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From our Headmaster

It is no secret that I have divided my career between five “permanent” (five years or more) and seven so-called “interim” assignments in virtually every region of the country excepting the far west. While many of my colleagues around the country do not understand my penchant for interim headships (and often joke that I don’t seem to be able to hold a job!), I thrive on change. I mention this simply because one’s greatest reward for the itinerant lifestyle is that it brings contact with a veritable legion of students and faculty in a variety of academic settings. As I launch yet another two-year interim stint, I look forward to getting to know the Foxcroft Academy community of faculty, students, parents and alumni.



I must say that the faculty and students have truly made me feel welcome in these early weeks.

It is a particular privilege to be part of a school with such a rich tradition and longevity. In fact, of all the schools I have been associated with, Foxcroft, with a founding date of 1823 stands second only to Phillips Academy Andover’s 1778. Graduates of FA can (and should!) boast a legacy that few can match around the country.

I was recently reminded of FA’s legacy when I joined nearly 300 alumni for the August 2 Alumni Banquet. Throughout the weekend, but particularly at the dinner, one could hear reminiscences concerning student days at the Academy. The names (and related stories) of Tillson Thomas, Bob Thorne, Jim Steenstra, John Arnold, Coach Lary and many more were heard often.

Foxcroft, like any school, faces numerous challenges, some of them quite formidable. As an independent school we must walk that fine and sometimes difficult line between maintaining our historical heritage as an independent institution on the one hand, and our commitment to serve the public trust on the other. Like so many schools and institutions in our society, we must face some daunting fiscal realities. Our costs exceed available resources and some difficult yet necessary decisions lie ahead. As we prepare to graduate our first class under the Maine Learning Results (2004), we need to address some of the problems which arose during the implementation of standards. Most specifically, review of our academic schedule stands as a primary focus for the faculty and administration this year.

In conclusion, let me say that most of us in education (particularly at the elementary, middle school, or secondary levels) were drawn to and remain in the profession because we genuinely like and care about young people and find working with them intrinsically rewarding. I look forward to getting to know and working with the 450 students at Foxcroft Academy. I would welcome the opportunity to get to know many of you as well!

ON THE COVER: Foxcroft Academy’s 2003-04 boarding students gathered outside the entrance to the Pride Manufacturing Student Center: 1st Row Sitting L-R: Alysa Surprenant, Chesuncook Village, ME; Diana Chen Wang, Spain; John Choi, Korea. 2nd Row Kneeling L-R: Albert Kim, Korea; Bobby Gilbert, Greenville, ME; Jason Messinger, Miami, FL; William Park, Korea; Eric Kim, Korea. Back Row L-R: Amy Smith, Admission Director; Phillip Moon, Korea; Kazuki Iwakura, Japan; Becky Knowlton, Greenville, ME; Leonard Sheen, Korea; Angela Blanc, Spain; Joan Ginestra, Spain; Guillermo Ferrer, Spain; Marco Huang, Taiwan; Kevin Park, Korea; Bao Tran, Vietnam; Jeff Robinson, Residential Director. Missing: Vivienne Kim, Korea.



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Foxcroft Academy Strengthens Its Leadership

Foxcroft Academy started the 2003-04 school year with a new Interim Head of School, Allen Adriance, who most recently served as Interim Head of School at John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor.

Mr. Adriance has served at 13 different independent schools, including both day and boarding schools. Throughout much of his career Mr. Adriance has devoted himself specifically to interim positions, both as an administrator and consultant. He has served as an interim head at schools from Colorado to Florida and brings the highest caliber of leadership to the Academy.

Jeff Valence, former faculty member and administrator, has returned to the Academy to serve as Associate Headmaster for Internal Affairs.

Mr. Valence served as technology instructor and later as Academic Dean between 1995-2001. During the past two years Jeff has been at the Purnell School in New Jersey, where he served as Associate Headmaster for Curriculum Development. While at Foxcroft, Mr. Valence's strong visionary leadership provided the initial groundwork in putting a standards-based curriculum in place, which continues to be the template for many schools in Maine.

Mr. Valence's return to Foxcroft Academy as Associate Headmaster for Internal Affairs has given him leadership responsibilities in several areas, including the continued implementation of the curriculum, an assessment of the new grading system, working with parents, students, and faculty to create a schedule that maximizes students'



Mr. Adriance and Mr. Valence discussing the curriculum and academic schedule for the new school year

academic success, increases instruction time, and provides more opportunities for students in accessing courses.

There have been many other changes or new faces at the Academy: Beth Postlewaite as Assistant Headmaster, Tim Smith '87 as the Athletic Director, Rob Brown '84 as the Technology Director, Jessica Wentworth '98 as a science instructor, Cindy Obrey as a math instructor, Julie Titcomb as a social studies instructor, Jack McLeod '87 as a vocational technology instructor, and Shirleen Stone Vainio '82 as Business Manager. Other new names include: Karen Cayer in Counseling Services, Tami Wakeland Flanders '85 in Special Services, Cindy Valence in the Watson Library, Jay Nutter '96 as custodian, and Ruth Nason Varnum '71 in Alternative Ed. We welcome all new faculty and staff and hope they find Foxcroft Academy an enjoyable experience. 📌



Mr. Valence meeting with the Curriculum Committee to begin examining a new schedule for 2004-05, providing more academic opportunities for students



Lt. Col. Barton S. Sloat '77 addressing the Class of 2003

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS TO FOXCROFT ACADEMY

**CLASS OF 2003,
8 JUNE 2003**

**LT. COL. BARTON S. SLOAT, USMC,
FA CLASS OF 1977**

Good afternoon, faculty, friends and family, parents, and most importantly, good afternoon to the graduating class of 2003.

It is an honor and a privilege to stand here as a federally commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps, having sworn an oath "to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic." A few years ago I was privileged to sit in on a discussion group with Justice Scalia of the US Supreme Court and noted the uniqueness and importance of our oath — note that we swear our oath to the Constitution of the United States - not to the President - not to Congress - not to any king or queen - but to the Constitution - that heaven-inspired document that has withstood the test of time and is still a beacon to all nations of the earth. I have been in many countries and walked their streets and seen the poor of the poor - as the title of one Civil War book described, "Oh, Mother, may you never see the sights I've seen." But those sites make you walk a little taller, make you take on more humility, and make you realize the blessings of freedom and liberty in being an American.

I played a lot of trumpet in this room, and the "Star-Spangled Banner" was one song in which Bob Thorne would not tolerate any mistakes: it had to be perfect. I appreciate that now. I must say that it is quite a homecoming to stand in this gymnasium again - this room holds an incredible amount of memories.

Having taught for three years at the Marine Corps University in Quantico, Virginia, I was privileged to teach young captains in the art

and science of expeditionary and amphibious warfare. I started each class with my "Top Ten" list - so ala David Letterman - I thought I would give you my Top Ten -

"The Top Ten Things I've Learned Since Leaving Foxcroft Academy"

- 10. KEEP LEARNING -** As John Wayne said in his role as Sergeant Striker in the classic movie "The Sands of Iwo Jima", "Life is tough, but it's tougher when you're stupid!" Read a newspaper everyday. Always have a book on your nightstand - read multiple books - some for learning, some for fun - expand your mind.
- 9. LOOK TO THE FUTURE -** Your "Glory Days" here at FA are history, in the record books, and you can't go back, only forward! Develop and maintain a five-year plan. Remember circumstances do not determine your destiny but choices do.
- 8. AVOID THE FOUR BIG "D's" -** Disease, Despair, Divorce and Death - mainly premature death. In my 23 years in the Marine Corps, I have seen too much of all of the big D's - and the one common contributor to each of them is the excessive consumption of alcohol. Don't drink to excess, respect yourself, respect your health, respect each other.

7. **STAND FOR SOMETHING** - In this society we are on the verge of never wanting to offend anyone for fear that we might be labeled as being “intolerant”, that the sin of intolerance is the worst of all human errors. Well, let me break it to you: there is still good and evil in this world and there is still right and wrong. Wrong is wrong regardless of how many people are doing it, and right is still right even if no one is doing it. Don't sit on the fence of life. Search for the truth, do your homework, do your research, listen to reason, and make a stand. Stand for something!
6. **LEARN TO DISAGREE WITHOUT BEING DISAGREEABLE** - You are not going to agree with everyone, at least you won't if you take a stand. But that doesn't mean that you have to be disagreeable. Agree to disagree and move on. Choose your battles wisely: don't lose the war in order to win a battle.
5. **LEARN TO DISCIPLINE YOURSELF** - Do not fall into the trap that thousands of college freshmen fall into each year: the trap of going off to college with no parents, no rules, no curfew and no discipline. You end up flunking a couple of classes and your GPA takes a hit that it never recovers from for the rest of your academic career. Make a plan and learn how to study in college.
4. **LEARN TO MANAGE MONEY** - We now live in a society where credit is offered to anyone and everyone. Be careful! Live within your means and take a class in financial management.



Emily Austin '03



Brandon Croan and Josh Clark

3. **GIVE SOMETHING BACK** - Whether it is with your church, your community or military service. Be a volunteer, be a contributor. Be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a hospital, a school, or be a mentor. Get outside yourself.
2. **THIS IS THE GREATEST COUNTRY - EVER!** - This goes hand-in-hand with giving something back, but never for one minute of your lives forget that you are privileged to be a citizen of the greatest nation that has ever existed on this planet. You are privileged to be an American and remember that this country doesn't owe you one thing. Do not take for granted the blessings of freedom and liberty — they are the greatest of all!

Tom Brokaw wrote a great book: “The Greatest Generation”. I'd like to think that America's greatest generation is still somewhere out in front of us. If we remember to whom we owe the blessings of freedom and liberty, we can and will rise to meet any challenge.

1. **FAMILY IS WHAT COUNTS** - Take care of your family. You are anxious to leave your parents and that is a good thing. I'll let you in on a little secret: they are anxious for you to leave. I have read all of your senior bio's including all of your ambitions. A lot of you listed your desire to get out of Dover, but it isn't about getting “out” of Dover. Some of you will leave, some will stay, and some will leave and come back. It is not about where you end up — it is about who you become. Remember, time marches on, and the most uncertain thing in life is life itself! Your parents won't be here forever. Enjoy what you have while you have it.

God Bless You - God Bless Foxcroft Academy — and God Bless

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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

to all alumni, parents, faculty, staff, Trustees, and community members who contributed to Foxcroft Academy's Annual Giving Campaign for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. The Annual Giving Campaign, which helps support a portion of the operational budget, raised a total of \$58,680. In addition, \$189,115 in charitable gifts were received to support various academic, athletic, and scholarship programs, for a total of \$247,795 in gifts to the Academy in 2002-03. Because of these charitable gifts, Foxcroft Academy is able to maintain its "margin of excellence" in educating our students. Please notify us of any errors.

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Correction: In the last issue of the *Foxcroft*, the members of the Legacy Circle were listed. Woodrow E. Page was inadvertently omitted from that list. Thank you Mr. Page for your generosity!

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in memory of their parents

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Engdahl, Jr.
in memory of Louise A. Hodsdon '52

Mrs. Bertha W. Fitzgerald
in memory of Lt. Frank J. Washburn

Foxcroft Academy Class of 1973
in memory of deceased classmates

Foxcroft Academy Class of 1951
in honor of their 50th reunion August 4, 2001

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Freese, Jr.
in memory of Donald Schissler

Mrs. Beatrice G. Gellerson & family
in memory of Arnold Gellerson '20 in memory of Rex Gellerson '49

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hackett
in honor of Mary Beth Dean '69

Mr. and Mrs. Crowell C. Hall IV
in memory of Carol Hall Gillis '65

Mr. Timothy Hanson
in memory of Arthur Hanson '38

Mr. Thomas Harvey
in recognition of Elizabeth H. Harvey Trustee at Foxcroft Academy 1970 - 1995

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Huff
in memory of Douglas E. Ryder

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Hutchinson
in honor of Ruby C. Williams

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in memory of Derek Quiet '88

Mrs. Gail Weatherbee Lincoln '36
in memory of Dr. Lee Weatherbee '50

Ms. Dawn MacPherson-Allen
in memory of Helen I. Brown

Mr. and Mrs. David McClure
in memory of Gerald Twitchell, Ernest Fowler '44 and Howard Huntington '44

Mrs. Betty-Jane Stanhope Meader
in honor of Murray and Elizabeth Stanhope

Mr. Aubrey Merrill
in memory of Gladys Merrill

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pride
in honor of Paige Pride '03

Drs. Usha and Challa V. Reddy
in memory of Agtu Mahalakshmi

Mr. Jeffrey Robinson
in honor of Jennifer and Alexis Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Smith
in memory of Myles E. Smith '35

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas
in memory of Tillson D. Thomas

Mr. Peter Van Aken
in memory of David Mansfield Smith '58

Mrs. Muriel Philpot Watson '25
in memory of her brother Edwin A. Philpot '25 in memory of her sister Elizabeth Ellen Philpot Belcher R.N. '20

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Weatherbee
in memory of Jon B. Weatherbee '73

Mr. James L. Williams
in honor of John E. Wiles, Class of 1951

Others who have donated:

Dr. and Mrs. John Ellery
Mr. David Leen

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Mrs. Barbara Livermore Morrison

Mrs. Ruth Nason
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robbins
Mr. and Mrs. David Ruksznis

John Cotton Receives James S. Holmes Award



John Cotton receiving James S. Holmes Award at Alumni Banquet

Since 1990 John has been a strong and enthusiastic supporter of students and faculty of Foxcroft Academy. While not from this area originally he came to begin to visit the Sebec and Dover area in the 1960's. In 1976 he and his wife Marion moved from Maryland to become permanent residents of Sebec. John has been a supporter of many community efforts including the YMCA and the local Kiwanis Club. His service to the Academy continues even at age 91 through his support of the Annual Giving Campaigns, Capital Campaign and most recently with an unrestricted gift to the endowment. His leadership gift to our recent capital campaign was recognized in naming the gardens in the courtyard outside the entrance of the Pride Manufacturing Student Center, the Marion Cotton Memorial Gardens, which has become a favorite gathering spot for students before and after school. 📌



Dr. and Mrs. John Clark volunteering their time to plant a variety of flowers and shrubs in the Marion Cotton Memorial Gardens

Alumni We



Bill and Joan Alfond participate in the dedication of the Harold Alfond Soccer Field



Alumni Weekend 2003 brought together over 500 alumni and friends ranging from the classes of 1925 through members of the class of 2002.

Friday night's Eighth Annual Lawn Party had the FA Alumni Dance Band playing for a large crowd of alumni and community members. The evening's special guests were Bill and Joan Alfond to dedicate the Harold Alfond Soccer Field.

Saturday morning started bright and early for younger alumni with soccer and field hockey games which had over 30 alumni, many of which were complaining they were not as young as they use to be.

Basketball, a new alumni activity, saw several alumni take to the court. Officiating the game against the FA varsity was alum Jere White '72. The Alumni Golf Scramble, which has been nurtured over the past eight years by Judy Collins Leighton '67, saw over 80 participants. The Alumni 5K Race set a record with over 70 participants, including many alumni. A few classes entered a float in the Homecoming Parade, in which Muriel Philpot Watson '25 served as the Grand Marshal.

The traditional Alumni Banquet filled the gym with over 270 alumni enjoying a beautiful banquet meal as well as the company of classmates. Following the Banquet, alumni enjoyed fireworks and a street dance.

Comments from alumni included: "how come everyone looks so old", "the school has changed a lot", "the new classrooms, art center, and fields look great", "it was so good to see so many of my old friends", "this place holds so many good memories for me", "I wish all these facilities were here when I was a student", "I really miss Dover", and "can I become a student again, I would love to take some of the classes that are offered today."

A new tradition of Sunday Brunch held in the Academy's Pride Manufacturing Student Center capped off a wonderful weekend and provided alumni an opportunity to make plans to see each other again.

Mark your calendar for August 6-8, 2004 for next year's Alumni Weekend



Players prepare for Alumni Golf Scramble

ekend 2003



Class Notes

Class of 1932

Leona Emerson Butler celebrated her 71st reunion at the Alumni Banquet this past summer. She was joined by her son **Wayne Emerson '53** celebrating his 50th reunion. Leona has 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Class of 1938

Bill Allen recently wrote us with one of his fondest memories. "In 1934 I was a freshman. My brother Tom had graduated. There were two fenced-in areas near the Paine house that needed a new surface. After delivery of two loads of clay, Tom and I spread, raked and rolled to a playable surface. They were well used. I was a fair player but could never beat Fred '41 or Julia Robbins '39."

Class of 1959

Working at Thomas College Health Center for three years, **Sally Haber Colby** has dreams of moving to NC. She and her husband Bill have five grandchildren, all under the age of 5.

She says that whoever wrote the quote about her under her yearbook picture, "wants to be a nurse, will probably be a mother" knew her pretty well, as they were right on target.

Class of 1960

Hoping to have more time to travel, **Avis Brown Canders** has sold her real estate business and is now working for North Country Properties in Abbot, ME.

Class of 1962

After 33 years, **Richard Albee** has retired from Civil Service and is living in Newcastle, ME. Returning to the educational process at the age of 60, **Phil Mitchell** will be attending UMA. He is proud to have graduated from FA and likes his quote under his yearbook picture. "I like work, it fascinates me; I can sit and look at it for hours."

Class of 1963

In August of 2003, **Shirley Ruksznis Young** and her husband Roger celebrated their 39th wed-



Vandy Ellis Hewett presenting former faculty member Eugene Coffin with Tillson D. Thomas Award

ding anniversary. Shirley is a teacher at the Sylvan Learning Center in Cartersville, GA. Their children are doing well: Roger and his band Cinder are preparing for another tour, their two daughters Stacey and Katherine are "stay-at-home soccer Moms". Bryan is a manager at a local Jiffy Lube. Shirley is preparing her poetry for publication.

Class of 1964

Richard and Rinda Conner Varnum '69 enjoy living and working at Varnum Farms in Sebec. They have four children: Lindsay '92, Dickon, Ashleigh '96, and Lincoln '00. They enjoy vacations to their land in Canada and visit New Mexico often.

Class of 1966

Linda Lunt was married on 7/1/03 to William Morrison of NC. They now make their home in Dover-Foxcroft where Linda is a nurse.

Class of 1971

Enjoying fishing for his dinner each night, **Shawn Conner** lives in FL and owns a tile and contracting business. He has two daughters: Amber, 21, and April, 16.

Class of 1973

Barbara Noyes is a missionary at End-Time Handmaidens and Servants, Intl. in Jasper, AR. A bookkeeper and office manager at Sea Club V Resort & Condo Assoc., **Jane Herring Clement** makes her home in Sarasota, FL.

Class of 1976

Mari Lou Alexa Conner and her husband **Casey '78** make their home in Saipan, where he is a self-employed independent contractor. They have eight children and Mari Lou has home schooled many of them.

Class of 1977

Lt. Col. Barton Sloat returned to his alma mater this past summer to deliver the commencement address to the Class of 2003. (excerpts may be found on pages 2 & 3) He came home last year after serving with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa in 2002. He is currently serving as the Executive Officer, 6th Marine Regiment.



Class of 1953 Front row L-R: Marilyn Mercer, Margarette Jefferies, Yvonne Brown, Ann Weston Middle row L-R: Bill Chase, Jane Barker, Janet Forrester, Connie Chase, Maynard White Back row L-R: Gerald Blodgett, John Klimavicz, Mac Blanchard, Bill Robinson, Wayne Kinney, Paul Levensalor



Nancy King Setzer '65 in back of flag from her son donated in memory of her dad John King

Class of 1978

Anna Pare Werth is an operating room nurse at Froedert Memorial Hospital in Milwaukee, WI.

Class of 1980

Residing in Corinna, ME, **Laurie Briggs Gustin** and her husband Patrick have six daughters: Anne, 22, Dora, 8, Eliza, 6, Leah, 3, Shannon, 23, and Hope, 18.

Class of 1982

Mike Guilmet is the CEO at Partners Who Care in Beverly Hills, CA. Recently returning from Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, **Wayne Herring** is now stationed in Fort Bliss, TX.

Class of 1983

Working at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Training Center as a sniper instructor, **George Simmons** returned home to Dover-Foxcroft this past summer for a visit. He and his wife Sheila have two children: Savannah, 8, and Hatteras, 8 months, and make their home in NC. A supervisor for Budweiser, **Bruce Savage** and his wife Cassie have three children and make their home in Cunningham, TN. **Jim Macomber** is in sales at the *Piscataquis Observer*. He and his wife Madolyn have two daughters: Crystal Rose, 4, and Virginia Jane, 2 1/2. Living in Bussum, Netherlands, **Aletha Conner Hidden** and her husband Hans have two children: Paris, 12, and Megan, 8. They just recently returned from a trip to the South of France.

Class of 1984

Employed at Correctional Medical Services at the Mountain View Youth Development Center in Charleston, ME, **Tania McLeod Roberts** and her husband John and have been married for 18 years. They have two sons: Sam and Wiley. With a BA in psychology, **Teresa Moore** is now working toward the completion of an MBA in management at Western International University. She is also attaining her BS in nursing and plans to continue on for her nurse practitioner's license in mental health. She is still single and enjoys hiking, reading, computers, and is a health fanatic. She plans on leaving AZ in 3 years for a cooler climate and has some land near Lee, ME, where she plans to build a summer home someday.

Class of 1985

A registered professional engineer, **Anissa Pierboni Brescia** and her husband own Building & Construction Services, Inc. in Newport, ME. They have three children: Jennifer, 11, Jessica, 11, and Jonathan, 6.

Class of 1986

Tim Leland and his wife Kate have a new son Sean born 2/4/03. On 2/15/03 **Ranee Lewis** was married to Alson Coffin of Old Town, ME. Ranee participated in the Special Olympics, winning gold, silver and bronze medals.

Class of 1987

A baby boy Anthony Michael was born to **Tim Smith** and his wife Karen on 8/23/03. Tim is the new Athletic Director at FA.

Class of 1990

Nancy Hathaway Seavey and her husband Jon have a new son, Austin Chase Hathaway Seavey, born 5/2/03, 8lbs. 6oz. Since January of 2003, **Sarah Thistle Connell** has been working in the library of the Faculty of Health and Social Care at the University of West of England in Bristol, England. She and her husband Matt have occasional

reunions with old friends from FA who have made the "big trip across the pond". Married to Stacie with two sons Dylan, 5 and Casey, 2, **Bill Smith** is a line-worker for CMP in Rockland, ME. Feel free to contact him at liam0801@aol.com. **Lee Milizia** and his wife Vickie had a son born 2/11/03, Alexander Matthew. Lee is attending Champlain College for his BA in accounting.

Class of 1991

Glenn Estes is living in Peterborough, UK, and working as a key accounts assistant at Document Control Services LTD. He has two children: Luke, 13, and Amy-Louise, 10.

Class of 1992

Because she really missed teaching, **Kelly Keenan** is back in CT as Director of Academic Computing and the Women in Science & Engineering program at the Westover School. **Lindsay Var-num-Cano** is married and has four children whom she home-schools: Gabriella, 8, Lillianna, 5, Michael, 3, and Isabella, 1. The family makes their home in Shakopee, MN. **Tim Blakely** is an attorney in Lewiston, ME, at Brann & Isaacson.

Class of 1993

On 10/1/02, Kaylee Payton Myers was the name given to the daughter of **Rachael Berry Myers** and her husband Randall. Working at Banknorth as a loan processor in Falmouth, ME, **Serena Tarr Robinson** was married to her husband Flinn in 1999. They have no children but three cats and are quite happy with life. **Edgar C. Prouty III** and his wife Kimberly proudly announce the birth of a second son, Carson Joseph, born 9/26/02. He joins big brother Colby. Currently pursuing a degree in nursing at KVTC and working full-time in the Air Force, **Greg Niland** is engaged to Kyla Zapisocki. **Tim Caldwell** was married on 8/22/03 to Meagan Walmsley in Salem, MA. They make their home in Watertown.

Class of 1994

Rooming with his cousin Dickon Varnum, **Seth Haskins** lives in Belfast, ME, and works at MBNA. He enjoys his two daughters: Haley, 7, and Ariel, 5. After graduating from Utah Valley College in 2000 with a BS in marketing and psychology, **Joy Haskins** moved to San Clemente, CA, where she met her husband, Captain Mario Billingslea, in 2001. They have two children: Moses, 7, and Sean (born 12/4/02). They currently live in Austin, TX, where Mario is in the Army National Guard. Visit Joy's webpage for pictures:

<http://www.geocities.com/joyoflif e0/billingsleapersonalpage.html>.

Laura Loguerccio Dellaire is married to **Corey '92** and is a program manager at Communities for People, Inc. in Providence, RI. Corey is an electrician. Julia Elizabeth Jacott was born to **Ellen Caldwell Jacott** and her husband John on 4/5/03. They make their home in Placerville, CA. Born on 8/17/01, Noah Francis Currier is the son of **Jesse '92** and **Darcie Johndro Currier**.

Class of 1995

On 6/26/03 **Heather Morrison Whitten** and her husband Richard had a baby boy, Bradley Michael, who she claims is the love of their lives! **Heather Robinson Moore** and her husband Austin have a son Avery Adam and are awaiting the birth of their second on 9/11/03. Austin is a pilot in the USAF and they make their home in Avondale, AZ. **Melissa Curtis Johnson** would love to hear from classmates. She and her husband John have been happily married for seven years and have three children: Christie, 6, and twin boys, Johnny and Jeremiah, 1. They live at 98 Main St. in Livermore Falls, ME 04254. **Heidi Weymouth's** son Devon is five and is attending kindergarten in Dover-Foxcroft. Stationed at Ft. Hood, TX, **Jessica Fairbrother Hall** and her husband Brian have two children: Cassey and Dylan. A behavioral special-



Class of 1973 *Front row L-R:* Clarice Higgins, Karen Pomeroy, Judy Dow *Middle row L-R:* Judy Getchell, Dawna Roberts, Jane Clement, Emma Reynolds, Brenda Johnson, Judy Snow *Back row L-R:* Gary Grant, Robert Stevens, Steve Hatt, Steve Cross, Terry Snow, Jesper Klinting, Peter Easton, Mark Parker

ist with Eastern Me. Counseling & Testing Services, Inc., **Lily Reardon Wallace** and her husband Paul live in Bangor, ME, and have one child.

Class of 1996

Mike Blakely is married and living in Rutland, VT, with his son Gavin. A massage therapist and librarian, **Ashleigh Varnum** is married to John Eastham and living in Brooks, ME. They have a daughter Lauren Maxwell born 8/8/02. **Dennis** and **Vicky Hoscrouer Crocker** make their home in Brewer, ME, where Vicky is a licensed CSR at Insurance Shoppers, Inc. Dennis is a welder. Sacred Heart University has a new admissions counselor in **Shawn Keenan**. He was married on 6/14/03 and they make their home in Derby, CT. **Kylie Kimball** is a physical therapist assistant at Bangor Nursing & Rehab Center and has started attending Husson College to get her master's in physical therapy.

Class of 1997

In December of 2003, **Kelly Dow** will graduate from Husson College with her BS in elementary education and minor in English. **Mike** and **Emily Gaudet Saunders**

have a new son, Conner James, born 5/26/03. Proud grandparents are **Terry** and **Sherry Bjork Gaudet '73** and **Elaine** and **Steve Saunders '73**.

Class of 1998

Andrew Caruso is now employed at the #56 ranked classical golf course in America, the Essex Country Club on the North Shore of Boston, MA. He just recently graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMass in Amherst. In December of 2003, **Wes Sands** and **Allie Sherman** will wed. Seth graduated cum laude from the University of Rhode Island in 2002 with a BS in clinical laboratory science and is currently employed by Nordx at Maine Medical Center in Portland, ME. Allie is a 5th grade teacher at Stevens Brook Elementary School in Bridgton, ME. Engaged and very happy, **Kevin Robbins** graduated from Penn State with a BS in economics and a minor in statistics. He works at Covance in Rockville, MD, and lives in Beltsville, MD. **Joni Nickerson** has a son Justin James Curtis, born 4/24/03. **Ashlie Pembroke** and **Dave McLeish '93** were married on 7/4/03

and are living in Sangerville, ME, with their son Mason. Ashlie works for the Varney Insurance Agency in Dexter and Dave is at Maine Energy in Bangor.

Class of 1999

In May of 2003, **Laura Jenkins** graduated from UNH and will

continue on with graduate school at UNH in elementary education. **Derrick Nutter** recently graduated from Husson College with his BS in nursing. While there he was president of Husson/EMMC OSN, a member of NSNA, as well as Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for baccalaureate and master's level nursing students.

Class of 2000

Attending her 2nd semester at KVTC majoring in accounting, **Jade Brown's** goal is to continue on to Husson for a master's degree in business/accounting.

Class of 2002

Veronica Willette, a sophomore at New England College in NH, was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National Academic Squad last season. Honorees must follow a certain criteria to qualify for such an award, including having a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or better and competing as a starter or key reserve. An environmental studies major, she is starting at left halfback on the 2003 NEC field hockey squad.

Alumni, please send us your news!

**Getting married? New career?
Back to school? New grandchildren?
Exciting vacation? Adventure?**

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Murray “Ev” Decker ‘66

The brush stroke, according to the Chinese, is the art in man. That’s where the truth of this artist is-in the hand.



Ev with some of his work

Ev, who was born in Maine, attended Schwartztorstrassen School Of Fine Art in Bern, Switzerland, with intense study under Vinsq Rolf from 1970-73. The courses were design-oriented, and there were a lot of nice folks who were studying to be teachers. That was the biggest department. But Ev was obsessed with 16th century painting mediums.

His early works were extremely impressionistic but in time his style changed naturally to classical. He’s done hundreds of commissioned portraits, landscapes and seascapes, a large mural on the wall of a church on a Sliamon Reservation near Powell River in British Columbia, Canada. He has exhibited at the Maryland Federation of Art in Annapolis, and the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Laurel, Maryland. His work has been exhibited in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Texas and California. Former President Jimmy Carter and actress Barbara Streisand own pieces of his work. His philosophy in life as an artist is to laugh at what is funny-smile at what isn’t, but paint every day. 📌

Classes Hold Memorable Reunions

“The Prom that Never Happened”

Steve Cross submitted an article for the Class of 1973 30th reunion, or “The Prom that Never Happened.” He says that if “we didn’t have to sleep, we’d probably all still be there.” Terry and Judy Richardson Snow provided a trailer and truck for a float in the parade. Judy Dow ran the 5K race and came in first in her age group of alumni. Tom Largay and Bill Sanborn were on the winning team in the golf scramble. A family barbecue was held at the American Legion Hall in the afternoon and many from the class attended the Alumni Banquet on Saturday night, providing the loudest cheer for a reunion class. For the nighttime event, the Legion Hall was decked with streamers, flowers, and even a disco ball! Jesper Klinting, the class’ exchange student from Denmark, was in attendance with his wife Brigit and two children. A few party crashers from other FA classes showed up to take part. We had planned on wrapping things up at 11:00 p.m., but the party had a life of its own and we didn’t get the last dancer out of there until well after 1:00 a.m.!



King and Queen of the Prom - Gary Grant and Emma Jean Matthews Reynolds-Gray

60th - Our Best One Yet!

The Class of 1943 had 13 classmates and 9 guests for a total of 19 at their 60th reunion held at the cottage of Mr. & Mrs. George Fowler at Sebec Lake. They had a great cookout and many saw classmates for the first time in 60 years. The boys all commented that Jane Washburn Grant was still “ravishingly beautiful.” A number of class members attended the Alumni Banquet but were most impressed by the great Sunday morning brunch held at the Academy. First time attendants ever from Florida to one of their reunions were brothers Aubrey and Merle Spaulding.

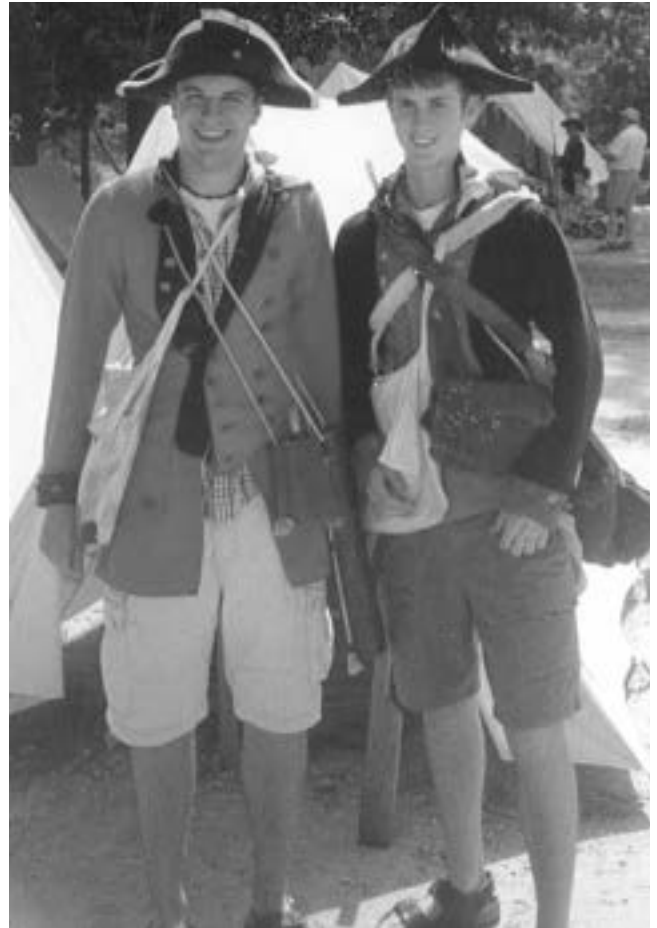
Foxcroft Student Explores Early American History

“With funds provided by the Horizon Scholarship program and my family, I was able to attend the pre-collegiate summer program in Early American History at the College of William and Mary”, so writes Joe Hinkley, a senior at Foxcroft Academy. Joe continues: “This was, without a doubt, one of the best things that I have ever done.”

“The main purpose of the program was to give me a better understanding of American history, from the settlement of Jamestown to the War for Independence. This was accomplished to a greater extent than I ever thought possible through extensive readings, lectures from people who often portrayed historical figures, and taking part in internships at archaeological sites. With a concentrated study of American history I was able to get a better understanding of the people of the era, the political issues, and how they combined to create and affect history.”

“Another important part of this program was being exposed to college life. It caused us to be disciplined in our own academic studies without the watchful eye of our parents. The lessons in self-discipline were great and gave me some sense of the academic challenges that I will have a year from now as a college freshman. I feel more confident thinking about college knowing it really is possible to accomplish all of the required work and still have a little time to relax and socialize with friends.”

“In addition, a lot of the friendships that I formed at this program will be lifelong friendships. I have learned a lot from the people and my studies, and together they have inspired me to strive for a greater understanding of the world and other people.” Joe is very appreciative of those who support the Horizon Scholarship program through their giving. It provided him with an invaluable learning experience that he is now anxious to share with others at the Academy. 📌



Joe Hinkley dressed in period clothing

All-Eastern Honors Band Selects FA Student

Brent Belanger, a senior at Foxcroft Academy, not only qualified for Maine’s All-State Band, but was also selected as one of the best high school musicians in the northeastern part of the United States and invited to participate in the All-Eastern Honors Band. The four day festival and performance were held in Providence, Rhode Island, this past spring.

With help from an Horizon Scholarship, Brent was able to travel and participate in the four day event. He writes of his experience: “In addition to long days of practices and performances, I had the oppor-

tunity to meet individual musicians and groups of musicians who worked in the music field professionally. The exposure to professional musicians also provided me with an opportunity to better understand the music industry. I learned more about the profession I want to go with and the experience with other high school musicians opened my eyes as to how much talent exists outside of Maine and how much harder I will need to work when I resume my studies at the Academy this fall.” Thanks to all who made this trip possible: it was very helpful to Brent. 📌

Plan Now to Celebrate Alumni Weekend '04 With Your Classmates



2004 Alumni Weekend Schedule

August 6 - 8, 2004

Friday, August 6th

Lawn Party with Alumni Dance Band — 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 7th

Alumni 5K Race — 8 a.m.

Alumni Soccer and Field Hockey Games — 9 a.m.

Alumni Basketball — 11:00 a.m. at Sedomocha Middle School

Community Parade — 9:30 a.m.

Golf Scramble — 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Alumni Banquet — 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Street Dance & Fireworks — 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 8th

Alumni Brunch in FA Pride Student Center — 8 - 10 a.m.

Horizon Scholarship Fund Created in Memory of Elizabeth Ellen Philpot Belcher '20

Born on September 4, 1900, Elizabeth Philpot graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 1920. She was one of five honor students selected to write and deliver her honor essay at graduation, the subject being *Memories of a Lighthouse*.

She started her nursing school studies at Children's Hospital in Portland, ME, and subsequently received special training at Yale School of Nursing. She began her career at Children's Hospital and continued working in pediatrics. She was named Nurse of the Month many times during her career.

She always said that if it had not been for the courses she took at Foxcroft Academy to prepare her for a career in nursing, she could not have faced the challenges she met successfully. She truly appreciated the dedication of her teachers.

Created by Muriel Philpot Watson, '25, Elizabeth's sister, this Horizon Scholarship Fund will help those students who wish to pursue an outside learning opportunity in the field of nursing. Thank you Muriel for your kind generosity.



Elizabeth Ellen Philpot Belcher '20

Where Do Foxcroft Academy Seniors Go To Pursue Post-Secondary Education?

During recent years, Foxcroft Academy has maintained our reputation of placing about 60% of our seniors, a figure often above the state average, in a wide variety of post-secondary schools. About 60% of these students pursue their studies in Maine. In addition, a number of FA students earn entrance into the most competitive colleges in the U.S., including those located here in Maine.

The Academy's challenging academic and college prep programs have contributed to our strong college placement record.

During students' four years at the Academy, our Counseling Services Office provides all students with the opportunities, information, and the tools necessary to encourage them to pursue some form of post-secondary education.

In special recognition of her work, our Director of Counseling Services, Mrs. Colleen Grover, was named National College Advisor of the Year for the State of Maine. Congratulations Mrs. Grover!

Here is a partial list of some of the schools our students have been attending. In addition, many students pursue education part-time, enter the military, pursue employment, or some combination of these.



Leigh Cartwright '03 says goodbye to faculty member Mrs. Emerson



Mrs. Grover helping to pin Shawn Tucker '01

Alfred University
 Bentley College
 Boston Architectural Center
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Brandeis University
 Brigham Young University
 Central Connecticut State University
 Central Michigan
 Champlain College
 Clark University
 Clarkson
 Colby College
 Colgate University
 College of the Atlantic
 Columbia International
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth
 Drexel
 Eckerd College
 EMTC
 Franklin Pierce College

Gordon College
 Harvard University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Hesser College
 Husson College
 Johnson and Wales University
 Keene State
 Lasell College
 Maine College of Art
 Maine Maritime Academy
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 NESCOM
 New England College
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Norwich University
 Paul Smith's College
 Penn State University
 Penquis Higher Education Center
 Plymouth State
 Portland State University

Pratt Institute
 Rochester Institute of Technology
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 Sacred Heart University
 Skidmore College
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 Smith College
 Southern New Hampshire University
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 St. Joseph's College
 St. Michael's College
 Suffield Academy
 Syracuse University
 Thomas College
 Unity College
 University College
 University of Arizona
 University of Bridgeport
 University of Florida
 University of Massachusetts

University of Maine at Orono,
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Alumni Awards

Alumni may vote for 2003 recipients of the Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Award and the Tillson D. Thomas Award by using the form below or e-mailing your vote to the Alumni Office. 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.)

Candidates for the Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Award should be an alumnus of Foxcroft Academy who has distinguished him/herself in their particular vocational field.

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.

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