

## KATHLEEN CURWEN NAMED NEXT DEAN OF FACULTY



*A member of the Exeter science department since 1988 (and the department's chair since 2003), Kathleen Curwen will succeed Barbara Eggers as dean of faculty in July.*

Principal Ty Tingley has appointed Kathleen Curwen, chair of the science department, as Exeter's next dean of faculty. She will be the first science instructor to serve as dean of faculty since the position was created in 1966, and only the second woman. Her five-year appointment will begin on July 1.

"Dr. Kathleen Curwen blends a scientist's fondness for precision and accuracy with a great love of teaching and the Exeter community," says Tingley. "One of the great traditions at Exeter is that our deans rotate, and this change brings fresh perspective. Kathleen has been the chair of the science department as the department has settled into the new Phelps Science Center, and she and her colleagues have developed fresh engagement with the traditions of Harkness teaching. I look forward to her sharing this energy with the broader community."

Curwen earned her B.A. at Montclair State University and a Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire. She joined the Exeter faculty in 1988 as a chemistry instructor, and was the first holder of the Alfred H. Hayes '25 Teaching Chair in Science, awarded to a teacher who "fosters enthusiasm for science, coupled with a genuine interest in and love of students." In 2003, she became chair of the science department. She has also received a Brown Teaching Award (1999), which recognizes superior teaching, and a Rupert Radford '56 Faculty Fellowship (2005).

Curwen lived in Langdell Hall for four years, and then served as dorm head in Bancroft for six years. A past affiliate with Amen, Knight House and Kirtland, she is now an affiliate with Williams House. She has also served as adviser to Exeter's aerobics and biking clubs.

Curwen will succeed Barbara Eggers, Exeter's first female dean of faculty, who has served as dean since 2000.

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## TRUSTEE ROUNDUP

The trustees of the Academy held their annual winter meeting January 26-28, 2006. As is their practice at this meeting, the trustees set the tuition for the following year. For the 2006-07 academic year, boarding tuition will be \$34,500, and day student tuition will be \$26,600. Mindful of the high cost of an Exeter education, the trustees will continue to study the issue of affordability, even as the school announced plans to strengthen its financial aid program (see page 3).

Over the course of their three days of meetings, the trustees discussed a range of issues, many of which involved the projects resulting from the Academy's master planning efforts and the fundraising needed to implement the plan. While The Exeter Initiatives campaign is just past the halfway mark, the campaign has already reached 73 percent of its \$305 million goal.

The Academy's planning efforts call for dormitory renovation aimed at lowering student/faculty ratios in the dorms and improving faculty apartments and student living spaces. The school has already completed major renovations in Cilley, Amen and Peabody, and the trustees have asked the administration to begin conversations with architects to examine renovations in a number of other dorms. In addition, the trustees approved the installation of a synthetic turf field in Phelps Stadium this summer. The field will accommodate a number of teams, including field hockey, boys and girls lacrosse, and football.

A number of administrators presented reports. Michael Gary, director of admissions, updated the group on the Academy's recruitment efforts. Jay Martin, chief information officer, and Julie Quinn, director of communications, showed por-

tions of the Academy's new and dynamic website. And Ethan Shapiro, dean of students, described plans for the new Academy Center.

On Thursday evening, the trustees dined with faculty members who have come to the Academy in the last three years and then met with students in the dorms. The next morning, several trustees met with members of the Student Council, while others met with the Environmental Task Force. Some trustees visited classes on Friday afternoon, and all the trustees dined at the Principal's House on a special meal of local and organic foods. They also heard from David Davidson, director of dining services, about the Academy's new sustainable food program.

As always, the trustees were grateful for the welcome shown to them by the students, faculty and staff. Their spring meeting is scheduled for May 18-20, 2006.