



"I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." - Voltaire

2005 Alumnus Passes Away

(From the Greensboro News and Record)

Eric Bailey Booher, 25, of 6 Pineburr Court, died Friday, September 8, 2006, at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital after recent complications due to muscular dystrophy.

A 2000 graduate of Grimsley High School, Eric earned a BA in Business Administration from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC in May of 2005. Since then, he lived at home with his family. Eric had a great interest in many things, including weather and was completing an on-line meteorology program offered by Penn State. In addition, he loved sports with his first love being Wake Forest basketball and football followed closely by his passion for major league baseball. Other life-long interests included art, movies, plants, and visiting with friends and family. Eric was a gifted teacher whose gentle spirit taught those who knew him about the importance of caring about everybody and embracing the individual strengths of each person.

On his final day with us, many friends and relatives came to say goodbye and share their memories. After the final visitors left at 5:00 a.m., he died shortly afterwards knowing that he was loved and admired by many. We will miss you, Eric.

Eric is survived by his parents, Patty and Mike Booher, and his sister Catherine, all of the home; his birth mother, Cynthia Hannay of Charlotte and her two daughters Erin and Cathryn; his grandparents Roy and Doris Bailey of Kernersville; his grandmother Jeanne Booher of Naples, Florida; Kathy and Phil Porter of Kernersville, Betty and Mike Adams of Niceville, Florida, Matt and



(Eric Booher at graduation. Picture courtesy of Rooney Coffman)

Suzanne Booher of Sparks, Nevada, and Jen Retsch of San Diego, California, all of whom were close aunts and uncles; and his fiancée, Jennifer Heinbockel of Greensboro.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the MSICU at Moses Cone for their compassionate and dedicated care of Eric during his short stay in the hospital.

A memorial celebration in Greensboro will be scheduled in the near future. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Greensboro Beautiful Inc., P.O. Box 3136, Greensboro, N.C., 27402.

ST. ANDREWS REPORTS SECOND HIGHEST ENROLLMENT IN 35 YEARS

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sport, wrestling, will make its competitive debut later this Fall.

This year's freshmen class numbered 240 with 54 percent of those women. Overall, the Laurinburg campus stands at 58 percent female.

"We are seeing a wonderful cross-section of first-rank students from across the nation continuing to choose to attend St. Andrews," said Deegan. "While many of these students, of course, are interested in our highly regarded creative writing and equestrian programs, as well as in our competitive intercollegiate sports programs, we are also seeing many more students come to the college because of our outstanding interdisciplinary general education program Quest, the strength and diversity of our academic majors, our extraordinary sense of community and commitment to helping change the world for the better, and because they are eager to become a part of our highly engaged student body."

St. Andrews regularly receives national recognition as a college whose students are highly engaged with their professors and on-campus activities. The college also recently received national and regional recognition from *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Washington Monthly*, and *The Princeton Review*.

Relay for Life 2006

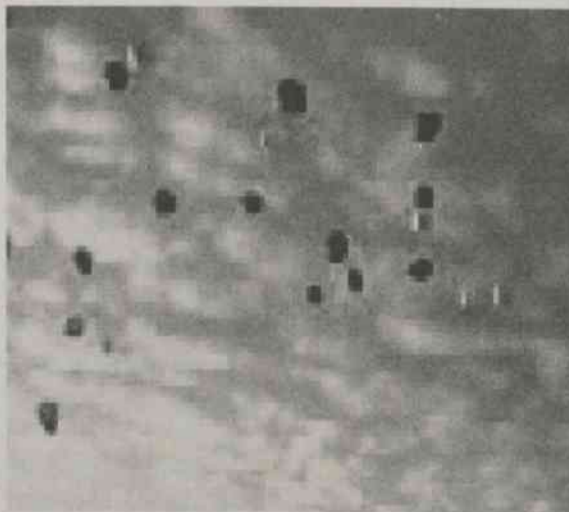
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Over 1 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer each year. The American Cancer Society works diligently to reduce the cancer cases diagnosed each year through cancer research and other various projects. Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, brings communities together across the globe to fight against cancer. Scotland County celebrated its 10th anniversary for the Relay for Life on September 8th and 9th, demonstrating how a small community can impact a large cause.

Relay for Life was founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt, a surgeon in Tacoma, Washington. In the mid 1980's, Dr. Klatt wanted to help raise money for the local American Cancer Society. He decided that he was going to individually raise money by doing something that he loved running marathons. In May of 1985, Dr. Klatt spent 24-hours circling the track at the University of Puget Sound for more than eighty three miles. Throughout the night, nearly three hundred people including friends, family and patients paid twenty five dollars to walk around the track with him. Dr. Klatt raised \$27,000 to help fight against cancer and raise awareness. Through this event, he envisioned a 24-hour relay event

for a whole community that could raise more money to fight against cancer. Months later, a committee was formed to plan the first team relay event called the City of Destiny Classic 24-hour Run against Cancer. In 1986, 19 teams joined together to raise 33,000 dollars in the first relay for life event.

Nationally ranked, Scotland County held its 10th anniversary of the Relay for Life on September 8th and 9th bringing together the Laurinburg community and surrounding areas. The event began at 6pm and lasted until 6pm the following day; entertainment was provided throughout the entire event, providing a wide range of music and games to raise awareness of cancer. St. Andrews alumni and team participant, Samantha Povurud stated, "It was a celebration, reflection, sadness, hope, and faith all rolled into one event. It serves as a good reminder that cancer affects EVERYONE, no matter who, what, or where you are in life."



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