



Madhat Al Mahmood, chief justice of the Iraqi Supreme Court, presented an all-school assembly on November 13. His visit to the Academy was part of a weeklong visit to New Hampshire under the auspices of Justice Joseph P. Nadeau '55, who retired in late 2005 as a N.H. Supreme Court Justice. Justice Nadeau is working with Justice Madhat to rebuild the court system in Iraq. The chief justice discussed his commitment to the rule of law and outlined some of the challenges he and his fellow judges face as they seek to bring stability to the courts of Iraq.

Justice Nadeau praised Justice Madhat for his steady work in building an independent judiciary. He called Justice Madhat "a quiet, humble but amazing man," and told the tragic story of how the chief justice has persisted in his work even after his only son was assassinated on the streets of Baghdad last May. After the all-school assembly, Justice Madhat met with students in the Latin Study for a question-and-answer period.

The chief justice's visit to Exeter and to New Hampshire was featured on N.H. Public Television's "N.H. Outlook," along with segments on the 75th Harkness Anniversary and the Class of 1945 Academy Library.

*Justice Joseph Nadeau '55 (left), a retired member of the N.H. Supreme Court, welcomed Madhat Al Mahmood, chief justice of the Iraqi Supreme Court (second from right), to Exeter for a daylong visit in November. With the two justices are (from left) Ahmed Jebari, instructor in Arabic; Cathy Nadeau; Rick Schubart, the Bates-Russell Distinguished Faculty Professor; and Sermid Al-Sarraf, attorney, who served as the chief justice's translator during his visit.*

## TRUSTEE ROUNDUP

The Academy Trustees held their fall meeting from October 25-28. The meetings began with the orientation of three new trustees: Belle Burden Davis '87, Tony Downer '75 and Monica Shelton-Reusch '77. Since all trustees are alumni/ae and have a personal knowledge of the academic program, the trustee orientation focuses on introducing new members to the behind-the-scenes logistical, financial and administrative workings of the Academy with which they are less familiar. The new president of the trustees, Chuck Harris '69, and vice president, Paul Goldenheim '68, accompanied the new trustees for a portion of their day.

Committee reports made up much of the fall meeting. The Alumni/ae Affairs and Development Committee heard reports on the plans for alumni/ae events this year and were told about the continued success of The Exeter Initiatives. (For more information, see page 84.) The Education and Appointments (E&A) Committee heard reports on admissions, college counseling, faculty recruitment and a report from the dean of faculty that discussed technology in the classroom as well as a number of other topics. Much of the E&A committee's time was devoted to hearing the results of an advising survey conducted by trustee Melissa Orlov '77.

The Building and Grounds Committee spent considerable time discussing the impact of the July hail storm and how to pay for the damage. Approximately 56 percent of this is covered by insurance. Various reserves and a large portion of the surplus from last year's budget will be used to cover the damage not covered by insurance.

The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the report of the auditors and the performance of the operating budget for the past fiscal year. The Academy ended the 2005-06 fiscal year with a surplus of approximately \$2.2 million attributable in large part to the remarkable performance of the Annual Giving fund, which exceeded its target by \$1.2 million. In addition, our enrollment exceeded projections and not all the financial aid budgeted was utilized, resulting in a positive effect of approximately \$1 million. This is fortunate given the stress that the storms have placed on the budget.

Another major focus of the meeting was the work of the newly formed Youth from Every Quarter Task Force, which was created this summer and is under the leadership of Bruce Hallett '67. This task force is charged with examining how the increasing strength of Exeter's financial aid budget might be used to expand our outreach and scholarship distribution in keeping with the Academy's historic mission to serve "youth from every quarter." Members of this task force include Andy Hertig '57, Rosanna Salcedo, Inna Sysevich, Michael Gary, Tom Hassan, Veda Robinson, Jim Theisen, as well as six trustees.

In keeping with tradition, trustee Steve Mandel '74 delivered the meditation on Thursday, October 26. The trustees toured the new Harris Family Children's Center, had breakfast with members of the Student Council, and had dinner with a number of administrators. They enjoyed their opportunity to be on campus and appreciated the hospitality of faculty, staff and students during their time at Exeter.