

1998-1999 School President Election

- ▶ **Monday, April 13**
Radio Debate
9:00 pm,
WPAA
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 14**
Run-off to 3
Candidates
- ▶ **Thursday, April 16**
Radio Debate
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WPAA
- ▶ **Friday, April 17**
Speeches
at ASM,
Final Vote

Race for School President Begins

15 Candidates Enter First Round

by Thayer Christodoulo
PHILLIPPIAN NEWS ASSOCIATE

Elections for the 1998-1999 Phillips Academy student body president began on Thursday when student voting narrowed the original pool of fifteen eleventh grade candidates to six. Following radio debates, the six semi-finalists will be further narrowed down to an elite trio on Tuesday, April 15. Students will then select a new president following campaign speeches at next Friday's all school meeting.

The Student Council required each candidate to present four hundred supporting signatures from students and a platform of one hundred words or fewer in order to run a campaign for school president. The fifteen candidates for student body president included J.P. Chisholm, Kwesi Christopher, Brett Farson, Ryan Fillipon, Fred Flather, Paul Flynn, Ben Goldhirsh, Rod Hojat, Kam Lasater, Bobby Jaros, Alex MacCallum, Al Moore, Graham Norwood, Shevon Rockett, and Eric de Cholnoky.

J.P. Chisholm vows that if elected president he will be an honest and reliable representative of student opinion. He believes the school needs to broaden rules concerning parietals and car permission. In addition, Chisholm wants to lengthen the hours of food delivery to campus and run a student forum to develop teacher profiles, so students can more easily understand a teacher's style and class requirements. Chisholm's priority, however will be to run more student activities, such as capture the flag and barbecues, to promote school unity and fun on the campus.

As president, Kwesi Christopher wants to change the parietal policy to allow more privacy and more flexible hours, and to eliminate homework due the Monday following six-day weeks. Christopher believes that these changes can only occur if the president

is willing to take risks and fight the administration, as he is. Commented Christopher on the election, "I just hope that when people vote for the next school president, they use more than popularity as their guide, they use more than entertainment as their judge, they use more than image as their leader. Rather, I hope that the person they choose is the one they honestly believe will work the hardest, shout the loudest and sacrifice the most to better the PA community."

Brett Farson believes that the last few presidents have not made any major changes in favor of the students. If elected, Farson will be determined to make and achieve more feasible goals, such as the elimination of spring exams for seniors and a later dormitory curfew on Friday evenings. Farson will also stand to maintain existing rules that he believes aid the student body, such as the no lights-out for lower policy. Generally, Farson would like to keep all areas of life relaxed on campus, though this relaxation and his humor do not mean that he would not approach the office seriously with a willingness to help the students.

As school president, Ryan Fillipon would give the students a stronger voice and truly represent their ideas. Fillipon stands for opening more areas for day students to park their cars, making car permission more attainable, opening the Ryley room earlier in the evenings, and making elective courses preferential to three and four year seniors who have "paid their dues." Fillipon has ideas for better weekend entertainment, such as more live acts and bands, which would draw more student interest than current events.

Fred Flather believes that he has feasible goals, which, unlike other candidates, could be passed through the faculty and staff. As president Flather would like no homework due the Monday following a six day week, car permission stickers for all the upper classmen, exams in the classroom in which a course is taught, a reviewed cut system and parental permission slips to give lowers and uppers closed door parietals. Flather believes his goals will give the students some of the responsibility and freedom that is required in college. In addition, Flather feels that the school needs more spirit and unity that can be achieved by class and school functions, such as barbecues.

According to Paul Flynn, students

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Junior Rep. Chris Callahan '01 speaks to the School Congress

Photo / E. Whiteman

Student Council Holds Spring School Congress

by Michael Tai
PHILLIPPIAN STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, the Student Council held its winter/spring term School Congress. This meeting between the Student Council and the faculty allows the council to propose new ideas and share its views through presentations, skits, and discussion. This past conference focused on three key topics prepared by Student Council subcommittees: senior spring exams, academic advising, and drinking.

The first topic presented was senior spring exams. The Student Council proposed a plan that abolishes spring exams for seniors if they meet certain requirements. The conditions are the following: for year long courses, a senior must have a 4.0 average or above during fall and winter terms and a 5.0 average or above going into the spring exams period; for one-term courses during spring term, a student must have a 5.0 average or above. Because the faculty has rejected similar plans in the past, the Student Council urged the faculty to at least give seniors a choice of a final project rather than a final exam.

The Student Council believes their proposal allows seniors to take harder courses because they will not plan their schedules to have the fewest possible exams, as they have in the past. The Council also predicts that seniors will put in the effort to get the higher grades necessary to avoid spring

exams. Katherine Smith '98 said that no senior spring exams lets seniors have a "more fulfilling end to senior year."

After discussing senior spring exams, the academic advising committee presented the results of a survey conducted in winter term. The survey, which all students received, asked questions such as "how often do you meet with your academic advisor." The figures showed that the majority of students attend advising meetings every week or two. Seniors answered another question: "should there be more time [with your advisor]," convincingly, with 94% saying no. Due to a 50/50 split in student opinion, the Council could not reach a conclusive decision as to whether the new advising is superior to the old.

The committee suggested four amendments to the current system. The first was to have regular student feedback, so that advising heads can accurately evaluate the program. Another was for the advisors to work more closely with the college counseling office to help students with the college admission process. The last two proposals recommended advisors occasionally meet by class and establish two class advisor heads so as to give themselves a chance to look at class problems and the ability to address them through the class advisor heads.

The council also supplemented their surveys and suggestions with three skits illustrating different stu-

dent-advisor relationships. The academic advising discussion ended with faculty questions regarding student opinion on Monday advising blocks and group sessions versus individual sessions.

Drinking was the final topic discussed at the Congress. The Student Council believes that there is rising concern among faculty members in regards to alcohol because of the recent deaths of teenagers at MIT and in North Andover. To show the faculty how the student body feels about the issue, the drinking subcommittee obtained three anonymous statements on drinking on campus. The general consensus of the statements was that the faculty is over-emphasizing the alcohol problem. The three respondents said that there is not a huge drinking problem on campus and that the faculty is too severe in penalties to drinkers. One statement even went as far as to say, "People are getting caught because there are fewer drinkers who know what they're doing and know how to avoid getting caught to teach the underclassmen." After Ian Barnard '98, Alex MacCallum '99, and Allison Ferranti '98 read these statements, there was a fifteen-minute discussion session with faculty breaking up into small groups with student council members. These groups discussed four questions posed by the drinking committee and afterwards gave feedback to the whole group.

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Dr. Benjamin Spock with Karen Anderson, mother of quintuplets

Acclaimed Child Care Specialist Dr. Benjamin Spock '21 Passes Away

by Silla Brush
PHILLIPPIAN INTERNET EDITOR

Dr. Benjamin Spock '21, pediatrician and author of Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care, died at age 94 on Sunday, March 15, 1998. Dr. Spock's 1946 book on child care which instructed parents to follow their own common sense rather than the rigid guidelines so commonly conformed to before and after W.W.II was controversial yet largely popular. Dr. Spock was also a prominent adversary and antagonist of war. His liberal and relaxed views on baby care have remained popular in the past half-century, although some have blamed his ideas for the lenient nature of the 60's generation.

Dr. Benjamin McLane Spock was born on May 2, 1903 in New Haven, CT as the oldest brother of six children. Dr. Spock graduated from Phillips Academy in 1921, and later matriculated at Yale. Majoring in English and minoring in history there, he entered college without any notion of being a doctor or pediatrician. Dr. Spock rowed for the crew team and was a member of the Yale crew team that won at the Paris Olympics in 1924. During the summers, Dr. Spock worked in a home for crippled children where he developed a love for babies

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Spring Promises Homework, Culture – and a Nice Suntan

by Dan Schwerin
PHILLIPPIAN NEWS ASSOCIATE

Spring is indeed upon us here at Phillips Academy. There are no surer signs of the season than the blossoming pinks and whites of the trees around Sam Phil and the sunbathers sprawled outside Bartlet. As of today, there are exactly fifty-nine days before graduation. Between now and then, the class of '98, as well as the rest of the school, has a term that promises to be eventful and busy in the classic Andover tradition.

The fun began early in the term with new boards selected to lead all the major student organizations. The Model United Nations Club has begun preparing for a conference for the students of Doherty Middle School, which will hopefully be held on campus sometime in May. The Philomathean Society plans to compete at Belmont Hill and Deerfield this Spring. WPAA kicked off its new season Monday with a slate of new shows, and the Phillipian editors are gearing up for the always monumental Commencement issue.

Late last week, a flurry of signs and signature solicitations signaled the beginning of this year's presidential campaign. Fourteen candidates submitted platforms with the requisite 400 signatures to Dickie's Desk last Monday. Yesterday, the first round of voting reduced the number of candidates to six. Still to come are the second round of preliminary voting, the WPAA debate, and the all-school meeting dedicated to campaign speeches and the final round of voting.

Spring brings with it many traditions, but none so reviled or apparently misunderstood as the infamous Senior Pro. Senior Probation is a "misnomer," according to Dean of Students Stephen Carter. Contrary to popular belief, probations do not appear on

once spotless records. In actuality, the often harsh realities of Senior Pro are due to time constraints. Standard probation lasts seven weeks; after the beginning of May, there are less than seven weeks before graduation. Because students "not in good standing" cannot graduate, seniors put on probation after May cannot graduate with their class nor receive their diploma at the customary time. Diplomas are usually mailed to these students sometime in the summer. A senior who receives a warning after May 1 may face the same treatment if their DC recommends it.

Students will have the opportunity to sample a variety of musical, theatrical, and intellectual events this Spring. Last Sunday, April 5, the Theater Department's term got under way with a production of *Equus* by Peter Shaffer. The play was directed by Julian Johnson-Monday and performed by the Cranleigh School of England. Tonight and tomorrow night, the Dance 40 winter term project, *Canyon, Rivers, and Stars*, choreographed by Midge Brecher and Judith Wombwell, will be performed. This spring's Theater 52 production will be William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, directed by Kevin Heelan, on Thursday, May 21 and Saturday, May 23. Bridging the world between theater and music will be *Club 12*, a Drama Lab-produced

rap-musical going up May 14-16.

Along with this and the usual full slate of concerts and student recitals, the PA Gospelfest and the Sojourner Truth Gala Concert will round out the musical calendar this Spring. The Sojourner Truth Gala Concert, which raises money for the Sojourner Truth Scholarship Fund, with performances by the Academy Gospel Choir, vocalist Todd Fletcher '87, and jazz singer Vivian Male Beard, is scheduled for the 25th of April. The Gospelfest, featuring the Academy Gospel Choir, the New England Gospel Ensemble, the "Praise" Ensemble of Boston, and the Boston Community Choir, will be presented on Saturday May 2.

The Academy will be visited by two distinguished speakers: Sara Rimer of *The New York Times* and Dr. Cornel West of Harvard University. Ms. Rimer, the first Kayden Visiting Fellow in Journalism, is the New England Bureau Chief for the *Times*. She will be discussing responsibility in the media, meeting with the Phillipian staff, and visiting classes. Dr. West, Professor of Religion and Afro-American Studies at Harvard and author of *Race Matters*, will deliver the Bernard G. Palitz Lecture, entitled "Restoring Hope."

In addition to intellectual pursuits,

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PA ADMISSIONS OFFICE SELECTS CLASS OF 2002

by Mary Ziegler
PHILLIPPIAN STAFF WRITER

Phillips Academy's reputation for selectivity appears more warranted than ever, as indicated by the profile of the class of 2002 given by Dean of Admissions, Jane Fried. The 1997-1998 academic year showed an increase in the number of applicants, a lower percentile of whom were admitted according to Mrs. Fried.

The number of preliminary applicants, 2,247, represents a 12% increase from last year's total applicant pool. In an admission process in which a 2% increase is considered good, the recorded 12% is exceptional. As a result of PA's downsizing efforts, of the 2,247 preliminary applicants, only 518 will be eligible to enroll. Day students, for whom only 60 places will be available, were particularly affected by the downsizing. Typically, 65% of the admitted students matriculate. PA's matriculation rate has climbed 5% over recent years to rank the highest among any of the schools with which it competes.

This year's admission board sought students who were "well-

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EDITORIAL

Discrimination and an Inappropriate Response from the Student Council

Last February, Head of School Barbara Landis Chase created the "Working Group on Domestic Partners in Dormitories." This eight-member faculty committee was assigned the task of engaging the faculty in a discussion about allowing same-sex couples to act as house counselors in dormitories. The committee proceeded to ask many of the school's faculty organizations for their opinions on the issue.

Also, a number of student groups were asked to discuss the topic. Among them was our student council, headed by President Jackie Bliss '98. After assessing the situation, the council concluded that it would be acceptable for same gender couples to live in dorms, but that they should only be allowed in upper-class residences, at least for the time being. Its reasoning, according to its platform on the issue, was a fear that a homosexual couple might make students in the dorm uncomfortable. In our opinion, this is an inappropriate conclusion.

The student council's position bows to those who would make sexual orientation a litmus test for house counselor competence. This reasoning is ludicrous! The qualification that same sex couples should only be allowed in upperclass dorms is absurd, and we believe that by publishing such a position, the council was acting irresponsibly.

Same gender couples should be allowed to live in dorms just like all other couples. To deny them this right is simply unjust. In a school which tries to promote awareness and diversity, discrimination against gay and lesbian house counselors and their partners stands out as an unenlightened policy in a progressive environment.

The Language Learning Center Is Watching You

Opinion

JON MARC IMBRESCIA

and the ability to use the software. Many times an administrator will bring up a list of programs, find the ones that don't seem language related (Netscape, Eudora, etc.) and watch that person for a few minutes. If the person is not doing anything language related he or she will come out from their room and say "Does that have anything to do with language?" If you answer no they will ask you to leave. The only way to know when they are watching you is two little eyes that pop up on the top of the screen. There is no other warning, no beep, nothing.

An Example: I take Chinese, and we have a set of videos that follow the story in our book. Brown University also produced a different set of videos using the same dialogue. One day I went to investigate whether or not these videos would be appropriate to add to the Chinese Video collection in the lab. I had seen a web site in the past that linked to these videos, so I opened Netscape and did an altavista search for them. Within seconds I noticed the little eyes on top of the screen. I already knew what they meant so I didn't bother to click on them. Instead

Leave WPAA Alone

Opinion

DREW CHIN

like or approve of all of the different types of music that are broadcasted from WPAA. Although we may find some music to be disagreeable or even offensive, we still must respect the fact that others are enjoying it. Our feeling may be reciprocated when they hear

"We listen to those shows that please our listening desires, and ignore the others that we don't like."

our music. We should all be able to express ourselves freely (within the moral guidelines, of course), without having to worry about being punished.

One reason why Phillips Academy is and will remain as a bastion for some of the greatest minds, is because people recognize that it is an institution that deems freedom for its students a necessity, providing an envi-

ronment in which they are able to flourish. Freedom yields not only responsibility and contentment, but success as well. The effects of such a system can be observed throughout the campus. The Phillipian is one of the most distinguished secondary school publications, and one reason may be because it is exclusively student-run. It reflects the true, candid, and sometimes intelligent voice of the students, something that may not be seen in other papers. With the exception of Mr. Lyons' weekly critique, there is no faculty influence. He recognizes and respects the journalistic abilities of the students, and awards them with unrestrained expressive freedom. Several times the Phillipian has been criticized, and yet nothing has changed. For the exception of some cautionary advice and criticism, nothing else results. The Phillipian has never been canceled because it was thought to be offensive. If people do not care for it, they choose not to read it.

Threatening to take radio shows off of the air compromises the integrity of our school; it conflicts with the ideals that our school is based upon, and may even raise questions of favoritism.

It is understood that everyone is entitled to an opinion, but in an increasingly polemical society, people must learn to be more tolerant.

The Internet: A Ruthless Bastion of Lawlessness

Opinion

NOAH KAYE

Though I came to Phillips Academy wholly ignorant of cyberspace and the information highway, I have encountered the Internet constantly and been either required or merely tempted to use it. The Internet's everywhere at PA. Remember the Fall of '96 when every student was supposedly required to get an e-mail address at the school? (I never got one.) Stroll in to the library and you'll find six gorgeous computers used for only one purpose: surfing the web. Open up to the school's home page and you'll find that every department, club, and computer nerd at PA boasts a web page complete with downloaded photo's to be viewed by Internet tourists around the world. All this Internet access and unfortunately I remained the prey of outlaws, or no-laws, in the unregulated Wild-West like Internet world.

My dorm, like all, has its share of kids with Internet access in their rooms. These are kids who make up stupid sign-on names for themselves on America Online and go into chat rooms about children's book illustrating typing obscenities in caps. They visit sports information websites and online music stores, and occasionally they make purchases. The payment might be for a single consumer product, or for a service of some kind, a passport for extended access. Often to delve deeper into an enticing sight, cash has to be dished out first. So a credit card comes out, the number is entered, and the entire dorm enjoys the new web-surfing power at a minor expense to one dormmate's parents. Or so the naive Internet-goer believes (Yes that's me, I'm the idiot who did this). Months later, he realizes when his parents get the bill that the online service clamped its teeth on that cred-

"I'm raring to FIGHT BACK."

it card number and continued billing long after the initial "trial period" is over and the website's address is long forgotten by the dormmates.

Where can a wronged Internet user go for help; who will avenge the injustice? I found a place on the Internet where advice and information are free, but regrettably, no hot tea and Girl Scout Cookies.

This place is the Internet Advocacy Center (www.consumers.com). "We're here to help you become effective consumer advocates...or better yet, help you FIGHT BACK by becoming a 'Grass Roots Advocate,'" the screen reads when you arrive. I don't know about that Grass Roots stuff, but I'm raring to FIGHT BACK. The site is maintained by the California Alliance for Consumer Protection and for all I know could be a fraud. Hey, you never know what some villainous computer geeks will do for a few bucks. But if you trust these guys, and have been wronged on the Internet, find your way to the Cyber-Cop Precinct. This isn't a place for fat guys eating donuts, but it is "a place for consumers to gripe about their bad experiences, vent their frustrations, or just report suspicious online activity." This vigilante database gathers electronically transferred complaints and passes them on to law enforcement agencies, government agencies, and consumer protection agencies who, "develop the appropriate response mechanisms." How much firepower these cyber-cops have in their arsenal, I don't know. These are the sheriff's citizen deputies of the Old West, people with nothing better to do but try to protect others from an evil too great to be kept at bay. Don't count on them to back you up, learn about the Internet on your own, read everything before, even considering typing in a credit card number, and if you're wronged don't come to me because I know absolutely nothing about the Internet.

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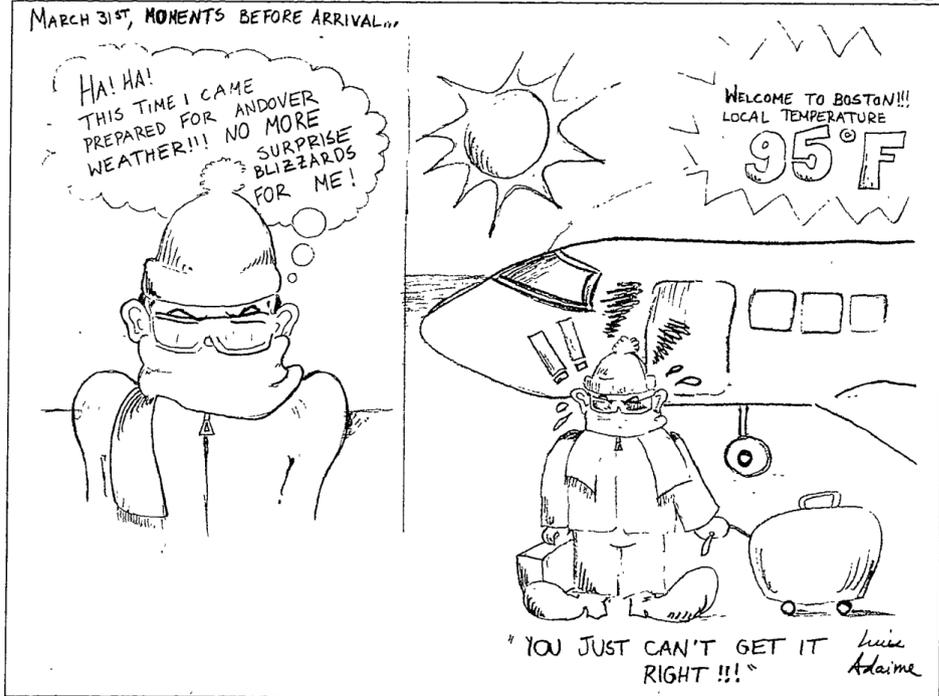
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Do We Really Need Art 10?

Opinion

MAX DAY

Last term, I took art 10, and I now view the class as the most useless class I have ever taken. To start things off on an interesting note, we learned about "the line", "THE LINE." Needless to say, I was quickly engrossed in the study of this beautiful concept. Using our understanding of "the line," we were instructed to draw pictures using only lines, no smudging, shading, or identifiable imagery. The following day we presented our pieces to the class. As the first person began to present his creation I had to bite my tongue to keep from laughing. The picture he held up closely resembled some of the art work my three year old brother produced. It was a piece of lined paper with light pencil etching that vaguely resembled a 3-D box. It was all I could do to contain myself as student after student lifted their paper

to reveal a piece of artwork that could not have taken longer than 5 minutes, and regrettably I must say mine was not much better.

After the section on "the line" was over we switched our focus to garbage, or "collages" as we called them. The entire point was to collect bits of newspaper, string, cardboard, and any other trash we could find throughout the day and to slap it on a piece of paper in a way so that it represented our life. These pieces of junk are on display right now if you want to see them.

After those great collages we made photo paper develop by exposing it to the light. Boy that was a blast! The paper turned black before my very own eyes and I found if a put stuff on

top of the paper it kept the paper white. Unfortunately I had found this out earlier when I opened my camera up before the film got done rewinding...

For our final project we did a little cut and paste, which is always a handy skill when I feel like sending death threats to people. It involved taking a large photo, in black and white of trees, and then cutting it up. Using the pieces, we meticulously crafted a panoramic photo thingy over the course of three days. I made a gray lizard, it was "purdy."

I guess I can't complain that much because my teacher did give me a 6, and the class was a pleasant break from the pressure of other classes, but why do I have to take this joke class if I want to take my art to a higher level? And I'm expecting a call from the art department to tell me exactly that, tomorrow.

Letters to The Editor

To the Editor:

I write in response to the various signs posted around campus advertising a rally for *The Phillipian* this past Tuesday. One sign in particular listed the colleges which three higher members of the board will attend, myself included. Next to this list was the question, "Do you recognize a trend?" implying that high members of any Phillipian board will by tradition matriculate to good schools.

Though I am indeed pleased with the way the college admissions process has worked for me, as I am sure my two colleagues are, I am appalled by this form of solicitation of future Phillipian writers or editors.

Working on *The Phillipian*, especially as an editor, is a great waste of time if done solely for college admissions purposes. One learns that *The Phillipian* is more than your average club or student organization. It is for most involved, a way of life that consumes one's time, most likely lowers one's GPA, and puts excessive strain on one's schedule. To spend that much time and to exhaust that much effort in hopes of receiving more big envelopes is a travesty.

Taking into consideration this advertisement, the implication is that college acceptance was a chief consideration for these new members of *The Phillipian* board, that they "recognized the trend" themselves. If this is so, I question our board's choices of successors. This is not to say every or even any current board member consciously thought about these implications, or works for the publication to "get in" to

a better university. But if true, our own board's hard work and dedication in seeing the newspaper go to print are cheapened, and *The Phillipian* itself loses some of its integrity.

My deepest worry, however, is that any juniors or lowers who saw this sign will really consider working for *The Phillipian* only to beef up their extracurricular portfolios. At a time when college admissions are becoming increasingly a part of high school life, and at a school where the college process is always asked and thought about, *The Phillipian*, cannot become a vehicle entirely geared toward college acceptance. It is too important and offers too enjoyable an experience to fall to that level.

Second, the arrogance which exudes from the signs could not come at a worse time. All seniors have been affected by the college admissions process. For those who were not accepted to the school of their choice, the signs touched a very sore spot. One should not be reminded about a rejection letter, especially not by a sign for a Phillipian rally displaying three students' successes.

The new board should have thought through its actions before posting such an inconsiderate and obnoxious advertisement. I respect the 1998-99 board and its talents and accomplishments a great deal, but it must consider the implications of its actions and learn from its mistake.

Chris Lee '98
Phillipian Managing Editor, 97-98

GOLF

The golf team lost to Exeter on Wednesday despite the excellent play of captain Ned Yetten '98. Yetten is likely headed to Stanford, the best collegiate golf program in the country.

The PHILLIPIAN

SPORTS

PLAYERS TO WATCH

This week The Phillipian takes special notice of six senior lacrosse players. Heather Gotha, Annie Morns, Erin Dougherty, Ben Park, Dave Wing, and Kyle O'Brien.

Baseball Looks Strong, Sets High Hopes

by Charlie B. Finch III
SENIOR PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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With a mix of fresh faces and returning leaders, this year's baseball team will be an exciting one to watch. The team's strengths lie in its reliable infield and its power hitting, but returning third baseman and designated hitter Mike Turner '00 expects the team to be well-rounded. "The players joining the squad this year have stepped up and filled the positions that were weak last year, and those which were vacated by retiring seniors. The best thing about this year's team is that we have no glaring holes in the field or in our lineup."

Pitching, always the biggest question mark on a high school team, has improved since last year. While the pitchers last year threw hard, they had control problems and, according to returning catcher Brett Farson '99, "Also had problems changing speeds effectively." Newcomers Marc Hordon '00 and Post-graduate Mark Mahoney bolster a staff that returns Seniors Chris Meserole and Brian Heighington and upper Matt Palmer.

Perhaps the greatest asset the '98 team has is its fielding up the middle. Farson dons the pads as a fixture in the starting lineup for the first time, but is confident that he can handle the chores behind the plate. Though his arm was not tested in the first two scrimmages, he proved that he could ably field wild balls and pitches in the dirt. The double-play duo of Kevin Grant '98 and Mahoney seems quick and sure. Grant in particular promises to be a standout in the field—with a remarkable range and a solid throwing arm, he will sweep the entire left-side of the infield. Grant and Mahoney also wield big bats—Mahoney is a hitter in the power mold, while Grant should hit for a high average.

Behind Mahoney and Grant, centerfielder Ryan Sax '98 has a great arm but questionable range. It is as a hitter that Sax should be most valuable to the Blue; from the leadoff position, Sax is the first prototypical run producer Andover has had in the past five years. His speed and baserunning skills will put him in scoring position for the third and fourth hitters, and in the early-season scrimmages he has already distracted pitchers with his presence on the basepaths.

Rounding out the infield, Heighington will hold down the responsibilities at third, while Shane Waldron '98 will provide a large target at first.

Though Waldron's speed and range are untested, his sure-handedness allows him to recover most of the balls hit his way. Heighington's strong arm makes him an excellent third baseman. Although both Heighington and Waldron will bat late in the order, expect both of these power hitters to clean up in the RBI department.

The outfield will shoulder most of the hitting responsibilities in the lineup. Along with Sax, leftfielder Dent and rightfielder Hordon will hit from the middle of the batting order, and will be expected to add the dimension of power to Andover's offensive arsenal. Dent returns for his third year on the team as captain, coming off of a season in which he hit above four hundred and was named a regional all-star by the Boston Globe. Farson commented, "As an offensive weapon, Tony was a huge help on last year's team. As a leader he becomes our most valuable player."

The most interesting part of the team to watch will be the pitching. It will also be the most worrisome for Coach Cline; though the team has at least five good arms in potential starting roles, only Heighington and Palmer have a lot of experience in the league. Also, Hordon, who is expected to step into the one slot in the rotation, has had some control problems. In addition to this, the speed of his pitches is not tempered by a lot of motion or curve. Coaches will work with him to improve his change-up and his slider throughout the season, but expect him to hit his stride only about a quarter of the way through the spring. Mahoney, the team's second starter, has good control and a variety of pitches, and should anchor the rotation with a solid outing every time he heads to the mound. The third and fourth spots in the rotation are up for grabs, with the returners as well as newcomer Davis Thurber '00 vying for time on the hill. Those who don't start will shore up the bullpen, which may also include third baseman Turner.

Meserole and Turner will also fill any infield spots opened up when Mahoney or Heighington pitches, and both will add to the lineup solid hitting and smart baserunning. When Palmer's not pitching he can also shore up any holes in the infield.

In the two scrimmages that began the boys' season, Andover drubbed both of its opponents. In an 12-1 victory over the all PG school Bridgton, the Blue dominated all facets of the game. If the team's pitching develops and several role players step up throughout the season, the boys could be in for one of the best seasons in school history.

North Andover

In its first real game of the season,



The baseball team got the bats going early against North Andover. Mike Turner '00, shown above, swings fiercely at a North Andover offering.

Photo/L Hoopes

the Andover boys' varsity baseball team came out swinging. Ultimately crossing the plate twelve times, the Blue leapt ahead of North Reading in the first two innings on the strength of a triple by Post-graduate centerfielder Ryan Sax and an RBI by Brian Heighington '98. Starting Pitcher Mark Mahoney '98, though he began the game with some control problems, settled into a groove and held North Reading scoreless for four consecutive innings.

In the fourth inning, with PA ahead by four runs, Brett Farson '98 blew the game open when he drove Mahoney and Tony Dent '98 in on a single through the right side of the infield. Farson, who was 1-2 with two walks and had a solid showing behind the

plate, said that, "the momentum really shifted when Mahoney started to pitch well and we started to hit, around the third or fourth inning." Indeed, after the bug fourth inning Andover began to cruise, putting up a run or two each frame and settling behind Mahoney. Hard-throwing Matt Palmer '99 entered the game in relief in the sixth inning, handling North Reading's batsmen with relative ease.

The Blue win came despite the fact that Shane Waldron '98, Mike Turner '00, and Marc Hordon '00 all sat the game out with tired arms. All three should be ready for the boys' next outing against Wilbraham and Monson Saturday, a game in which fans may see Hordon's strong but erratic arm for the first time.

Baseball Standouts

Tony Dent '98

This season Tony Dent returns as the captain of what looks to be an excellent baseball team. With his leadership, the boys look to improve upon last year's mediocre season and possibly win yet another New England Championship. Last season Tony led the team in batting average, while also displaying solid defense in the field. He is an all around player who can hit both for power and average, and who is known for his speed and agility in left field. Already this year, Tony has asserted his presence on the field. The Princeton bound senior has "high expectations for this season" because their team is "full of talent. With solid pitching and great defense, we have the potential to win a championship if we can swing the bat well."

Kevin Grant '98

With his superb defense and sweet hitting stroke Kevin has the potential to become one of the most talented players in recent Andover baseball history. Last year, he starred on the Nipmuc Regional High School baseball team in central Massachusetts. With great footwork, soft hands, and good baseball instincts, the Amherst bound senior stands out at shortstop solidifying the team's defense. His quickness and agility not only make him a great baserunner, but also allow him to make sparkling defensive plays. At the plate Kevin is a superb contact hitter and will look to get on base and set the table for the middle of Andover's powerful lineup.

Mark Mahoney '98

Andover is thankful for the valuable addition of pitcher Mark Mahoney who brings superb talent to the mound for the Blue. Last year, he was a stand out at Newton North High School winning both the Newton Tribune and City of Newton Player of the Year Awards. He is by far one of the better pitchers that Andover has seen in past years. Mark throws three pitches, a fastball, curveball and a split-finger change-up, and with his accuracy, speed and variety of pitches, he is able to baffle batters. The Trinity bound senior says that Andover "has all the individual talent in the world. If we can come together as a team, we will succeed and hopefully win a New England Championship." Mark believes that they have an "excellent starting nucleus and a solid core of bench players." He will accept nothing less than a championship to cap his high school career.

1998 Baseball Team Roster

- Geoff Bough
- Tony Dent
- Steve Dietz
- Brett Farson
- Ryan Gallagher
- Kevin Grant
- Brian Heighington
- Marc Hordon
- Mark Mahoney
- Chris Meserole
- Mark Ottariano
- Matt Palmer
- Ryan Sax
- Davis Thurber
- Mike Turner
- Shane Waldron

Boys' Tennis Opens the Season With a Convincing Victory Over Tufts JV, 9-0

by Dominique Hendelman & Rowan Riley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

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BOYS' TENNIS

On a sultry warm Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, the boys varsity tennis team is working hard against the Tufts JV team; yet the stands are empty except for two devoted fans. Despite lack of attendance, the boys in blue squashed Tufts JV team by the score of 9-0.

The team was headed by this year's number one player Andrew Merle '00, who played exceptionally well, and was quoted as saying, "I am confident that I can help the team. I think the strength of our team is the consistency in our line up." His skills have rapidly improved since last year when he was ranked number five.

Although weakened, playing without Peter Christodoulo '98, who was not playing due to a severe case of allergies, Andover still came out on top winning almost all their games in

straight sets.

The Tufts match on Wednesday was the second of this season. Over the weekend the men faced a grueling three day tournament at Kingswood-Oxford. In total, 8 schools were there to compete; among them were Deerfield and Choate, who have been the teams toughest competitors in the past. The team came out of this three day extravaganza looking good. Piercarlo Valdesola '99 won the four brackets, and Merle served and volleyed his way into the semifinals. Christodoulo made it to the finals where he faced a tough match, losing in three sets. The team played its best despite the fact that at one point the games had to be played in the snow.

So far the team has played solid tennis, and its performance at the Kingswood-Oxford has given them a hopeful outlook for the rest of the season. As Pete Christadoulo said, "we had a good start at the Kingswood Oxford, and we look forward to a good season." Looking at these strapping young tennis teens, there seems to be but one component missing to their game and that is the fans. So if your looking for some unbridled fun, come see the boys play in the sun.

'98 Girls' Tennis Team Aspires to Improve on Last Year's Third Place Finish

by Alex Mantel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



GIRLS' TENNIS

As the new season begins, the girls' tennis team will need significant help from its experienced players in order to be successful. With the loss of last year's captain Emily Wegner, Tiffany Horne '99, Kristin Moon '98, and Jen Shingleton '98, this young team needs leadership from its returning players, Roopali Agarwal '99, Amy Teleron '99, and Carolyn Grace '99, as well as from its new head coach, Leon Holley.

Last season was an admirable one for the girls, with a win against Exeter, and a third place finish at Interschols highlighting the season. The team finished with an overall record of 7-3 in what last year's coach Debby Murphy called, "a successful season." Wegner, the senior captain, led her team to some incredible wins. What was just as important as winning, though, was the experience that the younger players, Teleron, Agarwal, and Grace

gained as the season wore on. The team had some bumps in its seemingly smooth season, marked by two somewhat embarrassing losses against Choate, and a tough loss to Exeter.

The squad will need new players such as Robin Lee '98, and Anita Kumar '99 to step up big if they are going to avenge some of last year's losses. Amy Teleron seemed optimistic about the new team, saying, "We'll have some tough games this year, but I think we'll be able to come out on top in most of them."

It looks as though Agarwal and Teleron will battle it out for the number one spot this season, along with a cast of quite a few possible outstanding dark horses. Things are looking up for the girl's team this year and hopefully Mr. Holley will help them to rediscover their love for the game. If the younger players begin to mature as expected, then topping last year's third place finish at Interschols will become a reality. The girls will be tested next Wednesday when they face a tough St. Paul's team in Andover.

ALSO THIS WEEK

Girls' Lacrosse

Led by strong seniors, the girls' lacrosse team will utilize its talent and experience to compete for a New England Championship again this spring. -p. 4

Amherst-Bates Lax Game at Andover

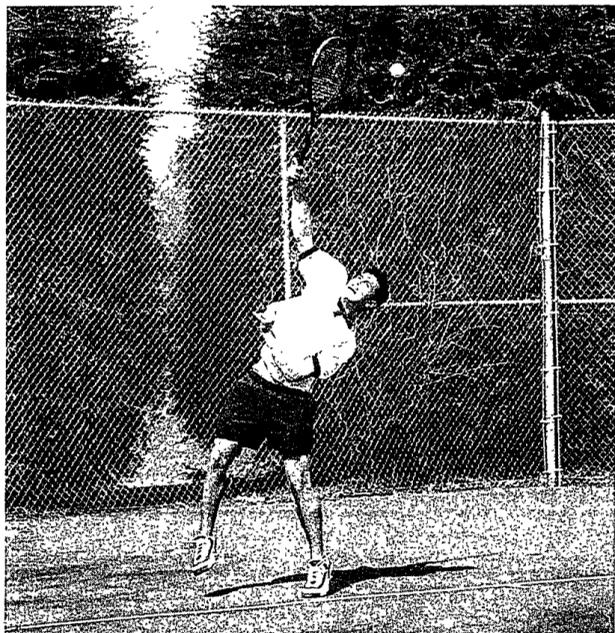
This past Sunday Amherst and Bates faced-off in a NCAA Division III lacrosse game. Andover hosted the game, in which Amherst defeated Bates by a score of 11-5. Many visiting spectators came to our campus to watch the competition. -p. 5



Photo/R. Magnus

Girls' Track

Post-graduate speedster Jocelyn Isenburg, who dominated the short distance events in the winter, looks to help the girls' track team again this spring. -p. 5



Drew Merrill, executing an overhead smash, jumped from the fifth seed last year to the one seed.

Photo/R. Magnus

Girls' Lax Looks to Continue Excellence

by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE



For quite a while now, the varsity girl's lacrosse team has enjoyed a string of extremely successful seasons. Last year's squad, which finished at an impressive 13-2, also won the team's fifth straight A.I.S.G.A. (Association of Independent Schools in Girls' Athletics) championship.

A recent national ranking and a multitude of Andover graduates playing on top Division I and Division III teams also attest to the obvious quality of the Andover program.

Under the superb tutelage of USA Under-19 coach (and Andover head coach) Kathy Henderson, the team has consistently finished at the top of the New England standings, and this year's squad should be no exception. Despite the losses of such athletic giants as All-American Mary Barenfeld '97 and Steph Hunter '97 (both of whom are currently competing at the Division I level), the Blue returns with a strong core of players from last year's squad who will be expected to step up into new leadership positions.

Leading the Blue this year is Whitney Grace '98, who will be playing her third year on the squad. Grace's speed and keen shooting make her a threat in both the defensive and offensive zones. For this reason, she has become a fixture of the Blue's talented midfield.

Besides Grace, a number of other seniors will bring their skill and experience to the midfield. Heather Gotha '98, a true athletic star if there ever was one, returns after earning Honorable Mention All-America honors last season. Along with Erin Dougherty '98 (who also makes her third appearance on varsity) at attack wing, Gotha will probably be one of the leading scorers for the Blue.

A valuable addition to the midfield is postgraduate Annie Morris '98, a defensive wing with great speed who will be taking her talents to the elite lacrosse program at the University of Maryland next year. Rounding out the list of returning seniors are Helen Struck '98 and Jackie Bliss '98. These two line defenders will be heavily relied upon this season in front of the Blue net, which will be tended by goalies Chace Wessling '99 and Fahreen Sunderji '99. Two returning uppers, Tysie Sawyer '99 and Rachel Burnes '99, are expected to use their terrific speed and stickhandling skills at the defensive midfield positions. Kate Macmillan '00 returns to the team as a line attacker, adding to the Blue's potent offense.

Besides these nine returners, nine new members join this year's squad. An unprecedented eight of these nine are lower, which bodes well for teams to come in the next few years. Two players making the jump from JV to the starting lineup are Anna Valeo '00 and Ashley Harmeling '00. They will have an immediate impact upon the



In recent years, girls' lax has been PA's dominant sport. Erin Dougherty will help keep it that way. Photo / R. Magnus

Blue's attack. Hilary Fitzpatrick '00 and Sarah Cote '00 have also cracked the starting lineup. They will shoulder the task of filling the huge defensive gap left open by the three starting line defensemen who graduated last year.

Another valued addition to the Blue's defense is Christine Anneberg '00, a new lower who was an all-state player in Colorado. Not only is Anneberg a terrific defenseman, but she also has a knack for accurate passing and shooting.

Two other sharpshooters making their varsity debut are Genevieve Bahrenburg '00 and Susannah Richardson '00. Both of these players possess tremendous speed, giving them an effective edge at the midfield. Another lower who joins the team this year is Meghan Hayes '00. A line attacker, Hayes has a talent for utilizing her height and excellent ball-placement to her advantage. She will pose as a sure threat to any goaltender.

The final addition to the team this year is Emily Tompkins '99. An upper, this is only her second year playing the sport, yet her superb athleticism has helped her rapidly improve her stickhandling skills. This, in combination with her speed, makes her excellent at both the midfield and defense.

Although the team lost its first scrimmage to Middlesex in a tight 9-10 battle last Saturday, it returned in top form to defeat St. Mark's 14-7 on Wednesday. The Blue was particularly strong on offense, as a number of players scored multiple goals, and both goalies turned out great performances.

Tomorrow the team will travel to Kimball Union, one of its tougher opponents. Although it is very early in the season, the team has the potential to be one bound for greatness, and as the season progresses, hopefully this talented group of athletes will be able to coalesce into one invincible unit.

1998 Girls' Lacrosse Team Roster

Christine Annenberg
Genevieve Bahrenburg
Jackie Bliss
Rachael Burnes
Sarah Cote
Erin Dougherty
Hillary Fitzpatrick
Heather Gotha
Whitney Grace
Ashley Harmeling
Meaghan Hayes
Kate Macmillan
Annie Morris
Susannah Richardson
Tysie Sawyer
Helen Struck
Fahreen Sunderji
Emily Tompkins
Anna Valeo
Chace Wessling

With a solid core of rowers, Girls' Crew Begins Season Tomorrow, Hosting Kent

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders and Annie Lux
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



With only three returners from last year's first boat, and five returners from the second boat, Andover looks to the race this weekend against Kent as an indication of its ability to meet the challenges ahead. The girls crew team had a record-breaking turnout of over 60 girls and one dog to row this Spring, and many whom had already proved themselves to be capable athletes in instructional crew in the fall, and crew basics this winter.

Though the boat lineups change frequently throughout the season, Coach Lucier has decided on strong first and second boats for the race against one of Andover's biggest crew rivals, Kent. Stroking for G-1 this Saturday is Jessica Schoen '99 who is starting her third consecutive year on the Varsity team. In order behind her is Annie Lux '98, Morgan Madera '99, Claire Coffey '99, Sarah Hendricks '98, Emma Soichet '98, Caroline Pollak '98, and Mellissa Sullivan '98 in the bow. Lux, Coffey, and Schoen were all on G1 last year, and the rest have made the transition from G2. Katie Smith, captain of the girls crew team this year and first boat coxswain commented, "Kent will be a tough school to beat, but I have confidence in our rowers, and if we pull hard, and work together, I really think

we can win."

On Saturday, the team's G2 boat will be stroked by Sara Lepore '99, followed by Biz Ghomley '00, Emily Thornton '01, Liz Glenn '99, Liberty Howell '98, Emily Carter '00, Kate Larsen '00, and Morgan Swett '00 in the bow. Though the squad has not yet made a decision on this year's second boat coxswain, Lily Greenfield-Sanders will be taking the job this week.

Coach Lucier and her assistant coach, Charlie Wray, look forward to this season with high hopes. They think that the team has already made a lot of progress so far on the water, and have hope that the more inexperienced rowers will learn quickly. The squad's first race is one of the most important races to Lucier, as she came to Andover a few years back from a teaching and coaching position at The Kent School. This Saturday she will be coaching up against her former head coach. Andover intends to keep up with, and hopefully beat a team that holds two weeks of pre-season training in Florida to its advantage.

As far as the season goes, it is anyone's guess. But the seniors all hope that their last year on the team will produce a New England Championship, something Andover has not achieved for three years. The season is still young, and as soon as the boats are set, and the girls get back into the swing of things, they are confident that they will slide quickly towards a strong finish.

Boys' Track Hopes for a Record-Setting Season

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Led by a core of returners and a talented group of newcomers, the boys' track team hopes to build on last year's second place finish at Interschols. The team will have its first meet this Saturday when it runs against Deerfield and Taft at Deerfield. Team captain's Nnamdi Okike '98 and Hannah Cole '98 have optimistic thoughts on the upcoming season. With last year's success more pressure surely will come for the boys, but with the talent on this year's team a New England Championship is definitely within reach.

Under the leadership of John Friedman '98, who set the Andover indoor two mile record just a month and a half ago in New York City and placed sixth in the Nationals in the same event, the long-distance runners appear to be the strength of this year's team. Uppers Collin Dineen '99 and Andy Hsu '99 will lead the packs in the 800m and 3KM respectively. Both of these three season runners have just begun to show their strong potential

for breaking the long standing records that will face them. Ben Phillips '01, after a great indoor season, is fully expected to break the 1500m freshman record and hopes that he will be able to produce the same quality running in the 3K event.

The sprinters are led by 400m runner Okike and new PG Beau Williams '98. Last year Nnamdi ran a 51 second 400m and is looking for the chance to break the school record that was set by Mario Watts '94. In the past Williams has run sub-49 second 400's and will face minimal competition this season. Together, Okike, Williams, Maletz '98, and Dineen are hoping to break the 4 by 400 m Andover-Exeter record this season.

Field events will undoubtedly be strong as well this season as the jumpers make their adjustments in the early season. Okike is heading into his 4th year of triple, and long jumping. Pole-vaulter Kurt Spring '98 is happy about his performances thus far and will be vying for his spot in the top tier of New England.

With their depth in both track and field events, the team hopes to fulfill their expectations of a New England Championship.

Combining a Great Core of Returners with Some Talented Newcomers, the Boys' Lacrosse Team Expects to Achieve Much Success in its 1998 Season

by Dapo Babatunde
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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With twelve returning players and a host of new talent, the varsity boy's lacrosse team is looking forward to a great season. Coach

Mike McCleery, reunited with assistant coach Chuck Richardson, proudly says "this team is far better at every position than last year's team." The two coaches have worked together in previous years for the boy's JV lacrosse team.

After a tough pre-season that resembled "a re-enactment of 'Braveheart'" because of the great effort put in by the players, the team was cut down to twenty four talented athletes. Twelve of them are returning, including Captain Kyle O'Brien '98, Ethan Brody '98, Doug Hsu '98, Chris Lee '98, Ben Park '98, John Tarantino '98, Dave Wing '98, J.P. Chisholm '99, Brendan Hiley '99, Alex More '99, Peter Salisbury '99, Jimmy Smithwick '99, and John Synex '00.

Along with the returning members are twelve newcomers to the team, including the talents of Postgraduates Rob Crisafulli and Charlie Rich. The team is hoping that the leadership and skill of its experienced players will enhance the performances of other mid-fielders.

Other newcomers include Chris Orbon '98, Mike Napartstek '98, Pete Weddle '98, Dan Moger '99, Fred Flather '99, Fletcher Boyle '99, Brice Crawford '99, all of whom advanced from playing JV lacrosse. Ethan Liebermann '00, new to the Andover lacrosse scene, will contribute to the team's already strong defense. Team

managers Charlene Sadberry '99 and Richelle Lane '99 are expected to add both enthusiasm and spirit as the season progresses.

The Big Blue is led by captain O'Brien, who was all-New England last year. Andover lacrosse fans will notice in future games that O'Brien has moved to the mid-field in an effort to strengthen the offense and produce more scoring opportunities. Joining O'Brien are team veterans Wing, Hsu, Salisbury, and Synex, as well as the newcomers Weddle, Flathers and Boyle. The team's great depth in their mid-field gives the offensive players an opportunity to move the ball along smoothly until the appearance of a scoring opportunity.

Anchoring the Andover attackmen are Wing, Brody, Lee and Hiley, who with new talent, Moger, hope for the capture of multiple goals this season. If the great communication that this elite group of experienced attackmen has shown during pre-season is any indication, the team should have few problems maneuvering themselves out of future complicated situations on the field.

The defense, with three of its five players returning, appears to be particularly strong. With Chism, Smithwick and Tarantino already teaching Brice and Liebermann the tricks of the trade, the defense might very well be the power house of the team which spells good news for the two goalies, Park and Moore.

This past Saturday, Park and Moore were put to the test as Andover lost 12 to 13 in their clash with Nashua. Park and Moore played a great game, having blocked a high percentage of the shots.

The main problem besetting them team on Saturday was a continual breakdown in the mid-field that in turn caused confusion among the defense. After the first game ended 4-9, the Big

Blue came onto the field determined to regain control. They did just that, outscoring Nashua 8-4.

Coach McCleery called the scrimmage a "good pre-season performance" but remarked that the team "revealed areas of weakness and underscored [its] many strengths." He added, "We played a great second half and that momentum should carry over into Wednesday's opener against rival NMH." The Big Blue has lost for the past three years and anticipate a tough game this Wednesday.

NMH

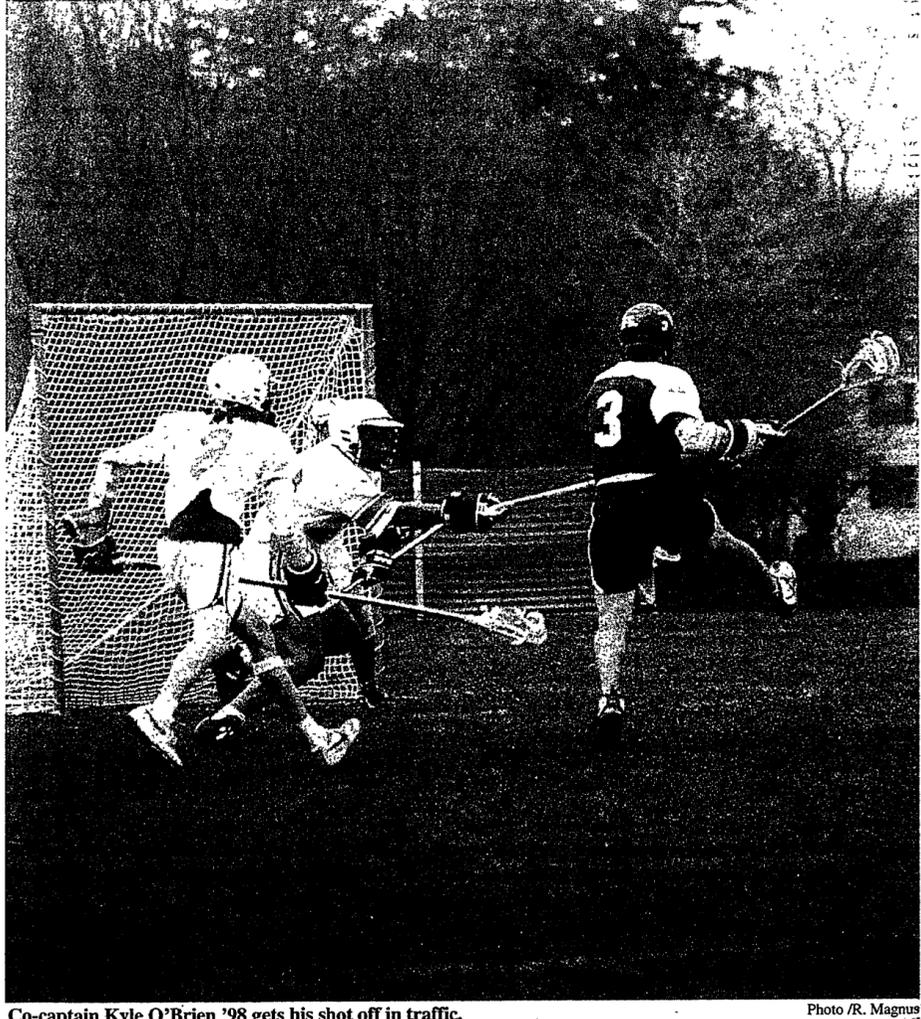
The boy's varsity lacrosse team triumphed over NMH for the season's opener. Andover showed that they were ready to compete with the best in New England by handily defeating NMH.

The game started with PG Rob Cristafulli winning the face off and controlling the midfield from early on. Dave Wing '98 scored the Blue's first goal, assisted by captain Kyle O'Brien '98. Wing went on to add three more goals and two assists.

Five minutes into the first half, O'Brien passed the ball to Peter Salisbury '99 as he ran in front crease and one timed it for the Blue's second goal. Although NMH's talented attackmen put constant pressure on the Andover goal, the skill of defenders J.P. Chism '99, Jimmy Smithwick '99 and Brice Crawford '98 thoroughly overwhelmed them.

After the first half, Andover had a commanding 6-3 lead. The Blue continued their domination in the second half and were able to add three more goals. The game ended with a 9-4 Andover victory.

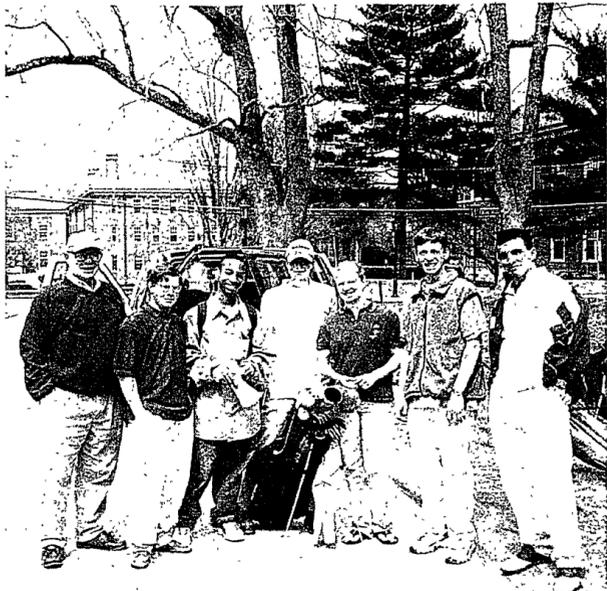
On Saturday, the boys will confront a high school team from Albany, NY, which is credited with being a power-house of prep-school lacrosse.



Co-captain Kyle O'Brien '98 gets his shot off in traffic. Photo / R. Magnus

Despite a Rough Start, Golf Team Looks Ahead to Promising Season

by Ben Goldhirsh & Noah Orenstein
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



The varsity golf team: Nat Smith (coach), Jimbo Shea, Elise Schaar, Ned Yetten (captain), Ben Goldhirsh, Noah Orenstein, and Veronique Prado-Lacoste. Photo / D. Magnus

Thirty five mile per hour winds blew in the west at Kittanset Country Club. It was a frigid day, one not meant for golfers, but only a group of rugged individuals known as the Andover golf team braved the tempest. Long underwear, ski caps, and mittens were the proper attire as the toughest team on campus took to the course. With water surrounding almost every hole, the day promised to be challenging. Yet under the inspirational coaching of Nat Smith, the team seemed destined to win. Unfortunately we didn't. Tabor, playing on their home course, managed to squeak out a 7-5 victory.

At number one, the biggest player on campus, Ned Yetten had no trouble coming in with the W; shooting five strokes better than his opponent with a 36 on the front nine. Number two Brian Faulk, used to playing at comfortable Indian Ridge, was unable to pull out a clutch play needed to beat his opponent in these tough conditions. At number three, the newcomer, the "red headed legend" Noah Orenstein played great, unfortunately his opponent cheated his way to victory. Playing at four Jimbo "King of All Media" Shea got the job done. He didn't play at the top of his game, knowing full well that his opponent was a chump that could be beaten without any real effort on his own part. Next in line was Ben Goldhirsh, who, although being an exemplary citizen in the P.A. community and a great candidate for school president, lost. Later he commented "I think I could have won, but I was too busy trying to figure out how to solve all of the school's problems." The steady Elisa Schaar dominated the match but didn't win and the "kid" Jeremiah, in his high school golf debut pulled out a victory. With the match score tied it came down to the final man, Sean "the Big G" Gormley. Suffice it to say, Gormley was not the man we needed at that point. The team suffered its first loss on that fateful Saturday, but the losing was sure not to last. The only minor victory for the time came when Ned played a scatch ticket at Burger King and netted himself two

dollars, plus the money gained from the winning ticket he stole from Faulk. It was the day before the "big" match against Governor Dummer Academy and Exeter, and the Andover Golf Team was still unsure as to where they would be playing. They figured that if they took the teams to their home course "the view" in Reading with water logged fairways, rock hard sand traps, and chewed up greens, they would have a decisive advantage. However Nat Smith, the team's leader, bargained with the owners of the local private course Indian Ridge, to give the other teams a chance. Wednesday rolled around and the teams met at the renowned Indian Ridge Country Club ready to battle it out. Andover, having lost severely to Exeter in the previous two years, teed up on the first hole ready to prove their true capabilities. The team, led by their first three players Ned Yetten, Brian Faulk, and Noah Orenstein shot 75, 79, and 80 respectively. After the first three players the team led by twenty-five strokes over the others. Then

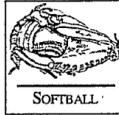
came the rest of the players. Jimbo Shea crushed his GDA opponent, but his scorecard was lost in the process, however his opponent did comment on his playing ability. "I have never seen such a perfect swing. I was blinded by its brilliance; it was like looking directly at the sun." Ben Goldhirsh tried hard but was unable to compete against the strong Exeter opponent. Things didn't go much better for Elisa Schaar or Veronica "the Alligator" Prado-Lacoste. On the bright side the team absolutely pummeled GDA who scored a combined team score of 521 points to Andover's superior 423. There was no competition here. On the flip side it was a battle to the end against Exeter. Andover lost by a combined total of nine strokes. This is the first of a two round match against Exeter which Andover anticipates to win in the end. The teams record at this point in the year stands at 1-1 and looks forward to many promising wins in the future.

ATHLETIC SLATE

Friday, April 10	Noble High	3:30
GV Softball	MIT	4:30
BV Tennis		
Saturday, April 11	Kent	2:00
BV Crew	Kent	2:00
GV Crew	Holderness	3:00
V Golf	NMH	1:00
BV Tennis		
Wednesday, April 15	Albany Academy	2:00
BV Lacrosse	Bridgton Academy	4:00
BV Lacrosse	NMH	3:15
GV Lacrosse		

Solid Exhibition Play Indicates That Girls' Softball Team is Ready to Take on Deerfield and Exeter

by Lisa Shaughnessy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



SOFTBALL

Forty girls took to Isham field last Wednesday to begin what looks to be a promising season for the varsity softball team. A week and a half later, less than half remain, as coaches Peter Drench and Margaret Harrigan worked to field a competitive team. The team has looked good so far in exhibition and looks forward to beginning regular season play.

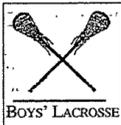
The team, led by captains Rachel Bain '98 and Liz Siliato '98, consists

of several strong returning players as well as many talented newcomers. Even though the regular season does not begin until today, the team has already scrimmaged five schools. Saturday's four scrimmages gave the team a chance to show its talent and stamina. Coaches Drench and Harrigan came out of the day enthusiastic for the fast approaching season. The team traveled to Lowell on Wednesday to play yet another exhibition game and ended up playing ten innings. Erica Hubbard '01 started the game on the mound for Andover and had a strong outing allowing no runs in the first five innings. Sarah Shannon '98, Andrea Campbell '99 and Lisa Shaughnessy '98 also pitched in the game to get

some pre-season practice in before Friday. Bain caught a good game and prevented the other team from stealing with her strong throwing arm. There were many other strong performances by Andover despite the fact that many of its players were trying out in positions they were not accustomed to playing. Although it is early in the season, the team fielded cleanly, committing only a few errors, and connected for some good hits against the strong Lowell High team that had two experienced pitchers.

This weeks games have given the team a good basis to work from for the coming weeks. With a full schedule ahead, including Deerfield and rival Exeter.

Lacrosse All-Star Hopefuls



BOYS' LACROSSE

Coming off of last year's mediocre season, the boys' varsity lacrosse team will rely heavily on its senior leadership as it enters the new season, hoping to improve upon last year. This Spring, the lacrosse team, under the tutelage of Head Coach McCleery and Assistant Coach Richardson, will look to three main players for big performances, consistency and general team leadership, Ben Park '98, Dave Wing '98, and Kyle O'Brien '98. These players are our early-season prospects to have phenomenal seasons.

Ben Park '98

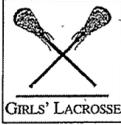
Park will start his second straight year as goalie for the team, and will likely be a major factor throughout the season. Last season he was 5-7 in the crease, though mediocre team play contributed to the teams sub-par record. Park utilizes his excellent foot speed and great stick control to neutralize nearly everything that goes into the crease. His clearing has been solid the entire pre-season, and if his good early season play continues, the New England selection committee will have a hard time not naming Park "All New England" at the end of the season.

Dave Wing '98

Though he was injured for a good portion of last season, Dave Wing will absolutely be a key factor for the Blue on attack. In the teams first game, against NMH, Wing netted four goals, and was nothing less than a force in the middle. With great strength, skill, and surprising foot speed he is nearly unstoppable. Look for him to have a standout season, as he is sure bet for post season honors.

Kyle O'Brien '98

After attaining All-New England status last season as a defenseman, team captain Kyle O'Brien moved to "middle" to help the team's shallow mid-field lineup. Despite the drastic change, O'Brien will play a major role for the lacrosse team, as his good size and amazing athleticism brought him success on the football field, they will likely help him perform up to everyone's high expectations. There is a possibility that he will switch back to defense later in the season, as the middies become more experienced. Though he didn't score in the first game, Kyle is another safe pick for All-New England honors. In fact there have even been All-American rumblings, specifically in *The Boston Globe*.



GIRLS' LACROSSE

In recent years, the girls' varsity lacrosse team has stood out as one of the most dominant teams at Andover. Along with tremendous league success, the team has received attention on the national level. With a great core of returners from last year's New England champs and a talented group of newcomers the team should continue the winning tradition that the last several years has created. Seniors Heather Gotha, Erin Dougherty and Annie Morris will be relied upon to pace the team not only with their special talent, but also with senior leadership and experience. That is why these three are our early-season all star prospects.

Heather Gotha '98

Heather is now competing in her twelfth varsity season at Andover. Although she played softball her junior year, she was able to use her natural athletic ability to adjust quite quickly to the varsity lacrosse squad as a lower. Since then Gotha has definitely become a force to be reckoned with, dominating opponents both offensively and defensively. Primarily an attacking midfielder, Gotha should be one of the team's leading scorers this year, as she was last year, when she earned honorable-mention All-America honors.

Erin Dougherty '98

Erin, a three year varsity player, has excelled at the attack wing position where she has developed an impressive repertoire of offensive moves. From her graceful, acrobatic catches to the amazing goals she scores off feeds that no one else seems tall enough to handle, Erin has certainly become an integral part of the Blue attack as she looks to continue the Blue's dominance in New England lacrosse.

Annie Morris '98

Annie joins the team this year as a postgraduate from Vermont, where, as a senior, she was honored as that state's best player. Morris will utilize her blistering speed and stellar defensive skills as much as possible this year when she plays defensive wing, a midfield position which arguably requires more running and sheer athleticism than any other position on the field. There is no doubt that Morris will stand out on the field and help the team reach its goals for the season. Next year she will be attending the University of Maryland, consistently the top women's program in the country, on a lacrosse scholarship.



Andover's Field Hosts College Lacrosse Matchup Photo / D. Magnus

On Sunday Amherst and Bates faced off at Andover. Here, an Amherst midfielder takes on three Bates' defenders with exceptional agility. Amherst went on to win the game 11-5 in front of a fairly large and rowdy crowd. Apparently Andover hosted the game because of flooding at the original site.

With a Strong Preseason, Boys' Crew Hopes to Rebound from Last Year's Sub-Par Performance

by Chris McKallagat
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



BOYS' CREW

After a long winter, the boys' crew team is ready to shine on the water this spring. The long and grueling workouts during the winter term built a team of finely tuned rowers, and created depth and strength for the varsity team.

The team returns a core group of twelve rowers and is completed by four newcomers. The first boat, led by Captain Nate Kirk, consists of six senior oarsmen: Brian Elworthy, Tom Huntoon, James Denham, Michael Panich, and Danny Addison, as well as three underclassmen, Patrick Gaugh-

en, Chris McKallagat, and coxswain, Samantha Shih.

The second boat boasts a group of talented and dedicated rowers. Due to their hard work during winter crew, they have the spirit and drive to be competitive in all their races this spring.

Captain Nate Kirk anticipates a successful season and concluded that, "With the tremendous strength and size of the boat, we hope to build upon last year's mediocre performance and turn a winter's worth of work into a winning season." Looking ahead to the season, Andover expects Exeter and St. Paul's to undoubtedly have strong crews. But, despite the stiff competition within their league, the boys still have the long-term goal of winning New England's. With their impressive

erg scores and strong technique the boys' hope for a New England title can definitely become a reality. With this substance, the first boat appears to have speed and confidence which will be crucial to its success this season.

Saturday's race promises to be a competitive one with Andover opening its season against two schools: the Kent School of Connecticut and the Bedford School of Britain, both of which have already had considerable practice time on the water. Summing up the season, Coach Peter Washburn says that, "The varsity boats are looking very strong and fast due to the depth. I am impressed with the work ethic of the entire group. I am also looking forward to working with the boys of the novice boats. They look to have an exciting season."

Repeat Definitely within Reach for Girls' Track Team

by Anne Abbott
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



GIRLS' TRACK

As defending 1997 New England Champions, the girls' track team has a lot to look forward to in the spring season. With many spring and winter track returners and newcomers, the team should be a successful one. The talent in both the field and track events looks promising. Captain Hannah Cole '98 had a great indoor season and is looking forward to an even more successful spring campaign. Jumpers Heather

Smith '98 and Christina Richardson '98 will lead the jumpers in their events and indoor captain Tali Avery '98, currently holding the school record, will undoubtedly fair very well in pole-vaulting. After his winter term hiatus, John Strudwick is ready to coach yet another track season and is confident that given the heart and talent of this year's team, the girls have a realistic shot at repeating as New England Champions.

Sharon Husbands '98, Megan Prawl '98, Momo Akade '00, Deysia Dundas '00, and Amelia Stoj '98 should be excited to run with newcomers Lindsay Burt '99 and Jocelyn Isen-

burg '98 this season. Lucy Greene '00 and Shevon Rockett '99 are looking forward to their hurdling events. Distance runners Ali Jay '98, Happy Menocal '98 and Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 are ready to lead the distance pack this spring. After a great indoor season, Deb Vinton '98 is expected to excel in the 3K race.

Girls track should have a great spring season and all its members are eager for the regular meets to begin. This season, with Andover trying to repeat as champions, the veterans should lead the way with the speedy newcomers injecting energy into the team.

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What did you do this spring break?

Iran to Java
Jon Friedman '98

"And where I go I hope there's rum. After these two shows, I'm gonna have me some."

Jimmy Buffet '69

"Visiting Jade in the inner room."

Dave Wing '98

"The Cantata trip was fun, but there weren't as many people this time."

Paul Okner '98

"Having two beautiful ladies escort me in Frisco."

Chukles Landow '99

"Visiting a Mexican jail on charges of promiscuity."

Josh Aisenburg '00

"Yachting in the Caribbean."

Fowlah '99 and Pierog '99

"Going to the bathroom."

T.J. Duhkin '99

"Tabitha wanted me."

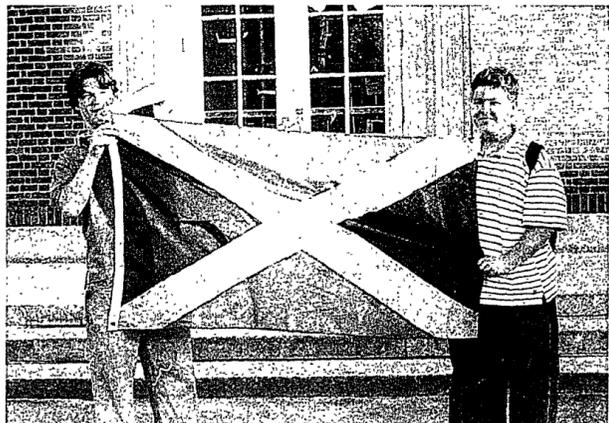
Rob Crisafulli '98

"All that red hair and sunshine in Jamaica."

Waldmans

"Winning the Emmy's."

Fletcher Boyle '99



The Waldman brother express their love for Jamaica

Photo / E. Whiteman

I Tripped Into Rasta Land: A Waldman's Adventure in Negril, Jamaica

by Alex Waldman
PHILLIPIAN FAMILY AFFAIR

MTV Spring Break '98 was hosted in the other land of opportunity, Negril, Jamaica, and as usual, the audience was huge. Amidst the smoke filled air of frat house get-aways performed such artists as Boys II Men and Ziggy Marley. The prestigious guests who came to enjoy the festivities and the local flavor included Bill Bellamy, Kennedy, Carmen Electra and the Waldman family.

From the first day we landed, the wondrous Negril was full of surprises. Arriving at the Sandals Poinciana Beach Resort at around 3:45, we quickly unpacked, finally laying on the beach by 4:15. Five minutes later, a dreadlocked rastafarian came strolling down the beach, and as he passed, a two year old Scarlett Waldman cried, "I love you!" and extended her arms to him. Picking her up casually, Wayne, the rasta man, continued to stroll, but this time with a baby girl under his right arm, and his lit brain medicine cupped under the other...this was Jamaica.

Another interesting note on my trip was St. Patrick's Day. St. Patty's in Jamaica was a interesting sight to watch. The majority of the men at our hotel had been sitting at the bar from sun up consuming more alcohol than their livers could possibly process. By four in the afternoon, they each had a

pair of green plastic antennae and were imitating Goat Boy from Saturday Night Live. By that time the bartenders had sampled so many drinks they were either doing a similar impersonation or were reciting their own original rendition of Bob Marley's Exodus.

Of course, watching drunken dirty old men wasn't the only thing to do. Throughout spring break, a good live reggae band played in Negril almost every night. Once the band that the hotel had arranged had worn out its welcome, we went to see Buju Banton at a small local venue. Once we passed the long line of vendors we reached the concert hall, or shack, to be more accurate. At this concert, an area about as large as the lobby of Commons was packed with several hundred people. It was truly a new experience.

At the airport, while we were waiting to depart to Philadelphia, a strange man named Pulling stumbled out of the bathroom, reeking of an odor that I couldn't quite place. Recognizing him, I asked, "What's up?" He replied, "I haven't slept for three days," and stumbled away, slowly blending into the crowd.

No matter what means of travel you use to get there, Negril, Jamaica is altogether one of the most fascinating places I have been to. So if you are interested in a fun place to take a vacation, take a plane to Jamaica and go with the Jamaica flow. "No problem, mon."

Lacrosse Shines at Royal Palms Boys Team Travels to Cocoa Beach

by Chris "Gunn" Lee
PHILLIPIAN EDITOR EMERITUS

Popped blisters. Farmers' tans. Twisted ankles. Not the usual sights and sounds of a Spring Break. But for twenty-one dedicated lacrosse players, this was it - a week-long stay not in Cancun, Paris, or Puerto Vallarta, but rather sunny Cocoa Beach to participate in the Royal Palms Lacrosse Tournament.

They came from all over, a few from Garden City, a lot from the greater Boston area. Exhausted from vacationing and out of shape because of it, the boys were a little rusty when they arrived in Melbourne Airport near Orlando.

After arriving at the luxuriously adequate accommodations of the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn, we went straight to the fields to see what a week of vacation and months of cold weather could do to our skills. It was not pretty.

But looking back on that first day and then the last, I could not believe how much we had improved. In that one week, a lot happened.

The tournament brought four schools - Andover, Moses Brown in Providence, Brunswick Academy in Greenwich, and Hotchkiss in Connecticut - to play against each other throughout the week, with two games held each afternoon.

Before those games were held, each team endured a rigorous practice schedule, sometimes waking up at 6:30 AM to practice for two hours, only to go out again to the fields an hour or two later. For our purposes, the first practice consisted primarily of drills geared toward improving our lacrosse skills, while the second one focused on offensive and defensive strategies and setups.

The primary goal of Coach Mike McCleery was to have everyone get his fair share of playing time during games, rather than to focus solely on winning. While this perhaps meant losses for the Andover squad at Royal Palms, it gave each player a worthwhile and rewarding experience. The nightlife of Cocoa Beach, and the Holiday Inn in specific, was not too exciting. Most players, because of lack of fun alternatives or because of the 11:00 PM curfew placed on us by Royal Palms Management, plopped themselves in front of the



Chris Lee and Chris Callahan take a break from lacrosse

Photo / L. Hoopes

television for the night. Though boring, this mode of "entertainment" provided a much-needed rest for the many sores, bruises, and aches incurred by playing lacrosse for five or six hours a day. Reruns of "Saved by the Bell" and showings of "Airplane" and "Airplane II" were crowd-pleasers.

There were some notable exceptions to these nights ruled by television. The two assistant coaches, Kevin O'Brien and Jeff Jollon, both 1992 Andover graduates, took us out one night to an entertainment park complete with go-cart racing, video games, batting cages, and miniature golf. Heated battles took place that night. Passing Alex Moore '99 and Pete Salisbury '99 on the way to victory, I eased past the finish line with nothing but dust behind me. It was a test of strength; it was a determination of courage; it was an indication of wits. It was also dependent on who had the fastest car.

The two assistant coaches were healthy additions to the team, albeit temporary ones. Each played in col-

lege, Kevin at University of Pennsylvania and Jeff at Haverford. They told us of the way it used to be at Andover, of things I could not believe ever happening now at PA. Despite being close in age and sharing similar experiences, they were afforded liberties not granted to us. Needless to say, they did not have to come in at 11:00 PM.

A trip to Woody's one night, the best barbecue joint this side of Ron-Jon's Surf Shop, brought the team together outside of the playing fields. The slabs of ribs were juicy, the refills of Pepsi products were plentiful, and the side orders of beans were... effective. However, no one on the team was courageous enough to taste a Sloppy Woody.

All in all, the trip was successful. Despite missing the allure of a week taking everything in excess in Cancun, the Cocoa Beach pioneers made the most out of six hours in the sun, in elbow pads and helmets.

So if you see unequal tan lines, or Florida-bought Hawaiian shirts, think of the most enjoyable way to spend your spring break: playing lacrosse.

A Trip With Tristan: From Florida to WrestleMania

by Tristan DeWitt
JUST PLAIN WEIRD

My Spring Break started off just as it had last year. I packed up all of my clothes, compact discs, and guitar, and waited around outside my dorm while my parents took their sweet time getting over to pick me up. Of course, they made sure to leave an hour late to give me some "extra time" to get ready. Apparently, they still thought I had no concept of time whatsoever, or they just thought me an imbecile, or worth the effort of a punctual arrival. To this day, I am still debating this one with my alter ego "CHIP" who maintains that I should have shot them years ago. While I waited, I had to spend my time talking to some kid dressed in Tommy Hilfiger, who kept saying, "I Lak Gurls."

When I finally reached my house it was nearly 5:30, and I was still brooding about the fact that I had had eleven or so hours to prepare for my Music 20 final exam, and I had the clear sense, (or the unclear sense depending on how you look at it) to wait until midnight to begin studying for an eight o'clock exam. Either way, I was really tired and in need of some sleep, so I left into my waiting bed and slept till noon of the next day. When I got up my parents were already running around packing with such frantic intensity, that at first I thought the earth had finally split open and that Armageddon was only moments away. Just as I began my "Don't Worry, God Will Judge Us All," speech, my mother grabbed me by the shoulder and reminded me that we were supposed to leave for Florida tomorrow morning.

And this is where my story jumps slightly because nothing interesting ever has or ever will happen to me in Englewood, Florida, the golf capital of the gulf coast. So I will move directly to the meat of my story, which occurred after I returned to my home in the picturesque, little town of Byfield, Massachusetts. Upon returning to my house, I immediately called my long time companion, Rich, to arrange a trip to Boston the following day. We left early the next morning to get to Andover for the 10:31 train. For once, my mother actually got us there early, so we decided to run into the Express Mart for some supplies. And after being questioned and searched,

were finally allowed to purchase our sugar rations.

The train ride into Boston was a pretty uneventful one until a tawdry looking man with sickness on his breath sat down next to me. I didn't exactly like the silence and was about to break it, when the dirty man took the initiative. "Knock them out. That's what you kids do nowadays ain't it?" asked the man. I was thrown off guard. I had no idea what he was talking about. Before I could respond, the man continued, "You fellas look at me and you see a dirty old drunk, but I'll knock you out if you try anything on me. That's right, I ain't no fool. I knew what you was thinkin. Well



The infamous Tristan DeWitt, that kid you avoid on the path

Photo / L. Hoopes

don't even, cause I'll knock your backside down! You save that tough guy stuff for some fool, you hear?" I was scared to death. I looked to Rich, but all he offered was a smirk. Finally, with much hesitation, I gathered my composure and replied, "No sir. We don't knock people's blocks off, if we can help it." I said, "That's okay, boy. I'm still watchin' you though. Sneaky little thieves!" At this point I excused myself and left Rich to talk to him for a bit.

When we finally arrived, I met up with my friend, and was surprised to find him without words for the first time since we had met. After a few slaps to the head, Rich was once again able to formulate sentences. We decided to grab a bite to eat at the Burger Cottage in Cambridge. When we arrived, we saw bars across the windows that persuaded us to find another place to eat some where else.

We grabbed a quick sandwich at Au Bon Pain and began to roam from store to store, looking for things on which to spend our money. After a few hours, we were tired and out of money, so we decided to head back to the Train station and wait for the next

damaging. There legions upon legions of unshaven men in their early twenties sported camouflaged pants, jean jackets, and Wrestling T-Shirts with catchy little macho phrases, which they wore with great pride. I had no idea there were so many people out there with less self-respect and dignity than "Iron" Mike Tyson, who incidentally, was one of the evening's main attractions. My first reaction was one of disbelief. I simply couldn't imagine anyone bringing a date to an event that mainly consisted of head-butting, skipping, and the occasional scream of the ambulance when the wrestlers accidentally missed and landed their moves.

My next reaction one of understanding. This was the key to romance, alright. Forget flowers, dinner, kind words, and honesty. All you have to do to get the girls is pay for two tickets to a "professional" wrestling event, and be sure to let your date plenty of flat drinks and popcorn. At this point, I actually pictured myself driving into Boston, for a steamy night of passion and romance at the Fleet Center, as we took in a good tractor pull or a steel cage match between guys like The Undertaker and Steve Austin. This idea was quickly scared away when a fight broke out between two guys wearing opposing wrestling merchandise, near the information booth.

It was at this point that I came to the realization that the human civilization was doomed. I counted over six hundred couples that passed me, and if you figure that each of these couples will probably procreate and spawn an average of four children, we are looking at the end of civilized society by the early twenty second century, and the total extinction of the human race soon after. My only bit of hope came from knowing that I would be long gone before the revolutions began. It was this that made the train ride home bearable until sometime around six o'clock as the train pulled into Andover. It was then that I considered all of the avid wrestling fans who sat glued to their TV's as Steve Austin gave Pete Rose a "pile driver." As I got off the train I began to weep softly in the back seat. When my father asked me what was wrong, I wiped my tears away, cleared my throat and said, "It's nothing. My eyes are a little sore, that's all."



Mel Lind and Jessica Graeser enjoy time together

Photo / J. Graeser

Community Service Goes South

by Kerry Fender
PHILLIPIAN FEATURES WRITER

Since the mid eighties Reverend Michael Ebner has led many church youth groups to Johns Island, South Carolina to serve for Rural Missions. In 1996 he decided to bring Andover students during spring break, and thus, the Spring Service Trip was born. This year's trip to the south was a smashing success, with a record number of returning students and faculty chaperones. About thirty-seven students and eight faculty members braved the clear skies and pleasant, temperate climate of South Carolina to serve; altogether representing every type of student, teacher, teaching fellow and administrative fellow. We learned about Gullah culture, and the mix of different African languages and English which formed on the barrier islands of South Carolina after the Civil War.

Rural Missions is similar to Habitat for Humanity, but families are considered regardless of their ability to repay construction costs. Additionally, many Rural Missions projects involve house repair and refurbishment. This year, our projects were varied. A large group of students re-roofed a mobile home, another group found joy spackling and re-tiling the floors at another site. Many returning students found

themselves building an outdoor ramp, much more elaborate than the ramp built last year. Some dug the foundation of a house, though this project was halted when the foundation filled with rain. The schedule was not all service, everyone ventured into Charleston for an evening, and took in a Gullah play before we departed.

We did more than serve. We bonded, faculty, seniors and juniors alike. Keith White entertained many with his anecdotes of his time spent as a bouncer for Puffy. Mithun Rathore '98 told several stories and Katie Witman, '00 amused us also. Many of us had not met each other prior to the trip, and left South Carolina as friends. When asked about her overall impressions of the trip, Christina Mather '99 said "I can't reflect on the trip. It's as if it were a distant memory since some aspects of it are still with me and developing." Melissa Bramowitz '98 commented, "The people that we met on the island made me feel welcome. They cooked great cornbread and taught us some new songs." Fred Papali '98 recalled his best and worst memories of the trip, respectively- "Playing Hokey-Pokey on the deck, and all the roofing tar in the rain." We departed Rural Missions after a week of construction and reflection. Many are already planning for next year's trip.

Only On The Verge . . . Of Greatness

During the end of winter's final week of classes, seniors Sydney Katz, Leah Willis, Grace Dingleline, Gillian Goldberg, and Dario Collado performed Eric Overmyer's *On the Verge* or *The Geography of Yearning* for three small audiences. Even with excellent acting and the direction of theater veteran Jean St. Pierre, the show could not overcome its severely flawed script. Although the play made excellent use of its theater-in-the-round staging, the first at Andover in recent memory, it had its shortcomings both as entertainment and as an attempt to convey its message to the audience. These problems, however, stemmed from several shortcomings in the script and not from the efforts of the cast and crew.

I entered the Tang Theater with high expectations. Miss St. Pierre has shown her strong grasp of plot nuances and of the subtleties of character. I

remembered her direction last winter of *The Crucible* as a prime example of her ability. The blocking and staging of *On the Verge* displayed that skill. She also did an excellent job coordinating the slightly discordant stage personas of the show's three principle actresses.

The play tells the story of three "polytopian" (i.e. well-traveled) Victorian ladies journeying through the "terra incognita" of the first half of the twentieth century. The travelers (Katz, Willis, and Dingleline) disembark on an unidentified piece of land, carpet-bags in hand, and then haul themselves through jungle and over a range of snowcapped mountains. On their way, they stumble over artifacts from the American future, such as an "I Like Ike" button and a newspaper proclaiming Nixon's resignation. A series of strange characters, all played by Goldberg, periodically interrupt the travelers. Eventually they find their way to

the fifties, and Collado takes the stage as Nicky, a slick club owner. Alex (Willis) and Fanny (Dingleline) find their bliss in the fifties, while Mary (Katz) resolves to move ahead in time.

Overmyer's script is slow, bloated, and tediously referential. Without creating any real conflict, the author attempts to propel his story with pure absurdity from the beginning of the first act. More importantly, the first half hour of the production dragged, as the lady travelers whacked through underbrush and alternately complained, dropped names, and bragged. Overmyer could have omitted much of this banter without harming his play's progression. As for the historical references, there were too many and they did nothing to advance the story. Entire scenes revolved around Alex spitting out series of twentieth-century names and events without any context. Through most of its hour-and-a-half duration, I found myself wishing that Overmyer would include something resembling a consequential event in the plot. There were many potentially major events, but until the show's end none of them developed.

The performance's final third came close to redeeming the entire play. Once the ladies arrived in the fifties, the show suddenly became entertaining. Dingleline, Willis, and Katz, who before had been stuck wasting good acting on bad writing, finally found some dramatic meat in the script. The action onstage began to give the audience real questions and real plot lines. Absurd touches, such as President Eisenhower living in a back room at Nicky's Place, worked in service of plot instead of existing for their own sake, as they had in the first and early second acts.

From its beginning, the play seemed to be making some statement about our views of the past and perspectives on the future. I found that the show's first two thirds were so free of conflict that they did little to further the play's goal. The end, however, suggests that Overmyer's intended message was not to wrap oneself in the present. Only Katz's character, portrayed as intellectual and stable, chose to leave herself open to the possibilities of the future.

In general, I consider *On the Verge* a moderate success. The production introduced Andover to theater in the round, contained excellent performances from all involved, and was just short of technically bulletproof. However, at least half an hour could have been cut from the show. Overmyer spent too much time giving the audience information about the ending and too little time working up to it. I don't intend to say that *On the Verge* failed in its objectives, or that absurdity has no place in theater, only that *On the Verge* was a far cry from *Waiting for Godot*.

group of Andover students chooses a theme to cover, such as fables, myths, or exploration. Hieu Nguyen '98 heads this program along with Jill Otto '98. Hieu has been involved with the Theatre Troupe for three years. The group combines both fun and education while teaching Lawrence youths self-confidence and allowing them to participate in an activity they might not otherwise have access to.

Jill Otto also founded the Academy Manor program with her friend Anita Kumar '99 in the middle of fall term. The program is not organized through the community service office. Every Saturday evening, three or four Andover students perform musical ensembles for the elderly. Performers have included Vincent Le Ribuez '98 and Charlene Sadbury '99. This term, such talented students as Dale Park '98 look forward to performing in the program. In the words of the program's co-founder Jill Otto, this program will be "the most exciting event on campus by next year." She's certainly optimistic!

The Music Enrichment Program sends a group of students to certain schools in the Lawrence community. The goal of this program is to introduce music to elementary and middle school students. Twice a week, Andover students participate in musical activities with the Lawrence students. Twice each term, the Andover participants meet and discuss their plans for the future of the program. The end of the term culminates in a performance and celebration.

Although all of these programs are not widely known throughout the school community, they all utilize art in a manner that builds self-confidence in young students while at the same time educating them. According to community service connoisseur Lindsay Hoopes '99, "Combining community service and art is so successful because students are much more enthusiastic when exposed to new ways of expressing themselves creatively." It is yet another example of Andover students using their varied talents to benefit both themselves and others.



On the Verge cast members take a trip through time Photo / L. Hoopes

Weekend Events

Friday
 Observe Good Friday - all day long
 Go to a Passover seder - sundown
 (Eat some matzah)
 Dance 40 Production - 7:30, Tang

Saturday
 Go to a Passover seder - sundown
 (Drink some Manishevitz)
 In and Out - Kemper, 7:00
 Dance 40 Production - 7:30, Tang
 Ryley Room entertainment - all night long

Sunday
 Celebrate Easter - all day long
 (Eat some ham)

Music Brings Them Together

Perhaps the two academies remain fierce rivals in athletics, but Andover and Exeter united last weekend and, in the words of Angus Dwyer '99, "made beautiful music together." Performing in the Cochran Chapel and in Exeter's Phillips Church, students from both schools put aside their differences and lifted up their voices in Franz Joseph Haydn's "Mass in D Minor." Andover Music Department Chair Christopher Waller and Exeter Choral Director Stephen Kushner directed the schools' choirs and chamber orchestra groups as well as several soloists in the annual event.



PA's musical travelers find pleasure in the Greek air and in each other's company Photo / B. Tonkonogy

CANTATA '98:

A Festival of Music

by
 Julia Shannon &
 Al Heinegg
 Not Part of LOP

Over spring break, all 150 members of the Chamber Orchestra and Cantata Choir, dancers, guest soloists, and assorted chaperones romped through the Mediterranean for 15 days under the direction of our Parchees-playing maestro William Thomas. We performed Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, as well as the last movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, to packed crowds in both Athens and Istanbul. Along the way, we managed to see a lot of ruins, take a cruise, and eat massive amounts of spinach pie and baklava. Although we weren't able to experience the Grecian/Turkish night life to the extent that we had hoped, and were frequently soaked by cold drizzle, we still managed to have a really good time.

After a painfully long plane ride, we arrived in Athens, where we visited the magnificent Parthenon, the first of many historical sites we would study. However, soon after, we took a side trip to Nauplion, a coastal resort. On the way, snowstorms forced three of our buses to give up their plans to visit Delphi. Fortunately, the tenacious driver of the infamous "Bus 2" (our fuschia Mercedes bus complete with disco lighting) didn't let the blizzard hold him back. We safely reached the beautiful complex of ruins, including a temple and theatre. Our stay at Nauplion was one of the highlights of our travels in Greece, although there was a little too much excitement on the part of some of our companions upon finding "vibra-bed" buttons in our rooms. Fortunately, they appeared to have been rendered inoperative sometime in the mid-seventies, the decade which was also the source of the brown shag carpet art adorning our walls.

We returned to Athens where, as a result of traffic delays, our matinee performance of *Dido and Aeneas* was not our finest work, as we were forced to run on-stage and immediately perform for a rather inattentive group of

junior high students. Much to our relief, however, our evening performance at Pierce College was considerably more successful. We celebrated our triumph with an evening of Greek folk dancing. Amy Teleron '99, much to her delight, was in fact whirled in the air for an inordinate amount of time by an overzealous folk dancer.

After our performance, we left Athens for a three-day cruise. Our boat, the Triton, was also decorated in pink, purple and orange, as shag carpet wall decor seemed to be a theme in our travels. Our journeys to the lovely islands of Mykonos and Rhodes almost paled in comparison to the stunning evening entertainment on the boat. We enjoyed the talents of the Euro "band" lip synching everyone's favorite Romanian hits, dancing showgirls in glo-in-the-dark green bikinis and feather headdresses, and we danced the night away with ultra-hip DJ Carl spinning Puffy in the Kafe (yes, with a K) Brazil discotheque, though others sought refuge in the booths of the cafe to get to know each other.

Upon our arrival in Turkey, we were greeted by torrential rain and a lot of harassing street vendors. We stayed briefly in the port town of Kusadasi, where we lounged on plush carpets and drank apple tea during our tour of a Turkish carpet factory. Our evening dinner was followed by the gyrations of a belly-dancer who pulled up assorted Andover students to dance with her, resulting in a notable performance by J.P. "Pimp Compartments" Chisholm '99. Driving for thirteen

hours straight from the port of Kusadasi to Istanbul, we aboard bus 2 amused ourselves with animal hand puppets, Chanel hair mascara, and the aisle antics of Courtenay Green '98. Our fun-lovin' tour guide Esra was also an ample source of entertainment, as she performed Tarkan (the Turkish Michael Jackson) hits. We also stopped at the ancient site of Troy, though unfortunately we were left vaguely dissatisfied as there remained only some rubble and a second-rate wooden horse that the Turkish government built in 1975.

During our stay in Istanbul, we visited several impressive mosques and were able to attend a remarkable ceremony of traditional religious music involving whirling dervishes. Our performance at Robert College in Istanbul was another success. We performed for another lively audience, much of which was made up of the 50 Turkish families who graciously hosted us for a night. Our final days in Istanbul were spent shopping in the labyrinth of the Grand Bazaar and seeing gigantic jewels and other treasures of the Ottoman empire at the Topkapi Palace. Some of us searched for the harem room at the palace. Alas, most of us avoided it.

The return trip home came as somewhat of a relief after 15 days of packing and unpacking, waking up early to travel by bus for hours on end, and being confronted with bizarre foods. In the end, we all had a wonderful time, thanks to the incredible efforts of Mr. Thomas and the Music Department, and of course the wewy wiwacious Esra.

EFINGER'S DIRECTING CLASS: RED HOT EXCITEMENT

by
 Scott Sherman
 Phillipian Staff Writer

Red hot excitement that all directors feel as they watch their creations blossom ran through the veins of Beau Williams '98, Faran Krentcil '99, Amelia Stoj '98, and Sarah Forristall '99 during the directing class's showcase. The event signified the completion of Mark Efinger's winter term course.

The theater and dance department's class emphasized the basic tasks of a director's job instead of focusing on the most arduous skill of a director, helping an actor find his or her character. The course concentrated on successful usage of money, time, theaters, and actors, as well as lighting, audition methods, and blocking.

All the hard work put in by the students finally paid off when the novice directors debuted their newly discovered talents by putting on their final projects. Each member of the class had to choose a ten-minute play, hold auditions for it, rehearse in a meager six to seven days, and advertise it for the public.

The night began with Beau Williams' *Red Carnations*. Featuring Po-Yuan Chen '00, Emily Wheeler '00, and Shaun Qualter '98, the comedy charmed the audience with its innocent and humorous look at blind dating. Amelia Stoj's *Stars*, starring Paul Penta and Courtney Filmer, took place at a cocktail party where an unwitting divorcee attempts to seduce a man she assumes is single, but he turns out to be stringing her along while his wife schmoozes in another room. Faran Krentcil's *The Extemporaneous Balcony Play* took a daring leap into the world of directing by switching the

gender roles, with Austin Van '99 as the female lead and Caitlin Mulhern '99 as the male lead in this quirky take on the famous balcony scene in *Romeo and Juliet*. The final play was Sarah Forristall's *Let Us Go Into This Starry Night*. Jimmy Smithwick '99 and Elena Bayrock '99 took the lead roles in this play about spirituality and love as Annie Simeone '99 and Trevor Efinger played ghost-like beings that represented emotions.

The fact that the members of the casts had little time to rehearse lines, blocking, and "character searching" was blatantly obvious. However, an entertaining night was had by all and the newly crowned directors seemed pleased with the jobs they had done. When asked how he enjoyed the experience of working under the aspiring directors, Po-Yuan Chen responded, "Well, it was great fun. I love acting and the theater now and doing this made me want to pursue it more." Indeed the class not only served for budding directors, but also for budding actors.

So, what did the directors learn from this experience? Well, hopefully the main idea of the class is that the bigger the failure, the bigger the lesson. Therefore, anyone looking for a class to completely bomb, here you go. So all you Steven Spielbergs, James Camerons, Barry Levinsons, and Spike Lees out there, take advantage of Phillips Academy's directing class and thank Mr. Efinger when you win your Oscar and ask for a moment of silence to honor those that died in the tragic event that your movie is based on.



Student directors show their talent in the Classroom Photo / L. Hoopes

Bringing Art Into The Community

For many students at Andover, community service plays an important role in their lives. There is an overwhelming amount of programs offered by the Academy, and they allow students to help and teach those less fortunate in the surrounding areas. Many of these programs, including Bread Loaf Pen Pals, Bread Loaf Writing Workshop, Lawrence Girls' Club, and Theatre Troupe, incorporate writing, singing, painting, and theater. There are approximately seven programs out of thirty-eight which include art as the center of their purpose.

The extremely popular Bread Loaf Pen Pals program, led by seniors Abbey Goldstein and Nnamdi Okike, connects Andover students with third or seventh grade students from the South Lawrence East School. The students write to their pen pals every other week and receive letters from them on the alternate weeks. The program teaches young students in Lawrence the proper letter writing format and helps them improve their grammar skills. Rachel Burnes '99, an active participant in the Bread Loaf program, comments, "Over the course of the year I have seen a steady improvement in my pen pal's grammar and writing skills. Through writing letters in a non-academic situation, my pen pal is forced to write and read in English, which is not her native language. This allows her to gain a firmer grasp on her second language." The program culminates at the end of each term with a celebration.

Under the direction of students Eva Lane '98 and Priya Motaparthi '98, Andover students in the Bread Loaf Writing Workshop coordinate various creative writing exercises with groups of Lawrence third and seventh graders. According to former participant Nathan Littlefield '99, "Bread Loaf is a great opportunity to interact with students and teach them valuable writing skills. They really seem to enjoy the program a lot."

Theatre Troupe, which consists of about eight Andover students, travels to Lawrence every Wednesday. The students interact with children at the Latchkey program. Each term, the

WORLD NEWS

summary

by Eliah Giffenbaum
OUR MAN IN CHOLNOKY

More Visits to Iraqi Compounds Expected

United Nations officials will plan more visits to Iraqi presidential compounds after analyzing data from their first inspection. Last week, specialists completed their first survey of eight of President Saddam Hussein's palaces, a step made possible under an accord negotiated in February by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Iraq had previously denied UN arms experts access to the palaces on grounds of national sovereignty. Although inspectors said that they found nothing incriminating at the palace compounds, more visits are likely in the near future. The Security Council has said it will not lift sanctions on Iraq until Iraq has eliminated its chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.

Peace in the Middle East

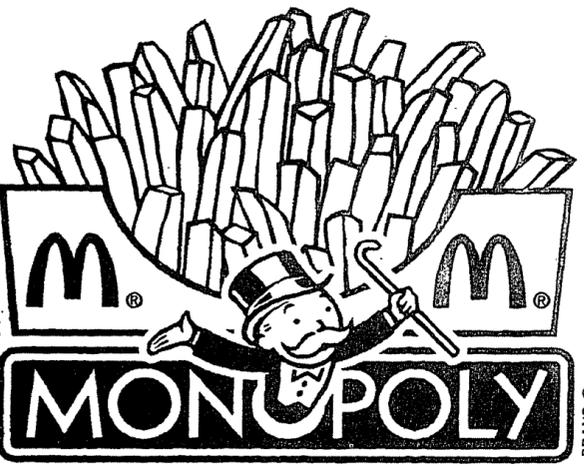
Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met again in hopes of restoring peace to the three-way border between Israel, Lebanon, and Syria. Israel had recently adopted a resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from South Lebanon on the condition that the Lebanon agree to deploy troops to the area to protect Israel from cross-border guerrilla attacks. All the parties involved know that with borders so close, everybody must cooperate. If, however, talks are successful, securing these borders is a step in the right direction for peace in the Middle East. "We will become one camp against the people who are against the peace," said Hariri.

Blair Travels to Belfast After Snag in Peace Talks

British Prime Minister Tony Blair flew to Northern Ireland in an effort to continue peace negotiations between Protestant and Roman Catholic political leaders. "I feel the hand of history upon our shoulders," said Blair. David Trimble, the Protestant unionist leader, has said that a set of proposals given to the negotiating parties was unacceptable, a rejection that could push talks to the edge of collapse. Trimble's decision could eventually spark widespread violence by the main Catholic and Protestant guerrilla groups, which are now observing cease-fires. The deadline for an agreement to end 800 years of sectarian violence in Ireland was set for midnight yesterday.

Vietnam to Help Victims of Chemical Warfare

Prime Minister Phan Van Khai has ordered the first nationwide survey of people affected by toxic chemicals used by United States forces during the Vietnam War. Vietnam hopes that these results would generate long-term solutions to health problems associated with the use of such defoliants as Agent Orange. The Vietnamese government estimates that more than 2 million people suffer from problems related to chemical warfare.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRENDAN!

Times Bureau Chief Sara Rimer to Speak

by Charles Fuller
PHILLIPIAN STAFF WRITER

At 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, Sara Rimer of *The New York Times*, the first recipient of the Kayden Visiting Fellow Award in Journalism, will come to Phillips Academy to give a lecture entitled, "Responsibility and the Press: From *The Michigan Daily* to *The New York Times*." Ms. Rimer is currently *The New York Times*'s New England Bureau Chief.

In her position as New England Bureau Chief, she has written about dirt roads and characters in Vermont, ice-out and clear-cutting in Maine, and Little League baseball in Brookline, Massachusetts. Ms. Rimer has also covered such stories as the Mississippi flood of 1993, earthquakes in Los Angeles, the Waco incident, and the Oklahoma City bombing.

Her visit will begin on Thursday at 2 p.m. when she will talk with the Phillipian board. At 5 p.m. she will meet with both last year's and this year's Phillipian board. Finally, beginning at 8 p.m., she will give her lecture, which is open to all students, faculty, and the general public, in the Kemper Auditorium. During her talk she will discuss the responsibility of the press as it relates to current events

such as tensions with Iraq and the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal. She also plans to speak about her experiences while traveling through the world of journalism and the ways in which they have shaped her life. On Friday, she will visit some classes and will have lunch in Ropes Hall with the Women's Forum before her departure.

Ms. Rimer has worked hard to get onto the staff of *The New York Times*. She grew up in the suburb of Levittown, Pennsylvania, one of the country's earliest planned communities. In 1976 she graduated from the University of Michigan, with a degree in American Studies. Although she never took a journalism course at Michigan, she dedicated much of her time to the school's paper, *The Michigan Daily*. During the summer vacations, she held two summer internships: one at *The Detroit Free Press* and the other at *The Philadelphia Bulletin*.

Her first job after college was in the two-person Naples, Florida bureau of *The Miami Herald*. According to Rimer, "it was grueling, but great training. We had to take all of our own pictures, and fill a page of news." Eventually her hard work paid off and she moved up into the Miami office.

After five years at the *Herald* she went on to *The Washington Post*, where she mostly reported on ordinary

people, as she had for most of her career. She then made her move to New York City to open the New York bureau of *The Miami Herald* in the bedroom of her tiny apartment on the upper west side. 14 1/2 years ago, she joined the metropolitan staff of *The New York Times*. She wrote on the homeless, public schools, children, and immigrants. She won The Meyer Berger Award "given for coverage of the unsung and unrecognized." Five years ago, she joined the national staff, taking on the job of New England Bureau chief. Last year, for her series of articles on the paper's downsizing, she jointly won the Polk Award given to a team of Times reporters. Since October of last year she has written on aging in America.

The Kayden family is responsible for presenting Phillips Academy with this great opportunity to speak with and listen to a distinguished journalist. Gerold Kayden, Editor-in-Chief of the Phillipian in 1971, and his family have given an endowment to the school to sponsor a journalist, through an award, every year to come to Phillips Academy. The Kayden Award is "awarded annually to a distinguished journalist who has consistently demonstrated excellence in reporting, writing, and analysis about significant issues of our time."

STUDENT COUNCIL

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Students and faculty agree that the School Congress is a successful link between the student body and faculty. Head of School Barbara Landis Chase called the meeting a "rare opportunity for leadership of faculty and students to talk about the issues." She praised the students for doing a great job in structuring and organizing the meeting to stimulate good discussion between the two groups. Lower representative David Kurs '00 added, "Since we are right in front of the faculty, we get instant results and feedback." West Quad South Senior Representative Nnamdi Okike '98 agreed with Chase and Kurs, but "would like faculty to vote a little faster on items presented in the meetings." School Congresses have been successful in the past. The fall term School Congress focused on "lights out" for lowers and ninety-minute periods. The Student Council was able to persuade the faculty to abandon the idea of lower "lights out", but was unsuccessful in their campaign against ninety-minute periods.

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Admissions Selects Next Junior Class

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rounded," having both intellectual prowess and distinguishing talent.

"The class of 2002 are very endowed intellectually," Mrs. Fried said. Her statements were supported by the incoming class's academic statistics: their median class ranking is in the 97th percentile and their SSAT scores are in the 90th percentile. This academic ability is especially impressive in light of the large and diverse number of extracurricular activities in which applicants participate. "I think their biggest challenge will be to focus their attentions," Mrs. Fried stated. "But they certainly made the decisions difficult for us."

Participation in activities outside the classroom was also a means through which potential applicants stood out. The admission board was interested in students possessing "a hook," a characteristic or talent which set them apart. Athletes, musicians, actors, and writers will comprise a large part of the incoming class. Also, particularly strong leaders of everything from student government to community service will be among the students arriving for the 1998-99 school year.

Mrs. Fried also claimed that students' personalities influenced their chances of being accepted. "Integrity is never something to be dismissed," she asserted. One of the means by which potential applicants were judged was character or "how much you'd like to go for a car ride across the country with them."

Diversity remained an admissions

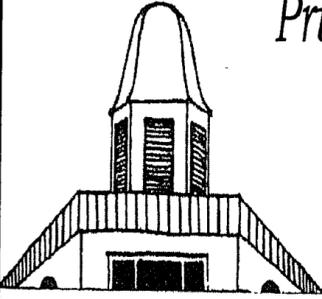
focus, and students from a large number of geographic regions will be represented. Educational diversity was also a factor as illustrated by the fact that 50% of the class of 2002 comes from public school backgrounds. Phillips Academy has always offered a promise of a stimulating and broadening academic experience, one that will be particularly fulfilled by the incoming class.

The feature that most clearly distinguishes the incoming class is their increasingly well-defined personal interests. New students seem to be able to identify their talents and aptitudes at an earlier age and accumulate experience in these areas. PA might witness a higher level of sophistication among incoming students. Mrs. Fried cited one student who, interested in marine biology, has had the opportunity to perform experiments aboard a bathysphere, a high tech submarine.

In a school that expects talented students, the new class may change the environment by demanding more experience and a greater development of that talent. Higher caliber students have also been encouraged to choose Phillips Academy by the new emphasis on the Spring Visit policy. In this program, students have a greater opportunity to focus on the school and on those aspects of it they find appealing. Because the visits made by applicants in the fall are so brief, the spring visit program is especially important. No longer operating under the pressure of having to impress interviewers, students can be more relaxed and able to judge whether the school is right for them.

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1998 Presidential Platforms

Eric Chisholm
Imagine 1998-99 as the greatest school year of our lifetime. As your school president, I, Eric Chisholm, would be an honest and reliable representative of student opinion, guaranteeing that dreams would work for changes in car permission, ordering food, and parietals. As student forum that develops teacher profiles, would be useful in a student's understanding of a teacher's style and requirements. My priorities would be student ideas for activities, such as an all school capture the flag and a cookout where faculty invited dinner for the students. Vote Chisholm for a great time in '98-'99.

Kwesi Christopher
I can still remember the parade that consumed me when I saw Justin Skinner on the steps of Samuel Phillips Hall last year. Microphone in hand, with a crowd of students around him, President Skinner was protesting what he charged as unfair parietal policies instituted by the faculty just the year before. Though a majority of students were unwilling to make a statement of unity against the faculty as Skinner requested, and though the protest failed to be a catalyst for change, it was still a demonstration of the leadership qualities imperative in the character of a president. This year though, it seems that the spirit of protest and demonstration has disappeared, as have the accomplishments of the Skinner administration. Homework due the Monday after six day weeks has been reinstated, without mass destruction, and it seems that the student body has become content with the parietal policy as it is. However, I believe that with a president who is willing to take risks, with a president who will fight to change the parietal policy, eliminate homework on the Monday after six day weeks, and a host of other changes, with a president named Kwesi, Phillips Academy can be a more favorable institution of learning.

Brett Farson
Please allow myself to introduce myself. My name is Brett Farson. My turn-ons are silk longerie, moonlit walks on the beach, and Alma Koumnikova. Let's be honest, the last few presidents have not made major changes. If elected, I would be determined to make and achieve more reasonable goals. Namely, no spring term exams for seniors, and 11:30 sign-in on Fridays. Also, maintaining no lights out for lowers. In general, I stand for keeping all areas of life relaxed, which, after all, sets this school apart from others. And remember, "a flute with no holes is not a flute, and a donut with no holes is a damish."

Ryan Fillipon
Within the first two months of Fall term '98, I hope to see a stronger student government to meet and work with the administration as it is reforming the policies of this Academy. Strengthened representation through more open Committee meetings a greater amount of student input on the issues directly concerning us would be the first steps to strengthening our collective voice. More directly, I am for Commons reform, better weekend entertainment, more tangible rules for day student parking and boarders' access to rides, opening Ryley earlier in the evenings, and other important issues which I do not have the space permitted to list here. However, when it comes to getting what students want, I will not be limited to 100 words.

Fred Flather
I'm a three year upper from FLG. Through the last three years I have seen a lot of students and a lot of crazy promises in campaigns. I have a few ideas below that I feel could be passed through the student and faculty. If you have any questions, I'm about six feet tall and have red hair. Feel free to approach me.

- Retain the "No Homework due on the Monday following six day weeks" policy
- Give car permission stickers for all the upperclassmen, not just the seniors, so that you can ask any cluster faculty.
- Give exams in the room where they are taught. It has been proven that students do better if they take tests in the same place where they learn.
- Review the cut system
- No cuts for electives
- No cuts for people if they made the honor roll the previous term.
- Send a permission slip home for closed door parietals for lowers and uppers.

Paul Flynn
For centuries Phillips has attracted students of the highest academic character. Thus, the various administrations developed a broad course of study, one commensurate with the needs and capabilities of the students. However, this policy should be taken farther. Acknowledging that Phillips attracts the best students, they should be granted independence to pursue an education that suits their needs. First, students should be granted the right to choose their teachers, who are a deciding factor in any education; and second, the school should make available to the students a publication similar to Brown University's Critical Review. This independent and objective assessment of all offered courses would give students another tool in setting their academic course.

Ben Goldhirsh
I am running for School President because I believe in my ability to effectively present the student body's wants and needs to the faculty and administration. Besides acting as an ambassador between students and faculty, I propose some ideas of my own:

- 1) An egregious problem is exorbitant book prices. The school should buy books directly from the manufacturers and then sell them at wholesale prices to the students thus eliminating the profit mongering middleman.
 - 2) Another problem is the hassle of attaining car permission. Students should be allowed to receive permission from any faculty member in one's respective cluster.
 - 3) Lots of barbecues.
- I can not ensure that these or any of my other ideas will materialize, but I can guarantee that I will do all within my power to make your life at PA better.

Rod Hojat
This is a school that is great not so much because of what it is, but because of the people of whom this institution is comprised. The students here are a body of good spirited and big hearted individuals, individuals who have enriched my own life and made it so much brighter since I first came here as a freshman. For this I feel forever indebted; these are a people whom I feel deserve much. In the least, they deserve a student leader who opens his own heart to them, a person who will be true to them in a time of deceit. They deserve not the rhetoric of a pretender, but the consoling words of a party whose interests lie not in his own self-advancement, but in the good and well being of all. I would be honored if I were to be chosen by my fellow to lead them in the promise that I would be such a leader for them.

Kami Lasater
"PA should have coed dorms" (a great idea). Too often presidential candidates dream up outrageous ideas which they PROMISE they will institute if elected. But what has come of such promise? The Peabody has not yet been converted into the Robert Marley Memorial Green House (another great idea) nor have six day weeks been abolished. What this election is really about is your finding your representative—the person who best understands what you are going through. I am that person—I have been there—so if you hear me, vote Lasater and let your voice be heard.

Bobby Jaros
I'm not going to promise radical goals because I will surely fail. Let's be honest—the school president is at the will of the faculty. No school president can extend sign-in to eleven or achieve more liberal parietal rules if the faculty does not approve. Any candidate promising to make Phillips a three chance school has just used one of her chances because that person is on crack. The student body is in an inferior position and nothing short of a military coup is going to change that. So the leader of the students works not to overpower the superiors, but to curb them. I may not be able to extend sign-in until eleven, but you can be sure that the faculty won't shorten sign-in to nine. And you can be sure that faculty won't make Andover a one chance school because if they try we'll have one big illegal parietal just to piss them off. After sign-in, with drugs. So if you agree with these ideas vote for Bobby Jaros for school president. If you don't then you can't be in our illegal parietal.

Alex Maccallum
As School President, I would like to pursue many ideas already set forth by the Student Council and propose a few changes. I would like to pursue the no homework after six day weeks proposal; continue to promote the opposition to the upper in-room policy presented in the Grade Task Force report; and try and get no senior spring exams for seniors with a five or above in their classes. I want to try to lessen the amount of restrictions on car permission and parietals, making both easier by letting students ask any faculty member he or she knows for car permission and just using a sign-in sheet on house counselors' doors for parietals. I also would like to create more social functions on weekends, sign-in for uppers on Friday nights, no eight o'clock sign-in for uppers on weekdays in the spring, and more communication between the Student Council and the student body through the Phillipian, WPAA and getting food for Student Council meetings so more people come. I strongly believe in pushing for all these issues and as School President I think I could stand for our school as an assertive and thoughtful representative.

Al Moore
Andover is troubled. In three years here I have noticed a rift develop between the faculty and students. The sudden restriction of the parietal policy, the abandonment of the rule eliminating homework on Sundays of six day weeks, and the lower "lights out" proposal have all hurt students' spirits and confidence in the student government. I refuse to allow Andover to continue declining. I will do my absolute best to demonstrate that to continue restricting the students is detrimental to the community. Above all, I'd like to keep Andover fun and restore harmony and fairness to the school.

- Graham Norwood**
- Idea I plan on concentrating on if elected:
1. Increasing communication between students and faculty
 2. Keeping a small part of Commons open all day so that students can enjoy bagels and cereals at all times.
 3. Revising the car permission policy.
 4. Extending Thursday night sign-in to 10 o'clock.
 5. Extending campus boundaries so that students can go to the movies without permission.
 6. Standardizing the IDG system.
 7. Allowing students to order food later than 9:30 with house counselor permission.
 8. Further consideration of the parietals policy.
 9. Creating a new student center to replace the undersized Ryley Room.
- Any other students ideas will receive my full attention.

Shevon Rockett
VOTE SHEVON ROCKETT!
HAS EXPERIENCE as a leader and in Student Council. I was a Junior Representative and currently the Vice-President of A.L.A.M.
HAS NEW IDEAS that will hopefully improve life at Phillips Academy. Some of my ideas are a cluster carnival where clusters compete in different carnival type events. This will bring back cluster spirit. Also, I would like to allow international students to run to campus one night and after each break that way jet lag won't be such a factor in the early weeks of the term. Also want more communication between the student council and the student body.
WILL WORK FOR YOUR ideas that many people feel are unresolved, such as homework after six day weeks, car permission, and proper parietals.
ROCKETT THE VOICE WITH SHEVON ROCKETT AS YOUR CHOICE FOR SCHOOL PRESIDENT!

Eric de Chonok
My name is Eric de Chonok and I am currently in the Upper Reps. Because I have experience with the Student Council, I will be able to make positive changes to the student body with a minimum of confusion. Here are some ideas of mine as to how Phillips Academy should be changed:
1. No winter term exams.
2. No homework after six day weeks.
3. Give dorm sales back to clubs to increase the amount of Club Blue dances in order to enlarge club funding.
4. Increase communication between the Student Council and the students through more informative, more frequent Student Council newsletters.
5. In addition to Student Council newsletters, Student Council will send out email to the whole school, including faculty to let people know of important dates, events, and to prevent confusion.
6. Stop the numbering of the cars. This is a ridiculous idea.
7. Permit family voting.
VOTE DE CHONOK!

National Cancer Awareness Month

The American Cancer Society recognizes the month of April as their Cancer Awareness Month. Throughout the month, initiatives are employed to help educate the public on current prevention, treatment and statistics on various cancers afflicting Americans every day.

Isham Health Center has been involved in this public education endeavor for the past three years on this campus to help promote the health of our students, faculty and staff. In the past, Isham has joined efforts with the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, and has brought displays to the campus which provided, in some cases, graphic and yet poignant demonstrations of the effects of some cancers on the human body.

This year, Isham is acknowledging their role in health education and disease prevention, during the week of April 13-18. Every student who visits Isham during this week will be given a piece of literature provided by the American Cancer Society which promotes good health practices for life, including nutrition considerations, disease prevention and recognition, and guidelines to assist individuals in making healthy life-style choices. Students are encouraged to come and speak with any of the nurses or Dr. Keller about specific concerns regarding their own health or that of their family. The nutritionist, Aggie Giglio, will also be available to speak with students, and she has been working with Commons to provide meals throughout the week that are endorsed by the American Cancer Society.

All of us at Isham wish all of you good health and good living!

Lois Kelly, R.N.
Isham Health Center

Public Safety Bike Registration

Public Safety invites students to a Bike Registration to be held at Commons on April 14 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Please bring the bike you wish to register. A Public Safety Officer will assist you in this process. A sticker will be issued to you and a registration card will be on file at Public Safety. If your bike is taken from campus and found elsewhere, the sticker and card will provide Public Safety the information to return the bike to you.

Wendy Cogswell
Public Safety

MVAA Summer Opps Roundup

The eighth annual Summer Opportunities Fair, run last term by MVAA (Merrimack Valley Andover Association parent group) in conjunction with the Summer Opps and Interning Office, was a great success. Nearly 80 vendors participated in the fair that attracted more than 450 parents and students and raised nearly \$4,000. PA Lower Andrew Chin won the raffle prize, free tuition to Carnegie Mellon's 1998 Pre-College Summer Program.

The annual Summer Opportunities Fair is MVAA's primary fundraiser and proceeds go directly back to the students. MVAA also sells a variety of items (fleece and woven blankets, tote bags, decals, hats and the Senior Video) to raise funds. During the past year, MVAA disbursed over \$12,000 for the Endowment Fund, Club Grants and Quad events, library books, CDs and a karaoke system for Student Activities, the Nutcracker Ballet, the Theatre Trip to Scotland and Senior Class activities. MVAA also contributes to the cost of various informational meetings during the year, such as the New Student Reception or the recent Admissions Reception for parents of prospective students.

After three years of behind the scenes work on the summer Opportunities Fair, MVAA Upper parents Sarah Tompkins (Coordinator), Bernie Pierce (Fair Day Logistics) and Kendra Cooper (Publicity) are stepping down. Lower parents Jacky Ankeles and Gale Ann Merle will be the new Fair Coordinator and Publicist, working in conjunction with Summer Opps Coordinator Roxy Barry and Graphics Consultant Jenny Cline.

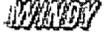
As many PA students can attest, thanks are in order for Ruth Weiner, Bake Sale Coordinator and "consummate" gourmet cookie baker, and the numerous parents who contributed baked goods and helped the even run smoothly. Also deserving of appreciation are the PA Staff, including the Dean of Students Office, Public Safety, Commons, Student Activities and the Post Office, without whose help the fair would not have been a success.

Do you have your plans set for the summer? If not, why don't you drop in and see Roxy? The Summer Opps Office is full of options and summer is just around the corner!

Kendra Cooper
Merrimack Valley
Andover Association

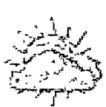
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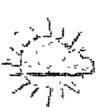
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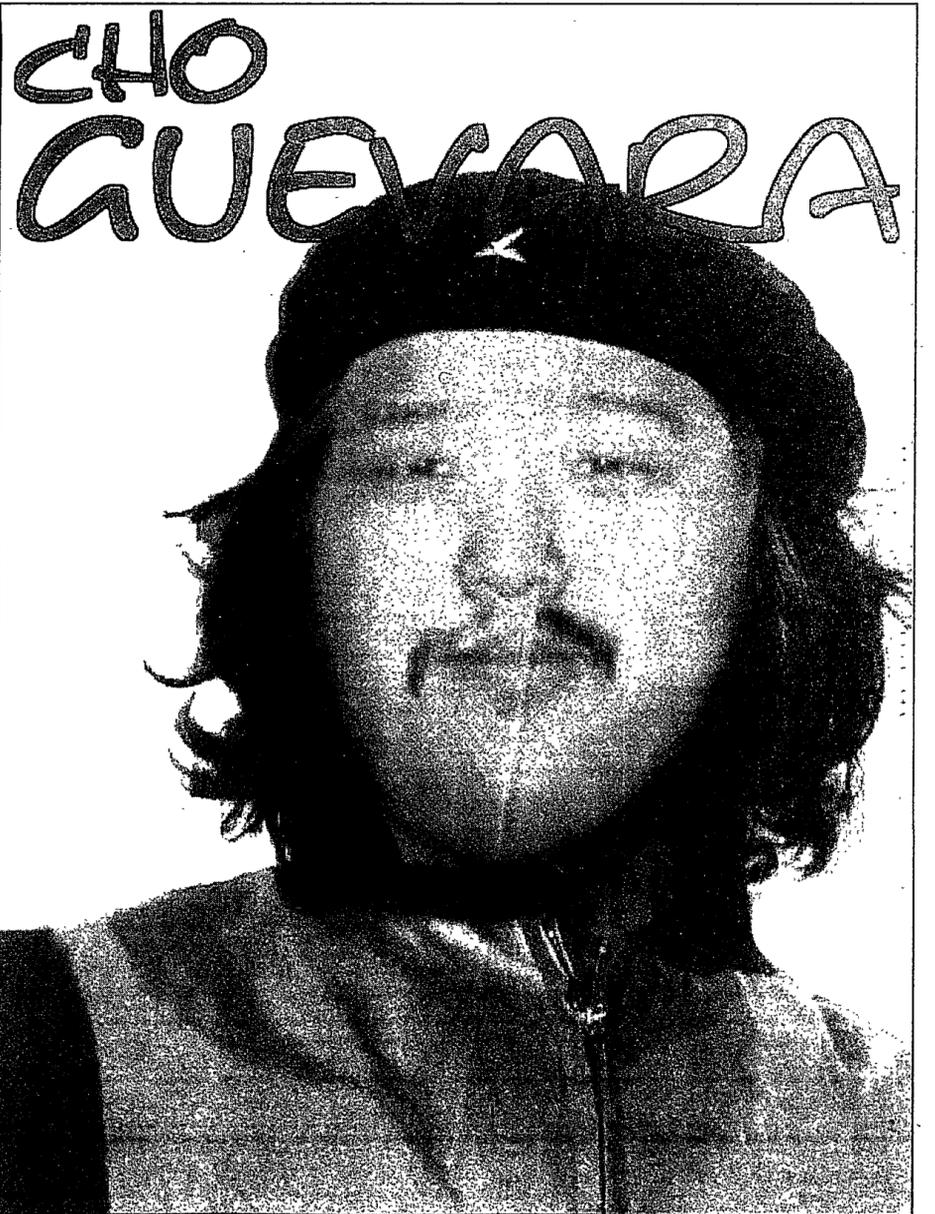


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DR. SPOCK DIES AT 94

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yourself. You know more than you think you do." Dr. Spock dictated the book to his first wife, Jane Cheney, whom he had married in 1927. This aspect gave Dr. Spock's book a conversational quality.

The baby boom after W.W.II created a large demand for Dr. Spock's book, and its sensible nature convinced many people. By the 1960's and 1970's, many government officials and many members of the older generations blamed Dr. Spock for the public rebellions against Vietnam. An early adversary of war and nuclear arms, Dr. Spock said that the war was, "totally illegal, immoral, unwinnable and detrimental to the best interests of the United States." Dr. Spock was charged with resisting the draft but was finally acquitted in 1969 in a federal court of appeals.

Dr. Spock was the co-author of 13 different books. His original book is going to be reprinted for its seventh edition on May 2, 1998 for Dr. Spock's 95th birthday. He has changed the original version in the past 50 years to accommodate problems such as the Internet and sexism. Dr. Spock is survived by Mary Morgan, his second wife, Michael and John Spock, his two sons, Ginger Davison, his stepdaughter, Sally Jordy and Marjorie Spock, two of his sisters, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.



Spring is here again

Photo / R. Magnus

Spring Preview

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PA students will have a variety of social activities which Mr. Driscoll, the Student Activities Director, will offer throughout the Spring. Invitations have gone out for the exclusive Abbot Ball to be held on April 25. The Reggae band GoJam will be back on April 26 for a concert on the Knoll. *LA Confidential* will show on May 9, followed by *As Good As It Gets* on May 16, thanks to the new projector purchased this fall for Kemper. The uppers' Spring Fling with Mrs. Chase will be held on the Phelps House lawn on May 22.

The biggest event of the year and the high point for many seniors, the prom, will take place on May 24. The setting for the much anticipated event will be the new Seaport Hotel in Boston. Besides the throngs of seniors dressed in their best, there will be a 21-

piece swing band to keep things moving. After the dance, seniors can take a cruise on the Spirit of Boston where they will be entertained by two DJs on two different decks. Lasting from 5:00 PM to 5:00 AM, ours is the longest prom in the state.

Not long after the prom it will be time for the next big event, the Abbot Bazaar. To be held May 30 on Graves Field, the Bazaar will feature major carnival rides and amusements, as well as two bands, the Allstonians and Conehead Buddha. Mr. Driscoll hopes the event will be a success and is confident that if the school gets over the big band fixation it will be.

Other events this term are the "Walk for Hunger" in Boston on May 3, the Community Service Celebration Day Picnic at the Log Cabin on May 17, and Andover/Exeter at Andover on May 23. Baseball, lacrosse, softball,

golf, and track & field will all face Exeter that Saturday, while crew and tennis will attend interschools at Worcester and the NEPSAC Invitational respectively.

For the seniors, with only fifty-nine days before graduation, this spring is a last hurrah. Uppers can take pleasure in the fact that they are so close to finishing their dreaded year. Lower will savor this term as the last days of freedom before the burdens of History 30 and all the other little pleasures of upper year. For juniors, spring is the last term with lights out. All the students at PA, regardless of their year, will have a wealth of activities and events to choose from this spring. We can all look forward to the warm days and the sight of color returning to campus after months of winter. Mrs. Chase has declared the theme of the term to be "ca rpe diem": seize the day.

First Round Of Elections

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should be able to choose their teachers and the school should make an objective review of all courses to aid students in their course selection. Flynn thinks that his "extensive" governmental background, both at Andover and home, as well as his "finely honed speaking ability" would help him to get his points across and succeed as school president. Though Flynn can make no promises of fixing issues on campus due to ever-changing problems, he promises that if elected he would be an approachable and active president.

Along with serving as a liaison between the students and faculty, Ben Goldhirsh has several goals he wishes to pursue if elected. Goldhirsh wants to eliminate the high cost of books by setting up a system to buy books at wholesale prices directly from the manufacturer. He also seeks consistency in the overall quality of Commons, car permission by any faculty member with parental permission, no senior spring examinations and many barbecues. Said Goldhirsh, "I want to be the tool of the students, an extension of the people."

Rod Hojat seeks the presidency not for personal gain, but as a personal wish to sincerely reach out to the community and repay the students for the kindness he has received throughout his Andover career. Hojat has few set plans except to be the true representative of the people. He would like to spend time with students and give short speeches throughout the year to boost morale and make the school environment less stressful.

If elected president, Kam Lasater believes he could represent the feelings and beliefs of the students to the faculty. Lasater would like to work on the car permission rule, because he believes if nobody adheres to it, it obviously would not work. Lasater would also like to work on restating faculty rules, such as that of parietals, so they are clearer and make more sense to the students.

Bobby Jaros says that though his platform may sound pessimistic, he honestly believes that the school president is at the will of the faculty. Jaros' plans as president include extended Commons hours, extended hours of food delivery to campus, more parking for day students, and special privileges for honor roll students.

A veteran student council representative, Alex MacCallum would like to continue her current work for the student council next year as school

president. As president she would pursue the no homework after a six-day week proposal, work for fewer restrictions on car permission and parietals, fight the upper-in room proposal by the Grade Task Force, and work towards no senior spring exams for seniors with honors grades. MacCallum would also promote more student council communication with students through the Phillipian and WPA. MacCallum believes she would be an "assertive and thoughtful" representative of the student body.

If elected, Al Moore promises to be an enthusiastic and active leader who would revive student excitement and school spirit. He has seen the changes at Andover go "on a downward spiral" and refuses to allow further decline. Instead, he wants to "restore harmony and fairness to the school." Moore wants to motivate the students to do well and make all school meetings more upbeat and entertaining.

Graham Norwood, a current upper class representative to student council, believes in increasing communication between the students and faculty. Norwood would introduce his unique plans that include creating a larger student center in place of the Ryley Room, keeping a section of commons open all day, extending the Thursday night sign-in to 10 p.m., extending campus boundaries for movie trips without permission and standardizing the DC system. Though these are only a sample of Norwood's abundant ideas, he is open to other students' ideas.

An experienced leader, Shevon Rockett served as junior and lower representative to the student council and is currently the vice president of the African-Latino-Am. Rockett brings with her new ideas to hold a cluster carnival incorporating cluster unity and inter-cluster competition, and to bring international students back to campus one night earlier after break for jet lag recovery. Rockett also vows to work for unresolved issues such as no homework after six day weeks, car permission and proctor privileges.

Eric de Cholnoky, one of the three upper reps, is spending the Spring in Washington, DC, on the Washington Intern Program. Among de Cholnoky's multitude of ideas are an end to winter term exams and homework after six day weeks, increasing communication between the Student Council and the student body, and a reduction of the number of unnecessary All School Meetings.

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