



The Trumpet of Liberty



2004 closes as a stellar year for moot court

PHC students thrive in national and international competitions

Long a staple of law school education, moot court competitions are becoming increasingly common at the undergraduate level. Also becoming more common is PHC's domination of intercollegiate moot court competition. The 2004 autumn debate season was no exception.

In moot court—debate competitions designed to simulate appellate court proceedings—teams of two students function as co-counsels and stand before a panel of judges in a simulated courtroom setting to argue one side of a legal matter. Then, in later rounds, the same team stands before the same



PHC's moot court team took first place at a recent tournament at Fitchburg State College. That same weekend, they placed in two other competitions.

judges to defend the opposite position.

Under the direction of President Mike Farris, the PHC's moot court team travels the country and even across the seas. The most stunning victory of the year came with PHC's first international debate. In an outcome that grabbed headlines as a David and Goliath

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2005 Teen Leadership Camps schedule released

Over 1,000 teenagers (ages 14-18) have participated in PHC's Teen Leadership Camps over the past four summers. Each camp consists of informative workshops and interesting classroom sessions taught by PHC faculty and field experts. Camps include fieldtrips to nearby historical sites, monuments and centers of American government. For college-bound students who think they may be interested in attending Patrick Henry, Teen Leadership Camps are a great way to gain a better understanding of what PHC has to offer. Camps are designed to be fun, to teach young people to think critically from a biblical perspective, and to build lasting friendships with other like-minded future leaders.

Space is limited for each camp. Visit our Teen Camp website at www.phc.edu/teencamps for more information and updates on availability.

Strategic Intelligence
(June 5-11)

Journalism
(June 12-18)

Con Law/Moot Court
(June 19-July 2)

Generation Joshua*
(July 3-9)

Debate
(July 10-23)

Classics
(July 10-16)

Drama
(July 17-23)

*Sponsored by Home School Legal Defense Association

“Oxford University graces the annals of academia as an almost mythical temple of learning. The school’s New College was founded in the 14th century ... Yet recently a pipsqueak upstart from the Colonies beat Oxford at its own game - debate.”

*Richmond Times-Dispatch,
Dec 16, 2004*

Literature major yields creative writers and cultural warriors



Dr. Steven Hake

Literature both reveals and shapes culture. That is why Patrick Henry College has created a unique literature major designed to form strong creative writers and cultural warriors who will help shape the future of America.

This major gives students a strong grounding in the classics of western literature, and includes an emphasis on creative writing. Through reading and vigorous class discussion, PHC students immerse themselves in the major literary genres, as well as the history and current status of literary theory and criticism. Students become familiar with the masterworks of European, English, and American literature and come to know the major epochs of literary history—all to allow the Patrick Henry student to develop his own viewpoint about the power of language and how it can shape our culture from a foundation of biblical truth.

There are five unique aspects of PHC’s literature program:

1. Creative writers and thoughtful readers work together both in and outside of the classroom. All read the masterworks, but may then choose to respond either creatively or critically. Students’ papers are presented to the class for group discussion, allowing a mutual exchange of response and critiques.
2. Through the literature program’s “trialogue” each student selects an essay written by a living scholar or critic about a work of literature being studied in class. That student then writes an essay responding to that scholar or critic. After discussing the paper in class, the student sends his essay to the scholar for comment.

3. The College has contacted literally scores of novelists, poets, scholars, and critics about mentoring Patrick Henry students in their writing development.
4. Internship opportunities are mandatory in the literature major. One of our students interned with well known authors Michael and Judy Phillips in California. After graduating, the intern returned to work further with the Phillips. Another PHC literature student spent a month in Hollywood with Act One, a Christian screenwriting organization.
5. PHC literature students mentor younger writers (see accompanying story), whether home schooled, in private schools, or in area public schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for literature majors to sharpen their own skills (after all, nobody learns like a teacher) and give valuable help to others.

At Patrick Henry College, all students are taught to understand how God has gifted them and His call on their lives. Literature students gain a realistic post-graduation plan and become familiar with the practical realities of the life of a writer and cultural warrior.

Would you like a PHC writer to mentor one of your children?

Qualified PHC students are now actively mentoring younger writers. If you have a son or daughter who would like such a writing mentor, please e-mail Dr. Steven Hake (srhake@phc.edu). In your e-mail, specify if you have a gender preference and if your son or daughter would be studying creative writing, non-fiction, or both. We will then contact you and arrange for an appropriate mentor as they are available. Let us know if you have any questions or special concerns.



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Students receive grass roots training in historic election

Mission to train new generation of leaders going strong

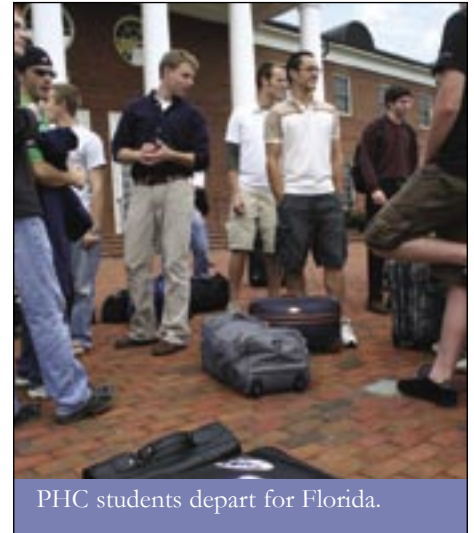
The elections of November 2004 included the largest percentage of voters since 1968 and left presidential candidate George W. Bush with the largest number of votes of any president in the nation's history. It was an historic election with fiercely fought campaigns and renewed voter interest all across the nation.

True to its mission of training a new generation of leaders who will shape the nation and change the culture, Patrick Henry played a part in the election process. Just days before votes were cast, over 100 PHC students headed out to campaign posts in every major battleground state across the country. PHC students spent a four day weekend knocking on doors,

manning phone banks, attending rallies, and encouraging voter turnout in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Florida, Virginia, Texas, South Dakota, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

On Wednesday following the election, students returned to campus fatigued but anxious to compare their grass roots experiences with one another. Mike Farris addressed the student body during daily chapel service and gave thanks for our nation, its electoral process and for America's future—which he saw in the faces of those who sat before him. “Political pundits and the media are discussing the role evangelicals played in this election,” Farris told the crowd. “I am so proud of the enormous role PHC students played in getting out the vote.”

Patrick Henry College students have been noticed by candidates, civic



PHC students depart for Florida.

leaders, and the media. Due to their hard work, perseverance, and dedication during this unique grass roots experience, PHC students will have the opportunity to influence politics and government for years to come.

IN THE NEWS

Pro-family leader joins PHC board



In October 2004, Ken Connor was named as one of Patrick Henry's newest members of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Connor is a lawyer who brings a lifetime of advocacy experience to PHC. From 2000-2003, Mr. Connor served as President of the prestigious Family Research Council, a Christian public policy organization

in Washington, D.C. He was appointed by Florida Governor Jeb Bush to be the lead attorney defending Terri's Law, named after Terri Schiavo, whose struggle for life has recently spark national debate about euthanasia. In 1994, Mr. Connor was a candidate in the Florida gubernatorial Republican primary. Please pray for Mr. Connor and all 12 members of PHC's Board of Trustees.

The next issue of *The Trumpet of Liberty* will feature Bill Templeton, another recent addition to PHC's Board of Trustees.

Prominent Christian athlete picked as 2005 commencement speaker

PHC President Mike Farris announced recently that former NBA All-Star David Robinson has accepted an invitation to speak at the College's graduation ceremony

this May. Robinson is the U.S.A.'s only three-time men's basketball Olympian and one of the NBA's 50 All-Time Greatest Players. After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1987 (with a degree in mathematics) Robinson served in the U.S. Navy. He then joined the San Antonio Spurs (as the number one pick) where he spent his entire 14-year NBA career. Robinson was NBA Rookie of the Year in 1990, Defensive Player of the Year in 1992 and league MVP in 1995. He retired from basketball after the 2002-2003 season and is now part owner of the Spurs. Robinson is well-known for his strong Christian faith and served as an outstanding role-model during his prominent career.

PHC graduate takes research prize



A research project of 2004 PHC graduate James Kimball titled “The Gold Standard in Contemporary Economic Principles Textbooks” recently took second place in the Richard E. Fox Best Paper competition at the Austrian Student Scholars Conference at Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania. The paper is scheduled for publication in the spring

issue of the *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*.

Kimball's work surveys 65 undergraduate-level modern economics textbooks and documents how the subject of the gold standard is treated.

The Joshua Generation

I hope that you will have an opportunity to read my latest book, *The Joshua Generation: Restoring the Heritage of Christian Leadership*. (A copy may be requested by calling 1-888-338-1776.)

In this book, I explore the deep problems with the vast majority of the elite colleges in this nation. The prevailing philosophy is at odds with every significant principle that was essential to the founding of the American republic.

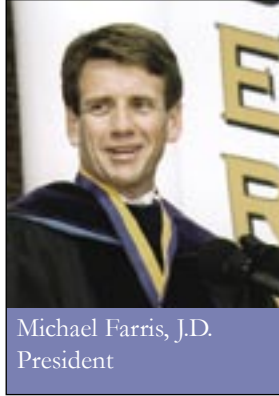
Our nation is in deep trouble in the long run because we are training our future leaders in philosophies that will ultimately destroy America's moral fiber and our political freedoms. But it is never enough to simply identify a problem. We have to find solutions. And that is why we founded Patrick Henry College four and a half years ago.

By many measures, the College is off to a very good start. As mentioned in our lead article, PHC beat Oxford University in a moot court competition in December using British law before two of Britain's highest judges. Just weeks later, our students won the American Collegiate Moot Court Association's national championship at the University of Texas at Arlington.

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story, PHC teams traveled to Oxford University in England and argued cases according to the British legal system using British contract law. They were judged by some of Great Britain's most prominent lawyers and judges (some of whom are the British equivalent to our U.S. Supreme Court justices). In the end, they returned to Virginia victorious. *The Washington Times* ran the story on the front page, and several other media outlets and editorial writers soon picked it up.

In January, PHC's moot court squad beat 63 other teams from 20 colleges to dominate the 2005 National Moot Court Tournament at the University of Texas at Arlington. Patrick Henry students brought home 14 of the 32 trophies awarded, including the top award—the team national championship.



Michael Farris, J.D.
President

I want to personally thank you for the role you have played in making Patrick Henry College a success. Since the College's inception, we have been blessed with faithful support both prayerfully and financially from families throughout the country.

And we praise God for that support, but frankly, building a college is a long-range endeavor, and the need for private donations to support such an effort will persist.

I hope you will read my book and consider the strategic importance of this college because I truly believe that your investment in PHC will yield high returns that will last for generations.

We still need substantial help to finish the year in the black. As usual, our biggest need by far is money for our scholarship fund. Please consider a generous gift to Patrick Henry College today.

For Christ and for Liberty,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Farris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Back home, PHC placed in three different moot court competitions across the country in one weekend. At Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts and California State University, Patrick Henry took home first place awards among others, and at the College of Wooster, in Ohio, PHC placed 8th in the team awards division and 4th in the speaker division.

In part, the success of our forensics teams is a direct result of our approach to education. At PHC, students are challenged to synthesize and utilize vast amounts of information in a clear and convincing manner. They learn to think, analyze, and speak compellingly in defense of what they know to be true—a skill that prepares them well for debate and moot court, but also for the Christian life.

A small, faded portrait of Patrick Henry, showing his face and upper torso. He is wearing a dark coat and a white cravat.

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship."

—Patrick Henry