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The Move

By Mrs. Dory Zinkand, Principal

When we thought of the furniture to be moved, the boxes to be packed, the walls to be painted, the repairs, the trucks, the wireless network and telephone systems, the copiers, the financial risk, summer classes starting in less than three weeks, sixteen new staff and faculty members and perhaps a hundred new students, not to mention the usual work of summer (planning schedules, ordering curriculum and training teachers) it was natural to begin feeling overwhelmed.

The Israelites asked, "Did God bring us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" They could not see past the rocks and sand and imagine how God would provide them with manna, water gushing from the rocks and a promised land flowing with milk and honey. So, too, we have difficulty seeing past boxes and paint cans to see the work God is doing here at Tall Oaks. Yet, it is clear to see that He has directed this move from the start. We are confident that He did not send us out from our comfort zone to perish in the wilderness. He who began this good work will carry it out until His purposes have been accomplished.

What a privilege it has been to see those purposes take shape! God sent the boxes and the hands to fill them. He sent trucks and strong men, women and children to load and unload them. He sent painters. He sent computer systems and a team of "IT Dads" to install them. He sent us gifted and enthusiastic teachers. He sent—new families and students to join us in this adventure.



The new home of Tall Oaks Classical School!

We are in our new home now, but not entirely moved in. We will have boxes to unpack for quite some time. We are still making wrong turns down hallways and arranging and rearranging the furniture. We are still struggling to learn the names of our many new friends. Yet we are doing all these things with glad hearts, grateful that we are being blessed with the opportunity to bring classical and Christian education to more families in this four-state area and waiting with joyful anticipation to learn how God will use all this for His glory and for the good of His people.

We invite our friends and supporters to stop by and see our new facility. You may visit

during a scheduled open house or call ahead to arrange for a private tour.

Currently, total enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is at 215. Because we have the space now to double some classes, we still have openings. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about classical and Christian education at Tall Oaks, please visit our web site or call our office to ask that an information packet be sent out to you. If you have any questions, Mrs. Baumann, our Director of Admissions & Community Life, would be happy to talk with you.

Above all, we ask for your prayers. Please thank God with us for His generous provisions and ask that He continue to provide the wisdom, strength and resources we need to do His work here at Tall Oaks.

We invite you to join us for our convocation service on Thursday morning, September 2, 2010, at 8:15 a.m., as we dedicate our new school year to the Lord and ask for His blessings.

Learning goes on in Mrs. Brearily's summer class amid unpacked boxes.



TOCS Elects New Board Member



The Tall Oaks Classical School Board has elected Dan Mengel to a three-year term. Dan, his wife Jen, and their daughters Naomi (fifth grade) and Kiersten (first grade) have been very involved in the community at Tall Oaks since 2006. Dan has recently headed up the team of "IT Dads" who have been preparing the way for our move into our new facility at First Baptist Church in New Castle. Dan is employed by Info Solutions, LLC, as a managing consultant in information security. The Mengels are active members of Bible Fellowship Church in Newark. We are excited to welcome Dan to this important position at Tall Oaks.

We give thanks for the service of two of our Board members. Both Dr. David Williams and Mr. Aaron Martin have resigned from the Board due to changes in their schedules and families. Mr. Martin was elected to the Board in 2008 and has used his gifts and his calling as an attorney to help the Board deal with a variety of issues. Dr. Williams was elected to the Board in 2006. His many gifts and experiences as an educator, administrator and parent have been an invaluable asset during these important years of change and growth at Tall Oaks.

Outgoing Student Government Officers Say Farewell

by Katelyn Stover, Outgoing Student Government Secretary

Student Government was busy last year planning many fundraisers and events for the student body. A most important activity every year that attracts both upper- and lower-school students and their parents is the annual ski trip. Many families drive to the slopes of Jack Frost Mountain early on a February morning for a fun, eventful day of skiing, tubing and snowboarding. Mild, sunny weather and plentiful snow provide perfect conditions.

Last spring, student government planned a March Madness family night as a fundraiser for the Junior / Senior trip to Scotland. Parents and faculty members played against the Boys' and Girls' Varsity teams, and the faculty took the win!

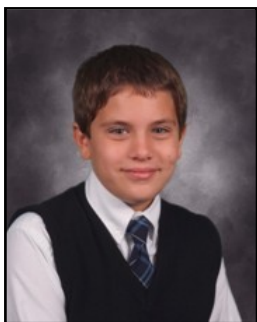
It has been a pleasure for the officers of student government to plan events for the student body throughout this past year, and now we have passed the torch to the newly selected officers so they can fully prepare for next year. For the 2010-2011 school year, the officers are Emery Baumann, President; Lydia Stinson, Vice-President; Megan Palmer, Treasurer; and Jenn Ziegler, Secretary.

Student Government Update

by Emery Baumann, Incoming Student Government President

While the summer months bring a much-needed break from strenuous studying and compelling classes, Tall Oaks' student government has been hard at work planning events and activities for the beginning of the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. We are very excited about the new facility and students that God has blessed us with and are anticipating a fruitful year filled with spiritual growth and maturing, both as a student body and as individuals.

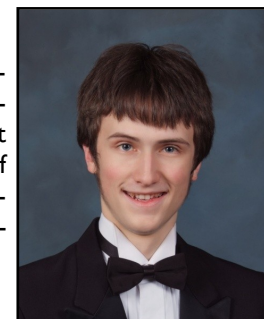
Shortly after school resumes in the fall, elections for class representatives will be held. Representatives will serve as mediators between the student government and their classes concerning decisions reached in our meetings and will present ideas and feedback to the student government from the class each one represents. In addition, representatives are critical in planning and executing events and activities. We encourage each 7th- through 12th-grade student to prayerfully consider running for the position of class representative.



James Donnelly, grade 6, won First Place in the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest, not only at the local Cooches' Bridge Chapter level, but also at the Delaware state level. He was awarded a certificate, medal and cash award on March 20th at the Wilmington Country Club and was honored again in Dover on May 8th. James's essay chronicled the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad through the eyes of an Irish immigrant. His essay may be read at the Tall Oaks website:

<http://www.talloaksclassicalschool.org/site09/studentnews.html>

Students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 recently participated along with Tall Oaks faculty in PEERS Testing, created by the Nehemiah Institute, whose purpose is, according to their website, "to identify a person's worldview in five categories: Politics, Economics, Education, Religion, and Social Issues (PEERS). The PEERS test provides an objective means for measuring the understanding of how Biblical principles apply to all areas of one's life. The value of PEERS testing is its ability to compare a student's worldview with that of their teachers...." Congratulations to **Chad Wilkinson**, grade 12, who was awarded a Certificate of Biblical Understanding for receiving a perfect score.



Fifth-grade student **Kana Turley** won First Place nationally in the American Mothers Inc. "What My Mother Means to Me" Fifth-Grade Essay Contest. Kana and her mother, Akiko Turley, were honored during a ceremony at Tall Oaks on April 28th and at the National Mothers Convention for AMI held in New York City on May 1st. Her essay may be read at the Tall Oaks website:

<http://www.talloaksclassicalschool.org/site09/studentnews.html>

Teachers' Works Published

Two publications well known among classical Christian educators have recently included works by two Tall Oaks teachers.

Mr. Nathan Tillman has written articles for a series of student texts entitled *Omnibus*, a Latin term meaning "all encompassing." According to the publisher, Veritas Press in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, "*Omnibus* is the classical Christian educational answer to history, theology, and literature. Combining these disciplines will have students grow in their appreciation of the unity of all knowledge, and all the material is taught through a biblical worldview."

Tillman's work includes Sessions for "Ovid's *Metamorphoses*" and "Lucretius' *On the Nature of Things*," *Omnibus IV*; Essay and Sessions for "*The Decameron of Boccaccio*," *Omnibus V*, available in August 2010; and Essay and Sessions for "Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*," *Omnibus VI*, to be published in the future.

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Upcoming Events...

- Thursday, 8/19 Parent Orientation (6:30 pm)
- Monday, 8/23 First day of school
- Saturday, 8/28 All school picnic
- Thursday, 9/2 Prayer Convocation (8:15 am)
- Monday, 9/6 **Labor Day (no school)**
- Friday, 9/17 Grandparents Day (dismissal @ 11:30)
- Friday, 9/17 Hayride & Bonfire
- Friday, 9/24 **P/T Conferences (no school)**
- Fri.-Sun., 9/24-26 Service Retreat (9th-12th grades)
- Tuesday, 10/5 Open House
- Friday, 10/29 Reformation Day (dismissal @ 12:20)
- Friday, 11/5 Annual Fund Kick-off / Fine Dessert (7 pm)
- Wednesday, 11/10 Open House

New TOCS Staff and Faculty Members Announced

TOCS is excited to announce that this year marks the first time we have hired a Tall Oaks graduate! We extend a hearty welcome to all the new staff and faculty members who will be joining us this year.

Karl Mason, Tall Oaks Class of 2003, has a B.A. in English from Villanova University and a Masters degree from Durham University in England. He will be teaching dialectic-level Language Arts courses.

Fola Babatunde – 4th- and 6th-Grade Mathematics. Fola has a Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, and a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering with an emphasis on Software Engineering from Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania. She has worked in the Information Technology industries in Nigeria and the United States for about ten years. She and her husband, Tim, are blessed with two children, Erin and Teni.

Cheryl Buckalew – Librarian. Cheryl has been employed as a Christian School Librarian for thirty-two years. She enjoys introducing students to new authors and titles, as well as assisting them with their research projects. Her two children graduated from New Castle Christian Academy, and she now has four grandchildren attending Tall Oaks Classical School.

Jennifer Burrows – 2nd-Grade Teacher. Previously a music teacher at New Castle Christian Academy, Jennifer has a B.A. in Music Education from Delaware State. She has taught music at all levels, as well as middle- and high-school literature, science and Bible. She and her husband, Matthew, have two children, Madison and Ethan.

Ranelle Groth – Accreditation Coordinator. Ranelle has a B.A. in Economics and Business Administration from Ursinus College. She has most recently worked in the offices at Wilmington Christian School, Mercer Christian Academy and Webster Dermatology. She and her husband, John, have three children. Shannon, their youngest, will be in the 12th grade at Tall Oaks.

Jenny Hardcastle – Kindergarten Aide. Jenny has a B.S. in Elementary Education and Sociology from the University of Wisconsin - Parkside. She has been a full-time mother at home for the past ten years, but taught 4th grade at Pike Creek Christian School prior to having children. She and her husband, Blake, have three boys, Nathan, Jack and Sam.

Lori Hedding – 5th-Grade Teacher. Lori has a B.S. in Education from Lancaster Bible College and is currently working on a Master's Degree. She has taught fifth grade for the past five years at Lighthouse Christian Academy, an ACCS member school in Stevenson, MD. She and her husband, John, have one son, Ethan.

Joan Henderson – Biology and Chemistry. Joan has a B.S. in Biology from Virginia Tech and a middle- and high-school biology teacher's certificate from Penn State. She is currently teaching math at New Covenant Christian School, an ACCS member school in Abingdon, Maryland. She and her husband, Eric, have three grown children, including Rebecca Trudeau, the teacher she is replacing.

Shannon Horton – 1st-Grade Teacher. Previously the Elementary Principal at New Castle Christian Academy, Shannon has a B.S. in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in School Leadership and Instruction, both from Wilmington College. Shannon and her husband, Keith, have two children, Savannah and Summer.

Beth McGarvey – 4th- through 6-Grade Physical Education. Beth has a B.A. in Science from Wheaton College and a B.S. in Nursing from Rush University. She and her husband, Chris, have four children: Hannah, Sam, Lily and Jonathan.

Monica Pitts - Extended Day Supervisor. Monica attended Liberty University for two years before marrying her husband Jonathan and having their three children, Caleb, Micah and Abigail. She was previously a nanny, homeschooled for a few years and has worked in children's ministry for more than fifteen years.

Debbie Pozsonyi – 1st-Grade Teacher's Aide. Debbie is a graduate of the University of Delaware. She was the Extended Day Director for Tall Oaks Classical School last year. She and her husband, Kevin, have three children: Calvin, Joshua and Rebekah.

Heather Rash – 3rd-Grade Teacher. Previously a third-grade teacher at New Castle Christian Academy, Heather has a B.S. in education from Northern Arizona University. She and her husband, Bryan, have two children, Ryan and Amy.

Shelley Stone – Extended Day Supervisor and 1st- through 3rd-Grade Physical Education. Shelley currently serves as an Extended Day Supervisor at Tall Oaks. She will continue in this capacity as she adds physical education classes to her schedule. She and her husband, Bowen, have two children: Abigail and Adaire.

Mark Unruh – Assistant to the Headmaster. Previously the Upper School Principal at New Castle Christian Academy, Mark has a B.S. in Elementary Education from Baptist Bible College. He and his wife, Melody, have three children, Alyssa, Mackenzie and Bryce.

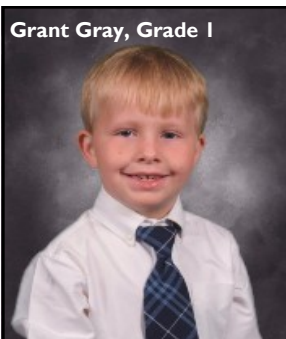
Stephanie Welch – 4th-Grade and 6th-Grade Teacher; Academic Coach. Previously a math teacher at New Castle Christian Academy, Stephanie has a B.A. in Education from Western Governors College in Utah. She and her husband, Richard, have two children. Juliann, their youngest, will be in the 12th grade at Tall Oaks.

Congratulations are due to the 2009-2010 recipients of the David Award, the highest honor that any first-through twelfth-grade, full-time Tall Oaks student may earn. The faculty and administration determine the recipients based on the following attributes:

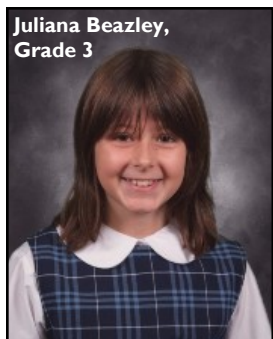
Hardworking — Consistently works with determination, does not complain and is obedient.

Humble — Knows his or her place before God and other people and exhibits a servant's attitude.

Honors others — Looks out for the interest of others, encourages them to excel and rejoices with those who do.



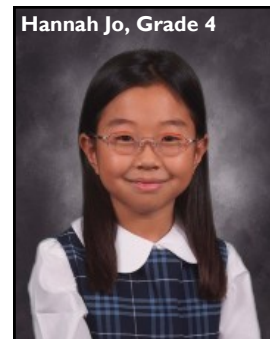
Grant Gray, Grade 1



Juliana Beazley, Grade 3



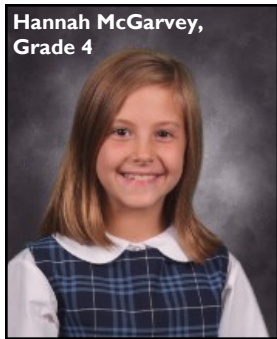
Lezlie Gray, Grade 4



Hannah Jo, Grade 4



Naomi Mengel, Grade 4



Hannah McGarvey, Grade 4



Joy Brunson, Grade 6



Lily Willis, Grade 6

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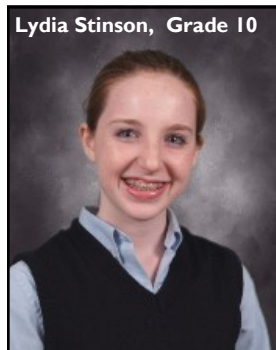
Samantha Abdullah, Grade 6



Shea Crowe, Grade 7



Sarah Chaffee, Grade 8



Lydia Stinson, Grade 10



Kelly Weber, Grade 11

Works (Cont'd.)

Mr. Steven Turley was invited to speak with other prominent Christian thinkers, including Gene Veith, Ken Meyers and others, at the Classical Christian Fine Arts Symposium presented by Square Halo Books and Veritas Academy in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in March. His topic was "Redeeming the Senses: The Aesthetics of Classical Education".

In addition, Mr. Turley was published in the Spring 2010 issue of *Classis*, the quarterly journal published by the Association of Classical and Christian Schools. His article entitled "Educational Aesthetics and Restoring Our Humanity" can be read at the following link:

<http://www.accsedu.org/files/2010%20CLASSIS/2010%20Spring%20Classis%20Online.pdf>



Athletics Corner

By Mrs. Louise Shaw, Athletic Director

We look forward to holding practices and games on site this year. The years of renting a facility and driving after school to practices, for the most part, have ceased. As we add additional sports, we may still need to find fields but we trust the Lord will provide these as the needs arrive.

As we welcome many new families, it is a good opportunity to review our philosophy and goals so that we all have a firm foundation for the Athletic Program.

Our logo is the Titan. During a contest in 2007, this kneeling Titan was chosen from among many entries because it reflects the philosophy of all we do. We are here to glorify our God and we bow humbly to serve the King. We have a strong commitment to

developing character that imitates and reflects the character of Christ, on and off the playing field. Our desire is to compete to win the prize, but not at all costs. Our reflection of the King we serve is the most important component of our athletic experience. When mistakes are made, we will make every effort to repent and be reconciled. The core values of joy, excellence and perseverance underline all that we do in athletics with the attitude of serving our King.

Our school has a strong academic program which requires much from our students. We have a strong commitment to family life. In trying to balance these demands and develop excellence in our athletic endeavors, it must be remembered that limitations in practice and game sched-

ules are necessary. We will ask for each athlete to make a commitment to the team for the entire season, attending all practices and games.

Our fall sports will include varsity and junior-high volleyball and varsity and junior-high cross country. In the winter, we will offer varsity and junior-high basketball. In the spring of 2011, we are planning to launch our girls soccer program, with a goal to introduce boys soccer in the fall of 2011. If there is interest in other sport offerings, such as girls softball, we will make an effort to make it possible.

Homeschooled students are welcome to play for Tall Oaks teams.

We look forward to the upcoming year of sports at Tall Oaks.

Let's go, Titans!

Field Day 2010

On Friday, May 28th, cowboy boots, hats, lassoes, hay bales and inflatable ponies descended upon the Tall Oaks Rodeo at our annual Field Day, the last official day of school.



The Babatunde family get into the spirit of the Rodeo theme.



Zechariah Carter, grade 1, prepares for the potato hop.



TOCS students hold their own against parents and faculty during the annual Tug-of-War event.

Year-End Grammar Honor Roll

FIRST GRADE

Zechariah Carter	A Honors
Gracelyn Landis	A Honors
Iain Martin	A Honors
Ruth Praveen	A Honors
Margaret Schneider	A Honors
Adaire Stone	A Honors
Katherine Winstead	A Honors
Simon Abdullah	AB Honors
Giovanni Casagrande	AB Honors
Grant Gray	AB Honors
Dru Johnson	AB Honors
Rebekah Pozsonyi	AB Honors

SECOND GRADE

Erin Babatunde	A Honors
Rose Brown	A Honors
Jack Hardcastle	A Honors
Rachel Man	A Honors
Rhiannon Martin	A Honors
Samuel McGarvey	A Honors
Andrew Monson	A Honors
Micah Pitts	A Honors
Katie Rippon	A Honors
Aiden Schmiedel	A Honors
Marc Sherman	A Honors
Ryan Silver	A Honors
Jacob Stover	A Honors
Mariko Turley	A Honors
Zion Weeks	A Honors

SECOND GRADE (con'td)

Ethan Ferro	AB Honors
Faith Mitchell	AB Honors
Katie Rhoades	AB Honors
Mae Willis	AB Honors

THIRD GRADE

Nise Allen	A Honors
Taylor Baines	A Honors
Jalynn Brunson	A Honors
Alexee Gray	A Honors
Clarke Johnson	A Honors
Joshua Pozsonyi	A Honors
Jaylen Rowe	A Honors
Erykah Tolbert	A Honors
Josiah Williams	A Honors
Julianna Beazley	AB Honors
Aidan Briggs	AB Honors
Nathan Hardcastle	AB Honors
Elizabeth Kelly	AB Honors
Thomas McGraw	AB Honors

FOURTH GRADE

Lezlie Gray	A Honors
Hannah Jo	A Honors
Hannah McGarvey	A Honors
Naomi Mengel	A Honors
Ruby Mercer	A Honors
Luke Sherman	A Honors

FOURTH GRADE (cont'd)

Eric Ziegler	A Honors
Trevor Baines	AB Honors
Daniel Donnelly	AB Honors
Kyle Martin	AB Honors
Caleb Pitts	AB Honors
Anthony Roundtree	AB Honors

FIFTH GRADE

Lydia Collins	A Honors
Sophia Schmiedel	A Honors
Kana Turley	A Honors
Aaron Weber	A Honors
Badia Weeks	A Honors
Phoebe Lanouette	AB Honors
Emma Mercer	AB Honors
Calvin Pozsonyi	AB Honors
Benjamin Schneider	AB Honors
Dana Sorey	AB Honors

SIXTH GRADE

Samantha Abdullah	A Honors
Joy Brunson	A Honors
James Donnelly	A Honors
Michaela Kelly	A Honors
Grace Baumann	AB Honors
Sean Lang	AB Honors
Robert Sanders	AB Honors
David Walczak	AB Honors
Lily Willis	AB Honors

Year-End Dialectic & Rhetoric Honor Roll

SEVENTH GRADE

AnnaClaire Schmiedel	Summa Cum Laude
Paisley Lanouette	Cum Laude
Jonathan Stover	Cum Laude

EIGHTH GRADE

Hannah Crismon	Summa Cum Laude
Brendan Donnelly	Summa Cum Laude
Sabrina Myoda	Summa Cum Laude
Jaime Weber	Summa Cum Laude
Valerie Ziegler	Summa Cum Laude
Sarah Chaffee	Magna Cum Laude
Christina Mentzer	Magna Cum Laude

NINTH GRADE

Joshua Brunson	Cum Laude
Nathan Foggy	Cum Laude
Courtney Lang	Cum Laude

TENTH GRADE

Megan Palmer	Summa Cum Laude
Lydia Stinson	Summa Cum Laude
Kassiya Yarovoy	Summa Cum Laude

ELEVENTH GRADE

Shannon Groth	Summa Cum Laude
Karen Shaw	Summa Cum Laude
Kelly Weber	Summa Cum Laude
Jennifer Ziegler	Summa Cum Laude

TWELFTH GRADE

Jessalyn Foggy	Summa Cum Laude
Jeffrey Loux	Summa Cum Laude
Katie Palmer	Summa Cum Laude
Chad Wilkinson	Summa Cum Laude
Emily Voshell	Magna Cum Laude
Jesse Biron	Cum Laude

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Cum Laude = 3.5

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Consider what your investment might be to the students at Tall Oaks for generations to come...



Congratulations, Class of 2010!

On Saturday, May 28, 2010, ten Tall Oaks students, along with their families and friends, gathered at Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church to celebrate the culmination of many years of diligent work. Valedictorian Jeff Loux addressed his classmates, their families and guests with a challenge to look toward the future, while class Salutatorian Katie Palmer reflected on the past. The ceremony was a lovely reminder of God's steadfastness in the lives of these ten young people.

The class of 2010 plan to study at the following institutions:

Jesse Biron – Le Tourneau University, Longview, TX.



Front to Back: Emily Voshell, Danny Favuzza, Rachel Lanouette, Jeff Loux, Katie Palmer, Matt Hobbs, Katelyn Stover, Jesse Biron, Jessalyn Foggy, Chad Wilkinson.

Danny Favuzza – University of Delaware, Newark, DE.

Jessalyn Foggy – Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.

Matt Hobbs – Delaware Technical Community College, Newark, DE.

Rachel Lanouette – Cecil College, North East, MD.

Jeff Loux – Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

Katie Palmer – Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA.

Katelyn Stover – Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH.

Emily Voshell – Philadelphia University, Philadelphia, PA.

Chad Wilkinson – University of Delaware, Newark, DE.