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MLWGS Helps Katrina Victims

MLWGS Students, Faculty, Parents and Alumni Join the Efforts to Provide Help to Thousands of Hurricane Victims in the Gulf States

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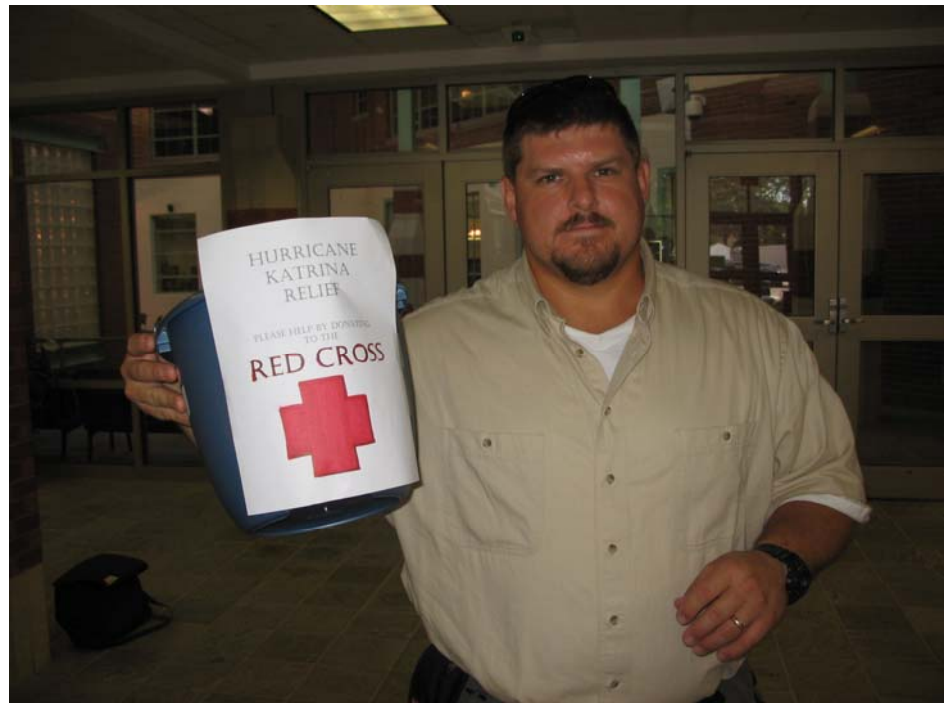
On August 29th hurricane Katrina devastated much of the Gulf Coast, leaving millions homeless. Since then, citizens across the US have been reaching out to help, including many from our own school.

The efforts at MLWGS have included bakesales, fundraisers, lunch-time collections, and class room donations. Physical Education teacher Don Blanton has been working hard on the relief efforts. "I think everyone feels a need to give," Mr. Blanton said. "They often think what they have isn't enough, but every bit makes a difference."

As of Wednesday the 14th, the total profits brought in have come to \$2,110. Donations are not the only way MLWGS has been helping Katrina's victims, however. Karen Hoover, the school's business manager, has moved a family of 12 into the house she had been planning to sell.

Ms. Hoover says the decision was obvious for her. "All I did was take the house off the market. I saw people in need and I had the means to help them. It was easy for me." At first, Ms. Hoover thought she'd only be receiving four refugees, two children and their parents, but soon found herself housing twelve members of an extended family as well as three dogs, two rabbits, and two turtles.

She insists, despite this large num-



Don Blanton collects spare change for hurricane victims during lunch. *Photo by Michael Douglass.*

ber, the process has been easy. "I can't say enough for the Governor's school family—students, faculty, parents, and alumni. They've helped so much." MLWGS parent Vickie Tamboline visits the family daily and continues to take donations for the cause.

The family is beginning to get settled in. The children have been enrolled in sports, one adult has already started a job, and the others have promising prospects ahead.

"It's important to give these families an opportunity to start over," Ms. Hoover said.

Mr. Blanton agrees and encourages students to do all they can to help. "Everything makes a difference. Regardless of who you give to, or how you help, you're doing it for the right cause: relief for this devastation."

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Looking Forward to '05-'06

The start of a new school year is a time to reflect on the last year and look forward to a fresh start. Unfortunately, last year provided a combination both of natural disasters and concerns within MLWGS that had impacts on our school community.

The last few years have yielded different natural and security threats, ranging from the attacks of September 11, the beltway sniper, Hurricane Isabel, and the snowfall that kept us out of school during exam time. Last year alone was chock-full of natural disasters. We started off the year with Tropical Depression Gastón flooding our building. Last year's disastrous tsunami in Asia affected our school community, and our clubs responded by raising money to send to UNESCO and other relief efforts.

Our school went through quite a bit of turmoil last year, ranging from student conduct issues to concerns over the proper use of technology. Last year America voted for the President of the United States. MLWGS, being a school for government and international relations, was a hotbed of political discord and tension. Then in April of 2005, the administration dealt with the students in the foreign trips facing suspensions and acquittals. Soon afterwards in May, our school dealt with a myspace.com hysteria, which resulted in students fervently attempting to delete anything "dangerous" on their blog accounts. Rumors were rampant throughout the school during these last two events.

The *Jabberwock* Staff's hope for this year is to have fewer disturbances, both within MLWGS and elsewhere, to the daily lives of our students. Even though prior years have been turbulent at times, it is important to focus on positive events, as well as on improving as a student body, to make sure that the 2005-2006 school year is MLWGS' best.

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Correction

In the final issue of last school year, several members of the class of 2006 were mistakenly left off of a list of students who had earned Book Awards. To rectify the problem, a complete list will be published in the next issue. We apologize for this oversight.

Want to see your opinion in print?

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Democrats Lose Against Roberts

Yesterday marked the fourth and final day of hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding the confirmation of Judge John Roberts to be the 17th Chief Justice of the United States. This past week was certainly a shining moment in Roberts' distinguished career of service to our nation, but the performance of Senate Democrats was far less impressive.

John Roberts is a brilliant legal mind who, despite liberals' best attempts, has refused to be tricked, set-up, or baited into compromising his values or legal ethics for the pleasure or political expedience of the senators questioning him. In fact, he has surprised many on the left in revealing some of his more moderate views, including his acknowledgement of a Constitutional right to privacy, and his acceptance of *Roe v. Wade* as the "precedent of the Court." But while Judge Roberts has worked to accom-

modate the needs of Senators from *both* parties, Democrats are seemingly unwilling to reciprocate.

Throughout the hearings, the Judiciary Committee meeting room more closely resembled an elementary school classroom as opposed to a meeting of elected officials allegedly representing the interests of the nation. Many of the Democrats were perpetually antagonistic in their questioning, and occasionally reprimanded by Chairman Arlen Specter for their badgering and long-winded monologues.

But to say that the childish behavior of the likes of Senators Kennedy or Schumer was unexpected is hardly the case. In fact, these hearings seemed to be the pinnacle of an unfortunate record liberals (especially in the Senate) have established regarding the judiciary. Whether it was the filibuster over lower-court nominees that nearly brought the Senate to a standstill or

*Writing from
The Right*

By Matt A. Kiehl ('06)

advertising campaigns linking John Roberts to abortion clinic bombers, the left has seemingly forgotten how to hold civil debate and discussion over a nominee for the nation's highest court.

Four of the current justices on the Supreme Court, both liberals and conservatives, were approved unanimously by the Senate. Two more nominees garnered at least 90 votes. While I don't expect similar treatment for Judge Roberts, that is no reason for those of us on the right to fret. The liberals have tried their best to derail this well-qualified nominee, but just like their recent electoral experiences, they've once again managed to come up short.

*Leaning to
The Left*

Guest Opinion By Tobin
Van Ostern ('06)

Hurricane Katrina has shaken the faith that many have in our government. FEMA Director Brown resigned from his position last week, but while Brown should never have been appointed in the first place, responsibility extends through Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff all the way to the White House.

According to an internal memo obtained by Knight Ridder, both President Bush and Chertoff made substantial deviations from the National Response Plan, the government's blueprint for how agencies are to handle natural disasters. Instead of following the expert's

Bush on the Wrong Track

plan of action, developed for this very purpose, Chertoff waited until 36 hours after Katrina hit to declare an "Incident of National Significance."

This special designation eventually transferred power to FEMA. It would have given them the power to order federal agencies into action even without a request from state or local officials. If the National Response Plan had been followed, rescue operations might have been on track. Sadly, this was not to be.

After Chertoff's memo was sent out, President Bush decided that more bureaucracy was needed, creating an unneeded task force. By spontaneously creating this bureaucracy, Bush nullified the entire goal of having a National Response Plan: a streamlined network for swiftly delivering federal assistance. This Task Force changed control

over to White House bureaucrats, and the results are clear. Now with the result of these two actions being an appalling loss of life, we can only hope that the public media will not use Brown as a sacrificial lamb like the White House hopes. The actions of Secretary Chertoff and President Bush are inexcusable.

Overwhelming majorities of Americans agree that "things have pretty seriously gotten on the wrong track," and that Bush should not be cutting taxes, but focusing on rebuilding New Orleans. I agree.

We cannot allow this to happen ever again. Of course, New Orleans already knew. Only 22% of them voted for Bush, though if they had a second chance, I doubt they would do so again.

"Law and Order" Meets "The Exorcist"

Ellen Hart

Jabberwock Staff Contributor

For those of you who like Law and Order, CSI, or any of those late-night crime dramas, you might want to see "The Exorcism of Emily Rose." To those who also like irritating attorneys, predictable characters, and alcoholism, it is also recommended. However, if you liked the graphic vomiting and disgusting innuendo in "The Exorcist" or if you appreciate valid religious beliefs not relating to Halloween, you might want to just go ahead and see "The Wed-

We had the entire theater to ourselves; thus, we ensured that we took complete advantage of our ability to scream as loud as possible.

ding Crashers."

Based on a true story, "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" recounts the trial of a priest (played by Tom Wilkinson) accused of being responsible for the death of one Emily Rose by recommending that she stop taking her medication for epilepsy and treat her for what he believed was really

wrong: demonic possession.

And here is where the first major flaw of the film comes in: the main character is none other than the priest's lawyer. While this seems like, if done correctly, it could be interesting, the performance of Erin Bruner (played by Laura Linney) was frankly very disappointing. Not only was she drinking alcohol in every scene outside the courtroom (a very cliché trait of a person involved with the law), but within the courtroom, her arguments were portrayed as weak and unimpressive.

The biggest mistake of the entire movie, however, had to have been the crazy superstitious baloney that littered even the best scenes. What was the most ridiculous was that everyone seemed to be safe from the Devil until 3:00 AM, apparently the demonic witching hour. Not only does that not make sense, but it got very repetitive and predictable. Every time it was 3:00 AM in the film, which happened quite a lot, the audience expected something to happen, taking away from the surprise and sneak-up-on-you feeling of the demonic jolts. Other nonsense included a random locket that was found and then was not mentioned at all through the rest of the story, the use of Halloween as the day of the first exorcism, and the occasional attacks from the family cats.

To give it some credit though, there were much



Emily Rose is possessed by six demons. Photo courtesy of

more captivating parts like these in the story, such as the possessed Emily's ability to speak in two voices at once, the identification of the six demons inside of her, and the use of speaking in tongues.

When we saw the movie, my friend and I had the entire theater to ourselves; thus, we ensured that we took complete advantage of our ability to scream as loud as possible. The suspense, off and on between courtroom scenes as to not exhaust the audience, was spectacular. Use of coloring, sparing special effects, and a very good cast of actors contributed to a movie that could put even "The Exorcist" on a run for its money. Director Scott Derrickson made sure that the camera angles portrayed the feeling that was appropriate to the scene. Clever lighting also made it so Emily Rose's eyes appeared to be glowing in some scenes. Our inability to ever actually see these

demons made it that much more intense.

Actress Jennifer Carpenter played Emily Rose, which was quite possible one of the most physically and psychologically demanding roles I have ever seen. From what I know of acting, she preformed flawlessly, scaring me half to death at the same time as making me pity her character. Her tombstone even quoted her favorite Bible verse, "Find your own salvation through fear and trembling."

The key to a horror film is the audience's ability to answer in the affirmative when they ask themselves, "Could this happen to me?" I'm not saying whether demons exist or not, but I know that if I ever smell something burning at night (a sign that the devil is present, according to the movie) or hear a door slam at 3:00 AM, I will have a lot of trouble sleeping for the rest of the evening.

MLWGS Sports Scores

Summer Tournies

Jason Bodman

Jabberwock Staff Reporter

Field Hockey (5 - 1 - 0)

MLWGS 6, Colonial Heights 0
 Thomas Dale 2, MLWGS 3
 Clover Hill 0, MLWGS 0
 Manchester 1, MLWGS 2
 Monacan 1, MLWGS 3
 Midlothian 0, MLWGS 2

Upcoming Games

9/16 Prince George vs. MLWGS
 9/20 MLWGS vs. Deep Run
 9/22 Colonial Heights vs. MLWGS
 9/26 MLWGS vs. Midlothian
 10/04 Deep Run vs. MLWGS
 10/06 MLWGS vs. Thomas Dale
 10/13 MLWGS vs. Manchester
 10/20 L.C. Bird vs. MLWGS
 10/21 MLWGS vs. Monacan

Boys' Volleyball (1 - 0 - 1)

MLWGS 3, Manchester 2
 Hermitage 3, MLWGS 1

Upcoming

9/19 Manchester vs. MLWGS
 9/20 MLWGS vs. T. Jefferson
 9/22 MLWGS vs. Hanover
 9/27 Patrick Henry vs. MLWGS
 9/29 MLWGS vs. John Marshall
 10/04 Deep Run vs. MLWGS
 10/06 Hanover vs. MLWGS
 10/11 D. Freeman vs. MLWGS
 10/13 MLWGS vs. Hermitage
 10/18 Mills Godwin vs. MLWGS
 10/20 T. Jefferson vs. MLWGS
 10/25 MLWGS vs. J.R. Tucker
 9/27 MLWGS vs. Patrick Henry

Golf

Mills Godwin 160, MLWGS 174
 Deep Run 141, J.R. Tucker 184,
 D. Freeman 169, MLWGS 171
 Deep Run 157, Varina 207,
 MLWGS 169

Upcoming

9/15 Maggie Walker vs. Hermitage

Girls' Volleyball (1 - 0 - 1)

Prince George 0, MLWGS 3
 Manchester 3, MLWGS 2
 MLWGS 0, Hermitage 3

Upcoming

9/19 MLWGS vs. Manchester
 9/20 T. Jefferson vs. MLWGS
 9/22 Hanover vs. MLWGS
 9/27 MLWGS vs. Patrick Henry
 9/29 John Marshall vs. MLWGS
 10/04 MLWGS vs. Deep Run
 10/06 MLWGS vs. Hanover
 10/11 MLWGS vs. D. Freeman
 10/13 Hermitage vs. MLWGS
 10/18 MLWGS vs. Mills Godwin
 10/20 MLWGS vs. T. Jefferson
 10/24 Collegiate vs. MLWGS
 10/25 J.R. Tucker vs. MLWGS
 10/27 Patrick Henry vs. MLWGS

Cross Country

9/17 Lee Davis Invitational
 9/24 Maymont Festival
 9/28 P. Henry vs. Mills Godwin vs.
 MLWGS
 10/01 William & Mary Invitational
 10/05 J.R. Tucker vs. Deep Run vs.
 MLWGS
 10/08 Albemarle Invitational
 10/12 T. Jefferson vs. J. Marshall
 vs. Lee Davis vs. Armstrong vs.
 Varina vs. MLWGS
 10/15 Lee Davis Invitational
 10/19 Hermitage vs. D. Freeman
 vs. MLWGS

In The Dragons' Eye

“In The Dragons’ Eye” is a new section to the Jabberwock sports section.

If you know someone that is deserving of the Dragons’ Glare, then please nominate them.

All you have to do is fill out the following information about the person and give it to Mr. Waller, Jay Parrish (‘07) or Jason Bodman (‘07)

Full name:

Birthday:

Age:

Grade:

Sport:

Years played:

Other sports played:

What caught the dragon’s attention:

Favorite sports moment:

If the person is worthy, then they will be featured in the section.

Sports' Legend

Season standings will be printed next to the name of the sport. For each match up, the home time will always be named first. Games that have already been played will be listed first. The games are in chronological order.

The scores from these games will be listed after the schools’ name. The upcoming games will be listed next, and the date of these games will be listed before the teams’ names.

Standings state (wins - ties - losses)

Finally, only varsity scores will be reported.

This year, the MLWGS fall sports teams have started off the season with different tournaments for each sport.

Girls’ Volleyball played a the Ukrop’s Volleyball Showcase over September second and third. The tournament was held at

The tournament is a great beginning for many of Virginia’s best volleyball teams, including boys’ teams. The Boys’ Volleyball played at the tournament as well.

The Lady Dragons lost against C.D. Hylton, Tallwood, and Bath County, all by a score of 0-3. They then won a game over Prince George with a score of 3-0.

The Boys’ Volleyball team lost their first two games to Atlee by a score of 1-3, Kempsville, and James River, both with a score of 0-3. They beat Mills Godwin 3-0.

On August 22, the MLWGS golf team played in a seven team tournament. The opposing schools were Deep Run , Hermitage, Douglas Freeman, J.R. Tucker, Mills Godwin, and Patrick Henry.

The team finished sixth out of seven teams.

The Cross Country teams started out the year in a tournament in Newport News. The team placed well with many high finishes.

MLWGS Welcomes New Teachers

Six new teachers join the MLWGS staff in teaching bright new minds of tomorrow

Lucy Sprague
Jabberwock Staff Reporter

As the new school year began and it was time to once again wake up early, students came in to MLWGS on Tuesday the 6th to be welcomed by a few new faces. However, not all the new faces were the freshmen. Returning students saw new staff as well. Several new teachers have joined the talented MLWGS staff for the '05-'06 school year.

Two of the new teachers are working in the English department. Both Mrs. Janet Meyers and Mr. Grant Mudge are teaching English 9. Mr. Mudge, who is also teaching the Drama I/II classes, will be directing students in the Shakespearean play *As You Like It*. Mr. Mudge is an actor, director, and producer.

Mrs. Meyers is a graduate of the University of Maryland where she earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English and Education and a graduate of the University of Virginia where she earned a Masters degree in Educational Evaluation, Research Methods, and Curriculum Development. Before joining MLWGS, she taught English in Baltimore County Public School.

Ms. Jayne Reaves is teaching the World Religions class and with a B.A. in History with minors in Secondary Education (with an emphasis in Political Science) and International Studies from Union University, she is fully qualified. After university, Ms. Reaves worked for 2 years in Sarajevo, Bosnia from 1998-2000 as a humanitarian aid worker doing post-war reconstruction, English as

a Second Language teaching, food and medical distributions, and religious education. In 2000, she began her graduate studies at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (BTSR) where she received her Master of Divinity degree in 2004 and the Morris Ashcraft Award for Theology and New Testament.

This years Chemistry teacher is Mrs. Kelly Bowie. She attended Indiana University where she received her BS in Biology with honors. Before coming to the Governor's School, she taught biology and chemistry at the Carlisle School, a private International Baccalaureate school in Martinsville, Virginia.

Mr. Mark Whiting is teaching Bio Psychology, and Mr. Guvirender Tejay is teaching Java programming.



Grant Mudge hosts auditions for Shakespeare's "*As You Like It*" Photo by Alex Guzman.

Hurricane Katrina Relief Organizations

American Red Cross: 1-800-HELP-NOW
<http://www.redcross.org/>

The Humane Society:
1-888-259-5431.
https://secure.hsus.org/01/disaster_relief_fund_2005

The United Way:
1-800-272-4630
<https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/hurricane-katrina/donate/>

USA Freedom Corps
1-877-USA-CORPS
<http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov/>