ON EXHIBIT

Millbrook Stream
Kevin Danilowski
Watercolor 8” x 10”
The Tenth Annual Pahaquarry Paint Out Exhibition
August 1-31 — The Romano Gallery
Peter L. Amerman: Blair’s Mold-Breaking, Maverick Minister

During his 38 years at Blair, retiring Chaplain Peter Amerman made his mark not only as a “searcher” and a “maverick” but also a coach, mentor and mainstay to so many.

Commencement 2007

The sun shone on Sharpe House lawn as Blair Academy’s graduates received diplomas to the applause of family, faculty and friends. Prizes and honors were presented before and throughout commencement day.

Alumni Weekend 2007

Cars with license plates from around the U.S. lined the pathways of Blair as former classmates gathered for Alumni Weekend. Highlights included an address by Jack Bogle ’47 and recognition of retiring Chaplain Peter Amerman.
Blair Academy’s 159th Commencement was held on Sharpe House Lawn on May 24, with Samantha Peretore ’07 delivering the valedictory address (see back cover); graduates and families gathered for Baccalaureate the evening before (see photo, right). Gallery, prizes and matriculation list begin on page 12. Both photographs by Bruce Cramer.
You have all the common experience of a full year at Blair and thus know the way Blair works. But you do not know yet how next year will feel, and that is what I hope to help you with this evening: preparing for this new year soon to be spread before us.

Summer is a time to get perspective on where you have been and where you are going, and I want to tell you some of what is going on outside the Blair Bubble, particularly with regard to current opinions about your generation, to include in your perspective getting.

Despite praise for your generation’s continued willingness to engage in community service and to support cultural, racial and religious openness, the adult world is drawing to engage in community service and to support cultural, and really any community service commitment—and really any job will do, so long as it requires you to do real work and offers real structure...

You should know that, in my June letter to your parents, I shall ask each of them to raise the issue of alcohol and drug use with you over the summer, and I hope and trust that you have enough confidence and openness to engage in an honest discussion when they do...

I would also encourage you to please read, preferably daily. There is so much going on in the world that a review of the newspaper each day is nearly required to be an informed person, and frankly—regardless of your political leanings—*The New York Times* is widely available and worth the effort to get. Perhaps the best life skill you can develop is writing well, but you cannot write well unless you can write in your head and on paper. To develop that, you need to read good books—whether non-fiction or the new Harry Potter this summer. So, in addition to your Blair reading, do a bit more—and enjoy it.

I shall close by noting Sam Peretore’s comment to her classmates that for four years she was a “Blair kid,” someone whose identity was connected to this place, her classmates and the community. More than anything, I hope all of you will increasingly yield to the idea that part of your identity is that of a “Blair kid…”
Nearl y 40 Years of Searching, Service & Soccer
Mike Frassinelli, a reporter for New Jersey’s largest daily newspaper, The Star-Ledger, succinctly summed up much of what Chaplain Peter Amerman has accomplished in 38 years at Blair Academy. Peter made his mark not only as a “searcher” and a “maverick” but as a renaissance man—musician and thespian—coach, mentor and mainstay to many. In his May 24 column, (coinciding with Blair’s 159th Commencement), Mike chronicled Peter’s journey to retirement after nearly 40 years on this campus. —M.M.
He walked onto the campus in the turbulent late 1960s as a 27-year-old hippie who relished the idea of being “the maverick chaplain.” The Rev. Peter Amerman walks off this month as a 65-year-old icon to the students and alumni of Blair Academy.

When the bearded, long-haired chaplain arrived at the exclusive prep school in Blairstown in 1969, he was seemingly out of place at the then all-boys school where students wore jackets and ties and were required to be at breakfast each morning by 7:10.

“I think most students presumed that the chaplain had to be the epitome of convention—an establishment guy from the get-go,” Amerman recalled during his final chapel service before the 420 students of Blair last Thursday. “So it excited me to be a mold-breaker—someone who upset the conventional wisdom on ministers.”

Then again, Amerman has always been a chameleon, capable of acclimating to his environment. He grew up in the American football hotbed of western Pennsylvania, yet played the European brand of football—soccer. Despite his countercultural looks during his early years at Blair, he got the respect of the buttoned-down administrators.

He was old enough to be their grandfather when he announced his retirement, yet could relate to the teenage students. Perhaps he was never more needed than last school year, when 18-year-old Kurt Socha, a popular football player known for his on-campus Jim Carrey impressions, lapsed into a coma after a block to the head and later died.

The chaplain went to the hospital to be with the Socha family. He and other school officials made sure the lines of communication were open to Kurt Socha’s closest friends. The chapel remained open all day.

“I think the community really showed its true colors,” Amerman said. “We were a community in the best sense.”

Sophomore Matt Cable of Newton considers the chaplain “the first soul on campus with whom I had an informed conversation and could have conversations with about Plato and Nietzsche. He is an awesome philosophy teacher.”

For his final chapel service last week, Amerman wore a formal tie and shirt, but of course put his own spin on the wardrobe ensemble by accenting it with suspenders and peach-colored slacks.

Rising Canadian singer-songwriter Christine Evans, a Blair junior who last month won the Album of the Year honor in Vancouver, opened the service with a moving version of her song, “It’s Up to You.”

Amerman, who will be moving with his wife to Arizona to be with their daughter and granddaughter, delivered an emotional final address in which he remarked, “Blair has become my port in a storm, my refuge.”

Amerman’s remarkable journey at Blair began almost by accident. The son of a minister, he started as a French teacher
in his hometown of Sewickley, Pa. But he suddenly felt trapped on a teaching treadmill when, in his second year on the job, he found in his textbook a note that he had made on the same page exactly one year earlier.

He pondered his options and ended up attending seminary at Princeton, saying, “I thought of myself as a searcher.”

From the nearly 20 letters he sent out to boarding schools searching for work, he got exactly one interview—at Blair.

Last week, he spoke to seniors who, like him, were about to graduate. His final advice was to say thank-you to the unsung people of the campus: The grounds crew and kitchen, bookstore and college-counseling staff. “Many of you are already doing this,” Amerman said. “But it won’t hurt for me to remind you that being appreciated goes a long way and that the last things that you say to people are often the way they will remember you.”

And with that, he had everyone stand and hold hands for one final prayer. “... Guide and sustain those who will return here in the fall, as well as those who move off to new adventures and challenges. All this we ask in the sure and present hope of your love and care. Amen.”

Already standing, students completed the other half of the equation by giving a long ovation.

The maverick chaplain dabbed his wet eyes.

—Mike Frassinelli, The Star-Ledger
Since this is the last time for me, forgive me if I struggle a bit with this talk. I may be fine, but I may catch a little Mantegna along the way; so bear with me.

This morning I’m going to talk about me. But I’m also going to talk about you. First, as you know, I’m planning to retire in June. That means, among other things, that I am finishing my final and 44th year in high school. Four of those I spent as a student, three of them at a boarding school. The remaining 40 I spent as a teacher. So I feel a curious affinity with the class of ’07. We go out the door together, venturing off to seek our fortunes in the wider world. This final departure business is scary, but it is also exciting.

When I came here, I was 27 and single, fresh out of Seminary and still recovering from my own three years in boarding school. In my role as chaplain, I envisioned myself as a lobbyist for students. (We were in the middle of the cultural revolution that pitted young people against the war in Vietnam, against racism, against the hypocrisy of the adult culture and against pretty much anything else that looked like a good target, including schools and universities.) Blair was all boys, coats and ties every day all day, required family-style breakfast at 7:10 and required vespers for the whole school every Sunday. I think I liked the notion of the maverick chaplain, the young man with one foot in and one foot out of the prep school mentality. I fancied myself as a kindred spirit for young people, a sympathetic ear and a fellow traveler, pitted against a world of pretense and hypocrisy. I liked the idea that I could be a spokesperson for the opposition, the non-establishment side, the side of creativity, non-conformity and fresh ideas. At the same time, I was the God guy. I think most students presumed that the chaplain had to be the epitome of convention—an establishment guy from the getgo. So it excited me to be a mold-breaker—someone who upset the conventional wisdom on ministers.

I was (and am) a true believer in values and beliefs that are not the same as those held by much of mainstream America. I believed then as I do now that friends are more important than dollars and that peace is far better than war. I believe that God is the Creator and the rescuer of all humans—a Force dedicated to providing us with protection from our worst selves and championing our most God-like selves. I believed then and I believe now that political and economic power and social status are false gods and that the whole rat race to the Ivy League and starring roles beyond is at least potentially a sham. You can see why some of my older colleagues here didn’t know quite what to make of me. Some of them saw me as a dangerous influence on young minds, a subversive person who was subtly undermining everything Blair stood for…

Now fast-forward to about 1989. Twenty years have past. Now I am 47, not 27. I have married a woman with two little ch kren and become the father of another. My oldest stepson was killed in 1984 during the spring vacation of his freshman year at Blair, run down by a drunk driver at a ski area in Western Pennsylvania. In 1989 my daughter Lyn is weeks away from graduating from Blair, and my son, Alex, is coming to Blair in the fall. We live in the house on the first fairway where the Bacons live now. I am no longer the chaplain, but the dean of academics. A part of my duties have included helping the new Headmaster and his family get settled and learn the Blair ropes.

For some years now I have forgotten my old prayer. I no longer ask God to keep me from becoming co-opted, to keep me from selling out to the establishment. In fact, one day I look hard in the mirror and realize that I have been co-opted. I have bought in to the party line. I have become a company man, a true believer in the ethos of Blair Academy.

But it is not just me that has changed. The culture has changed, the student generation has changed and Blair has changed. The school I now find myself a part of is—in small but significant ways—not the same school I walked into in the fall of 1969. No longer is there the sharp division between the culture of kids and the culture of adults. Vietnam is long over. There is no more draft. We are thoroughly co-ed. Drugs are a reality at all schools, but there is less and less a drug culture—that pervasive youthful defiance that allowed students to just fy drug use as a part of a generational movement. I won’t tell you that everything was suddenly perfect nor that I found myself in agreement with the school on all issues. But by 1989 Blair Academy is truly my home. It is the place I return to after vacations, the place where my children have grown up and where I have made some lifelong friendships. Blair has become for me the psychological base of operations, the primary “given” in my life, and more. Blair has become my port in a storm, my refuge…There are high schools in the world from which students move away with a sigh of relief and never a backwards glance. It is our great blessing that this school is not one of them.

The words to a song come to mind: “You may never pass this way again…”. And it has to be that way. Weeks become months, and months become years, and we move ahead and beyond. This moving on is actually a good thing, but it comes at some pain. Some of you will miss this place a lot. I know I will.
Mr. Amerman is the reason I graduated from Blair. It was the last week of school, my parents were going to be arriving on campus in some 40-odd hours and Mr. Amerman invited me into his home. As I sat at his kitchen table for about five hours, he taught me enough of the language to write and pass my final French essay.—Brent Waddington ’04

Without you, I wouldn’t be around. Thanks for marrying my parents!—Timothy Peacock ’08 (son of Alyson ’83)

Your passive approach to religion was the grail of your preaching; it is what allowed us to truly listen and take to heart your message... Your understanding of a generation defines you as one of the few who got it right.—Joshua Case ’07

I owe many thanks to Mr. Amerman. He taught me how to be an academic and, more importantly, a life scholar.—Courtney Fields ’04
**Alumna on Campaign Trail Again**

*Carrie Giddins ‘92,* the communications director for the Iowa Democratic Party, was quoted in the May 23 edition of *The New York Times* in an article by Adam Nagourney entitled, “Clinton Camp Resists Aide’s Advice to Skip Iowa.” The article began, “Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton’s presidential campaign has considered—and rejected—a plan to stop competing in Iowa, the traditional kickoff state in the nominating process, and to concentrate instead on later states, including the 20 or so that are slated to vote on a single day in early February. The recommendation to pull out of Iowa was in a memorandum written by Mike Henry, Mrs. Clinton’s deputy campaign manager. He made a case that Iowa would consume too much time and money that could be better invested elsewhere.”

Nagourney added, “The Clinton campaign said Mr. Henry’s advice had been rejected. ‘Bypassing Iowa would be a fatal mistake for any campaign to make,’ said Carrie Giddins, the communications director for the Iowa Democratic Party.”

Carrie previously served as the press secretary for the Iowa Democratic Party during the Kerry-Edwards presidential campaign run; she worked for the federal campaign as spokesperson for the party and oversaw media events in Iowa. See Fall/Winter 2004 *Blair Bulletin.*

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**Luol Deng Honored by Peers in NBA**

The National Basketball Association (NBA) announced in early May that *Luol Deng ’03* of the Chicago Bulls is the recipient of the Joe Dumars Trophy presented to the 2006–07 NBA Sportsmanship Award winner. Newspapers around the country noted the news: “Originally presented following the 1995–96 season, the Sportsmanship Award honors a player who exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship on the court—ethical behavior, fair play and integrity. The trophy is named for former Detroit Pistons guard and Hall of Famer Joe Dumars, the award’s first recipient.”

Luol, who was also a Central Division nominee for the 2005–06 season, was among six divisional winners, including Atlanta’s Joe Johnson (Southeast), Houston’s Shane Battier (Southwest), the Los Angeles Clippers’ Elton Brand (Pacific), Toronto’s Anthony Parker (Atlantic) and Utah’s Derek Fisher (Northwest), who won the award in 2005–06.

The NBA donated $25,000 on behalf of Luol to Pacific Garden Mission, the oldest continuously operating rescue mission in the country. The NBA donated another $10,000 each to the divisional winners’ charities of choice.

The NBA explained, “For the third consecutive year, NBA players voted on this award, with eleven points given for each first-place vote, nine points for each second-place vote, seven points for third, five points for fourth, three points for fifth and one point for each sixth-place vote received. Each team nominated one of its players for this award, then former NBA stars Mike Bantom, Eddie Johnson, Tom “Satch” Sanders, Kenny Smith and the 2000–01 Sportsmanship Award recipient Steve Smith, selected the six divisional winners from a pool of 30 team nominees.”

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**Creating Commerce On-line**

*Alex Rubenstein ’92* and his business partner were the cover story of the January issue of *Commerce—The Business of New Jersey* magazine. Writer Miles E. Zipstein interviewed Alex, vice president and chief operating officer of Net Access Corporation, based in Parsippany, N.J., along with his partner Blake Ellman, president and chief executive officer of Net Access. The interview sought to tell how CEOs and the Internet “can work together to create commerce and how a company can support an information technology infrastructure that can enable economic growth.”

In describing their most popular products and services for business, Alex and Blake told Zipstein, “We have an extremely diverse mix of internet services. We offer a full range of connections to the Internet from legacy dial-up services all the way to very high-speed dedicated lines. On the hosting and data-center side of the business, we offer everything from shared Web-hosting type accounts to clusters of dedicated servers for high-volume e-commerce type applications.”

In explaining how Net Access products and services enable customers, the partners said, “We enable our customers to conduct commerce by maintaining their connection to the Internet. In addition, our data centers make an excellent home base for our customers’ servers because we take over the complexity of maintaining an environment that protects them from power loss, maintains proper operating temperature, gives them almost infinite bandwidth scalability, and is maintained by a 24/7, 365-day support team.”
Expanding a Culinary Empire

Two separate articles appeared in March in The Star-Ledger, New Jersey’s largest daily newspaper, featuring Shaun Mehtani ‘02 and his mother Sneh’s restaurants in the Morristown, N.J., area. On March 25, Jenifer D. Braun wrote, “In the center of the room, next to the five-tiered cake draped in jewel-toned fondant, Sneh Mehtani [who immigrated to the U.S. from India] is greeting her scores of guests. Wearing a glittering tunic and floor-trailing scarf, she’s explaining, yet again, the name of one of her newest properties...It’s called SM23—after her son Shaun Mehtani. ‘It’s his initials and his birthday—and his age, he’s 23 today,’ she says.”

Braun continued, “The occasion is partly a birthday party for Shaun. But it is also the debut of his mother’s latest business venture, the simultaneous opening of three new properties at the Hyatt Morristown: the lounge, SM23; an Indian restaurant, Mehndi; and a pan-Asian restaurant, Ming II...The Morristown restaurants (which opened February 23), along with her six restaurants and headquarters along Oak Tree Road in Edison—the epicenter of New Jersey’s burgeoning South Asian community—comprise the Mehtani Restaurant Group, a company she began in 1983 with a single restaurant...”

The article continues, “ ‘You understand, she owns the whole thing—not me, not my father. She owns the whole thing,’ says Shaun Mehtani, the newly appointed vice president of operations. A graduate of NYU’s Stern School of Business—with internships at the Ritz Carlton and Dolce & Gabbana—Shaun recently decided, after some hesitation, to join his mother’s business. ‘We held negotiations, just as if it were any other business,’ Mehtani says.

“We could give it to him later, after we’re gone—but that’s not the Indian way,” Mehtani says, with a mother’s indulgent smile. And she knows Shaun knows the business; he ‘grew up in the lobby of the Penta hotel,’ the site of his mother’s first restaurant.”

Shaun told Braun, “I would go to work with her—when I was six, I would go with her to these multi-million-dollar weddings, and she’d have me lighting candles for three hours,” Shaun says. “She always kept me busy and by her side. I didn’t expect her to be home with me. I went to work with her—and she does work a lot.”

The article concluded, “ ‘My goal is to beat her (Edison restaurants) in the Zagat’s,’ Shaun says, grinning down at this mother. ‘Yes, we are competitors now!’ she says, laughing. ‘And if you win, I will be happy—it means I trained you well.’ ”

Taki Toughs It Out

The April 25 edition of the New York Post noted the recent limelight shed on Taki Theodoracopoulos ’55, namely his winning in Miami of the U.S. National Judo Championship in the 90-kilo weight class and the 70–75 age group. The Post wrote, “The elitist co-founder of The American Conservative has never been afraid of ticksing people off with his contrarian opinions. Now we know why...Taki, who had to win three, three-minute bouts, was able to pin his final opponent. ‘I now consider myself the toughest 70-year-old in America,’ he laughed.”

Taki recently returned to Blair in April for the School’s annual Leadership Dinner; see page 45.
Retiring School Chaplain Peter Amerman offered final wisdom to the Class of 2007 during his last Chapel address. (See pages 4-9 for a full article on Peter’s parting.)

Three small bits of advice. First, you and I are finally graduating from Blair, saying good-bye to the community that has fed us and nurtured us during the years past. So it makes sense for us to say some thank-yous. Many of you are already doing this. But it won’t hurt for me to remind you that being appreciated goes a long way and that the last things that you say to people are often the way they will remember you.

Second, in the time that remains, soak it all in. Memorize the sights and sounds and smells. Play Frisbee in the bowl, and sing in the shower. Have a final Bodini in the can. Take real pleasure in this place and in its people. Look at the artwork and listen when the Singers are practicing in the Chapel. Be a sponge and absorb it all. Enjoy this place for all it has offered you. Love it for what it has been for you, and carry it away with you in your head and your heart.

Third and last: As you move away from this place, be on the lookout for things you find yourself caring about. Be suspicious that the seeds of some future purpose may have been planted in you while you were here. This fall, as you are sitting in your freshman English class, allow yourself to be fully present in your new life. React to what’s being said. Dare to have an opinion. Be impressed or be annoyed. Let your new life matter to you. Invest yourself in what comes your way.”

Speakers’ addresses (Baccalaureate, Commencement, Headmaster’s) may be read online at Blair’s Web site, www.blair.edu.
THE BLAIR ACADEMY TROPHY is awarded in recognition of the member of the Senior Class with the highest all-around achievement; presented by the Class of 1950 in memory of Mrs. Peter F. Troy, mother of a member of the Class.

Dong Hyun Kim

THE HEADMASTER’S PRIZE is awarded to the student in the senior class who has conspicuously displayed loyalty to the school, outstanding leadership, a fine influence in sportsmanship and Blair spirit in athletic competition.

Samantha Mary Peretore

THE GEORGE P. JENKINS ’32 PRIZE is awarded each year to the valedictorian of the graduating class.

Samantha Mary Peretore

THE FRANKLIN PRIZE is awarded to the student in the senior class who has shown the greatest development and improvement throughout the course; presented in memory of Dr. Louis Franklin.

Alexander Robert Auger
Dixon Bartlett Jelich

THE HAROLD F. WALKER MEMORIAL PRIZE is awarded to a senior who is deserving of recognition not provided in other awards.

David Andrew Evans
Jameson Reed Gay

THE SELENA AND JAMES HOWARD PRIZE is awarded to a senior who is deserving of recognition not provided in other awards.

Allison Mary Martens
Seung Hye Chyung

THE ELAINE AND JAMES KELLEY PRIZE is awarded to that student who best represents the spirit of the postgraduate program by strengthening academic skills and broadening his or her horizons through meaningful participation in the life of the community.

Alesha Rae Sisco

THE LEE ROSE MEMORIAL TROPHY is awarded to the senior who, while performing with merit in the classroom, has made significant contribution to Blair life.

Lejla Agic

THE STEPHEN CURRY PRIZE is awarded to a first-year student who has made dramatic progress both socially and academically.

Kaitlyn Grace Lacaillade

THE PHILLIPS-JAMES-ROSEN TROPHY is awarded to that member of the junior class whose record has been marked by devotion to the School and who has, while performing creditably as a student and citizen of the school community, displayed uncommon leadership.

Dylan Karl Evans
Kaitlin Eileen Suroval

THE JOHN KINCH LEACH MERIT AWARD is presented to that member of the sophomore class whose record of scholarship, participation in activities and general citizenship has been a special credit to the School and an example for others to follow.

Margaret Antonia DeOliveira
Daniel H. Smith

THE DAVID AVERY-JONES FRESHMAN PRIZE is awarded to that member of the freshman class who, while maintaining a satisfactory academic record, has participated actively in and made significant contributions to school activities.

Jenna Nicole Catalano
Patrick C. Maillet

THE HARDING MEMORIAL PRIZE is awarded to that student who has contributed most to musical organizations.

Alexandra Robbi Polhill

THE ROBERT F. HARRIS MEMORIAL TROPHY is awarded to a member of the senior class for special interest and outstanding achievement in the study of English literature.

Kymbia Patrice Ainsworth
Emily K. Declercq

THE ROBERT F. HARRIS DRAMATICS AWARD is presented to that member of the student body who has shown the highest standard of excellence in dramatics.

Gabriella Elle Zlocki

THE PETER L. AMERMAN RELIGION PRIZE is awarded to that student of religion who has been most challenged by the material encountered and who has demonstrated an effort to re-evaluate his or her philosophy of life accordingly.

Zachary Stuart Flaugher

THE PAUL R. WHITE HISTORY PRIZE is awarded to that student who is considered to be the most proficient history student in the senior class.

Lejla Agic

THE CHARLES H. BREE Latin PRIZE is awarded to an outstanding student in Advanced Latin.

Gelihsa Diana Arjoon
Hannah Kirkpatrick

THE DULE ROSENSON DRAMATICS PRIZE, given in memory of Dale Rosen 72, is presented to a senior who has demonstrated dedication, reliability, imagination and technical proficiency in lighting, sound, special effects and set management for theatrical productions at Blair.

Jameson Reed Gay

THE CHARLES H. BREE MEMORIAL PRIZE IN AMERICAN HISTORY is awarded to that student who is considered most proficient in American History.

Matthew Steven Cable

THE EDMY JEFFREY SHAKESPEARE PRIZE is awarded to the student most proficient in Shakespeare studies.

Tyler N. Browse
Timothy Dylan Peacock
Olivia Louise Trozze

THE DUMONT ENGLISH PRIZE is awarded to the member of the senior class who ranked highest in English; presented in memory of the late Senator Wayne Dumont and his father, Wayne Dumont, Sr., by Mrs. Helen Dumont.

Isabelle A. Gordon
Samantha Mary Peretore

THE JOSEPH F. EBELL MEMORIAL PRIZE is awarded to that student who exhibits outstanding achievement in music.

Seung Hye Chyung

AN ART PRIZE is awarded to the student who, through her art, has broadened her perceptions of life.

Hannah Kirkpatrick

THE HENRY B. COWAN PRIZE is awarded to a member of the junior class for outstanding achievement in the study of English.

Leila Arisa Howard
Todd Patrick Lewis

THE WINSON D. EWING PRIZE is awarded to that student who is considered to be the most outstanding mathematics student in the senior class.

Yosawalai Chodpathumwan

THE PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE STUDY OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE is awarded to the student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the study of foreign languages.

Alison Leigh Crevi

THE DURLAND PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE is awarded to that student who has demonstrated extraordinary ability and interest in computer programming or computer applications while at Blair.

Yu Hin Lung

THE MARGUERITE DEYSSON HABERMANN MEMORIAL FRENCH PRIZE is awarded to a senior who has done exceptionally well in French.

Rebecca Elizabeth McGoldrick

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCIENCE

Samantha Mary Peretore

THE WILLIAM ZESTER MEMORIAL AWARD is presented to the female athlete who has best represented Blair Academy in athletic competition.

Sarah Elizabeth Marcincin

THE ROBERT DALLING PRIZE presented to the male athlete who has best represented Blair Academy in athletic competition.

Jared Robert Platt
THE HERBERT J. SIEGEL PRIZE is presented to that senior whose sportsmanship, spirit and selfless dedication to his or her teams best represents Blair Academy athletics.

Gina Marie Giuricich
Alexander McCarty Rice
Anthony Lewis George Stival

THE JOHN WYETH YEARBOOK PRIZE
Isabelle A. Gordon
Alyson E. Trillo

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE MEDAL
Su-Ji Kang

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDAL
Yu Hin Lung

SMITH COLLEGE BOOK PRIZE
Caitlin McEvoy Pinkard

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHELLE PRIZES
Elizabeth Haynes Martens
(Taub & Lomb Science Award)
Tina Ann Toszi
(Kodak Young Leaders Award)
Tyler N. Browse
(Douglass & Anthony Award in Humanities)

EISENHOWER AWARD
(Adam Point Society of N.J.)
Samantha Marie Tilney

BLOUSTEIN SCHOLARS
Lejla Agic, Ryan David Class, Katherine Elizabeth Crevi, Erin Elizabeth Dougherty, Jeffrey Wayne Ernsting, Kevin William Leal, Ryan Anthony Leal, Andrew T. Lee, Nicholas Anthony Meliti, Samantha Mary Peretore, Brandan Stephen Schaffer

KENYON BOOK PRIZE
Dylan Karl Evans

PRINCETON BOOK PRIZE
Christine Hadden Devenny

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY membership is awarded to students having achieved good character development and high academic standing.

SENIORS
Matthew Torres Balaguer
Erin Elizabeth Brodell
Yodsawalai Chodpathumwan
Jameson Reed Gay
Eric Brophy Habermann
Virginia Stafford Jordan
Hannah Kirkpatrick
L. Henry Kozinski
Ryan Anthony Leal
Max Stein Mathies
Alyson E. Trillo

JUNIORS
James Pennington Bowditch
Tyler N. Browse
Christine Hadden Devenny
Todd Patrick Lewis
Yu Hin Lung
Elizabeth Haynes Martens
Timothy Dylan Peacock
Kaitlin Eileen Sudoval
Ashley H. Thompson
Olivia Louise Trozze
Amanda C. Zranchev

DEPARTMENT/BOOK PRIZES

ENGLISH
English 1:
Lauren Grace Baumgartner
Rebecca Leigh Merrifield
English 2:
Roeleigh Ann Olsson
Sarah C. Brandwood

SCIENCE

Biology Honors:
Rebecca Leigh Merrifield
Chemistry:
Errie Kim
Travis Forbes Perlee
Physics:
Yu Hin Lung

HISTORY

World History:
Lauren Grace Baumgartner
Lauren Hope Schneider
Sophomore History Prize:
Matthew Steven Cable
U.S. History Prize:
Todd Patrick Lewis

LANGUAGE

Chinese:
Amanda C. Zranchev
Spanish:
Samantha Mary Peretore

MATHEMATICS

Grade 9:
Dong Hyun Kim
Grade 10:
Errie Kim
Grade 11:
Yu Hin Lung

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FACULTY AWARDS

Appar Award for Teaching Excellence
Charles Danhof

The John C. & Eve S. Bogle Teaching Prize
Eric J. Lunger

The Riether Award for Residential Life
Katherine E. Sykes and Andrew D. Sykes

The Tedlow Grant
Craig E. Evans

The James M. Howard Fellowship Fund
Heather W. Eckert

The Butler Chair
Richard E. Clarke, Jr.

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GOOD BYE, BLAIR!

Those familiar with the musical, Bye Bye Birdie, will well recall those catchy lyrics, “I’ve got a lot of livin’ to do. Places to go, people to see!” And so it is for the Class of 2007 as they continue their education and life experiences beyond Blair.
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Dr. Richard Lutz, professor of marine and coastal sciences at Rutgers University and father of Richie '07, Ryan '05 and Rebecca '01, returned this year to Rod Gerdsen’s marine science class in May to present his research on the ecology of deep-sea hydrothermal vents throughout the world’s oceans. Rod noted, “Of particular interest has been the documentation of biological and geological succession in these hydrothermal systems. As part of a National Science Foundation-funded initiative, Dr. Lutz produced an IMAX-format film entitled *Volcanoes of the Abyss*. His presentation coincided with our class discussions on the deep sea community and its inhabitants, including anglerfish and the giant tube Riftia.”

Dr. Lutz is one of the foremost authorities in the world on the ecology of deep-sea hydrothermal vents. Since the first biological expedition to these unique ecosystems in 1979, Dr. Lutz has spent countless hours on the bottom exploring thermal vents throughout the world’s oceans in a variety of deep-diving submersibles.

He received his Ph.D. from the University of Maine in 1975 and subsequently spent several years as a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University. In 1979, he joined the faculty of Rutgers University. He has been chief scientist on numerous oceanographic cruises, has over 130 publications, and was awarded the Rutgers’ Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research.

His highly illustrated lecture focused on spectacular biological and geological changes that have occurred since the April 1991 eruption. The exciting results of these ongoing studies have been featured in many scientific journals and magazines, including *Science*, *Nature*, two separate issues of *National Geographic*, and the October 2001 issue of *American Scientist* (cover story).
poetry reading and a contest. Students also read poems at School Meetings. According to English instructor Charles Danhof, the contest served as a starting point for Between the Lines—Blair's literary magazine published recently.

Winners of the contest were Henry Kozinski '07 (first place), Lara KleinSchmidt '09 (second place) and Tito Rinaldo '08 (third place). Lauren Fitzgerald '10 and Catherine Peck-Phillips '10 received honorable mentions—a notable achievement for these freshmen.

**Student Selected as Republican Page**
**James Diddell '09** of Westfield, N.J., received a congratulatory phone call in May from U.S. Congressman Mike Ferguson (New Jersey 7th District) informing him that, of all of the hundreds of applicants that House Minority Leader John Boehner received from across the country, James was one of 24 selected to work in the U.S. House of Representatives this past July as a Republican Page.

According to James' father Eric, “The Board who helped in the decision process noted that James' attendance at Blair Academy provided immense support for his application due to the excellent reputation of the school.” He added, “When Congressman Ferguson told him that he'd have to forgo his summer baseball season this year, James responded, ‘It will be a sacrifice, but well worth the trade!’” (No doubt James is hard at work as this issue of the Bulletin goes to press.)

**Muscles of the Mind**
Richard Steele, Irish-born essayist and playwright, once said, “Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.” Headmaster Chan Hardwick addressed the underclassmen in May (see page 3), offering similar advice: “Perhaps the best life skill you can develop is writing well, but you cannot write well unless you can write in your head as well as on paper. To develop that, you need to read good books—whether non-fiction or the new Harry Potter this summer. So, in addition to your Blair reading, do a bit more—and enjoy it.”

Whether students choose to heed the Headmaster's words or not, the School's English department requires that students read at least one book before returning in the fall. To that end, the books on the Blair summer reading list—assigned according to grade—include Brave New World, Kite Runner, Old School, Frankenstein, Atonement and Heart of the Sea.
This spring, Jordan—a division of Nike, Inc.—announced the rosters for the Jordan Brand Classic Regional Team, which was the preliminary game of the Jordan Brand All-American Classic, presented by Foot Locker and Boost Mobile, at Madison Square Garden in April. The game featured the top prep players from the New York City metropolitan area in a City vs. Suburbs showdown, with a portion of the proceeds to once again benefit The Children’s Aid Society. The Suburban team featured Blair Academy’s Pat Hazel ’07 and Alex Wangmene ’07.

Sponsored by Jordan Brand, the event is also annually attended by some of sport and entertainment’s biggest stars.

British Golfers Continue Blair Tradition
In 1968, Blair Academy and the Stowe School in England established the Blair-Stowe golf exchange, now known as the Blair-Wellington exchange. Every other year, a group of American schoolboy golfers travel to England (and sometimes Scotland) to play three weeks of golf on some of England’s finest courses. In turn, during the alternate year, young British golfers come to the United States, spending time at various boarding schools and playing some of America’s best courses. In addition to superb golf opportunities for the participants, these trips abroad afford the participants new cross-Atlantic friendships and cultural appreciation.

It was the British contingency’s turn to travel to the States this year, according to math teacher Wayne Rasmussen, who helps coordinate this annual exchange. The golfing guests, pictured here with Blair golfers, arrived in the States on March 24 and departed on April 14. While in New Jersey, they stayed with faculty around campus and dined with the Blair community. As the golfers traveled to play matches and sightsee in New York City, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and other east coast states, they were treated to the hospitality and generosity of Blair alumni and former faculty, as well as past and current Blair parents.

Jordan Brand Classic Features Top Prep Players
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Blair Wrestler Wins at Nationals
Russell Honored by Hall of Fame

Head wrestling coach Jeff Buxton reports on the NHSCA National High School Wrestling Championships held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center from March 28 through April 1. **Kellen Russell ’07** won the 130 lbs. NHSCA National Championship, his sixth national title. He owns an Asics/Vaughn Cadet National title and three National Prep titles, and he won the Asics/Vaughn Jr. National Championships last year. Russell is headed to the University of Michigan. “Kellen stuck to the game plan and followed it to perfection, making significant jumps in just one week’s time. This was his best tournament of the year; he wrestled every match with great focus and determination,” said Coach Buxton.

**Jared Platt ’07** (pictured second from left) is honing his skills for the coaches at Penn State and came away with a third-place finish at 215 lbs. **Max Shanaman ’07** placed fifth at 135 lbs. and is ready to make the jump to NCAA Division I competition. “Both Jared and Max wrestled well in Virginia Beach, losing close matches in the semi-finals,” said Coach Buxton. “I am always impressed by their desire to win and improve on a weekly basis…We will lose their leadership—but most important—their willingness to compete at the highest level. They are all going (on scholarship) to major universities.”

Jared Platt ’07

Check out www.blairwrestling.com for results on other spring meets such as FILA Jr. World Team trials in Las Vegas, as well as the New Jersey freestyle ranking tournament at Holmdel High School and the Dream Team Classic where Americans Jared and Kellen represented the U.S.A.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum has announced that Kellen is one of five Regional winners of the Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award; he was selected from the 48 state-by-state winners. Each State and Regional winner was invited to attend the Dave Schultz High School Excellence Leadership Camp at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs this past June.

The Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award is presented annually to a high school senior who has demonstrated outstanding wrestling success, scholastic achievement and citizenship or community service. This awards program is named in honor of the late Dave Schultz, an Olympic and World champion, who set an example for excellence, both on and off the mat.

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Of the May Stotesbury Regatta (the largest regatta in the world), Coach Seth Blodgett remarked: “Five out of six of our boats made it to the finals this year. The senior girls’ boat placed 12th out of 40 high schools. The junior girls’ placed 6th out of 56. The lightweight girls’ placed 4th out of 43. The lightweight boys’ 8+ (first time we entered an eight) got 5th out of 17. The junior boys’ placed 2nd (silver) out of 63. The senior boat placed 3rd (bronze) out of 58: the first time anyone beat them all year, with a final record of 99-2. There was no other school out there that bettered the total all around results that Blair had this year.”

Blair also reigned victorious in the first-ever MAPL regatta in April. Coach Blodgett said, “We are very proud to have won both the girls’ and boys’ trophy in the inaugural year of the event. We won five out of the six races that counted for points towards the championship.” Stephanie Guilmet, head girls’ crew coach, added, “It was definitely a team effort this weekend, with every rower making a contribution to the victory. Special congratulations to the girls’ second and third fours for very tight victories, both winning by less than two seconds to solidify the win.”

Girls’ 1st four: 4th place
Girls’ 2nd four: 1st place
Girls’ 3rd four: 1st place
Girls’ 4th four: 2nd place
Girls’ novice 8: 3rd place

At the conclusion of the MAPL regatta, USRowing—a non-profit organization recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the governing body for the sport of rowing in the U.S.—invited Matt Gallira ’08 and JP Bowditch ’08 to attend Junior National Team Selection Camps this summer. JP is a coxswain and Matt a rower in the first boys’ varsity boat. At the end of the selection camp, 12 rowers and two coxswains will be selected to train and compete in China. Coach Blodgett explained, “Only the very top athletes in the country get invited to the selection camp to compete for the few spots open to the junior national team. It is very competitive and difficult to make, but is a great honor to be invited to that camp. J.P. and Matt are definitely two of the best in the country, and we are very proud that they will be representing Blair and hopefully our country as well.”
Blair Kayakers Take the Plunge
(Excerpted from April Blair Breeze)
This is my [Champ Seritrakul’s] first year of kayaking, and it seems that I am the weakest and slowest rookie on the team. Even though I have a little experience in sea kayaking, whitewater kayaking is much harder. I feel bad that I cannot learn new techniques as quickly as other people. Regardless of my big body and language barrier, I keep trying. Every day, I learn new things that help me become a better kayaker. Thanks to Mr. Merf [Merrifield], Mr. Anthony and every veteran for teaching me with patience. Kayaking is not as easy as I thought when I first decided to join the team. However, it allows me to meet new people, to be a good leader and a helpful follower, to explore the power of nature and, most importantly, to challenge myself and go beyond my limitations.

To follow up on Champ’s comment, I [Sawyer Sutton], on the other hand, have been doing whitewater since I came to Blair as a freshman and had a similar experience as a beginner paddler (except for the language barrier). I understand why he feels bad about not learning new techniques, but honestly, I’m still a beginner myself and realize that most of the moves and techniques in this sport are against anyone’s instincts. For example, when one does an Eskimo roll, their head must come out of the water after everything else, despite the fact that the primary objective is righting yourself so you may breathe again…

Blair Spring Athletic Awards 2007
Brooks Baseball Prize: Hank Patterson ’08
Stowell Softball Award: Alesha Sisco ’07
Zimmerman Golf Trophy: Gelihsa Arjoon ’07
Blair Lacrosse Prize: Alex Rice ’07
Pender Track Award: Tom Ferrell ’07
Anzel Tennis Trophy: Cole Agin ’10
Paul Tennis Award: Richie Lutz ’07
Kemp Crew Prize: Erin Dougherty ’07
Dale Hurley Cup: Dave Evans ’07

Blair Winter Athletic Awards 2007
Haskins Basketball Prize: Alexis Wangmene ’07
Brooks Basketball Prize: Alesha Sisco ’07
Merit Ski Award: Jeff Ernsting ’07
Blair Squash Prize: Jae Hyuk Jang ’08
Captain’s Trophy – Swimming: Craig McConnell ’07
Lieberman Wrestling Award: Kyle Hanson ’08
Jamieson Wrestling Award: Eric Medina ’07

The Blair Web site (www.blair.edu) contains athletic information for the benefit of our readership. Log on to learn more about Blair’s other competitions and sports seasons.
All weekend long, cars with license plates from as far away as Texas and Georgia lined the pathways of Blair for Alumni Weekend 2007. One of the highlights of the event was a presentation by Jack Bogle ’47 (pictured)—founder and retired CEO of The Vanguard Group who was back for his 60th reunion—followed by a signing of his latest book, The Little Book of Common Sense Investing. You may read Jack’s speech on-line at http://www.blair.edu/News_Events/2006_2007/news_ev_alumni_bogle_speech.shtm

At the Headmaster’s Assembly on Saturday, the retiring Peter Amerman was honored for his service as school chaplain for the past 38 years with a scrapbook and video presentation. Alumnus of the Year and Citation of Merit awards were presented to Gregory Auger ’67 and Carlton Durling ’47, respectively, while the Peachey Awards acknowledged other alums for their dedication.

Numerous events followed, including a golf scramble and 50th Reunion Dinner on Friday evening. Also on Friday evening, the Class of 1962 recognized Dennis Peachey ’62 with a class gift in his honor. The festivities continued on Saturday with the All-Alumni Parade and Headmaster’s Assembly, while a luncheon barbeque, athletic events, benefit car raffle, cocktail reception, dinner and dancing rounded out the event.
For some Blair alumni, it is the arrival of their first child as a Blair student that sparks a renewed sense of loyalty and interest in the School. For Greg Auger, the recipient of this year’s Alumnus of the Year Award, the loyalty was always there, but the deepening affection, appreciation and excitement of being part of Blair grew when his oldest son, Greg, entered Blair in September 2002, followed the subsequent year by his son Alex. Since that time, Greg and his wife Margaret have become two of Blair’s most enthusiastic and irrepressible supporters, true believers in the alchemy that takes place daily between students and teachers at Blair. Less than two weeks ago in this theater, Greg and Margaret watched as Alex received the Franklin Award just prior to his graduation. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Augers, like a growing number of Blair families, have become inextricably woven—across generations—into the fabric of Blair Academy, helping to shape and build the future of the School.

Greg first entered Blair in 1963 from Washington, D.C., where his father was a well-known and successful restaurateur, owning “Blackie’s House of Beef,” the site of many Blair gatherings. Greg had to battle some early homesickness, but as was noted by his housemaster, while not terribly athletic, his lively personality, cheerful spirit and solid work in classes led to such respect and popularity that Greg was elected “President of Insley” his senior year. Originally forced to sit at the front of each class to see better, Greg ultimately established his trademark—stylish, big framed glasses that made him instantly recognizable around campus.

After Blair, Greg’s journey included some studying in the late ’60s, followed by international work and travel, before settling down in the mid-’70s to earn his degree from George Washington University, from where he later also earned an MBA. After returning to Washington to help run the family business, he met and married Margaret Wixted, an unusually positive and dynamic woman who has become as passionate a Blair advocate as any alumnus. Partners in the truest sense, she and Greg have worked side by side in their expanding restaurant and hotel business while raising their three children.

Over the years, many of us—including many in this room today—have been the recipients of Greg and Margaret’s gracious hospitality in Washington, where they have hosted frequent Blair receptions and dinners. Since their sons’ arrival on campus, their involvement has grown. They have opened their home to students from all over the globe, and for five years, they have served as members of the Parent Fund Group, which last year raised over a half-million dollars of support for the School.

As the Class of 1967 began its preparations for its 40th Reunion last spring, Greg decided to embark on a unique and personal project: to call each member of the Class of 1967 to catch up with them—not to raise money or even encourage them to come back for the reunion—just to talk, to remember their Blair years together. His personal involvement and connection is just one of the reasons for the resurgence and renaissance of this great Class of 1967.

Greg Auger has been and continues to be a loyal alumnus: supportive, gracious, hospitable and generous throughout his post-Blair years. He loves Blair—loves the School for his experience and for his children’s—and cares deeply about his Blair friendships. We honor him today for that loyalty, that involvement and for that love of Blair with the 2007 Alumnus of the Year Award.

...helping to shape and build the future of the School
A Record-Breaking Reunion

The largest group of Blair alumni ever marched through the Arch during Alumni Weekend 2007. Led by former Board Chairman George Jenkins ’32, back for his 75th reunion, and his son, current Board Chairman James Jenkins ’66, the parade stretched at one point from Ivy to Armstrong-Hipkins, where the Headmaster thanked and congratulated over 600 alumni for making this reunion the best-attended in Blair history. While every class contributed to the success of Alumni Weekend, several distinguished themselves:

- THE CLASSES OF 1942 AND 1962 set records for the most dollars raised by a 65th and 45th reunion class, respectively.
- THE CLASSES OF 1962 AND 1967 exceeded class gift goals of $100,000.
- THE CLASSES OF 1977, 1982 AND 2002 set Blair Fund participation records for 30th, 25th and 5th reunion classes. 2002’s participation was particularly stellar, nearly DOUBLE the previous record for a 5th reunion class.

PEACHEY AWARDS

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR
Chelsea Grefe ’02
James Naisby ’57

CLASS CORRESPONDENT OF THE YEAR
Sarah Burke Mullins ’92

ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Harry Gates ’77

ATTENDANCE AWARD
Class of 2002

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2007
Dave Demarest, Bob Rouse, Bob Fuller, Whit Whitney, Archer Martin

Row 1: Suzanne Hunt, Bill Hunt, Jerry Kinne, Lucy Kinne, Nancy Goodman, Larry Goodman; Row 2: Jack Voorhees, Dorothy Hirst (Arnie’s wife), Arnie Schneider, Eve Bogle, Jack Bogle; Row 3: Caroline Bannan, Elm Bannan, Barbara Vanmeter (Don’s wife), Don Carey

Row 1: Ron Melnik, Dick Bower, Bob Desiderio; Row 2: Bill Martens, Richard Kahn, Bob Lerner

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2007
2007 Blair Citation of Merit Award
Carlton Chapman Durling
Class of 1947

In a 2004 book on his family history, Carlton Durling noted in the chapter entitled “School Days” that his five years at Blair were “the most rewarding experience” throughout his educational period. At Blair he made friends, learned his lessons, pursued his first successful business initiatives and even learned to fly a plane out of the Blairstown airport. But mostly Carlton learned the value of loyalty, planting the seeds for a lifelong commitment to the success and prosperity of his old school, eventually serving on the Board of Trustees and establishing the Durling Scholarship to allow qualified students to have the same opportunity he did to come, to study and to learn at Blair.

A member of a centuries-old Dutch family that emigrated from Holland, Carlton grew up in Whitehouse, N.J., working even as a teenager in the family dairy business. Entering Blair as a six-year student—common at the time—this year’s Citation winner wrote, “I completed the six-year tour in five by gaining the necessary credits in summer school.” His progression started in West Hall and moved through Locke, Ivy, South and East, and throughout his years, he wrote a commendable academic record, graduating from Blair a member of the distinguished Class of 1947. Following Blair, Carlton moved on to Penn State University, focusing on their superior agriculture and dairy programs to prepare him for his role in the family business.

It is worth noting that Carlton’s entrepreneurial skills were evident even during his years at Blair, as he managed to get permission from the venerable Ernest Rea to establish a downtown bank account to run a daily newspaper distribution at Blair, including sole rights to sell the Newark Evening News, The New York Times and the Herald Tribune—all necessary, according to our recipient, to maintain his “freewheeling” lifestyle, which included flying airplanes and meeting eligible young women. The latter interest narrowed considerably when his sister suggested he call Betty Jane Correll for a date, leading eventually to their marriage in 1951. Subsequently, Carlton’s freewheeling energies were transferred to the family business and to his new family.

In the 1960s Carlton realized that the dairy business was increasingly challenging and determined that a new venture was necessary to ensure the success of the Durling family business. Just as he had at Blair, Carlton put his energies into his own entrepreneurial idea—Quik Check—a convenience store business that he carefully developed to avoid the mistakes of the others in the business. As he built Quik Check into the successful company that is today, Carlton continued his loyal support of Blair, first and foremost through the Blair Fund and then through his personal involvement as a member of the Board of Trustees. During the last decade, Carlton and Betty have had three grandchildren attend Blair, enjoyed friendships with new and old Blair friends and have hosted many Blair gatherings at their home in Florida.

It is, therefore, fitting that we honor the man who spent the most rewarding school years of his life at Blair, served the School faithfully as a Trustee, and continues to provide future generations of young boys and girls with the opportunities offered by a Blair education. We are pleased today, on the occasion of his 60th reunion, to present the 2007 Blair Citation of Merit to Carlton Chapman Durling.

To come, to study and to learn at Blair.

Row 1: Jim Fox, Dennis Peachey; Row 2: Will Johnson, Frank Barnako, Bob Walter
Row 1: Grant Hamilton, Akira Komoriya; Row 2: John Hill, Pamela Hamilton, Ted Hamilton, Beverly Packard, Barry Smith, Eileen Smith; Row 3: Greg Auger, Larry Snively, Molly Snively, Susie Schwarz, Daniel Smith ’89; Row 4: Margaret Auger, Marion Alden, (Son) Watkins, Myles Gombert, Susan Gombert, Doug Schwarz; Row 5: Carole Sergi, Bruce Sergi, Buzz Alden, Dave Watkins, Leslie Watkins, Jeff Mohler, Noreen Mohler.

Row 1: Holly Scott ’83, Trish Kiley, Kirsten Trommald Bushick, Melanie Wolf Hine, Deb Cohen, Peter Metz, Adriana Torres-Browder; Row 2: Tom Falls, Gina Pugliese Perlstein, Sarah Conforti-Halford, Bill Abbott, Mike Ronco, Trevor Power, Hans Gochenaur, Lee Fankhauser; Row 3: Richard A. Ullmann, Sean Breslin ’81, Ray Castellani, Greg Morgan, Bill Holenstein, Jon Greenbaum, Roger Gershman, Dave Woods, Tony Brown (present but not in photo: Jessica Stark)

Row 1: Jay Chamberlain, Dan Goettel, Noel Clavel, Diana Puknys Schad (holding Abby), Tim Bergl; Row 2: Scott Hunt, John Davis, Marnie Raines, Jim Davis, Frank Petrosino, Charlie Case; Row 3: Domingo Such, Jonathan Monetti, Neil Mori, David Kuzma, Karen Luzzi ’88, Priscilla Giese Saurman

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Row 1: Sarah Burke Mullins, Tasha Williams Arroyo, Stephanie Iberer '90, TJ Doremus; Row 2: Hagen Greer, Megan Pearson, Alex Papouchis, Susie Dana, Heather Sheldon, Julie Iberer Gately, Darryl DeMarzio; Row 3: Steve Dartley, Chris Passanante, Dan Millner

Row 1: Cadence Case, Kyle Mason, Stefanie Meilinger, Maneer Singh, Sean Gray, Tom Horne, Bobby Reither, Erin Fynn, Sam Martin, Ryan Pagotto; Row 2: John Harrison, Blake Haase, Samantha Ranaghan, Carey Zimmermann, Jennifer Lombardi, Stefan Ades, Briggs Johnson; Row 2: Kristen Tegenborg, Jordan Price Elman, Laura Inkeles, Ranee Hulten Jefcoat, Christy Anderson Burkart, Luke Somers

FIFTY YEARS LATER:

Remembering the Best of Blair

MANY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1957 filled out their 50th reunion questionnaires with gusto, noting what their lives have been like since leaving Blair. They wrote eloquently of their families, their careers, their hobbies and interests. And then... the talk turned to Blair pranks and favorite memories. We share their thoughts in hopes you might begin to jot down your own. Note that names have been withheld, mainly to protect the pranksters!

**Favorite Memories**

When all the students had measles.
Prom Weekend and the tea dances.
Peddie-Blair football game of ’56.
Trapping muskrat at the Girl Scout Camp.
Christmas service in the chapel before going home.
Playing the speakers loudly.
Competing in impromptu public speaking.
Being a coffee boy, waiter and then head waiter; we had a great bunch of guys—from lower schoolers to post-grad football players—all doing their part for as much as a $300 per year scholarship.
Raising two grey squirrels in my room in Locke and two crows in my room in East.
One thing I took away from Blair was reading. We had so many novels, plays and poems to read over each summer as well as during the year. So I continued to read as many magazines, books and papers as possible. My wife and kids always ask how I know so many obscure facts, names and places; now they know.
We certainly had some excellent teachers, most of whom were veterans of World War II. Many were young, grateful for their lives and anxious to live them to the full. Those who became school teachers approached their teaching with great intensity and realism. We were lucky to have them in class, not only because of how they taught but also because many of them shared their significant life experiences with us.

**Favorite Pranks**

Sneaking downtown after swim practice in the evening and getting caught.
Climbing and trying to empty the water tank.
Putting Mr. Sweet’s Fiat in the crook of a tree on front campus one spring.
Putting Mr. Sweet’s car on Insley Porch.
Throwing BBs and bowling balls down third floor Locke Hall at 11 p.m.
Big Dig at Blair!

Blair Academy’s plans to enhance and expand its campus, as well as its activity and athletic facilities, began this spring. As this Bulletin reaches you, some phases have been completed in time for the new school year and will be reported to you in our next issue, including photos.

In a message to parents in May, Headmaster Chan Hardwick explained, “We have made adjustments in our spring track and tennis programs to accommodate the significant work that needs to be done, and the completion date for the outdoor projects is set for August 20, 2007, so that the fall athletic season will not be compromised.”

Plans call for a new all-weather turf football field to be open and ready for the fall season. Headmaster Hardwick said, “Though primarily serving football, this all-weather field will allow many teams, including boys’ and girls’ soccer and lacrosse, to utilize the space. The addition of lighting will bring night games to Blair, so that the whole community can come to a football, field hockey or lacrosse game, much as it does now for basketball in the winter.”

He also commented on other enhancements. “[We will gain] a new all-weather track to replace our current cinder track, new tennis courts, a junior varsity baseball field and at least one additional practice field. We shall also move the seventh fairway of the golf course slightly west to make room for this expansion.”

Again, complete coverage of Blair’s exciting new facilities will appear in the Fall Bulletin.
**Open for Discussion**

Blair’s Society of Skeptics featured a group of speakers whose weekly programs offer diversity and forums for classroom discussion. For instance, past and current parent Ellen Miret, who spoke in April, addressed her journey through Tibet with two monks. She explained, “Starting in Kathmandu, we crossed into Tibet and traveled west to Mt. Kailash, the holiest place on earth for many people, and then east to Lhasa (see photo), which is in central Tibet, stopping at monasteries in Sakya, Ghanse and Shigatse along the way.”

Miret added, “Tibet was invaded by the Chinese in 1949-50. The Dalai Lama was able to escape in 1959 to India with 120,000 Tibetans and established a government in exile in Dharamsala. During the Cultural Revolution that followed, over 6,000 monasteries were destroyed and over 1.2 million people have died and are dying today as they try to cross the border as a result of the occupation. In 1996 a new phase of repression began and continues today.

Miret is an artist who showed her lenticular work at Blair’s Roman Gallery this past winter. She is a student of The Venerable Lama Pema Wangdak, a Tibetan Lama (teacher) who escaped from Tibet in 1959.

In May, as part of the Skeptics program, Robert Mulcahy, former CEO of the New Jersey Sports Authority and current director of athletics at Rutgers University, spoke to Blair students and other members of the extended Blair community in Armstrong-Hipkins Center for the Arts concerning the recent Rutgers women’s basketball team/Don Imus controversy and other issues facing college athletics today. Reporters and photographers from both the New Jersey Herald and The Star-Ledger covered the event, running stories the next day.

A former athletic director at Blair, Jon Frere, was the featured speaker at a Skeptics program in March; his topic was sportsmanship and coaching at the high school level. Among a number of related topics, he touched on the integration of women in sports at Blair, as well as the ever-growing “specialization” characterizing the high school athletic scene. Former wrestling coach Tom Hutchinson and various alumni athletes were in attendance.

Frere, who holds a B.A. from Franklin and Marshall College and an M.A. from Middlebury College (both in Spanish), served as headmaster of the Webb School from 1989 until 2005. Frere began his career in independent school education here at Blair, where he was a teacher of Spanish, coach and dorm master, director of athletics and head football coach. He also started the school’s lacrosse program.

And speaking of former headmasters, Lance Odden, who served as such at The Taft School in Connecticut, spoke this winter on “The Implication of National Tragedy for Education at Blair.”

Archaeologist Randall White of New York University, who was also a featured Skeptics guest this winter, was the subject of an April 10 New York Times article by Michael Balter entitled, “Scientist at Work/Randall White: Falling in Love with France and Its Troves of Ancient History.”

Balter wrote, “Dr. White himself has become an ardent defender of France’s cultural heritage and a fierce opponent of the antiquities trade. In early 2006, for example, he publicly protested the $200 million donation from the antiquities collector Shelby White (no relation) to N.Y.U. that is to be used to create a new Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, on the ground that some objects in Ms. White’s collection are alleged to have come from illicit excavations.”
**Seniors Set Record**

Hudson Collins ’07, on behalf of the senior class council, presents Headmaster Chan Hardwick with the 2007 Senior Class Gift. This year’s graduating class reached a record 99% participation.

**Alumnus is Lucky Winner**

Rob Sigety ’75 was the winner of a 2007 BMW Z4 in the 2007 Blair Parent Car Raffle organized by Blair’s Parent Volunteer Group (PVG). The PVG’s largest fundraiser netted an impressive $52,000, with proceeds benefiting Blair Academy. The lucky ticket number 348 was drawn during Alumni Weekend by retiring chaplain Peter Amerman. Rob and son Will—who chose the ticket for his dad to buy—along with younger son George accepted the keys from Sue Habermann, director of parent programs.

**Latest “Developments” in the Development Office**

A number of changes in Blair’s development office occurred this summer, as announced by Monie Hardwick, director of development. Rada Starkey ’86 (top photo), who served for the last three years as director of annual giving, moved to Maine with her husband Rob; after 25 years of teaching at the Purnell School, Rob plans to pursue his career as an artist and to teach part time. Rada is now director of development at George Stevens Academy. Said Monie, “Under Rada’s leadership, the Blair Fund has grown from $1.1 to nearly $1.7 million, while alumni participation has increased from 20 to 30%. She has done an outstanding job building the structures and volunteer support necessary to create an effective annual giving program.”

Cara Mohlmann, who most recently served as Blair’s director of planned giving and stewardship, assumed responsibility as Blair’s new director of annual giving. For seven years before joining Blair’s development office in November of 2004, Cara worked in annual giving at Lafayette College. In addition, Velma Lubliner, parent of Justin ’05 and Jenna ’09, has been hired as an associate in annual giving. Finally, Amy Paul ’99 joined the development office as the new director of stewardship. Besides her previous experience in development, Amy worked in New York City in the publishing and advertising field, most recently at Verso Advertising, and is a graduate of Barnard College.

**Prom 2007**

Blair students and their guests enjoyed an evening of fine food and dancing at Perona Farms in May. Before prom-goers boarded buses, they were admired and photographed on the “green carpet”—Sharpe House lawn, that is—by parents, friends and other members of the Blair community.

William Hammer, director of choral music, and Emily Barrow ’02, English teacher, were married in June.
A Gift from the Past...
A Future for Others

For over 30 years, Blair received gifts from Mrs. Roberta Grauert in memory of her mother Addie Case Besson, a 1904 graduate. Mrs. Grauert’s ultimate gift came after her death, though, when she named Blair a 25% beneficiary of her estate to create a scholarship in the memory of her mother.

When Mrs. Grauert’s mother attended Blair, the school was officially known as Blair Presbyterian Academy. The school brochure described the academy as boasting a “fine location, pure air, campus of 60 acres, a lake affording skating and boating, pure well water, new dormitories, gymnasium, swimming pool, complete laboratories, and experienced teachers.” Tuition and boarding costs were $300 per year.

Addie Case Besson was born in Frenchtown, New Jersey. As a student, she participated in the Scientific Club, Cantata Club, Phi Sigma and school play, and served as the junior class treasurer. Each senior listed their personal characteristics. Addie noted the following about herself: distinguishing characteristics—perversity; pet expression—Oh! I’ve got so much to do!; famous for—gossip; crazy about—fudge.

Through the thoughtful estate planning of Roberta Grauert, her mother’s memory will remain intact at Blair for future generations. The recipients of her scholarship will learn that a spirited young woman who attended Blair over 100 years ago was the inspiration for creating an enduring legacy of educational opportunity for others.
“Empty” Bowls Feed the Hungry
This spring, Blair ceramics students, under the direction of art teacher Kate Sykes, have been involved with the Empty Bowls program—a nationwide initiative with grassroots participation—producing 50 bowls in the School’s ceramics studio. These bowls were made as part of a local fundraiser sponsored by NORWESCAP (Northwest New Jersey Community Action Program), a not-for-profit community action program. NORWESCAP provides cost-effective, coordinated services to low-income people in Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Passaic and Warren Counties in New Jersey.

In conjunction with NORWESCAP’s recognition of National Hunger Awareness Day, ceramics students crafted these bowls, which were sold to the public at a benefit luncheon on June 5; proceeds benefited NORWESCAP’s Food Pantry.

Other local high school art students and potters around the county also participated in the Empty Bowls program, with area restaurants and food suppliers providing soup and bread for the luncheon. The local daily newspaper, the New Jersey Herald, ran a feature on May 22 about Kate and her students’ efforts.

Players Paint Colorful Comedy “En Plein Air”

The Blair Academy Players presented The Braggart Soldier by Plautus (translated by Erich Segal) in May in the Robert J. Evans Open Air Theatre. Craig Evans, director and chair of the performing arts department, commented: “Before there was Neil Simon, William Shakespeare or Moliere, there was Plautus, a Roman comedy writer who is often given credit for writing the first comedies as we know them. In fact, Shakespeare’s Two Gentlemen of Verona and the Broadway musical A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum are both based on Plautus’ works from over 2,000 years ago. Plautus’ comedies were performed in Rome on the occasion of a festival, and the Blair Academy Players production is no different, as it was the performing art department’s contribution to Blair’s Spring Arts Weekend.”
Video Venture Mocks Mafia

In May, Blair Video presented “The Godfather Part 4, Tina the Goddaughter.” The movie, written and directed by Blair faculty member Steven Kampmann, is a comedy about a fictional Blair student, Tina Corleone (played by Tina Tozzi ’08, pictured on right), who runs Blair with an iron fist until she falls in love with another student (Todd Lewis ’08). The other featured student role is Tina’s “henchgirl” played by Lara Kleinschmidt ’09 (pictured on left). The 35-minute movie also features numerous faculty members (Lois Stival, Carm Mazza, Dave Low, Peter Amerman, Andrew Sykes), a member of the Blair staff (Eric Kowal), many student extras and even a cameo by Headmaster Chan Hardwick.

The movie was the Blair Video Spring After School production and was produced and filmed over a nine-week period. Students on the project experienced all aspects of pre-production and production issues, including script re-writing, casting, collecting and creating props and costumes, weather delays, sound issues and continuity concerns. Post-production (editing) was handled by Judith Kampmann.

Blair Wins Its First Freddies

The Blair Academy Players’ winter musical production of Urinetown garnered eight Freddy Awards nominations—the most ever in this particular competition for Blair—and won in two categories. These honors, presented by The State Theatre in Easton, Pa., recognize high school musical theatre in the Lehigh Valley and Warren County, N.J.

Craig Evans, the play’s director, who also chairs Blair’s performing arts department, initially notified cast members of their nominations: “We did it! We received eight nominations, the most ever for us! They are Gabriella Zlocki ’07 (Featured Ensemble Member); Lighting Design; Dylan Evans ’08 (Supporting Actor); Scenic Design; Stage Crew; Tina Tozzi ’08 (Featured Performance by an Actress); Todd Lewis ’08 (Outstanding Performance by an Actor); and Overall Production by a Smaller School.” Todd also performed live in the Freddy Awards’ ceremony.

Upon winning in two categories on May 24, Craig issued this news: “The Blair Academy Players had a great night at the Freddies—we won two awards—our first acting awards ever, one for Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Member to Gabriella Zlocki (pictured) for her role as Little Sally, and Overall Production by a Smaller School! Todd Lewis, in his nomination for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role, did an outstanding job of singing ‘Run, Freedom, Run.’ He joined Lotte Lijnzaad in the opening number that featured performers from all 26 participating schools. Tina Tozzi, who was up for Outstanding Featured Performance by an Actress, also accepted the award for Gaby, who couldn’t be there due to her graduation.”
Players Produce Durang’s Double Feature

The Blair Academy Players presented two one-act plays by Christopher Durang, The Actor’s Nightmare and For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls, in May in the Wean Theatre.

Director Michele McMillan explained, “Durang, a North Jersey native, is a contemporary playwright known for his witty, satirical, and often absurd and outrageous comedy. He was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Drama for his play, Miss Witherspoon.”
Alumni, parents and friends gathered for the 2007 Leadership Dinner in April. Donors of named scholarships were hosted by the recipients of their scholarships. The Rev. Peter Amerman was recognized and honored for his 38 years of service at Blair. In addition to Peter’s family, Scott Jones ’80 who traveled from England, and Stefan Kling ’71 were present to offer words of thanks to Peter for his dedication to Blair students past and present.

Takis Theodoracopoulos ’55, Stacey McConnell (parent of Claire ’05, Craig ’07 and Graham ’10), Brian Clayton ’63, Ann and Andy Evans (parents of Dave ’07 and Christine ’08), Peter Pinkard (parent of Jena ’07 and Caitlin ’08) and Roland McKinney ’51 are recognized for their leadership support of the School.

Peter and Cynthia Amerman. (Read more about Peter’s retirement beginning on page 4.)
Eu-Schelling Scholarship Established

Though globalization is a fairly new concept, the Eu family of Singapore and New Jersey’s own Schelling family could almost have coined the phrase. 

George Schelling ’39 befriended Richard “Dick” Eu, Sr., when the two met as students at Princeton University. Far from home, Dick spent a great deal of time in Hoboken, N.J., with George and his family. When Dick expressed a desire for his brothers to attend school in the United States, the Schellings immediately suggested Blair. Eventually, five Eu brothers, Alexander ’44, Charles ’44, Andrew ’48, John ’48 and Fred ’48, all came to Blair—the first Asian family to attend the School. Louis Schelling, Sr. and his wife, parents of George and Lou ’45, acted as guardians to the younger Eu boys, and the families have remained life-long friends ever since.

The Schelling men, of course, were deeply involved Blair alumni. Both served as president of the Alumni Association, and George also served on the Board of Trustees. Lou was a Class Representative for many years and received the Alumnus of the Year Award in 2000.

Blair became a touchstone for these two dedicated families. In May 2007, Richard Eu, a nephew of the five Eu brothers and father of Richard ’03, Anthony ’06 and Christopher ’07, decided to honor this legacy by establishing the Eu-Schelling Scholarship. “When I spoke to my father, Richard “Dick” Eu, Sr., he was in agreement that this would be a good way to remember the ties with the Schilling family,” Richard notes. “We wanted to find a means by which the history of the friendship between the families would be perpetuated in a way that was not static. We hope that future generations of both families will be able to contribute to the scholarship as well.”

This summer, numerous young Blair alumni—friends of Richard, Anthony and Christopher—visited the Eus in Singapore, reinforcing an international connection begun two generations ago. Richard notes, “A friendship between two families that lasted over 65 years should not be easily forgotten.”
Mark Lieberman ’74, a Blair Trustee from 2002 to 2004, often speaks of “success” when talking about his family’s long history at Blair Academy. But he’s not referring to readily defined measures of success. “It’s not about where my family and I went to college, or whether we’ve had successful careers,” he said. “Instead, Blair helped us build the ‘success beneath’ that has made the difference for all of us.”

“All of us” is quite a group. Starting with Mark’s uncle, Jack Doern ’48, who came to Blair after a “magical meeting” with longtime dean of students, Ferd Marcial, a dozen members of the extended Doern-Lieberman-Wilt family have walked through the Arch on their way to lives of enlightened success. Following Jack, Michael ’71 made his way to Blairstown and, according to his brother, “thrived at Blair,” winning the Headmaster’s Prize and starring on the football, lacrosse and wrestling teams. Mark and his classmate and cousin David Lieberman ’74 followed soon thereafter, then his sister Marianne ’79, and eventually another cousin, Richard Wilt ’84. The third generation entered Blair when Mark’s daughter Maria ’01 came to school in the late 1990’s, paving the way for her brothers Thomas ’02, Nicholas ’03 and Kevin ’07.

So why does the family return, time and again, to Blair? The reasons go back to Mark’s concept of the “success beneath.” He explains, “My uncle Jack chose Blair because of the warmth of Ferd Marcial. The family kept coming back to Blair because of its exceptional faculty—caring people who have a sincere interest in kids. My best friends in this world today are my favorite faculty members from my days at Blair—Peter Hahn and Tom Hutchinson. They helped me blossom the same way today’s faculty have helped my own children blossom at Blair.”

“Why does our family keep sending our kids to Blair? Momentum builds with success, the success beneath what’s obvious to the outside world. It is why we believe in the School and continue to support its mission.”
IN MEMORY OF...

1928 Philip D. Myers. Gen. Myers graduated from Princeton University and began his career with a paper-container manufacturer in Newark, N.J., where he worked until 1942 when he joined the Army. During the war, Gen. Myers saw action in Morocco, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany. He received two Bronze Stars and captain's bars. After the war, he entered the real estate business and was active in the Army Reserve. He retired as a brigadier general in 1962, at which time he became property manager for a large bank. Gen. Myers served Blair as a class representative for many years.

1937 Ellis A. Minrath. Mr. Minrath was a longtime resident of Ridgewood, N.J., prior to his move to Englewood, Colo. He was a World War II Navy veteran, former member of Arcola Country Club and an avid Giants fan. In 1984, he retired as vice president of sales for Vanity Fair Mills in New York City. Mr. Minrath was predeceased by his son, Richard, and is survived by his wife of 68 years, Virginia; daughter, Lura; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1940 John K. Cochran. Mr. Cochran served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was deployed with the 512th Bomb Squadron to North Africa and Italy. After the war, he completed his education at Lehigh University. Mr. Cochran worked in sales and marketing with the P&F Corbin Division of Enhardt Corporation, manufacturers of architectural and builder hardware. He ran their New York City sales office for many years. Mr. Cochran was an avid soccer, golfer and croquet player as well as a member of the economic development commission of Old Saybrook, Conn., and a trustee for the Connecticut River Museum. He was also a founding member of the Oak Harbor Club in Vero Beach, Fla. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean; daughter, Christine; and son, Wllam.

Edward C. Tompkins. Mr. Tompkins was a graduate of McGill University and a longtime member of St. Mary's Church. He worked for 20 years as an x-ray technician at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Conn. After a long illness, Mr. Tompkins died at Noble Horizons, an assisted living facility in Salisbury, Conn.

1941 Thornton “Quin” Raney. During World War II, Mr. Raney flew a PV1 Lockheed attack bomber and was based on Tinian Island when the A-bomb was dropped on Japan. With the advent of the Korean War, as a Reserve officer, he was recalled to active service and served in the North Pacific Theater on a 2B Neptune crew. Mr. Raney was one of the founders of the Willow Grove National Air Station. In recent years, Mr. Raney could be found assisting with the annual Blair alumni ice hockey games. He succumbed to his battle with leukemia and is survived by his wife, Ann; son, Robert; daughters, Bonnie, Kathryn, Sandra and Terri; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1949 Edward T. Greck. Mr. Greck received a degree in English literature in 1953 from Hamilton College. He was a faculty member of the Cleveland School District and the Bryant and Stratton Business School. Throughout his career he served on the boards of several organizations including the Arthritis Foundation, Circus Saints and Sinners, and the Lewiston Trail Council. Mr. Greck is survived by his wife, Ellen; children, Leon, Beth, Frank and Dean; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1952 Donald C. James. Mr. James was one of the creators of the Philip-James-Rosen Trophy at Blair.

The trophy is awarded to a member of the junior class whose record has been marked by devotion to the school and who has, while performing creditably as a student and citizen of the school community, displayed uncommon leadership. Mr. James is survived by his wife, Alice; three daughters, Patricia, Michelle and Sandra; and ten grandchildren.

1954 Joseph R. Basso, Sr. Mr. Basso earned his undergraduate degree from East Stroudsburg University and his master’s in education administration from Lehigh University. Following college he played minor league Class A baseball as a second baseman. Mr. Basso was a high school teacher in the Easton and Pen Argyl area school districts in Pennsylvania. Upon his retirement from teaching, he purchased and operated a blouse factory. He also served as an adjunct faculty member teaching business management courses for Northampton Community College. Mr. Basso is survived by his sons, Michael and Joseph, Jr.; daughters, Sharon and Denise; and two grandchildren.

Former Faculty
David S. Miller. Mr. Miller taught English and history at Blair from 1963 to 1988. He received his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University and his graduate degree from Columbia University. Mr. Miller was predeceased by his wife, Sheilah, and is survived by his daughter, Barbara.

The following are excerpts from the eulogy written by Elliott Trommald, who served on the Blair faculty from 1962 to 1985:
Capturing David in words is no easy task because words don’t permit us to experience his voluble laugh, his passionate cry against injustice, his outrage at a politics of stupidity, his ind florence toward being politically correct, his tender concern for those in need, and his almost unlimited capacity to love.

David was an original. He will never be, cannot be, duplicated: teacher, passionate historian, caregiver, tennis player, traveler, Epicurean, seeker, umpire, hospice worker, humorist, music lover, golfer, global gourmet and ill-fated bicyclist.

But it was in his teaching, in the broadest sense, that he best defined himself and let us know him. Students did not rest easily in his classroom. They had to think. David probed—prodded—was relentless—using irreverence and intelligent goading to force kids out of their comfort zone. And, while not in the classroom to entertain, David was entertaining. His keen sense of humor was on the far side—he could be as funny as he was outrageous.

IN MEMORIAM

1928 Philip D. Myers, October 29, 2006, Coral Gables, Florida
1936 Robert E. Eastright, July 7, 2006, Richmond, Virginia
1937 Ellis A. Minrath, January 4, 2007, Englewood, Colorado
1940 John K. Cochran, April 4, 2007, Vero Beach, Florida
1941 Thornton “Quin” Raney, June 2, 2007, Cresco, Pennsylvania
1946 Richard C. Young, January 19, 2007, Comstock Park, Michigan
1948 Lewis J. Ike, January 12, 2007, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1952 Donald C. James, October 7, 2006, Morrisville, New York
1954 Joseph R. Basso, Sr., April 24, 2007, Bangor, Pennsylvania

Former Faculty
David S. Miller, March 4, 2007, Houston, Texas
William J. Zeek, May 12, 2007, Etowah, North Carolina

Parent
Barbara Gallino, May 31, 2007, Wayne, New Jersey
THANK YOU!

Another Record-Breaking Year for the Blair Fund

Your support helped Blair raise a record $1.78 million. Alumni participation held strong at 30% for a second year, and parent participation reached an all-time high of 77%. Over the past five years, your participation has helped Blair to increase the number of alumni donors by 66% and the amount of alumni money raised by 71%.

These are extraordinary advances. Without your support, we would never have achieved these goals. A heartfelt thank-you on behalf of Blair’s students, faculty and staff.

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This is the end of our walks through the arch, games in the Bowl, and H block lunches as “Blair kids.” But won’t we always be Blair kids? I hope so, since that’s all I really know myself as.

We will become individuals again wherever we’re headed and will have to work to create what we had here, but if we did it once, we can do it again. We’re off to places where no one knows our name, where we’ll need to introduce ourselves and hold out a hand to shake, but we do it all with the comfort of having this big family to hold on to and who will love us always.

We can travel to the other side of the planet and find Blair friends who will open their doors to us. We have family in South Korea, Thailand, Angola, England, Nicaragua and all the rest...Blair doors and hearts will remain open to us all of our lives. So Blair leaves us with a feeling of comfort, belonging and support. We came for an education; we leave with that and with a large and worldly family.

—Samantha Mary Peretore ’07
Excerpt, Commencement Address
May 24, 2007