

EXETER IN THE NEWS



The Academy and its alumni/ae, faculty, students and staff appear in the press on a regular basis. In addition to the thousands of notices that appear each year in hometown newspapers across the country noting student academic and athletic achievements, the Academy is regularly featured in regional and national media outlets. Here are some higher profile highlights from the past year.

- In a January 12 *People* magazine article, “Ivy Bound,” about the Teak Fellowship, an organization in New York City that helps underprivileged kids gain admission to top prep schools, a sidebar profile was included on Ama Blanchette '05, a Teak Fellow from the Bronx, NY.

- The N.H. Presidential Primary, which saw many of the candidates visit campus this past winter, resulted in press mentions the world over. The Academy also hosted live broadcasts of CNN’s “Cross Fire” and “Inside Politics.” C-SPAN and ESPN also stopped by to interview General Wesley Clark while he was on campus. *Education Week* ran a feature article on the primary visits to PEA in their February 4 issue.

- The Academy Award-nominated documentary *My Architect*, which explores the life of the late Louis Kahn—the architect behind the Academy’s Class of 1945 Library—led to mentions of PEA in a variety of national art and architecture publications, as well as a lengthy cover story in *The Portsmouth Herald* on April 18 and other regional coverage.

- Tiankai Lui '04, the Academy’s resident math whiz for the past four years, received considerable press coverage this spring in connection with the book *Count Down: Six Kids Vie for Glory at the World’s Toughest Math Competition* (Houghton Mifflin), in which he is featured. *The Boston Globe* profiled Lui on May 23 and *The*

Portsmouth Herald ran a lengthy cover story on April 8. *The Union Leader* also ran a piece, “A Beautiful Subject,” on May 30. The San Jose (CA) *Mercury News*, Liu’s hometown paper, also ran a feature on August 5.

- Philip M. Boffey '54, deputy editorial page editor at *The New York Times*, wrote an editorial, “The College Admissions Scramble: From Sure Thing to Anxious Ordeal,” for the paper on June 20. The piece looks at how the path from Exeter and other top prep schools directly to Ivy League colleges has changed since his days as a schoolboy.

- In sports, the big newsmakers this past year were the Big Red football team—which enjoyed its first perfect season since 1957, earning them the 2003 New England Class A championship—and baseball pitching ace Andy Gale '04, who was closely watched by major league scouts all spring. *The Boston Globe*, *Union Leader*, *Foster’s Daily Democrat* and a host of media outlets big and small covered these stories.

- The Exeter Math Institute, a traveling professional development program for high school math teachers founded and directed by instructor Eric Bergofsky, always enjoys a good deal of press coverage. During its 13th summer run, the program was featured in *The Miami Herald* and on the evening news on NBC 6 in Miami.

- “New Hampshire Chronicle,” a news magazine show on WMUR-TV, aired a lengthy feature on the history of Phillips Exeter Academy on November 11, 2003. The program also aired short segments on the Academy throughout the following week.

- This past November, *The Portsmouth Herald* ran a multiday, seven-story series celebrating the positive town-gown relations between the Academy and the neighboring community. Stories included local alumni/ae living and working in the area; PEA’s role as the town’s largest taxpayer; public events and other offerings held at the Academy; and the Best Buddies program for youth with special needs, and other student outreach programs.

- On February 15, *The Boston Globe* included an article on *The Exonian*, the oldest continuously published secondary school newspaper in the country, with quotes from co-editor Lois Beckett '05, faculty adviser Rick Schubart and alumna and *Wall Street Journal* editor Laurie Hays '75.

- History instructor Michael Golay, author of the *The Tide of Empire: America’s March to the Pacific* (Wiley & Son) published earlier this year, received significant regional coverage, including articles in *The Boston Globe*, *Union Leader*, *Exeter News-Letter* and *Maine Sunday Telegram*. Golay also appeared on New Hampshire Public Radio’s “Front Porch” program.

Corrections

• In the summer 2004 issue, we managed to mangle the prizes awarded to faculty members Richard Parris and Gary Hendrickson. To clarify: Math instructor Rick Parris was the recipient of the George S. Heyer '48 Award, given to “a teacher of outstanding caliber in recognition of the highest intellectual merit, devoted service and lengthy tenure.” Gary Hendrickson, an English instructor, received the Dormitory Award in recognition of his outstanding work as a resident faculty adviser in Soule Hall.

• Also in our summer issue, we incorrectly listed the location of the wedding of Susannah McAndrew '92 and Gaoya Chen. The couple were married in Taipei, Taiwan.