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Welcome to our Spring 2011 Issue. As winter has finally yielded to spring (and even summer-like conditions) here in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, we're proud to share blooms of color throughout this issue—you'll see color on every page of *The Hilltopper* now, capturing the vibrancy of the Academy campus and the students, faculty, staff, and alumni in our special community. Enjoy the images and the enduring memories and please keep in touch!

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MESSAGE *from the* HEADMASTER

THOMAS LOVETT

The citizens of Japan and their families and friends around the world are recovering from one of the strongest earthquakes on record and the tsunami that followed. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

As I have traveled around the country and throughout the world, even before this disaster, I have been speaking to alumni and families about a message of hope. We began the second semester with a presentation by a friend of the family of Rachel Joy Scott, the first student killed in the Columbine (Colorado) school shootings. Rachel's Challenge was simple: She believed that a person could start a chain reaction of love and compassion by doing small acts of kindness—starting with those closest to you. The day after the presentation,



five people spontaneously stood up in Chapel and spoke from their hearts about how much they appreciated and loved their mother, their teacher, their sister, their friends. It was a powerful moment, to say the least. Since then, this message has swept our school, giving rise to hundreds of messages of appreciation, hundreds of acts of compassion, and a serious attempt by our community to accept Rachel's Challenge. We are not without flaws and trauma and struggles, but love is winning.

So as we approach Reunion Weekend and Commencement Weekend, in the spirit of Rachel's Challenge, I ask that you bear with me as I publicly share my appreciation for a few of the people I love:

- My family and friends—whose accomplishments, goodness, and love always humble me. And especially this year, Rose, who is graduating in June and Mary who gave my wife Ann and me our first grandchild on Valentine's Day—you have no idea how proud I am of you;
- This year's seniors—not only for your generosity in giving to the Annual Fund (at this date, 91 percent have given!) and your accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom, but for selflessly leading the school and leaving it better than you found it—you have no idea how much I will miss you;

- The parents of our students, here and around the world—for your trust in us, your support of our efforts, and your shared dedication to do what is best for your children—you have no idea how much I value our partnership;
- Our loyal alumni, here and around the world—for your generosity, for showing up faithfully to events and receptions, for exhibiting such pride in and support for the Academy and its people, for keeping your friendships strong across miles and years—you have no idea how much your faithfulness inspires me.

My hope is that you too will take some time to share your appreciation with those you love.

I hope that my family and friends will realize how much I love them, that the seniors will embrace the time they have left together and keep each other safe all the way through graduation, that the parents of all of our students (and especially those of seniors) can celebrate with us the growth and accomplishments of their sons and daughters, and that our alumni—especially those celebrating a reunion this year—will come back to celebrate good times with their classmates.

Maybe if all of my hopes come true, we might just start a chain reaction. [SJA](#)



Headmaster's Message Online

Each week, Headmaster Tom Lovett will share his thoughts inspired by the Academy's Chapel assembly, on our Website. Chapel is the morning gathering of students and faculty that engages and inspires, enlivens and gives a sense of place about the Academy. Please tune in to the Headmaster's message each week to gain insights into themes that are part of Academy life. On the home page: www.stjacademy.org

TOP *of the* NEWS

SHEDDING LIGHT

A Central Vermont Public Service (CVPS) crew installed a streetlight at the Main Street crosswalk in front of St. Johnsbury Academy's Fuller Hall this winter. The previously non-illuminated crosswalk had been the site of several close calls in the pre-dawn and evening hours.

Aneleisa Gladding-Hinton and Claire Simons Lead Class of 2011

Aneleisa Gladding-Hinton of East Calais and Claire Simons from St. Johnsbury have been named as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for St. Johnsbury Academy's graduating Class of 2011.

Honored last year as an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction, Gladding-Hinton has been a silver medalist in the National Latin Exam, Wellesley Book Award recipient, participant in Middlebury College's Breadloaf Young Writers Conference. She also earned fifth place in the Vermont-New Hampshire district in an annual competition sponsored by the American Association of French Teachers.

Outside the classroom, she has served as a member and vice president of the Academy's National Honor Society chapter, participated in the school's Colwell Scholars program and French Club, and volunteered as a French tutor.

After graduating from the Academy, Gladding-Hinton is considering enrolling at Stanford University, in Palo Alto, California.; Vassar College, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Smith College, in Northampton, Mass.; or Middlebury College (Vermont).

She is the daughter of David and Jody Gladding of East Calais.

Simons has been honored as a National Merit Scholarship Program finalist, Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor, Williams College Book Award honoree, Vermont State Athletic Directors' Association

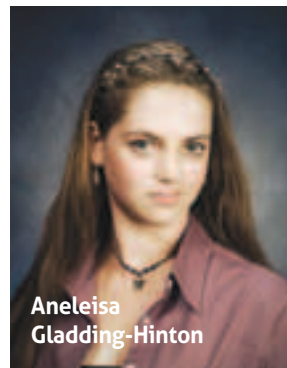
Scholarship recipient, and runner-up for the National Center for Learning Disabilities' Anne Ford and Allegra Ford Scholarship.

Daughter of Drs. John Simons and Elizabeth Wolfe of St. Johnsbury, she was captain of the Hilltopper gymnastics team during her junior and senior years, and is also the reigning Vermont Division 1 State girls pole vault champion, and a member of the 2009 Division 1 state champion and Academy record holder 4x800-meters relay teams.

After leaving the Academy, Simons is considering enrolling at Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh; Harvard University; Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore; Middlebury College; Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois; Ohio Wesleyan University, in Delaware, Ohio; or Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. The Academy's graduation ceremony will be held Monday, June 6 at 10 a.m. in the school's Field House.



Claire Simons



Aneleisa
Gladding-Hinton

2011 Commencement Address

Bill Cleary

Speaker to share insights on marketing, technology, and life.

William T. Cleary, an early leader in developing Apple Computer's marketing programs and a pioneer in Internet-based brand development, will deliver the Commencement Address when his son Ian and the rest of St. Johnsbury Academy's Class of 2011 graduate Monday, June 6.

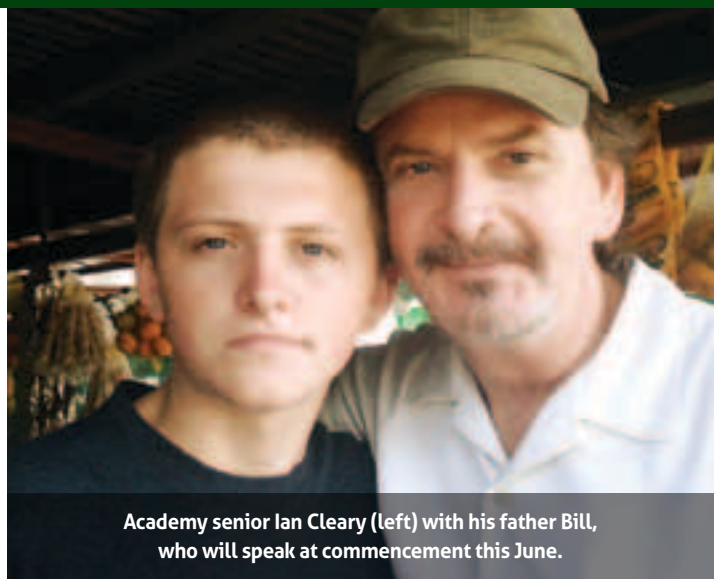
Cleary, a former teacher, joined Apple at its Cupertino, California, headquarters as the company's Senior Marketing Manager in 1981, leading Apple's sales promotional efforts, advertising, and merchandising until 1985.

In 1987, he founded the CKS Group, also based in California, a marketing and advertising firm that created innovative digital-media-marketing strategies and campaigns for some of the largest brands associated with the worldwide Web, including eBay, Amazon.com, Disney, AdForce, Yahoo, and Excite.

"Bill's successful background in marketing and technology alone has provided him with a wealth of wisdom to share with our graduates," said Headmaster Tom Lovett. "The ability to design, create, and market new ideas and products is crucial to innovation and entrepreneurship, and these areas are critical to growth in the 21st Century."

After leaving CKS in 1998, Cleary served as Chairman of the Board for Matchmaker.com, a highly innovative and fast-emerging new company, which was later sold to Lycos. For the past 10 years, he has been active in assisting entrepreneurs with business-plan development and marketing efforts through Cleary & Partners, a small consulting firm based in Saratoga, California, where Cleary, his wife Kathy, and their three children reside.

Although Cleary is best-known for his achievements in the business world, his career began in a classroom, working as a full-time teacher at an inner city school from 1971 to 1972 while pursuing a graduate degree in social science and secondary education at State University of New York (SUNY) College at Buffalo. He later taught American



Academy senior Ian Cleary (left) with his father Bill, who will speak at commencement this June.

history, anthropology and African-American studies at a high school in Angola, N.Y., from 1973 to 1978, before entering the advertising/marketing field.

Fascinated by anthropology and history since his youth, Cleary has worked closely with world-renowned paleo-anthropologist and African wildlife conservationist Dr. Richard Leakey in several initiatives centered on environmental and social concerns, including founding the Wildlife Direct organization, which is working to save endangered mountain gorillas in the Congo from poachers. He also has a deep commitment to Santa Clara University's MBA program, where he has served as a member and chairman of the advisory board, Executive Fellow, part-time instructor and Distinguished Lecturer.

He owns more than 20,000 miniature soldiers, most Civil War era, in six dioramas he has created in the Cleary family's home. Since 2002, the home has served as a Civil War museum for three months out of the year, attracting students and teachers from area schools, historians, civic groups, and other organizations. The Saratoga Historical Foundation describes Cleary's personal cache as "one of the largest collections" of Civil War artifacts on the West Coast.

"Bill's interest and involvement in higher education provide him with a perspective that will be of interest to our graduates, about 90 percent of whom will go immediately on to college. The fact that his interests range from business and technology to human origins, that he has worked with legendary researchers such as Dr. Leakey, and that he has worked on environmental initiatives in Kenya only makes his academic background more fascinating," said Lovett.

Students Play Major Role in Dorm Construction

Active student participation in the construction of the Academy's new dormitory is part of the school's recurring "event-driven curriculum," first implemented at the school more than 20 years ago as a way to merge student skills from several academic and trades-related disciplines in pursuit of a common goal through a large project. The approach was initially used to design and build an "Eclectic House," which incorporated a wide range of non-traditional construction materials and energy conservation features.

"That house was an idea way ahead of its time," Howard Crawford, the school's Director of Career and Technical Education, said. "Hardly anyone was talking about saving energy and 'green' approaches to construction back then, but our students certainly were."

A few years later, an Academy team representing a mixture of Science and Technical Education students competed against college entrants in the American Tour de Sol solar powered vehicle race, finishing near the top of the standings.

More recently, the school's students have used the approach to construct and renovate several municipal and non-profit organization buildings, including the Caledonia-Essex (CALEX) ambulance service headquarters, Northeast Kingdom Community Action office space, and Catamount Film & Arts Center, all in St. Johnsbury; Barnet fire station; Danville Town Hall; and others.

In all cases, trade-related skills are only some of the talents needed to successfully complete the projects, Crawford said. "We've always had the approach of doing real work for real people," he explained. "Whenever we have an 'event,' students are also involved in the budgeting, management, and logistical processes," he said. "The goal is to give students across our curriculum an opportunity to apply their knowledge."

In the case of the dormitory construction project, students are primarily performing electrical work, but also have an active role in budgeting, planning, and other administrative tasks, including participation in contractor meetings. The students are installing wiring and power panels throughout the dormitory, building on experience gained since the preparatory work started early in the school year. "This isn't just a wiring project by any means," instructor Mike Bugbee stressed. "These students did a tremendous amount of work before they ever set foot on the job site."

Although the students are focusing primarily on the electricity-related aspects of the construction project,

"They're seeing all areas of what's needed to make a project of this size happen," added James Libbey, the Academy's Career & Technical Education Department Head. "It's a great opportunity, both because of the complexity of the project and its proximity to the classroom."

"Our students will also be working during school vacations," Crawford said. "Like most of the projects we've undertaken, this isn't the type of job where they can just show up according to the school calendar and complete it." The three-level, 21,500 square-foot dormitory will house 40 male boarding students and four faculty member families, featuring cutting edge energy technology, including passive solar heating, roof-mounted solar panels to provide hot water, and a geothermal radiant heating system. (For more about the new dorm, please see the feature on page 28 of this issue.)



Academy senior Jeremy Duncan of Barnet, a member of the school's Electricity class, installs wiring for the Academy's new dormitory.

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Academy Robotics Team Enters New Season

The Academy's team of student-engineers participated in the FIRST® robotics competition at Boston University's Agannis Arena April 7 to 9. They placed 31st out of 53 teams after 10 qualifying matches. FIRST® is a non-profit organization founded in 1989 by New Hampshire inventor and entrepreneur Dean Kaman, creator of the Segway personal transporter, to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. The organization's annual robotics competitions challenge teams of young people and their mentors to solve a common problem in a six-week timeframe using a standard "kit of parts," without instructions, and a common set of rules. Teams build robots from the parts and enter them in competitions. The Academy team, now in its fourth year, is led by Dr. Elaine Parshall, the school's Allen D. Christensen Chair in Engineering and Director of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STeM) program. The team is also assisted by several other adult mentors, including Academy Technical Education teacher Frank Trebilcock, St. Johnsbury School Board member William Knopf, Steve Godenich from Lyndonville-based Numia Medical Technologies, and Robert Sattelberger, a teacher at Riverbend Career and Technical Center. Team sponsors include Weidmann Electrical Technologies of St. Johnsbury, and Numia Medical Technologies of Lyndonville. Last year, the Academy team reached the semifinal round of the regional competition, hosted by Worcester (Mass.) Polytechnic Institute (WPI). In 2009, the Hilltoppers finished 19th in a 60-team regional contest in Hartford, Connecticut. During the team's first season, in 2008, it received the Highest Seeded Rookie Team Award at the Hartford Regionals.

The team's next two events are the Battlecry at WPI on May 20 and 21; and the Beantown Blitz at the Matthews Arena, Northeastern University, Boston, June 4. Additional information about the Academy robotics team and engineering course offerings is available by contacting Parshall at (802) 751-2493 or through e-mail at eparshall@stjacademy.org.

Colwell Speakers Series



A German diplomat and economic development expert visited the Academy March 3 as part of an ongoing speaker series sponsored by the school's Colwell Center for Global Understanding. Walter Stechel (pictured above), who recently served as consul general of the Federal Republic of Germany's Foreign Office in Mumbai, India, discussed India's potential rise "From A Big Country to a Great Power" during a public presentation in the Academy's Mayo Center, spoke during the school's daily Chapel assembly, and met with classes. Additional Colwell events this spring included a group of academics from the Sauvé Scholars program at McGill University in Montreal and Abdou Sene, of the Senegalese Navy. Information about Colwell Center programs is available through the Academy's Website at www.stjacademy.org or by contacting Glenn Ehrean, the Center's director, by e-mail at gehrean@stjacademy.org.

Students Help Hunger Relief Efforts

An Academy class has made truly hands-on contributions toward hunger relief efforts in Northeastern Vermont. Led by Fine Arts instructor Rodney Reis ('82), students enrolled in the Academy's Introduction to Clay class created ceramic bowls as part of the international Empty Bowls Project, a grassroots attempt to fight hunger worldwide. "The basic premise is simple," explains text on the Project's Website (www.emptybowls.net). "Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are



Senior Katelyn Johnson of St. Johnsbury and art teacher Rodney Reis check the progress on one of the bowls donated for a fund-raising dinner to help support St. Johnsbury area hunger relief efforts.

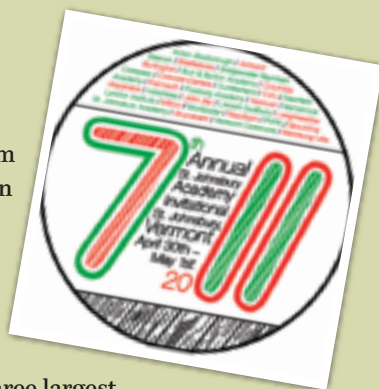
invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity." In the case of the Academy effort, the 20 bowls students in Art instructor Rodney Reis's four Introduction to Clay classes are created were among about 100 made by Vermont potters available at a March 12 dinner at the Catamount Film & Arts Center in St. Johnsbury, hosted by the University of Vermont Center for Sustainable Agriculture and the St. Johnsbury Local Food Alliance. All proceeds from the dinner were donated to the Food Alliance's community farming and garden initiatives, and Kingdom Community Food Shelf, also headquartered in St. Johnsbury. "When the UVM Center approached me about the possibility of doing this, I jumped all over it," Reis said. "A project like this is a perfect opportunity to show young people art can have a positive influence on the world and help people. It also makes them aware that we have a serious hunger problem right here in our own community."

Academy Senior Finalist in Essay Contest

Academy senior Molly Cantore of St. Johnsbury was one of 12 Vermont students selected as finalists in a State of the Union essay contest sponsored by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT). The contest challenged entrants to address important national issues and propose potential solutions. More than 25 Vermont students participated.

East Coast's Largest High School Ultimate Tournament

The Academy hosted the seventh annual St. Johnsbury Invitational Ultimate Frisbee tournament Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1. Attracting athletes and staff from seven states, the event has grown into “the largest high-school Ultimate tournament on the East Coast, by a significant margin,” Academy Ultimate head coach Josh Seamon said. “The only youth-level tournaments that I know of that are larger are run by city leagues: the Minnesota State tournament, which includes about 45 teams; and Spring Reign, in Seattle, Washington, which hosts 75 teams in divisions ranging from elementary school through high school. I know of no international youth tournaments that are larger. It would be safe to say the St. Johnsbury Invitational is one of the top three largest youth Ultimate tournaments in the world.” Forty-three teams from 33 schools, including about 725 players and 75 coaches entered in the tournament. States represented include Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. Competitors from outside the area were housed by members of the Hilltopper teams. Games were played at the Academy and the Caledonia County Fairgrounds, a late change in venue due to the wet weather. Additional information is available by visiting the tournament Website at www.sjainvite.org.



Medalists at Vermont SkillsUSA®

Fourteen Academy students, including eight event winners, were among the medal winners at the annual Vermont SkillsUSA® Leadership and Skills Competition, held April 7 at the Vermont National Guard's Camp Johnson in Colchester. Senior Robert Jewell from St. Johnsbury led the Academy contingent, capturing first place in collision repair and second in automotive refinishing.

Other Academy students winning event championships included senior Colby Shields of Groton in cabinet-making; classmate Ben Price from St. Johnsbury in architectural drafting; junior Jonathan Duncan from Barnet, commercial baking; junior Faith Phillips of Peacham, food and beverage service; junior Kara Goolman of St. Johnsbury, job skills; senior Rachel Veal, also of St. Johnsbury, prepared speech; and senior Ryan Lowell of Waterford, residential wiring. Gold medalists qualified to compete at the 47th Annual SkillsUSA® National Competition and Conference, scheduled this summer in Kansas City, Missouri. Silver medalists at the state competition, in addition to Jewell, include junior Brittany Berwick of Barnet, commercial baking; junior Tyler Newell of St. Johnsbury, job skills; and sophomore Cody Jones of St. Johnsbury, cabinet making. Bronze medalists include Ashley Audette, a shared-time student from Lyndon, culinary arts; Concord resident Hillary Daigault, also a shared-time student, extemporaneous speaking; senior Jeremy Duncan of Barnet, residential wiring; and classmate Michael Fenoff of St. Johnsbury, technical drafting.

Vermont Youth Town Meeting Recognition



At the annual Vermont Youth Town Meeting, hosted by Lyndon State College in April, Academy Seniors Michael Guidosh of Waterford, Ian Cleary from California, Nathan Leonard of Monroe, New Hampshire, and sophomore Matthew Willson of Lyndon Center were honored for their positive influences on their peers, practicing and encouraging healthy and substance-free lifestyles, actively working to decrease prejudice and discrimination, and promoting understanding of other cultures, and other actions that improve their communities. Many members of the Academy delegation at Vermont Youth Town Meeting were boarding students (pictured above) learning how the local government process works.

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Grants to Boost Employee Skills

The Academy's Continuing Education program has received three grants, totaling \$42,453, to support efforts to build a more highly skilled area workforce. A \$25,000 grant from the Vermont Department of Labor will help fund a manufacturing training program recently initiated after area firms indicated a need for a more skilled workforce to increase production and acquire more projects offered to them, Kathryn Daley, the Academy's Assistant Director of Continuing Education, said. The training program is offered through a partnership of Lyndon State College, Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIC), Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA), Vermont Department of Labor, Lyndon Institute, and the Academy. Participants in the pilot program include six current employees from area manufacturing firms, studying a curriculum addressing Technical Mathematics, machine skills, manual and Computer Numeric Control (CNC), safety, and other aspects of manufacturing. Training is based at the Charles E. Carter building in the St. Johnsbury/Lyndon Industrial Park.

A second grant fully funded by the Vermont Department of Labor, for \$10,700, will be used to provide tuition assistance for students taking Academy Continuing Education courses. Courses supported through the grant will "directly impact economic development and employment opportunities" by helping employees and individuals enhance their current skills, as well as gain new ones," Daley added. A third grant funded by the Department of Labor, for \$6,753, will also support efforts designed to encourage the area's economic development and includes members from the former Workforce Investment Board. Contact Kathryn Daley through e-mail at kdaley@stjohnsburyacademy.org or by telephone at (802) 748-7738.

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International Students Hold Kidz World IV



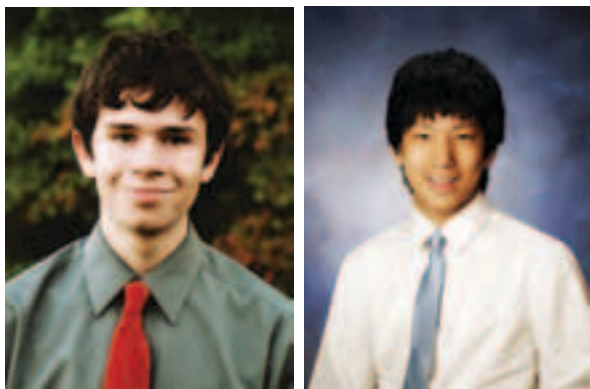
Students in the English as a Second Language program again participated in the multi-cultural festival, Kidz World. Reaching out into the community, the international students from Ms. Mings-Lamar's ESL 504 classes visited Good Shepherd School, the St. Johnsbury School, and Barnet School to build enthusiasm for the event. At each school, the ESL students taught games from their countries to elementary students. Kidz World IV was held March 12, for families with children ages 5 to 10, hosted in conjunction with Lyndon State College; more than 150 people attended. Academy students also participated in a live broadcast on local radio station WSTJ prior to the event, and learned the fundamentals of marketing and promotion in planning and organizing the event.



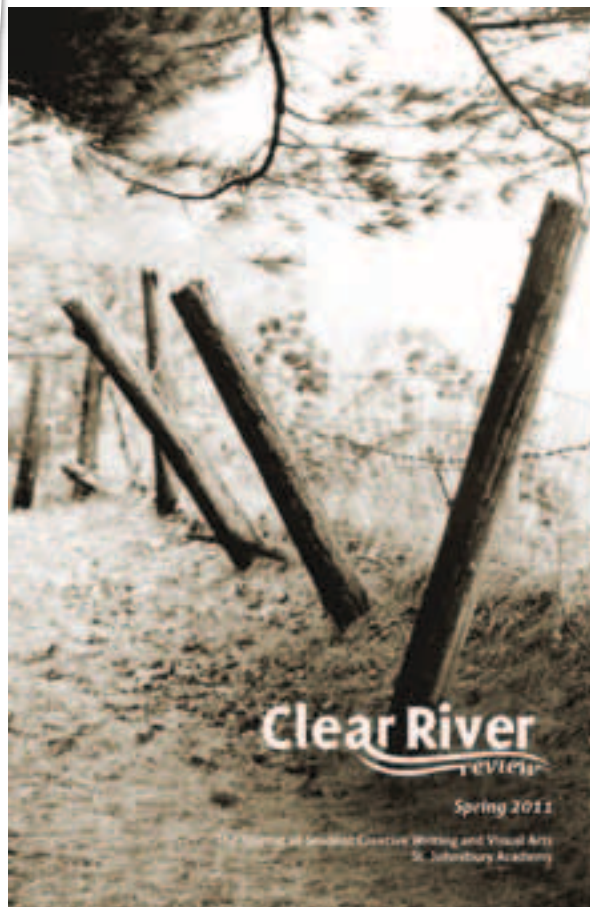
COMMUNITY LUNCH

Academy freshman Meghan Nolan (left) of St. Johnsbury and senior Ian Cleary from California serve local residents attending a free Community Lunch offered at the South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury. Led by Culinary Arts teacher Gerard Prevost, Academy student volunteers also help prepare and clean up after the meals.

SJA Team Competing in International Mathematics Contest



At *Hilltopper* press time, the Academy's Math team ranks 43rd in a 168-school field, awaiting results from the final round of an international mathematics competition. Sponsored by the American Scholastic Mathematics Association, the six-round contest includes competitors from secondary schools from throughout the United States, Canada, American international and private schools in China, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, Israel, United Arab Emirates, Marianas Island, South Korea, Australia, Cambodia, Brazil, Turkey, and Guam. Academy top leaders are Young Ho "Alan" Song (above, right), Xiangru "Jane" Chen, Shidi "Jess" Xu, Michael Fickes (above, left), and Xin "Grace" Wei. Meanwhile, the Academy occupies third place among Vermont schools after four rounds of the annual six-contest New England Math League competition. Cumulative Academy point leaders include sophomore Jae Hong Kim from South Korea with 15 points out of a possible 24; Fickes and senior Won Hee Lee from South Korea, both with 14; and sophomore David Fickes of Peacham, 13.



Clear River Review 2011

"The eyeliner pencil broke with a snap, and charcoal dust smeared onto the page. With a sigh, Leslie Owens sharpened the pencil, and went back to the hastily scrawled letter to her parents. " This excerpt from "The Makeover" by Academy student Quinn Bornstein, several other stories, plus poetry, prints, and photos, make up the Fourth Annual edition of *Clear River Review*, the Academy creative-writing-and-fine-arts chapbook. Editor-in-chief and creative-writing faculty member Jenny Land Mackenzie, Academy marketing director Joe Healy, and the *Clear River Review* editorial board held a book-launch party on May 12 to celebrate the achievements of the student contributors this year; author and Northeast Kingdom resident Sydney Lea was scheduled to attend the event and read a poem from the book. *Clear River Review* is available for purchase for \$7 through www.stjacademy.org or by sending e-mail to media@stjacademy.org.



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Published Story Helps Japan Relief Project



Freshman Emily Cochran's short story, "Broken," was recently published in the anthology *Write for Japan*, a worldwide collaborative effort to raise funds for Japan earthquake and tsunami relief. Cochran was one of only 34 writers from around the

world whose works were selected for publication. Paperback and E-book copies of the anthology are available by visiting lulu.com, smashwords.com, or createspace.com. All proceeds will go directly to Japan relief efforts.



LOUISIANA ASSISTANCE

St. Johnsbury Academy junior Molly MacDonald (foreground) and senior Molly Cantore (2nd from front) here work with the Habitat for Humanity organization to rebuild a Lafayette, Louisiana, home for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Organized by Cantore as part of her senior Capstone research project, the effort included a dozen Academy students accompanied by teachers and other adult volunteers. Travel and reconstruction work were conducted entirely during the Academy's February break, resulting in no school days missed.

Conte Honored

Retiring Athletic Director Tom Conte was the winner of the prestigious Robert F. Pierce Jr. Memorial Award 2010 – 2011. This award is given annually by the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference to the individual who best personifies through professional activities with the youth of Vermont, the high ideals of character, dedication, determination, devotion, and sportsmanship. Conte joined the Academy faculty in 1982 as a teacher and coach and became athletic director in 1995. He also served as chairman of the Blood Drive for 24 years, hosting 48 drives during which more than 7000 pints were collected. The Academy has been credited for the "most prolific high school blood drives in Vermont" from 1995 to date.

Financial Literacy Poster Competition

Academy students captured first and second place in the Vermont segment of the National Be Money Wise Financial Literacy Poster Competition. Sophomore



Jaime Cherem, a boarding student from Mexico, won the contest's high school division and junior Zachary Cochran of West Danville earned second.

Both students' entries now advance to the competition's national level, where they will be judged by a panel representing organizations

and institutions who have a strong interest in financial literacy for young people, including consumer and youth educational groups, regulatory agencies, The Federal Reserve, Capitol Hill offices, and national media personalities. Seniors Britany Chamberlain of St. Johnsbury Center and Suparek Kamaranon from Thailand earned Honorable Mention in the Vermont competition. All the Academy honorees are members of the school's Entrepreneurship class, taught by Abigail Murphy.

Scenes from the Academy Fashion Show

Fashion Design students showcased their creations on March 31 in Fuller Hall during the annual multi-media Fashion Show. This year's theme was "World of Colors."



Senior Carmen Alvarez-Guerra from Spain wears a design by junior Bing Qi "Cherry" Yu from China.



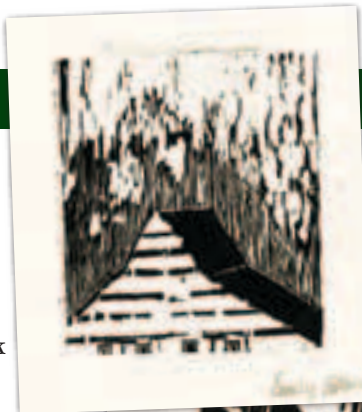
Sophomore Charlotte Morse from Florida models a creation by senior Eliza Salmon of St. Johnsbury.



Academy senior Karla Hunter of Lyndonville (left) shows her fashion creations with help from models Ashley Scherer (center) and senior Courtney Ward of Monroe, N.H.. The event showcases creations designed and made by students enrolled in Fine Arts instructor Dyan Wallace's Fashion Design classes.

Japan Prints

The Academy's Printmaking One Students and the Intaglio Society organized a Japan Fund-Raising Print Sale this spring. The "Farewell to Winter" wood-block prints on Japanese paper (called *washi*), which had been on exhibit in the Academy's Mayo Center, raised money for disaster relief in Japan. Inspired by local Vermont scenery and landmarks, the images were carved into Vermont white pine boards, which were then inked and printed by hand on Japanese paper. The specific paper selected for each print is chosen for textural qualities that enhance the effect of the image. One hundred percent of the profits were donated to the Red Cross. The prints will be available for fund-raising sale until the end of the Spring semester. For inquiries, please send e-mail to media@stjacademy.org.



Supporting Those Who Follow



Members of the Streeter-Trafton Award Committee recently met to consider nominees for this year's student recipients. Established in 1985 by graduates of the now closed St. Johnsbury Trade School, the forerunner of today's Academy Career & Technical Education programs, the annual award honors two graduating area high-school seniors for exceptional performance in auto body, auto mechanics, truck and diesel, machine, construction, electrical trades, drafting, or forestry. Members of the St. Johnsbury Trade School Alumni Association and other donors have given nearly \$40,000 to maintain the award since its creation in 1985, including \$2,650 for this year's recipients. In addition to Academy seniors,

eligible students include those attending Concord and Danville High Schools, and Lyndon Institute. Award committee members shown are (from front left) Stanley Wilkins and Linwood Gee, both members of the Trade School's Class of 1957; 1967 graduate David Franham; Class of 1957 member and retired Academy teacher Andy Dussault; 1963 alumnus Dan Strobridge; Alan Langmaid, a member of the school's last graduating class, in 1970; Jim Liberty of the Class of 1960; and Phil Goss, whose Class of 1950 established the award.

KAIJO IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Academy hosted students from the Kaijo Gakuen school the week of March 21; the exchange program has been ongoing since 1989. Part of this year's off-campus excursion included a trip to the bowling alley in St. Johnsbury—which made front-page news in the *Caledonian-Record*.



SNAPSHOTS IN TIME

The Academy's Grace Stuart Orcutt Library was one of several statewide participating in the March 4 "Vermont Library Snapshot Day," an effort to show that, even in the digital age, libraries are still heavily used and vibrant places. Photos taken during the Snapshot Day at all participating libraries are posted on the Flickr photo-sharing Website (search Vermont Library Snapshot Day), where they are available to anyone.



ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Thank you to those who were patient and participated as we pulled together our first Alumni Directory Project. More than 1,300 alumni reserved a copy of the directory (being produced by Harris Direct) with just over 4,500 alumni updating or confirming their data. A number of alumni who've been unreachable for years have been found, and the Alumni Office has reconnected with many graduates who haven't been in contact with the school in some time.

As we have mentioned a number of times throughout the past few months, our alumni are scattered across the country and around the globe. But no matter where their lives have led them, our alumni share a common bond: St. Johnsbury Academy, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, and St. Johnsbury Trade School. In addition to helping the Alumni Office to update our records, this publication also will help to connect classmates and serve as an alumni yearbook for this moment in time.

If you reserved a copy of the directory or the class CD, you can expect to see it sometime mid-summer. It's too late at this time to purchase a copy; however, additional copies will be available for viewing in the Alumni Office. Again, we thank you!

A Message from

Jack Cummings

Associate Headmaster, Advancement and Admission

The morning of March 11 began with news of the massive earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Immediately, Jamie Ryan ('89), dean of resident life, and Sarah Garey ('92), director of health and wellness, gathered our Japanese students, made sure they were all right, and helped them to reach their parents. Fortunately, all of our students were able to contact their families and learn that they were safe. Soon after, news from our alumni, friends, and partners began to arrive. The good news, ascertained with lightning speed, was that, as best we could tell, our contacts and colleagues in Japan were safe.

The alumni office Facebook page served as the key communication vehicle for many, while in other offices we received emails from friends and colleagues telling us they were safe. Additional calls came from alumni and parents requesting news and asking how they could help.


March and April are a time when our community focus is concentrated on Japan, as we host the annual Kaijo Gakuen visit and prepare to send our students and faculty on our Freeman Foundation sponsored trip to Japan. These events are highlights of our spring and once in a lifetime experiences for the participants. In the days immediately following the earthquake, it appeared that both exchanges, as well as our recruitment trip to Tokyo, would go on as scheduled.

Good news arrived quickly that our friends at Kaijo Gakuen would come to Vermont! While our partners in Japan were optimistic that our trip could go on as scheduled, Headmaster Tom Lovett immediately understood that even if it were safe, our visit to Japan would be an intrusion on our hosts and we cancelled our trip. As the extent of the devastation became clear, and the threat of a nuclear disaster grew, we knew we had made the right decision.

The arrival of the students and teachers from Kaijo School drew even more attention to the events in Japan. Led by our Japanese students, and supported by student government, our students and faculty made plans to help with the relief efforts. A candlelight dinner, and a variety day raised \$3,200, which Headmaster Lovett presented to the Kaijo teachers during our farewell Chapel; the auction of prints on Japanese paper by Bill Darling's print-making classes and the Academy's Intaglio Society will also go to Japan relief through the Red Cross.

The previous evening, during our farewell banquet, Lee Hackett '57, President of the Board of Trustees, addressed our Kaijo guests, and spoke of his personal admiration for the Japanese people, who were responding to this unprecedented challenge with unity and determination. Lee shared his experience of receiving an email from his Tokyo manager at 7:00 a.m. in London just as he was entering a meeting. Lee then spoke of the heroic efforts of his own staff in Tokyo to care for each other, as well as their clients, under the most challenging and frightening circumstances. As Executive Vice President of American Appraisal Associates, the world's only truly global valuation firm, Lee's career is emblematic of the globalization that is changing the world and the lives of our alumni and students.

These past few weeks have shed new light on the impact of globalization on our school and community. Not only does information travel around the world at light speed, bringing us news of friends and loved ones, but these new technologies are transforming the way we live, learn, work, and communicate. With students from 26 different countries, alumni residing in 63 countries, and many others travelling abroad for study and business, events taking place around the globe now have very personal implications for all of us.

It is not just the Academy community that is affected by these developments. Increasingly, the town of St. Johnsbury and the Northeast Kingdom rely upon international investment, ownership, and markets to drive employment and economic opportunity. In order for our students and workers to remain connected and competitive in the global marketplace, it is imperative that we be leaders in adapting new technologies in both education and business. 



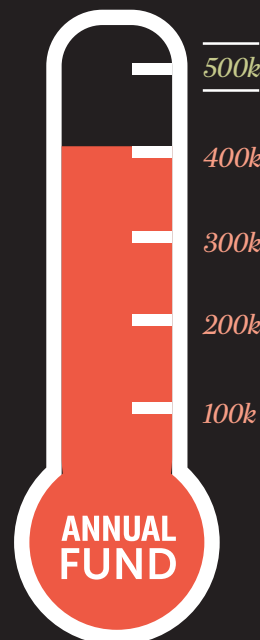
2011 Kaijo exchange visitors

Annual Fund Update

Reunion invites have gone out and many classes are shaking the bushes to encourage classmates to participate in the reunion class gift challenge. Many classes compete right up until the announcement is made at the alumni banquet. But, it's important to mention there is also the non-reunion class gift competition, as well. It is never too late to participate!

Visit us online to make your gift and show your support for the initiatives that make St. Johnsbury Academy students the best leaders, decision makers, and citizens. Your participation will help us achieve success.

Please make your online gift by June 30, 2011, at www.stjacademy.org/annualgiving. If you would like your gift credited toward your class giving, donations must be received by June 2.



July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Senior Class Takes Leadership to New Levels

As the Senior Class acted their way across the stage in their Lion King skit for winter carnival, Nala, the character from the show, announced, "And, just think, the seniors have already achieved our class gift goal and it is only March!" It's all about participation, participation, participation—and the seniors have taken their participation to an entirely new level.

At the beginning of the school year, the seniors challenged the faculty and staff to an annual-fund participation challenge. The seniors have been encouraged not only to participate in the annual giving campaign, but to strive to have a higher participation rate than the faculty and staff. Under the leadership of Senior Class President Lizzie Moye, the seniors are hovering right around 91 percent participation.

"This is truly an impressive accomplishment," said Director of Development Tammi Cady '88. "A senior class annual fund drive isn't always easy, but this class likes to lead by example. Their efforts in everything they have done and are doing this year are extraordinary. In addition to making gifts to the annual fund, they decided at the beginning of the school year that they would give 11 percent of any class fundraising proceeds to charity. This class really understands what it means to give back."



Makenna Young '11 and Senior Class President Lizzie Moye '11 enjoy pizza during the Senior Class Pizza Party hosted by the SJA Alumni Council. The party, held prior to a home boys basketball game, was the first of various events to welcome the seniors into the alumni association.

The seniors will restrict their annual fund contributions to help students in need. "This challenge has been just another way to unite our class and bring us closer," said Lizzie. "Contributions ranged from \$.25 to \$50 from seniors with three donors who agreed to match our gifts once we hit our goal. With participation you can accomplish anything."

Class Dean Sharon Forest couldn't be more proud of the Class of 2011, saying, "This class has been working so hard this year. They have started some new traditions and hope to leave a legacy here on the Academy campus, and that is a very special thing."

LOOKING BACK

2001 Hockey Reunion

The 2001 Championship Hockey Team, along with some other alumni, gathered together on February 26, 2011, for a mini reunion. The team enjoyed a pre-game skate together at the Fenton Chester Arena prior to the Academy game against Hartford. The team was announced during pre-game introductions and enjoyed cheering for the Hilltoppers before congregating at Timbuktu's Bar & Grille (owned and operated by **Matt Barrett '97**) in Lyndonville for an informal social.



John Ward '02 with his nephew, daughter, and wife at the Timbuktu social.



Athletic Trainer Chris Despins '88, Kevin Daly '04, Tyler Davis '02, Marshall Daly '03, Ethan Swain '01



Bill Goodhue '02, PJ Kenary '02, David Baker '01



(Row 1 L-R) Ethan Swain '01, PJ Kenary '02, Kevin Daly '04, Tyler Davis '02, (row 2 L-R) David Baker '01, Coach Don Swain, Bill Goodhue '02, Coach Craig Weston, Calvin Willard '00, Marshall Daly '03, Ricky Golden '96, Matt Barrett '97

Rita Cowan, Ronald Cowan '52, Steve Gilman '52, Nate Gilman '50, Betty McCarthy '50, Beverly Blake '52, Jim McCarthy

Ocala, FL

Nate Gilman '50 and Steve Gilman '52 hosted the luncheon at the beautiful Golden Hills Golf and Turf Club in Ocala, FL, with over 40 in attendance.



Bonnie Crandall Benoit '59, Tom Hill '60,
Rose Brigham Hill '63

Terry Howard '62 and Don Crandall '60



Roger Hevey '56, Pauline Hevey Giguere '54, Claire Begin Hevey '57, Janine Hevey, Irene Begin Fauteux '56,
Raymond Hevey '56, Maurice Hevey '62

LOOKINGBACK

Tampa, FL

Julia Marrs and Tim Drown '81, once again, hosted a wonderful event at the Tampa Club on February 18. The food, the view, and the company were truly spectacular.

Kelsey Gilman '08 and Kathleen Dana '75



Thank you to Norma Chase '43, Norm Chase '40, and Ray Brown '40 for all their assistance during the luncheon



Rachel Daigneault, Raymond LaChance, Laurette Prevost LaChance '49, Rita Prevost Airoldi '54, Debbie Prevost, Fran Landry Gingue '50, Archie Prevost '50, and Norm Airoldi



Lorraine Johnson, Bob Johnson '48, Doris Stetson '50, Barclay Stetson '79, Irma Wade, Clare Dyer '54, and Bruce Hoyt '54

Vero Beach, FL

Jean McGregor Rogers '56 hosted the luncheon at the Vero Beach Country Club. Jean was presented with her surprise Alumni Majorette t-shirt! Tom Lovett delivered the latest news of the Academy.



Brad Beaupre '59 and Steve Clark '59



Steve Clark '59 and Dan Clark '58



Peter Weiss '60 and Topper



Ralph Cirone, Sandy Murphy Cirone '54, Carol Morris Leavitt '53, and Bob Leavitt

LOOKINGBACK

Orlando, FL

A small group gathered at the Vines Grille and Wine Bar in Orlando, FL, on February 19. The group enjoyed some great jazz music while reconnecting with old friends.



Retired Teacher Judy Kelley
and Josh Gagliardi '90

Gary Spooner '65
and Jo-Ann Hall Sullivan '68

Myrtle Beach, SC

Hazen McLaren '51 hosted a mini golf outing at Man-O-War Golf Club followed by an informal social at the Windsor Green Clubhouse. The golf course had a significant number of ponds and rivers throughout and the Alumni Office staff managed to hit into every bit of water they could see. But, overall the small group had a wonderful time and the hospitality couldn't have been better.



Alan Ruggles '84, Ike Brown, Tammi Sullivan Cady '88,
Hazen McLaren '51, David Cady, Gary Yoder, Reg Joslin,
and Glen Hale '81

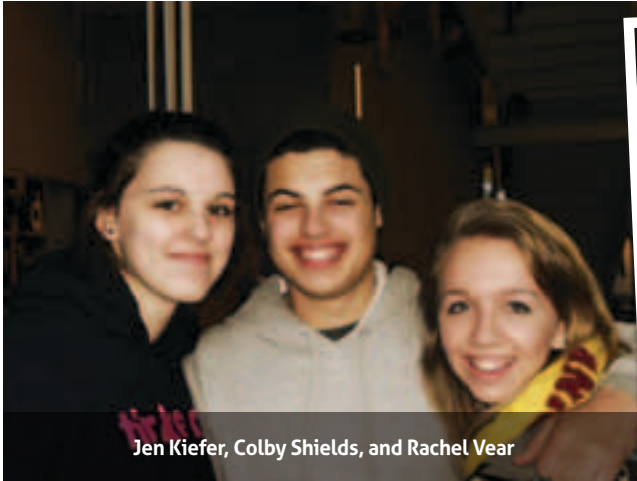


(row 1 L-R) Alan Ruggles '84, Ike Brown, Mary McLaren,
(row 2 L-R) Tammi Sullivan Cady '88, Glen Hale '81, Hazen
McLaren '51, Pat Brown, and Leanne Cranston Martin '83

If you would like more information on any event, contact the Alumni Office by phone at (802) 751-2011 or by e-mail at sjaalumni@stjacademy.org

Senior Pizza Party

The Alumni Council hosted the first ever Senior Pizza Night before the Boys' Basketball game against South Burlington on Friday, February 11. The Alumni Council wanted to recognize the efforts the Senior Class have put forward so far this year and to welcome the soon-to-be newest members of the Alumni Association. Close to 40 Seniors attended the pizza party after working on the class snow sculpture. All Seniors who attended the party were entered into a drawing for a chance to be picked to take a half-court shot to win a \$1,000. The half-court shot was sponsored by All Around Power. The senior selected was Aaron Swartz... and he did not win the money.



Jen Kiefer, Colby Shields, and Rachel Vear



Nathan Tomaselli, Jessie Danielson, and Joey Way



Adama Kay, Bianca Calkins, and Emily Rainville



Members from the Alumni Council and the Senior Class

AN UNCONVENTIONAL PATH TO SUCCESS

Garth Moulton '88

followed his own determined path from
the Academy to sales to co-launching a
booming on-line business.

Article by Richard Beck '66





Garth Moulton liked to challenge conventional thought when he was an Academy student, and he still does. It's an approach to learning—and life—that's helped him become a successful on-line entrepreneur.

"I was a bit of a rebel in high school" the Class of 1988 salutatorian recalled. "I remember butting heads with (now retired Academy Headmaster and English teacher) Bernier Mayo on a regular basis in his English class about whatever opinion or hair length I happened to have at the time. Looking back, I'm sure I was a real pain, but I learned some very valuable lessons about analytical thinking through those exchanges.

"I liked math and always did well at it, but I also liked English," he added. "My favorite subject at any given point depended on who my favorite teacher was at the time."

After graduating from the Academy, Moulton enrolled at Brown University. "I was floored when I first got there," he said of the big Ivy League-school experience. "I wasn't accustomed to being in a classroom with 200 other kids, all of whom seemed smarter than me. I was intimidated, no question about it.

"Thankfully, I'd been very well-prepared by my Academy teachers and my whole experience there," Moulton continued, citing the influences of English

teachers Tom Lovett, now the school's headmaster, and Brad Ashley, now-retired Social Studies teacher Judy Kelley, and the late Graham Newell, Moulton's Latin instructor.

"Bernier, Tom, and Brad turned me into someone who could write well and communicate, which was invaluable at Brown and has been ever since," he explained. Meanwhile, Kelley and Newell, along with the Academy's multi-cultural student population and participation in Academy international trips, "provided me a worldview most young people growing up in a rural environment like I had would never even known existed."

"The Academy uniquely provided the instruction that helped me keep my head afloat," Moulton added. "I can't even imagine a young person being better prepared than I was. Things could have turned out very differently for me if I hadn't gone to the Academy."

Moulton didn't merely survive at Brown, however. He thrived, more than most, earning Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude honors on his way to a degree in History awarded in 1992. Conventional wisdom would probably indicate that a newly graduated History major would look for a job involving...well, history.

Moulton plunged into the world of sales.

"When it came time to graduate from Brown, I knew I needed to get a corporate job and I needed it quick to pay off my college debt," he explained. "On the other hand, I didn't want to go to a New York City bank and work 135 hours a week."

Moulton headed to California instead, serving as a sales executive at several technology firms, including Digital Impact, Sawyer Media, Personify, and Open Environment Corporation. Riding the technology boom of the mid- and late-1990s, "I was basically a mercenary looking for a company to hit," he said. "Then my whole professional world tanked in the tech bust."

Conventional sales methods offered little promise of relief, Moulton and fellow sales executive Jim Fowler agreed during a 2003 meeting. Fowler had also followed an unconventional path, serving as a U.S. Navy Diving and Salvage Officer, then owning and operating an Idaho ski resort before starting a 12-year career in software sales.

"Like most sales people, we were spending up to 50 percent of our time trying to network into

(prospective client) companies by building up a base of contacts,” Moulton said. “That’s a lot of lost time that could have been used trying to make sales, and it’s also very expensive. We finally decided what people in sales needed was a new way to develop those contacts.”

The answer was Jigsaw Data Corporation, co-founded by Moulton and Fowler in 2004 with the help of \$5.2 million in venture capital from El Dorado Ventures and Norwest Venture Partners, both based in California.

Headquartered in San Mateo, California, Jigsaw launched as the first on-line marketplace for sharing business contact information. Today, it offers the world’s largest database of up-to-date, downloadable and complete contact and company information, providing over a million users a directory of more than 25 million business contacts, including e-mail addresses, and current phone numbers, with over 36,000 new contacts added daily. Jigsaw also offers free tools for researching companies and user-generated company research wiki pages.

Information is kept current through the collaborative efforts of its members, who earn “points” for adding new contacts, updating existing ones, or referring new members to Jigsaw. Points serve as Jigsaw’s currency, allowing members to buy, sell or trade business contacts they have for ones they need. Monthly membership costs \$25, but the service is free to users who add 25 or more contacts per month.

Jigsaw launched with over 200,000 contacts and was “growing at an average rate of 2,000 complete new contacts per day,” the Berkshire Hathaway Company’s *Business Wire* reported December 6, 2004, the day Jigsaw debuted.

By 2009, while the national economy continued a

prolonged downhill slide, the company had doubled its revenues for the third consecutive year to \$20-22 million, up from \$11 million in 2008, \$5.5 million in 2007 and \$2.5 million in 2006, according to a 2009 story in the *San Francisco Business Times*.


Last year, Moulton’s professional life made another dramatic turn as Salesforce.com Inc., a San Francisco-based firm that markets software to help companies manage customer relations, reached an agreement with Moulton and Fowler to purchase Jigsaw for \$142 million.

“It was a great match for both Salesforce and us,” Moulton said. “It was a little like they had the iPod and we had the music. When you put them together, it’s better for everyone.”

As part of the sales agreement, Moulton will remain at Jigsaw until June 1 of this year, serving as its Vice President of Community, responsible for relationships with the company’s users. He’s also made a geographical switch, moving from the West Coast back to the East

and settling home in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife Jessica, whom he met while they were both chasing sales the old-fashioned way, and their two children, Bennett, age 6, and Lila, 4.

And he’s exploring new business possibilities. “Even though the entrepreneur community here is small, the potential is huge,” he told the *Charlotte Business Journal* in a story published last May.

Based on history, expect surprises. 

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Moulton’s mother, Lucille (Pickles) Haworth, was an Academy English teacher from 1962 to 1969 and his father George “Chet” Moulton is a member of the school’s Class of 1965. His sister, Chava, graduated from the Academy in 1992.


A Donation by the Stetson Family to the New Dormitory Is...





SET *in* STONE

Article by Richard Beck '66



The walls of the Great Room at St. Johnsbury Academy's new dormitory are being built, one carefully selected and placed stone at a time, in honor of the late Dr. John Stetson, a longtime St. Johnsbury veterinarian, member of the Academy's Board of Trustees, and community leader who died in 2003 at age 73.

Donated by Dr. Stetson's wife Doris ('50) and the couple's four children, the project includes erecting massive ceiling-to-floor stone walls, as well as a fireplace and granite entryway, covering virtually every wall surface in the room not dedicated to glass, including a wall-length window offering a panoramic view of the Academy's Fairbanks Field and hills beyond. One wall rises more than 30 feet from the three-story building's lowest level to the top floor roof.

For one member of the Stetson family, the donation also represents a hands-on gift of craftsmanship. Barclay Stetson, a member of the Academy's Class of 1979, Dr. and Mrs. Stetson's second-oldest son, and owner of a Waterford-based mason contracting firm, leads an eight-person crew that began work at the site in early January and expects to complete the project my mid-May.

Like the Academy students who will live in the dorm, the multi-colored wall stones represent a cross-section of the planet, ranging from dark stone found at Barclay Stetson's land in Waterford to granite from Asia.

The design for the stonework, which represents a collaboration of the Black River Design architect firm, Academy trustee Dale Wells, who is also serving as general contractor for the overall dormitory construction project, and Stetson, employs large, dominating stones strategically placed throughout each wall to draw the eye for closer examination of the patterns in the surrounding pieces.

"This project is some of our best work," Stetson said as he watched his crew select and prepare stones for the wall that will include the fireplace and hearth. He also noted that during the daytime, the walls will be naturally illuminated by light streaming into the room through the large glass areas at both ends.

"When you walk up to the main entryway, you'll be able to see all the way through the building," he said.

Although the stonework honors Stetson's father, it also represents a link further back in his ancestry and to the origin of his name. "After my great-grandfather moved to the U.S. from Scotland, he lived in Barre, Vermont, where he started a granite company known as Barclay Brothers," he said. "That company later became Rock of Ages," recognized worldwide for the artistry of the Vermont granite monuments and memorials the firm creates, including the World War Two Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"Stonework is in my blood," he added. "It's always been a passion of mine."

Dr. Stetson, a member of the Academy's Class of 1948, served as a member of the school's Board of Trustees from 1973-1998 and as Board President from 1990-1996. He was also a longtime member and president of the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital board, Passumpsic Savings Bank corporator, and served on the executive committees of both the Vermont and New England Veterinary Medical Associations. In 1996, he was honored by the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce as the organization's Citizen of the Year.

"John Stetson was one of my earliest and best mentors when I first came to the Academy; he balanced honesty with optimism, and I still try to emulate that spirit today," says Headmaster Tom Lovett. "His love of young people was infectious,

as was his love of a good conversation and friends, so it is fitting that this room is dedicated to him. He and Doris opened their home to a number of dorm students who were friends of their children. Now our current dorm students can enjoy a beautiful room built in his memory by one of those children."

Dr. Stetson's family also includes daughters Amy (Stetson) Rebello and Deborah (Stetson) Stiemann, members of the Classes of 1981 and 1973 respectively, and son Scott, a 1977 Academy graduate. SJA



Barclay Stetson





FULLER

RICHARD BOISSEAU'S

teaching career has embodied
inspiration, determination, perseverance.

Article by Richard Beck '66

Many teachers say they were inspired to become educators. Some even describe their career choice as a calling. For Richard Boisseau, director of the Academy's Center for Academic Improvement, the career decision was a way to finally say "thank you" to the person who saved his life years before.

"It was January 8, 1949, in the dead of winter, just before my second birthday and my family was living on Long Island," Boisseau began. "All of a sudden, my mother noticed I was missing. There was a canal nearby and that's where she headed, as fast as she could run. Well, that's where she found me, floating in that canal. The only thing keeping me from sinking to the bottom was the air trapped in the bulky snowsuit I was wearing.

"Then my mother jumped into the canal to try to save me, even though she couldn't swim either," he continued. "So there we were, thrashing around in that icy water, full of panic and sure we were going to

die at any second. And that's exactly the way it would have ended if Fred Koelbel, a police officer driving by, hadn't noticed us in the water, jumped in, and saved us. Today, I call the fact that I'm still alive a miracle, and I think that's an accurate word for it."

Years later, Boisseau attempted to contact Koelbel to express his gratitude, but learned from a relative that the officer had died.

"I think that early childhood experience might be where my desire to help kids comes from," Boisseau said. "I'm here today because my mother and Fred Koelbel were there for me. If I can help another kid pull his or her head out of deep water, in the metaphorical sense, Fred is the one who deserves the thanks."

Another childhood experience, after the family moved to Bethlehem, N.H., helped teach him an early lesson about the power of determination and perseverance.

"When I was in the third grade, I was diagnosed with rheumatic fever," an acute disease, most commonly of children and young adults, whose symptoms include pain in and around the joints and heart, he said. "I can vividly remember, one day my mother was carrying me into the doctor's office in Littleton for a check-up. I said to myself, there's no way someone is ever going to have to carry me."

Although the disease had forced him to be bedridden for prolonged periods, Boisseau eventually recovered and went on to be a multi-sport athlete at Littleton High School and ski racer at Lyndon State College.

His high-school experience also helped solidify his decision to become an educator. “During my sophomore and junior years, I became involved in the Future Teachers of America,” he said. “I also became very interested in social studies and the turbulent politics of the day. I knew I’d found my niche.”

At Lyndon State College, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1970 after majoring in Education and with a minor in Social Studies, Boisseau discovered he had a few more obstacles to overcome.

“The academics were very difficult for me the first year or two,” he said. “There were many times when I had serious doubt that I would make it through college, but I was lucky enough to have two strong faculty influences to keep me going. English teacher Kurt Singer ‘dismantled me as a student to the point I vowed to myself that he wasn’t going to beat me. That struggle helped me appreciate that good work isn’t easy work, which is one of the lessons I try to pass on to young people who come to me with difficulties.’”

Meanwhile, Art instructor Dorian McGowan “helped me discover another side of me,” Boisseau continued. “Art was the saving grace of why I got a degree.”

Although Boisseau has been a fixture at the Academy since 1993, he spent nearly as much time in his first teaching position, at Danville School, where he served as a Social Studies teacher from 1970 to 1987. He also was awarded his master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lyndon State in 1987.

“My years in Danville were probably my best as strictly a teacher,” he said. The University of Vermont honored him as an Outstanding Teacher during that period. “Danville is a small community and I knew all my students’ families and their struggles,” he added. “Many families had lived there for generations, so there was a real sense of continuity all the way down from grandparents to the students in my classroom.

“Families now are smaller in the sense that they’re more dispersed,” he added. “The modeling from one generation to the next is being lost, and that’s extremely hard to replace.”

In his Danville years, Boisseau also found his passion for running reach a new level as he coached cross-country.

“In the late 1970s, my wife Dianne, who I met while we were both students at Lyndon State, and I were at her parents’ in Massachusetts,” he said. (Dianne teaches first grade at the St. Johnsbury School. They have been married 41 years and have three children, all Academy graduates: Jason, Class of 1989; Megan, who graduated in 1991; and Gabriel, a member of the Class of 1997.) “I decided I wanted to see the Boston Marathon and watch Bill Rodgers, Frank Shorter, and the other elite runners race up Heartbreak Hill.

“We were standing there, in the back of the crowd, when I heard a tremendous roar go up. So I twisted myself around, trying to see through all the arms and legs in front of me, thinking one of the superstars was about to run by.

“Then I saw it was one of the wheelchair racers, leading all others,” he continued. “I thought to myself: If that man can do a marathon in a wheelchair, I can do it on my own two legs.”

Boisseau has completed eight marathons since, and still runs competitively. He is also active in the inspiring daily Performance and Coaching Elites (PACE) program sponsored by Brooks Running Shoes and Apparel. He was ranked 249th in the approximately 950-member nationwide group and first in Vermont in 2010. He has been an assistant Hilltopper cross-country team coach for four years and enjoys working with both first-year runners and some of the best in Vermont, New England, and the nation.

In 1987, Boisseau left Danville to accept a position with the Vermont Department of Education, where he served as Public School Improvement Coordinator, working with nearly 90 schools throughout northeastern Vermont until 1992. He also served three terms as a St. Johnsbury School Board member during the same period.

After leaving the Department of Education post, Boisseau returned to the classroom, teaching Social Studies for a year at Profile High School in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, where he had lived most of his childhood and youth.

“It was great to be back home and I expected to be there for quite a while, but that wasn’t meant to be,” Boisseau said. “One day in June 1993, I was at home when I got a telephone call, totally out of the



blue and unexpected, from [now-retired Academy Headmaster] Bernier Mayo. He asked me if I would be interested in the Academy assistant headmaster position. I almost dropped on the floor, I was so surprised.”

From Mayo’s point of view, the call was inevitable. “I worked on a joint committee with Richard through several meetings over several months,” Mayo remembers. “I was immediately struck with his patience, his equanimity, his willingness to hear every point of view, and his peacemaking quality. By the time the committee finished its work, I had Richard Boisseau filed away in my head as the kind of

person who could uniquely handle the duties of the assistant headmaster at the Academy. It was at least two years before the position opened up, but I had no doubt who I wanted to join our administrative team: Richard. I called him up and we closed the deal to everybody’s benefit. I never doubted or regretted my gut feelings about him.”

In the assistant headmaster post, Boisseau found a large portion of his time devoted to student disciplinary issues, often resulting from underlying emotional or behavioral issues. “In many families, there’s a coach or cheerleader type of person who is missing,” he said. “Often, young people whose



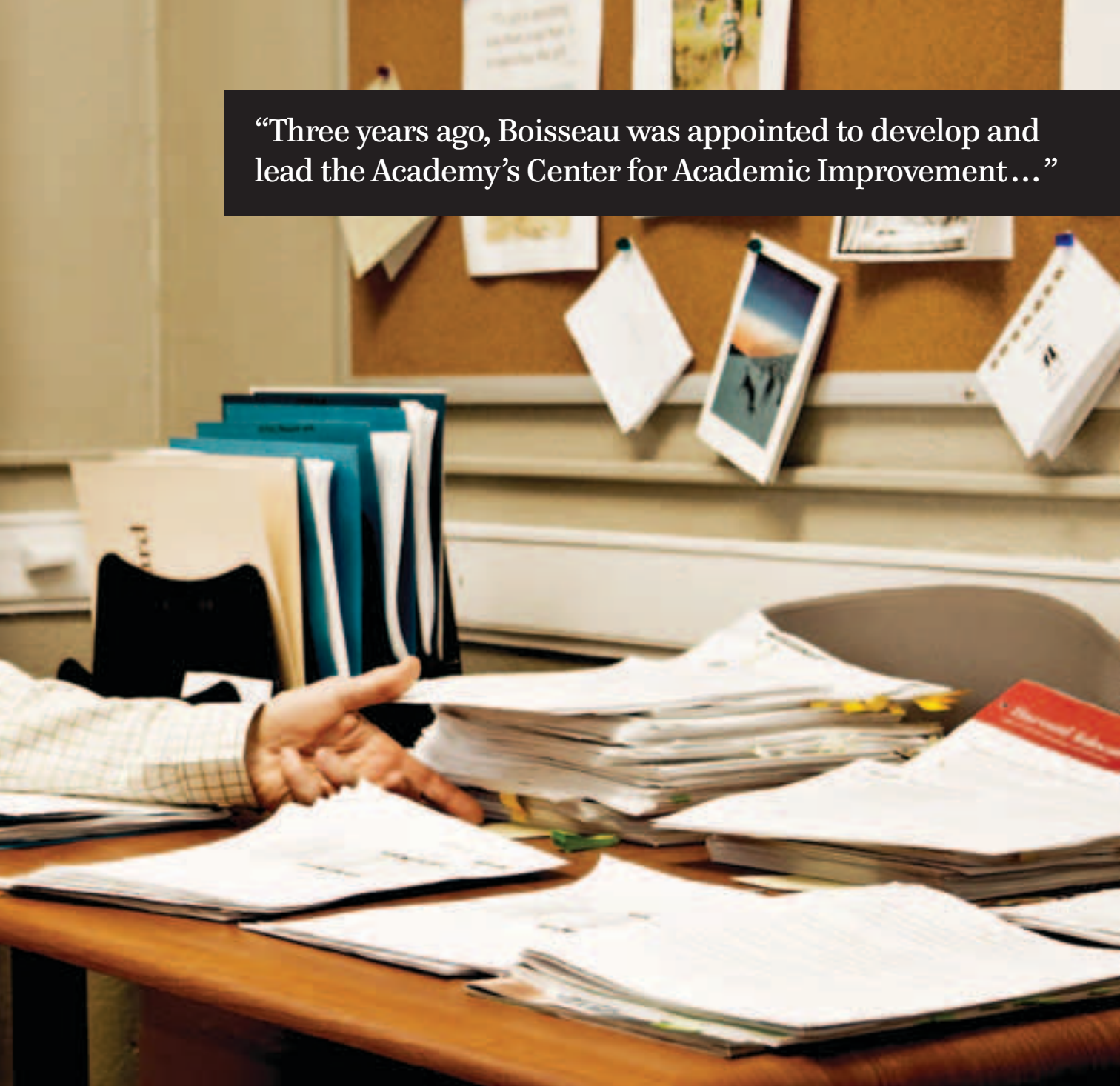
behavior is causing them problems simply need someone who listens, supports, and encourages.”

Boisseau later helped create the school’s HALO program, a late-summer offering designed to help incoming freshmen identified by their sending schools as likely to experience difficulty adjusting to the Academy’s academic and behavioral standards. The program also includes follow-up support throughout the participants’ years at the Academy. He also launched the school’s ABC (Attitude, Behavior, Commitment) referral program, used by teachers to identify students whose recent actions or demeanor could be early signs of emotional difficulty.

Three years ago, he was appointed to develop

and lead the Academy’s Center for Academic Improvement, which provides direct one-on-one teacher support throughout the school day for students experiencing academic difficulty in a specific course. Student participation in the program can be initiated by either a teacher or the student.

In January 2010, Boisseau was awarded a two-year fellowship by The Rowland Foundation of South Londonderry, Vermont (therowlandfoundation.org), which he is using to conduct preparatory research for yet another innovative Academy program to improve student achievement, both inside and outside the classroom. Known as Project ASPIRE, the initiative is



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envisioned as a proactive vehicle for helping parents become more actively involved in their children’s education.

“We don’t need to simply get parents through our doors,” Boisseau said. “We need parents as partners, not just people who come to Parents Nights and conferences. We—parents and educators—need to be hand-in-hand in a child’s education, and that starts with communication. Partnering is getting to know our families and communities better so we can better address the needs of our students.”

Although Boisseau’s research for the new program is still in its early stages, he said it’s already resulted in at least one surprise.

“Look at this,” he said, holding out a college identification card. “I’m a Harvard student. Who would have believed that? Certainly not me.” He’s currently taking a course on ways to bring school faculty and staff, families, and communities together.

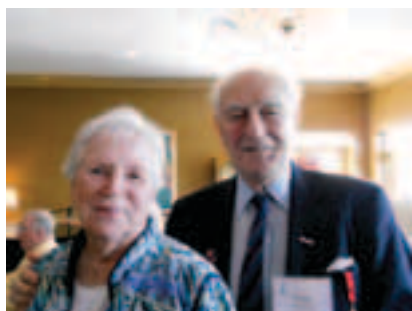
“I’ve been very fortunate,” he added, shaking his head in apparent wonder at the thought.

“I’ve never been in a position long enough to grow stagnant. Doors have always opened up for me and my family has always supported taking the step. If the students with whom I come in contact learn to do that from me, that’s wonderful. But they shouldn’t thank me. Thank Fred Koelbel.” [SJA](#)



Class News

1935



Recently our alum **FRANK W. TOWERS** was invited by the State of Israel to be the principal speaker at a Remembrance Day ceremony in Rehovot, Israel, at the Weizmann Institute of Science, in May 2011, with an audience of about 200 Holocaust survivors. Many of these individuals were liberated by Frank's military unit, the 30th Infantry Division, U.S. Ninth Army, on April 13, 1945. They were on a train from the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp enroute to Theresienstadt for the "final solution" when liberated. Frank was also instrumental in helping these survivors get resettled and repatriated to their original homelands after the war ended. He is hosting a reunion of his 30th Division Veterans in Nashville, Tennessee, in April. Frank and his wife, Mary, are living in Brookier, Florida.

1947

In November 2010, **DICK ROBERTS** had a book published by Deeds Publishing Company (www.deedspublishing.com): *Under the Eyes of the Condor*. It is an historical adventure-fiction story set in Bolivia in the 1960's, where Dick lived for two years with his first wife and five children. He was the civil engineer in charge of building the hydro-electric Corani Dam. His engineering career took him around the world, building tunnels, dams, and bridges in such places as Australia, Singapore, New Guinea, Turkey, South America, and Europe. The book opens with the Andean Condor flying overhead, observing... and to quote from the back cover: "He sees the children working in the fields... he watches the miners extracting ore from the bowels of the earth, and he wonders at the jeep plunging over the hairpin turn into the gorge." Dick has woven a non-intrusive love story throughout the book. He and his wife, Roberta, are living in Marietta, Georgia.

1954

Then and now: **CLARE DYER** showed off her cheerleading form back in 1954. Unable to make the cheerleading reunion in the fall

of 2010, Clare ordered a shirt and replicated her form. Amazing! Clare lives in Clearwater, Florida.



Class News

1966 ◀ REUNION 2011

RICHARD GAGNE, executive vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer of Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank became semi-retired on December 31, 2010. He remains in the position of CFO in a part-time capacity, and remains treasurer of Guaranty Bancorp, Inc., the holding company for WGSB. Richard lives in Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, with his wife, Carmen.

1965



GARY SPOONER joined other alumni at the Orlando and Vero Beach alumni gatherings in Florida at the end of April. The guests at the Vero Beach event enjoyed seeing him in his SJA letterman sweater.

1967

After 41 years with the U.S. Postal Service, **DALE SHERBURNE** retired in December 2010. Dale spent 18 years in St. Johnsbury Center, 19 years in St. Johnsbury Village, and four years in White River Junction, Vermont. "In 37 years between St. Johnsbury and St. Johnsbury Center I've known just about everyone in town who has been here awhile. During the past 18 years in St. Johnsbury Center, it's been almost like a family.

You go through births and deaths, happy and sad times. What I'll miss most is my daily interaction with customers." Dale and his wife, Judy, are residents of Waterford, Vermont.

1969

Along with his wife, Sharon, **DON BEAN** owns and operates a small cleaning business. They spend about 100 hours each month in volunteer work with the New Hampshire Regional Building Committee of Jehovah's Witnesses building and remodeling Kingdom Halls throughout New Hampshire and Vermont as well as disaster relief volunteer work. They spent three months in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. The Beans recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary with help from their three children and eight grandchildren. Don and Sharon live in St. Johnsbury.

A group of friends from the Class of 1969 gathered at the home of Ralph and **THERESA EMMONS JACKMAN** in Port Charlotte, Florida, in June 2010. The hospitality, the weather, the friendships could not have been nicer. Shown above left are Carol Bohlen Tremble, Pam Goodenough, Lillian Toney Swainbank, Brenda Cox McLaughlin, Theresa Emmons Jackman, Peg O'Neal Soucy, Paula Swett, Melissa Deas, Lisa Linehan Burrington, and Nicole Fortin Albright.

1978

An update on 1978 classmate **MIKE ELLIS**: along with his many weather duties, he has become the morning traffic reporter on Boston's Mix 104.1 FM. Mike's many years on the station as weather guy made him a natural fit for the position. It was noted by the station, "With the exception of his misguided allegiance to the

Montreal Canadiens, Mike is a true asset to the company and we're lucky to have him." Mike lives with his family in Westwood, Massachusetts.

1985

DIANNE PERSONS LAMBERT has accepted the position of Branch Manager for the Danville branch of Passumpsic Savings Bank. She has worked for the bank for over 23 years in a variety of retail banking positions, most recently as branch manager of the Lyndonville branch. Dianne lives in St. Johnsbury with her two children.

1987

A resident of Stoneham, Massachusetts, **JENNIFER BUCKNAM BLACK** is a principal in the law office of Bucknam Black Brazil PC, headquartered in St. Johnsbury.

1989

In early April 2011, Dr. Marko Grunhagen and **DR. RICHARD FLIGHT** of Eastern Illinois University's School of Business delivered a week-long economic development workshop in Erbil, Iraq. Working in concert with the U.S. Department of State, the Kurdistan Regional Government, and the Kurdish Textile Museum, Richard and Marko assisted the museum and six other local agencies in their business planning development process. Richard currently serves as an assistant professor at Eastern Illinois University. He teaches courses in marketing management, marketing research, and marketing strategy. He has previously designed and taught courses in principles of marketing, new product development, and electronic commerce. Richard earned a doctor of philosophy in marketing (minor in economics) from Manderson Graduate School of Business University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 2007.

Class News

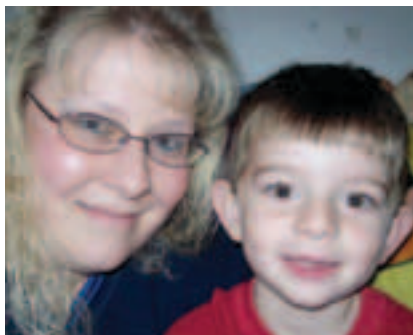
1991 ◀ REUNION 2011



WAYLON LEWIS lives in Boulder, Colorado, where he publishes elephantjournal.com, writes for Huffington Post, and hosts an environmentally-focused “Walk

the Talk Show” (that’s featured Bill McKibben, Alice Walker, Deepak Chopra, Michael Pollan, Dr. Andrew Weil, and has been named top 10 nationally in “green”). Named Treehugger’s Eco Ambassador and Changemaker, Discovery Network’s “Green Hero,” “Prominent Buddhist” by Shambhala Sun, and 5280’s Top Single, @elephantjournal has been named top #green on twitter nationally two years running. Waylon claims that elephant, dedicated to helping us “live a good life that’s also good for others, and our planet,” is the next Huff Post – only with a little more journalistic cred and an indie media, mission-driven focus.” He loves to hear from old pals: facebook.com/waylonlewis.

1996 ◀ REUNION 2011



CHRISTINA JONES lives in St. Johnsbury with her son, Tyler Jones-Hill, who was born March 11, 2007. Christina has worked at Aldrich Fabrication Center Inc. for the last six years.

2000

REBECCA BLAIS is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at the University of Utah. In February 2011, she was matched with VA Puget Sound in Seattle, Washington, where she will complete her pre-doctoral training. She is expected to graduate with her Ph.D. in August 2012. Her research and clinical interests include working with veterans with anxiety and depressive disorders, and she has been very active in research examining barriers to care in returning veterans. Rebecca was awarded the Marriner S. Eccles Fellowship for Research in Political Economy, the Graduate Research Fellowship, the Clayton Award for Research Excellence, and the American Psychological Association Division 19 (Military Psychology) Student Research Award. She has also received two All-Around Performance Commendations and one Research Commendation from her department, as well as several Commendations for Teaching Excellence. Way to go, Becky!

2001 ◀ REUNION 2011

Presently living in Key West, Florida, **SAM FREEDMAN** is a ‘BM-2’ in the U.S. Coast Guard. Over the past five years in the Coast Guard, he has been stationed in Maine, Atlantic City (New Jersey), and now Key West.

The teen years are often tumultuous. Andrew ‘A.J.’ Goodrich, now living in L.A., says about those years, “There was a lot of pretty hateful sentiment, signs, bumper stickers floating around that made it much harder to come out.” Now a grad student in film, A.J. is working on a documentary film, “The Road Less Travelled By,” as he walks across the country, from L.A. to Boston, talking with and interviewing

people about their views. Quoting from the website www.facebook.com/TheRoadLessTravelledBy, “The journey will cover about 4,000 miles and take a total of seven months to complete – leading the crew over mountains and deserts, through Native American reservations, to Texas and the Deep South, past the devastated Gulf and the country’s capital, ending in Boston. He will engage local communities in a conversation about the issue, collect people’s stories about love and marriage, and spread his own message of equality.” A.J. hopes he can change some peoples’ minds, and get them to see that gay people really aren’t different from anybody else.

2002

ELIZABETH JACKSON, of Peacham, Vermont, earned an associate of science degree in business administration in December 2010 from Lyndon State College.

2003

JENNIFER BEDELL, of Monroe, New Hampshire, earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Lyndon State College in December 2010.

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2006 ◀ REUNION 2011

In 2009, **CAELIN BRIGGS** graduated magna cum laude from California State University Monterey Bay with a bachelor of arts degree in global studies. In 2010, she lived in Haiti from April to September volunteering with an NGO there. Caelin is currently pursuing her master's degree at Oxford Brookes University in Oxford, England, expecting to complete the degree in international development and emergency practice in August. It will be interesting to see where life will take Caelin next.

2007

RANDEE HUTCHINSON, of Danville, Vermont, earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Lyndon State College in December 2010.

KATELYN WARREN recently accepted a position as a cosmetologist, massage therapist, and nail technician at Renew Salon and Spa in Portland, Maine. She completed her coursework through Spa Tech Institute in Portland, Maine, where she resides. Katelyn is the daughter of **JAMES '74** and **LISA WILKINS WARREN '82**.

2008

Currently spending a semester abroad in New Zealand, **ASHLEY DAVIDSON** is living in Dunedin, a five-hour drive from the epicenter of the 6.3-magnitude earthquake

that shook New Zealand on February 22, 2010. Ashley spent the hours after the earthquake glued to the television news. Classes resumed at her university, and she will finish her coursework before returning to her hometown of Bethlehem, New Hampshire, later this year. Ashley is a junior at Alma College in Michigan.

Another 'semester abroad' student, **MIA METIVIER** is studying at the L'Institut d'Etudes Politique in Paris. Currently a student at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, with a primary focus in sociology and studio art, Mia began learning French when she was five, and earned the French Award at the Academy upon graduation. Her ultimate scholastic goal is to earn a Ph.D. in art history.

2009

ALEC ISHAK was recently awarded U.S. Patent #7,832,121 for an improved hiking boot with deployable crampons. He got the idea while hiking Vermont mountain trails in icy conditions. Alec is a sophomore at Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he is majoring in robotic engineering. While at the Academy, he was able to take engineering classes and joined a FIRST Robotics team where he gained hands-on experience in designing and building robots and robotic circuit boards.

2010

PFC **DAVID BOWUER** graduated United States Marine Corps basic training on September 17, 2010, at Parris Island recruit training depot in South Carolina. He then successfully completed 29 days of Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. He is currently attending Motor Transport Maintenance school at Camp Johnson, in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

LOOKING AHEAD

June 3-5

Reunion Weekend

June 3

7:00-9:00 PM

Conte/Crawford Recognition Party

June 4

5:00-6:30 PM

All Class Wine and Cheese

June 4

6:30-8:00 PM

Alumni Banquet

June 5

From 8:00-11:00 AM

All Class Breakfast

July 11

Chicago, IL

Marriages

Rebecca Rosen and Laurent Slutzky



Marriages



Laura Tilghman and Ludovic Razafindramazana

1983

Stacey Brisson and **TODD RANDALL**, August 7, 2010, at the home of Brent and Lera Gadapee in Danville, Vermont. Stacey, a 1992 graduate of Lyndon Institute and 2002 graduate of Lyndon State College, is employed by Parkway Realty Associates. Todd is employed by North Country Vending. The couple reside in North Danville, Vermont.

1986 REUNION 2011

Heather Malone and **DAVID LAGGIS**, September 18, 2010, at the home of John and Patricia Laggis in East Hardwick, Vermont.

KANDY MARTEL and Danny Benedetti, November 12, 2010, in Orlando, Florida. Kandy is a paralegal with Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP in Providence, Rhode Island. Danny is employed as a manager for the customer service department of

Columbia Management. They reside in Chepachet, Rhode Island.

1993

Rebecca Rosen and **LAURENT SLUTZKY**, September 6, 2009, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village, California. Rebecca is a 1997 graduate of Oakwood High School in Los Angeles, and a 2001 graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is employed as a film publicist at 42West, a PR firm in Los Angeles. Laurent owns a consulting firm in Los Angeles. They are living in Hollywood, California.

1999

LAURA TILGHMAN and Ludovic Razafindramazana, in Toamasina, Madagascar. A traditional Malagasy marriage ceremony was held in the couple's home on October 15, 2010. A civil ceremony was held on October 16, 2010, in the Toamasina city hall. Laura is a 2004 graduate of the University of Vermont, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the department of anthropology at the University of Georgia, and is conducting her dissertation research on rural urban migration on the east coast of Madagascar. Ludovic is a 2005 graduate of the Ecole Supérieur Sacree Coeur Antanimena. He is currently the executive director of the Toamasina Regional Tourism Office. The couple reside in Toamasina, Madagascar.

2000

JAMIE PALMER and Steven Keating, July 10, 2010, at The Alerin Barn in St. Johnsbury. Jamie, a 2004 graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont, is pursuing a master's of education degree at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is also employed as an art teacher at Chapel Hill-

Chauncy Hall School in Waltham, Massachusetts. Steven graduated from Chelmsford (Massachusetts) High School in 2000 and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in 2004. He is employed as an industrial designer and creative directing manager, Sport at PUMA in Boston. They reside in Belmont, Massachusetts.

2002

MEGHAN HUGHES and Brian Garvey, October 2, 2010, at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. Johnsbury.

HEATHER MACHELL and Kenneth Jankowski, January 29, 2011, at The New Hope Bible Church of Brownington, Vermont. Heather is an LNA working at Maple Lane Nursing Home in Barton, Vermont. The couple lives in Barton with her children, Jesse and Brooklyn.

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Births

1991 ◀ REUNION 2011

A son, Michael Hovey, February 21, 2011, to **CHRISTOPHER '90** and **MICHELLE BUTSON LEWIS**, of Shelburne, Vermont. He joins a sister, Kathryn.

1992

A daughter, Elizabeth Louise, September 29, 2010, to William and **ANGELA YORK BOCASH**, of Berwick, Maine. She joins siblings, Haley, Riley, Brady, and Bryce.

1995

A daughter, Emmah Elizabeth, February 5, 2011, to Sarah Saggerson and **ANDREW NEYLON**, of Lyndon Center, Vermont. She joins a sister, Aeva.

A son, Ethan Henry, February 8, 2011, to Emily and **ADAM TANYCH**, of Bristol, Vermont.

1996 ◀ REUNION 2011

A daughter, Kimberlee Ann, February 28, 2011, to Michael Norrie and **TOSHA DONNA**, of St. Johnsbury.

A daughter, Ruthanne Lois, June 3, 2010, to Joshua and **STEPHANIE MCELROY SHOVER**, of Burlington, Vermont.

1997

A daughter, Natalie Mary, December 23, 2010, to Adam and **KATHRYN FOREST RANNEY**, of Windsor, Vermont.

A son, Chase Jeffrey, February 15, 2011, to Kim and **DAN RODLIFF**, of Shelburne, Vermont.

2000

A daughter, Nevaeh Lynn, December 8, 2010, to Amanda Dick and **JUSTIN JENKINS**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins a brother, Jayden.

2001 ◀ REUNION 2011

A son, Silas Ashley, February 14, 2011, to Jessica Perron and **TRAVIS BUTTS**, of St. Johnsbury.

2003

A daughter, Hillerie Valerie, January 31, 2011, to **AARON '99** and **VANESSA LOCKE GINGUE**, of Danville, Vermont.

A son, Colby Michael, January 21, 2011, to Michael and **KRISTEN SCHOOLCRAFT SPEER**, of Linden, Virginia.

2004

A son, Brody Richard, January 14, 2011, to **LEILANI PROVENCAL** and **ROY HEATH JR.**, of Monroe, New Hampshire.

2005

A daughter, Brooke Marie, January 10, 2011, to Delani Wright and **JEREMY BELL**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins a brother, Anthony.

A daughter, Baylie Madysen, January 7, 2011, to **ELISHA HALE** and **JOSHUA SMITH '09**, of St. Johnsbury.

2007

A daughter, Kamryn Skye, January 6, 2011, to Courtney Roy and **JUSTIN MACHELL**, of Lyndonville, Vermont. She joins a brother, Aiden.

A daughter, Haley Marie, December 4, 2010, to **JESSY PELOW** and **ANTHONY VALDEZ**, of Waterford, Vermont.

2009

A daughter, Audrianna Amber, January 28, 2011, to Abby Braley and **JAMES GINGRAS**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins a brother, Logan.

A daughter, Alexis Mae, to Greg Povencher and **ASHLEY FENOFF**, of Barnet, Vermont.

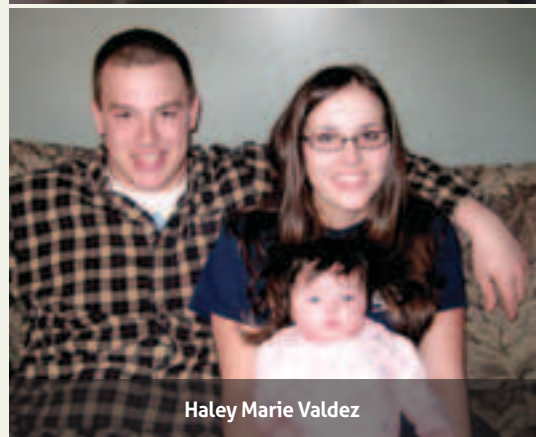
Faculty/Former Faculty/Staff

Twin daughters, Lyda Wright and Grace Lynn, February 22, 2011, to **HOPE (FORMER FACULTY, ENGLISH)** and **JAMES BENTLEY (ENGLISH)**, of East Burke, Vermont. They join a brother, Forrest.

A daughter, Eva Jane, March 15, 2011, to Jess and **HANK VANORMAN (ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)**, of Barre, Vermont. She joins a brother, Gabe.



Baylie Madysen Smith



Haley Marie Valdez

In Memoriam

1933

THORNE SPAULDING, 95, February 19, 2011, of Laconia, New Hampshire. Survivors include a brother, **GORDON SPAULDING '39**.

1938

RALPH PETERS T, 91, December 16, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include stepchildren, **WAYLAND SINCLAIR '63 T**, and **NANCY SINCLAIR ISHAM '56**; and 16 step-grandchildren and their families.

1939

PRISCILLA CHENEY RANTZ, 89, November 19, 2010, of Middlefield, Ohio. Survivors include her children, Katherine Crosby, Stewart (Janie) Rantz, Karen (Jack) Munro, Pamela (Kurt) Scarbro, Margaret (Nathan) Robinson, and Barbara (Mark) Seidel; and 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

1941

MARGUERITE BOUTET HARRIS, 88, December 27, 2010, of Littleton, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Ralph Harris; a son, Jason (Susan Tann) Taylor; stepchildren, Scott (Deb) Harris, and Tally (Bob) Parker; and four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1942

BERNARD J. WHALEN, 86, January 9, 2011, of Woodsville, New Hampshire. Survivors include his wife, Lillian Whalen; children, Susan (Mark) Richardson, Michael (Beverly) Whalen, **TIMOTHY (MARY JANE) WHALEN (GUIDANCE)**, and Stephen (Karen) Whalen; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Whalen.

1943

NEAL BLODGETT, 84, January 31, 2011, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Blodgett; children, **KEITH (ELAINE) BLODGETT '67**, **LES (SANDY WINCHESTER '72) BLODGETT '69**, and **DALE (MARGUERITE BEDARD '64) BLODGETT '75**; five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and sisters, **SHIRLEY (ARNOLD '36 T) LANGMAID**, and **JUNE BLODGETT SAGER '52**.

D. GASTON MENARD, 86, January 2, 2011, of Rutland, Vermont. Survivors include a daughter, Monique Blackwood; and a granddaughter.

MARGARET PLATT NOYES, 87, February 28, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, Monica Noyes, **SANDRA NOYES '69**, **CLAUDIA NOYES (PHILIP) LEIBOLD '70**, **BRENDA NOYES ROBERTSON '71**, **DWIGHT (MARTHA) NOYES '73 T**, and **BRADLEY (ELAINE) NOYES (STAFF) '76**; 10 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren; and a sister, **DELIA PLATT DAYTON '47**.

1944

LYDIA WEMMELMAN STETSON, 84, December 9, 2010, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include two nieces.

1946

GEMMA DONNA CHALOUX, MSJ, 83, December 27, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Gerard Chaloux; children, Leo (Jean) Chaloux, **MAURICE (LAURIE) CHALOUX '69**, **FRANK (DOROTHY) CHALOUX '71**, and **DIANNE CHALOUX (ANDRE '72) GINGUE '76**; thirteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and siblings, **CLAUDE (MARY JEANNE DAUPHIN '44) DONNA '45 T**, **ROGER DONNA '48**, **NORMAND (SUSAN – GUIDANCE) DONNA '64**, **GERTRUDE DONNA (ROBERT**

'49 T) TURNER '52 MSJ, AND DOROTHY DONNA (REGINALD) LEONARD '53 MSJ.

1947

PAUL CUTTING, 81, January 11, 2011, of Treasure Island, Florida. Survivors include his companion, Helen Johnston; children, Leah Cutting, Jeffrey (Karen) Cutting, Clifford (Betsy) Cutting, and Joyce (Thomas) O'Donnell; and 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

NELSON LAY, 85, February 6, 2011, of Sutton, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Lay; children, Douglas (Kathy) Lay, Maureen Russell, Theresa (Ron) Lay-Sleeper, Daniel (Staci) Lay, and David Lay; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Sherwood (Douglas) Riddel.

1948

MARY-ARDIS ABBOTT BELL, 80, January 16, 2011, of White Marsh, Maryland. Survivors include her husband, Jim Bell; daughters, Karen Elliott, and Cynthia Schmidt; and three grandchildren.

DONALD BLODGETT JR., 80, January 2, 2011, of Nashua, New Hampshire. Survivors include his wife, Carol Blodgett; children, Steven Blodgett, Stephanie Blodgett, Jami (Thomas) Bascom, and Stacey (Thomas) Ferraro; five grandchildren; and siblings, **THERON (PATRICIA GOSS '44) BLODGETT '44**, and **THEODORA BLODGETT (NELSON '41) FARR '41**.

CLARENCE BUNDY JR., 81, February 15, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **LAWRENCE BUNDY '72**, **ANTHONY BUNDY '75**, **JOHN BUNDY '81**, and **BRENDA BUNDY '83**; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and a brother, **ROBERT BUNDY '48**.

L. GEORGE PLOUFFE, 81, October 24, 2010, of Richmond, Vermont.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Plouffe; siblings, **GEORGETTE PLOUFF JACOBSEN '47 MSJ**, and **MARCEL (LOUISE LANDRY '40 MSJ) PLOUFFE '49 T**; sons, Dennis Plouffe, Ronald Plouffe, Larry Plouffe, and Bobby Plouffe; stepsons, Aaron Godfrey, and Brian Godfrey; and five grandchildren, and three stepgrandchildren.

JOHN YAKE, **Trade**, December 16, 2010, of Chester, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Jean Yake.

1949

BARBARA MANN MENARD, 79, January 8, 2011, of Rutland, Vermont. Survivors include a daughter, Monique Blackwood, and a granddaughter.

1951

DONALD STANGER, November 7, 2010, of Montreal, Canada. Survivors include his wife, Armgard Stanger.

1952

LAWRENCE DESORCIE, **T**, 76, November 26, 2010, of Zephyrhills, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Desorcie; children, James (Maureen) Desorcie, Ann Marie (Glen) Russell, and **GEORGE (CAROLINE DUSSAULT '84) DESORCIE**; six grandchildren; and a brother, Robert (Patricia) Desorcie.

HARRIET PADDLEFORD LONG, 77, January 13, 2011, of Lakeland, Florida. Survivors include her children, **KIMBERLY WHITE (FORMER FACULTY)**, John Long, Kelly Long, and **JASON (KIM) LONG '90**; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and a brother, **RICHARD (FRAN) PADDLEFORD '57**.

1956

DORIS BELVAL, **MSJ**, 74, February 27, 2011, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include siblings, Aime (Celest) Belval, Fernand (Lucille)

Belval, and Lucille Belval SP.

1958

GENIE VERGE, 70, February 25, 2011, of Littleton and Rye, New Hampshire. Survivors include her partner, Thomas Burke; children, **MICHAEL (TRACEY) VERGE '87**, and Michelle (Matt Graham) Verge; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and siblings, **ED '60 T**, **DAVID '63, JACQUELINE '64, DONNA '66, PAULA '73**, and **POLEY '82**.

1961

CLAIRE DANIEL GAGNER, **MSJ**, 67, January 1, 2011, of Tolland, Connecticut. Survivors include her sons, Andre Gagner, and Alex (Lucy Feola) Gagner; a grandson, and two great-grandchildren; and siblings, **ROBERT DANIEL '60, IRENE DANIEL '57 M**, and **ANITA DANIEL (MALCOLM) LANG '56 MSJ**.

RENETTE GREENWOOD PIATT, 68, December 15, 2010, of Panama City, Florida. Survivors include her sons, William Bandy, and David Piatt; and sisters, **JACKIE GREENWOOD LEWIS '56 MSJ**, and **MARIE GREENWOOD CHASE '70**.

1969

RICHARD LANCTOT, 61, February 25, 2011, of St. Albans, Vermont. Survivors include his children, Mariah-Jeanne Lanctot, Andrea (Corey) Warden, and Shauna (James) Manning; five grandchildren; and siblings, **PATRICIA LANCTOT (DREW '62) BECK '63, ELAINE LANCTOT (TOM '70) ROBINSON '70**, Judy Syx, and Jim (Kathy) Lanctot.

1975

JOSEPH BONNETT III, 54, January 9, 2011, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include his children, **SAMANTHA BONNETT '04, JOSEPH BONNETT IV '05, BRANDEN BONNETT '08**, and Mariea-Rayne Bonnett; one granddaughter; his mother, Carol Bonnett; and siblings, **CHRISTINE**

BONNETT (ROBERT) MOREY '71, SHEILA BONNETT (STEPHEN) RICHARDSON '73, MARIE BONNETT (SCOTT) WINKLER '82, and Gordon (Dhina) Bonnett.

1978

LAURENE SIDELL ACHILLES, 50, February 15, 2011, of Barnet, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Wayne; children, Kristine (Johnny) Aseltine, Andrew Achilles, Jennifer (Renzo) Chumbes, and Danielle Achilles; six grandchildren; and siblings, **KAREN SIDELL (WALTER) CURRAN '74, KIM SIDELL (JOHN) GRENIER '85**, and Thomas Sidell.

1988

QUINTON WHITE JR., 41, December 27, 2010, of Somerset, Bermuda. Survivors include his wife, Melissa; three children; his parents, Quinton and Annette White; and a sister, **TAMARA WHITE '93**.

2007

ADAM HOVEY, 21, June 20, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his parents, **DONALD '72** and **CINDY REAGAN '75 HOVEY**; and a grandmother, **SHIRLEY HALL (FRANK) NEVEU '55**.

2008

ZACHARY LAWSON, 20, June 16, 2010, of Phoenix, Arizona. Survivors include his parents, William Lawson and Sharon Ondreyco.

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