



An alumni group working to establish the Loretta Oliver-Michael Thornton Memorial Scholarship met in the Canale Arena skybox during a CBU basketball game in December. Pictured above are (back row, l-r): ALTHIA MONDAY ('77), BOYD BROWN, EMMA FINLEY ('77), JUDGE GWEN ROOKS ('75), JOE SAWYER ('77), G.A. HARDAWAY; (front row, l-r) ALTHA STEWART ('74), JUDGE RITA STOTTS ('73), SHERRY LEAKE ('77), CHEREYE MOORE, BARBARA KABAKOFF (former CBU director of development), and DR. EVELYN McDONALD (CBU vice president for student life).

FORMER FACULTY

Brother Robert Staub, FSC was inducted into the Christian Brothers High School Hall of Fame on January 29. He has been a Christian Brother for 66 years and is retired from teaching.

1965

John Ventura received the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the Memphis chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers in February. John was also recognized as the 2006 CBU Featured Engineer and the 2006 IEEE Featured Engineer.

1969

Gary L. Campbell retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs after 35 years of service. For the last ten years, he was the director of the VA Hospital in Columbia, MO. He earned a master's degree in microbiology in 1972 and a master's in hospital

administration in 1977. Gary and his wife, Cherie Eldridge of Memphis, will be retiring in Orange Park, FL. They have two children and two grandchildren. Son Aaron is living in Japan, and daughter Julie resides in Florida.

1970

Leo Arnoult was inducted into the Christian Brothers High School Hall of Fame on January 29. Leo is president of Arnoult & Associates, which provides marketing, managing, and fundraising consulting services exclusively for non-profits. Leo is also a member of the board of trustee at CBU.

1971

Lonnie D. Schnell has been named chief financial officer of Tag-It Pacific, owner of Talon zippers and a full service trim management supplier for manufacturers of fashion apparel. Lonnie brings over 25 years experience in the financial management of

HOMECOMING2006



Celia Healy ('17), Zoe Elliott ('21), and Francesca Healy ('19) put on their game faces. They are the daughters of Regina Gadamksi Healy ('88) and Aimee Lewis Elliott ('92) and Allen Elliott ('90).



On the skybox balcony: Alumni in the thrall of the game.



Post-Game Party! Burgers and beer and live music on the east balcony of Canale Arena.

technology manufacturing, distribution, and consumer product businesses to the Tag-It organization. From 2002 to 2004, he served as CFO of EMSsource, an electronic manufacturing service company. Prior to that, he served as CFO of Vintage Capital Group, a private equity investment firm, Need2Buy, Inc., a business-to-business online marketplace for electronic components, and Haskel International, an international manufacturer of high technology pumps. Lonnie has also served as VP controller for Telair, an aerospace engineering and design firm; and as director of corporate development & audit for Talley Industries, formerly an international industrial, aerospace and consumer products manufacturer and distributor.

1973

Judge Rita Stotts received the Marion Griffin-Frances Loring Award in November. The award is presented annually by the Association for Women Attorneys and recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to women in the legal profession.

1976

Rev. Ron Brown is pleased to announce that his daughter, Quarlinda Brown, graduated from CBU in 2004 and is doing what she has always wanted to do—TEACH.

1981

Russ Rhodes recently changed jobs with Shell Oil. He moved from a job as plant manager at the Deer Park Chemical Olefins Plant to the Deer Park Refinery/Chemical Site as health, safety and environmental director.

1982

Paul Babin has joined Mimeo.com in Memphis as director of engineering. Paul is also working on his Ph.D. in industrial engineering at Mississippi State University.

1985

Dr. Linda Jackson is a faculty associate for the department of ophthalmology at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

1988

Doug Fish and **Danielle O'Donnell** were married November 5, 2005 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, NV. They reside in St. Louis, where Doug is the V.P. of operations at Collinsville Custom Kitchens, his family's business since 1959. Danielle is a special education teacher with the St. Louis Public School District. **Volita Welch Vinoski** and **James Vinoski** ('87) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, John Albert Vinoski, who turned one on February 26.

1990

Elesa Beck Hayden and **Shannon Hayden** have formed their own corporation, La Bella Vita, which owns and operates two "Johnny Brusco's New York Style Pizza" franchises in Memphis and Olive Branch, MS. Elesa and Shannon were recently interviewed by *Memphis Business Journal* regarding their company and

its Mid-South expansion.

1991

Pastor Bartholomew Orr celebrated his 17th Pastoral Anniversary at Brown Missionary Baptist Church in January. He celebrates his 25th anniversary preaching in Spring 2006.

1992

Christie Dust married Paul A. Yemma on July 3, 2004, in Austin, TX. They are currently living in Pocahontas, AR, where she is employed by St. Paul's School.

1993

Judy Broad, M.Ed. is the new director of Brenau University Child Development Center in Gainesville, GA.

Dr. Julie Jackson Carpenter and **Rick Carpenter** ('98) welcomed their second child, Jackson "Graham" Carpenter, on September 28, 2005. He joins big sister, Caroline, age 2 1/2.

Leo Old, P.E., C.I.H. spoke to the CHE 491 Industrial Safety class at CBU in January. His topic was "Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Exposure Limits." In the talk, he introduced students to careers in industrial hygiene and then discussed how workplace exposures to chemical hazards are measured and assessed.

1994

Phillip Tucker and his wife, Erika, have two children. Virginia Grace will turn two in March, and Gabriella, their six-year-old, enjoys 1st grade and being a big sister.

1995

Craig Hadley was promoted to director of sales for the Southeast region with Wireless Warehouse in Atlanta, GA. **Ashley Old** has joined Bass, Berry & Sims PLC in the Litigation Practice



Ashley Old ('95)

Area at the firm's Memphis office. She will maintain a general litigation practice. Prior to joining the firm, Ashley practiced at Husch & Eppenberger, LLC in the commercial litigation department. She received her J.D. in 1998 from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. While in law school, she was a member of Law Review and Moot Court. Ashley is a member of the American, Tennessee, and Memphis Bar Associations.

Chad Patel, M.D., is a resident physician in OB/GYN at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis.

1996

Roger Hintz passed his certification exam on August 22, 2005 to become an IBM-certified application developer in Lotus Notes and Domino 6/6.5.

1997

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Howell had a baby boy, William Haynes Howell, on April 21, 2005.

Tom Pierce has been named vice president and chief operating officer for Coldwell Banker Barnes/Snow & Wall in Memphis.

HOMEcomings2006



Megan Mosteller ('05) and Carly Matsen ('05) enjoying their first homecoming as alumni.



Jim Lassandrello ('76), Dennis Foley ('82), and Alan Jankowski ('86) provide some post-game commentary.



Aimee Lewis Elliott ('92) introduces Ruby Elliott ('27) to Creedon Ryan ('03), Josh Shipley ('01), and Sharon Langley Shipley ('03) at the post-game party.

ALUMNI REFERRALS ARE EASY. Simply send an application

to a college-bound student who would benefit from the CBU experience and let them know that because of your recommendation, the application fee is being waived. For an application, call the Alumni Office at 901-321-3271 or 800-283-2925.

1998

Joan Ketchen has become a top producing Realtor in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas while continuing her education and earning the following designations: CRS, GRI, ABR, CSP, SRES, and more. Little did she know how much her economics and finance major would come to play in her career.

Heidi Berrell Rubin de la Borbolla graduated in August with her M.A. in English from the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College in Vermont. This five-summer program has allowed her to travel for the last five summers to Oxford, England and

Vermont for seven weeks at a time.

1999

Monroe Ballard has been married three years to the lovely Janice Ballard. Monroe started a production company in Memphis that is entering its third full year and provides services such as TV commercial production, ad design, large banners, and television shows, along with promotional training videos. Optimum Studios can be found on the web at www.optimummemphis.com.

Julie Loeffler (also M.B.A. '04) married Brian C.

Sole Proprietorship

MY MOM ALWAYS told me it was in poor taste to take my shoes off at a wedding after hours of dancing to “Shout,” “YMCA,” and the “Chicken Dance.” So, like any good daughter I listened and I suffered through the pain brought on by high heels and stomping all in the name of good taste.

Today, women can walk, stomp, and dance away in comfort and in good taste thanks to 1997 alumna Amanda Burgos Wurzburg’s invention called Dancin’ Feet.

While on a trip to Las Vegas with her husband, Richard ('95), Wurzburg observed women carrying their high heels along the strip and thought, “There has to be a better way.” After a few sketches on the plane ride home, Wurzburg returned to Memphis and approached Ron Hoffman, an entrepreneur who assists clients with business start-ups.

After two years of searching for the perfect material and design—this woman knows what she wants—Wurzburg settled on a thermoplastic elastomer which allows for a durable transparent cushion and tacky surface that can be washed, trimmed, and best of all, easily removed.

Wurzburg is a stay-at-home mom with two young boys, 6-year-old Josh and 5-year-old Noah.



Amanda Burgos Wurzburg ('97)

Taking on this task obviously had its share of challenges and a few disbelievers—even her husband—but with an economics/finance degree from CBU and a desire to create a better way for women, Wurzburg persevered and is reaping the rewards.

“My CBU degree helped me so much,” she said. “I have fond memories of the business professors, namely Mrs. Papachristou and Dr. Jim Parker.”

Dancin’ Feet cost \$15 for two shimmery pair, and they come in black, pink, lavender, and clear. A slight peppermint scent will be useful for those hot nights when

wearing the barest of sandals.

The patent-pending item is currently sold in Memphis at Oak Hall, Papagalo, What’s Hot, James Davis, Sweet Vidalia Boutique, Sachi, and Beauty Max. Outside of Memphis, Dancin’ Feet are sold at three stores in Nevada and one in Houston. They can also be purchased online at www.divinefeet.net.

Wurzburg’s goal is national distribution but the pursuit has involved “a lot more red tape.” For information, visit the website or call 877-326-2463. ■

— SHAWNA G. ENGEL ('93)

CBU to Launch Alumni Online Community

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY is scheduled to launch an online community for alumni in May. The new web site is a password-protected online community that will contain a university-wide alumni directory and a career-building center. Additionally, alumni will be able to customize their home page experience and share news or catch up with classmates in the Class Notes section.

FIND AN OLD FRIEND...

And make some new ones! Using the online directory, alumni will also be able to reconnect with former classmates and network with all alums regardless of class year. Not only can you search for names and addresses, you can may also search by club and Greek affiliations, athletics, schools, hobbies, professional affiliations, and more. Initially, each listing will show only name, school, and year of graduation. After logging in to the site, you'll be able to specify how much or how little information will be visible to your fellow alumni.

BOOST YOUR CAREER...

Or someone else's! In the Career Center/Mentoring area of the site, you will have access to job and resume databanks, enabling you to post and search for jobs. Alumni may also participate as mentors to other alumni and current students.

STAY TUNED... the CBU Alumni Office will send you more information, along with your initial log-in ID, as launch date approaches.

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ROY LAMICA and **HEATHER BENFIELD LAMICA** (both '03) welcomed **ELENA GRACE LAMICA** on July 11, 2005, at 8:16 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20 inches. Elena just celebrated her very first Christmas.

Burns on December 10, 2005. The couple resides in Memphis.

Daniel Messinger has been accepted into the University of Tennessee College of Social Work. He will be working on his Master of Science in Social Work at the Memphis campus.

Brad Navarre is now a registered professional mechanical engineer in the State of Alabama. He and wife Erica Bearden ('00) live outside of Mobile and have a one-year-old daughter, Lily. Brad works for an engineering firm that specializes in the design, inspection, and repair of shore-based container handling cranes globally, including China, Korea, as well as the U.S.

Yancy Villa-Calvo has been active as the only Mexican artist in Memphis to have her art displayed at several public exhibits. For the past two years, she has been commissioned to paint the official poster for Latino Memphis' annual Fiesta, in addition to a portrait of the late Celia Cruz. In June, Yancy was invited to do a poster for United Housing. She and her husband, **Mauricio Calvo** ('97), keep themselves busy with their future Buccaneer, ten-month-old Anna.

2000

Jackson Payne is a 2002 graduate of Wofford College, where he currently is employed as an assistant men's basketball coach.

Jeanne Peneguy has been accepted to the Loyola University Institute for Ministry Extension Program to work towards a master's degree in religious education. Currently she holds a master's in public administration from Louisiana State University and is a retirement benefits counselor for the State of Louisiana.

2001

Eric Ellis has been named to the new position of director of alumni records and research at CBU. He has served in the Office of Advancement as assistant director of annual giving and alumni activities since July 2004. Eric was previously an assistant director in the CBU Office of Admissions.

Abbie Harts has been accepted to the colleges of medicine at Southern Illinois University and Wayne State University.

Bethany Ingram married Shane Murphy on July 2, 2005, and is currently working as a speech-lan-

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MATT DOWDELL ('98) and JENNY STORMES DOWDELL ('00) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, ABIGAIL MCGUIRE DOWDELL. Abigail was born November 29, 2005, in Tulsa, weighing 8 lbs., 8 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

guage pathologist for Desoto County (MS) Schools in the preschool program.

Sameer Parekh has recently moved back home to India and taken up a job as vice president of information technology at a logistics company. He still misses Memphis and CBU!

Dorian Leigh Spears serves as an AmeriCorps volunteer with the Memphis Mentoring Partnership, Advocacy Network, and the Memphis Teen Volunteer (MTV) program.

2002

Brian Volante was named 2005 Applications Programmer of the Year at Universal Computer Systems and was promoted to supervisor of business applications programming in January.

2003

Andrew Asbury has been accepted to the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, MO.

Konstance Key is working on her doctorate in physical therapy at University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis. She plans to graduate in May.

First Lieutenant Charles Lawrence recently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Chuck is assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) out of Fort Campbell, KY.

Sharon Langley married **Josh Shipley ('01)** on May 14, 2005 at First Church in downtown Memphis.

Tabitha Winkelmann married Christopher Grassi on November 12, 2005 at the Old Cathedral in St. Louis, MO. They live in Cordova, TN, and Tabitha is a third grade teacher at St. Ann School in Bartlett.

2004

Brian Drouillard has been accepted to the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center College of Dentistry.

Erin Kinney married Wayne Durkin on October 1, 2005. They are currently living in Brick, NJ.

2005

Leslie Aldrich has been accepted to the City and Regional Planning Master's Program at the University of Memphis. She has an assistantship for the spring semester working on a fair housing project with a professor there.

Whitney Appling has been accepted to the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center College of Dentistry.

Michael Beebe has been accepted to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine.

Cynthia Caceres has been accepted to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center School of Dentistry.

Andy Christensen is a first-year pharmacy student at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Angela Inman has been accepted to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center School of Pharmacy.

Lindsay Pirtle is a first-year pharmacy student at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Gina Sims was named a financial officer at DWA Incorporated. Gina would like to thank all of her accounting professors for her success.

Adriane Wilkinson has been accepted to University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center School of Nursing.

Megan Wooster has been accepted to the law school at Valparaiso University. She is also applying for a

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joint degree JD/MA in Psychology.

Kathleen Zahn has been accepted to the Saint Louis University School of Law.

2006

Jenny Bernard has been accepted to the University of Glasgow (Scotland) College of Veterinary Medicine.

Bob Dalsania has been accepted to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center School of Dentistry.

Emily DeFur has been accepted to the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center College of Medicine and to the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in Little Rock.

Oscar Herrera has been accepted to the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Jennifer Mohan has been accepted to the Deaconess School of Nursing in Saint Louis for next fall.

Priya Patel's poster entitled "Functional Role of PKC in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells" placed second in the Chemistry & Biochemistry competition at the Arkansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence research symposium at the University of Arkansas in February.

Melissa Rasmussen has been accepted to the Southern College of Optometry.

Jasmine Robinson ('06) has been accepted to DePaul University College of Law in Chicago.

Sarah Vincent has been accepted to the Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

2009

Kristine Quon placed as 2nd Alternate in the Miss Memphis 2006 Pageant on December 10. Her platform was "Helping Children with Special Needs," and her talent was dance.

PASSINGS

May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

MICHAEL C. THOMPSON ('70) passed away January 9 in Buffalo, NY, after a brief illness. He was 57. A paper broker, he worked for Consolidated Fibers from 1973 to 1980, then as a local representative of Grossman and Sons of Columbus, OH, from 1980 to 1991, and of William Goodman &

Sons, of Portland, ME, from 1991 to 1999.

Survivors include his former wife, the former Melissa Barton of Williamsville, NY; a daughter, Kendall M. Thompson of Williamsville, NY; and his companion, Julie McCullough of Clarence, NY.

Financial Literacy Seminar Series

Christian Brothers University, in partnership with MPACT Memphis and the Financial Planning Association, will host a series of eight seminars throughout the year covering various aspects of personal financial fitness. Seminars are being conducted by CBU School of Business faculty and the Financial Planning Association and will be held 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month (except May) in CBU's Buckman Hall. All seminars are free, but seating is limited. To register, call MPACT Memphis at 901-312-7760.

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