

# ALUMNI/AE CORNER

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Photos: Chip Taylor (RUP '67)

Above, alums repaint the fence and sign at the Lucille Cerutti Memorial Garden during the Fall Foliage Retreat. From left: Emily Bandru (OFF '00, IMA Current), Val Carnevale (MFAW '96), Jill Washburn (IBA Current), Paul Hartung (GV 1982-83), Steven Adeyinka (RUP '73), and Donna Turring (RUP '68).



The Alumni/ae Corner is now a physical space—in the back corner of the Pratt Library—staffed by Alumni Director Sarah Hooker and Advancement Coordinator Kim Ingraham. Please stop by whenever you're in the area! We have a new toll-free number: 1-866-614-ALUM.

Goddard held the first alumni/ae Fall Foliage Retreat from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. In addition to special activities, such as evening movies and WGDR's Chocolate Lovers' Contest and Silent Auction, the retreat featured area towns' foliage events. Alumni/ae representing almost every decade and program returned to the campus for the first of our annual weekend homecomings. Attendees said the highlights for them were reconnecting with Goddard, making new friends from different eras and being back in Vermont. This year's Fall Foliage Retreat, Oct. 6 to 8, will share the campus with the Transformative Language Arts Conference, so register early!

On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, Goddard combined alumni/ae gatherings with recruitment meetings in Philadelphia and New York City. After a session with prospective students, President Mark Schulman and Sarah Hooker met with local alums to talk about Goddard in 2005 and to answer questions. Some of the local alums made tentative plans to host follow-up activities.

## Alumni/ae Council

As part of Goddard's governance document, the college has established councils to represent different constituencies. For example, each program elects a student council representative during its residency. Three alums have agreed to serve as the Alumni Council: Mark Prarie (PSY '02), Christine Goldbeck (IBA '03, MFAIA '05), and Maureen Dunphy (MFAW '96).

Left, early arrivals at the Fall Foliage Festival have lunch in the library. Left to right, back row: Twink Lester (GV '85 and GV '87), Sarah Hooker (alumni director), Zoe Bowie (GGP '79), John Haley (RUP '74), Chip Taylor (RUP '67), Allen Kleinman (RUP 1970-71); front row: Donna Turring (RUP '68), Elissa Paskin (RUP/ADP '75).

## ALUMNI/AE SURVEY RESULTS

We sent out a questionnaire in May 2005, and within five months, 736 alumni/ae responded, representing about 10 percent of our graduates. The findings of the survey are scattered throughout this special section.

Of those who responded, about 86 percent were graduates as compared to non-graduates. More low-residency alumni/ae returned surveys than residential graduates. RUP graduates sent back the most for any single program—36 percent, followed by 18 percent for ADP, 12 percent for GGP and 10 percent for the MFA program. *See page 17 for a key to the program acronyms.*

