

Trustees to award over \$45,000 at Academy graduation

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The Trustees are divided as to expending money towards purchasing special items for the Academy; that takes funds which could go toward scholarships. Some Trustees say since the town does not offer scholarship funds, the board should not be expected to give both scholarships and also purchase

equipment which should be in the school budget.

Newly-elected Trustee William K. Kavanaugh suggested the town provide matching funds. Kavanaugh, a member of the Class of 1946, is not only the town moderator but also a certified public accountant.

Once ran school

The Westford Academy Trust-

ees for more than a century operated the school as a private institution. At the turn of the century, the state mandated that all communities provide free secondary education. It was during this change-over that the Trustees relinquished its authority but continued to control the monies it already had, as well as the new building, now the Roudenbush Community Center.

Later this building was passed on to the town for a small sum, provided that the school should forever be called "Westford Academy".

Old Westford families (Abbot, Stone) over the years created scholarships to meet the financial needs of indigent students. In recent years, according to Treasurer A. Dana Fletcher, sev-

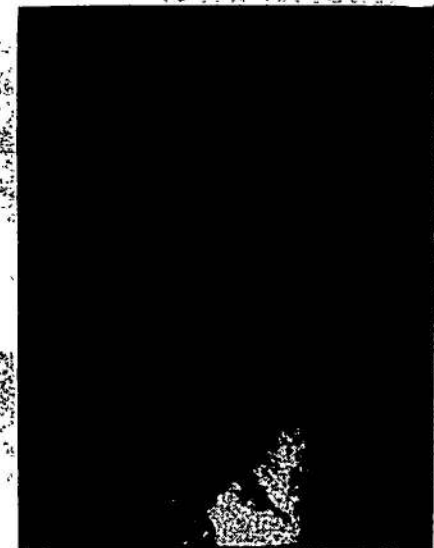
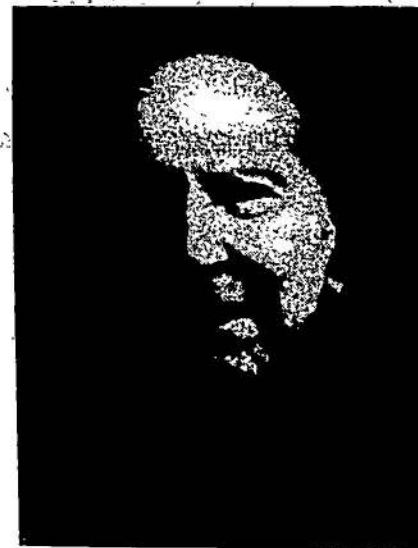
eral new scholarships have been added, the largest of which are the Fisher Family (excellence in English), Clarence Wright Science and the Seavey Communication grants.

Fletcher explained that tax laws permit a gift of securities or real estate at full market value to the scholarship fund, with no capital gains tax paid on long-term appreciation.

Half-century recognition

In recognition of their many years of service on the Academy Board of Trustees, the third oldest in the Commonwealth, Allister F. MacDougall and Gordon B. Seavey were awarded 50-year Certificates of Appreciation at the annual Trustees meeting held at Vesper Country Club.

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Academy Trustees Allister MacDougall (l) and Gordon B. Seavey have been honored for 50 years of service. Both are W.A. graduates and have served as Trustee president.