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## McNemar Condemns Meeting; Convocation "Marred By Rudeness"

By JAMES McLAIN

Immediately following the Convocation for the opening of school last Sunday evening, Headmaster Donald McNemar sent a letter to the Student Body that claimed that the ceremonies were marred by excessive rudeness, and that the meeting was a failure.

Although the Headmaster insisted that the problems of the meeting were "nobody's fault", he did say that the serious side of the convocation, such as the meditation, was, lost in the constant chanting and cheering. "Of course we want school spirit, and there was plenty of it at the meeting, but unfortunately many of the students did not take time to reflect on the goals for the school and the community that we also talked about," said McNemar. "The problem was that we tried to shift gears too quickly. It is very hard for such an excited class to sit down and appreciate Bach."

### Response to Letter

McNemar asserted that the response to the letter has been positive. He suggested that a solution to the problem might be to hold separate gatherings for each of the two distinct purposes in the future. "Perhaps we could have a pep rally with all the seniors front and center on one night, and on the next night there could be a separate meeting to examine the school's purpose and goals for the coming year."

Many students felt that the letter was simply unnecessary and only served to dull the excitement of the evening. Senior and Student Council Representative of Flagstaff Cluster John Morgan commented that "Dr. McNemar's letter was presented in vague terms and therefore ineffective. Had [the Headmaster] elucidated the point that there should have been separate meetings for both purposes, that would have been fine. However, the letter seemed to blame the senior class rather than provide a solution." Two anonymous seniors also postulated that the Headmaster might have been offended because he lost control of the meeting. "We let [Mr. McNemar] speak only when we let him, which is not necessarily right, but it is easy to see how personal feelings might have been stepped on," one senior said.

### All School-Meeting Committee

Much of the disappointment with the Convocation stemmed from the fact that a special committee was formed last spring out of a Student

Council proposal so that the entire community could meet together more often and more successfully. The committee intended to help structure and organize all-school meetings. The most notable achievement of the All-School Meeting will be the newly scheduled gatherings during the all-school free period during six-day weeks at 11:15 AM. In addition, the time from 5:15 and 6:00 PM on Thursday evenings has been set aside for Cluster meetings. In the future, some of the cluster as well as the all-school gatherings will be conducted by students.

### Pew Pounding

Many faculty were distressed that many seniors, in their enthusiasm, pounded on the pews during the course of the Convocation. Student Council President Alex Walley went down the line of seniors outside the chapel and forewarned not to knock the pews, yet his plea was ultimately ignored. Faculty who worship in Cochran Chapel were horrified by the display of disrespect shown by certain individuals at the meeting. In addition, it has been recently discovered that there has been considerable damage done to the pews in the past as a result of pounding and

even kicking. The screws have been weakened and scratches have been found in the panelling on the walls as well as the pews.

When asked how the Convocation was worse this year than in the past, the Headmaster responded that, "there was more spirit than there was in other years, and that's good. We certainly don't want to squash spirit, but unfortunately this year we tried to have two different purposes, and we found that it was impossible to do with one meeting. We have also come to realize the sort of damage that the pounding does to the pews."

### Four, Four, Four!

Certain seniors also felt that those who chanted "Four, Four, Four," signifying a four year career at PA, rather than "Class of '89!" divided the class into two sections, and therefore destroyed the unity of the class. In response, the four-year seniors claimed that their chant was meant to represent their pride for "surviving" four years rather than a desire to divide the class. Headmaster McNemar stated that "no one has complained to me about it, but I do think that it is a fair and interesting question to ask."

## Water Deemed Safe; Taste To Improve

By JAY JAMISON

The administration of Phillips Academy adopted a policy that will require the issuing of results of a test on the lead content of the water at Phillips Academy to the faculty and the students. Accompanying the results is a report describing how to get the dangerous levels of lead out of the water before it is consumed.

### No Danger

According to Susan Stott, Director of Personnel and Business Services, the water around the campus is safe as long as the faucet has been left to run for three minutes prior to drinking. The results of tests done on water that had not been given a chance to flush showed that steps needed to be taken to ensure the safety of those drinking the water. These results showed that lead content of water in such dormitories as Alumni House, Newman House, and Carter House achieved levels almost ten times higher than PA's current standard for safe water.

The water that was deemed unsafe for drinking by the "immediate sample," were then tested after the water had run for 90 seconds. All water in dormitories and buildings on the campus of PA contained less lead than PA's standard. The standard for lead content at PA, 20 parts per billion, is half

what is the Environmental Protection Agency's national standard for safe water.

PA is not the only place in the United States that is finding out that its water is high in lead content. Stott termed it a "national problem." The cause of the problem, explains Stott, is that until recently the solder used on copper piping throughout the country contained lead and tin. Thus the lead leaches into the water if the water is allowed to stay in the pipes for more than four hours. Also, the water at PA is acidic and therefore obtains lead more quickly than water with a higher pH.

### Taste of the Water

Orin Herskowitz, a Senior, comments that PA's water tastes "like a garden," and regarding the color, "I've seen cleaner puddles." Stott states that the "earthy" taste of the water is "typical" at the end of a hot summer. Algae builds up in water during hot and dry spells such as the one this summer. Stott asserts that the taste of the water will improve as the fall months come.

### Solutions for Students

Although Stott and others have informed everyone to the possible danger of drinking the water and have realized the taste of the water is not pleasant, the problem still remains. A possible solution taken by dormitories around campus is to rent water coolers that serve bottle water.

Belmont Springs, a bottled water company in Belmont, Massachusetts will deliver coolers and five-gallon bottles to dormitories at PA. They offer two models of coolers. One serves hot and cold water and costs \$214.10 to rent for one year. This price includes 10 gallons of water, with additional bottles delivered every two weeks for a price of \$5.80 per five gallon bottle. The other model offered by Belmont Springs is one that produces cold and room temperature water for a cost of \$195.20 a year.

Stott warns that not all bottled water is tested and that government regulations on bottled water companies were pretty low. Belmont Springs agrees, claiming that "we do it" and stating that government regulation is "pretty low" on their company.

Belmont Springs has its own standards that tests its water twice every day. Once a month, Belmont Springs sends its water to an independent laboratory for testing, and every three months a government agency spot tests their water.

## Novosibirsk Exchange Continues

By MARK MEGALLI

For the third consecutive year, Phillips Academy and the Novosibirsk School of Math and Physics have set up a one-term student exchange program. On September 17, ten PA students departed for Novosibirsk, USSR, while Andover welcomed ten Soviet students.

English instructor Greg Wilkins, his wife Ellie, who works in the Audio-Visual Center, and their two-year-old daughter Anne accompanied the Americans to the Soviet Union. "They [the Wilkins] are not really chaperones," commented Russian Department head Victor Svec, "but are there in case something goes wrong." The Wilkins' counterpart is Ivan Vorobyev, who traveled here with his Soviet students. Directing the exchange is Russian history teacher Jack Richards, who will hand the program over to Svec this winter.

### Participants

Only those students in Russian 30 or above were offered the chance to participate in this year's exchange. The final ten students were chosen because of their citizenship, academic ability, personal essays, and recommendations. "We looked for ambassadors of school and country," Svec explained. The Americans in Novosibirsk have temporarily become full-fledged Russian students—working, eating, playing, and

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## Bus Will Continue

By KATHY HUIBONHOA

Just weeks before classes began this September, Merrimac Transportation, Incorporated, the division of Grayline serving the Lawrence/Andover area in its commute to Boston, was planning serious modifications of its schedule because of light transit and financial limitations. After further consideration though, Merrimac Transportation decided to continue its original schedule, unchanged, for the meantime.

Throughout the school year, the majority of Phillips Academy students rely on the Lawrence-Boston line to get into the Boston. At the station just past downtown Andover, PA students can take the train into Boston, but it is not considered as convenient as the bus. "I have never taken the train into Boston," said Shian Velie, a four-year senior, "because the bus picks us up right here on campus." Although PA provides the Lawrence-Boston line with hundreds

more riders during the school year, the group is not large enough to deserve its own bus line. As Robert Marciello, Vice-President and General Manager of Merrimac Transportation, Inc. explained, "[PA] is important as a part of a total operation, but [its] role is not too significant at all."

In addition to the bus service to Boston, some Lawrence/Andover commuters opt to take trains managed by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). However, if those commuters that now rely on the bus were forced to take the train, the funds needed to expand the present Lawrence area train stations would be taken from the state taxes. Furthermore, future reconstruction of major highways in and around the Boston area will force more commuters from their cars, and onto available public transportation, such as buses and trains. Because of these obstacles, Merrimac Transportation chose to resume its normal schedule of buses, which includes 15 daily round trips Monday through Friday, 7 round trips on Saturdays, and 5 round trips each Sunday. As Steve Caplan, part owner of Grayline stated: "We just felt the smart thing to do was postpone this until we were more sure of things."

Although "a modified schedule is being considered," commented Marciello, "we are operating as usual. I don't have any further information for you right now, but the schedule remains the same."

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## Rudeness Condemned

Last Sunday's Convocation in the Cochran Chapel raised two questions that the school must face concerning the use and abuse of the Chapel and the distinction between-school spirit and rudeness. First, members of the community yet again questioned whether or not the Chapel is a proper place for the school to gather in secular meetings. Second, the appalling rudeness by a (thankfully) small minority of the students during several of the speeches was unwarranted and unprecedented.

The use of the Chapel for all-school meetings was once again challenged as disrespectful to those who worship there. Unfortunately, there is no viable alternative to holding meetings in the Chapel, because there is no other building on campus that can hold the entire school. Though the cage may seem to be a feasible alternative, the potential damage to the floor and the cost of setting up fifteen hundred seats makes it an untenable choice. Though there is no good solution to the problem of students sitting in the aisles of the Chapel, the problem of damage to the pews can be terminated simply by having all members of the community confront individuals who pound on them.

In addition to the disrespectful hammering of the pews, another group of pupils went beyond simple spirit to rudeness and disruptiveness. Instead of listening to the speakers many students talked and some went so far as to read letters or even newspapers. No matter what the opinion of the quality of the speeches may be, such rudeness cannot be tolerated. All will agree that there is a distinct difference between cheering or school spirit and the lack of attentiveness displayed by several members of the student body.

Cheering is not rude, but inattentiveness is, and outright disruption is unacceptable. Cheer long and loud, but do so with your voice, not by hitting the pews. Above all, however, remember to be respectful of our speakers, and even if you disagree or are uninterested in what they have to say, give them at least your attention.

## Praise For SLC

While called the Senior Leadership Conference, the SLC went beyond the subject of leadership to address issues concerning Andover's future. The Conference provided a forum for positive discussion and reflection. The main products of the conference, while not revolutionary, provide first steps to making Andover a happier place. By talking together, students could discuss how to change PA and, more importantly, how to coordinate these efforts.

Because it brought together different students, the SLC provided a chance for leaders of various clubs to clarify that all organizations, specifically seemingly closed clubs such as JSU, Af-Lat-Am, The International Club and the Asian Society, allow and encourage all students to join. This important clarification hopefully will let students feel more comfortable about attending these club meetings.

The SLC "family" idea has the most potential to positively change PA. "Group 8" originally proposed the idea, which would create support groups composed of 6-10 students and one faculty member which would meet weekly or bi-weekly. Potentially, the "family idea" would provide a close-knit group of people to come together and discuss issues and problems. The groups would give students another faculty member to trust and would keep students from feeling alienated from the community. We feel that this idea shows great promise and we hope that the students who felt so strongly in favor of this proposal at the SLC, and also other students, will try to have it implemented.

The family idea shows that open discussion and reflection characteristic of the SLC can have extremely positive results. We hope that the SLC continues and also that all students continue to work toward a better Phillips Academy.

## McNemar Letter Refuted

To The Editor:

After what may have been the greatest orientation ever, the Senior class displayed an unprecedented level of enthusiasm at the opening all school convocation. Most students left the meeting with a sense of unity and spirit that often gets lost in the sometimes monotonous shuffle of daily life at Phillips Academy.

The next day, we were informed that our "overwhelming enthusiasm" had been misinterpreted as "rowdiness." On behalf of the Senior class we apologize for cheering at times that were perhaps inappropriate and for banging on the fragile pews in the Cochran Chapel. However, we still believe our action demonstrated desperately needed positive spirit and unity,

rather than mere boisterous heckling and disrespect. Although our behavior was not exemplary, we feel that Dr. McNemar's letter caused more dampening of spirits than reflection of inappropriate actions.

Dr. McNemar also included in his letter plans for frequent "community celebrations" this year. While we hope that the few people who were indeed out of line will abide by the proper etiquette at these meetings, we also hope that Dr. McNemar's letter will not discourage the awesome display of unity felt in the Chapel. If our exuberance continues to be misinterpreted as "rudeness," then we must question the purpose of an increased number of all school gatherings.

Gabe Wardell '89  
Curtis Bradgon '89

## The Andover Crisis

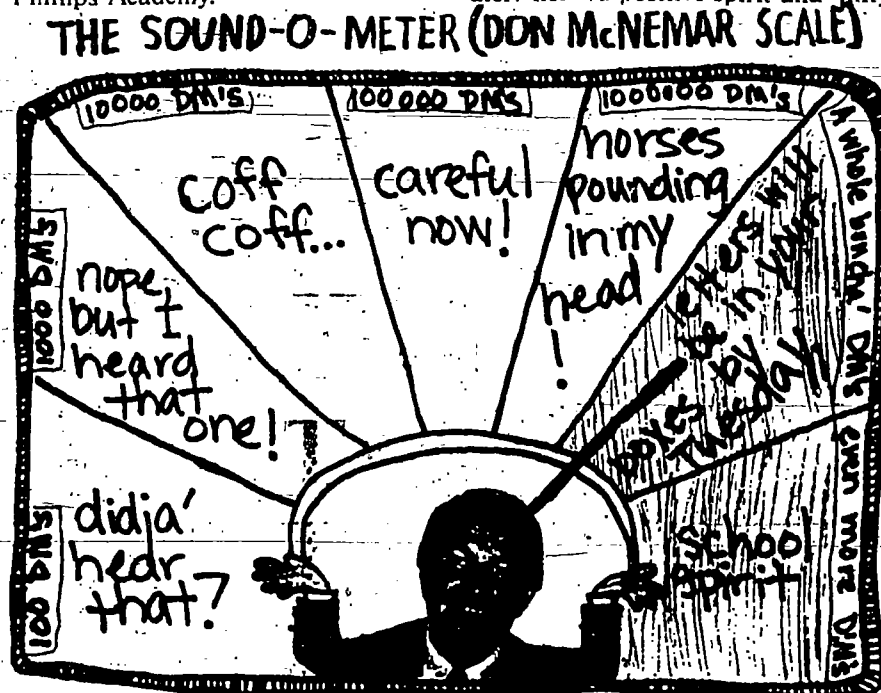
These are the times that try students' souls; the careless senior and the daylight (but not flashlight) studier will in this crisis shrink from the service of his school (sibi!); but he that stands it *now* deserves the love and thanks of Hale and Rockwell. 11:00 lights-out, like scheduling problems, is not easily conquered, yet we have this consolation with us that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an item as FREEDOM TO CHOOSE ONE'S OWN BEDTIME should not be highly rated. The faculty, with the Blue Book to enforce their tyranny, has declared they have the right (*not only* to make juniors go to bed at 11:00) but to bind us all cases whatsoever, and if being *bound in that manner*, is not repressive, then repression does not exist upon earth. Even the expression is impious; for so unlimited a power can belong only to one's self.

*Editor's Note: This parody addresses the issue of 11:00 lights-out in Junior dorms. We feel that this new rule not only goes against PA's professed policy of student independence, but also that it destroys Junior-proctor relationships by making proctors enforce lights-out.*

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While no newspaper is truly uncensored, *The Phillipian* has the distinction of being one of the only high school papers to be censored only by the students who produce it; no faculty members see the paper until after we publish it. Thus, *The Phillipian*, provides a chance for students to learn not only how to produce a paper but also, but also journalistic responsibility. As a paper, we have a responsibility to represent the news in a fair manner. This includes reporting all the news. We feel that the lack of racial and sexual diversity on the present board can restrict our ability to fairly report news and opinions. We therefore encourage all interested members of the community to join our organization. The rally will be tonight at 6:00 pm in White Auditorium.



## The Doghouse

By ANDREW KUNIAN

September should mark the beginning of a new year, not January. I don't feel new in January, only cold. I came back to school excited but by 6:30 at registration for Blue Key, it had worn off. The campus seemed very strange. It wasn't that there were only 200 students, or that I could finally walk from Bullfinch, past the new Day Hall condos, to G.W. without making a detour around Pearson. Something else. Sitting outside of Kemper, I kept asking myself what I or any Blue Key were doing here so early. We had given up 4 to 7 days of potential lounging for this. Why? Sure, it looked good on college applications as long as the Admissions Offices understood what Blue Key actually was. Or perhaps, Non-Sib had gotten through to us, and Blue Key seemed like an organization nice young men and women should participate in. Helping new students get oriented to this campus, in my book, is almost as charitable as a whole year of community service (remember, we are talking about 4 days of my summer vacation).

Was I even qualified? Anybody with

a relatively clean record could fake some goody-goody letter to their respective cluster head. After Dave Sat's and the rest of Team Andover's performance during the first meeting, I was beginning to have my doubts. I wanted to think they had done something else with their summer besides practicing smiles and acting enthusiastic. Their performance was flawless, I could never equal it. While Dave, Nancy, and the posse would be gayly skipping around greeting anyone who looked vaguely unfamiliar or lost, I'd be slouched in some quiet, remote corner with dark glasses on, still crusty from lack of sleep trying to be invisible. My body could only take so much fervor and zeal. Too much, and I might get real sick and just decide to bag the whole deal and take the bus home to Boston. How could Blue Key expect me to be enthusiastic in the morning when I'd have enough trouble staying awake.

New students would come up to me and I'd tell them to leave me alone. "Where is Paul Revere?" the girls would ask me. "Oh yeah, uh, really, just go down Main Street and take a left at Barcellos." They'd ask for directions to

By RICARDO LIMA

Hey, everyone, welcome back! Or, for those of you privileged enough to participate in the Gunga banana-eating ceremony, welcome to Andover! Like all the smiling people you meet out there on the paths, I am dying to know how your summer has been. Did you have fun? Are you psyched for whatever year you're in? Did you do your college homework? Did you travel to Africa? Did you work out? Hmmtmm? Well? Actually, I couldn't care less about your summer. And, though this may be a shock to you, it's not just me. NO ONE cares about your summer. Oh, I know they may pretend to, and they may smile and nod at you as if your summer was worth something special or something, but the reality of things is that, here at PA, summer is the thing most asked about and undoubtedly the least cared for. I, especially, put summers on the lowest line of my priority list.

College homework, on the other hand, is something I'm deeply concerned about. The last thing I want is to get on the bad side of my college counselor, especially since she is so influential in the college admission

anywhere and my finger would automatically point toward Abbot. Of course, there's always that hot foreign student with lots of luggage who just got ripped off by the cab driver because she couldn't figure out the exchange rate. I'd jump up as if adrenaline had been pumped into my veins, helping her, hoping to be noticed and maybe even remembered. Eventually my arms would tire and my feet would start to drag from the weight of her luggage. By the time we reached the dorm, my hand would be out waiting for a tip. Four days were four too many for me.

A friend nudged me and I was jolted out of my nightmare. As we talked, my eyes kept wandering around aimlessly. That something was still missing. I kept looking for people older than myself, the class ahead of mine. Where were the more visible people, people like Nick Sims and Polly LaBarre, I had become accustomed to seeing for the

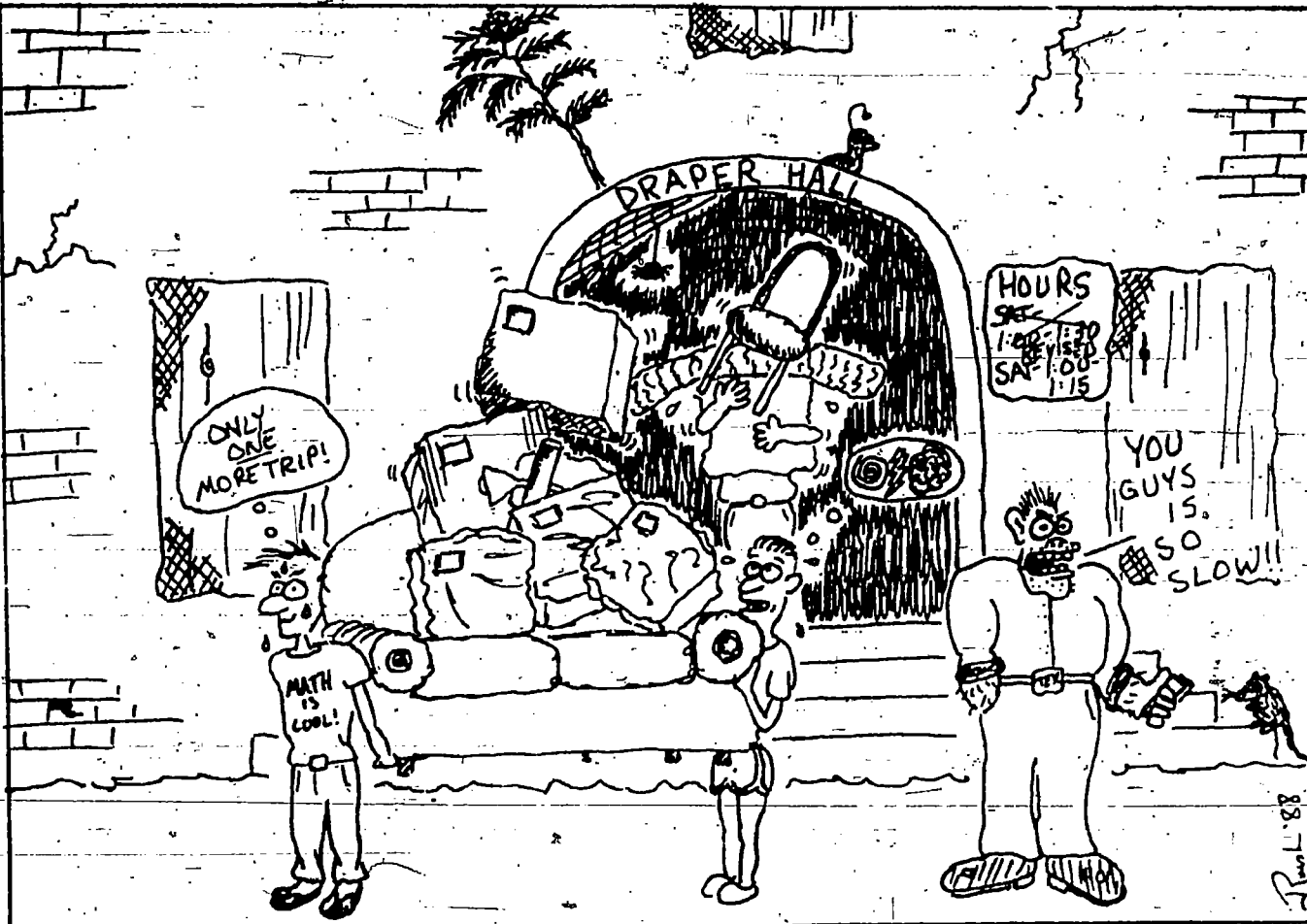
process. College counselors are pretty amazing people; if you think about it. Take their brains, for example. Inside all of those intertwining strands of cerebral nerve tissue is a highly-computerized memory bank which contains detailed classified information on the sixty or more students that the counselor is responsible for. Because of this remarkable data network inside their heads, a counselor never forgets a face, and he/she is able to write exceptionally accurate reports to colleges even if he/she has only met with the advisee but once. Or, at least, this is what I have been told, and I hope and pray it's true because I would hate to have an incomplete or wrong description of me sent to the schools. According to my records, I am an SAT-TOEFL-ACT-AP-PHY52CHM52ENG514BIO54-PSAT, with a few other letters here and there, and it would be a calamity if I were described as a MATH68GER10-20 if that's not what I am.

Now for more pressing issues. I really wanted to be a MATH68GER10-20. Or for underclassmen not familiar with the code, it deciphers into Mathematics Seminar 68 and German 10-20, two

past three years. All of them off at college or maybe not all, but none of them were here. I was finally a senior and began to remember when I was clueless and nervous just like those about to register tomorrow. All the memories that had faded were now coming back. I became more sympathetic to what the new students were going through. They were being left by their parents, many for the first time, in a strange, new school that was taking the appearance of a summer camp for the first three days. So, whatever reason we Blue Keys bought this ticket, college, suck or just being nice, I was sure of my own motivations at least. Everytime I'd hang with my two new students, it would be like staring in the mirror three years ago. I could see exactly what I was and how I felt then, and from that, know how far I had come since. And no, I didn't abandon my group in the Sanctuary even though it was tempting.

courses which I had signed up for and mysteriously disappeared from the course list. Sabotage, perhaps? Is someone trying to stop me from getting into college? Did the bureaucracy deliberately exterminate these two classes in hopes of sending me to a lower-level institution? I don't think it was just me. I think that more than a couple of courses were erased from the course list. Why didn't they warn me in the Course Catalog? How must a new student have felt upon arriving at PA when he/she found out that his/her favorite courses don't exist anymore? Andover is proud to offer such a wide variety of courses to choose from since that is one of the qualities which sets this school above most of the other high schools in the country. Already, there is evidence of what may happen. Take archaeology, for instance. Yes, this subject really was offered once here at PA, and the strange building between Graves and the McNemar's house really did have a purpose. Now, the Archaeology museum stands as an empty mystery, and two pages stand missing from the Course of Studies book. If this keeps up, a terrible catastrophe is eminent. Courses will disappear like emeralds in quicksand, and soon most of the buildings around the flagpole will become deserted and all of the graduates will be forced to apply to colleges as SATPSATENGLISHCOMPETENCE EARTIOMUSIC20.

The thought of this abominable future has drained most of my energy, and I am already on my way back to my dorm where the dark coziness under my bed awaits me. My advice for this week: Juniors, enjoy the extra sleep you are being granted. You will miss it next year. Lower, it's not too early to start thinking about colleges, and you should sign up for every possible position in every rally you can find so you can pile up on those extra-currics. Uppers, this year isn't so bad, so quit all this complaining. And lastly, Seniors, I have but one reprimand: please, behave yourself in the church, and don't pound on the pews belonging to the House of God. You'll need His help this term. Ciao, and au revoir.



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## It's The Truth, Even If It Never Happened

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# Football To Dominate League

By DAN-PHELAN

The Andover football team enters the 1988 season with a good deal of talent and a lot of intensity. Led by coach Leon Modeste, the Blue will play their first game tomorrow at home against Taft.

The Andover squad has 12 returning players along with excellent newly-acquired talent. Returning for the Blue are Joe Lyons (captain), Keith Flaherty, Peter Austin-Trapero, Peter Katz, Jud Jacobs, Keith Franklin, Joe Caruso, Willie Tate, Tim Watt, Mike Deyerman, Dave Jaye, and Ilich Vargas.

The defense will be led by Lyons at strong safety, newcomer Pete Ryan at

defensive tackle, and newcomer Scott Schoeb at safety. The offense will be quarterbacked by Brandon McCue, formerly from Andover High. Joining him in the backfield will be a talented fullback, Tommy Anderson, along with a few tailbacks who will share time. Defensive back Jud Jacobs comments, "We have an incredible amount of talent in the skill positions." These positions include quarterback, running back, and wide receiver. However, the strength of the team does not come from individual players. As defensive coach Lou Bernieri says, "It's hard to single out any key players. The whole first squad is excellent."

As for Exeter, the team hopes to have

a repeat of last season's 14-13 victory. Although not much is known about Exeter's team this year, the Andover team is sure of its own potential. Jud Jacobs and Keith Flaherty agreed confidently, "Exeter will be the least of our troubles. We're going to put the B squad on the field for that game."

The intensity of this Andover squad will most likely win games for them. Center Keith Flaherty comments, "This is the most intense team I've ever been a part of." After a tough pre-season, the Blue is ready to play. Coach Bernieri added, "The coaches have a real good time with these kids because they are so intense. They're a great group of kids."

Last Saturday, Andover had their first test, a scrimmage against New Hampton. Their talent overwhelmed the New Hampton team. Although no score was kept, Tim Watt was confident in saying, "We were better." With the talent and the intensity on this team, Andover is hoping for a near undefeated season. Keith Flaherty added, "We're not practicing like underdogs anymore." The team should be exciting to watch this year with all the intensity and the talent. In the words of quarterback Brendon McGrail, "We have at least 40 or 12 players who could start for the Phoenix (!!) Cardinals right now." Most likely, we will see an improvement from last year's 3-4 record.

See Roster Below



Brandon McCue fires up for Andover football.

Photo/Faraci



Bob Gibbons psyches out Mike Benedetto in yesterday's practice.

Photo/Faraci

## Boys' Soccer Opens at Loomis

By JAMES McLAME

The 1988-89 Boys' Varsity Soccer squad has a strong core of returning players, and much of its success will depend on its ability to mesh with the new talent. The team came together in its entirety Thursday as Coach Scott selected a final squad. The Blue looks forward to the season opener tomorrow against New England perennial power Loomis-Chaffee.

### Pre-Season

The returning students arrived at PA on the 15th and were greeted by the trainers and the stopwatches by which they were tested in the 12 minute run on the new track. Shortly following, they all strapped on their cleats and stepped onto the pitch for the first scrimmage of the year against Greater Lawrence Technical High School, in which the Blue came out on top, 4-1.

The same squad tackled next Roxbury Latin School, but this time came out with a 2-2 draw. The third and final pre-season game was at Belmont Hill School Tuesday, where the Blue was joined by the new team candidates. Although Coach Scott said, "The team did not play well," they still finished in front 1-0. "I like a team who can play poorly and still win. You know you have potential," Scott said after the game.

### The Line-up

This year's edition is led by the strong returning players. Seniors Alex Jaccaci and Mike Benedetto, longtime teammates, are back again this year to work wonders alongside Senior Bob "Wheels" Gibbons. Lower superstar Lex Carol has returned to conduct his magic, and Upper Bo Wilmer is again ready to tend goal. Joining the returners is a slew of new students and stars from the JVI and JVII system. Coach Scott assembled a starting lineup early this week, and the 11 have been playing together and preparing for tomorrow's opener. Starting in goal is British superstar Neil Baverstock. In the defensive third of the field are PG Eric Myers, playing Sweeper, and Mike Benedetto and Senior Seth Dunn as dual stoppers. In the midfield are PG Alfonso Erhardt, PG Derek Martin, Lex Carol, and Alex Jaccaci. In the attacking third are new students Brian Lee and Brendan Creigh and Bobby Gibbons.

With the team starting to feel some continuity and sense of togetherness, its confidence is increasing as well. In just nine short days of pre-season, the Blue has come together remarkably well and are prepared to begin another season.

Water splashes...a whistle blows...balls whiz by...The Andover waterpolo team, led by captains David Mainen and Alex Walley, and coaches Sephen Purington and Chase Boyd, has begun what will become their best season ever. Now headed into its fifth year as a varsity sport at PA, the waterpolo team shows more strength and experience than in previous years.

To the casual observer, waterpolo can appear to be a very complicated and unstructured sport, and after reading this article, you'll wonder how anybody can follow the game, let alone participate. The game is divided into quarters of seven minutes. Each team starts the quarter with a goalie and six field players, who locate themselves on a line two-meters away from their end. On a whistle from the referee, the ball is dropped into the middle of the pool, and the players sprint towards it. The player who reaches the ball first, flips it back to his team, who sets up an offense around the defending team's goal.

The set offense revolves around the thirty-five second shot clock, quick passes to the two-meter man, and drives towards the goal made by players on the perimeter.

As soon as a shot is blocked by a goalie or the shot clock runs down to zero, the defense begins a counter attack. The purpose of the counter attack is to beat the opposing team down the pool and, if possible, score a quick goal. If the offensive team cannot obtain a fast break, they go into a set offense.

The game is a continuation of offensive plays and counter attacks, breaking at the ends of quarters, and beginning the next quarter the same as at the game start.

The game of waterpolo has two types of fouls: minor and major. At a minor foul, the referee's whistle is blown and the offending player is given a free throw, while play in the rest of the pool continues.



Heather Sullivan attempts to coach Girls' Soccer.

Photo/Faraci

## Your Basic Water Polo

By DANIELLE GRAHAM

At a major foul, the offending player is ejected for a period of thirty-five seconds, and must leave the field of play. The ball is given to the other team, which now possesses a man-up advantage. Again, as soon as a goal is scored, a shot saved, or the shot clock runs out, regular play is resumed and the penalized player returns to the game.

This Saturday, the team will compete

in its first game of the season at the Wilbraham-Monson Jamboree. With many players attending waterpolo camp this summer and days of hard pre-season work behind them, the players will attempt to start their season with a big victory. Remarked co-captain Alex Walley, "This year's team is fast, with a lot of skill and endurance. We're going to have a great season."

## Shaky Start For Field Hockey

By ERIC ZINTERHOFER

Although the Girls' Varsity Field Hockey team is still working out the kinks of early season play, they remain optimistic about this upcoming season.

The talent of returning players Kate Hanify, Lisa Mancke, and Weezie Parsons has encouraged Coach Cathy Henderson. Post Graduate Lauren Hatfield should also play a key role in the team's progress this year.

Both coaches and players agree that the team shows monumental potential, but that there is still much work to be done. Coach Henderson believes that some team members are not in proper physical condition, adding that, "as individuals they should have prepared earlier." Coach Henderson also expressed concern about early season in-

juries. Captain Kate Hanify's tendonitis has already put her on crutches.

Wednesday, the team was routed 6-0 by a St. Mark's team. Their disappointment was soothed when the players remembered that St. Mark's was the 1987-88 New England Field Hockey Champion. Another factor contributing to the loss was that Coach Henderson rarely played her starting team because final cuts had not been made. Coach Henderson is confident that the girls will play as a more cohesive unit once the final team is established.

In Saturday's game against a perennially strong Groton, the girls hope to rebound from their loss to St. Mark's and play as a unified force.

## Shaky Start For Field Hockey

By KRISTEN CARPENTER and HEATHER SULLIVAN

With a squad boasting a small core of experienced returning players, a group of new student talents, and a set of skilled JV recruits, the Girls' Varsity Soccer team looks forward to a successful season.

Captains Betsy Weidenmayer and Nancy Abramson lead the team, generating spirit to encourage team unity and inspiring skillful play by example. Other returning Senior players, whose experience aids a generally young team, include goalies Jess Livingston and Chris Doykos, and halfback Molly Foster. Forward Heather Sullivan, defender Liz Powell, forward Alex Thomson, and halfback Moira Demos fill out a list of strong returning underclassmen.

Among the new student assets to the squad are Lower Ali Knight, a contender for a starting forward position, and Upper Gretchen Vass, who contributes her polished skills as stopper. Katherine Marshall, injured last season

hopes to make a strong comeback on the defensive line. The team will also tap last year's JV squad for talented new varsity potential.

A play-day at Milton last Saturday challenged the team with its first competition of this season. The girls combined their skills effectively, adapting to new players in the line-up. After just one day of practice, team unity on the bench and on the field impressed both players and coach. Opposing teams were not only impressed but also crushed by the Andover Varsity team. Of the five games they played, the Andover girls won four and tied one. Shutting out all of their opponents, goalies Chris Doykos and Liz Donaldson, put in extraordinary performances.

With such a promising beginning, the team hopes to carry on and renew the tradition of excellence, strength, and victory which defines Andover Girls' soccer.

## Andover Football 1988

NO.	NAME	HT.	WT.	POS	CL
1	Tate, W.	5'8"	145	WR/TB	90
3	Caruso, J.	5'10"	148	K	89
5	Schoeb, S.	6'2"	193	DB	89
7	McCue, B.	6'0"	173	QB	89
10	Bailey, N.	5'11"	160	QB	89
11	McGrail, B.	6'1"	160	QB	89
20	Anderson, T.	5'8"	168	FB	89
21	Lyons, J.	5'11"	160	CB	89
24	Pittman, A.	5'8"	165	TB	90
25	Vargas, I.	5'10"	160	DB	89
28	Maguire, M.	6'1"	185	RB/CB	89
32	Levine, T.	6'0"	160	DB	89
34	Corcoran, M.	6'0"	165	CLB	90
40	Lawlor, M.	5'9"	155	DB/RB	89
42	Jacobs, J.	5'10"	190	DB	89
44	Erickson, B.	5'10"	180	LB/RB	89
45	Williams, J.	6'0"	190	LB/RB	89
46	Grady, S.	5'9"	165	E	89
47	Snodgrass, R.	5'9"	162	FL/OLB	89
50	Flaherty, K.	5'6"	176	C	89
51	Palmer, M.	5'11"	175	DE	89
53	Deyermund, M.	5'9"	170	G	90
54	Littlefield, J.	6'0"	200	G/LB	89
55	Thomas, J.	5'11"	200	FB	90
60	Austin-Trapero, P.	5'11"	180	G	89
61	Watt, T.	5'10"	183	C	89
62	Jaye, D.	5'9"	175	G	89
66	Eastham-Tapia, J.	5'10"	170	C	90
72	Katz, P.	6'2"	200		89
77	Ryan, P.	6'3"	225	T	89
78	Sullivan, R.	6'3"	240	DE	89
87	Somers, T.	5'10"	160	DB	90
88	Shea, M.	6'3"	185	TE/DE	90
89	Franklin, B.	6'0"	182	RB	89

Captain Joe Lyons  
Head Coach Leon Modeste  
Assistant Coaches: Lou Bernieri, Steve Carter, Bruce Smith



# Seventh Page & Features

"Oh, you can't help that," said the Cat. "We're all mad here."

## The Creative Vein

By ORIN HERSKOWITZ

You breathed orgasmically before lunch on Mainstage. You caught the sweet tones of the singing groups at the music rally. You've played name games with more people than you previously even knew existed. But just because Orientation is over does not mean that campus creativity must run dry. There are plenty of ways to express yourself, no matter what your particular interest, and by keeping an eye on the GW bulletin boards you can make the best of the opportunities.

### A Well-Tuned Phrase

For the aspiring Joyces, Andover offers a wide variety of literary societies. Perhaps the most well-known (dare I say controversial?) is the Mirror, a forum for student art and writing. Published approximately once a term, the Mirror has long been a fixture of the Phillips Academy intellectual scene. The magazine's professional format, not to mention the snazzy posters, has long attracted many quality submissions, including stories, poems, and other creative works. Although competition for a spot is intense, even those who haven't put pen to paper since the sixth grade book reports are encouraged to submit their work.

Plans are in the works for an alternative literary magazine, titled *Chrysalis*, to be published later this Fall. Founded by Joel Kalodner and Sean Sullivan, *Chrysalis* hopes to reach a broader slice of the Phillips Academy community by printing a greater amount of their submissions, thus leaving the critical weeding to its readers.

The Writing Club, founded last year by Senior Alia Atlas, provides

an opportunity for informal gathering of writers to discuss their recent work. Each week (or whatever schedule is eventually decided upon), the members convene to offer criticism and, hopefully, praise of each other's efforts. Suggestions are welcome as to new directions for the club to take, and the only requirement for membership is attendance. Furthermore, refreshments are usually provided.

P.A.L.A.S. is the publication of the Afro-Latin American Society, published approximately once a year. The magazine accepts work dealing with the minority experience, locally and nationwide. Art and creative and non-fiction writing of all sorts should be submitted to Elisa Istueta, Editor-in-Chief, or Dominic Rambaran, Art Editor.

Perhaps the most exclusive publication of all is *La Plume*, if only because all its articles must be written in French. For all those fortunate enough to be able to meet this qualification, the articles range from serious, introspective works to more light-hearted commentary on Andover life. More information will be made available through the French department as the year progresses.

And, of course, who can forget *The Phillipian*, our school's student-run weekly newspaper. I imagine that this does not need much further explanation, but we are always looking for new staff members to help with the production. The work is fun, the writing challenging, and the hours unbelievable (literally!) Even the most unexperienced writers are encouraged to join. Come to our ral-



Alumnae Jen Keller brandishes a poker in last year's *Extremities* ly, tonight at 6:00pm.

### All the World's a Stage

From huge man-eating plants to leaping tenor messiahs (new students ask your Blue Keys) the theater at Andover has long been entertaining and stimulating its patrons with generally high-quality plays and musicals. The Mainstage, the site of the majority of the faculty directed productions sports the technical

capacities to accommodate the demands of such recent hits as *Little Shop of Horrors* and *See How They Run* and still maintain the power of such plays as *Crimes of the Heart*. The Drama Lab, located in the basement of George Washington Hall, is the realm of the student-directed productions here at Phillips. Since the number of available slots each term is limited, competition among both directors and actors is fierce, and it is important not to get discouraged if you are not immediately cast. Fresh blood in both the

acting and technical departments is always in demand, and help is always needed on something. For further information, check the theater bulletin board in the lobby of GW.

### Testing, Testing...

Take advantage of one of Andover's most impressive features, its own student-run radio station, WPAA, "91.7 on your FM dial," broadcasts rock, jazz, and talk shows out of the basement of Evans Hall from the crack of dawn (almost) to well into the night. Positions on panel shows and as DJs are, at the time of this article, still available.

Opportunities for the musically gifted abound, on the Andover campus, from the smallest student

rock band to the enormous Phillips Academy Orchestra. Admissions to these various musical groups are, for the most part, by audition only. With the graduation of three of the school's premier bands, *Whitefish*, *Electric Mayhem*, and *Mainstream*, this could be a decidedly unmellow year as far as school dances are concerned, so PLEASE find some friends with instruments and start practicing. Dancing to scratchy recordings of Prince just ain't the same.

So don't let those creative juices stagnate. Get out there and stretch your wings, experiment with the various activities. In the insightful words of Rich Leonard, "There's something for everyone at Phillips Academy."

## Weekend Scoop

All right, so you've made it through this week of classes at PA. I bet you're pretty proud of yourself, huh? Think you've weathered the storm? Well, the week's not over by a long shot. Strap yourselves in, 'cause it's the weekend. Yes, your first taste of non-academic fun here, and it's going to be a mouthful. The new Social Functions Department, revamped and headed by Chris Hollern, gives you plenty of opportunities to blow off some steam.

### Saturday

7:00 pm, *Kemper Auditorium*. What's that you say? You say you like movies about sex, parties, pranks, and school life in general? You say John Hughes is your idol? Well, long before Molly Ringwald

even took acting classes, the classic *Class* hit the theaters. The original "life at college" movie with a few odd plot twists, to say the best. To say more would give it away. Bring your ID. Admission is free.

### 6:30 pm, Library.

Who said libraries weren't any fun? Phillips Academy will be celebrating the opening of its new facility with cookies and refreshments. All are welcome.

### 8:30 pm, Outside the Library.

When you've eaten and drunk your fill at the reception, step outside and join the party with "The Great Town Robbery." Winner of MTV's *Battle of the Bands*, this Boston Ska/Reggae band will host our first dance.



The Fidello Society in concert, '87

photo/Herskowitz

## Foreign Focus

Blond hair and blue eyes is a cliché associated with several stereotypes in our culture. Maria Dagmar Rantanen, however, is an exception to any stereotype associated with blond and blue. Maria is at PA on a full scholarship granted by the American Field Service, a group which selects a few qualified students to travel abroad for a school year. She is one out of the hundreds of applicants to the program from Finland to have actually received a full scholarship. She is fluent in Finnish, Swedish, German and English.

Maria hails from the Lyseon Lukio, in Pori, Finland, where the students study very much the same subjects at PA, only there is little concentration in one subject. "The biggest difference between the Lyseon Lukio and PA is that here everyone is together like a big team. At home the students are much more shy, and people don't just stop to talk."

"Finland is beautiful," declares Maria. "The Gulf Stream keeps the temperature much warmer than it is here. I adore going swimming in the sea when I get up in the morning, because the water is so warm." Maria also comments with a smile that "Finland is also famous for being the home of Father Christmas, who lives just above the Arctic Circle." The most substantial problem Finland faces, according

Name Maria Rantanen, '89  
Nationality Finnish  
High School Lyseon Lukio, Pori  
Interests Squash, Piano  
Favorite Beverage Spring water from Anttoora  
Favorite spot on earth Lake Genoa, Switzerland  
Would vote for George Bush, because he went to PA

to Maria, is unemployment. Because of high taxes, however, the wealth is more evenly distributed than in the United States.

"America is not that much different from Finland really," says Maria. "The food is almost the same anyway."

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## From The Bronx To Bulfinch

By Catherine Costanzo

Among the exuberant new teachers who are welcoming this September is Maria Valentin, English instructor and house counselor of Abbey House.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, Valentin knows New York City intimately. Upon meeting her, it is immediately obvious that she hails from the big city. Valentin finds the Andover custom of crossing the street at the curb odd, and feels uncomfortable leaving her books unattended in Commons! After graduating from Princeton in 1985, Valentin started her life in the "real world" with a stint in the New York City Criminal Justice Agency, where she interviewed "spicy characters", or criminals to determine whether they qualified for bail.

As a child, Miss Valentin lived in Puerto Rico for three years, where she improved her Spanish. She speaks Spanish and English fluently and at Princeton concentrated on Latin American history. In the future Valentin hopes to visit Mexico, Jamaica, and the other Caribbean islands. She plans to spend this summer studying.

In addition to all this, Valentin's teaching experience in New York City public schools has prepared her well for any confrontations she might meet in Bulfinch Hall. She began teaching seventh graders in a Harlem public school for gifted students. Although

her seventh graders were "wild" (unlike any PA student), Valentin enjoyed her year enough that she decided to continue teaching. The next year she taught second grade in another Harlem public school. It's still too early for Valentin to tell, but she assumes that the biggest difference between teaching second graders and teaching high school students is that PA students "won't go to the bathroom—quite as much."

Valentin is teaching English 10 and Competence this fall and plans to keep Abbey House running smoothly. She is

thinking about designing an English course on urban literature, concentrating particularly on ethnic experiences. In her few spare moments, she reads and listens to music. Her taste in reading material covers such a variety of books that it is impossible to pinpoint her favorites. As for music, Valentin enjoys dancing and has a gorgeous singing voice.

Keep your eyes peeled for Maria Valentin; if you don't run into her in class you will doubtlessly see her making her way into the wilds of Abbot cluster.



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# The Phillipian Rally

## 6:00PM White Auditorium

### 11:00PM Lights Out For Juniors

By ROBBY MOCKLER

The Student Council met last Wednesday night in room 13 of Samuel Phillips Hall to discuss, among other issues, the new school policy of 11:00 PM lights-out for Juniors.

English Instructor Nancy Boutilier began the discussion by explaining the origin of the new policy. After complaints from teachers about excessive cutting by Juniors and complaints from parents about the lack of structure at PA, the Cluster Deans met with Junior dorm House Counselors and decided to enforce 11:00 lights out in all Junior dorms.

Senior Ted Helprin, who sat in on the meeting, agreed with the new policy, stating, "11:00 is not an unreasonable bed time for 14-year-olds." However, Upper Rep John Berman disagreed and expressed that the rule infringes upon student independence, a concept which many students feel is an important part of the PA experience.

Because the issue divided the council, it was decided that members who felt strongly about the issue should act on their own, seeking alternative ways to voice their opinions.

#### Council Business

The council resolved to hold Lower Rep, Junior Rep, and Day Student Rep elections by the second week in October. After a short debate, members agreed that both Senior Day Student Reps and underclassman Day Student Reps should be elected by all day students, where in the past only Senior day students elected their Senior Rep.

In other business, the council deliberated and finally set 6:00 on Friday nights as the time for their meetings. Tonight's meeting will be held in Samuel Phillips Hall room 13. The topic of discussion will be the school constitution. All students are encouraged to attend.

### Leadership Conference Sparks Remarks

By SAM DOAK

School President Alex Walley led a group of 54 seniors in a pre-semester seminar aimed at helping student leaders fulfill their leadership positions. The three-day Student Leadership Conference ran from September 11-13 and consisted of all elected senior officials as well as leaders of various organizations on campus. However, the process for selecting students to attend has raised questions among members of the community.

The conference addressed basic issues on campus for student leaders to consider as they take up their roles in the community. Topics discussed included leadership techniques and qualities, racism, stereotypes, new student orientation, student-faculty relations, as well as a host of smaller issues.

"Basically, it was a time for the senior leaders on this campus to get together and discuss what life at Andover is like and what we want it to be like," expressed Cluster Blue Key Head

and DC Rep for Abbot Craig Knight.

Senior James McLain, who was not invited to the conference, voiced, "The conference was an example of hypocrisy by the so-called leaders of this community. The fact is that many 'leaders' are too busy conducting a witch hunt for sexism and elitism that doesn't exist that they don't realize how elitist they are themselves [SIC.]. The Student Leadership Conference was nothing more than a self-absorbed party for the club heads to pat themselves on the back. I also take issue with the selection process for the conference. Certain individuals at the helm of no organizations came to the conference while large associations like the fidelio society and leaky pen were ignored."

Walley, who decided to withhold comment on McLain's statement, in a phone interview expressed, "[the conference] gave us a sense of direction. I think the ideas that we got out of it were much better than I expected."

### Novosibirsk

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sleeping as any other Soviet student would. The only difference in scheduling is a specialized Russian language course offered only to the American exchange students, and a similar English course for the Soviets.

#### The Soviets

Soviet student Dmitrii Nechaev, when asked why he decided to come to the United States, explained, "I want to see what life is like in the US." Added Irina Kuptsova, "We like to know what [American students] think about our country." Kuptsova also commented on her feelings towards the Soviet Union: "We love our country much more than [the United States] because

the Soviet Union is our motherland." Sergei Krivov, when asked about his favorite thing here in America, he replied "The Beatles."

#### Novosibirsk

In Novosibirsk, there are only two dormitories on campus. Each of the five-story dorms is made up of fifteen suites per floor, and each two-room suite has either three boys and two girls or vice versa. Students in both countries are taking similar courses, including math, English or Russian, art, and computer science.

The exchange is one of the only programs of its kind in both countries, receiving national attention in *Newsweek* and *The New York Times*.

#### Novosibirsk Students

Babushkin, Dmitrii  
Bannikov, Dmitrii  
Ivakin, Evgenii  
Kolobov, Stephan  
Krivov, Sergei  
Kupsova, Irina  
Martynov, Evgenii  
Martynov, Oleg  
Nechaev, Dmitrii  
Zhukova, Natasha

#### PA Students

Anderson, Amy  
Harvin, Howard  
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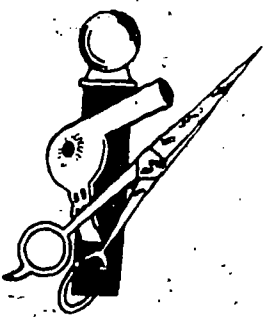
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