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It always seems that when the 4th of July rolls around, summer feels like it is on the down side, with the opening of school just around the corner. While there are still a few weeks to go before we are back in regular session, it isn’t that long before we welcome back our returning students and say ‘hello’ to a new crop. For me, that’s one of the beauties about being in education, the opportunity to look at a new school year as a chance for renewal; not only for self, but for everyone connected with the school. If I were to count, and I’m not sure that I really would like to, this September will mark my 51st consecutive first day of school. One could say that it really shouldn’t count as my 51st first day given that much of those years have been spent working in education and not going to school. But I tend to differ in that opinion. If there is one thing that I have come to understand, and appreciate in that time, it’s how much I continue to learn each school year, albeit, not always in a traditional classroom, but in a classroom of sorts nonetheless. It’s that constant learning, and associated challenges, that make working in education so exciting and invigorating.

In looking back at how much each generation of students has changed, and me along with them, I am also struck by the similarities of students across the years. Despite changes in technology and shrinking of the world, adolescents still go through the pains of growing up and continue to work through the same trials and tribulations that they have for generations. Granted there are different pressures on kids today than there were 20 years ago, and different distractions with the advent of the Internet and use of cell phones, to name a few, yet cut through it all, kids are much the same as they have always been. What keeps the adults hopping is remaining up-to-date with how adolescents manifest their growing pains and the way in which they react to their circumstances versus how they did in the past. It’s that constant sense of flux and managed chaos that makes for interesting times and equally interesting rewards.

As we approach the opening of school we do so with tremendous optimism built on momentum gained over the past few years. Part of that momentum has been garnered from our past, while also from the present, and certainly our future. From our past, momentum has been generated from the Brewster Model and our strategic plan continues to define how we review and refine our curriculum. Overlaying the implementation of our strategic plan has been a crisping of our message regarding our value proposition...
as we have come to better understand our niche within our market. That has led us to the development of an exciting new brand concept that will be unveiled in the fall. All that bodes well for our future and where we see ourselves moving. How do we know things are working in our favor? For one, we are coming off one of the strongest admission cycles of record. Not only did we see an increase in applications, the yield on our admitted class was up substantially as well. We also continue to receive strong feedback about the education that we provide and how that has, and is, changing the lives of our students and graduates, and how that is viewed and validated by such third parties like the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. We hope to gain an even better understanding of not only the influence we have had on our alumni, but how we can create even more value in being a Brewster alumnus. Toward that end we are undertaking an extensive survey of our alumni with the assistance of the firm with whom we have been working the past few years on our marketing and communications program.

You may remember just a few short years ago that I spoke about not resting on our laurels, but instead to truly push the school in ways to better ourselves. This goes back to our effort to embrace the concepts put forth in Jim Collins’ seminal work, Good to Great, where he states that the enemy of great is good. For us that is even more meaningful today than it has ever been. While we have begun to see the fruits of our efforts, we now more than ever need to keep building on our success. With your continued help and guidance I know that we can and will move our school to greatness. We will keep you posted through these pages over time and look for your feedback.

For The School,

Michael E. Cooper, Ph.D.

“It’s that constant learning, and associated challenges, that make working in education so exciting and invigorating.”
**Trey Whitfield Honors Whitney White**
The Trey Whitfield Foundation honored Whitney White ’07 at its 15th annual awards banquet in July. White, a senior prefect at Brewster, was honored for her leadership abilities and for setting a standard of excellence for all to follow. White, a Brooklyn native, will attend Loyola College in Maryland, where she will pursue her dream of becoming a pediatrician.

The Foundation’s mission is to carry on the dream of the late Trey Whitfield ’89: “that everyone, regardless of ethnic background, has equal access to the educational opportunities needed to reach their potential in life; that every child will have a helping hand and every young person will get support from someone who cares about their future.”

**Stephen Keogh: All-American Lacrosse Player**
Stephen Keogh ’07 was named to the US Lacrosse Men’s Division High School All-America team in May. He is the Brewster Bobcat’s all-time leading scorer with 205 points over two seasons. “Stephen was one of the best lacrosse players in the country this year,” said head coach Bill Lee. “He had the best stick skills I have ever seen, and he knows how to score goals.”

Keogh, who is from Toronto, will play lacrosse at Syracuse University.

**Edson, Hayes Participate in Leadership Conferences**
Megan Edson ’09 of Wolfeboro, and Ellen Hayes ’10 of Wakefield, New Hampshire, participated in national leadership conferences this summer.

Edson, who took part in one of LeadAmerica’s Congressional Student Leadership Conferences, spent 10 days at the University of Central Oklahoma immersed in aviation and aeronautics training. The most interesting aspect of the conference for Edson was touring an air base. “We went to Tinker Air Force Base, and we saw the technology they use in Iraq and the different planes they use to direct jets,” she said. “I want to go into the Air Force so it opened up new opportunities to look for instead of just being a [fighter] pilot.”

Edson completed her first solo flight on her 16th birthday this past April and hopes to one day soon fly solo across the country.

LeadAmerica offers career-focused leadership programs for outstanding high school and middle school students.

Hayes spent 10 days in the nation’s capital learning about the political process while honing her leadership skills. One of the highlights of the National Young Leaders Conference for Hayes was when she was selected by her Model Congress to deliver a speech to 400 students in an attempt to pass an amendment. Hayes must have been persuasive, as her amendment passed and became a bill.

Hayes was invited to attend the Congressional Youth Leadership Conference after participating in a similar state leadership conference last year. “This one was over the top. It was amazing,” said Hayes. “It opened a new door with all the new things that happened. It was very hands-on.” During her time in Washington, Hayes had meetings with New Hampshire senators John Sununu and Judd Gregg and House member Carole Shea-Porter.
The National Young Leaders Conference, a program of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, is designed to instruct and enrich promising students in a hands-on, experiential atmosphere while preparing them for a lifetime of leadership.

Bobcat Hoopsters Meet in World Championships
Emmanuel Negedu ’08 (Kaduna, Nigeria) and Dogus Balbay ’07 (Istanbul, Turkey) represented their countries in the 2007 U19 World Basketball Championships held in Serbia in July. Nigeria and Turkey were assigned to the same pool so the former teammates met up on July 14 where Balbay’s team prevailed 91-82 over Nigeria. Balbay will play for the University of Texas next season, while Negedu will return to Brewster for his final season with the Bobcats.

While Edson and Lesko will be back on Brown Field with their Bobcat teammates next month, Anctil will began her field hockey career at Boston College.

Bobcats Meet at Field Hockey Futures
Three members of Brewster’s 2006 varsity field hockey team played in the 2007 National Futures Championship in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in June.

Emily Lesko ’08 (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) and Janna Anctil ’07 (Wolfeboro) played on the U19 team while Megan Edson ’09 (Wolfeboro) played on the U16 team.

It was Lesko and Edson’s first Futures appearance and Anctil’s fourth. Based on Edson’s play at the Futures tournament, she was selected to attend the AAU Junior Olympics to be held in August in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Ben Ross and Band Earn Top Honors
Drummer Ben Ross ’08 and his band International Toast won first place at the fourth annual Kingswoodstock held in Wolfeboro in April. International Toast beat out about 16 other bands for the first place honors. As winners, the band, which includes four other local members, received recording time at Thundering Sky studio in Maine. Here they produced a CD with 12 of their songs, which they hope to sell locally, Ross said. They also received airtime on two radio stations.

Ross, who says the band plays mostly rock and funk and some jazz, sees the accolades as an opportunity to share the band’s music with everyone. Brewster students are already familiar with the sounds of International Toast, which performed this year at Relay For Life and Springfest, as well as at other regional venues. Ross has been playing drums for about five years and is enrolled in an independent music study as part of his afternoon enrichment curriculum at Brewster. His personal goals: “to become a better drummer as much as I can and try to take everything one step at a time.”

Bill Meehan ’92 Saves Potential Drowning Victim
Channel 4 News in Boston reported on Dec. 21, 2006, that a two-car accident sent one of the vehicles hurtling down an embankment and into the Charles River. Bill Meehan ’92 and two other passersby dived in the frigid water to save the occupant. Read the story on page 44.
Brewster's Class of 2007 Graduates

By Peggy Comeau

Brewster Academy graduated 104 students on May 26 at its 187th Commencement exercises. The ceremony took place in the Smith Center for Athletics and Wellness with Head of School Dr. Michael E. Cooper presiding.

To the delight of the audience, 13-year-old bagpiper Peter Campbell preceded the procession of graduates. Class Marshalls Whitney White of Brooklyn, New York, and Benjamin Rendall of Gilmanton, New Hampshire, led their classmates to the stage as they processed to “Pomp and Circumstance” performed by the White Mountain String Quartet.

“What is Moral Fiber?”

After the invocation by the Rev. Harry G. Widman, a former faculty member, class salutatorian Andrew Lowrie of Andover, Massachusetts, opened the commencement ceremony with remarks for his fellow graduates. Reading from the (apparently) multi-page written speech he held in his hand, he began by asking “What is moral fiber?” He then tossed the pages in the air with a grin and stated he would make his speech short, simple, and to the point. “Have fun in college,” he said, “and in the words of Sir Winston Churchill, never give in.”

Strong and Dedicated Leadership

Valedictorian Karin Clement of Pierrefonds, Québec, spoke next, expressing how honored she was to be the valedictorian for the Class of 2007. To the parents of the graduates, she said, “Thank you all for your love and support, which has brought us to where we are today.”

Clement spoke with humor about the friendly competition she and her brother (Kris ‘06) had while attending the same boarding school and being in some of the same classes. She spoke of things she would not miss, such as getting her first BMP (behavior management point) and having AP Biology homework over school vacation; and what she would miss: “Mrs. Found’s energy, and, coming from a province with a 15 percent sales tax, shopping in tax-free New Hampshire.”

Clement emphasized the important things she learned during her stay at Brewster: how to get along with others, how to manage her time, and how to become an active member of her community. Clement went on to express her sadness at leaving Brewster and wanted to express her gratitude to all who helped her while she was here. She thanked the administration staff, the teachers, the coaches, the dorm parents, and her fellow students. In closing she thanked Cooper for his “strong and dedicated leadership.”

Dr. Rushworth Kidder Urges Students to Have Moral Courage

The Class of 2007 commencement speaker was Dr. Rushworth Kidder, founder of the Institute of Global Ethics in Camden, Maine. He was introduced by Daniel Mudge, president of Brewster’s board of trustees.

Kidder stressed to the graduates the need for moral courage as the current century unfolds. He urged them to “Take a stand and have the courage to persist – and the courage to change course.” He defined moral courage as “the willingness to endure significant danger for the sake of a principle.”

He pointed out that he and the salutatorian had not compared notes – in fact, they had never met – yet they had both chosen to quote Sir Winston Churchill’s 1941 speech at Harrow School. With strong emphasis and frequent pauses, he imitated Churchill’s voice when he read, “Never give in. Never, never, never, never give in, in nothing, great or small, large or petty...”
Kidder related a story about Tom Anderson, now an executive at L.L. Bean, about his 1983 climb up Mount Logan, Canada’s largest mountain, and a hard decision he and his fellow climbers had to make when one of their party was stricken with altitude sickness. They had been climbing for 21 days and the group was within sight of the summit. Rather than leave their friend to descend with a Canadian group who was willing to accompany him while Anderson’s group attained the summit, they decided to turn around and accompany their ill friend back to safety. They skied for 24 hours to get their friend to an altitude where he could recover. “You take care of your own,” said Anderson. Kidder pointed out that figuratively nowadays the summit is often the goal, which is out of proportion, as it’s how you get there as part of a team that should be the primary focus. “Standing on the summit is not the most important thing … how the team got there is. Winning is important, but not at any price,” he stressed.

Kidder then listed the five main values that universally exist in cultures across the world: truth, responsibility, respect, fairness, and compassion, and acknowledged that they are also found in the Brewster Principle: Respect, integrity, and service: serve yourself and others with your best in all you do.

He offered the following advice to the graduates, whose values, he said, would be tested in the next six months, “Put your principles before your stubbornness. In social situations, if the behaviors of those around you get out of line, make good decisions.”

Kidder also advised, “Don’t grow old and exhausted – or old and stubborn – maintain your drive and spontaneity.”

In closing, he quoted from a poem by Emily Dickinson: “…the capacity to terminate is a specific grace,” which drew chuckles from the audience.

Interlude
Prior to the awarding of diplomas, a chorus comprised of the senior girls dedicated a song to their parents – “Because You Loved Me” by Celine Dion – which was a moving tribute by this group of talented singers. They were led by music director Andy Campbell who also accompanied them on piano.

In Closing
In his closing remarks, Cooper told a Native American story about a bear whose presence struck fear in the hearts of the people, but who ended up being tame when treated with respect and consideration. Cooper advised, “When you meet the bear, sing to him, talk to him, and make him your friend.” He concluded with, “Godspeed and good luck.”

The HOWL chorus then led everyone in singing “Emblems Divine,” a Brewster school song, before the benediction. The graduates and faculty recessed, led again by the bagpiper. A buffet luncheon was served under tents on Brown Field.

Awards Received
Presenting the awards to the graduates were Head of School Mike Cooper, Academic Dean Marilyn Shea, and Director of Athletics Doug Algate.
Janna Anctil (Wolfeboro) received the Athletic Director’s Award for her positive and consistent contribution to interscholastic sports; the Jill Carlson Memorial Award, given to the woman graduate who exhibits outstanding athletic abilities, determination, drive, and dedication, and who displays an inquiring curiosity to learn about and experience life; and the Burtis F. Vaughan Award for the graduate who has most successfully combined scholastic and athletic excellence with the personal qualities of sympathy, sincerity, appreciation, and awareness in all his or her associations.

Dallas Aho (Vancouver, Washington) received the David Sirchis School Service Award for the student who, in terms of spirit, dedication, and contributions of service, has done the most for the Brewster community.

Samuel Avoine (St. Perpétue, Québec) received the Mabel Cate Tarr Award, given to the graduate whose record is one of outstanding contribution to scholarship and citizenship.

Christopher Cason (San Rafael, California) received one of two Faculty Service Awards, given to a student who gives unselfish service to others, is responsible in judgment, takes the initiative and follows through with the task, and illustrates an independence of thought in a positive and constructive manner.

Karin Clement was awarded the Grace Webster Hertz Prize for excellence in mathematics; the Science Award for excellence in science; and the Headmaster’s Prize, awarded to the class valedictorian.

Kimberly Cooper (Wolfeboro) received the Grace Webster Hertz Prize for excellence in English and the Arthur J. Mason Foundation Award for good sportsmanship on the playing fields, in the halls, in the classrooms, and among students, faculty, and others.

Nicholas Dager III (Litchfield, New Hampshire) received the Postgraduate Award, given to the postgraduate student with the highest academic record.

Leigh Feldman (Okatie, South Carolina) received the Faculty “Growth Achievement” Award, given to the graduate who has shown the greatest improvement in general record during the junior and senior years at Brewster.

Stephen Keogh (Toronto, Ontario) received the Athletic Director’s Award for his positive and consistent contribution to interscholastic sports.

Salutatorian Andrew Lowrie (Andover, Massachusetts) was awarded the Harold Hart Memorial Award for outstanding scholarship in social science and exemplary conduct in community and school activities.
Brendan O’Brien (Mont Vernon, New Hampshire) received the Grace Murray Hopper Prize, given to the graduate who exemplifies proficiency, excellence, and dedication in the field of computer systems.

James Simoneau (Wolfeboro) received the Eva A. Mooar Prize for excellence in Spanish, and the Ronald “Buzzy” Dore Memorial Award, given to the graduate who exemplifies the qualities of our alumnus and friend, showing outstanding leadership in the areas of academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities, and who is a friend to all.

Elizabeth Siracusa (Wolfeboro) received the Arthur M. Hurlin Award, given to the graduate who has most successfully combined scholastic and athletic excellence with the personal qualities of sympathy, appreciation, and awareness in all his or her associations.

Sarah Thompson (Andover, Massachusetts) received the Fine and Performing Arts Award, given to the student who has achieved a high level of quality in either dance, music, theatre, or the visual arts.

Whitney White (Brooklyn, New York) received one of two Faculty Service Awards, given to a student who gives unselfish service to others, is responsible in judgment, takes the initiative and follows through with the task, and illustrates an independence of thought in a positive and constructive manner.

Diplomas Awarded
Traditionally the names of the graduates are announced by the person to whom the yearbook is dedicated; this year, there were two people sharing the honor – staff members Bob and Maureen Simoneau, whose son James was among the graduates.

Following a long-standing custom, the students each gave a token to Dr. Cooper as they shook his hand and received their diplomas. This year, the tokens were individual pieces of a puzzle made from a photo of the graduates.

Graduate Alyssa Palazzo wore a commemorative badge, which read “TP 9-11-01,” in tribute to her uncle Tommy Palazzo ’75 who perished in the World Trade Center disaster on September 11, 2001, and for whom Palazzo Field is named. Alyssa’s father Robbie Palazzo graduated with the class of 1974.

See www.brewsteracademy.org for more Commencement photos.
Lifers – four-year students – celebrated their years at Brewster with a special dinner in their honor at the Pinckney Boathouse in May. Among the 104 members of the Class of 2007, 34 are lifers. During dinner, the students enjoyed some laughs as Dr. Cooper (far right, above) read selected essays from their Brewster admission applications.

The Class of 2007: Where They’re Going

Members of the class of 2007 are attending the following colleges and universities:

- Babson College (3)
- Bates College (2)
- Birmingham Southern College
- Boston College
- Boston University (4)
- Bowdoin College
- Bryant University
- Bucknell University
- California State, Monterey Bay
- Colby Sawyer College
- College of Charleston (2)
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- Dalhousie University
- Denison University
- Drake University
- Drew University
- Earlham College
- Eckerd College (2)
- Endicott College
- Fordham University
- Full Sail
- George Washington University
-Hamilton College
- Harvard University
- Hendrix College
- Humber College
- Indiana University
- Iowa State University
- Keene State College
- Lake Forest College
- Loyola College
- Manhattan College
- McGill University
- New Mexico Military Institute
- Norwich University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Phoenix College
- Prescott College
- Purdue University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rollins College (2)
- Salve Regina University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Springfield College
- St. Anselm College
- St. Frances Xavier University (2)
- St. Lawrence University (2)
- St. Mary’s College of CA
- St. Michael’s College (3)
- Stetson University
- Stonehill College
- Syracuse University (2)
- Texas Tech University
- The Citadel
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Colorado-Boulder (2)
- University of Denver (3)
- University of Hartford (2)
- University of Iowa
- University of New Hampshire (4)
- University of North Texas
- University of Tampa (4)
- University of Vermont
- University of Wisconsin (2)
- Ursinus College
- Vanderbilt University (2)
- Virginia Military Institute
- Wagner College
- Warren Wilson College
Senior Prom

Two days before commencement, seniors and their dates celebrated with each other at the senior prom at Bald Peak Colony Club in nearby Melvin Village.

Hours before the prom, on what was possibly the hottest day of spring, prom goers attended a pre-prom party at the Pinckney Boathouse. The party included an opportunity to pose for a professional photographer with Wolfeboro Bay as the backdrop. Couples were introduced to enthusiastic onlookers as they promenaded through an arbor bordered by an abundance of flowering trees and shrubs (artfully created by Linda Siracusa, parent of Liz ’07).

After the promenade, students climbed into limos and Brewster busses for the short drive to Bald Peak where they dined and danced throughout the night.

In keeping with tradition, students returned to campus just before midnight for breakfast at the Pinckney Boathouse before calling it a night.

Photos by Marcia Eldredge and Lynne Palmer
Reflections at the Ivy Address

On the eve of graduation, Academic Dean Marilyn Shea opened the traditional Ivy Address by stating that so many times teenagers hear the refrain “These are the best days of your life.” Not true, she reassured students in the audience. “Being an adult is where it’s at,” she stated. The Class of 2007 was about to embark on a powerful, wonderful, and exciting journey, she added. Shea encouraged graduates to act like adults and promised that if they did, they would be on their way to a grand journey.

Shea then introduced the evening’s first speaker, the top-ranked postgraduate in the Class of 2007, Nicolas Dager III. Dager, who is from Litchfield, New Hampshire, carried a heavy course load, which included two AP courses, and also was a member of the boys’ varsity ice hockey team. In his address, Dager reflected on the first week of school when his senior team hiked a nearby mountain. Upon reaching the top, the students were asked to write about their expectations and goals for their senior year. Among Dager’s expectations was to make the most of his year by moving one step closer to his dream – to play hockey or lacrosse at a highly competitive college – and “to use this experience to move on to bigger and better things.” He acknowledged that, having already graduated high school, “this year was for a reason.” When his senior team leader returned those essays to the students this May, Dager was pleased that he had met his expectations, saying the classes, experiences, and teachers were all that he wanted them to be and more. “Making a PG year at this Academy was the best thing I could do.” Dager will attend Babson College and is hopeful that he is capable of earning a spot within the varsity ice hockey or lacrosse programs.

Next to address the audience at Anderson Hall was the third-ranked senior in the Class of 2007, Kate Buesser, who spoke about the meaning of the Ivy Address. She reminded the audience that the address was more than just remarks from herself and the top-ranked postgraduate. “Four years ago when Dr. Cooper came to this school, he saw us as seedlings, just beginning to attach our roots into the fertile environment that Brewster offers. Today, the Class of 2007 has become the ivy that covers the Academic building, the Rogers Gym, and other buildings on campus. But how did we do that? How did we come to this place and in such a short amount of time be ready for the college life that awaits us?” she asked.

Like ivy, Buesser said, students were given the needed support to grow. She spoke of the teachers who required oral presentations and class involvement and of her new friends who listened to her stories and who, over time, gave her the confidence and support to remain there at the podium, delivering her remarks to a full house of attentive listeners.

In addition to support, ivy needs light and, given light, ivy will grow in the direction of that light. The light at Brewster was the knowledge that success was an attainable goal for students, Buesser explained.

“There is something about the emotions and feelings derived from success that make us as humans strive so long and so hard for it. That drive and desire is what made me stay up until the wee hours of the morning completing Mr. Fouser’s English homework or Mrs. Bishop’s AP History assignments. It is the same desire that got me out of bed every Sunday at 5 in the morning to go and play hockey in Massachusetts.” She mentioned classmates by name – singers, athletes, academic achievers – who were examples of students who had seen the light and spent hours and hours working toward attaining their goals.

The final mix for nurturing strong ivy and strong students is nutrients and water. “Those nutrients, which allow the plant to grow and mature over time, are similar to the knowledge learned over our stay here. The Class of 2007 has sucked up all of the knowledge that Brewster has offered and more,”
The senior class gift to Brewster Academy was dedicated on Friday, May 25 during the traditional Ivy Address. The Class of 2007 presented the Academy with a 10-foot-long digital scoreboard to be placed at the Smith Center end of Brown Field.

Buesser said. The water brought into the ivy signifies all the Brewster experiences – long nights of studying, exams, and hard work in between watching sunsets over the lake, trash bag sliding in winter, team trips, and all the bus trips, singing and dancing included, she added.

In Buesser’s final words to her classmates, she encouraged them to put down strong roots in the next chapter of their lives. “Remember the support from those around you, remember your goals, your passion for success, and most importantly, remember to have fun in between learning.” Buesser’s encouragement didn’t stop with her graduating classmates. “And to those returning to Brewster, look upon the ivy around campus and remember us. Remember our graduating class and those classes before us and realize that it can be done.”

The next chapter of Buesser’s life will begin in September at Harvard University where she plans to play ice hockey.

On the eve of graduation, seniors and postgraduates rocked to the sounds of Recycled Percussion, “the most in-demand percussion show touring today.” It wasn’t the band’s first Brewster appearance but their Friday night performance was the best-kept secret on campus until they began rocking on stage in the Rogers Building.

Friday Night’s Senior Activities

I-r: Andrea Cooper, Whitney White ’07, Dr. Cooper

Seniors and postgraduates sign yearbooks while waiting for the Recycled Percussion concert to begin.

Photos by Marcia Eldredge
Student Accomplishments Recognized at Moving Up Day Ceremony

The Monday before commencement the Brewster community gathered for one of the last school assemblies of the year to honor and recognize the achievements of numerous students.

During the ceremony, seniors and juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society, an organization that honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Inducted seniors were Samuel Avoine, Courtney Bickford, Chris Cason, Karin Clement, Suzanne Fenerty, Brad Hoyt, Andrew Lowrie, Brendan O’Brien, and Elizabeth Siracusa; junior inductees were Young Eun Choi, Teagan Lewis, Derek Senor, and Kate Shavel.

The following students received awards at the ceremony. Students are mentioned in the order in which the awards were presented.

Tina Dearborn ’10 (Tuftonboro) received the Myrtle Dodge Scholarship, presented to the returning member of the freshman class who shows a high level of investment and serious commitment to “doing it all and doing it right.”

Luke Apfeld ’09 (Wolfeboro) was awarded the Catherine Lord Scholarship, presented to a returning student from Wolfeboro or Tuftonboro whose effort and contribution to the Brewster community is deemed most worthy.

Win Warfield ’09 (West Palm Beach, Florida) received the Thomas A. Palazzo ’75 Scholarship, awarded to a student who exemplifies enthusiasm, determination, and dedication in keeping the human spirit alive in everyone he meets.

Emily Lesko ’08 (Lancaster, Pennsylvania) received the Warren P. Tyler Memorial Scholarship, given to a member of the junior class who best demonstrates the qualities of self-reliance and integrity.

Young Eun Choi ’08 (Seoul, Korea) received the Dartmouth Prize Book Award, given to the junior in the top 10 percent of the class who has demonstrated intellectual leadership and has made a positive contribution to the extracurricular life of the school.

Robert Koger ’08 (Scarborough, Ontario) received the Colby Prize Book Award, given to a returning junior who, through his or her effort and dedication to academic performance and service to the community, is identified as the outstanding member of the class.

Christopher McKeown ’08 (Richmond, Virginia) received the Holy Cross Prize Book, given to a junior with exceptional academic achievement in a college preparatory program and who has evidenced sincere concern for others and a responsible attitude in all endeavors.

Kate Shavel ’08 (North Yarmouth, Maine) received the Harvard Prize Book Award, given to a member of the junior class who qualifies as the best all-around member of his or her class in character, academic excellence, and extracurricular activity; the Brown University Book Award, given to an outstanding junior attaining high academic achievement combined with true excellence in written and spoken expression; the Robert Richardson History Award presented for academic effort and achievement and demonstrated passion.
for the study of history; and the Upper School Science Award, presented to the student showing dedication to study and achievement in science.

**Alexander Popp ’07** (South Hamilton, Massachusetts) received the Shirley Richardson Award, presented to an upper school student for his or her academic effort, achievement, and demonstrated passion for the study of English.

**Kendra Windsor ’09** (Brooklyn, New York) received the Lower School English Prize, awarded for excellence in the study of English.

**Nik Krainchich ’08** (Wolfeboro) received The Bausch & Lomb Science Award, given to the top student who has shown excellence in science over the junior year and who has great promise in studying in the field of science.

**Justin Ingram ’08** (Cornwall, Ontario) received the Lower School Science Award, presented to a student showing dedication to study and achievement in science.

**Samuel Avoine ’07** (St. Perpétue, Québec) received the Upper School Math Award, presented for exceptional effort and achievement in mathematics study.

**Hyun Ji Chung ’09** (Seoul, Korea) received the Lower School Math Award, presented for exceptional effort and achievement in mathematics studies.

**David Chan ’08** (Taipei, Taiwan) received the ESL Award, presented for outstanding effort and achievement in the study of English as a Second Language.

**Carole LeBlanc ’07** (Grande Digue, New Brunswick) received the Upper School Instructional Support Award, presented to that student who has most successfully used opportunities to achieve academic goals.

**Alexandra DeLorenzo ’09** (Scituate, Massachusetts) received the Lower School Instructional Support Award, presented to that student who has most successfully used opportunities to achieve academic goals.

**Leigh Feldman ’07** (Okaie, South Carolina) received the Theatre Award, presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Brewster Theater Program.

**Karin Clement ’07** (Pierrefonds, Québec) received the Britton-Coyle award in music, presented to that student showing great promise in the study of music.

**Denise Sprague ’07** (Wolfeboro) received The Albert Munnis Art Award, presented for superior achievement in the visual arts.

**Whitney White ’07** (Brooklyn, New York) was honored with the Dance Award, presented to a student demonstrating a dedication to excellence in dance.

Additionally, three Wolfeboro students were selected as scholarship recipients from two local organizations. **James Simoneau** and **Elizabeth Siracusa** each received a Rotary Club Scholarship for their excellence in academics, extracurricular, and athletics successes. **Janna Anctil** received the Friends of the Libby Museum Scholarship.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the 2006-2007 yearbook editors announced that this year’s Winnipesaukean yearbook, which had just arrived, was dedicated to Bob and Maureen Simoneau (James ’07). In dedicating the yearbook to the Simoneaus, editor Elizabeth Siracusa said, “Despite having a large family, this couple has adopted all members of the graduating class, and has helped us in unique ways. … sacrificing time and effort for each and every one of us is how this couple has lived their legacy at Brewster. Continuing on without them next year will be hard, but of course we will come back and visit.”

Bob is the Academy’s business manager and a club advisor, and Maureen is a school librarian and community life parent. They also are the parents of Megeen ’02, Paulo ’93, and Andre ’90.

After the Class of 2007 was dismissed, the flag of the Class of 2008 was presented to Dr. Cooper. The flag will be raised in a ceremony next fall and will fly over the school during the 2007-2008 academic year.

The 2007 Winnipesaukean yearbook was dedicated to Bob and Maureen Simoneau.

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Spring Family Weekend

The new crew tank was officially unveiled during Family Weekend. Here members of the crew team gather with Mike Cooper, Coach Mark DeNitto, Coach Lauren Buesser, Business Manager Bob Simoneau, and Athletics Director Doug Algate. The tank offers rowers a chance to work on their technique and positioning, despite the weather conditions outside.

The Senior Swing, with views of Wolfeboro Bay, was a popular spot during the warm, sunny weekend.

The Nada family traveled from Japan to visit with son Kanji ’09 for Family Weekend.
Grandparents’ Day

Anna Parker ’09 and parents relax on the Senior Patio between conferences.

Coach TJ Palmer congratulates his softball players. The Bobcats defeated Holderness School during a home game over Family Weekend.

Parent fans

Stone Lauderdale ’10 took his grandparents to English class.

Ally Reiner ’10 with her grandparents Herb and Susan Zarkin are shown here prior to a tennis match. After a day of classes, Ally gets ready to show her grandparents the athletic prowess of the Brewster girls’ tennis team!

Parent fans

Eric DeMarines ’10 with his grandparents Victor and Dorothy DeMarines enjoy the beautiful weather on Grandparents’ Day in May. Brewster grandparents participated in a day of classes and other activities with their grandchild(ren) and also spent time with Dr. Cooper learning about school initiatives. In the afternoon, they headed out to the fields to cheer on their favorite athletes.
Bobcat Open Celebrated Legacy of Good Friend, John Naramore

Under mostly hot and sunny skies Brewster Academy hosted the Bobcat Open on June 25 at the Lake Winnipesaukee Golf Club in nearby New Durham.

In the spirit of friendly competition, alumni, parents, students, friends, and neighbors with a passion for golf and Brewster Academy came together for the Bobcat Open. This year, the Bobcat Open carried on the tradition of a former local tournament – the Shamrock Open – in recognizing the legacy of a community member. The tournament celebrated a man who exemplified the spirit of a “good neighbor” – the late John Naramore, a former Brewster board member. As a trustee John spent time getting to know the Brewster faculty and students and sponsored programs to increase the trustees’ regular involvement with the faculty and students of Brewster.

The top Bobcat team (first place gross) was the team of Jon Lovering, Tony Kendall, Noah Tremblay, and Bill Soupcoff. The second place gross team comprised Steve Kendall, Tom Bigelow, Bob Hughes, and Russ Smith.

Steve Lawton, Robert Lawton, Randy Lawton, and Chris Ferguson were the first place net team. The second place net team was Tim Melanson (Chris ’08), faculty member Craig Churchill, Chris Melanson ’08, and recent graduate Jerry Cifarelli ’07.

Other top Bobcats included Assistant Director of Admission Allie Cooper, who won the Longest Drive for Women; Tim Melanson, who won the Longest Drive for Men; Jon Lovering, who shot the Closest to the Pin on the 15th hole, and Brian Mills, who won the putting contest.

The fun continued into the evening with a dinner and silent and live auctions at the Pinckney Boathouse. In the role of auctioneer, Brewster trustee Mike Appe set the tone for a lively auction that added to the success of the day.

In all, more than $30,000 was raised for the John Naramore Scholarship Fund at Brewster Academy.

For those who participated and/or sponsored this year’s Bobcat Open, thank you for continuing the legacy of our good friend John and his commitment to Brewster.
Team Gallery

John Meehan ’90, Rob Brown, and Jay Meehan are no strangers to the Bobcat Open.

Brewster board member Mike Appe, Brian Mills, Steve Sirois, and Paul Bishop.

The Farwells have yet to miss a Bobcat Open! This year’s team: Patrick Henning, Roger Farwell, Meredith Farwell, and Chris Farwell ’97.

Avis Mello, Brooks Stevens ’75, board member Steve Webster, and former Headmaster David M. Smith.

Brewster board member Shawn Smith, Paul Tessier, admissions associate Fred Garnsey, and Bobby Meehan, founder of the Shamrock Open.

Second Place (net) Team: Chris Melanson ’08, Jerry Cifarelli ’07, faculty member Craig Churchill, and Tim Melanson.

Photos by Marcia Eldredge
At the Moving Up Day Ceremony students selected for school leadership positions for the upcoming school year were announced.

**Gold Key Society**
The Gold Key Society is a group of students who serve as ambassadors of Brewster Academy. They represent Brewster to prospective students, parents, and other visitors to campus. Members of the society are a part of the admissions team, and their feedback is integral to enrollment decisions. Interested students are selected through an interview process that focuses on their knowledge of the school and the ability to express that information through their personal experience and understanding.

**Proctors**
Student proctors assume leadership roles throughout the community and take responsibility for creating and maintaining a healthy living environment for boarding students. Proctors assist students in social skill development, understanding community and school-wide policies, and support students in earning and maintaining Citizenship and John Brewster Scholar status.

**Head Proctors:**
Scott Cameron ’08 and Amberlee Jones ’08

**Head Tour Guides:**
Erin Knapp ’08 and Emily Lesko ’08
For a list of tour guides, see www.brewsteracademy.org

**School Prefects**
Student prefects, nominated and selected by their peers, are student leaders who work to support the academic teams and serve as the student government. Prefects for the class of 2011 will be selected by their peers in the fall.

**Senior Prefects:**
Samantha Brown ’08 and Emily Lesko ’08

**Judicial Board Members**
The judicial board is made up of students and faculty, and its members serve as leaders in the community and adjudicate student disciplinary cases as determined and assigned by the dean of students. Its purpose is to help students develop self-discipline and personal strength and to learn how to become better citizens in a community.

At the conclusion of the Moving Up Day ceremony, 2007-2008 senior prefects Sam Brown and Emily Lesko display the Class of 2008 flag, which will fly over Brewster during the 2007-2008 school year.

**Winnipesauken Yearbook Co-Editors**
Alison Waldorf ’08
Jennifer White ’08
Teraysa White ’08

**Outcroppings Literary Journal Co-Editors**
Annie Dearborn ’08
Brooke Webster ’08

**Brewster Browser Newspaper Editors**
Alison Waldorf ’08
Griffin Markay ’08
Kelsey Hammond ’10
Brittanie Pierce ’10
Elena Rukhadze ’10

**Yearbook Co-Editors**
Alison Waldorf ’08
Jennifer White ’08
Teraysa White ’08
Travis Roy: Live Every Day With An Optimistic Attitude, Regardless of the Obstacles

By Marcia Eldredge

Travis Roy, 32, learned at a young age that it was important to set goals and write them down if you truly want to achieve them. “I don’t think you have the incentive if you don’t write out your goals,” he stressed. As a freshman in high school, his goal was to play Division 1 college hockey so he sat down and wrote out his goals, which he said were “part reality, part fantasy.” He shared them with his parents, who he remembered smiling while reading them. His father reminded him that, “You have to have the grades to get into college.” So Roy, who had mild dyslexia, returned to his bedroom and revised his goals to include maintaining a B average and breaking 1000 on the SATs.

By the time Roy was a senior at Tabor Academy, he was a highly-recruited high school athlete. On October 20, 1995, he achieved the goal he had set for himself nearly five years earlier. He stepped onto the ice as a freshman member of the Boston University men’s ice hockey team, the defending national championship team. He had realized his dream and although it would only last for 11 seconds, he knew he had made it, that his passion, commitment, and hard work had paid off.

Finding His Passion
Roy’s journey on the ice and his path to Boston University had started a long time ago in nearby Maine, where he was born in Augusta. His father managed an ice rink, so from an early age Roy was never too far from the ice. He first stepped onto the ice at age 20 months, wearing figure skates, he wryly acknowledged. “I don’t like to say that much,” he added, evoking laughter from the audience. Although he says he doesn’t actually remember this early experience, according to his parents he just kind of stepped away from them and started moving across the ice.

By age 3 he was playing hockey, and for the next 15 years his father would coach him. He recalled playing on a visiting team at the local Pop Whalen Arena in Wolfeboro when he was a sophomore in high school.

Roy went to a private school in Maine before transferring to Tabor Academy for his junior and senior years. “Four years at private school was the best four years of my life,” he told students.

Hockey wasn’t his only sport, however. He prides himself in being a well-rounded person and says he usually played the sport of the season. But ice hockey

“When I woke up [on October 20, 1995], it was the best day of my life – before it was over, it was the worst day of my life”
was his passion and passion, he says, is the first incentive needed to reach a goal. “You have to find something you love, that you have passion about,” he said. A second incentive is pride, he said. “It’s knowing at the end of the day that you didn’t let yourself down.”

Through those high school years, his passion and his pride propelled him closer to his goal. By the time Roy was a senior in high school, he had been contacted by every Division I school he had ever dreamed of playing for. Just as importantly, he had broken 1000 on the SATs and maintained a B average.

When it was time to make a decision about college, Roy chose Boston University. He was one of six freshmen selected for the team that had won the national championship the season before. When he arrived at Boston University he knew it was time for new goals. He would study hard to maintain his grades and he would practice and train hard on and off the ice. He knew that of the six freshmen, only four would play in the opening game. His goal was to be among those four.

The week of the first game, Roy’s coach called him into his office, and Roy learned that he was one of the four freshmen who had been chosen to play in the first game. He would play on the third line.

“I Made It”

“When I woke up [on October 20, 1995], it was the best day of my life – before it was over, it was the worst day of my life,” he said.

Roy recalled putting his #24 jersey over his head and standing on the blue line for the national anthem and then the national championship banner was hung (from the previous year’s championship). “Never in my life had I been more proud.”

That night on the bench, “I received a tap on the back of my shoulder I had waited all my life for.”

He stepped on the ice, gained possession of the puck, and delivered a pass. Then, while checking an opponent, he lost his balance, and the momentum took him head first into the dasher boards.

While down on the ice, he said he thought he would just get on his hands and knees and get back up like he always did but quickly realized that his brain was not communicating with the rest of him. He recalled seeing a glove moving and wondered whose glove it was before realizing it was his glove and someone else was moving his arm but he couldn’t feel it.

He knew something was really wrong. He asked for the trainer to get his father from the stands. His father came on the ice and was expecting to tell Roy to get up and play hockey, like he had done so many times in his son’s hockey career, but instead Roy said, “Dad, I’m in trouble.” And then he told his father, “I made it.”

“This little kid from Yarmouth, Maine, had made it.”

He then recalled the head brace, the stretcher, and the emergency room. His 4th and 5th vertebrae were broken. Roy was now a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the shoulders down.
A Positive Attitude
After remaining in the hospital for four months, Roy moved to the Shepherd Center, a catastrophic care hospital in Atlanta, to begin rehabilitation. While here, he learned to operate the joy stick on his wheel chair, shoot a gun, and scuba dive.

Perhaps most importantly, while there, he realized that “little goals lead to bigger goals,” he said. Roy described how it took the same energy to get a bagel to his mouth that it had taken to bench press 150 lbs. just six months earlier. When he arrived at the Shepherd Center, his attitude about life slowly began to improve and he realized that “a positive attitude and the energy that comes with it will take you farther than anything else.”

His smiles started to come back while in rehabilitation.

“Live everyday with an optimistic attitude, regardless of the challenge or obstacles,” he urged the students.

To be successful, he said, you have to know yourself well. This knowledge of himself eventually made him realize that he was the same person as a quadriplegic as he was before his injury.

Roy talked specifically to the students about a few things they are accustomed to hearing as Brewster students, including respect. Roy grew up being told he had to earn respect but he said he feels that’s wrong. “When you meet someone new, give people respect right from the start – giving a little more respect right from the start will go a long way.”

When it comes to issues such as drinking, drugs, and sex, he believes we all have our own little voice [in the back of our head] … as long as you listen to that little voice in the back of your head then no one is going to die from a drunk driving accident or from overdosing on drugs, or have an unwanted pregnancy, he said.

Roy spoke of his first few weeks at BU and how, after a first kiss with a girl he really didn’t know, he confessed, “I love you.” After the student laughter settled down, Roy reminded the audience that it’s important to acknowledge those around you and let them know you love them – and that these reminders should be a daily occurrence, not a special occasion. “Nothing says love like a good hug,” he said.

After Roy’s remarks, he answered questions from students and faculty. When asked about what situations get him frustrated, he said the independence that he has lost is frustrating. Although he now lives alone in Boston, he needs 24-hour care. Still, through all the frustration, Roy’s positive attitude was apparent.

“I lost a lot with this accident … and had to find smiles again. … I feel very fortunate that I can still laugh,” he said.
All-school Assemblies

Russell Cosby

By Nicole Weyer

Russell Cosby, board member at the Hello Friend/Ennis William Cosby Foundation, visited our community on April 27 to share his experiences of growing up with a learning difference and being diagnosed with dyslexia at age 52.

Cosby grew up in Philadelphia and tried his best to get through school without being singled out, made fun of by other students, or ridiculed by his teachers. As a hard worker who was frustrated in school, Cosby spent most days fearful that a teacher would ask him to do something that he was unable to, such as reading aloud from a book or paper or answering a question. After graduating from trade school with his GED (general equivalency diploma), Cosby began working in the airline industry and remained there for more than 30 years.

Inspired by his late nephew Ennis, who was also dyslexic, Cosby decided to undergo diagnostic testing to determine if he too had a learning difference. At age 52, Cosby learned that he was dyslexic and “felt a tremendous sense of relief.” Knowing that he could learn but that he simply learned differently from others began a process of building self-confidence that was long overdue, he said.

The next chapter of his life – his college career – would take him away from his family in Atlanta and bring him to Landmark College in New England and then to Florida as a student at Florida A&M University. After eight years of hard work, countless hours in the library, and a tremendous amount of effort to complete graduation requirements, Cosby graduated from Florida A&M in 2003 with his college degree. In sharp contrast to his GED, which he refers to as “simply a piece of paper,” his degree and his class ring are spoken of and shown off with tremendous pride.

One of the biggest lessons he learned in college, Cosby said, was to answer the questions “why I do what I do, and how do I learn best?” By asking questions, investing time in building skills, seeking out people who could help him, and not giving up, Cosby learned about dyslexia, his learning style, and what he needed to do to succeed.

Cosby encouraged Brewster students to use the resources available to them and empower themselves to ask for help from teachers. “Surround yourself with people that support you,” he said. Speaking to a quiet and attentive audience, Cosby encouraged community members to follow dreams, to believe in themselves, and to work toward their goals.
“Talent in the House”

A spring assembly showcased the many musical talents of Brewster students. Organized by fine and performing arts faculty members Dan Clay and Andy Campbell, the assembly featured many students who shared their talents with the community. Sophomore Anna Parker opened the show singing Elton John’s “Tiny Dancer” accompanied by Andy Campbell on the piano. Freshman Amanda Graham then performed Norah Jones’ “Don’t Know Why.” Next up, senior Sarah Thompson, who was accompanied by guitarist Ryan Pino ’08, sang an outstanding rendition of Pink’s “Misery” that brought down the house. Pino also was part of a four-student band that performed “Can’t Stop” by the Red Hot Chili Peppers and “Hey Ya” by OutKast.

The Wind Ensemble and the HOWL chorus also performed. The showcase concluded with the Dance Club moving to its own choreographed dance program. The assembly afforded a great opportunity for the performers to reveal their musical talents and for their peers to enjoy a great show.

“This All-School was a chance for students to see some of their peers in a different light – in a nurturing, supportive ‘raise the roof’ celebration. I was amazed at the depth of talent these students have … and they also had a lot of courage to get up and ‘strut their stuff’ in front of the whole school. The students (and adults) in the audience rewarded their efforts with cheering and standing ovations.”

~ Nicole Weyer, director of student development

Members of the Dance Club

Amanda Graham ’10

Bank Tangjai’trong ’07, Tyler Wood ’08, Alex Moulton ’08, and Ryan Pino ’08

Photos by Marcia Eldredge
Tour Guide Dinner
Tour guides Chanita Susewi ’10, Erin Quirk ’09, Nicole Lefebvre ’09, and Max Weinstein ’09 take a break from their ambassador duties and enjoy an end-of-the-year cookout in their honor at the Palmer’s house.

Opening Day at Fenway
Dining Services Director and Red Sox fan Jim Carey brought opening day at Fenway Park to the Estabrook. Here he is in the dining hall serving a “Fenway Frank” with peanuts and Cracker Jack, of course.

Springfest
Chanita Susewi ’10 (right) and Sam Avoine ’07 and James Ellison ’08 (above) enjoy the annual Springfest celebration on Palazzo Field.

Talking Trash
On May 7, freshmen and sophomores in Ben Larson’s environmental science class each carried around a trash bag in which they placed all trash they produced on that Monday. According to Larson, the average American produces 4 lbs. of garbage per day and having the students collect all the trash that they produced in one day was one way of examining their own impact on the environment.
Outcroppings Magazine

Every year Outcroppings is eagerly awaited by the Brewster community for its poems, stories, artwork, and photographs. Produced by students with the help of Sarah Anderson, who teaches English and journalism, student entries (and some from the faculty) reflect a variety of talents. The 2007 editors were Annie Dearborn ’08, Brooke Webster ’08, Jess Steren ’07, and Alison Waldorf ’08. Below is just a sampling of the works that appeared in this year’s edition:

Morning Row
By Spencer Whitehouse ’09

A Swinging pendulum of speed
Girling on glass
Ready to fly
Peak power as it lifts toward the sky

The click of the oarlocks in rhythm sync with the sounds of nature
Five men in whole make one
Graceful beast
Ready to bite

Repentance
By Mark Deering ’09

We don’t know how our war will turn out
That none of us could see
Our war would yield countless dead
But never victory
We have destroyed many things
I regret what we have done
And have not seen what we’ve become.
War is hell and no one can say other
So why must we send our people
To kill one another.
We don’t know how this war will end
And we probably never will.

See more Outcroppings at www.brewsteracademy.org
Fine and Performing Arts News

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)

By Peggy Comeau

“... it was sooo funny ... Wicked awesome job.” ~ Sara Hodges ’07
“WORD to that.” ~ Jed Charungcharoenweej ’07

“The play was amazing! Great job you guys!” ~ Karen Abate ’10

“Costumes, Scottish accents, hilarious props, gestures, and actions made this so lively! ... a play enjoyed by all ages ... What a delightful way to end this year!” ~ Faculty member Maria Found

Imagine just five students attempting to perform all of Shakespeare’s plays in just 90 minutes – and the result? This irreverent, high-energy, fast-paced comedy full of puns, double meanings, and a great amount of silliness – in other words, a fun evening’s entertainment, even involving some audience participation. This production by Brewster’s acting students ran May 17-19 at the Rogers’ Building and appealed to all ages. The original script was written by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, and was London’s longest-running comedy, playing for 10 years at the Criterion Theater.

Cast members and juniors Amberlee Jones, Nik Krainchich, Alex Moulton, Alison Waldorf, and freshman Britannie Pierce have all been rehearsing since fall on this demanding script. All of the actors were onstage most of the time and the slapstick action was non-stop, with quick changes of costume consisting mostly of wigs and props such as swords, a butcher knife, and an occasional inflatable doll or baby carriage. In addition to the physical demands, the steady dialogue, at times a bit wacky, needed to be delivered at a quick pace, which made it hard to understand occasionally but the humor came through. “I’ve never had so much Shakespeare come at me so fast and furiously,” declared faculty member BG Hodges ’66 (Anne ’03, Sara ’07).

First was Romeo and Juliet performed by only two students. Waldorf played Romeo and the nurse; and first Pierce, then Moulton was Juliet, complete with dress and wig. Moulton has appeared in many Brewster productions, but this one showed off his comic talents and physicality at their best. He proceeded to play many female roles for the rest of the evening, always wearing the same dress, but changing his wig to suit the character. He is to be applauded for his unabashed willingness to play the fool onstage and for hamming it up so well.

Photos by Peggy Comeau
In a gruesome but funny bit, *Titus Andronicus* became a cooking show, complete with Moulton in chef’s hat, wielding a butcher knife and yelling “Bam!” as often as he could. Moulton was missing one hand and Waldorf was missing both of hers as well as her tongue but she didn’t miss a line.

In the rap version of *Othello*, Waldorf was the main rapper. She displayed a steady versatility in all her roles, quickly adapting to character after character, her face reflecting each personality’s thoughts on the frenzied goings-on around her. Like Moulton she cross-dressed, and played one absurd male lead after another, which showed off her energetic spirit. Waldorf’s sense of humor, though more subtle than Moulton’s, was evident through her characterizations.

Jones, Pierce, and Krainchich were just as energetic and goofy, constantly overacting and showing a side we haven’t seen before.

Explaining that all 17 of Shakespeare’s comedies were alike in that they repeated the same themes over and over, the cast revealed that all of the comedies would be performed as one, with Jones donning a Groucho Marx nose, glasses, and eyebrows; Waldorf, huge yellow eyeglasses, and Pierce, glasses with eyeballs that bounced around each time she moved.

The history plays were performed as a football game, with some characters running back and forth across the stage and some cheering on the sidelines. And the piece de résistance, *Hamlet*, was not only performed backwards, but performed three times, each time faster than the previous, in a hilarious bit at the end.

Much hard work and energy was invested in this production, and the result was an evening of laughter. Congratulations to director Dan Clay, the actors, and the crew.

Juliet believes Romeo to be dead and decides to kill herself with a knife. Moulton discovers it is a stage knife that folds, and in a funny bit, pokes it at himself, Romeo, and anything else he can find.

Waldorf and Pierce comically kill each other simultaneously in *Hamlet*.

Waldorf is the main rapper in *Othello*; in the background, Nik Krainchich provides the appropriate rap sound effects.
Community Service Projects

Service to Community and Beyond Begins at Brewster

One person organizing a meeting with their dorm or their club can have an impact on a local walking trail or on a child a world away.

Community life is an important part of the learning experience at Brewster, and Brewster’s idea of community and service to that community extends outside the classroom and even beyond campus. During the year, Brewster students offer their time and talents to touch the lives of individuals near and far. In the process of using their skills and talents to benefit those who need them the most, service to the community helps students develop leadership, time management, organizational, and other skills that benefit them in college and in life. Service also is a great way for students to explore possible career options while gaining practical experience, developing professional-level skills and contacts, and in some cases, putting classroom knowledge to the test.

In recent years all students were required to complete a specific number of hours of community service each year. To make service more meaningful for our students – instead of just an accumulation of hours – we moved to a project-based program in 2006, explained Jaime Laurent, director of residence life. “A project-based approach requires planning, action, and reflection and often is more meaningful because of the learning component for the students,” Laurent said.

In this issue of BrewsterConnections, we list examples – locally, nationally, and globally – of “communities” that were impacted by the services of Brewster students during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Additionally, Brewster students belong to and lead a number of service clubs that directly impact campus life. These include the Gold Key Society of tour guides, ambassadors to Brewster who create a lasting impression for visitors; Brewster Big Friends, a group of enthusiastic students who plan and organize creative activities for the campus’ youngest members, the children of faculty and staff; and the DJ Club, a group of students who provide music and entertainment at school-sponsored events.

Considering an independent school education?

Plan to join us at our fall Open House.

Brewster Academy Open House
October 20, 2007
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Questions? Call 603-569-7200
or e-mail denise_morrill@brewsteracademy.org

Members of Partners in Development with advisor Lisa Lassey
Local projects include Ability Plus Ski Program, Adopt A Highway, Adult Day Program (Huggins Hospital), athletic instruction to area youth sports programs, Bridge Falls Path, Kingswood Youth Center, Life Ministries Food Pantry, Meals On Wheels, Ossipee Dinner Bell, SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation for Wolfeboro.

Regionally/Nationally, projects involve the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, American Cancer Society Relay For Life, Boston Rescue Mission, Children’s Hospital Boston, David’s House (Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth), North American Food Drive, Rosie’s Place (Boston), The Jimmy Fund – Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Globally, projects include Camp Stone Civilian Aid Program (Afghanistan), Invisible Children (Uganda), Partners in Development (Haiti), UNICEF, and Save the Dwarf Minke Whales (Australia).

On Campus projects include Brewster Big Friends holiday parties, community haunted house, student phonathon for the Annual Fund, fall school-wide beautification, and math tutoring project.

“Relay For Life gave us the chance to see [cancer] through the eyes of people with cancer. We were tired from walking, but we knew we couldn’t quit because people with cancer can’t quit their struggle. We also had the financial support of people who supported us so we couldn’t let them down.”

Marlowe Appe ’10
2007 Relay For Life Participant
The varsity boys’ lacrosse team had another outstanding season in 2007, finishing with a 13-1 record and winning the Northern New England Lacrosse League (NNELL) title for the third straight year. Brewster went 6-1 in the NNELL with its only loss to rival Kimball Union Academy. With Brewster, Kimball Union, and Holderness all receiving only one loss within the league, all three teams will share the 2007 NNELL Championship – the first tri-champion status in many years.

The 2007 season marked the Bobcat’s second consecutive one-loss season, as they were 15-1 in 2006.

“After having such a great year last year, we knew we would have a bulls-eye on our chests this year,” said Head Coach Bill Lee. “Our team responded well to the pressure by playing at a high level throughout the season.”

Highlighted victories during the season included those over lacrosse powers Phillips Exeter (10-7), Northfield Mt. Hermon (14-13), Rivers School (17-9), and Holderness (10-8).

According to LaxPower ratings, the Bobcats were ranked fifth overall in New England and 52nd in the country.

The 2007 Bobcat squad included one All-American, Stephen Keogh ’07 (Toronto, Ontario), and six NNELL All-League selections. Damon Edwards ’08 (Scarborough, Ontario), Brendan Marlow ’07 (Weston, Massachusetts), and Robert Koger ’08 (Scarborough, Ontario) were named to the First All-Star Team, and Nate Billings ’08 (Woodstock, Vermont), Kevin Whelan ’08 (Topsfield, Massachusetts), and Dan Hutchins ’08 (Wolfeboro) were named to the Second All-Star Team. Additionally, Keogh and Marlow represented the Bobcats at the Senior East/West All-Star game in May. Keogh was named Most Valuable Player of the game and scored five goals for his team.

Robert Koger ’08 (#3) and Brendan Marlow ’07

Boys’ Varsity Tennis
Coaches’ Award
Teddy Mohlman

Girls’ Varsity Tennis
MVP
Jilli Squires
MIP
Ally Reiner
Coaches’ Award
Maria Schäfer

Boys’ Varsity Baseball
MVP
Tristan Thompson
MIP
Joe Beaulieu
Coaches’ Award
Eric Wasserson

Girls’ Varsity Softball
MVP
Teraysa White
Coaches’ Award
Maddy George

Boys’ Crew
MVP
Owen Dennis
Coaches’ Award
Connor Dunn
MIP
James Simoneau

Girls’ Crew
MVP
Kate Bueser
Coaches’ Award
Grace Apfeld
MIP
Kathryn Fox

Varsity Sailing
MVP
Brad Hoyt
MIP
Chris Cason
Coaches’ Award
Kittisak Siripollawat

Boys’ Varsity Lacrosse
MIP
John Conyers
Coaches’ Award
Rob Marshall
Coaches’ Award
Nate Billings

Girls’ Varsity Lacrosse
MVP
Jill Cameron
Coaches’ Award
Kelsey Glencross

Spring Athletic Awards
Bobcat Seniors Honored for Interscholastic Endeavors

In May, select seniors were honored for their consecutive participation in interscholastic sports while at Brewster.

The following students were honored for participating in 12 seasons of interscholastic athletics during their four years at Brewster – that’s a sports commitment every trimester while at Brewster or, in terms of mileage, that’s 6,743 miles (on average) that a 12-season athlete travels to and from games during his or her Brewster career.

12-Season Athletes
Paul Algate (Wolfeboro) soccer, Alpine ski, and tennis; Janna Ancil (Wolfeboro) field hockey, ice hockey, and lacrosse; Kate Buesser (Wolfeboro) field hockey, ice hockey, and crew; Hyun Ku Cho (Seoul, Korea) soccer, basketball, and tennis; Kim Cooper (Wolfeboro) soccer, ice hockey, and lacrosse; and Brendan Marlow (Weston, Massachusetts) soccer, ice hockey, and lacrosse.

Six-Season (or more) Athletes
The following students were honored for participating in six or more seasons of interscholastic athletics: Jennifer O’Leary (Grafton, Massachusetts) cross-country running, ice hockey, and softball; Elaine Fancy (Moncton, New Brunswick) soccer, basketball, and softball; Alyssa Hennigar (Windsor Junction, Nova Scotia) soccer, ice hockey, and crew; Derad Phillip (Lynn, Massachusetts) soccer, basketball, tennis; Jenn Clements (Wolfeboro) field hockey and lacrosse; Matt Fontaine (Wolfeboro) cross-country running, basketball, and lacrosse; Kelsey Kirker (Milton, Vermont) soccer, ice hockey, and tennis; Tara Mead (Bedford, New Hampshire) field hockey, ice hockey, and lacrosse; Jireh Billings (Woodstock, Vermont) soccer and lacrosse; Jill Campbell (Dartmouth, Nova Scotia) soccer, ice hockey, and lacrosse; Andy O’Brien (Wolfeboro) cross-country running, Alpine ski, and tennis; and Elizabeth Siracusa (Wolfeboro) field hockey and lacrosse.

Varsity Award Recipients
Students who participated in six or more seasons of interscholastic athletics at the varsity level received the Varsity Award. These students are:

Janna Ancil, Kate Buesser, Kim Cooper, and Brendan Marlow (12)
Jennifer O’Leary (10)
Elaine Fancy and Alyssa Hennigar (9)
Tara Mead (8)
Jenn Clements, Kelsey Kirker, and Matt Fontaine (7)
Jireh Billings, Jill Campbell, Andy O’Brien, and Elizabeth Siracusa (6)

Did You Know?
12 members of the Class of 2007 will play for Division 1 teams in 2007-2008

Spring Athletic Awards, continued

Junior Varsity
Boys’ JV Lacrosse
MVP Alex Moulton
MIP Rob Messinger
Coaches’ Award JC Buitrago

Boys’ 3rd Lacrosse
MVP Charles Dyche
Coaches Award Kanji Nada
Most Improved Josh Beckwith

Girls’ JV Lacrosse
MVP Barbara Armitington
MVP Aradith Peikin
MIP Kerry Mead

Boys’ JV Tennis
MVP Max Luckhardt
MIP David Chan
Coach’s Award Hyun Ku Cho

Girls’ JV Tennis
Coach’s Award Taylour Holden
Coach’s Award Denise Sprague
Coach’s Award Jenn White

JV Baseball
MVP Rob Pitt
Coaches’ Award YoYo Chien
Coaches’ Award Derek Senor

Photos by Phil Stiles
Alumni and Development Office Update

The Brewster Experience Isn’t Just for Students

After graduating from Brewster in 1980 like other alumni I found my connection to the school lessening as time passed. Several years ago, through the efforts of Brewster’s development team, I became reconnected. I was amazed to discover some of the great things happening at the school.

I am excited about the future of Brewster and the school’s direction under the leadership of Mike Cooper. I recently joined the board of trustees and have been asked to chair the development committee. As development chair I have learned how critical the Annual Fund is to the continued operation of Brewster. Tuition only covers about 75 percent of the cost of educating a Brewster student. The school depends on our support. Please join me and support the Annual Fund this year.

Beginning with this issue of Connections, Brewster alumni, current parents, alumni parents, and even grandparents will share their Brewster stories with you and why they have chosen to support Brewster Academy. I was able to attend Brewster as a day student because of scholarship support, so recently my wife Lani and I decided to fund a scholarship as a way of giving back and of providing the same opportunity that I had to a deserving student who hopes to attend Brewster.

Scholarship support and the Annual Fund are just two ways of supporting Brewster. There are a variety of other ways to be involved. I am in Wolfeboro through October and would enjoy talking with you about how you can make a difference at Brewster.

Best regards,

Peter Ford ’80
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Boston Museum of Science Reception

Thursday, May 10, 2007 – With the late-day sun reflecting off the Charles River, Brewster alumni, parents, alumni parents, trustees, and friends enjoyed the evening reception in the Museum’s Skyline Room. Head of School Mike Cooper and Director of Admission Lynne M. Palmer addressed the crowd, sharing campus news and taking questions from the audience. We were pleased to welcome a number of our new Brewster families as well – parents of newly accepted students who will be coming to Brewster in September.

Pat Keys (Matthew ’04); new Brewster parents Meredith and Peter Murphy (Jimmy ’11); Brewster’s Lynne Palmer (TJ ’08, Jessica ’09); and Michael Keys (Matthew ’04) with the Boston skyline behind them.
Alumni and Development Office Update

Palmer Moves Into Expanded Role

In her new role, Lynne will oversee the operations of the Admission, Development, and Communications Offices working with these teams to develop integrated strategies and focus Brewster's efforts on expanding the Academy’s outreach. This outreach includes listening to and learning from Brewster alumni, families, and friends about their experiences, beginning this summer with the undertaking of an extensive survey of Brewster alumni. Survey results will hopefully reveal the perceptions Brewster alumni have of their Brewster experiences, what they are looking for from their school, and the pride they share about their alma mater.

“I am excited about Lynne’s new role and expanded responsibilities and what she will bring to them,” said Cooper. “She has consistently demonstrated a clear understanding of how the school can capitalize on its assets to advance itself in the realm of admissions, and I am confident that she can take her experience, and prior background in development, to assist the school in achieving its ambitions in enrollment management, fund raising, marketing, and communications.”

Lynne’s husband TJ is a history teacher, coach, and former community life parent. Their children, TJ ’08 and Jessica ’09, are Brewster students and son Brady is in the eighth grade. They reside on campus.

“TJ and I have had a full and rewarding experience in our quick 20 years here,” Lynne said. “I am looking forward to the opportunity to help define how we keep our students and families connected to Brewster and ensuring that our alumni feel the most value and sense of pride in their continued relationship with Brewster.”

Mike Cooper recently announced that, effective July 1, Lynne Palmer would take on an expanded role as director of admission and external affairs.

Lynne has been a member of the Brewster community for 20 years. During this time she has worked primarily in the Development and Admission offices in various capacities including as acting director of development, as director of parent programs, as associate director of admission, and for the past nine years, as director of admission.

Alumni – We Need You!

Becoming a class agent at Brewster Academy is a wonderful way to help your school while maintaining contact with your old friends! We are actively recruiting Brewster alumni to become class agents. If you have any interest in this important volunteer role or would just like to know a little more about becoming a class agent and the other exciting volunteer opportunities at Brewster, please contact Martha Trepanier ’83 in the Alumni and Development Office at 603.569.7135 or by e-mail at Martha_Trepanier@brewsteracademy.org

I look forward to hearing from you!

Bob Bierweiler ’39 enjoyed his visit with Mike Cooper at the Museum of Science reception.
Reunion 2007
June 1-3

Friday Night:
Dinner and Party at Pinckney Boathouse

Reunion Weekend kicked off with a welcome-back reception and dinner at the Pinckney Boathouse on Friday evening. Alumni from the 1940s to the 2000s enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The Boathouse decks were filled with folks sharing stories and laughter as the sun set over Wolfeboro Bay.

Saturday:
Touring Campus

A good crowd turned out in front of the Academic building for the campus tours conducted by Liz Siracusa ’07, Matt Fontaine ’07, and Director of Admission Lynne Palmer (TJ ’08, Jess ’09). “The students gave a real sense of campus life today on their tours,” said Palmer. Siracusa reported, “They [the alumni] loved the Smith Center, and thought that Anderson Hall was a great addition to our campus!”

Brewster Today

In Anderson Hall following the tour, Mike Cooper presented “Brewster Today,” a state-of-the-school update of campus-planning initiatives. Some of these initiatives include accoustical, lighting, seating, and proscenium enhancements to Anderson Hall, and proposed on-campus tennis courts. “I enjoyed seeing the plans and pictures of what will be happening on campus,” said Jeanne (Gould) Morrison ’62.

Cruising on the Winnipesaukee Belle

Alumni of all ages (along with their families and friends) gathered at Wolfeboro’s town docks Saturday afternoon to take a chartered cruise aboard the Winnipesaukee Belle, a turn-of-the-century paddle boat that meandered along the coast on a two-hour trip to Alton Bay and back. Animated conversations and beautiful views of the surrounding mountains filled the afternoon.

Head of School Mike Cooper visits with Bruce Crowther ’64 at Friday evening’s dinner.

Diane Rogers Quayle ’56 and husband Bill Quayle at the Boathouse.


Photos by Craig Churchill, Peggy Comeau, and Martha Trepanier ’83

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The breeze off the lake was a welcome respite from the heat, and the boat’s canopy kept the occasional showers at bay. While disembarking, one young alumna was overheard saying, “I didn’t realize I’d have such a good time!”

10-Year Barbecue for the Class of 1997
More than 30 members of the Class of 1997 and various members of the faculty (past and present) braved the occasionally adverse weather and the ride in a Brewster bus down the narrow dirt road to the Palmers’ lakeside home for a barbecue on Saturday. The rain came often and hard but it didn’t stop everyone from catching up and enjoying each other’s company. Fortunately the sun came out briefly so we could snap a class photo. Thanks to all those who attended and a special thanks to Lynne and TJ Palmer, Topher Grace, and Gordon Kaywin for hosting the Class of 1997 Barbecue!

The Golden Bobcat Reception
The Class of 1957 celebrated their 50-year Reunion first with a get-together at Hall-of-Famer Dave and Ann Pollini’s home in Wolfeboro. The group then proceeded to Lord House for the annual Golden Bobcat Reception hosted by Mike and Andrea Cooper. Pop Whalen, another Brewster Hall-of-Famer – and long-time athletic director – also joined the reception. This event honors those who graduated 50 (or more) years ago. Mike Cooper presented each attending member of the class of 1957 with a certificate and 50-year pin.

Ed Davis, Amy Kimball ’82, Ed Sawin ’82, and Ed’s wife Kai enjoy cruising on the Winnipesaukee Belle.

More than 30 members of the Class of 1997 and various members of the faculty (past and present) attended a barbecue at the lakeside home of Lynne and TJ Palmer. Recognize any of these folks?

Rob Bayles ’73 relaxes on the Winnipesaukee Belle with twins Aaron and Zachary.
Saturday Night Banquet and Party

The Estabrook was filled with alumni and their partners, former and present faculty, and members of the staff on Saturday night, all celebrating the 2007 Reunion. During the reception, the sounds of laughter and warm, lively conversations rang through the hall as greetings were exchanged, friendships rekindled, and memories recalled.

Before the banquet began, Head of School Dr. Michael E. Cooper welcomed all the reunion classes and congratulated the class of 1957 on their 50th Reunion. He also acknowledged the oldest graduates in the room (1943 alumni Elna Bunker and Roger Thurrell), and mentioned that a member of the class of 1937 (Betty Kirkland Ferris) had been at the luncheon earlier that day. The youngest alum spotted on campus during the weekend was Brooke Lovett ’04. The alum that traveled the farthest was Ed Sawin ’82 who with his wife Kai traveled from Hawaii for his 25th Reunion.

Cooper also pointed out that there was a legacy family representing four generations of Brewster graduates in attendance – Michael Kupper ’92 and his mother Linda Stevens Roeder ’61. Roeder is the daughter of the late Olive Averill Stevens ’25, and Stevens is the daughter of the late Frances Hayden Averill Horn ’03.

Candace Crawshaw ’64, head of the Alumni Association, introduced herself, welcomed all the alumni, and thanked all those attending. Rev. Harry Widman (Sara ’76, Greg ’78, and Kristianne ’80) said grace and the dinner began, with non-stop conversations heard from all tables. After dessert, the class of 1997 went up to the mezzanine to watch their senior slide show – actually a video created by Topher Grace in his senior year. In spite of the lightening and thunderstorms later in the evening, alumni continued to linger over their conversations.
Labors of Love Online

This review of my previous column’s plea will be in a quiz form to see whether anyone actually bothers to read my introductions.

What did I beg you for?
Suggestions for future Hoopla columns.

What was the possibility I offered if no one sent suggestions?
I said that I’d try to get my good friend Bill Meehan ’92 to write more on his favorite subject: “The Excitement of Selling Life Insurance.”

For those long-time Hoopla readers, you may remember Bill taking me to task six or seven years ago, complaining of my glorifying those alums able to sail around the world backwards or climb every available peak or mound. He wanted me to focus on the working 9-to-5 alums. I challenged Bill to come up with an interesting piece on his occupation as a life insurance salesperson. I was quickly put in my place when I received his fascinating account, which I immediately published for all his soon-to-be fans. When I contacted him for another installment, I really didn’t expect to hear from him, but another impressive put-down reached me within minutes. I know Bill’s fans will be rooting for him, as well they should, when they read his account at the end of this column.

But first, back to my quiz.

What did I promise to focus on for this column?
Yep, here are write-ups on several young alums who have set up online entrepreneurial means of offering viewers forms of art, be it poetry, photography, or “life-like electronic sculptures.” These individuals were brave and contacted me by e-mail. If there are others of you who would like to be made rich and famous, just write!

Please contact me at my island e-mail address:

islesman@batelnet.bs. Or you can write me care of my mail-forwarding address:

Hoopes, P.M.B. # 100
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All best wishes, Matt Hoopes was a faculty member from 1975 to 1996. During this time he and his journalism students founded The Brewster Browser, the Outcroppings literary magazine, and the BAPA (Brewster Academy Photo/Address) book. Since his “retirement” from the classroom in 1996, Hoopes has worked as the Young Alumni Correspondent from his hilltop house in the Bahamas or from his island in Maine, helping to keep the alumni connection alive. In each issue he brings life-after-Brewster stories to the pages of his Hoopla column.
In his senior year Eric was put in charge of the school’s darkroom which in those days was buried in the basement of the Ac. He was also the trusted guardian of an expensive 8-inch Cassegrain telescope and on a bitter cold night in January, Eric was able to photograph an object that flashed out of the sky and crashed into a nearby ice-bound pond. Early the next morning Eric dragged his astronomy teacher to the scene of the extraterrestrial visitation, toting his camera and Geiger counter. The site was crowded with Civil Defense workers, TV crews, and police, but Eric talked his way in and sampled the soil with his Geiger counter, which ticked away noisily, revealing elevated radiation levels. Wolfeboro’s local newspaper, The Granite State News, came out the next day with a front page picture of Eric ... and, as they say, the rest is history!

Eric now lives in Santa Cruz, California, but before settling in Santa Cruz he lived in San Diego, where he discovered scuba diving and – wanting to take his camera with him everywhere – the beauty of underwater photography. He joined the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society and found a welcome connection between scuba, travel, and photography. According to his website, “Underwater photography is technically challenging and physically taxing – and altogether different from photography on land. ... The group provided a fertile environment where he was able to substantially improve his technical and artistic skills.”

In recent years Eric’s been drawn into digital photography and the ability to edit images digitally. While the process involves adding similar aesthetic value to his work, he uses tools and skills different from those in the conventional darkroom.

The move to Santa Cruz broadened Eric’s interests again – providing a variety of different photographic subjects ranging from redwood forests to ocean canyons. He continued to travel and dive, and his enthusiasm for terrestrial images was reinvigorated. His focus remains on the natural world.
In recent trips to the Caribbean and the South Pacific, Eric observed the decline in aquatic life caused by human influences, a decline that has been noted by photographers from around the world, he notes on his website.

Eric’s work has brought him valuable recognition. The image “Chrysaora Jellyfish, Monterey Bay” earned first place in a contest in Rodale’s Scuba Diving magazine as well as a live-aboard dive trip to Palau in the Pacific Ocean. Further positive feedback was provided by the New Orleans Aquarium when it purchased a jellyfish image for its permanent collection.

Eric wrote that there has been increasing interest in his photographs (Photo Researchers in New York have handled his best work for the past 10 years) and that brisk sales have earned him a semi-annual cup of coffee. When not revealing the mysteries of the natural world via his photography, Eric works in a northern California hospital, saving lives as a respiratory therapist.
“I doubt you’ll remember, but you gave us a weekend assignment of writing a poem in the spring of sophomore English.

“You gave the poem an A ... that encouragement was enough to fuel my desire, possibly for the rest of my life.”

It was my first attempt and I compared my mind’s bad thoughts to a garbage can I could empty at will. You gave the poem an A, not that it could have been that good, but that encouragement was enough to fuel my desire, possibly for the rest of my life. However, I’m too old now to believe that poetry will ever be a money-making venture, but I do believe it is vital to the world.

Four Corners has been published on an irregular schedule since the spring of 2004. It was something I’d always wanted to do, but never felt it possible until I began my MFA at the Bennington Writing Seminars at Bennington College. I met a number of other students who were beginning similar projects with a fair degree of success: one friend had been published (Billy Collins, U.S. Poet Laureate 2001-03) and another had a poem published in the annual Best American Poetry Series (Doubleday).

I was lucky enough to have a few well-known poets send me poems for my first issue: Charles Simic, a former teacher of mine at the University of New Hampshire, who won the Pulitzer in 1990 for his book, The World Doesn’t End, was kind enough to send a poem (which was later reprinted in his most recent book, My Noiseless Entourage) and agreed to a brief interview; and Ted Kooser contributed three poems prior to being appointed U.S. Poet Laureate a few months later. The current issue features poems by Jeanne Matie Beaumont, Jesse Lee Kercheval, and the Romanian poet Mircea Ivanescu, translated by Adam J. Sorkin, with an interview with Sorkin on translation.

I’m hoping to have the magazine on a regular bi-annual publication schedule from now on. As for the submission process, it’s really quite simple: those I choose to accept are notified six months in advance and paid with contributor’s copies. This practice is unfortunately common with literary journals, as virtually all lose money – but a few gain the support of their contributors. Those that I cannot accept are sometimes given a note of encouragement, but it’s simply impossible to personally reply to all the submissions. At the height of the season I can expect to receive anywhere from 10 to 30 submissions a week of about three to five poems each. I do my best to respond within two to three months. I once had some of my own poems in the mail for 10 years! The particular magazine I’d sent them to was known for taking its time. I’d totally forgotten all about them!

The quality of the submissions can range from the truly startling to the Hallmark card variety. If someone sends something with a copyright sign printed somewhere on the manuscript, it’s obvious they don’t know what they’re doing, as by law every writer owns the right to whatever they send out. I’ve received poems that were smudged, printed poorly, creased so often that it’s obvious they’ve been sent to several other magazines. Sometimes poems are accompanied by photography; one I recall was a picture of rotting fruit and vegetables!

Some poets are pretty damned strange, something I love! I’ve received free books in exchange for free copies of the magazine, free review copies of chapbooks, and poems printed on rainbow-colored stationery. The most bizarre submission came from a death-row inmate. It was hand-written, complete with a cover letter, explaining his situation. He was “an innocent man ... appealing his conviction,” who had published poems in a few small magazines and wanted to submit some for my consideration. I won’t identify him, but he was involved in a high-profile case in the early 1990s in which he and two other men were convicted of killing three children in a supposedly satanic ritual.
I’ve been in touch with Ken over the past several years, though he was at a clear disadvantage in our correspondence in that he had to decipher my sketchy handwriting. Ken moved west after college, and he now lives in San Francisco where he works for KQED, a public television and radio station – and for himself. His skills include web development, scripting, music, photography, and interactive media.

Ken writes that over the past few years “I’ve really rediscovered my inner nerd and have become a sort of electronic artist/tinkerer/or something-or-other.” While Ken did offer to try to describe what he’s actually been working on these past years, he suggested readers watch his interview (www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRovTa7GMig [or do a YouTube search for “Murphy”]), which shows one of the interesting creations he made after mentoring a robotics class.

Ken continued, “I’ve also managed to get a couple of articles published in Popular Science this past year. One article was about the ‘blinkybugs’ seen in my interview. I’ve also written a how to article showing the steps needed to convert an antique radio into an iPod amplifier (and, yes, I did receive hate mail from antique-radio aficionados.) And I’ve led a few workshops at some of the science museums around the city.”

Ken feels his “weird little hobby” has taken on a life of its own and that he’s just doing his best to enjoy life and to extend his adolescence well into his 30s!

I chose to reject his poems, which were not bad, but it seemed he was looking for political support, and I didn’t want the magazine to appear to have any political agenda.

As for my own poems, I have some in this spring’s Poetry East Magazine, which is published at DePaul University. I have an essay on the poets Jane Kenyon and Anna Akhmatova in the Associated Writing Program’s The Writer’s Chronicle. My poem “To the Man Renting Tuxedos” was published last year by Pudding House Publications as part of their “Give ‘em Shelter” Award Series. I’m presently working on my first full-length collection.

Here’s a poem I published a few years ago online. It’s the first poem I wrote that made any sense – if that makes any sense!”

Ken conducting a workshop on making “blinkybugs”
I made a reference to my friend Bill Meehan ’92 in my intro to last issue’s column and then sent him an e-mail, telling him to come up with chapter two of “Fun and Games Selling Life Insurance” in case I didn’t hear from anyone. Within minutes, I received the following with the note, “Hoopes, you ask, you get!”

Waltham Employee Helps Save Man From Drowning
By John Dube, web communications, Aetna Insurance Company Reprinted with permission

Events unfolded just before 1 p.m. on Dec. 21 when a two-car accident near Boston sent one of the vehicles hurtling down an embankment and into the Charles River. Bill Meehan and his wife were driving down Soldier’s Field Road when they came upon the accident scene no more than a couple of minutes after it happened. Meehan spotted the Honda SUV floating in the river, pulled off the road and ran down the riverbank.

The heavier front end of the car was beginning to dip below the surface and the driver appeared to be unresponsive. Three men had raced to the river’s edge and all dove in without hesitation.

Meehan, a seasoned triathlon (running, bicycling and swimming) athlete, was confident of his ability to reach the vehicle and driver. But, having grown up on the shores of New Hampshire’s Lake Winnipesaukee, Meehan knew well what frigid water could do to a body – and quickly.

When the three swimmers covered the 30 yards to the vehicle, they found the windows rolled up and the doors locked. They shouted to the driver to unlock the doors, but he still was not fully responsive.

One of the men then climbed over the top of the car and succeeded in popping open the vehicle’s tailgate. All three then moved inside the car, grabbed hold of the driver and pulled him out.

But they were not yet home free. The frigid water and desperate exertion had begun to take their toll, and the swimmers found they were suddenly extremely fatigued in deep water.

“The water was really cold, and at some point I couldn’t feel my hands any more,” Meehan said. “I started to lose steam. We were 30 yards out, but it seemed like 50 yards.”

Luckily, while the three men were working furiously to free the driver from the car, two police officers had jumped in the water, reaching the car shortly after the driver was freed. They took the victim off the hands of the weary rescuers and swam him back to shore. The car sank from view before they reached shore.

“There were three of us out there, but I don’t think we could have taken him in – we were that cold,” said Meehan. “The combination of all of us jumping in and the police taking over worked out perfectly.”

With a confluence of emergency personnel and media soon gathered on shore, Meehan and his wife were unable to leave the scene for more than an hour. Having taken time at lunch for an appointment, Meehan and his wife had to get back to work – but not before a detour home. “I took a shower, got changed and then went back to the office and did a rate renewal.”

At first, no one knew that Meehan’s day had been different from any other until a coworker asked why he was not dressed in his usual business attire. Another saw him on the news.

“He hadn’t told a soul,” said David Swords, Meehan’s supervisor. “He went back to his desk and was eating a sandwich. He’s truly a humble, decent kind of guy. Doing something for someone else comes naturally to him, so it really didn’t surprise me that he did this.”

Meehan’s coworkers were understandably proud of their colleague and offered heartfelt congratulations. They also managed to inject a little humor into what turned out to be a very long day. Meehan recalled one quip in particular. “Boy, you’ll do anything to hang onto a member.”

I really can’t wait to ask Bill for chapter three!

Catching Up With Bill Meehan ’92, Insurance Salesperson Extraordinaire
Tell Us How You’re Doing!

We want to know what you’re up to. Whether it’s a new address, a job change, a marriage, a new baby, or any other news you’d like to share with your classmates, please drop us a line (and/or a photo) and we’ll try to include it in the next BrewsterConnections.

Send your news to:
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or e-mail us at alumninews@brewsteracademy.org

Our Apologies:
BrewsterConnections inadvertently reported inaccurate information on Herb MacMartin ’47 in the Spring 2007 issue. We regret the error and apologize to Mr. MacMartin.

1937
Jane (Smith) Piltz writes, “Though our class was small, we are still ‘hale and hearty’. I keep in touch with my roommates of that era – Barbara (Spencer) Levesque ’36, Betty (Kirkland) Ferris, Jean (Wormood) Cross, and Marion (Gleason) Peterson. My two years at Brewster were the best ever with lots of memories. My sixth great grandchild was born in Texas last May.”

1945
Pat (Wilkinson) Catalfo enjoys traveling and spending time with her family and friends. She has three grandsons ages 32, 24, and 19. “They are a big part of my life.”

1946
Diana (Kirkpatrick) Johnson is selling pastel pet portraits and landscapes.

1948
Fernando “Nandy” Barsanti and his wife have been married 56 years. He’s looking forward to the 60th Reunion.

Galen Pierce and wife, Joan, have four children.

Catherine (Irish) Dillon and her husband have been living in Lewiston, Idaho. He is a retired social worker and works with different Indian tribes in the area. She is looking forward to the 60th Reunion.

1949
Nancy (Reissfelder) Hoppe, who lives in Largo, Florida, writes, “This past spring, while learning more about local politics and our democratic candidates, I became interested in a third candidate, Gigi (Virginia Brown) Arntzen, running for City Commission. It turns out that Gigi is a former resident of Wolfeboro, lived right across the street from Brewster, and attended the Academy her first year of high school (1963). Her parents, Ruth and Bob Brown, owned what was once the Wool Corner and her brother Jack lives in Tuftonboro and works in Wolfeboro. Gigi is a bright, talented, witty and extremely capable woman whom I was proud to support in her winning campaign! She gave me permission to tell her story and would like to hear from anyone who might remember her.”

1957
In rallying his classmates for their 50th reunion, Dave Pollini collected the following updates: Margery (Ter Weell) Gagne writes, “I’m no longer a Yankee! After living in New England for 60 years, Steve and I moved to Lexington, Virginia, two years ago. We love the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains. Hey classmates, come and visit!

Madelyn (Shannon) Todesco lives in Wolfeboro and worked with Dave Pollini in the Pro Shop at the local Kingswood Golf Club. Madelyn is retired but does some nursing care help for people in the area.

Leo Hurley and his wife have been working with antiques since leaving Brewster and have a shop on Route 1 in Hampton, New Hampshire.

Dave Pollini retired as PGA Professional from the Kingswood Golf Club after 38 years. He has since opened Dave’s PGA Golf Shop on Lehner St. (formally Factory St.). Dave and Ann’s son Jay was recently PGA Player of the Year in New Hampshire, and

Our Apologies: BrewsterConnections inadvertently reported inaccurate information on Herb MacMartin ’47 in the Spring 2007 issue. We regret the error and apologize to Mr. MacMartin.
works at Lake Winnipesaukee Golf Club in New Durham, New Hampshire. Daughter Susan (also a good golfer) works at the local Wolfeboro Falls Post Office.

Judy (Hart) Schuller is married to Peter, a college professor in Oxford, Ohio. Peter and Judy visited Wolfeboro and Brewster on their way to see Judy’s daughter in Maine.

David Ross and his wife Carol live in Naples, Florida. Dave retired from an investment firm in Naples and enjoys playing golf, and he and Carol love the Florida beaches.

Ronald Sinclair and his family live in Epsom, New Hampshire. Ronnie was a police officer in Concord, New Hampshire, for 13 years, followed by three years in Bow, New Hampshire, before working for 23 years as a security officer in the Concord courts.

Carolyn (Haskins) Roth and her husband Wayne live in the mountains of Boulder, Colorado, where Carolyn builds miniature doll houses.

Nancy (Goodwin) McKay has a large family with 12 children, 25 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Nancy owned Whites Edgewood Restaurant in Alton, New Hampshire, for 10 years. To escape the cold north winters, Nancy and husband Chuck travel the southern states in their motor home.

1959
Peggy (Reissfelder) Smith is retired from working as a CPA for New Hampshire’s department of education. She loves her home, which she shares with her longtime friend, Becky Smith, and three beautiful collies.

Jane (Clow) Smalley is busy hiking sections of the Appalachian Trail. She has completed 1,400 miles of the 2,175-mile trail. “This will be a 13-year project! I’m in my 10th year!” She travels frequently and has been cross-country skiing in Alaska and hiking in Greece and Switzerland. Smalley has three grandsons ages 2, 4, and 6, whom she sees weekly.

1960
Mike Linquata has lived in California since 1968. “I would like to see some of my old classmates. I saw Mike Capone two years ago after 45 years.”

1970
Carlos Noble is living in Coral Gables, Florida, with his wife and two children. Carlos is in the banking business and enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family.

1976
David Bergeron writes, “I’ve been living in Dallas for the last 20 years. Currently working in the mobility industry, selling driving aids for people with disabilities.”

1977
Rob Spano writes, “Still writing music, still selling insurance, still breathing! Best wishes to all!”

1978 30th Reunion!
Scott Mason writes, “All is well on Hampton Beach. I’m a single father of two great kids. My son will be off to college in the fall, and my daughter will be entering her senior year. I spend my free time fishing, kayaking, and seeking out adventure with an amazing girlfriend!”

1979
Terry Akins writes, “Things are status quo out here on the left coast. I am still selling television airtime to national advertisers, but I am a few weeks away from becoming a reserve deputy sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. We go through the same application process and background investigations as the full-time deputies (we just don’t get paid!). A great way to give back to the community! I have been working in the Academy for several months and when we graduate, I’ll be working patrol a few days a month in Compton, a very rough neighborhood!”

Terri Valliere writes, “I haven’t kept in touch with any of my classmates or teachers. I was in the south for many years but now am back in New England for a spell. I’m...
living in Portland, Maine, where I am the director of Inpatient Services for Crossroads for Women, Inc. I’m a clinical social worker, sometimes sailor, sometimes potter, spiritual seeker, avid hiker, aspiring weaver – and gratefully happy!”

1980

Jock Bradley writes that “Many years have gone by since last writing ... Brewster developed my photo-taking journey. For many years I have been a pro photographer living in New York City and the Pacific Northwest. My career has redefined itself over time, but traveling has always been central to its focus. My work can be found in most all of the major sports magazines these days along with a coffee table book called Torrent. Those of you in the medical business will likely see a recently-shot ad campaign for a new drug, Exforge. For the past two years I’ve been living in Hood River, Oregon, – one of my favorite places. Despite advice from my friends, I’ve embarked on building my first home. While frustrating in its demands, it is a creative extension for me. I invite you to contact me: jock@jockbradley.com or if you just want to look at some photos: www.jockbradley.com.

1981

Sam Kramer is finishing his sixth year with Alley Wheel Repair Specialists, a mobile repair business, and writes, “Took a week to heli-ski in Alaska this past February. They say Alaska has the best terrain in the world. I would not argue that, it was incredible. Dawn and I both made it back safely.”

1982

Dianne Adams lives in Malden, Massachusetts, and works in accounting for utility contractor R.J. Devereaux Corp. Her interests include travel and she writes: “I’ve made many friends around the world and enjoy visiting them! My trip to Jamaica was incredible. I stayed with a family in Kingston for 11 days and was taken to all 13 parishes, visited the Trelawny Yam Festival, and timed the trip to be able to catch “Carnival!” It was nice to experience the non-touristy side of Jamaica.”

Richard Beaupre writes: “I just go to work and play golf whenever I get the chance. My wife Joyce and I adopted our daughter, Inah Rose, 5 years ago from the Philippines. At age nine, she’s a lot of fun! Looking forward to seeing all!”

Robin (Chalmers) Mason lives in Bedford, Massachusetts with her husband Jerod and daughter Kayleigh, who was born in 2002. “I work on freelance projects that combine my writing, editing, and marketing skills.”

Greg Cote and wife Judy have three children: Thomas, 5, Natalie 3 1/2, and Sara, 1. They live in Groton, Massachusetts, and Greg is a system engineer. The former classmates he would most like to see back on campus are Tom Esty, Amy Kimball, and Paul Hyde.

Randall Elkin writes: “Life these days is filled with my wonderful family. Amanda and I have been married for almost five years and have Gabe, 2, and Adelaide, 4. We live in South Natick, Massachusetts, in an old farmhouse (1875) that we renovated. I started a family fitness business in a second location now so wish us luck! I must be insane taking on more, but it’s a fun business, and we’re trying to build our future.”

Greg Fallon writes: “Things here in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, are great. I have the two most wonderful children in the world – Tyler, 3 1/2, and Maggie, 2 – an adoring wife, Carin, and a beautiful home. I truly am a blessed man! I DO have a job in sales but when I’m not selling, I’m biking, running, skiing, and snowshoeing.”

Alice (Hali) Bell and husband Albert have 14-year-old twins, Victoria and Terrence, and Alice has a stepdaughter Tiffany, 25. They live in Jersey City, New Jersey, where Alice works for Jersey City Episcopal Community Development. She previously worked in telecommunications. She enjoys being an active parent in Little League.

Kevin Hampsey and wife Christine live in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, with Logan, 7, and their pets. Kevin enjoys golf, tennis, and baseball. His most enjoyable BA memories are baseball and cross-country.

Heidi (Hatfield) Starr writes: “I live in Dallas and am happily married with three children. I’m a retired ICU nurse and currently a full-time Mom! My hobbies involve the health club, Bible study, remodeling our house, and spending time with friends and family.”

Breckie Hayes-Snow and husband Rick live in Contoocook, New Hampshire, with their two children, Sarah, 8, and Arthur, 5. Breckie is a legal services attorney. She says, “Skiing is what we all look forward to the most, but we love the lake in the summer. Sarah is on the swim team, and Arthur has started hockey.”

Donald Hayward and wife Jennifer have two children, Jonathan, 25, and Jacob, 19, as well as three cats. They live in Union, New Hampshire, and Donald is the operations manager for Ossipee Aggregates. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping and recently returned from a trip to Florida.

Wendy (Myers) Logan lives in Middlebury, Connecticut, with husband Sean and sons Phillip, 15, and Andrew, 13. The boys are active in sports and music and are honor students.

Don O’Keefe lives in Nahant, Massachusetts, and is a probation officer in Lynn District Court in Lynn. He also is a real estate salesperson for Weston Associates in Boston. He enjoys golf and running.

Harold Parker works for U.S. Senator John Sununu handling homeland security, law enforcement, international relations (with a concentration on Canada), fire services, the
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Federal Election Commission, and state-federal relations. He loves his work, and although he has never married, works on keeping his girlfriend of 10 years happy. He is also the proud uncle of Gregory P. Parker, Brewster Class of 2006!

When Jay L. Sahagian of Marblehead, Massachusetts, wrote in this spring he and wife Rebecca were expecting their first child, a boy. Jay is the owner of The Barnacle Restaurant and is a commercial lobsterman.

Sandra (Smith) Naugler and husband Robert live in Newburyport, Massachusetts, with their parrot and two cats. She is currently a business owner.

Donna (Strodel) Aldridge and husband Brian live in Wheaton, Illinois, with their three children: Katherine, 13, Mary, 11, and Andrew, 8. Donna is a hospital ER social worker and homebound tutor. Previously she was a counselor/therapist, adoption social worker, and first grade teacher. Her hobbies include watching her kids play basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball, and her travels include visits with their families once a year.

Mireille Taft lives in Oklahoma City, works part time, and enjoys traveling, playing, taking photos for pleasure/hobby and has been taking ballroom dancing lessons for seven years. A devastating fire to her home last year was a bump in her road, but the home has been rebuilt and she is happy.

After graduating from Brewster, Alan Young joined the U.S. Army and went to Fort Benning, Georgia; PanMunJom, Korea; and finally in the 101st Airborne to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He attended UNH for electrical engineering and later attended Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord. He now lives in the San Francisco Bay area with wife Heather and three children: Winston, 14, Clayton, 11, and Grace, 7, and assorted pets. According to Alan, “Life is good.”

Katherine (Young) Williams worked for the Bank of Bermuda for 18 years but left in 2004 to spend more time with her family, which includes husband Nigel and their son, born in 1999, and their daughter, born in 2001. She writes, “We are living happily, healthy, (motorless!), and quietly in a small house along the water’s edge in Bermuda. We like going to the beach and swimming from our dock in the summer. The children keep me busy with school and their various activities. My husband has his own business selling and repairing lawn mowers, chain saws, trimmers, etc, which keeps him very busy.”

1983 25th Reunion!

Mary Ann Stewart moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, a year ago and is loving it. “I am very active in equal rights organizations and am enjoying taking care of my aging parents.”

1984

Bill Myers writes that after Brewster he graduated from Boston University and then went to Washington, D.C., to become a legislative director for a member of congress from North Carolina. He then married a woman from Colorado and moved to Denver to work on a senate campaign and is now assistant vice president of a major telecommunications company. He has two children, Liam, 10, and Chloe, 7. “My experience at Brewster was utterly transformative. I wouldn’t be where I am today had it not been for BA. I’d love to hear from alums in the Denver area and am enjoying taking care of my aging parents.”

1985

John V. Bolling writes, “We moved to Princeton New Jersey, from Michigan three years ago to take advantage of the culture and be close to family. I left the comfort of the corporate world to start a real estate investment company and a construction company. Both are a challenge and doing well.”

1986

Nina Assimakopoulos is a professor of flute at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She has released three solo CDs and a fourth is due out in fall 2007. Check out her website: www.ninaassimakopoulos.com.

Betsy (Lurie) Ross writes, “We welcomed our third child and second daughter, Isabella Aringdale Ross, to our family in February. Her brother Ben and sister Veronica are adjusting beautifully.”

1987

Heather (Monroe) Rohner writes, “Hi all! Let’s all meet at the 20th! Life’s been good and crazy ... I teach kindergarten at a private school that my three kids attend, and we opened a digital print shop in Chicago two years ago. Would love to hear from you ... heather@therohners.com. Peace!”

1988 20th Reunion!

Raychul Goldenberg-Bivens received a master’s in therapeutic recreation from Florida International University and then worked for 10+ years in acute, in-patient psychiatric hospitals as a recreational therapist and taught at a couple of universities. She says, “I moved a lot and got married on 9/11/01 ... long story. Jeff is in the Coast Guard. In 2004 I went back to school (more than) full-time and am currently pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology at the Virginia Consortium Program. I am finishing up my disertation and will graduate in August 2008. Can’t wait! ... it would be great to hear from Brewster buddies.”

Holly Sexton has relocated to Delray Beach, Florida, where she recently started a new job with John Hancock as a wholesaler covering
southeastern states. “The corporate office is in Boston so I assume I’ll be in New England a few times a year. Hope this note finds you all well. Hope to see you down here! Keep in touch!”

“behavior therapist” and in private practice in the evenings. ... my husband Sean and I ... are getting ready for a climbing trip to Moab, Utah. We invested in a ’87 Ford Econoline van. It’s a beast with solar panels. I spent the summer remodeling the interior to look like Mr. Roger’s neighbor, retro curtains, light blue walls, and wood floors. We have a blast traveling, learning to surf, and watching son Hamish live the life we have dreamed of.”

Courtney Christo writes, “I am currently running an afterschool program for girls. Louis and I are expecting our first child in August. I look forward to being a mom after working with children for all of these years! Living in Tennessee is quite different than New England, but we like the weather!”

1991

Randi Lewis has returned from living in Germany for six months. He would like to get in touch with Kim Terry from his Brewster years.

Susan (Aranosian) McTague writes, “Tom and I found and moved into our dream home in August, just before we had started planning for our move out west. I guess we are meant to stay here. Our home is a log cabin on five acres that abuts conservation land as well as cross-country and bicycle trails. If anyone ever passes through Concord (New Hampshire) look us up. I am currently getting certified to teach and in the fall will hopefully be at a new charter school.”

Heather Tarter writes, “All is well in Boston, best to Class of ‘91.”

1992

Curt Coleman lives in North Conway, New Hampshire, and writes “I’m an old married man of seven years with two little girls and a wonderful wife (has to be to put up with me)”

Stephanie (O’Connor) Leahey lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband Mark and one year-old daughter, Parker. “I keep in touch with Bill Meehan and speak with Laura Sills a few times a week.”

Nancy (Foster) Phelps is living in Massachusetts and working as a corporate staffing specialist for medical device manufacturer Boston Scientific.

1993

Mark Carlson writes, “Not much new with me, just still working for Fidelity Investments, and I live on Beacon Hill. Life is good. Talked with Jason Reaume and he’s well.”

When Kris (Druffner) Gottlieb wrote in at the beginning of the year, she was six months pregnant with her second child, a girl, who will join brother Dylan, then 14-months. “My
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husband and I are building a new house on our property and looking forward to moving in sometime at the end of the summer. Still loving life in the Maine woods and enjoying the ride as parents!”

*Sara (Berger) Rosenbaum* is now living in Chicago after three years in Boston. She and her husband welcomed a baby boy, Max, last October. She writes, “I am in the process of opening a pharmacy with my father as well as a tanning business, so things are going well. I reconnected with *Sarah Turco.*”

*Elizabeth (Palmer) Traverso* is expecting a baby in September. “We are so excited. We are looking forward to my 15-year reunion in 2008! Hope to see many of you there!”

1994

Andrew Ninios ran in the Miami Marathon in January. “I helped raise $2,700, and contributed as well, for AIDS patients in the Washington, D.C., area looking to continue running.” He is a conference coordinator for a government contractor in Landover, Maryland. “I provide all the logistics for conferences the State Department sponsors. It’s a great job and has good potential. I love my life here in D.C. and the tri-state area. Looking forward to the 2009 Reunion.”

1995

Eric Goddard married Alice in August 2006 and moved from Hampton, New Hampshire, to South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and into a new home in May. He is a merchant mariner on a gasoline tanker, and Alice is a school teacher in Fall River. “Life is good! *Zack Champa* where are you?”

Will Simon writes, “My job is taking us to Atlanta. Meghan will be working at Emory Hospital. We cannot wait to get settled. We are very excited! We will miss Cleveland, but not the winter weather! Our door is always open to anyone passing through. Stay in touch!”

1997

Myles Price graduated from New York University in 2002 and received his Master of Fine Arts in film and cinematography from the University of Southern California last year.

Rebekah Seaman writes “I know, shocking to many of you ... I’m crafty! I’ve crafted

**Faces at Commencement**

Again this year, many recent alums and former faculty returned to campus to watch their siblings, friends, or former students graduate. Among the alumni seen in the crowd (some of whom traveled pretty far to get back to Wolfeboro) were: Andrew April, Elizabeth Bennett, Rachel Berman, Kyle Berns, Chris Berry, Joe Bonner, Chris Brown, Collin Buesser, Austin Burrows, Katie Carrigan, Jess Clements, Dan Cooper, Michael Cortese, Nikeiva Crawford, Kris Clement, Nick DeZenko, Lambert DeGanay, Molly Dorko, Weyinmi Efejuku, Melissa Fortin, Bri Gatta, JR Gaudet, Kevin Gilroy, Brian Giroux, Anne Hodges, Rachael Jeffers, Adam Korpusik, Ginger Leib, Winnie Lin, Alex Link, Matt Lopes, Stephen Lopez, Ben Lord, Maggie MacDonald, Mike McGivern, Michael Milone, Mike Morancy, Scott Morgan, Tori Neal, Lucas Pelz, Greg Pimentel, Jacob Podhurst, Ali Rheault, Will Riley, Kristina Roberts, Curran Robinette, Zach Ross, Ian Ryan, Weston Sager, Mary Seaman, Ruarri Serpa, Jeff Shilo, Megeen Simoneau, Ollie Tombeno, Phil Tuttle, Patrick Villaume, Erin Wadlinger, Gretchen Wattendorf, Maggie Weeks, and Will White.

Former faculty included Pam and John Bishop (and their daughter Grace), Matt Hoopes, Tim Kendrick, Doug Kolpak, Peggy Comeau, and John Bishop.

Classmates from 2005 Nikeiva Crawford, Wan-Yi (Winnie) Lin, and Rachael Jeffers met up at the 2007 Commencement ceremony.

Rene Lemieux, Donna (Serpa) Maguire, Shirley and Bob Richardson, and Chris Vivier.

Former Headmaster (and faculty member) David M. Smith and former Associate Director of Admission Sheila Smith were also in attendance.”
away these cold winter months so check out www.rls2131.etsy.com. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rebekah!

Breanne (Lowery) Vasquez was unable to make it to her 10-year reunion. Her husband Paul is currently deployed to Iraq, and they are stationed at Ft Hood, Texas. Breanne is a stay-at-home mom to Isabel, almost two.

1998  
Megan Connell Blanton is in graduate school at the American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University in Hawaii. She was selected for a full scholarship from the U.S. Army, and upon graduation, she will be a psychologist in the Army. “I’m very excited about this because it’s a very competitive program. I’m living in Alohá for the next few years and then off to wherever the Army sends me or the Navy sends my husband.”

Andy Davis married Amanda in March in the Virgin Islands. They bought a house in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and are doing very well.

Griffin Guess married Marisa Miller in April 2006, and they live in Malibu and Santa Cruz, California. He writes “My companies and work have really taken shape. I have three companies that operate full time that are creative service companies that do production/post and one management decision that manages recording artists. It is very cool. I am loving it and being able to work with some of the most creative people ever!” Check out Griffin at www.cartel-management.com.

1999  
Bridgitt Anderson writes “I have been accepted, with a full scholarship, to Valpo Law in Valparaiso, Indiana, and I will be starting this fall. I anticipate pursuing entertainment and real estate law.”

Courtney Hoffman writes that she is working as a consultant for BAE Systems and was getting married in July.

Leila Saliba ’99 was planning to be a bridesmaid and Josh Hoffman ’98 a groomsman.

2000  
Michelle Bradbury recently got engaged and is planning an August 2008 wedding.

Tim MacIntosh married Julia Coquillette in January. “Peter Marfione ’99 was a groomsman, and Meg Apostolec Figlioli and husband Tim were in attendance. My wife and I bought a house in Derry, New Hampshire, where we live with our two dogs.”

Abi Putnam writes “I’ll be starting law school in the fall – just not sure where yet.”

Blair Pyne moved to the Houston area of Texas where he is working for Kirby Inland Marine, an inland marine towing company. “I am adjusting to the new surroundings and liking it so far.”

2001  
Trey Avery graduated from Western Washington University in 2005 with a degree in American cultural studies and moved to New York to pursue a job with a non-profit organization. “I’m currently living in Brooklyn and working for a higher education consulting company. One of these years I will make it back to Wolfeboro for a reunion! Until then, I would love to connect with classmates visiting the city.”

Paul Fallon moved to New York City for a sales position with MessageLabs, providers of security, control, and archiving for messaging communication.

David Stentiford writes, “I am an editorial assistant for the High Desert Journal, a literary and visual arts magazine focusing on the interior West. I will be attending grad school this fall, in Reno, Nevada, for a master’s in English. My emphasis is literature and the environment.”

Katie Thorton is living in Paris and working on her master’s in literature. She works for IES Paris, a study-abroad company, and spent time this summer in the south of France running an IES program.

2002  
Dominique Aubry is working on her master’s in education policy at the University of Pennsylvania. “I started my own company, Beyond Expectations LLC. Looking for work and buying some property.”

Jess Clements graduated from Bridgewater State College in January with a degree in science and a concentration in aviation. While in college she earned her private and commercial pilot’s licenses, as well as her
instrument rating. When she wrote this, she was a few hours shy of getting her certified flight instructor’s rating and was hoping to instruct out of Laconia Airport this summer.

2003
Kate Considine writes, “I will be graduating from the University of Connecticut in May with a degree in political science, and I plan to start nursing school in a year. I’ll be in Boston this summer, so look me up!”

Sara Fernald writes, “I’m living back home working as a nanny for a 10-month-old and taking online classes. Went to Africa last summer for volunteer work and on safari. Hope everyone is well.”

Kristen Leone writes, “Now that school is over and I am temporarily free from responsibilities, I will be backpacking Europe over the next few months. While abroad I will be visiting Laura Guerin in London.”

Darin Levesque is in the Marines and has served in Iraq.

Josh Natella wrote in the spring that he was finishing up at the University of Miami as a computer science major.

Joe Rizzo wrote that he was eager to finish his last college semester and graduate with a marketing degree from the University of Delaware. He has been interning with AstraZeneca pharmaceutilicals.

Dan Slipp wrote from Finland earlier this year. “I am in the second semester of an international business program in Lappeenranta, Finland. I was able to watch the IIHF World Junior Hockey tournament in Sweden over the Christmas break with my brother. Canada beat Russia in the finals to win gold. I am going to Russia, Latvia, and Lithuania this month to see the sights. I have one year to go before I graduate from Saint Mary’s with a major in finance.”

2004
Colin Ayer is working on degrees in public administration and political science at the University of Maine. “I have been working as a firefighter/EMT, which I enjoy tremendously and plan on attending paramedic school once I finish up with college. Hope all is well with everyone! Keep in touch.”

Jaime Foster sang the role of Figaro in Hofstra University’s production of The Marriage of Figaro (January 2007) where he is majoring in music merchandising. This summer he is attending the New York Opera Studio Summer Workshop at Vassar College.

Kendra Moulton is studying business at American University. She spent a term studying at the University of Auckland in New Zealand and was having fun and meeting great people.

Alex Russell writes, “Loving the University of Denver, majoring in marketing and communications, member of Delta Gamma sorority, and skiing every chance I get!”

2005
Rachael Jeffers plans to study abroad in London in the fall. She’s been enjoying the warmer North Carolina weather at Guilford College and is back on the Brewster campus for the summer working in the Summer Programs Office.

Katie O’Connell has a double major in psychology and Spanish at Clark University. She is also playing soccer on the women’s team and is a member of the University’s a cappella group. She enjoyed spring break in Costa Rica as a volunteer.

Curran Robinette transferred back to Western State College of Colorado for his junior year, where he is enjoying skiing and backcountry exploring in his Jeep.

Christina Strong just finished her sophomore year at St. Lawrence University. “Fall of ’06 was a very busy time with rushing and pledging – I am a sister of Delta Delta Delta, living in the house and serve as our secretary. My major is now communication studies, and I look forward to a semester abroad in London next year.”

2006
Alex Turrentine is enjoying Chicago and history and politics classes at Lake Forest College. He is in the film club and playing some soccer and would love to hear from classmates.
A Generous Welcome

Alumnus Alexis Pappas ’88 of Ipswich Shellfish in Massachusetts welcomed the Class of 2007 into the Brewster Academy Alumni Association in style by sponsoring a New England Lobsterbake. Seniors and postgraduates enjoyed this delicious feast on a warm, sunny evening in May at the Pinckney Boathouse. Representatives of the Alumni Office were on hand to encourage the school’s youngest alumni (almost) to stay connected with one another and the greater Brewster family.

Attending events and receptions and keeping the office up to date with e-mail addresses and professional information allows for a variety of networking opportunities, such as connecting with past alumni on college information, internships, and career opportunities.
**Howard G. Kramer ’32**

Howard G. Kramer, 92, of Wolfeboro, died February 15 at Sawtelle Hospice House in Reading, Mass.

Born in Quincy, Mass., he was educated at Brewster and the University of New Hampshire. He worked as a salesman for the Hanson Box and Lumber Company in Wakefield, Mass., and lived in Reading for 30 years prior to his retirement. In 2005 he moved to Wolfeboro from Yarmouthport, Mass.

Kramer had an extensive woodworking shop and turned out hundreds of wooden birdhouses, birdfeeders, whirligigs, and assorted items that grace the yards and gardens of homes all over New England. He was noted for his competitive spirit and love of sports. An avid golfer late into his 80s, he reveled in teaching the game to anyone with the gumption to take him on. He was a great Red Sox fan and enjoyed playing cards and bingo. While at the Sugar Hill retirement community in Wolfeboro he organized several game days, sparking interest in others for cribbage, bridge, bingo, ping pong, and pool.

Kramer was a generous, helpful man who delivered Meals on Wheels to the “old folks” until he was 85 and still drove the “elderly” to appointments and shopping until last year.

Kramer was the beloved husband of the late Ruth (Smith) Kramer. He is survived by Nancy Taylor Neilson and her husband Stuart of Wolfeboro; Gretchen Morse and her husband Ned of Newton, Mass.

Kramer was the brother of the late Grant Kramer ’29 of Ossipee, N.H., and is survived by his sister-in-law Beryl Kramer ’29. He was the brother-in-law of the late Lloyd E. Smith and the late Paul Smith of Ossipee and is survived by his sister-in-law Ruth Smith of Hilton Head, S.C. He also is survived by six nephews.

A memorial service was held in the spring in Ossipee. Donations may be made in Kramer’s memory to the VNA of Middlesex-East Sawtelle Hospice House, 320 Haverhill Street, Reading, MA 01867.

**Christine (Flanders) Wilkes ’34**

Christine Flanders Wilkes, 92, passed away on April 7 at the Laurel Center, Genesis Nursing Home in Bedford, N.H. She was born in June 1914 in Gilford, N.H., the daughter of the late Clinton Arthur Flanders and Olive (Willard) Flanders.

Wilkes had lived in Wolfeboro for most of her life and was a graduate of Brewster, class of 1934. She had worked at Malone Knitting Company and other local businesses in Wolfeboro. Wilkes could always be seen walking in town. She enjoyed cooking and baking, as well as crocheting doilies for whomever she thought would enjoy them.

Wilkes was active in the Harriman-Hale Auxiliary in Wolfeboro and also the Rebekahs. She was predeceased by her husbands, Robert Rollins ’30 and Ernest Wilkes ’29. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Manson ’57, of Manchester, N.H.; a son, William Rollins ’64 and his wife Jackie ’64 of Melvin Village, N.H.; her stepsons, Richard Wilkes ’54, of Gainesville, Fla., and Stephen Wilkes ’58 and Michael Wilkes, both of Wolfeboro. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Christopher Manson and his wife Terry of Bedford, N.H.; Suzanne Leblanc of Canterbury, N.H.; Steven Manson of Manchester, N.H.; Andrea Capron and her husband David...

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of Ossipee, N.H., and Matthew Rollins of Melvin Village, N.H.; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Forest Flanders of Littleton, N.H., a sister, Phyllis York of Wolfeboro; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was scheduled for the spring. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Legion Harriman-Hale Post 18 Auxiliary, P.O. Box 386, Wolfeboro, Falls, NH 03896.

Robert F. Thurrell Jr. ‘38
Robert F. (Bob) Thurrell Jr., 86, died March 22 in Venice, Fla.

He was born October 11, 1920, in Milwaukee and grew up in Wolfeboro. Thurrell graduated from Harvard University in 1942, served as a Navy officer in photo reconnaissance in the Pacific Theater, and after World War II, worked as a geologist for several companies in Denver and Washington, D.C. In 1960, he became the general director of corporate benefits for John Hancock Life Insurance Company and retired in 1984.

He attended the Venice United Church of Christ and served in many capacities there as well as at the Wellesley Hills United Church of Christ. His passion was playing duplicate bridge. He became a senior life master in 1967, taught bridge aboard ship on 53 cruises, played several times a week at the Venice Duplicate Bridge Club, and in Wolfeboro and the Weirs during the summer. He was active in Lions Club International for more than 50 years and received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for humanitarian service. He loved music and served on The Venice Symphony Board of Directors. He also volunteered for the Tidewell Hospice Group in Venice and was a member of the Harvard Club of Sarasota and the Venice Stamp Club.

He was predeceased by two wives, Constance (Connee) Smith and Patricia (Pat) Booth. He is survived by two daughters, Margaret (Peg) Nichols of Freedom, N.H., and Melbourne Beach, Fl., and Nancy Thurrell of Meredith, N.H.; two sons, Robert (Bob) Thurrell of Pownal, Maine, and Peter Thurrell of Auroville, India; two brothers, Lawrence (Larry) Thurrell ‘54 of Wolfeboro and Hockessin, Del., and Roger Thurrell ‘43 of Conway, N.H.; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Venice United Church of Christ in April. Memorial donations may be made to the Endowment Fund of the Venice United Church of Christ, 620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice, FL 34293, or the charity of your choice.

Edward B. MacMartin ’39
Edward Burton MacMartin, 86, of Wolfeboro, died March 16 at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro.

He was born in Boston in January 1921, the son of the late Reverend John E. and Ruth (Batchelder) MacMartin. He grew up in Wolfeboro.

During World War II he served his country with the U.S. Navy. After his discharge from the Navy he moved to Boston, where he met his wife. For most of his adult life he lived in Melrose, Mass., moving back to Wolfeboro 23 years ago.

While living in Massachusetts, he worked in maintenance for the Melrose First Congregational Church, the Malden Universalist Church, and for SH McCartney’s Garage in Cambridge. In Wolfeboro, he also worked in maintenance for the Wolfeboro First Congregational Church, the Wolfeboro Library, and the Christian Science Reading Room. He was a member of the Wolfeboro Congregational Church.

Survivors include his wife Glenna (Scott) MacMartin of Wolfeboro; three sons, Bryan S. MacMartin of Woonsocket, R.I., Douglas E. MacMartin of Dry Ridge, Ky., and Paul A. MacMartin of Salem, N.H.; a daughter, Deborah R. MacMartin of Plymouth, Mass.; a brother, Herbert C. MacMartin ‘47 of Wolfeboro; a sister, Marion P. MacMartin ‘36 of Seattle; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers Warren MacMartin ’40, Donald MacMartin ’42, and David MacMartin ’45.

A graveside service was held at Lakeview Cemetery in Wolfeboro. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116.

Richard L. Pascoe ‘40
Richard L. Pascoe, 85, passed away May 4 at his home in Ossipee, N.H.

He was born in 1922, the son of the late William H. and Agnes (Page) Pascoe of West Ossipee.

Pascoe attended Brewster and in 1941 joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He served as a fighter pilot overseas in Europe until 1946. He later graduated from the Aeronautical University in Chicago and worked as a civilian flight instructor for the U.S. Air Force for several years before moving to Freedom, N.H. Pascoe and his wife Nancy built and operated Shawtown Campground in Freedom for 23 years.

He enjoyed and will be remembered for doing aerobatics in his airplane over Freedom and Ossipee for many years. He also enjoyed deer hunting, smelting,
and traveling with his wife, as well as spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nancy (Knowlton) Pascoe, of West Ossipee; a son, Steven Pascoe and his wife Suzanne, of Amherst, N.H.; his daughters Susan Noreen and her husband Scott of Gunnison, Colo., and Sally Cooper and her husband Barry of Boxford, Mass.; seven grandchildren, Kimberly Pascoe-Mineo, Sean Pascoe, Brittany Pascoe, Kevin Noreen, Jennie Noreen, Ross Cooper, and Jeff Cooper. He was predeceased by his brother Harry Pascoe and his sisters Dorothy Thurrell and Geraldine Courtney.

Private graveside services were held in the Lakeview Cemetery in Freedom. Donations in his memory may be made to the West Ossipee Fire and Rescue Department, West Ossipee, N.H, 03890 or the Freedom Fire and Rescue Department, Freedom, N.H. 03836.

Jeanette E. Hurd ‘46

Jeanette E. (Morgan) Hurd, 78, of Newburyport, Mass., died February 5 at Country Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Newburyport. She was the beloved wife of the late William R. Hurd Sr.

Born in Wolfeboro in March 1928, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Doris (Ayers) Morgan. Hurd was a graduate of Brewster and had worked as a fancy stitcher in area shoe shops. Gifted with the ability to create fine handiwork, she was well known for her award-winning crocheting.

Survivors include her two sons, Bruce Hurd and wife Joyce of West Newbury, Mass., and Robert Hurd and wife Faye of Rio Rancho, N.M.; grandchildren David Hurd of New Mexico, Keith Hurd, serving with the U.S. Navy stationed in the Middle East, Neil Hurd and wife Farrah of New Mexico, Heather Hurd of New Mexico, Bridget Hurd of Massachusetts, and William J. Hurd of Massachusetts; one great-granddaughter, Hannah Hurd of Rio Rancho; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, William R. Hurd Jr.

Interment was at Belleville Cemetery in Newburyport. Donations in her memory may be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Margaret M. Valley ‘49

Margaret (Maggie) (Abbott) Valley, 75, died March 22 in Fort Worth, Texas, after a long fight with Alzheimer’s disease.

She was born in Wolfeboro to Tracy ‘19 and Luisa (King) ‘08 Abbott in November 1931. She graduated from Carpenter School and then Brewster Academy in 1949.

Valley was married to Henry (Joe) Valley from 1952 until his death in 1989. A devoted wife and mother, she loved people, dancing, laughing, children, and “chewin’ the fat.”

Active in the town, Valley was recognized as Wolfeboro’s Citizen of the Year in 1996 for her contributions to Wolfeboro and its citizens. She was frequently seen around town, at the post office, in the stores, at the polls on Election Day, and with the fire department in times of need. Valley worked at the telegraph office, the A&P grocery store, Samahas, and the Kingswood Golf Club and had several self-employed endeavors with her husband that included Valley’s Esso Station, Valley’s Taxi, and Valley’s Golf Carts.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 64 years. She and Joe spent countless hours placing flags on the graves of veterans in the Wolfeboro area prior to each Memorial Day.
Valley lived 70 of her 75 years in Wolfeboro and was predeceased by her husband and parents. She is survived by her son Phillip Valley, his wife Diane, and granddaughter Jessica Valley of Fort Worth, Texas; daughter Joanalee Dagnino (Sis) ’64 of Las Vegas; and several extended family members.

A memorial service in Wolfeboro was planned for late spring or early summer. Memorial contributions may be made to one of the following organizations: American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 18, P.O. Box 386, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896; Fireman’s Relief Association, P.O. Box 1014, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; or Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633.

Hercules Harris ‘54

Hercules Harris, 79, died February 27 at the Country Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Born in Salem, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Frank and Georgia (Smyrnios) Harris. He lived in Peabody for most of his life and graduated from Peabody High School in 1947. He also graduated from Brewster in 1954 and then attended The Ohio State University where he played football under coach Woody Hayes.

He was a self-employed businessman and a veteran of the Korean War, with service in the U.S. Army, and enjoyed being stationed in Alaska. Athletically gifted, Harris was a top boxer with the All Army Boxing Team and played on the All Army Football Team. He was an outdoorsman, an avid sports fan, and enjoyed horse racing, golf, and travel – especially to Las Vegas and the Foxwoods Resort Casino. He was devoted to his family and basked in the glow of social gatherings with friends and family, and he especially loved his young grandchildren.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Harris Barnes and husband Robert of West Newbury, Mass; two grandchildren, Andrew Barnes and Stacey Malo; two great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Stella Harris of Peabody; a niece, Georgia Harris, and nephew, Charles Maihos, and several other nieces and nephews. He was the former husband of Patricia (Cody) Harris of Peabody. He was preceded in death by brothers Nicholas Harris and Christo Harris, a sister Mary Psuik, and aunts Helena Maihos and Frances Speleakos.

Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Peabody. Memorial donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

Richard Malatesta ‘62

Richard D. Malatesta, 64, died in January at his home in Medford, Mass.

Born in Boston, he was raised in Arlington, Mass., where he lived for 20 years. He then spent four decades in Winchester, Mass., and the past four years in Medford.

Malatesta was a 1962 graduate of Brewster. He also attended Norwich University. During the Vietnam War, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He owned Chase Medical in Medford.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Susan (Abbott); a son, Matthew D. Malatesta of New York; a daughter, Rebecca C. Horrigan of Maine; two brothers, Phillip and Paul, both of Arlington; and two grandchildren.

Burial was private.
The resignation of Principal Walter G. Greenall in August of 1942, just nine months following the attack at Pearl Harbor, was a concern to Brewster’s trustees who had been struggling to balance finances throughout the Depression. There were justified fears that the war would result in a reduced enrollment at the school. The problems caused by rationing, a depleted U.S. labor force, and a scarcity of materials were also of concern. Wartime inflation, with rising costs in food, coal, gasoline, and labor would cripple any school budget plan. But there lurked a greater fear – how anxieties about the war would affect students who were facing the uncertainties of what the future would bring.

Vincent David Rogers Comes to Brewster

With the opening of school scheduled for the first week of September 1942, the board only had a few weeks to choose a new principal. Applications arrived from many candidates, all of whom were well qualified. Many factors were considered in choosing Vincent David Rogers.

Rogers was a former student at Brewster Academy who transferred to Phillips Andover Academy for his junior and senior years and then went to the University of New Hampshire where he lettered in a variety of sports. After two years, he transferred to Dartmouth College and continued his interest in athletics. After graduation, he taught in Barre, Vermont, for two years, and then at Manchester (N.H.) Central High School from 1926 to 1942. Rogers received high praise from the principal there for his dependability and his ability to analyze youngsters and handle difficult cases in a very diplomatic way. “He knew when to put pressure on, and when to give a boy a pat on the back … I hate to lose him, but I like to see a good man get ahead.” (Granite State News, 9/25/42)

Another side of Rogers caught the eye of board executive committee member Judge William Britton. Rogers’ love of farming would help the school during wartime. He had taken some courses in poultry and animal husbandry at UNH, which helped with the planting of the apple orchard behind Lord House and the raising of poultry and eggs. One of his first suggestions to the executive committee was to develop an agriculture program that would supply the needs of the dining hall and teach students farming practices. (Principal’s Report Fall, 1942) Rogers built a large chicken coop in the Haines House barn (now the Climbing Barn) using wood from the old toboggan slide, which had gone down to the lake near Brown Hall. (Granite State News, 9/25/42)

It is obvious that the tall and trim Rogers loved athletics. He had coached a wide variety of sports during his career and had the ability to spot good coaching. He entertained strong opinions regarding the role of physical education in the development of youth, and these ideas would be used as guidelines in the future curriculum planning for the school.

One of his first tasks during the fall of 1942 was to convert the tennis courts to basketball courts and get together a group to play. Rogers clearly saw the need for a gymnasium and made his thoughts known to the board in one of his reports to them. (Principal’s Report, Oct. 1942)

The War Affects Enrollment

Enrollment figures for the first two years of the war were bleak and telling. In 1942, out of a total enrollment of 160, 19 students left during the year – one senior, three juniors, four sophomores, and 11 freshmen. While only three boys decided to enlist in the service, eight lost interest in schoolwork and eight changed residency, probably following their families to better wartime employment.

The administration noticed that many boys did not arrive on time for school opening because they were needed to help bring in the fall harvest, so the formal opening was delayed a week.

There were only five boys and six girls as boarding students;
arrangements were made to place the boys in Estabrook and the girls in Kimball House. From 1942 to 1945, female students were in the majority at Brewster.

Facing Uncertain Times
Maintaining a full teaching staff was a continuous problem for the board and the principal. Male teachers were continually leaving for the armed services. Women teachers often felt that their help was needed more elsewhere, in wartime production. Rogers had to depend on older men and women to serve as teachers, but this proved difficult when they were asked to perform multiple tasks such as coaching, directing plays, and planning weekend activities. He soon found himself coaching the baseball team and acting as intramural basketball coach.

Burtis Vaughan was a fine young teacher who was hired after completing his master’s degree in education at Columbia University to instruct Latin, English, and manage the Glee Club and the midget football team. Vaughan was soon told to report to the Navy’s officer’s candidate school, however. He returned to Brewster at the end of the war two years later.

The war brought rationing of both food and fuel. Since teachers who lived on campus were permitted to take all of their meals in the dining hall with the boarding students, a top priority was keeping the dining hall kitchen well supplied. The large chicken coop in the Haines barn was large enough to nest 250 chickens to supply the cook with eggs and poultry. A large freezer was used to store meat and perishables; Rogers purchased two fat cows, had them slaughtered, and the meat was delivered to the freezer. He tapped the large maple trees on campus and made maple syrup in the spring. In addition, the school’s Victory garden, located on what is now called Memorial Field, needed constant tending.

The problem of supplying fuel for the school buildings was difficult, and Rogers had the janitor report the status to him daily. Coal was shipped from Concord to Wolfeboro on a schedule, but there were times when supplies were very low, and Rogers worried that furnaces would burn out and cause pipes to freeze. Alums remark to this day about the heat pipes in Chapel Hall in the Academic Building that made it the best place to keep warm.

Student anxiety was a big issue. Messages about the war were heard everywhere – radio, newsprint, hallway chatter, morning chapel, letters from an older brother, movies, and comic book stories. The anxiety these messages caused produced an attitude of carelessness and neglect, and in some cases, academics took a back seat. Frequently this resulted in continual lateness or absence, a poor or failing grade, and a talk in the principal’s office. “This issue is one of commonality with other boarding schools and even more intense at schools located near defense or military centers.” (Principal’s Report, 10/25/43)

Curt Pike ’46 had been sent to Rogers’ office because of a confrontation with a teacher. The teacher had told a young girl to stop crying in class; Pike told the teacher to stop picking on her, since her father had died the day before. Rogers suspended Pike for two weeks during which he was to work with his father at a lumberyard, cutting and trimming trees. The work was hard and never-ending. At the end of the two weeks, Pike’s father told him, “If you don’t mend your ways, this is what you will be doing for the rest of your life.” Pike’s attitude changed. (Pike ’46, transcribed interview 2/17/06)

The Show Must Go On
Barbara Lewando ’38 returned to Brewster as a teacher following her graduation from UNH in 1943. Her assignment was to teach sociology, economics and history, and she also was assigned to direct student drama productions. Over the next several years, Lewando (later Mrs. Edward Zulauf) was to direct five plays – The Man Who Came to Dinner, Our Town, You Can’t Take It With You, When We Were Young and Gay, and Dear Ruth.

“The shows were held at the Masonic Temple (now the home to the Village Players) and because of the heating bills we were allowed only to use the hall for dress rehearsal, which wasn’t an easy feat. Some talented townspeople helped with lighting and make-up, etc.” (Barbara Lewando Zulauf, Manuscript on Brewster Academy and Family, 12/16/04, p. 5)

The War and Athletics
The rationing of gasoline and the lack of tires had a profound effect upon the athletic program, which did not do well during the war years. The school depended on the goodwill and spirit of parents to help transport teams to away games, or the teams would take the regularly-scheduled M.S. Mount Washington to Lakeport, from where Tilton was a short train ride. When the lake was frozen or the steamer could not run, the game would...
often be called off. When parents could not purchase gasoline, or tires were impossible to find, games were cancelled. Additionally, enlistments robbed the teams of players and many students had to work in the afternoons.

The Music Flows On
The boys’ and girls’ Glee Clubs presented musical evenings to people in the local towns. The clubs had 60 voices combined, each with a different repertoire under the direction of Vaughan. Vaughan also began to develop the school orchestra, which began with 11 students. Following his return from the Navy, the 1944-45 concert season was superb. Both Glee Clubs and the Orchestra had grown to include 44 girls and 24 boys, all presenting concerts at Carpenter School, Brewster Academy, and for the Cate Fund.

Wartime Clubs
There were two groups organized during the last years of the war that were directly related to the war effort. Aside from the Civil Air Patrol, there were the Air Corps Enlisted Reserves, and the Red Cross Home Nursing Course was offered.

The Civil Air Patrol
Pike related how his sister Emma (a former Brewster student and a member of the Civil Air Patrol) was stationed in the aircraft watchtower located on Clark Road where the McKeon House now stands. Her job was to search for and report any unidentified planes. One afternoon she spotted a plane resembling a Japanese Zero fighter plane. Her fellow watchers laughed, but she reported her find to the headquarters in Concord. The Civil Air Patrol had reconditioned the captured Zero and used it as a decoy to test the watchers, and she had been the first to report it. The next day, she was praised for her watchfulness and was awarded a special certificate. (C. Pike, transcribed interview, 2/17/06)

The Air Corps Enlisted Reserves
The seven Air Corps boys passed the Reserve’s mental and physical tests and were sworn in during December 1943. They were allowed to complete their schooling and then were “called to arms” after graduation in June.

The Red Cross Home Nursing Course
Nine girls, juniors and seniors only, completed the Red Cross Home Nursing Course, which taught them basic nursing procedures. Certificates were awarded to all nine girls.

To be continued in the next issue. ●

Bob and Shirley Richardson were long-time faculty members who retired in 2004. Bob came to Brewster in 1965 and wore many hats during his 39 years, including history teacher, director of studies, college admissions director, dorm parent, and coach. Shirley joined the faculty in 1974 and throughout her tenure taught English, history, ESL, and learning skills. From 1984 until her retirement, Shirley headed the College Office. Since their “retirement” the Richardsons have embarked on “writing Brewster’s history.” ●
Bob Thurrell, who died in March at age 86, grew up on a farm on nearby Cotton Mountain where his family raised chickens. He was the first of four brothers to attend Brewster Academy and, in the early 1970s, his son Robert III taught at Brewster. Bob graduated from the Academy in 1938 and then attended Harvard University, graduating in 1942.

Following his college graduation, he served as a Navy officer in photoreconnaissance in the Pacific theater. After World War II he worked as a geologist for several companies in Denver and Washington, D.C. In 1960 he became the general director of corporate benefits for John Hancock Life Insurance Company where he worked for 24 years until his retirement in 1984.

Retirement took him to Venice, Florida, where he pursued his passion – playing duplicate bridge. He became a senior life master in 1967 and taught bridge aboard ship on 53 cruises.

Bob always felt that education was the cornerstone of society and knew that a good education was the path to success. He really appreciated what he received at Brewster and wanted to give back to a school that prepared him for college and life so well. To show this appreciation, Bob joined the 1887 Heritage Society, which provides an opportunity for friends of Brewster to make planned gifts to the Academy.

For more information regarding planned giving options available at Brewster Academy, please contact Tim von Jess in the Office of Alumni and Development at (603) 569-7140 or via e-mail at tim_von_jess@brewsteracademy.org

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