Welcoming the new Principal & Vice-Chancellor

Louise Richardson is a name not unfamiliar to American audiences, especially those in academic circles. For, although she was born in the Republic of Ireland, and completed a BA in History from Trinity College, Dublin, she subsequently pursued her graduate studies and professional career in the US. Following an MA in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), she moved to Harvard where she undertook an MA and PhD in Government. Dr Richardson stayed at Harvard for twenty-seven years, developing a global reputation for her teaching and research, until taking up the role of Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Andrews at the beginning of this year.

Dr Richardson’s academic focus has been on international security with an emphasis on terrorist movements. Most recently, Dr Richardson was Executive Dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University and was instrumental in the transformation of Radcliffe, once a women’s college, into an interdisciplinary centre promoting scholarship across a wide range of academic fields and the creative arts. She has won a host of teaching awards and her publications, including What Terrorists Want: Understanding the Enemy, Containing the Threat, have been universally acclaimed as key texts in their field. Her research has been recognized with awards from, among others, the Ford Foundation, the Milton Fund, the Sloan Foundation, the Krupp Foundation, the Center for European Studies, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and the United States Institute of Peace.

As a leading authority on terrorism and counter-terrorism, Dr Richardson has lectured throughout the US and overseas to educational and private groups as well as policymakers, the military, intelligence, and business communities. She has testified before the United States Senate and has appeared on CNN, the BBC, PBS, NPR, Fox and a host of other broadcast outlets.

Dr Richardson’s teaching and research capabilities are matched by her skills as an effective administrator. As a Harvard faculty member, Dr Richardson served in several administrative capacities, including as a member of the Faculty Council, and as Director of the Murray Research Center at Harvard. In addition, Dr Richardson currently serves on the advisory board for a number of institutions in the UK, Ireland, and the US, all furthering our understanding of the humanities, political violence and human rights.

This combination of attributes makes Dr Richardson ideally suited to the role of taking St Andrews forward into its seventh century as a global centre of academic excellence. She has already identified her priorities: in order to continue to attract the very finest students and staff, the University needs to be able to compete financially with its peers through increased fundraising, building the endowment, reducing the economic barriers to education that prevent talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds from attending, and enhancing the learning and recreational facilities that the University offers. This is a challenging agenda and Dr Richardson will be bringing the experience she acquired in the States to bear on her approach to leading St Andrews. In particular, she believes there is much to be learnt from the American model of philanthropic giving, where graduates are more finely attuned to the concept of investing in their alma mater. She is looking forward to taking an active role in engaging with alumni and encouraging them to translate their affection for St Andrews into investing in the future of the institution.

It is not all about fundraising, however, Dr Richardson envisages an enhanced role for American alumni in contributing to the success of the University, particularly in the light of the forthcoming 600th Anniversary celebrations, which will take place between 2011 and 2013. Having spoken to a number of alumni already, she is aware of the enormous regard that exists for St Andrews and is keen that this goodwill can find an appropriate form of expression in support of the University.

For more information about Dr Richardson, please visit the website: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/principal/

A Trustee’s View of the Principal’s Installation

By Dr Alex Fleming, (MA 1971, Hon LLD 1999)
Emeritus Trustee and Former President of the University of St Andrews American Foundation

Dr Louise Richardson was installed as Principal and Vice-Chancellor on 25 March 2009. It was a picture-perfect St Andrews day of bright sunshine but with a stiff breeze from the North. Alumni will fondly recall wrapping themselves in an additional layer of their scarlet gowns on such days!

The day began with a St Salvator’s Chapel Service. The University Chaplain, Rev Dr Jamie Walker, gave a thought-provoking sermon entitled ‘New Horizons’ that focused on the challenges of dealing with change and uncertainty. Dr Richardson’s daughters, Ciara and Fiona, fittingly read the two lessons.

A colourful academic procession, led by Dr Richardson and Chancellor Sir Menzies Campbell, made its way from
the Martyrs Church in North Street to the Younger Hall for the Installation proceedings. They were greeted by an Opening Fanfare composed especially for the occasion by Richard Ingham, Composer in Residence at the University, and an expectant audience of staff, students, alumni and townspeople. The Chancellor set the tone for the Installation in his welcoming speech by stressing the historic nature of the appointment of the University’s first female Principal and Vice-Chancellor. During the Installation Ceremony there were two musical interludes ably performed by the Chapel Choir and the Rusalka Quartet.

Dr Richardson’s much-anticipated Installation Address was well crafted and struck all the right notes with the audience. She talked of being “deeply committed to the continued success of this remarkable University”. She also stressed the need to keep focused on the future: “The past, rich, resonant and inspiring as it is, is just the platform on which we have to build the future.” Dr Richardson also highlighted the need to improve the University’s buildings and noted that much of the present infrastructure is an impediment rather than an asset.

Another central theme of the speech was the financial challenge the University faces in the current difficult economic environment. Here, Dr Richardson felt that persuading alumni and others to invest in St Andrews should be a priority. In this context she stressed the importance of building an endowment fund of the type created by some of the world’s other leading universities. At the end of her speech, Dr Richardson was given a student-led standing ovation which was, I believe, unprecedented in such events.

Baroness Williams of Crosby - the former government minister, Shirley Williams - gave an inspired second Installation Address in which she praised Dr Richardson for her strong leadership qualities.

In the afternoon, there was a series of Academic Panels, chaired by the Principal, on challenges facing science, the humanities and social sciences in the twenty-first century. These featured presentations by academics from the US and St Andrews. All of them were well received by a packed audience of staff, students and townspeople. This was a fitting end to a fine day of Installation celebrations.

To read Dr Richardson’s Installation Address please visit www.st-andrews.ac.uk/principal/installation

### University of St Andrews American Foundation Update for 2008

By Dr Fiona Hill (MA 1989), President of the University of St Andrews American Foundation

At the most recent Board Meeting, held on October 31 2008 in New York, the Trustees of the St Andrews American Foundation met to bid farewell to outgoing Principal, Dr Brian Lang, as well as to discuss the fundraising campaign for the upcoming 600th Anniversary of the University of St Andrews, and meet the very appropriately named Director of 600th Anniversary Campaign, Andrew Day.

At this meeting, Board members also received reports from the University on its accomplishments over the past year and reviewed the status of the University’s endowment and fundraising among US alumni and friends. The Trustees disbursed the $220,000 raised in 2007-08 to various projects, including the American Foundation Recruitment Scholarships ($15,000), MUSA – The Museum of the University of St Andrews ($71,500), the new School of Medicine ($7,500), the Davis United World College Scholarships ($20,500), and The George McElveen Scholarship ($67,000). The Trustees expressed sincere thanks to the many alumni and friends who had contributed so generously to the Foundation in support of St Andrews.

The Trustees were given an update on the 600th Anniversary by Andrew Day. The aim is to “put the University on the road” through a series of multi-year celebrations and events, set to take place between summer 2011 and St Andrew’s Day 2013. A new website has already been created for the 600th Anniversary which will develop as the plans unfold. This can be viewed at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/600th/

The American Foundation and the Development Office are soliciting proposals for celebrating the 600th Anniversary in the United States in ways that will both showcase the University’s unique role in promoting developments in science and art, and provide multiple opportunities for US alumni to re-connect with friends and the University community at large. Trustees will meet to discuss initiatives further with Principal Louise Richardson in a series of meetings to take place in the early summer of 2009, both in Washington DC and St Andrews, and again at the Annual Board meeting in New York on October 30 2009.

### Farewell to Dr Lang

By Peter Drummond-Hay, Trustee of the University of St Andrews American Foundation Inc

Dr Alex Fleming, former President of the St Andrews American Foundation, and Peter Drummond-Hay, a current Trustee, called on Dr Lang in St Andrews in December 2008. During their visit they presented him with a glass planet, created by internationally-acclaimed glassblower Josh Simpson, of Massachusetts, and with a letter from the Trustees asking him to accept the gift “as a reminder not only of the impact that [he has] made in extending and consolidating the University’s reach on the American side of the Atlantic, but also across Europe and Eurasia, the Middle East and into Africa.” Alex and Peter passed on the thanks of all the American Foundation Trustees for Dr Lang’s “outstanding work and dedicated efforts in ensuring that our ancient Scottish University continues to occupy a place of renown on the world map.” Dr Lang expressed his appreciation and said how much St Andrews’ US connections had meant to him and how important they are for the University.
Alumni Club Updates


It has been a busy start to the year for the University of St Andrews Alumni Club New York. Julia Krim (BSc 2005) and Meredith Moffat (MA 2003) took over the reins at the end of 2008 and have been enthusiastically hosting a number of events for alumni and friends of the University in the New York Metropolitan Area. They started off the year with a Burns Night Celebration on January 30, co-hosted with the University of Edinburgh. On March 26, Meredith and Julia again joined forces with their counterparts from the University of Edinburgh and University of Glasgow to host a dynamic panel discussion about the Global Economic Crisis at the British Consulate-General in New York. Speakers included: Simon Constable (MA 1991), columnist at Dow Jones; Felix Salmon, blogger and journalist for Portfolio, a Glasgow alumnus; and Allison Schrager, blogger for The Economist’s Free Exchange blog, an Edinburgh alumnus.

In keeping with tradition, the University of St Andrews Alumni Club New York participated in the annual April Tartan Day Parade where over 25 alumni from St Andrews marched proudly down 6th Avenue carrying a banner representing the University.

The University of St Andrews Alumni Club, New England, encouraged St Andrews alumni living, working in, or visiting, the Boston area to join them in representing the University at a Burns Night Celebration in January at the Cambridge Boat House. The event was hosted by The Oxford & Cambridge Society of New England who, once again, kindly extended an invitation to alumni of other universities, including St Andrews, Edinburgh and Aberdeen. Prior to dinner, the guests enjoyed a wonderful performance by Highland Dance Boston. St Andrews alumni occupied a table and Dr Peter Hirst (BSc 1989, PhD 1992) provided the toast to the lassies. Karen Walls read a toast from St Andrews written by the new Principal, Dr Louise Richardson. After a very satisfying traditional Burns dinner, we all danced the night away with The Royal Scottish Country Dancers and plenty of single malts.

We are eager to keep the momentum for US-based alumni events, especially in the lead-up to the 600th Anniversary, so please get in touch with your local representative to learn more about events in your area. We currently have Clubs in Atlanta, Denver, New England, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Washington DC.

All Alumni Clubs can be contacted through the University website at www.st-andrews.ac.uk/alumni/alumniclubs/ or by contacting the Alumni Relations Office.

P Olivier Sarkozy Profile (MA 1990)

By Jackie de Sanctis (MA 1998)

Born in 1969 in the 17th arrondissement of Paris, Olivier Sarkozy is a French-American businessman and a proud St Andrews graduate. I was fortunate enough to share a few minutes with Olivier (pronounced Oliver) as he reflected on his international upbringing, investment banking career and days of studying for his degree in Mediaeval History at the University of St Andrews. And yes … Olivier is the half-brother to French President Nicolas Sarkozy, with whom he shares the same aristocratic Hungarian father, Pál Sárközy de Nagy-Bócsa.

Leaving France at the age of seven, when his mother remarried an American career Foreign Service Officer, Olivier lived in a number of countries around the world, including India, Egypt, the Philippines and Zambia. At the age of nine, Olivier attended Packwood Haugh, a traditional UK preparatory school in the Shropshire countryside. In 1982, he started at Phillips Exeter Academy, one of America’s most famous high schools, before embarking on a four-year Scottish journey at St Andrews. Olivier based his decision to attend St Andrews on his love of the Scottish countryside, the sophisticated nature of the University, its curriculum and on the ability to receive an international education in an academic environment where the assumption is that the students are there because they want to be there and are treated as such. Contrast this with the American system, based on high tuition fees and an attitude that graduating from university is something you have to, rather than want to, do. Olivier’s St Andrews experience was so rewarding that he encouraged both of his younger siblings to attend the University, which they did. Olivier noted that the friendships he developed both amongst his peers and professors at St Andrews remain some of the strongest to this day.

Olivier Sarkozy’s prominent banking career started in 1990 when he joined the storied investment bank of Dillon, Read & Co, Inc. (which was subsequently acquired by Warburg) as a Financial Analyst. Three years later he left to join Credit Suisse First Boston where he held several positions before becoming a Managing Director at the age of 29. After spending a number of years at Credit Suisse, Olivier left his post as Head of the Depository Institutions Group and joined UBS in 2002 as the Joint Global Head of its Financial Institutional Group. Olivier was nominated to the UBS Investment Bank Board in 2006. During this time, Olivier advised financial services companies on some of the largest and most important transactions in the industry, including acting as lead advisor to ABN Amro in its sale to a consortium of European banks, including the Royal Bank of Scotland, Mellon Bank Corporation in its merger with Bank of New York, and MBNA in its sale to Bank of America, amongst many others.

In March 2008, Olivier was appointed Co-head and Managing Director of the Carlyle Group’s Global Financial Services Group. In this capacity, Olivier has raised a fund focused on investing in troubled financial institutions throughout the globe.

Olivier is married and has two children. The Sarkozys live in Manhattan in the former residence and studio of the famous photographer, Richard Avedon.
We regret that, over the years, we have lost touch with some members of our alumni community. We would like to re-engage with as many of our lost alumni as possible as we make plans for the 600th Anniversary. If you know anyone listed on the following web pages, we would encourage you to ask them to be in touch with us at the address below. Please note that we will always seek permission from the individual concerned prior to updating our records. A complete list of our lost US alumni, along with the date they graduated or left St Andrews, can be found at www.st-andrews.ac.uk/alumni/uslost

The gifts that the University of St Andrews American Foundation receives are a very real measure of the support and enthusiasm of St Andrews alumni and friends in the US and are greatly appreciated. If you would like to join this community of donors or to renew your existing support, then you can make a tax-effective donation in support of the University of St Andrews American Foundation Inc. The Foundation has been determined by the United States Internal Revenue Service to qualify, under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, as a tax-exempt public charity to which tax-deductible contributions may be made. The American Foundation will send a receipt for any gifts it receives in a form acceptable to the IRS. In compliance with IRS regulations, the American Foundation retains complete discretion over allocation of gifts to the University of St Andrews.

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