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Abbot Academy Association Announces Grant Winners

by Rafael Mason PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

At the end of last term, the Abbot Academy Association and their Board of Directors announced the fourteen recipients of this fall's Abbot Grants. The money from this grant will fund various projects, both academic and extra-curricular.

This year, the Abbot Academy Association's Board of Director's considered more than forty applicants, a significantly larger number than last year. Each candidate was required to submit a brief written evaluation of their proposal. PA English Instructor and Faculty Announcer for the Abbot Academy Association, Ms. Jean St. Dierre, commenting on this fall's set of applicants, said, "As usual, the directors of the Abbot Academy Association were heartened by the richness and variety of both the proposals and presentations". Another group of applicants will be reviewed by the Abbot Academy Association Board of Directors this coming spring.

The fourteen recipients included Elaine Bailey, for the Washington Intern Program Research Project; PA Chemistry instructor Kevin Cardozo, to purchase molecular models; PA Mathematics Instructor Ellen Glover, to purchase materials for the teaching of statistics; and Asian Society President Jason Hou, to bring the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company to the campus.

receiving grants were Also Katherine Hurwich, to purchase a buzzer for the PA quiz bowl team; Caroline Kane, for supplies for the Physical Health Information Team; Lynne Kelly, for materials for the Writing Center; Robert Lloyd, for partial funding to offer a visual studies workshop to faculty; Director of Community Service, Jenny Niles, for partial funding of a spring break social service project in South Carolina; PA Language Instructor Cyrus Rolbin, so

Abbot Grant Recipients

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Elaine Bailey	Washington Intern
Kevin Cardozo	Chemistry
Ellen Glover	Mathematics
Maggie Jackson	Psychology
Lynne Kelly	Writing Center
Robert Lloyd	Visual Studies
Jenny Niles	Community Service
Cyrus Rolbin	Japanese
Rebecca Sykes	CAMD
William Thomas	Music
Craig Thorn	English

that he may work on an innovative curriculum for teaching Japanese through immersion; Dean of Community Affairs and Multicultural Development Rebecca Sykes, for conflict management training and other programs to further constructive dialogue about race at Phillips Academy; and William Thomas, to commission a work from Gwyneth Walker (Abbot Academy '64).

Other recipients included Chair of the English Department, Craig Thorn, to purchase projection equipment for the English Department, and Maggie Jackson, to study factors in the struggles some outstanding PA students seem to face in their senior year. No single project involved more than \$25,000, nor will any project be renewed after a three-year period.

The Abbot Grants are wonderful examples of how instrumental-the Abbot Academy Association is in maintaining the Abbot presence at Phillips Academy. Established in 1973 with \$1,000,000 of Abbot's endowment, the fund operates as an internal foundation with its own board of directors.

The Directors, through the grant making process, have defined the fund's mission as one of supporting individuals, ventures, and programs, while preserving the essence of Abbot and enhancing the quality of the educational process at Andover.

In addition to this fall's Abbot Grants, the Abbot Academy Association has made an extraordinary grant in support of the Brace Gender Center. Tamara Elliot Rogers, Program Committee Chair and a member of the Abbot Academy class of '70, said of grant, "Of greatest import, the board voted to support the Brace Center, ensuring its healthy startup by pledging \$100,000 over a three year period.

The board felt that the Brace Center provided us with a very special opportunity to support an area of great interest, one which will impact the lives of girls at Phillips Academy and elsewhere, in addition to making a philanthropic statement of some substance. We are really delighted to do this, and hope that you will be as well," said Rogers.

The Brace Gender Center will have two main goals. First, it will highlight the history of Abbot Academy and bring life to its traditions, particularly those of educational innovation. Second, it will provide the campus with a space dedicated to discussions of gender issues, like the relationship between women and men and their various experiences and perspectives. The center will include two meeting rooms, a director's office, and a library and resource room.



Andover students frolicing in the two feet of snow that fell Sunday and Monday. More is Photo / C King expected to come today or tomorrow. See page 6

Linda Coombs To Lecture at **Friday Forum**

Directs Wampanoag Indian Project at Plimouth Plantation

> by Justin Steil PHILLIPIAN NEWS EDITOR

Tonight at 8 P.M. in the Kemper Auditorium, Ms. Linda Coombs, the Director of the Wampanoag Indian Project at Plimouth Plantation, will present a lecture entitled "Native Americans of Southern New England: A New Look at an Old Perspective." In the speech, Coombs, herself a Wampanoag, will discuss the validity and accuracy of traditional attitudes held about Native Americans in New England.

Coombs was born and brought up in Martha's Vineyard Massachusetts and graduated from Lowell State College in 1971 with a degree in Music Education. In 1974, she accepted an internship at the Boston Children's Museum and, while there, saw an flyer stating that Plimouth Plantation needed a cultural interpreter for the Indian Project, someone who could pose as a Wampanoag in the 1620's in order to demonstrate aspects of the culture to plantation) visitors. Intrigued by the opportunity to learn more about her culture, she accepted the job and worked at Plimouth Plantation from 1975 to 1984. In 1985, she returned to the Boston Children's Museum and then in 1988 she worked part time at both the museum and the plantation until becoming the Director of Plimouth Plantation's Wampanoag Indian project in July 1995. As an expert on the Native Americans of southern New England, Coombs has an informed and valuable perspective on a crucial part of American history that is often overlooked or misinterpreted.

Sprint to Assume Control of **Telephone Billing Service**

by Ben Tsai PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

Telemanagement Systems Group (TSG), the company that processed long-distance calls and handled customer service for Phillips Academy's Student Calling Plan, which provides telephones for boarding students, voice mail for the entire student body and administration, and free local calls, recently shut down; as a result, Sprint is still uncertain of students' balances and students will not receive billing for their fall term charges until an undetermined date. In addition, long-distance calls will not be checked against the account's credit limit of \$100 until billing resumes.

Many students may have already unwittingly exceeded their credit limit but Sprint, the school's long distance carrier, will not deactivate any account which is overdrawn when billing resumes. Nevertheless, Sprint warns that all students will eventually have to pay for their calls. To compensate for the delay, Sprint plans to accept payments in installments. Phillips Academy "expects that students will be given three

months to 'catch up' with the Fall term charges," according to a letter from the Telecommunications Office.

Until recently, the customer service and billing of the Student Calling Plan were handled by the Telemanagement Systems Group (TSG) on behalf of Sprint. Plagued by growing difficulties in management and service, Sprint began planning to undertake TSG's services in the near future. However, Sprint had not yet assume the responsibilities and were unprepared when TSG stopped providing service in November.

Since TSG's sudden closing, Sprint has been obtaining historical information from TSG's records. Currently, Sprint is processing the information and combining it with the data recorded since TSG shut down.

Sprint, also handling customer service, offers assistance comparable to that of TSG. In fact, says Telecommunications Services Administrator Nancy Rainville, "Everything should look and act the same as it was before." Sprint claims that their Customer Service is improved and payments will eventually be accepted by credit card.

CHASE ENGINEERS SWEEPING OVERHAUL **OF ADMINISTRATION**

EFFECTS WILL BE WIDESPREAD

Longer Terms and New Selection Processes Designed to Streamline and Strengthen School's Leadership

> by Justin Steil PHILLIPIAN NEWS EDITOR

Mrs. Chase recently announced sweeping changes in Phillips Academy's administrative structure that are certain to have profound repercussions for Andover's students and faculty. Designed by Chase and consultant John Ratte to increase the administration's effectiveness and efficiency, the far-reaching overhaul will-alter the way some administrators are selected, the terms they serve, and the superiors to whom they report.

Chase began rethinking the structure last spring, when she named Betsy Schoenherr as coordinator of the study and hired John Ratte, a well known administrator and educational consultant, to help her evaluate and improve it. Looking for ways to refine PA's administration, they examined the leadership of similar educational institutions such as Phillips Exeter Academy, the Northfield Mount Hermon School, Choate Rosemary Hall, the St. Paul's School, and small colleges like Amherst, Kenyon, and Connecticut College. The goals of the restructuring were to augment the efficacy of the administration by clarifying administrators' expectations and accountability. Chase also designed the changes to minimize the number of people reporting directly to her so that she can have more time to lead the upcoming capital campaign and converse with students and faculty. The modifications are scheduled to become effective at the beginning of the 1996-1997 school year.

To achieve greater continuity and efficiency while continuing to have faculty bring their skills to the administration, the present five year terms of

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Events Planned to Remind PA of King's Message of Hope

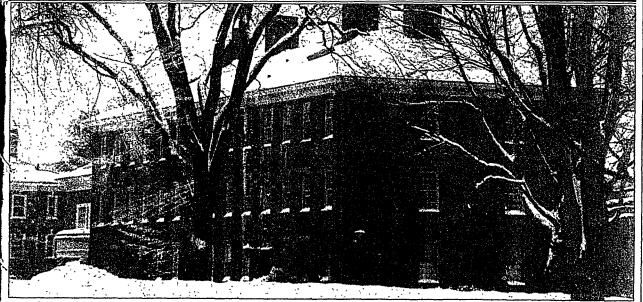
by Afua Agyarko PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

January 15 marks the 7th annual

do not, however, provide the only possibility for service participation on MLK Day, because starting at 11:00 a.m. more than one hundred PA stu-

will provide a forum for honest exchange and that the students learn to listen better to each other so that the momentum of open discussion and understanding carries on to the remaining year. The discussion groups will be followed by the lively gospelfest, which is back by popular demand after its exclusion from the program last year. Starting at 3 p.m. in Cochran Chapel, it will feature the gospel choir and provide students and faculty with an opportunity to experience a moving gospel celebration. The final event of the day will be a required evening assembly with guest speaker Dr. Manning Marable of Columbia University who will be discussing the theme of the celebration, "Martin luther King Jr.: Prophet of Hope. Dr. Marable is the director of the New Institute of Research in African American Studies, a new program at Columbia University, and is frequently called on as an expert on news stories dealing with trends in racial issues and culture.

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The \$2 million dollar reconstruction of Bartlet Hall was finished over winter vacation, allow-ing its inhabitants to return from their temporary exile in Abbey and Hall House Photo / C. King

Renovation of Bartlet Hall Completed

by Addisu Demissie PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

After a five and a half months of work by the ProCon Construction Co., Bartlett's reconstruction was completed at the beginning of this term and the students who had been living in Abbey and Hall Houses in the old Abbot Campus returned to their renovated rooms in Bartlet.

Michael Williams, Director of Facilities at OPP, said that the completion was on schedule. The renovafion was a complete interior reconstruction; the only parts not changed were the outside brick walls and the roof.

The total cost for the renovation \$1,950,000, according was to

Williams, slightly under the school's allotted budget for the project.

One of Bartlet's new features is that it is no longer physically separated into a north and a south side. To facilitate team house counseling, the two sides have been combined so that each floor contains one long corridor.

Before the renovation, Bartlet had limited common room space but now the first floor has a spacious common room with new couches and a television soon to come.

The basement of Bartlet has also been improved and now includes a bike rack, personal storage chambers, and a ping-pong table and air hockey set coming within the school year.

The three faculty apartments which used to be low quality residences are now generously proportioned and in great shape.

One of the students' favorite renovations is the addition of an elevator with access to all floors. This addition, coupled with the new handicapped ramp, makes Bartlet completely handicapped accessible.

The students in Bartlet are obviously thrilled with the new state of their dorm. Marc Hustvedt '97 says "The dorm has everything. And there are no more holes in the walls." Regarding the fall term, Matt Wilder '97 comments "Living in Abbey House was worth the five terms that I'm going to have in Bartlet."

Michael Williams projects that the next dorm to be renovated will be Double Brick House in Rabbit Pond in the summer of 1996.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at Phillips Academy. The theme of this year's celebration is "Martin Luther King Jr.: Prophet of Hope" and activities throughout the day, including a prayer breakfast, community service projects, discussion groups, a gospelfest, and an evening assembly deal with this theme, cultural enlightenment, diversity, and community ser-

The day begins with a Prayer Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in Upper Left led by Rev. Philip Zaeder and featuring Bobby Edwards, tenor, and William Thomas, cello.

In accordance with King's emphasis on service, clothing currently being collected for Lazarus House and money being raised as part of a relief fund for unemployed Malden Mills workers will be delivered to their respective destinations. The mill which was located between Methuen and Lawrence burned down before Christmas, leaving more than a hundred employers jobless during the holidays. Donations can be sent to the Head of School's Office or the Community Service Office in Cochran Chapel. Donations

dents will depart for various service projects, including a kids fair and serving at Lazarus House.

Those not participating in the service projects will be required to attend a viewing of the film, "Dr. King, In His Own Words," beginning at 11 a.m. for Seniors and Uppers and at noon for Lowers and Juniors. This showing will be followed by small discussion groups, led by faculty and students trained by the Conflict Management Group of Harvard University and through suggestions from the National Conversations of the National Endowment for the Humanities . "The discussion groups have been designed to engage students and faculty in discussions about their own cultural identities and their relationship to this diverse community,' says Mrs. Sykes, the coordinator of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day activities. She also hopes that the activities

Presence of Strangers Brings Increase in Campus Burglary

by Sam Goodyear PHILLIPLAN STAFF WRITER

Late on the Saturday night of Andover-Exeter weekend, a Lawrence man allegedly entered the Draper Cottage dormitory and stole a television and a VCR.

Authorities speculate that the eighteen year old man, John D. Moffat, knew the Draper Cottage Dormitory relatively well. Moffat made his way into the dormitory by way of an obscure and unlocked window in the basement area between midnight and 3:30 a.m.

After leaving campus by car, Moffat went to the Dunkin' Donuts shop in North Andover. At approximately 4:40 a.m. Sunday morning a Dunkin' Donuts employee called the Andover Police Department to say that someone was breaking into her car. Apparently Mr. Moffat's car wouldn't start because of battery failure and he was breaking into the other car to retrieve a working battery.

Later that evening the authorities apprehended Moffat and charged him with attempted larceny of a motor vehicle, two counts of larceny in a building, and breaking and entering.

Although this incident comes on the heels of a rash of thefts that occurred during the fall term, the main concern expressed by administrators does not involve theft but rather the number of unwanted visitors on the PA campus.

During the month of October four faculty cars were forcibly entered and theft occurred in two cases. More recently, another faculty member's car was robbed of valuable camera equipment worth an estimated thirty five hundred dollars.

Unwanted visitors have affected students as well. Over Parents' Weekend, one student was mugged while walking back to his dorm by a gang of teenagers.

Administrators have contacted another man who spent excessive amounts of time on the PA campus. In

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EDITORIAL The Malden Mills Disaster

The Merrimack Valley Community Unites to Assist Factory Workers

For most students, it is difficult to return to school after relaxing for nearly a month at home. It is even more difficult to be greeted by unfriendly weather. Right now we associate bitterness with frigid temperatures, gusty winds, and deep snow drifts; however, one month ago, for the residents of the Merrimack Valley, bitterness described a great disaster: the tragic burning of Malden Mills, located on the border of Lawrence and Methuen.

On the evening of December 11, 1995, a devastating fire destroyed much of this Malden Mills plant, affecting the lives of thousands of people throughout the Merrimack Valley. With 2500 employees, Malden Mills in the largest employer in Lawrence and Methuen. Malden Mills, a textile company which designed "polarfleece" and later Polartec, a synthetic fabric that is used to make very warm but lightweight clothing, was forced to put 1400 people out of work barely two weeks before Christmas. The fire has also threatened those who depend upon the prosperity of the Malden workers, including coffee shop and store owners.

Because of the generosity Malden Mills owner, Aaron Feuerstein, the factory workers will continue to be paid and receive health benefits for ninety days after the disaster. Members of the Merrimack community have assisted victims of the fire in donating money to the Malden Mills Employee Relief Fund, created by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, and supporting the United Way of Merrimack Valley.

Thus far, the faculty and staff of Phillips Academy have raised eight thousand dollars for the Malden Mills workers. In the next two weeks, we hope to reach a goal of ten thousand dollars. With the support of the student body, we will attain our goal sooner. When bundling in extra layers and trekking to class in this frigid weather, consider our/heighbors in Lawrence and Methuen affected by the Malden Mills fire. Please put donations in an envelope and see Jane Munroe in Mrs. Chase's office.

Haldea '97 Scrutinizes Steering Committee's Draft **Proposal of 'The Social Environment of Dorms'**

A PERSPECTIVE SHRUTI HALDEA

In a letter dated December 5. 1995, the Dorm Life Sub-Committee presented a draft proposal to cluster councils to review carefully and return some insightful feedback. After reading it, I come to the conclusion that their approach to providing us with an

optimal learning environment **66Because of this** threatens many of the fundamental experience, I am ideals of a boarding school. more self-reliant In the section of the letter subtiand prudent than tled 'The Social Environment of I was before.?? Dorms', the committee proposed to drastically change

parietal and 'lights out' policies in an effort to "support the best living environment which will support students in their endeavors". In this proposal, it is stated, "The committee recommends that on issues of parietals, Juniors will not be allowed parietals, Lowers will be allowed parietals beginning winter term .. " No specific reason was given for this suggestion; the logic of it is unclear since restrictions on parietals would make coed study sessions, which are important'

able to pick me up when I fell down, to thorough study and discussion of Clinton Returns Federal Workers' Pay while the White House Releases the Mysterious Madison Guaranty Records

WASHINGTON SPIN CYCLE **TOBY COLEMAN**

I win! No I do!... President Clinton signed a stopgap measure which would return furloughed federal workers back to their jobs with pay, ending a federal shutdown that has lasted over two weeks. This compromise came after the House rejected a previous bill to return employees to work spearheaded through the Senate by Bob Dole, the presidential front runner. In accordance with the compromise, Clinton submitted a balanced budget using the spending projections of the Congressional Budget Office, one of the major issues in the debate, to congress, who then passed the measure putting federal workers back on the 10b.

Will the real Ronald Reagan please stand up?... The White House released long sought after billing records involving Hillary Rodham Clinton's work with Madison Guaranty, the failed S&L which the Clintons were allegedly tied up with in the mid 1980s. The bills detailing the work the Mrs. Clinton did for the bank were "miraculously" found in the East Wing of the White House, where neither Mrs. Clinton nor her staff were unable to locate the bills for two years. The First Lady also has "no memory" of requesting the firing of the White House travel staff, one of the first blunders of the Clinton administration in 1993. In a memo to Thomas F. McLarty, then the White House chief of staff, from David Watkins, former top administration aide, Watkins placed Mrs. Clinton at the heart of the travel staff controversy, in which the White House travel staff was fired and replaced by a travel agency based in Little Rock. In the memo, Watkins wrote that "we both know that there would be hell to pay if we failed to take swift and decisive action in conformity with the First Lady's wishes." Ouch

academic materials, very difficult to organize. Also stated in this proposal is that

Lowers may be inflicted with an 11:30 'lights out', at which time all Uppers and Seniors would have be in their own rooms. Again, the logic of this proposition eludes me, since study sessions and short study breaks in dormmates' rooms are often key to effi-

cient studying. By enforcing "lights out" for Lowers, graders tenth would lose an important part of their education. They would not have the freedom to grow and learn from their own mistakes and judgments.

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ous proposals is that the Steering

Committee's propositions constrict our

already limited freedom. Students

would be deprived of an integral part

of boarding school education. Some

years ago, when my parents and I de-

cided that I would attend a boarding

school, we discussed the issue of inde-

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nor to push me along when I was not motivated. I would have to get be on my own. I was also told that I would be granted a great amount of freedom and that it was my responsibility not to abuse it.

When I finally came to Andover, I experimented with this new freedom, abused it, suffered the consequences and have developed a respect for this freedom. Because of this experience, I am more self-reliant and prudent than I was before. I make better decisions, manage my time more effectively and get by without much help from others. Andover has given me the room to make my own decisions, and because of this freedom I have learned many lessons

By mentioning the fruits of my_ own Andover experience, I hope to illustrate a significant message to administrators and teachers, especially tothose who believe that restricting student privileges and freedom would create a more suitable academic environment. An integral part of the boarding school experience, these privileges assist us in becoming more independent, responsible, and mature individuals.

PLAYING WITH NUMBERS: PUTTING Some Meaning into our Grades

WAIT A MINUTE **ROB MCNARY &** ADNAN QAMAR

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. An all-powerful 6. The Phillips Academy grading system is summed up in only a few numbers. When the first Steering Committee changed our system of grades from 1-100 to 1-6, their intended purpose was to downplay the value of intrinsically quantitative grades straight from raw "examination quotients." They hoped to place more value on intangible measures of academic progress, like class participation, and to also argue that, besides some math and science

tests and a vocab test or two, achievement should be based on a broader, almost continuumlike spectrum, instead of an antiquated percentage of right and wrong. Perhaps these objectives are a bit unattainable and a tad idealized, but that

Steering Committee made a bold move to set the tone for how teachers taught and tested here at Andover.

But the fact is, at today's Andover, the grading system falls short of its original goals, as a system ill-suited for the testing styles of far too many teachers. Unfortunately, each grade means a different thing for the many different teachers here, and the result is a report card that misrepresents true academic progress. Shouldn't a 4 definitively mean something across the board, as does a 6, or any of the other numbers? Even if the Andover community understands what a 5 means with a certain teacher and a 6 with another, how could nonstudents removed from PA understand, whether they be parents or college admissions officers? In a world of people waiting to slap labels on our foreheads with numerical values relative to "the norm," the least Andover can do in its attempt to quantify our abilities is to give us fair labels.

the truth. The fact is, we've probably been as helped by the haziness of our system as we have been hurt-- but a trade-off like that shouldn't be neces-

Truthfully, we don't have a con-? crete problem with the entire grading. system per se, but instead with the way teachers are left to make their own definitions for those magic 1-6. numbers. The only given definitions, those on the report card, are effective-. ly meaningless. Who decided that 'Superior" (the description for a 5) is not as good as "Outstanding," which signifies a 6? What matters is that the only basis for our grading system, the meanings of these simple adjectives,

is simply a matter' of opinion. The way it is now, the system means different things to. different people,. whether you are a teacher, a student, or a parent," and with that confusion, it cannot be a fair system.

What we need is a description so that teach-

ers can match up a number with a description that best resembles a student's achievement. Do we need a system with numbers that represent relative measures of academic progress, some-" thing like, "Top 10% in class," "Average for section," or "Below fifteenth percentile?" Does this seemingly competitive value scare you administrative types? Fine! Tell us thattell us that grades aren't relative to the rest of the people in our class, because the way it is now, some teachers make it a class competition, while others refuse to. Whether it be those relative values or another set, we need real standard descriptions for the grading The community must agree on what the grades here mean, and the Steering Committee must set the tone. To the committee: let out the big secret! Give us meaningful terms to match with our currently meaningless 1-6 system. This is the only way to create some consensus between all of the teachers, students, parents, and colleges, and give all of us a little reality check.

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unbelonownst to many, before there was even SUCH A THING AS GROUNDHOS DAY, WEATHERMEN, ALMANAC EDITORS AND HIGH SCHOOL SENIDRS MLIKE WOULD ALL FLOCK TOGETHER EVERY WINTER ON WHAT WAS REFERED TO AS PRE-JUDGEMENT DAY

Random Notes... The Republicans continue to campaign as the first primary of the year, New Hampshire, approaches. Most of the candidates spent their time attacking the front runner and heir apparent, Bob Dole. Gramm accused Dole of cutting back room deals with Clinton over the budget, going as far as to call him "Senator Straddle."

Although polls say that the majority of Americans blame the budget impasse on the Republicans, a CNN/USA Today poll showed that Clinton's approval rating has dipped to 42 percent, down from 51 three weeks ago, when the government shutdown began. Dole would also win if a general election were held today, 49 to 46 percent.

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Students and Faculty Could Benefit From A Revised Finals Schedule

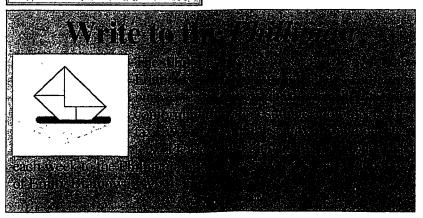
HONESTLY **DAN BURKONS**

Finals week is not a very happy time at Phillips Academy. In fact, it is often the most dreaded time of the term for many PA students. Pressure builds up and instantly transforms the mildest mannered student into a highly irritable monster.

Some people believe that students achieve their maximum potential under pressure. While this may be true with low levels of stress, once a person reaches a certain point of tension their performance tends to falter greatly. This is evident by the number of students whose class averages fall resulting from poor grades scored on their final.

Although no official numbers are available, an informal survey of Taylor Hall residents verifies that

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more than seventy-five percent of the students did poorly on two or more exams. If a person does not perform well on at least two exams, their grade point average is very likely to fall by at least .5. For many students, that can make the difference of whether or not they get accepted to a university or receive a college scholarship.

With so much on the line, it is not surprising that tensions rise during finals week. The stress is intensified by the fact that many students have two finals on the same day. One would think that the faculty would design a finals schedule minimizing the number of kids who would have two exams in any given day. Unfortunately, virtually every Junior, Lower, and Upper had two finals in a day last term. In fact, many of these students had major exams pitted back to back.

For instance, on Wednesday, December 6, every Lower who takes a science course had to take their English 200 final in the same day as their science final. If they have chemistry on their schedule, that means they had no time in between to relax because they took them back to back.

Juniors who take French or Spanish found themselves following their Social Science 10 exam with a language oral.

The students who had it the worst, though, were the Uppers. On Tuesday they had history in between the two periods in which math exams were

given. It didn't stop there for the poor Uppers. Unless they took Chemistry 58, all Uppers had their science finals back to back with English.

It's no wonder that so many stu dents did poorly on their exams. With a final typically accounting for one half to one third of a student's grade, one would expect that would need a, great deal of study time. How can students be expected to perform well on two finals in a day if they have to split their study time? This also prevents. students from taking important breaks, to clear their mind and relieve stress.

One way the faculty could cut, down on double finals would be to follow the example set by the math department. The math teachers decid-. ed not to give finals during the winter term. If all the departments took turns/ not having a final, there would be fewer instances of students having two finals in a day. The departments which don't give finals in a particularterm could give projects or alternative. reports in order to keep all of their. studying from becoming concentrated into one week. In addition, there could be a free day without classes before finals begin. If necessary, finals could be extended an extra day. If we would follow this solution, we'd have at most two fewer days of vacation. Many students think that sacrificing one or two days out of our generous vacations would be well worth it.

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Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow: A Winter Blowout on Eastern Skiing

the area are the big guns "White Heat"

and "Shockwave". "Shockwave" is so

steep that Sunday River deems it nec-

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find trails like "Top Gun" (minus Kelly

McGillis) which are just as challenging

as "White Heat" and "Shockwave" but

As you progress to the right, you

the trail map.

by Brian Yates (with help from Josh Harnden) PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

"Skiers of the East have been blessed this year with tremendous amounts of snow. Normally exposed rock has been covered up and ice is pleasantly uncommon. For the first time in a while. Easterners are getting a taste of what real skiing is all about.

New England hosts a number of ski areas ranging from small hills to multi-mountain systems. Skiing is always available, but you must make careful decisions so as to have the best day of skiing a lift ticket can offer.

Killington

Perhaps the largest of all is Killington. Twenty minutes outside of Woodstock, Vermont, Killington boasts a six mountain skiing system. There is much terrain to be skied here, but don't be fooled by their advertisements, "No we really do have 5x107 trails". There are many trails and you couldn't come close to skiing the mountain in a day, but Killington counts every side and connector trail and believe me, they add up.

.To benefit advanced skiers, the mountain now offers what are called "fusion zones", gladed trails which are certainly no joke. Unpatrolled and thickly wooded, these sections are for experts only. But for all you hot shots out there who think you are all that, you can test your skills on the mighty "Outer Limits". Straight down the face of Bear mountain, this is the steepest mogul trail in the East. And if you really think you ripped it up, you can buy a shirt or a bumper sticker letting every one know that you skied "Outer limits" and they will realize just how cool you really are.

Okemo

When there is not much snow, go to Ludlow. A Vermont town, not so far from Killington, which probably inhabits the same number of people as Will Hall. The only thing worth going to Ludlow, besides TC's General store, is Ökemo Mountain. Lack of snow is not an uncommon phenomenon in the East, so when the sky won't make snow, they make there own, and they go bananas.

The crew of Okemo works their hardest to attempt to cover the entire mountain in man made snow, and they come pretty close, they have by far the most snow making coverage in the East. Okemo is also much more peaceful than the larger overcrowded mountains and surprisingly, it has a fair amount of terrain.

Both easy and challenging trails

Okemo Mountain sucking every last penny out of your purse. But it is worth the money, the conditions are good, and if you keep your eyes open, you may catch sight of skiing legend Jason Gruhl speeding down the hill.

Pico

On the back side of Killington one can find Pico. A much smaller ski area which does not offer a tremendous amount. It's location has got to hurt business, why would you go to Pico if Killington is five minutes up the road. Forget about skiing there and hit Pico in the summer when the alpine slides are open. For a completely unreasonable rate, you can whiz down a bobsled-like track on a small cart and hope to fly of the edge and injure yourself.

Smuggler's Notch

If you are looking for a place to bring the family, Smuggler's Notch could be the place for you. There is plenty of terrain for all ski levels, and a good ski school for the kids. Off the mountain there are many living options and many activities for both you and your children. Day care service and camp for older kids is offered, athletic facilities are at your disposal as well. What can I say, it was the first place I ever jumped out of a hot tub and rolled around in the snow.

Jay Peak

Although there is less action off the slope, Jay Peak is often the Eastern hot spot. Wedged into some sort of snow pocket, Jay always gets the white stuff. Although it offers much terrain including some tough slopes such as "Green Beret" and "Kitzbul", Jay Peak is falling behind in the technology/efficiency race. The only access to the peak is by tram. This is fine if you like waiting in line for an hour only to ride for ten minutes standing up with your face plunged into the armpit of a sweaty guy standing next to you.

And often the tram is close do to high winds which completely cuts off a few trails only accessible from the peak. And at about 4:00 when you come back to the hotel, your options are unlimited, you can play pool and video games, watch TV, or read. But often one must make sacrifices for really good conditions.

Canon

Hampshire's White New Mountains boast a number of ski areas Perhaps a state favorite, Canon Mountain is all about skiing. There advertisements claim that if it were a food, it would be apple pie. Plain and simple Franconia Notch skiing. "Oh yeah the pie is a la mode", says the ad,

or you can't make it out, or there is too much snow, don't worry about it, it's just a rock that happens to look like a guy. Other mountains in the area such as Wildcat are good for a day of skiing and often have good conditions if you are looking for a change of pace.

Sugarloaf/USA

As we look at Maine, we see a bunch of quality ski areas. Sugarloaf



Tired of life on campus? Get your boards and boots Photo / M. Klarberg and hit the slopes. Features features a bevy of nearby resorts

USA can be great skiing if you don't die of hypothermia or exposure first. They boast an open snow field, sort of an East coast copycat of a bowl. The last time the snow fields were open, I hadn't been born yet. You used to be able to stay in a hotel on top of the mountain but it blew down. There used to be a hotel and Mt. Washington too if that's your thing.

Mt. Washington

The highest peak in the northeast is only the second highest peak in the East behind Mt. Mitchell, North Carolina. Hike, drive, or train, there are many ways to reach the summit. The peak offers a great view, but don't worry, if it's foggy, you can entertain yourself inside at the gift shop. There is an interesting death list too. But for those interested in skiing Tuckerman's Ravine, you better be all you say you are. Many names on that list are a result of Tuckerman's. In the past few years, not much skiing has been available on Tuckerman's due to a lack of snow But this season expect many a hikers with skiis on their back.

Sunday River

and the half-day tickets go on sale, the far left gets a surge of skiers who think they are better than they really are. They congest the slopes and scrape off all existing snow. But since you know the way, you've shifted far to the right by then where many relaxing trails are located, as well as some black diamonds if your still in the mood. If you follow the right procedure, your skiing at the Rivah can be excellent.

Wildcat

Those who appreciate the majesty of Mt. Washington will be impressed by the view from this rugged old-time peak. Boasting one of the oldest gondolas in the east, Wildcat offers miles of excellent terrain and one of the greatest elevations of an resort in NH.

Their newly renovated lodge is pleasing to the lunch-eaters, yet the pricey culinary delights could drive one to bag lunches. Also attractive is the 'Cat's cat motif. Nearly every trail and lift on the mountain is named after a feline. Pretty cute.

Wildcat can be distinguished from eastern rivals by its varying terrain. On the far left, you've got the Polecat, a

from left to right. To the extreme left of whereas at other areas, the same powder would be packed down.

Attitash/ Bear Peak

Nowadays, Attitash is all about the smart ticket. The smart ticket is a pesky new device that works on a debit system. Complete with turnstiles for all skiers, this system involves the purchase of tickets with varying degrees of points. Each time a skier takes a run. a certain number of points are subtracted from their total. All is done by computer, so that each ticket may be identified, and in the end, the skier pays by the run.

For lazy blobs, this is perfect. One could roll out of bed at 10:00, have a beer, some sausage links, some bacon, watch an early football game with the boys (or girls, but girls tend not to be lazy blobs) and then go to the slopes at 2:30 and get one run in without feeling guilty. With this new method, no money is lost by paying the big bones for a full day ticket and stopping early.

But for the hard core skiers, this Smart Ticket is just one more reason not to ski at Attitash. For those who ski open-til-close anyway, all the Smart Ticket does is slow the process of getting top to bottom, because all skiers must stop and insert ticket in slot and wait for turnstile to move. It is rather pesky to deal with the small 2" by 4" ticket to boot.

Aside from all that junk about the ticket, Attitash is pretty unremarkable, except for the fact that they make a pretty good amount of snow and usually have a couple of trails open as early as Thanksgiving. They recently added Bear Peak, paving the way for such catchy add campaigns as "Grin and Bear it: Attitash/ Bear Peak" Don't be fooled. Although Bear Peak is a definite improvement (complete with highspeed quad), the five minute traverse from one peak to the other stretches the conventions of renovating old ski mountains.

Cranmore

Cranmore sold out to the same guy who owns Attitash/ Bear Peak. What used to be one of the oldest ski mountains in the east is now one of the newest owned by the skiing tycoon who has made a fortune on the Smart Ticket. Unfortunately, these tickets have been installed at Cranmore too. HOWEVER, if you take the (new) high speed quad to the top of Cranmore, you can ski down the back side. The lift on the back side that takes you back up to the top does not have a debit machine, so you could ski the back side all day long for free!! It's not really worth it, but it is something to consider if you are a cheapskate. You never know; lift prices nowadays are enough to make a cheapskate out of the most frugal spenders. Over all, the tycoon guy has done good things to Cranmore, however this author has one strong objection to his renovations. Cranmore used to be the sight of the oldest ski lift in the country. It was a little car mechanism that

you sat on that ran up the side of the mountain. It's gone now.

Cranmore is small and homey, and a wonderful place for beginners or intermediates. Experts however might grow bored.

Bretton Woods

The catchy song that goes with Bretton Woods says it all: "Ski Bretton Woods, and ski and ski and ski," it says. There is not much to Bretton Woods. A worldly skier once called it "the flattest mountain I have ever seen." For those with heart murmurs or acrophobia, this might be the mountain. But many might be bored. The scenery is good though.

Jiminy Peak

And now we bring you back to Massachusetts. Massachusetts is not great, but it could be worse (i.e. New Jersey). Jiminy Peak is not aesthetically pleasing, nor does it offer much exciting terrain. Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Berkshires, this little lump can be skied by all different skill levels, and enjoyed by few. It is small and can be a great place to begin, or begin a family, so it has that going for

Catamount

Like its close neighbor Jiminy, Catamount is little more than a lump, yet it has more personality than Jiminv Peak. Smack dab on the state line New York between and Massachusetts, this old-time resorts has yellow chairlifts, and a cute little base-lodge. Given the choice, it is better than Jiminy, more exciting, more versatile. However, little can be said considering its small size.

Nashoba Valley

Going to Nashoba Valley is sort of like going to a mall - a bad mall. If you live anywhere in the area, you are bound to see someone you know. You probably won't find what you're looking for, and you'll probably get frustrated with the mobs of people.

Nashoba boasts about twenty trails but has, at the absolute most, four trails from top to bottom. Nashoba is aptly named a valley, for if you were to point your skis straight down and tuck the slope, it would take less than thirty seconds to reach the bottom.

At the base of this little hill in Weston, you could have a conversation with someone on the summit It is really fun though, if you just want to go from school or something. It is also sort of cute because they write another one syllable word on their lift ticket each day. For example: "Fun" or "Sun" or "Snow".

So there is your briefing on Eastern

are offered and a speed quad can rush you to the peak in a matter of minutes. A new chair lift and a few trails were recently opened adding to Okemo's assortment of trails. The only down side to Okemo, is that when you are eating lunch in the cafeteria, or buying your lift ticket, you may hear pumping noise. Be not afraid, it is simply the

because there's always cool white stuff on top".

From the peak you have a beautiful view, behind you Franconia Notch, and in front of you the mysterious yet elegant Canon Balls. If you've got the time, you should check out the man in the mountain, a completely natural outcropping of rock that's silhouette looks exactly like man. But if you are in rush,

Sunday River puts up good competition for one of the East coasts best ski areas. With a number of mountains, a great variety of trails are offered. Each mountain is close in height and they are lined up next to each other in a lateral fashion. Sunday River draws a big crowd, but this crowd can be easily avoided with a word from the wise. Ski

wonderfully scenic three mile beginner trail that is renowned for its beautiful panoramic views and winding, lazy turns. For the more adept skiers, Wildcat on the far right is thrilling and challenging - as close to western skiing as you get in the east. On a good day, the bold skier might find some powdery moguls up on the Wildcat's face,

skiing. Of course it doesn't match up to the might of Aspen. Vail and it brothers and sisters, but this year it's pretty good. So wherever you wind up, have a good time and enjoy this freak of nature before it falls fate to the sun. Oh yeah, don't forget to split your skis.

THE SNOW SOME FUN STUFF TO DO IN

by Bob Phoraples PHILLIPIAN EDITOR

From Blue ridge to Adirondack, from White to Green, from Berkshires to Catskills, skiers, snow-boarders, sledders rejoice. The eastern sea-board hasn't seen a series of serious storms the like of last week's since before most Phillips Academy students were born.

Not since men carried muskets has skiing been this good. Not since befor e grundge has snowboarding been this fun. Not since wampum has anything been as desired as sleds and tubes and sleigh and trays and bags and shovels are now. If you can't ski - try snowboarding. If you can't do that - sled. If you can't sled, you'll find a young lady in the infirmary who can tell you all abourt it. If you can't find the infirmary there's a place called Graham House. There are people there who will help

you. Maybe you're not to thrilled about being back at school. Maybe Santa Clause snubbed you and you're bitter. If this is true and you need a new take on life, try playing in the snow. Snow Angels, ruff-housing, hypothermia, snowballs, iceballs, white-washing, fort-building, car-sledding, snow-writing and especially games of "Jump off That " are activities that will put a smile on your face. Once your're ready to head inside, hot chocolate, hot showers, hot beef injection, hot chicken soup, Super Mario Brothers, Mike Tyson's Punch Out, Zelda, and naps make for wonderful après snow activites.

If you're worried about being cold, heed the following tips: wear mits and bibs and hats and boots and gloves and long-johns and goggles and sweaters and warm coats and wool socks and glove-liners and boot-liners and hatliners and you should stay warm. And if you want to be like Rocky, run through the snow and get an amazing cardiovascular workout. If you're a romantic, sing songs outside your loved one's window while it's snowing

Car sledding is tons of fun. Car sledding is an art form. Car-sledding is dangerous. Car sledding is exhilerating. However, car sledding is really dumb. Car sledding should not be done.Car sledding can not be condoned. Car sledding could lead to serious injuries. Car sled at your own risk.

There are myriad schools of thought concerning the proper way to car sled. One popular technique for the shy, surreptitious type, is the "traffic light technique". This method involves little to no interaction with car drivers. The sledder anticipates a red light, creeps sneakily up behind the first car to stop, and hangs on as though letting go would bering imminent death which it very possibly might. A good ride consists of the main stretch of Main street from Chapel ave to Salem street.

Another interesting style calls upon a small amount of thespian skill. Some thrill-seeking sledders prefer the "staged-fight method" to the afore mentioned traffic technique. This involves three or more people, and involves more inovation, while allowing for some fun creativity.

Two (or more) partakers stage a fight in the middle of the road, throwing fists, crying out cuss words, and grappling for dominance. If done properly, this display of violence should stop any passer-bys. Waiting backstage, are the sledders. When a car stops, they cling to the back bumper and hope that death eludes them when once again the car starts up. The fighters apologize and depart, while the others have a ride.

The "direction method" is a little more mundane. This involves flagging down a passing car and asking for directions to some place. While one person is doing this, the others cling to the bumper.

Remember if you plan on car sliding, the coefficient of kinetic friciton must be very low (i.e. wear slippery pants and make sure there is at least a guarter inch of snow on the pavement. If you don't know about friction ask Doc Watt.

And though it comes only once a year, before you know it it's already here. The streets are filled with laughter and somany hearts are giddy with excitement. It's a messy winter.

GUESS WHAT???? YOU CAN BE THE NEXT FEATURES EDITOR. LOOK OUT FOR APPLICATIONS. THE BOARD WILL SOON TURN OVER

by Sari & Sarah PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

The "Storm of the Century" brought an unexpected adventure to the start of a new term. Rumor has it that Andover was the only functioning institution north of Atlanta. When the first flakes of the season fell in December, Phillips Academy students ran outside to enjoy every moment of the snow. During free periods, shouts of delight could be heard from the Great Lawn, and at night massive snow wars prevailed. But now the excitement and enthusiasm has disappeared from us, leaving only pale faces. Don't let Old Man Winter win! This season you can either surrender to the weather and hibernate, or you can take advantage of the 18,000 feet of snow and hit the slopes.

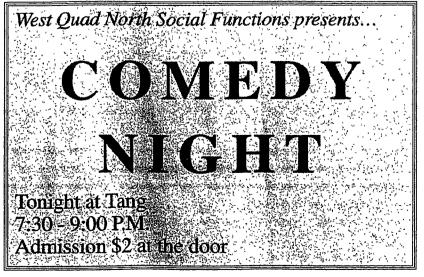
Skiing involves several complications as well as necessities. Above all, it is knowing how to dress. You can either take tips from Noah and friends, and be a hip snow boarder dude, or you can get decked out in expensive, fullbody neon gear (if you happen to be concerned with camouflaging with the trees.) For a "woodsy, thrown-together" look, another option is the array of Earth-toned apparel available at such manufacturers as the North Face, Patagonia, and L.L. Bean. If you do not own skis, do not fret. Rather than buying them for your first day out, it is just as easy to rent them at the mountain. Not only cutting down on expenses (those lift tickets are expensive), renting skis at the resort can help with transportation. Which ever style suits you best, remember it's not how one skis, but how one looks when trying!

There are several different types of snow skiing. Downhill skiing isn't everyone's forté. Other types of skiing include big-footing(wearing unusually short skis designed for performing tricks like somersaulting), wearing fat boys for skiing in powder, ski-jumping, cross-country skiing, and telemarking(using cross-country skis to ski downhill.)

Should a miracle occur, and you have an open weekend, there is nothing better to do than taking off for a nearby ski resort. Although not the Alps, the north east is praised for its exceptional mountains. Our own alpine ski team practices on the local runs of Nashoba Valley, while the Nordic gang prefers our own campus's trails. Even the Snow boarders practice locally, on The Bullfinch whopper. True these areas are conveniently located, but there are some other, bigger runs close by, and if the opportunity arises, it is strongly recommended that you visit mountains further north. Fellow

Beginning Skiing: A Year for the Books students offered many recommendations for nearby ski areas. Helen Struck, following the fad, has an abundance of lift tickets still attached to her North Face. Among the collection of local hills are her favorites, Sugarloaf and Sunday River. Other popular mountains in the area are Loon, Sugarbush, Stowe, Killington, Wachusetts, Gunstock and Stratton. Each of these world-renowned resorts are within a three hour drive.

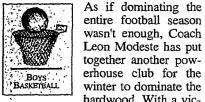
It is never too early or too late to learn how to ski or snow board. Those who have never skied before are often hesitant to begin. There should be no reason for fear, as long as you take your time and stick within your limit. Everyone deserves the chance to experience the rush of gracefully flying down the face of a mountain. Make plans, buy your outfit, and get psyched to ski because it has already snowed more feet than the average junior. And this is only the beginning!



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hardwood. With a victorious tournament already added to their prowess, the boys in the blue and white polyester have posted an early

earlier contest, the boys from the South were off to the races early, keeping it close until half. Andover emerged from the lockers after half with a big run and it was all over from

The team's point guard sensation Vandiver led all scorers with twenty four points. Vandiver, who is possibly one of the best players in the league, demonstrated to the Choate team that they were still unable to defend him. Right behind Vandiver in the scoring totals was a man who needs no introduction because of his heroics with the football team in the fall. Ivory poured in twenty points from his shooting guard position. Ivory suprised many with his position at two-guard. With his 6'4" height and uncontainable power he is also able to

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Photo / E. Prahl DeMarco Williams '96 fires a shot against a hapless Choate defender

dominate inside.

Returning

Quattlebaum antagonized the Choate

players again, spotting for eleven

season 8-1 record. Not only has the squad out-scored their opponents 883 to 652 thus far, they have recorded more than ninety points in all of their games except their very first.

The annual Holiday hoop-fest was simply a showcase for Andover's unparralled talent. Titus Ivory '96 led the team and tournament in scoring and in the process earned tournament MVP honors. Rounding out the "three amigos," Hugh Quattlebaum '96 and Corey Vandiver '96 played exceptionally for the Blue. Minor Myers '96 and Kanu Okike '96 held down the fort in the paint. Myers, the second leading scorer in the tournament earned a spot on the All-tounament team along with Ivory.

Andover's one loss came before the tournament against a team that ranks among the best in the country. New Hampton Academy, with their five starting post-graduates has yet to a lose a game. Despite their valiant efforts, the boys lost by the score of 102-91. Says team manger Magaret Doles '97, "They were just tall...very tall.

This past week, the boys clashed

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portantly, the elder Okike contributed ten rebounds and four steals. When asked how he felt he played, he modestly replied, "I was satisfied with my play.

Veterans Myers and Demarco Williams '96 easch tossed in four for the team. Myers, who is in his third year as the starting center, used power and height to snag seven rebounds.

Choate tried to work the ball into their favorite foward throughout the game but Myers and Okike, who both had outstanding defensive games were able hold him to only eight points in the second half.

Content with the Saturday night rout in front of the home audience, the team geared up for the expected threat of the Harvard JV.

Harvard JV

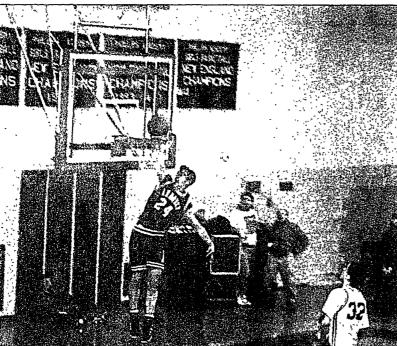
The expectation for a college-level team is always one of ability. If the Harvard JV team had this ability, they apparently left it at home. Coach Modeste was able to play the entire team with the exception of the injured David Nachman '96.

Ivory had the crowd going early on his way to an unprecedented thirty points. Of the thirty three, fifteen, which was more than any of the Harvard players had, were tacked from three-point land. Myers also had a big game, finishing with seventeen points on top of a team-leading eight rebounds.

Quattlebaum and Vandiver had fifteen and sixteen respectively playing in the backcourt. Quattlebaum aided the offense with six steals and five assists

The lone bright spot for the Harvard offense was their outside game where they stationed one man to look for the uncontended shot. They scored twenty four in this fashion.

To cap off the stomping, the finishing two points were claimed by Okike's little brother Nnamdi Okike. With four seconds left on the clock, the older Okike gave the ball to the younger who drained the ten-foot jumper. Ivory as well as others on the team believe this year will be succes-



sharpshooter

Squash Appears Strong Across the Board

by Pete Christoduolo PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Tabor	0
Middlesex	4
Andover (girls)	3

Both the boys' and squash teams girls' have had great starts. The boy's won their first four matches over SQUASH MIT, Choate, Taft and Brooks. The wins over

MIT. Choate. and Brooks were not much of a surprise, but the 4-3 win over a "Nasty" Taft team, as Allen Stack '96 put it, which won Interschols a year ago, was quite impressive. The girls' squash team began with a 7-0 win over Tabor. After the win, the girls had quite a bit of time off before their encounter on Wednesday with Middlesex. Although the match turned out as a loss, the girls remained quite competitive throughout and look forward to a successful season.

Boys vs. MIT

On a cold day in late November, the boys' squash team drove down to MIT and proceeded to destroy a friendly MNT team 7-0. Winners included Peter Karlen '98, Paul Berry '96, Stack, captain Chris Flygare '96,

James Chie '96, Peter Christodoulo '98. and Sam Resnikoff '97. Flygare earned a Big Mac on the ride home for the 15-4, 15-0, 15-2 whoopin' he gave his opponent. Overall, the match went as expected and was a good start to the season.

Choate

On Saturday, the team traveled north to Exeter to play Choate and Taft. The first match of the afternoon pitted the Blue against an up-andcoming Choate team. What had once been thought of as an easy match turned out to be a nail biting 4-3 victory. Chie, Karlen, Stack, and Flygare all recorded big wins. Flygare, Karlen, and Chie rolled over their opponents easily but it was Stack's match, which went the full five games, which gave the Big Blue the win.

When asked about it afterwards, Flygare claimed, "It was the power of losercore that helped 'us win.' However you look at it, the win set the tone for the afternoon with a big match-up impending with Taft, last year's Interscholastic champions.

Taft

After the win over Choate, the Andover squad prepared to meet the highly touted Taft team. It was clear early in the match that Taft's strength was in its top two players and that the Blue would have to rely on its depth to pull the match out. Flygare set the tone early, by annihilating yet another opponent 3-0. Seniors Stack and Chie both followed with decisive wins. Taft, however, had won its share of matches with wins at #1, #2, and #6.

The match came down to the outcome of Christodoulo's match at number 7. In the end, Christodoulo was able to pull out the match 3-1 to preserve the victory for Andover. The loss came as a tremendous shock to a Taft team which was used to its winning ways.

traveled through the snow to play a match against Brooks. The Brooks team featured a Thailandese import simply known as Win. After Win and their #2, the team's level of play dropped off tremendously. Chie, Stack, Flygare, and Christodoulo all recorded wins. Number one seed; J Karlen, had a rough go of it against : the awesome power and control of -Win. Like Karlen, Berry also fell victim to the big hitting powerhouse at . the number two position. The match ended up being a 4-3 win for Andover, and the Big Blue improved their record to 4-0.

Brooks

This past Wednesday, the team

Girls vs. Tabor

This match was over before it began as the obviously outclassed Tabor team pleaded for mercy. Playing number one for Andover was Lower superstar Courtenay Green '98. Green whizzed through her match just like the rest of the team would without losing a single game. Other winners included Libby O'Hare '96, Meredith Fishbane '96, Emily Bramowitz '96, Jen Shingleton '98, Hulda Grin '98, and Trang Nguyen '97.

Middlesex

On Wednesday, the girls' team found their way over to Middlesex to play a skilled Middlesex team. The Andover team soon realized it would take a huge effort in order to beat their opponents. Lauren Martin '97, Shingleton, and Green recorded wins. Green came back in dramatic fashion to win a huge match at number two for the Blue. When asked about it later, she replied, "It was one of the hardest matches I've ever played.'

Overall the Blue came up short in their effort, losing 3-4. O'Hare, in a daze after the match, offered this thought, "When we play against small schools, it's always close.'

Wrestlers are Ready to Rumble

by Dave Weiner PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

For eight months

out of the year, wrestling the room lies unoccupied. The occa-WRESTLING sional dance class

will venture in, but, for the most part, the cold cement floor remains bare, the water fountain dries up, and only shadows reflect off the mirrors. Nothing but lonesome echoes bounce solemnly from corner to corner.

Yet four months out of the year during winter term, this room suddenly transforms into a living, breathing entity playing host to a group of men and women who bust their ass for the love of competition. In this room,

there are no excuses, only the realization of commitment. This room plays host to those athletes known as wrestlers.

Now, as that time of year has arrived, this room entertains another team. Captained by Mike Daly '96, the squad looks to play a strong role in the decision of the New England Championships.

Returning seniors this season include Daly, Dusty Demeo, Jerry Bramwell, Brian Cockerell, and Matt Strickland. Rob Holmes and Andy Zeitlan follow as the two strong uppers and Learn Quilt-Edon and Eddie Cho return as the lowers on the team. Aspiring varsity candidates include Larry Obst '97, Mo Kagan '97, and Ted Pease '96.

After a long vacation, coaches

Gannon, Gorham and Effinger have pushed this group of talented athletes. to their limits in these early days in preparation for a long stretch of matches that begins with a quad-meet with Andover hosting Deerfield, Brewster and Tilton on Saturday.

With a long season staring the team dead in the face, there is sparse time to prepare. A round in wrestling. can be described as "the hardest two, minutes of your life." The determination, finesse, courage and strength needed to win a match would woe an innocent bystander, but for the select. group known as wrestlers, it is commonplace. Take the time to stroll by a practice one day and simply admire. the athleticism that each wrestler possesses. Just make the trip. Chances are, it will be worth your time.



with blue and gold of Choate for the second time this season and once again smashed the as well as destroyed a somewhat untalented Harvard JV team on Wednesday.

Choate

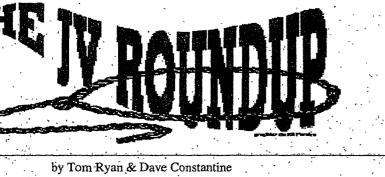
Choate entered the Andover facilities still reeling from being smashed by the same Andover out at the tournament in Loomis-Chaffee. Knowing that they had been beaten by an unspeakable margin of 29 points in the



Hugh Quattlebaum '96 slams the ball home off a breakaway last Saturday against Choate

points on the course to victory. Power forward, and the only starting lowerclassman Kanu Okike '97 had possibly the strongest game of all with a solid twelve inside points. More imful not only because of the wealth of talent but also the unity between the players on the court. The team faces the threat of Tabor next week. Though they miss S.L.A.M. sorely, the team continues to perform.

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Boys' JV Basketball

There are high expectations for this year's stacked team. Assistant Coach Tom McGraw issued the challenge,"We are so good, we could even beat the Flagstaff cluster team." The three-year JV veteran Deeb's "nuts" Salem '97 and returning stafter Steve "I'm 6'8," but I still can't dunk" Dise '97. In flteir first game against Cushing, Rob "kiss my" Kinast '97 was in a zone, scoring ten points and grabbing 15 steals leading the way in the 63–49 win. Last Saturday, the boys crushed Choate 61-37. Making his JV debut late in the fourth quarter. Kevin "the human mop " Manning '97 scored a personal career high 4 pts on 2 for 11 shooting display. Way to go Kevin!

Boys' JV Hockey

After his vacation from hockey last year, Senior Johnny "please, no more references to Kato" Kalin, the sole member of he sixth line defense, has returned. In their first game, the boys suffered a disapointing 6-1 loss to an eighth grade Viddlesex team. This was however, an improvement on last year's 2-21 embarassment to the middle school rascals. Tannen nothing thymes with" Zucker '99 scored the lone Andover goal, lofting the puck over the head of the 47" Middlesex netminder." On a positive note, there were three intense fights to which we give all praise and glory. Tyler "I could eat a" Cowan 99 destroyed one of the speedy youngsters and left the game after taking a right hook to the midsection. Brian "no relation p-Eddie or Mr." Murphy '97 lasted three rounds against two Middlesex thugs while some joker beat down Sam "I left my Jothes in the "Dyer, '97. Better luck next time Sam."

JV Girls' Hockey:

The girls got off to flying start with a 3-0 victory over Brooks. Dia the brick wall" Draper '97 got her first career shutout the two saves. Jane Beyondme '96 and Rachel "Rich man's" Burnes '99. "Princess" Erin "the sparrow" Dougherty '98 rn Edelstein '98 also provided intense play. These two girls may not be the best skaters or the best players, but they inectall with their nose dives into the walls. **建筑**和学校代表的教授之外

JV2 Boys' Basketball

TERMINATION STATISTICS - C years team looks promising with the help of converted sumo wrestler Tomoyuki Sakakura '98. This thin young-definately throw his weight around under the boards. Image is nothing, thirst is everything.

JV Boys' Squash wepf Brooks 7-0 on Wednesday. Captain Dan "Bevis and" Brodhead '97 highlighted the day with his 3nit against aboy from the other side of town. Also Neil"Abdul" Kumar breezed to a 3-love victory.



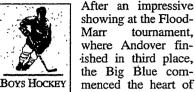
Pratap Penumalli '96 and Andover Boys' Track suffered a close defeat to nearby rivals Andover High in a narrow 46-45 defeat. The Girls are lost to the girls of Andover High

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Boys' Fly Out of the Gates and Come Up Victorious

by James Knowles PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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showing at the Floodtournament, where Andover finished in third place, the Big Blue commenced the heart of

their season. In January, the Big Blue will face four teams participating in last year's Division I New England Hockey Tournament. In the first of these crucial games, the Big Blue defeated St. Sebastian's in a very high scoring

contest. The next three games, Deerfield, Cushing, and Nobles, will undoubtedly decide the fate of this playoff hopeful team.

In their first game back from vacation, fans packed the Sumner Smith Ice Arena to see Andover beat Choate in a game marked by mediocrity and a lack of practice, having only played together twice mid-December. since Choate had added to their '95-'96 roster a slew of French-Canadians with hopes of upsetting more prestigious hockey institutions

In this case their efforts were in vain. Senior defensive rock Ben Barnett opened the

scoring in the first half, which was the first of Barnett's two goals. The Judges had many chances in the first, but lower goalkeeper Greg Berard turned all their shots aside. The first ended with Barnett's goal as the only point of the game.

In the second, penalties were commonplace and Niels Heilmann '97 scored Andover's second goal on a flawless power play. Choate also received their only goal on a power play of their own. Senior standout Scott Turco finally broke the game wide open with a goal on a beautiful drop pass from Andrew Coleman '96.

The Big Blue had many chances as the close of the second approached that the fair goaltending of the Choate

netminder denied. In the third Barnett put the finishing touches on his All-Star performance with his second goal of the day. In the closing seconds, seeing that they surely could not overcome the three goal deficit, the Choate Judges resorted to individual physical battles. Senior Chris King dropped some of the over zealous Choaties in his last shift and the Big Blue improved their record to 8-2.

Less than two weeks ago, a weather related accident made the roof at St. Sebastian's home ice rink collapse. Luckily, no one was hurt, but the rink lay in ruins with the Andover-St. Sebestian's game scheduled at their home ice. Instead, the game was held at the nearby Natick Ice Rink facilities. Both teams hit the ice a bit flat and St. Sebastian's was the first to capitalize, scoring with more than eleven minutes to go in the first.

Andover bounced back though, as senior Sean Austin shot a blistering

goal. Frustrated by the current course of the game, many St. Sebastian players got chippy. On a resulting powerplay Captain Bobby Moss scored Phillips' sixth goal.

St. Sebastian's finally pulled themselves together, and mustered another goal with 4:50 to go in the second. Nick Rieser '97 picked up his second assist of the season, catching St. Sebastian's on a line change, giving Heilmann a break away that he easily netted by St. Sebastian's second netminder of the night. The second period finished filled with odd man rushes, making the game look like a backyard pond-hockey match with Andover up 7-3. Turco would make it eight, after roofing the puck by the helpless goaltender. After another defense lapse that resulted in St. Sebastian's fourth goal, Andover scored their last goal on another power-play as Ethan Doyle '97 took the puck in the slot uncontested and



Andover Hockey skating down ice on way to a victory

one-timer from the point to the back of the net with just under four minutes to go in the first. Ben Barnett and Scott Turco picked up the assists on Austin's goal. Chris King put the Big Blue up 40 seconds later on a snipe from the top of the left face-off circle. A minute later St. Sebastian's struck back to tie, but Turco put the puck in the upper corner with less than a minute to go in the first.

In the opening minutes of the second, Austin sent a bouncing puck to the net that ricocheted off a myriad of St. Sebastian's defensemen and ended up in the goal. Johnny Boynton '97 added another shortly thereafter by sending the puck aimlessly in front of the net that also deflected into the ripped a shot into the back of the goal. Andover now led by five. Hopes of a comeback for St. Sebastian's seemed slim, but in the last minutes St. Sebastian's scored three goals to put forth a valiant comeback effort. With this huge win, the Big Blue improved their record to 9-2.

Andover's next two games are against two of the best three teams in New England. The importance of a win looms heavy over the minds of the players as they face Deerfield on Saturday. The Big Blue looks to be the first Andover hockey team in ten. years to beat Deerfield and the boys long to avenge a 4-1 loss to Deerfield in the Flood-Marr Tournament this vear.

Boys' Swimming Slides by Choate

by Abby Donaldson SPORTS WRITER

because no male divers competed for Blue, Choate started the second half competition that tested personal as

Saturday's event was an intense well as team strength. Rush Taylor: fine performances last year earned him an All American and this year he continues to excel. Breaking three records in the first meet of the season suggests he may have more in store for 1996 and with the abundance of home meets, hopefully we'll be there to see it. His winning performances this weekend, not only resulted in his name on the record board, but also an advantage for the Andover team. Although Taylor is a key member, in the end Saturday's victory was a team effort. Coach Strudwick commented, "Coming down to the last relay event, the team remained focused and pulled a win." Rob Fisher went on to add, "It was team unity and determination that led us to our victory,' Andover Boy's Swimming placed fourth in New England's last year while Choate finshed second. After this win, it looks as though this year they're aiming for the top. With the talent and determination seen in their meet against Choate, this team promises a entertaining and successful season.

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BV Wrestling	Deerfield/Tilton/Brewster	2.00
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BJV2 Squash	Concord Academy Windsor	3:30
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GV Track	Haverhill HS	3:30
BV Wrestling	Worcester/Hyde	3:00
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Girls' Swimming Conquers Choate

by Paul Pennelli PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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The Andover Girl's Swim team, coming off a fifth place finish last year, is poised to have yet another successful season. Under the strong leadership of team captain Kealy O'Connor and coach Mr. Paul Murphy, the team has shown promise and potential. Its first meet was on Saturday, January 6th against Choate, and they demolished their opponents. Choate

This victory was a great way to open the season. Choate finished third at Interschols last year, and the win

was hopefully indicative of where the Blue stands in relation to their competition. Andover finished strong in their events, especially in their medleys. The medley consists of the Butterfly stroke, the Breast stroke, the Back stroke, and the freestyle. In the 200 meter medley relay, Kealy O'Connor, Jess Schoen, Margaret Welles, and Caitlin Murphy finished first. In addition, that same group finished first in the 400m freestyle medley. Kate Connors, Murphy, and Schoen competed in the 200m individual medley, and Schoen came in first. Kealy O'Connor finished first in the 100m fly, and Welles topped the field in both the 200m freestyle and 100m backstroke. Allison Ferranti put in a strong effort in the 200m freestyle, as well as the 100m free, whose partici-

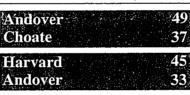
pants included Rebecca Greenberg. Caroline Pollack swam with O'Connor in the 500m freestyle to round out the field.

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The Blue are hoping to build on their performance of last Saturday in next Saturday's meet against Loomis-Chaffee, who finished sixth last season. When asked about the 1996 edition of the swim team, Kealy O'Connor commented, "This is the best team we've had since I've been here [four years]." Coach Murphy made similar remarks, saying that this is the best team he has coached. The expectations are lofty, but the girls are talented enough to rise to the challenge. Watch for more strong showings from O'Connor and her team as they move towards the top of the prep-league

Girls' Basketball Off on the Wrong Foot

by Hannah Brooks PHILLIPIAN'SPORTS WRITER



The Girls' Varsity Basketball season started off slowly durthe Loomising Chaffee Tournament in December, losing BASKETBALL all three games they played. Choate put up and aggressive front for the first game, and the final score was 50-41. PA played a very impressive game against the untouchable Suffield team, but ended up losing 67-48. Their last game against Loomis-Chaffee held many obstacles for PA including injuries, sicknesses, and terrible referees. The girls struggled to win, but came up empty handed with a 54-39 loss. When asked about the tournament, newly elected team captain, Jeanne Ficociello '96 said, "It was hard. We had many obstacles to overcome, but we've proved how far we've come in our last game we played against them."

Choate

Ficociello was right when she said that her team had come a long way since the tournament. In their next game against Choate, PA came out on top with a score of 49-37. Steph Hunter '97 had 23 points, Ficociello had 8 points, Carlotta King '96 had 6 points, Alicia Dermody '98 had 4 points, Vanessa Montanez '96 had 3 points, Hannah Sullivan '97 had 2 points, and Meredith Philpott '97 netted a free throw.

More importantly than their offense, was the Big Blue's defense. PA out rebounded Choate, and we were quicker with our feet. PA had 9 fouls, while Choate had 20 fouls. The girls' were quick to the ball and ran their offensive plays very well. Before the game Philpott said, "We had a rough start at the beginning of our season, but our defense will be the real turnaround point for us. We don't have big stars like Becky or Laurie so our team will have to pull together and play as one.'

The Blue was a little bit slow, and didn't score at the beginning of the game, but they began to warm up after a while. PA became fatigued towards the end of their game and got into foul trouble. For a little while in the second half the girls had a good run and started to catch up to the Crimson Tide, but they never quite made it.

Both King and Hunter had 13 points, Ficociello had 4 points, and Dermody had 4 points. Other contributers to the game were Sandra Lopez '97, Sera Coppolino '97, Hannah Brooks '97, and Sara Starkweather '97. Coach Kennedy's comments to the team afterwards were, "You adjusted well during this game, and you weren't so flustered. At times it was there for you to win." The girls' were concentrating on blocking out and getting better rebounds, as well as finishing their shots. Since this game was a training game for more serious opponents like NMH, PA was able to work on their weaknesses and try to improve as much as possible. Being a slightly inexperienced team, everyone needs to step up and take some responsibility. The team will have to work on rebounding and getting some more points throughout the year. The season will be a tough one unless the girls play together for a common goal.

Andover Choate

Opening the 1996 season with a home meet against Choate, Andover Boys Swimming won with a score of 94-98, impressing spectators with a come behind victory and three broken records. Captain Wooduk So '96 with the help of veterans Rush Taylor '96 and Josh Oberwetter '96 as well as new comer Brenner Thomas '98 all had strong performances throughout the meet and look to be great assets for the future of this team.

In the first half, the high score alternated between the two teams. Choate took first and second in the 100M Backstroke, which Oberwetter fought hard to win, but Andover came back placing first in the 200 Individual Medley. Not only did Rush Taylor win this event, but also broke a twenty-two year old record by one second his first time racing the IM at P.A.

Entering the diving event,

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with a thirteen point lead. Despite this set back, Andover

swam hard, gaining eight points from Brenner Thomas's first place finish in the 100M Fly. Amazingly enough, Thomas was 2 seconds off his best time and still managed to win. It wasn't until the 100M Breast stroke, however, that Andover narrowed Choate's lead to a point.

Andover placed top two in this event, when Mark Guile '96 beat his brother, who swam for Choate, in order to take second. It was Rush Taylor, however, who once again amazed the crowd, swimming the breast stroke in fifty-eight seconds, breaking not only his own pool record but also a fourteen year old school record and placing first for Andover.

In order to win the meet, the boys needed to place first in the last relay event. A four man team consisting of So, Taylor, Thomas and Oberwetter took first in the 400 Free Relay, adding twelve points the total score. Two other relay teams placed third and sixth, which secured Andover's win

Harvard

Meeting Harvard for the second time, Andover lost 45-33. That was, however, an improvement from their first game. Harvard was a very quick team and forced the girls to rush a lot.



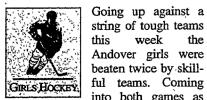
Alicia Dermondy '98 takes a shot in Andover's win over Choate

Photo / D. Chopra

Andover and Choate were tied, but **Andover Girls' Hockey Battles to Two Tough Loses in Tight Games**

by Elizabeth Rowinski PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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into both games as the obvious underdogs, they played with heart and detirmination. Choate

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In the cold Sumner Rink on Saturday, Big Blue lost to the Choate

powerhouse six to one. Beginning the game with a little too much fear Andover came out tennatively as their oppostion scored 3 goals.

But through the second period Andover stayed strong at heart with exceptional shows from Kathryn/Freddie Barrows '96 and Rebecca "rock star" Godsill '99 (four more years ha ha ha.)

The third period was definitely Andover's best as they came out and tied Choate for goals 1-1. Abby Harris '96 made her way through an exceptional Choate defense netting Andover's only goal.

Kimball Union

On Wednesday, Heather Gotha '98 and the rest of the girl's hockey team made the two hour "hike" up to KUA and met up with an even stronger team than their previous opponents. However, the girls knew that their determination could match any teams skill and that they had nothing to lose and everything to prove.

Goal keeper and captain Megan Marfione '96 showed how valuable a player she is coming up with 56 saves. Perhaps her luck was due to the cool hats she provided her team with. Hat and all, Marf led from net as Andover tried their best to capitalize on any opportunities they could.

Playing especially well, Anne Platt '97 and Mary Barensfeld '97 both came close to netting goals.

Senior defender Lisbeth Rowinski summed up the losses with brilliant insight, "Well, KUA beat Choate by a lot and Choate beat us by a lot, but we didn't play that badly against KUA, so, uh.....'

Good luck next week, girls.

Malden Mills Tragedy Inspires Heroic Response

by Lauren Martin PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

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On December 11, a fire raged through Malden Mills in Lawrence, injuring thirty employees, destroying four of the mill's five main buildings, and leaving over two thousand people without jobs in the midst of the holiday season. Through the efforts of many, the mill has resumed at least partial operation with plans to recover fully in the near future.

: Though officials remain uncertain as to what caused the fire, they believe a boiler exploded around 8 p.m., starting a blaze which spread quickly due to strong winds. Officials have still not ruled out arson as the fire's cause. Firefighters from more than 35 surrounding towns aided in fighting the flames, their efforts slightly checked by lack of strong water pressure. Thirteen employees were critically injured in the fire, several of whom remain in the hospital. Early estimates set the cost of the damages at least \$13 million.

The main products of Malden Mills, a \$400 million dollar business, are Polartec and many variations of this popular fabric made from recycled plastic bottles. L.L. Bean and Patagonia are among the prominent companies the mill supplies. The mill also produces velvet, flocking, and other textiles.

⁻A large source of employment for the struggling economy of the Lawrence area, the fire and resulting destruction of Malden Mills seemed a true tragedy. However, the tremendous concern and support the fire has attracted has created an inspiring story which somewhat eases the pain of the disaster. Caring citizens throughout the Merrimack Valley and elsewhere have helped make Malden Mill's goal of continuing operation a reality.

The person most dedicated to rebuilding Malden Mills is its president, Aaron Feuerstein, who was attending his own surprise 70th birthday party

the night of the fire. Head of the company founded by his grandfather in 1906, Feuerstein has vowed the mills will recover from this challenge, much like they rebounded from bankruptcy in 1982. The day after the fire, Feuerstein announced that employees would continue to receive pay for at least thirty days, and vowed to rebuild in the Lawrence area. Becoming a local hero, Feuerstein was named Man of the Year by the local newspaper, the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, "person of the week" by Peter Jennings, and received praised from many for his dedication and caring for the well-being of his employees and of the nature of the region.

Showing their concern, politicians worked to include the mills in Lawrence's "Economic Target Area," making the business eligible for tax breaks and other benefits. The National Textile Workers Union donated enough money for each employee to receive a fifty dollar Christmas bonus. L.L. Bean, Bank of Boston, local charities, and individuals have also responded to the crisis, donating money to Malden Mills and giving Christmas trees and presents to the mills' employees. Employees will no longer receive support in the form of cash, but will be given vouchers to exchange for food, clothes, and other items.

Meanwhile, Malden Mills has successfully resumed operations. Though ice frozen on the ruins makes rebuilding on the same site impossible until the ice melts in the spring, production has started in remaining buildings, and the company hopes to use other mill buildings in Lawrence. The company intends to open a mill in Germany this spring which will also manufacture Polartec, and machinery used in producing Polartec has been shipped to Lawrence, from Germany, for immediate use. Now, a month after the fire, Malden Mills is manufacturing Polartec at 80% capacity, and has also resumed making velvet.

As Malden Mills continues to recover, fire investigators are still trying to determine the cause of the fire. The fire started with an explosion, most likely of a boiler, an electrical transformer, or a natural gas pipe. The fire may have traveled so quickly because of the mills' heating system, which used heat transfer fluids, or HTF, which readily catch fire. Investigators are also considering the possibility that arson led to the large blaze. The response of firefighters is being evaluated, to determine whether the fire could have been extinguished faster.

Andover Community Celebrates

by Jason Billy PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

On December 2, 1995, Phillips Academy and the greater Andover community gathered to celebrate Kwanzaa, a holiday observed by more than five million Americans.

Kwanzaa, a cultural celebration for black Americans and others of African descent was created in 1966 by Maulana (Ron) Karenga, currently chairman of Black Studies at California State University in Long Beach. Beginning December 26, Kwanzaa is celebrated until January 1.

In Swahili; Kwanzaa means "first fruits of the harvest;" however, Kwanzaa does not exist in any African society. It is an incorporation of elements from many different harvest festivals. Karenga chose Swahili, a common language to much of East Africa to highlight the fact that black Americans come from many parts of Africa.

On each of the seven days of Kwanzaa, a family member lights one of the Mishumaa Saba, candles which represent the Nguzo Saba, or seven

In 1993, a small fire in the mills led the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, to fine Malden Mills and require the company to install safeguards, some of which had yet to be installed by the time of the recent fire. This and other minor OSHA violations are also being examined.

Though all of the investigators' questions may never be answered, the Malden Mills fire stands as an example of the uplifting and successful impact a caring and supporting community can have on a tragedy.

The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

principles, by which Karenga suggested black Americans should. The seven principles of Kwanzaa include: Umoja, (unity); Kajichugulia (self-determination); Ujima (collective work and responsibility); Ujamma (cooperative

> economics); Nia (purpose); Kuumba (creativity); and Imani (faith). The PA celebration of Kwanzaa, held in the chapel, began with an introduction and welcome by Dean of Community Affairs and Multicultural Development Rebecca Sykes and Af-Lat-Am president Jacqueline McQueen 96. PA students, faculty, and other various members of the Andover community participated by lighting candles

and reading passages. The event also featured vocal solos by Jennifer Percival and Rasaan Ogilvie and gospel choir members Cycette Harrison, Charlene Sadberry, Michael Fortner, Jackie McQueen, and Janel Fung.

Mrs. Sykes praises Kwanzaa because it "does not replace religious holidays, but enriches them." Begun only thirty years ago, Kwanzaa has quickly become a positive force in the black community.

PA UNFAZED BY "BLIZZARD QF '96" WHICH WREAKED HAVOC **UP AND DOWN ATLANTIC COAST**

by Ted Won PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

Last Sunday night and Monday, one of worst blizzards to sweep through the eastern United States in almost seventy years left the PA campus digging out from two feet of snow.

With snowfall from eighteen to forty-eight inches spread across ten states, many schools, businesses, and government offices remained closed for up to three days.

Many cities including New York, Boston, Washington, and Baltimore, were brought to a standstill. Seven international airports operated only in sporadic intervals, delaying travelers and canceling thousands of flights. States of emergency were declared in seven states and the Federal government gave workers the day off. The strom was so bad that the U.S. Postal Service violated its credo and stopped delivering the mail.

Many students were forced to stay home as most public school systems, secondary schools, and universities declared snow days. Boston city officials in charge of clearing the roadways faced problems with clearing snow because of the alarming rates at which snow banks had built up.

On the PA campus, many students expressed their objections to attending classes despite the fierce blizzard, citing the closure of most other offices and schools including Loomis Chaffee, Milton, Harvard, and M.I.T. Several classes were canceled because instructors were unable to reach campus.

Because of the hazardous road con-

ditions, afternoon sports practices were made optional for day students and school officials made arrangements for many day students to spend the night in dormitories. The Oliver Wendell Holmes library, the computer center, and the language lab shortened their hours, closing at 5 p.m. instead of the usual 9:30 p.m., to allow the staff to get home early. The Office of Physical Plant, however, worked around the clock to do their best to dig out walkways and to keep roads traversable.

Stephen Carter, Dean of Students and Residential Life, said that students ... "should take pleasure in being one of ... the only schools open." He also expressed his thanks to students for, taking the time to shovel pathways and sidewalks. "It was a big help to the maintenance crews. We got a lot of snow in a short period of time. The staff at the Office of Physical Plant worked hard to keep things normal," said Dean Carter.

Carter also reiterated through a school-wide phone message that students should especially watch out when crossing Salem Street and Main Street as driver visibility is low and roads are very slippery. He also advised students to be prepared for the next storm," scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week according to the latest weath- 1 *1. er forecast

Before Sunday 41.2 inches had fallen at Logan Airport so far this winter, just short of the normal season precipitation of 42.7 inches. After the blizzard the total season's accumulation was 58.5 inches, well short of the 1993-1994 record snowfall of 96.3 inches.



Cushman '53 and Crowe '90 Promote Toin Exchange

by Brian Woo PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

Every year, up to twenty-five students from Andover, Exeter, Choate, St. Paul's and Deerfield go to the Toin School in Japan for a six week summer session as part of the TIES (Toin International Exchange Student) Program. There, they learn about Japanese culture and language while staying with a Japanese family.

In 1989, the head of the Toin school, Toin Gakuen, felt a need for understanding between youths in America and Japan, and Charles Cushman, PA '53, a professor at the Toin school traveled around the United States talking with school administrators. looking for interest in an Through exchange program. Cushman's efforts, the TIES program was founded in 1990. TIES Program students spend six weeks in the summer in the Toin school while staying with a homestay family that has a child in the Toin high school of similar age to the exchange student who acts as the student's homestay brother or sister. The aim of the program is to introduce students to Japan. Japanese language, daily life and culture by teaching intensive Japanese language courses and exposing students to Japanese ways of life through living with a Japanese family and interacting with Toin students. Exchange students take part in many activities with Toin students, including athletics (e.g. judo), music classes, clubs, calligraphy, tea ceremonies and origami. Trips to Tokyo and around Yokohama are available, as well as a required three-day trip to the old capitals of Japan, Kyoto and Nara, to see the historical treasures of Japan. Also, at the end of the summer session, there is a four-day all-school summer camp and a hike in the mountains to see the Japanese countryside.

prospective students for the this summer's program. Crowe acts as an interpreter for the American exchange students and teaches them a class on Japanese culture in the Toin school, where he works. Mr. leki manages the program on a day-to -day basis.

Web Coates '97, who went to Japan last summer, enjoyed the program so much that he will join a yearlong program to Japan. Alex Green '96 had this to say: "Even though I hardly knew any Japanese before I went, by the end of six weeks, I found that I knew enough to carry on simple conversations and even find my way around the Tokyo subway system. I hope to go back to Japan possibly in college in a study abroad program.'

Chris Leighton '97, a prospective student for the TIES program, felt that the meeting was "far-reaching and informative. My discussion with the representatives made the TIES program more interesting."



Students are not required to know any Japanese before enrolling in the program, only a dedicated interest in the Japanese way of life.

The TIES program is reciprocal, and therefore the same schools that send students to Japan also receive students from the Toin school, with the exception of St. Pauls. The Toin School sends 36 students to Andover, Exeter, Choate and Deerfield each year for summer sessions, term sessions and yearlong sessions.

The Toin school is a private educational institution with 9,000 students ranging in age from kindergarmers to graduate students; Toin includes one of the top high schools in Japan containing nearly 5,000 students. It is situated in the outskirts of Yokohama, Japan's second largest city.

On Tuesday night, Cushman, Matt Crowe, PA '90, and Mr. Shinji Ieki, the director of the TIES program, met with PA students who had been to Japan on the TIES program and

Charles Cushman and Matt Crowe discussing the Toin Photo / C. King exchange with PA students in Ropes Tuesday night

Judo, Raw Squid, and Karaoke: Andover Students' Summer Throughout Japan

by Alex Green

During the summer of 1995, five PA students had the opportunity to travel to Japan and participate in the TIES (Toin International Exchange Students) Program. They spent six weeks living with Japanese host families and studying Japanese language and culture at Toin High School in Yokohama, not far from Tokyo. Generally the mornings were spent in intense Japanese classes, while the afternoons were reserved for special activities ranging from Judo to tea ceremonies.

In addition, there were frequent sightseeing trips around the Tokyo area; the students had a chance to visit the National Diet and the Imperial Palace, both of which are not normally open to visitors. In fact, at the Diet, the group met the Speaker of the House. On other days, they traveled to such places as Mount Fuji and the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and took a cruise on Yokohama Bay.

The program also included a three-day trip to the ancient capitals of Kyoto and Nara, reached via the famous Shinkansen, or bullet train. Three days were hardly enough to see all of the impressive sights, such as the enormous Great Buddha, historic Horyuji Temple, and the lovely Golden Pavilion. The students stayed in a traditional Japanese inn, or ryokan, where one sleeps on a futon on tatami mats.



Web Coates '97, Kevin Kwon '95, Alex Photo/A. Green Green '96, Jamie Klein '95, and Catherine Osgood '95 Photo/A. Green

Despite the busy schedule, the group had ample free time during the six weeks for cultural excursions on the crowded buses, trains, and subways and for sampling such local delicacies as raw squid and eel.

Students were exposed to traditional Japanese culture including bentos, or box lunches, and home-cooked meals with their host family. Dinners generally included some Japanese dishes such as tempura (fried vegetables), sashimi (raw fish), and various types of noodles, but also featured a salad and a main course such as plain (cooked) fish or steak

Conversation at the dinner table, and at tea time/dessert afterwards, was always lively, as host families were generally full of questions about students' families and America in general. Families went out of their way to make exchange students happy and one subscribed to an English newspaper for the duration of their guest's stay. Some students still write regularly to their host families.

One student suggested that the most interesting part of the whole program was the annual Summer Camp, a trip to the mountains of Nagano prefecture with host brothers/sisters' homerooms. The only foreigner amid over four hundred Japanese students, he found himself truly relaxing with the foreign students, even singing Karaoke with the Japanese in the hotel and on the long bus ride.

The evenings, where group members had an opportunity to talk to the Japanese students in a casual setting, were probably the true highlight of the whole stay in Japan. "At one point there were fifteen students gathered around me, asking questions in a mix of English and the little Japanese which I could understand. As with my host family, the effort the students made to make me feel at home was unbelievable."

"Upon returning home, it was hard to believe I had only been away for six weeks. The combination of studying the language, experiencing daily life, and sightseeing resulted in an extremely thorough experience. I suggest strongly that anyone with an interest in Japan specifically or simply a desire to spend time in a very different place apply for this year's TIES Program. Going to Japan last summer was one of the best choices I've ever made."

The Weekend Scoop Returns with **Some Fun Activities for the Snow**

by Noah Peffer & Josh Mann POOPER SCOOPERS

Here's a list of fun games to play with your pals in the snow:

1. hit your friend with a snowball in the head and then run away. 2. hit an unknown wanderer on the

path with a snowball and then run away. (please be kind, no ice balls)

3. swing on something and get real high and then perfect your triple-lindey dismount into the snow. Be careful not to land in any hard snow as it will cause severe concussions.

4. Be an air dogg off anything high into the snow.

5. travel to Pease House and survey the surrounding snow fields. If safety permits, leap off the window sill and snow down your pants. land in the snow.

6. throw scary in the snow.

7. appear on the Great Lawn Friday night around eight o'clock for wrestling in front of Bartlett to be refereed by Michael Wall. Make sure you show him both shoulder blades are on the ground when going for the pin and your six points.

8. torture the rebel with a snow ball and the mad dog stare.

9. devise intricate plans to latch onto the cars rolling around campus, and then attempt to execute them.

10. assault el Federale.

11. threaten that you will shove your head into the nearest snow bank and do not remove it until you sense that one of your pals is about to dump



12. shovel.

13. become a part of the zoo."

14. construct a snow fort around Stuart and besiege the dorm with snowballs until every occupant has surrendered and released all their weapons (staffs, crossbows, swords, et cetera) to your army.

15. sit in your dorm/house and refuse to exit because your winter boots are too bodacious.

16. make the snow funky with Garces

17. tunnel your way to girls/guys dorms and conduct reconnaissance missions.

18. cross country ski with Randoid. 19. venture to Mr. Whippy's in your finest pair of snowshoes and explain that they need to open the store because you only eat ice cream in subzero blizzard conditions and that you have a honkering for some pistachio ice cream.

20. hmmmmmmm.

21. admire the new scoop duck 22, be wary and cautious in all

snow activities you partake in this weekend and try to invent new games so that we may amend this list and update it weekly.

There will likely be a dance Saturday night in the Borden gym. Go to it if you please.

Sunday, do your homework and catch up on your sleep.

Make this weekend special and do something memorable for this much snow, will most likely not be here again?

/Saturday at 7:30 PM Ben Swift descends upon Phillips Academy like a raging nor'easter. He's opened up for some pretty radical bands, so he might rock. Bring snowballs just in case.

Movies at six forty-five and eight forty-five in Kemper. Something mellow in Graham

House

CHRIS FLYGARE: OVERJOYED TO RETURN TO ANDOVER

by Chris Flygare LOVES TREES

As the 240 DL volvo-mobile traversed its way back to lustrous Andover through the heavy snowfall and icy interstates, its Michelins slid all over the road, unsure of its traction and ability to stabilize constant forward movement. I sat, crammed into the front seat with my guitar between my legs, looking out at the scenic offerings of I-95 and I-495 (the pinnacle, of course, being that inner tube park), unsure of my traction and stability, as well. But I made sure Pops took his heart pills before the trip, and I knew I would made it back to PA in one piece to meet my adversities.

It was a long vacation for yours truly. It mostly consisted of staring at my ceiling, playing guitar, and writing college aps (no, unlike the rest of you Yale-bound Seniors, I did not get into college). Call me a weirdo-schmerdo but I was happy to come back, eager to escape the monotony of the metropolis known as Durham, New Hampshire, and yearning for my yearning's yearn-

ing. I actually spent a lot of time in Andover visiting the Carter household and other figures of the Andover community, such as "Chubby Cheeks" Peffer. I also worked part-time at Daddy's Junky Music Store which, for all those who are unfamiliar to Daddy's, is in a time warp. You can buy new musical equipment there, but entering the store denotes that you are, in fact, entering 1983.

To fit in with the other employees, not only did I have to wear a name tag, but it was also mandated that I wear a wig with long permed blonde hair. Miraculously enough, they let me play Built to Spill over the store intercom. The rest of the employees hated it and took it out only to replace it with Styx. After my tenure at Daddy's I now have the lyrics to that Come Sail Away song memorized.



Little did he know then, what he would become in the Photo / C Flygare years to follow

I went to see Garden Variety at the Middle East with Steve. Not only did we see a great show, but I also taught Steve how to parallel park. Garden Variety has been termed as a hardcore band by some. I don't know if I'd call them hardcore, but they by no means are UB40. Some may argue with me, but I think their sound resembles Chavez and Chokebore. They were excellent live; the Anthonys didn't fail to satisfy, although they did not play my favorite two songs. Garden Variety has two LPs out, their latest, Knocking the Skill Level, is on Headhunter Records and I highly recommend you check it out.

I also made some good purchases over the break. I finally got this odd Slint 10" on Touch and Go, released in 1993, that I think was a follow up to their LP Spiderland. The vinyl has no words neither on the cover nor the record itself. There are three stellar tracks on the EP; however, their names are not listed.

They are all instrumentals which, since the vocals on Spiderland sounded like a cameo from Weird Al Yankovich, probably is a good thing. Much to my dismay, Slint no longer remains, but certain members of the band started the band Rodan, which is sub par compared to the mastery of Slint's musical form. If you are feeling bad, listen to Slint; they will make you feel worse. I love my Slint.

Anyway, welcome back everyone. I think everything should be all right. I- , hope. Study hard. Keep warm. Make sure to wear your new Patagonia; just make sure its not the same one Josh or Swanz has or you'll be rubbed out.

P.S. I would like to take this opportunity to formally apologize to John Mailer for the destruction of his wonderful holiday foliage and to Mr Peffer for my artistic works.

CUNNINGHAM DOES IT AGAIN WITH MORE MOVIES FOR YOUR BUCK

by Jason Cunningham "BACK ON THE CRAZY HORSE

Greetings, and welcome back to our winter funland! Don't you just love the sub-zero weather and the roaring winds that make you cold even in a jacket that was suitable for the K2 climb

The trick for winter term is to get out and make use of the longer weekends: see a movie, go skiing, steal a car, skinny dip in rabbit pond.

Anyway, if you do decide to make the trip to Lawrence Cinemas this arti cle should give you some idea of what's right for your mood frame.

For everyone with a queasy stomach, bypass Casino and opt for the comedy Sabrina. Contrary to what the previews may seem like, this movie is not really a low story

A remake of the original Sabrina star- y n gł i Humphrey Bogart and Audrey Hepburn, this film does exceptionally well at recreating the era Set in the 90's, the film takes place at a vast mansion on Long Island. Living in lap of luxury at this house are two brothers and their mother. Linus, the older brother played by Harrison Ford, is the serious brother. He is very concerned with making money and has no time for humor. David, played by newcomer Greg Kinnear, lives off the money his brother makes. More occupied with courting dozens of women, David rarely attends to the office. Beginning through the eyes of the chauffeur's daughter, Sabrina, the film explores the completely different worlds of Sabrina and the boys. She is obsessed with David, yet he doesn't know she exists. That is, until she goes to Paris for a year and returns much more beautiful, charming, and confident. Now, David notices her, yet he's already engaged to be married into another wealthy family. What ensues is a struggle between the worlds of love and money.

ning him a best new actor award from the New York Film Society. Cutthroat Island was another surprising success, although t didn't fare well with the critics. Starring Geena Davis and Matthew Modine, this film is a cunning movie surrounding the quest of the

great female

dams.

packed, it was

exciting traveling

back into the time of

pirating. The costum-

ing and scenery were

The good pirates are

realistic, yet the plot was

racing against the bad

pirates and the soldiers

to get to the gold. Frank

Langella plays Adam's

ruthless uncle, who will

stop at nothing to gain the

gold. Modine was definite-

ly the most exciting charac-

Another action film is

Goldeneye. This newest

James Bond film is very

unrealistic in places, so

see it if you are a diehard

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a sex fiend who kills men with hervicelike legs, and even a 008. That Q guy is still funny, blowing the mannequins' heads off. If that's not enough, I don't know what is.

Naturally saving the best for last, I offer my pick of the lot: Heat.

This fast paced, action film starring DeNiro and Pacino is as good as it gets. DeNiro plays a professional thief, who robs banks, armored cars, etc. He works with a team consisting of Val Kilmer, Tom Sizemore, and two others. The five are very methodical and successful.

SWM, enjoys reading C.S. Lewis and Dr. Seuss, playing Nintendo, listening to Grand Puba, and browsing through Patagonia catalogues. Looking for someone who's scary and not interested in overseas travel. Call JS @ 6074.

Casino and Toy Story are the first movies I should discuss, as they will both be leaving the theaters soon. Chances are you've probably seen one or both of them since Thanksgiving.

Casino is a sharp, fast paced movie by Francis Ford Coppola. Starring Robert DeNiro and Joe Pesci, the acting in this film was marvelous. Previously teamed up for Goodfellas, DeNiro and Pesci are the perfect screen partners.

Pesci is a short, yet extremely feisty and violent; DeNiro plays the cool and perceptive character. Both men begin the movie as ordinary gangster/bookies working for the mob in New York.

The two work as a team, as DeNiro is the man who always wins the money and Pesci his bodyguard.

The two become so valuable to the mob that they are offered to run the mob's Las Vegas casino. DeNiro transforms himself excellently in this film.

As he begins to become accustomed to Las Vegas his character becomes softer; he falls in love, he becomes more honest. Pesci on the other hand becomes greedy and begins to ascend the ladder.

Eventually there is a great clash between DeNiro and Pesci. Superbly directed, Coppola has done another film reminiscent of Goodfellas and the Godfather.

Sharon Stone and James Woods co-star. Oh and by the way, Casino is very violent, so remember to bring some raw meat on which you can gnaw.

Toy Story is the animated film created by Steven Spielberg's film company, Amblin Entertainment. Backed with much support by Apple founder Steven Jobbs, it has already earned over 150 million at the box office.

This film stars a bunch of toys with voices by Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Mandy Patinkin.

One of the most interesting things about this film is that the audience sees the world through the toys perspective. This movie was absolutely fantastic and is not just a movie for the "kids."

On a side note, Kinnear was fabulous in his film debut, win



irate, They are planning to retire at an early age, yet they are gearing up to rob organ one more bank, worth in excess of 12 Fast paced million dollars. Al Pacino plays the gritty detective action

determined to stop DeNiro at all costs. Although Pacino knows DeNiro is guilty he needs evidence to nab him.

What ensues in this three hour epic film is an acting standoff between two fantastic actors. DeNiro plays the reserved, concerned part while Pacino is the tense and always angry cop.

Kilmer and Sizemore lead gritty and realistic supporting roles, as all the characters in this film are realistic. Every character has his own morals, concerns, frustrations, etc.

Michael Mann has directed a surefire hit, with characters and plot so thick its a pleasure to watch. This film was definitely one of my top 5 favorites for 1995. For another Michael Mann classic, be sure to watch Last of the Mohicans, which is even better than Heat.

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Theatre and Dance Department Performance Schedule Winter 1996

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Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company :		8:00	Tang Theatre	
The First Rabbit Cabaret	Fri. 26	7:30	Tang Theatre	~
Talk Radio	Sun. 28	6:30	Theatre Classroom	
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A Dreamer Examines His Pillow	Mon. 5	6:30	Theatre Classroom	•
The Blue Bus	Sat. 10	7:30	Tang Theatre	
The Anniversary	Sun. 11	6:30	Theatre Classroom	· ·
Black Arts Coffee House	Sun. 11	6:00	Tang Theatre	•
Evolve (Dance Performance)	Fri. 16, Sat. 17	7:30	Tang Theatre	
Seven Menus	Sun. 18	6:30	Theatre Classroom	
The Musical Comedy	Thu. 22, Fri. 23,	Sat. 24		•
Murders of 1940		7:30	Steinbach Theatre	· ·
Two Short Plays	- Sun. 25	6:30	Theatre Classroom	
The Dance Demo	Tue. 27	4:00	Ballet Studio	۰ <u>.</u> ۰۰ ,
Our Town	Thu: 29	6:30	Tang Theatre	• •
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Two Short Plays	Sun: 3	6:30	Theatre Classroom	٠,
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In The Nation

by Justin Steil

Francois Mitterrand, Architect of European Union, Dies at 79

Francois Mitterrand, France's Socialist President for fourteen years died in his home of prostate cancer the morning of January 8 at the age of 79. One of the France's most powerful leaders, Mitterrand revived the French Socialist party and his election in 1981 ended nearly four decades of Gaullist rule. His main goal as President was to further the cause of European unity and he is known as a chief architect of the European Union. World leaders, including Helmut Kohl, Jacques Chirac, Margaret Thatcher, and George Bush mourned the loss of a great statesman and friend.

Human Rights Group Accuses China of Murdering Orphans

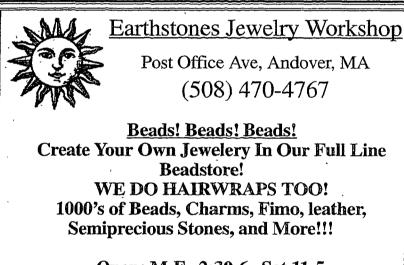
Chinese officials mounted a vigorous campaign to defend themselves from charges made by the New York-based human rights organization Human Rights Watch/Asia that they deliberately murdered orphans by withholding food and medical care. Zhang Shuyun, a physician who worked at Shanghai's largest orphanage before emigrating to the United States said that she saw the unnatural deaths of over 1,000 orphans between 1986 and 1992 and Human Rights Watch concluded that "there is compelling evidence that these astonishing death rates are the result of a deliberate policy to minimize China's population of abandoned children, many of whom have been born in violation of the country's family planning laws and are sometimes physically or mentally handicapped." On Monday, Chinese officials gave Western journalists a tour of the facility, showing them hundreds of healthy children, but the orphanage's former director admitted that children's mortality rates did reach twenty percent or more and the government did not allow anyone to visit another orphanage where Human Rights Watch believes abuses are continuing.

Pipeline Leaks Oil in Russia's Ural Mountains

A oil pipeline in Russia's Ural mountains, has leaked hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil into a nearby river and contaminated the water supply of numerous towns and villages. More than 180 people have been working to clean up the spill and they have already collected over 165,000 gallons of oil but freezing temperatures have hampered cleanup efforts and the oil continues to spread down-river. A spokesman for Greenpeace said that this spill was just a small part of the 20 to 50 million tons of oil a year that Russia spills.

Plane Crashes in Zaire Market

On Monday, shortly after take-off, a cargo plane crashed into a market in Kinshasa, Zaire that was crowded with women and children shopping. At least 250 shoppers were killed and many more injured. Experts speculate that the plane was overloaded.



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Chase and Ratte **Restructure** PA Administration

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rotation for all deans and department heads and the Director of the Summer Session, the Scheduling Officer, and the Director of Psychological Services will be extended to six years with the option of reappointment for two additional two year terms. It is hoped that these changes will help especially those positions that require extensive training and experience or small departments where there are few candidates. prospective Administrators will continue to be chosen by the Head of School in consultation with teachers and the Dean of Faculty.

"Recognizing the primacy of the faculty in making PA a community of excellence and humanity for our students," Chase decided that the position of Dean of Faculty will no longer rotate. A search will begin immediately both inside and outside the Phillips Academy community for a new Dean of Faculty. Chase named a search advisory committee consisting of Jane Fried, Chair, Jean St. Pierre, Jay Rogers, John Rogers, and Joe Wennik. The present Dean, Rev. Philip Zaeder has said that he is willing to be considered. Chase has already asked Zaeder to evaluate the Dean of Faculty's office and its effectiveness, especially with regard to faculty evaluation, salary, housing, work load, health, and professional well-being.

Simultaneously, Chase will conduct a search inside and outside the Academy for an Assistant Head of School. The Assistant Head will coordinate office work such as correspondence and meetings and take on special projects, plan agendas, and work with the Board of Trustees. The Assistant Head will also help reduce the demands on Chase's time by coordinating the school's "external" activities, including the Addison Gallery, Peabody Museum, Summer Session, summer outreach and focus programs and the International Academic Partnership (with the Aga Khan schools). Under the new plan, the directors of these programs will not report directly to the Head of School but thropugh the Assistant Head.

Starting in September of 1996, the Athletic Director and Physical Education Department Chair, who currently reports directly to Mrs. Chase, will, like other department chairs, report to the Dean of Studies. The position will also rotate among members of the P.E. department. Mr. Modeste, currently in his sixth year as Athletic Director, would like to be reappointed for a two year term.

The position of Dean of Students and Residential Life will also adopt the new rotation system but otherwise remain unchanged. Chase appointed Stephen Carter, the present dean for a one year term, and he will be one of the candidates in the internal search in process.

To further reduce the number of people for whom the Head of School is directly responsible, the Director of Communications and the Archivist who formerly reported directly to Mrs. Chase will now report to her through the Secretary of the Academy and the Director of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library. The Administrative Council will meet once per month "to communicate and coordinate the diverse aspects of the Academy's program." The Deans' Council, consisting of those who report directly to the Head of School (Assistant Head of School, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary of the Academy, and the Deans of Admission, Community Affairs and Multicultural Development, Faculty, Studies, and Students and Residential Life), will meet every week as an executive branch of the Administrative Council. These broad changes should streamline the school's administration and give Mrs. Chase more time to handle her myriad responsibilities, especially leading the upcoming capital campaign and exchanging ideas with students and faculty. Mrs. Chase said that she "felt a sense of accomplishment at having gone through this" and added that it should now allow her "to do the job I need to do."

Andover Handbell Choir on National Television

by Christopher Lee PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

"Hi, I'm Kate Larsen. We're the Phillips Academy Handbell Choir from Andover, Mass., and we just want to say 'Good Morning America!'"

On Friday, November 17, the P.A. Handbell Choir, which was selected from a long list of groups, greeted a national television audience for the ABC-TV program, "Good Morning America." At Faneuil Hall in Boston, the choir played "Carol of the Bells" for hosts Joan Lunden and Charlie Gibson and millions of American viewers.

The thirty-second spot featured the thirteen member group, led by director Carolyn Skelton and student co-heads Kate Larsen '96 and Katherine Hurwich '96.

The camera first shot a close-up of Larsen and then panned to the rest of the choir. While the choir rang the bells, the camera traveled to the two hosts of the popular program. Gibson responded to the choir by saying, "I love bell-ringing choirs. That one's from Phillips Academy, Andover. It was awfully nice of them to say 'Good morning."

Skelton, the school organist and director of Music Enrichment, Chorus, and the Chapel Quartet, stated, "It was interesting to see how the show was put together. It was very quick, but very efficient. Almost like living on the edge."

Larsen explains: "It all happened in 24 hours. I got a message from 'Good Morning America' during conference period on Thursday. I talked to Katherine [Hurwich] and Mrs. Skelton during lunch, we practiced that night, and we were playing at seven-thirty." The choir awoke at 4:00 AM in order to make ABC's waiting bus at Cochran Chapel.

Hurwich, who graciously offered Larsen the chance to greet America, calls the experience "unreal" and is happy that the choir is now receiving its deserved recognition, as indicated when Skelton noted how a few eager students asked her if they would be able to join the choir after learning of the next morning's performance.

Established in 1986, the Handbell Choir has played at various church services and concerts. Jennifer Smith '89 came to Skelton, wondering if the school would allow her to start a bell choir. Skelton started to look into it and eventually found twenty-four bells, neatly packed away. Though purchased in 1965, the bells apparently appeared untouched.

Now the choir plays at Sunday services in the chapel and other events including Roman Catholic confirmation, baccalaureate before graduation, and most recently, the "Lessons and Carols" Christmas service on December 3, where, according to Skelton, the choir "did a superb job."

by Hurwich, the Handbell Choir is a very diverse group. Skelton said, "It is great to have not only kids who are in many musical groups but also kids who have had little or no experience. Anyone who would like to can join." The experience has affected the

group positively, pulling the group

together and creating a special bond. Larsen sums up her experience by say-. ing,"It was just fun to do something out of the ordinary. It's not every day you go on national television." The Handbell Choir was also featured in the Lawrence-Eagle Tribune and the Andover Townsman.



Andover's Handbell Choir performing on "Good Morning America" at Fanueil Hall in Boston Photo / file



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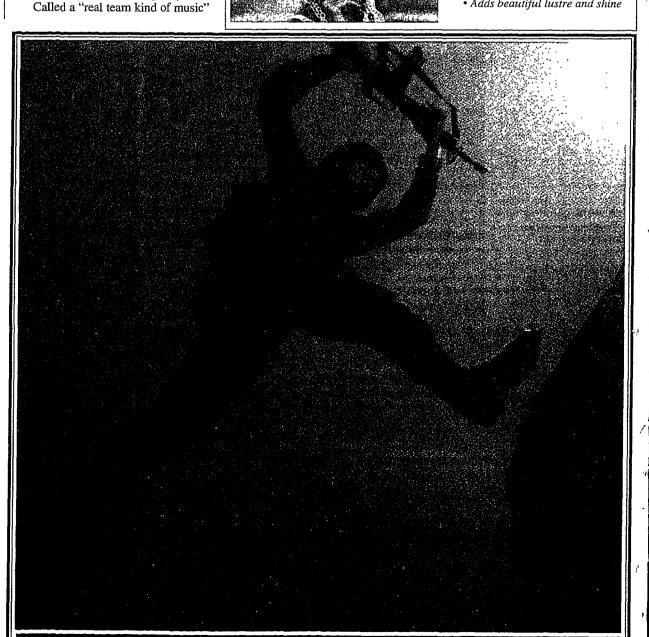
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Continued from Page 1 a letter sent to him, administrators expressed that any more visits to the PA campus would be deemed as trespassing. Administrators suspect the man was surveying various buildings and dormitories with burglary in mind.

Dean of Students and Residential Life, Mr. Stephen Carter believes that, "it reminds us that we are susceptible to these kinds of things and we have to be careful." He encourages all members of the PA community to report any person that seems out of place on the campus. At this point, Carter does not think that further Public Safety Patrols are necessary. Dean Carter also claims that it would be impossible to render the PA campus completely secure because of its sprawling size.



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