

# St. Andrews by the Lake

Alumni Newsletter



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## To our St. Andrews Family,

Do you know that you have a fantastic family reunion coming up April 17-19 at St. Andrews Alumni Weekend? Yes, a family reunion! As I've been thinking of how best to encourage, cajole, entice and inspire you to come to St. Andrews Alumni Weekend,

I keep coming back to family. Being an alumnus of St. Andrews, Flora McDonald or Presbyterian Junior College means you are a member of the



St. Andrews family. Whether you have supported the university with your presence, your service and your gifts on a regular basis, only occasionally or not in years, St. Andrews still claims you as one of its own. Your time here as a student helped shape the university, its identity and its history, while it was educating and shaping you (both in and out of the classroom).

Sure, St. Andrews, Flora Mac and PJC were your larger, extended families, but I want you to remember how you were a part of an immediate family during your time here: room-mates, suitemates, dorms, teams, majors, classmates, bands, choirs, writers forums, theater productions, art shows, intramurals, equestrians, softball tournaments, student government, clubs, work-study, library study, lab partners, radio DJs, cafeteria cronies, gym rats, party pals-- the list goes on and on. Some of those families were more meaningful than others. Heck, you might want to forget about a few of them, but I'm betting that many of those St. Andrews families have carved a place in your heart giving you memories and friendships that continue to this day.

So, in April, come home, in a sense, to re-connect with long lost family members, visit with those you do keep up with and make some new family friends while here. I look forward to seeing you at Alumni Weekend, April 17-19.

Thank you for being St. Andrews.  
**Mackay Asbury '75**  
 President, St. Andrews Alumni  
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In continuing the theme of the St. Andrews community being one of family that Mackay describes above, we want to share with you some reflections on loss, life, love, death and the friendships that the St. Andrews community seems to have engendered in us all.

This past January, St. Andrews lost **Trae Brookins '95**, a close friend to many of his generation, but also an individual whose friendships with other "St. Androids" spanned several decades, and whose influence was felt by a great number of people. **Jed Koball '95** has written the meditation below. It is appropriate to share not only in the loss of Trae, but because it expresses the strong ties that bind so many of us in lifelong friendships:

Trae Brookins was my best friend for almost 25 years. I'm certain many would rightfully say he was their best friend, too. Trae passed away peacefully this afternoon following a long and dignified battle with cancer. He was 41 years old.

Trae and I shared a dorm room together for three years at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Many of our friends from SA have written incredibly touching words about Trae in recent weeks and shared hilarious and heartfelt stories of our misadventures in growing up together in college. I could not be more grateful for this community - for the love they share for Trae, with his incredible wife Rebecca Stacy, and with one another.

I was fortunate to have been able to spend a few days with Trae and Rebecca just before Christmas, upon learning that his situation had taken a sudden turn for the worse. Like always, we laughed a lot. Words were often not needed; we just knew (as roommates and friends often do) that there was something (or someone) worth laughing about in the world. After nearly 25 years of friendship, together we had failed to fully mature, and it

was wonderful. Even in his pain and suffering, he brought me great joy.

Nonetheless, it is a helluva way to end a year and begin another -- pondering life and death, accepting loss. I consider all I encountered this past year and all that is laid out before me in the year ahead, and I wonder what it is that defines me, us. There will be projects to finish, pounds to lose, miles to run, money to raise, causes to promote, meetings to organize, presentations to give, laws to advocate for, books to read, subjects to study, news to catch up on, letters to write, dinners to prepare, parties to host...all of which will shape what lies ahead, but none of which (successful or not) will define who I am, who we are.

Right now I feel like RENT, the great Broadway show of my generation, sings best what is on my heart: "How do you measure a year in the life? How about love?" In the end and through it all, it will be about friends, and husbands and wives and partners and even perfect strangers, all of whom form our communities, our circles... accompanying one another through hurt, celebrating in the joy, laughing at the ridiculous, crying when it feels like the right thing to do, shouting out when it is the only thing to do. For nearly 25 years, Trae, this is what is has been about. In my rather nomadic life, you have been a constant. This is what has defined us...all of us. And it always will.

Love.

My dear friend and brother, in the deep sadness of your death, you have given me new life. Thank you. May the love you shared with us all live in us and through us and among us now and forever.

**Jed Koball '95**  
**January 4, 2015**



## Largest Alumni Weekend Ever - April 17 - 19

After a cold and dreary winter in the Sandhills, we are looking forward to Alumni Weekend, April 17 - 19. We are expecting a big crowd of people from all six decades that represent St. Andrews history, so make plans and reservations now to join us.

We have many fun events planned beginning with a wine & cheese reception on Friday afternoon, followed by a cookout on the patio and Senior Art Show and party in Vardell with live music and an exhibit honoring the 45th Anniversary of the softball tournament which began here at St. Andrews in the spring of 1970, officially known as the Laurinburg Ball Confederation.

This year's Alumni "banquet" is instead a luncheon on Saturday at noon honoring our Distinguished Alumni Ginny Howard '75 and George Howard '73. We are also pleased to announce that Dr. William Loftus, who has worn too many hats and held too many positions at St. Andrews to innumerate here, will receive the Distinguished Merit Award this year.

We have great events planned for Saturday including class reunions, a special afternoon "tea" for Brunnenburg alumni, Science Homecoming, a gathering of past members of the Highland Players, and an opportunity to spend some time in conversation with both Neal Bushoven and current students who are eager to visit with you.

A picnic, a special Writers' Forum is being planned for Saturday evening, and the party will be more fun than ever. Thanks to all of you who have let us know you're coming!

# Alumni Council Meeting

The St. Andrews Alumni Council meets in February and October of each year, and most of its 45 members were on campus this past February. The Council is made up of energetic, committed and thoughtful alumni who support the University's staff and administration through mentoring, fund-raising, event-planning, communications, as well as contributing financially to St. Andrews. They are a fun, creative and loyal group!

We had five amazing students who are all seniors at SA join us for dinner on Friday evening, and they were honest and open with us about "how things are at St. Andrews these days." All five articulately emphasized the value of the education they are receiving here, as well as their appreciation of the faculty.



Here's a photo of some of the students and Council members taken at our meeting on Friday night.

# News from the Archives of DeTamble Library

**Elise Williams Blackwell, FMC 1958**, showed up with three bags of FMC treasures on Oct. 3. Along with the Pine and Thistles, White Heathers, and FMC Bulletins, she donated an FMC dinner plate and a telegram wishing her success on her graduation.

**Elaine Batts Percival '61** shipped a box of FMC, PJC, and SAPC memorabilia for the Archives. Included were The Rat's Tale newsletter and several issues of The Sandspur from PJC.

**Barbara Gaw '66** donated *The Adventures of Rocky and Moss*, a children's book she wrote about Montreat.

Kathy Gallucci, niece of **Kay McClanahan '67**, donated a framed picture and a pottery bowl made by **Richard McCord '65**.

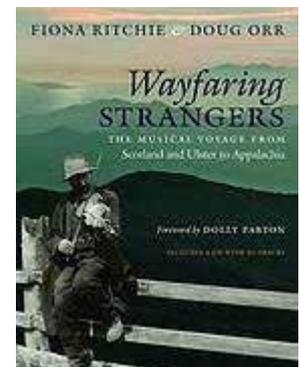
**Randy Wolfe '69** donated 12 books to the Library.

Katherine Memory donated a NC PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) booklet with information for students on the Red Lion, Norma's Restaurant, Food Lion, Shady Rest, and Deckers Ice Cream Parlor. Do you remember those from the 1970s? This handy guide was edited by **Ed Cashwell '80** and **Cheri Scott Norwood '79**.

Author **Cheryl Sparks Walniuk '89**, aka Rysa Walker, has given two of her original Young Adult science fiction/fantasy novels to DeTamble Library - *Timebound* and *Time's Edge*.

Sarah Bullock recently donated a scrapbook of letters written to her husband, Dr. Les Bullock, upon his retirement.

The Bookmark Book Club of Laurinburg donated a wonderful new book, *Wayfaring Strangers: The Musical Voyage from Scotland and Ulster to Appalachia* by Fiona Ritchie and Doug Orr. The book was given in memory of **Helen Sherrill Gustafson, FMC '41**. Helen taught at both FMC and St. Andrews.



## O.E. Smith Book Project Update

Thank you to all who purchased books in memory of Dr. O.E. Smith, Education Professor at St. Andrews 1975-2005. DeTamble Library now has 107 new Children's Books on the shelves and already in use by our Children's Literature Classes.



Generous alumni donations came from across the decades: **James Brooks '66, Tom Wood '69 & Carol White Wood '69, Randy Boyd '73, Summer Brock '75, Beth Freeman Moore '77, Lisa Bailey '77, John Michael Dunn '77, Helen Bertrand '77, Ellen Thompson '78, Cliff Summers '78, Elaine Rolfsen**

**'81, Clifton Fitzgerald '84, Cheryl Sparks Walniuk '89, Linda Hill '90, Colin Christopher '93, Leslie Leaf '95, Rachel Hoag '04, Phillip Brown '04, Emily Boomgarden Genest '06 and Michael Genest '05, and Jennifer Heinbockel '06.** There are still books on the amazon wish list if you want to donate. Select Wish List and DeTamble Library. Former faculty members Robert Busko and Rhoda Ramirez Locklear also contributed.

# Class Notes

**Joe Ingle '68** has a new book, *Slouching Toward Tyranny*. It will be published this month by Algora Publishing. Joe received the Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Andrews in 2013, and is a pastor, prison chaplain and advocate death row prisoners and for a moratorium on the death penalty.



Pictured from left to right are **Harry Kraly '70**, **Vann Taylor '67** and **Bob Chaiken '66**. These 3 former St. Andrews tennis players have gotten together in Charlotte, NC for the past 3 years.

**Marty Martin '74** was invited to provide recommendations on US non-profit law and practices during the 2015 China-US Philanthropy Forum held at the Harvard Kennedy School. Forum participants addressed representatives from the Center for China and Globalization ("CCG") located in Beijing. CCG will submit recommendations to China's National People's Congress as it considers adopting China's first national charity law. He also participated in an HKS Shorenstein Center seminar on innovation and technology lead by the United States' first chief technology officer.

**Susan E. Mann '77** and **Suzanne Madison Hogg '78** have both recently accepted development positions with Friends of Forman Christian College. Headquartered in Atlanta, GA with offices in Richmond, VA, Friends of Forman raises US-based funds for support of Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan. The college provides a comprehensive liberal arts curriculum to undergraduates, an Intermediate school and multiple graduate degrees to Pakistani citizens regardless of religion or gender. Located on over 100 acres in central Lahore, a city of nearly 10 million, Forman was founded by Presbyterian missionaries in 1864. Susan and Suzanne are delighted to dedicate their talents to such a dynamic and vital institution in a nation where a values-based education can impact peace worldwide.

**Susan Russell '79**, Associate Professor of Theatre and 20214-15 Penn State Laureate, presented a lecture on February 13 titled "A Musician, an Engineer, and a Physicist Walk into a Bar." You can read more about it here: <http://news.psu.edu/story/343731/2015/02/06/arts-and-entertainment/penn-state-laureate-professor-address-music-students>

**Jennifer Woodward '91** joined Triad Stage in Greensboro, NC as Director of Development. The American Theatre Wing, founder of the Tony Awards, named Triad Stage "one of the top ten most promising theatres in the country."

**Maria Faust Bostian '92** currently serves as the Fire and Life Safety Educator for the Kannapolis, NC Fire Department. She recently published her first children's picture book on matches and lighters, and has another book about firefighters coming out later this year.

## In Memoriam

**Cleo Cudas '54** died on February 12, 2015 at Westport Rehabilitation in Richmond, VA.

**Margaret Gainey '60** died on February 12, 2015.

**Dave Landis '72** died on February 10, 2015, after a short illness.

**Maryanne Adams Moffett '74** died on February 3, 2015 in Staunton, VA.

**Sheryl Lynn Frazier '90** passed away on November 20, 2014. She was the pastor of Arlington Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, FL. Her husband **Jeff Frazier** is a member of the St. Andrews Class of 1990.

**Ellen Nicole Tobin '14** passed away in Mexico on March 12, 2015. Here is a link to her obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thetimesnews/obituary.aspx?pid=174428536>

# Trae Bow Fundraiser

A much-beloved member of the Class of 95, Trae Brookins took generous delight in developing friendships with St. Andrews alumni across the decades. His affection for four-legged creatures, both dogs and cats, that he and his wife Rebecca Stacy '96 rescued, his sonorous voice, his taste for fine coffee and love of Star Trek and Kurt Vonnegut are just a few of Trae's memorable characteristics. However, one of Trae's most consistently distinguishing traits was that he was always among the most snappily dressed person in any room, and was usually wearing a bow tie.

Trae lost his battle to cancer on January 4th, 2015, leaving a tremendous hole in the world, but especially in the St. Andrews community—not only for the ones who loved and knew him well, but also those who never got the pleasure of his acquaintance. Trae served as an ambassador to prospective students, both while a student and beyond graduation. He worked for two years as Associate Director of Admissions, and was a regular at Alumni Weekend, staying in touch with alumni across multiple graduating classes year after year. He exemplified the unique intellectual spirit of the ideal St. Andrews graduate every day of his life, sharing its spark with everyone he encountered.

To both celebrate our unparalleled peer, and to stand in solidarity with the uniquely exceptional school that has molded and strengthened all our spirits, Leslie Leaf '95 and Laurie Quartermain Nederveen '93 have commissioned the Trae Bow bow tie, patterned after the St. Andrews tartan, with a custom "Trae Bow" label sewn on the inside. These limited edition ties are available for purchase at \$75, with proceeds benefitting a campus improvement project in Trae's honor.

Trae gave his abundant spirit to St. Andrews with love and enthusiasm, and represented the core values of our school wherever he went. While he is no longer with us, this memorial presents an opportunity for any and all to participate in an ongoing celebration of not simply Trae's spirit, but the exceptional one of St. Andrews, as well.

How to order: The cost of the bow ties is \$75.00 each, and includes shipping. Bow ties will also be available for pick up at Registration at Alumni Weekend. To order, pay Leslie Leaf (leslie\_leaf@hotmail.com) through PayPal.com.



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