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Community and Caring, Courage and Character

John C. Bogle ’47, founder of the Vanguard Group and Chairman Emeritus of the Blair Academy Board of Trustees, addressed the Class of 2010 at the School’s 162nd Commencement, imparting his wisdom as he reflected on the “Four Cs”—the very essence of a Blair education.

Where Old Friends Meet: Alumni Weekend 2010

Blair’s June event included a panel, American Foreign Policy Challenge: The War in Afghanistan, with Dr. Robert Textor ’40, former Blair teacher Elliott Trommald and Alex Gallo ’96. Twenty years of girls’ soccer at Blair and the dedication of Underwood Field were also celebrated. Read on for news of award winners and a photo gallery of familiar faces.

Letters to the Editor

Headmaster Chan Hardwick and the Bulletin editor received many compliments on the Spring Bulletin, particularly in terms of Chan’s cover story and his observations on the state of our “plugged-in” campus and how Blair educates the “Internet Generation.” See what our readers had to say.
Sharpe House, built in 1927 and named for Headmaster John C. Sharpe, is the stately home of Blair’s Headmaster and the scene of numerous end-of-the-year events, including the presentation of bouquets and boutonnieres to graduates on Commencement Day. Speaking of such traditions, bagpipers lead the way to baccalaureate services and set the pace for the parade on Alumni Day. Photo on cover by Bruce Cramer; at right by David W. Coulter.
While any given school year is invariably tumultuous, filled with a myriad mix of individual dramas and uncertain moments, with the passage beyond graduation and out of Alumni Weekend into the true summer, that moment always seems to bring a closure, things generally resolved, and reflective hindsight the dominant theme. Faculty and students scatter around the country and the world, the inevitable summer construction projects get under way, and the staff readies the campus for the summer camp season that has the odd effect of Blair’s campus filled with children without ever interacting with them.

One group pushes on—and this group pushed through the literal dismantling of their office as, ironically, a central air-conditioning system was being installed (but not yet working) during the warmest June in years. The advancement team pushed forward to finish the alumni and parent giving effort for the fiscal year 2009-2010 before its close on June 30. Bringing in those last gifts raises the participation levels and in those levels makes the case for Blair as a school well-regarded by those outside who most know Blair: our alumni and parents. In both cases this year’s support in terms of participation was exceptional, and in dollars raised record-breaking. Given our relatively small endowment versus our peer group, having a successful Blair Fund is the only way we can be competitive, but in rising to that challenge, we are not only competitive but also remarkable in our success, surpassing nearly all others in all categories.

This year could well have been the year Blair did not achieve the results we needed. Despite high hopes, a change in leadership in office was not successful, and there could have been a disintegration of the smooth and focused operations that had carried Blair to success in the recently concluded Ever Always Campaign. However, when it was clear that the transition of leadership failed, it was also clear that the advancement group had stayed on course, embracing the teamwork and trusting the systems they had molded, and thus we conclude one of the School’s most successful years in meeting our goals.

Two veteran office and advancement leaders emerged from the challenges of the year and together are leading the advancement office into 2010-2011. Susan Habermann, a past Blair parent of three alumni and a 13-year member of the advancement (formerly called “development”) office, has led our parent relations program for the last eight years. Prior to that, she created our special events program, which brought high profile programs to the new (at the time) Armstrong-Flipkins Center for the Arts. Sue’s impressive success in every position she has held and her growing leadership over the last several years allowed for the natural progression to the position of director of capital giving, which Sue assumed late this spring.

At the same time, Cara Mohlmann, a six-year member of the office who came to us from the Lafayette College alumni office, continued to lead and monitor office operations in her role as director of the Blair Fund. Partnering with Sue Habermann to oversee the advancement office, Cara was named director of advancement operations and the Blair Fund this spring. Together Sue and Cara will lead the advancement effort going forward, working closely with me, Jim Frick and Monie, who is consulting with them from her position as coordinator of strategic planning. They lead a strong, veteran and dedicated staff, and I am quite confident about our effort going forward to meet and surpass our annual goals for Blair’s advancement effort. I do not usually spend time talking about school advancement, but ultimately the success of that effort reflects not only on the commitment and abilities of those who work in that area but also on the loyalty and belief in Blair that thousands of alumni and hundreds of parents, grandparents and past parents confirm each succeeding year. That loyalty and support is one of the most special and enduring qualities about Blair.
Dorm Residents Raise Awareness

Faculty member Maria Bowditch is pleased to recount some of the year’s community service efforts by the residents of Locke Hall:

Wednesday nights, in particular, bring opportunities for community service. Tatiana Kalainoff ‘13 joined Ladies of Locke (LOL) because the activities were fun and “even freshmen could easily participate.” She also got to know more people right from the start of the year. Tatiana organized the project “Grateful for Good Food” to thank the local restaurants that deliver to Blair. The girls filled posters with messages to the staff of Ho Ho’s and Frank’s, to name just two. According to Tatiana, the best part of the project was “the road trip when a group of girls made their own delivery (of the posters that is) with Mrs. Bowditch as chauffeur.”

Council Dawson ‘13 found LOL an easy way to get involved in Blair life and coordinated the project “Butterflies and Bouquets to Our Friends Downstairs.” Emily Boak ‘13 created folding cards in the shape of butterflies to express LOL’s appreciation for the secretaries in the admission and Headmaster’s offices. Emily got involved because she has always participated in community service and “probably always will.” When asked about her favorite project, she couldn’t name just one. Emily and Hannah Huntley ’12 said that sending notes at Thanksgiving to all the faculty members at Blair was one of the best projects because “we got to show the teachers how important they are to us.”

LOL also tackled a “Happy Unbirthday” project to all the in-dorm staff/faculty and Brenda Edsall, who cleans the dorm. The tradition in Locke Hall is that the prefects decorate students’ doors for their birthdays. LOL turned the tables and decorated the apartment door and the door to Brenda’s supply closet.

The last project of the year recognizing the staff in the technology office was a favorite of Audrey Snyder ’13 and Elyse Pettaway ’13. As Elyse said, “When our computers break, the guys are always there for us.” Roving photographers, including Claudia Russell ’12, Ami Saito ’12 and Sam Kall ’13, took photos of all the Locke girls with their computers—pictures that then became part of a paper chain decorating the hallway by the tech office. Cupcakes completed the surprise thank-you.

David Facciani, housemaster of Locke, commented that LOL “encourages our girls to look beyond their own lives and gain an appreciation of others in the community.”
Forty-Plus Years of True Dedication

After serving Blair Academy for over 40 years, Alma Costantino, administrative assistant to the dean of admission, announced her retirement, effective at the end of this past school year. Prospective students and their families were first greeted by Alma in the historic Blair Room—a beautifully appointed area, often full of fresh flowers from her garden—before commencing their admission interview or tour of the campus. The epitome of class and style, Alma was honored by the Blair community as a beloved member of its “family” at the May leadership dinner (where she received a Duckloe & Bros. Governor’s armchair), as well as at the last School Meeting of the year. Alumni traditionally look for her upon their return to campus for Alumni Weekend, and this year was no exception.

Dean of Admission Ryan Pagotto ’97, an alumnus who well recalls meeting Alma when he first came here as a student, said, “Alma’s service to the School spans four decades and places her among its most loyal and tenured employees. Not one for recognition or fanfare, she requested that we not make a ‘big deal’ of her retirement. With all due respect to her wishes, I had warned her that there would inevitably be a modicum of celebration over the course of these past months, since she has meant so much to so many people for such a long time.” He noted, too, that while Blair’s official hours of business are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Alma was settled at her desk by 7:30 each morning, ready to put guests at ease and begin the daily tasks before her.

Alma said that through the years, she had the pleasure of assisting the late Headmaster Jim Howard, as well as Duncan Alling, Peter Hahn, Tom Deveaux, William Risley ’63, Joe Gill, Penn Bowditch and Barbara Haase.

Marion Clifford, secretary to the dean of academics, kept a low profile in announcing her retirement this past June. At Blair’s opening dinner in August 2009, she was recognized for her 25th year of service to the School. Marion and her husband, John, are the parents of Janine ’90 and Bernadette ’93.

Faculty Filmmakers Call It a “Wrap”

Retiring faculty members Steven and Judith Kampmann were honored at the May leadership dinner and recognized during commencement exercises. Steven and Judith, parents of Woody ’01, Billy ’02 and Mikey ’04, came to Blair in 1998 following successful Hollywood careers in writing, acting and directing.

Steven, Blair’s writer-in-residence, has taught English, written and directed numerous short films as part of the after-school video program, and served as monitor to post-graduate students. Judith has served as director of Blair’s video studies program, working with students and other members of the Blair community on any number of projects through the years. Many of the videos conceived by Judith and Steven, who also served as dorm parents early in their tenure, can be viewed on Blair’s website.
Hardwicks Visit Asia
Greeted with Warmth & Hospitality

Earlier this spring, Headmaster Chan Hardwick and his wife, Monie, visited parents, alumni and friends of Blair in Seoul, Hong Kong, Taipei and Tokyo. During their stay in Korea, Blair parents hosted a reception for the Hardwicks and Lew Stival, dean of college counseling. Over 60 Blair students, alumni, current and past parents, and friends attended the reception in Seoul. A reception was also held in Hong Kong, which was attended by 28 people; a dinner in Taipei with 16 in attendance; and a reception of alumni and parents in Tokyo.

The Hardwicks report that they had a wonderful time meeting everyone and were given warm welcomes during their 10-day trip. They enjoyed some sightseeing in Taipei and visited a factory in China. Their itinerary was directed by Sue Habermann and Susan Long, director and assistant director of parent relations at the time, respectively, who were assisted by parents, including the following: mothers of Dan ’12 and David Kim ’07, You Jin Lee ’11 and Winston Chang ’12 (Korea); Lai Yeung Chiang ’84 and Erik and Barbara Ryd, parents of Elin ’11, Bobby and Fifi Tsai, parents of Kevin ’11 (Hong Kong); and mothers of Alex Lee ’10, Jimmy Nieh ’12 and Sam ’10 and Ray Huang ’12 (Taiwan).

The Hardwicks presented each parent with a picture of their son or daughter with Chan, taken at Sharpe House. Chan remarked to parents, “I am keeping an eye on each of your children—meeting with some of them regularly—and generally trying to challenge each to be the best Blair student and person that she or he can: hard working, excellent in all things, involved, friendly and leaders. I think in their own way, each child is making an effort to take full advantage of the opportunity you have given them. I tell them to be very grateful that they have such brave parents to have them study so far from home…Our students from Asia and their families are very important to us. We appreciate their generous support and that they entrust their child’s education to Blair Academy, which clearly indicates their deep regard for the School.”

Prom 2010
Less than perfect prom weather failed to dampen the spirits of those on the promenade in May. Blair prom-goers posed for photos to the delight of friends and family before boarding buses and traveling to Perona Farms for fine food and dancing. A prom prelude was held at Sharpe House, with a post-prom reception upon the revelers’ return to campus.
Weekend of Fun & Fundraising
The weekend leading into commencement week saw lots of on- and off-campus activity, with Blair students involved in walking for charity and boat-building. The first annual Kon-Tiki “cardboard and duct tape boat race”—a competition among dorms spearheaded by science teacher Rod Gerdsen—took place on Blair Lake.

Ten teams were divided up by dorms and given a simple set of rules: 1) build a boat out of a limited supply of cardboard and two rolls of duct tape; 2) make the vessel strong enough to carry two dorm members across the lake in the fastest time. Check out the photos; in this case, a picture’s worth 1,000 words!

Meanwhile, on a more serious note, a group of faculty and students—Blair’s GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance)—traveled into New York City for the 25th Annual AIDS Walk. According to teacher Sam Gogolak, the six-mile walk is the largest AIDS fundraising event in the world and has helped to raise over $100 million to fight AIDS in the tri-state area through education, prevention, treatment and support services.

This year, Blair’s student-led team, along with Sam and Penn and Eric Lunger, raised over $2,500—an impressive figure that placed it in the top 250 of over 3,000 walking teams. As Sam noted, it was a beautiful day in the Big Apple and a meaningful way to end the school year by fighting a world-wide pandemic one step at a time.

ACTA Yearbooks Arrive
The 2010 ACTA yearbooks arrived the week of May 10, with faculty member Joe Mantegna—head boys’ basketball coach and associate dean of college counseling—honored with this year’s dedication, including well wishes from faculty, students and alumni. Austin Johnson ’09 spoke for many alumni—as well as current students who voted for Joe as the honoree—with his notation, “Coach Mantegna took a risk on me. He had a vision for me which I was uncertain about at first. His confidence in me both in the classroom and on the court helped me achieve things in my life I didn’t know were possible.”

NBA player Luol Deng ’03 said, “I am who I am today because of Coach Mantegna.”

Joe received his yearbook and special recognition at School Meeting. The Class of 2010 also chose him as this year’s baccalaureate speaker—the second time in his tenure that Joe was selected by a senior class for this honor.

Seniors Band Together with Gift to Blair
The Class of 2010 achieved a 100% participation rate with a total dollar amount raised—including a 3:1 match by Jim Krugman ’65—of $5,396.94. A check was presented to Headmaster Chan Hardwick at a May assembly.
Community & Caring, Courage & Character

REMARKS BY John C. Bogle ’47
Founder, Vanguard Group & Chairman Emeritus of the Blair Academy
Board of Trustees

162ND COMMENCEMENT, MAY 20, 2010
It is an extraordinary privilege for me to have the opportunity to speak to the members of Blair Academy’s Class of 2010 at your graduation, and at the commencement of your long journey beyond these halls into college and then out into the real world. I’m especially proud to see your classmate and my grandson, Chris St. John, receive his diploma, along with Bogle Brothers Scholars Asia Bryant, Collin Stahlkrantz and Neil Zimmermann.
What on earth, you must be asking, can an aging alumnus like me—a proud member of Blair's great Class of 1947—possibly tell you that would help you appreciate even more your years at my beloved Blair, atop these glorious hills on this bright new day? This morning I'd like to remind you not only of how much Blair has changed but, of far more importance, how much endures. Change is the easy part. Just contrast Blair today with the Blair that my late twin brother David and I saw as we began our junior year here all those years ago, driving up the hill to this lovely campus in fall, following my older brother William, Class of 1945.

The change is astonishing. Then, Marcial Field was a thicket. Bogle Hall—named in honor of my beloved parents—wasn't even a gleam in my eye. Memorial Hall—which became Timken Library in 2006—had not yet been built. Armstrong-Hipkins Center for the Arts didn't exist, nor did Mason and Freeman, nor Annie (Ann L. Siegel) Hall.

And our small gymnasium of all those years ago would remain pretty much the same until its recent rebuilding as our splendid Hardwick Hall. Then, we students were all boys, for coeducation would not return to Blair until 1971.

Yet much has remained the same. Clinton, Insley, the Arch and Ivy, West and Locke remain the core of our campus, now in the process of being graced with a lovely new pedestrian walkway and plaza. While surrounded by all those new buildings, this core, it seems to me, remains the paradigm for the character of our school: iconic, traditional, strong as that granite, stable, lofty, seemingly an eternal monument to the foresight of our founder, John I. Blair, and his early associates 162 years ago.

But the most important element that has remained unchanged is the character of our school. Yes, we've had our share of ups and downs since I first arrived here to study 65 years ago. But the strong and durable leadership of yore has been reaffirmed—and then some—by our Headmaster Chandler Hardwick (and, of course, Monie), soon to begin their 22nd year here, the longest serving tenure in Blair history, save only the 29-year headmastership of Dr. John Sharpe, from 1898 to 1927.

We also continue with the same high quality of teachers, dedicated, as I have so often said, to helping you young men and women learn more than you might otherwise have learned, accomplish more than you might otherwise have accomplished, and develop your characters more fully than you might otherwise have developed them. Your remarkably successful college admissions record suggests that Blair's Class of 2010 has attained a level of scholarship and service that compares favorably with the very best of the past.

To view more photos of Commencement and Baccalaureate, please check out our on-line photo galleries at www.blair.edu
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Yale University
It is that enduring character that drives our Academy’s continuity. So as you graduate and move on, please never forget that you will remain part of Blair’s strong legacy for the rest of your life. In return, I ask each one of you to assume the responsibilities, now citing my remarks at the start of our successful Ever, Always capital campaign, “to preserve, to protect, and to defend this fount of liberal education, this island of opportunity, this community of teaching and learning.”

As it is everywhere, the concept of community is changing at Blair. In your Headmaster’s words, this campus is no longer the remote island “isolated from the non-boarding school world…and the diversions of urban/suburban culture” that it was when I sat where you sit today. No, today’s constant communications and creative connectivity have shrunk our world to a fraction of its previous size. But building a community—being a member of a community—is what engages you students and your
Let your well-deserved joy and pride in your accomplishments and your lives at Blair Academy be remembered, and celebrated, for as long as you live.
Highly educated young people are tutored, taught and monitored in all aspects of their lives, except the most important, which is character-building. But without character and courage, nothing else lasts.

Character and Courage. I used David Brooks’ words in *Enough* and added these words of my own: “If character is not taught (and perhaps it cannot be taught), how can it possibly be learned? The affluent world in which so many young citizens exist today doesn’t easily create the ability to build character. Often character requires failure; it requires adversity; it requires contemplation; it requires determination and steadfastness; it requires introspection—that rarest of human traits; it requires finding one’s own space as an individual. And it surely requires not only courage, but honor.”

In the excitement of this grand day, these ramblings of an aging alumnus will soon be forgotten. So please try to remember—and live up to—those “four Cs” I’ve talked about this morning: community and caring, character and courage, the essential elements that a Blair education seeks to foster. To help you remember these four Cs, I have a small gift for each of you, a copy of a new edition of *Enough*—hot off the presses, with a foreword by President William Jefferson Clinton. I’ve signed each one, “from one Blair graduate to another,” and we’ll present it to you shortly. Please enjoy the book.

There is one more “C” on my list—Celebrate! In a few moments, each of you will receive your diploma. Congratulations for earning it. Let your well-deserved joy and pride in your accomplishments and your lives at Blair Academy be remembered, and celebrated, for as long as you live. Echoing that powerful senior class video that we saw yesterday, this lovely day is indeed “a brand new day. You’re going to be OK.” I promise!

Good luck and Godspeed.
Scholar-Athletes Excel in the Classroom, on the Court

The Patriot News (Carlisle, Pa.), ran a feature on Alesha Sisco ’07 in February, touting the prowess of this young scholar-athlete.

Written by Eric Thomas, the profile began, “Alesha Sisco knows at some point she will have to give up the hectic college lifestyle for the real world. For the time being, though, she’s content playing the role of multi-sport star and international business major at Dickinson College. Sisco, a junior, shares top-scoring duties on the Red Devils’ women’s basketball team, scoring 13.3 points per outing. She also leads in rebounds with 7.3 boards per game, helping Dina Henry’s team to a 13-5 mark [so far in the season]. On the softball field, Sisco is an infielder for a Red Devils softball team that finished fifth in the conference standing last spring. Sisco batted .315 with 12 RBIs.

In the classroom, the junior from the Allentown [Pa.] area also minors in economics. In other words, there’s never a shortage of things to do.”

Thomas continued with a quote from Alesha, “The key is to be able to take advantage of the time you aren’t doing anything, and that’s when I will get a lot of work done.”

The profile concluded, “In the back of her mind, Alesha knows she will someday be in an office, somewhere perhaps across the globe—not running on the hardwood or digging out grounders in cleats with a glove. ‘It will be a big change in my life, and it’s going to be sad. But I’ve known that time was going to come for a while, so I think I will be ready to do some new things in my life,’ she said.”

A May 2 article by Chris Hansen on the website ESPN.com, entitled, “British Import Fagbenle Excels,” profiled Temi Fagbenle ’11. The article began, “Temi Fagbenle stands 6 feet 4 inches with a wingspan well beyond that. But her reach spans thousands of miles. In pursuit of academic and athletic excellence, the basketball star from London calls Blair Academy, in Blairstown, N.J., home for most of the year. Basketball has not always been Fagbenle’s focus, so her ascent to being ranked among the top 25 U.S. players in her class is that much more impressive. Fagbenle came to the United States at 14 as part of a scholarship program developed between Daniel Bowmaker of the Haringey Angels club basketball program in London and Mike Flynn of the Philadelphia Belles. Flynn took a team over to England to play three years ago and noticed her while the two teams competed.”

Hansen continued, “Fagbenle is one of 12 children but prides herself on being independent. So when the opportunity to go to the U.S. the summer before her sophomore year of high school came, she jumped at it. ‘Academics for my family always come first over anything,’ Fagbenle said. ‘That’s basically set, that’s the rule, so I have to go to a good school, academic school, but I also want to go to a school where I’m going to have fun on the court and, you know, play well, play good basketball. So you know that’s kind of the criteria.’”

The article concluded with a statement by Temi: “If you’re going to do something for a long time, you better do it to the best of your abilities. I just want to work hard, it’s good to work hard.”
**Fundraiser Helps Save Wildlife**

*Matt Pierce ’11* was the topic of conversation for many reporters this summer, including an affiliate of NBC News, as he raised funds to help wildlife affected by the BP oil spill disaster in the U.S. Gulf region. A July 12 transcript from NBC-40 in Atlantic City reads, “...a Stone Harbor [N.J.] garage is the current headquarters for one growing, nonprofit group with donors from all around the U.S. ‘All over the county, as far as California, Texas, Colorado, everywhere,’ said Pierce.

The news item added, “[His] garage is the humble nerve and shipping center of Teenagers Care, an organization that was created just a little over a month ago and has already raised close to $10,000...With the help of family and friends, the motivated teen, originally from Sarasota, Florida, collects donations online and ships fundraising T-shirts. All of this after he was saddened by crude images of oil-soaked birds emerging from the Gulf. ‘The first thing I saw were the terrible brown pelicans,’ said Pierce. He added, ‘I care. I wanted to make a difference in the world. I want to show that teenagers do care and want to help clean up the oil spill.’ The tech-savvy teen uses the Internet and social networking sites like Facebook to help get the word out.”

The transcript also noted, “Pierce even produced a video with residents’ reaction to the spill that can be seen on YouTube as well as the organization’s website. ‘It’s not just a one-time thing. We’re going to keep it going and keep fundraising so we can make a difference in the world,’ said Pierce. Teenagers Care proceeds are sent to Audubon Societies in oil-affected areas.

**Spinning Spokes into Gold**

An April 20 article by Alex Berkman, “Shoestring Approach Has Some Messengers Pedaling to Success,” in the *New York Daily News* featured entrepreneur *Colin Miller ’01*, co-owner of Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Snap Delivery, a messenger company that delivers by bicycle. Berkman wrote, “Once relegated to rushing documents around the canyons of Wall Street, street pedalers now get paid for deliveries as diverse as cases of wine and DVDs. And since the business essentials are mainly a reliable bicycle, a waterproof bag and a strong dose of fearlessness, many messengers are breaking free from the fleet and working for themselves. ‘The only one that makes money is the independent,’ said Hugo Giron, co-owner and founder of Snap Delivery of Brooklyn. Giron met business partner Colin Miller while the two worked as messengers. Giron pitched the idea of being their own bosses soon after they met, but the wheels didn’t start to turn right away.”

Berkman explained, “Miller moved to San Francisco to work on an Internet startup, but found a desk job was not for him. He returned to Williamsburg. That’s when the two got serious about their own company. Unlike Manhattan, where deliveries of paperwork still dominate, Snap Delivery found a niche in Brooklyn delivering for a variety of retailers, including 13 restaurants, two wine shops and a video store.”

Colin’s father, Blair history teacher Dr. Marty Miller, commented, “Interestingly, Snap now has 14 riders and 23 Brooklyn restaurants and companies in the fold.”

**Alumnus Honored as Leader in Healthcare Ethics**

*DeWitt C. Baldwin, Jr., M.D. ’39* recently received the Pellegrino Medal established by the Healthcare Ethics and Law [HEAL] Institute—an interdisciplinary effort within Samford University created in 1999. Its mission is to better support the unique and complex relationships between patients and health-care providers, the individuals who make patient-care decisions, and the institutional ethics committees who offer them advice and counsel.

In establishing the Pellegrino Medal, the advisers, faculty and fellows of the HEAL Institute created a mechanism to honor individuals recognized nationally as leaders “for contributions to healthcare ethics in the selfless spirit of Edmund D. Pellegrino.” In 1998, Dr. Pellegrino received the first lifetime achievement award granted by the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, and at the presentation of that award, he was called the “father of the American bioethics movement.”
When the class of 1960 reunion committee began planning for their 50th reunion, the class gift was an important topic of discussion. After weighing several possibilities, they decided the establishment of an endowed scholarship was the best way to not only support the mission of the School but also recognize the formative role Blair played in each of their lives.

“Blair was the foundation of my education,” said reunion committee member Craig Dana ’60. “At Blair, I experienced the most positive peer pressure imaginable, as well as incredible support from teachers. It was a wonderful experience and the most important part of my life.”

Reunion committee members worked hard all year to let their classmates know about plans for The Class of 1960 Scholarship. Through phone calls, letters and email, they reconnected with roommates and friends, giving them the opportunity to contribute to a gift that will become the class’s lasting legacy to Blair.

Beginning this fall, The Class of 1960 Scholarship will be awarded annually to promising students from diverse backgrounds that otherwise would not have the opportunity to come to the School. The 1960 classmates hope the fine liberal arts education provided by Blair will help their scholarship recipients gain admission to a great college and provide the foundation for a meaningful life.

Class of 1960 Reunion Committee members include Roy Baker, Nick Battelle, Craig Dana, Jim Dillard, John Gorham, Jim Griffith, Phil Koebig, Stathes Kulukundis, Bill Mahood, Chuck Mapes, John Meinig, Skip Robinson, Kit Swenson and Geoff Wood.
Concession Stand Named by Terence Rhea ’10 and Family

On the eve of his May 20 Blair graduation, Terence Rhea ’10, his parents, Robert and Patricia Rhea, grandfather, Fred L. Turner, and family friends dedicated the athletic complex concession stand. Terence named it “The R&R,” for rest and relaxation.

“There is always so much activity in this area,” Terence remarked. “Football games, tennis matches, kids cheering in the stands—I wanted The R&R to be a place that would provide refreshments and a bit of calm amid all the action. People can gather here and just kick back for a little while.”

Headmaster Chan Hardwick thanked the Rheas and Mr. Turner for their generous support of the School, and Terence, in turn, thanked his parents and grandfather for making his four-year Blair education—and the gift of the concession stand—a reality. “I’m happy to have my name on this sign,” Terence said. “When I come back 10 or 20 years from now, I’ll remember what a great experience I had at Blair.”

Two Crew Shells Given by Blair Families

Christening Celebrated After Peddie Meet

Following an afternoon of home races against arch-rival Peddie on April 10, Blair’s boys’ and girls’ crew teams, parents and School representatives gathered on the shore of Swartswood Lake to christen two new shells. The “Southern Cross,” a girls’ four shell, was given by Scott and Alison Tatham, parents of Jessica ’11, a varsity rower for Blair. “The Pale Horse,” a boys’ four shell, is a gift of Blair Trustee Stacey McConnell and her husband, Chris, parents of four Blair rowers, Claire ’05, Craig ’07, Graham ’10 and Jane ’12. Claire and Craig have continued their rowing careers at Dartmouth College; Graham follows them to Dartmouth this fall.

Over 60 novice and varsity athletes participate in Blair’s crew program, led by head coaches Camden Place and Stephanie Guilmet and assistant coaches Maril Davenport and Amy Van Nostrand. “Blair’s rowers are hard-working and determined, but they have fun, too,” remarked Headmaster Chan Hardwick after pouring bottles of champagne over the bows of the new shells. “We are grateful to the Tathams and the McConnells for their support of a wonderful program that emphasizes teamwork and dedication.” —Joanne Miceli

The McConnell family (Blair Trustee Stacey, Jane ’12, Graham ’10 and Chris) prepares to christen “The Pale Horse.”

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Challenge Grant Pushes Parent Giving and Participation To All-Time High

*For the first time in Blair’s history, Blair Fund parent giving has surpassed a million dollars at $1,110,408, with participation at 81%—a gold standard for boarding schools—thanks to the incredible support from Blair parents.*

An anonymous group of parents with big hearts and a real understanding of what the Annual Fund does for Blair issued a challenge to other Blair parents last September. For every new or increased Blair Fund gift made before June 30, the grant made a contribution to Blair. It gave parents not only another reason to support our students and faculty, but also the incentive to boost their annual fund participation to a new and untapped level.

In total, the Parent Challenge Grant produced impressive results:

- $337,474 in matching funds was generated from the grant. (Please note that this number is included in the total gift amount of $1,110,408.)
- 70% of those who gave either were new donors or increased their gift from last year.
- 20 parents gave a first-time gift of $10,000 (seven from new parents).

Mickey and Lucy Gilbert, Parent Fund Group Chairs and crusaders for the Annual Fund, applaud Blair parents saying, “We are thrilled with the results and the success of the Challenge Grant, and even happier that almost every parent took advantage of this great opportunity to support Blair. Thank you to everyone who supported the grant and for believing in our students and in Blair.”
Ned Montenecourt ’90 describes his Blair experience as “eye-opening.” He came to the School as a sophomore, having completed his freshman year at public school in rural Hunterdon County, N.J., and was deeply impressed by the caring community he found here. “Teachers were not taskmasters at Blair, they were mentors and friends,” he remarked.

One teacher in particular, Court van Rooten, encouraged Ned to apply for a study abroad program. Ned had never considered studying abroad, but he completed the application at the repeated urging of Mr. van Rooten. Much to his surprise, he was accepted into the program, and it became the opportunity of a lifetime.

“Living and studying in France for my junior year was one of the best things I ever did,” Ned said. “It opened my eyes to the world and really prepared me for college and for life. I never would have had that opportunity if I hadn’t come to Blair.”

Fast forward to 2010: Ned is a busy and successful professional in the financial industry, and he and his wife, Tanya, are the parents of Ilaria, 8, Simon, 6, and Emmet, 4 months. He is class representative for 1990 and a driving force on their 20th reunion committee. Ned decided it was time to show his profound appreciation for Blair by including the School in his estate plans, a decision that Tanya supported 100 percent.

“I have a tremendous love for this School,” Ned said. “At some time in the future, this gift may give another farm kid the same incredible opportunity Blair gave me.”
From Entrepreneurship to Ethics
Expansion of Skeptics Series Enlivens & Educates

In addition to the regular Tuesday evening Society of Skeptics lecture series at Blair, two other such programs brought industry experts to campus this past spring. For more about all of these fine events—free and open to the public—be sure to check Blair’s website during the course of the school year; full schedules and recaps are included there.

David Sokol, Chairman of the Board and CEO of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co. (a Midwestern utility owned by Berkshire Hathaway Inc.) and CEO of NetJets, was the featured speaker at Blair’s Herman Hollerith Lecture on Entrepreneurship in April. He regaled the audience with stories of his humble beginnings, his path to success and what it’s like to work with Warren Buffet. A lively Q & A session followed.

Sokol, a past Blair parent (Kelly ‘96) and Trustee, has held a number of positions in the independent power industry and founded a waste-to-energy company in the 1980s. He holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. Mr. Sokol is often mentioned as a likely successor to Warren Buffet at Berkshire. This lecture series was established by Richard Hollerith, Jr., parent of Susan Hollerith Casbin ‘85, and named in memory of Richard Hollerith’s grandfather—entrepreneur and engineer Herman Hollerith (inventor of the punch card). The series debuted with speaker Jack Bogle ’47, founder of one of the world’s largest mutual fund companies.

The inaugural James Youngelson ’53 Lecture on Ethics and Responsibility took place in April. This program presented a panel discussion—“The Elections of Judges: What’s So Ethical About THAT?”—by members of the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law and featured prominent New Jersey lawyers and judges discussing two recent U.S. Supreme Court opinions. This lecture series (established in April 2009 by Jim’s sister and late brother-in-law, Joan and Jonah Sherman) honors alumnus Jim Youngelson ’53, an attorney and former president of the Morris County (N.J.) Bar Association, for his service to others and seeks to inspire in young people the ideals of justice, responsibility and service. Jim served as moderator for the panel.

The panelists discussed whether justice is truly served in the overall court system as a result of the fact that judges are elected in 39 of the 50 U.S. states (although under somewhat differing rules depending on the particular state). Jim notes, “This question becomes all the more fascinating when compared with the conclusions of our own Founding Fathers, especially John Adams, that federal judges should not be elected or made subject to re-election. Put another way: How best to maintain a more level judicial playing field whereby all our citizens would at least come away with the feeling they have been fairly treated, no matter what the outcome?”

Jim, an emeritus Trustee of Blair Academy, is counsel to the law firm of Dillon Bitar & Luther in Florham Park, where he currently concentrates his practice on trusts and estates. He has been an active participant in organized bar activities, having served as president of the Morris County Bar Association and trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association.
College Fair Days
For two days in April, Blair welcomed more than 50 college admissions representatives from across the country to meet and speak with interested juniors and sophomores. The annual spring college fair is a great opportunity for juniors and sophomores to gain valuable information about schools with which they may be familiar and to explore others that may pique their interest.

Public Speaking Course Culminates in Contest
The senior public speaking contest took place in May in the DuBois Theater of Armstrong-Hipkins Center for the Arts. English teacher Tom Parauda, who oversees the annual competition, explained, “The contest is offered as a competitive but fun way to encourage seniors to address their peers in a formal environment. Each of the sections of public speaking presents a student as a representative for that class. All seniors, along with various faculty and underclassmen, meet to hear those speeches.” Winners are as follows: Connor Delaney (1st place, pictured), Clara Kim (2nd place) and Saul Sparber (3rd place). The judges consisted of faculty members from various disciplines.

National Merit Scholarship Winner to Attend U of Chicago
Theodore “TJ” Welch ’10 was awarded a National Merit Scholarship sponsored by the University of Chicago, where he will matriculate this fall. TJ was also inducted into Blair Academy’s Cum Laude Society this past May for his academic performance.
Faculty member Alexis Machabanski reports that in May, Blair welcomed a group of 50 seventh graders from two schools in New York City to campus. De La Salle Academy and George Jackson Academy are private, independent day schools, each offering an educational community that provides opportunities for underprivileged youth from all areas of New York City.

Graduates of DLS and GJA enroll in some of the most competitive day schools in the city as well as boarding schools across the Northeast. Each spring, the placement directors from DLS and GJA bring their seventh graders to a boarding school in order to familiarize their students with the application process and weigh the options of boarding versus day school. In addition to touring campus and eating lunch in the dining hall with the Blair community, the seventh graders were able to ask questions of current Blair students and gather valuable information about boarding school life.

One of the first De La Salle alums to enroll at Blair Academy, Jen Shields ’10, graduated this year; she is pictured with special commencement speaker John C. Bogle ’47.

and Farikka Davis ’12, will welcome another De La Salle alumnus to Blair as a ninth grader next fall.

In May, Blair was also host to a group of 15 students from the Boys’ Club of NYC, a program available in socially and economically troubled neighborhoods across New York City and New Jersey. This after-school enrichment program encourages boys to develop strong values while strengthening their academic and athletic abilities. Members of the Boys’ Club spent the afternoon on campus, playing in a scrimmage against the Blair JV boys’ baseball team.

Yet a third group of students visited Blair in May. City Squash, a non-profit, after-school enrichment program based in Bronx, N.Y., came to campus to experience a boarding school community and to test their squash skills against some Blair players. City Squash helps motivated and talented young people from economically disadvantaged households in the Bronx fulfill their academic, athletic and personal potential. Many City Squash members have matriculated at selective boarding schools such as Blair. Their visit offered an opportunity to meet with students and coaches who could share their perspective on boarding school life. The students had brunch in the dining hall, toured campus and then played squash on the Blair courts.

Blair’s affiliation with City Squash began three years ago when Manuela Perez ’12 joined the Blair community. She was followed by City Squash alum Darius Campbell ’13 this past year. Both students have held the #1 position on the girls’ and boys’ squash teams, respectively.
Over Christmas break, Marty Schmalenberg’s World History classes were assigned to read *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. As Marty says, “By now, many people are aware of Mr. Mortenson’s mission to build schools—especially for girls—in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan, often under threats from the Taliban. What started out as a promise to build one school eventually turned into a mission to spread education in that region by building as many as 40 schools...and still counting. Mr. Mortenson has raised awareness of the need for broad education in this part of the world, an endeavor that recently earned him a Nobel Peace Prize nomination. He insists that education can be the most important tool, in terms of foreign policy, to reduce intolerance and foster brotherhood.”

Marty added, “Students were required to write an analysis and critique of the book. Consequently, there was enormous interest from the students in how one individual can, indeed, make such a difference. This past April, we were privileged to acquire a dozen tickets, with the help of Dick Boak (father of Emily ’13) to attend a lecture by Mr. Mortenson at Wilkes College. We were treated to a most compelling and inspirational argument on the merits of education to reduce tension in the world and instill a better understanding of societies that are different from ours. Mr. Mortenson was kind enough to give each student a hard cover copy of his new book, *Stones for Schools.*”

Before they trekked to Wilkes College, the students were treated to lunch at Marty’s Japanese-style home in nearby Stillwater, where they viewed his bonsai collection and various Asian antiques. For more information on the book and its author, refer to the official website at http://www.threecupsoftea.com/
In addition to social events beginning with the Old Guard Luncheon, Golf Scramble and Friday evening parties around campus, Blair Academy’s Alumni Weekend event (June 4–5) included a special panel presentation by alumni and former faculty, American Foreign Policy Challenge: The War in Afghanistan.

The Headmaster’s Assembly included recognition by Headmaster Chan Hardwick of Stathes J. Kulukundis ’60, Alumnus of the Year, and James D. Krugman ’65, who received the 2010 Citation of Merit. Peachey Awards were also presented, followed by the dedication of Underwood Field honoring former faculty member Charlie Underwood.

An alumnae soccer game celebrating 20 years of girls’ soccer at Blair led to recognition of Blair’s 30th consecutive National Prep wrestling title under the leadership of head coach Jeff Buxton. Attendees capped off the camaraderie with a cocktail reception and dinner in the Romano Dining Hall.
A project that had its roots in a conversation among Blair’s former “day boys” a year ago at the Blairstown Inn reached fruition on Alumni Weekend as the varsity soccer field was named “Underwood Field” in honor of beloved former faculty member Charlie Brown Underwood. Over 100 people gathered at the field on June 5 to show their appreciation for Charlie’s devotion to his students during his 38-year tenure at Blair. The Underwood Field sign unveiled at the dedication reads: “Given in honor of teacher, coach and mentor Charlie Brown Underwood by his ‘day boys’ and the many students he inspired.”

Following a rousing chorus of the Blair fight song led by members of the class of 1965, Headmaster Chan Hardwick noted Charlie’s many accomplishments at Blair: English teacher from 1960-98; English department chairman from 1973-88; dormitory master of Locke and Mason Halls for 20 years; head varsity soccer and baseball coach; “dining room czar”; original member of the Rules and Discipline Committee; honorary member of the class of 1977. “Charlie was not just a teacher, but a true schoolmaster,” Chan said. “His life and work at Blair was his vocation, and together with his wife, Lois, he served the School with extraordinary commitment.”

Jack Plunkett ’70 spoke on behalf of the Underwood Committee, adding, “Charlie touched so many lives in his 38 years at Blair,” and praising the knowledge, care, compassion and mentoring that Charlie gave his students every day. Charlie thanked the committee members and all those present, noting that this day, along with the day he married Lois and the day their daughter, Lesley ’89, was born, was one of the happiest days of his life.

The Underwood Committee contacted hundreds of Charlie’s former students over the past year to raise the $100,000 needed to name the varsity soccer field in Charlie’s honor. Committee members (pictured left to right, with Charlie Underwood, above) included: John Plunkett ’70, Robert Van Stone ’69, Richard Hall ’70, Michael Hall ’70, Robert Plunkett ’72, Don Jay Smith ’65, Robert Young ’65 and Carolyn Conforti-Browse ’79. (Not pictured: Katherine Henry-Schill ’80 and Fred Mirbach ‘69).

Director of Reunion Giving Velma Lubliner P ’05 ’09 coordinated the effort in the alumni office. The project was kept completely secret from Charlie until committee members jubilantly announced their gift to him the night before the dedication, at none other than the Blairstown Inn.

Photos by David W. Coulter
A special panel, *American Foreign Policy Challenge: The War in Afghanistan,* was moderated by Blair history teacher Jim Connor and led by panelists *Dr. Robert Textor ’40*, former Blair faculty member Elliott Trommald and *Alex Gallo ’96*. Textor is a former Stanford anthropology professor, while Trommald is a teacher and expert on Blair Academy’s founder, John I. Blair. Gallo, a former captain, infantry, is a West Point graduate who studied at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is now a civilian professor at West Point as well as an associate for a think tank at West Point.


Peachey Award winners, pictured at right with *Dennis Peachey ’62* (standing, left) include (left to right) Alumni Volunteer of the Year: *Richard A. Rubin ’68*; Class Representative of the Year: *Don Jay Smith’65* and *Meredith M. Seidel ’00*; Outstanding Class Correspondent: *Norman E. Beatty ’58*. Outstanding Reunion Committees: Class of 1960 (see photo above) and Class of 2005 (not pictured).
Hoby Van Deusen ’54, one of Blair’s most dedicated volunteers and supporters, stepped down as president of the Alumni Association Board of Governors. He is succeeded by Kirsten Bushick ’82. The daughter of Blair’s former history department chair Elliott Trommald, Kirsten is the Study Tours advisor for St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, Pa. She has been a very active alumni-class representative since 2002 and a member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors since 2007. She has served as vice president of the Board of Governors since 2008. Hoby’s infectious enthusiasm and genuine interest in others has significantly impacted Blair’s efforts to revitalize alumni outreach. In 2004, he joined the Alumni Association Board of Governors, becoming president in 2007 and serving ex-officio on the Blair Board of Trustees. He also became 1954’s Class Representative and led his 50th reunion class committee. The driving force behind the organization and success of that reunion, he personally contacted and reconnected with each and every member of the class. Hoby won the inaugural Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award in 2004 in recognition of his outstanding work for Blair. In 2009, he adopted the Class of 1943, which was in need of a Class Representative. That same year, Hoby received the Alumnus of the Year Award. Just recently, he was asked to serve as a full-term Trustee. Hoby will continue to serve as Alumni Trustee to the Board of Governors.

Tree Dedicated in Memory of David R. Hecht ’97

David Hecht ’97 spent his post-graduate year at Blair, and according to his advisor, Carolyn Conforti-Browse ’79, it was “one of the happiest years of his life.” Although shy and quiet when he arrived, he grew as a student and gained a great deal of confidence through his success at Blair. David worked hard in his classes, became known for his endearing sense of humor and especially enjoyed being a member of the bonfire crew and ski team. Following graduation, he attended the University of Pittsburgh, planning to one day return to Blair as a Trustee.

Tragically, David’s young life was cut short when he was killed in a car accident in 2002. To honor David’s love of the School and celebrate his life, his mother, Jane Burton, sister, Ashley Porreca ’00, family, friends and classmates gathered on Alumni Weekend to dedicate a tree in his memory. The flowering crabapple, planted in front of Timken Library, is marked by a brass plaque that reads: “Celebrating the Life of David R. Hecht ’97: 12/21/1977 – 6/30/2002.”

Blair chaplain Cynthia Crowner captured the dedication’s spirit of love and hope as she offered the following prayer: “Today we are here, not so much to mourn David’s death as to celebrate his life. May this tree we have planted in the center of our campus be a reminder to all who pass that David loved Blair and that he was loved by many at Blair. In his honor we dedicate this tree—a visible, living and growing sign that love endures all things.”

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ALUMNI Weekend 2010
Leadership, innovation and deep commitment to Blair ideals characterize Stathes Kulukundis’ service to Blair Academy. A former Trustee and current member of the 1848 Society Committee and Class of 1960’s 50th reunion committee, he is always thinking about how he can make a difference at Blair and turning those thoughts into actions that bear fruit. Stathes lives and works in the United Kingdom—an ocean away from Blairstown—but he is so attuned to the needs of the School that sometimes you would swear he is just around the corner. His extensive knowledge of Blair, finely honed business acumen and intrinsic generosity inform his remarkable work on behalf of the School, and his many contributions are profoundly appreciated by all who have the privilege to work alongside him.

Stathes came to Blair for his junior and senior years, entering the School in September 1958. He was a well-rounded student-athlete, participating in activities ranging from varsity football to glee club. “I am quite delighted with Stathes’ achievements at Blair this fall,” noted Headmaster James Howard in a letter to Stathes’ father in 1959. He matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in economics in 1965, and began a long and successful career in international shipping. He and his wife, Koula, have three children.

Stathes’ alumni involvement with Blair gained momentum when he was elected to his first term on the Board of Trustees in 1995. He served until 2001 and was re-elected to serve from 2002–2008, rarely, if ever, missing a Trustee meeting and raising the level of civility, wisdom and commitment among Board members during his tenure. A member of the Development and Budget Committees, Stathes became highly knowledgeable of the School’s finances, and he has worked tirelessly to raise alumni awareness of the School’s needs ever since.

As a member of the Class of 1960’s 50th reunion committee, Stathes has assisted in coordinating class gift and outreach efforts. His suggestion to the committee to fund an endowed scholarship as a 50th reunion gift was embraced as the perfect way to support the School’s educational mission while, at the same time, establishing a class legacy. With the help of his focused and enthusiastic personal outreach, the scholarship was fully funded. Stathes’ response to praise of his efforts was characteristically modest: “We are certainly having some fun on the Class of 1960 reunion committee...My efforts are only a small part of the sum total—a lot of people are working very hard on this.”

In addition to his reunion committee work, Stathes also serves as a Blair ambassador to the United Kingdom and European alumni communities. He has hosted several receptions in London, spending significant amounts of time organizing and planning these very successful events. For the past two years, he has connected with many alumni as a member of the 1848 Society Committee, eloquently and persuasively making the case for Blair.

Stathes’ service to Blair Academy is characterized by selflessness, generosity, grace and dedication to the School’s mission. He is hard at work behind the scenes, leading his class and indeed, all alumni, by the fine example he sets. We are proud to recognize Stathes J. Kulukundis as the 2010 Alumnus of the Year.
A heartfelt love of Blair ideals, creative and generous leadership, and a desire to sustain and build upon those ideals for future generations of Blair students have inspired Jim Krugman’s three decades of service to the School. Starting his service as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors, Jim was first elected as a Trustee in 1986. He has served in this capacity for over 20 years and been active on 10 different Board committees. Now an emeritus Trustee, Jim has a true understanding of the School’s needs and has undertaken unique projects to successfully address those needs. His energy, inventiveness and, above all, his devotion to Blair, its students and faculty, have made him an outstanding steward of all that is best about Blair.

“A clean-cut, friendly young man who is well-liked by all,” according to college advisor John Carhart, Jim played tennis and golf, wrote for the Breeze and participated in the student council and debate society during his Blair days. Jim’s fine work ethic earned him admission to Colgate University, and he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1969. Then it was on to law school at George Washington University and a career as an attorney and entrepreneur.

With Jim’s election to the Blair Board of Trustees in 1986, he turned his attention to the School, and students and faculty have been the grateful beneficiaries of his generosity ever since. Over the years, as Jim discerned a problem or an area that was lacking sufficient support at Blair, he personally devised and often funded an innovative solution. His particular focus has been programs that impact students and young alumni.

Beyond his role as a Trustee, Jim is also a Blair parent and saw the community through his sons’ experiences at Blair. Thus inspired, Jim devised many strategies to strengthen the School. Specifically, Blair’s video studies program was established in 2003 with a gift from Jim. This exciting program has proven extremely popular among students while showcasing Blair’s fine arts program.

Further, Jim’s inventiveness and generosity is at work in his annual offer to “match” three-to-one all dollars raised by the senior class for their first gift to the School, raising awareness among each graduating class of their responsibility to give back to Blair. And, together with his mother, Tippie, Jim established an endowed scholarship named in memory of his father, Martin Krugman, which supports a deserving student each year at Blair.

At their home in New York, Jim and his wife, Connie Simmons, have been indefatigable hosts for the School at events ranging from Trustee meetings, to special dinners honoring faculty, to a young alumni gathering in the winter of 2010. Gracious, generous and creative in their energies and leadership, Jim and Connie have allowed Blair to present itself as the great School that Jim has worked hard to support throughout his many years of service here.

Always challenging the School to be better tomorrow than today, Jim Krugman has been and continues to be a unique force supporting all that is best about Blair. He cares deeply about the people of the School and has consistently and whole-heartedly given of his time, expertise and resources to guide us toward a secure future.

His involvement in the School has resulted in new initiatives that have raised the overall level of excellence of the Blair experience. Jim richly deserves this honor. For his sustained involvement and unparalleled commitment to all that is Blair, we are proud to name James D. Krugman the recipient of the 2010 Citation of Merit.
Save the Date for Alumni Weekend 2011
June 10–12, 2011
Headmaster Chan Hardwick thanked a group of the School’s most loyal supporters at the annual leadership dinner on May 7. In recognition of their generosity and commitment to the School, framed prints of the iconic Blair Arch were presented to Agnes and Norman Beatty ’58, Erik and Barbara Ryd P ’11, Dr. Stephanie M. Bennett-Smith P ’86 and Mr. Orin R. Smith, Philip Paulus ’44, Ellen L. and Archer N. Martin ’42, Mrs. Ralph N. Meerwarth ’50 and Tracy Meerwarth Pester, and Mrs. Selena T. Howard. Also honored but unable to attend the dinner were Ann Mallouk, Ameline Pappas, and W. Norman and Susan Scott P ’04 ’05. Blair scholarship recipients hosted the donors of their scholarships at the event, while student musical ensembles, under the direction of Jennifer Pagotto, Chairman of Blair’s Performing Arts Department, provided entertainment.

Chan also took the opportunity to recognize and thank retiring staff member Alma Costantino and faculty members Steven and Judith Kampmann.
Bartow Series Performance  
Cincinnati Boychoir Directed by Former Faculty

For two days in April, the Cincinnati Boychoir, under the direction of Christopher Eanes (a past director of the Blair Academy Singers), were the special guests of Blair Academy. The choir performed with the Blair Academy Singers and Blair Academy Strings one day, then presented a Bartow Series performance the next day for the entire Blair community, accompanied at times by the Strings. Performing Arts Chair Jennifer Pagotto noted that these talented young boys offered something quite unique to their audience—a performance that was certainly “ethereal” in quality. Their repertoire ranged from classical to gospel, with “God Bless America” their first song and “What a Wonderful World” their last.

Founded in 1965, the Cincinnati Boychoir seeks to enhance the social, emotional and musical development of boys by instilling in them a sense of dedication, self-discipline and respect. By striving for artistic excellence and learning a diverse repertory of choral literature, the boys are prepared for a lifelong love of music and ensemble singing.

Christopher Eanes studied conducting, voice and piano at Occidental College, the University of Southern California’s Thornton School of Music, and with several teachers in Milan, Italy. He holds a master’s degree in choral music from USC and is continuing his doctoral work on the same campus. Chris spends June and July of each summer coaching gifted high school musicians at the Hotchkiss Summer Portals program in Lakeville, Conn., where he has also been working on a project to edit and perform the sacred works of Baldassare Galuppi.

Nevitt Bartow taught at Blair from 1961 until his death in 1973 from leukemia at the age of 39. He was a dedicated music teacher and talented composer who helped shape Blair’s arts program. The Bartow Series is a program endowed with the mission to expand the artistic experiences of Blair students by bringing professional performers from far and wide to the Blair stage.
Spring Fine Arts Students Rise to Top Many Under Tutelage of Veteran Teacher

Blair Academy art students participated in the inaugural Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) Art Exhibition & Competition at Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J. Awards were announced at an opening reception, with prizes of gift cards from Utrecht, an art supply company. Winners from Blair were as follows:

- Best in Show: Alexandra Reed ’11
- Senior Prize: Lauren Fitzgerald ’10
- Honorable Mention 2: Elin Ryd ’11

Many of these young artists are taught by art teacher Rita Baragona, who recently participated in “ARTISTS AS TEACHERS: An Illustrated Panel Discussion” at the National Arts Club in New York City. The NAC Roundtable and the Visual Arts Program honored its own Will Barnett, along with Philip Pearlstein, Lois Dodd, Barbara Grossman, Ying Li and Rita Baragona—art world legends whose commitment to teaching has influenced and nurtured several generations of art students. The panelists shared anecdotes, perceptions and their personal reflections on “the art of teaching art.”

April Arts Classes Advance Technique

Students of both the fine and performing arts programs at Blair experienced unique opportunities in April. Architecture students, under the direction of teacher Eli King, fashioned lamps during some of their recent classes, while dance students were treated to a special master class by Freddie Moore of the Alvin Ailey American Theater and Footprints Dance Company.

Later in the month, nine Blair students began to study the art of glass blowing with Blairstown area resident Wick Mott. Students spent one night a week creating a host of new forms, from paperweights to small vessels. As art teacher Kate Sykes said, “We learned a lot from Mr. Mott—a most informative and enthusiastic teacher!” The opportunity was made possible by an anonymous gift to the art department.

Final Performance by String Trio

The Blair String Trio performed its last recital in May in Chesnutt Chapel of Clinton Hall. Earlier this school year, the trio was accepted to join the New York Youth Symphony Chamber Music Program. Director of Instrumental Music Jennifer Pagotto explained, “The trio members, Jenny Shin ’11, violin; Terrence Ting ’10, cello, and Da Eun Jung ’11, piano, traveled to New York City throughout the school year to participate in master classes and coaching sessions under the direction of pianist Claude Frank (a famous performer and faculty member at the Yale School of Music and the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia) and violinist Ani Kavafian (a prolific performer and faculty member at the Yale School of Music).” The trio’s program culminated in a performance in April at Symphony Space in New York City.
The Blair Academy Players presented *The Nerd*, a play by Larry Shue, in May in the Wean Studio Theater of Armstrong-Hipkins Center for the Arts. *The Nerd* is set in Terre Haute, Indiana, in the mid-2000s. This comedy depicts a few days in the life of Willum Cubbert (Jordon Arnold ’12) whose life was saved by Rick Steadman (Evan Silver ’11), a man he has never met, during Operation Desert Storm. At this time in his life, Willum’s job as an architect is about to skyrocket due to a project he received from hotel entrepreneur Warnock Waldgrave (Javier Tejada ’12) who is accompanied by his stressed wife, Clelia (Caitlin Campbell ’10), and bratty daughter Brunhilda (Maddie Michaud ’13). He is even more excited when he hears that Rick Steadman will be in town. Yet, upon meeting him, Willum realizes that the saying “never meet your heroes” is very true. Rick is “quirky” to say the least. Willum’s best friends and fellow tenants, Axel Hammond (Dan Cioffi ’11) and Tansy McGinnis (Kim VanderVoort ’10), not only help him deal with Rick’s unbearable nature but also try to help Willum drum up enough courage to kick him out.

Jen Shields ’10 was student director of the play, while Rita Maquieira ’10 and Asia Bryant ’10 assisted with props and costumes.

Another cast of players performed Mary Zimmerman’s *The Arabian Nights* in the Robert J. Evans Open Air Theatre in May. According to director Craig Evans, “Zimmerman’s rich adaptation combines several of the 1,001 tales into an exciting evening of storytelling. While many know the tale of Aladdin, few know even the framework of the story, that King Shahryar (played by Freddy Knight ’10) has been betrayed by his queen and a servant and thus reacts by marrying, loving and killing a young woman each night—until he encounters Scheherazade (played by Abigail Salzberg ’11). For one thousand and one nights, she delays her murder by telling her tales of love, lust, comedy and heartbreak (with the aid of the rest of the cast of 20 actors). The final scene brought the audience back to modern-day Baghdad, reminding us of the tragedy still occurring in that fabled city.”

Zimmerman, the playwright of *Metamorphoses* (produced by the Academy Players two years ago), *The Odyssey* and *Argonautika*, has proven one of the most innovative artists in theatre today, according to Craig. The production was student directed by Kiara Vaughn ’11.
Student Director Wins Twice

Rebecca Dewey ’11 (pictured in pigtails, acting in The Diviners) has been selected as a recipient of the Civic Theatre Emerging Young Director Award and Internship as Assistant Director on Mainstage with the Civic Theatre in Allentown, Pa. Rebecca also won The Express-Times’ Freddy Award for student-directing the Blair Players in Once Upon a Mattress; consequently, she receives a paid summer internship from The Express-Times newspaper (based in Easton, Pa.).

Art Students Visit NY City

A group of art students traveled to New York City for a spring day of art appreciation, visiting the Frick Museum and the Gagosian Gallery in Chelsea to see Claude Monet, Late Paintings. They ended the day with a special visit to the home of Norbert and Elizabeth Wirsching, grandparents of TJ Welch ’10, for a tour of their collection emphasizing Asian and Orientalist art.

Students Cecily Marangos ’10, Jenny Hsu ’10, Rachael Tseng ’10, Bo Been Chung ’11, You Jin Lee ’11, Lauren Fitzgerald ’10 and Elin Ryd ’11 were accompanied by faculty members Rita Baragona (see related story about Rita on page 43), Sue Habermann, and Don and Susan Morley. Erik and Jakob Ryd, Elin’s father and brother, also joined the group.
Boys’ Junior Four Takes Gold at Stotesbury
Blair rowing won its second gold in three years at the Stotesbury Regatta in Philadelphia this spring. Held on the famous Schuylkill River, the Stotesbury Regatta is the largest, most competitive high school rowing event in the country. This year, the junior four boat of Robert Kimmelman ’13 (coxswain), Troy Dundas ’11 (stroke), Eric Timken ’11, Evan Redos ’12 and Henry Foote ’11 brought home the gold for coach Camden Place and the team. Two years ago, Blair senior boys four won the School’s first gold medal. (In April, two new crew shells were christened; see the Advancement section of this issue, page 19, for details.)

Girls’ Golf Goes Undefeated
The varsity girls’ golf team finished their undefeated season (11-0) with a close win over Kent Place 182-186. Coming in with the low score of the match was Julia Brackup ’12 with a 41, followed by Ann Park ’13 with a 43. Adding to the win were Phoebe O’Rourke ’12 and Alissa Goulet ’10 who shot a 46 and 52, respectively.

First-time MAPL Champions in Tennis
The Bucs won their first MAPL tennis championship this spring. The coaches issued this report: “The Blair boys’ tennis team captured its first-ever MAPL Championship, fueled by great performances by Noah Joachim ’11 at 1st singles and Musyoka Mbithi ’11 at 2nd singles, who both won their flights. Jeremy Joachim ’13 at 4th singles and the doubles team of Dong Hyun Kim ’10 and Lawrence Liu ’10 finished second in their respective flights. Captain Cole Agin ’10, who lost in a heart-breaking third set tiebreaker in the semifinals, came back to earn a 3rd place finish at 3rd singles. All told, it was a thrilling day for the Blair team, as they battled through some very difficult wind and weather at the Lehigh University tennis center to bring to campus the MAPL trophy! Later, on May 10, the team (14-0) recorded their 14th victory of the year with another impressive 5-0 win.”
Cheers for MAPL Softball Champs
The girls’ softball team won the 2010 MAPL Championship, outscoring opponents 15-3.
Coach Carolyn Conforti-Browse ’79—who was selected by The Star-Ledger (New Jersey’s largest daily newspaper) as Prep Coach of the Year—provided this report: “The team’s bats were on fire! Alexandra Magistro ’10 pitched the crucial opener, handcuffing a powerful Lawrenceville team that dominated nearly all of its competitors this season, holding them to five hits while striking out five. Catcher Ashley Iannone ’11 ripped a one-out triple in the first inning and was sacrificed home via Magistro’s fly ball to right center. In the second inning, Nicole Lem ’11, batting ninth, blasted a three-run homer, following that effort in the next inning with a double to tack on two more RBIs. Winning pitcher Ali, left fielder Nicole and Lauren Mezzanotte ’12 each finished with multiple hits; the final score was Blair 11, Lawrenceville 3.”

Coach Conforti-Browse added, “In the final game, Michelle Fox ’12 took the mound against a talented Peddie squad which had beaten Hun 1-0 earlier in the day. After threatening in the first, Blair scored in the second: Carolyn Wan ’13 reached on a bunt, and the speedster scored from first when Lauren Mezzanotte drilled a double. In the sixth, Alex Zuber ’11 provided the insurance run, driving in Heather Britt ’10, and Ashley Iannone immediately followed with her second triple of the day, adding the final two runs to the score. Despite the pressure of having a Peddie baserunner each of the first four innings and a pair of exceedingly “difficult-to-comprehend” calls against us on offense, the Blair defense proved superb against the bunt, and the battery kept their poise, continually nabbing the lead runner and shutting Peddie down with a 1-6-3 double play (Michelle, Kelsey, Ali) in the sixth to end the inning, Blair 4, Peddie 0.”

Spring Athletics Awards
Spring athletics awards were given at a May School Meeting, as well as recognition of coaches Jim Connor and Steve Kampmann, who coached at Blair for more than seven years and left the School at the end of the year.

Brooks Baseball Prize: Ryan Lubreski ’10
Brooks Baseball Prize: Eric Peterson ’11
Stowell Softball Award: Alexandra Magistro ’10
Stowell Softball Award: Kelsey Stevens ’11
Blair Lacrosse Prize: Spencer Beriont ’11
Blair Lacrosse Prize: Maeve Fahey ’10
Blair Lacrosse Prize: Jackie Florio ’10
Paul Tennis Award: Lawrence Liu ’10
Anzel Tennis Trophy: Noah Joachim ’11
Anzel Tennis Trophy: Musyoka Mbithi ’11
Hurley Crew Prize: Nate Reichel ’10
Kemp Crew Prize: Rebecca Litvin ’10
Pender Track Award: Matt Stocker ’11
Pender Track Award: Temi Fagbenle ’11
Pender Track Award: Nikki Weiner ’10
Pender Track Award: Scott Chamberlin ’11
Blair Girls’ Golf Award: Julia Brackup ’12
Zimmerman Golf Trophy: Jin Chung ’10
IN MEMORY OF...

1934

John H. Weigel. Mr. Weigel, a tennis player and honor roll student at Blair, earned bachelor's degrees in civil and mechanical engineering at Lehigh University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II then worked for Combustion Engineering as general manager of their Chattanooga division and St. Louis division. Mr. Weigel became a heavy industry advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In that capacity, he served in Seoul, South Korea and Saigon, South Vietnam. Predeceased by Betty, his wife of 55 years, and his brother, Albert S. Weigel '32, Mr. Weigel is survived by three children and their spouses, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

1938

Edward Gropper. Mr. Gropper attended Blair for his senior year before entering the University of Virginia where he majored in business. He then joined his family's wholesale foods company where he enjoyed a long and successful career. He also ran Universal Cigar, a tobacco company, which he sold upon his retirement. An accomplished businessman, Mr. Gropper enjoyed golf and travel. He is survived by Hope, his wife of 57 years.

1939

John W. Walters II. Following his Blair graduation, “Johnny” Walters attended Colgate University for two years before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served for 35 months during World War II in the 322nd Bombardment Group, earning the European Theater ribbon (six battle stars) and Presidential Unit Citation. Mr. Walters married Mary Barbara Murdoch in 1946 and joined his family’s lumber business in Johnstown, Pa. He worked his entire career in the lumber and building materials industry, moving to Orlando, Fla., Bainbridge Island, Wash., and finally back to Pennsylvania where he retired. Mr. Walters was an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church and active in local charities. As his 65th reunion approached, Mr. Walters noted that his years at Blair were “two of the most pleasant years in my life.” He played varsity soccer and served on the Breeze and ACTA boards. Along with Mary Barbara, he enjoyed returning to Blair for reunions and remained loyal to the School throughout his life. Mr. Walters’ survivors include his loving wife of 64 years, a son and two daughters, three granddaughters and three great-grandsons.

1941

Ned B. Slyter. Mr. Slyter attended Blair Academy for a post-graduate year before matriculating at the New Jersey Institute of Technology where he earned both a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering and a master’s degree in industrial engineering. He served in the U.S. Navy for three years during World War II as a flight engineer and an aviation machinist mate first class. Mr. Slyter enjoyed a 35-year career as an engineer for AT&T/Western Electric in Kearney, N.J., retiring in 1984. An active member of his New Providence, N.J., community, he served as an elder and deacon of the New Providence Presbyterian Church, scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 63 and volunteer for Goodwill Industries, Habitat for Humanity and the United Way of Newark. Predeceased by his twin brother, Rex L. Slyter ’41, in 2000, Mr. Slyter is survived by his wife, Josephine, two sons and four grandchildren.

1943

Mardick Baliozian. Mr. Baliozian served two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a photographer in the Pacific theater then matriculated at Amherst College under the G.I. Bill of Rights Act of 1944. He graduated with bachelor’s degrees in fine arts and mathematics and became a top fashion and still-life photographer in Paris, with his work appearing in magazines including Vogue, Harper’s Bazaar and Elle. In 1954, Mr. Baliozian established Balcar, which became a leading manufacturer of photographic lighting equipment. A technical innovator throughout his career, he pioneered the use of an umbrella as a photographic reflector and energy efficient fluorescent lighting in television studios. Mr. Baliozian is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda, three children and seven grandchildren.

Frederick V. Pfeiffer. A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, Mr. Pfeiffer served for three years in the Pacific theater on Admiral Halsey’s staff. He enjoyed a long career in banking, working at the National State Bank in Linden, N.J., for 27 years before retiring as manager in 1991. The “sleight of hand expert” of Blair’s Class of 1943 (as noted by the ACTA), Mr. Pfeiffer was a member of the International
Brotherhood of Magicians. Predeceased by his wife, Dorothy, in 1999, he is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

1944
Edward A. Talmage. Dr. Talmage graduated from Princeton University in 1947 and New York Medical College in 1952. A medical doctor for 53 years, he served as chairman of the department of anesthesiology and director of residency training at Guthrie Medical Center in Sayre, Pa. He was a member of the team that performed the world’s first total blood transfusion for Reyes disease in 1972. At Blair, Dr. Talmage played “a sizzling trumpet” (according to the 1944 ACTA) in the dance orchestra and was a “friend” on the subject of music. He remained deeply loyal to Blair throughout his life and told class representative Bob Metz ’44 that the highlight of his visit to the East Coast in June 2007 was carrying the 1944 placard in Blair’s alumni parade. Dr. Talmage enjoyed playing golf and maintaining his 1931 Model A Ford sedan. His survivors include his wife, Jean, and three children.

Francis X. Yeatman. Mr. Yeatman served in the U.S. Navy following his Blair graduation and matriculated at Georgetown University. He was a founder of Reese Yeatman & Associates, an independent insurance agency, in Bethesda, Md. Mr. Yeatman had fond memories of his Blair days, where he was a member of the swim team and played a “hot clarinet” in the dance orchestra. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Louise, five children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1946
Jacob B. Rue IV. A varsity football player at Blair, Mr. Rue was named to All Prep and All State teams in 1945. He matriculated at Lafayette College and was a sales engineer for FM Corporation. Mr. Rue is survived by Jane, his wife of 57 years, two children and a granddaughter.

1949
Guillermo F. Valentiner. A native of Caracas, Venezuela, Dr. Valentiner was the owner of Vargas, a large Venezuelan pharmaceutical concern. The 1949 ACTA proclaimed him “the most promising soccer player Blair has seen in many years,” and his love of the sport led him to establish the Caracas Futbol Club, a ten-time champion of the Venezuelan Futbol Federation. In addition, he developed softball, basketball and squash teams and built numerous sports facilities in Caracas. Under his leadership, the Caracas Futbol Club worked actively with boys and girls in many sporting activities. In 2007, Dr. Valentiner was recognized for his life-long commitment to Venezuelan sports with Orders of Merit from Venezuelan Football and South American Football. Dr. Valentiner is survived by his cousin, Teodoro Valentiner ’50; brother, Harold Valentiner ’59; and nephews Christian Weise ’61, Christian Valentiner ’81, Claus Valentiner ’85 and Rafael Rodriguez ’00.

1950
Clint W. Blume Jr. Mr. Blume participated in football, swimming, wrestling and baseball while at Blair, and he remained a dedicated athlete throughout his life. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Colgate University and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea. A respected member of the New York City real estate community, he was a senior manager directing, consulting, at ABS Partners Real Estate, LLC at the time of his death. Mr. Blume served as chairman of the Young Men’s/Young Women’s Real Estate Association of New York in 1965 and, for his life-long commitment to the industry, was named the YM/WREA Senior Man of the Year in 2008. He was the two-time recipient of the Real Estate Board of New York’s prestigious Robert T. Lawrence Award for Most Ingenious Deed of the Year. A New York Times obituary noted that Mr. Blume was “a great raconteur and could hold a room effortlessly…His wit, style and character will be sorely missed.” Mr. Blume is survived by his partner, Annette Hunt; three children, Clinton III, Alison and William (Liam) ’83; and six grandchildren.

1953
Kenneth J. Myrback. Upon earning his bachelor’s degree in political science at Bucknell University, Mr. Myrback served two years’ active duty in the U.S. Army as a tank platoon leader and eight years in the Army Reserve and National Guard. He enjoyed a long career in marketing, product management, advertising and sales for goods ranging from brake lining to printed materials. Mr. Myrback was active in his Lancaster, Pa., community, where he was a crew chief and EMT with the West End Volunteer Ambulance Group and a member of the Hamilton Club and Lancaster Country Club. A man of diverse interests, he enjoyed studying Civil War history, as well as boating, fishing, traveling and spending time with his family at their Avalon, N.J., summer home. He was a member of the International Society and the varsity football and swimming teams at Blair, and he remained loyal to the School throughout his life. Mr. Myrback was predeceased in 1998 by his first wife, Elaine, to whom he was married for 39 years. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Margrit, two sons, a stepdaughter and stepson, and five grandchildren.

1955
Kenneth M. Evans. Mr. Evans served in the U.S. Naval Reserve for several years before beginning his career in marketing and advertising in New York City. He moved to California in 1960 and worked in several locations throughout the state before retiring to Healdsburg. Mr. Evans is survived by his wife, Pamela, two daughters and three grandchildren.

1961
Peter C. Pappas. During his three years at Blair Academy, Mr. Pappas was an active student and campus leader. He was varsity tennis captain for two years, played varsity basketball, served on the student council and as a prefect and sang in the choir. Mr. Pappas graduated from Boston University in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in economics and joined Clement Pappas & Co., Inc., his family’s food and beverage processing firm, then located in Cedarville, N.J. During his 45-year career with Clement Pappas, he, along with his brother, Dean Pappas ’58, helped to grow the company from a local vegetable cannery to a national industry leader in producing store-branded fruit juices, fruit drinks and cranberry sauce. Most recently, Mr. Pappas served as chairman of the board and co-chief executive officer. He held leadership roles in numerous trade organizations including chairman of the Private Label Manufacturers Association, director of Rutgers University Food Policy Institute, and president (twice) of the New Jersey Food Processors Association. Active in his community, Mr. Pappas served as a director of the Ellison School in Vineland, N.J., on the finance committee of the Friends School of Mullica Hill and as treasurer of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. He was a superb golfer and enjoyed tennis, theater,
In Memoriam: John K. Turpin ’62, Trustee

1962

John K. Turpin. A Blair Academy Trustee for the past decade, Mr. Turpin served as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee since 2003, providing leadership and expertise for three of the School’s most historically significant projects: the acquisition of the strategically-located Girl Scout property; the design and construction of Hardwick Hall; and the planning of the pedestrian campus project. “Few alumni loved Blair or served the School with greater constancy and dedication,” said Headmaster Chan Hardwick. “Always he brought a trained eye and a deep conviction that Blair’s graceful campus and stately buildings would be a lasting legacy for future generations of students.” Blair Academy honored Mr. Turpin with its highest award, the Citation of Merit, in 2005. Mr. Turpin matriculated at the University of Maryland, graduating in 1967 with a bachelor’s degree in economics. He studied law at the University of South Carolina Law School before enlisting in the U.S. Army, serving at the United States Army Security Agency in Arlington, Va., from 1968-69. Mr. Turpin then returned to his home in Far Hills, N.J., and joined his mother at the family real estate company. With astute business sense and passion for his work, Mr. Turpin led the expansion of Turpin Real Estate from a single office to one of the premiere independent real estate firms in the region, highly regarded for facilitating transactions involving some of the most valuable and historically noteworthy properties in northern and central New Jersey. Mr. Turpin retired as the firm’s president in 2009, but remained chairman and broker-of-record until his death. Deeply interested in the history and architecture of the properties in the area surrounding Far Hills, Mr. Turpin co-authored the acclaimed two-volume set “New Jersey Country Houses: The Somerset Hills.” He served his as an elected member of the Far Hills Borough Council since 2008 and was a well-respected member of the community. Blair past parent Gayle Conover was an agent at Turpin Real Estate for a number of years and knew Jack not only as a professional associate, but as a friend. Jack was influential in her daughter Julie ’01’s coming to Blair. In a letter to Chan Hardwick, Gayle wrote: “Those who knew Jack closely knew he had a wonderful sense of humor behind that straight face he wore...Someday on a visit to Blair I hope to sit on a bench in the pedestrian campus, sensing his heart continuing to beat there and hearing his laugh through the students enjoying their beautiful surroundings.” A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Mr. Turpin is survived by his loving wife, Margery, four children and eight grandchildren.

1965

Thomas F. Wean. Captain of the varsity soccer team at Blair, Mr. Wean graduated from Parsons College in 1969 and became a corporate pilot. He moved from Missouri to Key Largo, Fla., in 1997 and lived aboard his boat, the Wasten Away II. Mr. Wean was a member of the Bullfish Foundation and Elks Lodge #1872. He is survived by his wife, Madonna, three daughters and three grandchildren.

Former Faculty

Grant L. Cioffi. Mr. Cioffi taught English at Blair from 1974-77. A graduate of Stanford University, he received his Ph.D. in education from the University of Minnesota in 1981 and had been a professor at the University of New Hampshire since 1980. He “taught teachers how to teach reading,” according to a University of New Hampshire obituary, and was an expert on reading instruction, literacy and the diagnosis of learning disabilities. Mr. Cioffi won the University’s Excellence in Public Service award in 2007 for having co-founded and worked closely with Seacoast Reads, a program that matched college-age reading tutors with local elementary students. He is survived by Ann Whitehill, his wife of 32 years, and their two sons.
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—John C. Bogle ’47

Excerpt, Remarks to the Class of 2010 by John C. Bogle ’47, founder, Vanguard Group & Chairman Emeritus of the Blair Academy Board of Trustees, May 20, 2010