

## Good Talk, Good Fuel, Good Food: Environmental Action at Exeter



Several alumni/ae who've made their careers in the environmental field returned to campus in early April to meet with students and discuss their work: (from left) Bruce Ferguson '72, P'05, president and CEO of Edenspace Systems, a Virginia company that uses plants to monitor and remove arsenic, lead, uranium and other minerals in soil and water, in commercial projects throughout the United States and Japan; Karin Rubin '91, a land protection specialist with Rockingham Land Trust in Exeter; Dorn Cox '91, who has launched the Oyster River Biodiesel Initiative, a coop focusing on the pro-

duction of biodiesel fuel, from his farm in Lee, NH; and Pat Leslie '97, Exeter's first environmental education fellow.

Following a year of study by the Academy's Environmental Task Force (ETF), Exeter's tractors began using biodiesel fuel this spring. A renewable fuel derived from cooking oils like soybean, biodiesel produces fewer harmful emissions than petrodiesel. Shown here with driver James Thomas (in cap) are ETF members (clockwise from top) recycling coordinator Danele Smith, associate director of facilities management Bob Kief, Elizabeth Shope '05 and Nick Devonshire '07.



Organic and locally grown foods were on the menu at a special Farm to School dinner co-hosted by the ETF and the Academy's Dining Services on May 11. Diners like Principal Ty Tingley had their choice of roasted sirloin with leek and shallot demiglace, rosemary fingerling potatoes, sautéed spinach and stuffed Roma tomatoes with Portobello mushrooms, and the chance to hear from the executive chef of Yale University Dining Services, which runs a popular organic dining hall, and from representatives from NH's Farm to School Program.



## TRUSTEE ROUNDUP

The Academy Trustees held their annual spring meeting on campus from May 18 to 21. The alumni/ae affairs and development committee announced that The Exeter Initiatives campaign had reached \$190 million toward its goal of \$305 million. (For more news of the campaign, including giving totals, see pages 58-60.) The trustees accepted the recommendations of the administration to name the new squash center the Fisher Squash Center and the new children's center the Harris Family Children's Center. In a separate action, the trustees approved going forward with the final design and construction of the Harris Family Children's Center beginning this summer. They also approved the final operating budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

The building and grounds committee reviewed an extensive list of projects and approved the capital budget for the coming fiscal year. After considering a number of plans that have been developed to replace the aging Cage with a new field house, the committee decided they were all too expensive to pursue at this time. At the conclusion of the buildings and grounds committee agenda, the president of the trustees, Jim Rogers '63, read a resolution honoring Facilities Management Director Don Briselden for his 18 years of dedicated service to the Academy.

The trustees also thanked instructor in religion Kathy Brownback, who ended her service as clerk of the trustees at this meeting and who becomes chair of the religion department this fall. Director of Studies Mark Delaney will replace Brownback as clerk. Finally, the trustees designated that Assistant Principal Thomas Hassan will serve with the title of acting principal while Principal Ty Tingley is on sabbatical during the fall and winter terms of the 2005-2006 academic year.