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AT WHAT'S  
NEW AT  
FOXCROFT!

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I have called upon Jay Brennan, Associate Headmaster for Development, as a minister and counselor, to pen a few words at the bottom of this page as an expression of our collective thoughts and feelings on the tragedy of September 11th.

As a school, we all know a devastating tragedy has occurred, but our students also need to know that we will stay committed to our mission of providing them with the best educational experience possible. While the staff of our Counseling Services Office works to support every student needing help to cope with this terrible tragedy, much of our every day life here at Foxcroft Academy continues to go forward. Our students are enjoying the new Pride Manufacturing Student Center as well as many of the other new facilities made possible by the gifts of alumni and friends of the Academy. Faculty members continue to work

diligently to complete the implementation of the Learning Standards across each of the academic disciplines. Trustees continue to focus on the needs, challenges and opportunities of the future.

The recent improvements to the school were funded in part by the successful \$2.3 million capital campaign, *Securing the Tradition*, and built upon the school's 178 - year history of benefiting from the generosity of Trustees, alumni and community members whose gifts have supplemented tuition revenues and provided the very best academic facilities and programming for its students. During the past five fiscal years, from 1997-98 through 2001-02, philanthropic support has accounted for over twenty percent of the school's total revenues. This level of philanthropic support has allowed the Trustees, for the first time in modern Academy history, to keep pace with the financial needs of its expanding facilities and growing academic program.

The Foxcroft Academy community has always been made stronger by the bonds of friendship and compassion that we share, and never have those ties been more important or more welcome than they are at this moment. I want to thank those of you who have contacted us and shared your own experiences through this national disaster. As we all try to make sense of the events and cope with the tragedy and sadness that have been left in their wake, I want to reassure you Foxcroft Academy continues to work hard to support our students as they pursue their educational endeavors. And I urge every member of our community to help and support one another and our nation in this time of great difficulty.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Bradley F. Ashley".

Bradley F. Ashley, Headmaster

## **Dear Members of the Foxcroft Academy Community,**

Nothing could have prepared the Foxcroft Academy community for the news that flashed across our campus on Tuesday, September 11. Airliners flying into buildings. Glass and steel towers crumbling into rubble and ash. Thousands of workers fleeing for their lives; thousands more and hundreds of travelers losing theirs. The shock was intense and mind-numbing.

Like school communities around the nation and the world, we at FA remain shocked and stunned by the horrible events we witnessed. This national disaster has affected us deeply, and we all share an enormous sense of loss and grief. I know that this tragedy has touched some of those in our greater Foxcroft family quite personally. Alumni and some of those in the communities we serve have had family members, friends or business acquaintances who have been directly impacted by the attacks in New York and Washington. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and to your families.

Jay Brennan, Associate Headmaster for Development

# New Faculty at Foxcroft Academy

**J**oseph Florencio - History and Social Studies Instructor - Joe and his wife come from Hattiesburg, MS, where he earned his M.A. in history from the University of Southern Mississippi. Jennifer Gervais - Science Instructor - A native of Maine, Jen graduated from Yale University and did postgraduate work in biochemistry at Harvard University.

Richard Spaulding - Latin Instructor - Richard graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Latin and classical languages and has a Master's Degree in Latin. Derek Smith - English Instructor - Derek hails from Milo and recently finished his M.A. in English at the University of Maine. Mirna Henderson - Spanish Instructor - Mirna is a 1987 graduate of FA and a graduate of the University of Southern Maine. She has previously taught Spanish at the middle school level and joins her husband John who teaches economics and social studies at the Academy. Jamie Gaudion - English Instructor - Jamie comes from the Baltimore, MD, area where she taught English for 20 years. She received her M.A. from

Middlebury College. Luis Ayala - Spanish Instructor - Luis was born in Quito, Ecuador, grew up in Sterling, VA, and moved to Maine in 1989. Luis is also our boys' varsity soccer coach. Jane Blay - Art Instructor - Jane, a part-time faculty member for the past three years, has joined us full-time. Sarah Robinson has joined the faculty as an associate member with responsibility for the Jobs for Maine Graduates program. 📌



Back row: Richard Spaulding, Jamie Gaudion, Derek Smith Front row: Jen Gervais, Mirna Henderson, Sarah Robinson Not pictured: Luis Ayala, Joseph Florencio



Casey Snow, Elyse Pomeroy, and Molly Tibbetts in Salzburg, Austria

## Foxcroft Academy Students Travel to Europe

**F**oxcroft Academy students Elyse Pomeroy, Molly Tibbetts, and Casey Snow traveled to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and France as part of the American Music Abroad Program. The girls accompanied Elyse's aunt Linda Gammon '71, a music and band teacher in Fairfax, VA, who has participated in this program in previous years. Elyse, Molly, and Casey participated with 230 other students from across America. The group was comprised of a jazz band, concert orchestra, and a chorus ensemble, in which the girls participated. Molly wrote, "Singing favorite songs from the *Sound of Music* while wandering through the Mirabel Gardens in Salzburg was certainly a highlight." Elyse wrote, "The tour took us from little German towns, to the Swiss Alps, to the top of the Eiffel Tower. The food, the language, the sites, and the friendships are memories I will cherish for a lifetime. I would like to say thank you for the Horizon Scholarship that helped make this dream come true." 📌

# 2000-2001 Annual Fund

THANK YOU . . . .

To the alumni, parents, faculty, staff, Trustees, and community members who contributed to Foxcroft Academy a total of \$109,034, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. This includes a special \$52,000 gift from the Peter and Marion Plouff Trust to help endow a Horizon Scholarship Fund in their name. Because of these charitable gifts, Foxcroft Academy is able to maintain our “margin of excellence” in educating our students. Please notify us of any errors.

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Academic Dean Beth Postlewaite (far left) looks on as English Dept. Chair Jim Brown works with new faculty members Derek Smith and Jamie Gaudion



Math instructor Curt Lombard works one on one with a student during an Academic Support Period

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grandchildren who  
graduated from FA  
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Leighton..... their daughter Amy '02  
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# Summertime for Faculty

**What do faculty members do during the summer? Well, we were wondering too, so we asked. Here is a sample:**

**Teresa Farrar** - Foreign Language Chair and French Instructor: Presented a session entitled "Moving from Standard to Curriculum and Instruction" at the Teachers' Institute for Language and Culture.

**Louise Clement** - Computer and Multimedia Instructor and Jane Blay - Art Instructor: Participated in a Adobe Photoshop class at the new Hutchinson Center in Belfast, Maine.

**John Henderson** - Social Studies and Economics Instructor: Spent most of the summer in school completing graduate courses in accounting and quantitative analysis.

**Kirby Ellis** - Forestry Instructor: Took a Maine Forest Service workshop on GPS use and spent days doing timber inventory. **Beth Postlewaite** - Academic Dean and Biology Instructor: Spent part of her summer coordinating the Academy's third summer English program for visiting Japanese students.

**Dottie Brennan** - Physics and Chemistry Instructor: Spent a week at Bates College attending the annual Physics Teachers Institute, where the focus was on instructional content and methods for the study of optics.

**Dawn MacPherson-Allen** - English Instructor: Spent time in Waterville, Maine, working for the Department of Education writing prompts for the Maine Assessment Portfolio.

**Janet Warner-Ashley** - Dance Instructor: Janet returned for a third year to the Bates Dance Festival held at Bates College.

- Mrs. Caroline Mann:  
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- Mr. and Mrs. Brett Martz:  
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- Mr. and Mrs. William Martz:  
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*his classmate Robert Leighton '51*
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**Gifts given in memory of  
Gordon Andrews,  
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Linus Stitham M.D. will be published in  
the Spring edition of the Foxcroft.**

**FA alumna Joyce Johnston Dean '50 with family and friends generously donated \$5000 in memory of her husband Myron "Mike" Dean '47 to establish the Myron "Mike" Dean Horizon Scholarship Fund. Income from this fund will be used to fund an annual Horizon Scholarship for a current FA student interested in the field of agriculture, life sciences, or forestry.**



# Foxcroft Alumni Enjoy Weeken







# Young and Old d Festivities



# Student Center, Dining Hall, and Track Complex Dedicated



Thanks to the generosity of alumni, friends, and community members who contributed over \$2.3 million to the *Securing the Tradition* Capital Campaign, Foxcroft Academy opened the new school year with many new facilities.

This past spring, students, parents and the community enjoyed the first home track meet held at FA since 1994. The new 400 meter, 8-lane all weather track, equipped with electronic timing equipment, was host to the 2001 Penquis League Championship meet and as well as the Regional State Track meet. Track coaches from the various schools were “uhh”ing and “ahh”ing as they compared the Academy’s track and field complex to the best college tracks in Maine. In addition, the boys’ baseball and girls’ softball teams opened their season on new fields.





# Students and Faculty Enjoy New Facilities

With an enrollment of over 430 students, the original cafeteria built in 1951 for a student body of 250 was no longer adequate to serve the needs of present Foxcroft Academy students. On October 6, 2001, Trustees dedicated the new Pride Manufacturing Student Center and Plouff Conference Room along with the new dining hall, kitchen, and locker rooms, as well as the Marion H. Cotton Memorial Garden which graces the new entrance to the Student Center.



Moosehead Manufacturing Company specially designed and crafted the solid ash tables and chairs which are in the Pride Manufacturing Student Center, Plouff Conference Room and dining hall.

Many parents and alumni who have visited the school have commented that the many new facilities at the Academy have transformed the school, giving it the feel of a small college campus. The new Ames Consumer and Family Science Lab and two new foreign language classrooms have also added to this transformation.

# Class Notes

## Class of 1929

**Marion Marley Sparrow** reports that she is in good health and enjoys hooking rugs, knitting, cooking and yard work at age 92.

## Class of 1941

**Pat and Marion Collins** have a new great grandson named Adam Michael Joseph Dulac born 2/15/01. In August of 2000 **George Ames** moved back to Maine from Pennsylvania.

## Class of 1943

**Pat and Sid Skiffington** have moved from FL to be close to their son John in Olympia, WA, and they are happy to report that they survived the 6.8 earthquake last February. **Ruth Comeau Weatherbee** visited with them in March and they had a wonderful time catching up on the Dover news.

## Class of 1945

**Jane Ladd** is busy as a board member and volunteer at the Camden-Rockport Animal Rescue League.



Dana Frasz '01 celebrating at graduation with classmates

## Class of 1954

After 43 years of living in Derby, **Jean King Grinnell** and her husband Harold have moved to Milo, living on Schoodic Lake from May to September.

## Class of 1955

This past March **Joline Dow Brown** traveled to St. Petersburg, FL, to visit classmates Eddie and **Joanne Averill Hobbs**. Then in May she spent two weeks touring England, Scotland and Wales with her eldest son and his family. A part-time medical transcriptionist at Children's Hospital in Boston, **Harriet Davis Dunlop** has four children, two grandchildren, and is a member of Showtime Entertainers in Quincy, MA.

## Class of 1956

**Lorene Annis Patterson** has retired from her business, although she and **Irving '55** are still owners of Patco Construction. They now spend their winters in Pensacola, FL.



National Honor Society member Jessica Smith pins new member Amy Leighton '02 along with 13 other FA students

## Class of 1958

**Joan Brewster Garniss** announces the release of her new two-piano CD. It includes music by Debussy, Bach, Bernstein, and Holst, some of which she and her partner, Fern Abrams, performed in Dover-Foxcroft. For more information contact Joan at [hfgarniss@aol.com](mailto:hfgarniss@aol.com). Be sure to include "CD information" in your subject line.

## Class of 1960

**Rick and Nancy Stone Page** have two new granddaughters: Sydney Page Turton arrived 11/1/00 and Molly Erin Page was born 1/13/01.

## Class of 1961

**Muriel Dyer Henderson** recently took a Canada cruise and stays busy the rest of the time with her work at Dale Medical Products, and her three grandchildren, Joey, Zachery, and Monaha. Her hobbies include gardening and traveling. **Meredith "DeeDee" Thomas Bickmore** has been the coordinator for Hospice of York, ME, for sixteen years and is also on the Board of Directors for Maine Hospice Council. She loves being a grandmother to

her three grandchildren: Alexandra, 11, Jackson, 5, and Haven, 10 months. Her husband Butch '59 passed away four years ago.

## Class of 1963

Since 1983 **Donald Williams** has been a school social worker for schools near Junction City, KS. He is currently completing his Master's Degree in psychology at Emporia State. He and his wife Brenda have two teenage children, Nicole and Shawn.

## Class of 1964

**Tom Lyford** has retired from teaching but is employed part-time at Thompson Free Library and at FA as a computer technician. He also runs a group of at-risk students in the Reconnecting Youth Program. His three children have grown into adulthood and he has two grandsons.

## Class of 1965

**Terry Bush's** mother Bessie is very proud of the fact that Terry played trumpet in the Foxcroft Academy Band for six years, two years of that while he was in middle school.





2001 Rose Award recipient Hillary Hewett '01 with her parents Russell '73 and Vandy Ellis Hewett '75, both former Rose Award winners

### Class of 1966

**Frank '56 and Gerri Lee Shorey Drake** have one son who lives down the road from them in Crystal, ME, **Frank Drake Jr. '91**, who has two daughters. Their other son **Bruce '89** is stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY, and has two sons, David, 4 and baby brother Adam Jacob born 6/1/01.

### Class of 1967

Married on 8/5/00 to Rev. Neil Gass, **Ginny Smith Gass** continues to pastor at the Sanford First Baptist Church where she has served since 1996. **David Bryant** lives in Dowling Park, FL, with his wife Pat.

### Class of 1968

**Donna Bryant Carr** writes: "Contrary to predictions (in my class yearbook) I did not marry Donnie, and I've never lived in Dexter! On 1/3/70, I married Richard Carr, born and raised in Lexington, KY, where we now make our home." Their children Jennifer and Rick are grown, married and are both elementary school teachers. They have two grandsons, Jaxson and JD. **Broderick Davis** has built a new home in Jacksonville, FL, and moved in on 3/31/00.

### Class of 1971

**Matthew Smith** recently traveled to Wright-Patterson Airforce Base in OH for this promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the Airforce Reserves. He is a program manager in the F-117 System Program office. He and his wife Julianne make their home in Fredericksburg, VA: they have eight children and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 7/25/01. **Mark Grant** and his wife Vicki live in Dover-Foxcroft and are the owners of Johnstone Supply in Bangor. They enjoy traveling and golfing. **Fred Brawn** and his wife Nina say their five granddaughters are their greatest joy. Their daughter **Andrea Brawn Schultz '88** has two in Bangor, Samantha, 7, and Monica, 5. **Cameron '92** lives near Buffalo, NY, and has a daughter Victoria, 16 mos. **Gabriel '95** has two daughters: Desirae, 3, and Emily, 21 mos. **Julie Ambrose Washington** participated in the 2001 Maine Department of Transportation Rodeo held in Owl's Head, ME, bringing home a third place in the van category. Her daughter Renee took part in the 2001 Special Olympics, bringing home a gold medal in the softball throw and a bronze medal in the 100-meter dash.

### Class of 1972

In August of 2002, **LCDR Carmel Belanger** will retire from the United States Navy after thirty years of service.

### Class of 1973

Residing in Bristol, RI, **Judy Dow** is the Human Resource Manager for Health Enterprises in N. Attleboro, MA.

### Class of 1975

**Jim Bryant** lives in Bangor with his wife Pam and son Nathan.

### Class of 1976

**Joy Bryant Goode** makes her home in Lake City, FL, with her husband Don.

### Class of 1977

**Randy King** is the Operations Site Manager for American Tower Corp. and makes his home in Hamilton, NY. **Marie Roy Duplessis** has two sons: Zackery David Bridgham, 12, and Casey Roy Bridgham, 10. They keep her busy with Little League, soccer, swimming and the usual "boy stuff". She and her husband Jim both work at International Paper in Bucksport, ME, and enjoy motorcycling, kayaking, and audiobooks.

### Class of 1979

**Laurie Gagnon Lachance** and her husband Dave are kept busy with their two boys, Michael, 10, and Andrew, 6. She likes to see **Karen Dunn Fraser** and **Vicki Anderson Roux** as often as possible. Living in Garland, ME, **Tammy Pomeroy Kroog** has two children, Thomas, 14, and Katie, 12. She also volunteers for Penquis CAP in Project Ride. In October of 2000 **Dr. Jenifer Ambler** went on her 5th medical mission to

El Salvador. **Reino Ranta** graduated from UMO in 1985 and is the Maintenance Project Manager at Monadnock Paper Mills in Bennington, NH. He and his wife Karen have one son, Reino, Jr. (Rusty).

### Class of 1981

**Mike Fuller** and his wife Jennifer reside in Daytona Beach, FL, where he is President of City Satellite, Inc. Working at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NH, **Sue Ellen Small Jewell** is an R.N. and lives in Farmington, NH, with her husband Steve. **Laurie Cookson Bennett** and her husband Russell have a new son, Zachary Adam Tyler Bennett, born 3/23/01. The family resides in Mobile, AL.

### Class of 1982

Faculty member Jim Brown recently received a note from **Wanda Nicholas Mitchell** who now makes her home in Vero Beach, FL, with her husband Jim. They have lived many places, including Japan, Hawaii, and Seattle, as Jim was in the Marines for the last twenty years. They have two children: Eric, who graduated from high school this spring, and Brian, who will be a sophomore.

### Class of 1983

A principle software engineer for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., **Eric Grabowski** and his wife Linda make their home in New Durham, NH, where she is a web development manager for the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services. **Beth Perry Schmedding** is teaching and living in Spokane, WA, and has been married for fourteen years to Steve Schmedding, a civil engineer for an Alaskan company. They have three children, Jessica, John, and Julie.

### Class of 1984

On 3/7/01, **Pam Blais Sutula** and her husband Eric welcomed Sean Ryan to their family. They and their two-year-old daughter Sara feel very blessed.

### Class of 1987

**Mike Sylvain** is a regional director for a temporary agency based out of MA. He and his wife Karyn live in Plano, TX, with their two sons Joshua and Brandon. Married on 6/24/95, **Kellie Perkins Grant** and her husband Brian have a son Nathan born 5/17/98. They own and run a boarding home in Bangor.

### Class of 1988

Living in Dexter with three children, Emily, 10, Hannah, 4 and Maxwell, 10 mos., **Joy Peterson Keyte** and her husband Shawn were married

in 1998. She works per diem at Mayo Regional Hospital, but mostly stays at home with the kids and loves it! **Mary Davis Alexander** and her husband Danny were married in August of 1997. They have a son, Jacob Daniel, born 3/18/01, and make their home in Gorham, ME. Living in Greenville, NH, since 1990, **Tammy Mailloux** is engaged to Michael Muehlheim and has been working at a local bottling company as an assistant to the vice-president and traffic manager. They have a daughter Kayla who is 7.

### Class of 1989

**Shelly Johnson**, 3rd grade teacher at Asa C. Adams School in Orono, ME, was nominated as one of twelve regional finalists for the 2002 Maine Teacher of the Year Award. **Ken Churchill III '88** and **Jacki Olszewski** were married on 12/29/00 and make their home in AK, where Ken is a trim carpenter and

Jacki works in cardiac and emergency nursing. **Janelle Catlin Dunn** was married on 3/25/01 to Frederick. She is a police officer for the City of Portland and they make their home in Yarmouth, ME.

### Class of 1990

**Jess Harrington** is working in the jewelry department at Filene's Department Store in Bangor. **Gretchen Leighton Drinkwater**, her husband Chris and son Austin have moved to Ft. Stewart, GA. **Deanne Bubar Turek** was married on 5/5/01 to Matt and they reside in Dexter along with their children: Matthew, Chelsea, and Kaleb. Deanne works at Community Pharmacy in Dover-Foxcroft. Having completed two novels with a third quickly approaching completion, **Gail Hughes Delaney** and her husband Pat are planning on renewing their wedding vows in celebration of their tenth anniversary in March of 2002. **Chris Hews Jr.** lives in Machias, ME, where he works in law enforcement. **Lee Milizia** and his wife Vickie were expecting their one and only child, Andrew Michael, in August of 2001.

### Class of 1991

Married on 7/12/97 to Jada Burgoyne of Atkinson, **Shawn Merrill** has a daughter Cierra Jade Merrill born 1/12/99. He is currently employed at Pleasant River Lumber in Dover-Foxcroft and is hoping to get his grading license soon. A free-lance interior and floral designer, **Ken Hesselbrock** is employed by the World Trade Center in Dallas, TX, doing visual display. **Angela Costigan Cook** and her husband Mike have two daughters, Abigail and Alexis, and make their home in Saco, ME. A new addition, Hannah Grace Poland was born 3/19/01 to **Chad and**

**Emily Rollins Poland '92**, and joins big brother Ethan. Proud grandparents are Arnold and Connie Poland.

### Class of 1992

**Kelly Keenan** has recently completed her Master's Degree at RPI and decided to take a job with Apple Computer in Cupertino, CA. She moved there in July with her two cats and dog. She was also an extra in the movie "The Palace Thief", filmed on the campus of the Emma Willard School where she worked in New York. **Roland Geary** is the President of Celebrities 4 Charities, an organization that works with famous musicians across in the world in an effort to raise money for various charities. **Lindsay Varnum Cano** spends much of her time having fun with her three children, but also enjoys reading and writing.

### Class of 1993

Rachel Elizabeth, born 1/12/01, was the name given to the daughter of **Angie Chambers Beckwith** and her husband Jay. **Kevin Keenan** is working at Tech Center in East Boston, MA, and is the head programmer there doing home automation, custom home theatres, automated lighting, security, phone systems and much more. Prior to this he worked for Sager Electronics in Hingham, MA, where he was an interactive media and web page designer.

### Class of 1994

**Stephanie Johnston** will be married next June to Matthew Florey. **Mike Ditzel and April Allen** will wed in July of 2002. April is a chiropractic assistant for Dr. Thomas Vanidestine in Bangor, and Mike received his B.A. in psychology from Bucknell University.



Physics student Kristine Daigneault testing the effects of electrical energy



### Class of 1995

Currently living in Richmond, VA, with her three-year-old son Devon, **Heidi Weymouth** is an associate customer service representative with Trigon Blue Cross Blue Shield. Born 2/16/01 and weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz., Elliana Haley Dyer-Clark was the name given to the daughter of **Dennett Dyer**.

### Class of 1996

**Matthew Tibbetts** is a manager trainee with Olympia Sports in Seabrook, NH, and living in Biddeford, ME. Portsmouth

Heart University with a B.S. in history and is working for Thule Car Racks in Seymour, CT. He has a deaf dalmation named Hope and enjoys racing mountain bikes.

### Class of 1997

Proud father of **Erin Kimball**, **Art Kimball '65** notified the Alumni Office that Erin graduated in May from Boston University magna cum laude. She was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa and was recognized for her academic excellence in

**Harrington** is a student at Husson College studying for a B.S. in business technology education while she works at EMMC's Family Practice Center in Bangor. Going back for a fifth year at USM, **Liza Manuel** did her student teaching this past spring. After graduation she plans on moving to Greenville, SC. Heading to Seattle, WA, with **Emily Pratt**, **Jayne Fagan** graduated with a degree in social work from the University of Montana in 2001. **Sarah Keenan** graduated in May with a B.S. in business, concentration in international business, from Sacred Heart University. In June she went into the Army to be an interrogator/interpreter. Working as a paralegal at a law firm in Waterville, ME, **Amanda Gosbee Wentworth** has three children, two boys and one girl. **Mickey Anderson** left 8 days after graduation for Fort Knox to learn the job of cavalry scout, and 16 weeks later was in Ft. Hood, TX, the hottest spot he had ever been until his unit went to Kuwait, where the temperatures reached 140 degrees.

### Class of 1998

**Ashlie Pembroke and David McLeish '93** have a son David Mason born 11/29/00. She graduated from the University of Maine at Augusta on 5/12/01 with an Associate's Degree in human services and is planning on continuing her education in the same field.

### Class of 1999

**Rob Maynard** is a small computer systems specialist in the U.S. Marine Corps and is currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

### Class of 2000

**Sandy Beaulieu** says that so far her dreams are coming true. She continues to work with horses: teaching, riding, and showing them. The year immediately after graduation was filled with many learning experiences for her. **Brian Bellemare** has transferred to UMO after attending Clarkson University in NY for one year.



Computer instructor David Clement helping a student understand the use of spreadsheets to store and calculate data

Naval Shipyard is where **Chris Popovich** is employed as a mechanical engineer. **Ben Warstler** is on an internship for his Bachelor's Degree in athletic training with Youngstown State University football team. He is engaged to be married in 2003 to Lisa Davis of Springfield, MA. Graduating from Bates in 2000, **Katrina Wilcox** is working as a clinical researcher in Andover, MA, helping to get new ophthalmic medications approved by the FDA. She makes her home in Arlington, MA. **Shawn Keenan** graduated in 2000 from Sacred

biology, as well as being the student speaker at the College of Arts and Sciences commencement exercises. After graduating magna cum laude from Dickinson College with a B.A. in French and Russian, **Catherine Santore** received a Fulbright Scholarship grant to conduct research in Moscow, Russia. She was one of only five given this award from Dickinson this year. Her research project is titled "Environmental Grassroots Movements in Russia: A Study of Civic Participation." **Bethany**

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# An Opportunity Whose Time has Come

## Sustaining Academic Excellence and Safeguarding the Future

*“There are moments in the history of every school when it has the opportunity to take the next step and strengthen itself and flourish. Foxcroft Academy has that opportunity now.”*

**Bradley Ashley,  
Headmaster**

*“The time has come when we must now provide for the future as past generations provided for us.”*

**Frederick Hutchinson '48  
Trustee**

**O**f the original 122 independent town academies in Maine, Foxcroft Academy exists as one of only nine remaining. In large measure, the forward thinking of alumni and friends has helped secure the school's future through their gifts to the endowment. From the original endowment gifts of J. B. Mayo and Sarah Vaughn in 1902, to Louis and Myrtice Oakes' gifts in the 1960's, an important foundation was laid. As a result, every Academy alumnus has enjoyed a quality of education that would not have been possible if not for the philanthropy of these generous supporters.

As we enter the 21st century, Trustees have been forced to examine the health of the school's endowment in light of current and anticipated needs. In the last issue of the Foxcroft, an article entitled *Truth and Myths* addressed the current status and nature of the Academy's endowment. With facilities valued at over \$13 million and a breadth of academic programs unmatched in central Maine, our current endowment which generates about \$140,000 of annual income, based on the 5% distribution standard, is simply inadequate.

Generating additional annual tuition revenue is limited by the fact that the tuition rate Trustees are permitted to charge sending towns for their students is capped by the state legislature at the average cost of secondary education in the State of Maine from the previous year. In addition, tuition revenues are actually projected to decrease by over \$400,000 annually by the academic year 2006-07, due to fewer young families with students in the sending towns.

Taking pride in the Academy's tradition of providing students the very best educational opportunities, Headmaster Bradley Ashley has stated, "There are moments in the history of every school when it has the opportunity to take the next step and strengthen itself and to flourish. Foxcroft Academy has that opportunity now."

In response, and with the belief that future generations should be afforded the same level of education to which previous generations of FA alumni have had access, Trustees have begun to formulate a ten year plan to address five broad areas of need.

**Sustained Academic Excellence** - to support the breadth and quality of the instructional programs

**Faculty Merit and Distinction** - to support recruitment, retention, and development of top faculty

**Student Success** - to enrich the educational lives of all students as well as attract students outside of sending towns who would benefit from an FA education

**Buildings for Tomorrow** - to support the physical facilities

**New Opportunities** - to support and increase our residential boarding program

As Trustees work to formalize their plans during the next six to eight months, input from community members, faculty, students, alumni and friends of the Academy is being sought. While necessary cost saving avenues are being explored, it is anticipated that any long range plan will need to seek a significant increase in the endowment to sustain academic excellence while safeguarding the school's future. In the words of Trustee Frederick Hutchinson '48, "The time has come when we must now provide for the future as past generations provided for us." 📌



## Class of 1956 Holds 45th

The Class of 1956 met on August 4th at the home of Donna Lyford Crane on Lake Wassookeag in Dexter.

Lorene Annis Patterson did a good job of bringing lots of memorabilia, letters and pictures of those who were unable to attend. Classmates had a great time trying to get through the wrinkles and recognize one another after so many years.

They had lots of fun while eating, drinking, boating, and swimming. Then off to the Alumni Banquet they went, which they almost

missed because of losing track of time. Their class was recognized as the 45th year class, and more chatting, reminiscing, and laughing took place there. They feel sorry for those who could not attend and are planning for the next one, five years, same time, same people in charge. So mark your calendars now and plan to join them in August of 2006. 📌

## Class of 1950 Meets for a Small 51st Reunion

Ted Marshall submitted this small article on his class's mini-reunion. "On Friday, August 3rd, the Class of 1950 met at Drake's Restaurant in Guilford with 21 classmates and spouses in attendance. A couple of surprises took place during our luncheon. It was nice to have Ivan Smith with the old gang and we all hope to see him next year. It was also Charlie Foss' birthday and we celebrated the traditional way with cards, cake, and song. We all couldn't imagine that a year had gone by since our 50th, but everyone is looking forward to next year's reunion." 📌

### Class of 1942...

Last summer, the Class of 1942 held a mini-reunion at Norma Anderson Harris' house in Dover-Foxcroft. Those in attendance were Bill Lyford, Phil Warren, Tom Pierce, Bud Finley, Bob Meade, Leon Kirkpatrick and his wife Gertrude, Barbara Bennett Adkins, Patricia Packard Merrill, Irene Murch Bonsey and Martha Tucker London. A little food, but lots and lots of "catching up" and reminiscing were the order of the day.



First row: Cliff Roberts, John Conner Second Row: Phyllis Lyford Spaulding, Joan Butler Foss, Evangelyn Gordon Tenney, Ruth Kinney Flowers Third Row: John Salley, Gordon Clark, Dick Nutting, Robert Stone, Jim Williams, Jack Warren Fourth Row: John Wiles, Dean Goodwin



From left to right: Merle Merrill, Colleen Tyler Merrill, Joan Boone Zikorus, Pat Pingree Hews, Greta Burtchell Ellis, Shirley Rowell Gammon, Gene Gammon

## Class of 1951 Celebrates 50 Years

Twenty-one classmates attended the 50th reunion of the Class of 1951. Mary Whelan Kirstein and Jack Warren came the greatest distance, both coming from CA. On Saturday morning of Alumni Weekend, the class gathered at Monument Square where the "old Foxcroft Academy" once stood. They have raised enough money to purchase a granite bench that will be placed at this site, and engraved to commemorate that the Class of 1951 was the last to graduate from that building. Later, class members rode on a float in the parade, followed by a lunch at the camp of Ed and Ethelyn Gerrish Treworgy on Sebec Lake. Old pictures, mementos, and memories were shared throughout the afternoon. That evening the class attended the Alumni Banquet, followed by breakfast at the Covered Bridge Restaurant on Sunday morning. Evangelyn Gordon Tenney led a memorial service for deceased classmates as they too seemed a part of the reunion. 📌

## Gift of Priscilla Ames Berberian '48 Provides Academy with New Instructional Area and Classroom



Fred Hutchinson expressing the Academy's thanks to Priscilla and Lee Berberian for their generous gift, given in honor of Sadie Tarr Ames (far right) and Russell W. Ames

**T**hrough their generous gift, Priscilla Ames Berberian '48 and her husband Lee have provided the Academy with a new instructional area and classroom, the Ames Consumer and Family Science Lab, dedicated on May 10, 2001, in honor of Priscilla's parents Russell W. and Sadie Tarr Ames.

The need for this new space was created when the Academy began construction of the Pride Manufacturing Student Center, dining hall and Plouff Conference Room in areas previously occupied by classrooms. The two displaced foreign language classrooms were given new homes in the area

once occupied by home economics. And home economics, now known as consumer and family science, was given a new home in the area previously occupied by the art department. Two years ago the art department moved into their new home, the Ebersteen Art Center, making way for this final piece.

The new instructional area and classroom is equipped with extensive food preparation and cooking areas as well as an adjoining carpeted classroom space with a conference style table arrangement. Priscilla was joined in dedicating the room by her brothers Melvin, Ronald, Silas, and Dennis. 📌

*Plan Now to Celebrate Alumni Weekend '02 With Your Classmates*

### Alumni Weekend Schedule

**August 2 - 4, 2002**

**Friday, August 2**

Lawn Party with Alumni Dance Band - 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 3**

5K Race - 8 a.m.

Soccer and Field Hockey - 9 a.m.

Community Parade - 10 a.m.

Golf Scramble - 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Class Gatherings - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alumni Banquet - 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Street Dance - 8 p.m.

Class Gatherings - 8 p.m. to ??

Fireworks - 9 p.m.

**Sunday, August 4**

Class Gatherings - all day

## Japanese Girls Study at Foxcroft Academy

For our third consecutive summer, Foxcroft Academy hosted Japanese girls from the Nakamura Girls' Junior High School in Tokoyo, Japan. Beth Postlewaite, Academic Dean at Foxcroft Academy, coordinated the girls' activities which included daily classroom instruction in English. Foxcroft Academy students as well as facul-

ty participated in the instructional program as well as daily activities and trips. Local families hosted the students and their Japanese chaperone. In addition to giving Japanese students the opportunity to further develop their English skills, students from both schools walk away with good friendships. 📌



Faculty, FA students, and Japanese students begin their day with classroom instruction



# A Call For Nominations

## Alumni Awards

The Alumni Advisory Board, made up of class representatives from each of the classes, will meet in January to nominate, and later vote on the 2002 recipients of the Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Award and the Tillson D. Thomas Award. These two awards are presented each year at the Alumni Banquet. (The Trustees also present the Oakes Family Award and the James S. Holmes Award.)

Nominees for the Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Award should be an alumnus of Foxcroft Academy who has distinguished him/herself in their particular vocational field. Include with your nominations a little information on the accomplishments of your nominee so that the Alumni Advisory Board has some background information upon which to make their selection for the Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Award .

The Tillson D. Thomas Award recognizes a past faculty or staff member who, in the opinion of their former students, has served the students of Foxcroft Academy with the highest degree of professionalism. Nominees to the Tillson Thomas Award need not be an alumnus, but they must have been a member of the Foxcroft Academy faculty or staff at one time.

Please use the Send Us Your News form below to submit your nominations.

*“After our move last year, I missed receiving your fall edition of the alumni magazine. Thank you so much for sending me the back issue. I spent the morning over a cup of coffee getting caught up on all that is happening at the Academy as well as news from my classmates... it made my day.”*

### SEND US YOUR NEWS

**All Alumni:** If you have news or photos, we'd love to pass them along (photos will be returned if requested).  
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**NEWS/COMMENTS** (names of children, grandchildren, where you work, hobbies, travel adventures, births, deaths, marriages, accomplishments, awards etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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