

TALKING POLITICS WITH NED LAMONT '72

Ned Lamont '72—who, last year at this time, was busy connecting with Connecticut voters as part of his successful effort to wrest the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate away from incumbent Joseph Lieberman—connected immediately with Exeter students during his April 9 assembly talk. His straight-talking, high-speed, no-nonsense presentation brought the Assembly Hall to life with questions, applause and laughter.

In less than 30 minutes, Lamont recapped the course of his underdog campaign, including his loss to Lieberman in the general election; offered his analysis of the Iraq war; described his recent trip to El Salvador and the hope to be found in that country's recovery from violent civil war; shared a few anecdotes from his student days; and, in a suspense-filled scenario worthy of a Hollywood screenwriter, forecast the outcome of the 2008 presidential election. (Hint: Think underdog candidates.)

He also urged students, even those too young to vote, to get involved and to speak out. "Take a look at that ball coming over the plate, give it a swing and run with it," he said. "You are lucky. You're in New Hampshire on the eve of the most important primary in the country."

—Nicole Pellaton



BRIAN CROWLEY

Ned Lamont '72, the political newcomer who almost upset incumbent Senator Joseph Lieberman in the 2006 elections, shared tales from the campaign trail at an April assembly.

Welcome Back

On May 5, during Reunion weekend for the classes of '72, '77, '87 and '92, the student-led Gay-Straight Alliance hosted a reception for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender alumni/ae.

(A) On hand for the event was Nat Butler '64 (with Principal Ty Tingley, right), who received the Founder's Day Award in 2005 for his work to help the Academy reconstruct its relationship with its gay and lesbian alumni/ae.

(B) Margaret Spencer '77 talks with GSA member Curtis Thomas '09. (C) Vic Bevine '72 (left) catches up with Chris Wronsky '71, Exeter's director of planned giving. (D) Marcia Tingley, Joshua Meyers, Jeremy Faro '97, Nat Butler.



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