



The early snowfall that blanketed the campus this week was a harsh reminder that another New England winter is here. This winter is expected to be colder than last winter.

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JEANNE BEDELL, BELOVED BIOLOGY LAB TECHNICIAN, RETIRES FROM PA

by Charles Landow
PHILLIPPIAN NEWS ASSOCIATE

Jeanne Bedell, the "tremendous" laboratory technician who was the organizer of the biology stockroom in Evans Hall for the last ten years, has announced her retirement. She will leave her post as soon as the school finds a replacement.

"She has been a very good person to work with," said Lydia Goetze, Instructor in Biology. Bedell, whose official role has been to manage the room where the Biology Department keeps its supplies and to assist teachers, has gone beyond this job description, according to Goetze and Biology Instructor Marc Koolen, who has worked with her throughout her time here. Koolen talked of experiences where Bedell would work longer hours than the teachers in the department and often help them with preparation for their courses. "As far as us teachers," he said, "we're spoiled."

Perhaps Bedell's aid to the instructors in her area was a result of her former employment as a teacher herself. This help was certainly not the technician's only contribution to the Biology wing in Evans, though, Koolen said. Her warm, friendly attitude was her most noted characteristic. "She's a mother figure to everyone."

The students with whom Bedell had the most contact during her tenure were presumably those who performed their work duty with her. Lindsay Hoopes '99, who knows Bedell in this capacity, was filled with praise for her work duty supervisor. "She is by far one of the most caring and supportive faculty members on campus," said Hoopes. "At first I was a little upset that I got science work duty, but she was so awesome that it was really great." Hoopes remembered a time when she was making agar—a substance used in biology laboratories to cultivate bacteria—and caused a huge explosion in the room. Instead of being angry, though, Bedell completely understood. In fact, she released Hoopes to get some coffee so that she wouldn't be so tired. "The kids who work with her [Bedell] want to come to work duty," confirmed Koolen.

Because of her extremely kind

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First of Student Art Shows Displays Fall Term Coursework

by Yuan Wang
PHILLIPPIAN STAFF WRITER

On Friday, December 5th, PA's Fall Student Art show, the first event in a series of three shows scheduled by the Art Department to go on this year, will open in the corridor of the Elson Art Center and the Gelb Gallery in George Washington Hall. The display, first conceived of in 1972, will boast an assortment of outstanding student artworks, serving the dual purpose of showcasing the talent and industry of PA students as well as paying tribute to the gravity and diversity of art. Gerald Shertzer of the Art Department articulated his enthusiasm for the upcoming event in saying, "The exhibit really shows off the marvelous talent we have in the student body, and not only the talent of those who think of



Untitled, by Miriam Berger

themselves as artists but also those who never thought they could create such art."

As the largest exhibit of the year because of the longer fall term, the Fall Student Art Show pools together the cumulative efforts of over 250 students. The pieces in the exhibit are not of one style, as they stem from all media of the art spectrum, consisting of paintings, sculptures, architectural models, ceramic pieces, photographs, and videos. All featured works were selected by teachers from various art classes on the basis of merit, with the hope that they will convey best to the viewer the scope of artistic versatility drawn from some basic concepts. The impressive array of art forms also serves as effective representations of art in the two-dimensional, which deals with one's manipulation of those

elements most associated with the picture plane, and art in the three-dimensional, which explores maneuvering within the capacity of space.

The two-dimensional art will mainly consist of paintings, photographs, and drawings. The paintings originate from sections of Art 32, a course which encourages the usage of a variety of technical processes and conceptual approaches in testing their impact on any given image idea. A range of stylistic variables will be represented, with some works created in series, and others mixing media, and utilizing collage and assemblage structure. The sequences and collages of black and white photographs from Art 12 explore the scope and power of the vivid, visual language of a lens. Through variation of camera use, film development, printmaking, and presentation techniques, the photos to be exhibited stand as self-motivated and distinctly personal outlooks of the world. Rounding out the two-dimensional works will be drawings from Art 23 which through experimentation with color, line, shape, and texture, deal with using imagery in communication. Vibrant collages and other studies of color as well as a number of figure and landscape drawings in pencil, pen, and brush will be shown.

Standing as a marked contrast to their "flatter" counterparts will be the three-dimensional works: sculptures, architectural models, and ceramics. Art 38 will contribute to the show a number of sculptures, molded from practically every material available to sculptors today and using construction skills such as welding, carving, and sewing. Among the array of pieces present will be large wood and stone carvings, innovative sculptures fashioned from soft fabric, rope wire, or junk, and a recent addition of works in steel and other heavier metals. The samples of architectural models from Art 39 also scheduled to be on exhibit is a melding together of form and function. With designs for human habitation that touch upon a variety of basic architectural issues, the three-dimensional projects simulate experiences of architectural practice. Clay will be spun, molded, fired, and glazed and all of its functions examined for the ceramics exhibit of Art 34. Given

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Zukerman, McDonough and Marvin Present Last Brace Fellows Series on Gender Issues in Math and Science

by Drew Baldwin
PHILLIPPIAN STAFF WRITER

Sarah Zukerman '98, Christina McDonough '98 and Caroline Marvin '98 presented "Girls in Science and Math: Reflections from the Perspective of Students" in the fourth and final presentation of this year's Brace Center Student Fellows Series, held in the Brace Gender Center for Gender Studies on Tuesday.

Dr. Diane Moore, Director of the Brace Center, commented, "I had a delightful time working with these three very capable women." In their independent summer fellowships, Zukerman, McDonough and Marvin focused on the problems of the unequal distribution of gender in higher-level math and sciences courses, and to what extent and with what effects steps are being taken to eradicate this discrepancy. The American Association of University Women published a study in 1992 that addressed this issue. Included in the study were findings that in upper-level science courses boys significantly outnumbered girls, even where girls tested at high proficiency levels. Zukerman, McDonough, and Marvin shared their findings compiled into one presentation, outlining their research techniques, their own personal experiences, and solutions to help remedy the problems.

Always "passionate and interested in science" from early childhood, Zukerman enrolled in Math 55 (now Math 60), the honors three-term BC Calculus course which requires special permission from the Chair of the Department of Mathematics. She anticipated the unequal gender distribution in her class because she noticed that "girls [she] knew refused to take the challenge, even though they excelled and received highest grades in class." Zukerman, in an effort to expose girls to

Visiting German Youth Orchestra to Perform with Local Groups in the Chapel

by Dan Schwerin
PHILLIPPIAN STAFF WRITER

Phillips Academy students will be able to hear the youth orchestra and choir, visiting from the Musik-und Kunstshule "Ottmar Gerster" of Leipzig, Germany, tonight at 7 p.m. in Cochran Chapel.

The thirty-five member string orchestra and eleven member choir will be accompanied by the Treble Chorus of New England in performing Elgar's "The Snow," Stult's arrangement of "Simple Gifts," Bertaux's arrangement of "To Music," and Franck's "Panis Angelicus."

The concert, which will be free for PA students and \$10 for the general public, will also feature other pieces performed by the two groups individually. The "Ottmar Gerster" orchestra will play works by Handel, Volkman, Marcello, Hayden, Pärt, Hindemuth, and Andrew Lloyd Webber. The Treble Chorus will perform Thompson, Delmonte, Raminsh, Niles, Neaum, and Calabro.

The Germans, who are very skilled musicians, played with the Phillips Academy Chamber Orchestra informally on Wednesday evening. Mr. Thomas, of the Music Department, said he hopes PA can provide the kind

of hospitality to the German choir that we expect when we tour abroad.

The Leipziger Land Youth Orchestra is on a tour of our area with stops at the Pike School and Merrimack College, as well as at Andover. Under the direction of Ullrich Schliephake, the orchestra will also travel to Boston for a performance and some sightseeing. It is the first youth orchestra from the former East Germany to visit the United States. It has performed widely in Leipzig and the surrounding county. The Orchestra, founded in 1962, has 40 members with ages ranging from 13 to 22.

The Treble Chorus of New England is a twenty-two year old forum for teaching classical music to children, based out of Merrimack College. The ninety children in the Chorus, under the leadership of artistic director Marie Stultz, have performed at Boston Symphony Hall, the Boston Conservatory of Music, and Great Woods. Internationally, they have played at such distinguished venues as the Shrewsbury Festival and London's St. Martin-in-the-Fields church. The Chorus has joined with the Boston Lyric Opera in performing for the movie School Ties and the opera La Bohème.

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Caroline Marvin, Sarah Zukerman, Christina McDonough '98 presented "Girls in Math and Science"

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science at an early age and to maintain their interest in the subject, is one of the Student Coordinators for the Science Club for Girls, part of the Community Service Program at Phillips Academy.

Zukerman provided an analysis of the problem in a general overview as well as one from her own perspective in the Phillips Academy classroom environment. She found that the reasons for gender differences in attitudes toward math and science lay deeply rooted in the family values existing in American culture. Zukerman found that studies have proven that although both men and women to have equal ability in math and science, women are rarely enrolled in demanding, advanced courses. She also pointed out that this is not for genetic reasons, for this discrepancy is consistent along all social groups.

According to Zukerman, math and science is not traditionally taught in a manner conducive to girls. This is a

result of socialization, she contends. Competitiveness, a necessary tool for success in today's math and science classroom, is a trait not as apparent in women as in men in American society.

Also, teenage girls are shown to have a lower self-esteem than boys. Girls more readily put social acceptance as a priority over education, thus reinforcing their lack of confidence resulting in low achievement. Zukerman also indicates the use of sexist textbooks using examples of bombs and missiles, and standardized tests that favor boys' thought process. Boys are cultured to think in more linear, "yes or no" thought, whereas women are shown to have more difficulty in that respect. Women have more trouble using three-dimensional spatial skills, which studies show has a significant effect SAT scores.

McDonough became interested in gender issues last year when she, too,

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Ryley Room Renovations

On Monday, the renovation of the Ryley Room in the basement of Commons began. Construction workers replaced the old windows with new, energy efficient ones, in an effort to reduce electric costs by conserving heat. The program, which follows a series of similar window renovations throughout Commons, will be completed by the end of the week.

The renovation is small in scale compared to the other most recent refurbishment of the Ryley Room. Two years ago, Aramark almost completely redid the Ryley Room, changing the entire decor of the room, by replacing all the counters and tables, adding new equipment, and installing new lights. In contrast, this week's construction is minor, concerning only a small part of the room and requiring minimal time for its completion.

The Ryley Room, run by the Aramark Corporation, operates under a rather unique relationship with the school. Aramark manages the Ryley Room's daily business, but the school owns the facilities, and provides the food which is sold. Further contributing to the unusual nature of the Ryley Room is that it operates on a not-for-profit basis. The cost to the student of all food purchased at the Ryley Room is merely the cost to the Ryley Room of the food, plus the cost of labor. Rather than being a profit-driven business, the Ryley Room, as manager Jerome Humdy states, is "a service for the school" to give the kids something to do besides leave campus.

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would like to wish everybody a



Happy Thanksgiving.

Uppers Jimmy Smithwick and J.P. Chisolm will take over for Tony Dent '98 and Kyle O'Brien '98 as captains of the football team. Ryan Sax has nothing to do with anything, but that's a good picture.



If you want to write athlete of the week give us a call. There is no athlete of the week today.

The PHILLIPIAN
SPORTS

Football Crushes New Hampton

Andover claimed the Class B Prep Championship on Saturday with a two touchdown victory.

by Max Schorr and Eli Kagan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover 28
New Hampton 14

Last Saturday, on a muddy and partially snow-covered home field, the Andover Football Team routed New Hampton in the Prep Bowl by a score of 28-14. Though the final score was relatively close, the game was not. Fronted by a fantastic line, the Andover offense dominated the disorganized New Hampton defense, allowing the Big Blue to score almost at will and bully New Hampton. Defensively, Andover shut down New Hampton's star fullback, who gained more than a thousand yards on the season and will likely play Division 1 football next year. Having shut the New Hampton running game down early, it became apparent that the Andover defense could easily stop its opponent's one-sided offense. The team cruised to victory, solidifying its season as one of Andover's best in recent memory.

"We won because the offensive line simply wrecked New Hampton's defense"

Jimmy Smithwick '99
Starting Fullback

The victory makes Andover Class B New England Champions. Though in reality Andover played an entirely class A schedule, any team with eight or fewer PG's is eligible for Class B, and Andover fell short of the mark set by Cushing and Choate. Despite its exclusion from the class A bowl, Andover competed against both Cushing and Choate during the season and played competitively against both. First in the pre-season scrimmage, Andover played Cushing to a draw, going toe to toe with the eventual undefeated class A New England Champs. Later in the season, Andover lost to Choate, by a close score of 18-14 in the final moments of play. Since Andover hadn't played Cushing during the regular season, and because the

team doesn't play a solely league schedule, the selection committee opted to put Andover in a bowl game. That Andover plays a mostly Class A schedule with only five PGs is testament to the play of its returning players, who make up the core of the team.

Because of a heavy snowfall on the Friday before the game, the Phillips Academy grounds crew cleared the field, plowing the snow off to the sidelines. Because of the plowing, much of the grass was torn up, and the field still had a considerable amount of snow on it. The game began as Andover kicked the ball off to New Hampton, and their offense was promptly thwarted, as it was unable to attain a first down. Andover received the ball, but on the

first play, O'Brien threw an unfortunate interception, turning the ball back over to New Hampton. However, the Andover defense once again shut down the New Hampton offense, regaining possession for the Blue. Andover capitalized this time, as it drove the ball play after play, all the way to the New Hampton 24 yard line. The Blue scored on a nice pass from O'Brien to PG receiver Beau Williams.

With the extra point the Blue jumped out to an early 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Andover added on to the lead on a short O'Brien quarterback sneak, and again on a pass from O'Brien to Williams. Andover went into the locker room with a commanding 22-0 lead after the first half. In the third quarter, Andover couldn't put any points on the board, as the slippery terrain made it difficult to set up any normal scoring drives. With the field condition worsening, neither team could truly play up to its potential, as the snow melted and the field became a veritable mud pit. In the fourth quarter, linebacker Beau Williams returned an interception for 55 yards, solidifying Andover's



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Beau Williams '98 outruns the defensive pursuit on a counter gap play.

already large lead. The game came to a close, as the seniors left the field for the last time ever, and their underclassmen replacements took the field to close out the game, and seal a prep championship, winning by a score of 28-14.

The offensive line's strong showing broke the game open for the Blue, as it opened gaping holes for backs Justin Blanch '00 and Jimmy Smithwick '99, who commented after the game, "We won because the offensive line simply wrecked New Hampton's defense." The running game had one of its best games of the season, gaining a total of 170 yards, on 31 rushes, averaging five and a half yards per carry. Quarterback Kyle O'Brien '98 had a

fine passing game, going 7-12 for 101 yards and two touchdowns, both to Williams.

Defensively, Andover played very consistently. Though New Hampton did score, they were forced out of their original game plan, which spelled disaster for them, as the team had relied heavily on its single running back the entire season. Andover linemen repeatedly outplayed their counterparts on the opposing side of the ball, forcing three fumbles, and numerous sacks. Playing very well were the defensive tackles and ends. Tackles John Costantino '99 and PG Shane Waldron along with nose guard Steve Dietz '98 controlled the interior, allowing nearly no runs inside, and sacking the New

Hampton quarterback on numerous occasions. Linebackers Williams and O'Brien both finished the game in good form, with 10 and 12 tackles respectively. Williams also had two interceptions on the game, one of which he ran back fifty-five yards for a touchdown.

In some respects, the win can be chalked up to a well tuned game plan by the coaches. Andover's coaching staff accurately assessed the abilities of the New Hampton team, and attacked its weak points. Clearly New Hampton's poor passing game allowed Andover to guard the oppositions amazing running back, shutting him down consistently. Also, offensively the Blue opted to run on the majority of its plays, as the weather conditions and the chopped up field made passing very difficult. Running the ball over thirty times tired out the shallow New Hampton lineup, and gave Andover a huge advantage.

With the win the Blue finish the season 8-1, marking the year as one of the finest in Andover history. With the Prep. Bowl Victory, Andover solidifies its claim to one of the top New England football schools, as it has gone all the way, two times in the last three years. Next years' team will look to recently elected captains J.P. Chisolm and Jimmy Smithwick. The two will replace departing captains O'Brien and Tony Dent '98. Along with the new captains, Jeremy Hersch and John Costantino will play leadership roles on the team, as both have played varsity for two years. Also next season, Andover will start the first new quarterback since the beginning of the Kyle O'Brien era, which began three years ago. The Blue will likely start this year's backup Mark Hordon '00. Though he didn't receive a lot of playing time at quarterback this season, Hordon has a fantastic arm.

1997 STATISTICS				
OFFENSE				
PASSING- KYLE O'BRIEN				
Week	Com/Att	Comp %	Yds/gm	TDs
1	7-10	70%	85	1
2	7-7	100%	277	3
3	13-25	52%	130	1
4	10-13	77%	232	2
5	11-28	39%	204	2
6	6-11	55%	130	1
7	5-12	42%	119	1
8	7-12	58%	101	2
Total	66-118	56%	160	13

RUSHING- RYAN SAX				
Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs	
1	20	128	0	
2	16	102	1	
3	4	40	0	
4	14	105	0	
5	10	21	0	
6	3	37	0	
Total	13	72	2	

RUSHING- JIMMY SMITHWICK				
Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs	
1	20	48	0	
2	6	36	0	
3	4	14	0	
4	14	18	0	
5	14	55	1	
6	10	56	0	
7	22	128	0	
8	10	54	2	

RUSHING- JUSTIN BLANCH				
Week	Carr/gm	Yds/gm	TDs	
5	6	35	0	
7	6	75	0	
8	6	22	0	

DEFENSE			
SEASON TOTALS			
Player	Tackles	Sacks	INTs
O'Brien	56	4	0
Williams	44	1	4
Sax	7	0	2
Costan	23	0	0
Chshlm	25	1	0
Smithwk	25	2	0
Dent	34	2	0
Hersch	35	0	2
Blanch	24	0	0
Waldron	34	3	0
Hardon	35	1	0
Qualter	16	0	2
Mangan	2	0	0
Dietz	11	2	0
Kagan	5	0	0
Ottiano	3	0	0
Forelle	1	0	0
Saunders	3	0	0
Williams	1	0	0
Lasater	2	0	0
Waugh	1	0	0
Brown	1	0	0

Milton Ends Tourney Run

by Noah Kaye
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Milton 4
Andover 1

The girls' soccer team feared that it might not make the tournament; it feared that this game might not be played because of snow. And the girls feared Milton, the tournament's top seed. Unfortunately, though the first two fears were groundless, the girls had every reason to fear the potent Milton squad, which boasted a diverse and dangerous attack and a stellar defense. Playing timidly and below their season level, the girls fell in a game that was never close, 4-1.

Tabor was the site of Andover's

New England Tournament semifinal match Saturday, after snow covered Milton's home field where the match had been scheduled. The field was somewhat small, a bit uneven, and damp. Fortunately, the match was played without the nuisance of rain.

The highly-touted Milton team was composed of girls who had played together since their youth, none of whom could be called a weak link. Led by one of the most dominant midfielders in the ISL, Milton was strong at every position. All of the Andover girls knew this, and each individual knew that it would take her best performance for the team to win.

Andover was determined to con-

trol the game's tempo quickly. Charlene Caputo '99, in the 12th minute, split her defender and, by cutting a ball back into a waiting Cassie James '00 set up an angling shot. James's deadly finish had the Andover girls excited about winning. Despite the girls' riveting beginning, they began to show timidity, and they seemed to back off, waiting for halftime.

"We played not to lose," said Captain Heather Gotha '98. What Gotha observed was the factor that enabled Milton to tie the game with just 30 seconds left in the half. A Milton player beat goalie Anne Bernard '00 nearpost from an extremely unusual angle, just a few feet from the end-line, chip-

ping the ball into the top corner as Bernard scooted over too late.

Play moved much the same in the second half as it had in the first half, with Milton controlling play and pressuring the Andover defense intensely. Andover was still noticeably unsettled and timid, but it had its chances on counter-attacks only to diffuse much of the work it had done by failing to win the 50/50 balls every team needs.

The Andover forwards couldn't hold the ball up, and as a result the fatigued defense had trouble with Milton, continually being forced to clear the ball under a heavy attack. Anne Bernard '00, to her credit, made some great saves in the slippery conditions, but the wet ball and grass were bound to have an effect on a goalie who is fired upon from all directions. Bernard was able to make some great saves, though some easier balls, surprisingly, eluded her. That was the case when Milton took the lead with a goal scored off of a hard shot which bounced first off of Bernard's hands.

Intensifying its offensive efforts, PA couldn't muster an equalizing goal. The defense became exhausted and its marking lax. Late in the second half, an unmarked Milton player received the ball at the 18 yard-line with plenty of room to fire a shot which skidded to the far post.

After Milton's third goal, Jocelyn Isenberg '98 was pulled from sweeper and put up front to generate some offense. But even then PA couldn't break through, and Milton put an exclamation point on its victory when, with time winding down, the same girl who had scored the third goal was left unmarked again and fought her way through the Andover defense from just ten yards out. Her shot from point-blank range finished off the Andover girls and their season.

The PA girls worked admirably throughout the season. They were young and were plagued by injury, though they were aided by four-year seniors Gotha and Avra Ackerman. Their run to the New England semifinals was impressive, and a direct result of excellent coaching and the perseverance of the team's members.



Photo / J. Mitchell

Heather Gotha was fueled by a banana powerbar in Saturday's contest against Milton. Unfortunately, the girls fell by the score of 4-1 in the tournament game.

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Non Sibi— The Spotlight on Community Service But isn't CS a waste of time?

by Dan Davis

Community service is not about going out and doing something that someone else couldn't afford to pay for. When you spend a day working on a house with Habitat for Humanity, there's something more important being accomplished than the structure you help to create. It's difficult to see at first, but community service is as much about creating a sense of community and common ground as it is about the immediate and physical goals of the projects. In one sense at least, the basis of community service is people working to create this sense of community in a world which necessarily tends to isolate the individual.

The hackneyed P.A. goal of creating a vibrant and diverse community within the academy is familiar to most students. The reason that such a thing is possible, of course, is the fact that we, as students, are drawn together by a common life of academics, sports, and student activities. It is easy to forget that the larger world tends to isolate individuals and small groups. One can see socioeconomic divisions, between Lawrence and Andover for example, and within each community there are Catholics and Muslims, Hispanics and Cambodian immigrants, who will further isolate themselves from one another. Similarly, P.A. tends to isolate its students from the larger community. One of the basic ideas behind community service, then, is to lessen this isolation and tension between different groups in a community. Through service one can reach out from one's own circle to include others in the community. By showing a willingness to help others and refusing to automatically segregate oneself along traditional lines of culture, language, and socioeconomic class, it is possible to simultaneously expand one's vision and that of others.

I suppose that this is why I coordinate the Language Collaborative. It's easy enough to see the world as a vast community separated along many lines of culture, language, and custom. While these help us to find a sense of place and uniqueness in society, it is important to recognize that they can also tend to isolate and fragment a community. The goal of the project is to not only reflect the great diversity of backgrounds which surrounds the larger community, but to also encourage interaction and interest in other portions of one's community. It is by embracing different languages and cultures that one can begin to dismantle the walls of alienation and isolation which separate us from our neighbors.

Recycling Update: Unwanted Catalogs

by Susan Stott
SPECIAL TO THE PHILLIPIAN

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Massachusetts Recycles Day (Nov. 15) pledge winners: Approximately 250 students, faculty and staff signed a pledge to recycle more and buy more products made from recycled product at the Earth Friends table in Commons last week. These pledge cards were presented to Trudy Cox, Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs, at Sanborn School on Friday, along with thousands of pledge cards collected through the Andover and North Andover School systems. Friday morning Cheshire Thacher, President of Earth Friends, drew two Phillips Academy winners of the recycled products donated as prizes for the event. Jen Roy, Comptroller's Office, received a bag made from recycled plastic bottles, donated by Wheelabrator Technologies, while Chris Weiner, a day student, received the polartec vest (manufactured from recycled plastic bottles at Malden Mills in Lawrence) donated by Pepsi, Methuen.

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ANDOVER EXETER WEEKEND BEGINS: EXETER TEAMS LOSE

On Saturday, the mighty men of Andover and the far less numerous men of Exeter will clash on the fields of New Hampshire in the 119th Andover-Exeter athletic competition. This long-standing athletic rivalry is the oldest and largest high school football rivalry in the country. The tradition of Andover-Exeter extends back to 1878, the hundredth anniversary of Phillips Academy. This November, the Andover football team established a long-standing athletic rivalry, as well as a tradition of dominance, by crushing the Griffs.

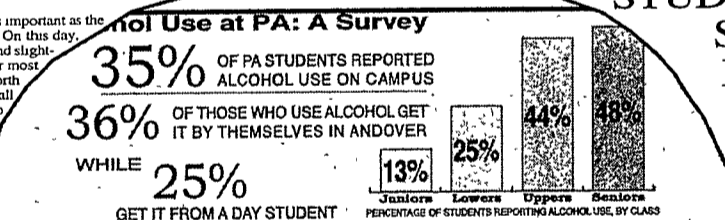
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ANDOVER FLASHER CAUGHT

On Wednesday, many junior varsity-level teams competed against Exeter in home games. The teams playing were JV field hockey, JV football, boys' and girls' JV soccer, and JV volleyball. JV football fought Exeter to a 6-6 tie. Boys' junior varsity soccer defeated Exeter 1-0. Girls' junior varsity soccer won with a score of 4-0. Junior varsity field hockey won 3-1. Junior varsity volleyball also defeated Exeter 3-1. Girls' varsity field hockey at 1:30 p.m., girls' varsity soccer at 2:00 p.m., and boys' varsity football at 3:30 p.m.



Deb Vinton '98 and Abby Coleman '98 discuss gender roles and body image. Photo: J. Mitchell



SIXTY PERCENT OF ANDOVER STUDENTS USE ALCOHOL, RECENT SURVEY ANNOUNCES

Deborah Vinton '98 and Abby Coleman '98 delivered a presentation entitled "Girls and Body Image: Exploring the Issues of Power and Powerlessness" to an audience gathered at the School Room in the Bruce Center for Gender Studies on Tuesday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m. The presentation was the second of this year's Bruce Student Fellows Series. In their work, Vinton and Coleman attempted to bring light to the often-misunderstood and stigmatized issue of eating disorders in the lives of adolescent girls, and to determine why some young women fall prey to eating disorders, while others do not.

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In addition to the social factors which lead to eating disorders, Vinton and Coleman also spoke about the psychological factors which drive some girls to such extremes. Many girls with eating disorders are perfectionists, who are "driven to be successful" in all fields. Such girls often pursue the goal of thinness beyond its logical limits, because they "don't know when to stop." This factor was especially important to Vinton and Coleman, because of its special relevance to Phillips Academy students. Especially in a community like Andover, Vinton stated, "eating disorders are prevalent, because girls are so competitive." Another psychological factor which Vinton and Coleman focused on was the perversion, which many bulimics feel, of the natural desire for control in their lives which adolescents feel. Vinton spoke about the mental process that led to bulimia: "When you binge, the food was, but when you purge, you regain control, for adolescents, so much of your life is spent out of control, it gives you a sense of control."

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS ITS FEEDBACK AT SCHOOL CONGRESS

Hoping "to share some student input on the Grade Task Force and the Schedule and Calendar Committee reports," the Student Council presented its ideas on several recently released proposals at the Fall Term School Congress on Tuesday. Instead of the normal, weekly, private faculty meeting, student representatives this week gave their reactions on the main recommendations of the two reports, and suggestions where appropriate.

The meeting contained four separate presentations and a short intermission in the middle. First, the Council's General Recommendations Sub-Committee expressed its opinions on the overall recommendations of the Grade Task Force. The second group focused on the Task Force's proposals for junior and seniors, the third on those for upper and seniors, and the last on the report of the Schedule and Calendar Committee.

Upper Representative Graham Norwood was the first sub-committee member to speak. The head of the General Recommendations group discussed the proposed 11:00 p.m. in-room policy for juniors and seniors, the idea of class advisors, and suggested that lower take 5.5 courses. Norwood said that the Student Council had two questions about the 11:00 proposal. The members asked them rhetorically by performing a short skit that showed a productive study session between two students broken up by a busy professor at 11:00. Thus, the first question is the ability of students to study together at night if they must be in their rooms by 11:00. The second is the convenience and willingness of professors to try themselves from their own activities at that hour to check underclassmen's rooms. Neither the council nor any faculty member suggested an answer to those questions, but Norwood said that, although student opinion is in favor of no in-room rule for either grade, his group would compromise for juniors only.

On the subject of class advisors, Norwood thought that the idea was good, but he wondered exactly what role these special faculty members would play. Finally, about the proposed 5.5 courses for juniors, he said that the whole council appreciates the Grade Task Force's effort to narrow the gap in workload between Junior and Upper years, but questioned, "How can more stress lower your equal less stress Upper year?"

Senior Representative Michael Getteman, another General Recommendations Sub-Committee member, spoke next about the Task Force's proposed system of vouchers that would require students to attend two cultural events per term in exchange for two fewer all-school meetings. However, he proposed that events still be optional, but students who go can be excused each term from two all-school meetings. This thought provoked a response from the faculty, who wondered if this system would be identical to the current one in that, if all-school meetings are considered cultural, students would simply exchange one cultural event for another.

Next to present was Upper Representative Alex MacCallum, a member of the Junior and Lower Recommendations sub-committee. She stressed the importance of the suggested Junior sports option, a special program to be created as a replacement for basics for ninth graders. MacCallum thought that this would be a good idea, but some of her fellow students were skeptical. Vinton said that she had been asked to present the program to juniors and lower, so she presented it to them. Vinton said, "because you can't live in a world without stress, and this is how these girls react to stress."

One of the major purposes of Vinton and Coleman's presentation was to discern whether eating disorders sprang primarily from psychological or social factors. Ultimately, they decided that the roots of eating disorders in adolescent girls were equally social and psychological. "You can't just label the cause as social or psychological," Vinton said, "because both contribute."

More Time!

Todd Anderson '99 proposes a reading period. Before final exams similar to the one in many universities. P. 2

Water Polo Triumphs

With wins over Loons-Chaffee and Choate. A Fine Publication on Saturday's triumph, girls' water polo Fall out on the best student newspaper east of Concord, checked the New England title. P. 3

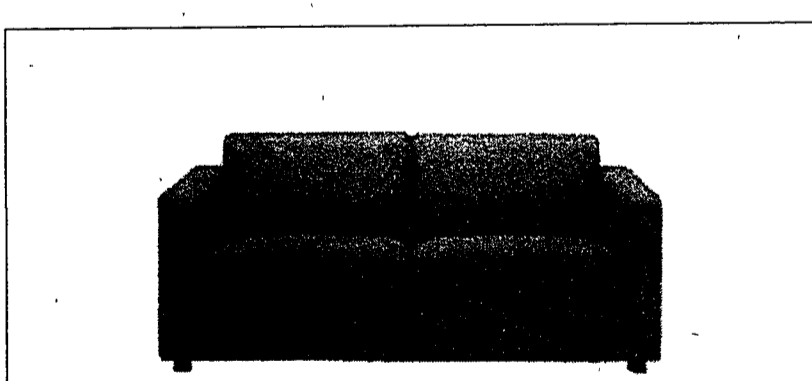
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After trying a mediocre Chabing squad and defeating a less-talented New Hampton team, Phillips' PA is still unsure about the post-season. P. 4

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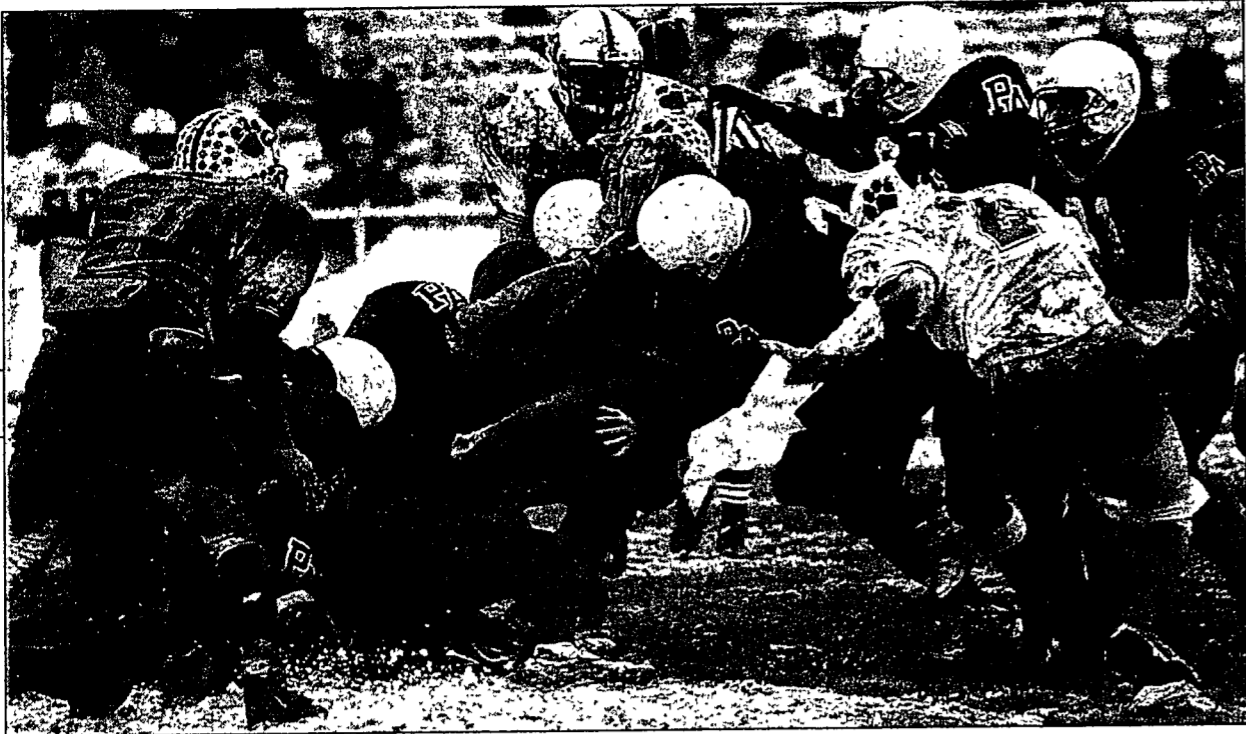
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Tradition!

Some things never change ... Thanksgiving Football

by Jimbo Shea
PHILLIPIAN FEATURES WRITER

Thanksgiving is a time of traditions, whether they are national traditions, like watching football, or family traditions, like playing practical jokes on your annoying younger cousins.

In most families, watching football plays a large part in the Thanksgiving routine. Cousins and grandparents sit around the house, watching the afternoon football games, from the NFL to the big college matchups, like Army versus Navy.

Even though, for some, this attention to sports is not a deviation from the ordinary Sunday plan, football is undoubtedly special to Thanksgiving for a majority of families. One difference on Turkey day is that most spectators fall asleep, succumbing to the soporific "turkey enzyme," before the end of the game.

Other than watching football or playing nerf football in the backyard, families find a variety of other activities to do on Thanksgiving. Some of these festive amusements include bowling, fighting with siblings in the backyard, catching up on history homework, and laughing at people who think someone from the AFC will

win the Super Bowl.

However, most people cherish Thanksgiving as a time to reunite with their relatives. My family always goes over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house for the annual

"On Turkey Day, most [football] spectators fall asleep, succumbing to the soporific 'turkey enzyme,' before the end of the game."

family get-together. During these dinners, my uncle rejoices in imparting his wisdom, telling me, "I don't like cranberries, they give me the cramps," or "You can sleep in your car, but you can't drive your house," and even, "You can tie a dog to the fence, but you can't stop him from barking at the cars going by." Every year, my family gathering reminds me how thankful I am to have these words to guide me through life's difficult times.

For me, the two words that describe Thanksgiving best are

"midget wrestling." Some people might consider this a strange tradition for Thanksgiving, but honestly, very little is more entertaining than observing these pint-sized powerhouses duel each other while contained in large metal cages?

Of course, most of the elder folks find this tradition to be offensive. The traditional Thanksgiving-lovers often opt for the Macy's parade, which begins early in the morning and ends way too late. Highlights include the Santa Claus, the Rockettes (who are perennially forced to wear those leotards in the freezing rain), Willard Scott and Miss America in earmuffs that make both of them look like Princess Leia.

Regardless of the tradition that your family chooses to uphold over Thanksgiving, you will still have the opportunity to share your lives, and isn't that the important thing? The answer might be no; the important things are the week off from school and the access to real food.

What are you looking forward to this Thanksgiving Holiday?

"Egg quiche."
Burt House '99

"Stuffing."
Malick Fall '98

"All the neat costumes"
Jenny McJunkin '00

"I don't know. We don't celebrate Thanksgiving in Mexico."
Lindsay Hoopes '99

"The bird."
Erin Dougherty '98

"Smelling the turkey when it comes out of the oven."
Halsey Coughlin '99

"Cooking the turkey"
Jay Owens '98

"Eating until I vomit and then eating more."
Jim Mangan '98

"Going home."
Matt Falco '98

"That stuff in the turkey that makes you feel sleepy."
Charlie Finch '98

"Getting a new Pirate Ship Lego set."
Jimmy Smithwick '06

"Pretty big turkeys"
Patty Bell-Thompson

The Quintessential Thanksgiving FEAST

by Yuan Wang
PHILLIPIAN FEATURES WRITER

Ah, Thanksgiving. The word inspires little tremors of bliss that tapdance up and down in the spines (and stomachs) of Andover students. What is it about Thanksgiving that moves us so? Is it the relatives: the cooing, tsking, whining Aunts and the belching, beer imbibing, cholesterol-collecting Uncles who congregate at every family reunion?

Is it the decorations, the family shows on NBC and ABC, or is it the escape from History 30? No, no, no. What sustains us through this final stretch towards Thanksgiving, what spurs us on in this mad frenzy of a dash towards home is thoughts of FOOD. Yes, food. Not just good food. But tongue melting, taste-bud bewitching, mind-blowing mountains-upon mountains of Thanksgiving culinary delights... food is indubitably the soul of the holiday season.

Thus, in order to assure overall enjoyment of the holiday, it is important that every person present gains the utmost delight from Thanksgiving fares. Since human tastes are so scattered, it is a good thing that food can be so versatile. Ultimately, there are three viable routes for a Thanksgiving feast, each catering to the appetites of its customers: the historical feast, the rebel's feast, and the traditional feast.

To make the historical feast, one has to bring the holiday dinner table way, way back, back to the grandfather of all Thanksgivings, to the autumn of 1621, when modern electric appliances were yet to be conceived.

History has it that at this very first celebration of Thanksgiving, musket carrying pilgrims and Native Americans mingled together, united by none other than the promise of good food. So if one wishes to whip up this unconventional crowd pleaser for Thanksgiving, one that combines historical charm with a mouth-watering banquet, the average American Thanksgiving feast must be jarred a little out of kilter. First, banish all thoughts of turkey.

The main dish is venison, as in deer that your host, like the pilgrims, has to personally track down, kill, skin, and roast over a fiery pit. Although your palate will have to forgo the usual pastries and breads of any kind (the pilgrims had long exhausted their supply of flour), one can still munch on such delights as boiled pumpkin, lobster, clam, roasted fowl, fish, berries, watercress, dried fruit, and plums. Mmmm... Good.

If the above menu doesn't make your salivary glands break into a joyful chorus, you might try the rebel's feast.

This is for the vegetarians and vegans out there who no longer wish to buckle beneath the carnivorous, insensitive ways of a blood-drinking, meat sucking society. So when your mother asks (for the fifth year in a row, despite the fact that you never eat anything at the Thanksgiving table) if you want a drumstick or a wing, tell her you want a "Tofurky." Tofurky is a turkey substitute made from textured soy protein, soybeans, grated carrots and seasonings.

The idea of a vegetarian Thanksgiving might bring to mind a grim parade of lettuce leaf concoctions and bean-sprout potions, yet with modern technology, even those who prefer to not consume meat can eat well. So, although tofu is tasteless and a bit rubbery itself, a little creative seasoning can mold it into a scrumptious, basted, carvable, quasi-turkey. The rest of the feast can boast an assortment of nut roast, mushroom gravy, cranberry walnut stuffing, and carrot chestnut soup.

Still not satisfied? Well, for those who insist in going all out for the traditional gourmet feast, who will scale all heights, brave all dangers, and even go so far as to subject themselves to a tortuous day of fasting in order to augment the gratification of that first morsel of tender turkey, there is always the good ol' traditional American Thanksgiving feast. 376 years of human ingenuity and as many years of toiling by determined American housewives have propelled the Thanksgiving feast to a level of seldom reached perfection.

This American dinner has never been bigger, tastier, or more satisfying. In this feast, the turkey, the poster-child of Thanksgiving, perches at the center of the dinner table. It is a gorgeous, eye-popping mahogany, reminding one of those golden-browns found in precious Rembrandts.

Upon prying past the crisp, basted skin, a fountain of juices gushes forth, sending aromas to tickle everyone's nose. The moist flesh and the savory stuffing drives one crazy. The turkey is followed by buttery smooth mash potatoes drenched in rich gravy, ruby-tinted cranberry sauce, pumpkin pies topped with whipped cream, and sizzling hams, and warm biscuits.

The food simply overwhelms and intoxicates the senses. A long time after the dinner, when the family still sits in a dream-like trance around the dinner table, not yet ready to belch away the night in front of the TV set, it is good to give a round of thanks. These thanks should be done in honor of the food shared that night - be it food of the historical feast, the rebel's feast or the traditional feast - for it was the food which brought those present together, as it has done for centuries.



Homemade rolls nicely top off any Thanksgiving feast.

Photo/J Mitchell

I am Thankful for...

by Mimi Hanaoka
PHILLIPIAN FEATURES WRITER

In no particular order, here are the most pressing reasons that you should be counting your blessings to be a student at Phillips Academy:

1. Although fall colors have long since passed, PA's winter colors, the gaudy and fluorescent North Face Winter '97 catalog jacket colors, are out. Revel in the preppy beauty of the North Face campus colors.

2. Should you find North Faces either too preppy or too pricey, now is the only season you can show off your duck-hunter/logger/lumberjack outfits without shame.

3. Bundled up and waddling, engage in the frequent inter-Quad snowball fights. Quad snowball-fighting is a spectator sport second only to Clustah, and the Bishop-Rockwell rows are quite a fiasco. If you are daring, "borrow" a Commons tray and go sledding on Graves Field.

4. Enjoy the Winter S&R shenanigans; camping in sub-zero temperatures, snow shoeing with what must be antiques circa 1850, reveling in the insurmountable beauty of the view from the peak of a snow-capped mountain.

5. Pemberton girls have the luxury of having the chivalrous Andover Cottage boys do their shoveling. Thank you AC; thank you Cauz.

6. Anxiously wait for the day that Mrs. Chase will roam the campus wielding her field hockey stick.

7. Thank sweet Allah that you do not live in Abbot.

8. Should you have the grave misfortune of living in the snow-shrouded depths of Abbotland, don't fret - there's no need to make the Long Trek to return to Abbot.

Proud Abbotteers can build igloos on the Great Lawn.

9. If braving the cold is not your fancy, the rapidly approaching winter is a good excuse to hibernate. Spring is only six months away. Ordering out daily is another benefit of hibernating

until the sun decides to shine again.

10. Commons is only one step shy of haute cuisine, and in the spirit of holiday jubilation Commons is generous enough to provide the student body with an actual Thanksgiving Commons Cornucopia... Yay.

11. Senior Tea is the closest thing to a perpetual cornucopia, and seniors are given the delightful privilege of being warm, cozy, and fed, while underclassmen, with teeth chattering and stomachs grumbling, ooh and ah in the cold, as they jealously eye the seniors gorging themselves.

12. Seniors, although pampered with warmth and food, live with the constant and nagging thought of college applications. Come December, early acceptees can be relieved.

13. Although there is the long wait until the acceptance (and rejection) letters, one comfort is that with applications almost mailed, it is almost time to drop those tedious year-long classes. Yipppee!

14. Should you find yourself hoveled in the library, plan ways to steal the Christmas tree.

15. Juniors receive parietal privileges...

16. With flippancy and wit, make trekking from class to class into a fun game: See if you can dodge the crazed and reckless faculty who swerve on the black ice.

17. When students tumble from one class to another, there is inevitably at least one student who slips and falls and makes a fool of himself. Be grateful that that person is not you.

18. Be grateful that whoever it is that writes trite, glib, and awkwardly constructed book reviews for the Boston Globe is not you.

During this season of runny noses and holiday cheer the reasons to be thankful are multitudinous.

The reasons to rejoice are not limited to recalling our proud history of ingratiating ourselves into a community of natives to whom we gave nothing and from whom we pillaged as much as we could. Be thankful for the lilliputian joys of Andover life.

Confucius say, "Remember, you're at PA for good!!"



A BOY AND HIS PASSION FOR CRANBERRY SAUCE

by Nathan Littlefield

I don't have any idea how or why I became a cranberry sauce addict. Maybe it was my parents. They were always putting whole cans of neatly sliced cranberry sauce onto the table where a young boy such as myself could get at them with ease.

Regardless of how it happened, I'm hooked. I might as well blame my parents, since I've learned that everything is my parents' fault... including my cranberry sauce problem.

Let's put it simply: For me, Thanksgiving does not mean turkey or stuffing or gravy. For me, this holiday boils down one simple equation:

Thanksgiving = free access to as much sauce as I can get.

Some thoughts on the purple nectar in the can:

1. Do not put "whole berry" cranberry sauce anywhere near me. I like my berries nice 'n smooth. I like them pureed into an anonymous purple gel.

2. In reference to my addiction, the only aspect of cranberry sauce more important than its taste is the sound it makes as it exits the can: sssschhhploooork.

3. I went to my Uncle's house for Thanksgiving once. They bought two big cans of cranberry sauce. One was for their twelve guests. The second was for me. I'm sure they feel really codependent right now, what with their giving me all that cranberry sauce, you know, that stuff that prevents me from righting a coherent sentence to save my arse.

The Phillipian Features Page would like to remind you to take public transport to the airport this Thanksgiving Holiday to reduce traffic.



Like the wreath? Neither do I. Replace this space with text. Write for features. Call now. (Happy Thanksgiving)

WORLD NEWS

summary

by Justin Yee
OUR MAN IN DOHA

Iraqi Standoff Over

After fears of a military confrontation, the three-week standoff between Iraq and the United Nations peacefully ended yesterday with Iraq reversing its ban on American weapons inspectors. All U.N. inspectors may return to Iraq as early as today. In return, Russia, which had brokered the arrangement with Iraq, will work to lift U.N. sanctions imposed on Iraq after the Persian Gulf War. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the agreement involved no concession by the U.S. or U.N. However, Albright said the U.S. will continue their slow military buildup in the Persian Gulf, saying, "I will believe it when I see it."

Terrorists Kill Tourists in Egypt

On Monday, six gunmen disguised as police killed 62 tourists visiting the Luxor Temple of Hatshepsut before fleeing on foot. "They shot everyone in the arms and legs. Then they killed everyone who was still alive with a shot in the head," said one survivor. The Islamic Group, who claimed responsibility for the attack, has said this attack on tourists in Egypt "won't be the last." Armed with knives and automatic weapons, the gunmen tried to take the tourists as hostages in an attempt to secure the release of their leader, Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, who was convicted of blowing up the World Trade Center in 1993.

F.B.I. Finds No Criminal Evidence in TWA Explosion

After a sixteen month investigation, the F.B.I. concluded on Tuesday that mechanical failure and not a missile or bomb caused TWA Flight 800, bound for France, to explode in mid-air. In an attempt to end these conspiracy theories, the F.B.I. presented a computer-generated reenactment that explained that witness may have confused the burning plane for a missile. Investigators know the explosion was centered in the fuel tank and in next month's hearings, the National Transportation Safety Board will attempt to determine what triggered the explosion that killed all 230 people aboard.

Holocaust Survivors Receive Compensation

Eighty Latvian Holocaust survivors received a check of \$400, the first installment of a \$1,000 payment, from a \$200 million dollar fund set up by Swiss banks in response to allegations that Switzerland used their neutrality to profit from the Nazis in World War II. The historic payments marked the first time Eastern European survivors have received financial assistance. Many other survivors in former communist countries will also receive this aid. However, many recipients have complained the payments were far too small, but the fund's officials have stressed the payments should be regarded as humanitarian relief and not compensation for suffering.

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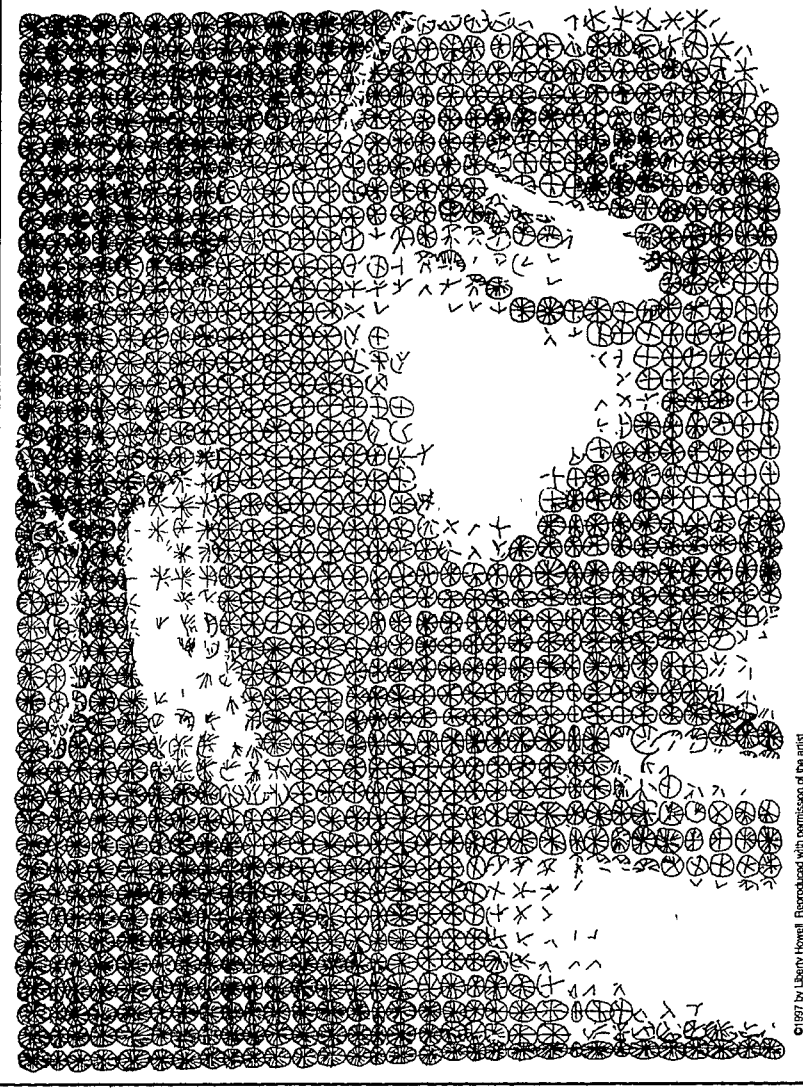
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Fall Term Student Art Show to Open

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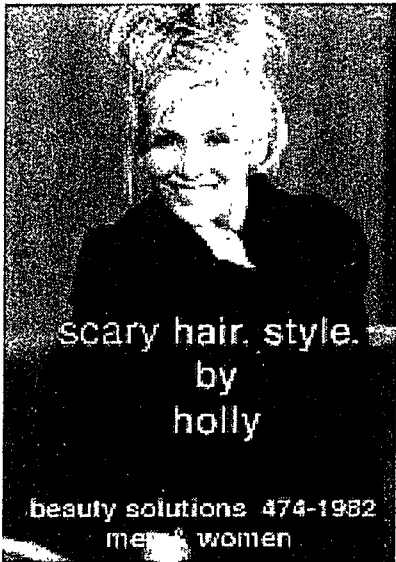
full representation at the art show will be the several themes tackled in the course in which items such as teapots, portraits, tiles, vessels and functional pottery are given a life of their own.

The Fall Student Art Show comes as the crowning achievement to a term of artistic refining, whose passage was most recently paved for by a Paint-All-Night event held last Friday. The Paint-All-Night, first started three years ago by Christopher Cook and John McMurry, gives students a unique opportunity to do nothing but paint from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. in the Elson Art Center. Prior to this year, the Paint-All-Night was reserved exclusively for students in painting courses. Now it has been expanded to include students of architecture and AP Art and even those who were formerly art students at one point in their PA careers. This year, there were approximately twenty participants who, with the accompaniment of food and music, worked all night on a variety of art projects. Sydney Katz '98, a participant in the event felt that a large incentive for Paint-All-Night participants was the opportunity to use the studio for an extended period of time. "I also came," she added, "because I thought it would be interesting to see what kind of art I could make with no sleep."

The Fall Student Art Show will be

kicked off with a gala event at 6:30 p.m. on December 5th, after which the artworks will continue on exhibition until its replacement by the winter show at the end of January. A very unique component of the art show - videos written, shot and edited by students of Art 15 with the intent of cogent and original communication with the audience will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium after the gala. Shertzer remarked in light of his hopes for the exhibit, "I really encourage students to go see it ... it goes up right before exams so the timing is great." He added that "faculty and house counselors should go and take a look so that they can see the talent of students they know but may not have realized before as artists."

The exhibition promises to be a rewarding event for both the viewers and the artists. "Art is an outlet for my emotions," said Miriam Berger '99, a student who will have on display in the Fall Student Art Show a circular painting, some photographs, and a silk-screen. When asked how she felt about having her artwork on exhibit, she replied, "I'm kind of proud because I've been working on a lot of the stuff all term ... People look at my paintings sometimes and they ask what it means. I want them to figure it out, to look at it and see their own imagery... I hope my paintings in the exhibit can help people give concrete form to their subconscious thoughts."



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Brace Center Student Fellows Series on "Girls In Math and Science"

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was enrolled in the honors BC Calculus course. Noticing the obvious unequal gender distribution in her classroom, she was intrigued as to why such a disparity existed. Using information from the Office of the Registrar, her observations, and her own survey of 174 PA students, she analyzed the reasons for the "extremely pronounced gender differences" that exist in Phillips Academy's math and science courses. McDonough found that only 30% of the students enrolled in the honors BC Calculus course were female. She attributed this to the environment in Andover's math classrooms and social pressures existing in the community. In her questionnaire, 82% of the women reported men have a way of "showing off" in math class, thus intimidating women who would feel embarrassed to admit ignorance. Women shy away from competitiveness prevalent in the classroom environment, McDonough contests, because women tend to work well in groups where they can help each other. Math classes taught at Phillips Academy tend to emphasize competitiveness, however, for which males have a proclivity.

McDonough also found students feel that mathematics classes have the air of a "boys' club." She attributes this to the fact that during the 1996-1997 academic school year only male teachers taught the most advanced math courses. McDonough also pointed out a phenomenon that was recurring in many math classroom she observed. In many classrooms a "dominant square" usually consisting of male students grouped in one area of

the classroom received most of the teacher's attention and controlled class discussion.

Marvin sought to satisfy her own curiosity in researching the problems of gender inequality in math and science classrooms. She provided solutions by proposing changes in the learning system to accommodate the socialized difference in thinking between men and women. Marvin proposed a more comfortable classroom environment with "hands-on" learning and a cooperative setting. Some teachers use a "question of the day" approach where one student is forced to think and answer a direct question rather than to yield to general question not specifically addressed to any one.

Marvin also suggests that teachers and writers of textbooks choose metaphors more carefully and de-emphasize the use of military and industrial analogies in their teachings. Most importantly, families must spend more time cultivating values of math and science for their daughters. Mothers, who generally do not encourage interest in math and science, must create a comfort in these disciplines for women.

In addition, society must be more accepting to the ways women approach math and science, which can be very helpful in understanding many unexplored phenomena in these disciplines.

Biology Lab Technician Jeanne Bedell Announces Retirement After 10 Years

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demeanor, Goetze said, Bedell has won a lot of admirers among students, faculty, and staff at Phillips Academy. "A lot of students would tell you that she's been important to them," said Goetze. "She has a broader range of friends than almost anybody."

After her retirement, Bedell will no longer be a full-time presence in the Biology Department, but the people there will definitely remember her. "She has a real gift for making people feel comfortable," Goetze said. "We're going to miss her."

There are two opportunities for the community to pay tribute to Bedell

before her departure. First, there is a book in the Science Division office in Evans Hall which is open to anyone who knew Bedell for thanks, praise, and other comments. Second, there will be a dessert reception from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on December 3, 1997 in the Rose Room of Commons; the event will be a chance to talk with Bedell one last time before she leaves.

Koolen will remember the outgoing laboratory technician for her skill at making their department as efficient as possible. "When she's around," he said, "the place runs like a finely tuned racecar. But when she's not, it's like someone through a wrench in the engine."

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VISITING GERMAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM IN COCHRAN CHAPEL TONIGHT

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The concert, tonight, is the culmination of years of effort on both sides of the Atlantic. The trip was organized in America primarily by Rita DeLollois, mother of Andrew DeLollois '01. She worked with the Music Department here at PA, and the Treble Chorus to bring the "Ottmar Gerster" orchestra to Massachusetts. The project has its origins in 1995, when the DeLollois family hosted an exchange student from Leipzig, Germany. He was a musician, but also took classes at Andover High and at PA. Mrs. DeLollois was familiar with the New England Treble Chorus, which had performed in England in 1992. Together with the exchange student, she developed the idea of a musical exchange. The result was that the Chorus traveled to Leipzig in the summer of 1996. The reciprocal visit is being financed in part by Krytek, a technology company, and the Pediatric Association of Medford. Mrs. DeLollois has done the majority of the work coordinating the German visit: finding funding, persuading volunteers to provide housing, and dealing with the music departments at PA and Pike. So far, according to Mrs. DeLollois, things have gone very smoothly. The only mishap seems to be the loss of four cellos by the airline.

The organizers hope that the visit by the "Ottmar Gerster" orchestra will not only provide PA with an extraordinary concert, but also a learning experience. One Chamber Orchestra member on his way to dinner with the Germans said, "I'm so excited; they're supposed to be great musicians." If everything continues according to plan, last-minute instrument scrambling aside, the PA music community hopes for an excellent show.

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Those ineligible to give blood are pregnant women, people under 105 pounds, and anyone who has taken anti-malarial drugs within the past three years or has been tattooed. Exposure to the HIV virus or any other infection also is grounds for deferring possible donors.

After the blood was taken from the donors, cookies, juice, and other snacks were given to replenish their strength.

Ripley Hudner, an Upper in Taylor who volunteered his time to the Blood Drive by passing out cookies and orange juice and signing in, summed up Tuesday: "It was heartening to see such a diverse group of the community all participating in this worthy volunteering effort."

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