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From the Chancellor



Dr. Michael Farris

The lifestyle and atmosphere on secular college campuses is incredibly troubling to Christian students who want to live according to unchanging moral principles. They face enormous pressure to give in to the party scene on virtually every campus. For the past thirteen years, Patrick Henry College has been a place where Christian students don't have to choose between academic excellence and a biblical foundation. Here, moral sanity is the rule, not the exception.

While PHC has experienced great successes in its thirteen years, we are still small with only five majors. We need to expand to serve more people.

We're presently carefully reviewing new programs, and we're very close to developing an Economics and Business Analytics major. We're also considering a science and math program, and expanding music and strategic intelligence into full-blown majors.

Our standard is simple—if we can offer a program that is biblically sound, is true to our core curriculum, and has the potential to become one of the nation's best, then we're very interested in proceeding.

I fully expect to soon announce new majors at PHC. This will allow us to serve more students and impact more lives while still offering excellent academic instruction.

We are in the people business. Your support helps students and it ultimately helps our nation.

From the President



Dr. Graham Walker

The students of Patrick Henry College come here from varied experiences across the world: the missions field, the military, small-town farms, big-city businesses, and the Miss America tour. When they graduate they become even more far-ranging in their experiences: entrepreneurs in Montana; teachers in New York; intelligence analysts in Afghanistan; graduate students in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and London, England; and audio scriptwriters working with Phil Lollar of *Adventures in Odyssey* fame.

But with all these differences, Patrick Henry College gives them something unique that they hold in common. Our distinctive core curriculum—built around the classical disciplines of theology, philosophy, language, and mathematics—exposes all students to the many different fields of human endeavor within God's creation. With this breadth, a student is placed, as John Henry Newman put it, "in that state of intellect in which he can take up any one of the sciences or callings... with an ease, a grace, a versatility, and a success, to which another is a stranger." The apprenticeship phase of our classical model ensures that graduates take with them not only this breadth of knowledge, but also depth in their own fields, leaving them well-equipped for their future callings, however God may shape them.

Most importantly, these academic endeavors are rooted in Jesus Christ, "in whom all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17). For everyone here, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life—the anchor Who gives our studies and our lives permanent meaning and a timeless foundation. May the stories in this issue, of what the Lord has done with our students and graduates, encourage you also in this hope.

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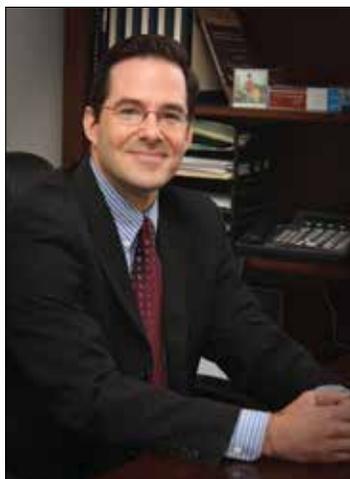
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Students congregate in front of The Barbara Hodel Center after the Fall Faith and Reason lecture.

Advancement VP Departs, “Right-Hand” Man Steps In

The College’s former Assistant Vice President for Advancement, Tom Ziemnick, was promoted to Vice President for Advancement at Patrick Henry College. He replaces Colin Stewart, who recently accepted a position at the Hoover Institution as a Research Fellow and Associate Director, serving as the institution’s Director of Development.



Tom Ziemnick, VP for Advancement

Ziemnick has been serving with the College since 2007 and brings almost twenty years of professional sales and management experience to his new position. During the last three years, Stewart, who has held similar positions with the Heritage Foundation, Family Research Council, and with the George W. Bush Presidential Library, mentored Ziemnick and the

development team and frequently referred to Ziemnick as his “right-hand man.”

Ziemnick plans to maintain the system Stewart set in place while continuing to foster positive relationships with donors and helping them feel connected to PHC’s mission and vision. Noting that PHC’s donors are devoted

fathers, mothers, and Christians anxious about the country’s direction, he says their concerns closely mirror the College’s mission to provide an excellent classical liberal arts education in an environment of passionate Christian discipleship. Ziemnick believes Stewart’s reorganization of the advancement office “raised the bar.”

“Colin brought a level of profes-

sionalism and exceptionalism to our team,” Ziemnick said. “He matched the vision of PHC by raising our gaze up. Everyone here benefitted from his leadership, both personally and professionally. He left a team and an organizational unit. His footprint will be here for years to come.”

For Ziemnick, working in the College’s advancement office has never been a job but, rather, a gift and a calling. He believes his time at PHC has been appointed by God, and advancing the College’s mission and vision has been a dream come true for him.

PHC Chancellor Michael Farris is delighted by Ziemnick’s promotion.

“I personally know Tom as a man who is deeply committed to the mission and vision of Patrick Henry College,” he said. “He is a devoted husband and homeschooling father of three. Most importantly, having been personally involved in his coming to Christ, I know Tom loves the Lord with all his heart.” ★

Advancement Team Adds PHC Alumnus Paul Devamithran

Recent PHC alumnus Paul Devamithran (International Politics and Policy) has returned to the College as a development officer in the Advancement Office. During his time on campus he served as student body VP alongside current PHC Director of Major Gifts and former Student Body President Jonathan Carden (Journalism). Devamithran also co-captained the mock trial team and was the men’s soccer team captain.

“When Paul decided to apply we were extra cautious because he was a friend of mine, with perhaps some implied favoritism there,” says Carden. “But as he interviewed with (VP of Advancement) Tom Ziemnick and myself, it became clear that he was the best natural fit for the job. He’s eminently likeable, a very good listener, very thoughtful, and someone who has just a lot of social grace. People



Paul Devamithran

who support the College want a genuine relationship, and Paul is someone who will authentically care about people and build those important relationships.”

Prior to joining the advancement office, Devamithran spent six months working for a member of the Sri Lankan Parliament as a personal aid and ghost-writer, and as a policy analyst for a Sri Lankan think tank.

It was work that he found both inspiring and, in unexpected ways, connected closely to the College’s mission.

“Working in Sri Lanka, I realized how much I owe to my PHC education for teaching me to write persuasively, ask questions, and see the hidden metaphors in a culture. When this opportunity materialized, I couldn’t wait to join the team and promote the College’s mission.” ★

Dr. Walker Delivers Ugandan Commencement Address

A growing friendship with one of Africa's distinguished Anglican scholars, and the chance to forge ties with a leading African Christian university, inspired President Walker's October visit to Uganda. Traveling to the East African country with Dr. Marvin Olasky, *WORLD Magazine* editor-in-chief and PHC Distinguished Professor of Journalism and Public Policy, Dr. Walker delivered the keynote commencement address for Uganda Christian University (UCU). The university has an enrollment of over 11,000 students on five campuses, the primary one located in Mukono, just east of Uganda's capital city, Kampala.

President Walker and his wife, Lindy, and Dr. Olasky and wife Susan, toured the Kampala region, gave lectures, conducted interviews, visited with local dignitaries and observed the state of the church and Christian higher education in the former British colony.



Dr. and Mrs. Walker with Ugandan delegation at PHC.

The visit stemmed from Dr. Walker's developing friendship with UCU's Vice Chancellor John Senyonyi, "an extraordinarily mature Christian leader." Dr. Senyonyi—a statistician and evangelist—visited and toured PHC last year as part of his U.S. trip to visit northern Virginia's Anglican churches, which had been for some years under the spiritual authority of the Anglican Church of Uganda, the sponsoring church of UCU.

"He was impressed by his visit to PHC," recalls Walker, "as he was very aware of the uneven qualities among

American Christian universities. He was particularly attracted to the College's fidelity to Scripture."

Dr. Walker's commencement theme, from 2 Timothy 1:7, "discussed the role of knowledge in the service of love, and the role of the Holy Spirit in generating wisdom and a sound mind." He also presented a public lecture in Kampala on higher education policy entitled, "What Ugandan Higher Education Can Learn From American Mistakes."

"One of my main goals is to learn from my Ugandan colleagues how to shape a large scale university for faithfulness to Christ in the face of growing secularization," he said. "They have a lot to teach on that score. I'm also excited about future collaborations between our institutions," which he said could include student and faculty exchanges, visiting lectureships, and various service and missions projects. ★

Pensmore Dialogue on Science and Faith Returns to PHC

The Patrick Henry College community will once again explore big questions about the origins of life and the universe at *The Pensmore Dialogue on Science and Faith* at Patrick Henry College on April 4-5, 2014. The two-day conference moves this spring from its four-year home in Philadelphia to Patrick Henry College.

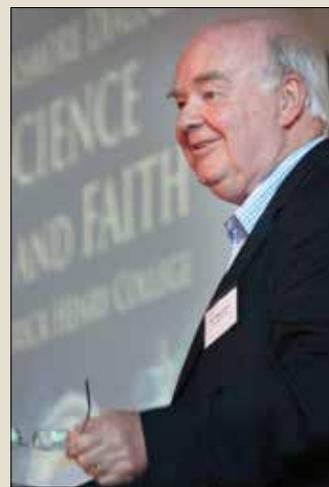
"I'm a great fan of Patrick Henry College," said conference founder Steve Huff, a friend of PHC and retired intelligence software entrepreneur. "The College is producing leaders of the next generation who need to see and hear these arguments. I'm hoping this conference will help establish PHC as an intellectual center for these critically important issues."

The speaking roster once again includes noted Christian intellectual Dr. John Lennox, a renowned Oxford University mathematics professor and theologian. Other speakers include Discovery Institute Director Dr. Stephen C. Meyer, a former geophysicist and college professor, and Father Robert Spitzer, former president of Gonzaga University and current president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith. The line-up also

features Dr. Jay Richards, Senior Fellow of the Discovery Institute, Dr. Vern S. Poythress, professor of New Testament Interpretation at Westminster Theological Seminary, and Dr. Guillermo Gonzalez, assistant professor of Physics and Astronomy at Ball State University.

"These conferences challenge an assumption that seems to dominate our culture—that science and faith are in conflict, even mutually exclusive," Huff added. "In view of the large number of present and future policy makers in this area, we believed it important to present an alternative point of view."

To learn more and to RSVP for the *Pensmore Dialogue on Science and Faith*, April 4-5, go to www.phc.edu/pensmore ★



Dr. Lennox during the 2013 Dialogue.



Dr. Cory Grewell, PHC's new English Lit professor.

New Literature Professor Adds International Flair

Dr. Cory Grewell has joined the PHC faculty as a literature professor, replacing PHC's beloved literature professor Dr. Bonnie Libby, who passed unexpectedly in November 2012. Grewell fits well among the faculty as a strong Christian, scholar, and teacher, said Provost Dr. Gene Edward Veith. "We're not satisfied unless we can find all three of these," he said.

A search committee reviewed about 20 applications and seriously considered eight before offering the position to Grewell, whose application materials and on-campus visit confirmed initial good impressions. His interview involved instructing a western literature class on Dante's seventh circle of hell after less than a week of preparation.

Grewell's expository teaching style

blends well with the other literature faculty, Veith observed, noting that Grewell has written an as yet unpublished criminal detective novel and enjoys fiction writing on an ongoing basis. "It's still what I want to do when I grow up," Grewell said.

He earned his undergraduate degree in English from The Master's College, his master's degree in English from California State University, and his doctorate in English from Northeastern University. An expert on Renaissance dramatic literature, having written his Ph.D. dissertation on the works of Ben Jonson, his teaching experience includes an adjunct position at Gordon College, an assistant professorship at Thiel College, and a recent position as assistant professor at American University in Dubai (AUD).

His time in Dubai at American University was exceptionally intriguing, he recalls, enabling him to speak openly about faith and theological truth in spite of the Muslim culture. Comparing teaching at AUD to an extended graduate school experience in an isolated academic community, he cited challenges that included frequent cheating.

He shared a story about a colleague who confronted a student, saying, "This isn't your paper. You didn't write it." The student argued that it was his paper—he'd paid good money to

have it written.

At AUD, Grewell taught his students familiar stories from *One Thousand and One Nights*, as well as classics like *Oedipus*.

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Christian Advisor Aids Spiritual Life

Christian advisor Tim Gosselin began weekly office hours at PHC this fall, offering a listening ear and godly counsel to students.

Gosselin, husband of adjunct music professor Jennifer Gosselin, recently completed his degree in Biblical Counseling at Westminster Theological Seminary and participated in a 9-month internship at the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation. He provided counseling at Capitol Hill Baptist Church for the past year.

"My vision is that students would know they don't have to face the challenges of life alone," Gosselin said. "I hope to be a helpful addition and aid to the care and development of students at PHC."

His counsel focuses on building relationships and finding scripture-based solutions, an approach that involves careful listening, searching Scripture, praying, and strategizing.

"My counsel will not be that of self-reliance, but rather, dependence upon God. More powerful than my presence is the presence of God," Gosselin said. ★



Advisor Tim Gosselin and wife Jennifer, a potent team.

COLLEGE PRE-LAW PROGRAM AMONG NATION'S BEST

By Dr. Frank Guliuzza

Before I came to Patrick Henry College, I coached at another academic institution, and my students frequently faced PHC's powerful moot court teams. I think the assumption among many of the other coaches in intercollegiate moot court was that Patrick Henry was comprised almost exclusively of very driven pre-law students intent on going to top-flight schools.

Of course when I was hired at PHC, I found this conjecture was not true. Patrick Henry is a college with a very robust and demanding curriculum taught in a classical liberal arts tradition. Accordingly, most of our students are not interested in attending law school. But, I certainly don't want anyone to think that Patrick Henry College has abandoned its objective to provide one of the premier pre-law programs in the nation. Our students have been admitted routinely, and often with significant financial support, to the very best law schools in the United States, including Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Columbia, NYU, Chicago, Duke, the University of Virginia, Georgetown, Notre Dame, Northwestern, and the University of Pennsylvania to name but a few.

This level of success at a small college that is roughly a dozen years old doesn't happen by accident. The LORD has blessed the College with the strong leadership needed to facilitate PHC's excellent pre-law program—and I am using “program” much the same way that sportswriters use the term to laud athletic teams that are successful over time (e.g. Alabama in football, Duke in basketball).

What are some of the reasons why PHC pre-law is so successful? First, we have a successful strategy for taking on the dreaded “LSAT.” In the last five years, our students' averages on the test have improved five points with an overall average above the 96th percentile of all test takers.

Second, we have nationally competitive teams in intercollegiate moot court and mock trial. Some might ask why success in this activity is so important. It's because of how this rigorous discipline so beautifully complements and reinforces the mission and founding vision of Patrick Henry College. The College's mission is to shape the culture and serve the nation with timeless biblical values

and fidelity to the spirit of the American founding. Our success in this arena suggests that we are representing our Father in Heaven and the College with excellence and

integrity. I can also assure you that it says a lot about the kind of education that we are providing to our students. The simple truth is that the best intercollegiate moot court program in America is not at Princeton. It is not at Duke. It is not at Harvard. It is here at Patrick Henry College! As someone commented to me a few days ago, how many

schools can say that they are the best in the country at anything?

Our students work incredibly hard to prepare themselves, but credit and gratitude for the success we enjoy in this activity also goes to every member of the faculty, the administration, the on-campus staff, and especially to those who donate financially or who otherwise support the College.

Our moot court team members frequently go on to attend the top law and postgraduate schools in the nation. As these law students graduate, they will have the chance to a make a difference in ways that go well beyond winning championship trophies. We are certainly proud of the success of these programs, but, perhaps even more to the point, they are an indispensable part of our pre-law program. In more than 15 years of coaching, I have never had a moot court or mock trial student who, wanting to attend law school, failed to earn admission.

Finally, we have developed an approach to the application process, the “Building Block Approach.” It isn't rocket science, but it seems to work. I've presented the process to pre-law advisors and students across the country. At PHC, we walk each of our students through the process step-by-step when they are applying to law school.

As I said, there are many things we do well here at Patrick Henry College. But, the opportunities that we provide to pre-law students at PHC may be second to none—anywhere. My sincere hope is that, as the LORD continues to bless our program, we reach the point where every informed Christian young man or woman who is interested in going to law school will have to consider PHC very, very seriously! ★

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Dean of Academic Affairs,
Professor of Government



A Champion for Adoption in Romania

It was a passion that began in 2005, when Caleb Loomis' family spent the summer in Russia and fostered two 15-year-old Russian girls. Though international adoptions had not yet been banned in Russia, the process remained nearly impossible—and when the Loomis family tried to adopt Julia and Angela, they were unable to pay the exorbitant costs.

"The red tape is hurting those who least deserve to be hurt," recalls Loomis (Government: International Politics and Policy, '15). "I believe my vocational calling is to mediate adoptions, to help Christian homes and churches welcome children in and give them secure and hopeful futures."

This past summer, Loomis' attention turned to another country where adoption is rare and difficult: Romania. Loomis is interning with the Purcellville-based charity Romania Reborn, which directly supports and advocates for Christian adoption ministries in Romania, whose government banned international adoptions in 2004. The charity focuses on empowering indigenous Christians to answer God's call to care for over 80,000 needy children now in state care.

"We hope churches will rise up to God's call to visit orphans, to help the desperate and the innocent," Loomis said. "It's a flame that was slow to start, but it is growing in momentum."

As part of his internship, Loomis has studied strategies to reduce adoption obstacles and is investigating what happens

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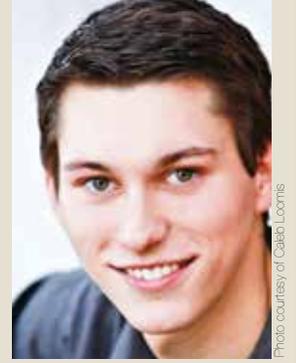


Photo courtesy of Caleb Loomis

to orphans who aren't adopted. His research will be used by Romania Reborn to advocate for less restrictive adoption laws, which renders the adoption process long, costly and difficult. Over 9,000 children are abandoned in Romania each year, spawning an epidemic of orphans, many with developmental challenges and at extreme risk to human trafficking.

"Romanians—from those in governmental positions down to the man on the street—believe that adoption feeds human trafficking, and that adopted children are often actually trafficked to sex rings or even sold for their organs," said Romania Reborn's President Jayme Metzgar. "We strongly believe that the opposite is true: that the restrictions on adoption have in fact placed children at greater risk for trafficking than ever before."

"Adoption is not an American ideal that we're imposing on another country; it's a direct Christian call," Loomis said. "We're just assisting God's children in Romania to offer love and a home to those who are most in need." ★

Walden Internship Fuels Zarr's Passion for Film

Hannah Zarr (Journalism, '15) has loved to act since childhood, but long after Zarr grew too old for neighborhood plays, her imagination kept dancing with costumes, characters, and swashbuckling adventures, fueling her dream to be an actress.

In high school, Zarr looked into film schools, but quickly realized she needed to learn what makes a good story. Zarr attended PHC to learn how to tell better stories and majored in journalism to sharpen her writing and communication skills.

"PHC is not just showing me the type of person I should be, but is aiding me in becoming that person," she said. "The community of love here is just astounding."



Hannah Zarr during her internship at Walden Media.

Photo courtesy of Hannah Zarr

During last fall's PHC's *Newsmaker Interview Series* with Marvin Olasky, Micheal Flaherty, cofounder of Walden Media, addressed students about his film endeavors. Zarr approached him afterward and, a few emails later, Walden Media's internship coordinator offered her a position for summer 2013.

Zarr's six-week internship at Walden Media was her idea of perfection, allowing her to review new movies and scripts, and give notes and comments during post-production.

"This is something I've been working towards for years," Zarr said. "I figured I'd sneak my way into acting by learning the behind-the-scenes stuff first. I discovered I really love all of the stuff I was doing behind the camera." ★

Alumni Association Grants Scholarship for Student Essay

The Patrick Henry College Alumni Association recently announced that Alicia Constant (Journalism, '14) is this year's \$2,000 Alumni Association Tuition Scholarship Essay Competition recipient. According to the PHC Alumni Association, "Alicia's es-

say, 'The Face of Joy,' is a masterfully written description of her struggle with the question of how a good God could allow the presence of suffering in the world. Her essay clearly illuminates the academic, personal, and spiritual development resulting from her struggle."

The Face of Joy

by Alicia Constant

I couldn't get their faces out of my mind. The single mother's red-rimmed eyes, her baby just six pounds and eight days old. The young Hispanic man, maybe 14, his voice forced cheerful, his eyes downcast, translating for his mother. The little Indian girl dressed in yellow with the bright brown eyes who announced she wanted to be a mathematician.

When I began my series on youth homelessness during my internship at the Loudoun Times-Mirror I had reports and statistics. But reports and statistics don't tell stories.

"Five minutes to pick out clothes," the volunteers told them, as families crowded in the hall outside the room of donated supplies, babies cried and toddlers screamed. Five minutes turned to fifteen as each child dug through beanie babies, nurses sorted clothes, and diapers were lost and found. "We have to tell you to leave now," the volunteer woman said, but a little girl who barely spoke English lingered by the belts stacked on a hanger. I took them off one by one, men's and women's and boys', attempting to fit her little waist. As her mother began to leave, the girl looked pleadingly at a black faux alligator-print belt: "Please, please, please... one that doesn't cut." In the land of Lexuses, iPhones and nannies, this girl had to ask a stranger for a toothbrush and a belt big enough for her to grow into.

My internship with the Loudoun Times-Mirror, the summer between my sophomore and junior years, marked a dropping-off point in my life. I began to wrestle with the hardest question I had yet to answer—harder than any U.S. History paper or Freedom's exam. Can I believe

God is good in a world with this much pain?

I cried myself to sleep many nights that summer, alone in a dark basement, carrying the deep burden of love. When I returned to school that fall, I saw no visible change in those broken souls. My PHC friends felt like water on a parched desert. But as much as I tried to ignore it, the problem of pain hadn't gone away.

After fall break, I opened an email with the subject header, "The late, beloved Bonnie Libby." I held my friends as they cried during the memorial, but didn't believe she was gone: for weeks, I kept thinking I saw her, only to remember and grieve. I heard of the sudden death of someone I profiled for WORLD Magazine, a wide-hearted

woman who adopted three Down syndrome children; then, the death of my roommates' grandparents, the corporate mourning of the Newtown shootings and the Boston bombings, and the murder of my best friend's pastor, wife and small children by their oldest son.

The pain became such a blur that I worried I was shutting myself off from feeling it. I lost count of the number of people I knew who were touched by death in the last six months. For the first time in 20 years, I was not sure I believed God was good. And that terrified me.

That spring, in Philosophy, the Stoics' amor fati and Leibniz's claim we lived in the "best of all possible worlds" felt like putting a Band-Aid on a ruptured artery. I wrote my précis in response to B.C. Johnson's article, "Why Doesn't God Intervene to Prevent Evil?" In his essay, Johnson accuses, "A house catches fire and a six-month-old baby is painfully burned to death. Could we

possibly describe as 'good' any person that had the power to save this child and yet refused to do so? God...has refused to help." As I hoisted all my logic against Johnson's arguments, I realized the problem of evil is ultimately beyond logic: it is the cry of a drowning soul.

The précis got submitted, but the answer came months later. I found it in John 11, the death of Jesus' best friend. The text makes a point to say Christ loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus—and because He loved them, He stayed away two days. He had said, "This illness does not lead to death," and there Lazarus was, rotting in a tomb. And the same Jesus turns to Martha, His face at the point of weeping, and says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Martha, in the darkness without any glimmer of resurrection, looks into the face of her Redeemer and says, "Yes, Lord; I believe." Martha believed through the pain because she knew Jesus.

I wish the solution to pain were easy, wish I could simply make hollow souls believe the truth and leave aside these clever-weaved spidery lies. I wish I knew just the right thing to say, or, sometimes, that I had courage to say anything. Yet at the end of those dead hopes, through that hollow summer and those homeless faces, I found joy. Not

joy because it was "the right Christian answer," but joy in believing without doubt that the God who delays is the same God who loves me.

The answer to the problem of pain will come on that Day, when corruptible is swallowed up by incorruptible, and the suffering in this world pales in comparison to the glory set before us: "He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8). Joy is longing for that Home. ★

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Craig James (l) discussed his abrupt firing from FOX Sports, and Christina Hoff Sommers (r) dissected feminism's impact on young males.

Newsmakers Interview Series

Freedom Feminism to Pro-life to Pro Football

Fall semester at PHC saw year three of the *Newsmakers Interview Series* with Marvin Olasky return, roundly complementing the College's robust academic program by giving students a unique opportunity to hear from and personally interact with leading authors, conservative activists, media personalities, and politicians.

The first week kicked off in late September with **Christina Hoff Sommers**, a resident scholar at American Enterprise Institute, known for her writing on feminism in America and boys' education. Sommers opened with a story about her granddaughter who, given a toy train, put it in a carriage and covered it with a

blanket so it could "get some sleep." She followed that with an anecdote about a toy maker who designed a playhouse so that both boys and girls could both play with it. While the girls cozied up inside with dolls and kitchen appliances, the boys made a makeshift slingshot to launch dolls from the roof of the playhouse.

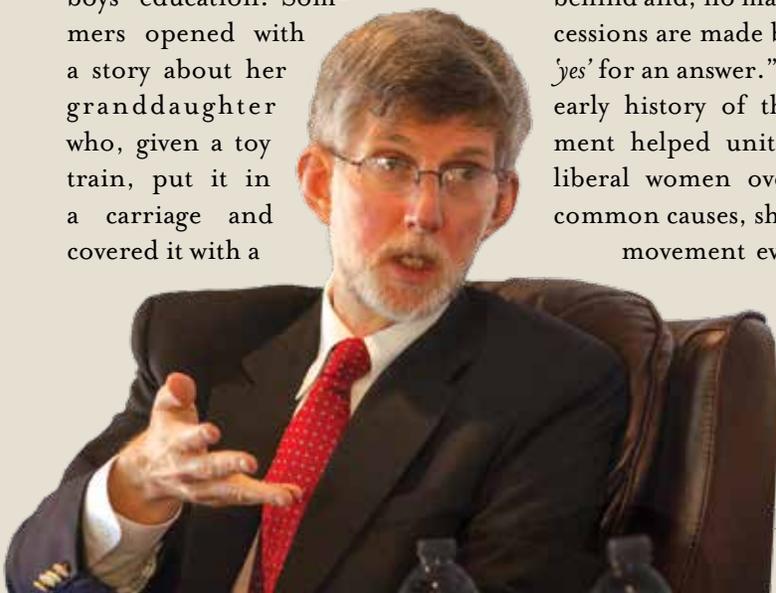
Her point? Boys and girls are different, contrary to the opinions of some radical feminists. Sommers doesn't oppose all feminism but concedes that modern feminism leaves most women behind and, no matter how many concessions are made by men, "won't take 'yes' for an answer." Observing how the early history of the women's movement helped unite conservative and liberal women over groundbreaking common causes, she lamented that the movement evolved in unhealthy

ways. She suggests as an alternative a "freedom

feminism" recognizing the differences between men and women while acknowledging that some women aspire to male-dominated pursuits. More importantly, she concluded, not every difference between men and women represents injustice.

Tuesday's interview with **Steven James**, author of more than 30 books spanning many genres—including the critically acclaimed *Patrick Bowers Files*, an eight-book series of psychological thrillers—chronicled his rocky path from impoverished aspiring writer to published author. Having received a master's degree in storytelling, James began his career making up stories for kids at summer camp and later wrote for magazines and took "side jobs" to support his growing family. The struggle allowed him to always regard writing as his "day job." Writing stories he hopes will sell, he asks himself, "How can I make things worse for my main characters?" A Christian, James is skeptical of the publishing industry's basic notion of "Christian fiction."

Dr. Marvin Olasky during an interview.



A “Christian” story should celebrate the things God celebrates, abhor the things God abhors, strive for excellence, tell the truth about the world, and point to the fact that redemption is available, he said.

Last-minute guest **Craig James**, a former professional football player with the New England Patriots, former ESPN sports broadcaster, and 2012 Texas Senate candidate, arrived on campus to discuss his religious liberty lawsuit against Fox News. During his unsuccessful Senate run, James publicly declared his support for a Biblical definition of marriage and defined homosexuality as a choice, comments that, when brought to the attention of Fox executives, got him fired. Noting that James’ case will weigh heavily on the protection of religious liberty in America, Dr. Olasky said, “If a candidate is not free to express his religious viewpoint in a civil manner during a political campaign, as Craig James did, without being blacklisted from working in his profession, freedom of speech and freedom of religion are dead in America.”

Added James: “If we allow it to slide, all of a sudden the slide turns into policy, and we can’t allow that to happen.”

Ryan and Bethany Bomberger, founders and chief creative officer and executive director, respectively, of the Radiance Foundation, shared a powerful testimony about how Ryan was conceived in rape and adopted by a multiracial family of 15. Bethany was a single mother, and today the couple aggressively campaigns against Planned Parenthood’s ties to eugenics and its targeting of the black community for a disproportionate number of abortions. Their growing ministry merges



a pro-life message with adoption.

Controversial Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, **E.W. Jackson**, spoke of his unlikely rise from a difficult upbringing in a tough

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- E. W. Jackson

neighborhood to beating racial odds in earning a law degree from Harvard Law School. He came to Christ during his time at Harvard and says that pivotal relationship has helped him overcome the “victimization mindset” held by many in the black community.

“Sure, there might be obstacles, and race might be one of them,” he said, “but the larger question is, ‘What are you going to do with your life?’” He rejects the equation of gay rights with the civil rights movement and says that many of his faith-based comments have been intentionally distorted by the media. Still, Jackson remains hopeful, albeit gravely concerned, about the direction of the country. “I really believe if this country sticks to its constitutional limits and its Judeo-Christian values, then the favor of God which brought this country into being will remain upon us.”

Finally, **Mark Leibovich**, New York Time’s reporter and author of *This Town: Two Parties and a Funeral – Plus, Lots of Valet Parking!* – in *America’s Gilded Capitol*, shared his insider journalist’s view



Pro-life activists Ryan and Bethany Bomberger (top) and Va. candidate for Lt. Governor E.W. Jackson (below).

of the inner workings of Washington, D.C., its self-absorption, rampant opportunism, and general disdain for the concerns of mainstream America.

“What’s different now is that there’s so much money in the political system, and Washington is by far the wealthiest region in the country,” he said. “It allows people to ‘cash in’ and creates a level of greed that wasn’t supposed to be driving people to come into politics.”

To view archived video interviews, go to www.phc.edu/newsmakers. ★

Telling Stories That Change People's Lives

When Ian Reid (Journalism, '12) was ten years old, he watched a LEGO® movie his friends had made, amazed that the plastic figurines walked, talked, and moved. He wanted to make one too, and soon his LEGO® movies had evolved into live action adventures—a mixture of Mission Impossible, Indiana Jones, and Jackie Chan. When his friends tired of making movies and moved on to other pursuits, Reid still couldn't get enough.

In high school, he began to see movies as far more powerful than pure entertainment.

"The amount of time people spend gorging on entertainment shapes the way they think about the world around them," he said. "That's when my thought process transitioned from 'movie making is fun' to 'movie making has the potential to change people's lives.'"

Reid had settled on Biola University's film school when he met Purcellville's George Escobar, then promoting his new film, *Come What May*, a fictionalized account of PHC's championship moot court team. Escobar asked him to reconsider film school, explaining that if he could do it all over again, he would attend a great liberal arts school to learn about the world—and good storytelling.

"I wanted to learn how to tell stories that would bring people to a deeper understanding of the true and the beautiful and would lead people to a deeper understanding of Christ and eternity," he said. "I didn't know of a better liberal arts school than PHC, where I could study from professors who are brilliant and glean from them how to tell beautiful stories."



Ian and Yetta Reid

At PHC, Reid studied subjects like constitutional law and physics. Yet as he studied the sciences and history, he learned to find the beauty in what he was learning. Through these experiences, Reid says he learned how to tell beautiful stories.

Reid currently works as the Director of Film and Visual Media at Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA). He also works with Heritage Action for America and the In-

tercollegiate Studies Institute by producing video branding and mini-documentaries on the work they are doing. He recently completed a DVD course in constitutional law for PHC Chancellor Michael Farris, filmed four music videos for a concert pianist, and began a documentary about a master horseman living in Virginia.

Reid's entrepreneurial pursuits continue to open new doors, and he remains passionate about starting businesses and projects that allow him to "do what you love, rather than do what someone else loves. Not everything succeeds, but there is something thrilling about taking a risk on something that you think is really exciting."

Reid recently married the "girl of his dreams," Yetta, an entrepreneur, photographer, and director of marketing for a local real estate company. Yetta will accompany him on an upcoming trip to Jerusalem as a production assistant on a documentary project.

"This is what I've decided I want to do with my life," he said, "traveling the world with my wife, producing films." ★

PHC Alumni Create Audio Drama Program

As a child, Jeremiah Lorrig (Government, '07) listened to *Adventures in Odyssey*, imagining fantastic worlds and daring adventures.

Today, as the external relations officer at HSLDA's Generation Joshua, Lorrig is producer of his own audio drama, *Iliad House*, drawing together a group of PHC alumni with shared passions.

"Our goal is to see great stories well told," Lorrig said. "We want to create something where young people can enjoy learning without realizing they're learning."

Iliad House follows the story of Jesse, an orphaned teenager, who goes to live with his uncle on a strange island filled with eccentric shops and quirky characters.

"Jesse isn't perfect," says Joel Grewe, director of Generation Joshua. "But failure is not an end—and there is redemption to come."

To fund a pilot season, the *Iliad* team launched a web-based Kickstarter campaign that raised \$22,000 in its first weeks, enough to fund six half-hour episodes that will be recorded to CDs, streamed over the Internet, and



downloaded to iPods.

The team's fundraising and campaign strategist, Peter Forbes (Literature, '09), says, "The things that drew you to the project in the first place are going to excite other people. The storytelling is going to be top-notch, because it's the most important thing." ★

Entrepreneurial Spirit Guides Journalism Alumna's Graphic Design Vision

Over dinner each night, Jennifer Olmstead's family gathered around their table on a 180-acre ostrich farm in central Texas and told stories. Her dad loved to have each member of their family retell their day's events in an interesting way. Sometimes he would foster a healthy competition between Olmstead and her younger brother Jonathan by challenging them to see who could tell the most compelling story. Although she was just a young girl at the time, Olmstead developed a deep appreciation for telling a good story.

Olmstead (Journalism, '08) now tells stories every day. As a graphic design artist, she treats each website she creates as a story-telling experience.

"Every website is a story to communicate," she said. "Something can be beautiful, but if it doesn't have the power of a good story, then it's not compelling."

In high school, Olmstead was convinced that she would not attend Patrick Henry College. She dreamed of going to a large school that would allegedly legitimize her education. Then she attended a banquet where PHC's Chancellor Dr. Michael Farris spoke about the vision of his school. He said the mission of the college was to develop servant leaders to work in the culture and make changes. He also spoke about the importance of developing your gifts in the best way possible, which convicted Olmstead about her previous views on PHC. She realized that using her gifts merely for personal success was selfish. The more she learned about PHC, the more it piqued her interest. She was also tantalized by the extensive internship program, which allowed for real-world experience while still in college. Soon after, Olmstead enrolled at PHC.

She majored in journalism, but soon found that even more than the story, she loved the letters that told it. She was editor of the school paper for a semester and her first decision was to redesign the layout and decide on new fonts to use. With the new design, she was excited to see that the paper was being read more frequently.

"Redesigning the paper taught me about the hold a good design has over information," she said. "The design makes it powerful. If the design is terrible, no one cares about the information, even if the information is good."

While at PHC, Olmstead began to develop an entrepreneurial spirit. She dreamed of forging something unique from journalism's standard career options.

"PHC really built a desire for entrepreneurship in me," she said. "I was surrounded by friends who all had big dreams and ideas that weren't necessarily the cultural norm."

To complete her internship credits, Olmstead, along with then-future husband Aaron Olmstead, launched an

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- Jennifer Olmstead

online magazine targeted to college students. With contributors from all over the world, the magazine contained a casual and personable tone, and received over a million hits in less than two weeks. As a result

of this endeavor, Olmstead won the journalism award at her graduation.

Upon graduating, Olmstead taught piano lessons and also custom-designed websites through her company Deleted Space Creative. By the spring of 2012 her business had grown to allow her to design full-time.

Olmstead's latest project is the Tonic Site Shop, which provides a pre-designed collection of chic and professional websites to small businesses. According to their website, Tonic provides "entirely unique, completely customizable websites handcrafted for the modern, stylish creative. No listless, visually-deficient template symptoms in sight."

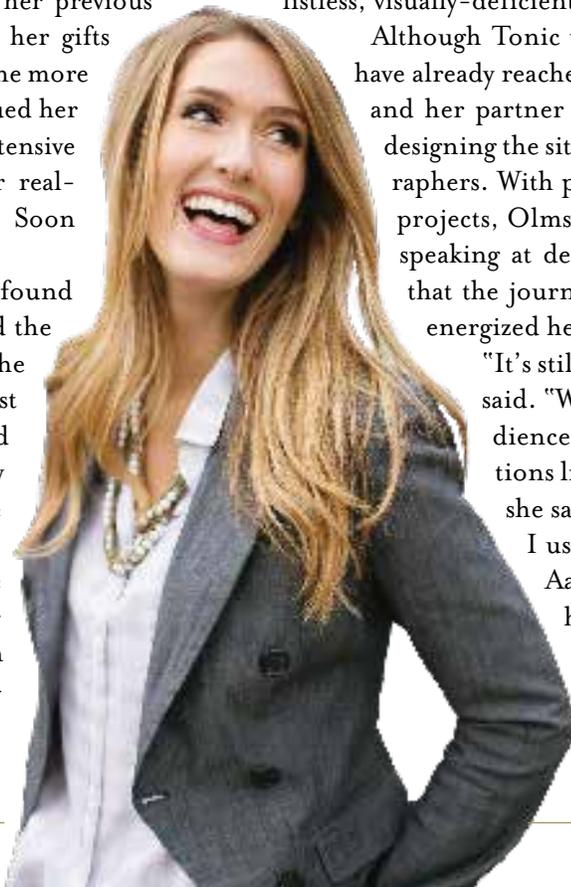
Although Tonic was only recently launched, sales have already reached an international audience. She and her partner have done their own marketing, designing the sites and collaborating with photographers. With plans to grow her entrepreneurial projects, Olmstead said she hopes soon to begin speaking at design conferences, acknowledging that the journalism skills learned at PHC have energized her design career.

"It's still about asking the questions," she said. "Who is the client? Who is their audience? Instead of translating the questions literally, I translate them visually," she said. "Everything I learned at PHC

I use on a daily basis." Her husband Aaron, also a PHC alumnus, shares her entrepreneurial passion, having formed his own landscaping business in 2005. ★

Jennifer Olmstead

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Olmstead



Military Service an Act of Faith, Devotion for Students, Alumni

At the age of 23, Tyler Stockton (Government, '13) arrived at PHC, having served four years as an active duty Marine infantry machine gunner and completing combat tours in Iraq. After two tours of duty, Stockton concedes he wasn't the typical freshman.

"I was used to having a unit where most of the people ranked below me," he added, "and I came here as a freshman at the bottom of the totem pole. I was older than most of the seniors, but they knew more than I did about the school, and it was a humbling experience."

His fellow students didn't understand what he had been through, nor did he want them to. "I served so my mom, my sister, and my wife wouldn't have to experience what I've experienced," he said. "My scars are my own, and I don't want them to know."

While some PHC students and alumni have pursued active duty, others have chosen to serve part-time in the Army Reserves or the National Guard.

Junior history major Caleb Bohon has worked in communications with the Army Reserves since 2007. He came to PHC in 2008 and has since been deployed twice—once in 2009-10, and once in 2012-13. While his deployments have slowed down his degree track, they have allowed him to save money to pay for college.

"When I'm here I try to focus on my studies, but when I'm deployed I can't really take classes," Bohon said. "Because I'm a history major, I have to take Latin or Greek, and the main thing I have tried to do while deployed is working on keeping my language skills."

Colin Cutler (Literature, '10) served because both his parents and his brother are in the military, yet during his junior year he decided he wanted to go to graduate school and eventually become a college professor. Rather than pursuing active duty, Cutler in 2011 joined the Virginia National Guard and currently serves as an

Infantry Platoon Leader, working approximately one week-end each month and attending two weeks of summer training. He is also working full-time as an executive assistant to PHC President Graham Walker and Provost Gene Edward Veith. In March, Cutler travelled to Germany for a month to assist with the final stages of training for a unit being deployed to Afghanistan.

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"The military was my first immersion in life on my own," Cutler said, noting that his service was a proving ground for his PHC education. In the military, he learned, "It's not about you; it's about your buddy. If you take care of your buddy, everything's going to be ok. And that's love, really."

Stockton, Cutler, and Bohon are among many PHC students and graduates who have and continue to serve in the U.S. military. Each agreed that the

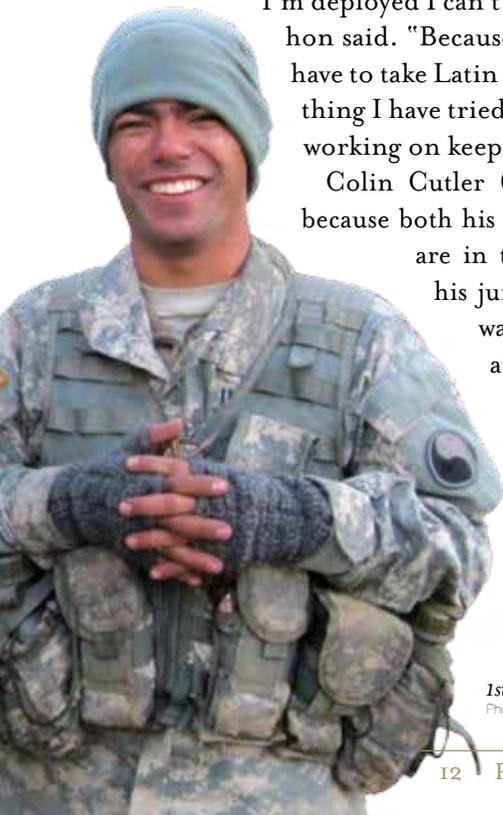
military provides a dynamic opportunity for Christians to share Christ through their actions.

In a recent PHC Alumni Association update, a number of PHC alumni provided updates about their military service. Ryan Akers (Government, '08) reported that he served as an Infantry Officer on active duty in the USMC from May 2008 to February 2011. Stationed in 29 Palms, CA, he deployed to Afghanistan and to The Republic of Georgia. He is currently a Company Commander in the USMC Reserves, based in Michigan.

Gabe Evans (Government, '09), a First Lieutenant with the 2-135th General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), Colorado Army National Guard, has served in the Army for six years and flies UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. From June 2012 to July 2013, he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Kuwait, providing MEDEVAC coverage and aerial transportation for supplies, troops, and VIPs, in nine different countries in the Middle East.

Brian Wright (Government, '06), a national champion legal debater during his time at PHC, and his wife April Wright (nee Quarto, Literature, '07) are currently stationed in San Diego, CA, where Brian serves as a Marine judge advocate. A law school graduate, he is currently a lead court-martial prosecutor focusing on high-profile cases.

The opportunity to serve in the military as a Christian, notes Stockton, provides unique opportunities to witness one's faith. He advises students considering the military to zealously pursue that calling. "If someone has the desire to serve their country, by all means, go. The key is, do you love the Lord? Do that, and live your life." ★



1st Lieutenant Colin Cutler
Photo courtesy of Colin Cutler

Faithful PHC Trustee Bill Templeton Passes

Long-time and beloved PHC Board of Trustees member Wilfred S. Templeton passed away this past spring, on May 19. He had suffered a severe stroke. The campus flag flew at half-staff throughout the following week.

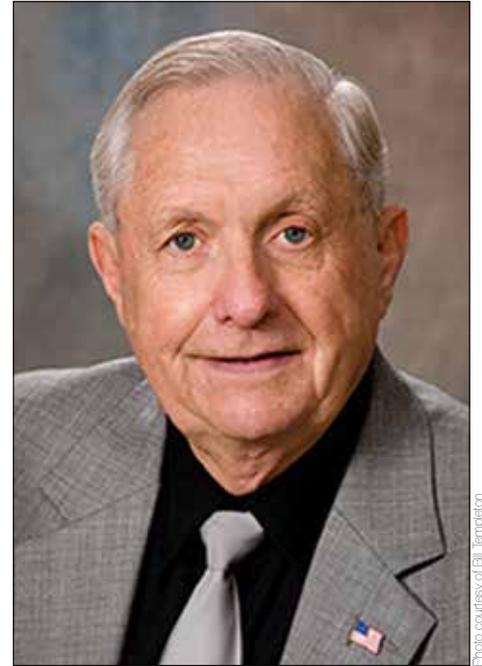
In requesting prayers for the Templeton family, PHC President Dr. Graham Walker shared with the PHC community: "I had just talked with him and he was full of life and full of plans. His wife, Ann, passed away last year, and they are together in the Lord's presence."

Wilfred S. "Bill" Templeton was born in Union Grove, N.C., one of ten children of Huey and Bertha Templeton. He enlisted in the Navy at age 14 during World War II and later served in the Army during the Korean conflict. He was well-known for his generosity toward Patrick Henry College and for his philanthropic involvement in many worthwhile causes.

After attending Appalachian State College and Clevenger College of Business Administration, he began a more than five-decade career in the automobile business at B&L Motor Company in North Wilkesboro, N.C. Mr. Templeton opened his first sole proprietor car dealership, Templeton Oldsmobile, in 1971 in Vienna, Va., and he later established and owned several dealerships in Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ann. They had traveled the world together, serving the Lord in many activities. Bill and Ann created the Templeton Foundation, dedicated to supporting faith-based organizations that spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bill Templeton touched countless lives all over the world. In April, he fulfilled a lifelong dream of traveling to Israel, where he shared his beliefs, time, passion, and talents freely. For



Bill Templeton, long-time PHC trustee.

his wisdom, faith, leadership, and generosity, Bill Templeton will be deeply missed by the Patrick Henry College community. ★



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