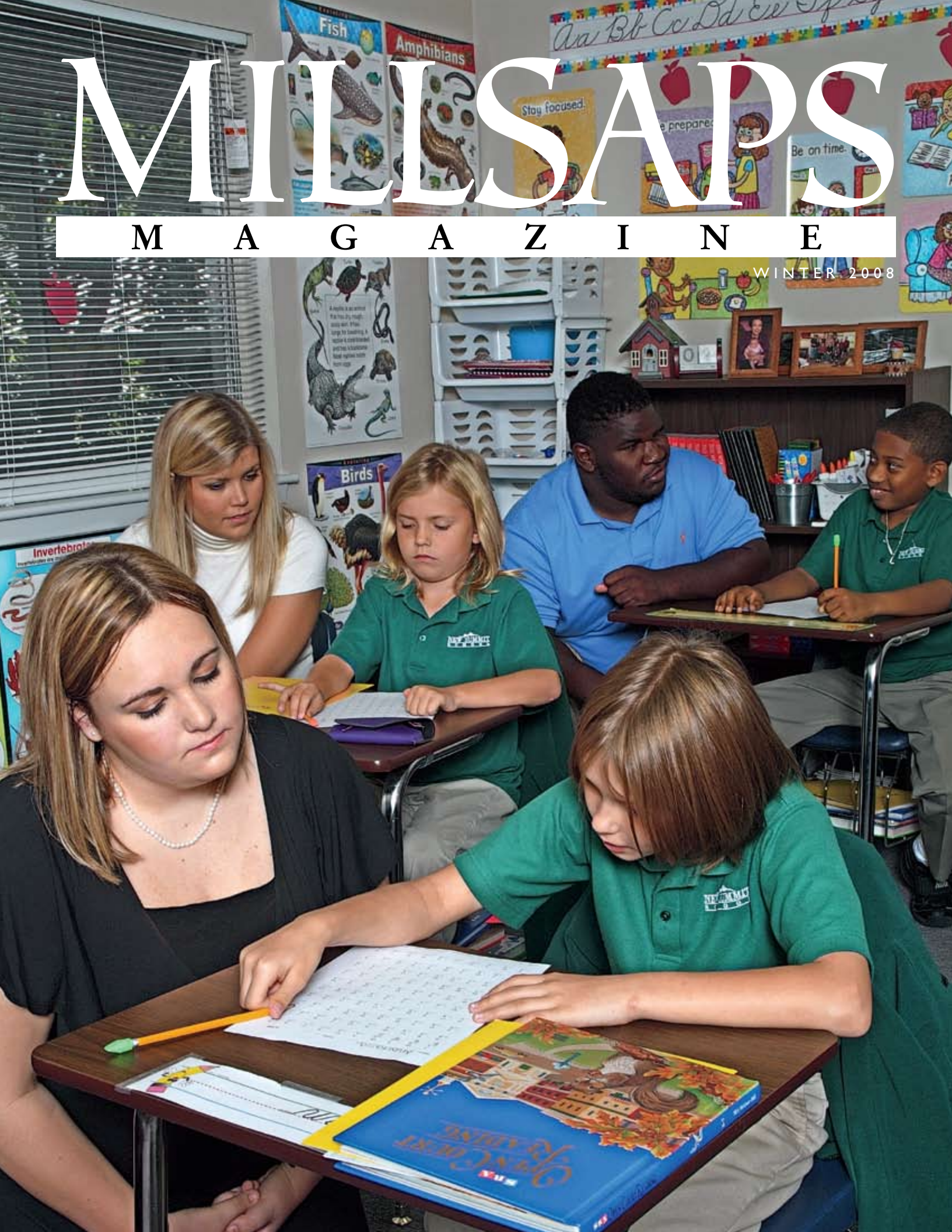


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Service learning is a term that describes what happens when students serve their communities and in the process learn about themselves and the greater world. According to Dr. Darby Ray at Millsaps, "Service-learning projects are a form of hands-on learning. They challenge students to connect classroom and text-based learning with practical experiences in real-world laboratories."

John Kellogg, a One Campus, One Community Fellow, has written in this issue about his experience living in the North Midtown neighborhood. His relentless optimism in the face of desperate circumstances will inspire even the most cynical reader.

We live in a time when the economy is floundering and commerce and banking face challenges. Faculty members from the Else School of Management enlightened the Millsaps community about this turmoil in a forum entitled "Access and Excess: The Financial Meltdown Explained."

A road map for surviving tumultuous times in history may be found in the article on the late Rabbi Perry Nussbaum that describes his courage and conviction in the 1960s. The Nussbaum lecture series was launched in 2008 and will continue to host compelling speakers. Like Rabbi Nussbaum, Millsaps College has stood against racial bigotry and religious prejudice in the South.

There are exciting projects all around the Millsaps campus these days. The new Keck lab and the interdisciplinary programming it supports are unique to Millsaps. Weaving together anthropology, archaeology, geology, biology, and chemistry, the new facility will enable students to connect historical dots using artifacts from Yucatán and Albania. On campus, the new Mitchell garden between the sorority lodges and the library is a beautiful, tranquil stopping place.

I invite you to take a campus tour on your next visit and see the construction under way on three new residence halls as well as improvements made to the Christian Center. Times are changing, and the campus is changing with them. Millsaps continues to attract bright students, to create innovative programs, to challenge and motivate, and to serve as the cultural heart of the greater Jackson community.

Warmly,

Frances Lucas

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