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From the Chancellor



Dr. Michael Farris

As many of you know, I recently filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the United States Supreme Court in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, one of the two same-sex marriage cases before the Court (see story on page 3). The arguments made in favor of same-sex marriage in our society and in the lower courts represent a dangerous shift in our society's grasp of the law—both constitutional and moral. Even more troubling, these arguments are not limited to those on the left. Many leaders who are otherwise "conservative" have pledged their support for same-sex marriage in California, using arguments which display the same constitutional and moral error.

This error is the belief that people should be allowed to do whatever they please, so long as it does not harm anyone else. In legal terms, our opponents argue that moral conviction alone can never supply a legitimate state interest and, consequently, any disparate treatment on the basis of morality violates the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection. This legal theory means that nothing may be proscribed as *malum in se* (wrong in itself). The only behavior which may be punished is *malum prohibitum* (wrong because it is prohibited). As Thomas Aquinas observed, however, the law serves as society's tutor. Should the Supreme Court rule against California, the lesson of our law will be clear: nothing is really wrong, moral rules are nothing but social conventions erected for our convenience. Our brief contends that this conclusion is legal, logical, and historical nonsense. I hope you'll join me in earnest prayer that the Supreme Court will agree.

From the President



Dr. Graham Walker

There are other classical liberal arts colleges in America. There are other Christian colleges. There are other colleges with high academic standards whose students and alumni rack up impressive accomplishments. There are even one or two left that uphold the principles of the American Founding. But there is no American college combining all these strengths simultaneously, except Patrick Henry College. We are honored to be part of a venture that is truly unique in our time.

But what we are doing is not something new; rather, we are seeking to rebuild and preserve something very old. We are recreating the original American college, the kind that educated the Founding Fathers: a rigorous classical curriculum, combined with faithful zeal for Christ himself and a vision for cultural leadership. Our students are being equipped with the riches of God's Word and of Western Civilization, and inspired to confront the leading challenges of our day. Above all, they are being disciplined to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Jesus.

I hope you enjoy reading about what God is doing here at Patrick Henry College as much as we rejoice in living out His plan here. "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches," the Lord tells us, but "he who glories, let him glory in the Lord" (Jeremiah 9:23, 1 Corinthians 1:31).

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National Moot Court Champions Katie Tipton and Andrew Ferguson

PHC Moot Court Team Wins ACMA National Championship

Patrick Henry College won its fifth consecutive National Championship at this year's American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA) championship tournament. In the final round, Andrew Ferguson, a senior, and Katie Tipton, a sophomore (featured on the front cover), defeated a team from the College of Wooster to win the championship for PHC.

"Winning a national championship is not an individual effort," Ferguson said. "It takes a hard-working partner, a supportive team, excellent coaches, and most of all the blessing of a gracious God. Without any of these, winning is an impossibility."

By winning this year's championship, Ferguson became only the second competitor in ACMA history to win back-to-back championships—he and then-partner J.C. Cartee defeated the College of New Jersey in 2012. The only other competitor to duplicate this feat was PHC's Rachel Heflin, who won two championships in 2009 and 2010.

Despite competition at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association being stiffer than ever before, moot court coaches Dr. Michael Farris and Dr. Frank Guliuzza were confident PHC teams were equipped to excel at the national tournament.

"I just hope people understand that winning is not automatic," Farris said. "We have to work very hard every year and are facing increasingly challenging opponents, including the second place team from Wooster. The Air Force Academy team was also an excellent team. We are grateful to be able to do well and get such quality opponents."

According to Dr. Guliuzza, about 300 teams competed in nine national qualifying tournaments for the bids to the National Championship Tournament at Regent University Law School in Virginia Beach, Va. After



Members of the Patrick Henry College Moot Court teams with Dr. Frank Guliuzza (l).

regionals, over 75% of all the teams were eliminated, creating the field for the Championship Tournament. Schools that qualified teams for the championship included Duke, Texas A & M, The United States Air Force Academy, the University of Virginia, and the always-powerful College of Wooster (a past national champion, and three-time national runner-up). PHC has now won seven national tournaments and is the five-time defending national champion.

"The Lord was so gracious to allow me and Andrew to capture what everyone on Patrick Henry's moot court team has worked for over the past six months," Tipton said. "This was only possible because of hours with Drs. Guliuzza and Farris and practicing with the best teams in the country. What an honor to help give Andrew a second title and to preserve PHC's streak."

Next year's tournament is scheduled for January 2014 at Arizona State University. ★

FINAL RESULTS

ORAL ARGUMENT	INSTITUTE	TEAM
2013 National Champion	PHC	Andrew Ferguson & Katie Tipton
Semifinalists (3rd Place)	PHC	James Compton & Samuel Johnson Kayla Griesemer & J.C. Cartee
The "Sweet Sixteen" (9th Place)	PHC	James Nelson & John Ehrett
The Top 32	PHC	Cameron Etchart & Sam Cordle Blake Meadows & Ben Williamson Lauren Fischer & Ruan Meintjes Claire Rossell & Elizabeth Ertle
OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ORATORS (Top 10)		
Fourth Place	PHC	Samuel Johnson
Sixth Place	PHC	J.C. Cartee
Tenth Place	PHC	Sam Cordle
BRIEF-WRITING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: PETITIONER		
Third Place	PHC	Blake Meadows & Ben Williamson
Fourth Place	PHC	Andrew Ferguson & Katie Tipton
BRIEF-WRITING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: RESPONDENT		
Fourth Place	PHC	Kayla Griesemer & J.C. Cartee
Fifth Place	PHC	Samuel Johnson & James Compton

PHC Debate Team Accelerates in International League



Blake Meadows, John Ehrett, and Dr. Tallmon during the World Universities Debating Championship in Berlin.

Fresh from competing at the World Universities Debating Championships in Berlin, beating two teams from Cambridge and one from Dublin, PHC Professor of Rhetoric and Director of Debate Dr. Jim Tallmon was almost beside himself.

"Finishing within the top ten percent of teams in the world is now within reach," he said. "The Berlin experience confirmed to us that this is where we want to be and that, by God's grace, we have what it takes to be competitive in this league."

Added debater Blake Meadows: "The World Championship was an amazing experience both from a competitive perspective as well as for the cultural dialogue. For me, British Parli is more than just a chance to debate. It is an opportunity to influence the cultural conversation that is ongoing between the best and brightest from around the world. This cultural dialogue is unique to British Parli and is why I debate in this league."

While PHC's forensics teams have performed well in recent years, the team's leadership felt led to explore other leagues that rewarded a debate style consistent with PHC's institutional ethos, with sharper competition and argumentation. What they discovered was the World Universities Debating Union British Parliamentary style debate.

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- John Ehrett

"It's been a long journey to find a league that best reinforces PHC's ideals," said John Ehrett, junior student assistant coach in charge of mentoring. "To take things to the next level, we need to continue engaging with the world's top debaters on the international stage. I can't think of a better avenue than Worlds Debate to truly 'lead the nation and shape the culture.' International travel is one of the best tools in our arsenal for accomplishing that."

"Worlds Debate" is a global debating league, emphasizing broad knowledge of current events, quick wit, and rhetorical skills. It demands students' best and pits them against opponents from the best universities in the world, including many Ivy League schools, Stanford, Oxford, Cambridge, Dublin, Limerick, and schools from Australia, Asia, Africa, India, and the Americas. This year PHC's debaters competed in Toronto, Oxford, Cambridge, and Berlin.

"PHC Debate has been able to successfully engage the culture of ideas that British Parli represents," Meadows said. "I have found this venue to be an incredible cultural opportunity both to engage with the ideas of others and to represent the ideas we hold dear as an institution."

Before the Oxford and Cambridge tournaments, PHC debate alumni helped current students prepare.

"Many Ivy League schools avoid quality debate leagues, or practice a style of debate considered sophistic," said Isaiah McPeak, former PHC coach and debater. "PHC's successful quest for a competitive arena puts the team in the deepest end of the pool on the widest range of topics. That's exactly where we need to be and what the College's mission is all about." ★

College Defends Traditional Marriage with Amicus Brief

Patrick Henry College's Center for the Original Intent of the Constitution in January filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court, defending traditional marriage in a case brought against California's Proposition 8. The case will settle whether states that refuse to approve of same-sex marriage are within their constitutional rights to do so.

Dr. Michael Farris, PHC's founder and chancellor, authored the brief with help from a team of PHC students, graduates (now attorneys), and professors such as Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, the College's Distinguished

Research Professor of Philosophy and Christian Thought. The brief argued forcefully against challenges to Proposition 8's constitutionality on the grounds that it was "tainted" with religious and moral motivations from the voters and promoters.

"We argued that all laws reflect someone's moral positions," said Farris. "All laws declare something to be right or something to be wrong. The only question is whose morality is going to be reflected in a law. So to adopt a rule of constitutional law that excludes morality is essentially impossible or illogical. But, in practice the moral voices

that are excluded are conservative Christians.

"To this we argue that viewpoint discrimination cannot be the basis of saying that some people may vote their values while others cannot," he added. "It will be a separate victory if we are able to steer the Court away from broad pronouncements against the use of morality in law. There is real danger in this and it should be the subject of prayer."

Another case before the U.S. Supreme Court challenges the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defines marriage as between one man and one woman and prohibits states from exporting their definition of same-sex marriage to other states. Both cases are expected to be decided by June 2013. ★

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Pensmore Dialogue on Science and Faith comes to PHC Campus

How did the universe begin? How did complex living things arise? The Patrick Henry College community will get to explore these big questions at *The Pensmore Dialogue on Science and Faith* at Patrick Henry College on April 8, 2013. The conference features a prominent line-up of Christian scientists, theologians and intellectuals like Dr. John Lennox, a renowned Oxford University mathematics professor, Dr. Vern Poythress, author, philosopher, New Testament scholar and Harvard Ph.D. in mathematics, and Dr. Paul Nelson, Fellow of the Discovery Institute and Adjunct Professor in the Master of Arts Program in Science & Religion at Biola University.

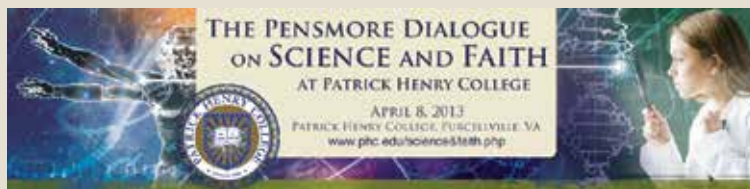
"It is a unique privilege to hear John Lennox," says Ralf Augstroze, coordinator of the Pensmore Foundation, sponsor of the event. "You could spend months watching his debates with atheists like Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens, whose arguments he quickly and skillfully dismantles. Dr. Poythress is both an ac-

complished mathematician and an incredible theological scholar, and Paul Nelson is very gifted with younger audiences, a philosopher of biology and leader in the intelligent design debate."

The conference has for the past four years been hosted in Philadelphia by the Westminster Theological Seminary and the Discovery Institute. This year its founder, Steve Huff, a friend of PHC and retired intelligence software entrepreneur, wanted to bring a day-long Pensmore session to Patrick Henry College.

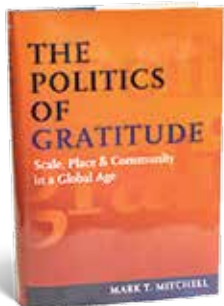
"I'm a great fan of Patrick Henry College because I see it is producing leaders of the next generation," said Huff, chairman of the Pensmore Foundation. "They'll hear an eloquent, intellectually credible defense of a Christian worldview from highly credentialed scholars on the question of origins, how the universe and life began and whether there is a purely scientific explanation for origins. The answer is 'no.' Science is a wonderful tool God provided to give us dominion over the world, but science doesn't explain science. God is the Author of science."

To view archived video of the *Pensmore Dialogue* go to: www.phc.edu/pensmore. ★



New Book by Dr. Mitchell Probes *The Politics of Gratitude*

Exploring the virtue of gratitude as a moral duty, Dr. Mark T. Mitchell's new book, entitled *The Politics of Gratitude: Scale, Place and Community in a Global Age*, suggests that since mankind has been given many gifts, including life itself, gratitude should be a universal human character trait.



PHC's professor of government and chairman of the Department of Government, Mitchell says he struck on the idea for a book while de-

livering a lecture that endeavored to answer the question, "Why I am Conservative." Highlighting the aspect of gratitude, he recalled a quote by the Spanish philosopher Jose Ortega y Gasset that modern man was largely characterized by a "radical ingratitude towards all that has made possible the ease of his existence." Pondering those words, Mitchell wondered at gratitude's potential impact on social and political structures—thus the birth of *The Politics of Gratitude*.

Framing gratitude as a cultural and political idea rooted in stewardship, Mitchell observes: "One natural consequence of gratitude is a desire to treat responsibly the gifts we have been given. If we are proper stewards of the natural world, of our communities, of the political institutions and the culture we have inherited, we will be more humble, more serious and intentional about conserving. We will be more willing to commit to the places to which we have been called. Our lives will be characterized by reverence when we learn to pay attention to the 'un-bought graces' that appear unbidden with every new day."

Recalling St. Paul's admonition to

Christians to "give thanks in everything," Mitchell says that in order to give thanks in everything, the object of praise must be God, simply because we breathe and enjoy the world.

"Praising God is a vocal expression of thanksgiving that is fitting for voiced creatures in the presence of the Creator," he writes in his book.

Yet throughout the modern era, Mitchell sees gratitude as having become a forgotten virtue.

"I think this is due, at least in part, to a virulent kind of individualism that

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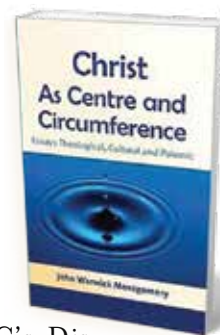
imagines that we are completely self-sufficient, owing nothing to anybody," he says. "It doesn't take much reflection to realize that we owe debts beyond our ability to repay. One way of responding to those debts is gratitude: to our parents, to our ancestors, to the natural world, and ultimately to God, for He is the ultimate source of all good gifts."

Mitchell hopes *The Politics of Gratitude* will encourage readers to untangle themselves from life's rapid pace and count the ways in which they have been blessed, preserving and conserving what can be seen and touched to create a better future for children and grandchildren.

"Tocqueville said that the habit of inattention is a persistent vice of the democratic mind," he said. "I'd like to encourage people to simply pay attention, to see the good things all around us. We will be more disposed to enjoy a meal with family, to sit still and watch a sunset, to enjoy conversation with a friend, to daily breathe a prayer of thanksgiving to a God from whom all blessings flow." ★

Dr. Montgomery Examines the Christian Faith in Most Recent Book

John Warwick Montgomery's new book, entitled *Christ as Centre and Circumference: Essays Theological, Cultural, and Polemic*, compiles a collection of scholarly essays examining the Christian faith and classical Christianity's ability to resolve difficult issues prevalent in modernity.



Montgomery, PHC's Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy and Christian Thought, believes in the power of apologetics study and allows that he would not have become a Christian had it not been for a biblical apologetics expert he met at Cornell University.

"He had better answers than I had objections to the faith," he recalls. Shortly thereafter, Montgomery said he committed to the study of apologetics and today believes that Christians need to dust off their apologetics books and learn the facts.

"In neglecting apologetics, too many Christians leave the secular society with no effective witness because they don't care enough to defend the faith—or don't know how to do it," he says.

Throughout, Montgomery presents a factual argument for Christian faith.

"Modern evangelicals are often either subjectively orientated or concerned chiefly with politics," Montgomery says. "We need more Christians whose focal center is the objective truth of the Bible and the historic factuality of Christ's claims—rather than their own sanctification or conservative politics." ★

Apologetics Documentary Probes Biblical Mysteries

Students and visitors filled Nash Auditorium in October to serve as a studio audience for an apologetics documentary hosted by Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, PHC's Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy and Christian Thought. The interview was conducted by Christian apologist and lawyer Craig Parton, and was filmed in four hour-long sessions.

A hush came over the crowd as the cameraman signaled that filming was about to begin, and soon Parton and Montgomery were debating historical evidence of biblical miracles, the resurrection, and other supernatural events.

"In the case of the resurrection, you have a reversal of the ordinary sequence.

But we can certainly determine death and life the same way we do in ordinary situations," said Montgomery. "And we accept it because it is factually correct."

When Parton argued that the God of the Old Testament seems completely arbitrary, Dr. Montgomery countered: "The purpose of the Bible is to present salvation," explaining that the Israelites had to be removed from the idolatry and hideousness around them in the same way that a surgeon removes a cancerous tumor. God could not allow people to pick up the hideousness around them, and "the God of the Old Testament was rigorous in dealing with this."

During the final film session, the discussion settled on how to deal with apparent biblical contradictions. Offered Montgomery, in matters of biblical contradiction, "the burden of proof is on someone who raises the alleged contradiction." He pointed to translation differences that account for seeming contradictions in Scripture yet he reminded Parton that even apparent differences are subtle and do not impact its message.

Parton raised one contradiction in Scripture that is not subtle—two possible dates for the crucifixion. Montgomery responded by turning to another great apologist: "Calvin says there's no way to resolve this, but it is God's Word so we have to believe it can be resolved."

Another topic dealt with what Parton called the "ho-

mophobic Bible." According to Parton, the Old Testament calls for stoning of homosexuals, and the New Testament doesn't mention the issue—treating it as it does

adultery. Montgomery answered that "Jesus does not send the woman at the well back to prostitution; he says to 'go and sin no more.'" He later added that "The New Testament is dead set against homosexual practice, but it does not say we should restrict civil liberties or isolate them, which is what the homophobic movement states."

Montgomery then turned to the argument for contingency. "Everything that we encounter is not self-explanatory—it's dependent. Everything in the universe must also be contingent,

and that takes us outside of itself to the transcendent—or God. But the burden of proof is on the person who says it is self-explanatory," he said.

Parton's final question to Montgomery was especially blunt: "Why should I bother with Christianity?"

"If you're just a speck of dust," Montgomery responded, "what do you have to lose if you do this? You've got a lot more to lose if you don't."

After each discussion session students were able to ask Montgomery related questions, including "How does fear play into the Gospel?", "What happens to those who have never heard the Gospel?", and "Why is Joshua's long day not recorded by more historians?"

The event was sponsored by Montgomery's denomination, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and topics ranged from a discussion of moral relativism to the theological challenges posed by the theory of evolution. The documentary's primary purpose will be to evangelize secular colleges.

"All over the country, on secular campuses, our church body has what amounts to chaplaincies," Montgomery said. "One of the main purposes of this filming is to provide copies of this interview to all of these campus ministers."

The film will be widely distributed, Montgomery added. "It's all directed to non-Christian objections to the faith," he said. ★



Craig Parton (l) interviewing Dr. Montgomery (r) during the documentary.

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— Dr. John Warwick Montgomery

A SURPRISING EXCURSION: From a Lifetime of Reporting Around the World, Becoming a PHC Professor

by Dr. David Aikman

My excursion a few years ago from Lovettsville, Va., where I was living, to Purcellville, had the most banal of objects: to buy at Giant grocers what food items I couldn't get at stores in Lovettsville. I recall seeing on the left-hand side of the road a handsome red brick building with columns: "Patrick Henry College" read the sign at the entrance. I had never heard of it.

Looking it up on the Internet, however, piqued my interest. I had home-schooled my own daughters for a season and I knew who Dr. Michael Farris was. A few phone-calls and interviews later (this was in late 2004), I was given a wonderful opportunity to teach history courses at the college, which I began to do in 2005.

But what to do with a life-long reporter who had given talks occasionally on college campuses but had never taught journalism? Why, teach history of course. I was blessed to have acquired a Ph.D. in history while working full-time as a reporter for *Time Magazine* and I had given instruction on international relations at Youth With A Mission's University of the Nations in Hawaii. What was of great significance was that I had seen up close some of the great historical events of the twentieth century: the Vietnam War, the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe and Russia, war in the Middle East, and the crushing of the Tiananmen student protest by the Chinese army. Fortunately, Patrick Henry estimated that my personal

historical encounters outweighed my lack of academic experience.

I quickly discovered two things about teaching at Patrick Henry. First, the students are incredibly nice: poised,



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- Dr. David Aikman

thoughtful and unfailingly helpful (I have physical disabilities caused by Lyme disease). Second, they are bright and in a few cases I have come to know, absolutely brilliant. (The record of PHC students getting into Ivy League graduate schools and top law schools around the country speaks for itself). Third, their general knowledge of civic and political affairs surprises me in contrast with other undergraduates I have encountered across the country.

Another pleasure has been getting to know the faculty. From President Graham Walker and Provost Edward Veith on down to the newest starting professor, I have gotten to know amazingly gifted and personable colleagues. One particular history colleague invariably delights me: Dr. Robert Spinney. His amazing collection of historical military firearms has come to my aid when I have needed to demonstrate to students in my World War I class what the Lee-Enfield rifle looks like. A small convenience

I can supply in return is to translate and identify his growing collection of Russian medals from the Soviet period and earlier.

Oh yes, one other class I started teaching in my second year was Russian language. While instructing this course I've met future poets, spies, and counter-intelligence agents. It has been great fun.

I haven't been nearly as inventive as other colleagues who have organized and guided student trips to Europe or competitive debate team trips across the US. PHC moot court and other debate teams have racked up so many championship victories around the country that it must be becoming embarrassing

for some colleges to draw the lot of competing with Patrick Henry teams.

I love the informality of the teaching environment on campus. If I decide to conduct a (very) occasional Russian lesson in the Hodel Center Coffeehouse, no academic bureaucrat requires me to write a *mea culpa*.

Which brings me to my last, and perhaps most important point: Patrick Henry is a Christian college with a high level of seriousness about Christian liberal arts education and many students who are very serious about their own faith commitment. It's incredibly edifying to chat to a campus student safety officer as he escorts me to my car (I need to have the electric cart I use brought back to storage) who tells me that one of the advantages of working long and lonely hours on the night shift is that it gives him time to pray. Now, how likely are you to hear that comment at 90% of America's colleges? Teaching at PHC has been an amazing experience and a great blessing for me. ★

PHC Students Showcase Skills Learned in Film Class

As the winter semester drew to a close, a group of PHC students busily put the finishing touches on films they had written, directed and edited.

The films were a product of a film class taught by PHC's Provost Dr. Gene Edward Veith, also an author and former culture editor at *WORLD Magazine*. The first film, *West of Idumea*, is based on PHC alumnus Colin Cutler's short story about a man who strives to save the world while ignoring his own family. Directed and produced by Rebecca Sampayan, *West of Idumea* parallels the story of Moses and his wife in Exodus 4, with students Blake Adams and Hannah Zarr co-starring.

The second film, *Relationships are Like*

Acorns, is billed as a "quirky, indie drama" according to sophomore Jonathan Boes, who co-wrote the screenplay along with Ali O'Leary. The film explores the events leading to a romantic breakup, and features Michelle Stevens as director and Boes and Rebecca Hobbs as co-stars.

"Making movies has given me great respect for the movies we've watched," Zarr said. "Now I understand the immense work that goes into it and every



On the set of *West of Idumea*.

little detail that you have to bring in.

"Dr. Veith encourages us to watch all the credits at the end of a movie because all those people had made some impact on the movie," Zarr added.

Recommending the course to anyone interested in learning how to tell a story, Boes

acknowledged that, while making a film is often tedious, arduous work, "working the whole way through was a blast." ★

Large Student Group Attends Annual March for Life

Braving bitter late-January cold and snow, more than 60 PHC students walked in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., melting into the islands of matching hats in a sea of protestors brandishing signs that passionately identified them as the "Pro-Life Generation."

Congregating under a large pro-life sign—"We Are Abortion Abolitionists"—the PHC students stamped feet and rubbed hands as they waited for the March to begin, joining voices to loud megaphone chants of "We! Are! The pro-life generation!"

As the March began, the students settled into a demographically diverse cross-section of the nation: nuns, monks, Hasidic Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Hispanics, Caucasians, and African Americans, striding along Constitution Avenue with the U.S. Capitol in plain view.

The College's robust student involvement at the event was due largely to the recently established Patrick Henry College Students for Life, headed by Emily Nowak.

Michelle Fillebrown, Emily Nowak, and Emily Carde attend D.C. March for Life.

"In the past, one of our students would typically organize the trip, then he or she would graduate," noted club vice president Michelle Fillebrown. "The pro-life club will create a mechanism so things will continue even after people graduate."

Standing before the forest of pro-life banners, March for Life Education and Defense Fund Chairman Patrick Kelly announced that the March ultimately endeavors to "overturn the tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision and build a culture of life in this country. When I look out at this crowd," he shouted, "I see a culture of life."

"Contrary to past years, we were actually able to see what was going on," Nowak said of their position near the front.

"It was definitely not a cleaned-up version of the March. There were people there who hated us. That was good for us to see."

The Students for Life club will operate under the umbrella of the Students for Life of America and is currently looking to add PHC students to serve the cause of life. ★





Cal Thomas (l) and Michele Bachmann (r) shared stories about how their relationship with Christ guides their decisions and actions.

High Profile Line-up Highlights Spring Semester's Newsmakers Interview Series

Spring semester at Patrick Henry College witnessed a crescendo of extraordinary commentary and conversation, as the *Newsmakers Interview Series with Marvin Olasky* concluded its second year at the College. With names like Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, nationally syndicated pundit Cal Thomas, Tucker Carlson, Os Guinness, Steve Forbes, Kay Coles James and author Rosaria Butterfield, among others, the quality and depth of insight on display in the Barbara Hodel Center Coffeehouse, and nationally via live webcast, would be hard to duplicate in a single setting.

Os Guinness, author and social

critic, kicked off January's series by citing his book, *A Free People's Suicide*, arguing that Americans have become their own worst enemies by living at odds with the values upon which the nation was built.

"... I think we've got one more election to lose like the last one and then we become irrelevant to American politics."

- Kay Coles James

on with the views of Peter Singer and many of the New Atheists, America will lack a foundation for human dignity which is going to become very powerful in this country. So yes, what Adams foresaw, we are now harvesting."

Tucker Carlson, national political news correspondent and founder of *The Daily Caller.com*, provided a rollicking running narrative on everything from the media's sensationalist tendencies to the "crude, annoying" reporters he hires to the "pompous, blowhard, pagan creeps who run the (Episcopal) church," of which he and his family are members. Asked about his own faith, Carlson replied: "I'm a Christian, which means that I know there's a God, and that He sent Jesus to earth."

On the Bible, he added: "I really don't understand the coyness of Jesus. Why not say, 'Yes, I am. I'm God in flesh, so pay attention.' This is central to my politics. I think there are always going to be some unresolved problems in this life, real limits on wisdom and human decision making. I think

I have a more realistic sense of what is possible in this world because of my faith in God.”

Forbes, Inc. CEO **Steve Forbes** weighed in on his Princeton education, his favorite fiction writers, the value of “fracking” for oil, and how government invariably triggers the nation’s economic crises.

“When you realize that you create wealth, not government, and then realize that when government spends money they get it from you—through taxing, borrowing, or printing of money—then you see they’re taking re-

sources from you, putting it through the political sausage factory and spraying it out for their own constituencies. That’s why we’ve got this crisis. People sense they’re on the treadmill, and the treadmill is winning.”

In her talk with Dr. Olasky, **Kay Coles James**, president and founder of the *Gloucester Institute*, detailed the racial and demographic changes threatening both the GOP and the Christian Church with cultural irrelevance.

“I am extremely concerned about the inability of the Christian community, the conservative community, and the Republican Party to deal with the shifts that are going on in America,” she said. “We tend as conservatives to stay right in our communities, to preach to the choir, to hold rallies where we get ourselves energized, and we are not evangelical in our message. I think we’ve got one more election to lose like the last one and then we become irrelevant to American politics.”

Video of author **Rosaria Butterfield’s** interview went viral, with nearly 35,000 Youtube.com hits, as she poignantly described how God’s love

and the Bible transformed her from a former lesbian English professor to a homeschool mom and pastor’s wife. Her testimony credited her conversion to the patient love extended by a pastor and his wife.

“They didn’t talk to me as if I was simply a blank slate, as in ‘OK, here is someone who clearly needs the gospel, let’s make sure we get to these points before we let her leave our house,’” she shared. “They seemed more interested in having a long relationship with me. They knew that they needed to

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- Cal Thomas

bring the church to me, that I *could not* come to the church.”

In February’s series, **Michele Bachmann** recounted her humble roots, her journey into public service, her views on marriage and the role her Christian faith has played throughout.

“The Bible elevates beauty,” she began. “To me, that’s what conservatism is. When I came to the Lord, I felt like I’d been living in a dark room for a while, and all of the sudden my life was in Technicolor. For the first time in my life, I understood truth and purpose.”

Capping off the second full year of *Newsmakers Interviews*, syndicated columnist **Cal Thomas** brought potent insights to the cultural and political currents churning the nation.

“King David said ‘put not your trust in princes and kings or in mortal flesh that cannot save.’ That doesn’t mean you can’t engage culture, run for office or serve faithfully in the political arena, government or culture. But the only power available to actually change a life is the power of the gospel of Christ. To the extent that we live and preach and teach that, that is the



Kay Coles James (top) and Os Guinness (below) share their comments with the Newsmakers audience.

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

Phoebe Daigle Finds Adventure, Passion in Asia

Phoebe Daigle shut herself in the bathroom, needing just a minute of silence. She was tired of the questions, the favors, the raised hands, the inquisitive eyes, the wandering minds. She needed time to breathe. When she boarded the airplane in August, she had no idea what she was getting herself into. She had entered a foreign land filled with strange faces, unfamiliar customs, and a language she didn't know.

Daigle graduated from PHC in May of 2012, having arrived at the College at the age of seventeen. Originally she had wanted to study archeology, and applied to PHC to appease her parents, expecting to quickly transfer to another school. Instead, she discovered that PHC was but a first step on an incredible journey.

"If I had attended school choice 'number one' and studied archaeology," she said, "I would have chosen the safe route, doing what I knew I was capable of, taking risk and change like dreaded medicinal doses. I can't list every moment, every word, every assignment, every class, or every person that has changed me. The excellent Christ-centered education I received at PHC helped to rightly order my soul and my passions."

After she graduated with a degree in Government: Political Theory and began searching for the next step, Daigle's interest was piqued by teaching opportunities in other countries. Her adventurous heart longed for a country off the beaten path, a risky place others might not be as willing to choose. She settled on central Asia, a culture bursting with Biblical history, fig trees, and sheep.

Arriving in Asia, she was captivated by the new smells, sights, and sounds. Her first thrilling visit to the school couldn't have prepared her for the adventure to come.

"I get to teach the things I love!" she said. "I get the chance to inspire these students the way that I have been inspired, sharing knowledge and wisdom I've gained from my parents and teachers. More importantly, I have the opportunity to emulate Christ's love and sacrifice and patience to these missionary kids who often can feel lost

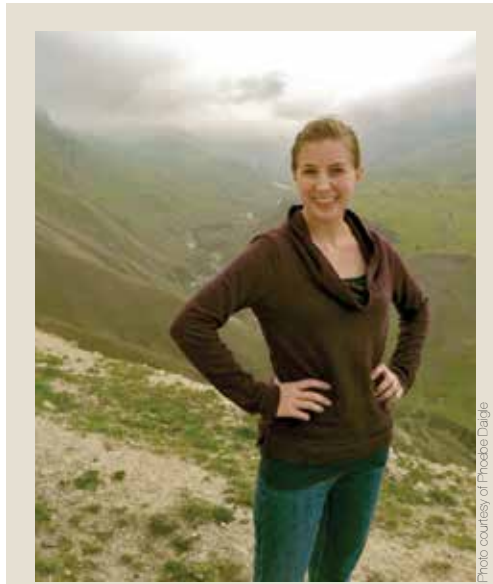


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Even so, there are days when the Internet is out, the water is off or the power isn't working; when she battles feelings of deprivation or when she simply shuts herself in the bathroom to avoid the pestering questions of her students. Those days she clings to Philippians 2:14-16, "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

"Paul is saying do all things without whining or arguing so that you're different from everyone else, so that you shine out as stars among the rest of the world," Daigle said. "What's one of the biggest things that will set us apart from the world? It's if we intentionally choose to do all things without complaining or arguing."

At day's end, she sees that learning this discipline is a large part of why she left her homeland to travel across oceans to an unfamiliar land. She wanted to serve the Lord through trial and hardship and by teaching and serving without complaining.

Continually blessed and humbled by her students and seeking to demonstrate patience to those who have a more difficult time paying attention in class, Daigle said she has in turn become captivated by her exotic surroundings. She has likewise discovered that the school and its students have more to teach her than she has to give—just another step on her journey. And like all journeys, hers has been profoundly enriched by the trials and joys, lessons and laughter.

Daigle arrived in Asia with no knowledge of the language and no formal teacher's training, yet she discovered in herself a strength and resiliency to not only survive but flourish. In the moments of doubt, in the need for momentary silence, in the lack of modern conveniences, she says, "Life is fresh and vibrant here. I love it." ★

Alumnus' Career Built on Faith and Acquired "Tools"

Rob Langworthy likes to think of everything he learns as a tool. Whenever he does anything, he absorbs as much as he can, so that he can add more "tools" to his toolbox.

Today Langworthy works in a creative managerial capacity for Prosperity in Washington, D.C., facilitating the organization's national efforts to educate people at the town hall level on economic policies. But his journey began in high school, where he first heard about Patrick Henry College through his family's association with the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA). He wanted to be challenged academically, and, for him, PHC stood at the forefront of rigorous, Christian education.



Rob Langworthy, Government: International Politics and Policy, '09

Langworthy (Government: International Politics and Policy, '09) credits PHC with teaching him how to work, study, and apply his talents across a broad range of activities. Because of the amount of time spent reading, writing, and speaking, he said PHC's curriculum helped hone his communication skills.

"Across the country, educational standards are falling, but to be at a place that really puts truth and education at the top of their priority goals is invaluable," he said. "PHC gives you an appreciation for truth and intelligent company."

After graduating in the spring of 2009, Langworthy landed a job at Instrulogic Corporation, a family-owned engineering business. He became the office manager and took care of the office operations for the company, and, while he didn't realize it at the time, his work at Instrulogic filled his tool box with necessary skills he would need in the future.

After working for Instrulogic for a year and a half, Langworthy decided he had learned everything the company had to offer him, and he intended to move on.

He applied for a job at Reason, a non-profit think tank organization with headquarters in D.C., and was told to apply through the Koch Institute. Amazed at the thor-

oughness of the application process, he recalled receiving two follow-up interviews with a promise for one last interview before a decision on his employment was made. Up to this point Langworthy hadn't understood how the organization worked or precisely what he had applied for.

Some PHC alumni, hearing that Langworthy had made it to the final interview with Koch's Associate Program, called and prepped him for the final interview. Langworthy believes it helped him land the position.

He was accepted into the fellowship program and Koch posted his resume on their website. The next day, Langworthy received a call from Americans for Prosperity (AFP) asking him for an interview. Shortly after, they offered him a job.

Americans for Prosperity educates people in a town hall format on economic policies. While their headquarters are in D.C., the organization is comprised of state chapters that put together speaking events and rallies that "let people know what's going on in Washington that affects their wallets and their livelihood," according to Langworthy.

Stationed in D.C.'s office, Langworthy started out by ordering office supplies, but was promoted to operations manager, focusing on managing the facilities, working on infrastructure projects, office security, and vendor relations.

"AFP is a really good organization and God has taught me a lot while I've been here," he said. "It's a situation where my experiences have not been anything like I would have expected."

Working at AFP has shown Langworthy that one of the most important aspects of doing any job is realizing that you don't need to have all the skills "right off the bat." It simply requires a person who is adaptable and willing to learn.

Eventually he would love to go into the private sector to focus on operations work. But for now, he loves where he is.

"AFP is a young and mobile organization," he said. "If you have ideas, you have some freedom to carry those out. I have freedom to create. I'm growing in my role. As long as I'm still learning, I'm happy to stay here." ★

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Scholarship to Aid Internationally-Minded PHC Students

Eight-year-old Parwana ran up and down the muddy sidewalks of Kabul, Afghanistan, selling trinkets and scarves to international travelers. She made friends with some Americans working in Kabul, and loved to rattle off the list of subjects she was studying in school and tell them what her favorites were. She would beg them to buy her scarves, even though they already owned others she had sold them. Although she lived in a community filled with war, her surroundings never wiped the mischievous smile from her face. Then, in early September, in an attempt to kill

American Coalition Forces, a teenage suicide

bomber killed Parwana along with four other street children.

Several PHC alumni worked in Afghanistan at the time and had, over the years, befriended Parwana and this little band of children. They knew the children by name, joked with them, and often collected juice boxes and food from the cafeteria to hand out to the children. The news of the children's death was devastating. Tragedies in a war-torn country are so frequent that, often, the local inhabitants quickly move on and forget. Yet the PHC alumni who knew the children could not forget.

As a tribute to the children, several PHC alumni have launched

John Curry (Government: Strategic Intelligence, '09) developed the idea for Ariana's Children Memorial Scholarship.

Photo courtesy of John Curry

an annual alumni-awarded scholarship entitled Ariana's Children Memorial Scholarship. It is designed to be given to a student who demonstrates academic excellence and has a deep desire to serve our international neighbors through an educational endeavor.

The scholarship's description reads, "The Ariana's Children Memorial Scholarship is intended to support PHC students with a vision and commitment to work on the international level and who are preparing to do well, seek judgment, and relieve the oppressed (Isaiah 1:17) throughout their academic and professional careers."

John Curry (Government: Strategic Intelligence, '09) befriended the children in Afghanistan,

and has spent a good deal of time traveling and living in other communities around the world since his graduation. He developed the idea for the scholarship believing that travel is important for students, helping them to appreciate the globalized nature of today's society.

"International travel broadens an individual's perspective in healthy ways," Curry said. "Even if a student's vocation is to raise a family in a small town in Wyoming, I believe international experience will help them fulfill that calling with excellence, with compassion and understanding shaped in the laboratory of overseas travel."

Curry said that while the focus of the scholarship is academic, living abroad trains students in areas that are professionally attractive—"personal initiative, comfort with dynamic environments and situations, and an ability to collaborate across cultures and language."

On the scholarship board is Luke McNamara (Government: Strategic Intelligence, '10), who also worked in Kabul, Afghanistan. He said that his personal travels have taught him about empathy.

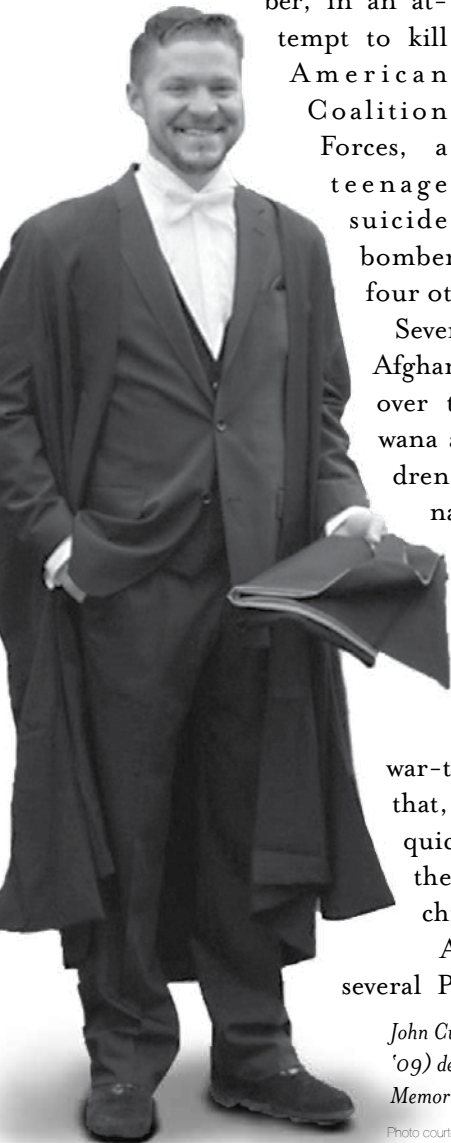
"Seeing the world in simplistic, black and white caricatures is much more difficult when you have lived in another community," McNamara said. ★



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Beloved Professor, Dr. Bonnie Libby, Passes Unexpectedly

Patrick Henry College is mourning the unexpected loss of beloved Dr. Bonnie Libby, the Associate Chairman of the Department of Classical Liberal Arts and professor of literature. She had been a member of the PHC faculty since 2005.

"We are stunned by this tragic news, but we rejoice at her incredible record of faith, love, erudition and service," said President Graham Walker.

She was visiting friends in North Carolina at the time of her death, believed to have been caused by a pulmonary embolism—a blood clot possibly resulting from a long train ride a few days earlier. Students, staff, and faculty met in The Barbara Hodel Center Coffeehouse for a time of prayer for Dr. Libby's family, and the College honored her on November 11 with a memorial service on campus.

"I vividly remember when Bonnie first came to us as a job candidate,"

said Dr. Steve Hake, chairman of PHC's Department of Classical Liberal Arts. "Bonnie was the quietest, but the depth of her faith struck us, and she was easily the best teacher. She was humble, she was wise, and she was funny. She was the soul of kindness. She was quietly amazing."

In recent years Dr. Libby served as Associate Chairman of the Department of Classical Liberal Arts. She taught literature courses, including Western Literature and upper-division courses such as British Literature, Shakespeare, and The Novel. She had also led enthusiastic groups of students in summer study trips to Great Britain as part of a C.S. Lewis Seminar.

Dr. Libby earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of North Carolina in 2003, with a specialization in Medieval Literature. Earlier, she had earned an M.A. in English from SUNY Brockport, and was a



Dr. Bonnie Libby teaching Chaucer.

graduate of Oral Roberts University. Before coming to PHC, Dr. Libby was a lecturer in English at the University of North Carolina. ★



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