On November 11, McDonogh’s board of trustees announced the appointment of Charles W. Britton as head of school, effective July 1, 2007. Britton will succeed W. Boulton “Bo” Dixon, who is retiring after 15 years as McDonogh’s headmaster and 40 years as an educator.

Britton is currently headmaster at the Casady School, a highly regarded, coeducational independent school in Oklahoma City serving 850 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Prior to his arrival at Casady in 2002, Britton held a range of progressively responsible administrative and teaching positions at Trinity-Pawling School in New York, St. Mark’s School of Texas, and Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh. The Southport, Maine native holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Lake Forest College, where he played ice hockey, and a master’s degree, also in English, from Middlebury College.

We welcome Charlie and Jennifer Britton and their two children, Annie and Trevor, to the McDonogh family.

REUNION WEEKEND ONLY THREE MONTHS AWAY

Pen Pals, campus tours, crabs, parties, athletic games, and more parties! But the best part will be the company.

This year’s Reunion Weekend is shaping up to be a great one. Classes ending in 2 and 7 will be celebrating special reunion years, but all alumni are invited and encouraged to attend. Please check our Web site for details. Registration will begin in March, so look for your brochure in the mail around then.

Did you know you can avoid paying Uncle Sam by supporting McDonogh’s Scholarship Tradition? Click here to learn more.
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE DIXONS FAREWELL CELEBRATION

On Friday, April 27, 2007, alumni, current parents, parents of alumni, and faculty/staff are invited to what will be a memorable evening honoring Headmaster Bo Dixon and his wife, Ann. Since many alumni will already be in town for Reunion Weekend, we thought this would be a great opportunity to come together and celebrate Bo’s successful career at McDonogh. Exciting plans are underway, so please stay tuned for more details.

UPPER SCHOOL HONORS CERES M. HORN ’86

In a special assembly on January 4, students and teachers honored the memory of Ceres M. Horn ’86, who was killed 20 years ago to the day in an Amtrak train crash in Chase, Maryland, while on her way back to Princeton University. At 16, she was a freshman preparing to begin her second semester.

Seniors in the Rollins-Luetkemeyer leadership program produced the assembly to give current students a glimpse of Ceres and what she meant to the McDonogh family. The school’s theatre is named for her. In performances, reflections, and a video presentation, the seniors painted a picture of Ceres: brilliant, kind, friendly, talented, full of promise. Ceres made her mark in the classroom, on the stage, and on the athletic field, earning tremendous respect from those around her. Says a classmate, “Ceres was extraordinary. She was in a class of her own in terms of talent, enthusiasm for life, intellectual curiosity, compassion, and humility. I have never met another person like her since and don’t think I ever will.”

Thanks to those who shared special memories of Ceres with McDonogh. Dawn Potocki Loughborough ’85 spoke at the assembly, and Barbara Garnish ’87 flew from Washington state to share her reflections. Clearly, Ceres’s life impacted many.

WWW.MCDONOGH.ORG/ALUMNISURVEY

McDonogh is launching a program of periodic pulse checks to see what you are doing and learn how you view your McDonogh education through the lens of your college and career experiences. Nearly 20% of alumni have already replied to the school’s first online survey, but we’d love to hear from more. Please take a moment to access the survey at www.mcdonogh.org/alumnisurvey. If you prefer to complete a paper copy, call 410-581-4766 and one will be mailed to you promptly along with a return envelope.

We’ll be closing this survey within the next couple of weeks in order to analyze the results, so make sure you’re included!
ALUMNI DIARY: A FALL RECAP

October 5, 2006: Richmond area alumni gather at the home of Mary Kay and Bill Widhelm ’86. Alumni from classes of 1970 through 1999 reminisce about their days at McDonogh and enjoy hearing updates on the school from Headmaster Bo Dixon and his wife, Ann. Click here to view photos.

October 13, 2006: The school community gathers on Founder’s Day to pay tribute to John McDonogh and all those who have left the McDonogh family in the past year. Click here to view photos.

October 21, 2006: Alumni, along with hundreds and hundreds of others from the McDonogh community, raise nearly $40,000 for breast cancer by participating in Race for the Cure. Click here to view photos.

November 11, 2006: McDonogh pulls out a victory over Gilman in the 91st annual match-up. It started with an orange and black processional to Gilman’s field and culminated with an alumni celebration at Ryan’s Daughter Irish Pub and Restaurant. What happened in between will not soon be forgotten by anyone who attended the game. Click here to view photos.

November 23, 2006: College-age alumni join the Class of 2007 for the largest turnout ever for the annual Thanksgiving Day breakfast. On behalf of all in attendance, members of the Class of 2003 thanked Headmaster Dixon, who is retiring at the end of this school year, with an engraved spatula. Click here to view photos.

November 24, 2006: Swimming and water polo alumni from the last 15 years literally get their feet wet during the Alumni Splash run by Aquatic Director Scott Ward. They are the first alumni group to see the new Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr. Aquatic Center. Click here to view photos.

December 5, 2006: The Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr. Aquatic Center officially opens. Joining Henry and Dot Rosenberg are Anna Martin, widow of Lou Martin, for whom the scoreboard is dedicated, and many of the generous pool donors. The senior swimmers pour water from the old pool into the new, combining the past with the present. Click here to view photos.

December 13, 2006: Alumni from the classes of 1935-1960, their spouses, and guests visit McDonogh for a holiday lunch complete with entertainment by McDonogh’s own a capella groups, The Gentlemen Songsters and The Women of Note. Click here to view photos.
**SPORTS CENTER**

Great sports teams are having a great winter season. Here’s the bottom line:

- Varsity Boys Basketball, 14-6
- Varsity Girls Basketball, 12-2
- Varsity Boys Swimming, 4-1
- Varsity Girls Swimming, 4-0
- Varsity Girls Track, 4-0
- Varsity Boys Wrestling, 10-0

See the Eagles in action! [Click here for the current athletic schedule](#).

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**2007 ALUMNI CALENDAR**  [Please click here for more information.](#)

We hope to see you this year!

1/22  Jupiter, Florida Regional Event
1/23  Naples, Florida Regional Event
1/24  St. Petersburg, Florida Regional Event
1/27-28  Upper School Dance Concert
2/14  Orange & Black Alumni Luncheon
2/22  New York Regional Event
2/27  Alumni Executive Council Meeting
3/14  Orange & Black Alumni Luncheon
3/30  Scholarship Celebration Luncheon
3/30-4/1  Upper School Drama Production “Our Town”
4/11  Orange & Black Alumni Luncheon
4/27  Dixon Farewell Celebration
4/27-28  Alumni Reunion Weekend
4/28  All-School Choral Concert
5/8  Alumni Executive Council Annual Meeting and Reception
5/9  Orange & Black Alumni Spring Luncheon – Spouse/Guest Invited
5/24  Memorial Day Service
6/3  Cookout for Classes of 1993-2007 to honor Bo Dixon
6/8  Commencement
6/13  Orange & Black Alumni Luncheon

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If you have never logged on to our Online Alumni/Faculty Community Directory, or you logged on but have not updated your Biographical Profile, we ask that you access the directory to:

- update your biographical information
- find contact information for classmates and other alumni & faculty
- submit and view class notes, including photos
- stay connected with McDonogh School

[Click here to log on!](#)
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