

TRUSTEE ROUNDUP

The trustees of the Academy met May 20 to 22. Their agenda focused on two tasks: setting a final goal for the comprehensive campaign, which will be announced when the campaign is officially launched in October, and reviewing the status of a considerable slate of facilities projects.

A major construction project, the renovation of the Academy Center, was approved and will begin in earnest at the end of the summer. Approval to build a new children's center was deferred until the trustees' October meeting in order to reexamine construction costs. The trustees did approve moving forward with the relocation of the Merrill garages and the removal of Merrill House from the property. The site needs to be cleared to accommodate the new children's center and adjacent landscaping and parking.

The budget, finance and audit committee heard that the Academy projects ending the year with a surplus. The trustees also were told that fund raising currently is well ahead of last year.

On Saturday the trustees approved an Environmental Mission Statement drafted by the trustee environmental task force (see sidebar).

On Thursday night, the trustees honored Kim Welch '72 and Dan Freudenberger '63, who retired this year as alumni/ae trustees. The trustees also recognized Associate Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller Jim Del Buono for his 36 years of service to the school.

The trustees also enjoyed the usual community events of the spring meeting, including a meditation by Robbie Campbell '04, the Founder's Day assembly and a luncheon with members of the student government.

ENVIRONMENTAL MISSION STATEMENT

Phillips Exeter Academy must be committed to stewardship of the environment. Recognizing we are all but one small part of the natural world, we must value, protect, preserve and replenish natural resources. While our actions are local, our reach is global.

We must foster a culture of environmental awareness, which should be integral to our community in all venues of daily life, on and off campus—where we learn, where we work, where we live and where we play. In practice, we need to respect our environment, recycle and reduce our consumption to ensure that the natural resources we treasure are preserved and sustained for the future.

As an institution, our priorities, decisions and actions will be informed by their environmental impact. We should pay particular attention to the use of our land, the construction and renovation of our facilities, our consumption of energy and other resources, and our choices of transportation.

The Academy must educate our entire community about environmental issues and sound environmental practices. To address that part of the Academy's mission that seeks to graduate young people "whose interest in others and the world around them surpasses their self concern," we must be vigilant in our efforts to prepare future generations for stewardship of the environment.

—Approved by the Trustees of
Phillips Exeter Academy, May 2004

It's a Grand Old Flag

To announce this year's Principal's Day on May 13—a surprise 24-hour furlough from classes and all other required appointments—Principal Ty Tingley had a special flag run up the Academy Building flag pole, causing both students and teachers to salute smartly.



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