and Coach Duplechin was named Parish Coach of the Year. Andre Prudhomme earned first-team All-Parish honors, while Brian Backstedt and Bryce Beard were named second-team All-Parish.

The boys swim team, coached by John Roy, won its second consecutive state title, while the girls finished fourth at state. Nathan Clark and Sarah Bedell were named Swimmers of the Meet.

Clark was also named the Swimmer of the Year at the Capital City Swimming League Championships on Nov. 6 at the LSU Natatorium.

Clark finished first in the 200-yard individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle to help Episcopal's boys team finish in a second-place tie with Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

Additionally, Clark was named the All-Metro Outstanding Swimmer. Matt Bedell was named first-team All-Metro, and Geoffrey Hart

Fall Sports Playoff Results

Boys Cross Country:
State Championship

Girls Cross Country:
State Championship

Boys Swimming:
State Championship

Girls Swimming:
Fourth in State

Volleyball:
State Semifinals

and Hamilton White were named second-team All-Metro.

At the Capital City Swimming League Championships, Sarah Bedell finished first in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke to lead the girls team to a fifth-place finish.

Sarah Bedell and Vanessa Begat were named first-team All-Metro.

The volleyball team advanced to the state semifinals before falling to eventual state champion McGehee.

Earning All-Metro honors were Allie Blanche, Caroline Hansen and Lindsey Byrd. Blanche was named the District MVP, while Byrd and Hansen earned first-team honors in district. Nicole Baker was named second-team All-District, and Coach Beverly Russell was named the District Coach of the Year.

In football, Butler Bourgeois was named to the All-Metro Offense and first-team District Offense. Luke Machen was named to the first-team District Defense. Earning second-team honors was McHugh David, offense.

Head of School

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generosity of spirit, and a sense of humor. I've heard many tales about my maternal grandmother and how she held her family together during the Depression. I also think about my dad. He was a pilot in World War II – he was only 20 years old, younger than my son is now, making decisions that affected lives. Some of these stories, too, have become family legends.

Q What do you do in your free time?

A My latest interest is dancing the tango. But I don't know how long that will last. I'm not very adept and my dance partner has just purchased a beach

house. I guess it may be time to switch to zydeco. All of my life, though, I've been a gardener. I particularly enjoy perennials. Perennial gardening is a lot like education, you have to visualize the flowers and foliage, not only seeing them as they are but also imagining what they will be. I read – all kinds of things. I go to movies. This week, my children and I joined the holiday crowds at "Ocean's Twelve" and "The Aviator."

Q What role does your faith play in your life?

A My faith is central to me. In the fabric of my life, if faith were not present I would unravel.

Lower School welcomes grandparents

Episcopal welcomed more than 500 grandparents and parents of students in grades pre-K through 5 for Grandparents' Day on Nov. 12.

The event began with a reception in the lobby of Episcopal's Visual and Performing Arts Center. Karen Clark coordinated the food for the event, and Glenda Pollard coordinated the decorations. Assisting them were Fran Axelrod and Kathryn Rust. Additionally, grandparent Rhonda Torrence helped with the arrangement of food.

Angie Herpin coordinated hostesses for the event who greeted grandparents at the reception and helped them find their grandchildren's classrooms.

Following the reception, grandparents were welcomed by Interim Head of School Peter Briggs, Parents' Guild President Cindy Henkelmann, grandparent Allen Penniman and Lower School Head Jenny Hastings.

Pre-K through second-grade students presented a performance for their grandparents, directed by Amber Harris. Third- through fifth-grade students and their grandparents attended a Eucharist, which was celebrated by the Rev. Charles deGravelles and the Rev. Ralph Howe with music by Paul Taranto.

Students also had an opportunity to show their grandparents their classrooms and introduce them to their teachers.



First-graders Christopher B., Jacob M., Alex M., Tiffany K., Aaron P. and Alex P. perform a Thanksgiving skit for their grandparents.



Karen Clark, Fran Axelrod, Kathryn Rust and Glenda Pollard prepare for Episcopal's Grandparents' Day reception on Nov. 12.



Anne B. with her grandfather, G. Allen Penniman.



Right: Parent volunteers helped prepare the mailing for the Grandparents' Day invitations.



Parent volunteers set up for the Grandparents' Day reception in the Visual and Performing Arts Center lobby.

Cindy's Corner

Thanks to our Parents' Guild volunteers who have "Made the Difference."

After Game Dance: Michael and Susan Barnett, Chairmen; Lisa and Bill Schultz

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Whitley and Peaches Willis, Chairmen; Leslie Arceneaux, Suzette Howe, Mary Irving, Laura Quinn

Alumni Fall Prayer Breakfast: Amy Dellinger, Scott Folse, Wendy Gilley, Lisa

Garland, Cindy Henkelmann, Mary Irving, Robin Kilpatrick

Episcopal Schools' Teacher Eucharist & Reception: Elizabeth Whitley, Suzette Howe, Cindy Henkelmann, Mary Irving, Debbie Neese, Laura Quinn, Peaches Willis

Care Team: Michele Gould, Gwen Bedell, Kathy Leggio, Anne Broderick

Empower Retreat: Melissa Anderson, Coordinator; Carolyn Bourgeois, Adair Brabham, Madeline Kessler, C.C. Lewis, Tori Lyle, Charlotte Murrell

Green Thumbs: Cathy Pottschmidt, Wendy Gilley, 7th Grade Girl Scout Troop: Miranda Church, Ainsley Fagan, Elise Moore, Sara Portwood, Logan Slaughter, Katherine Seger, Laura Portwood.

Faculty: Beverly Turner

Greenery Sales: Debbie Hudson, Jennifer Hicks, Chairmen; Treasurer: Scott and Madeleine Ellison, Distribution: Pam Lawson, Liz Noland, Mailing: Tricia Davis, Publicity: Betsy Zielinski, Incentives: Terrie Harlan, John Shafer, Shelley Barry, Volunteers:

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Habitat for Humanity: Kara Hebert, Chairman; Betty Baker-Baldrige, Bill Beard, Lonny Biles, Bruce Bowman, Rev. Brian Burgess, Lucy Cobb, Glenn Craig, Ronald Gagnet, Mark Goodner, Colleen Hansen, Diana and Doug Harris, Mitchell Hebert, Cindy Henkelmann, Suzette Howe, Mary and Ken Kenelly, Cheryl and Robert Kirchoff, Tori Lyle, Genny May, Suzanne McCain, David Miller, Dr. Scott and Molly Norwood, Ginger and Larry Paddock, Mac Peek, Robert Rieger, Kathy Simpson, Carol and Robert Stewart, Jimmy Turnley, Faculty: Bruce Bowman, Debbie Guthrie, Rev. Ralph Howe, Rita Kemp, Beverly Turner

Headmaster Search Receptions: Anne Erwin, Chairman; Julie Folse, Wendy Gilley, James Gilley, Suzette Howe, Nancy Kramm, Fran McKey, Laura Nichols, Diane Schilling, Sue

Steitz, Michelle Sims, Michelle Sparks, Claudia Uffman

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"Let's Talk" Grade-Level Meetings: Suzette Howe, Claudia Uffman, Angie Herpin and Karen Clark, Coordinators; Grade Representatives, Room Mothers and the numerous parents who brought food and drinks. Faculty: Peter Briggs, David Zielinski, Lucy Smith, Jenny Hastings, Donna Herren, Simone Marcantel, Beth Mahaffey and all the teachers who attended our meetings.

Episcopal Blanket Sales: Mary Nesser, Chairman

Other important people who deserve a big thank you: Beverly Turner, Emily Freeman, Ruth Hill, Corrie Kiesel, Dora Jordan, Cathy Irantalab, Peter Briggs, Tim Barrett, Tammy Duos, Andrew Wylie, Rickey Scroggins, Debbie Nicholas, David Zielinski, Gale Woods, Lucy Smith, Dana Heuvel, Jenny Hastings, Debbie Guthrie, Cheryl Anderson

Volunteerism among parents at all-time high

One look in "Cindy's Corner" and you will see how passionate our Parents' Guild is about "Making a Difference" here on campus. This year has been rivaled by no other in the number of parent volunteers. Our Parents' Guild organization has responded strongly to the needs of our administration and faculty in supporting our school during this interim year between headmasters. Each time our volunteers have been asked to coordinate a reception or a mailing, each time they have been asked to give a little more time and effort, our volunteers have rolled up their sleeves and just pitched in with an infectious, positive spirit. In these first 19 weeks of school, our parent volunteers have coordinated over 50 socials and receptions, such as Parents' Night Receptions, Terrific Tuesdays, Head of School Search Receptions and Grade Level Meetings. Scores of parents volunteered to bring food and drinks and donated their time to decorate and host these events. Parent leadership is outstanding and generous. My heart is overflowing with joy at the willingness of our parents to serve Episcopal in any way needed.

Michael and Susan Barnett chaired a very successful After Football Game Dance on Sept. 24. About 200 Upper School students attended. Door Prizes included gift cards for Smoothie King and Blockbuster Video, Rave Movie passes for two and two Cane's \$20 gift certificates.

Parents and alumni gathered in the lobby of the VPAC during the first two weeks of

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EHS Altar Guild nurtures spiritual fellowship

The Altar Guild has had a busy and productive fall. Optional Eucharists are held each Monday morning. An average of 40 students, in addition to several faculty members, choose to attend this time of worship. In addition to the Monday services, there are regular monthly school Eucharists for grades 4 - 12.

Besides student worship, there has been a Faculty Eucharist service to start off the year, an Evening Eucharist service for all local Episcopal School's staff and faculty, and a Eucharist service celebrating Grandparents' Day. Thanks to the dynamic leadership of our Chaplain, Father Ralph Howe, and our Deacon, Charlie deGravelles, spirituality on the Episcopal campus continues to grow and thrive. Our Altar Guild team has been faithfully working behind the scenes

setting the altar, cleaning after services, washing vestments, ironing linens, and supplying donuts for a brief time of fellowship after Monday services.

This year Altar Guild has also helped to organize decorations and refreshments for our Fall Prayer Breakfast and a reception following the evening Eucharist for all Episcopal schools.

As spring approaches we look forward to even more times of worship and spiritual fellowship on the Episcopal Campus. Another Eucharist for students will be added to the schedule each month. Altar Guild is gearing up for the many service opportunities that are ahead. We are always in need of more help. Please don't hesitate to join us if you would like to volunteer in this capacity.

- Elizabeth Whitley,
Altar Guild Chairman



Attending the Episcopal Schools Eucharist and reception are: The Rev. Aquilla Hansen, Interim Rector at Trinity; Amy Whitley, Head of School at St. Luke's; Patricia Swenson, Head of School at Trinity; Peter Briggs, Interim Head of School at Episcopal; Connie Woolton, Executive Director of the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools; the Rev. Ralph Howe, Episcopal Senior Chaplain; the Rev. Robert Odum, assistant at St. James; and Charles deGravelles, Episcopal Lower School Chaplain.

Volunteerism

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October to meet the final four Head of School candidates. Our Parents' Guild volunteer, Anne Erwin, did a beautiful job coordinating all four of these receptions assisted by parent volunteers.

Our Altar Guild, chaired by Elizabeth Whitley and Peaches Willis, has been very active in hosting our Fall Prayer Breakfast and a city-wide Eucharist service for Episcopal school teachers.

Many thanks to those parents and students who have contributed toward our fall fundraisers. They have been most successful.

Our Greenery Sale has been chaired by the dynamite duo of Debbie Hudson and Jennifer Hicks. Students sold a record amount of greenery at \$107,000 and are on target to net approximately \$35,000 with this fundraiser. Candice Ferguson and Mary Kenelly have chaired four very successful pizza sales, which have netted \$2,856. Mary Nesser has been working tirelessly selling our blue and gold Episcopal blankets. So far we have sold 160 blankets, which nets \$3,000 in blanket sales. You will be able to purchase blankets through the end of the school year.

Our School Rebate program, chaired by Darrelyn Roussel, is ongoing through

Albertson/Winn Dixie rebates and School Box Tops and CC Coffee label collections. Be sure to use your Albertson and Winn Dixie cards when purchasing in these stores.

The core of our Parents' Guild volunteers are those who serve weekly or monthly on campus as cafeteria tray helpers or serving line volunteers, care team, Altar Guild, Pollard Library volunteers, used uniforms, mailing committee and pizza sales, as well as our board members, grade representatives and room moms. I wish to thank these individuals for being so dependable and consistent in their service to our school.

We'll have a special opportunity to thank our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week of March 15-18. Teacher Appreciation is chaired by Karen Deumite, Beverly Ogden and Kim Walker. Friday, April 15, is the date for our "Once Upon a Knight - Karnival 2005." You will not want to miss the NEW attractions planned by the Karnival committee chaired by Laura Portwood and Kim Singletary. Please mark you calendars for these upcoming events.

-Cindy Henkelmann,
Parents' Guild President

'We offer thanks to you'

Each Thanksgiving our school has honored those who work "behind the scenes" to keep our school beautiful and to provide food for our children's nourishment. This year our "We Offer Thanks to You" project was coordinated by Parents' Guild Board members Angie Herpin, Lower School Coordinator, and Karen Clark, Assistant Lower School Coordinator. Lower School children created cards and notes to thank each individual staff member. These cards, along with a cash gift, were presented to each staff member at a chapel service on Nov. 18. Those honored were:

Cafeteria: Debbie Nicholas, Tattie Crosby, Charles Bryant, Jr., Leonard Jones, Carrie Dilworth, Ollie Fleury, Ida Jackson, Mary Ann Johnson, Georgie Marshall, Lillie Norwood, Ruthie Williams, Dee Hamilton, Sharon Young, Terry Scott, Juanita Slaughter, Albertha Striggs

Maintenance: Rickey Scroggins, Hoa Luu, Taylor Parker, Ray Dodge

Custodial: Brenda Herren, Anthony Lucky, Korey Lewis, Billy Haney, Bernard Jack, Sam Jones, Ruffas Shepherd, Don Penny

Crossing Guard: Edith Westbrook

Grounds: Dirck Decoteau, Mike Mickens

Join me in thanking these wonderful employees each day. They are "Making a Difference" on our Episcopal campus.

-Cindy Henkelmann,
Parents' Guild president

Greenery committee wraps up another successful year

The Greenery Project is an important part of the fund-raising efforts of the Parents' Guild. This year our school and the community ordered a record amount of fresh holiday greens!

Thank you to all of the faculty, students and their families who helped to make this happen. The Lower School once again led our school with 64% of the families participating in the sale.

Our top student sellers for each division were: Upper School - Christina Chaudoir, Max Preis, Geoffrey Hart; Middle School - Melinda Hudson, Josh Nesser, Rosemary Phillips; Lower School - 3rd - 5th grade: Leah Kahler, Adam Neese, McCraney Brown, Madison Perry, Alana Voorhies, Joshua Posner; Lower School - Pre-K - 2nd: Breona Barnes, Tad Brown, Julia Kuntz, Nicholas Patty, Isabella Harlan, McKenzie Bridges.

We would like to recognize the following individuals/companies that donated prizes for our incentives or services essential to our success: Diane Garrett for a gift certificate to Hannan and Co.; McGlynn, Glisson, & Koch, A Professional Law Corp. for a gift certificate for four at Mickey's Varisity Shop Café; Independence Park Theatre for two tickets to an Independence Park Theatre production; David Coco, Allied ASID of Dixon-Smith Interiors for one hour of design time; Euroassage for a gift certificate for a 30-

minute massage; John Shafer of Telecom for a Nokia N-GAGE cell phone; Debbie Hudson for two Episcopal blankets; Francise Horticultural Services, Inc. for a \$150 donation; Taryn Couvillion for a \$50 donation; Andy and Kandi Pizzolato for a \$25 donation; Michael and Karen Khonsari for a \$25 donation; Sherri and Matt McKay (ALLSTAR) for a \$50 donation and two LSU football tickets; Delta Bolt for a \$50 donation; Acura/Infiniti of Baton Rouge for a \$100 donation; Pandocchi's Hair Salon for a gift certificate for a manicure and pedicure; Raising Cane's for 13 meals; Smoothie King owners Monty and Brook Montgomery for 13 smoothies at a reduced price; Cheryl Kirchoff, Superior Grill, for two \$25 gift certificates and a camo T-shirt; Brooks Gold, Counter Culture, for three gift certificates valued at \$20, \$15, \$10; The Grand Cinema for eight movie passes (special thanks to Jeremy, Quincy and Brian Lambert for their help); Bill & Lisa Schultz and Janice & Scotty Chiasson for providing the motor home and food (which Scotty grilled) and graciously driving out of town for the U-High game; Krispy Kreme for donating donuts; Papa John's Pizza for donating pizza; Tim Hood for donating lunch at the Chimes Restaurant on Highland; Coca Cola for the banners.

Special thanks to the following students and staff

who donated the use of their parking spaces for incentive prizes or to give pick-up customers a convenient place to park: Staff: Chinkie Cointment, Myra Mansur, Renee Price, Beverly Russell, Heidi Templeton, Georgina Lemoine, Tommy Hess. Students: Allison Noto, Lauren Stanat, Ashlie Spears, Adam Miley, Kristi O'Brien.

Thanks to Butler Bourgeois for his assistance with greenery announcements to the Upper School and to Brooke Noland for making the greenery posters.

We would also like to thank everyone who ordered online this year. Approximately 20% of the total greenery orders were online orders.

The Greenery Committee would like to especially recognize the efforts of Mrs. Kassie Keller, our Episcopal Web Developer, who worked countless hours to put Greenery online.

A project of this magnitude requires the assistance of several members of the Episcopal staff. The Greenery Committee would like to thank Tammy Duos, Tim Barrett, Dora Jordan, Arthur Perkins, Beverly Turner, Cathy Irontalab, Cheryl Anderson, Debbie Guthrie, Dana Heuvel, Gale Woods, Andrew Wyly, Jenny Hastings, Lucy Smith, David Zielinski, Rickey Scroggins and ALL OF THE TEACHERS who collected the orders from their homerooms and advisory groups. THANK

YOU!!!!

The Greenery Committee would like to thank all of the 50+ parents who volunteered to work with us by helping with the mailing of the packets, securing incentive prizes, processing the order forms, unloading the 18-wheeler and helping to distribute hundreds of cases of greenery and poinsettias. A huge "thank you" goes to Craig Chumney. He prepared the catalogue price stickers by printing and cutting them to fit the greenery order flyer. Special thanks to Cindy Henkelmann, our Parents' Guild President, for her assistance and leadership. Thanks also to students Lauren Stanat, Riley King, Tynika Thomas and Luke Hargroder, who helped unload 104 cases of replacement wreaths.

This year's Greenery Committee members were: Co-chairmen: Jennifer Hicks and Debbie Hudson, Treasurers: Scott and Madeleine Ellison, Mailing: Tricia Davis, Distribution: Pam Lawson and Liz Noland, Publicity: Betsy Zielinski, Incentives: Terrie Harlan (Lower School), John Shafer (Middle School), Shelley Barry and Cheryl Kirchoff (Upper School) and Diane Garrett (Teachers).

We hope that we have not missed anyone. If we have erred, please call Debbie Hudson and we will make the correction in the next ON CAMPUS.

-- Debbie Hudson,
Greenery Co-Chairman

Novel volunteer opportunities for the Episcopal community

Dear Episcopal parents,

In the wake of our very successful Grandparents' Day on Nov. 12, the Parents' Guild is devising new ways to include grandparents on a continued basis in the life of

our school. Do your parents live in the Baton Rouge area? If the answer is "yes," then please keep them in mind the next time the Cafeteria Serving Line recruitment sheet comes your way, or when you get

your next year's volunteer sign-up sheet in the spring. Father/daughter and mother/daughter pairs are currently among our most vigorous cafeteria volunteers, and we'd love to have grandparents on a

regular basis in other domains as well. Please consider these vital opportunities.

- Kate Leupin, Parents' Guild Vice-President

Episcopal hosts program on substance use/abuse

Did you know that Louisiana has the second highest rate of DWI fatalities in the nation? That of youth who begin drinking at age 18, 16.6% subsequently are classified with alcohol dependence and 7.8% with alcohol abuse? That it is illegal in our state to purchase alcohol on behalf of someone under 21? That the younger a person is when they first experiment with illegal substances, the greater their likelihood of dependency?

These are among the many notable statistics presented to parents and faculty at a symposium that took place on Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Visual and Performing Arts Center. The conference, titled "Substance Use/Abuse in Teens," was a cooperative production of the Episcopal Faculty/Counseling Department, Parents' Guild and Parent to Parent organization. Interim Headmaster Peter Briggs promoted this event as the first of a series of initiatives addressing illegal substance usage in today's youth culture.

Featured speakers were Dr. Robert Craig, an EHS alumnus and parent who has treated many victims of alcohol-related trauma, and Rudy Troyer, Program Director at the Right Step Substance

Abuse Treatment Facility. Dr. Craig's comments focused on issues of teen driving, his chief argument being that teens have an increased susceptibility to traffic related injury and mortality before alcohol and illegal substances even enter the picture.

Mr. Troyer, on the other hand, concentrated on the definition, recognition and treatment of dependency, both upon alcohol and other illegal substances.

Following the two presentations, Episcopal counselors introduced Safe House Pledges. Safe House Pledges are used both locally and nationally to develop safer communities. As a first step to combat substance abuse in our community, Episcopal's administration and counselors are offering parents the opportunity to join in their efforts by committing to this pledge. The pledge has been mailed out to the entire Episcopal community.

Signed pledges should be returned to: Episcopal School/ Attention: Headmaster's Office, Safe House Pledge, 3200 Woodland Ridge Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. 70816.

- Kate Leupin, Parents' Guild Vice-President

Volunteers help with Habitat build

Habitat for Humanity Youth Build is a community project that combines the efforts of Episcopal High School, St. Joseph's Academy, Catholic High and University High. Students, teachers and parents volunteer on weekends to build a home for a deserving family. This year, thanks to the hard work and dedication of 75 students and 30 parents/teachers from Episcopal, two homes were built in three weeks.

Many students and adults arrived on the jobsite with varying degrees of construction knowledge, but one thing was for certain -- everyone went home having learned a new skill and a feeling of accomplishment. Arriving on the first day and starting with only concrete slabs and ending the project with two homes complete with landscaping was very rewarding. The volunteers had the opportunity to meet and work alongside the homeowners and help make the dream of owning a home a reality.

If you missed the opportunity to lend a hand this year, please consider volunteering next time. You can share your expertise or learn new skills and work alongside fine young people.

- Kara Hebert,
Parents' Guild Habitat for Humanity Chairman

'Let's Talk' meetings unite school family

Episcopal parents and faculty turned out in record numbers to attend 14 grade-specific meetings held during the months of September and October. They came to share their concerns and vision-building suggestions. Although sponsored by our Parents' Guild, the meetings were facilitated by the Division Heads, David Zielinski, Lucy Smith and Jenny Hastings, assisted by our school counseling team, Donna Herren, Simone Marcantel and Beth Mahaffey. The majority of the teachers for each grade were also in attendance and took part in lively question and answer periods. Topics ranged from defining our Episcopal culture, to academic requirements, homework concerns and uniform regulations. Parents were informed about class retreats, Upper School dances and Edline. The constructive dialog served to strengthen and unite our school family.

If you missed the fall "Let's Talk" meeting for your child's grade, you won't want to miss the winter meeting. Lower School parents need to note a time change for their meetings. All meetings will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on our Episcopal campus. Please clip out the revised schedule for future reference.

-Cindy Henkelmann,
Parents' Guild President

Let's Talk Meetings: All meetings from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Pre-K	January 12	6 th Grade	January 24
Kindergarten	January 13	7 th Grade	January 31
1 st Grade	January 19	8 th Grade	January 10
2 nd Grade	January 20	9 th Grade	January 11
3 rd Grade	January 26	10 th Grade	January 18
4 th Grade	February 3	11 th Grade	January 25
5 th Grade	February 15	12 th Grade	February 1



'Renewal' campaign seeks participation

Our Annual Fund theme of "Renewal" has certainly reflected the fresh new changes we are seeing at Episcopal. It has been evident in our interim headmaster and the enthusiasm we see in our teachers, students and parents as the year progresses. We trust everyone shares in the excitement and positive changes that are occurring in our school. With your support we are progressing toward our goal of \$450,000. A great step toward achieving this goal was made by a company owned by David Laxton and former board member Dan O'Leary, who have challenged the Board of Trustees members to increase their donations. What a fantastic way to support our school!

We are optimistic we can exceed our goal of \$450,000 with your continued support. Currently, 71 percent of our parents have renewed their Annual Fund commitment to the school.

Our goal is 85 percent parent participation. Achieving this level of support is important as it demonstrates the strength of our school family and allows us the opportunity to attract grants from outside foundations.

Participating this year is especially important because of our 10-year evaluation by the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools and the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest. It will be this year that they will use to assess the health of our school giving. It is extremely important that we (at least) meet this 85 percent participation goal.

We all want the best possible school and education for our children and our level of support, both with our time and money, is vital to achieving this.

Remember, every contribution (big or small) is very important. We can meet and exceed our goals with your help and support. The winners will be our children and the impact they have on our society in the future. If you haven't had the opportunity to make your pledge, please make it a priority.

Renewal: "To put back in a condition like new."

Together we can accomplish this goal for Episcopal and our children.

Renew Today,
Cindy Hodges & Charlie Lamar
Campaign Co-Chairmen



Sixth-graders Jordan T. and Keller Q. work with a musical composition software program in their choir enrichment elective.

Computer technology enhances music lessons for sixth-graders

With the help of computer technology, two Episcopal sixth-graders who had never learned to play an instrument can now compose their own music.

Keller Q. and Jordan T. were students in choir director Jason Hubbard's first quarter sixth-grade enrichment class. They learned about musical composition with the help of MIDI – musical instrument digital interface – and the Finale software program.

The students came up with their own arrangement of "Amazing Grace" and composed an original piece that was featured in a fall school dance concert.

Mr. Hubbard said the technology allows the students to grasp musical concepts much more quickly than they normally would. The students are learning musical technology, are gaining an understanding of the compositional process and are learning how technology and music influence each other, Mr. Hubbard said.

"It's probably going to be the best enrichment class," Keller said.

Thomas agreed. "It's really fun," he said. "I didn't know anything about notes before I came here."

Now the students not only know about notes, but they can read and create their own sheet music.

Students, teachers raise funds for diabetes

Episcopal's pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students and teachers raised \$904.75 to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's "Walk to Cure Diabetes."

The following Lower School teachers and family members participated in the Baton Rouge 5K walk on Nov. 6: Bridget and Kenneth Berrigan, Susie Chew, Pam and Caitlin Craig, Jenny Hastings, Heather Harpole, Sonny James, Rita Kemp, Georgina and Juliette Lemoine, Joanna and Ava Lemoine, Amy and Ellie Shoemaker, Jacklyn, Ted, Jackson and Sophie White and Donna Willis.

The "Walk to Cure Diabetes" funds diabetes research. According to the JDRF, diabetes affects 150 million people worldwide.

Alumni Class News



The daughters of Laurie Roberts Hamner, '79, and her husband, the Rev. James Hamner.



Jodi and J.J. Safer, '88, and their son welcomed a new baby.

1974

Barbara Rutter Dennis was named executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eureka, Kan., effective on Oct. 25. She moved to Kansas from Pennsylvania in March and has been working for Big Brothers Big Sisters since July.

1975

Russell Hodges recently opened a law office on Perkins Road in Baton Rouge. He is engaged in general law practice.

1979

Laurie Roberts Hamner is a licensed CPA and the business manager for Bickers & Sullivan, LLC, a small insurance group. She has a flexible schedule, which leaves her time to chauffeur her daughters (Caryn, 13, Claire, 10, and Caroline, 7) to their many activities. She says the family loves Atlanta and will welcome anyone who wants to visit.

1981

Sally Burke married Bob
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Sally Burke, '81, married Bob Butcher in October.

Butcher on Oct. 18 in Key West, Fla. The Butchers are making their home in Asheville, N.C.

Arthur Prescott is currently practicing real estate and selling waterfront properties on Lake Lanier in Georgia.

1985

Mark Wrighton is spending the 2004 - 2005 academic year in Washington, D.C., as an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow. He will be learning more about how Congress works by working on the staff of a member, committee or support organization of

Congress.

1987

Mary Majors Caldwell Payne and her husband had a baby boy on Aug. 31. His name is Brantley Kent Payne, and he weighed 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces. He was 20 1/4 " long.

1988

Nancy Hoover is a pediatric intensivist for the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Terrell Joseph finished his orthopedic surgery residency in New Orleans. He's doing a fellowship in shoulder surgery until June in New Zealand. He will spend the following year doing a fellowship in hand surgery in Albuquerque, N.M., and will then practice at the Vail Orthopedic Clinic in Vail, Colo.

JJ Safer and his wife, Jodi, had a daughter, Maggie Jewel Safer, on Sept. 21. She joins her big brother, Jack Michael, who will be 2 in February.

1989

Keith Guillot married Karen

Morris on July 19, 2003. Their son, Jeffrey Michael, was born nine months later on April 21. Keith is co-owner of Bozeman Distributors on Airline Highway and is the owner of several self-serve car washes in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

1990

Rachel Cobb married Eric Quintana Chamness on Oct. 23 in a garden wedding in Baton Rouge. They reside in Huntington, N.Y. (Long Island).

Chad Ogden and his wife, Julia, had a daughter, Grace Kathryn, on Nov. 13. She was 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and 20.5 inches long.

Veronica Mujica Wiksten and her husband are expecting their third baby in March to join big sisters Anna Claire, 4, and Olivia Grace, 2.

1991

Bart Phillips and his wife, Jessica, had a daughter, Annslee Laura Phillips, on Nov. 15. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Jennifer Dodds Waghalter,



Chad Ogden, '90, with his new daughter, who was born on Nov. 13.

husband Sigmund and big brother Matthew are proud to announce their new addition, Harrison James Waghalter "Harris," who was born on Aug. 20. He was 8 pounds and 20 3/4 inches long.

1992

Spencer and **Gina Beello Calahan** welcomed the birth of their newest son, Grayson Alexander Calahan, on June 17. Grayson was born at 10 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. He joins big brother Sutton.

1993

Michael de Leon, an actuary with Deloitte & Touche, married Sarah Stennes, a prosecutor for the DA's office, in Minneapolis, Minn., on Oct. 16.

Captain Zachary Miller has been serving his country in Iraq since March 2004. He has recently been selected to receive a full military scholarship to the Kennedy School of Communication at Harvard University. He ranked No. 1 in order of merit for all captains now serving and is one of only four to receive this honor. He will begin his studies at Harvard in August 2005, and following his completion of a master's in public administration, he has been appointed to

a two-year service at the Pentagon. He has appeared on the news for CBS, ABC and CNN while in Iraq and has been interviewed by The Boston Globe and the Los Angeles Times.

Tricia Grigsby Sanchez and her husband, Chuck, had a son, Keaton Lane Sanchez, on Nov. 7.

1996

Chris Cooper is working as an attorney in Atlanta.

Casey Hendry married Matthew Horne on Nov. 6 in Destin, Fla. **Jon Gardner** introduced the couple and stood in the wedding as a groomsman. They now live in Olive Branch, Miss., were Matt is a chemical engineer and Casey is a pediatric audiologist.

Phillip Preis entered the Darden School at UVA in the fall to work toward his MBA after working for UBS Warburg in New York City for four years.

1997

Cassandre Small married Taylor Hall on June 26. She works for the Town School for Boys in San Francisco.

1998

Darien Hill is a member of



Sam James, '98, and friends show off their first-place trophy from the National Turkey Cook Off in Cuero, Texas.



Ross Pinson, '03, participates in a "Pirates of the Caribbean" float for Baylor University's Homecoming parade.

the American Stock Exchange.

Caroline Preis entered LSU Law School this fall after working for Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., for two years.

Kimberlee Wendt married Dr. Bart Madison on Aug. 7. They recently moved to Orlando, Fla., from Houston, Texas.

1999

Meghan Boyce graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.S. in business management. She plans to attend law school in the fall. Also, she has continued to win numerous national and state championships with her two horses on the hunter/jumper circuit.

Jill McDowell graduated from Southeastern Louisiana

University in December with a B.S. in nursing. She will be working as an RN on a Pediatric ICU unit at Our Lady of the Lake in Baton Rouge.

Michael Preis is working for E-Trade in Los Angeles and has a surfboard.

Melissa Taranto is engaged to marry **David Heroman, '96**. The wedding will be June 4 in Prairieville.

2000

Emily Bowsher relocated to Atlanta in October. She is employed as a knowledge engineer at an artificial intelligence firm.

Caroline Kenelly commissioned into the U.S. Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant on Dec. 16 and graduated from LSU with a B.A. in political science the



Andrew Huston, '01, and Katie Dawson, '04, are teammates again, this time as LSU Tigers. Andrew is a four-year letterman and participates in cross country and indoor and outdoor track. Katie is making her debut on LSU's women's teams this year.

following day. She will spend two months at Maxwell Air Force Base before reporting to Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas, in March for training as an intelligence officer. Over the summer, she spent nine weeks in Washington, D.C., interning for the research department at the National Republican Senatorial Committee, working first-hand on senate races nationwide.

2001

Jenny Heroman performed the role of Darlene in "Honky Tonk Angels" at The Cabaret Theatre. A review in The Advocate said, "Musically, Heroman is the star. She has a sweet, pleasant voice, which fits well with her role as the ingénue."

2002

Matthew Toney, Mo Ismail and **Stephen Anderson** earned Sophomore Honors Distinction at the LSU Honors College. Sophomore Honors Distinction is one of the more rigorous early-career recognitions in any honors program at any university. It includes honors courses in the humanities, social sciences and

sciences. By the end of four semesters, recipients must complete the following: 20 hours of honors courses, including one of the six-hour interdisciplinary sequences and five hours of honors science or mathematics. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA.

2003

Deniz Koray worked as an intern this summer at the Legislative Fiscal Office. Deniz is a sophomore at Duke University majoring in political science and economics.

Ross Pinson participated in a few Baylor University Homecoming activities in October. He sang and danced in Baylor's musical show, "The Pigskin Revue," in his fraternity's number, "Get Your Motor Running." Ross also portrayed a pirate on Kappa Sigma's float in Baylor's Homecoming parade. The float had a "Pirates of the Caribbean" theme. Ross is a forensic science major.



Christian Egea-Kuehne, '92, earned an award for his work on a game to help young cancer patients understand the disease.

Alumnus earns award for educational game

Episcopal alumnus **Christian Egea-Kuehne, '92,** was awarded the prestigious 2004 Prix Michel Colonna D'Istria for his prototype of an educational multimedia network game designed to explain the strategy involved in fighting cancer.

Mr. Egea-Kuehne was honored by the GESTE (*Groupement des editeurs de services in ligne*) in a June ceremony. Mr. Egea-Kuehne was selected for the honor from 128 proposals based on his work creating a multimedia network game prototype to help children ages 12-17 suffering from cancer to better understand the strategy to fight the disease.

"This project was born of a desire to inform through artistic means supported by technology while exploiting the possibilities of communication offered by the Internet," Mr. Egea-Kuehne said.

This project was also motivated by a need for Mr. Egea-Kuehne to understand what happened to his sister Chantal, who died of cancer before she was 7 years old,

and to produce something that could help other children struck by cancer.

Mr. Egea-Kuehne created the prototype as his final project for his diploma in visual communication at the Ecole Supérieure des Arts Decoratifs (ESAD) of Strasbourg, France, where he earned the highest honors. He earned his bachelor's degree in European studies and philosophy from the American University of Paris *magna cum laude* in 1996.

Once released in its final version, Mr. Egea-Kuehne's game will be offered on CD-ROM and playable either individually or in teams via a LAN network or the Internet.

The Michel Colonna d'Istria award recognizes a product or production supported by digital technology and corresponding to the values that Michel Colonna d'Istria defended throughout his life: freedom of information, publishing independence, social solidarity and defense of the French language. The award includes a substantial grant.

HOMECOMING



Above: Dan Garrett, '84, with wife Julie and sons at the Homecoming tent. Pouring rain did not stop alumni families from enjoying the football game and picnic dinner.



Right: Andrew Wyly, '76, Jeff Kleinpeter, '77, and Tom D'Armond, '85, manned the grill for the high school's Homecoming barbecue.



MacKenzie Smith, Kyle McDowell, John Snow, Marko Marjanovic and Erin Watkins, all '03, at the Homecoming football game.



Ali Dry, '04, Warren Quirett, '04, Rick Bond, '03, Meg Coady, '03, Sara Stromeyer, '03, Ryan Smithling, '03, and Brianna Beard, '03.



Jeannie Frey Rhodes, '77, Sandy Saye, '77, and Betsy Drew Harper, '77, served the Homecoming lunch to high school students.



Justin Brewer, Julie Pace, Sarah Murphy and Travis Buckingham, all '01, at the Homecoming football game.

Lost Knights:

We do not have current contact information for the following alumni. If you have contact information on a classmate, please forward current mail or e-mail addresses or phone numbers to Andrew Wyly at wyllya@ehsbr.org or (225) 753-3180, ext. 1164, so we can send them school news and invitations to alumni events.

Gwendolyn Cupit, 1970
Ann Kearney Hughes, 1970
Peggy Evans Currier, 1971
Paula Dearman Gauthier, 1971
Brenda Cole Ortis, 1971
Michael E. Voth, 1971
James I. Watson, 1971
Sharon A. Collins, 1972
William F. Dyke II, 1972
Selby K. Anderson, 1973
Jensey Fulbright Hale, 1973
Mary A. Parish, 1973
Liza Caldwell, 1974
David S. Carr, 1974
Kevin Cooper, 1974
Robert E. McGill III, 1974
Hilah A. Selleck, 1974
William D. Stevens, 1974
Valerie G. Brys, 1975
Randolph A. Callais, 1975
Scott L. Stone, 1975
Crystal Marcel Stuckey, 1975
Gordon Brown, 1976
Lisa L. Dobson, 1976
Melinda Johnston Traham, 1976
Jacquelyn S. Brown, 1977
Thomas E. Davis, 1977
Jane A. Rees, 1977
Clarence E. Courtney, Jr., 1978
D'Andrea M. Wilson, 1978
Frederick G. Engels, Jr., 1979
Deborah Heath Granada, 1979
C. Huffman Lewis III, 1979
Sara Elizabeth Long, 1979
Marlaina Aldridge, 1980
Ashley Coco, 1980
William H. Lynch, Jr., 1980

William D. Ray III, 1980
Samer Z. Saifi, 1980
Ellen J. Babers, 1981
David Furlow, 1982
Melinda Pixley Bruscato, 1982
Henry L. Cohn, 1982
Mary S. McGair, 1982
Cynthia R. Simmons, 1982
Richard J. Weiser III, 1982
Terence O. Burke, 1983
Joy A. Pratka, 1983
Margaret Lucas Ayres, 1984
Paul R. Brown, 1984
Richard L. Holmberg, Jr., 1984
Robert Hall Morrison IV, 1984
Tracie Proctor Morse, 1984
Robert M. Caldwell, 1985
Christine A. Gibbons, 1985
Stella Leggio Pruett, 1985
Mary L. Hollis, 1986
James F. Maxwell, Jr., 1986
Blair Crosby Mellon, 1986
Colin P. Murray, 1986
Kristee L. Oldham, 1986
Rebecca Runnels, 1986
Jennifer L. Smith, 1986
Kimberly S. Soffar, 1986
Jay W. Buzbee, 1987
Ronald W. Kegge, 1987
Katharine Davenport Patterson, 1987
Joanna L. Sternberg, 1987
Guillermo Barreto, 1988
Kevin T. Buchert, 1988
Paul C. Daigle, 1988
Katherine A. Grottness, 1988
Jeffrey S. Hastings, 1988
Jeffrey M. Reilly, 1988

James S. Spence, 1988
Rosana Costa, 1989
Elizabeth L. Haynes, 1989
Emily Manner, 1989
Andrew D. Moffat, 1989
Ryan M. Pogue, 1989
Jacob M. Schilling, 1989
Chad Davidson, 1990
Tat-Chi Lam, 1990
Penelope A. McGee, 1990
A. Ewan Roddie, 1990
Vlatka Vlak, 1990
Dion L. Warr, 1990
Adam B. Breidenbach, 1991
Cara J. Johnson, 1991
Chad E. Jones, 1991
Michael L. Tretter, 1991
Kimbrough Gray, 1993
Peyton Landrem, 1993
William G. Osborne III, 1993
Marcus A. Vogler, 1993
David W. Peachey, 1994
Ann B. Senette, 1994
Maria J. Felici, 1995
Barbara L. Irwin, 1995
Clara Tauler, 1995
Amelia E. Brewer, 1997
Renee D. Graphia, 1997
Laura S. Joffrion, 1997
Christoph Traut, 1998
Sarah Mbaruk, 1999
Roger M. Fonseca, 2000
Garron A. Passman, 2001
Luciano H. Valente, 2001
Thomas Young, 2001

BABY KNIGHTS



Alumnus achieves successful career as novelist

By Jennifer Lum, '05

He has lived on the side of a cliff in Africa taming wild falcons, written for magazines such as Sports Illustrated, Life, Rolling Stone and Los Angeles Book Review & Magazine, published two novels, founded the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group and graduated from Episcopal.

For students who may question how far their education at Episcopal may take them, they should look at the career of alumnus Carter Coleman.

Mr. Coleman, a member of the class of 1979, has a career that he never thought he would.

"In high school I wanted to be a writer," said Mr. Coleman, "but I thought it was an impractical dream."

He attended Vanderbilt for college, where he planned to go into law. However, during his senior year at the university he found a person that would change his career path.

"I met someone who knew the editor of Rolling Stone at the time," he said. The acquaintance knew Mr. Coleman was interested in writing and persuaded him to write something for the editor, said Mr. Coleman.

"I think life really does work this way," said Mr. Coleman. "You meet the right person at the right time to get where you need to be."

Though Mr. Coleman's article was not published in Rolling Stone, he soon had a free-lance career going.

"I found the best way for me to get



Carter Coleman, '79, speaks to journalism students during his visit to Episcopal in December.

assignments was to risk my life," he said.

He has done pieces on rock climbing, where he actually trained with professional rock climbers, and hang gliding, where he flew with the world's best hang-glider and set two world records.

In the late 80s, a scholarship led Mr. Coleman to Tanzania in Africa. It was in Tanzania that Mr. Coleman wrote his first book, *The Volunteer*.

Now, with *The Volunteer* behind him and his second book, *Cage's Bend*, which became available on Jan. 7, Mr. Coleman focuses on his third book.

He visited Episcopal on Dec. 9 to talk to classes and interview students for his new book. Mr. Coleman said that some of his characters loosely resemble people he has met and that he was looking for information on the current state of the South.

Mr. Coleman not only spoke to students but also taught them something in

the process.

"He showed me that you have to try and try again to get what you want," said senior Lauren Breeland, who was in the writing workshop class to which Mr. Coleman spoke. "Even though his work did not get published on his first try, he didn't give up."

For those who want to pursue an alternative career, "It's always hard as an artist watching your friends go to law school and thinking, 'Am I going to make it?'" said Mr. Coleman. "But it's great being your own boss and doing what you love."

"There's so much pressure today to succeed, to be a CEO or lawyer; you're judging yourself against your friends, your parents and your expectations," continued Mr. Coleman. "You just have to push through it, because you're going to go through it every day."

Alumni Loyalty Fund campaign needs your support

The 2004-05 Alumni Loyalty Fund has \$23,195.00 in pledges with 161 of our 2,624 alums participating. From these numbers you see that Episcopal needs your help. Our 6.1 percent participation is far below the national average of 20.9 percent at other NAIS schools.

We are only half way to our monetary goal of \$50,000, and to compete with other NAIS schools, our participation needs to be tripled. Gifts of all sizes count toward participation.

This fall is Episcopal's 10-year evaluation to be reaccredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest and to be accredited for the first time by

the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools. Those organizations will consider the support of our alumni during the evaluations.

There were two phonathons held in the fall. More than \$10,000 was raised thanks to the following volunteers: alumni Clino Melker, '75, Cindy Palmer, '79, and Ashley Sides, '89; faculty/staff members Bruce Bowman, Cheryl Causey, Susie Chew, Pam Craig, Jenny Hastings, Donna Herren, Ruth Hill, Ralph Howe, Corrie Kiesel, Kassie Keller, '92, Lorren Rhea and Andrew Wyly, '76; and Episcopal students Robert Burgess and Laura Gremillion.

Two more phonathons will be held this winter: Sunday, Jan. 30, and Sunday, Feb. 28. If you have either/both of these dates open, come to the Alumni House at 6:30 p.m. to call other alumni friends asking for their support. Hope to see you on campus for an event soon.

An envelope is provided in alumni copies of this newsletter for those who would like to send a contribution to the Alumni Loyalty Fund. Money raised goes to financial assistance to families who cannot afford the full cost of an Episcopal education, unless the alum specifies otherwise. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to your Alma Mater.

ALUMNI CHRISTMAS PARTY



Above: Jason Ross, '02, Paul Breaux, '01, and Brian Freeman, '01, at the Alumni Christmas Party on Dec. 22 at the Lod Cook Center at LSU.



Right: Courtney Craig, Ali Dry, Rachel Fontenot, Jenny Kneale and Alyce Howe, all '04.



Bill Burke, '04, English teacher Grace Oulton and Emma Frost, '04.



Mark Turner, '00, Craig Bayer, '98, Lindsay Lamont, '97, and Earl Turner, '96.



Lear deBessonet, '98, David Volk, '98, Ryan Blackledge, '97, and Brandon Barnette, '98.



Doug Landry, '01, Matthew Toney, '02, David Murphy, '02, John Davis, '02, and Michael Thompson, '02.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Theatre Events

The Ransom of Red Chief

March 2-4, 7 p.m., VPAC Black Box

Adapted from the story by O. Henry by Anne Coulter Martens. Middle Schoolers present the story of the kidnapped boy Red, who is such a holy terror that the question soon becomes: Will Red's family pay to get him back -- or will the kidnappers have to pay to get rid of him? Directed by Stephen Thomas. Tickets on sale Feb. 16 at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1163 or 1126.

The American Experience

April 21 & 22, 7 p.m., VPAC Main Stage

Come and witness this exciting new performance experience where high school instrumentalists, dancers and singers perform together in celebrating our unique and varied American culture. A combination of new music and well-known popular music from both stage and screen, enhanced by dramatic lighting effects, will be presented through movement by both dancers and musicians. Directed by Stephen Thomas with choreography by Renee Chatelain and music direction by Paul Taranto. Tickets on sale April 7 at (225) 753-3180, ext. 1163 or 1126.

Don't miss this great show for the entire family! Mark your calendars now!

Alumni Events

Alumni Luncheon: March 11, noon, Juban's

Join Episcopal's next head of school, Kay Betts, at this alumni event.

Alumni Spring Picnic

April 9, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Episcopal

Bring your family out for this annual event at Episcopal, featuring a picnic lunch, swimming, spacewalk and games. More information on both events will be coming through the mail and school website.

Concerts

Spring Band Concert

March 9, 7 p.m., VPAC Main Stage

This concert features the Middle School Concert Band and the Wind Ensemble.

Spring Choir Concert: *Episodes*

March 18, 7 p.m., VPAC Main Stage

Episcopal's choirs are featured in staged opera scenes, musical numbers and operetta choruses.

Parents' Guild Events:

Teacher Appreciation Week: March 15-18

Karnival Knight: April 15

Parents' Guild Annual Meeting: May 9

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