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Fifth Form students play People-on-the-Square during the opening days of School. St. Andrew's students returned from summer vacation with renewed enthusiasm for the school year.

Fall begins with energy, enthusiasm

THE DOORS TO St. Andrew's were flung open in welcome to new students and parents in late August. Seniors and the Admission Office helped students settle into their rooms and get acquainted with the School.

"The seniors really rise to the occasion making new kids feel welcome here," Admission Director Peter Caldwell said. "The seniors are helpful and confident. The parents feel it. The way the day runs, parents have a good feeling about how St. Andrew's will take care of their child."

Seniors assisted newcomers with trunks and bags and then toured the campus stopping at the nurse's office, the dining hall and the corridor parents' room.

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St. Andrew's Chapel dedicated to A. Felix duPont, Jr.

Headmaster praises son of the Founder for loyalty, vision

BY DANIEL T. ROACH, JR.

IT IS PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE and truly fitting that the Chapel be dedicated to A. Felix duPont, Jr., the son of the School's Founder and a loyal and generous leader of our Board of Trustees for over 40 years. Until his death last December, Mr. duPont was a most loyal and faithful steward of St. Andrew's School; he was the person most responsible for carrying on the vision of his father that began as an idea presented to Bishop Cook on Thursday, August 11, 1927.

A. Felix duPont, Jr. was born in 1905, twenty-five years before his father founded St. Andrew's. He joined our Board of

Trustees in 1956 and served as Vice President (1957-1960), Executive Vice President (1960-1974), President (1974-1985) and Chairman of the Board (1985-1996).

In 1996, the Board of Trustees selected him to be the charter member of the Founders Forum, an organization honoring those members of the faculty, staff, alumni, past parent body, Trustees and friends of St. Andrew's who have significantly served the Founder's mission.

In addition to the St. Andrew's Board, Mr. duPont served on the boards of the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of

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SCHOOL OPENS

BY CLEMENTINE JAMES '01

ISAT CRAMMED in between lamps, blankets and clothes listening to my mom's last-minute talk on how much she loved me. As the youngest of three, I was her baby, and now I was going to live away from home. My mom was anxiously fluttering on the edge of her seat when we pulled into the main drive. This huge expanse of playing fields was new to me, but I was comforted by the sign stating "Children and Dogs Are Everywhere."

Once I got out of the van (spilling junk everywhere), a group of teachers and seniors greeted me. A senior was assigned to take me to my room, help me unpack and show me around. Hundreds of quiet siblings, nervous parents and excited students were running around.

When I entered my bland room, I noticed my roommate had already staked out her ground and moved in. Compared to her, my armloads of stuff were nothing. As the parents slowly departed, a mosaic of sadness and smiles filled my new classmates. We were herded outside, where we all sat in a circle saying our names and trying to memorize others. Soon our seniors came to show us around the School some more. I was lost in the dark hallways filled with new faces.

Yet, our whole dorm was excited for the square dance. We suited up in denim shirts and bandannas. Strange people would randomly come and ask you to dance; soon the whole School was promenading and do-si-doing.

At 7 a.m. the next day, the entire III Form loaded onto a bus and traveled to the Echo Hill Outdoor School. On the bus, conversation started and names became clearer. Having previously been to Echo Hill, I knew what to expect.

The swaying fifty-five-foot tower baffled many. Encouraged by new friends, the majority of the group successfully climbed this obstacle, gaining trust for their belayer. In the afternoon, we engaged in another bonding challenge, getting our entire group through a rope spider web without touching it.

By the end of the afternoon, on the bus ride home, I knew the names of everyone in my group and many more. Although I was still unable to name all of the girls on my corridor, I was comforted by the new friendships I had already made.

David Onn joins faculty

PROFESSOR DAVID ONN joins the science department at St. Andrew's from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware. He has assumed Tom Odden's teaching responsibilities through the fall.

This is not David's first experience in a private boarding school. Before coming to the U.S. in 1961, he taught physics for two years and was a housemaster at Dean Close School in Cheltenham, England. Following graduate school at Duke, he spent four years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, moving to the University of Delaware in 1970.

The University has awarded him an Excellence in Teaching Award, and he has received several fellowships from

the Center for Teaching Effectiveness to develop innovative courses in physics.

In recent years he has concentrated his research and development activities in the area of physics education and participates in the National Science Foundation programs for the professional development of Delaware public and private school teachers in grades K-12.

He enjoys working in his garden, collecting both plants and model trains while dreaming of building his own model railway.

David and his wife, Dorothy, who is department administrator at "Children and Families First" of Wilmington, live in Newark with their daughter, Katie, a junior at St. Mark's, and their Yorkshire terriers, Tiptoe and Minnie.

Chapel dedicated to Founder's son

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America, Delaware Wildlands, Delaware Curative Workshop, Franklin Institute, the Medical Center of Delaware and St. James School of Maryland.

The transformation of St. Andrew's School from its founding to its development as a truly national boarding school could not have taken place without the guidance of A. Felix duPont, Jr.

It was Mr. duPont who from 1956 to 1996 never missed a meeting of the full Board or a committee meeting; it was Mr. duPont who provided the leadership on the Board of Trustees that led to the purchase of land surrounding Noxontown Pond that has protected the School campus from the rapid development we see all around us.

It was Mr. duPont who provided leadership when St. Andrew's became an integrated school and a coeducational school. It was Mr. duPont who brought our second Headmaster, Bob Moss, and our third Headmaster, Jon O'Brien, to St. Andrew's.

Much to my own pleasure and gratitude, it was Mr. duPont who welcomed me as St. Andrew's fourth Headmaster in December of 1995.

Those of us who knew Mr. duPont know that in addition to his great gifts as a leader and benefactor to the School, he was a remarkably quiet, kind, humble and self-effacing man.

He let the students, faculty, Board of Trustees and Headmasters celebrate the

great potential of the School he and his father created. His commitment to public service, to quality education and to the church was performed without the fanfare and public posturing of so many influential leaders.

And so it was simply his presence at family-style meals, athletic events, graduations, Board meetings and School celebrations that made us all feel complete, in touch with the very essence and spirit of this remarkable school. Generations of St. Andreans deemed their education complete only when they inspected their diploma and found Mr. duPont's signature upon it.

The final two times I saw him were typical moments: at a cold, blustery November St. Andrew's football game against Tatnall, he watched with pride the way our team played courageously and tenaciously; in December last year, Mr. duPont's satisfaction and pleasure with student musical performances and his daughter Kitten Gahagan's reading of the Trustee lesson were evident at the Service of Lessons and Carols.

As we dedicate the Chapel to A. Felix duPont, Jr., we thank him and his family for their abiding vision, faith and service to St. Andrew's.

We confirm our desire to create a school community that is a reflection of Mr. duPont's life: one of service, one of humility, one of commitment, and one of faith and learning.

Admission videotape completed

BY DAVID G.W. SCOTT

NOT SINCE THE FILMING of *Dead Poets Society* has there been such a persistent cinematic presence on campus. During the 1996-97 school year, images and individuals at St. Andrew's were recorded and compiled into a 13-minute Admission video.

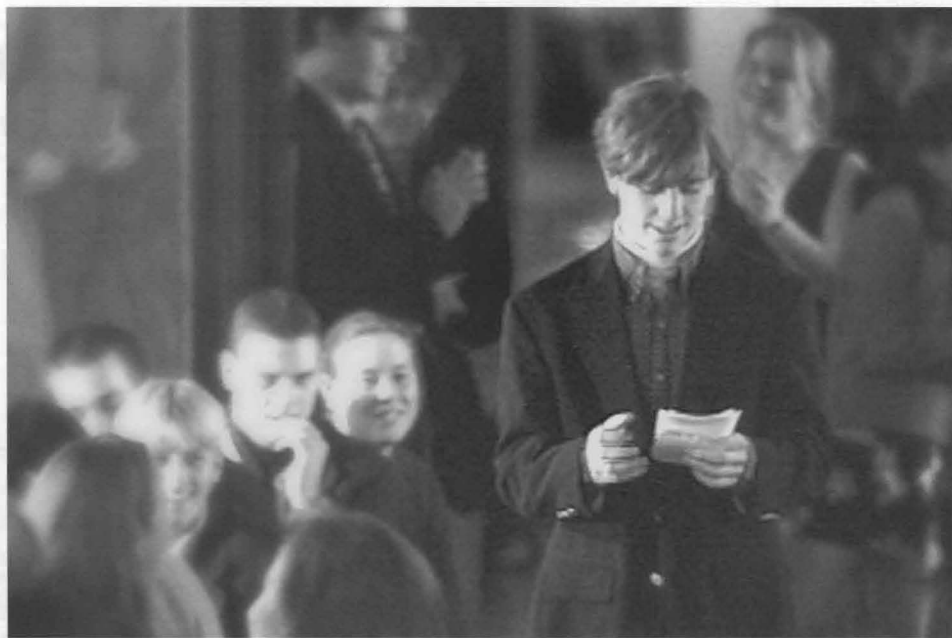
St. Andrew's students and faculty speak eloquently and with sincerity, honesty and humor about the virtues of the School.

"We were trying to accomplish a representation that is true to the School," said Admission Director Peter Caldwell. "We also wanted a new video for the start of a new era at the School, as Tad Roach begins this year as Headmaster."

The video focuses on several students and allows the viewers to become familiar with their personalities. Producer Frank duPont of Winton/duPont Films said St. Andrew's has a strong story to tell.

"The secret of making a good video is to let the kids and faculty tell the story themselves," duPont said. "I was tremendously impressed by the School and the tightness of the community."

The Admission Office plans to use the video to attract excellent students from



FILM STILL COURTESY OF WINTON/DUPONT FILMS

A film still from the St. Andrew's videotape which will be used by the Admission Office as a new tool to attract top students from around the country.

around the country.

"The audience for the film is primarily kids who hope to come to the School," duPont said. "The goal was to provide an emotional connection for those kids to what they hope will be their future life."

The video's musical score was supervised by Mike Whalen '84, a composer and member of the Board of Trustees. Whalen wrote several of the musical cues, collected the music of other St. Andreans and placed those sound bites at appropriate moments. His nostalgic anthem about St. Andrew's, *Noxontown Adagio*, is the soundtrack's centerpiece.

The video will be on display in the main lobby of the School during Parents' Weekend. Parents who are interested in showing the video to prospective families may contact the Admission Office at (302) 378-9511 ext. 231.

IS ST. ANDREW'S COMING TO YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS? ADMISSION TRAVEL SCHEDULE

New York City, N.Y.	Oct. 20
Chicago, Ill.	Oct. 20
Chestertown, Md.	Oct. 23
Williamsport, Pa.	Oct. 27
Washington, D.C.	Oct. 30
Seattle, Wash.	Nov. 3
Portland, Ore.	Nov. 4
San Francisco, Calif.	Nov. 5
Charlestown, S.C.	Nov. 9
Charlotte, N.C.	Nov. 10
Lewes, Del.	Nov. 16
Bermuda	Nov. 19
Charlottesville, Va.	Dec. 10

Call the Admission Office for more information on times and dates at (302) 378-9511 ext. 231.

School opens with a whirl of activity

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Clementine James '01 said moving in to St. Andrew's was easier for her than it was for her mother. She said she knew many students from her hometown of Easton, Md.

"I walked into the dormitory and everyone was unpacking. I thought I'd brought too much," Clementine said. "When I saw my roommate unpacking, I thought I didn't bring enough."

Sallie Graves '01 had a sister, Penn '98, here already. For her, moving in was easier.

"It was good to know people already," Sallie said. "I knew where things were. I also went to soccer camp with the team over the summer. That helped me get to know other students."

After an all-school meeting, the student body had a cookout and square dance.

Incoming III Formers traveled to Echo Hill to complete a ropes course. The overnight experience taught the new students about their classmates and the School.

Students shared the opening days of School bonding with their classmates.

For Christian Wilson '01 of Mullica Hill, N.J. climbing the tower proved to be a powerful experience.

"Your life depended on someone else. It brought the group together," Christian said. "You had to trust them to hold you up there while you climbed."

St. Andrew's art gallery to feature exhibit

Artist Scott Wright brings his organic-expressionist exhibition, River Music, to campus



A detail from Scott Wright's three-panel piece entitled, *Towpath and River Bend*. Wright's work will be on display in the new St. Andrew's art gallery from Oct. 3 to Nov. 10.

FROM THE COLLECTION OF SCOTT WRIGHT

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL will inaugurate its new art gallery in the recently renovated gym with *River Music*, an exhibit of landscape paintings by Philadelphia artist Scott Wright. The opening reception included a gallery talk by Wright on October 10.

"We are very excited to open our new gallery with Scott Wright's paintings," St. Andrew's art teacher John McGiff said. "Scott has long been inspired by the natural beauty of the north eastern United States, and his work has always sought to reveal, in its color, brush stroke and suggestion of profound space, the joy he experiences when in the presence of natural splendor."

"Scott's new work, with its expressionistic edge, is particularly successful in the way in which the paintings involve the viewer in the catharsis of looking."

A river painter, Wright is known for his unique style, organic expressionism, which captures the raw beauty and emotional power of the landscape. The show features paintings of the Delaware River done on multiple panels, a technique Wright uses to reflect the passage of time.

Wright has displayed his work in the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, Philadelphia's Woodmere Gallery and prominent institutions locally and abroad. He received his Master of Fine Arts from the University of Pennsylvania and has lectured on Cezanne's watercolors at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

River Music will run from October 3 to November 10.

SCOTT RECEIVES DELAWARE POETRY AWARD

David Scott, Director of Communications, has been awarded an Individual Artist Fellowship from the Delaware Division of the Arts as an Emerging Professional in Poetry.

His fellowship for the 1997-98 fiscal year requires him to make a presentation of his work to the people of Delaware.

He was one of only six people in the state selected as an emerging artist by the Division of the Arts.

Before arriving at St. Andrew's last spring, David was a free-lance writer. He earned his M.F.A in poetry from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1993.

"This is a great honor for me. To receive public recognition for so private an artform borders on embarrassing," David said. "I hope this award brings some more attention to St. Andrew's and the many fine artists and writers we have collected here."

He said that although the presentation date has not been set, it will probably be a poetry reading.

Baers become Eagle Scouts during summer

LUKE '98 AND ALEX '00 BAER earned their Eagle Scout badges this summer with two separate projects near their home in Kill Devil Hills, N.C.

Luke organized, designed and built 12 benches at Jockey's Ridge State Park for park rangers to use to organize groups of visitors for trips and lectures.

Luke got local lumber companies to donate the wood, and then he designed and built the first bench with a ranger. He then worked with his local Boy Scout troop to build the rest of the benches. He spent the entire three months of summer

on the project.

During his ten years in scouting, Luke has learned valuable lessons.

"Scouting has an amazing value system," Luke said. "If you live by the Scout Law, you really can't go wrong."

Earning Eagle Scout was especially difficult because Luke came to St. Andrew's. He had to join an Odessa Troop where he didn't know anyone and ask for a position of responsibility.

"It was hard to stay motivated while I was here," he said. "But my mom used reverse psychology on me, and I finished it."

Alex Baer earned his Eagle Scout by collecting used books and toys for the Outer Banks Hotline Crisis Intervention Center, a battered women's shelter in Kill Devil Hills. He set up boxes at ten area churches and donated over 500 items to the shelter.

"They weren't aware how much stuff I had collected," Alex said. "I saw the shelter and the empty shelves waiting for books. I saw how much they needed these things."

They will be presented with their badges at a ceremony which will be held in North Carolina after Thanksgiving.

Drama begins first full season in newly renovated theater

She Stoops to Conquer, the main dramatic event of Parents' Weekend, will run Friday and Saturday nights

THE NEWLY RENOVATED theater will begin its first full season with a production of *She Stoops to*

Conquer by Oliver Goldsmith. This restoration comedy will be performed on two nights during Parents' Weekend: Friday night at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday night at 8:30 p.m.

The play's formal title is *She Stoops to Conquer*, or *The Mistakes of the Night*, which may give the audience a sense of the play's farcical nature. The main mistake of the night is young Marlow's. He mistakes the home of his betrothed for an inn, his would-be father-in-law for a servant and his fiancée for a barmaid.

John Vassalotti '99 who plays Marlow remarked, "It's different than the last role I had in *The Mikado* because Nanki-Poo

played an active role in deceiving others. Now, I'm the guy who gets tricked. It's interesting to play a person who is not in the know."



"Being an eighteenth century classic, this play presents many challenges for the young actor," Drama Director Ann McTaggart said, "the most demanding being the poetic language of the text. It should be a stimulating experience for everyone."

There is no mistaking that the St. Andrew's Theater is a state of the art facility. Renovated to improve lighting, sound and seating, the theater provides a professional atmosphere on which students can "strut and fret."

"Even though I know my lines already," said Akilah Amapindi '99, "I'm still really nervous I'll mess up."

St. Andrew's joins consortium; faculty excited by Wiggins talk

THE ST. ANDREW'S faculty began the School year by rigorously questioning their teaching practices. Guest Grant Wiggins from the Center on Learning, Assessment and School Structure (CLASS) brought his ideas about innovation in curriculum to St. Andrew's and sparked important debates within and across departments.

"It was an energizing and stimulating visit because it was a direct challenge to us," Academic Dean Monica Matouk said. "Why do we teach the way we do? How can we improve? It got everyone thinking critically."

CLASS has formed a consortium with 30 independent schools of which St. Andrew's is a new member. The schools

have joined together to study how best to teach in innovative ways and still prepare students for the standardized admissions requirements of colleges and universities.

"Wiggins triggered conversations across departments," Matouk said. "How do we define excellence? How can departments work more closely together? These are questions we are excited to continue to discuss."

By being part of the Consortium, St. Andrew's will gain valuable collaborative opportunities with other schools as well as having access to the CLASS' data base. St. Andrew's will be part of symposiums focusing on the relationship between college admissions and independent school academics and college counseling.

SCHEDULE FOR PARENTS' WEEKEND

Friday, October 17, 1997

8:00 p.m.

- St. Andrew's Theater Presentation
She Stoops to Conquer, by Oliver Goldsmith

Saturday, October 18, 1997

8:00-10:45 a.m.

- Registration and Coffee in Common Room next to Dining Room
- Parent/Teacher Conferences at Designated Locations

11:00-11:25 a.m.

- Meeting of Parents in Theater: Welcome and Remarks from the Headmaster and Chair of the Board of Trustees

11:30-12:00 noon

- Form Meetings
VI Form Parents in Theater
V Form Parents in Library
IV Form Parents in Chapel
III Form Parents in Amos Hall Lecture Room
- 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.
• Box lunches available in the Dining Room for those who have reserved them

4:30-6:00 p.m.

- Parent/Teacher Conferences at Designated Locations

Note: We urge parents who plan to take their children out to dinner to keep the 8:30 p.m. theater performance in mind.

6:00-6:45 p.m.

- Dinner in the School Dining Room for those who have made reservations
- 8:30 p.m.
• Second Performance: *She Stoops to Conquer*

Sunday, October 19

9:15 a.m.

- Chapel Service
10:45-11:45 a.m.
- Concert Band, Jazz Band and Concert Choir Program in the Cameron Room
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Lunch in the Dining Room for those who have made reservations
1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences at Designated Locations

Sports

Fall sports teams collect wins

**GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY OFF AND RUNNING**

The St. Andrew's girls' cross-country team got off to a 3-0 start in dual meets, including wins over Smyrna and Archmere.

The girls competed in the Lake Forest Invitational and placed seventh out of 17 teams. The team placed second out of eight teams in the Middletown Invitational. Meaghan Keeley '99 placed sixth and newcomers Caitlin Rackish '01 finished ninth.

The team will compete for the Conference championship on Oct. 28.

FOOTBALL TEAM'S DEFENSE IS STINGY

The football team started the season with three victories, the first St. Andrew's team to do so since 1990 with victories over The George School, 21-6, Princeton Day School, 31-7, and West Nottingham, 8-7.

In the first two games, the defense, led by Austin Middleton '98, did not allow an offensive touchdown.

Co-captains Geoff DeWire '98 ran for one touchdown and totaled 87 yards against The George School, while Paul Burnette '98 scored three touchdowns and gained 126 yards on 20 carries against Princeton Day School.

BOYS' SOCCER UNBEATEN IN CONFERENCE

The boys' soccer team started off the season with two losses, but rebounded with three Conference victories over Sanford, Tatnall and Westtown.

Co-captain Mike Cordeiro '98 has five goals including one against Sanford on Homecoming Weekend and two against Westtown in a 3-2 win.

Against Tatnall, Luke Baer '98, Cordeiro, Andrew Meeks '00 and Jonathan Marvel '00 scored to cap the 4-2 win.

GIRLS' SOCCER WORKS TOWARD GOALS

The girls' soccer team has recorded five shutouts in a season marked by a tougher schedule on their way to a 5-1 record. With no State or Conference play to work toward, the girls are meeting goals by winning games.

Goalies Rains Paden '98 and Susan Clarkson '00 have combined for the four shutouts, including the first ever

Top: Michael Cordeiro '98 dribbles the ball leading the soccer team to a win against Sanford, 1-0. Middle: Robin Juliano '99 strikes the ball toward goal in the field hockey team's victory over Middletown. Bottom: Geoff DeWire '98 takes a handoff and sprints toward goal as the football team beat Princeton Day School, 31-7.

PHOTOS BY ERIC CROSSAN



win over Unionville, 1-0.

Beth Calder '98 leads the team in scoring and Penn Graves '98 dominates the midfield. The team has played in three one-goal games.

FIELD HOCKEY RACES FORWARD

The field hockey team surpassed early expectations and got off to a 4-2-1 record. With wins over Middletown, 6-0, and Tatnall, 4-1, the team got into the heart of Conference play with a 1-1 tie against the State's top ranked team and perennial foe, Tower Hill. The tie was the first non-loss against the Hillers since 1987.

Captain Anne Close '98 scored against Tower Hill, and Julie Teach '00 has made 49 saves in the net this year. Heidi Pearce '00 has five goals and recorded a hat trick against Tatnall.

BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS WITH THE WIND

The boys' cross-country team started the season 2-1 in dual meets. They placed sixth out of 17 teams in the Lake Forest Invitational and third out of nine at the Middletown Invitational.

Morgan Scoville '00 won the Middletown Invitational in 17:20 and placed second overall in the Division II race at Lake Forest. Scoville, competing against over 100 runners, was the first Delaware runner to cross the line.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM GETS INTO THE GROOVE

The volleyball team (1-5) has shown signs of improvement as players learn the game and gain experience, according to first-year coach Mai Mok.

All players are beginning to exhibit the physical, mental and emotional maturity of superb volleyball players, as they did in the 2-0 win over Westtown.

The team is led by senior Captain Tucker Ballard '98 and junior Captains Anne '99 and Angela Caswell '99. Coach Mok said the three are verbal contributors and leaders on the floor. Ashley Bergland '00 has shown great strength and experience, Ms. Mok said.

FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE GAME RESULTS, DIRECTIONS, CANCELLATIONS AND WEATHER, GET ON THE ST. ANDREW'S SPORTS WEB SITE AT:

ST-ANDREWS.PVT.K12.DE.US/SPORTS/SPORTS

Sports

REMAINING VARSITY SCHEDULES

Football			
Oct. 25	H	Friends	2:00
Oct. 31	H	W. Nott'gham	3:00
Nov. 8	H	Tatnall	2:00

Boys' Soccer			
Oct. 21	H	Tatnall	3:45
Oct. 25	A	Seaford	7:00
Oct. 28	A	Friends	3:15
Oct. 31	H	Salesianum	3:15

Boys' Cross Country			
Oct. 28	D.I.S.C.	at Tower Hill	3:15
Nov. 1		NCCo. meet	TBA
Nov. 8		State meet	TBA

Girls' Cross Country			
Oct. 28	D.I.S.C.	at Tower Hill	3:15
Nov. 1		NCCo. meet	TBA
Nov. 8		State meet	TBA

Girls' Soccer			
Oct. 21	A	Bo Manor	4:00
Oct. 25	A	Severn	2:00
Oct. 30	H	Germ'town Ac.	3:30

Field Hockey			
Oct. 21	A	Ursuline	3:45
Oct. 28	A	St. Mark's	3:30
Oct. 30	A	Tatnall	3:45

Volleyball			
Oct. 21	H	Tower Hill	3:45
Oct. 24	A	Sanford	6:00
Oct. 25	A	Tatnall	2:30

PARENTS' WEEKEND SPORTS SCHEDULE

2:00 p.m. Saturday

- Varsity, JV & 3rd Team Field Hockey vs. Tower Hill
- V & JV Volleyball vs. Middletown
- Varsity & JV Boys' Soccer vs. Tower Hill
- 3rd & 4th Boys' Soccer vs. Westtown
- Varsity Football vs. Tower Hill
- Varsity & JV Girls' Soccer vs. Westtown

2:30 p.m. Saturday

- Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country Invitational

North Carolina writer reads from his new book to students

Celebrated author, novelist and poet Fred Chappell, talked to St. Andrew's School students about writing and read a story from his forthcoming novel.

AWARD-WINNING writer, Fred Chappell, was a guest at St. Andrew's September 11-13. While he was here, he spoke to many students at gatherings in the science lecture hall, and gave a reading from his not-yet-completed novel, *Look Back All the Green Valley*.

Chappell's book, *I Am One of You Forever*, was the assigned summer reading for students. Many asked questions about the book and some of the fascinating characters in it, such as Joe Robert, Uncle Zeno, Virgil Campbell and others. He told the students that his books were the intersection of factual memory and imagination.

"If everyone could remember everything exactly," Chappell told one class, "there wouldn't be any need for lawyers."

Students appreciated Chappell's candor and the chance to meet a working writer.

"I will look at books in a totally different way," John Vassalotti '99 said. "I didn't realize that so much of their own experience went into the book."

Chappell also told students that he loved to revise his writing, that he often rewrote a story 20-25 times before he considered it finished.

Lindsay Lowa '99 enjoyed the presence of the author.

"Before the only thing you know is the name on the cover and the omniscient voice," Lindsay said. "It's important to see the hand that wrote those words, to look into the eyes that brought the fantastical to life, to hear the voice that told so many stories."

Chappell also attended Mr. Smith's V Form English class where he read and discussed a Shakespeare sonnet. Mr. Smith, who led the effort to bring Chappell to St. Andrew's, taught his classes several of Chappell's poems and stories.

"As a teacher, he validated the things I was saying and doing in class. I appreciated his reading of the sonnet. He instilled life into it," Smith said.

Among his favorite authors, Chappell lists Shakespeare along with Milton, Pope, Chaucer and Homer. His favorite book is *Don Quixote*.

"I always hate this question because I have such a boring answer for it," he said after being asked who he liked to read. "But I like all the folks your English teachers make you read."

Chappell came to St. Andrew's as part of the Special Programs.



Fred Chappell talks to members of Mr. Smith's V Form class during his visit to St. Andrew's. Mr. Chappell spoke to students and then read from his forthcoming novel.

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THERE'S STILL *TIME TO REMEMBER*

Capturing the good times and some of the hard times at St. Andrew's School, this book is less of a history and more of an institutional biography with historical underpinnings.

Incorporating the experiences and recollections of hundreds of alumni/ae, faculty, staff and administrators, author and long-time faculty member Bill Amos brings to life the St. Andrew's of the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and much of the 1980s, as well as insight into the internal workings of the institution.

St. Andrew's forged ahead during the years covered in Amos' book. Through three unique headmasters—Walden Pell, Bob Moss and Jon O'Brien—through integration, coeducation and day-to-day functions, St. Andrew's became a leader in boarding school education.

Time to Remember looks closely at these times and the people who successfully steered St. Andrew's School to become one of this country's finest boarding schools.

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