

## October Open House

By: Matt Hensley

The October Open House was a massive success. We had over 200 people come on campus with 74 prospective students touring the campus, visiting the barn, and watching the festivities from Knightfest. One family drove from Maryland THAT MORNING, leaving their house at 1 a.m. They were here early enough to grab a bite to eat at Max's Breakfast Anytime and catch some sleep in the parking lot before Open House.



Photo courtesy of Rooney Coffman

Many St. Andrews came by to talk to these prospective students, ranging from SGA representatives to students who traveled abroad. Everything ran smoothly, from the morning classes to taking prospective students to the barn. Most of the visitors seem impressed with the campus and excited by the events on campus. Look for the next Open House November 17.

## My Trip to the John Blue Cotton Festival

By: Matt Hensley

The John Blue Cotton Festival displayed an array of local culture. Tours were given of the John Blue House, pony rides entertained children, and local food attracted numerous customers. Roasted corn on the cob, nuts, bloomin' onions and funnel cakes could be seen everywhere. I worked a booth across from a barbecue stand from 3 to 5 p.m. and the line there never slacked once. They sold barbecued rib sandwiches and the ever-popular local treat, the collard sandwich.

This last food is a marvel that could only exist in the south. The cook fries two thin pieces of corn bread and puts collards between these with a strip of fatback. People eat one of these sandwiches while taking periodic bites from a hot pepper. While it sounds good to someone who enjoys a full stomach, many people that are not native find the mere concept disgusting and generally refuse to try it.

Good food and local tradition was not the only attraction. Many came for the eclectic mix of musical entertainment that ranged from modern rock and rap to covers of oldies and an occasional country song. Tractor racing and hay

rides rounded out the activities to give a great time to the 10,000 attendees over the weekend.

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## MORE THAN 175 ATTEND LECTURE FOR ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY EVENT

By: Gary Greene

Award-winning author Timothy Tyson regaled more than 175 people with stories of the south from the racially charged days of 1960's and 1970's school integration. His comments came during the annual lecture for the One Book, One Community event coordinated each fall by St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

Tyson's book *Blood Done Sign My Name* was the summer reading program for incoming new students at St. Andrews. Copies of the book purchased by the college and Scotland County Memorial Library were made available free for Scotland County readers.

Tyson was accompanied by gospel singer Mary D. Williams who presented a powerful trio of songs sung by slaves in the 1800's.

In his introduction of Tyson, Dr. David Herr, associate professor of history and chair of the event, said, "Tim Tyson is truly a North Carolina son come home and we are clearly proud to have him to share his stories."

Tyson did not disappoint those attending his presentation Tuesday, Sept. 18.

He talked about a well-known local story where a group of Ku Klux Klansmen gathered near Maxton. About 200 Lumbee Indians surrounded the group, shot out a sole light, and then began shooting into the air. The KKK members scattered.

Tyson's book *Blood Done Sign My Name* told the story of the murder of Henry Marrow, a 23-year-old black veteran who walked into an Oxford, N.C., crossroads store

owned by Robert Teel and came out running. Teel and two of his sons chased and beat Marrow, killing him in public as he pleaded for his life.

Tyson wrote the story from his perspective as an 11-year-old who lived in Oxford during that time.

"People today say this thing in Oxford, they don't remember it," said Tyson. However, in the newspapers of the day, Tyson said it was a page four story due to all of the other major news stories of the era such as the Vietnam War, war protests, and civil rights protests.

"The civil rights movement happened everywhere (throughout the nation)," said Tyson. "Martin Luther King didn't create the Civil Rights movement. People did that individually in their own community."

He said his major reason for writing the story about the Marrow murder was to help people recognize the internal conflict this nation has undergone. The book received critical acclaim nationwide.

"Tyson artfully interweaves the history of race relations in the South, carefully and convincingly rejecting less complex and self-serving versions," says the Publishers Weekly review.

"A gifted writer, he celebrates a number of inspirational unsung heroes, ranging from his father to a respected elderly schoolteacher who spoke out at a crucial point to quash a white congregation's rebellion over an invitation to a black minister.

"Tyson's avoidance of stereotypes and simple answers brings a shameful recent era in our country's history to vivid life. This book deserves the largest possible audience."

The Rev. Vernon Tyson, father of Tim, also attended the community reading lecture. Earlier in the day, he was named the 2007 E. Hervey Evans Distinguished Fellow by St. Andrews Presbyterian College for his lifetime of work as a minister and humanitarian.

"I think Tim was faced with a struggle of the civil rights and he was fascinated in the world he grew up in and the Afro-American perspective," said Vernon of his son's book. "I think it was also a way to give an answer to those who ask why a white boy is teaching Afro-American studies in Wisconsin."



Tim Tyson lectures. (Photo courtesy of Rooney Coffman)

The Scotland County Memorial Library and Scotland County Schools joined with St. Andrews in the One Book, One Community program for the second year. Last year, the community read Kaye Gibbons' *Ellen Foster*.

## GRE Study Course

By: Matt Hensley

I know that getting ready for graduate school can be tough. Most students spend four years doing everything they can to become the successful application on the desk of Admissions at a University with high name-recognition. While Dean's list may come naturally to some and others might be involved in every organization and activity under the sun, many have problems finding the time and materials to study for graduate exams. The books are often expensive, especially for some on a college student's budget, and juggling sports and activities with class work can already be grueling.

DeTamble can help with this. While we can not take the exams for you, we do offer a number of materials to help you prepare for whatever test you may take. Looking through

the Course Catalog will reveal 1 book on the GMAT, 2 on the GRE, 1 on the LSAT and 2 on the Praxis, all e-books that are easily accessible from the comfort of your own room. Anyone savvy with NCLive will quickly discover the recent addition of a "Test Preparation" option to the side under "Browse by Type." This will take you to Learning Express Library, which offers practice exams for the GMAT, GRE, LSAT, and MCAT under the option "Graduate School Entrance Exams" as well as additional e-books on several of these exams.

While it may seem early to start studying for what may be a year or more away, it might be a good time at least to look into the verbal sections of some of these exams. I know from experience that some of the GRE books

will list frequently used words on the GRE, sometimes having a thousand plus words listed with definitions. Approaching this a few weeks before an exam will stress a student out more than aid them. Consider identifying the most important words to learn, breaking them up into small groups and learning them over a longer period of time. 10 words a week becomes 500 a year, far more than you'll likely need to do well on that particular section of the test.

Also, don't just look at the books - Talk to people. Your professors and the career counselor, Renee Jones, have materials and practice tests that can help you. More importantly, they will be supportive of your efforts. This goes a long way towards giving you the confidence you'll need the day of the exam.