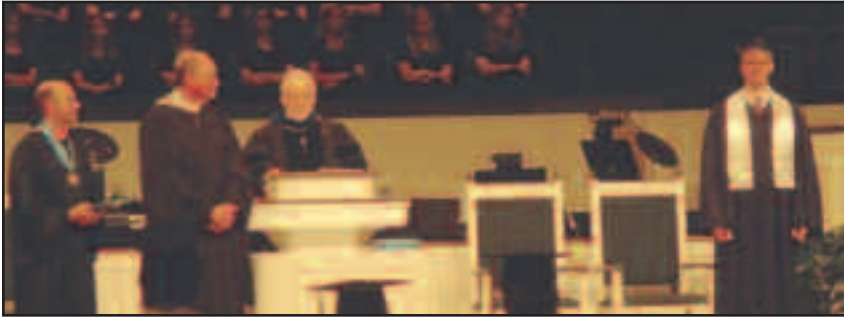


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Board Chairman Charlie Garrett, Interim Head of School Don Coffey, and Dr. Red Prudhon, Upper School Director, prepare to give Mac Weaver his diploma. Matt Farris, at right, waits to receive his diploma.



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Another class gains alumni status

The Class of 2007 graduated May 12 with ceremonies at West Jackson Baptist Church on Oilwell Road. USJ Board Chairman Charlie Garrett handed out diplomas with the help of Interim Head of School Don Coffey and Dr. Red Prudhon, Upper School Director.

Lauren Dowling is class valedictorian, Will Lewis is salutatorian, and Ashika Odhav is essayist. The 92 members of the Class of 2007 are known for their diverse interests and talents. The class has eight National Merit scholars and 11 AP scholars. Five attended Governor's Schools. At least eight students have scholarships to play sports in college.

USJ is proud of our graduates. We know they are prepared for the next step in their journey.



Class members, left to right, above, are Dane Beasley, Thomas Baudo, William Hutchison, Carrie Beth Henson, Tanisha Berryman, and Ann Raines.



Ashley Freeland, far left, walks down the aisle after getting her diploma, while Lee Ann Coyne and Frank Crocker wait their turns. Above, Becca Morris, Katie Harper, and Megan Latimer get their picture taken with Interim Head of School Don Coffey.



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"The Bruin" is the newsletter of the USJ Alumni Association, serving alumni and parents of the former Episcopal Day School, former Old Hickory Academy, and University School of Jackson.

The USJ Alumni Association is an active organization with the mission of helping alumni and their parents keep close ties with their alma mater. Activities include this newsletter, alumni gatherings, and Homecoming.

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Class of 2007 heads off to college

From Dartmouth in New Hampshire to Brigham Young in Utah, from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to Rhodes in Memphis, USJ's graduating seniors will be at 40 colleges in 14 states and Canada next fall. They were offered more than \$2 million in college scholarships. All have met college entrance requirements and plan to attend a college of their choice.

Class members and their college choice at the time of graduation are...

- **Haley Anderson**, Freed-Hardeman
- **Ernest Antwi**, Lambuth
- **Simon Arcuri**, undecided
- **Anthony Baggett**, Mississippi State
- **Thomas Baudo**, University of Mississippi
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- **David Hopper**, Union
- **Sarah Beth Hudson**, Middle Tennessee State University
- **William Hutchison**, University of Mississippi
- **Landon Kail**, The Citadel
- **Aya Kato**, Rhodes College
- **Haley King**, UT Knoxville
- **Alex Kurth**, Rhodes College
- **Janie LaFont**, Columbia College of Arts, Chicago
- **Megan Latimer**, UT Martin
- **Andrew LeCroy**, Georgia Tech
- **Misti Lewis**, Lambuth
- **Will Lewis**, UT Knoxville
- **Josh Liles**, UT Knoxville
- **Rand Martindale**, University of Alabama
- **Megan Mathis**, University of Alabama
- **Melanie May**, Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C.
- **Maggie McCalmon**, University of Mississippi
- **Elizabeth McGee**, Union
- **Marie-Catherine Mignault**, Dawson College, Montreal
- **Becca Morris**, Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn.
- **Christopher Muir**, Mississippi Delta Community College
- **Katharine Mullins**, Mississippi College, Clinton
- **Kelly Nelson**, University of Dallas
- **Ashika Odhav**, University of Missouri at Kansas City
- **Billy Pacaccio**, Lambuth
- **Justin Parrish**, Mississippi State University
- **Drew Patterson**, UT Martin
- **Haley Phillips**, Samford University
- **Chris Pitcairn**, University of Arkansas
- **Kara Powell**, Mississippi State
- **Lauren Radicioni**, University of Mississippi
- **Ann Raines**, University of Mississippi
- **Megan Seals**, UT Chattanooga
- **Carrie Brown Smith**, UT Knoxville
- **George Smith**, Rhodes
- **Lauren Smith**, Union
- **Timothy Stewart**, Francis Marion University, Florence, S.C.
- **Chris Strazzella**, University of Memphis
- **Adriana Subia**, UT Chattanooga
- **Janie Sun**, University of Alabama
- **Wade Thomson**, UT Chattanooga
- **Kathryn Treneff**, UT Knoxville
- **Ashley Turner**, Bellarmine University, Louisville, Ky.
- **Josh Turner**, Union University
- **Gregory Updike**, Georgia Tech
- **Morgan Walley**, UT Martin
- **John Watts**, University of Alabama
- **Mac Weaver**, University of Mississippi
- **Taylor West**, Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.
- **Caroline Yelverton**, Murray State University
- **Meera Yogesh**, Lambuth
- **Rachel Young**, Middle Tennessee State University
- **Reid Young**, Middle Tennessee State University

Meet USJ's new Head of School

Clay Lillienstern, USJ's new Head of School, will assume his duties July 1.

Clay has been Assistant Head of School at Episcopal High School, a college preparatory, independent school in Houston, Texas, with about 630 students in grades 9-12.

After spending much of his professional life as an attorney in Houston, he made a career change to become an educator. He had just spent six years as chairman of the board of Annunciation Orthodox School in Houston and had become "captivated," he said, with educating young people.

"As a parent, trustee, and volunteer, I came to respect how children's lives are influenced by conscientious teachers in independent schools. Success can be

measured in different ways for each student, whether that be in academics, athletics, the fine arts, or in other endeavors. It's our job as educators to enable students to succeed and realize their potential."

Clay has several academic degrees, including a bachelor of arts degree in political science and history from the University of Alabama, a law degree from the University of Houston, and master's degrees in law from George Washington University, in business from University of Houston, and theological studies from Southern Methodist University. He recently completed the Ford Fellowship for Aspiring Heads, a highly competitive and selective program sponsored by the National Association of Independent Schools.

Clay practiced law in Houston for almost 30 years and even argued several cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Episcopal High School and USJ are alike in many ways, he says. Both are college preparatory schools with strong academic curriculums, and both emphasize athletics, fine arts, and character education. Both have students who are eager learners, polite, and friendly. Both have strong parental and community support.

When he first visited USJ last fall, he says, "I felt like I was at home. My wife, Rebecca, and I found USJ and the community to be a warm and friendly place."



Clay Lillienstern

Graduates awarded alumni scholarships

Congratulations to Katharine Mullins and Becca Morris, the recipients of this year's scholarships from the Alumni Association.

Katharine, who received a \$1,000 Alumni Scholarship, is the daughter of Malea Mullins, USJ's Upper School chemistry teacher, and Patrick Mullins.

Katharine was in the All-State Orchestra where she played the oboe. She was a Tennessee Girls State delegate and president of SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions. She also was awarded the certificate in Advanced Placement Music Theory. Katharine will attend Mississippi College, in Clinton, Miss., where she has received more than \$30,000 in scholarships.

Her mother has taught Chemistry I, Honors Chemistry, and AP Chemistry at USJ for 10 years.

Becca, who received a \$500 scholarship from the Alumni Association, is the daughter of Dan and Lisa DePriest Morris, a 1978 USJ graduate.

Becca was a 2005 Class A All-State Basketball player and again made All-State in Basketball in 2006 when USJ was moved up to Class AA in sports. A member of the National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society, Becca has 1,811 career points in basketball, making her the

second all-time high scorer in USJ girls basketball.

Becca will attend Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., on a basketball scholarship.

Her mother, Lisa, was the 1978 Old Hickory Academy valedictorian and a star basketball player. Lisa was named 1978 Parade High School All-American in basketball and signed a basketball scholarship with the University of Alabama. She played in the 1978 High School All-American game against Canada. Her jersey number – 14 – is retired at USJ.

The Alumni Association funds the annual scholarships with proceeds from Homecoming weekend.



Katharine Mullins



Becca Morris

Did you know?

Becca Morris would be USJ's third highest scorer if you included the accomplishments of her mother, Lisa DePriest Morris, at Old Hickory Academy.

Lisa set the OHA scoring record in basketball with 2,235 points and the single-game scoring record at 45 points. Lisa played 6-on-6 basketball.

In establishing current records at USJ, the athletic department started with the merger of OHA and EDS. Courtney Alvey, Class of 2001, has the highest scoring record in USJ girls basketball.

Now enrolling for 2007-2008

If you are interested in a USJ education for your child, contact Admissions Coordinator Kay Shearin at 731-660-1692 or kshearin@usjbruins.org.



In celebration of its 35th anniversary, USJ published a history of the school. For your copy, send \$5 to: Kay Shearin, USJ 240 McClellan Rd. Jackson, TN 38305.

Weddings

■ **Rob Young**, Class of 2001, married Maryalice Kuberka on May 19 at Lambuth Memorial United Methodist Church. Rob is an engineer with Dement Construction. The couple lives in Spring Hill, Tenn.

■ **Julie Smith**, Class of 2001, will marry Charles Ligon on June 30 at First Baptist Church in Jackson. The couple will make their home in Medina, Tenn. Julie is a kindergarten teacher at Medina Elementary.

■ **Meredith Morrison**, Class of 2001, is marrying William Walker on June 23 on the beach in Seaside, Fla. Meredith works for Wolfe Development and Contracting Co. The couple will live in Jackson.

■ **Daniel Chaney**, Class of 2001, married his wife Jessica in March 2007. Daniel, who graduated from Union University, was recently promoted to branch manager with National City Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

■ **Mary Elizabeth Jacob**, Class of 2001, married Jim Hopkins on June 9 at First United Methodist Church in Jackson. They live in Memphis. Mary is on the audit staff at Deloitte and Touche, LLP.

The latest in news from alumni

1970-1980

■ **George Phillips**, Class of 1976, has two children, Katie, who was born in April 1988, and Trey, who was born in September 1989. (geophilips@bellsouth.net)

■ **Nancy McCord Derivaux**, Class of 1977, and her husband, Preston, have two children, Rob, who was born in September 1986, and Beth, born in February 1989. Nancy is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. The family lives in Jackson, Miss. (nancy@prestonderivauxagency.com)

■ **Todd Bennett**, Class of 1980, recently moved to Hendersonville, N.C. Todd attended EDS from 1972-1976. His mother was a secretary and third grade teacher at EDS. He has a bachelor of science degree in mass communications from East Tennessee State University. (Adcourt123@aol.com)

■ **Joy Argo Poindexter**, Class of 1980, and her husband, **Porter Poindexter**, Class of 1986, have a new baby, Ethan Duke, who was born August 19, 2006. The family lives in Thompson's Station, Tenn.

1981-1990

■ **Tom Brunsvold**, Class of 1983, and his wife, Dana, live in Murfreesboro with their two sons, Devin, 16, and Trevor, 14. Tom retired from the U.S. Navy on April 1, after 21 years of service. He is now an assistant coach of the Middle Tennessee Christian School football team in Murfreesboro and works at Aramark Uniform Service in Nashville as a sales representative.

■ **Chella Henslee Eagan**, Class of 1983, and her husband, Dion, have a new baby girl, Willow Antoinette. She was born in October 2006. Their son, Oliver Richard, was born in January 2001. They live in Nashville. (chellaeagan@comcast.net)

■ **Darrell King**, Class of 1983, and his wife, Tracey, have two children, Kathryn, who was born in 1995, and Will, who was born in 1998. They live in Maryville where Darrell is CEO of the East Tennessee Medical Group, P.C. Darrell has a bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. (traceyking@charter.net)

■ **Christi Whalley Turner**, Class of 1987, is a homemaker in Nashville. Her daughter, Katherine Rose, was born in December 1997 and her son, James Stephen, was born in April 2000. Christi has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Vanderbilt. (christiturner@comcast.net)

■ **Liza Butler Whittington**, Class of 1990, is the



Greg Fay winds up college football career

Greg Fay, Class of 2002, recently completed his collegiate football career at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn.

Greg, the starting fullback for the

“Mountainhawks,” received his varsity letter in football for four consecutive years while helping his team win two Patriot League Championships. In 2004, his team advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. In 2005, Greg was named “Offensive Player of the Game” in Lehigh’s conference win over Bucknell. Greg also received the team’s “Best Offensive Back” award for his outstanding play during the entire 2005 season.

This past season, he received the team’s prestigious “Barry Fetterman Award,” which is presented annually to honor the Lehigh player who most demonstrates leadership, commitment, and performance to the Lehigh Football program. Greg was cited for playing a key role in the team’s success during his tenure.

Greg was invited to the NFL Combine in Indianapolis and also had invitations to mini camps of several football teams. He graduated from Lehigh in May with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

At USJ, Greg played tailback, fullback, and linebacker, and was named *The Jackson Sun’s* Player of the Year.

new assistant women’s basketball coach at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She says she hopes to build on the team’s success of making the NCAA tournament last season. The college is in the same conference as Middle Tennessee State University.

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Liza and her husband, Heath, and children, Bailey and Brooks, live in Prairieville, Louisiana. (liza.whittington@gocrusaders.com)

1991-1996

■ **Jonathan Allen**, Class of 1991, has a new son, Joshua, who was born in May 2006. He lives in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. (jballen10@hawaiiintel.net)

■ **Bethany Mulvaney Carfaro**, Class of 1993, graduated from John Brown University with a bachelor of science in construction and public relations. After working for Walmart Corporate in the building division for several years, she now lives in Dos Vientos Ranch, California, with her husband, Stephen. They have three children: Caleb, who was born in February 2002; Luke, who was born in April 2004; and Abigail, who was born in October 2005. (bethanycarfaro@adelphia.net)

■ **Amy Ferguson**, Class of 1993, is an attorney with Glankler Brown, PLLC, in Memphis. Amy earned both her bachelor's degree and law degree at the University of Tennessee. (ae_ferguson@bellsouth.net)

■ **Eve Hallock Rullo**, Class of 1993, and her husband, Ryan, have a new baby. Luke Paul was born September 28, 2006. They live in Waxhaw, N.C. Eve has a degree in biochemistry from Southern Methodist University. (ehallock@mail.com)

■ **Leah White Shanks**, Class of 1995, and her husband, Grant, are the proud parents of their first child, Ellis Martha Shanks. Ellie was born June 6. They live in Crossville.



Ellie Shanks

■ **Jonathan Mays**, Class of 1996, and his wife, Yellen, are the proud parents of their first child. Brennan David was born March 9, 2007. They live in Jakarta, Indonesia. (jmays@indo.net.id)

■ **Ryan Massey**, Class of 1996, and his wife, Melissa, have a baby son. Riley Hayden was born October 25. His older brother, Trent, was born in March 2005. Ryan, who has a masters of arts in educa-



Trent and Riley Massey



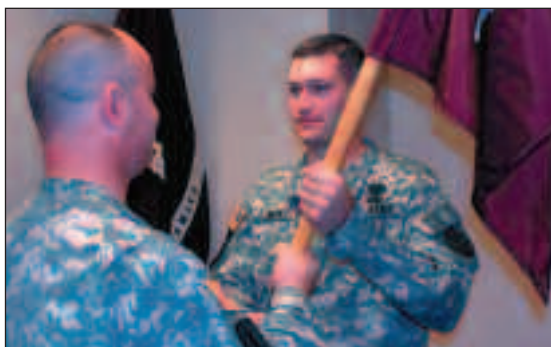
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"Southern in The City...A Mason Dixon View of Manhattan," a book written by Janna Fite Herbison, is now available on Amazon.com for \$12.95. Janna, Class of 1988, wrote the book after many visits to the Big Apple. Above, Janna, poses with Kelly Ripa, who is holding her book and who is the star of the television show, Regis and Kelly. With them are Janice Fite, far left, who is Janna's mother; Joy Thompson, center back; and Johnna Beuerlein, far right. Johnna's daughter, Katie Hayes, is a rising senior at USJ.

tion from Union, works at O'Fallon Township High School in Swansea, Ill., where he is the in-school suspension monitor and coaches three sports. (masseyr@oths.k12.il.us)

1997-1999

■ **Kristen Lindvall Burden**, Class of 1997, and her husband, John, of Orlando, Fla., welcomed their second child, Anna Wells, on February 20, 2007. Their son, Jack, was born in June 2004. (kristenburden@bellsouth.net)



Assumption of command

Capt. Jason R.W. Weir, right, Class of 1998, became the first official Headquarters Detachment commander for the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center March 9 during an assumption of command ceremony. Lt. Col. Joseph P. Bentley, the technology center's commanding officer, passed Weir the unit's colors, making him responsible for the health, welfare, and training for military personnel assigned to the center.

More weddings

■ **Joe Shearin**, Class of 2001, is engaged to marry Tracy Queen in Memphis on November 17. Joe, who graduated from Mississippi State University in 2005, works in Memphis as a project manager for Grant and Company Builders. He and Tracy will live in Memphis.

■ **Rachel Taylor Hughes**, Class of 2001, married her husband, John, December 29. They are living in Murray, Ky., while completing their degrees at Murray State University. Rachel will receive her master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages in May 2007. She works at Regions Bank. (rachel.taylor@murraystate.edu)

■ **Lindsay Austin**, Class of 2002, recently married Christopher Vance. She majored in interior design at MTSU and plans to start nursing school in the fall.

■ **Kathryn Glover**, Class of 2002, married Michael Miller on April 27 in Austin, Texas. Kathryn graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in interior design. She is a design assistant with Charlotte Comer Interiors, Inc. The couple's home is in Dallas, Texas.

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And even more weddings

■ **Beth Metcalf**, Class of 2003, married **Brad Davis**, Class of 2004, on June 2 at Evangelical Community Church in Jackson. Beth graduated summa cum laude from the University of Memphis in May with a degree in mathematical sciences. She works for Fournier Learning Strategies, Inc. Brad plans to graduate from Middle Tennessee State University in 2008 with a degree in entrepreneurship. He is a pharmacy tech at Terrace Pharmacy. They live in Murfreesboro.

■ **Elizabeth Shearin**, Class of 2003, is engaged to marry Ben Davis on August 25. Elizabeth graduated from Union University in May with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She plans to pursue her graduate degree as a nurse practitioner. She works in the Surgery Department at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. They will live in Jackson.

■ **Kathryn Henry**, Class of 2003, married Shane Picklesimer of Sylacauga, Ala., on Dec. 30 at First United Methodist Church in Jackson. The couple has made their home in Birmingham, Ala.

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■ **Stephanie Carruth Kurita**, Class of 1997, is a physician at the University of Pennsylvania Department of Radiology. She and her husband, Nathan, live in Philadelphia. Her medical degree is from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. (stephaniekurita@yahoo.com)

■ **Elizabeth Brower**, Class of 1998, is an account executive at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. She has a bachelor of science degree in human ecology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. (ebrower@knoxvillechamber.com)

■ **Joel Wasmundt**, Class of 1998, is living in Los Angeles as a songwriter, arranger, and music director. He married his wife, Kyra, in Hawaii in 2004. Before that, he received a bachelor of arts degree from the School of Creative Arts in Sydney, Australia. (jtwasmundt@yahoo.com)

■ **Kristina Alvig**, Class of 1999, has graduated with a masters of science degree from Brunel University in West London, United Kingdom. She obtained her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Arizona. She lives in Chandler, Ariz. (krisitnaquay@gmail.com)

■ **Hayley Roland Terry**, Class of 1999, and her husband, Justin, have a son, Eli, a boy, who was born May 4, 2006. Hayley, who graduated from Lambuth University, is a lighting purchasing agent for Madison Lighting and Interiors. The family lives in Jackson. (hayleyroland@hotmail.com)

2000...

■ **Annie Sun England**, Class of 2000, lives in Birmingham, Alabama, where she is a project manager for Command Alcon, a company that creates software and hardware solutions for the construction materials industry. She and her husband, Ken, have a daughter, Alexis Jade (A.J.), who was born in August 2003. Annie has a bachelor of general studies degree in business administration from Samford University. (annies.england@yahoo.com)

■ **Dan Fuller**, Class of 2000, works for Blue Solutions, a campaign consulting firm that specializes in fund-raising. He had previously worked as West Tennessee Field Director for Victory 2006, the coordinated campaign of Gov. Phil Bredesen, Congressman Harold Ford, and Sen. Lowe Finney. Dan has a bachelor of science degree in mass communications from MTSU. (d_jr13@hotmail.com)

■ **Andrew Levine**, Class of 2002, will begin employment as a business analyst with Deloitte Consulting this July in the Atlanta office. Andrew



Written by Ellen Carrington | Illustrated by Elizabeth Wilson

"Chester's Helping Paws" was written by Ellen Carrington and illustrated by Elizabeth Wilson; both are members of the Class of 2005.

Graduate writes book

Ellen Carrington, Class of 2005, has written a children's book to encourage youngsters to become volunteers.

Her book, "Chester's Helping Paws," offers several examples of how children can help in their homes, and it explains how they can volunteer in their community as they grow older. Elizabeth Wilson, also a member of the Class of 2005, created the colorful illustrations in the book.

Volunteering has always been an important part of her life, Ellen says. She enjoys giving vocal performances to nursing homes and assisted living center residents. She also wants to encourage young people to volunteer.

Ellen represented Miss Milan No-Till at the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant this year.

Proceeds from the sale of "Chester's Helping Paws" are being donated to the Jackson-Madison County Humane Society and Children's Miracle Network. To order the book, contact Ellen at ebcarrington@jaxnet.net, or by mail at Main Street Publishing Inc., 206 E. Main St., Suite 207, Jackson, TN 38301. The phone number is (866) 457-7379 or 731-427-7379.

Ellen's website promoting volunteerism is www.volunteerforlife.zoomshare.com. Main Street Publishing's web site is www.mspbooks.com.

graduated summa cum laude in May 2006 from Vanderbilt University with a degree in interdisciplinary studies. He spent the 2006-2007 academic year in Paris as an English-teaching assistant on a Fulbright Grant. (a.barclay.levine@gmail.com)

■ **Shayla Reaves**, Class of 2002, graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in journalism. She is working as a television reporter for WAVE 3 News in Louisville, Kentucky, an affiliate

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of NBC. (shaylareaves@gmail.com)

■ **Paul Taylor**, Class of 2002, graduated from Mississippi State University in May with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is a research assistant at the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems. He married Emily Dabney of Jackson on June 9. (pht4@msstate.edu)

■ **Kirk Young**, Class of 2003, graduated from Ball State University in December with a degree in journalism-graphics. Kirk lives in Indianapolis and is the managing partner of Geisler Young, an advertising and marketing firm in Indianapolis and Charlottesville, Va. (nolen.young@geisleryoung.com)

■ **Nikki Schneider**, Class of 2003, recently graduated summa cum laude from Florida State University. She received a bachelor of science degree in merchandising. She is working in New York as an intern for the fashion magazine, *Nylon*.

■ **Amy Butts**, Class of 2004, participated in the 2006 summer study abroad program at the University of Salzburg in Austria through the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She took two courses: Austrian Civilization and the European Union. While abroad, she traveled to Vienna and throughout Austria, and to Prague, Paris, Venice, Florence, Milan, and the Lake Como area. She is a senior at UT Knoxville.

■ **Tiffany Frye**, Class of 2004, spent six weeks studying Spanish in Madrid, Spain, in spring 2006



A winning golfer

Bradley Pate, Class of 2003, is the featured golfer on the 2007 spring sports calendar for Samford University. He has held positions as team captain and co-captain and led the country in par 3 scoring for the fall 2006 semester. He is majoring in pharmacy and hopes to get his Ph.D. in 2009 from Samford.

2007 with her BSN degree and plans to further her education in a master's program. (ctimbess@utm.edu)

■ **Allan Farrington-Hess**, Class of 2006, was named to the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Dean's List for the Fall 2006 Semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

and then left in Summer 2006 for a fall semester abroad in Santiago, Chile, to study Spanish and South American culture. Tiffany is a senior at Washington University in St. Louis. (tmfrye@wustl.edu)

■ **Carmen Timbes**, Class of 2004, finished her two-year nursing prerequisite coursework at the University of Mississippi and is now earning her bachelor of science in nursing degree in the accelerated BSN program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She was nominated by her class as BSN representative on the College of Nursing Honor Council. Carmen will graduate in December of

Successful spring sports

USJ student athletes ended the spring sports season with a state championship in tennis and several other honors...

■ For the second year in a row, the boys tennis team won the state championship by defeating Chattanooga Christian School.

■ Freshman Madison Patey was state runner-up in girls tennis singles.

■ For the second year in a row, the boys baseball team was runner-up in the state.

At the spring fling, USJ also competed in girls tennis, boys and girls tennis doubles, pole vaulting, and the girls 4x800-meter relay.

We need band instruments

It's time to look in the closet, the attic, or under the bed for that long lost band instrument that longs to be useful again.

Consider donating the instrument to the USJ Band program. "We'll put it in the hands of an aspiring young instrumentalist," says band director Tom Grant. "You can come visit it at ballgames, concerts, and parades. All donations are tax deductible and 100% appreciated."

Contact Grant at home at 668-7029 or tomgrant@usjbruins.org.

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USJ Homecoming 2007

Friday, November 2

Good friends, good food, and good fun await
you at Homecoming!

Homecoming will focus on these reunion-year classes:

- Class of 1977, 30 years
- Class of 1982, 25 years
- Class of 1987, 20 years
- Class of 1992, 15 years
- Class of 1997, 10 years
- Class of 2002, 5 years

If you are a member of one of these classes and can help plan activities, contact the alumni office.

Friday, November 2

5:30 p.m.: Alumni Association BBQ Dinner for USJ families, alumni, and friends. Sponsors are needed to help with Homecoming expenses.

7 p.m.: Football game vs Trenton Peabody

9:30 p.m.: Gather with your classmates and friends after the game.

Saturday, November 3: A great day for more reunion activities!



Class of 1987

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