

# CLASS NOTES

## 1950s

**Dr. Hershel Wall** ('57), Memphis, Tenn., is chancellor and vice president for Health Affairs at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

## 1960s

**Peggy Jackson Gerdes** ('64) and **Ken Gerdes** ('66), Macon, Ga., returned from the spring 2008 MTSU alumni trip to Italy.

**William Hoffman** ('68), Goodlettsville, Tenn., is a retired plumbing contractor.

**Cheryl Miller** ('68), Tullahoma, Tenn., is a loan administrator with American City Bank.

**Jim Miller** ('67), Tullahoma, Tenn., retired as store manager from Cool Springs Castner-Knott Company and Dillard's department store in Tullahoma.

**Stella Cooper Mitchell** ('64), Fayetteville, Ga., has written and published her novel, "The Original Big Hair Girls," about her time at MTSU.

## 1970s

**Curtiss W. Beech** ('77), Kensington, Md., is a senior contracts manager for Development Alternatives Inc.

**Gary Davenport** ('72), Elk Grove, Calif., is a minister with Parkway Church of Christ in Sacramento.

**Bruce L. Jewell** ('73), Asheville, N.C., retired as assistant director of the Southern Research Station for the USDA Forest Service in January 2008.

**Brian Oldfield** ('71), Elgin, Ill., has been named third on the all-time world top shot put list in the April issue of "Track and Field" magazine.

**Terry Price** ('79), Springfield, Tenn., is a program director for The Writer's Loft, MTSU's low-residency creative writing certificate program.

**Jeanette** ('73, '74) and **Larry A. Underwood** ('71), Ooltewah, Tenn., are retired and traveling extensively.

## 1980s

**Ali Al-Saleh** ('87), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, presides over the Saudi Aramco Employee Association.

**Janice Bane** ('86), Hendersonville, Tenn., is the general manager of MCS America, the USA division of Music Copyright Solutions, based in London.

**Teddy Bane** ('86, '90), Hendersonville, Tenn., is an ordained minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

**Russell Burns** ('82), St. Louis, Mo., is the president of Clayco Inc.

**Cynthia Cline** ('84), Houston, Texas, has been appointed as defense co-counsel for Prosper Mugiraneza, former civil service minister of Rwanda, who is charged with genocide.

**Maj. David Hudgens** ('88), Murfreesboro, is the uniformed division commander for the Murfreesboro Police force.

**Brian Knox** ('87), Sussex, Wis., is vice president of Zeppos & Associates, one of the top 150 independent public relations firms in the nation.

**Cindy M. Morgan** ('83), Chester, Va., is a senior advertising and new media manager for Hamilton Beach.

**Ken Peden** ('87), Odessa, Texas, is a pilot.

**Alison A. Pockat** ('80), Cary, N.C., is a landscape architect for Alison A. Pockat ASLA.

**Richard Ramko** ('89), Natick, Mass., is a partner in Ernst & Young LLP.

**Ronald Roberts** ('84, '91), Murfreesboro, has been named president of DVL Public Relations and Advertising in Nashville, Tenn.

**Col. Carolyn R. Sharpe** ('82), Woodbridge, Va., is the deputy director of business management for the gulf region division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq.

**Dr. Sonya G. Smith** ('86, '88, '90), LaVista, Neb., is the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs/chief student affairs officer and associate professor for the college of public health for the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Ronald Swartz** ('86), Commerce, Texas, is a registered nurse working in a cardiac unit.

**David H. Whitworth** ('82, '90), Philadelphia, Pa., is the director of in-flight services for U.S. Airways in Philadelphia.

**Maureen Writesman** ('87), Eagleville, Tenn., is the owner of Wilderness Foxes.

## 1990s

**Frank W. Bennett** ('99), Jacksonville, Fla., has written a book, "The Breathing Organization, A Blueprint for Business Success in the 21st Century."

**Mary Benton** ('97), Pelham, Tenn., is the scholarship administrator for the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

**Hoyt Paul Canady III** ('98), Washington, D.C., is the deputy for youth ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

**CPT Philip E. Crabtree** ('97), Killeen, Texas, is deployed to Iraq for the third time, and currently serves as the chief of the Baghdad Media Engagement Team for the Multi-National Division.

**Tim Doyle** ('94), Cordova, Tenn., is a producer for Channel 3 in Memphis, Tenn.

**David Ellis** ('99), San Jose, Calif., is a first officer for MAG/United Express flying the CRJ 200/700/900.

**Gary Estep** ('95), Colorado Springs, Colo., is the assistant chief engineer for the Ground Based Midcourse Defense Communication Network.

**Preston Foreman** ('93), New Milford, Conn., is the national sales trainer for Point of Care at Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics in Tarrytown, N.Y.

**Bosko Grubic** ('99), Marina Del Rey, Calif., is an in-house executive producer for AIG/aigdirect.com.

**Cynthia Jolley** ('90), Tullahoma, Tenn., is the choir director for Coffee County Schools.

**Dennis Jones** ('92), Coalmont, Tenn., is director of Sewanee EMS at the University of the South and a paramedic for Grundy EMS.

**SFC Becki Loudon** ('99), Woodbury, Tenn., is serving in Iraq at Camp Victory with the 2145th Garrison Support Unit. She is the executive assistant for the commander in the human resources division.

**Cheryl H. McTyre** ('94), Nashville, Tenn., is an A&R administration director for Warner Music Group.

**Christina Frazer Mitchell** ('95), Nashville, Tenn., is director of creative for Wrensong/Reynsong Music.

**Jennifer Pasalakis** ('98), Nolensville, Tenn., is a consultant with Thirty-One gifts.

**William T. Pettus** ('99), Lawrenceburg, Tenn., is a developer for TPG Capital LP.

**Richard Ridley** ('90), Charleston, S.C., is the author of three published youth-science fiction novels.

**Capt. Gregory T. Roman** ('92), Riverside, Mo., serves in the military intelligence division of the Missouri Army National Guard.

**Holly A. Rosner** ('98), Buyck, Minn., is an account manager for Purina Mills Company.

**Carol C. Schroer** ('96, '00), Murfreesboro, is a teacher at Erma Siegel Elementary.

**Tony Sheppard** ('91), Jeffersonville, Ind., has published her first training manual, "Group Psychotherapy with Children."

**Carol D. Sissom** ('90), Indianapolis, Ind., is co-owner of Medical Consulting From A-Z.

**Ron Spears** ('97), Decatur, Ga., is a geographic information systems specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau in Atlanta, Ga.

**Toni R. Trice** ('95), Henderson, Tenn., is a clinical systems analyst for West Tennessee Healthcare.

## 2000s

**Henry Edward Bedford IV** ('01), Los Angeles, Calif., is an office assistant for United Artists, where he is focusing on script coverage.

**Ingrid Bellamy** ('04), Senoia, Ga., is an air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration.

**CPT Brian Blake** ('00), Nashville, Tenn., is the company commander of Bravo Company, 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Megan Frazier** ('01), Nashville, Tenn., recently passed the Tennessee Bar Exam and was sworn into practice by the Tennessee Supreme Court in November 2007.

**Brittany Frey** ('05), Nashville, Tenn., is owner of Plato's Closet in Murfreesboro.

**Rebecca A. George** ('03), Murfreesboro, is the catering director for Stones River Country Club.

**Casey Guimbellot** ('06), Nashville, Tenn., is a relocation specialist for First Tennessee.

**Dr. Gwendolyn N. Hale** ('05), Savannah, Ga., is an assistant professor and coordinator of the writing center for Savannah State University.

**Rhonda G. Haygood** ('06), Summertown, Tenn., is a special education teacher for Lewis County Elementary School.

**Erica N. Haynes** ('05), Nashville, Tenn., is an account executive for Clear Channel Radio.

**Jerome Hruska** ('01), Manassas, Va., is the public-address announcer for the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball team.

**Shawna L. Hurt** ('04), Fort Worth, Texas, is a senior accountant for Dean Foods.

**Kimberly Kelch** ('05), Murfreesboro, is an acute care nurse practitioner.

**Leigh Danielle Kiblinger** ('01), Murfreesboro, is a reunion class coordinator for Vanderbilt University.

**Lance Lamb** ('06), Rockvale, Tenn., is a loan officer for Wilson Bank and Trust.

**Melanie L. Luckey** ('01), Humboldt, Tenn., is an assistant controller for First South Bank.

**Jackson Martin** ('04), Johnson City, Tenn., teaches art at Eastern College in Johnson City.

**Susan Messer** ('02), Summertown, Tenn., is a regional nurse consultant for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, south central region.

**Jesse Newsom** ('05), Jacksonville, N.C., is the executive director of the Jacksonville Onslow Sports Commission.

**Timothy R. Nunes** ('06), Atlanta, Ga., is a pilot for Atlantic Southeast Airlines.

**James A. Redferin** ('04, '05), Leavenworth, Kan., is a human resource specialist for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Michelle Schafer** ('00), Alexandria, Va., recently earned a master's degree from George Washington University and is a manager for the American Diabetes

Association.

**Emanuel Kenneth Siegfried** ('04), Cordova, Tenn., is the assistant athletic director at the University of Memphis.

**Michael Smith** ('06), Eads, Tenn., is a district manager for H&R Block in Memphis, Tenn.

**Karisse Spray** ('04), Smyrna, Tenn., is a human resources generalist for Community Health Systems PPSI.

**David E. Stafford** ('00), Gallatin, Tenn., earned a doctorate from Tennessee State University in educational administration and was appointed principal of Westmoreland Elementary School in Sumner County, Tenn.

**Travisty Vasquez-Terry** ('07), Antioch, Tenn., is the Web developer for Meharry Medical College.

**Michelle Willard** ('02, '07), Nashville, Tenn., has been awarded the Grand Award in the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District III communications contest.

## Baby Raiders

**Blessing Ohunsi Aimuan II**, born Aug. 29, 2007, to **Malia** ('04) and **Blessing O. Aimuan** ('03) of Cane Ridge, Tenn.

**Paul Jude Asmer Jr.**, born Feb. 13, 2008, to **Jill** ('97) and **Paul Asmer** of Mount Pleasant, S.C.

**Ruby Jane Cook**, born Dec. 26, 2007, to **Lauren** and **John Cook** ('01) of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

**Coby Russell Crowell Jr.**, born Jan. 29, 2008, to **Rebecca** and **Coby Crowell** ('95) of Unionville, Tenn.

**Bonny Jean Caudill**, born Aug. 12, 2006, to **Bonny** and **William Caudill** ('07) of Smyrna, Tenn.

**Michaela Grace Fortuna**, born Jan. 26, 2008, to **Kristin** ('96) and **Michael Fortuna** of Clermont, Fla.

**Logan Fritts**, born Aug. 10, 2007, to **Michele** ('07) and **Jason Fritts** of Murfreesboro.

**Adam Grey Hellinger**, born Oct. 20, 2007, to **Jackie Clark** ('99) and **Matthew Hellinger** of Birmingham, Ala.

**Savanna Mae Holcombe**, born April 3, 2007, to **Keri** ('03) and **Brian Holcombe** of Spring Hill, Tenn.

**Josiah Kevin Johnson**, born Feb. 18, 2008, to **Latasha** ('97) and **Kevin Johnson** ('95, '96) of Smyrna, Tenn.

**Brady Nathaniel Johnson**, born March 20, 2008, to **Jessica L. Johnson** ('06) of Ankeny, Iowa.

**Samantha Lynn Johnson**, born April 10, 2007, to **Shelly** ('01, '03, '06) and **Steven W. Johnson** of Nashville, Tenn.

**Clinton Jacob "CJ" Kersey**, born Dec. 20, 2007, to **Jennifer** ('00, '03) and **Clay Kersey** ('98) of Smyrna, Tenn.

**Brodie Nathaniel McTyre**, born Oct. 10, 2007, to **Cheryl** ('94) and **Shawn McTyre** of Nashville, Tenn.

**Brodie Dalen Melzoni**, born Dec. 12, 2007, to **Kimberly** ('00) and **Johnnie Melzoni Jr.** ('01) of Old Hickory, Tenn.

**Isabella Kate Nichols**, born Jan. 24, 2008, to **Amber** and **Nathan Nichols** ('02) of Clinton, Miss.

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