

# EXTRA!

Dismissed in 1905.

## Leeds Bequeaths \$5 Million

The late Walter Scott Leeds, dismissed in his first year at PA in 1905, has bequeathed \$5,000,000 to the school, an announcement Headmaster Sizer will make this afternoon at a meeting of Bicentennial area leaders, according to administration sources.

This unrestricted gift—one of the three largest to Andover and one of the five largest to any secondary school in modern times—brings the Bicentennial Fund Drive total to \$20,027,623 in a campaign whose goal is \$50,610,000.

### New Buoyancy

The sources report a buoyancy now surrounds those intimately involved with the Campaign—this in marked contrast to a guarded optimism at best

last spring.

At the Andover in Chicago gathering last May, for example, Richard Lombard, head of the major Gifts Committee, said: "With the campaign one-third over, our progress isn't mathematically acceptable. And while I am not discouraged, I sure as hell am not complacent."

### 'Gift Reaffirms'

In his speech this afternoon at the Fall Convocation for Campaign volunteers, Sizer will say, "This handsome gift is significant for Andover, and for all American education...Mr. Leeds was a scholarship student at Andover and his magnificent gift reaffirms our purpose to serve youth from every quarter."

Melville Chapin, Campaign chair-

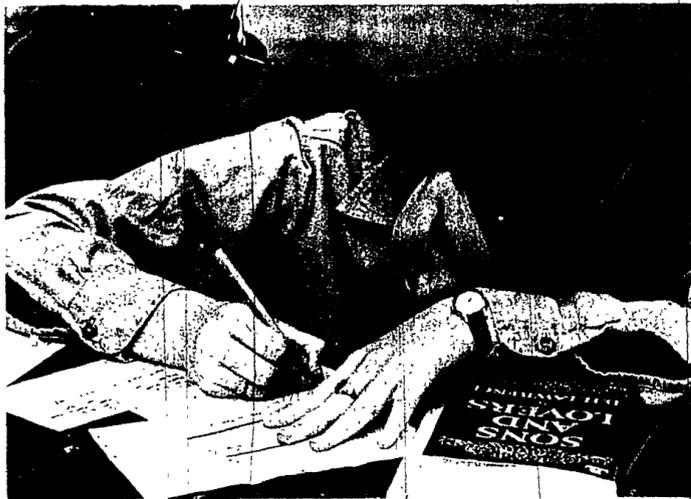
person, will note, "When this Campaign was announced in May, 1976, our goal of \$50,610,000 seemed out of reach to many. Now as we launch the period of widespread intensive campaigning, the goal is believable and achievable."

### Strange Connection

This unexpected boost to the Campaign came from a person whose connection with Phillips Academy was almost no less extraordinary than the size of his gift: Leeds, a scholarship student, was dismissed after under less than a year at Andover by the late Alfred E. Stearns, an action which did not, as is now indisputably apparent, dampen Leeds' enthusiasm for Principal Stearns or the school.



Walter Leeds as a member of the Glee Club during his short tenure at PA



Another Arena Day inflates another year.

## 200th Year Opens With Academic, Sport Changes

By RICHIE KOH

The Phillips Academy 1977-1978 academic year begins with a student enrollment of 1089. New students compose almost half of the school's student body, which is smaller than enrollment in recent years.

Five hundred and sixteen new students have entered Andover this fall, selected from and applicant pool of 2225. The ratio of new boys to new girls remains in accord with last year's ratio and brings the total student population to 684 boys and 405 girls.

The senior class population of 376 students makes it the largest class, even though the senior class received the smallest number of new students (seniors and post-graduates), 44.

### Sizer Welcomes Students

Headmaster Theodore R. Sizer officially opened the school year with a welcoming speech to the entire school community in Cochran Chapel on September 21. He reviewed the early events of the Bicentennial Celebration at PA, including tonight's premiere of the film "In Their Time: Andover At 200" and Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis' address to the Andover community next Friday. Dr. Sizer also noted that the ultimate goal of the Bicentennial

campaign is to make PA a "public school," where financial problems prevent no applicant from enrolling.

### Attendance Policy

At each of the six cluster meetings held earlier this week, the cluster deans announced a new academic attendance policy. While the 1976-1977 Blue Book merely stated that "students are expected to meet all academic obligations," this year's attendance policy requires each teacher to record both excused and unexcused student absences daily. In addition, each teacher must report the number of unexcused absences to a student's parents on term report cards.

The athletic attendance policy is also stricter than last year's. The Isham Infirmary staff will hand out far fewer medical excuses, and only after much more thorough examinations to prevent abuses of the system.

### Gym Changes

Returning students also noticed changes in the school's athletic facilities. The Cage is receiving a new roof and an artificial floor, which should be ready by January. The Athletic Department has also added 120 new girls' lockers in the basement of the gym to make up for those lost in the Abbot Gym.

## PA To Catch A Glimpse of Dukakis

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis has agreed to come and address the student body on Friday, September 30 at 9:00 am during the first regularly scheduled all school meeting. At the Headmaster's suggestion in his letter of invitation, Dukakis will speak on the "Education of Youth" for approximately 10 minutes from the steps of Samuel Phillips Hall where he will then proceed to field a round of questions from the crowd.

### Ceremony

Dukakis will be escorted to the podium on the steps by bagpipers and an entourage of dignitaries including Headmaster Sizer, Trustees President Donald McLean, local state senator Saltonstall '45, school president Julian Chang, and elected officials from the Town of Andover.

After his speech, Dukakis will present the Academy with a proclamation "acknowledging the academic contribution of the Academy to the State", according to Mr. David Irons, Dukakis' speech writer. Alan Raymond, the Governor's press secretary, added that, "It will praise its graduates for their leadership in all sectors of life." Dukakis, after participating further in the ceremonies, will proceed to Haverhill for an appointment at 10:00 am.

Dukakis' visit has historical significance since John Hancock, who was president of the General Court of Massachusetts in 1780, signed the "Act of Incorporation" establishing Phillips Academy as the oldest incorporated private school in the country. Assistant to the Headmaster, Victor Henningsen, the school liaison to the Governor's Office,

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## Leeds: Admirer of Principal Stearns

By TOM RUBIN

The best did not always remain at Andover long under the leadership of Principal Alfred Stearns.

Humphrey Bogart flunked out of Andover in 1918. Thirteen years earlier, in 1905, Walter Leeds was dismissed for an offense which is no longer remembered but once called by Leeds himself "almost criminal."

Stearns wrote to Bogart's father, "The boy is all right at heart and is bound to come out on top." Stearns also respected Leeds despite his serious offense. "Anything which I can possibly do to aid you in getting forward in life...will be gladly contributed," Stearns wrote to Leeds. "Please feel free to consider me your true friend and well wisher."

Leeds did not forget the influence and support Stearns gave him in his eight months at Andover in the will that

bequeathed the bulk of his estate, \$5 million, to Phillips Academy.

Leeds, born in Pennsylvania in 1884, enrolled at Andover in September, 1904 as a scholarship student. Few records now exist that tell of his time at Andover, except that he was a member of the Glee Club and a wrestler. He also waited on tables to earn money for the tuition, which was then approximately \$250.

### Thanks Stearns

When he was kicked out of PA in May, 1905, Leeds wrote to Stearns: "I wish to thank you very kindly for what you have done for me and the lesson you have taught me, knowing I shall ever be sorry and ashamed for having wronged the man who has done more for me than even my father."

In 1912, Leeds set up a small machine shop which manufactured steel used by the auto industry. Retiring from the company in 1927, he moved to

Florida where he invested in the Greyhound Bus Company and the Piper Cub Airplane Company.

An avid world traveler, Leeds flew on the Graf Zeppelin and the Hindenburg and was among the first Americans to ride the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

His knowledge of the German steel industry from his trips there aided the U.S. Army Air Force in their effort to eliminate steel production during World War II.

As an Andover alumnus, Leeds gave annually to the Alumni Fund in modest amounts, corresponded occasionally, and visited Andover people once recently.

Charles E. Kohl III, Leeds' stepson, described him as "a rugged, self-made man who was proud of what he had done, but who was always a down-to-earth person, and for whom flamboyant action was anathema. The key to his nature was simplicity."

## 'In Their Time' Premieres In Our Time, Tonight

The documentary film, "In Their Time: Andover At 200," premieres at Phillips Academy tonight with the producer/director team of Joyce Chopra and Tom Cole, who spent one year shooting and developing the film, on hand for questions following the presentation.

The film attempts to walk a delicate balance between an authentic portrayal of the school and another objective, perhaps equally noble in the long run, convincing others of the attractiveness of Andover. Whether the filmmakers suc-

ceed is certain to be the source of much on-campus debate.

### Promotion Device

According to Director of the Bicentennial Campaign Frederic Stott, "In Their Time..." will serve as a promotion for the school's Bicentennial, as a device for the Admissions Office to give those applicants unable to visit Andover a better idea of the school, and as an historical record.

While "In Their Time..." cost PA nearly \$80,000, Stott noted, "The decision of the Trustees and alumni was that the film was a wise expenditure because a clear understanding of Andover today on the part of alumni, parents and friends is so very important for our continued success."

### 40 Cities

"In Their Time..." will be shown in 40 cities during the school year. Acting as a "portable Andover," the film will reach at least 10,000 people this year, according to Stott.

Caldwell noted that the film is important to the school's Bicentennial because of its potential to show inaccessible alumni and parents recent changes in Andover. "The Campaign can only succeed if a large portion of the PA alumni realize that Andover exists. The film is the only method of achieving this," she commented.

### Positive Response

The initial response in the New York City area to invitations to the film has been positive. Although Andover reserved an auditorium with a 300-seat capacity for the premiere in New York City on September 29, 350 parents and alumni have already indicated their intention to

attend the film. Two, and possibly three, showings will be necessary.

If the film is a success, it will be useful in the school's Bicentennial celebration, according to Caldwell: "I hope that 'In Their Time...' will be a film that students can sit back and say, 'that is a real picture of Andover today.'"



In their time: Andover at 200

# Welcome Back To The Greatest Show On Earth, The PA Three Ring Circus

By JEFFREY SAVIT

September 17. You suddenly realize it's time to start school. But this time you're leaving home to go to Andover. Your father says he's proud; your mother says she's going to miss you; and your little brother is already planning how he's going to use your room. But what about you?

As you say goodbye to all your friends and relatives, you still wonder if you have made the correct move by leaving the good food and warm security of home two, three, or four years before you really had to.

Your mother makes your favorite dinner; you have your last sleep in your own comfortable bed; you pack the last of your clothes and lock the trunk; and you take your final glance around the house. Inflated with a sense of shaky confidence, you boldly set out for Phillips Academy.

Before you know it you have registered, seen hundreds of unknowns from all over the world, and generally feel like an extra for the movie "Lost in Space." After three years of Spanish, and two years of algebra your academic advisor tells you that you should take Spanish 10 and Math 10. He also tells you not to worry just because your Arena Day number is 374.

After your first three meals in Commons you wonder if you can eat that food for three more years. You have dozens of meetings, and it's hard enough to discover where Evans Hall is, much less White Auditorium.

In orientation, you risk your life at Den Rock, fill up barrels with holes in them in the Sanctuary, and pantomime a morgue in theatre games in G.W. You begin to wonder if this is what PA is really like.

It still seems as if you're the only one in the school who's new and friendless. You see all the old students return to their little cliques, and you are certain that there will never be room for you in any of them.

With memories of last year as star halfback at your old school still fresh in your mind, you confidently march out to the varsity football field. After noticing no one under 175 pounds and shorter than six feet in height you decide that you enjoy life enough that you'll be willing to play JV.

When the chips are down, you think back to home; to the old school that brought you happiness and pseudostardom, to the touch football games with your own personal gang, to the familiar environment of your own house. Then classes begin, and everybody is fluent in your foreign language class, except for you, and it seems everyone knows all the answers in the rest of your classes except, of course, for you.

The weekend finally arrives, and you breathe a well-earned sight of relief. Overjoyed that your first week has come to a close, you wonder if your second week could possibly be as demoralizing as the first.

Well, maybe it will be, but probably not nearly as much. You see, everyone who goes to this school was new once. We all went through that first week, but if you will notice, we all lived through it(?). We've learned to deal with high Arena Day numbers, cuts from varsity (or J.V.) teams, and with living away from home. You are the same athlete or intellect you were before you came here. It takes a while before things completely straighten out, so just remember that this place is really not a hostile jungle. As week No. 2 begins, keep one thing in mind; we've all been there before, too.

By CHARLIE SCHUELER

Summertime. You remember it, don't you? That annual event that only one week ago, no one thought could possibly end, ended yesterday. Now, soccer, football, and College Counselling meetings are upon us. There will be no more clambaakes, all-night beach parties, and America's Cup. Gone for a while, at least, are tank suits, tennis racquets, and flip-flops. Now, after you have cooked your last short-order or waited on your last customer, caught your last fish, and

arisen for the last time at a leisurely 3 pm without four little cut marks going on your permanent school record, it is time to settle into . . . school.

Now that I have bummed everyone to tears, I might as well get to the brass tacks and give the rundown on the beginning of this year of the Bicentennial overkill.

Assuming that we have all been new students at one time, it is always easy to dump on orientation. As a Blue Key group leader, I once again went through the turmoils involved with the three days of orientation.

Two years ago, I almost lost it all over at Den Rock, and therefore I was not too upset when Mother Nature did her stuff Monday, sparing me the pleasure of ascending the north face of Everest. Luckily, though, I did get to walk through the Sanctuary blindfolded, like a sheep on his way to pasture, only to wind up with two buckets of water dumped over my head. Inkeeping with the fun, I good-naturedly hurled the metal bucket at one of my doubled-over prep assailants, missing his head by inches. Good joke, gang.

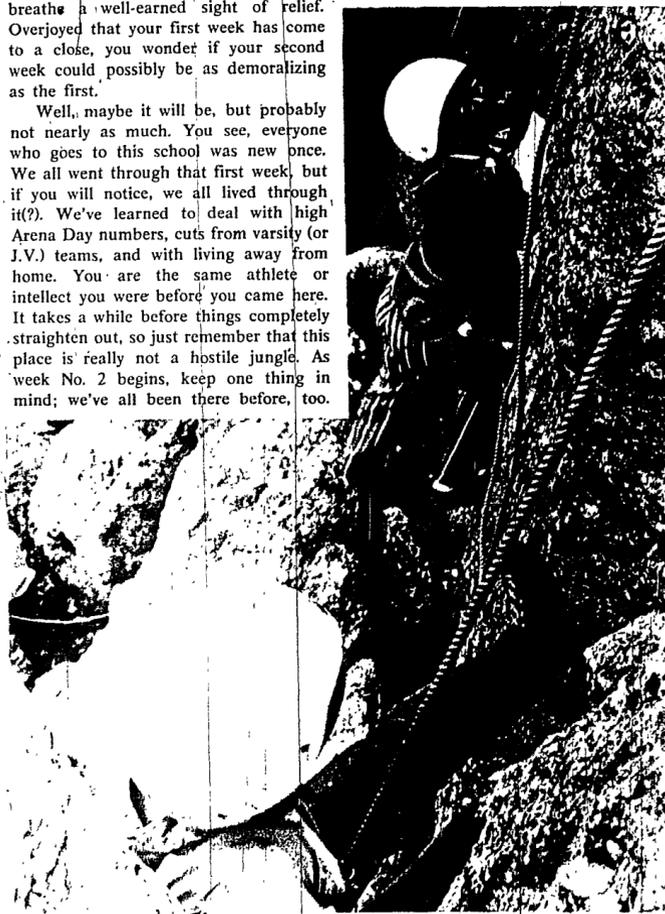
The most thrilling activity of all, though, was the academic advising. What better way is there to spend one of the last days of freedom, than sitting in an Academic Advisor's office, reading some best selling periodical like Mathematical Monthly, while the AA tries to explain to an irate upper why he has to take Music-20 and Visual Studies after "randomly" receiving number 347 from the computer.

All of this action and excitement leads to a circus known as Arena Day. This year in the absence of the demure Mr. McClement, Dapper Dave Penner ran the show. The word of the day, besides the customary "PENCILS," was "BEARDS." Not every Arena Day bigshot had a beard, it just seemed that way.

Finally, classes began yesterday, and since it was Thursday, we followed a Wednesday schedule, which I guess makes sense if you are not too hot at getting the days of the week straight.

In short, the Bicentennial year began, as it is likely to end, in the state of confusion.

Cheer up gang, winter's coming.



New students negotiate Den Rock during Orientation.

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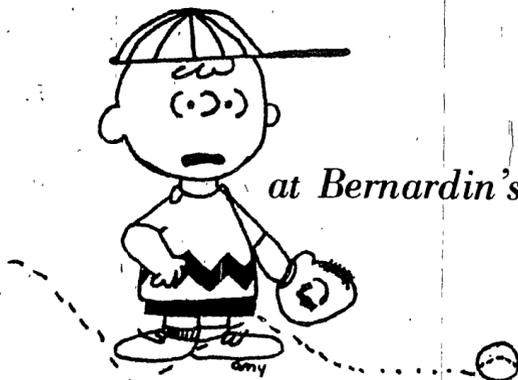
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#### Fitness And What?

The athletic department and the admissions office now offer a combined afternoon program allowing students to serve as tour guides and follow individual fitness programs. Athletic instructor Al Coulthard will direct the program. Biology instructor Charles Willard will coordinate the two sections of the program, and new instructors Jeanne Anster, Dana Donnel, Mary Stevens, and Diane Souvaine will assist.

*If all the teaching fellows are back again, does that mean they failed the first time?*

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