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Student literary magazine awards four prizes to participants

Laurinburg, N.C. – Gravity Hill Literary Magazine at St. Andrews Presbyterian College has announced four prizes for artists featured in the 2008 edition.

The Gravity Hill Award for best prose was awarded to Jacob Anderson for “Death of a Sun Goddess.” The Gravity Hill Award for best poetry was awarded to Emily Threlkeld for “Holding Pattern.” Both students received a \$100 cash prize.

Two special awards are given to honor some of the longtime supporters of the St. Andrews Press.

“These awards are underwritten by private donors with specific targeted themes,” said Ron Bayes, writer-in-residence and founder of the St. Andrews Press.

The Marie Gilbert Award for best poetry is given to honor the memory of a longtime supporter of St. Andrews and the literary arts. The winning poem must be about the beach, with this year’s award going to Margaret Mason Tate.

The Vi Gale Award, named in memory of a founding consulting editor of the SA Press, is given to the best poem in any form dealing with horsemanship. The prize was awarded to Gregory Gray for this edition.

Both the Gilbert and Gale awards are \$200 cash prizes.

“At St. Andrews a tradition has developed for students interns to have the opportunity to layout the design and do routine office work in the Press Office,” said Bayes. “This year’s Gravity Hill editor, Kime Neal, has been working hard on the production of the book, which should arrive on campus the first week of April.”

This process has yielded dozens of publication professionals, including Nancy Henry, founder of the *Moon Pie Press* and Frank Barrows, current executive director of *Business North Carolina*.

St. Andrews has maintained a student literary magazine since its founding. The Cairn served as the student magazine until joining with the St. Andrews Review, an internationally recognized publication by the St. Andrews Press. At that time, the students decided to name the student magazine Gravity Hill, to acknowledge the Scotland County landmark of the same name.

“The value of literary magazines and small presses have been important in America since Benjamin Franklin,” said Bayes. “Many large professional presses have seen, been impressed by, and acquired the rights to books and articles that first appeared in small press and magazine formats.”

About St. Andrews Presbyterian College

St. Andrews Presbyterian College is a four-year liberal arts and sciences college situated on 600 acres around a 70-acre lake in the Sandhills region of North Carolina. Long known for its innovation and academic excellence, the college boasts an unparalleled interdisciplinary curriculum, a study abroad program on three continents, a multidisciplinary science lab the size

of an indoor arena, the first undergraduate college press in the country, the first four-year degree in therapeutic horsemanship and equine business management, and an award-winning bagpipe band. Students enrolled at St. Andrews come from 42 states and eleven countries.

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