

Tunica Golf Outing Proposed for 2005



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FLAG PRESENTATION...CMAAA past president, Bill Hart, Class of '62, right, presents a new U.S. Flag to Columbia Academy president, Bill Thrasher at the August Reunion's general membership meeting.

Alumni Association Adopts Columbia Academy Flagpole

A motion was made and passed at the August 6, CMAAA Board meeting, to adopt the old campus flagpole. The adoption includes renovation and maintenance of the flagpole including the purchase of new flags as needed.

Renovation will include repairs to the base, the installation of lights and a plaque placed on a pedestal near the flagpole which will include a statement commemorating CMAAA's assumed responsibility. Renovations are tentatively scheduled for late October.

Class Group Reunion Pics Still Available for \$10.00

If you failed to order your group picture at the Saturday night banquet or you were unable to attend and would like a picture of your group. The Photographer can still fill your order. Just send your address and year you graduated along with \$10.00 to: Hir Counts Photography, P.O. Box 716, Fayetteville, TN 37334

Tunica National Golf Outing Proposed for Summer of '05

Ken Whittington, Class of '53, has been instrumental in gathering information for a CMA Alumni golf outing next Summer at Tunica National Golf and Tennis in Tunica, MS.

Tunica National is the South's newest and finest - truly a world-class facility - featuring an exciting 7,210-yard, par 72 championship layout designed by the renowned Mark McCumber, one of the world's leading golf course architects, according to sales and marketing director, Will White.

The course offers exciting, manicured playing conditions with zoysia fairways and championship bermuda greens.

Deluxe hotel accommodations can be made at Grand Casino's Grand Veranda Hotel for \$49 per night on weekdays (Sunday through Thursday) and \$79 per night on weekends (Friday and Saturday nights). There will be a \$10 per head buffet available at the golf course on golf day.

Golf fees are \$45 each for a weekday (Sunday through Thursday) and \$55 each for a weekend (Friday and Saturday).

We need to know what month to schedule an outing and whether the majority wants to play during the week or on a weekend.

Your credit card will reserve your tee time, according to White.

If you are an interested player, please e-mail Bill Fricke, Class of '36, at: frickew@bellsouth.net

Once a date has been set, we'll find out what casino entertainment is available. While spouses enjoy golf, ladies can indulge themselves at the Grand's Bellissimo Spa and Salon which features professional massage therapy, hair and nail care and more.





CINDERELLA SIGNS...Hanna Robinson (center), daughter of Toby Baxendale's (Class of '55) and Jay Baxendale's (Class of '57) nephew, Phil Robinson, signs autographs for an admiring public at the premiere of "A Cinderella Story" at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Los Angelus. Hanna plays Cinderella as a young girl and Hilary Duff plays her as a teenager.

Movie Premieres "New Star", Daughter of Graduates Nephew

Subject: "A Cinderella Story"
Premiere, July 10, 2004

Phil and Jane Robinson are proud parents of a young lady that shows aplomb both on and off camera. In the Disney film, "A Cinderella Story", Hanna Robinson plays Cinderella as a little girl, while actress Hilary Duff plays Cinderella as a teenager and Chad Michael Murphy has the role of Prince Charming.

The following is an account of what transpired at the premiere of "A Cinderella Story" as seen through the eyes of her Hanna's parents and narrated by her father.

TV Interviews

"We are so proud of Hannah and how she carried herself during the premiere. She gave TV interviews and scores of autographs. She was poised and gracious throughout. Not an easy task for a 9-year-old at her first premiere, but it appeared to come naturally for Hannah. In a way, this was Hannah's true Cinderella story.

"We arrived by limo at 3:20 p.m. at Grauman's Chinese theater in Hollywood, a little too early but that gave Hannah time to work the red carpet unencumbered by the frenzy generated by Hilary Duff's arrival. The red carpet was actually pink to match the movie's theme. The carpet was flanked by hundreds of TV and newspaper reporters from around the world. Behind them were

thousands of screaming fans. Hanna approached several reporters and introduced herself. Once they realized, she had a significant part in the movie, the on-camera interviews started with several network and cable stations, including a Chinese station. The autographs started shortly thereafter. The first was for Chad Michael Murray's father who had arrived just after we did.

"After the big stars arrived and gave their interviews, we all entered the theater; the movie started about 4:15. This was the second time we had seen it but it was no less exciting. Trying to correct for our obvious bias, we think this is a wonderful movie with deep symbolism that all should enjoy.

"Following the movie, more and more people recognized Hannah for her contribution and her talent. She was given praise by several Hollywood bigwigs and well as several cast and crew members who had seen the movie for the first time. Several more autographs and photos followed outside on the pink carpet.

The Premiere Party

"The premiere party was just a short walk down Hollywood Blvd. at the Highland Complex. Buffet tables, an open bar and all the celebrates were there. Hannah enjoyed the kid activity tables while Jane and I spent time with the director and

his wife, the producers and the parents of Chad and his fiance, Sophia. The party was divided into the VIP section and the main section. Not realizing we were invited into the VIP section (a respite from the continuous autograph and picture requests), we spent most of our time in the main section. When Hannah finally decided to stay hello to Hilary and Chad, the red ropes fell away as she approached them. Unfortunately, Hilary had already left, but she enjoyed seeing Chad. She presented the director (Mark Rosman) and her movie dad (Whip Hubley) with thank you notes; she gave a thank you note to Hilary's bodyguard, who promised to delivery it to Hilary.

Exciting Times to Come

"By nine p.m. the party was over and we were on our way home from the ball. Hannah couldn't have handled all this attention and excitement any better, and we couldn't have been more proud of her. With the premiere over, the most exciting times are ahead."

Editor's Note: The movie was released in theater's across the U.S. the following Friday. Hannah's latest endeavor is a public service announcement for an anti-drug and alcohol TV commercial.

Phil Robinson is a doctor in California specializing in communicable diseases. Hannah's younger sister, Hollis, is a child clothing model for the Disney magazine.

Outstanding CA Student Receives CMAAA Scholarship

Adam Freeman Bedwell, an outstanding Columbia Academy student has received the CMAAA annual \$1,000 scholarship for 2004.

Adam is presently using his scholarship to attend school Freed-Hardeman University, majoring in pre-dentistry.



Adam Bedwell

Many alumni remember Adam as the bugler that played "Taps" for the Flag Ceremony following the general meeting at the last several reunions.

"I would like to say thank you for considering and selecting me as the 2004 CMAA scholarship recipient," wrote Adam in a recent letter to the Alumni Association

Adam is the son of Joe and Connie Bedwell of Columbia. He was also offered a college tennis scholarship but declined it in order to devote more time to study.

“Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes”

Odds and Ends from Here and There

Toby Baxendale '55, tells us his grandson, Sammy Raich IV, was quoted in the Indiana Post Tribune after meeting Indiana Senator, Richard G. Lugar.

Stan Haskell '64, regrets he was unable to attend the August Reunion but living in Zurich, Switzerland “makes logistics a bit more difficult”. He hopes to make the 2006 gathering.

Ed Kaeser '66, reflects on the good times both he and his father spent at CMA. He poses the question, “Guess which teachers we both had for Latin and Spanish?” (*Gracey and Wilhoite*).

For What CMA Did For Me, I Will Be Forever Grateful

By Bill Fricke, Class of '39

It was 1935. We were still in the throes of the great depression. Things were tough. I had just finished my freshman year in high school, having failed three subjects. Not to worry, I would get out sooner or later and my dad would get me a job with the company he worked for as he had done for my older sister and brother when they finished school. I had just started my sophomore year when my dad died.

I finished my sophomore year with two more failed subjects. It then began to dawn on me that my dad was gone and I was on my own. I was leafing through a magazine at the barber shop one afternoon when I came across an ad for CMA. I sent off for a catalog. When it came, I showed it to my mother and told her that this was where I thought I ought to be. She thought so too but didn't think we could afford it.

Bugler Scholarship

Major Fishburn showed up at the house one day and we talked CMA. He offered me a scholarship to bugle and play in the band and put me on to a guy who had just graduated and wanted to sell his uniforms. By buying used uniforms and renting out our house, I was able to attend CMA. Mother rented a room with some friends of hers.

I struggled through my junior year grade wise, and if memory serves me, accumulated over a hundred and thirty demerits. I didn't see much of downtown on weekends.

Before I went to CMA, I went to summer school and made up three of the subjects that I had failed and made up the

other two the next summer. In my senior year, my final exam grades were: Algebra - 100, Physics - 99, Spanish - 97, and English - 90. I also received special mention at graduation for having NO demerits. Some people do learn.

But I was not through with CMA. I had heard that the contacts you made in college were worth more than what you learned. I thought that if this were true, why wouldn't it work the same with CMA?

Good Jobs Were Scarce

In the year following graduation from CMA I, couldn't find a decent job with any future. I went back to CMA for the 1940 graduation, slept on the floor in one of my buddies room and talked with some guys about their dads helping me get a decent job.

I had several offers of help and went home with Charles Burke to Anderson, Indiana where his dad was president of Guide Lamp, a subsidiary of General Motors,

His dad said he could put me on at Guide Lamp but that General Motors had just opened a new plant in Indianapolis making in-line engines for the Lockheed P-38 and Bell Aircobras and I may have a better chance for advancement down there.

Allison Engineering

I went to work for Allison Engineering in Indianapolis two days later.

So CMA not only gave me a good education and taught me a lot of other things but also got me my first real job and I will be forever grateful to the school, the faculty, and the cadet corps.

“Most Advanced” Heart Center Named for Class of '41 Grad

Little Rock, Arkansas' St Vincent's Health System recently named the state's most advanced heart center in honor of Jack Stephens, CMA Class of '41.

According to St. Vincent's, the naming denotes the long standing generosity of the the Stephens family. “...through the Jack Stephens Heart Center, we will provide the most technologically



Jack Stephens

advanced heart care available anywhere in Arkansas,” says a hospital spokesman. “It does our heart good to recognize the heart of one of Arkansas' most respected families, and the good that will be done for others.

SILVER TAPS

Frank “Bill” Sefton, Class of '53

Retired Brig. Gen. Frank Noble “Bill” Sefton III, of Huntsville, AL, died Aug. 26 after a brief illness.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. After graduating from CMA, Sefton obtained a degree in industrial engineering from Auburn University in 1959.



“Bill” Sefton

Following thirty nine years of military service, Sefton retired from the Alabama Army National Guard as a brigadier general. During his military career, Sefton served as commander of the Head **continued on next page**

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Becky Moon, CMAAA Treasurer

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SILVER TAPS

quarters 1169th Group in Huntsville and 1343rd Battalion in Athens. Sefton led numerous missions home and abroad including missions to Panama and Ecuador. He graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 1983 and is a past president of the Alabama National Guard Association.

In addition to his military leadership, Sefton was a business and civic leader. At the time of his death, he was the managing broker of Exit Realty. Prior to that he worked at Ben Porter Real Estate. Before beginning his real estate career, he spent twenty years as vice president of manufacturing for Martin Industries. Sefton is a past president of the Huntsville Board of Realtors. He was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder. Sefton was an incorporator of the Huntsville Hospital foundation. He served on the boards of directors of Martin Industries and the Huntsville Board of Realtors. He was a longtime member of the Huntsville Rotary Club and an officer and director of the Huntsville Jaycees. Sefton served the City of Huntsville in the early 1970's on the Local Governmental Study Commission.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Claire Sefton; daughter, Katie Claire Sefton of Birmingham; son, Patrick Ladd Wheeler Sefton of Montgomery, AL; four grandchildren; his mother, Evelyn Wheeler Sefton of Huntsville; two brothers, Michael Sefton of Ann Arbor, MI and Joe Sefton of Huntsville; and a sister, Eve Hinesley of Huntsville.

Mary Claire requests that any memorials that his classmates wish to participate in be sent to the CMA Alumni Association in his name to be added to the CMA Me-

morial presently under construction at the site of the "Ole Bull Ring". Please mail contributions to:

Becky Moore
804 Athenaeum Street
Columbia, TN 38401-3156

Leslie Harlan Hays, Class of '59

Les Hays, Age 63 of Bartlett, TN, died Aug. 26 in Memphis, TN.

A civil engineer, Mr. Hays was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett, a 33rd degree Mason and a past master of the Knights of Columbus.

The husband of Terri Russell Hays, he also leaves two daughters, Becky Hays Atkins of Memphis and Rachel Hays Rieves of Colorado; three sons, Jason Foster of Hernando, MS, Brandon Foster of Chattanooga and Bradley Foster of Memphis; a brother, Lowell G. Hays Jr. of Memphis, and seven grandchildren.

The family requests that any memorials be sent to the Christian Brothers University's Bobby E. Russell Jr. Scholarship Fund.

Samuel H. Hogin, Class of '68

Sam Hogin, age 54, originally from Bruceton, TN, died in August from complications with diabetes.

He attended the Univ. of Tennessee following graduation from CMA and was an accomplished songwriter penning tunes for Crystal Gayle, Don Williams (I Believe in You), Martina McBride (With a Broken Wing) and many, many more.

Hoglin leaves his wife, Lisa and two children; Alicia, age 22 and Andrew, age 19.

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