

# USJ THE BRUIN



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## Homecoming 2004 draws alumni

Great weather, old friends, and a win on the football field helped to make Homecoming 2004 a successful event.

The evening started with a pre-game alumni cookout where alumni, families, and USJ friends enjoyed a barbecue dinner outdoors under a big tent.

The football team topped off the night with a 14-7 win over Riverside.



Alumni and their families and friends enjoyed the barbecue dinner before the game. Alumni included Bob Pate, above, James Robinson, right, and Carrie Smith and Dan Fuller, below.



Alumni Kevin Smith and Kathryn Tucker, top, staff the registration table at Homecoming. Hundreds of people ate the barbecue dinner before the game. Teacher Shay Young, below, cheers for the team. Alumni Association president John New, below right, and Alumni Coordinator Louise Lynch greet people as they arrive.



### Join us for lunch

USJ's Alumni Association Luncheons are scheduled for Friday, January 28, and Friday, April 29, at the Jackson Country Club.

Lunches start at 11:30 a.m.

Mark your calendar and invite your area alumni friends to join the group so you can keep up with what's going on at USJ.

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# New developments at USJ

Fall 2004 brought many changes and new developments to University School of Jackson.

The opening of the new Lower School was a dream come true for the USJ family. All students are now on the same campus.

The Lower School's design incorporates the best features of schools throughout the Southeast. The building has two wings, one for pre-kindergarten through first grade and one for grades 2-5.

The school has extra large classrooms with high-speed Internet access; separate classrooms for art, music, computer, foreign language, and guidance; two gymnasiums and indoor playgrounds; a library with 25,000 books and a reading well; a cafetorium that doubles as a cafeteria and an auditorium; and lots of natural lighting with skylights and large windows. The school's eco-learning features include an outdoor pond, greenhouse, and weather station.

Besides the new Lower School, the other big news at USJ is the start of uniforms at all grade levels. Students come to school each day looking like they are prepared to learn, administrators say.



*Students come to school dressed for learning.*

Students and parents throughout USJ are pleased with the uniforms, which basically include white, blue, or red polo or knit shirts and blouses; khaki shorts, skirts, and pants; and plaid jumpers and skirts.

## Other news at USJ

■ Fifth grade moved back to the Lower School environment. Middle School is now sixth through eighth grade.

■ Parents and students can keep track of students' grades and homework on-line through individual passwords at k12planet.com. Upper and Middle School students no longer get grades mailed to their homes, unless requested by the parents. Lower School students will be using

k12planet by next semester.

■ Students can use school-issued debit cards to buy breakfast and lunch in the cafeterias.

■ Third and fourth grade students now have one semester of Spanish and one semester of French. Spanish instruction begins in pre-kindergarten. Middle and Upper School students can take French or Spanish.

■ All eighth grade students now take physical science, an Upper Level course, so as ninth graders they all can take biology and then be able to take chemistry and physics before graduation.

■ The newest Advanced Placement class is AP Environmental Science, which is taught by USJ alum John Herriman. This gives USJ 13 AP classes in the Upper School.

■ USJ has three full-time guidance counselors and two full-time college advisors.



*Lower School students are on hand to help stock the pond with koi.*

## Mark your calendar...

- **January 28:** Alumni lunch, 11:30 a.m., Country Club
- **February 13:** Open House for prospective families, 2-4 p.m.
- **February 5-6:** *Pirates of Penzance*, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m., USJ Theater
- **March 21-25:** Spring Break

- **April 2:** Bruin Prints Fine Arts Festival, all day activities for whole family
- **April 8-9:** *Beauty and the Beast*, 7 p.m., USJ theater
- **April 29:** Alumni lunch, 11:30 a.m., Country Club
- **May 14:** Commencement, 3 p.m., West Jackson Baptist Church.

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## Class of 1984 enjoys October reunion

Nearly half of the Class of 1984 was able to make it to Jackson for the Homecoming 2004 weekend.

Activities began on Friday night as several class members, their spouses, and children gathered for the pre-game barbecue dinner, visited, and stayed to watch the football game.

On Saturday night, even more class members showed up for the catered dinner at the home of John and Anne Hazlehurst Garrard.

Leah Patrick Bagwell put together a slide show with music from the 1980s that included pictures throughout the class' grade school and high school years and included people that left Old Hickory before graduation. Later, after the slide show, several classmates who had graduated in different years, arrived to visit.

In planning for the reunion, "we found all but two of our classmates," says Mary Avery Milton, who lives in Pinson.

Collectively, she calculates, the class has more than 46 children.

The class has several with medical degrees and at least two members in the military. Dr. Joseph Hunter, a primary care physician in DeSoto, Mississippi, is stationed in Germany. Tom Silvia is in the U.S. Air Force in Canada.

One graduate, Elaine Nance Sadosky, has lived overseas for the past several years in Thailand, Korea, and Taiwan. She couldn't make it back for the reunion, but sent her best wishes.



Members of the Class of 1984 who gathered for a reunion at the Garrard home were back row, left to right, James Robinson, John Garrard, Doug McKnight, Bob Pate, Carol Ingraham Lynn, and Kelle Tankersley Northern; middle row, Kathy Tucker, Heidi Williams Moore, Sandy Taylor Acred, Teresa Welch McClanahan, Cathy House Townsend, and Leah Patrick Bagwell; and front row, Carol Ann Glenn Vaughan, Mary Avery Milton, and Anne Hazlehurst Garrard.

Another classmate, Sean O'Cain, died in a car accident.

Bob Pate, who lives in Orlando, Fla., traveled the longest distance to come to the reunion.

"It was great getting together," Mary says.

## Class of 1994 gathers week after Homecoming

More than 20 members of the Class of 1994 gathered for a reunion on Friday, October 29, at the USJ-JCS football game and later at the Downtown Tavern for drinks and food.

The class decided to meet the week after Homecoming to be able to accommodate more people, says Brad Hayes, class president and Jackson resident.

"We had a great time," Brad says.

The most important thing, he says, is that he and Chris Wilkerson, with help from several classmates, were able to contact about 80 percent of the 52-member class. "We were able to update the class database and give it to USJ."



Members of the Class of 1994 who attended the reunion included Farra Durham Fleming, Brad Hayes, Rad Richardson, Chris Wilkerson, Jim Vinson, Will Richardson, Jill Appleton Wimer, Hayley Reasons Wilkerson, Jon Ellis, Ronnie Patterson, and Jerard White.

### We need help with addresses

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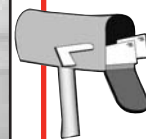
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## Recent weddings

■ **Bo White, Class of 1992**, married Shae Berryman of Moore, Oklahoma, on March 27, 2004, in Nashville. Bo is a tax attorney with the law firm of Mitchell, McNutt, and Sams in Tupelo, Miss.

### ■ Nabanita

**Chaterjee, Class of 1993**, married Neil Nag on August 7, 2004, in Nashville. Nabanita is a corporate lawyer in Manhattan; Neil, a former bond trader, is an MBA student at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. (nabanitachaterjee@yahoo.com)

■ **Farra Durham, Class of 1994**, married Jamin Fleming on May 8, 2004. They live in Hernando, Miss. Farra works for Adams Keegan in Memphis, a Human Resource Management outsourcing company. (Farra.Fleming@adamskeegan.com)

■ **Josh Vegors, Class of 1999**, married Lisa Clark on June 26, 2004, at St. Paul's Church in Memphis. The couple lives in LaVergne, Tenn. Josh is an audio engineer, working at Bennet House Recording Studio and Brentwood United Methodist Church. Lisa is youth director at the Cathedral in Nashville. (josh@joshvegors.com)

# The latest news from alumni

## 1980-1984

■ **Freddy Pratt, Class of 1982**, recently graduated from the Leadership Metrocrest program sponsored by the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce. Freddy and his wife, Amy, and their two children, Meredith (born July 1998) and Ethan (born September 2000) live in Keller, Texas. Freddy is manager of State & Local Government Relations for Dallas Area Rapid Transit. (fredpratt@att.net)

■ **Suzanne Duck Smith, Class of 1983**, and her husband, Edd, have recently moved back to Jackson after living in Chicago. Their children are attending USJ. Lauren is in 10th grade and Rebekah is in 8th grade.

■ **Elaine Nance Sadosky, Class of 1984**, and her husband, Len, live in Taiwan where Len is production director with Nike. They have two children, Emily, 10, and Kyle, 5. They are sorry to miss the 20-year reunion but would love to hear from classmates. (esadosky@hotmail.com)

■ **Carol Ingraham Lynn, Class of 1984**, and her husband, Ricky, have two children, Brooks, who was born June 1998, and Leslie, who was born September 2002. Carol is an obstetrician/gynecologist at the Ruch Clinic in Memphis. (carol3lynn@yahoo.com)

## 1985-1989

■ **Norm Teske, Class of 1985**, is the assistant operations manager for Rosedale Transport in Chattanooga. His wife, Allison, is a stay-at-home mom. They have two children, Hannah Grace, born December 2000, and Emma Mae, born October 2002. (nteske@rosedaletransport.com)

■ **Angie Addison Douglas, Class of 1988**, is a stay-at-home mom in Kissimmee, Florida. She and her husband, Jeff, have one child, Devon, who was born in May 2002. (adouglas@cfl.rr.com)

■ **Tom Williams, Class of 1989**, and his wife, Andrea Arnold, have a new son, Richard Ryan, who was born June 28, 2004. They live in Shreveport, La., and have another child, Allie Harrington, who was born in May 2001. Tom was promoted to general manager of CenturyTel Center, a 14,000 seat sports and entertainment arena in Bossier City, La. (tomandandrea@sport.rr.com)

■ **Juichiro (Jukun) Sahara, Class of 1989**, and his wife, Hiroko, live in Colombo, Sri Lanka, where Jukun works for Japan Bank for International Cooperation. His company is a government agency that works with underdeveloped countries. He is in the Sri Lanka branch office, working with the Sri Lankan government to assist the country's development needs. The Saharas have

one son, Yutaro, who was born in February 2000. (j-sahara@jbic.go.jp)

■ **Julie Todd Hurbis, Class of 1989**, lives in Jackson with her husband, Paul, and is employed at Alamo City Schools. (hurbis@bellsouth.net)

## 1990-1994

■ **Julia Comfort Raynor, Class of 1990**, will be receiving her masters degree in library and information studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in December 2004. Julia is a branch librarian at King Public Library in King, N.C. She and her husband, Scott, have a new baby, Amelia Claire, who was born November 14. (jsraynor@yahoo.com)

■ **Teddy Boggs, Class of 1992**, is a systems engineer for Nando Media, an online interactive newspaper publishing company. He lives in Durham, N.C. (tboggs@nandomedia.com)

■ **Nick Debnath, Class of 1992**, is in his fourth of seven years in a grueling residency training in otolaryngology/head and neck surgery at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. (debnath@post.harvard.edu)

■ **Jennifer Cash Biggs, Class of 1993**, and her husband, Chris, have had their first baby. Ayden Christopher was born Sept 16, 2004. They live in Pensacola, Fla., where Chris is an instructor pilot in the U.S. Navy. (jbiggs@mchsi.com)

■ **Kelley Kirkland Rowland, Class of 1993**, and her husband Joe, have a new baby, Mary Virginia, who was born on January 29, 2004. The couple lives in Memphis. Joe also attended USJ for awhile. (jkrow2@msn.com)

■ **Anne Ryal Coleman, Class of 1993**, lives with her husband, Neil, in Pearland, Texas. (annelcoleman@hotmail.com)

■ **Chris and Hayley Reasons Wilkerson**, both members of the **Class of 1994**, have a new baby. Caroline Grace was born January 23, 2004. They live in Jackson where Chris works for the Pictsweet Company and Hayley works for West Tennessee Healthcare. (chrisandhayley@bellsouth.net)

## 1995-1997

■ **Elyzabeth Lawrence Pflasterer, Class of 1995**, and her husband, Ryan, have a new baby. Addyson Leigh was born November 23, 2003. They live in Murfreesboro. (pflasterer@earthlink.net)

■ **Erik Fares, Class of 1995**, and his wife Kristin have a new baby, Madeline Grace, who was born October 26, 2004. They live in Oklahoma

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# Babies, degrees, more alumni news

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City where Erik is the acquisitions coordinator for Chesapeake Energy, the 5th largest independent producer of natural gas in the country. (efares1@yahoo.com)

■ **Leah White, Class of 1995**, is working on a masters of mental health counseling at the University of Tennessee. She works as a special needs mentor for high risk athletes for the UT Athletic Department. Leah already has a masters of sports psychology from UT.

■ **Lili Myatt Tankersley, Class of 1996**, has a one-year-old son, Michael. Besides caring for her son, Lili translates Spanish documents into English and vice versa, does a little interpreting, gives piano lessons, and works at Cornerstone Community Church, where her husband, Lee, is pastor. She graduated from Union in 2000 with a major in Spanish and a double minor in biology and chemistry. She married Lee in June 2000. (lilitankersley@hotmail.com)

■ **Kathy Yarbrough Giovanetti, Class of 1996**, works at Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, The Healthcare Group, in Franklin. Her husband's name is Victor.

■ **Kevin Hatcher, Class of 1996**, and his wife, Paula, welcomed a new baby boy, Robert Tyler, who was born on October 3, 2004. Kevin, Paula, and Tyler live in Jackson where Kevin works at Southern Electric and Controls, LLC. (khatcher@msn.com)

■ **Ellen Vanderford, Class of 1997**, graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy with a doctorate in pharmacy. She was a member of Kappa Psi fraternity and served on the Honor Council as both secretary and vice-president. She moved to Nashville where

she is a pharmacist coordinator with K-Mart. (ellenvanderford@yahoo.com)

■ **Amanda Jones Maness, Class of 1997**, and her husband, Jason, have twin daughters, Zoe Isabella and Chloe Ray, who were born in August. Amanda teaches English III and IV and Spanish III at Sam Rayburn, where they live in Ivanhoe, Texas. (amaness@samrayburnisd.com)

## 1998-2000

■ **Joanna Correll, Class of 1998**, is a clinical analyst in the Information Systems Department at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. She graduated from Union University in May 2003 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

■ **Ashequl Hoque, Class of 1998**, is working at a law firm in Washington, D.C. Ashequl graduated magna cum laude from the University of Memphis in 2001 with a degree in finance, then graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, and married Farhana Huda in May 2003. (ah3y@yahoo.com)

■ **Kristen Blackmon, Class of 1998**, is studying at the Art Institute of Charlotte in North Carolina. She graduated May 2003 from The University of Alabama and is earning an associate degree in applied arts, majoring in fashion marketing. During her two-year course of study, she will spend at least four quarters in an internship in the fashion marketing field. She also will be expected to take one "pro bono" project for a nonprofit organization in the community. (BlackmonK8@aol.com)

■ **Ashlie Edwards, Class of 1998**, is living in Nashville after graduating from Auburn University in 2002. She is an affiliate broker with Bob Parks Realty Co. (ashlieedwards@hotmail.com)

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## Serving our country

■ **Dr. (Major) Joseph Hunter, Class of 1984**, is serving in Friedberg, Germany, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is a volunteer mobilization augmentee in the U.S. Army attached to the Heidelberg Army Medical Department Activity.

Dr. Hunter is a partner at DeSoto Family Medical Center in Southaven, Miss. He is married to the former Tracy Skidmore of Dresden, Tenn. They have two daughters, Lexie (9) and Abbie (5).

■ **Jason Weir, Class of 1998**, has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant U. S. Army Medical Service Corps. Jason is Battalion Medical Officer for 2-3 INF, 2nd Infantry Division, 3rd Stryker Combat Team, stationed in Mosul, Iraq. He was awarded the Combat Medical Badge and the Unit Combat Patch (2nd Infantry Division) during ceremonies at Camp Patriot Headquarters in Mosul.

He and his wife, Charlotte, also have a new son. Jason Bane was born August 12, 2004. (jason.rw.weir@us.army.mil)

## We'd love to hear from you

Use this form to update information about your activities or address.

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## Weddings

■ **Ashley Powell** and **Cole Hodges**, both members of the **Class of 1999**, were married July 10 in Seaside Florida. Ashley teaches biology at Tupelo High School. Cole is a loan officer at BancorpSouth. (ashleyhodges04@hotmail.com)

■ **Wesley Ford**, **Class of 1997**, married Allison Davies of Memphis on August 7, 2004, at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis. The couple lives in Jackson, Fla., where Wesley attends Florida Coastal School of Law.

■ **Jeb Campbell**, **Class of 1999**, married Caroline Dennis on August 14, 2004, at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta, Ga. They live in Nashville.

# ...and more alumni updates

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■ **Sarah Hudacek Naffziger**, **Class of 1999**, is working at Kirkland's corporate office in Jackson as a buyer. Her husband, Chad, is a full-time Christian musician. (snaffziger@kirklands.com)

■ **Jenny Armour**, **Class of 1999**, is a third grade teacher at USJ. She graduated from Union University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education/learning foundations in May 2003. (jenlarmour@yahoo.com)

■ **Hayley Roland Terry**, **Class of 1999**, and her husband, Justin, live in Jackson. She works for Madison Lighting & Interiors. (hayleyroland@hotmail.com)

■ **Andrew White**, **Class of 1999**, began studying for his MBA at the University of Mississippi this past summer. He received his bachelor of business administration degree cum laude from the University of Mississippi.

■ **Carrie Smith**, **Class of 2000**, is a new first grade teacher at USJ. Carrie graduated from Mississippi State University in May 2004 with a bachelor of science in elementary education (K-8). (csmitty44@hotmail.com)

■ **Kristen Hatcher**, **Class of 2000**, graduated with honors from Southern Methodist University in May 2004 with a bachelor of business administration in marketing and a bachelor of arts in advertising. Kristen received the Marketing Student of the Year Award in the Retail Division. She is living in New York City and working for

MediaVest as a media planner for the Kraft Food Account. (khatcher00@hotmail.com)

■ **Donald Correll**, **Class of 2000**, was awarded a golf scholarship at Lambuth University, where he is working on a degree in marketing.

■ **Ruchee Patel**, **Class of 2000**, began law school this fall at the University of Mississippi. She graduated from University of Tennessee with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, marketing, and international business. (ruchee Patel@yahoo.com)

## 2001-2003

■ **Daniel Chaney**, **Class of 2001**, graduated magna cum laude from Union University in May 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is working for Provident Bank in the Cincinnati area. (chaney728@aol.com)

■ **Julie Smith**, **Class of 2001**, will graduate in December 2005 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Union University. After two years at Ole Miss, Julie transferred to Union. She is in the Phi Mu sorority and is in her second year of coaching USJ Middle School cheerleading. (jas92183@charter.net)

■ **Paul Caudill**, **Class of 2002**, recently completed a summer internship with a theatrical company in Japan. He is spending his junior year in college at the Kyoto Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto, Japan. He will return to Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., next year to complete his senior year. (rpcaudil@artsci.wustl.edu)

■ **Elizabeth Shearin**, **Class of 2003**, a sophomore at the University of Alabama, was awarded the Conrad and Mary Bliss Endowed Scholarship for the 2004-05 school year. Last spring, Elizabeth also received awards from the Alpha Zeta Chapter of the Phi Mu Sorority at Alabama for achieving a G.P.A. of 4.0 or above, the highest G.P.A. of her pledge class, and the highest G.P.A. for a nursing student. Elizabeth and **Kathryn Glover**, **USJ Class of 2002**, received the Big Sister/Little Sister G.P.A. Award for achieving the highest combined grade point averages for the Phi Mu Sorority.

■ **Diana Correll**, **Class of 2004**, is a member of the Innovation Ensemble at Jackson State Community College, where she is pursuing pre-veterinary studies. (loliJoy@hotmail.com)

## Lee Taylor Walker wants pro-tennis career

University of Memphis graduate Lee Taylor Walker is embarking on a professional tennis career.

Walker, a 2000 University School of Jackson graduate, was the men's 2004 national recipient of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA)/Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award last August. He received his bachelor's degree from Memphis on August 14.

Walker, the son of Danny and Susie Walker, capped his three-year Tigers' career with a 54-43 singles record at Memphis after transferring from Clemson after his freshman year. He was the No. 94 ranked singles player in the country following his senior season, which also saw him become the program's first-ever First Team Conference USA honoree. He teamed with Ben

Stapp to become the first Tiger doubles team to earn a national ranking.

This fall, Walker planned to start entering tennis tournaments in California, Texas, and Louisiana before returning to Memphis to continue his tennis training.

A driving force behind the resurrection of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) chapter on the University of Memphis campus, Walker is helping the FCA set up volunteer opportunities for Tiger student-athletes working with STREETS Ministry.

The Christian ministry serves the core needs of people who call the inner city of Memphis home. It has a 10,000 square foot outreach center strategically located in America's third-poorest zip code, 38126.

# No Limits Annual Fund drive begins

The 2004-05 Annual Fund Drive is under way, and this year's goal is \$150,000. The programs and educational experiences that our children receive are not totally funded by tuition income. We must raise about 10 percent of USJ's operating budget from non-tuition sources.

USJ's Annual Fund helps keep tuition low to enable a diversity of students to attend. A broader student body enriches the educational experiences for everyone.

The Annual Fund underwrites student enrichment programs determined by the faculty and administration, and the Annual Fund pro-



vides the unrestricted funding for cash flow needed to meet day-to-day and unexpected expenses of the school.

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## Interested in USJ for your child?

USJ is accepting applications for the second semester, 2004-2005, and for the next school year, 2005-2006.

Children of alumni are given preference for enrollment.

You also can request a packet of admissions information by contacting Kay Shearin, Admissions Coordinator, at 731-660-1692, or emailing her at [admin@usj.tn.org](mailto:admin@usj.tn.org).

Kay also invites you to set up an interview to tour the campus.

## Looking for the latest information on USJ?

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- Directions to out-of-town athletic events.
- Alumni news, including an on-line link to

change your address or send the school information about you.

- E-mail links to your favorite teachers and staff.
- Information on all aspects of the school, including curriculum and student honors.



## Washington D.C. trip and old photos...

Four years before they graduated, members of the Class of 1996 went on the annual eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. Unlike the trip today where students fly to D.C. and New York City, the class and chaperones endured a long bus ride to the capital. Do you have old pictures from your days at USJ, Old Hickory or EDS? Send them to alumni newsletter editor Mary Reed, in care of USJ, 240 McClellan Rd., Jackson, Tenn. 38305, or e-mail digital pictures to her at [mary@reed-marketing.com](mailto:mary@reed-marketing.com). Include any information you can about the picture. Mailed pictures will be returned. The next alumni newsletter is scheduled for May. Deadline for pictures, alumni updates, and other newsletter information is April 30.

**Deadline for pictures and news for the next alumni newsletter is April 30, 2005.**



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### A successful fall sports season

Fall 2004 was a very successful season for varsity sports.

- The football team had an unbeaten season and lost in the semifinals to eventual state winner Davidson Christian Academy.

- The girls soccer team made it to the semifinals of the state tournament for the first time in its six-year history.

- The girls volleyball team also made it to the state tournament semifinals for the first time in its history.

- Senior Natalie Edwards won the state girls individual golf tournament, and the girls team came in fourth in the state.

- The boys cross country team and runner Ashley Evans qualified for the state meet. Ashley finished 12th in the state; Robert Egan finished 16th.

## USJ decides to remain in Division I sports

At the recommendation of Headmaster Steve Maloan, USJ's Board voted to remain in Division I and not move to Division II for athletics. The Board voted after the TSSAA gave all private schools in the state a 1.8 multiplier on Upper School enrollment to determine their size for classification.

"We decided it was best for the school to stay in Division I and accept the TSSAA multiplier of 1.8," Maloan says. The multiplier goes into effect for the 2005-06 school year and moves USJ from the Single A classification to the Double AA classification.

USJ sports moving to the new classification because of the multiplier are football, girls and boys basketball, softball, and baseball. The other sports already are playing in an A-AA classification.

"We'll continue to play public schools, and most of our games still will be in a 30-mile radius of the school," Maloan says. "We're excited about the new possibilities and new rivalries that will develop."

Schools playing in Division II are private schools offering financial aid to athletes. Moving to Division II would have meant traveling to Memphis and Nashville for most games.



*USJ's football team will play in AA classification next season.*