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Rapid growth spurs ambitious capital campaign

Just a few years ago, Patrick Henry College was little more than the dream of a handful of visionaries concerned about the future of our nation and the state of higher education. Today, we've grown into a college that has attracted the attention of some of the nation's brightest young people, and they have excelled in and out of the classroom. Our campus has expanded from 40 acres and one building to more than 100 acres and six beautiful colonial style buildings. We've expanded our curricular offerings, doubled the number of faculty, and nearly quadrupled the size of our student body with over 300 students on campus and more than 100 in the distance learning program. All of this in just five years.

One can easily see how God has so richly blessed us.

With such tremendous growth, the board of trustees has launched a new capital campaign that will ensure the future of Patrick Henry College and its mission to prepare a new generation of Christian leaders. The capital funding will require substantial investment in our physical plant, including a new student center, three

residence halls, a chapel, an academic center, and a library.

Phase one of the campaign is under way and includes raising revenue for the student center, which will include a gymnasium, fitness center, dining hall, bookstore, lounge, game room, and much more. This 103,000 square foot facility will meet the needs of today's students and carry us forward toward our eventual goal of 1,200 undergraduates. Once the student center is complete, we will triple the size of our library using vacated space in our former dining hall and fitness room.

The student center is estimated to cost over \$15 million, and we have raised approximately 40% of that to date.

In order to reach this ambitious goal, we'll not only need to rely on all our present friends and supporters of Patrick Henry College, but also new donors who want to see our mission succeed. With every friend you tell about PHC, with every student you direct our way, with every gift you choose to make, you are continuing to make it all possible.

Thank you for all you've done, and thank you in advance for all we hope you'll continue to do.

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Class of 2009 at a glance

The Class of 2009 has arrived on campus in force. This year's freshmen class is another stellar group of young people whose combined talent continues to put PHC on par with some of the nation's most competitive colleges. Please pray for them and for all of our students as they begin another academic year.

Final count:

100 new students
(10 of which are transfer students)

Test Scores:

1330 SAT median
Average
Middle 50% =
1250-1410

School background:

82% home school
10.6% private school
7.4% public school

Male/Female:

60.6% male
39.4% female

Geographic distribution:

32 states and one foreign country

Patrick Henry College Press releases inaugural publication

Patrick Henry College has announced the formation of Patrick Henry College Press. PHC established the press to further the educational and cultural mission of the College by publishing selected works that inform and educate readers on a wide range of topics, all from an unashamedly Christian and undeniably classical liberal arts perspective.

Our first title is a clear reflection of our belief in the value of a classical education, and in the effectiveness of starting such an education as soon as possible. The study of Latin, in

particular, is an effective way to strengthen English skills, become familiar with the key themes of Western history and literature, and eventually, improve SAT scores. But while many fine Latin programs and curricula abound, there is little of practical value for the youngest learners.

With this in mind, we are proud to introduce *Tres Mures Caeci* (Three Blind Mice), a colorfully illustrated version of the children's classic, *Three Blind Mice*, recast in elementary Latin as a moral tale. The book, written by PHC Assistant Professor of Classics David Noe, also features a web-based



audio component to ensure proper pronunciation.

For more information about this release from Patrick Henry College Press, including a Latin pronunciation guide and audio versions in Latin and English, visit the college website at www.phc.edu/press. To order your copy of *Tres Mures Caeci*, see the enclosed reply card.

Graduates launch alumni association

Patrick Henry College entered another critical phase of its development this past spring as graduates from 2002 through 2004 launched the College's official alumni association. In the association's first executive meeting, the board spelled out an agenda to implement a graduate involvement structure, host an event marking the College's fifth anniversary, commission a scholarship fund for civic excellence, and explore new ways to advance the founding vision of the College.

All of the current board members are part of the inaugural group of students who enrolled at Patrick Henry in its first year of operation. "A strong alumni network is a valuable source of internships for current students, jobs for graduates, and future revenue for the College as we

help uphold the vision that brought us to PHC the first year," said alumni president Beth Long.

The PHC Alumni Association can be reached via email at alumni@alumni.phc.edu.

Alumni Association Board

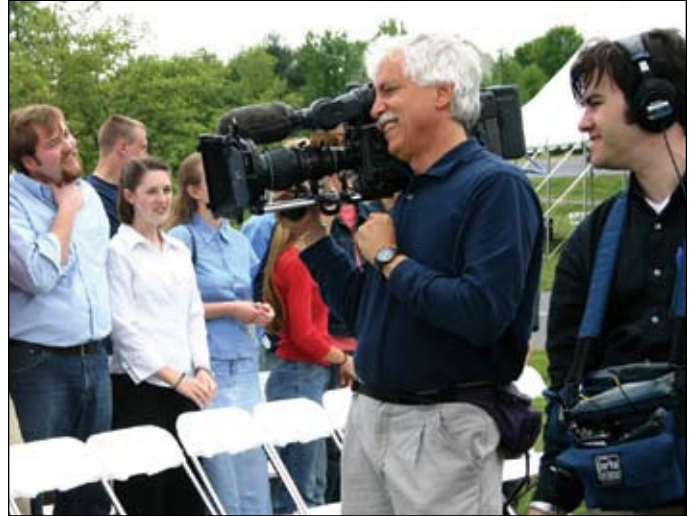
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PHC to be featured in full length documentary

The media presence on campus has been very strong since the College's inception and continues to grow each year. Stories on the College have been popping up through major media outlets all over the world, with most works being fairly balanced towards the PHC mission. Our most recent major article appeared this summer in the *New Yorker*. Writer Hanna Rosin spent nearly six months visiting the campus and talking with students in preparation of the article. Rosin's article follows a slew of interesting pieces on PHC in sources such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the BBC, CNN, *The Washington Times*, and *The Economist* to name a few.

But one of the most interesting and most substantive pieces may be in the works. Over the past year, the campus community has grown accustomed to two seemingly permanent visitors, Tom Hurwitz and Jed Rothstein of Lumiere Productions, a New York City-based documentary production company. Lumiere has been a frequent presence on campus since the beginning of the year, shooting hours of footage in the hopes of capturing the essence of the College on film for a full-length documentary about PHC and its students. They hope to finish filming in January 2006 and are making arrangements for an initial release in the United States and Great Britain.



Tom Hurwitz and Jed Rothstein gathering footage earlier this year.

Lumiere's president, Calvin Skaggs, is an award winning producer whose most acclaimed work is the 1996 six hour documentary "With God on Our Side: The Rise of the Religious Right in America," which aired on PBS.

The College will release more information on the project, including broadcast schedules, as it becomes available. In the meantime, please pray for the successful completion of this project.



Campers ask questions during a mock press conference during Journalism camp.

Successful summer of Teen Leadership Camps

More than 550 students attended this summer's Teen Leadership Camps, studying subjects like Journalism, Constitutional Law, and Classics. Students from across the country came to Patrick Henry College where they met other like-minded individuals, had the chance to learn from Patrick Henry's professors, and experienced a little of life at the College.

Although focused on academic subject matter, one of the primary goals of each camp is to challenge students to think more deeply about what it means to be a Christian leader and to help them grow spiritually over the course of the week.

For information on next year's Teen Leadership Camps, please email us at teencamps@phc.edu.



Letter from the President of the Student Government



Aaron Carlson,
Student Body President

I'm Aaron Carlson, President of the Student Government and on behalf of the student body, I greet you in the name of Christ. It is my distinct pleasure to fill in for Dr. Farris in this edition of the "Letter from the President." I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for joining and supporting the Patrick Henry College mission through your prayers and

donations. Since I arrived at Patrick Henry three years ago, I have seen this College increasingly make its mark on the collegiate and political scene. Initial growing pains are subsiding, and while efforts to fulfill the PHC vision have required perseverance and sacrifice, God's blessings have been many. This unique institution continues to grow, and its Christ-centered vision is being fulfilled.

As a senior here, I have seen much of this growing process, most recently with the arrival of the freshman class. This is another group of high achievers (many of whom are here due to your generosity and prayers) whose character and enthusiasm have been noted by the upper classmen. I am optimistic that this will be one of the most fruitful and rewarding years in PHC's short history.

But, as you know, nothing worthwhile is easy.

Growth is a wonderful blessing, yet the students realize the daunting task ahead in PHC's next building project—the new student center. The structure will be the largest yet on campus. It will greatly enhance student life and ease the logistics problems that now exist in areas such as food service. It will also allow us to use the resources with which God has so richly blessed us far more efficiently. The need is great, and the challenge in raising funds is present for all of us.

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If what Patrick Henry has done, is doing, and, by God's grace, will continue to do resonates with you, please consider helping us take the next step in the development process by doing what you can to make the student center a reality. On behalf of the student body, thank you for the part you play in the growth and success of Patrick Henry College. We, the students, may be the shining tip of the spear in the vision of PHC, but it is you, the donors and prayer warriors, who are the shaft that allows us to be wielded with force and accuracy. You are very much needed and appreciated. Godspeed.

Co-laborer in Christ,

Aaron R. Carlson

“I am just thankful that it's there. I want a blessing to be poured out on it. I want it to be extremely successful because our country needs Patrick Henry College.”

- Senator Tom Coburn, M.D.
Oklahoma

Thank you!

We met our 2005 annual fund goal, marking the fifth straight year that we have underwritten our financial aid program and operational expenses before closing the fiscal year.

We praise God for His provision and for allowing us to hold fast to our two guiding financial principles—to operate without debt and to refuse any funding, private or governmental, that conflicts with the authority of our board or our foundational statements.

Please consider making a generous gift today to help us meet our 2006 annual fund goal of \$3.3 million.