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Scheduling Officer David Penner, who coordinated the new Schedule Day system. Photo/Cooke

Penner Orchestrates First Schedule Day; Claims Success

By RETT WALLACE

This year, Phillips Academy adopted a new computerized system of class selection to replace the traditional Arena Day system.

On Schedule Day, students are informed of the schedules the computer constructed for them on the basis of the student's teacher request form and the course selection form which he completed with his academic advisor. Scheduling Officer David Penner arranged a vast majority of old students' schedules, according to their preferences, over the summer. However, accommodating the 460 new students' course selections as they filtered in posed some difficulties for the scheduling office.

The office's goals in setting up Schedule Day are quite simple, according to Penner: "My aim is to do the best I can by the students and faculty," remarked Penner. Dean of Studies Jeanne Amster added, "The burden of this office is to provide academic schedules which are fair and responsive to the needs of the students and faculty of the school."

Dean Amster addressed the issue that many people would rather

choose their own courses than have a computer do it for them. Her response was that "there is nothing more capricious than the Arena Day system of random numbers from the computer."

Schedule Day attempts to place the students into the courses with the teachers that they requested, while dealing with the limits of teachers' time, classroom space, section number, and capacity. Despite these limits, Penner claimed that the "problem of getting kids and teachers into classes is the Scheduling Officer's job."

The job began by Penner's allowing the computer to assign every student his schedule using first choice of course and teacher without regard to schedule conflict or the overfilling of a class. From that point, the Scheduling Officer moved people into alternate sections with different teachers on the basis of class, Seniors having priority.

Penner resolved scheduling conflicts in three different ways. First, he could move the student to an alternate section, but in many cases, Penner found it more feasible either to open a new section or to change the hour of an existing section. The Arena Day system did not offer the freedom of changing or moving a section. In the past, once the scheduling office finalized the schedule, it became extremely difficult to change courses. The Schedule Day system allows the scheduling office to deal with uniform demand. Penner commented, "What I like about it [Schedule Day] is that it is more equitable in giving the students what they want." Once Penner filled all the

sections and finalized the schedule, students just picked up their schedule at Schedule Day.

"The mere fact that Arena Day did not take place," remarked David Penner, "saved over 400 man-hours." The scheduling office assumed the work ordinarily done by the entire faculty in preparation for, during, and in the aftermath of Arena Day. Dean Amster stated that "Mr. Penner's efforts to accommodate the students requests have been extraordinary."

Yet the amount of time the faculty received was not the only benefit. The scheduling office provided each teacher with a completely accurate section list on the day classes began. This used to take between five and six days just to put into the computer after Arena Day. Also, a large percentage of students received their first choice for a class, supposedly more than did under Arena Day. Mr. Penner calculated that "over 90%" of the students got their first choice class.

David Penner also mentioned that "every student must essentially get the courses they wanted, and that was the reason behind it [the switch]." He went on to say that "I think it went extraordinarily well and will get better in the Winter and Spring." Mr. Penner and Ms. Amster both agreed that improvements can and will be made. Penner noted that "I think that better information can be given to students about teachers." Dean Amster remarked that "I think we can improve the way we distribute schedules, but in general it worked well."

Dissette, Price Note Increase In Minorities And Female Students

By ERIK TOZZI

In accordance with Phillips Academy's longstanding effort to attract "youth from every quarter," the Admissions Department recently announced that this year's minority enrollment reached a record-high of 117 students. For the second consecutive year, the school offered scholarship aid to all applicants who required financial aid.

Minority Enrollment

Associate Dean of Admissions Meredith Price stated that the number of black and hispanic students jumped to 117 this year, up from 103 during the 1984-85 school year. Minority enrollment now accounts for approximately 10% of the school's population. Dean of Admissions Jeannie Dissette noted that these two figures represent the highest minority attendance of any private secondary school in the country.

Financial Aid

For the second consecutive year, Phillips Academy remained able to accept applicants regardless of their financial needs. Although Price expressed pride in this, he noted that Phillips Academy "may not always be as fortunate to admit without regard to financial status."

Dissette, who became Dean of Admissions at Andover this year, after holding an admissions position at the University of Pennsylvania, remains impressed at the lack of a distinction here between students with and without financial aid. On the college level, students requiring some form of financial aid generally must participate in some type of work program. "The distinction," she noted, "is quite visible [in most colleges]." Dissette maintained that at Phillips Academy, financial aid does not become a consideration when a student applies, nor when a student matriculates her.

38.4% of the 1214 students attending Phillips Academy this year receive some form of financial aid. Three forms exist: a grant, a student loan and a parent loan. The first is an outright donation of funds. A student loan carries a more relaxed rate of return than the parent loan and is usually offered to the most needy

families.

Proportions

The male to female ratio slightly narrowed this year, down to 57:43. The ratio changed by 1% from last year, reflecting the Administration's effort to diversify the student body. 523 girls now attend Phillips Academy, in contrast to 691 boys.

The classes maintained the same general proportion as in previous years. 166 Juniors attend Phillips Academy in addition to 316 lowers, 344 Uppers and 388 Seniors. Post graduates amount for forty two of the seventy-one students entering twelfth grade. 250 Day students are enrolled at Phillips Academy, making up 20% of the school's population.

Headmaster Donald McNemar and the Trustees set targets for the Admissions Department in their Fall meeting. The Admissions Department in turn fills those guidelines, rarely demonstrating over a 1% degree of error.

More applicants seek admissions to Phillips Academy than any other secondary school in the nation, according to Price. In addition, the percentage of accepted applicants to matriculating students at Phillips Academy remains higher than any of the school's competitors. In March of last year, 70% of the admitted candidates chose Phillips Academy over their other options.

Price noted, however, that applications to Andover are declining as part of a trend affecting boarding schools across New England. He attributed the 7% drop to several factors: Fewer teenagers are alive today than in previous years, as the last of the baby boom children graduated in recent years.

The higher cost of private schools in addition to the attention paid to the increasing quality of public school education on the nation-wide level turns many families away from institutions like Andover. Price also speculated that federal funding cuts in education coupled with the rising costs of college pressured many families to wait until college to pay tuition costs.

Dissette emphasized, however, that this does not conclude that the quality of applicants has decreased. Only 16% of the initial candidates for admission attend Phillips Academy. Price deemed, "that the quality of applicants [last year] was as strong as in previous years." Dissette stressed that "Phillips Academy held the strongest position of any boarding school in the country."

Geographical Distribution

Geographical distribution of the applicants remained roughly the same last year, although applications from the west coast decreased slightly from previous years. Price thought the change reflected rising transportation costs, in addition to the increased number of private schools on the west coast. Yet, he maintained that eastern schools remain popular in that region.

The Admissions Department will travel throughout the country during

the fall term. It intends to recruit students from a wide spectrum of social, economic, and racial backgrounds. Dissette's goal stands to "make certain that we have as diverse a community as we can make it."

During the day, the Admissions officers will attempt to contact people with influence over large numbers of minority students while they visit schools. Evenings will consist generally of programs arranged by alumni for families interested in Phillips Academy.

Jeannie Dissette

Dissette begins her first year as Admissions Director of Phillips Academy. She intends to learn as much as she can about the school, before applying her individual style to the Admissions Department. She regards her perspective as a college admissions officer at the University of Pennsylvania an important component of her role here. She insisted that she "is delighted to join the staff," a staff that Price claimed is "proud that Andover is perceived by so much of the public as the best."

Three Uppers Compete In Finals For Student Council Class Rep

By JAMIE HARPEL
RUD SEVERS
and RETT WALLACE

The final result of the '85-'86 race for Upper Representative remains undetermined, but primary voting held on Monday and Tuesday reduced the field of seven candidates to three: Kent Kendall, Josh Coleman, and Tom Clyde. This position on the Student Council opened after the withdrawal of Josh Preven, one of three Representatives last year's Lower class elected.

Josh Coleman

Coleman, the only one of the three candidates with previous Council experience, claimed he can "represent the Upper class as well as anyone else, if not better. Enough people talk to me that I can represent almost every Upper." Coleman stressed "community spirit among Uppers," citing the idea of forming an Upper Council consisting of two Uppers from each Cluster to discuss and therefore convey more accurately the views of the Upper class.

"The Upper Representative has to be able to know as many Uppers as possible," Coleman emphasized. "He has to be willing to meet every single Upper on campus."

Coleman regards himself as the most qualified candidate because he has enough devotion and responsibility to hold such a position. "I know a lot of faculty and I think that many of them have a certain amount of respect for me. If someone makes a suggestion to me, each and every word of that suggestion will be brought up before the Student Council." Coleman's main goal is to "have a balance between academic and

social lives," and to "stay in touch with my class by way of social gatherings."

Kent Kendall

Kent Kendall takes a conventional approach to the responsibility of Upper Representative. "I think that an Upper Representative is someone who, through contact with his peers, can represent and earnestly express the views and ideals of his classmates," remarked Kendall. Kendall believes that he can do an outstanding job because he likes to talk to people, and the thinks that "through better contact with the class, I could represent the views of the class and not simply my own." Kendall also recognized the reasoning behind many candidates' desire to become Representative and commented, "I think many people ran with college as their incentive and that is not what the job of a class rep should be, a position to get you into college."

Kendall also possesses experience in representing people, including serving as one of six ninth grade representatives at his previous school, Greenwich Country Day. Kendall added that, "It's not the experience that qualifies me for the job, though. It is my willingness to talk to people and to convey their ideas."

Tom Clyde

The theme of Tom Clyde's campaign lies within the idea that "to represent the class you must first get to know the class." Clyde believes that, should the class elect him, he would best serve the Uppers by attempting to develop a friendship with each member of the Upper class, and have them feel comfortable in coming to him with problems or concerns.

Clyde's interests also lie in class unity. "I believe that our class is composed of incredible people. It's very diverse, but very divided into groups and cliques. I think our class lacks unity," asserted Clyde. Clyde proposes to unify the class through a series of Upper class events such as dances and teas.

Clyde emphasized that, "I would have to expand very much to be a good Rep, but it would also be a great opportunity to get to know the people I'm representing." In order to achieve this, Clyde would "dedicate himself to the position." With high hopes for the campaign and for the Upper class as a whole, Clyde commented that, "I believe that great things can be accomplished if we unite as a class."

Vacancy Created as Preven Leaves

Josh Preven opted to remain in his hometown of Larchmont, New York for the remainder of his high school years. "My decision to leave was not negative toward Andover," he explained, "It was more of a positive decision to live with my family. If I didn't love Andover, the decision wouldn't have been so difficult."

Although he's not returning, Preven wants to see his goals carried out. He commented, "Now that we have spent a year solving the Pace of Life problem, I think the next year should be spent improving the quality of life. Establishing a more unified community through student-faculty dining, for example, is a good step towards reaching that goal."

Preven's advice for this year's Upper class was "to realize the immense power that is created when an entire class shares one goal."



Dean of Admissions Jeannie Dissette, who released figures on the configuration of the 1985-86 student body. Photo/Cooke

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Babylon Reconsidered

Schedule Day's trial run has now passed, but we cannot afford to perpetuate its poor results. Where long lines and alternate strategies once predominated, now a baffling code system shrouds the scheduling process. Students became used to the Master Course of Schedule sheets, only to have them replaced by several poorly copied, enigmatic sheets of paper. These documents must be combined and simplified.

Students now have no choice of free period or of instructor. Although they can express teacher preference, this only applies to "major" classes. If a student doesn't take one of these few courses, he never has even a chance to obtain a favorite teacher. These constrictions are supposedly countered by greater flexibility in course scheduling, although this is crippled by increased requirements and by the number of teachers in a given subject.

So what has Schedule Day accomplished? A more efficient system? Why, then, were Seniors delayed over twenty-five minutes into their planned time slot? Once the 'bugs' are out of the system and we are left with a more effectual process, we must consider whether efficacy itself is a justifiable end—or shouldn't it remain the means by which to maintain a flexible, individual scheduling program? *The Phillipian* urges faculty and administrators at least to reconsider the "experiment" and not simply to accept what's done as done.

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Money On The Farm

To The Editor:
Musical Aid seems to be the trend this year. Live Aid in support for African hunger was the success of the summer, and now Farm Aid has come to the musical fore. Singing to solve the farm debt crisis, Farm Aid took a harmonious approach to deactivating a national economic time bomb.

American farm income accounts for approximately 22% of the Gross National Product. American farming when expanded to included associated industries, also acts as the nation's leading employer. Every family farmer, not being a self-sufficient producer, relies on a bank, a farm machinery manufacturer, and a fertilizer company for each year's production.

The solvency of the U.S. farmer radically affects main-line business (industries associated with farming). The recent financial crisis has not only threatened the extinction of 650,000 family farmers, but has left farm machinery manufacturers like John Deere operating at only 55% capacity. And it also has rural

banks, as well, facing trouble with mortgages (bad loans) to farmers, who cannot afford high interest rates on their land because they are not generating enough income on the market. An estimated 12 to 15% of American farmers lost their businesses last year, with more foreclosures expected in this 1985 fiscal year if the situation does not somehow reverse itself.

Farm-Aiders hope to get American farmers back to square one, wiping the slate clean of burdensome mortgages and debts with money raised through the concerts. Many farmers and politicians agree that outside aid may be the only way of getting money, since they are being turned away by the Reagan Administration, budget-cutters.

A major source of contention last year on Capitol Hill, aid to farmers remains high on the political agenda this fiscal year. Congressional Farm-Aiders advocate a "pump-priming" method for the farm debt crisis — giving farmers money to rejuvenate, generating main-line production and profit — which would take approx-

imately \$17 billion, with no guarantee of success.

The farm-debt crisis is not only a matter of the rescheduling and forgiveness of loans, it is also a problem of an extensive overproduction and declining export rate among American farmers. Exports have fallen off drastically because of the strength of the American dollar world wide, meaning that cheaper grain is available on the world market from other countries, particularly Argentina. The Soviet Union, formerly the largest importer of American grain, diversified its reliance on foreign grain after the 1980 Carter grain embargo, so it no longer relies as heavily on American grain. Farm-Aid may raise millions of dollars, and President Reagan may succeed in curbing the dollar's strength on world currency markets, but until overproduction by U.S. farmers is restrained, any money given to the American agri-business will be given in vain.

Judy Brienza '86

LETTER ON SOUTH AFRICA:

Remember Founding Fathers

To The Editor:

A black man in South Africa earning the same amount as a white man will pay up to twice the amount the white man pays in taxes. Yet his children will still receive an inferior education. The blacks have been given "homelands" by the South African government and encouraged to separate themselves. Yet their homelands have no independent industries. Black South Africa a majority of the population, has absolutely no political power. It's organizations, from student groups to those of adults, are outlawed. They have no right to protest. Young children boycotting school are jailed; Bishop Tutu's son was detained for expressing outrage at a nine-year-old child being brought before a magistrate for the latter "offense." Blacks are randomly shot and killed by the South African police at protests. The abuses are endless, the evil is clear.

Signing an Executive Order of watered-down sanctions, President Reagan kept the U.S. on a course of "constructive engagement," which constituted only immoral engagement for unconstructive ends. Bowing to pressure, Reagan has now adopted a policy of limited engagement that will presumably save him from criticism and South Africa's regime from harm.

For a man who speaks so frequently and fondly of our founding fathers, it seems odd that he does not recognize that the very reasons our forefather's had for uniting against the British crown are the same as those of the oppressed majority in South Africa. Even so, it appears obvious that our president, who says there has been "great improvement" in "the specific things of segregation, of labour, and the new things that have taken place with regard to labour and things of that kind," is not in touch with the harsh reality of South African life, and, sadly, can no longer act as if he is in touch.

The problem with Ronald Reagan is that he is a citizen of a "Leave it to Beaver" world where everything is simple and problem-free, rather than a citizen of the complex world which

his actions regularly shape. Even Senator Dole, Reagan's senate majority leader, by asking Reagan to find an alternative to the congressional economic sanctions, has been a ban on the sale of South African kruggerands in this country (if approved by the Geneva-based General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade panel) and prohibition of bank loans to South Africa (unless they benefit the black community), and the agreement to some of the sanctions proposed by congress. The Administration is taking a half-hearted approach to the problem, aimed at appeasing enough ardent supporters of the sanction bill so that a presidential veto is not overridden. This measure will not remedy the problems in South Africa, but rather will protect the president's image.

One defense of the Administration's modified sanctions against the South African regime has been that if Botha's government were overthrown, a communist government would be imposed. The situation in South Africa, however, has become so extreme that it is our duty to combat the evil oppression of these people. It is a duty that transcends party politics. Reagan's own party, and his firmest supporters, have recognized this necessity. Republican Governor Kean recently implemented a curb on New Jersey's economic dealings with South Africa despite a possible 100 million dollar loss to the state's pension fund. Similar measures have been enacted by the states of Massachusetts, Iowa, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maryland, Michigan, Colorado, Wisconsin and Nebraska. Cities including New York, and corporations like Apple Computer have also initiated sanctions against Pretoria. Whatever the damage to U.S. interests, action against apartheid is our only moral alternative.

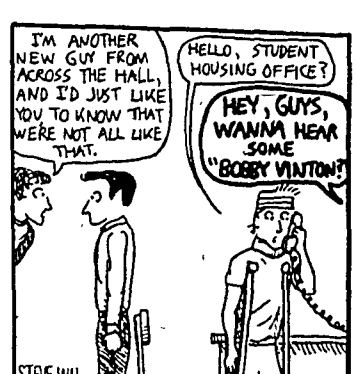
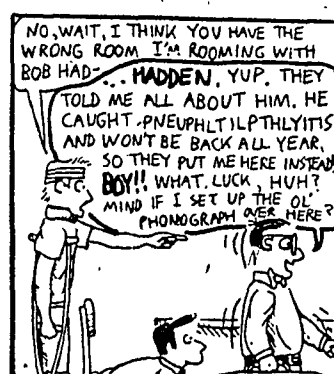
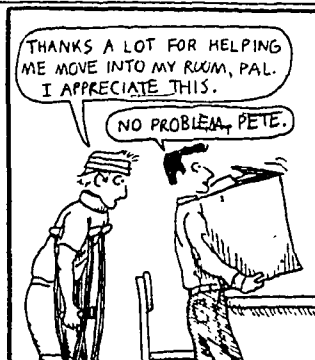
Continuing to engage with South Africa is condoning oppression. But aside from our obvious moral obligation to take action against South Africa, we have also a symbolic responsibility to do so. As the greatest democracy on earth, our example has always given the oppressed motivation and has served as a model of integrity, justice and the

democratic way. We must continue in our history of fairness and justice, and set a good example for those who aspire to freedom.

History has often been said to repeat itself, and in the course of South African events, it has become necessary for the South African people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another. It has become time for the South African people to pursue their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Jefferson wrote these words originally in reference to the American people, but the reasons for his declaration of independence also are valid in modern South Africa. As Jefferson affirmed in 1776, a government's purpose is to secure the people's rights. Pretoria does not uphold the rights of black South Africans. A government should derive its power from the consent of the governed. South Africa's government clashes with the majority of the country. It is the right of a people to abolish their government if it becomes destructive of the people's right. The South African's must exercise this right. We must help the South African people to realize their ideals. Reagan must recognize that, in the words of Elie Wiesel, there are certain times when an "issue is not politics, but good and evil." Even if the removal of Botha's oppressive regime results in the establishment of a government unsympathetic to the United States' needs in the area, the change should be supported by the Administration.

In his opposition towards the Congress's bill of sanctions against South Africa, Reagan has revealed two important aspects of his character. He demonstrated again that he is a president who considers his image more important than his beliefs. By weakening the planned sanctions against Pretoria. Finally, in condoning apartheid Reagan is failing to recognize the needs of the South African people. And, in doing so, he is failing to recognize the necessity of a government by the people, and for the people, the fundamental idea behind the founding of our nation.

Mark Gimbel '88



ANDOVER ABROAD:

A Faculty Member's Experience In Russia

By TIM DEMPSEY

We looked right smart as we prepared to leave for Logan Airport on that Saturday in July. Everyone was outfitted in their leisure-travel best: colorful flower print shirts, neatly pressed oxford shirts, overstuffed backpacks, and camera bags. The first half of the Andover group to leave for a three-week sojourn through five major Soviet cities, some forty teachers and spouses, gathered in chaotic anticipation on the G.W. parking lot: we couldn't even settle down long enough for a group picture despite one colleague's directions from above. Excitement, curiosity, and the allure of the unknown teased more than a few.

We had made all the right moves: taken

ballet, volleyball, soccer, and even a special school for Armenia's finest athletes--chess players included. We processed through Lenin's mausoleum. We saw the famous Soviet circus. We saw countless medieval churches. Our days were rich with sights and sounds if we restricted ourselves to the official agenda alone.

Our goal was to learn and to investigate educational exchange between Soviet and American high schools. We travelled to the Soviet Union as a group of teachers and educators. But "before long," we seamlessly became students again. We learned through official, Intourist-sanctioned visits and lectures, like the prepared speech delivered by the Chairman of the Ukrainian collective farm

off for a few hours. Together, the three of us ventured toward "the other side of the river"--a less polished part of the town. On the way we saw a brilliant, turtle-wax shining Ford Capri with all of the trappings: worth a good 30,000 rubles, according to Svec.

After taking a stab at making a purchase in a Soviet store--a bottle of mineral water--we found ourselves walking by a newly refinished balcony. Balconies are a builder's signature in Soviet Georgia: each has its unique decorative pattern. This one stands out like the flag over Red Square. As we stood admiring this architectural triumph, a short, stocky, older man wandered out to meet us. Immediately he abandoned his native Georgian tongue for Russian--Vic Svec was a dead ringer for a Pre-Baltic comrade. He asked us if we like his handiwork, and, when we responded with the correct--and only--answer, he invited us in "for a glass of nice wine."

We walked in to a narrow alley, and then into Georgy's kitchen. His wife was busy with what appeared to be the clean-up chores following dinner and she, the Soviet woman, stayed in the kitchen as Georgy invited us to his table. He went to the refrigerator (just to the right of the piano) and fetched smoked sturgeon, fresh tomatoes and cucumbers, bread, cheese, fresh apricots, cherries, and some chocolates. Georgy went after the first of several pitchers of home-made wines, fruitflies and all, and began the great tradition: feasting and toasting. We toasted friendship, the goodness of wives, and the importance of families, peace, and health. We lamented the lack of understanding between our leaders. He proudly explained that though he might be called in tomorrow to explain what was happening tonight, he feared no one.

TBILISI, July 15

Before we left this wonderful city, Pam and I returned to Georgy's to share with him and his family some gifts from the States. Georgy laid out another spread of food and drink. This time I brought in my camera to photograph his family, his balcony, and his apartment. I grew a little misty-eyed as we embraced before returning to the hotel.

EREVAN, July 18

Pam had met Giulara in a park near our hotel two days earlier. She came to our hotel one night after that meeting to take us out for some special ice cream and to invite us to her home for an afternoon meal on our last day in Armenia. At the appointed hour, John Strudwick, Pam, Giulara, and her close friend Giuana piled into a cab and headed off for our special dinner.

There wasn't much to see from the outside, just a corrugated metal roof and a small passageway leading into an open area. Beyond that open area were the five rooms comprising this apartment: a lot of space for a Soviet



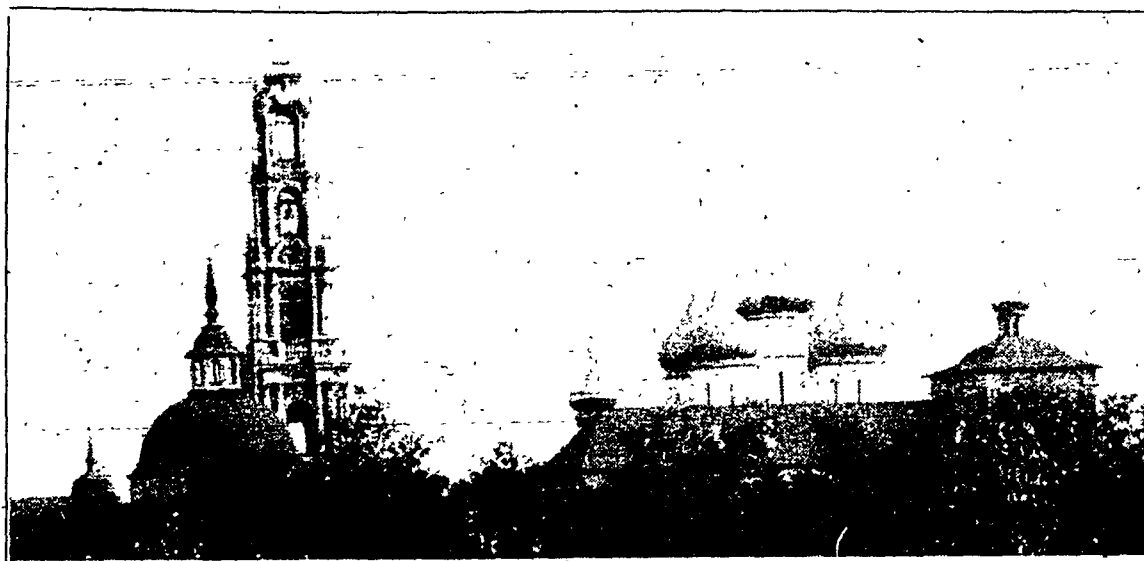
Soviet schoolchildren Photo/Gilbert family. In contrast to the appearance from without, Giulara's apartment was filled with beautiful Armenian rugs, books, colorful fabrics, fine crystal, and porcelain. She introduced us to her mother, sisters, and other relatives who were preparing the traditional Armenian dishes which would become our midday feast. Outside, Giulara's brother started up the fire where chicken, lamb, and vegetable shashlik would broil to perfection.

As we ate (the only woman eating was my wife--the Armenian women and girls served and prepared and cleaned), we struggled through enough Russian to eat and drink to friendship, to peace, to hospitality and to families. We made it back to the hotel just in time for the bus to the airport.

TBILISI, July 14

We had an exhausting day. A long journey to the ancient city of Pasaunauri included stops at several medieval churches, including one of the few working churches we were to see in all of the Soviet Union. Our lunch was prepared for us al fresco: a traditional Georgian lamb slaughter proved a unique antipasto. Georgian folk dance and ample libation helped us recover from that spectacle. My wife, Pam, and I ventured forth from the hotel upon our return to Tbilisi eager for some fresh air and a break from the group.

On our way toward Lenin Square, we met Victor Svec, who shared our urge to wander



St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow.

three weeks of intense language lessons, heard lectures on Russian and Soviet history and culture, shared travel tips and travel guides. By the time the busses pulled away for the puddle-jump to Kennedy airport and then the transatlantic flight to Finland, many among us speculated they were ready for this extraordinary journey to an exotic land.

Only moments after our landing just outside Moscow, some thirty-six hours later, it became evident that speculation, stereotypes, assumptions, projections--even the responsi-

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ble conclusions we had reached based on our preparatory studies--would all be called into question by the immediacy of the simple experience of life in the Soviet Union. Breathing often polluted air, standing in their long lines, fumbling through conversations with their patient and generous people; such mundane experiences which took place over and over again forced at least this writer into chronic self-evaluation. Although our political leaders appear at times diametrically opposed, current rhetoric describes Americans and Soviets as equals on the international geopolitical stage. And while a few moments' walk down Nevsky Prospekt in Leningrad or Arbat Street in Moscow reveals the cultural difference, I learned on more than one occasion that there are far deeper concerns that bind us together.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of group leaders Jack Richards and Victor Svec, and the official organizers of our trip, the Citizen Exchange Council, our gang of eighty-six had many special opportunities to meet with Soviet officials and educators. We met with Deputy Minister of Science and Technology Gvishiani in Moscow only a few hours after our touch-down on Soviet soil and received our first classically Soviet speech: lengthy remarks about plans to beef up management and approaches to efficiency in the Russian economy, amply peppered with Marxist jargon and Kremlin dogma. We discussed education policy and recent reforms with officials from the Ministry of Education, met with Friendship Societies and danced with Soviet children at a Pioneer camp. Administrators from the State University of Leningrad briefed us about that prestigious institution of higher learning. We saw opera,

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Leningrad, July 24

Back up north, the sky remains bright until 10:30 or 11 at night. After dinner, a group of us decided to wander off and digest in this historic city. We hadn't gotten too far -- only a block or so from the hotel -- when we saw a large tugboat-like vessel tied up to a wharf on the Neva River. In perfectly American capitalist pig fashion, blazered and button-downed, camera bag over my shoulder, I attempted to ask the skipper if he would like to trade for his Soviet flag. I was relieved that he did not coldly shun me; instead he invited our group (my wife, Seth Bardo, Peter Gilbert, Dana Howell from Citizen Exchange Council and myself) on board. We were just getting to the rudimentary questions about his boat when he volunteered that his boat was used to guide cargo ships through the bridges on the Neva, and that if we would like he would take us for a short ride. Before we were far from the dock, our skipper began describing the geography of the city of Leningrad in terms of the many battles of the 900 day seige during World War II. We could feel the sense of pride and of honor as he told us of his mother-in-law who lost three brothers. Every family was devastated by the courageous efforts to protect the city of Leningrad from fascist invasion. The meaning of the "Glorious Victory of the Great Patriotic War" was palpable as he asked us the rhetorical question: "I have a good job, a loving wife, and a beautiful home. Why do you want to go to war?"

Leningrad, July 26

Sara, our Citizen Exchange Council friend, invited a few of us to join her for dinner at a working class restaurant off the beaten track. She knew a young man who plays the drums in the bank there as his official job, and is the drummer for an underground and very popular rock band, Akvarium, too! After dinner, my wife and I made plans to meet Petra the next day outside the Winter Palace, near the site of the Bloody Sunday massacre.

We switched buses and wound up in Petra's neighbourhood, substantially more run-down than that in which our hotel was located. We were surprised to discover that a young man of 24, single, could live alone -- until he revealed that his apartment building was scheduled for demolition in a few months. Petra prepared tea and cheese sandwiches while my tape machine captured a recording of his underground band. He told us how musicians are underpaid, receiving a salary of 100 rubles per month, yet how he lived "like a rich man" on the tips he earns at the restaurant. You see, the restaurant band plays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., 25 minutes on, 35 minutes off. At ten, they stop, at least until a well-oiled patron offers 10 rubles for the song of his choice. Each of the five band members supplements his 100 ruble salary with four to five hundred rubles "under the table" by virtue of this system.

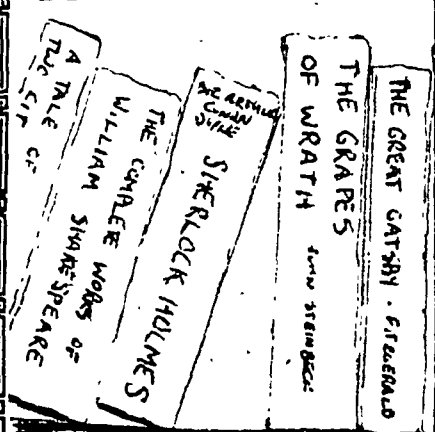
Petra's other band, Akvarium, is not approved by the Soviet government, and therefore cannot record with the official record company, Melodia, or play in an organized concert. To circumvent these official frustrations, the bank has established a secret recording studio, where they make tapes which are distributed unofficially. They even organized a live concert with another unapproved group: tickets were printed, posters circulated. On the subterranean market tickets to that show were going for 100 rubles each.

We parted after a couple of hours' chat. Petra asked us to mail a few letters to some American friends (the Soviet mail can take months to reach the States), and to send him some hard-to-find supplies for his drum set.

When we left Andover back at the beginning of July, I wore my Western styles like a badge. I expected Soviet youth to be fascinated by my clothing, my camera, my tape player. They were. Black marketeers offered big bucks to buy it all. After a few of these chance encounters, however, I found myself wearing the shirt with the muted tones, putting on a pair of plain shoes, wearing ordinary trousers instead of blue jeans. I had learned that it wasn't our differences that mattered.

As we prepared to leave Leningrad from Finland Station, our group assembled once again, this time on the train platform. Our clothes were wrinkled, our colors not quite as brilliant. We sported Soviet hats, Pioneer scarves, and a wide variety of commemorative buttons -- "snatchki." The luggage was scuffed. Many had run out of film. Again with excitement but also with some sadness we boarded the train for Helsinki -- 86 adults inexorably changed.

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New Upper Kim Dunn goes up for a header in the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team's 5-0 victory over Groton.

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Varsity Football Clipped 16-8 By Taft In Season Opener

By PETER SCHAY,
MARK GILLIS,
and JIM PHIEFFER

Saturday, in the face of sweltering, nearly eighty degree heat which prompted offensive/defensive tackle Chuck Bean to comment that "rain-drops were falling from our heads," Andover football began the season with a 16-8 loss against Taft. Though not an impressive start, it still seems that the football team has great promise for the remainder of the season.

The game began as an offensive shootout, as three touchdowns were scored on the first three possessions. First Taft, then Andover, then once again Taft received the kick-off, then drove the length of the field for the touchdown, leaving the score at 16-8. The game progressed uneventfully after the opening barrage, with each team failing to capitalize on their scoring opportunities.

Andover finally appeared to break the ice late in the 3rd quarter, but their big-play was called back on a questionable refereeing decision. Been Brooks screen pass to tailback Jim Reidy was turned into a 73 yard touchdown by the speedy postgraduate, but a clipping call some 30 yards from the actual play nullified the equalizer. No touchdown. Safety/wide receiver Mike Gill, who was near the scene of the crime thought the call "highly questionable" because "it just didn't look

like a clip." No more points were scored; Andover went down 16-8.

Even so, Andover played rather well, with excellent performances from Captain Peter Burns, who was hitting very hard, fullback Dave Brosgol, and Jim Reidy. Reidy was simply spectacular, contributing a staggering 188 yards to the team total of 256, and also scoring the team's one legitimate touchdown.

The loss Saturday appears to be due to a lack of experience, not skill. Taft did not destroy the Blue, and in fact, blew a couple of chances to tie the score; for example, Andover fumbled twice within the Taft thirty yard line. As Dave Brosgol commented, "we've got the talent; a little practice and we'll be perfect."

Despite last Saturday's tough 16-8 loss to Taft, this year's squad looks to be better than last year's and holds much hope for future contests. The strengths of the team lie in their wealth of talent at the skill positions such as quarterback and running back, and despite a lack of depth, the aggressiveness of both the first and second string players should make up for the lack of experience.

Captain and linebacker Peter Burns along with quarterback Ben Brooks head a list of eight returning players which also includes world class water-skier and linebacker Mike Hartmann and tailback Mark Freni. The addition of fourteen new players,

eight of whom are PG's, seems to virtually insure a successful season.

The running abilities of P.G. Jim Reidy and Pat Mancuso employed in the team's new running attack, are expected to help the Blue break through the opposing defense. The Andover 5-2 defensive positioning worked well against the Taft "wishbone" offense, and should continue to excel. The Blue's defense hopes to cause excessive turnovers enabling them to control the ball and the pace of the game.

"The team has responded to adversity with determination and hard-work" comments Coach Graham. If this is true, the Blue should have a great season.

Boys' Soccer Undefeated Against Groton And Holderness

By ROB PATRICK

By September ninth, the Boys' Varsity Soccer preseason tryouts were underway. With only seven returning players, the Blue seemed uncertain about the upcoming season. But Coach Meredith Price and co-captains Malcolm Galvin and Rusty Field had previously decided to keep a squad of twenty players as opposed to last year's Varsity of 27. So far, this new policy has been successful: the Blue came through as a team, and annihilated Groton in the season opener last Wednesday.

The Starters

The starting fullback line of Seniors Martin Wennik, George Lynch, Leland Westerfield, and Mal Galvin at stopper, might prove to be unbelievable. Returning players Sam Britton and Dave Eckman will man the right and left halfback positions. Finally, the starting forward line consists of four new members to the team. Upper Justin Smith and Senior John Nesbitt play the wing positions and New Upper Kim Dunn and Upper Scott Walsh dominate the inside. On the whole, the Blue performed extremely well at such an early stage of

the season.

Season Opener

The team has a good future ahead of it this season, judging by the way they played against Groton. There was a bit of uncertainty in the air as to how Andover would play as a team, but fifteen minutes into the first half, no doubt remained.

At 34:48 of the first half a superb corner kick by Wennik found the forehead of co-captain Mal Galvin. Galvin easily knocked the ball into the net past the outstretched arms of the Groton keeper. The Blue held their aggressiveness despite the early lead, and six minutes later, Justin Smith had his first goal of the season, off a pass from teammate Scott Welsh.

While the offense was busy racking up the P.A. score, the defense was doing equally as well, preventing a Groton rally. The fullback line of Wennik, Lynch, and Westerfield nullified the Groton attack. The few times that Groton players managed to squeeze off shots at our goal, they were surprised to find goalie Pat Burke waiting for his chance to shine. Burke played an excellent first half, making it possible for the team to have a successful shutout.

The consistent passing of halfbacks Dave Eckman, Sam Britton, Tony Verbeck, and John Nesbitt kept the ball upfield with the forwards. The halfback efforts soon paid off as an Eckman pass to Galvin resulted in another goal and a halftime score of 3-0.

Second Half Domination

The second half was much the same as the first, as Andover completely dominated play. The Blue capitalized on Groton's mistakes, enabling them to keep constant pressure on the Groton net. Andover had numerous shots that went just shy of their mark: a Nesbitt header just over the crossbar, a Westerfield head to the right of the post. However, though many were missed, many also went in and with David Pratt in goal for the half, the offense was free to take as many chances as they needed to score.

With goals from both Kim Dunn and Tony Verbeck in the final minutes, the Blue found themselves

with a 5-0 win and a great beginning to the season. Galvin added, "We played for 90 minutes as a team; that was one of our pre-season goals."

Onward to the Goal

After their incredible opening victory over Groton, the Blue marched on to challenge, "a very strong alumni team" made up of such past stars as John Schwartz '85 and Rick Apgar '83. But despite their intimidating opponents, the men's varsity soccer team "pulled together" to beat the older Blue in a great effort.

Galvin scored two impressive goals and Senior fullback George Lynch tallied one of his own following a Dave Ross shot rocketing off the crossbar. Coach Price was extremely pleased with his team's performance, citing that, "tying up the game with under three minutes left was a great sign of the team's ability to play under pressure." With the score tied at three all, the teams went into a shoot-out. The outstanding goaltending of Senior Pat Burke kept them ahead.

Blue Crushes Holderness

Wednesday afternoon, the team journeyed a long way to annihilate the Holderness soccer team, 5-0. Starting off slowly, the Blue was not able to take advantage of several scoring opportunities. Halfbacks Sam Britton and Scott Welsh controlled the mid-field effectively, feeding the forwards with many fine passes. Finally, co-captain Galvin popped a beautiful shot into the lower left corner to open the score.

Meanwhile, the defense stifled several Holderness threats. A few minutes prior to the end of the first half, Scott Welsh made a stunning through-ball pass to Upper Justin Smith, who proceeded to beat the goalie on a crisp shot. At halftime, Andover led 2-0 but the Blue was not about to let up.

Throughout the second half, Andover came together. Galvin and Smith worked well together, scoring one goal each. Lower David Ross unleashed a booming shot, beating the Holderness goaltender. The game, a second shutout for the Blue, brought the team to a spotless 3-0 record.

Fast Improving Varsity Girls' Field Hockey Crushes Groton

By NI GATEWOOD
and JOHN MCENROE

With only five returning varsity players, the girls varsity field hockey team looks to have much potential for the season to come. Returning this year for the powerful defense is Goalie Rosie Weld, fullback Sue Calder, and Halfback Collie Verbeck. Players are joined on the defense by seniors, Karin Niblett,

Trilby Sheeser, Carol Linburn, Rachel Fuld, and Uppers Alison Finn, Caroline Cannon, Mary Caulkins, Treacy Brine, and Liz Kinder. Returning for the offense are seniors Jennie Engstrom and Capt. Eleanor Tydings who are accompanied by new seniors Jen Guggenheim, Jenny Rider, Ann-Michelle Albertson, and uppers Gillian Recesso, Maxine Seann, Tina Salomon, and Heather Lane.

Having held only two practices, Andover played St. Mark's in a scrimmage on Wed. the 18th. Although they fell in the first and second 20 minute periods 3-0, 1-0 respectively, the team pulled together to win the last one 2-0.

Because of the lack of practice time together the first period looked slow and unorganized for Andover. St. Mark's was able to aggressively push past the P.A. defense and score three goals. The second period brought more unity as the players started to settle down and play together. New upper halfback Treacy Brine was consistently able to clear the ball out of the circle up to speedy forwards Tina Salomon, Maxine Swann, and Jen Guggenheim. The St. Marks's offense penetrated for only one goal this second period.

By the third period everything came together for P.A. as forwards Eleanor Tydings, Tina Salomon, Heather Lane, and Gillian Recesso fought aggressively for the ball. These were supported strongly by Sue Calder, Caroline Cannon, Treacy Brine, Mollie Verbeck, Trilby Sheeser, and Alison Finn. Andover rallied for two goals by Gillian Recesso, one from a superb cross by

Tina Salomon and tipped by Heather Lane, and the other by a sharp drive past the goalie.

On Saturday the Blue won their first game of the season at Groton. They took a fast lead in the first half with a strong cross from Tina Salomon to Heather Lane who put it in. The defense continued to get the ball past the 50 and the forwards. This superb effort was led by Mollie "the wall" Verbeck, Sue Calder, and Eleanor Tydings with the help of backs Rachel Fuld, Alison Finn and Caroline Cannon, the defense backed up the links thus creating no chance for Groton to penetrate. At the end of the 1st half Tydings drove the ball at the goal and dished off to Heather Lane for the score. Groton came back in the beginning of the 2nd half thus ending the game with a 2-1 victory for P.A., the first win over Groton in three years.

Midweek Andover played Winsor in a scrimmage. Unfortunately the game ended in a scoreless tie. P.A. dominated the game offensively and on defense the ball rarely got past the 25, but the Blue shots just wouldn't fall, despite fine defensive play by Rachel Fuld and Mollie Verbeck with Eleanor Tydings playing center. The game ended after two 25 minute periods in which neither team scored.

Although many of the players are new to the varsity team this year, the season looks to be very promising.

Cross Country Meet Vs. N.A.P.S. Closer Than Expected

By JAY FRY

N.A.P.S.: those four letters, the Naval Academy Prep School's initials are more than enough to strike terror into the hearts of P.A. runners.

Therefore, opening the season with a close defeat (30-27) at the hands of NAPS' future marines came as a pleasant surprise to the Boys' Cross Country team.

Tony Cooke described the day as a great one for running as the Blue, clad in their new warmups (They're great! Tony gushed), met their rivals on the 2.8 mile course. Bill McNulty placed second overall and first for P.A., turning in a top-notch performance.

Captain Alec Guettel did not perform up to par, placing fifth in the field and second for the squad. The

three other P.A. runners who placed were Henry Rawitscher, Jed Gore, and Scott Falcone.

NAPS has been the bane of Cross Country for years now. In the winter and spring, their track teams cause Andover squads similar fits. One runner, commenting on Wednesday's fairly close result, noted that NAPS fielded "one of their poorest teams ever." If nothing else, that should bode well for Andover in the winter and spring track seasons.

Last year's team, despite their 3-4 record, ended the season as New England champions. This year's team is built around Guettel and veteran runner McNulty. The danger lies in the loss of Andrew Sheffer, who injured his knee over the summer.

Captain Guettel is no stranger to long-distance running. Last year he

was a key figure in Cross Country and Winter and Spring track. Returning runners expected to fill in for departed Mike Schaus, John Ogden, and Jim Park are Rico Kellogg, Tony Cooke, Rawitscher, and Gore. A fifth returnee, Max Newell, has back problems, but Coach Bob Burnham hopes for his recovery.

In addition, five talented newcomers may shore up the holes in the squad. Coach Burnham tags Peter Wynn, Chris Siddell, Jason Weiner, Gary Sousa, and Rob Ajemian as rookie runners to watch.

Despite the problem's the new squad faces, this year's team is not to be counted out. Last year, the team got off to a slow start and still won Interschols, belying their losing record. Guettel and McNulty have every intention of keeping their crown through a season of tough competition on the Sanctuary course. Cross Country will host another high-powered squad, Harvard, at 2:15 tomorrow.

have experience in the game. This experience should help the squad in its three scheduled matches versus Northfield Mt. Herman, Deerfield, and Exeter. Along with these games, there is a tournament to conclude the season featuring many area teams.

Due to the small number of matches, Water Polo is not a varsity sport. One could not tell this, though, after seeing the evident intensity of practice. These practices consist of an hour of either aerobics or weights, followed by a grueling hour and a half drill session in the pool.

The Water Polo team's sentiments are summed up by returning starter Matt Mochary and Todd S. Brussel: "We have an abundance of talent and the team's potential remains unknown."

Water Polo Returns; Team Plans Victory

By STUART TREVELYAN
and TRAVIS METZ

After an exceptional first year, Water Polo returns to Andover with high hopes for another great season. This year's team, under the leadership of new coach Loring Kinder, would like to develop into a closely-knit squad. Despite Kinder's lack of experience in the sport, she more than makes up for it with her enthusiasm.

This year's team is fortunate to have many returning players from last year's inaugural squad: Matt Mochary, David Goldstein, Mike Barsanti, and goalie John Greco head the list, along with new polo player Peter Szok.

Out of the thirty-six squad members, including ten girls, fifteen



Maxine Swann, a new Upper, reaches for the ball in the field hockey team's 2-1 defeat of Groton.

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Girls' Soccer Outscores The Enemy 16-2 In Opening Wins

By LUCIA MURPHY
and CHRIS KRAUS

Opening their season with flawless play, the Andover Girls' Varsity Soccer team triumphed in all three of their interscholastic competitions, losing only to an overpowering alumnae team. This impressive start reflects the depth and vigor that is so rare to find so early in the season. If the girls can continue with such "esprit de corps," they should be able to remain undefeated.

8 'n 1

Dominating a shaky Lowell High School squad, the girls pulled off the first of many expected victories this year. Constantly on the attack, they maneuvered the ball with incredible precision. Again and again, the spectators watched in awe as the Lowell defense crumbled under the relentless Blue pressure. Taking 32 shots on goal compared to Lowell's mere 11, Andover netted eight goals by the end of the afternoon; Lowell only one.

Although apprehensive about the loss of last year's leading scorer, Nell Garibian, the skill and agility of the starting offensive line quickly put all doubts to rest. The intimidating attack of right wing Mary Slaney, co-captain Ellen LeMaitre and Hilary Jones in the center, and Jess DeVivo on left wing professionally pocketed four goals and an unbelievable seven assists throughout the opening game.

Leading off the scoring, however, was aggressive right halfback Sarah Lawrence, with an 18-yarder into the top right corner of the goal. Lawrence, along with Michelle Jolicoeur at center and Lane Gruber on left, is an important ingredient to this year's exceptional halfback line. Coach Drake believes that this line up is one of the key factors in the squad's excellence, as well as co-captain Jenny Wadsworth's defensive leadership. Behind Jenny stands Senior goalie Kelly Smith, who has been with the team for three years. With eleven saves for the day, Smith once again provided for the usual standard of excellence.

Upper Vered Pomerantz ended the first period by slamming in the second score of the game. Slaney capitalized on the slow start of the Lowell team by quickly netting the ball in the opening minutes of the second quarter. By the time the fourth quarter began, co-captain Ellen LeMaitre and Hilary Jones had each knocked in a goal.

The Blue's prosperous play climaxed in the final period. Returning players Lista Lincoln and Lane Gruber added two points to the Andover tally, with strong shots from the left side as DeVivo slammed the final Blue goal home for a score of 8-1.

LeMaitre and Slaney Star

Next to fall to Andover Blue was an inconsistent Concord squad. Although the Concord team opened the match with a quick breakaway goal, Andover retaliated quickly, coming away with a 5-1 victory. Once again the aggressive forward line came through. Their ability to foresee their teammates' positioning is a result of their intense practice.

During the first half, both LeMaitre and Slaney tallied two goals apiece. Hilary Jones' chance to score occurred when Jolicoeur skillfully directed the ball her way, marking Jolicoeur's second assist of the day and the last goal of the game.

Tired from the game on Saturday, the girls awoke Sunday to face their old allies in an Alumnae matchup, played purely for fun. Bombarded by the college level dexterity of Neil Garibian and Electa Sevier, and assistant coach and all-american Jenney Greeley, the young Blue fell short. Although our girls' team lost 3-5, they consider the game a success; so much laughter exchanged and old friendships renewed that it could never be considered a loss.

This Wednesday, despite the three hour travel time to Kimball Union Academy, Andover overcame the orange and black, regardless of the unbelievable KUA goal keeper. The Blue defense thrived, frustrating their

opponents' front line by leaving them scoreless. With Smith defending goal, Wadsworth worked consistently with both sides of the fullback line, Nikki Appel and Stephanie Lovell. Though hard to believe, LeMaitre and Slaney came through once again, with Slaney knocking in two and LeMaitre one with assists by Jessica DeVivo.

Although overwhelming, the girls' victory was expected due to the nine returning varsity players and the addition of many new talented members. Preseason began with an unbelievable count of 95 girls trying out. The competition was tough, and all the girls should be commended for their fine exhibition during the rigorous round-robin tournament. Coach Drake is exceptionally impressed with the talent of Junior Betsy Wiedenmayer, who now is the first Junior to make varsity since LeMaitre and Gruber four years ago. New Lower Kirstin Findell has shown great promise, as well as have the newly upgraded J.V. players.



Cee Plaines was out of control in the J.V. football team's season opener against Lowell High School. Plaines rushed for over one hundred yards in the 18-6 loss.

Photo/Rowe

Carleton And Nathan Pick The Week's NFL Winners, Losers

By TED CARLETON
and KEVIN NATHAN

For the past number of years, football fans have had to resort to listening to erstwhile prognosticator "Jimmy the Greek" in hopes of discovering which teams had the edge in the week's pro football action. Of course, these same fans also know that Bozo the Clown has an easier time picking winners than the famed "Greek" has ever had. Chances are, you're probably sick of Brent, Irv, and Phyllis as well. You also might want to break that string of forty six consecutive losing bets. No need to worry any longer, because resident

Phillips Academy football experts Ted Carleton and Kevin Nathan are going to go public with their weekly choices this fall. I know, you're probably just wee-bit skeptical, but give us a chance, after all, Rome wasn't built in a day.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

At Chicago (6) Washington

What's wrong with the 'Skins. Is Theisman still a major league quarterback. Is Riggins awake on the field? Losing at home to the Philadelphia Eagles was an unpardonable sin. Meanwhile, the bears have looked like world beaters (although anyone can look good against Minnesota). But the 'Skins have the motivational edge needed to win this week. Washington wants to avenge their loss to Chicago in last year's playoffs. They will beat the six point spread.

Dallas (5) At Houston

How 'bout them Cowboys. You just gotta love 'em (right Mr. Price!) Just when the experts said Dallas was dying, the Cowboys have turned into the Doomsday squad of old. They'll have no problems this week, just for the sole reason that anybody playing a guy named Moon at quarterback in the Astrodome doesn't sound serious. At Denver (Even) Miami

I hate Miami. I hate Dan Marino. I have the Killer B's, but the game will be no contest. Take the Dolphins.

At Detroit (5) Tampa Bay

Bring the No-Doz to this one because this game won't keep anybody awake. In this battle between the Tweedelee and Tweedeledum of the NFC, take the Bucs to cover the spread.

At L.A. Rams (9 1/2) Atlanta

Dan Henning's head is on the cutting edge. He desperately needs 2 wins to save his job. Unfortunately, the Falcons have the second-worst defense in football, and they're about to face Eric Dickerson. Enough said, Ax please.

Minnesota (3) At Buffalo

The Bills have been outscored by an average of approximately 16 points a game, and possess one of the worst offenses in football. However, I have this strange feeling that they might...nah, take the Vikes.

At New England (1 1/2) L.A. Raiders

New England, favored over the Raiders? Preposterous. The Pats are one of the worst money teams in football, they simply just always find a way to lose. Watch the Raiders bounce back from last week's humiliation at the hands of the Niners to break the heck out of New England.

New York Giants (4 1/2) at Philly
"America's Team," the New York

Giants, has proven over the last two years that it can beat the league's best teams. However, they haven't been able to play consistent football against the league's lesser teams. Well, all that's going to change this week and the Giants are going to destroy the helpless Eagles. Why, may you ask? Because we're biased.

At New York Jets (9 1/2) Indianapolis

I laughed when I saw the Jets favored by 9 1/2. I don't care if they're playing a pee-wee team, the Jets simply aren't 9 1/2 points better than another football team. Alright, so the Jets have won a few games in recent weeks, winning a couple by more than ten points. But that doesn't mean we have '69 Jets. Remember in 1969 when the Colts were supposed to eat the Jets for lunch. Well, maybe the results will be entirely opposite in 1985. Take the Colts.

At San Francisco (15) New Orleans

Joe Montana, Dwight Clark, Roger Craig, and company equals over thirty points for the Super Bowl champs. Meanwhile, Dave Wilson and the Saints will have trouble getting on the board against the Niners fearsome line, solid linebackers, and the greatest set of defensive backs ever assembled. The 15 points mean absolutely nothing. Take the 49ers in a blowout.

At San Diego (4 1/2) Cleveland

Dan Fouts' arm should be falling off after all the TD passes he's thrown in the season's first three weeks. The Charger and Cleveland defenses together wouldn't equal the 49ers. We're talking about 22 players on the field at once! The game will produce a scoreboard operator's dream. Expect sixty points, and San Diego to cover.

At St. Louis (7) Green Bay

Busch Stadium will be rocking as the 2-1 Cardinals take on the struggling Pack. Whether the Cardinal crowd will be more excited over their division leading baseball team or their rising young football team will hinge on Neil Lomax's performance. We're betting he'll shine. Take the Cards.

Seattle (12 1/2) at K.C.

With each team coming off big losses, one should expect two fired up teams. K.C. had no successes in stopping Dan Marino last week and will have even less success stopping Seattle's Dave Krieg. Steve Largent and Daryl Turner will be open all day on the Chiefs' weak secondary. Look for a close first half with Seattle pulling at the big plays in the second half for an easy win.

Monday Night

At Pittsburgh (6) Cincy
Who cares? Take the Steelers.

Girls' Volleyball Loses To Chelmsford In Tough Opener

By ERNESTO ESPALDON

The Borden Gym sizzled as the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team fought Chelmsford in their season opener. Chelmsford, with an excellent volleyball reputation, overpowered the Blue in three consecutive games, 15-4, 15-11, and 15-3.

Even though the match was heavily delayed by the officials' no-show, it worked to both teams' advantage since they were well warmed up and served off to a dynamic start.

Game I

Chelmsford stormed out to a magnificent rally but after the third exchange of serves, Chelmsford's tremendous ability became evident. Although Andover played quick and alert volleyball, Chelmsford's strong after-serve defense soon rewarded them with eight consecutive points. Only excellent defensive play by Captain Robing Crestwell and Senior Kelly Amis kept the Blue from being completely overpowered. Both teams were well organized and aggressive, but the Chelmsford offense slowly accumulated points despite the P.A. efforts. As the Blue tally reached four, Chelmsford served for game point and only an incredible diving save by returning player Yvonne Samienego followed by a clean spike by new sensation, lower Tykek Higadon gave Andover another chance. Unfortunately, the Blue could not take advantage of the opportunity, as Chelmsford went on to victory, 15-4.

Game II

The second game started off much better for Andover as they played much more aggressively than they had in the first. Long, hard rallies characterized the opening points, and after sixteen exchange of serves, Andover held a slim 4-2 lead.

Chelmsford's well known ability to capture crucial points was stifled by a tough and energetic Andover team. Chelmsford's power offense struggled as the Blue defense succeeded in every way. Amis and Lower Kari Rosenkranz prevented several Chelmsford points with quick defensive saves. New Upper Stacy Roth combined her blocking ability with Amis to turn away several Chelmsford spikes. At the same time, the Blue offense took control, gaining easy points with superb spikes by Higadon and returning Senior Lydia Wise. The Chelmsford talent soon reappeared, answering the P.A. offense with spikes of their own and quickly took an 8-6 lead. Sameinego retaliated for the Blue with three unanswered points yet Chelmsford's

ability to dominate key points proved to be too much for the girls, giving Chelmsford a second win, 15-11.

Game III

The two losses had a depressing effect on Andover, as during the third game of the match, the Blue lost their power and energy. Thought still playing with consistency, team spirit was lacking and Chelmsford easily rolled over the P.A. squad 15-3.

The loss of the season opener was

disappointing, however, Coach Vic Svec was pleased with his team's performance. Svec also received a note from Chelmsford's athletic director complimenting the talent of the Andover team.

If the Blue continues to play as aggressively and powerfully as they did last Saturday, the question of a successful future has already been answered.

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Students Hold First Student-Faculty Dinner Last Sunday

By ERICA HOLLERN
and JANET CHOI

This past Sunday, a committee of Seniors held Andover's first student-faculty dinner in Commons.

Students at the Leadership Conference this September formed a number of committees which will concentrate on the general improvement of Andover's environment. These committees included a student-faculty dinner committee, which the Seniors formed to help unite the school.

The concept of mandatory student-faculty dinners arose during last year's pace of life conference, but these ideas were not set into action until this past Sunday night.

The Committee

Senior Alison Ranney is the head of the student-faculty dinner committee, and other members include Seniors Noel Wanner, Martin Wennik, Matt Mochary, Scott Falcone, Chip Marvin, and Jim Kingsbury. This group organized the first dinner as a trial run.

"The dinners," explained committee member Noel Wanner, "bring students and faculty together in an environment in which they don't have to discuss papers and grades, but can really talk to each other just as human beings."

Assistant Dean of Residence Cilla Bonney-Smith commented, "Not only are students isolated from faculty,

but faculty become isolated from each other." She expressed that the dinners are not only "pleasant, but they're symbolically important."

The Student-Faculty Dinner

The Student-Faculty Dinner Committee randomly invited sixty students and faculty to the dinner. In all, about forty-five attended. Many were unable to because of prior engagements.

The committee structured the dinner with a seating assignment and student waiters; but, at the same time, they maintained a comfortable atmosphere open for any topic of discussion.

"It was quite nice to have it away from the main area, and I think it might be better to keep it as it is for now," remarked History and Social Sciences instructor John Strudwick. "It is important for everybody to talk," he added, "but I hope we wouldn't have to do it in that sort of setting. I hope that students would feel they could talk to faculty all the time, but at the same time, they need to respect faculty privacy as well as we respect student privacy."

"The student-faculty dinner was an amazing idea that I think went over very well," commented School President Malcolm Galvin. "I would have liked to have seen more students show, but then again, it was the first dinner. Overall, it worked well."

Future Plans

Since students and faculty gave a

favorable response to the dinner, the Student-Faculty Dinner Committee will continue to schedule more of these dinners. The committee hopes to gradually increase the number of people attending the dinner to fill one of the upper dining halls in Commons.

For the invitation process, the committee expects to continue to invite randomly the students and faculty members, making sure to eventually invite all students and faculty.

The committee plans to hold a student-faculty dinner once every two or three weeks. Commenting on all the preparations made by the committee, Strudwick declared, "They should be congratulated for getting it organized."



Senior members of the Student-Faculty dinner committee: (left to right, back) Matt Mochary, Noel Wanner, Jim Kingsbury (front), Marty Wennik, Alison Ranney, Chip Marvin.
Photo/Shehadeh

Lowers Choose Four Finalists For Student Council Officers

By ALEXEI BARRIONUEVO

Lowers Sandra Comstock, Kari Rosenkranz, Steve Shlemmer, and Todd French will run in Friday's final elections for Lower Representative.

Shlemmer said in response to questioning about the origin of his signs that he "thought it would be more fun." He attributes much credit for their production to some Stearns House friends. He claims he wants to "widen social functions for Lowers and get more Lowers involved in Student Council." He also cited a desire to "help the day students as well."

Steve became a Day Student this year because of a relocation of his family. He lived in Nathan Hale last year. "I think I can do a lot more in the Student Council," explained Sandra Comstock. Involved in the Pace of Life Committee last year, Sandra came to this election with experience about how the school works. Further, she stated that she "wants to increase the amount of student-faculty awareness." She claimed this need comes from the fact that students are hesitant about talking to their representative. She insisted that "it just doesn't happen here."

Kari Rosenkranz attended Pace of Life meetings last year as well. She stated that she learned "how a problem can be handled" from this experience.

Corey Rateau, a dorm representative for Bishop South last year, explained that "Last year [as dorm rep.], in the cluster we decided things that affected the cluster, and now I want to help decide things that affect the whole school." Like many

students, Rateau felt that the decision to discontinue Arena Day in favor of the new Schedule day was a decision that students had no say in: "I'd like to see students have more input in what goes on in the school," he argues.

Former Junior Representative Tanya Selvaratnam, admits her campaign this year is something she planned well ahead of time. "Some people choose music, some people choose sports, I choose the [Student] Council," she explained.

Tricia Burden was a candidate for Junior Representative last year. Last year's Lower class and their representatives left a positive impression on her. "I thought last year's Lower class was really united."

"I'll always be available for any question," promised candidate Dave Richeson. A former Phillippian writer, Richeson attended Pace of Life meetings as well last year. His political approach is "basically a person to person approach." However, he does favor another form of communication: a Lower newsletter.

Quite a few candidates favor this idea as well.

Kristin Karl and Laura Cox also appeared on the primary ballot sheet.

Todd French's Candidacy

Through highly unusual circumstances, day student Todd French received a place on Friday's final list without the necessity of competing in the primaries. Accidentally, Todd appeared on the day student voting slips and not on the Lower Rep. list. This was caused in part because of his failure to get in his 100 required signatures in time. School President Malcolm Galvin allowed for this and placed Todd in the finals, without requiring him to compete against the other eleven candidates in the primaries.

The Finals

The impending finals on Friday will see Todd French, Sandra Comstock, Steve Shlemmer and Kari Rosenkranz compete for the two Council positions. The four will each give a speech in Cochran Chapel today. All lowers will then vote or abstain.

Day Students Select Five Rep Finalists

By ANDREW McNAUGHT

The final voting for both Senior and Underclassmen Day Student Representatives began yesterday and will continue through tonight in Commons.

The Student Council held preliminary voting on Monday and Tuesday of this past week. The remaining candidates then delivered speeches on Thursday morning at 8:00 in Kemper Auditorium.

Dave Cox

Dave Cox, running for Senior Day Student Representative, explained that, intentional or not, a segregation of Day Students now exists. He hopes to decrease this alienation by integrating Day Students further into campus life.

Cox points out that new Day Students now spend up to three nights in a dorm during orientation. The Day Student Committee initiated this policy last year. Cox asserted that the policy should be extended to apply throughout the entire year, not just during orientation.

Cox stated that he hopes to make Day Student affiliation with a dorm "mean something." He avowed that many Day Students have nowhere to go during free periods except the Library. Cox stressed that affiliation with a dorm will give a Day Student more identity. He continued, commenting that, like dormitory affiliation, membership in a Cluster means little to a Day Student. To help remedy this situation, Clusters should publicize social events more visibly by posting notices in other conspicuous places besides dorms, Cox explained.

Cox also plans to initiate a Day Student lounge similar to the Ryley Room where all students could congregate. He explained that he would like to see a Day Student telephone installed on campus because many Day Students waste money on payphones making local calls.

Attending Andover for over three years and being a past member of the

Day Student Committee, Cox avowed, "I will be able to work well with other members of the Student Council and the Underclassmen Day Student Representatives."

Also running for Senior Day Student Representative is new student Linda Adler.

John Slavin

Upper John Slavin, candidate for Underclassman Day Student Representative, stated that he thought it was "inconvenient" to be a Day Student at Andover. He pointed out that Day Students should try to make friends with boarders because many Day Students only have other Day Students as friends. Slavin also advocates the initiation of a Day Student lounge because, he explained, the Library is the only place for Day Students with free time.

Slavin asserted that he would "put effort into the position," and "try to be responsible."

David Pratt

Also running for Day Student Underclassman Rep is Upper David Pratt. He commented that it is "tough being a Day Student" because they miss out on dormitory life which is an important part of school life. Pratt also stressed the theme of integration, stating that there should be more Cluster munches and Social functionst in which Day Students could get involved. In addition, he wants to initiate a separate Day Student munch in the Underwood room. Pratt stated, "I want to work hard."

Melissa Morton

Upper Melissa Morton is running for the same position. She explained that Day Students "are an important part" of the community and need to get involved in more activities and social functions. Morton also wants to establish a Day Student lounge on campus this year. She explained that it is important for Day Students to fit in as if they were boarders. "I'm an enthusiastic worker," Morton exclaimed.

Student Poll On Schedule Day

Do you think the new Scheduling Day was a success?

Answer	Number	Percent
NO	144	72%
YES	57	28%

If not, what didn't you get that you wanted?

Course	Number	Percent
Time	28	20%
Teacher	73	51%
	43	29%

Do you think that Schedule Day was well organized?

Answer	Number	Percent
NO	121	60%
YES	80	40%

Would you rather see Schedule Day or Arena Day in the future?

Answer	Number	Percent
Arena Day	168	83%
Schedule Day	33	17%

Statistics were compiled by Phillippian news writer Rett Wallace. 201 students were polled.

REAL WORLD: Two Quakes Hit Mexico City Last Week

This year, *The Phillippian* intends to focus its "Real World" section on one issue per week to cover the most important national and international topics with more depth. We invite readers to suggest ideas for this weekly article by leaving information in the News Editor's box by Friday morning to be considered for the following week's issue.

By POLLY LABARRE

Two major earthquakes swept across southwestern Mexico last Thursday and Friday, leaving crumbled buildings and thousands of injured and dead, as well as disrupting commerce, travel, and communications in their wake.

The first and most destructive of the two quakes occurred at 9:18 a.m. eastern time on Thursday, September 19. Earthquake specialists determined that the quake, which rated 7.8 on the Richter scale, developed from an underground gap created by past quakes in the coastal area.

In addition to creating serious damage within Mexico City, Jalisco, Michoacan, and Guerrero, the quake stimulated ten damaging aftershocks. As far as 1000 miles to the north, in Texas and in New Mexico, people felt buildings sway as a consequence of the quake.

President Miguel de la Madrid declared a national state of emergency and placed the armed forces on maximum alert. Also, most banks and other businesses shut down after the tremor.

The second quake struck with much more intensity than expected at 9:38 p.m. eastern time on Friday, September 20. Rating 7.3, this damaging aftershock surprised specialists with its unusual force.

Extreme damage occurred in Mexico's capital, Mexico City. The quakes flattened 300 buildings and damaged beyond repair 200 others. Hundreds of fires ignited simultaneously, cutting off the central city, interrupting air service to the city, and eliminating telex and telephone communication. Experts estimated fifty percent of the damage could have been prevented if building codes had been strictly enforced.

After a seventy-five minute tour of Mexico City by air on Friday afternoon, United States Ambassador to Mexico John Gavin described it as "a remarkable and terrifying sight."

When asked for an estimate of the number of people killed or injured by the quakes, Mexico City's mayor, Ramon Aguirre Velasquez replied, "I would not dare to give a number."

The offices of Miguel de la Madrid supplied astronomical but "neither precise nor final figures" of the casualties. Mexico City hospitals treated more than 5,000 injured people and reports tell of 4,200 dead and 2,000 missing.

People killed outside the capital amount to forty-four, and authorities report 400 injured. The United States embassy in Mexico, clogged with calls from many of the 4,500 Americans in Mexico, reported five dead and eleven missing Americans.

One man described his experience sorrowfully: "I heard a tremendous noise, I grabbed my daughter and jumped out the window. I had no chance to help my wife who was killed when she was buried in the rubble."

Miguel de la Madrid sympathized with these problems, declaring, "We will bury our dead with sadness, but at the same time we will renew our will to live and to cure our wounds." He added, "Mexico is in mourning. The tragedy the country has experienced since last Thursday has touched all Mexicans."

Frustrated searches for relatives or friends through the streets and the open air morgue in a downtown baseball stadium continued throughout the week. International and local organizations responded to calls for relief with speed and generosity.

The people of Mexico donated blood and plasma so freely that Mayor Aguirre, lacking adequate storage space, terminated donations. Electricians worked through the night to restore most of the city's electrical power. Enrique Galvez, manager of the Gou moving company, remarked that "We are like postmen in the United States, neither rain, snow, nor earthquakes stop us."

Despite the promising public response, the large supply of food in the city, and the functioning hospitals, Manuel Alonso, director of communications for the President, expressed serious concern regarding Mexico's ninety-six billion dollar foreign debt and the country's resources to reconstruct. Alonso asserted that, "the problem now is reconstruction, and this is a question of money."

Secretary of State George Schultz met with Mexico's ambassador, Jorge Espinosa de las Reyes, who declined offers of assistance from the United States on the basis that Mexican officials had not yet assessed the extent of the damage.

Nevertheless, the U.S. will send fire helicopters with firefighting abilities, breathing devices for firefighters, temporary housing for 50,000, and emergency technicians. On September 23, Nancy Reagan visited Mexico City, making a three-and-one-half hour motor tour of the city and presenting the wife of Miguel de la Madrid with a one million dollar relief check, calling it a "down payment on our further help and assistance." Prior to her visit, she stated her purpose as a vehicle to "express the support of the American people for the courageous people of Mexico."

Both Los Angeles and Austin organized relief programs and sent task forces to Mexico for relief. Other relief organizations such as CARE and Catholic Relief Services contributed large sums of money to Mexico.

The government of Ottawa announced its one million dollar contribution to the relief program and the International Development Bank made \$800 million available in emergency loans to Mexico.

The relief program appeals, in Pope John Paul II's words, "to every human heart" to join in a universal effort to supply relief for Mexico's suffering.

President Reagan commented that, "a tragedy like this reminds us that the desire to be a good neighbor is basic to American character and vital to our foreign policy."

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Keeping a Tradition Swinging

All That Jazz and 8 'n 1 on the rise

By EDGAR SARINO

"Phillips Academy-Andover" conjures up visions of a more liberal school atmosphere where old customs don't always hold. Sometimes, though, the traditional ideas remain the best ones. This year, two dedicated student groups carry on the tradition of bebop and barbershop jazz singing—namely, the all-male 8 'n 1 group, and the all-female All That Jazz singers. Both groups have many new ideas for this year, and look forward to it with enthusiasm.

Breaking Away

One tradition that All That Jazz wants to break, not being able to perform because of poor organization, seems to have been amended. Co-presidents Jenny Amstutz and Janet Clarkson are quick to emphasize that all they want to do is get out and perform, whether for faculty-student dinners, Parents' Weekend, or bebopping in Commons—and to have a little fun while doing it. Eight girls comprise the group this year, instead of nine, as had been originally planned. Amstutz explains, "We just felt that it would be easier. All of us are floaters (each girl can sing any part), and the number of members makes it easier to sing four-part songs, such as 'Mr. Sandman'."

Both Clarkson and Amstutz seemed pleased with and proud of their group and this year's music. The music they are planning to perform reads like a professional jazz vocal program: "Alley Cat", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", as well as their theme "All That Jazz". They also have picked out music for an upcoming Christmas concert, in which

they emphasize a bit more swing in their selections. Clarkson stresses that, "although it [All That Jazz] might seem like an exclusive group, all we want to do is to have fun and sing at informals."

Java Jive

8 'n 1, the flip side of the coin, should provide good musical contrast. Although 8 'n 1 will contain 8 or 9 members on four parts, plus faculty advisor Chris Shaw, the music which the group performs will lean more towards a souped-up version of the barbershop quartet sound. This year, 8 'n 1 will provide old favorites, such as "Java Jive", "It Don't Mean a Thing", "All of Me", and "Summertime", as well as some newer material coupled with a few selections from last year's group. Collective ideas for other types of music include arrangements of tunes from Billy Joel, Joe Jackson, and the Nylons, a newer jazz group that hails from Canada, and has performed at that country's version of Live Aid.

The three officers of 8 'n 1 this year—Treasurer Gilbert Gimm and co-presidents Michael Handler and Edgar Sarino—are entertaining the ideas of getting faculty members to sing combos with the group for special occasions. "The best way to ensure faculty support," claims Handler, "is to get faculty directly involved." Some original works may also be in the repertoire by the end of the year.

Famished Crowds

At the time of this writing, both groups face the problem of deciding upon and performing music to satisfy the musical appetites of hungry audiences. That doesn't mean their minds haven't been rolling, however. Both groups are op-

timistic about performing together on pieces such as "Boy from New York City," perhaps with the Jazz Band as instrumental backup. Amstutz also points out that since "there is a lot of talent in our group, we could arrange music which we like [but don't have versions of]," and that she'd love to see the groups performing at other schools.

Dinner Variety

Whatever they're doing, someone is taking notice. A heartening note of support came from the Student Leadership Conference, where it was stated that groups like 8 'n 1 and All That Jazz "bring variety to dinner and otherwise everyday monotonous activities." With comments like that, these groups will likely be two to watch out for in the coming year.



Presidents of All That Jazz Jenny Amstutz (left) and Janet Clarkson (right) with Presidents of 8 'n 1 Edgar Sarino (left) and Michael Handler (right)

Photo/Greer

RECORD REVIEW:

Talking Heads Speak In New Tongues On Little Creatures

Talking Heads

Little Creatures

By JOHN S. LEW

The Talking Heads are back, and as usual, they're unusual. Their new album, *Little Creatures*, is a new step for the band, but in an opposite direction. With the artistic genius of David Byrne leading the way on vocals and guitar, the Heads have retained a sense of their earlier work as the new, art-scene cult band of the C.B.G.B., all while throwing in a twist of grass-roots.

Little Creatures starts off with the delightfully simple toe-tapper "And

She Was." No latin percussion or Nona Hendryx here, just an easy melody with a strong 2-4, a floating guitar/keyboard line, and the pre-pubescent wail of Byrne, describing a woman who levitates out of her backyard.

Byrne's lyrical work is still as inventive and insightful as previous albums, but without the hard, almost schizophrenic edge he displayed in past tunes such as "Psycho Killer" and "Burning Down the House." The tone of these new songs reflects a lighter, more frivolous attitude that the band held before their progressive experiments in exotic tribal rhythm under their collaborator Brian Eno. In their last studio album, *Speaking in Tongues*, the band became more accessible to listeners outside their cult-status college following. The last song on that album, "Naïve Melody (This Must Be the Place)," a serene, heartfelt ballad to a friend, acted as a springboard for the new tone of *Little Creatures*.

The band's new interests are responsible for their softer tone. Byrne has taken the band out of Africa, and placed them right into the heartland of America. The cuts "The Lady Don't Mind," "Give Me Back My Name," and "Creatures of Love" ring out with a distinct country-western flavor.

The latter, "Creatures of Love," is a classic Nashville-style song complete with acoustic bass and steel guitar. In fact, it has risen up the charts on some country music stations. But Byrne's delightful lyrics set it apart from other country tunes.

The song talks of little creatures that come out when a man and a woman lay together. "We can love one another/I've been told that it's okay," sings Byrne.

A revival of bash 'em-out seventies pop-rock is evident in "Stay Up Late," where Byrne plays the part of a man whose simple, demented desire is to keep up baby just to watch a little creature in action. Folk influences appear on the first single, "Road to Nowhere," a cajun ditty complete with squeeze-box, washboard, and a simply plea for guidance from above. The same hope returns in the folksy sing-along "Walk It Down," which addresses wants and needs. "Walk it down, talk it down/Sympathy, luxury, somebody will take you there." Even Santana-inspired latino rhythms are covered in a flair of timbales and horns during the break in "Television Man," where Byrne relates the story of a person who grew up and now is trapped in the world of TV.

Except for one throwaway ("Give Me Back My Name"), this album is a great collection of songs spiced with distinctly American flavor that should stretch the band's audience ever more than the successful *Speaking in Tongues*. Characteristic of the Talking Heads, their sound is not currently fashionable, but trend-setting.

Instead of the vicious, snarling "Hal's" that pervade the album *Remain in Light*, Byrne's jubilant "Hey!"s kick off *Little Creatures*, signaling the lighter and more optimistic tone that is kept throughout, and "I kinda like that style."

The Sour Taste Of Success

Two Boston Bands Wallow In Fame

'Til Tuesday

By ROB MORRIS

I can't tell you how many times I've looked at pictures of 'Til Tuesday—Boston's band gone national—and wondered if the band had any idea, any clue, as to how ridiculous they looked. I'm quite serious when I say this, because if there's one thing that really gets my goat, really flips my skirt, it's a group, a band, a person, with no sense of imagination or risk.

There may be some who say that 'Til Tuesday is indeed original and daring, but these are the same people who would think of Bryan Adams as a musical deity. Creative? Sure. You can bet the band spent hours trying to decide which looks better, a charcoal blazer on a black shirt or a black blazer on a charcoal shirt. Decisions, decisions.

This may sound ridiculous, but, sad to say, it's true. 'Til Tuesday used to be one of Boston's better known bands, with a promising single called "Love in a Vacuum" fetching some local airplay. But even then—as we now know from reading a slew of blabbering national press—'Til Tuesday knew that it was destined for...the stars! Yes, Solid Gold was almost within reach. What I would give to have my song danced to by people who include the word "shimmy" in their daily vocabulary.

Suffice to say that 'Til Tuesday is indeed successful. They've made top 40 with their "Voices Carry" album and single. Casey Kasem tells amusing stories about them on

Sundays. Their video—a relentlessly bad piece of film considering some of history's most ludicrous overdubbing—apparently got them nominated as one of MTV's best new artists. This is not at all surprising, considering that they are products of MTV, a pre-packaged slice of sterility. Everybody knows the game 'Til Tuesday's playing, but nobody cares. They just eat up the image, the nice, safe image. It's the kind of safety you get when you wear footie pajamas.

I wouldn't mind 'Til Tuesday's success if they weren't so sure of it. They knew people would go nuts over a good image, and they took the necessary steps to get that image. Lead singer with a ponytail, androgynous guitar player, two other guys who play synthesizer—I mean keyboards. Everything just perfect, nothing out of place. Give the people what they want.

And what about the music? Oh yes, that. Put out an album full of generously mediocre tunes, very catchy and simple. No sense taking risks when you've come this far.

Ball and Pivot

By DAVE KUNIAN

Score a few points for the dance two Saturday nights ago. Score one for Social Functions and Lisa Rosen for getting a band like Ball and Pivot. Score two for the student body for making it a great time; the gym hasn't seen that many people since the Del Fuegos ripped into town. All in all, it was a good way to start off

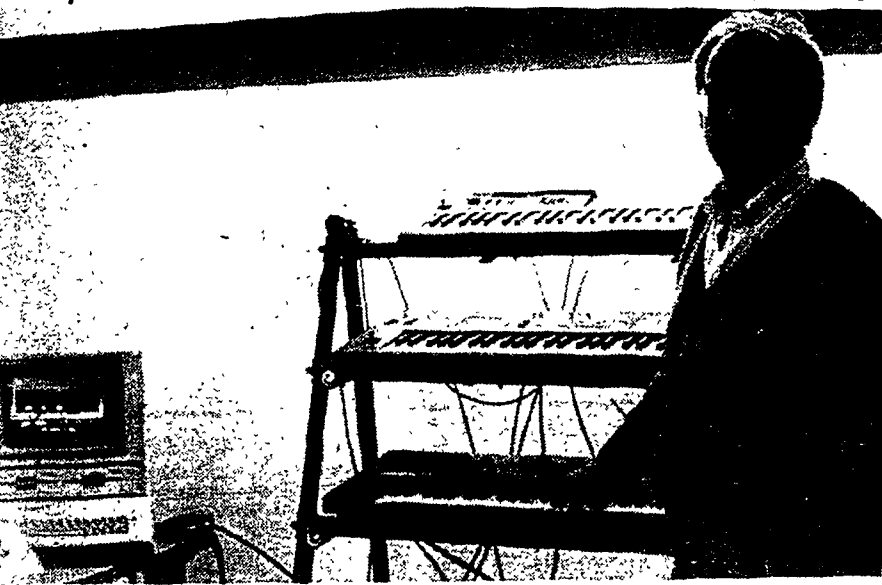
the year, but there was still something missing in the band, something it had at last year's show in the Underwood Room but has since forgotten.

For an ordinary band Saturday's performance would have been a good night, but we're talking about Ball and Pivot, allegedly one of the hottest bands in Boston. The band that last year drew about 700 people into the U-Room and proceeded to blow its roof off. One comes to expect good things from a band like that, and that's part of the reason Saturday's show was something of a letdown.

It would be easy to blame everything on the band's recent personnel change. In the past year, they've picked up a new bassist, drummer, and keyboardist. While new blood can spark a band back to life, it can also tie a band down. This isn't to say that the new members are dragging Ball and Pivot into oblivion, but it is to point out that the band's attitude has changed, probably in part because of its new members.

Last year's Ball and Pivot was a hungry band—a band that could see success right around the corner and to get there had to give the show of its life every time onstage. You got a chill up your spine their energy and excitement. Saturday night, though, it seemed like a band that had already found success (their most recent single has received heavy airplay on Boston radio, and of course, they have videos on MTV.) This year's Ball and Pivot didn't push as hard or have the energy of before. There was, quite simply, no chill up the spine. When and if they come back, here's hoping they bring the chill with them.

Depeche Mode would kill for this



Music faculty member Vincent Monaco stands proudly next to the music department's new electronic equipment. It was given in large part through a grant by Director of Computing Lewis Robbins. The equipment is currently employed as part of the music department's courses in electronic music.

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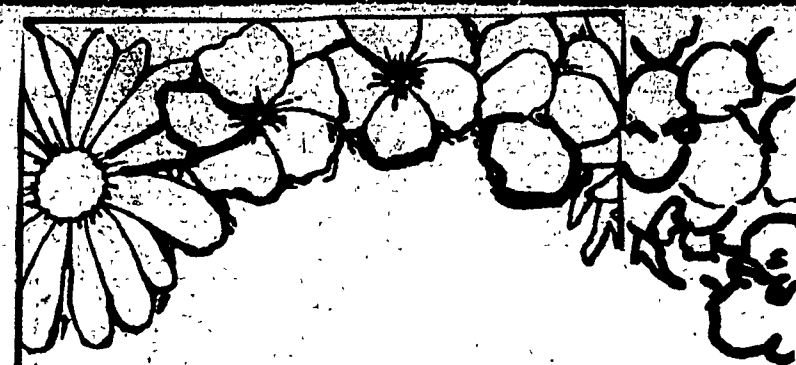
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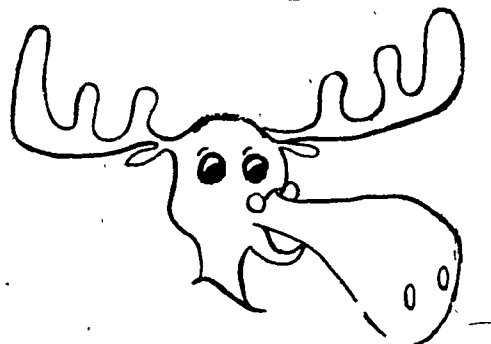
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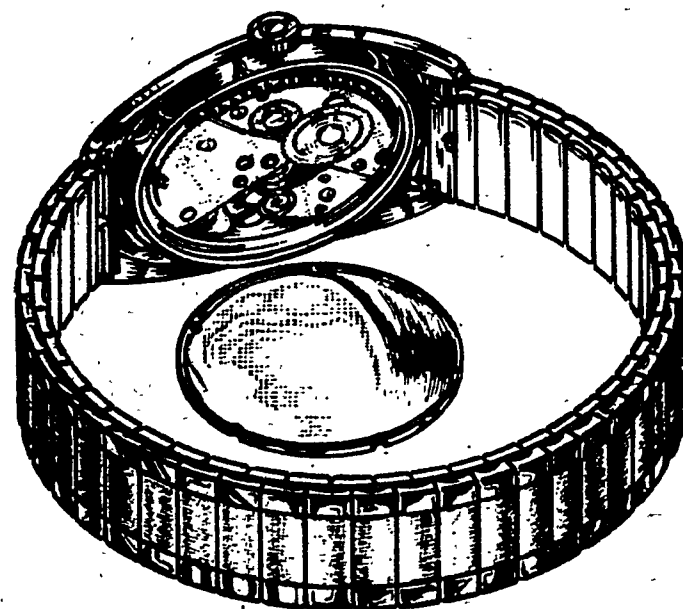
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