

## DR. IRA D. HELFAND '67 RECEIVES THE JOHN PHILLIPS AWARD

On October 21, the Academy honored Dr. Ira D. Helfand '67 with the John Phillips Award. The John Phillips Award recognizes an Exonian whose life contributes to the welfare of the community, country and humanity as a whole. Past recipients have included Arthur Schlesinger Jr. '33, Hodding Carter III '53 and Patrick Lydon Jr. '68.

A full-time emergency room physician at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, MA, Dr. Helfand is a founding member of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), a nonpartisan organization of doctors committed to eliminating the threat of nuclear disaster, and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). In 1985, PSR and IPPNW received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of their public outreach.



*Dr. Ira Helfand '67 (with his wife, Deborah Smith) was presented with the John Phillips Award last fall for his work with Physicians for Social Responsibility.*

Dr. Helfand discussed not only the threat from nuclear weapons, but also the ramifications of the many new technologies that have been developed without thought to how they can be controlled.

The audience in the Assembly Hall was hushed as he described the catastrophic consequences of a nuclear explosion, a threat that has not diminished with the end of the cold war. "To us has been given the opportunity to save the world," Dr. Helfand told the students. "It is a burden, but it is also a gift." He closed his talk by invoking the words of former Vice Principal Ernest Gillespie, who urged Dr. Helfand and other members of his class to go forth from the Academy and "strike some shrewd blows in favor of civilization."

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## ACADEMY HONORS MICHAEL V. ONEAL '74 WITH PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Michael V. Oneal '74 was honored at the Academy's annual Alumni/ae Council Weekend last fall for his work as a volunteer for the school. The President's Award is given to members of the General Alumni/ae Association (GAA) who have shown distinction in their work for the Academy in the last two years.

At a dinner attended by Alumni/ae Council volunteers as well as members of the class of 2004, GAA president and trustee Kim Welch '72 spoke of Oneal's devotion to PEA. "We honor you today for your inspired, and inspiring, volunteerism on behalf of Phillips Exeter Academy. Your unwavering faith in the ability of your alma mater to transform lives, your generosity of time and resources, and your willingness to always—always—follow through make you the archetype of volunteers. If cloning were legal, we'd be at your doorstep."

For the past 10 years Oneal has served Exeter in many capacities: as a Friend of the Academy Library, as general gift chair for his 25th reunion, as a class agent and GAA director, and most recently as alumni/ae fund chair.

He has attended all 10 New York phonathons in the last two years. And during last year's admissions interviewing season, despite the fact that he had to be in Washington, D.C., during the week, Oneal volunteered to interview applicants on weekends in New York City.

*Kim Welch '72, president of the General Alumni/ae Association (left), presents Michael Oneal '74 (right) with the President's Award for his exemplary work as a volunteer.*

HAROLD BROWN '74