

# St. Andrews by the Lake

Alumni Newsletter



Jan - Feb  
2014

facebook | join our group +

## LOOKING AHEAD TO ALUMNI WEEKEND, 2014

I'm sitting at my desk in the L.A. Building with the windows open. The temperature outside is 77 degrees—more like a springtime afternoon. I've been looking through some photographs of Alumni Weekends past sent to me by Lee Barnhardt Hatling '78, and it fills me with great memories and makes me look forward to seeing many old friends in April of 2014.

Next year, Alumni Weekend will take place one week earlier than usual (April 11-12) because Easter is the following weekend. The Class of 1964 will celebrate its 50th Reunion, and they are working to get a good group here on campus. We even have a group coming to represent the Class of 1954! Other classes with milestones next year include the Class of 1969 (a fantastic group of people from the tail-end of a very interesting decade), the Class of 1974, marking their 40th Reunion, and the Class of '79, gearing up for their 35th.

We are hoping that those of you in other reunion classes (1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004) will gather your friends and fellow classmates together for what promises to be a special weekend at St. Andrews. As Flounder in "Animal House" said to his fraternity brothers as they headed out for their road trip in his brother's brand new Lincoln, "This is going to be G-R-E-A-T!"

Our Friday evening party in Vardell will feature an Alumni Art Show and Artist's Market. We'll have music provided by some of our most talented alumni musicians.

Saturday morning, April 12, will feature a car show on campus. This is the senior project for one of St. Andrews's Public History majors. If you are an alum who owns a "significant" or restored car and would like to participate, let us know, email [thompsonje@sapc.edu](mailto:thompsonje@sapc.edu) or [click here](#).

Science at St. Andrews Homecoming will have its third annual gathering, matched only by a special Humanities event which we will tell you about soon. And this year, for the first time, we will implement a new project at St. Andrews based on the popular NPR series "StoryCorps." Our version will be called "Lakeside Chat", and you'll be able to sign up ahead of time to share and record your St. Andrews stories with friends, professors or suitemates. We will have a recording booth conveniently set up near the lake.

Watch your mail this month for your invitation to Alumni Weekend which will include a schedule of events, contact information for hotels, and more about this special time at St. Andrews. Come and enjoy the timeless beauty of our campus, join us for a meal as we honor our Alumni Award recipients, and spend some time reminiscing and mingling with old and new friends.

**Ellen Thompson '78**  
**Director of Alumni Relations**



## Upcoming Events



Alumni  
Gathering  
Atlanta, GA  
January 30, 2014



Alumni Council  
Meeting  
February 21-22,  
2014



Alumni  
Gathering  
Richmond, VA  
March TBD, 2014

# LAURINBURG AREA ALUMNI

**Did you know** that there are 230 St. Andrews Alumni in the Laurinburg area? About 25 of us gathered in Belk Center early in December and enjoyed some good conversation and holiday cheer. We had so much fun that Laura Molinario '92 suggested we get together again for a gathering by the lake in early June.





Admitted Students Day  
April 5th,  
2014



Alumni Weekend  
April 11-12,  
2014



Graduation  
May 3rd,  
2014

## The St. Andrews Community Looks Forward to the Religion and Science Roundtable on January 14, 2014

This lecture, the first of two that will be held on campus this year, is entitled "The Related World of God and the Atom." The Roundtable will feature Dr. Randy Bremer, who will discuss the work of two great Scotsmen, the 19th century physicist, James Clerk Maxwell, and 20th century theologian T. F. Torrance. Maxwell's book, *A Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism*, published in 1873, was hailed by Albert Einstein as the most significant work since Isaac Newton, and was of great influence over Torrance's work in theology and physics.

Maxwell's understanding of Trinitarian theology led to Torrance's dissatisfaction with the mechanistic world view that dominated since Newton and enabled him to articulate and mathematically define a dynamic field theory which opened the door for 20th century advances in physics. Torrance is considered one of the giants of modern Reformed theology. A long-time professor at Edinburgh, advisor to the Vatican about the philosophy of science, and a recipient of the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, Torrance followed his mentor, Karl Barth, as a thoroughgoing Trinitarian, and he brought to his theology a profound grasp of 20th century physics, especially Einstein's theory of relativity.

Dr. Bremer is a graduate of both Princeton and Union Theological Seminaries. He has traveled widely, teaching Scripture and Theology in India, Israel, Norway, Russia, Greece and Turkey, among other countries. He has also lectured at the University of the Nations in Kona, Hawaii.

The lecture in Belk Main Lounge will follow dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please join us if you are in the area. Email Lori Weaver at [weaverll@sapc.edu](mailto:weaverll@sapc.edu) to RSVP.



## UPCOMING ATLANTA ALUMNI GATHERING

Join us on Thursday, January 30, at 6:00 p.m. as St. Andrews alumni get together at the Morningside home of Debbie and Jerry Miller. We'll have plenty of food, drinks, and fun, and President Paul Baldasare will be on hand to share news of what's happening at the University.

Be on the look-out for an invitation in your email inbox or in the mail. For more information or questions, contact Ellen Thompson at 910-277-5665 or [thompsonje@sapc.edu](mailto:thompsonje@sapc.edu).



**ALSO ON THE HORIZON** is a St. Andrews Alumni event in mid-March in Richmond, VA. Stay tuned!



## Writers' Forum Spring 2014

St. Andrews University Writers' Forum Spring 2014 begins on January 23 with our own Terra Elan McVoy '96 reading in the Ronald H. Bayes Writers' Forum Main Lounge. Terra, who is originally from Tallahassee, FL, currently lives in Clarkston, GA with her husband, Scott Burland.

While she was a student here, Terra was the 1995 Bunn-McClelland Chapbook Award winner. After graduating from St. Andrews, she received her Master's in Creative Writing at Florida State University. She is the author of five young adult books; the most

recent, *Criminal*, was published in May of 2013. In addition to writing, Terra is a part-time bookseller at the independent bookstore, Little Shop of Stories, in Decatur, GA. She recently completed a long stint with the AJC Decatur Book Festival in which she served as volunteer children's coordinator, Assistant Program Director, and then Program Director for two years.

Terra serves on St. Andrews' Alumni Council. She will also be participating in an in-class writing workshop when she visits the campus this month.

## A MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW CLARK '93, Alumni Council President

As we enter the New Year 2014, I want to share an update from the St. Andrews campus.

This past November, I was on campus for an Admissions Open House. We had 32 prospective students whose interests ranged from Philosophy and Religion to Pre-Med and Pre-Vet. One young woman wants to pursue a Ph.D in Neuroscience. She had already decided to attend another college, but came to the Open House just to give St. Andrews a chance. Something magical happened when she toured the campus that day, and when I met her on the balcony of Belk looking over the lake, she told me she had changed her mind and wanted to come to St. Andrews.

I wish I could capture for you the enthusiasm for St. Andrews that came through in our conversation. The promise of her college career and the excitement she experienced seeing St. Andrews for the first time were palpable.

That same day I met a young man and his family who drove down from Baltimore just for the day. They'd left in the middle of the night to be on campus by 9 a.m. They had met Debbie Bell, our Acting Director of Enrollment Management, at a college fair the week before and decided to come visit us. By the end of the day, they too had decided that St. Andrews was their first choice.

Personally, I was impressed that these two prospective students were so favorably influenced by their visit to campus that they made their decisions to come here in just a couple of hours. To me, more than anything else, this proves that St. Andrews is still a viable and important option to many young men and women. I came home re-energized and optimistic about our recruiting even more fantastic students.

Regardless of how successful the Open House was, there was also a lot of uncertainty. As I left Belk, long after most of the prospective students had left, there were still 5 or 6 families grouped around the financial aid tables, earnestly talking with counselors and trying to find a way to make the finances work.

As you know, a significant portion of our institutional financial aid comes from the Annual Fund. If you've not yet made a gift for the fiscal year that will end on May 31, 2014, why not do so now? The future of St. Andrews is bright, and that future is represented by those enthusiastic young men and women who come to visit the campus as prospective students and leave as St. Andrews graduates. I too am excited by the possibilities they represent.

# Class Notes

**John S. Liggett, Jr., M.D., FAAP '70** is a practicing Pediatric Pulmonologist and Hospitalist in Ohio. He is hoping to soon retire and get into local theater work. Theater Arts was his major at St. Andrews under Dr. Arthur McDonald.

**Betsy Neff Hay '76** has joined the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community as vice president of wellness and community services. She left her post as Executive Director at the United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, VA in November, where she served for the past 9 years. Under Hay, the number of partner agencies grew from 22 to 34 and donations given during the organization's annual campaign climbed from \$1 million to \$1.16 million in 2012, the largest year for giving in the organization's history.

**Valencia Lewis Mills '82** works for the Gwinnett County School system outside of Atlanta, GA. She's been married for 24 years, has a son who is a senior in college and a daughter who is a sophomore in high school. She can be reached at [millsvalencia@gmail.com](mailto:millsvalencia@gmail.com).

**Bevin Wall '84** and **Pam Donaldson Wall '85** live on the NC Crystal Coast, but celebrated Thanksgiving 2013 in Atlanta with their 3 girls and 2 new sons-in-law. Bevin is in the 25th year of his law practice in Newport. Pam is owner/operator of the OC Spa at Indian Beach. Bevin and Pam continue their extensive involvement with Rotary International.

**Shawn Stenger '95** is an assistant principal at Chambersburg Area Middle School in Chambersburg, PA. He has three children, and twin sons Jake and Brady both have autism. Shawn encourages all St. Andrews alumni to educate themselves on ASD and to learn how they can help all those challenged by autism.

**Bridget Hutchens '09** is currently working as the Equestrian Director for Camp Horizons-- a co-ed, traditional, overnight summer camp in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Harrisonburg is a very cool, funky little mountain, college town, a change from the 'burg!

**Caitlin Haney '09** graduated from Indiana University Law School in May and was just admitted to practice law in the state of Texas. She is currently working for her family firm, The Haney Law Firm, in Austin, Texas.

**Amelia Shill '11** received her Master's Degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania this past May. Amelia is living in Weaverville, NC, and hoping to soon find a full-time position in the Asheville area.

**Jeff Cox '11** is a student at Campbell School of Law in Raleigh, NC, where he works as a research assistant for a law professor. He's also recently formed a limited liability company, Law Science Libraries LLC, to develop a new legal information technology to improve the general public's access to the law.

**Amy Tripson '11** has just completed a Masters in Science degree in Education and Kinesiology with Sport and Exercise Behavior from Southern Illinois University.



## Class Notes Cont'd

**Rachel Hewitt '13** has been accepted into the Physician Assistant Studies Program at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. She will begin her studies this month.

## In Memoriam

**Ethel Rogers Wayne '52** died on October 19, 2013. Her sister, **Rebecca Rogers Wilson '41**, died on November 22, 2013. Both were Flora Macdonald alumna.

**Charlotte Raye Graham '80** died suddenly at home on November 9, 2013. Following graduation from St. Andrews, including a semester as an exchange student at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and postgraduate studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, Charlotte had a distinguished career as a sales and marketing executive and as an international trade specialist with the North Carolina state government. She is survived by her husband, Jim Skinner of Raleigh and four step-children.

The St. Andrews community is also saddened to belatedly learn of the death of **Charles E. Mahan IV '75** on December 23, 2012 in Fayetteville, West Virginia.



St. Andrews by the Lake is a publication of the Alumni and Development Office of St. Andrews University. We welcome your feedback and ideas for future newsletters.

To contact the Alumni Office, call Ellen Thompson at 910-277-5665 or email [alumni@sapc.edu](mailto:alumni@sapc.edu).

For questions or information on giving to St. Andrews, contact Tommy Watt at 910-277-5664 or email [watttm@sapc.edu](mailto:watttm@sapc.edu).



1700 Dogwood Mile  
Laurinburg, NC 28352  
910-277-5000

