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NEW SAINT ANDREWS alumni, family and friends are invited to join interested students for the College's second England Study Tour this coming Summer.

Led by Ben Merkle and Chris Schlect, Fellows at New Saint Andrews College, the tour will include a variety of important medieval sites dating from the Anglo-Saxon, Norman, and early Plantagenet periods (550 to 1250 A.D.).

The tour is open to adults of 18 years or older, and to students 13 to 17 years old who are accompanied by a parent.

The tour package price includes lodging, breakfasts, group admissions, guides, lectures, and ground transportation. Participants are responsible for their own passage to and from London (including ground transportation to the designated rendezvous on June 22) and lunch and dinners during the tour.

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NEW SAINT ANDREWS COLLEGE
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To whom much is given, much is required



At the College's commencement ceremony each spring, our faculty and graduating students participate in a ritual unique to New Saint Andrews. Faculty members raise wine glasses and address the graduates in Latin, "*Omni cui multum datum est,*" and the graduates lift their glasses in reply "*Multum queretur ab eo*" ("To whom much is given, much is required"). Together, they seal this solemn charge-and-pledge to the faithful use of their God-given gifts

by partaking of the Eucharistic symbol of Christ's blood poured out for our salvation. To whom much is given, much is required, indeed!

It's true. We expect a great deal from our students and from ourselves. From the jaw-dropping reading assignments given on the night of convocation to the mountain of books students read their first year to the public defense of senior theses, we challenge our students and our faculty to broaden and deepen the borders of their talents for the sake of Christ and His kingdom.

So when our students graduate, we rightly expect great things—like starting a family, worshipping with renewed zeal, and pursuing their vocations and callings with reformational passion. In short, we have higher expectations of our students and of our College.

Beginning with this issue of *Higher Expectations* magazine we hope to chronicle how those expectations have become incarnate in the lives of our students, alumni, faculty, and administration. We hope to profile regularly the people and activities of the College community, past and present, to encourage us all to lift our sights higher.

So welcome! Grab a glass of your favorite beverage, kick off your shoes, put up your feet, and dive in. When you're done, drop us a note and let us know how we can improve the magazine and what we do at New Saint Andrews. We appreciate your interest in the College and your ongoing support!

Blessings.

Roy Alden Atwood, Ph.D.
President

New Master's degree planned

The dream of a New Saint Andrews graduate degree program is about to become reality. The College plans to launch its first master's degree program next fall. The admissions office will start accepting applications for graduate study as early as December for classes beginning in August 2007. Enrollment in the program's inaugural year will be limited to five full-time students.

While the College's long-awaited master's degree program still requires final approval by the school's national accrediting agency, the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, the College has been planning this moment for several years.

"We are very excited about this new graduate program. The College's long-range plan has always included development of a graduate program that would take our unique classical approach to the liberal arts from a Trinitarian worldview to the next level," Dr. Roy Atwood,

New Saint Andrews' president, announced last month. "That plan is now about to be realized."

The new master's degree will build on the College's core classical Christian strengths, but allow advanced specialization in theology, the classics, and the humanities.

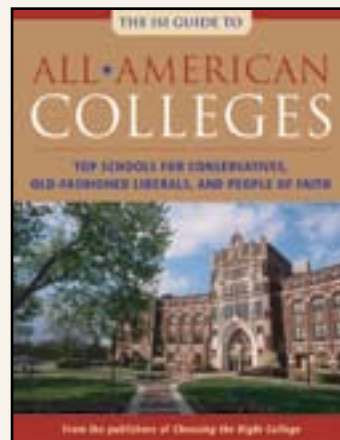
"Our new two-year master's degree should have a strong appeal to those interested in advancing their knowledge and expertise in classical Christian education, Trinitarian theology, literature and/or the humanities," Atwood said.

Admissions will be open to a limited number of gifted students holding at least an undergraduate degree and possessing the appropriate background or demonstrated interest in the liberal arts.

"Some of our graduate courses may be offered in the evening to allow students to hold jobs during the day. Eventually we hope to add a summer program that will allow teachers around the country to

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NSA Among Top 50 "All-American Colleges"



They are among the fifty colleges and universities honored in the Intercollegiate Studies Institute's (ISI) *All-American Colleges: Top Schools for Conservatives, Old-Fashioned Liberals, and People of Faith*. The 416-page guide is available in stores throughout the country.

All-American Colleges provides personal, in-depth profiles of fifty highly recommended schools and programs. The ISI is a highly-respected non-profit, non-partisan, tax-exempt educational organization whose purpose is to convey to successive generations of college youth a better understanding of the values and institutions that sustain a free and virtuous society.

What do the University of Chicago, Hillsdale College, Princeton, and New Saint Andrews College all have in common?

Merkle receives Oxford scholarship



Ben Merkle

Ben Merkle, New Saint Andrews's Fellow of Theology and Director of Student Affairs, has received a fully-funded scholarship to pursue graduate work in the Jewish Studies program at Oxford. His specific area of study will be an exploration into rabbinical influences on the Reformation.

Merkle, who was granted a sabbatical leave from New Saint Andrews in October, plans to return to the College following the completion of his studies in England.

While at Oxford, Merkle hopes to land a spot on the school's lacrosse team to add to his family's adventures abroad. In Moscow he has been instrumental in developing lacrosse clubs at the University of Idaho and Logos School, along with a summer youth league for junior and senior level lacrosse players.

Time in England would not be complete for Merkle without visiting The Eagle and Child -- the old stomping grounds of C.S. Lewis, Tolkien, and other Inklings. Merkle will conclude the school year by joining New Saint Andrews's Academic Dean, Mr. Chris Schlect, to lead the second England Study Tour for the College.

NSA scientist published



Dr. Gordon Wilson

Dr. Gordon Wilson, Senior Fellow of Natural Philosophy at New Saint Andrews, has published portions of his research on box turtle ecology in *The Southeastern Naturalist*.

The article, entitled "Reproductive Ecology of *Terrapene carolina*

(*Eastern Box Turtle*) in Central Virginia", appeared in the quarterly peer-reviewed and edited interdisciplinary natural history science journal, which has a regional focus on the southeastern United States.

Speaking beyond his academic interests Dr. Wilson said, "Creation alone bestows intrinsic value to a creature simply because of the Author, Artist, and Engineer who created it. If a simple sketch of Michelangelo is valuable because of the identity of the artist, how much more should we value God's artwork."

The Southeastern Naturalist consists of a readership of mostly ecologists (those who study how organisms interact with their environment) who are interested in that region of the United States.

New fiction by Nathan Wilson



Nathan Wilson

Nathan Wilson, Fellow of Rhetoric and Literature at New Saint Andrews, has published a new short story entitled "Conversations with Tod." The story

appeared in the September issue of *The Chattahoochee Review*, a literary journal based out of Georgia.

The Chattahoochee Review (www.chattahoochee-review.org) has been in existence for almost 30 years, and was awarded a Medal in the Humanities by Georgia's Governor in 2004.

The New Saint Andrews community initially became familiar with this particular short story when Wilson presented it at a faculty forum in Westminster Term 2006. Freshmen may also recognize the story from Rhetoric declamation.

On a similar note, Wilson's first novel for children will release in May.

New application deadlines

Given the record number of applications received last year, New Saint Andrews has stepped up its application deadlines to better manage increased interest.

Applicants for the fall of 2007 will want to be aware of the early application deadline of December 1 and the regular application deadline of February 15. The early application fee is \$25. The February 15 deadline requires a \$35 application

fee. International applications must also be completed by February 15, along with a \$50 application fee.

May 1 is the late application deadline for domestic applicants only. Anyone seeking to meet this deadline should contact Aaron Rench, Director of Admissions, at arench@nsa.edu. If space is available, an application fee of \$50 will be due along with the other required application materials. The online application can be found at www.nsa.edu.

Rugby club makes national news



St. Andy's Rugby Club

After finishing their spring season with victories over the University of Idaho, Boise State University, Whitman

College and Lewis-Clark State College, St. Andy's Rugby Club is making the move to the Pacific Northwest Division II classification. The club's success was noted in an article in the August 15 issue

of the *American Rugby News*.

St. Andy's Rugby Football Club is the student-organized Rugby club at New Saint Andrews College.

What a liberal arts degree can do... *Texas style*

by Bob Hieronymus

Richard Lewis is a good father and a Texas businessman. When his college-bound son, John, told him he wanted to pursue a liberal arts degree, Richard wondered aloud about the value of such a degree in the business world.

But business was the farthest thing from John's mind. At 18, Richard and Janet Lewis' first-born of three sons was convinced his future was in the academy. He pictured himself as professor of theology, writing and teaching his way through graduate school and beyond.

John first learned about New Saint Andrews College from a youth pastor at his church in 1999. The pastor would recommend books to John written by Douglas Wilson and pass along *Credenda-Agenda* magazines. Mention of New Saint Andrews in the magazine caught John's attention. At the time he had pretty much given up hope of finding a Christian college that offered a higher level of education than is typically found at many secular colleges.

Impressed by New Saint Andrews's rigorous curriculum, John was nervous about applying. Despite the ribbing he took from classmates at his Dallas high school about his college of choice not having a mascot, school colors or dormitories, John was convinced that the College was for him. Confident that its classical Christian program would challenge him academically and incubate his theological interests, he was enrolled as one of 33 freshmen accepted in the fall of 2000.

THE BLOOD DRIVE WAS THE TURNING POINT

John studied hard over the next four years and excelled in his studies, but it was his role

in organizing a College-sponsored blood drive that would point John in the direction of his vocation.

Morgan Schlect, the then 6-year-old daughter of Christopher and Brenda Schlect, the College's first employees and then Registrar-Admissions Director and Bursar-Bookstore Manager respectively, was battling a rare form of cancer at the time. Morgan's treatments required frequent blood transfusions. John had lived with the Schlects, so he knew Morgan and her family well and had watched with amazement and concern as they faced this hard providence.

With a heart for helping the local blood bank raise blood donations that would benefit Morgan and others like her in the community, he volunteered to coordinate the College's Blood Drive.

"What John did was extraordinary," recalled Chris Schlect, now the Academic Dean. "Within a matter of a few weeks he secured 13 corporate sponsors and arranged for live radio remote broadcasts. Those are things you don't normally associate with blood drives," mused Schlect. "It was one of the bloodiest days in local blood drive history with somewhere around 140 pints of blood donated."

"In doing the Blood Drive, I discovered that I really enjoyed the entrepreneurial activities of pulling an event together that united people around a common goal," recalled John. "I approached it like a business and I thrived on the dynamic and tangible aspects of the work. That's when I began to look differently at a future in the business world versus a future in the academy."

But it wasn't just the satisfaction of organizing the blood drive that set John's new course toward a master's degree at Vanderbilt's business school and a job offer from Archon Group, a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs, in Dallas.

"There's an effect that New Saint Andrews has on students that helps them see the world differently," he explained. "I've gained a new appreciation for the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all aspects of life. From that perspective, business had new meaning. I could be part of a cultural reformation by being a Christian businessman."



A new-found appreciation for business wasn't the only thing John left Moscow with. "Coming from Dallas I thought I knew how to have fun, and that I would be giving up some on the social activities front by coming to Moscow," he continued. "But what I ended up with was both an excellent education and an education on how to have *real* fun.

"And it wasn't my fellow students doing the teaching like you might suspect," he said with an ever-widening grin. "It was the faculty. We would have socials at the homes of the professors and they were the ones playing the guitar, pulling the pranks, and teaching us stand-up comedy.

"There's so much more to the education you get at New Saint Andrews than just what goes on in the classroom," he continued. "I learned the significance of hospitality and what it really means to fellowship together."

One thing that didn't change during his time in Moscow was his perspective on a classmate by the name of Naomi Sciscoe. "I was smitten with her from the first day of class," he confessed.

It wasn't until his junior year, however, that the Texan with a booming voice that is legendary at the College worked up the courage to speak to the petite coed from Boise. "I came to know her through mutual friends and group activities," explained John. "But I pretty much avoided talking with her directly for the first two years."

With her father's permission, the two began a courtship during the second term of their junior year. A short two weeks later, on the bitterly cold evening of November 5, 2002, John insisted she wear an extra warm coat when he picked her up for a supposed date at the Starbucks in nearby Pullman, Wash. "I told her we were going to go out for coffee, but I took her to East City Park to propose," he reminisced.

At the time John was living at the Schlect's home as one of several boarders. Chris was quick with advice for the young suitor from the Lone Star State. "Mr. Schlect suggested I get a ring at Wal-Mart, but I wasn't sure if he meant at the jewelry counter or in the hallway near the gumball machines," John chuckled. He has since made good with the real thing.

Despite Mr. Schlect's sage advice, Naomi accepted John's proposal under a moon-lit sky. The following May, the two were married and the College community celebrated Texas style. "It was a crazy time to get married. I don't know if we would have made it through the last term if it wasn't for some special dispensation from Dr. (Peter) Leithart," recalled John. "I'm sure after that they made a rule that you can't get married the week before finals."

With a year remaining to graduate, John carried a full-time load and worked as the Admissions Assistant at the College, while Naomi taught dance lessons and finished her studies.

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John and Naomi Lewis

That fall John volunteered to organize the blood drive.

"After the experience with the blood drive, I began to really re-evaluate what I was going to do vocationally," recalled John. "I started to read everything I could about business, and I became increasingly convinced that I wanted to pursue a master's degree in finance."

THE ROAD BACK HOME

With an eye toward eventually returning to Dallas, John could see that the best road home passed through the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., a highly regarded business school with connections to many corporations nationally.

"At first they looked at my degree from NSA and suggested I take some supplementary classes before I applied," he said, as he launched into a story he loves to relate to those who question

the value of the liberal arts. "But when they saw my GMAT score, I was admitted immediately and offered a \$15,000 scholarship." John scored 720 on the GMAT, a score that put him in the 96th percentile nationally and 12 to 13 points higher than the average student at Harvard.

"It was the education that I received at New Saint Andrews that prepared me so well for graduate school," said John. "I was more prepared for the master's program at Vanderbilt's business school with my NSA liberal arts degree than business majors were from other universities. My freshman year at NSA was harder than anything I encountered at Vanderbilt."

After completing his Master's of Science in Finance degree at Vanderbilt in May 2006, John accepted a position at Archon Group in Dallas, one of the world's largest real estate investment firms. As an Analyst in one of Goldman Sachs' wholly-owned subsidiaries, Archon Group, John regularly works on \$20 to \$100 million property acquisitions and has been involved in underwriting a real estate portfolio valued at over \$1.5 billion.

"Archon is an internal real estate services group for Goldman-Sachs," explained John, from the sprawling financial district in Las Colinas, a nearby hub for big business in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

"We manage \$22 billion in commercial real estate worldwide. In my group alone we have 15 employees and worldwide Archon Group employs 2,900 people.

"I enjoy that no day is the same," said John, as he described what he likes most about his job.

"And everyday is a learning opportunity. My job is not static, pedantic, or monotonous. I like that I can take on as much additional responsibility as I can handle. Archon is a very flat organization, not bureaucratic in the bad sense, and

analysts are expected to tackle significant work from the outset."

"What I do is analyze potential investments in apartment properties in the western United States," he explained.

"Primarily I look at properties built since 1995 in 'A' locations in the West"...meaning mostly large apartment complexes in fast-growing cities like Phoenix, Sacramento, Denver and Las Vegas. Despite covering such a large region, his work doesn't require much travel. "My biggest business trip is usually my 20-minute commute home every day. Which

isn't bad for Dallas. Since we live downtown, I'm going the opposite direction of traffic coming and going," he explained.

He and Naomi are at home in the "Big D." He says they appreciate being so close to family and enjoy practicing the kind of hospitality

they picked up on in Moscow. "We loved our experience at New Saint Andrews. We will be forever blessed by our time there, the education we received and the many people who have touched our lives," John concluded.

Today his seventh floor office in the 30-story sky scraper isn't far from his boyhood home. But it's a long ways from where he figured he'd be at this point in his life and a lot closer to where his dad thought he'd be. Though neither one of them could see it at the

time, John's classical Christian liberal arts education at New Saint Andrews didn't really prepare him to be the professor-scholar he envisioned. It prepared him to be a scholar beyond the academy and for everything else. Including a career in business that his dad always thought he'd have. ✕

"We loved our experience at New Saint Andrews. We will be forever blessed by our time there, the education we received and the many people who have touched our lives."

NSA Alumni profile

Name: John R. Lewis
Class: 2004
Home: Dallas, Texas
Occupation: Analyst at Archon Group, a division of Goldman-Sachs
Education: New Saint Andrews College, B.A., Liberal Arts and Culture, 2004
 Vanderbilt University, M.S., Finance, 2005

Family:

John and his wife Naomi (Sciscoe) (NSA '04) make their home in downtown Dallas. The two are expecting their first-born in April 2007.

Church:

John and Naomi attend Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Dallas, Texas.

Memorable Moments in Moscow:

- 1) Marrying the love of my life: "Once my grandparents met Naomi, they quickly forgave me for not choosing a wife from Texas."
- 2) Living with the Schlects: "One Sunday afternoon, when Naomi and I were engaged, we were holding hands and talking on the couch at the Schlect house. Their two-year-old son Bennett walked up, pulled our hands apart, and said, 'No, No, No.' Having restored propriety in the living room, he then exited."
- 3) Being in Doug Wilson's rhetoric class freshman year: "Enough said."

Recent Reads:

A Child's History of the World by V. M. Hillyer
The Consolation of Philosophy by Boethius
New Testament and the People of God by N.T. Wright



John's graduation day at Vanderbilt

Nationally respected theologian, author relishes daily interaction with NSA students

By Christine Ditton

When Peter Leithart speaks, it's not just his theology students, fellow faculty members or parishioners who listen. Book publishers, theologians, and church leaders from around the world lend their ears. Dr. Leithart has written more books than he can remember, and delivered even more lectures around the nation. Yet even with worldwide renown, he still enjoys sipping coffee with NSA theology students in his den at home. They hang on his every word and enjoy both deep discussions and light banter with a man who is considered among the world's foremost Trinitarian theologians.

So what attracted the Cambridge-educated scholar to Moscow, Idaho? To Dr. Leithart, New Saint Andrews looked like a great opportunity to teach at a college level. And he was not disappointed. In particular he was impressed by the students and their unique outlook on school. "NSA students are smart and hard-working, but I think their best quality is their joy, thankfulness, and good humor," explained Dr. Leithart. He especially enjoys teaching sophomore students how to read the Bible.

Although his credentials could secure him many different positions around the country, Dr. Leithart doesn't plan on leaving NSA anytime soon. He calls the students "enthusiastic," and the faculty "wonderful folks to work with."

Even with all the work he puts into NSA, Dr. Leithart is still well known outside of the college for his other reputable achievements, including his impressive bibliography. Some well-known titles are *Heroes of the City of Man*, *A House for My Name*, *Ascent to Love*, and *Brightest Heaven of Invention*. Brazos Press, a division of Baker Publishing Group, recently published Dr. Leithart's commentary on I and II Kings as part of its theological commentary series.

Dr. Leithart is also a contributing editor at *Touchstone Magazine*. He submits articles regularly to *Touchstone* as well as to other magazines and theological journals. As for books in the future, he has a small book on postmodernism that will come out sometime in the spring, as well as a short biography of Jane Austen which Cumberland House Publishing is releasing as a part of a "Leaders in Action" series.

For all of his extraordinary achievements, Dr. Leithart came from a fairly ordinary background. He grew up in Columbus, Ohio, and attended a conservative Lutheran church. His parents did not encourage him toward a liberal arts degree; his father was in fact a medical doctor and his mother taught piano for fifteen years. However, he enjoyed his high school English classes and decided to pursue a major in English and History at Hillsdale College.

It was during his third year at Hillsdale that he met his future wife, Noel. Through Noel Dr. Leithart became introduced to reformed thinking. He visited the reformed church she attended in Atlanta, and eventually it changed his theological views as well as solidifying his choice of study for the future. "When I first got interested in reformed theology," he says, "I realized that Christianity was relevant to all kinds of things that I hadn't thought about it being relevant to." After marrying Noel, Dr. Leithart went on to get his M.A. in religion and his Th.M. at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He then chose to further his education overseas, completing his doctorate program at Cambridge.

His prodigious college degrees are impressive, and yet the size of his family is just as inspiring. As the father of ten, his area of expertise is not simply limited to theology. Yet he never seems overwhelmed by all the different hats he wears. It is just as typical to see him in his ministerial



Dr. Peter Leithart

robes preaching at Trinity Reformed Church as on the court in jeans and a baseball cap playing basketball with his sons.

He is also skilled in other areas, including piano playing. Because his mother was a piano teacher, he grew up playing piano, and took lessons all the way through high school. Admittedly this is a practice that has slipped to the side through the years, and he regrets that he didn't take it more seriously when he was younger. "My fingers don't work the way that they're supposed to," he says ruefully. However, he still sits down occasionally and plays what he remembers: a mixture of Beethoven's Sonatas and some Chopin.

And yet, even with all of his responsibilities, Dr. Leithart still has time for one more project. He looks to figure prominently in the development of a graduate school at New Saint Andrews. However, students in the undergraduate program should not worry about being neglected. Dr. Leithart has already proven his ability to handle multiple roles. ✕

Christine Ditton is a second year NSA student interested in journalism.

Sarah's far-a-field from her London home

By Beth Covington, '04

Freshman Sarah Field traveled 4,716 miles from London, England, to attend New Saint Andrews College, but it was a 40-mile trip to the Lewiston Roundup rodeo that made her realize how far from life in the United Kingdom she is.

Watching bronc-busting, steer-wrestling and bull-riding isn't something she'd do just any old day back in England, a land of decidedly more refined equestrian events. She was charitably disinclined to comment on American culture in view of her trip to the fairgrounds, but she thought it was fun nonetheless.

The Lewiston Roundup wasn't Sarah's first out-of-England experience. Another (though less memorable) would certainly be her birth and first three months of life, which took place in Nigeria where her family lived while her father taught at a Bible college. There she acquired what is certainly the neatest middle name of the freshman class, nay, even the entire student body: Eno-obong, which means "gift of the Lord" in the Nigerian Efik dialect.

NSA Freshman Sarah Field is from London, England.



Since coming Stateside, Sarah has quickly added to those international experiences and mentioned a few Americanisms that have taken some getting used to. Take money for example. Have you ever noticed all the names we have for our coins? Then there's food. Sarah's been amazed that Americans have both breakfast-specific dishes and early-morning social events, like the President's Freshman Brunch. As a long-time Londoner, she is particularly struck by some of Moscow's small-town quirks...like stopping for pedestrians on busy streets.

Sarah left much behind in England to study in Idaho: two sisters, a fine set of parents, a pharmacy job, ballet pursuits, involvement in her church's children's clubs and the opportunity to study at old St. Andrews. When asked why she was willing to give up so much to come so far, she gave two answers. First, New Saint Andrews is a consciously "Christian college whose foundation is the Gospel." Second, "the College offers a broad course of studies with an emphasis on educating Christians" instead of the typically more narrow programs offered by English schools. She was also attracted by the ethos of the Moscow church community, and the opportunity to be discipled by the College faculty in both the classroom and in their own homes and families.

Sarah did bring one thing across the Pond with her: a love of reading. Of course, given her experience as a freshman, reading may not be at the top of her priority list of fall break activities, but she says she is truly glad to be required to read in such great quantities. She has long had an interest in English literature, which is an area she planned to pursue at the college level, had she stayed in the U.K. While she initially wondered whether she'd get to read enough of it in her time at New Saint Andrews, she's discovered that she enjoys reading generally even more, even for Dr. Mitch Stokes' math course. She's now quite sure that not getting to read enough of the great works of the West is not a problem she'll face over the next four years. ❖



Freshman Farrah Matty, of Iraq, thanked U.S. Senator Larry Craig for his help in gaining her visa to study in Idaho at New Saint Andrews College.

Freshman class has international flair

Nine of the 59 freshmen entering New Saint Andrews this fall hail from outside the United States. In all, five foreign countries are represented, including Iraq, France, England, Canada, and the Ivory Coast.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the wonderful range of perspectives that this group brings to our classroom discussions," said College President Roy Atwood. "All the students get a lot out of the interaction with classmates from other parts of the globe."

But getting in to the country didn't come easy for Farrah Matty, of Kirkuk, Iraq. She needed the help of Idaho U.S. Senator Larry Craig to obtain the needed visa to gain entry into America. Farrah had the opportunity to personally thank the Senator when he was in Moscow recently.

Romain Roux is the third student to make his way to New Saint Andrews from France. Fellow freshman David Foucachon joined his brother Daniel at the College this year. Daniel Foucachon, now a sophomore, was the first.

Londoner Sarah Field is the first New Saint Andrews student from England.

Three of the New Saint Andrews freshmen made their way from Canada this year. They join another three upperclassmen and three alumni who have come from north of the border.

Freshman Noai Leidenfrost has lived with her missionary family in the Ivory Coast for most of her life.

Alumni far and near

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BEKAH (WILSON) and Ben **MERKLE** and their family (Knox, Jemima, Belphoebe, Hero and Judah) live in England where Ben is a Ph.D. student in Hebrew and Jewish studies at Oxford.

CHARLES MOORE lives and works in Kenmore, WA.

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AARON, Amy and Sophie **BOOTH** welcomed Ava Clementine on December 19, 2005. Aaron is a real estate appraiser in Monroe, LA.

MICHAEL COLLENDER teaches at the Oaks Classical Academy in Spokane, WA. He and **JENNIFER (HULBERT, 2000)** have two sons, Jackson and Bennaiah.

MATTHEW GREYDANUS teaches at Tall Oaks Classical School in Newark, DE. He and Mandy have three daughters, Abigail, Emily and Esther.

MICHAEL HARKIN lives in Virginia Beach with his wife, Ashley, and their three children, Blake, Korrine and Austin. He is pursuing an MBA at Regent University and working as a government contractor.

COURTNEY HUNTINGTON teaches at the University of Louisiana, Monroe. He lives in Monroe with his wife, Lisa.

AARON TRIPP is living in Wapwallopen, PA with his wife Danielle and four children (Naomi, Benjamin, Isaac and Orion). He works for Shepherd Press and is doing graduate studies through the University of Wales.

NATHAN WILSON teaches Rhetoric at NSA, edits *Credenda/Agenda* magazine and throws Trinity Fests. He and Heather have four kids: Rory, Lucy, Ameera and Seamus.

2000

ED and **HEIDI (McBROOM, 1999)** **LANG** were blessed with a second son, Carter Nielson, on August 2, 2006. They live in Monroe, LA with children Megan, Morgan and Cameron where Ed is the headmaster of Geneva Academy.

ANNE (LAMOREAUX) McINTOSH, Jonathan, Emma and Bea live in Dallas, TX. Jonathan will soon be completing his Ph.D. philosophy studies, after which they hope to return to Moscow.

PETER ROISE and his family (wife Claire, children Ingrid, Lewis, Michelle) live in Moscow, where Peter runs Studium Discere Tutorials and Brightrock Press.

ORIEL (GUNN) WIGGINS lives in Chattanooga, TN with her husband Levi and daughter Analeasa.

2001

DANIEL APPEL lives and practices law in Wenatchee, WA. He and **KHIREE (HARKEN, 2003)** have two sons, Zachary and William. Another Appel will appear in January.

JOSHUA APPEL is the College's Junior Traditio instructor and a pastoral assistant at Trinity Reformed Church. He and **SARA (RAMSEY, 2004)** have one son, Blaise. Blaise's sibling is due to arrive in December.

CHRISTIN BOOTH lives and works in Monroe, LA.

JENNIFER DAVIS is an administrative assistant for Veritas Christian Academy in Campbell, CA.

CAROLYN GARFIELD teaches at the Oaks Academy in Spokane, WA when she's not acting in Wodehouse summer theaters.

TIM GRIFFITH teaches Latin at Logos School in Moscow. He and Casey have a son, Will, and a daughter, Lola.

JESSICA (REITER) KLIER and husband Dan reside in Moscow. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Samuel.

MATTHEW McCABE is finishing his Ph.D. at the University of Toronto. He and **HOLLY (McBROOM, 1999)** live in Ontario with their two sons and expect the latest McCabe to arrive in the new year.

MACKENZIE (STRUBLE) MILLER, husband Jared, and daughter Alice welcomed Clive Wesley Mark to the family in September, 2005.

NATALI MILLER is College's beloved

instructor of Beginning and Intermediate Latin.

BECKY NADREAU teaches at a classical Christian school near Seattle, WA.

AARON and **GENTRY (WILLIAMS, 2003)** **RENCH** are the proud parents of Eve (b. 06.14.06). Aaron is also NSA's Director of Admissions.

GREGORY and **CYNTHIA (NESARY) SODERBERG** live in Cary, NC with their three sons. Gregory teaches at Cary Christian School and is doing doctoral studies.

2002

DAVID BEAUCHAMP works for an economics analysis firm and directs service music for Christ Church in Moscow.

LAURA BLAKEY is a customer service representative at Canon Press in Moscow.

ERYN (ACKLEY) COMPAAN, husband Jonathan and sons live near Atlanta, GA.

JAYSON and Hannah **GRIESER** welcomed Paul Felix to the family on March 8, 2006. Paul joins brothers Jonah and Jude in Dallas, where dad is finishing his dissertation on Herbert's *Temple* for a Ph.D. in literature from the University of Dallas.

SARAH NASS lives in her hometown of Green Bay, WI.

ALLISON STEINBERG is teaching History, Latin, and Greek at St. Andrew's Academy in Lake Almanor, California.

TOBY SUMPTER, Jenny, and their children, River and Felicity Elizabeth (b. 7.30.06) have recently made South Carolina their home. Toby is pastoring Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church (CREC) and attending seminary.

2003

MARK BEAUCHAMP, wife Kristin and son Oscar oversee Ball & Cross Books in Moscow.

JOSH BERO is a project manager for a California building firm.

David (exp. 2008) and **ALISHA (BECK) DALBEY** live in Moscow with their son, Lewis.

HANNAH (BUELL) GRIFFITH lives

in Chico, CA where husband Jonathan is in his second year of law school. They have one child, Una, and expect another in December.

MICHELLE (LANO) HAHNE was married to Seth Hahne on June 4, 2006. They live in Mission Viejo, California.

KRISTEN JOHNSON is working as an office administrator for a Moscow economics analysis firm, playing cello in the Christ Church orchestra, learning photography and cooking good food.

RACHEL (YOUNGER) LEIGH married Brian Leigh on August 5, 2006. The Leighs live in College Park, MD.

ISAAC MAHAR is a recent graduate of the Coast Guard Academy. He and his wife Lydia have two daughters.

PETER MOORE received a Master's of Divinity from Westminster Seminary (Philadelphia) in July, 2006. He is currently working as the EM/youth director at China Grace Christian Church in Penllyn, PA.

BETHANY (ACKLEY) NIELSON and husband Otto (exp. 2007) reside in Moscow, where Bethany teaches art at Logos School.

ERIKA RIDGEWAY designs publications for a church in McLean, VA and does graphic design on the side.

ANNEKE (HOFMAN) STAFFORD and husband Andrew (exp. 2008) live in Moscow where Anneke works as a dental assistant.

2004

KATE (RAMSEY) APPEL and husband Justin are the brand new parents of Cecilia Blake, born September 11, 2006. The Appels live near Wenatchee, WA.

PEGGY AYERS teaches Latin and Greek at Logos School and horseback riding at a Moscow stable.

RACHEL BALL works for a Maryland telecommunications company. Appropriately, she telecommutes (from her Moscow home).

BETH COVINGTON has bid farewell to her NSA administrative assistant position. She is engaged to marry Taylor Crawford on December 30, 2006 in Austin, TX, where they also plan to live.

CLASS NOTES

AARON and KATY (WOLFF) CUMMINGS live in Menlo Park, CA with their two children, Israel and Caddie. Aaron is teaching and Katy is reading Homer to the kids, organizing Baroque concerts and catering on the side.

RICHARD GALL and his wife Alaina live in Minneapolis, MN with their son, Alexander. Rich is teaching home school tutorials, as well as working as an insurance broker.

GIANNA GERACI is completing interior design studies near home in Ohio.

JOSIAH and SHANNON (VISSER) HELSEL are living in Boise, ID and managing a storage facility together. Josiah is pursuing an MBA at Boise State University.

RUTH (FRAZIER) HILL and husband James (exp. 2007) are the parents of Esther Lillian, who arrived on February 2, 2006.

AMAANDA KEYES studied abroad in Prague last year and is now pursuing nursing at Lewis-Clark State College.

WOELKE and MEGAN (TURNER) LEITHART welcomed John Arthur to the North Carolina branch of the Leithart tribe in April, 2006. Woelke is teaching at Cary Christian School and doing graduate studies at Duke University.

JOHN and NAOMI (SCISCOE) LEWIS live in Dallas, TX where John (who recently completed an MS in Finance at Vanderbilt University) works as a real estate analyst and Naomi is employed in a furniture showroom. They expect a small Lewis in April.

JENNIE (CHURCH) OWEN lives in Moscow with husband Jerry and their son, George.

BRET SAUNDERS lives in Irving, TX and is a doctoral student in philosophy at the University of Dallas.

JONATHAN SODERBERG lives in Moscow with wife Rayia and their children, Titus and Adeline, and works for an assisted care facility.

DAVID YOUNG is a mortgage consultant for a Lynnwood, WA real estate company.

2005

RYAN ANDERSON is completing studies at the University of Washington.

ELIZABETH (SHADE) BANEK and

her husband Nathan welcomed Abigail Jean to the world in August, 2006. The Baneks live in Rockwall, TX.

MARTY BECKTELL is doing graduate studies in History at Washington State University and teaching math at Atlas Academy in Moscow.

REBECCA BOLLEN is engaged to marry Chris Wood on November 4, 2006. When not wedding planning, she teaches at a Christian school near her home in Virginia.

JOE and JENNIFER (FREEMAN) CARLSON live in Mount Hermon, CA, where Joe manages a coffee shop and roasting house and Jen is a church secretary.

BEN and Abra **CARNAHAN** are the proud parents of Ophelia Grace (b. January, 2006). Ben is teaching at Rockbridge Academy in Millersville, MD.

NOELLE CRAFT is studying cosmetology in Moscow.

NICOLE DE MARTIMPREY spent a year serving in South African orphanages. She is now teaching high school in California.

NETHANIEL EALY is managing construction projects in Moscow.

ISAAC GRAUKE works for a Moscow economics analysis firm. He, wife Katie and son August welcomed daughter and sister Evelyn in September.

ELIZABETH (HARRELL) HARMON married Caleb Harmon in a Tennessee plantation wedding on July 29, 2006. They now live in Lafayette, IN, where Caleb is pursuing graduate studies at Purdue.

HAVEN and AMY (BRUCKART) HOFMAN live in San Antonio, TX. Haven is specializing in construction and Amy in the domestic arts.

BETHANY HOYT lives in Moscow and works for local bakery. She practices calligraphy on the side.

ABBY (REED) JOHNSON and husband Matt have one daughter, Eleanor Marguerite, born June 24, 2006. The Johnsons live in Costa Rica.

RILEY LATHAM is doing medical studies in Virginia.

ERIN LINTON is teaching at a classical Christian school in Lynchburg, VA.

ROSE LORTZ is teaching in her hometown of Vancouver, WA.

RICHARD MILTENBERGER is running a construction business in Moscow and looking forward to marrying Katie Keyes February 10, 2007.

BRENDAN O'DONNELL writes articles for *Credenda*, works for a local surveying company, is learning to cook with wife Sharon and is wrapped around the little finger of daughter Flannery (b. Feb., 2006).

ERIN THOMPSON is tutoring her siblings at home in Port Angeles, WA.

AARON WELLS is teaching at a classical Christian school in Fallon, NV.

DAVID WILLIAMS works with an economics analysis firm in Moscow.

2006

CHRIS ABERLE is working as a loan officer for a Moscow mortgage company.

CASEY CARMICHAEL is pursuing divinity studies at Westminster Theological Seminary in California.

MATT and Ana **DAU** live in Portland, OR, where Matt teaches school and assists at Reformation Covenant Church. Son Simon Arthur was born July 3, 2006.

DIRK DE WINKLE married Molly in December, 2005. They expect their first child in January, 2007. Dirk is also headmaster of Atlas Academy in Moscow and doing pastoral studies at Greyfriars.

JON DION is engaged to marry Audrey Stephenson (exp. 2009) in March, 2007. He's also doing Greyfriars studies and working real estate in Moscow.

JOEL DOWERS is working on a bachelor's degree in Sports Medicine at the University of Idaho, and hopes to do graduate work in physical therapy.

SAM and **JAMIE (PAUL, 2004) FERNANDEZ** were married May 13, 2006. They live in Meridian, ID where Sam is a top-selling Personal Banker for Wells Fargo.

RHIANNON GERACI is living in her homeland of Ohio and considering graduate school.

JOANNA GRAY is working for a car dealership and living in Moscow.

ALI GRONEWOLD lives in her hometown of Tacoma, WA and teaches preschool.

NATE HALVERSON is a sales representative for Verint Video Solutions in the D.C. Area.

ANOMA HANSEN lives in Moscow and works for a local bakery.

LUKE and RACHEL (WILSON, 2001) JANKOVIC stay busy with their two daughters, Evangeline and Daphne, and La Bella Vita, a Moscow floral and housewares shop.

KATIE KEYES is studying classical pedal and Celtic harp music at the music conservatory of Alberta College in Edmonton. She is engaged to marry Richard Miltenberger in February, 2007.

LINDSEY LEITHART is the secretary for Trinity Reformed Church and a floral designer in Moscow.

BRENT MCLEAN lives in Red Deer, AB and works as a carpenter building mobile radiography darkrooms. He's studying chemistry and plans to enter a premedical program next year.

JESS MONNETTE is in law school at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA.

BROOKE MOODY is working as a paramedic in California. She'll spend the school year living with a family in Oxford, England, and will return to nursing studies in the summer.

KATIE MORIN is continuing her studies for a BA at NSA.

JOHNATHAN PETERSON works for a Moscow surveying company. He and Beth have three children, Alexander, Sophia and Timothy.

TY RALLENS toured Europe the summer following graduation. He has settled back into his hometown of Boise and works for Hewlett Packard.

RYAN READY is farming at home in Wisconsin and honing his skills in Tae Kwon Do.

CORINNE RODMAN is looking forward to becoming Mrs. Mark Reagan on November 11, 2004. She currently assists Mark with the NSA and Christ Church choirs.

KATIE SAUNDERS is continuing her studies at NSA and both learning and instructing Irish step dancing in Moscow.

BONNIE (POPP) SENTZ is home-maker in Moscow, wife to Rob and mom to Theo and Greta.

CHARLES VAN SOMEREN is pursuing graduate studies in national security at the Institute of World Politics, in Washington, D.C. ❖

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complete our master's program without having to quit their jobs," Atwood said.

Dr. Peter Leithart, one of the College's six senior fellows and one of its most prolific scholars, will direct the College's new graduate program. Leithart joined the faculty in 1998 and holds a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Cambridge University, England. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) and pastors Trinity Reformed Church, a Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC) congregation in Moscow.

Other inaugural members of the College's graduate faculty will be:

- **Dr. Roy Atwood**, Ph.D. (Iowa), Senior Fellow of Humanities
 - **Mr. Douglas Jones, III**, M.F.A. (Idaho), Senior Fellow of Philosophy and Literature
 - **Dr. Mitch Stokes**, Ph.D. (Notre Dame), Fellow of Philosophy
 - **Mr. Douglas Wilson**, M.A. (Idaho), Senior Fellow of Theology
 - **Dr. Gordon Wilson**, Ph.D. (George Mason), Senior Fellow of Natural Philosophy
- Scholars who will likely contribute to the graduate program on an occasional basis include Dr. David

Field (Ph.D., Cambridge, and Post-graduate Course Leader, Oak Hill Theological College, London), Dr. James B. Jordan (founder and director of Biblical Horizons, Niceville, FL), the Rev. Jeff Meyers (S.T.M., Ph.D. [ABD], Concordia Theological Seminary, senior pastor of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO, and author of *The Lord's Service*), and others.

Tuition for the new master's degree will be \$12,000 for the first year.

"While that is more than the College's undergraduate tuition rate—as it should be for the individualized, one-on-one nature of graduate education—it is still a bargain," said Bob Hieronymus, the College's executive vice president and chief financial officer. "Our graduate tuition will be at least 30 percent less than the national average for today's private college *undergraduate* tuition, which now exceeds \$22,000 per year, and also below the non-resident graduate tuition rate at the local state university today (\$15,783)."

For more information about the College's new graduate degree program, contact the Graduate Admissions Office, New Saint Andrews College, P.O. Box 9025, Moscow, ID 83843, graduate.admissions@nsa.edu. ☒



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- January 26-29, 2007Winter Prospective Student Weekend
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- April 13-16, 2007.....Spring Prospective Student Weekend
- May 9, 2007..... Commencement
- June 22-July 7, 2007..... England Study Tour
- August 6-8, 2007..... Trinity Festival
- August 13, 2007..... Start of New Academic Year

Higher education's golden calf

By Roy Alden Atwood, Ph.D.

The college experience is arguably the most powerful influence on a child's intellectual and spiritual development between the teen years and adulthood, yet it is often the least scrutinized of all levels of education among Christians.

Why do so many parents who obsess over the smallest details of the educational philosophy, curriculum and pedagogy of their children's primary and secondary education suddenly go numb to those concerns when they look to the thirteenth grade?

Why do we, who have labored so long to help our children recover the lost tools of learning and declare the Lordship of Christ over all of life, knowingly send our children off for the finishing touches of their education to colleges at war spiritually with the Western tradition and the Christian church that nourished it? This disconnect in our thinking is truly stunning.

THE END OF EDUCATION

The idea that the goal or *telos* of education changes between high school and college was a novel one concocted at the end of the 19th century. From the earliest universities in Medieval Europe, Christian higher education's singular purpose was the same as education for younger children: to guide the child through the *paideia* of the Lord into Christian maturity and faithful adulthood. Educators did not *train* them to *do* something, but *educated* them to *be* someone: a man or woman of unimpeachable Christian character equipped for every good work.

After the War Between the States, three forces—philosophical, financial, and political—converged that corrupted this vision of higher education and how Christians understood the goal of a college education. The philosophy of pragmatism was the first corrosive force that swept the country in the last half of the 19th century. Riding the wave of theological liberalism, secular pragmatists made “practicality” and things that “work” into the idols of the age. Pragmatists essentially told students to “seek first vocational training, and all that kingdom of God and righteousness stuff could be added later.” The spirit of pragmatism has dominated higher education, even among Christians, ever since.

The second force was the large sums of money captains of industry offered colleges and universities to lure them away from the “useless” liberal arts and to “add” vocational programs in “useful arts” and “practical skills.” Many cash-strapped classical Christian colleges gave up their academic and spiritual virtue, only quibbling over the price.

The third force to redefine the goal of higher education was the Morrill Act. Passed in 1862 by the North's Unitarian dominated Congress at the peak of the Civil War, the act established land-grant colleges and universities in every state to “teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts” and to promote the “practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.” These supposedly religiously “neutral” colleges were designed to give everyone a “useful” (meaning *not* biblical or spiritual) education. As these tax-supported colleges gradually became the primary places for skill-training and career preparation, the Christian goal for education became increasingly marginalized, denigrated, and eventually forgotten.

In *Excellence Without A Soul: How A Great University Forgot Education*, a former dean of Harvard College describes how these forces corrupted America's oldest (and longest to be apostate) academic institution. He concludes that Harvard and other “[universities] have forgotten that the fundamental job of undergraduate education is to turn eighteen and nineteen-year-olds into twenty-one and twenty-two-year-olds, to help them grow up . . . and to leave college as better human beings (p. xii). Vocationalism, the secular educational paradigm that now dominates both government and Christian colleges and universities, represents a profound case of covenantal amnesia and academic neglect. Worse, it is the golden calf of higher education, fashioned from the wealth and sacrifices of God's very own people.

THE CEMENT IS STILL WET

The intellectual, moral, and spiritual dangers the dominant secular paradigm and its vocationalism pose for today's Christian college students would seem less worrisome if new college students were already set in their worldview ways or

more immune to the idolatry around them. But every professor knows that's not the case. In fact, from long experience and repeated interactions with students, professors know that undergraduates are still very malleable and impressionable. Their cement is not dry.

The idea that Christian college students will have more of a testimony and influence on their peers and professors than the other way is laughable. Of course, God protects His own and can work miracles, but the “missionary-student” is fooling himself. Whatever religious beliefs and Christian worldview foundations may have been laid during the first 18 years of our children's lives, secularists know that they can still be scrambled or undone while the spiritual, moral, and intellectual cement of our 18-to-21 year-olds is still wet. College is the place where that dirty work happens, and the secularists largely control the high ground of higher education. And to make it worse, our taxes, tuition, and an *average* indebtedness of more than \$20,000 in federally subsidized student loan payments continue to pay for it all.

A NEW GENERATION OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Secularists are not happy about the growth of home schooling and Christian day schools over the past 30 years, of course, but they still aren't worried about losing the cultural wars in education. They know that Christians have effectively ceded the entire realm of higher education to them and their secularist vocationalist paradigm.

As long as Christian parents and their children uncritically follow the dominant paradigm for higher education (worrying primarily about “what kind of job can my kid get when he graduates?”), secularists (of both left and right stripes) will continue to dominate our colleges.

The way to recover the biblical goal for higher education is to establish a new generation of classical Christian colleges that can complete the good work of maturing our covenant children in the *paideia* of the Lord. New Saint Andrews is committed to leading this new generation of reformational classical Christian colleges, which refuses to bend the knee to the dominant secular paradigm's golden calf of vocationalism. ❖

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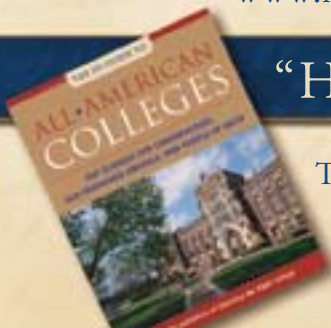


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