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Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair Academy

In September, the School celebrated the kick-off of Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair Academy. James P. Jenkins ’66, Chairman of the Blair Academy Board of Trustees, announced a $50 million campaign goal during the festivities in New York City. Campaign Chair David Wakefield ’48, introduces readers to the campaign initiatives.

DVD Insert

Revisit Blair Academy as you view this special video and learn why the entire School community shares in the excitement of Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair Academy.

Past & Future Generations

Photo opportunities arise when alumni parents and grandparents enroll young family members in the fall. Check out Blair’s current student legacies.

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BLAIR BULLETIN I
One of the three initiatives of Ever Always, The Campaign for Blair Academy, is to provide students with purposeful space for the second half of their educational day—those hours when they play a sport, learn a new skill or interact with their teachers and coaches. Already the first phase has been completed, with new athletic fields, tennis courts and track finished in time for fall. (Turn to page 6 for details.) At right, Locke Hall houses Headmaster Chan Hardwick’s office; see adjacent page for Chan’s thoughts as Blair enters its 160th year.

Photo by Bruce Cramer.
As we start our 160th year, we at Blair are quite excited. Of course, to be honest, life in an adolescent community is always exciting, particularly in the early fall as first-year students adjust and veterans take their place one grade higher than the year before. Those anxious first days of finding their way, establishing some friends—or at least friendly companions—feeling comfortable at lunch, getting all the homework done, making a team—these milestones are all important and all rewarding. And they happen every year in September, a month that seems to go on forever, while May is just a blink.

Even with the normal back-to-school energy, students returned this September to the stunning reality of our new facilities—the lighted football field, tennis courts and track, a new loop road running from the golf course and connecting behind Mason, Freeman and Annie Hall. The returning students, so impressed by the sudden transformation, had to probe their memories to recall what the old scene looked like—the cinder track and slanted practice fields by the former seventh fairway. So we are allowing an amnesty for nostalgia. Soon, however, what is new will be what we know. And for the Class of 2011, what is new to us will simply be their Blair.

This issue of the Blair Bulletin is rich with information and includes a DVD to help you better understand the new campaign we announced at the kick-off celebration in New York on September 25. Ever, Always: the Campaign for Blair is certainly more than the sum of its parts; this campaign is about fulfilling our mission of inviting Blair students “to come, to study, to learn” in a school community that allows them to do just that. In this new century, Blair increasingly attracts students from all over the country and the world. Bright, talented and capable, these boys and girls are ready to take advantage of all the opportunities that being a Blair student provides.

Our alumni well understand the “study” that is required of a Blair boy or girl—the hours of reading, writing, research, solving problems, employing both technology and creativity. Blair students study well and with enthusiasm, a reality underscored by our impressive college admissions. Nevertheless, not all learning takes place in the classroom. Working with others, making friends, structuring their time for study and exercise are all part of preparing for college and adult life beyond. These elements of education require community and recreational space for extra-curricular involvement and learning. Thus, with this campaign, Blair responds fully to the “learning” our mission requires.

With the “outside” parts of our facility moving toward completion, we are focusing on the “inside” parts—a project which we hope to break ground on by the time this Bulletin is in your hands. Our goal is to complete the significant construction and renovation component of the new activity and athletic center by next fall. Even as we finish this historic work, we shall also look to fulfill the other goals of this comprehensive campaign: to increase the Blair endowment and continue the growing momentum and strength of the Blair Fund. The annual report about those two important aspects of Blair’s finances is included in this Bulletin.

I expect that the excitement of the first weeks of this school year will not subside but build with the seasons to come and with the progress of our campaign. And this feeling is not only about our new students or our 160th year; rather, we are excited about Blair as a changing, ascending educational community, a traditional school rising to the demands of the world today.
Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair Kick-off
Share in the festivities! View the on-line video of all the festivities as produced by Judith Kahan Kampmann, Blair’s director of video studies, at http://www.blair.edu/Campaign/news/0925_kickoff_video.htm
MESSAGE FROM THE Chairman

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**ON SEPTEMBER 25, BLAIR ACADEMY ANNOUNCED A**
$50 MILLION GOAL FOR EVER ALWAYS: THE CAMPAIGN
FOR BLAIR ACADEMY.**

To date, more than $31 million has been raised during the leadership phase of the campaign. This total includes commitments of $1 million or more from seven individuals and families, as well as 90 gifts from individuals of $50,000 or more.

I have had the privilege of participating in the planning for this effort and, at the same time, watching the School make great progress under the combined leadership of outstanding Board members and a committed Headmaster. Now is the time for a comprehensive fundraising effort that will provide the facilities and financial support necessary for Blair to take its rightful place among the finest independent boarding schools in the nation. It will enable us to improve the students’ in-class and out-of-class experiences, strengthen our faculty, build our endowment and ensure the School’s fiscal health through a dynamic annual Blair Fund.

This campaign perpetuates what is timeless about Blair: passionate teachers dedicated to developing students of character. **Arthur Hamlin ’29,** in his history of Blair Academy, wrote, “The masters…cared, and they accepted nothing less than my best. They set me on a course of academic achievement…in turn leading to a career that has given me every opportunity to fulfill the promise they saw, and indeed much more. Today I can still say, as I did then…I love Blair.” As a Blair student for six years beginning in the seventh grade, I enthusiastically echo those words.

Thanks to generous early leadership support, we have made substantial additions to the campus and have achieved important gains in annual support through the Blair Fund. We can all be proud of Blair and its remarkable potential. Now is the time for the entire Blair Family—alumni, parents and friends—to rise to the challenge before us and realize that potential.

David Wakefield ’48
Trustee, Chairman, Campaign Steering Committee
Strengthening the Student Experience

- Create a new Activity and Athletic Center ............ $17.5 million
- Improve outdoor athletic facilities ......................... $6 million
- Acquire new property and create a pedestrian campus ........................................... $1.5 million
- Expand on-campus faculty housing ......................... $1 million

Building Blair’s Future: The Endowment

- Increase endowment for faculty support and scholarship aid ........................................... $15 million

Delivering Excellence: The Blair Fund

- Strengthen the Blair Fund ........................................ $9 million

Campaign Total ........................................ $50 million
continue to invest in our students and faculty while achieving greater financial stability. Blair has a long history of providing scholarships to deserving students. Today, we award $3.3 million in scholarships to nearly one-third of our students. Scholarships allow Blair to continue to attract highly talented students, creating a student body that is capable, diverse and enthusiastic.

Currently, the operating budget funds 78 percent of scholarship aid. We must increase the percentage of aid funded by the endowment to guarantee that scholarship resources are permanently secure and that the opportunity for a Blair education remains within reach of students from all walks of life. Our endowment is an investment in the future, ensuring Blair can pursue its essential mission in perpetuity. A strong endowment gives us confidence to plan and make strategic long-term decisions on a foundation of financial security.

Today, Blair’s endowment stands at $64 million—impressive when you consider it totaled just $12 million in 1988. Yet the reality is that Blair was a latecomer to endowment-building; our current endowment places us in the lowest quartile of national boarding schools. This means Blair relies more heavily on tuition to meet everyday needs than do other schools. *Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair* will strengthen our endowment, ensuring we continue to invest in our students and faculty while achieving greater financial stability.

We are proud of our faculty and want to compensate them accordingly. In the past decade, Blair faculty salaries have moved from the bottom quartile to close to the median of national independent schools. But to attract and retain the best faculty members, we must offer salaries commensurate with their responsibilities—wages that appropriately support them and their families. We must also continue to provide professional development opportunities for these talented teachers who want to further their education and enrich their teaching.

Building Blair’s Future: *The Endowment* Goal: $15 Million

In building Blair’s endowment, we invest in the School’s most valuable resources—our students and teachers.
DELIVERING EXCELLENCE: The Blair Fund
Goal: $9 Million

WE RELY ON A STRONG, VIBRANT AND GROWING BLAIR FUND to provide excellence in all academic and co-curricular programs. In essence, while gifts to the endowment support Blair’s future, gifts to the Blair Fund support Blair today.

The Campaign goal for the Blair Fund is to achieve a sustainable $2 million-a-year annual giving program. That amount is the equivalent of the spendable income generated from $40 million in additional endowment, and it is applied immediately to enhance programs for students and faculty today.

Blair’s advancement is reflected in the increased growth of the Blair Fund. Five years ago, just over 1,000 alumni contributed to the Blair Fund; last year nearly 1,800 contributed. During the same period, total alumni dollars increased 66%, while Blair parents continue to contribute over a half-million dollars annually to the Blair Fund.

Through this campaign, we seek to solidify these gains, allowing Blair to continue offering outstanding programs while still building its endowment.

“All gifts to the Blair Fund will count toward Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair Academy. The majority of our alumni, parents and friends will have the opportunity to participate in this historic effort through new and increased giving to the Blair Fund.”

T. Chandler Hardwick III, Headmaster
STRENGTHENING THE Student Experience

THE BEST BOARDING SCHOOLS OFFER OUTSTANDING FACILITIES FOR ACADEMICS, FOR RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS. Recent years have brought academic additions such as Bogle Hall, Timken Library and Armstrong Hipkins Center for the Arts. Residential life enhancements include Ann L. Siegel Hall and renovations to Romano Dining Hall and Blair’s student and faculty housing. Upgrading student activity and athletic facilities is the next essential step if we are to properly meet all of our students’ needs. Increased activity space will provide students with opportunities to be productively engaged and learning—especially during the winter months.

To date, Blair has realized the first part of this vision: with a generous gift from Herbert J. Siegel ’46, we have added 120 acres of new property, which will allow us to significantly upgrade our outdoor fields and to create a pedestrian campus. In addition, we will build new faculty housing to ensure that faculty members continue to live in close proximity to students.

A new Activity and Athletic Center represents the final phase of this vision: purposeful space for the “second half of our educational day,” when students can participate on sports teams, learn new skills and interact with teachers and coaches. This space is critical for our student body—now coeducational and 100 students larger than a decade ago.

An Activity and Athletic Center will allow Blair to develop a robust winter intramural program as well as improve the experience of winter team athletes, most of whom now have shortened practices that run through family-style dinners and evening study hours. Just as importantly, the new facility will become a true campus center, with a school store, post office, informal study areas, offices for college counseling, and a place for day and boarding students to mix. There will be additional courts and enhanced facilities for fitness and weight training.

A new Activity and Athletic Center is necessary to strengthen student life and Blair’s sense of community while also allowing us to fully achieve our mission to develop students’ intellectual, moral and physical capabilities.
“Frankly, this explosion of thoughtfully conceived facilities has surpassed my expectations. As the cross country and assistant track coach for the last 28 years, I am stunned by the reality of an all-weather track, a facility that will finally allow Blair runners to compete at the same level as our competitors.”

Marty Miller
history teacher
Blair Academy’s Buildings and Grounds Committee is definitely on solid footing, if you’ll pardon the pun. Chaired by Jack Turpin ’62, president of Turpin Real Estate in Far Hills, N.J., this group of alumni and parents are devoted, indeed, to serving the needs of the School. As Jack said, “I was excited from the moment I first became a member of the Board of Trustees and pleased to later become chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee—an honor I never expected. What a meaningful experience it has been to help guide the decision-making process for a place I’m so very close to.”

“We have a phenomenal committee,” said Jack. “The members are so capable, with energy, experience and intelligence. Like me, these individuals are genuinely pleased to be a part of the School’s success. I’d say that, across the board, our fondness for Blair—as either alumni or parents—accounts for our commitment as a committee.”

Jack also lauds the dedication and long hours logged by Jim Frick, assistant headmaster for finance and operations. “Believe me, without Jim’s expertise and level of devotion, much of our decision-making might have been more challenging.”
The all-weather turf field, new all-weather track and 10 new tennis courts are the beginning of Blair’s commitment to fulfilling students’ needs during the second half of their educational day at the School. Follow the progress of the Campaign on-line at http://www.blair.edu/Campaign/index.htm

Hampshire Field was dedicated under the lights during Homecoming on October 6, with Blair’s football team winning against Mercersburg, 41-6. Christine Evans ’08 (right) sang the “Star-Spangled Banner,” while Headmaster Chan Hardwick introduced the Hanson and Imperatore families—donors of the new athletic field—including Mr. and Mrs. Jon F. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey B. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hanson, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Imperatore. The name, “Hampshire Field,” refers to a common family enterprise that both the Hanson and Imperatore families (below) are involved with.

A special tribute at half-time honored Coach Steve Kuk, the veteran Blair coach who led Blair’s football program from 1942-1960 and coached some of the famous Blair teams during that time. Many of Coach Kuk’s players were on hand to celebrate and cheer on the Bucs from the stands they contributed in his memory. Speakers were Dominick Desiderio ’52, Ronald Melnik ’52 and Robert Novogratz ’55 (top right).
“If it was just about sports, I think it would fall short. But it’s about creating areas where students can get out of the dorm and congregate or socialize, and I think it’s fulfilling a portion of what the Blair experience is all about.”

Jeff and Sarah Hanson
parents
A Teacher of Life

At the age of 89, George Senter is one of Blair’s most enthusiastic alumni and loyal class representatives. He graduated from Blair in 1938 and headed to Brown University. After his junior year, George joined the Army as a private and ended his military career as a captain in 1945. During his time in the Army, George discovered an interest in teaching when he was assigned to teach mathematics to candidates at Officer Candidates School. At Blair, George was also encouraged to enter the field of education by the Headmaster, Dr. Charles Breed, for whom George had the highest admiration. This influence led to a 36-year teaching career, with 31 of those years spent at The Hill School.

At Hill, George was a beloved teacher and dorm master, and in 2005 he became the first non-Hill graduate to have a dormitory, Senter House, named in his honor. One of George’s students said of him, “I believe that George is indeed one of the greatest teachers that I have ever come across in my lifetime—a teacher of mathematics and a teacher of life.”

Because of his passion for teaching and his belief that teachers and students are the lifeblood of a school, George has made an historic bequest intention that will benefit Blair students and teachers for generations to come. George has asked that half of his future gift support the salary of the mathematics chairman, who will be known as the holder of the George D. Senter Endowed Chair in Mathematics. The remaining half of his gift will be used to create the George D. Senter Scholarship program, which will provide financial assistance to worthy students who could not otherwise afford a Blair education, with preference given to students from his native state of Maine. In making an investment in Blair’s endowment, George is supporting the teachers and students who will always remain at the heart of a Blair education.

Retired and living in Maine, George says, “I spent three very happy—if not the happiest—years of my life at Blair.” Through his planned gift, he hopes to make it possible for future Blair students and teachers to experience that same happiness.
Meet the Press Secretary

Over the summer, this Blair Bulletin Editor received a note and newspaper clipping from former faculty member Art Richmond ’38, keeper of memories and a wonderful source of historical information for many of us at Blair today. (Art received a Ph.D. in history from Yale.) Taken from The Washington Times dated May 11, 2006, the editorial piece penned by Herbert G. Klein—a national fellow of the American Enterprise Institute, retired editor-in-chief of Copley Newspapers and former Nixon White House director of communications—focused on President Bush’s appointment last year of Tony Snow [who since stepped down] as his press secretary and the fact that, in Klein’s words, “the man who set the parameters for the modern press office” was actually James C. Hagerty ’28, former White House press secretary (and the only press secretary) in the Eisenhower administration from 1953 to 1961.

At Art’s suggestion, I delved into the Blair archives for more information on Jim, as he was known at Blair. Sure enough, a past Blair Breeze proudly proclaimed Jim’s success with the headline, “Eisenhower Takes James C. Hagerty ’28 to the White House.” The article explained his qualifications for the job: “Jim’s qualifications for the White House position are indeed ideal. He has had exactly nine years of experience on each side of the press relations fence. He began with The New York Times in 1934, following graduation from Columbia University. His early assignments were to cover political news under his father, James A. Hagerty, who was then and still is political editor of the Times. Newspaper men soon began calling them ‘Old Jim’ and ‘Young Jim.’”

The Bulletin continued, “From 1938 to 1943, when New York’s Governor Dewey appointed him his press secretary, ‘Young Jim’ covered the state legislature at Albany. In 1940, he took on a bigger assignment—the Wilkie presidential campaign. Touring the nation with the late Republican candidate, Jim made countless contacts that have been extremely valuable in his subsequent posts with Dewey and Eisenhower…Strangely, perhaps, at Blair Jim was a member of neither Breeze nor ACTA [yearbook] staffs. But he was eminently successful in his chosen extracurricular field, swimming. He was also an honor student, with history and Bible his strongest subjects. As a junior in 1927, he smashed Blair and state breaststroke records as one of a team which won every dual contest and climaxed its season by capturing six out of seven first places in winning the State Meet. He captained the 1928 mermen to a 6-2 dual meet mark and second in the State Meet.”

Jim, who was succeeded at the White House by Pierre Salinger and authored The Diary of James C. Hagerty: Eisenhower in Mid-Course, 1954–1955, naturally managed to be quoted on a regular basis. According to Simpson’s Contemporary Quotations, he once said, “One day I sat thinking, almost in despair; a hand fell on my shoulder and a voice said reassuringly: cheer up, things could get worse. So I cheered up and, sure enough, things got worse.” And the March 17, 1968 edition of The New York Times quoted Jim as saying, “If you lose your temper at a newspaper columnist, he’ll get rich or famous or both.”

Klein elaborates on Hagerty’s precedent as presidential press secretary: “Hagerty, a New York Times political reporter, was strongly recommended to Eisenhower by Tom Dewey, who after losing to Harry Truman, became a key figure in the ‘I Like Ike’ campaign. Eisenhower was not comfortable with the press and gave major responsibility to Hagerty. During the president’s heart attack and hospitalization, it was Hagerty and then-Vice President Richard Nixon who ran the country. In my career in government, Hagerty was both my tutor and my role model, and he was the role model for most others who have been involved in White House communications.”
Giving Back to the Sport

New Jersey’s Burlington County Times noted the good deeds of former Blair wrestler Tommy Prairie ’01. On August 19, writer John Lewis’ article, “They’re Giving Back,” began, “As high school students, they worked their magic at opposite ends of Hartford Road.

Dave Miller Jr. won 138 career matches at Lenape High School, finished third twice in the state championship tournament and won titles in both his junior and senior seasons. He moved on to wrestle at North Carolina State University and then transferred to Rider, where he did the bulk of his collegiate wrestling. A few miles to the west, Tommy Prairie compiled an 80-19 record at Delran High School. Prairie was a three-time district and two-time region place winner who finished seventh in the state in 2000, his senior season. He wrestled for a year at Blair Academy, then moved on to a distinguished career at Williams College, where he won three straight New England championships and earned all-America status three times. Prairie compiled a 106-8 record for the Ephs.

The article continued, “Earlier this month the two teamed up in Pennsauken, where the opportunity came to pass along some of what they’ve learned to another generation of area wrestlers. Miller and Prairie hosted a 4 1/2-hour clinic at the Advantage Wrestling Academy for students in grades 1–12 anxious to get a little edge for the winter. It was the second clinic the two have hosted this summer. The first was at Mount Holly’s Wrecking Crew Wrestling Academy, where Miller and his father, Dave Sr., are co-head coaches.

The idea behind it is the simplest of all. ‘I just want to stress the basics,’ Prairie said. ‘You have kids 5 years old and kids in this school working on the same moves. Just the basics and being good at all three positions. That’s what makes a good wrestler.’ ”

The article concluded, “Prairie, who assisted Dennis Smith at Delran last season, was recently named the head wrestling coach at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. He’ll be going against Williams, his alma mater, but the points he’ll stress as coach are universal. ‘The main thing is obviously, that if you’re a college student-athlete, the student comes first,’ Prairie said. ‘I’m going to have team study halls, make sure they’re doing their class work, and not burn them out in the fall. It’s a long schedule. I want to make sure they’re peaking at the end of the season, for the New Englands and Nationals. It’s going to be a little different, going against (Williams). But it will be fun competition.’ ”

Big Apple Realtors Test Imaginations

An article by John Koblin in the April 23 edition of The New York Observer covered the New York real estate market in terms of agents with ingenuity. Clinton Blume ’50 was among the honorees. Koblin wrote, “...the brokers who trade, lease and finance the city’s skyscrapers were celebrating the Real Estate Board of New York’s Most Ingenious Deal of the Year. The 101 Club transformed into real estate’s Kodak Theater, a stage to present brokers the industry’s biggest prize as happens every April...For a business where there’s such tangible incentive—how much money you make—this was a chance to reward brokers’ creativity in the form of three Ingenious Deals...The veteran broker Clinton Blume took second place...”

Koblin added, “Mr. Blume...of ABS Realty Advisors, was the winner of the second-place prize, the Robert T. Lawrence Award. He last won an Ingenie all the way back in 1983...Mr. Blume, testing his breadth and experience in real estate, solved real estate’s biggest head-scratcher by finding a new home for several nonprofits at 20 West 44th Street after they were about to be evicted from their old home at 122 East 58th Street.”
**Time Capsule in Plaster**

The July 30 issue of *The New York Times* included a feature by David Gonzalez on artist **John Ahearn ’69**, entitled, “Captured in Time (and Plaster) and Reborn as Art.” The article begins, “Inside a rock-solid Bronx warehouse, John Ahearn and Rigoberto Torres walk quickly through a darkened maze of rooms crammed with file boxes, wooden crates and plastic-wrapped furniture that was last called modern 40 years ago. They stop at a partly hidden door, turn the key and push it open with an appropriately spooky creak. The room is filled with bodies. They are not dead. Nor are they alive—though they live in vivid memory. They are life-size sculptures of real people from a Bronx that is long gone. More than 25 years ago, Mr. Ahearn and Mr. Torres began an artistic partnership, settling into several South Bronx neighborhoods to do life casts of regular folks on streets where most of the buildings had been reduced to rubble. Many of those casts are now in museums or collections; some are in this warehouse, stacked on shelves or propped against walls.”

The article continues, “But their most famous works—of girls skipping rope, of an elderly woman seated on a chair—hang several stories up on Bronx buildings that managed to escape the wrecking ball. ‘This is not only our work,’ said Mr. Ahearn, who is 56, talkative, scruffy and intensely earnest. ‘This is not a symbol of a person. Every one of these is a real person at a real time. The relationships run deep.’ He and Mr. Torres have been learning just how deep in recent weeks, as they set out to restore some of their public works on Longwood and Intervale Avenues in the South Bronx. It took a lot of persuasion to earn their subjects’ trust those many years ago. It took even more talking to learn the essence of their lives, whether the mechanic with a tire or the mother and child playing patty-cake. But when those people agreed to be wrapped in gauze and cast in plaster, the sessions were often joyfully loud block parties.”…

The Times reporter also interviewed some of the subjects featured in the Bronx-based work: “The mother and daughter in the mural, Pat Murchison and Selena Panasik, visited the studio last week. ‘I look at their work and say I’ll be young forever,’ said Ms. Murchison, now 60. ‘I’ll never see that size again.’”

**Mason’s Got the Moves**

A July 17 article on *Sports Illustrated*’s Web site (SI.com), entitled, “Ten Boys Who Will Make a Difference in 2007–08,” included one of Blair’s own, namely **Mario Mason ’08**. The introduction stated, “Here’s a list of boy athletes to watch in the next year,” then continued: “Mario Mason – Wrestling. Mason, a rising senior, finished his junior year at Blair Academy (Blairstown, N.J.) as the nation’s top-ranked 140-pound wrestler by W.I.N. magazine. The All-American won titles at national tournaments like the Beast of the East and the Ironman Invitational and helped Blair finish the year ranked No. 2 by W.I.N.”
Running for His Life

Columnist Dave Griffin, who pens “On Running” for the Carroll County Times (Westminster, Md.) chose Jim Bullock ’61 as his subject on July 8. His article, “Bullock Sets Fine Example” begins, “Jim Bullock keeps an old picture on his wall. It was the last cross-country dual meet of his high school career. Jim was a senior at Blair Academy in New Jersey, and the 1960 race was against rival Peddie. Jim’s teammates went into the race confident that they would win. But, as the race developed, something amazing happened. They began to realize that Blair held all top seven varsity places. Excited, the leaders backed off to encourage their teammates. The others sped up. The finish was in the Blair stadium, where the stands were filled with fans waiting for the second half of the football game. There, Jim and his teammates charged into the stadium to a roar of applause. And that’s when the picture [see photo below] was taken, as the seven runners, arms entwined, ran to the finish line.”

Griffin added, “In the background of the picture you can see Peddie’s first runner straining to catch up. He didn’t make it, and Blair had accomplished the impossible, sweeping their long-standing rival. They did it together without egos. No one sprinted off to finish first. And, therein, lies the secret to the success of their team.”

Griffin continued his profile, “A few days ago, I watched Jim run another cross-country race at Hashawha in Westminster. Hashawha is a famed course, and local runners smile whenever they hear the name. Hashawha is synonymous with challenge; the steep hills and rugged terrain make it the hardest running track in the area. But Jim was there, 47 years after he locked arms with his teammates and crossed the finish line of a great high school career. Since 1978 Jim’s home has been in Westminster, and he has tallied a long list of local accomplishments. He’s been a competitor, a coach, a training partner and a running friend to more runners than anyone can name…”

The article concluded, “Is there a way to imagine where Jim Bullock would be today if not for running? Maybe we shouldn’t try. Instead, we should appreciate his example.”

Alum Creates Riff at RIIFF

Rhode Island media carried the news that Gregg Brown ’89 received the first place award for outstanding achievement in a comedy short at the 2007 Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF) for his work, SHRINKS, which he wrote, directed and starred in. The fest was the film’s world premiere, and best of all, Gregg explained, the RIIFF Awards are significant in that the festival is an official Academy Award qualifier for the short film category. Of over 3,000 festivals worldwide, only 61 share this distinction.

Gregg quipped, “The upside of depression—an award! The SHRINKS screening and RIIFF festival experience couldn’t have been better. Audiences were buzzing and laughing hard enough to miss entire lines, leaving the theater with a heartfelt connection to the film.” He described the film’s story line: “SHRINKS. Five shrinks. One neurotic patient. A modern comedy about mental health.”

A press release issued by RIIFF noted, “This year’s RIIFF ran August 7–12 and showcased 320 cinematic works submitted from over 70 countries and 34 states in the United States. The 2007 RIIFF presented 125 world premieres and 36 U.S. premieres. A total of 34 narrative features, 75 documentaries, 33 animations, 12 experimental and 161 short films were screened. Following months of adjudication and review, festival films were selected from 2,491 submissions.” At press time, Gregg learned that SHRINKS was also an official selection of the 2007 Woodstock Film Festival.
...And Speaking of Film
We know what they did last summer. Faculty members Steven and Judith Kampmann, Ryder Sturt '07 and Blair librarian Holly Newcomb, that is. Steven directed an independent film, BuzzKill, right here in New Jersey before moving on to film in Southern California. Judith and Holly both played roles, while Ryder served as an intern. The exploits of Steven and company are explained by Herald News (Bergen County, N.J.) writer Karen Keller in her August 1 article, “On Location in Clifton.” The Star-Ledger (New Jersey’s largest daily) also carried an article about the film on August 20.

Keller wrote, “In an independent film shot this week, it’s a Route 46 pizzeria—not a trendy coffee shop, where writers often go—that provides the setting for a struggling writer trying to jumpstart his creative juices. Forty film crew members taped scenes of the film, BuzzKill, at Bruno’s Restaurant and Pizzeria on Monday and Tuesday. The restaurant...was selected because it was perfect for the 'strip mall/urban setting' the crew was going for, said director Steven Kampmann. ‘That off-(Route) 46 feel,’ he said.”

Keller added, “In one scene, the English-accented writer, played by American actor Daniel Raymont, sits in the pizzeria’s bright orange booths to write. ‘It’s his Starbucks,’ said Matt Smollon, co-writer of the film script. The dark comedy involves a British screenwriter who meets a serial killer while on a cross-country trip, he said. Other local filming locations for BuzzKill include a Totowa gas station on Union Boulevard [where Holly spent the day before the cameras]...Then the crew moves to Warren County, which doubles for parts of the film that are set in Ohio and other parts of the Midwest. The film ends in an L.A. desert. That’s a hard setting to fake, so filming will be done in Southern California, producer Thomas Hanna said.”

The article concluded, “Hanna aims for the film to hit the independent film festival circuits—domestically and internationally—and he will begin searching for domestic distributors in January, he said. Director Kampmann was a writer for the television series WKRP in Cincinnati. Kampmann directed the movies Stealing Home (1988) and The Couch Trip (1988). Also starring in BuzzKill is Saturday Night Live actor Darrell Hammond, said Hanna.”

Near the end of August, Steven had “wrapped” in Los Angeles and had begun the editing process in New York.
Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

It is my pleasure to once again provide a financial overview of the 2006-2007 school year at Blair Academy. Many favorable financial conditions helped contribute to another successful fiscal year at the Academy, resulting in our best fiscal outcome in many years.

As I have stated in the past, the success of our operating budget begins with solid student enrollment figures to start the year and a consistent result in the Blair Fund. The 06-07 fiscal year saw great results in both of these categories, allowing Blair to exceed its budgeted revenues for the year. Given the importance of the School’s admission office and development office, the Board of Trustees has made significant efforts in recent years to ensure ample support to produce these positive outcomes. During the year, we were able to contain the operating expenditures to stay within our budget parameters, thereby producing an operating surplus for the 06-07 fiscal year. The Board of Trustees allocated all surplus funds to supplement the endowment and plant funds that help support the operation and maintenance of the School.

As you will see in the graphs on the next page, Blair continues to derive the majority of its revenues from current tuition. We must continue to work toward the goal of reducing our reliance on tuition so that we can attain more control over tuition increases for future generations of Blair students.

In addition to the successful results in our operating budget, we also experienced positive outcomes within both our physical plant fund and our endowment fund. The net result of our disciplined budgeting and strong endowment performance was a $15 million increase in Blair Academy’s net assets, so that we finished the fiscal year slightly above $103 million in net assets; by comparison, our net assets in 2005 were $66 million.

The table at right shows the activity and results of the School’s endowment over the past three fiscal years. The total return of 19.43% (net of fees) on the endowment portfolio during the past year ranks as one of the School’s best results in recent years. The endowment portfolio outperformed our assigned benchmark (55% Russell 3000, 25% MSCI world equity ex. US & 20% Lehman Brothers Aggregate), which returned 18.6% for the year. The Investment Committee continues to employ the services of the Fund Evaluation Group in order to assist the committee in asset allocation models, manager selection and performance reviews. During the past year, the committee has shifted some of our allocation from real estate investments into several multi-strategy hedge funds. After some adjustments to the portfolio at the end of the year, the portfolio allocation is as shown at right.

The committee will continue to review the portfolio allocation and investment manager performance to ensure that the long-term investment objective of achieving a total return of endowment assets, net of manager fees, will meet the annual spending requirements of the School while maintaining the long-term growth of the endowment on an inflation adjusted basis. Blair Academy’s annual operating budget relies heavily upon the endowment draw to provide a quality education for our students. Currently, the endowment spending draw is calculated by taking 5% of the average market value for the 12 quarters ending June 30 preceding the current fiscal year. This policy is reviewed periodically in conjunction with the Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees to determine the most appropriate calculation in order to provide maximum support to the operating budget while also preserving the value of the endowment to provide for future generations of students. No withdrawals from the endowment other than to fund the spending policy will be permitted without the approval of the full Board of Trustees.

After the acquisition of the new property was complete in the fall of 2006, the Board of Trustees made the decision to move forward with the first phase of our athletic facility expansion and renovation. During the spring of 2007, we broke ground on the outdoor facilities, which include a new track, new synthetic turf field, new tennis courts, new natural grass fields and a road to circulate traffic around the perimeter of campus, which will eventually allow us to eliminate traffic through the center of campus. The second phase of our athletic facility expansion and renovation will include approximately 50,000 square feet of new athletic and support space as well as a renovation...
of approximately 20,000 square feet of student activity space. The construction schedule calls for phase one to be complete this fall.

Upon approval from the Board of Trustees, we will commence phase two late this fall with the anticipation of completing the new Activity and Athletic Center by December 2008. We have budgeted $23.5 million to complete these two projects, the funding for which will come from capital campaign contributions as well as $14.6 million from the proceeds of our Series 2007 School Revenue Bonds, which were issued through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority on October 1, 2007. The school issued a total of $23,355,000 in bonds, using approximately $8.3M to call previously existing bonds. The new bonds will be amortized over a 30-year period. The current plans call for paying annual debt service through operations of the School, which has been the practice of the School for the past 10 years. The Board of Trustees has also approved the construction of two new faculty homes on the north side of campus along with the necessary infrastructure improvements to accommodate these homes. This construction is scheduled to begin late this year with completion of the first home to occur in the summer of 2008.

Along with all of the new projects that we have planned for and started, we have also been careful not to allow any deferred maintenance to affect our beautiful campus. During the past fiscal year, the school has allocated approximately $1.6 million to improve our infrastructure, equipment and existing buildings. Many of these improvements are not always visible, but we believe that they are just as important as the new, more prominent projects on campus. Examples of these projects include re-pointing the stone exterior of several of the major historic buildings on campus, replacing steam lines, installing back-up generators, re-roofing several buildings, as well as numerous other smaller projects. The School was also fortunate to be able to purchase an additional faculty residence located adjacent to the new property, giving us a faculty presence on the north end of our newly extended campus.

I hope this brief summary—along with the charts and graphs—of the financial side of Blair Academy helps give you an understanding of the financial impact that your gifts have on the school and on current and future students. As you can tell, it is a very busy time on campus, but it is also very exciting to see the long-awaited enhancements come to fruition. I want to express my gratitude to the many people who have helped the School in so many ways. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me either by phone at (908) 362-6121 ext. 5627 or e-mail at frickj@blair.edu.

Sincerely,
James Frick
Assistant Headmaster for Finance & Operations
I write with pride, gratitude and excitement as I report on Blair’s fundraising success over the past year. With phase one of the new athletic construction project nearly complete, we are just beginning to get a sense of how the new building and the facilities will positively impact the entire Blair community. Looking back at the past year, I would like to thank all of the generous alumni, parents and friends who supported Blair Academy. Each gift to the School ensures the fulfillment of Blair’s mission and Blair’s future.

I am very pleased to announce that the Blair Fund had another record-breaking year last year. Giving to the Blair Fund reached a record $1.78 million. Parents set a new participation record of 77% and once again contributed over a half-million dollars to the Blair Fund.

Blair Academy draws much strength from the generosity of its donors and volunteers. I would like to thank all those people, including the over 100 class representatives, who dedicate their time and energy to raising the resources necessary to make Blair one of the great independent boarding schools in the nation.

If you are one of the many individuals who gave to Blair this past year and are mentioned in this annual report, I sincerely thank you for your support of the School. If you have not yet had the chance to make a gift to Blair, please consider making a gift this year as Blair embarks on Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair. I invite you to become part of this vital and historic effort toward an exceptional future for our School.

Sincerely,
James P. Jenkins ’66
Chairman, Blair Academy Board of Trustees

Dear Fellow Alumni:

This past year was another record-breaking year for the Blair Fund. As alumni co-chairs of the Blair Fund, we would like to thank all of those who participated for their support as we look ahead to another banner year. Blair alumni have had a remarkable impact on the School in the past year through their tireless volunteer efforts. Members of the 1848 Society Committee, Reunion Committees and Class Representatives have all volunteered countless hours in reaching out to their fellow classmates. As a result, alumni participation has increased dramatically over the past five years, from 20% to 30%.

As we begin this comprehensive Campaign, please remember that the Blair Fund is one of the Campaign’s three major initiatives and that your gift not only counts toward our Campaign goal of raising $50 million but that it also supports today’s faculty and students. The Blair Fund impacts every student and teacher at the School, providing them with the resources and programs they need to make their experience at Blair an exceptional one. We ask you to join us again this year in making a gift to the Blair Fund, so we can ensure that Blair continues to be an extraordinary place for them to come to, study and learn.

Sincerely,
Mark Moon ’84 and Amelia Wolfe ’85
Alumni Co-Chairs, The Blair Fund
The following new faculty members joined Blair Academy at the start of the School’s 160th year. – M.M.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE
David Facciani teaches Chinese and received a B.A. in East Asian Studies from Yale University. He also earned an M.B.A. from Thunderbird, The American Graduate School of International Management. Prior to coming to Blair, David worked in sales and business development for various companies based in America and China.

Alexis Machabanski teaches Spanish and also serves as an admission associate. She received her B.A. in art history and psychology with a certificate in Spanish from Williams College. She has interned and volunteered at a number of museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Williams College Museum of Art.

HISTORY
History teacher Susan Altman received a B.A. in history from Columbia University. An avid athlete, she played basketball and ran cross country at the NCAA level while attending Columbia and College of the Holy Cross, respectively.

Ashley Goodrich-Mahoney teaches both history and art history. She earned an A.B. in history of art and political science from Brown University, as well as an M.A. from the University of Oxford, Christ Church College. Ashley served as an intern at the White House (Office of Presidential Correspondence) and the United Nations (International Telecommunications Union) in Switzerland.

MATHEMATICS
Claire Coffey, math and science intern, received a B.S. in food science/business/pre-med from Cornell University and an A.A.S. in math and science from Corning Community College. Claire also attended the U.S. Naval Academy where she was a Division I rower. While a student at Phillips Academy, she captained the basketball team. Prior to coming to Blair, she was executive director of Pittsford Crew.

Math teacher Erin O’Hara earned her B.S. in mathematics from Ursinus College where she also minored in art. Erin has coached volleyball and served as a teacher’s aide and teacher’s assistant for various schools.

Camden Place teaches math and is an avid rower. He earned his B.A. from Dartmouth University, where he majored in studio art, minored in mathematics and was a member of the varsity crew team. Camden served as a teaching assistant at Massachusetts College of Art prior to coming to Blair.

Amy Pergola, mathematics teacher, is a licensed professional engineer. She earned a B.S. and a master’s degree in civil engineering from Cornell University and most recently served as an adjunct professor of mathematics at Sussex County Community College. Prior to entering the education field, she worked on design and management projects for various engineering and construction firms.

PERFORMING ARTS/DANCE
Dance teacher Clarissa Newby-Phillips earned a B.A. in fine arts dance from Rutgers University and a master’s in dance in higher education from New York University. Clarissa founded and directs the Pocono Conservatory for the Arts and had been a dance educator and choreographer for numerous performing and fine arts venues, including the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Lian Wang teaches Chinese dance and attended South China Normal University. Lian is trained in ballet as well as traditional Chinese dance and yoga and has taught at various health and fitness clubs.

COUNSELING
Jessica Shactman serves as Blair’s first school counselor, supporting faculty and students in the areas of adolescent psychological growth and development. Jessica earned a B.A. in American studies from Colby College, an M.A. in American cultural studies from the University of Wyoming, and an M.S. in social work from Boston College. Jessica served as a counselor at Miss Porter’s School and taught Spanish at the Taft School.

DEVELOPMENT
Amy Paul ’99 returns to Blair as director of stewardship. She attended Barnard College, where she received a B.A. in English with a concentration in American literature and was a member of the Columbia women’s lacrosse team. After graduating in 2003, Amy worked at a book publishing house in New York and later at an advertising firm servicing book publishing clients. She is a member of the West Hall dorm staff and assists with the field hockey and girls’ lacrosse programs.

TIMKEN LIBRARY
Ann Williams received an M.L.I.S. from Rutgers University and a B.A. in English from the University of Delaware. Prior to coming to Blair, she worked as a library aide in the local elementary school and was director of risk management for Pathmark Stores, Inc., in addition to her volunteer activities for local recreation and school organizations.
Labor of Love

The Blair Room is, indeed, the gateway to the School for prospective students and their families, since it houses the reception area of the Admission Office. Appropriately enough, this special place in the heart of campus was renovated and redecorated this summer. Jeff Haines, father of Brittany Haines '05 (pictured with Alma Constatino, Assistant to Dean of Admission), and Eric Stessl, father of Kara '09, provided all of the labor and expertise for this project.

Jeff, who owns Butler’s of Far Hills—an interior design firm—oversaw the facelift, while Eric, president of Stessl & Neugbauer—an upholstery business—rebuilt and reupholstered every piece of furniture in the room. Records indicate that the last time the Blair Room was redecorated was more than 30 years ago when Selena Howard, wife of Headmaster Jim Howard, oversaw the project.
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Skeptics Series Takes on Topic of Terrorism

The Society of Skeptics lecture series resumed on September 18—one week after the sixth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks—with a program by Lt. William Keegan, author of Closure.

The Web site for Keegan’s book explains its premise: “On the morning of September 11, 2001, the Port Authority Police Department was the first uniformed service agency to respond to the attack on the World Trade Center. As night commander of the WTC Rescue and Recovery Operation, Lt. William Keegan, alongside representatives from the NYPD, FDNY, the Office of Emergency Management, as well as the Medical Examiner’s Office, operating engineers, ironworkers and others, began the most intense experience of their lives: the recovery mission at Ground Zero.”

Later in October, a Blair alumnus, Col. (ret.) Stan Spraitzar ’67, formerly of the Army Strategic Planning Board/Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, spoke at Skeptics on “Homeland Security: Understanding Terrorism.”

Most Skeptics programs—diverse in nature and often the subject of classroom discussion—take place on Tuesday evenings and are open to the public; a full listing can be found on Blair’s Web site at http://www.blair.edu/events/ev_skeptics.shtm

More Than Books Can Tell

Sarah Brandwood ’09, Dylan Evans ’08, Tyler Browse ’08 and Jenna Lubliner ’09 traveled to France this summer as participants in the Normandy International Experience 2008, partially sponsored by Archer Martin ’42, a member of the 29th Infantry Division who fought in the Normandy landings. During a 1994 return trip to the Normandy area, Archer was so impressed with how French children are taught about their liberation by America that he wanted American students, in turn, to learn more about the role the U.S. played.

Students agreed that the trip was unforgettable. “I will always remember the kindness that was shown to us today by the French,” said Dylan. Sarah agreed: “I’ll always remember the emotional stories of the French men and women who were children of the occupation and liberation. I learned more from their accounts of living history than I could have from any book or film.” Tyler added, “Seeing the respective plaques of Malvin Walker and Captain Norval Carter [at the Wall of Remembrance] was a truly impressive sight…”

The Normandy Allies International Experience program was founded in 1997 to promote greater historical understanding of the 1944 liberation of Normandy and the subsequent reconstruction of France.

Headmaster Honors Community Members

During the traditional opening dinner of the school year for faculty and staff of Blair, Headmaster Chan Hardwick acknowledged those members of the community celebrating 10 and 25 years of service to the School. Honorees included Jeff Buxton and Pat Togno who have served for 25 years, and Sue Habermann, Terry LaBar, Candy Low, Keith Sharpe and Troy Strunk who celebrate 10 years.

Jeff and Pat received original paintings by local artist Jan Swift, while 10-year veterans received a Windsor chair, handcrafted by Frederick Duckloe and Bros., Inc., complete with an inscribed brass plaque noting their dates of service.
Photo opportunities abound at Blair, especially when alumni parents and grandparents enroll young family members at their alma mater.

This year, two classmates—Ben “Buzz” Bishop ’66 and Dave Bugen ’66—found themselves on campus, registering their children as sophomores. As Buzz said, “Great to see Dave Bugen again. It is certainly a bit ironic to have kids entering Blair at the same time, same grade, 41 years after our graduation.”

Buzz added, “I told [my son] Brad I forgot to give him my ‘new boy’ tie—I still have it—that we had to wear for the first days or weeks. I also remembered that ‘new boys’ could not walk under the Arch for a [certain] period as well.”
Current Student Legacies
Parents and Grandparents

RICHARD A. AMDUR ‘50
Brittany T. Small ’10

HOLLY J. ANDERSON ‘81
Hayley Anderson ’10

BEN L. BISHOP, JR. ’66
William B. Bishop ’10

JOHN C. BOGLE ’47
Molly England ’09
Christopher B. St. John ’10

DAVID A. BRANDS ’52
Chelsea McMahon ’10

JOHN M. BRESLIN ’81
Michael S. Breslin ’09

DAVID H. BUGEN ’66
Sarah E. Bugen ’10

MICHAEL E. CLOTHIER ’73
Julie A. Clothier ’10

CAROLYN M. CONFORTI-BROWSE ’79
Nicholas T. Browse ’08

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J. COUPER SAUNDERS ’53*
Thomas C. DeMartin ’09

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CONSTANCE D. FLETCHER-HANDLE ’74
WILLIAM A. HINDLE ’74
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STEFAN A. KLING ’71
Marjory L. Kling ’11

ALEXANDER A. KOVACH ’82
Alexander A. Kovach, Jr. ’11

PATRICE MAILLET ’77
Patrick Maillet ’10

WILLIAM R. MARTENS ’52
Elizabeth H. Martens ’08

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Kiana V. Mendoza ’11

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William S. Neff ’08

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Timothy D. Peacock ’08

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Drew J. Romano ’10

CHRISTIAN C. SCHNEIDER ’78
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Lauren Schneider ’10

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Paul Simonson ’10

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JAMES P. TROZZE ’65
Olivia L. Trozze ’08

VINCENT A. WALKER ’45
Matthew Cable ’09

*Deceased
Please join us for another sensational season of fine and performing arts...

The Blair Academy Players

GUYS AND DOLLS
Book by Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling, music and lyrics by Frank Loesser
February 14, 15 and 16
Set in Damon Runyon’s mythical New York City, this classic musical comedy brings us some of Broadway’s most legendary characters. Featuring some of Broadway’s best songs, including Luck Be a Lady, Fugue for Tinhorns, Sit Down You’re Rocking the Boat, and Adelaide’s Lament, Guys and Dolls is one of Broadway’s best.

FORTINBRAS
by Lee Blessing
February 21, 22 & 23
Lee Blessing’s hilarious play finds Fortinbras, in his ascension to the throne of Denmark, attempting to publicly minimize the atrocities that culminated in the final scene of Hamlet, much to the dismay and dissatisfaction of the former inhabitants of Elsinore, who haunt him to distraction.

PROOF
by David Auburn
April 30, May 2 & 3
David Auburn’s Pulitzer- and Tony-award winning play focuses on the complexities of familial and romantic love, as well as the relationship between genius and madness.

METAMORPHOSES
by Mary Zimmerman
May 7, 9 and 10
Mary Zimmerman’s Metamorphoses brings Ovid’s tales to the stage “with its emphases on love, loss and the transforming powers of memory and the imagination,” said The New York Times of the play.

CHRISTMAS VESPERS
Sunday, December 9
4 pm & 7 pm
A traditional candlelight service.

SPRING CONCERT
Thursday, May 15
DuBois Theatre
Selections meant to herald the beauty of the season as spring comes to campus.

THE DANCE-IN-EDUCATION PROGRAM
This program is designed as an age-appropriate introduction to the exciting world of dance. Students learn the basics of dance and the elements of movement through imagery and improvisation, rhythmical patterns, storytelling, usage of directions in space and enrichment workbook exercises. Performance dates will be listed on Blair’s Web site as the season progresses.

Music & Dance

FALL CONCERT
Thursday, November 15, 7:15 pm
DuBois Theatre
Come join the entire music department in a varied program of modern and ancient masterworks.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
Friday, December 7, 7 pm
DuBois Theatre
Get in the mood for the holidays with the annual holiday concert, including instrumental and vocal music.

Romano Gallery

NANCY ORI
November 5–30
Ori’s portfolio consists of approximately 30 large, color images made in the landscape environments throughout the United States, predominantly in the Northeast. These scenes have been transformed by Ori’s unique internal vision into powerful documentations of beauty and design with a central theme of trees. The exhibit provides a balance of images between the elements of turf, wood and water.

ATSUKO TAJIMA
December 3–29
Reception: Friday, December 7, 7–8 pm
This show features reverse painting on kiln slumped glass by Atsuko Tajima, who explains, “As we grow older, we encounter the beginning and ending of the lives around us. And as we travel ourselves between these two points, we experience an enormous variety of events. As an artist, I am most interested in how we transform mentally, as well as physically, during this journey called life. I wish my artwork to become a reminder of the preciousness of our given time.”

JOHN GOODRICH & KEN KEWLEY
January 7 – February 2
Reception: Thursday, January 10, 7–8 pm
The work of painter and collagist Ken Kewley and painter John Goodrich share a common concern with formal values. Both artists work from landscape, the still life and the figure, using the abstracted rhythms of colors and forms to reveal a deeper pictorial presence.

Because this schedule is subject to change, please check the Performing & Fine Arts section of the School’s Web site (www.blair.edu) or call (908) 362-6121 for the latest available information as the event draws nearer.
Artists Ro Lohin and Kevin Wixted have traveled to many locations over the past 20 years. With each excursion they pack watercolors, paint, notebooks and cameras, immersing themselves in a foreign culture with open eye and mind. The results are an artistic travelogue of sorts containing the specific light, color and spirit of each place...

**VIVIEN COLLENS**
March 24 – April 26
Reception: Thursday, March 27, 7–8 pm
Using broad, curved washes of colored acrylic glaze, Collens paints a dense atmosphere which, she notes, may be the context for a precisely defined counterpoint.

**ALUMNI SHOW: BREED PHOTOGRAPHY**
May 18 – June 8
Reception: Saturday, June 10
A collection of photographs by Dr. Breed, former Blair Headmaster, artistically captures a bygone era. The art curators at the Carnegie Museum of Art state, “Charles Breed helped to establish the traditions and conventions of the formal family photograph and the more casual family snapshot.” Selections are on loan from a collection in New York City owned by Jack Lubiner. Dr. Breed’s work is also currently on display through January 21 at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh.

**STUDENT GALLERY**
Annual Student Art Exhibition
April 30 – May 17
Reception: Thursday, May 8

The Campus Center features regular monthly exhibitions by student artists, so enjoy a snack while you take in the talent.

**BLAIR VIDEO**
Offered as both an art elective (video production) and an after-school option (fall and spring), Blair Video produces a variety of videos, including documentaries, “mockumentaries,” interviews, mini-movies and public service announcements. Blair students produce and edit an enormous range of interesting work. Please check with instructor Judith Kahan Kampmann (ext. 5690) during the course of the year for information about screening times of the various projects.

Videos may now be viewed online as part of Blair’s Web site offerings.
IN MEMORY OF...

1936

Robert E. Eastright. Mr. Eastright majored in biology at Princeton University, where he was a member of Theatre Intime and Campus Club. He served in the Special Services Division of the U.S. Army and later became a captain. In 1946, Mr. Eastright began his career in advertising first at Cunningham & Walsh, where he was responsible for all television advertising, and then at Young & Rubicam as an account executive for Goodyear Television Playhouse and other accounts. At J. Walter Thompson, he developed advertising for Ford and Planters Peanuts. He was the recipient of numerous awards including the Sylvania Television Merit Award and the 1956 Peabody Television Merit Award. Mr. Eastright is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia Squire Eastright; his daughter, Leslie Yoshitani; his sons, Robert and Alan; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1938

Morton B. Ulman. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Mr. Ulman proudly served four years in the U.S. Army in all campaigns from Normandy to VE Day during World War II. He landed on Omaha Beach D-Day, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, helped free concentration camp survivors and assisted in the liberation of Paris. He graduated from University of Miami Law School and continued his love for tennis, competing in tournaments throughout the U.S. and Europe, including Wimbledon. After practicing law for 10 years in New York City, Mr. Ulman moved to Palm Springs and founded Westview Development Corporation whereupon he built the city’s first municipal golf course, now known as Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort. Mr. Ulman was an active member of the Canyon Country Club and enjoyed playing golf and bridge. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Andree Van Antwerpen; his daughter, Cynthia; and his sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Carl Koenig.

1983

Phillip Neff. Mr. Neff died from injuries sustained in a fall in Houston, Texas, on August 27, 2007. He was born in Bogotá, Columbia, in 1965 and was a four-year boarding student at Blair. A restauranteur in Houston, Mr. Neff studied hospitality at both Cornell University and the University of Texas. He was a diabetic from age seven but became a proficient tennis player and active outdoorsman. Mr. Neff is survived by his brother, Robert; his half brother, William ’08; his father, Blair; trustee emeritus Robert ’49; and his mother, Cristina Keathley.

Former Faculty

Frank W. Lindsay. After graduating from Haverford College with honors in 1930, Mr. Lindsay earned both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in French from Columbia University. His career as a professor of French spanned nearly forty years beginning with an instructorship at Haverford. During the war years, Mr. Lindsay taught French, Latin and Spanish at Blair, at the Brooklyn Friends’ School and at New York State Maritime College. Mr. Lindsay later taught French at Princeton University and finished his teaching career at Russell Sage College as a full professor and chairman of the modern languages department. A prominent figure in the Schenectady musical community, Mr. Lindsay sang in the Schenectady Choral Society, performed frequently in various theater productions and served as the bass baritone soloist at the First Presbyterian Church in Troy. An announcer for WMHT radio station in his retirement, Mr. Lindsay also recorded countless books on tape for the Albany Association for the Blind and for the Temple Gates of Heaven synagogue in Schenectady. Mr. Lindsay was predeceased by his wife, Katherine, and is survived by his daughters, Janet, Frannie and Karen; and four grandchildren, Rosemary, James, Jill and Brent.

Parents

Peter M. Crevi. Mr. Crevi graduated from Cornell University in 1963, afterwards serving in the U.S. Navy. In 1968, he received his law degree from the University of Michigan. An attorney with Cravath, Swaine, and Moore in New York City, Mr. Crevi was also a member of the Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood, N.J., and served two terms on the Ridgewood Education Foundation. He was a devoted husband and loving father who loved to travel, loved the theater and was an avid reader. Mr. Crevi is survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Katherine ’07 and Alison ’07; son, Brian; brother and sister-in-law, Allan and Anne Crevi; and nephew, Alexander.

Vito Merola. Mr. Merola was a self-employed insurance adjuster, trading as Vito Merola & Company, Inc., as well as a self-employed contractor doing home repair and renovations. A thoroughbred horse trainer, Mr. Merola raced at Monmouth Park Race Track and at the Meadowlands. Mr. Merola is survived by his mother, Natalina; his wife of 30 years, Rita; his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Christine; two daughters, Gina Hornlien and Antoinette ’08; two brothers, Joseph and Gerard; two sisters, Maria, and Grace; and three grandchildren, Scott, Holli and Nikki.
On Thursday, September 20, young alumni enjoyed a mixer for Andover, Blair, Choate, Hill, Lawrenceville, Mercersburg, Peddie and Westminster graduates at the West 79th Boat Basin Café in New York City.

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YOUNGER GENERATION
“MIXES IT UP”

On Thursday, September 20, young alumni enjoyed a mixer for Andover, Blair, Choate, Hill, Lawrenceville, Mercersburg, Peddie and Westminster graduates at the West 79th Boat Basin Café in New York City.

Stephanie Hargis ’03, Sarah Dillon ’03, Macailagh Herman ’03
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There’s an old patriotic song about the United States of America that goes something like, “We must be doing something right; we’ve gone 200 years.” So, too, the Blair Academy that we all support and love must be doing something right, for we soon will have gone 160 years, bringing a first-class education to the young men and women of our great nation…I believe that Blair Academy has given me more—more education, more opportunity, more intellectual discipline, more character and, yes, more joyous school days—than any student who has ever strode across our lovely, classic campus and studied in our hallowed halls...

I know that I need not ask one single soul in this room tonight to join me in this quest to take Blair Academy yet another step forward, for you’ll do it without any urging from me. With or without a formal role, we are the stewards of this Academy and its superb heritage. We all know that it is not merely our right, but our responsibility, to join the exciting parade which begins tonight.

The task is large... to preserve, to protect, and to defend this fount of liberal education, this island of opportunity, this community of teaching and learning. At Blair Academy, we give some of the most promising young men and women in our land the opportunity to learn more than they might otherwise have learned, to accomplish more than they might otherwise have accomplished, and to develop their character and their values more than they might otherwise have developed them. If these seem like unremarkable goals, I assure you that they are anything but. Such young citizens are the core of our civilization, our hope for years to come...Thank you all, and may God bless our school.

John C. Bogle ’47
Excerpt, Campaign Kick-Off Address
September 25, 2007

Full speech available on-line at http://www.blair.edu/Campaign/news/0925_kickoff_speech.htm
Cause for Excitement!

Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair Academy

Chairman of the Blair Academy Board of Trustees, James P. Jenkins ’66 with his wife, Nevitt, announced a $50 million goal for Ever Always: The Campaign for Blair on September 25 during the Celebration Kick-Off at Central Park Boat House in New York City. To date, Blair has raised more than $31 million in gifts and pledges toward its Campaign goal. This total includes commitments of $1 million or more from seven individuals and families, as well as 90 gifts larger than $50,000. Two hundred Blair alumni, parents and friends attended the dinner, which featured music and dancing by the renowned orchestra of Stan Rubin ’51. Turn to page 4 for complete coverage.