

The Standard

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From The Headmaster

Advent and Christmas Greetings to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Last year proved to be quite busy and so far, this year looks to be similar. Last year, we ended up short staffed and some things just didn't get done. Thus, you're holding in your hands the first issue of *The Standard* in over a year. This year is better, but still, there are too few of us with too much to do. Yet, God has and continues to sustain us for this ministry He has here in Lake Almanor.

Last year, Mrs. Carol Ann Waterman graciously stepped in after Christmas and picked up some of the grammar school classes. This year, she is back and teaching not only grammar school, but also middle school math and Science. We are very appreciative of her help and have been blessed by her ministry and service in teaching.

Our current hunt for a teacher to come on staff in January has been successful, by God's grace, and Miss Allison Steinberg will be joining us in Hilary term in the New Year. Miss Steinberg comes to us from New St. Andrews College in Moscow Idaho, where she obtained a classical, liberal arts education. She will be implementing our Latin program and taking over the Greek and grammar school classes from Mrs. Foes. Miss Steinberg will also be team teaching some middle and high school classes so her plate will be full. Please remember her in your prayers. Mrs. Foes will continue to teach formal logic and will be in charge of our developing grammar school program. She is also quite happy to spend more time being a mother.

Please read, inside, the story written by our own Nicole de Martimprey on the wonderful high school trip to Great Britain this last summer. And speaking of high school writers, we had two of our students recently place in a local, countywide essay contest. Mr. Dylan Rinehart won the grand prize and Miss de Martimprey was one of three second-place winners. Congratulations!

We have had wonderful help and support in moving and improving our new building this year. Many thanks to all whom have helped, especially Pastor John Erickson and Dan Foes. The building is quite a blessing and we are excited to have our own space. Hopefully, we'll grow out of it by next year!

God has also blessed us on the technological end. Mr. Baender, as many of you know, is in his third year teaching for St. Andrew's Academy. What you may not know is that he is also a computer engineer. We are daily more and more thankful for his skills as he takes care of ever expanding computer needs. He is currently in process of hooking up our computers to our new (new to us, anyway!) digital photocopier that will also be our printer. This piece of equipment speeds up our teachers' tasks of copying, collating, binding, etc. We want our teachers to spend their time teaching, not doing busy work or paperwork.

We have been searching for low cost, used, Apple "iBooks" for our newest faculty members. Many thanks to Shane Williams at MacSuperstore in San Luis Obispo, California, for locating those hard to find computers and giving us a great deal as well as donating memory and wireless cards for them.

We have a small number of faithful givers and a few of them have given exceedingly generously. Last year, we had a number of end of the year gifts that totaled over \$15,000. We are very thankful. This year, we have already received a wonderful gift of \$15,000. St. Andrew's Academy is still in its infancy and needs all the financial help it can get. We cannot support the faculty and

staff on tuition payments, nor can we grow this ministry without outside funding.

Please think of us in your end of the year giving. Your donations are tax-deductible, and much appreciated. Alternately, please consider giving a monthly donation to the school. We have many monthly payments to which you could contribute. Our newest is our photocopier lease and service payment that totals right about \$130 each month.

As always, we request your prayers for this ministry. God has sustained us this far, we trust Him for the future.

Most sincerely yours,

Brian Foes



*Melrose Abbey, Borderlands of Scotland.
St. Andrew's Academy students here visited the burial site of
the heart of Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland.*

Thoughtful Christianity

Following is the Address, by Fr. Brian Foos, at the St. Andrew's Convocation, Fall, 2002.

It is wonderful to see all of you in this new building at this convocation for 2002. Welcome and the Peace of Christ be with you all.

We have, this year once again, in our praises and prayers, given ourselves to God and dedicated the students, the staff and indeed the families of St. Andrew's Academy all to God for His purposes.

In these few moments allotted me now, I would like to focus our minds on being thoughtful Christians. When asked what the greatest commandment was, Christ responded with: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy **mind**. This is the first and great commandment."

When I say thoughtful, I don't mean sensitive and quiet, gently listening to someone's story or problem or what have you. Now, there is nothing wrong with those things, but that is not what I mean by thoughtful. When I refer to being a thoughtful Christian, I am referring to what Christ was referring to—being a Christian who loves God with all his mind! To be a thoughtful Christian is to be a thinking Christian.

Too many in these days and in our culture scoff at the idea of Christianity. We've let them do this. We have shown our world a Christianity that does not think, a Christianity that is not reasonable.

One of the things we are about here at St. Andrew's is to show the world that Christianity is anything but unreasonable. Christianity has always been a very meaty religion for thinkers and philosophers. Christianity has always been a religion that the simple could understand and the wise could spend a lifetime learning about.

Yet, in our culture—yes, even in our Christian culture—we minimize the use of the mind. Instead of teaching hard doctrines, we teach polite platitudes, instead of memorizing catechisms we never forget stolen advertising slogans: "This Christ's for you...", "Got Jesus?", "Pray Hard!" When it comes to real intellectual battles with the world—when it comes to "always be[ing] ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..." as St. Peter admonished, we often leave it to the "professionals". When it comes to the hard questions or disputed matters between friends and brothers, we often say that we shouldn't over-intellectualize the faith or have such disagreements. Indeed, we should not over-intellectualize the faith. Yet, neither

should we be content to not love God with all our minds—even in the difficult matters.

"Light and liberty go together," said Thomas Jefferson. He was talking of education. The educated man will stay the free man. But he spoke more truth than he knew. For the light of the Gospel shining in men's hearts is the beginning of their true education and the Gospel of Jesus sets men free. The more we know of the Gospel and the more we apply God's Gospel in our life, the more free we are to do God's will; the less entangled we are by besetting sin.



The Nave of Canterbury Cathedral. St. Andrew's Students sat at the front, right of the picture for the service of Holy Communion

The world we live in is not friendly to the truth claims of the Gospel. The world is not comfortable with the truth, period. I had a professor in college who said to a group of us senior literature students: "You know what we're doing here is ruining you for the world?" He meant that after reading the best that has been thought and said in the history of mankind, we would never be satisfied with the way the world is today. We were ruined from ever just being content with the ugliness of modernity and the relativism of post-modernity.

It is my prayer that we are ruining your students, parents—ruining you, students, from ever being content with the way the world is. For the world is hopeless and in great need without the truth of God. And, as that great intellectual of Christ's Church, St. Augustine said, "All truth is God's truth."

May we all be content in Christ but never apathetic about the condition of our world. Our calling is within this world and the nature of our individual callings will be different for each of us. Yet we are all called to think—to use our minds to God's glory.

We have one of the richest of intellectual traditions in the history of the world. May we never fear our own personal ignorance (for we all have it!) nor the intellectual power of our adversaries. Let us follow Christ's admonition and use our minds to His glory and for His purpose.

Please stand and let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; Enlighten with thy wisdom all of us learners, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, we may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

History Up Close and In Person

by
Nicole de Martimprey
Senior at St. Andrew's Academy



Students from St. Andrew's Academy were found tramping about Europe late during their summer break this year. Senior student Nicole de Martimprey and junior students Marc Duval, Lisa Outland and Dylan Rinehart took in the sites in England, Scotland and France. The students spent the previous year studying European history with their Headmaster and teacher, Rev. Brian Foos, who led the trip with the help of chaperone Becky Silver.



The trip began in the bustling city of London and its surrounding areas. The students were pleasantly shocked by the architecture of London, especially St. Paul's Cathedral. Other sites in London included the British Museum, State Courts of Justice, Tower of London, Tower Bridge and, of course, Big Ben. From London they traveled under the English Channel to France and on to Paris where they visited the

Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Louvre as well as enjoyed the very rich and tasty French foods and pastries.

top right: Canterbury Cathedral. **center:** Nicole and Dylan standing on Hadrian's Wall, Northern England. The wall, stretching some 73 miles from shore to shore, was built by the Romans in the 120's AD and was the northern most boundary of the Roman Empire. **bottom:** Students at the Eagle and Child Pub, Oxford, standing at the booth occupied frequently by C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

They returned to England to finish their tour and were quite honored at Canterbury Cathedral, where the Dean asked the whole party to "take juice and biscuits" with him. Nicole and Marc were also asked to participate in the Sunday morning Holy Communion service, during which they brought forward the bread and wine for the service.

After tea with the Dean, their travels took them to East Anglia, York, Oxford, Cambridge, Lindisfarne Island, Chester, southern Scotland and

Excerpts from Students' Journals

Lisa Outland — Northern England: "Today we drove to and visited Hadrian's Wall in the rain. Then we went to a museum where they had artifacts from the days of the Romans (43AD – 410AD).

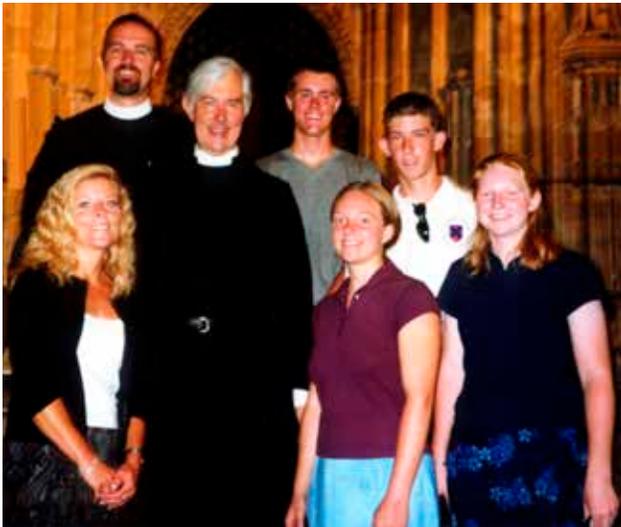
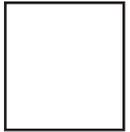
After that, we went to Holy Island where the ruins of Lindisfarne Priory sit. It seemed to me a solemn place, where one could sit for hours and reflect upon the past. It was overlooking the North Sea, though you could barely see it through the fog."

Dylan Rinehart — London: We went to "Westminster Abbey for evensong before we saw the play [Les Miserables]. The theatre was pretty hot because we were on the third balcony, but the play was very, very good."

Nicole de Martimprey — Oxford: "We shopped a bit and looked at some colleges, during which we passed some street singers. ...We started joking about singing on a street corner and trying to make some money. ...Dylan found the perfect corner, on an intersection with a pub on one corner and the Bodleian Library on the other. I started to sing. ... The rest of them were laughing pretty hard, I'm not sure if they were embarrassed for me or just amused, but it made it even more exciting when people started giving me money.

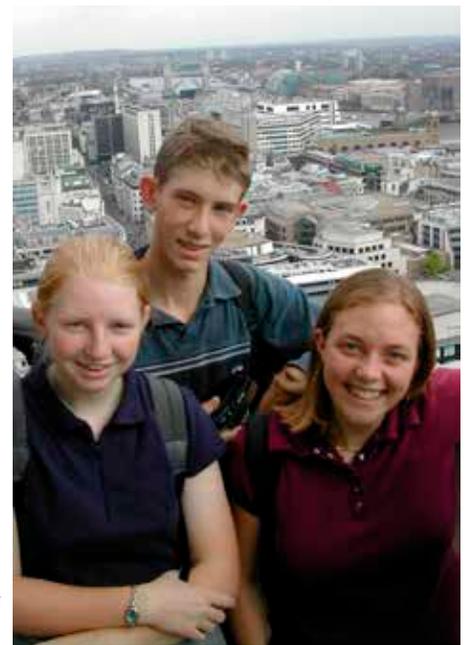
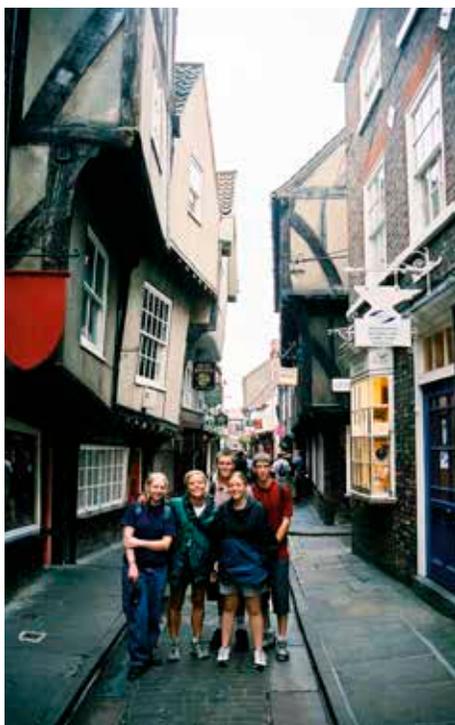
Marc Duval — London: "After the museum, which finished tiring us out after a morning of walking, we went to get some food at a pub called "The Alfred." There we had another traditional English meal: I had shepherds pie, rice and potatoes.





the Lake District of England. They visited walled cities, ancient ruins, abbey ruins, cathedrals, small parish churches, a 4000 year old stone circle, a king's crowning stone, Hadrian's Wall, battle sites, ruins of Roman forts and cities and much more. The trip was completed by the chance to see the famous "Les Miserables" performed in Palace Theatre, London.

These students saw history in front of their eyes, touched history with their hands and walked where some of the greatest men of history walked. This trip helped show the students the reality of history and proved to be full of memories and experiences they are sure they will never forget.



top left: St. Andrew's Academy with the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. From l-r, Mrs. Becky Silver, Fr. Brian Foos, the Very Rev'd Robert Willis (Dean), Marc Duval, Nicole de Martimprey, Lisa Outland. **bottom left:** Students & Mrs. Silver in the Shambles, the oldest Medieval street in York. **bottom right:** Lisa, Dylan & Nicole at the top of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. **center:** Dark Age stone cross, borderlands of England and Scotland.

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