

100 HOUR CLUB TAKES ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Amazing things happen when members of PEA's facilities management department come together with a goal and the determination to help others.

The 100 Hour Club was founded two years ago to do community service work in Exeter and the surrounding area. In that time, club members have painted and done carpentry work at the Exeter Center for the Creative Arts; raised a home for Habitat for Humanity in Epping; and performed housekeeping maintenance at the Independence Museum.

"Donating our services to nonprofit and civic organizations and to former PEA employees is a way for us to enhance relationships between the Academy and the local community," says Keith Ronalter, environmental health and safety manager for the facilities management department and chair of the FM Image Committee. The club, which is an outgrowth of the committee, is open to all department members. Twenty percent of the department has contributed time and effort to the program since its founding.



Last fall, the 100 Hour Club built a home for Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers included Tammie Motuzas, Lidia Motos-Belschner, Heidi Burwell, Donna Jackson, George Kimball, Mickey Kucharski, Meg Munson, Marty Richter, Keith Ronalter, Gregg Willett and Paul Willett.

TRUSTEE ROUNDUP

At their January 22 to 24 meeting, the Academy trustees addressed financial topics, including tuition decisions. For the 2004–05 academic year, the trustees approved a recommendation for a boarding tuition of \$31,600 and a day tuition of \$24,400.

Considerable attention was devoted to the rise in matriculating students who are showing higher levels of financial need than in the past. This factor, among others, has placed real stress on the scholarship budget, and the trustees approved a plan to respond to this need. It was also noted that nondiscretionary costs not under the Academy's direct control—including fuel, utilities, pensions and health care—have increased by more than 70 percent over the last four years.

The trustees also agreed that the 2004–05 budget will fund a new position, the director of technology services. This individual will be in charge of all Academy technology services, including academic and nonacademic computing. A national search is currently underway.

The Alumni/ae Affairs and Development Committee

reported that fund-raising totals were well ahead of last year at this time, reflecting the upturn in the financial markets. The Academy has received additional gifts to renovate the squash courts. Plans call for 10 new international courts, four of which will be exhibition courts with visitors' viewing areas. This renovation will make possible the replacement of the old and very rundown visiting team locker rooms with much more functional space. The project began this March and will be ready for next year's squash season.

The Building and Grounds Committee approved moving forward on the renovation of the Academy Center, which will be completed in 2006, and the creation of a new Child Care Center, to be completed in 2005. Both projects have been funded through campaign gifts.

Trustees met with day student advisers and a number of day students on Thursday night. On Friday the Education and Appointments Committee met with representatives of the Student Council; they also toured the Lamont Gallery and met with gallery director Karen Burgess Smith and the artists who were exhibiting there.