

St. Andrews by the Lake

Alumni Newsletter



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Commencement 2015



Promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 3, the sounds of the drums and bagpipes warming up could be heard. Then the St. Andrews Pipe Band led the procession of faculty and graduates in full academic regalia across the lake from the residential side of campus to DeTamble Terrace for the Commencement ceremony. It was the 53rd held on the St. Andrews campus.

This year's Commencement speaker was **Dr. Heath Rada**, who is currently the General Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA)—the highest elected official in the denomination. Dr. Rada also attended St. Andrews for two years in the early 1960s, and served on St. Andrews's Board of Trustees from 2006-20011. His daughter **Margaret Rada** is an SA alumna of the Class of '91.

"In his address, entitled "From the Causewalk to the World," Dr. Rada spoke about the many changes that have occurred on our campus over the past 50 years, referring to the pay phones outside the dorm suites, and the one television in the suite lounge offering three channels. He challenged the accepted "truth" that our access nowadays to 600-plus TV channels, Twitter, and up to the minute news information via the Internet improves our lives and makes us better people.

"At St. Andrews," Heath said, "you have been challenged to consider issues which influence your values and goals. You have chosen which sources of information you will trust - be it your faculty, your computer, or some other source. But I want you, as you leave here today to think about this: NOW

whose voice are YOU going to listen to? What final "authority" is most needed in your lives to help you on your journey? What light shines in the darkness when your world gets so dark you can barely see?"

This year's graduating class of 130 students included 14 receiving MBA degrees, and the remainder receiving Bachelor's degrees. During the Commencement exercise, Dr. Rada received an honorary doctorate from St. Andrews.



The senior class speaker was the entertaining and articulate **Michael Iannuzzi**. "If you had come to me 6 years ago and said that I would be playing in a championship pipe band, studying Political Science and Law, residing in an Italian castle for 3 months to study religion, agriculture, education, and poetry with Ezra Pound's daughter, or trekking through the Himalayas with Dr. Bushoven, an incredible group of friends, 12 Buddhist porters and 23 horses for 2 weeks, I would have called you crazy," said Michael.

“If any of us went to any other college, the experience we’ve had at this eccentrically beautiful institution would not have been a reality.”

Mary McDonald '79, DeTamble Library Director, received the Distinguished Faculty Service award, and Brittany Gunn '15 received the Sullivan Foundation Award. These recognitions were presented before degrees were conferred on the Class of 2015.

Alumni Weekend 2015



This past April's Alumni Weekend drew large groups from different classes and the atmosphere was truly one of a family reunion. The stylish Class of 1965 celebrated its 50th Reunion, while enthusiastic members of the Class of 1960 joined together for its 55th. The biggest crowd at this year's weekend, breaking all previous records, were the alumni who appeared on campus from 1990 – 1996. They vowed to return again in 2016.

Here are some highlights from this past Alumni Weekend:

Many alumni, faculty and friends were on hand for the Friday night Vardell Party, which included the Senior Art Show and an exhibit celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Laurinburgh Ball Confederation. The softball tournament had its inception on the SA campus in the spring of 1970.

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The Class of 1975 celebrated its 45th anniversary along with classmates from surrounding years in Orange Main Lounge on Saturday morning. Meanwhile, alumnae from Flora Macdonald College (including elegant ladies from the class of 1955) and men from PJC enjoyed a breakfast provided by the DeTamble Library staff.

Dr. Neal Bushoven opened the doors of Meck Main Lounge to welcome a horde of folks from 1990 and beyond for Bloody Marys, Mimosas, and brunch. Many were sporting the “Trae Bow” ties created by **Leslie Leaf '96** and **Laurie Nederveen '93** in memory of **Trae Brookins '95**. This is a terrific fund-raiser for St. Andrews: <https://www.facebook.com/Traebows?fref=ts> , and ties are still available.

Alumni **Virginia Howard '75** and **George Howard '73** received the Distinguished Alumni Awards during a noon luncheon on Saturday in Belk Main Room. **Dr. William J. (Bill) Loftus** was given the Distinguished Merit Award by the Alumni Council for his vision and commitment to St. Andrews over the past 41 years, including roles of faculty professor, Dean of Students, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, Acting President, and, currently, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness.



Promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, **Susan Walmsley Hyams '95** and **Mary Wallace '98** piped the Class of 1995 across the lake, simulating (kind of) the walk they would have made 20 years before if rain had not diverted their Commencement ceremony to the gym.



Saturday afternoon included Science Homecoming and a Humanities discussion on vocation led by Religion and Philosophy Professor **Tim Verhey**.

Alumni involved in theatre at SA over the years met in DeTamble Library for a Highland Players Reunion which included a Bill Abrams/Saax Bradbury Exhibit honoring two alumni who had wonderful careers in the theatre after their Highland Players years at St. Andrews. Alumni also enjoyed a screening of the “St. Andrews Got Talent” show from earlier in the spring.

“Tea Time for the Tyrol,” was a reunion of alumni and faculty who have studied and taught at Brunnenburg Castle over the past 39 years. It was a special time for reminiscing about summers and semesters spent in Italy, and new friends were made.



The annual Alumni Writers’ Forum was a standing room only crowd this year. Dedicated to the memory of **Trae Brookins ’95**, the reading began with emcee **Terra Elan McVoy ’96** reading “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock,” a favorite of Trae’s. The audience was regaled with other readings of favorite works and original material by alumni **Colin Christopher ’93**, **Casey Clark ’96**, **Rod Gammon ’94**, **Suzanne Madison Hogg ’78**, **Brad Johnson ’96**, **William McLean ’94**, **Joey Schnople ’94**, and **Rebecca Stacy ’96**.



**Alumni Weekend 2016 will be held April 15-17,
so make plans now to be here!**

From the Causewalk to the World... and Back!



Lisa Nelson Richardson and Paul Sink taking a spin in 1993.



Lisa Nelson Richardson '95 and Paul Sink '95 at Alumni Weekend, 2015

Softball Tournament Celebrates Its 45th Anniversary

During Alumni Weekend, the traditional softball games “born of St. Andrews” continued—as they have since 1970. The Laurinburg Ball Confederation, as it is known, was celebrated with a display of memorabilia in Vardell during the annual Alumni Party on Friday evening.

The spring tournament, or City Title, is one of three tournaments during the year, the other two being “Rhodo,” played in Valle Crucis, NC in July and “Harvest,” played at Camp Monroe in the Sandhills in September.

John “Hurricane” Craig ’71 has kept statistics for every game of played each year by the seven teams that currently make up the Confederation. For many years, game statistics, essays, poetry and team news in the publication *Rundy’s Journal*, edited by the singular Jeffard Rundy.

One statistic of note this past April was the scoring of the 37,000th run, another milestone in the tournament’s long history. Also, it should be noted that **Allen Burdett ’72** has not missed a game since that spring of 1970 behind what was then Kings Mountain dorm.

Enjoy some photos of this year’s event on our campus.

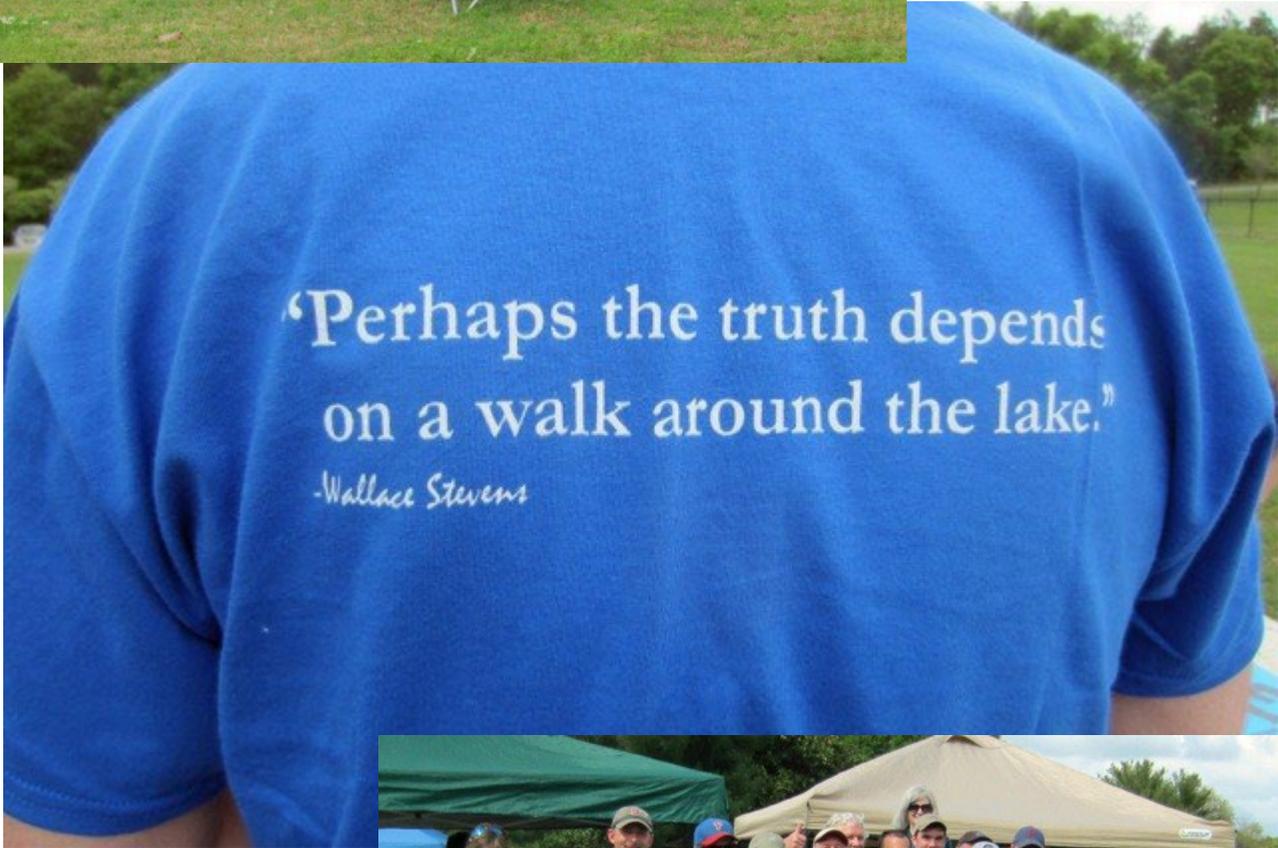
Allen Burdett ’71 who has played in every tournament since 1970, far left, and **Richard Massey ’77** is in the back row.



**Adair Oden Littlepage ’71,
Betsy Mason Burdett ’69,
Carol Drugger ’69, and
Wilburn Hayden ’71**



Despite the downpour on Sunday, the teams were able to complete the 2015 City Title.



Donations to the St. Andrews Archives

Elise Williams Blackwell '58, provided the Library with a copy of *Voices from Smith Mountain*, which includes poems by **Joy Stalvey Barefoot '58**.

Nancy Spann '63, mailed us some wonderful St. Andrews and Flora Macdonald memorabilia. Included were photos, programs, a College Christian Association booklet, and more.

Wilburn Hayden '71, visited during Alumni Weekend and donated two copies of his latest book, *Appalachian Black People: Identity, Location and Racial Barriers*, along with miscellaneous memorabilia from his days at St. Andrews – everything from data punch cards (who remembers those?) to C&C syllabi (who could forget?)

Rod Gammon '94, donated nine books from the Cambridge University Press in memory of **Trae Brookins '95**. Rod has worked for a number of years for Cambridge, and has generously donated many books over that time. In addition, he gave the Library over 50 books from his personal collection, mostly on Asian Studies.

CLASS NOTES

Victoria Covington '68 has published her memoir, *From Where I Sit*. Vickie has spent much of her life facing physical challenges. She overcame a congenital disability to become Professor of Piano and head of the piano department at Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, Ohio. Her book tells how she has kept her optimism and zest for life, despite adversity and illness. *From Where I Sit* is available directly from Vickie at 1241 Trailhead Ct., Greenville, SC 29617 or by email: rollingturtle@att.net. All proceeds will benefit scholarships at St. Andrews, University of Illinois, and Baldwin Wallace.

David Henderson '68 will retire June 30 as Professor of Chemistry from Trinity College where he has taught for the past 38 years. He and his wife Susan will be moving to Hanover, NY in July and are looking forward to a retirement of skiing, hiking, biking, kayaking and travel.

Wilburn Hayden '71 has also recently published a book while on sabbatical this year from his professorship at the School of Social Work at York University in Toronto. *Appalachian Black People* provides a critical framework for examining racism and black oppression in the Appalachian region. It can be ordered from Amazon.com here: http://www.amazon.com/Appalachian-Black-People-Identity-Location/dp/0986278009/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1432065004&sr=1-1&keywords=appalachian+black+people

Summer Brock '75 has been appointed to the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's District III Board of Directors. Summer is the Directory of Alumni and Parent Relations at Barton College in Wilson, NC.

Bill Burrus '75 is the new state president of the Virginia Chapter of the Realtors Land Institute. He is looking forward to increasing its membership and adding new seminars and classes.

Bill McNair '75 recently had his first anthem for choir and keyboard published by Morningstar Music Publishers. The title is "O Christ, Surround Me" and it is based on a hymn that is new to the new Presbyterian hymnal. Bill and Anne McNair '76 moved this past spring to Savannah, GA.

Kim Becknell Williams '83 has published her book, *Gym Etiquette 101*, and you can purchase it here: www.gymetiquette101.com.

Melonie McLaurin Flomer '05 joined the Richmond County Daily Journal last year. She won the prestigious O. Henry award, which recognizes outstanding writing in North Carolina AP member newspapers for a September 4, 2014 article marking the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Hamlet train crash. You can read the story by following this link: http://yourdailyjournal.com/news/home_top-localnews2/50509569/Train-tragedy-retold:-Hamlet-rail-disaster-turns-50

Megan Radigan '11 graduated with distinction from University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Pharm.D.) and will be starting a clinical pharmacy residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX.

IN MEMORIAM

Hattie Bell Cashins Watkins '38 of Rockingham died on May 21, 2014.

Clara Koonts Richardson '48 died on February 11, 2015 in Lexington, SC. She graduated from Flora Macdonald College with a degree in Home Economics.

Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. '50 died on January 31, 2015 in Charlotte NC. He graduated from PJC and went on to graduate from Wake Forest University and Wake Forest Law School. He was a Real Property lawyer in Charlotte for 37 years.

Eula Goodwin '50 died in July of 2013. She was a retired elementary school teacher of over 33 years, and an active community volunteer in retirement who often served as a tour guide for school children at a local museum.

Phyllis Leggett Jacobs '54 died on March 29, 2015 in Rocky Mount, NC. She was a retired history and chorus teacher. Later in her career, she became a guidance counselor.

Edwin Arthur West '54 died on July 14, 2014 in Bermuda Run, NC. Mr. West started a business in 1983, Protégé Temporary Service, which continues today as Protégé Staffing.

Jane Carswell Roberts '54 died on March 25, 2015. Known widely as “Dr. Carswell”, she was involved in founding many organizations and causes in the Lenoir, NC area, and had recently funded a scholarship for students here at St. Andrews. She was also a recipient of St. Andrews’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

Doris Mozingo Yates '55 died November 8, 2014 in Winston-Salem.

Vivian Morrison Burke Wyer '58 passed away on May 22, 2015 in Nova Scotia. A Scottish dancer and bagpiper, Vivian in many ways was “the face of Flora Macdonald,” representing the college during her years as a student as she performed on campus and throughout North Carolina. Highly esteemed by her classmates, Vivian impacted the renewal of Scottish heritage in the surrounding communities. She was honored by the St. Andrews Scottish Heritage Center in 2008 for her contributions to the Scottish arts.

Margaret Gainey '60 died on February 12, 2015.

Richard "Butch" Bridgforth '72 died in Denver, Colorado on April 6, 2015.

Molly Hill Lyman '73 died on June 10, 2015. Her husband, **Steven Lyman**, is a member of the Class of 1972.

Ellen Nicole Tobin '14 passed away in Mexico on March 12, 2015.

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