

# class notes



**Brother Vincent Malham, Dr. Eric Welch, and Dr. Mike Santi went to Smith + Nephew headquarters in Memphis in May and met with CBU alumni who work there. Over lunch, they shared examples of CBU senior engineering projects and exchanged ideas regarding medical technology.**

**1962**

**Tom Zahnen** is retiring from Marshall-Fields.

**1965**

**Joe Cronin** took early retirement from his firm and has begun working for the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Director of Architectural and Engineering Services overseeing 16 and building four new facilities. Joe is looking forward to this exciting change.

**1967**

**James Perry Walker** produced a book of his photography entitled *The Reverend*, which was published in hardcover by the University Press of Mississippi in April. A collection of images taken from 1976 through 1981, the photos are a portrait of an African-American circuit preacher in rural West Tennessee. Perry is also a documentary filmmaker.

**1968**

**C. Thomas Harrmann's** wife, Donna, died in January after a nine-year battle with ovarian cancer. Thomas is employed by Ariel Corporation in Mt. Vernon, OH, and will celebrate 25 years with them in August.

**1970**

**Ron Reardon** received patent number 6,907,387

for "Systems & Methods for Remote Monitoring of a Facility Location." Ron is president of Patents & More based in Lawrenceville, GA.

**1978**

**Sandra Nega** has been diagnosed with a form of leukemia and must remain in isolation due to a tendency to anemic infection. Her CBU family asks that you keep her in your prayers.

**Dr. Kevin O'Malley**, history graduate turned orthopedic surgeon, recently assisted the History & Political Science Department and CBU Admissions in recruiting perspective Arts and History majors for CBU.

**1980**

**Linda M. Smiley, M.D.** adopted her 12 year-old daughter, Elizabeth, from Russia in May 2005.

**1982**

**Lisa Cooper Olsen** was recently named national sales and marketing director for healthcare at Digital Assurance Certification.

**1983**

**Russ Williams** was recognized by the Memphis Advertising Federation with a Pyramid Award for "CEO of the Year" in June. Russ is president of

Archer/Malmo Inc., which was also recognized as "Communications Firm of the Year."

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### 1984

**Dwayne Byrd**, a history graduate who now serves as the managing director of litigation at FedEx, recently assisted the History & Political Science Department and CBU Admissions in recruiting perspective Arts and History majors for CBU.

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### 1985

**Ginger L. Manie** completed the Master of Engineering Management program at CBU in May 2006. Selected to serve on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Examiners for 2006, Ginger will continue to serve on the board of judges and board of directors for the Greater Memphis Association for Quality.

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### 1987

**Roberto A. Ogarrio** continues to work with Insituform Technologies, Inc. He was placed part-time with the company as a junior 21 years ago through the CBU Career Center. After graduation, Roberto began full-time and has worked in the USA twice, Puerto Rico, and now in Chile, where he has served as general manager of the company for six years.

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### 1988

**Haidar Jaradah** sends his regards to all his CBU friends and plans for his son, Ali, to attend CBU.

**Gary Stavrum** received the 2005 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Christian Brothers High School Alumni Association and he was inducted into the CBHS Hall of Fame in January. Gary is founder of Machine Technology Group which specializes in the production of surgical and orthopedic instrumentation and implants. Gary and his wife, **Kay Cash Stavrum**, have two daughters.

**H. McCall Wilson** and his wife, Elizabeth, are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Peter Bennett, on March 27, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz.

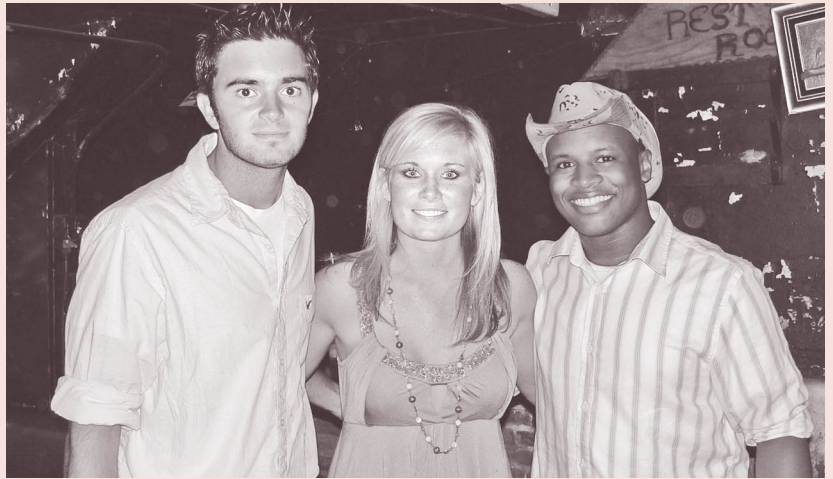
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### 1989

**Eric Bran** has been promoted to associate vice president at Morgan Keegan. Eric was previously senior writer and media coordinator in the corporate communications department.

**Susan Edmonson** was featured in the spring 2006 *Southern Women* magazine article "8 Hot Careers for the Mid-South," representing finance and account-

## classof2006party



Mike Pastorius, Brittany Majkrzak, and Vance Gamble at the pre-graduation senior party for the Class of '06 at Earnestine & Hazel's in downtown Memphis.



Erica Sage, Noelle Garcia, Amanda Alsbrook, and Laura Kreager pose for possibly their last group photo as CBU students. (But there'll be plenty of alumni photos to come...)



Exams are over, graduation isn't for a few days... it's time to dance.

## youngalumnihappyhour



In celebration of springtime in May, CBU young (and young at heart) alumni took over the patio at the Celtic Crossing pub in midtown Memphis.



Shelley Miller ('03), Kellie Turner ('95), Jessie Morgan ('01), and Mark Wilkinson ('02). Hopefully Kellie doesn't have to share that pint with everyone.



Tom Fehrmann ('77) and Joe Sawyer ('77) compare notes on life after CBU.

ing. Susan is director of finance for the trauma division of Smith & Nephew.

### 1990

**Keitha Jenkins Kirk** is proud to say that her son has been accepted to the University of Alabama.



◀ **Laura Pearson** won the top environmental award in the American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee's Engineering Excellence competition for 2006. The award was presented for her work on the remediation of the Macalloy National Priorities List

Site in Charleston, SC. Pearson led a project that shortened the time frame for readying the environmentally impacted site for beneficial re-use and helped develop an innovative engineering design that fast-tracked the remediation of more than 170,000 tons of contaminated fill material and more than 2.5 million gallons of groundwater.

### 1991

**Gary Franklin** has been promoted to managing director at Morgan Keegan. Gary was previously the manager of options trading/senior options principal.

**Dwight Fryer's** novel, *The Legend of Quito Road*, was published in May by the Sepia imprint of BET Books. Dwight, an ordained Christian minister and manager in the international marketing department at FedEx, and his wife, Linda, live in a rural area of Memphis.

**Robert Grannis** and his wife, Christi, had a baby, Dayna, in May 2005.

**Laine Harber** was promoted to vice president of financial planning for Windstream Communications based in Little Rock, AR.

### 1992

**Chad Lind** began work in May at Hemisphere GPS, a division of CSI Wireless as operations and integration manager over the customer services, distribution and repair, purchasing, MIS, and order administration functions at the Euless, TX, facility. Hemisphere GPS designs and manufactures hardware and software products for a variety of commercial and consumer markets including Agricultural Guidance, Marine Guidance and Precision GPS. Chad and his wife,

Ashley, live in McKinney, TX, with their two children, Lauren (5 years old) and Bruner (3 years old).

**Ana Hernandez Plotts** and her husband, Cory, announce the birth of their third daughter, Maria Jose, on February 11. They live in Plymouth, MN.

**Blaine Williams** is now the post supervisor at MTV. Blaine has been in the Los Angeles area for the last 14 years working in film production and editing.

### 1993

**Shawna Engel** finished the December 2005 St. Jude Memphis Half-Marathon in 1:57.39 and ran in the Country Music Half Marathon in Nashville on April 29, finishing in 1:45.06.

### 1995

**Rita Cooper** has been appointed executive director of communications, marketing, and development for Memphis City Schools. Rita joins MCS from her Los Angeles-based post as director of publicity for Warner Bros. Worldwide Television.

### 1996

**Kari Tackett Carter** and her family have temporarily moved to Columbus, MS, where she is flying for the Air Force. Her follow-on assignment will be in Indiana flying KC-135 refueling aircraft for the Air Force Reserve component.

### 1997

**Amanda Haynes Howell** and her husband, Dr. Mark Howell, had a baby boy, William Haynes Howell, on April 21, 2005.

**Stephanie Raniszewski Messinger** and **Dan Messinger** ('99) are pleased to announce the birth of Evelyn Katharine, who arrived on May 3 weighing 3 lbs., 5 oz. and measuring 17 inches. Born early but healthy, Evelyn Katharine is also the granddaughter of **Ed Raniszewski** ('76) and **Rita Raniszewski** (CBU Registrar's Office).

**Scott Stiles** and his wife, Evelyn, are proud to announce the newest addition to the family born January 13. Jesse Michael Stiles is preceded by his brother, Noah, who is very proud of his new role as big brother. With that said, he also remarked recently "Jesse's wearin' me out! We need a new baby." Evidently the hard work involved in rearing a newborn is exhausting him too.

### 1998

**Rodney Paullus** is a fourth-year medical student at

the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center.

### 1999

**Tony Argiro** is a senior associate for the Staubach Company in Memphis, specializing in industrial real estate and site selection in the Mid-South region.

**Suzanna Malik** is married to Michael Lightman, and they had a daughter this past year.

### 2000

**Dr. Yelena Lapova Garber** was featured in an article about doctors injecting microchips into pets printed in Memphis' *Commercial Appeal*. Yelena attended and graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine at University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She is now practicing veterinary medicine in Memphis.

**Karen McKenzie** was recognized by the Memphis Advertising Federation with a Pyramid Award for "Direct Mail Account Executive of the Year" in June. Karen is an account executive for Archer/Malmo Inc., which was also recognized as "Communications Firm of the Year."

**Andrew B. Parks** received a Master of Science in civil/environmental engineering from University of Memphis in 2005 and his P.E. license in 2006. Andrew works for Arcadis in Atlanta as a water/wastewater treatment plant design engineer and is looking forward to doing volunteer work in developing countries for Engineers Without Borders.

**Jackson Payne** married April Williams on June 17 in Spartanburg, SC. After working as an assistant basketball coach at Wofford College for the last two years, Jackson has decided to get out of coaching, and has taken a job with an oil equipment manufacturer. The couple will reside in Houston, TX.

**Parker Tenent** graduated in May from Covenant Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. Parker and his wife are moving to Tuscon to accept a call to ministry serving Reformed University Fellowship on the University of Arizona campus. They are expecting their first child this October.

**Nicole Walker** graduated from the School of Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in May.

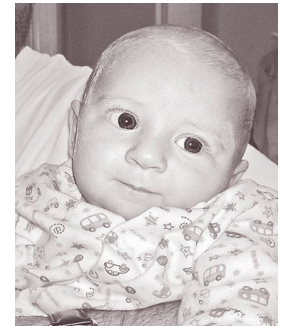
**Deanna White Walls** and her husband, Michael, adopted their first daughter from China in May 2005.

**Stephen Wetick** married Emilie Dalle in June 2005.

### 2001

**David Arrington** is working at Baptist Memorial Hos-

## babybuc



**LUKE PATRICK FARRIS**, first child of **KELLYE DISHION FARRIS** ('96) and **PHLLIP FARRIS** ('97), was born on February 16 at 2:57 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Germantown, TN. He weighed 4 lbs. and 15 oz. and was four weeks premature. He is healthy despite his early arrival, and loved a lot.

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**EMERSON CAMPBELL HOOD**, daughter of **SAMANTHA SIEBERT HOOD ('01)** and her husband, Jason, was born on April 23. Emerson weighed 6 lbs. and was 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches long.

**Looking at the Little Picture**

**MARNELLI PASCUAL ('05)** likes to look at the smallest of worlds in a very big project. She is an electrical engineer with the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) Central Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This one-of-a-kind facility, affiliated with the U.S. Department of Energy, will be completed in 2006 and will provide the most intense pulsed neutron beams in the world for scientific research and industrial development. Marnelli graduated from CBU with a degree in electrical engineering. She hails from Nashville.

Marnelli examines the internal and external operations of a microwave signal amplifier and the LINAC (linear accelerator), reviewing the electrical systems supporting the SNS facility, and training in using PowerNET and ICONICS Genesis32 for power monitoring.

Wow, sounds complicated, doesn't it?

But some of the reasons for this research are actually pretty simple.

Neutron-scattering research has a lot to do with



our everyday lives. Credit cards, pocket calculators, compact discs, computer disks, magnetic recording tapes, shatter-proof windshields, adjustable seats and satellite weather information for forecasts have all been improved by neutron-scattering research.

Her research also helps researchers improve materials used in high-temperature superconductors, powerful lightweight magnets, aluminum bridge decks, and stronger, lighter plastic products. ■

pital in Memphis as a nurse in ICU. He celebrated his second wedding anniversary with wife, Debbie, on March 12.

**Gautam Gandhi** is in graduate school working on astrocyte gap junction function trafficking of glucose metabolites. He recently married in Hot Springs, AR.

**Deborah Lilton** received an Institute of Museum and Library Services Fellowship to attend library school at University of Alabama beginning August 2005. She also received a Spectrum Scholarship from the American Library Association.

**Rachel Rome** graduated in May from University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center and will do a residency in anesthesiology in Virginia.

**Linda Widjaja** graduated in May with a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Tennessee.

**Will Webb** is now employed as a mechanical engineer with Ellers, Oakley, Chester & Rike in Memphis. Will, who is responsible for HVAC design, joined EOCR from Alliant Techsystems in Iuka, MS, where he was a process engineer. Previously, he served as process engineer for Aurora Flight Sciences in Bridgeport, WV.

**Twanda Marie Williams** received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Mississippi College School of Law at

Jackson in May.

**2002**

**Erin Arnold** recently graduated from Baruch College in New York City with a Master of Arts in Corporate Communication.

**Tiffany Baldi**, a fourth year medical student at University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center, is president-elect of the Medical Student Executive Council.

**Joseph Adam Cartwright** graduated in May from the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center. After working for a year in a transitional placement at Methodist Hospital, he will enter an anesthesiology residency at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL.

**Megan Alcazar Dress** received her Master of Science in Psychology from the University of Memphis in May.

**Justin Hanson** was named the "Outstanding Male Citizen of the Year" by the Junior Auxiliary of Covington-Tipton County (TN) at its Children's Benefit Gala in March. Justin is now the assignment editor for WMC-TV Action News 5 in Memphis.

**Jana Pierini** graduated from the Medical School at University of Arkansas at Little Rock in May and will be doing a residency for University of Tennessee

Health Sciences Center in family medicine at St. Francis Hospital. Jana married Ken Robinson in May. Ken is a native Memphian who works for Cooper-town, a family-owned business.

**Akhil Rodrigues** graduated from the University of Notre Dame with his Master of Business Administration and is working at Emerson in St. Louis.

**Ashley Smith** graduated with her Education Specialist degree from the University of Memphis in May.

**Shanna Wall**, recent alumna of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, will be joining a veterinary practice in Dickson, TN, about 40 miles west of Nashville. The practice she is joining is mixed animal (about 70% small, 30% large).

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## 2003

**Dino Basic** is on a rotation in Detroit as a third year student at the Kansas City School of Osteopathic Medicine. He hopes to find a residency spot in Florida as an internist.

**Holly Judd** married Greg Graber, who teaches English at Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis. Holly is currently a pharmaceutical representative for Reckitt Benckiser.

**Brett Wainger** worked with University of Memphis graduate students on a poster on student research conducted in Uganda through the Minority Health International Research Training program. Their work won second place for the social sciences division at the University of Memphis Student Research Forum.

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## 2004

**Whitney Canale** married Lt. Jason Gentry on December 17, 2005. The couple currently resides in Little Rock, AR.

**Jenny Wells Kiesel** has been accepted to the M.A.T. program at CBU.

**Doris Vester-Mickens** graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in December 2005 with a Master of Science in Operations Management and certification in human resources management.

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## 2005

**Kim Crump**, a former CBU cross-country runner, finished the St. Jude Memphis Marathon in 5:05:14.

**Christen Gregory** has been accepted to the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University.

**Ashley C. Griffin** and her husband had their first child on March 30, a baby girl named Lauren Katherine Griffin. They currently live in Charlotte, NC.

**Jonathon Herron** has been accepted to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Alabama State University.

**Jennifer Marie Longo** is finishing up one year of service as a Lasallian Volunteer. She has spent the past year working at a recreation center in Bronx, NY. Jennifer was recently accepted to the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis and will start classes in August.

**Christina Martinez** is still in dental school in Puerto Rico and will be conducting research on benefits of dental implants.

**Megan Wortham** married **Jon Murdock** ('04) on February 25. Jon works as a sales producer at Allstate Insurance. Megan works as the marketing coordinator at Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects.

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## 2006

**Jennifer Bernard** has been accepted to the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine at Knoxville. Jenny was also selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

**Christy Harwell** has been board-certified as a massage therapist and is working with Spa Chakra and Salon in Southaven.

**Jennifer Hendrick** won a Best Paper Presentation award at the Western Regional Collegiate Division meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Sciences at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in March for a paper on "Abdominal compartment syndrome in a newly diagnosed patient with Burkitt's lymphoma." Hendrick also co-authored an article entitled "QCT versus DXA in 320 Survivors of Childhood Cancer: Association of BMD with Fracture History" for publication in *Pediatric Blood and Cancer*. She conducted this research as part of the POE program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Melissa Hines** has been accepted to the College of Medicine at the University of Texas in Houston.

**Kevin Langellier** (M.B.A.) was selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

**Ana Lopez** won first prize at the MidSouth Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers student design presentation competition in Oxford, MS, in April. Her presentation, "Debottlenecking of Ethanol Batch Distillation System," described her senior project, which was done in conjunction with an internship at Buckman Laboratories.

**Sheharyar Minhas** won a Best Paper award at the

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## \$\$\$ Literacy

In partnership with MPACT Memphis and the Financial Planning Association, CBU is hosting a lecture series covering aspects of personal financial fitness. Seminars are conducted by CBU business faculty and the Financial Planning Association and are held 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in Buckman Hall. All seminars are free, but seating is limited. To register, call MPACT Memphis at 901-312-7760. The remaining topics are "Investment Basics," July 20; "Buying a Home," August 17; "Insurance," September 21; "Retirement," October 19; and "Estate Planning," November 16.

## Mark Your Calendars for these

### ALUMNI EVENTS

#### Poker Run

*Sunday, August 13, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Cooper-Young*  
Cap off your weekend with a fun, traveling poker game! Clues will direct you from location to location as you collect sealed envelopes with cards for your hand. Take your time; it's not a race. At the final stop, prizes will be given to the top three hands.

#### Alumni Association Welcome Picnic ORIENTATION WEEKEND

*Friday, August 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Nolan Field*  
Join us for a bite to eat and a little music as we welcome a new group of future CBU alums and their parents. Here's your opportunity to give them the inside scoop on what CBU is really all about!

#### Chicago-Area Alumni & Friends

*Friday, September 8*  
Cocktail Reception (Location & Time TBA)  
*Saturday, September 9, Noon-5:00 p.m.*  
A Day at the Races: Family Event at Arlington Park Racecourse

#### DC-Area Alumni & Friends

*Saturday, September 23*  
Cocktail Reception, 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Location TBA)  
Capitol Steps Show, 7:30 p.m.

#### Alumni Weekend 2006

*October 5-8*  
This is a special reunion year for classes ending in 1 and 6!. More information to come—watch your mailbox!

Western Regional Collegiate Division meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Sciences in March for a paper entitled "Effect of glycosylation on CTL epitope presentation from influenza neuraminidase."

**Jenny Mohan** was selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American

Universities and Colleges.

**Leslie O'Neal** has accepted a position as a biologics process engineer with Wright Medical in Memphis. **Jennifer Paxson** has been accepted to the Integrated Biomedical Science Graduate Program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

**Brett Prentiss** has been accepted by the Memphis Zoo to be a Biodiversity Fellow this summer.

**Ann Ramsey** has been accepted into the Industrial/Organizational Psychology graduate program at Saint Louis University. She has received a research assistantship.

**Christie Spencer** was selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

**Sarah Tragarz** was selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

**Elin Thorsteinsdottir** has been admitted to Columbia University for a Master/Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. She will start in the fall.

**Sarah Wright** has been accepted to the Pharm.D. program University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy.

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

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#### 2007

**Ernest Edwards** was selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

**Whitney Heath** has been accepted by the Memphis Zoo to be a Biodiversity Fellow this summer.

**Kevin Smith** was selected as one of the first two recipients of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Pi Epsilon Chapter Gregory Raymond Gadomski Scholarship.

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#### 2008

**Matt Harrell** was selected as one of the first two recipients of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Pi Epsilon Chapter Gregory Raymond Gadomski Scholarship.

**Truc Le** has been accepted by the Memphis Zoo to be a Biodiversity Fellow this summer.

**Heath Smith** finished his second marathon in Little Rock on March 5 with a time of 3:22:53. He also placed tenth in the Midsouth Championship Marathon in Wynne, AR, in November.

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#### 2009

**Stephen Hill** won Overall Male Champion in the 2006 Gibson Guitar 5K Run in June. Stephen is an

All-American cross country runner at CBU.

## PASSINGS

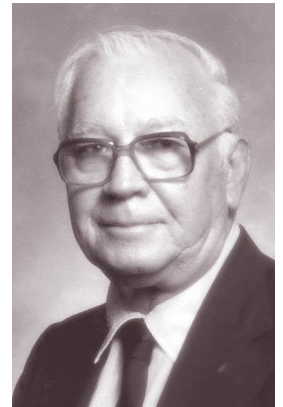
*May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**DONALD ANTON NIRSCHL** ('58) passed away March 24, 2005, in San Diego. He was born in Kansas and was an engineer director. He served in the Army and was a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronauts and the Convair Retirement Association. Survivors include his wife, Clarice Nirschl; stepsons Devon, David, and Drew Milner; sisters Emma Cowan and Dorothy Milligan; brother George Nirschl; and four grandchildren.

**JAMES LAMB GUY**, a founder of the Civil Engineering Department at Christian Brothers University, passed away on April 13 at age 90. Mr. Guy was a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering. He served the Seabees in the Pacific campaign during World War II where he was wounded in combat. Mr. Guy retired as a professor emeritus from Christian Brothers University. He was awarded the Dominic Dunn award for his exceptional service to his students during his tenure. He was honored with an endowed scholarship fund for his contributions at CBU in the department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Mr. Guy was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He served as president of the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers in 1959-60. Among his awards in the field are the Krusi Engineering Award, Mechanics Award, Golden Bridge Award, The Douglas J. Thomas Chair of Engineering, and Distinguished Service Award from the Memphis chapter of TSPE. In addition to many years of teaching service at CBU, Guy was the safety engineer for W.R. Grace and a partner in a general contracting firms and a consulting engineer in private practice for many years. Guy was an active Member of St. Luke's Methodist church, where he was a trustee, taught Sunday school for over 40 years, and was a choir member. He is survived by wife of 64 years, Sarah Strong Guy, and four sons: James L. Guy Jr. of Memphis; Robert A. Guy of New Orleans; Toms S. Guy of Andover, MA; and Don D. Guy of Lebanon, TN. He is also srvided by two brothers, Bryant Guy of Houston, TX, and George Guy of Salona Beach, CA, also survive him. Mr. Guy leaves 10 grandchildren

and seven great-grandchildren.

**JOSEPH GREGORY COSTA**, former CBU trustee and board chair, died on May 11 at his vacation home in Gulf Shores, AL. He was 72 years old. A business and civic leader, Costa was the chairman of the board of Delta Materials Handling, Inc. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, and was proud to call himself a first generation American – son of Italian immigrants. As a young man, he worked his own way through high school at Philadelphia's St. Joseph Preparatory School and then through Drexel Institute of Technology. Later in life he graduated from the Harvard Business School. Costa brought his family to Memphis in 1970 when he purchased a minority interest in Delta Materials Handling, joining the company as vice president of sales. In 1974 he gained a majority equity position at the Clark forklift dealership and became president. He quickly grew the company to the position as the number one distributor of forklifts and warehouse equipment in the Mid South. The company continues today with more than 90 employees under the leadership of his son Gregory, son Joe Jr. and son-in-law Jim Colloredo. A member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Germantown, Costa served as president of the parish council and chaired the building committee and was instrumental in the development of Our Lady of Perpetual Help elementary and middle school. He held various positions on the board of directors for the development board for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis. He was past chair of the Dominican St. Martin de Porres Award Gal and regional representative of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. He also served as chair of the FedEx St. Jude Committee of One Hundred and the Marguerite Piazza St. Jude Gala. He was a board member of Youth Programs, Inc. and served on the board of Regions Bank, UNICO, Knights of Columbus; was a member of Rotary, Optimist Club, Toast Masters, and Society of Entrepreneurs. He leaves his wife of 49 years, Fran, along with his seven children—Joseph Charles Costa of Jackson, TN; Gregory Anthony Costa of Memphis; Mary Frances Ridley of Knoxville, TN; Michael Jude Costa of Chattanooga, TN; Judith Ann Colloredo of Germantown, TN; John Patrick Costa of Germantown, TN; and Jeanie Angelina Torchio of Kensington, MD—and 14 grandchildren. The family requests any memorials be made in the form of a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the charity of choice. ■



James L. Guy



Joseph G. Costa