

College Placement

At Christ School, our comprehensive college counseling program starts in the 9th grade, and students are encouraged to choose the college that best “fits.” College preparation, however, begins in the classroom and extends to every facet of a student’s life. The boys on this page illustrate “in their own words” the influence Christ School had on them.



Whit Whitmire – University of the South, Sewanee

“I have elected to go to a small, private, liberal arts college, and I think that is a conscious but also maybe even subconscious decision. I love the tight-knit community that a boarding school offers. I like the culture, the type of people, the traditions, etc. and I have found a similar environment in the University of the South, a.k.a. Sewanee. Boarding school and Christ School in particular, really allows you to make lasting friendships, living with the other guys on dorm becomes like living with brothers, and I know I will stay in touch with the friends I have made at boarding school for the rest of my life, and I really hope to experience the same at college.”

Stanley Ho – University of Illinois

“At Christ School, there are lots of the great teachers. The teachers’ quality is superb. But the most influential teacher to me has been Mr. Martin. Most people may already know he is very intellectual about mathematics. When you talk to him, you will find out his true gift is not just teaching mathematics but leading you to a higher level of thinking. He never gives me an answer to a question without me doing any research or thinking. So, if you go to ask him a question, you will eventually get more and more questions. That is a good way for training students to think more, and deeper.”



John Yanik – North Carolina State University, Park Scholarship Winner

“I did not expect that Christ School would do so much in terms of academically preparing me for college. I hope my college professors are as helpful and friendly as my Christ School teachers have been.”

Shelli and Joe,

I wish you could have been there. Yesterday at Assembly, Erich Cluxton read the criteria for the Park Scholarship and was very eloquent. Then he announced that John received it and there was much applause... so much so, that John finally had to stand up and bow and acknowledge the crowd's approval. Then the entire student body stood up and continued with a standing ovation that lasted about a minute. John had to stand up again to acknowledge them. ...it was great to see him recognized and honored. A magic moment for John and for the boys who are awed by his academic prowess and who respect his accomplishments.

Thanks for sharing Mark and John with us... we are thankful.

Paul Krieger
Headmaster

Right: A note to John Yanik's parents illustrates the CS community's acknowledgment of John's success.

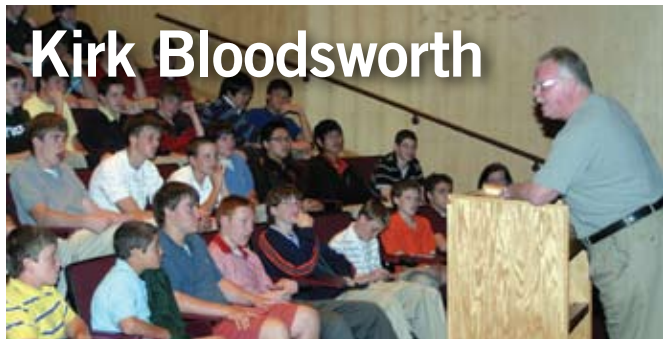


Carter Mahoney Wofford College, Switzer Scholarship Winner

“When I came to CS I did not expect the teachers to be so helpful at any time of the day. I was not used to this prior to coming here. How close you are to your teachers here at CS is something I would like to find in college.”

We're Listening

*Rapt expressions, standing ovation
autographed books... the young men
listen and learn from riveting speakers.*



Kirk Bloodsworth

Senior Blake Cannino brought Kirk Bloodsworth to the school after meeting him through his mother, a longtime friend of Bloodsworth and opponent of the death penalty. Bloodsworth was the first American sentenced to death row to be exonerated by DNA fingerprinting. He spoke to the students about his hardest times in prison and reintegrating into society. Students responded with hushed silences and a standing ovation.

“Kirk didn’t even do anything to lead to this sort of experience. He had no criminal record,” Cannino said. “I think it’ll impact the older boys more because they are going to the real world, and they need to see what can happen, even if you never mess up.”

He now advocates for criminal justice reform with the Innocence Project, a group which assists prisoners who could be proven innocent through DNA testing.



Marcus Luttrell

“My experience with Marcus Luttrell taught me more than just military history; it taught me about leadership, humbleness, true friendship, and the incredible story of what he has been through. It is something that I will remember for the rest of my life.”
— Austin Coward ‘11

Headmaster Krieger gave ninth-grader Austin Coward a book he thought he would like and didn’t think about it again. Not true of Austin. This young man, who wants to be a Navy SEAL, read the book and contacted the author to see if he would speak at Christ School. The best-selling author, Marcus Luttrell, was so impressed with this young man that he came to Arden in May and told the tale that he usually doesn’t speak about. His book, *Lone Survivor*, tells the harrowing story of four Navy SEALs who journeyed into the mountainous border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. The story of heroism, courage, and survival is also a tribute to members of Luttrell’s unit who did not make it off the mountain. Luttrell gave this testament to these American heroes to a packed crowd in the Mebane Field House... and Austin was on the front row.



The English department hosted writer Peter Turchi, director of Warren Wilson College’s MFA Program for Writers. Mr. Turchi led students in an all-day workshop in which they discussed the craft of writing fiction while critiquing each other’s stories.

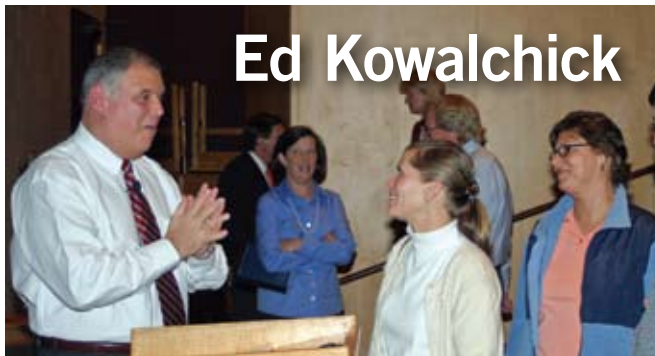
In Turchi’s way of approaching literature and as a way of encouraging students to read carefully he said “think of yourself as a car thief looking for parts, or an espionage agent for a developing country looking to steal classified secrets.” Turchi’s books include *Maps of the Imagination: The Writer as Cartographer*; *Suburban Journals: The Sketchbooks, Drawings, and Prints of Charles Ritchie*, and the novel *The Girls Next Door*.

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Dr. Leonard Sax



Ed Kowalchick

"Kids are the same — the world has changed."

Mr. Kowalchick, an independent school educator for more than 30 years, is co-author of *Building a Residential Curriculum* and co-founder of The Durango Institute, which provides consultation, speakers, in-service, dialogue, and publishing for teachers and administrators who are addressing the significant co-curricular issues facing our students and our schools.

After observing classes and "hanging out" in the dorms, Kowalchick spoke to the parents... "I didn't expect Christ School to be so good; watch the students talk with students, and teachers with teachers, and you can sense the spirit of the school. There is a sense of real investment.



Bill Hauser

L to R: Drake Gordon '10, Bill Hauser '50, Gabe Dunsmith '11, Ross Lalor '10, and Steven Tutor '09.

Dr. Leonard Sax is the executive director of the National Association for Single Sex Public Education and author of *Why Gender Matters* and *Boys Adrift*. He spoke to Christ School parents and students and held a faculty workshop about strategies to teach boys, the differences between the male and female brain and why boys today are becoming less ambitious. Dr. Sax says that single-sex classes provide more opportunities for both boys and girls to succeed. In single-gender schools it is more socially acceptable for a boy to be in a drama class or sing in the choir.

Dr. Sax was very impressed with the Christ School faculty, who have taken the lessons of "teaching to boys" to heart and who celebrate both the arts and athletics. He confessed to being "astonished" by the student response that most of them wanted to be considered good students. "The way that education has changed over the last 30 years, beginning in elementary school, has really created an atmosphere where a lot of young boys regard academic achievement as unmasculine."

Dr. Sax has invited Christ School Spanish teacher Ken Scheiber to present a program at the National Association for Single Sex Public Education conference in Memphis this year. His presentation will be the first they have had specifically about foreign language for boys.

Published author, Bill Hauser '50, hosted a writing workshop for serious students of the writing craft. In preparation for the all-day workshop students read four of Mr. Hauser's published stories and submitted a story of their own to be read in advance by Mr. Hauser for the seminar. Hauser said, "This will give a taste of what a visiting Godwin-Hauser Chair holder might accomplish over a month's residence with a larger total number of boys and with a combination of small-group and individual coaching sessions."

"It is implicit in our mission to prepare boys for their futures in both small and global locales. By bringing in players from those worlds, we can inform, agitate, teach and inspire our boys beyond the classroom." — Paul Krieger

Drama



Alex Williams '09 and Alex Swendsen '08



The Christ School Winter Drama program presented Neil Simon's *The Sunshine Boys*, co-directed by Ms. Laura Hope-Gill and Mr. Michael Zito. Simon's tragicomedy depicts the reunion of two old-time Vaudevillian entertainers attempting to get along in order to give one final performance for a televised variety show.

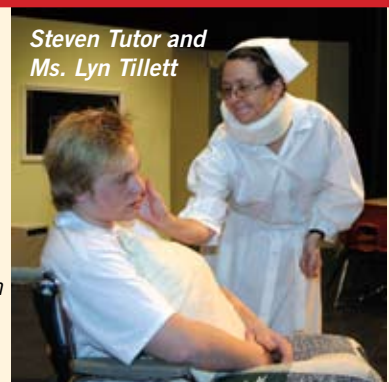
The Winter Players put on three outstanding performances with two separate casts. **Paul Mauer '09** and **Alex Williams '09** shared the lead role of Willie Clark, **Ross Lalor '10** and **Alex Swendsen '08** shared the supporting role of Al Lewis, and **Addison Honeycutt '11** and **Gabe Dunsmith '11** shared the role of Willie's nephew, Ben. The production also owed its success to its dedicated and creative technical crew, led by freshman **John Hall '11**, and supported by **Rick Stingel '11**, **Jordan Parker '11**, **Bob Nelson '11**, and **Ambrose Clark '10**. Mr. Patrick McMurry, chair of the Fine Arts Department, and Mary Landingham added their expertise and gracious support.

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest



The original novel by Ken Kesey published in 1962 has become a classic read by American Literature students in high schools across the country, and everyone knows the 1975 hit film starring Jack Nicholson. Christ School's spring drama team tackled this difficult material with talented cast and crew.

The story of Randle Patrick McMurphy, the ultimate American anti-hero, is brought to life by **Steven Tutor '09**. He's crude, selfish, and maniacal but he has a humanity that won't allow him to stand by and watch the strong prey on the weak. He stands up to the abuses of Nurse Ratched (in a powerful



Steven Tutor and Ms. Lyn Tillett

performance by history teacher Ms. Lyn Tillett) and the system designed to grind out any sign of independence.

Among the patients in the cast were **Rick Martin '10**, who charmed the audiences with his Cheswick and **Robert Garland '10** who was outstanding as the intellectual Dale Harding. Senior **Alex Swendsen's** Billy Bibbit was wonderful as was **Gabe Dunsmith '11** as the hallucinating Martini. **Grayton Cloos '10** turned in strong performance as the bomb-wielding Scanlon. **Danny Agee '09** was the Chief, a man pulled out of catatonia by McMurphy's compassion. **Patrick Lee '12** was an enthusiastic Ruckly. **Jimmy Carpenter '12** and **Drake Gordon '10** were the cruel aides, Warren and Williams. **Colin Reager '12** was Turkle, the corrupt aide who helps McMurphy smuggle in party girls Candy Starr, played by Jessica Bachelder in a stand-out performance and Sandra, played by Suzannah Landingham.

Under the leadership of technical director Brandon Herder, the production looked "properly institutional." **Addison Honeycutt '11** took a professional pride in his work as lighting technician and **John Hall '11** was the sound technician. **Neal Gordon '10** was stage manager. Mary Landingham Dillon was the director who said, "This is one of the best high school cast and crews I have had the privilege to work with."

Music



Fine Arts Chair and Music Instructor Patrick McMurry offered a unique singing opportunity for a year-end chapel service. Faculty and staff participated in a community choir with a fun piece of music called "Cantar" by Jay Althouse. Its Latin-American flavor made for a spicy service!



Daniel Meyer, introduced by Steven Tutor '09, was a featured speaker in chapel. Meyer is Music Director of the Asheville Symphony, Resident Conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony, Music Director of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony, and new Music Director of the Erie Philharmonic. He is recognized as one of the top young conductors of his generation.

Classic Matt



The school was fortunate to have Matt Horwitz '10 perform several times in chapel this year. Recently, Matt played Chopin's Opus 10 Number 12, "Revolutionary" in the Asheville Area Piano Forum Competition. He placed 4th in the advanced section and won a monetary prize.

Zeldafest



Christ School's music festival went indoors because of weather... and the Beaver Center shook with the music! Left: Henry Nagle '11 and Steven Tutor '09 do a little "scratchin' and crossfadin'" for the crowd.



The CS Band, "The Third Section," with members L to R Stevie Barnwell, Max Baker, Harrison Dent, Matt Horwitz, and Jackson Dent.

Art



CS students and their artwork.



Hyun Jae Kim with his pencil drawing "Ray."

Talent Worth Touting

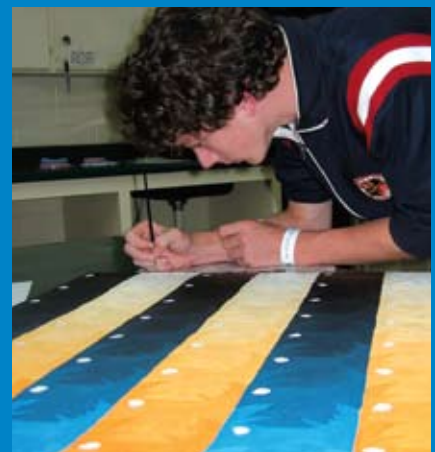
CS Students Place Artwork in the Asheville Museum

Christ School entered three juried high school art competitions this semester. Nine students from grades 8 through 12 had their work accepted for display.

The Scholastic Regional Art Competition accepted a drawing by **Hyun Jae Kim '10** and a painting by **Ross Lalor '10** for display at the Asheville Art Museum; Ross also received a Silver Key Award for his painting.

The Porter Center at Brevard College accepted two paintings by **Cornelius Benecke '09**, two drawings by **D.J. Jackson '08**, and an embossed paper piece by **Blake Cannino '08** for display.

Marcus Stephanides '12, **Patrick Lee '12**, **Alex Kang '11**, **Rob Garland '10**, **Ross Lalor '10**, and **Hyun Jae Kim '10** all had work accepted for display in the *Artists of Tomorrow* show at the Henderson County Arts Council Gallery in Hendersonville. Alex received a 3rd place award for graphic design/photography, Ross received 3rd place in 3-D Design, and Hyun Jae took 3rd place in 2-D Design and 2nd in 3-D design.



Ross Lalor works on "Paradox Fish."

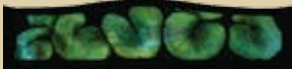


"Jessica" a charcoal drawing by ASSIST student Cornelius Benecke from Germany. This artwork appeared in the **Struan**, Christ School's Journal of Writing and Art.



"Fortitude"

This window has a passage from I Samuel, and is in honor of the parents of Robert H. Stolz '81



The Biblical figures are set against a cruciform background design that incorporates the galax plant, long associated with the school.

Dedicated on Alumni Weekend

New Chapel Windows



Robin Boylan '66, Father Brown, and Happ Carr '56 look at several concepts presented by the designer.



The windows were installed over Christmas break so that the students' chapel program would not be interrupted.

Successfully creating eleven new stained glass windows for St. Joseph's Chapel involved a rigorous and complex 18 month long process, which began with the initial vision of the theme "From Boyhood to Manhood," and then included design development to refine the spiritual content, followed by fabrication of the windows. The designs were forged in close collaboration between Chaplain Father Kirk Brown, Headmaster Paul Krieger, several alumni and the stained glass studio of Cohoes Design Glass Associates, Inc., from New York. The aim was to imbue the windows with an ethos that is truly reflective of Christ School. After the installation was complete in January 2008, Headmaster Paul Krieger proclaimed; "They look like they've been here forever!"

A color brochure of the walking tour, "From Boyhood to Manhood," which describes the new windows is available by contacting the Advancement Office at 828-684-6232.



Bishop Taylor's Annual Visit

Each year, Father David Churchman "Kirk" Brown offers a confirmation class to Christ School students. This year, when Bishop Porter Taylor made his yearly visitation, three students were confirmed.

Left to Right are: Chaplain Kirk Brown, Worth Lynn '12, Sam Maxwell '11, George Ibrahim '12 and The Rt. Reverend Porter G. Taylor.

Winter Sports Wrap-up



MIPs and MVPs left to right: Reggie King '09, Mason Plumlee '09, Casey Pence '08, Will Zemp '10, Lars Farr '09, Charlie Lowrance '09.

Varsity Team Honors

Swimming—Head Coach Vance Brown

Will Zemp '10 Most Improved Player

Casey Pence '08 Most Valuable Player

Wrestling—Head Coach Bruce Stender

Lars Farr '09 Most Improved Player

Charlie Lowrance '09 Most Valuable Player

Basketball—Head Coach David Gaines '84

Miles Plumlee '08 All-Conference, All-State,

Asheville Citizen-Times All-WNC

Reggie King '09 Most Improved Player

Mason Plumlee '09 Most Valuable Player, All-Conference,

All-State, *Asheville Citizen-Times* All-WNC

Lakeem Jackson '09 All-Conference, All-State,

Asheville Citizen-Times All-WNC, 2nd Team

Dee Giger '09 All-Conference

Swimming



Casey Pence '08 swims the 100 butterfly.

The CS Swim Team had a winning record this year of nine wins and seven losses under coaches Vance Brown and Donna Kinney. Senior **Casey Pence '08** led the team in points scored and was awarded the Most Valuable Swimmer at the end of the season. Casey was instrumental all season in the role of team leader, helping the boys who had little or no previous experience in competitive swimming. He was capable of swimming any one of the nine individual events, but generally swam the 100 Fly and the 100 Back, plus two relays.

Newcomers this year, **Marshall Keenan '10** and **Hannes Toewe '09**, both brought experience and talent

but battled injury and illness. **Frank Beal '10**, **George Hoefler '11**, and **David Miller '12** also brought valuable experience as newcomers and participated successfully in each of the meets. From last year's squad were the hard working **Will Zemp '10** who was awarded the Most Improved trophy, **Patrick Gallagher '10**, a rising back-stroker, and **Barry Daniels '09**. Gallagher and Zemp, as well as Hoefler and Pence, represented the school at the State Meet in Raleigh on February 18. Rounding out the team were first year swimmers **Robert Garland '10**, **Jim Key '09**, **Joe Bowen '10** and **Andy Seo '09**, all of whom showed good improvement all season.

Wrestling

The wrestling season began with 13 wrestlers, three of whom had experience, Team Captain **Davis Jayroe '08**, and assisting captains **James Moon '09** and **Chris McLeod '09**.

The team finished the season with 12 wins and 17 losses. At the States Competition, 9 of the 13 Greenie Grapplers advanced to the second day of competition. Grayton Cloos '10 made it into the quarter finals for the 119 class. Chris McLeod placed third at 130 lbs. James Moon placed second at States in the 103 lb class, missing first place by one point. Overall, the Christ School Greenies finished in 9th place of 13 teams, just ahead of Asheville School.

There were many outstanding individuals with many accomplishments. **Charlie Lowrance '09** had 23 wins and received the Billy Dunn Most Valuable Wrestler award. Assisting Captain **James Moon '09** had 26 wins, was second in the state at the 103 weight class, second at the Cardinal Newman Christmas Classic and at the Christ School Invitational (CSI) at 112. Team Captain **Davis Jayroe '08** had 15 wins, and was third at the Cardinal Newman Christmas Classic at 160. Assisting Captain



Chris McLeod '09



Team Captain, Davis Jayroe '08

Chris McLeod '09 had 16 wins. He had the highest winning record without forfeits, was first at Cardinal Newman Christmas Classic at 135, and first at CSI at 135. He was third in the NCISAA State Competition at 130. **Austin Coward '11** had 18 wins, and was first at 119 in the CSI. **Lars Farr '09** had 16 wins and received the Most Improved Wrestler award. **Jon Meidl '11** had 20 wins and was second in the Cardinal Newman Classic. **McKellar Johnson '10** had 22 wins and the most pins; he was third in the Cardinal Newman Classic.

Playing Football in Japan

"The highlight for me was getting to know players from all over the country and to play football like I'd been on that team forever. It was great to be around that kind of talent."

Christ School senior **Davis Jayroe '08** was one of 40 football players from the United States who played the Japanese all-star team on March 22 in the Global Challenge Bowl in Kawasaki, Japan. The Georgetown, SC linebacker flew to San Diego for a team camp and then to Japan.

This opportunity came about when a representative of Global Football came to the Christ School campus for a speaking engagement last year. The group has placed several players at CS, including current student **Hannes Toewe '09**. Coach Williamson asked if anyone from the team wanted to play for the US Team, and Jayroe realized "Though I hope to walk on in college, this might be my last chance to play organized football."

About his experience... "I've never even flown out of this time zone before, and Japan is really different... not bad, just different. I didn't know what to expect, I just wanted to keep an open mind. I got by on the food even though they are big on sea urchins and jellyfish."



Above: Davis Jayroe at the Global Challenge Bowl in Japan.

Above Inset: Davis' listing in the program.

Basketball Team Repeats

High expectations have become the norm for the Varsity Basketball team over the last five years, and the 2007–2008 team handled the pressure with record-breaking ease. The team began the season winning the first 15 games, which included two tournament titles, the CS Tip-Off tournament and the prestigious Chick-Fil-A Classic in Columbia, SC. In the Chick-Fil-A Classic championship game, Christ School beat Pinewood Prep, the three-time SCISAA 3A state champions, 75–73. Christ School rolled through the CAA conference and won several key 3A non-conference games.

They swept home and away games with TC Roberson High School and Asheville High School, winning those four games by an average of 23 points per game. The team entered the state tournament as the #1 seed and beat Providence Day 63–44 in the quarter-finals, then Cannon School 77–60 in the semi-finals, and for the second straight year beat #2 seeded Greensboro Day in the finals, 50–41 to complete the season with a record setting 34 wins and just two losses. The team lost a close game against Oak Hill Academy in the Greensboro Coliseum. The Greenies trailed by only two points at the half and ended up losing 71–68 to the nationally ranked Warriors from Oak Hill. “If we shot better than 5 of 12 from the free throw line in the second half, we probably would have won” said senior **Miles Plumlee**.

Christ School had three players make the 3A All-State team, senior **Miles Plumlee**, a Duke University signee, and juniors **Mason Plumlee**, a Duke University commit and **Lakeem Jackson**. Miles, Mason and Lakeem also made the All-Western NC team, selected by the *Asheville Citizen-Times*. All three were All-Conference as

was junior **Dee Giger**. Seniors **Aaron Ingle** and **Sean Scott**, played valuable roles for the Greenies off the bench. Aaron was a four year player who won three Championships, and Scott won two Championships in his three years. The Greenies should be the favorites to threepeat as they return four starters, including the team’s Most Improved Player award winner, point guard, **Reggie King ’09**. Also returning next year are post players **Christian Rogers ’09**, **Josh Whitney ’09** and **Marshall Plumlee ’11**. Guards **Preston Holmes ’09** and **Hough Price ’09** also return. Five seniors leave having won back-to-back championships; they won 63 games and lost only 6 in two years. Miles, Aaron, Sean, **David Wilson** and **Tony Chang** will graduate having set a school record for wins and having won back-to-back Championships.



Greenies fans are the best!

- Ranked # 1 in the State of North Carolina (public and private) by Maxpreps
- Ranked # 4 in the Nation according to HoopsUSA
- Ranked “Best in the West” by the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.
- At the 50th WNC Sports Awards Banquet held at the Grove Park Inn, Christ School's varsity basketball team was presented with the Jim Tatum Memorial Award—3A/4A Male Team Major Sport.
- Miles Plumlee earned the W. Fleming Talman Memorial Award—3A/4A Male Athlete in a Major Sport.

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GDS comes up short in bid for title

Christ School wins in NCISAA

Arden Christ School Greensboro Day Staff reports

RALEIGH — Facing a team with more Division I talent than some Division I universities, Greensboro Day coach Fredly Johnson saw only one state 3-A championship game. **Slam.** Things Down But not even a deliberate offense and disciplined defense were enough to return in Arden Christ School, which ended the Bengals' season with a 50-41 victory. "We played our hearts out," Johnson said, "but they are the most talented team in Carolina."

HIGH SCHOOLS Basketball

received offers from UCLA and Duke, among others. Christ's two wing players, 6-5 Lakeem Jackson and 6-6 Dee Giger, have both drawn Division I interest. Now, consider that the Bengals started only one player Saturday taller than 6-1. "I can't complain," Johnson said. "We did the best we could do." Even still, the Bengals found themselves down just six at halftime and were within striking distance until late in the game. Bruce Woodall led GDS with 17 points, and Javan Mitchell scored 12. Despite the loss, Johnson and his team had much to be proud of this season. The

Greenies repeat as 3-A state champs

NCISAA 3-A championship Christ School Greensboro Day 50 41

FROM STAFF REPORTS

RALEIGH — The Christ School boys basketball team ended a record-setting season with "another" state championship on Saturday. The Greenies made six straight free throws in the final 1:40 to beat Greensboro Day 50-41 in the championship game at the Independent School Athletic Association 3-A tournament at Rencapacraft School. Christ School finished the season with a school-record 34 wins against just two losses. The state championship was the second straight and the third in four years for the school located in Arden. The Greenies broke the record for most wins by the 2005 team, which finished 32-1 with a state title. "I don't know what to say other than this group of kids, most of which are returning, handled the pressure of repeating," said Christ School coach David Gaines. "And playing the schedule we had, I can't find words

adequate to describe to I'm just thrilled. This is the greatest team Christ School has ever had."

On Saturday, the Greenies scored 11 points in each of the first two quarters to take a 22-16 halftime lead over Greensboro Day (30-1), last year's title game and also earlier this season. Christ School extended its lead to 35-23 by the end of the third quarter, helped by three steals that set up dunks for Mason Plumlee, Miles Plumlee and Lakeem Jackson. Greensboro Day rallied to cut Christ School's lead to five at 42-37, with 3:40 remaining before the Greenies regained control. Mason Plumlee scored 12 of his team-high 15 points in the second half. Jackson scored 12 points, and Dee Giger added 10 for the Greenies. Bruce Woodall of Greensboro Day led all scorers with 17 points. "It's a great accomplishment, something we can all be proud of," said Reggie King, who finished with five points.

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SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS

Four of the five seniors will be continuing their basketball careers at the collegiate level:



David Wilson
Div. III Methodist University



Miles Plumlee
Duke University



Sean Scott
Walk-on, High Point University



Aaron Ingle
Walk-on, Wake Forest