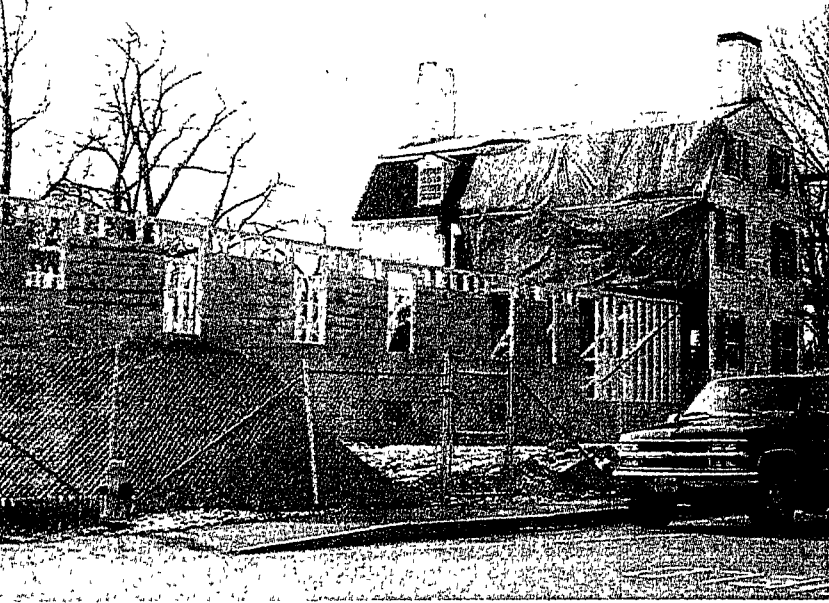




After extensive efforts to sure up the foundation for the new Admissions Center, workers are currently raising the frame of the building.

Construction Projects Advance; OPP to Perform Minor Repairs

By WENDY HUANG

Over winter break, the Office of the Physical Plant (OPP) will begin a series of minor repairs and adjustments to the dormitories and various campus buildings. OPP also plans to proceed on schedule with current construction projects.

"Everything is still moving forward as planned," said Director of OPP Michael Williams.

While the students and faculty are away, OPP plans to carry out dozens of small repairs in the dormitories and faculty houses.

"Winter break will see the normal list of small projects, but again nothing which will be terribly different," said Mr. Williams.

According to Mr. Williams, OPP typically has around 200 to 300 small and large projects in various stages, ranging from those outlining the early stages of an idea to those finishing up accounting.

During the fall term, 10 to 20 of these projects were in the process of construction. The break should increase that number, and OPP continues with construction in 20 to 40 different areas on campus.

Admissions Center

One of the most visible developments is the renovation of Hardy House, the admissions center. Currently, the workers of F.P. Reilly, the construction company contracted to complete the job, are laboring through the latest period of cold weather to erect the first floor exterior walls of the new wing of the building.

Construction on the admissions center will continue throughout the year independent of the academic schedule as the building is not used for classes. The renovations are scheduled to be completed by next summer. Meanwhile, the admissions officers await the completion in their interim office in Cooley House.

The new wooden structure now stands next to what is left of the historic Hardy House. Built in 1804, the core of Hardy House is the oldest building on campus still on its original foundation. It has housed Phillips Academy's admissions office since the 1973 merger of PA and Abbot Academy.

The workers of Townshend Welding have also been on campus working to lay down the steam pipes to connect Hardy House with the academy's central heating system. Townshend Welding spent last summer laying underground steam pipes from Day Hall to Salem Street.

Workers are laboring now to connect the new wing of the admissions office to the pipe they have already installed. Next summer, the company will continue the pipeline toward Borden Memorial Gymnasium.

Gelb Science Center

Over the Thanksgiving break, OPP also began to move forward on the task of planning the new Gelb science building. "The science project does not have a schedule yet...We are in the process of selecting the architect. We did a few small things over break but nothing large," said Mr. Williams.

The science building was recently made possible by a record-breaking donation of \$11 million from the former Chairman and CEO of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Richard L. Gelb '41. The science department has been looking into the possibility of a new science building for several years to replace the outdated 36-year-old Evans Hall.

Phelps Stadium

Meanwhile OPP continues to work on the development of Phelps Stadium — a new football, soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey stadium that will be located on Brothers Field. The plan for the new stadium is currently still in developmental stages. Construction is set to begin next summer.

Stanford N. Phelps, Phillips Exeter Academy class of 1952, donated \$2 million in October in honor of his brother Barry '49. Exeter's Phelps Stadium was also donated by Stanford Phelps.

Judge Grants Panagopoulos Right to Jury Trial; Academy Could Face Compensatory Damages

By ROSS PERLIN

In the latest stage of an 11-month legal battle with Phillips Academy, dismissed student Nicholas Axelrod Panagopoulos won the right to a trial by jury. The plaintiff, represented by attorney Marc Redlich, claims damages for his dismissal from the academy last fall, allegedly the result of his Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

In a Memorandum and Order dated November 18, Judge Edward F. Harrington wrote, "The plaintiffs are not barred from presenting their case for damages to a jury by this Court's earlier denial [on March 30] of their equitable claim for a permanent injunction..."

The plaintiffs are now able to sue PA for damages before a jury, although the court had ruled in the spring that the academy was not required to reinstate Mr. Panagopoulos for his June graduation. On the educational issues, Judge Harrington ruled decisively for the school, but separate monetary issues remain outstanding.

Judge Harrington continued in his memorandum, "It was neither the intention of this Court, nor is it dictated by the law, that its decision with regard to the issuance of a permanent injunction" — made this March on the basis of a nine-day trial — "would have a preclusive effect on the plaintiffs' constitutional right to have a jury decide their legal claims."

This constitutional right had been effectively waived by both parties, because of the expedient nature of the case. The plaintiffs agreed to have Judge Harrington try the case because the process of selecting a jury would have slowed down last March's trial.

The judge's order of November 18 also denied the motion of academy lawyer Doug Seaver, of the Boston firm Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, for a summary judgment that would have effectively ended the plaintiffs' suit.

Mr. Seaver, claiming that no issues of material fact remained, filed the motion pursuant to last March's decision. The burden of proof, however, lay with the defense, because they were trying to conclude the trial. Judge Harrington decided that pertinent factual matters might not have come to light during the March trial, and that "a judge and jury can draw different conclusions from the same evidence."

"The decision in Panagopoulos was disappointing," Mr. Seaver commented afterwards, "in that the court did not address with any detail our motion for summary judgment, especially the issue as to whether Mr. Panagopoulos is disabled, as that term is used in the statute."

On behalf of the academy, Head of School Barbara Landis Chase commented, "I don't think anything has changed. We knew at the time [of the trial] that the judge was splitting the case in two pieces."

Members of the Panagopoulos family would not comment on the ongoing case, and Mr. Redlich did not respond to attempts to contact him at press time.

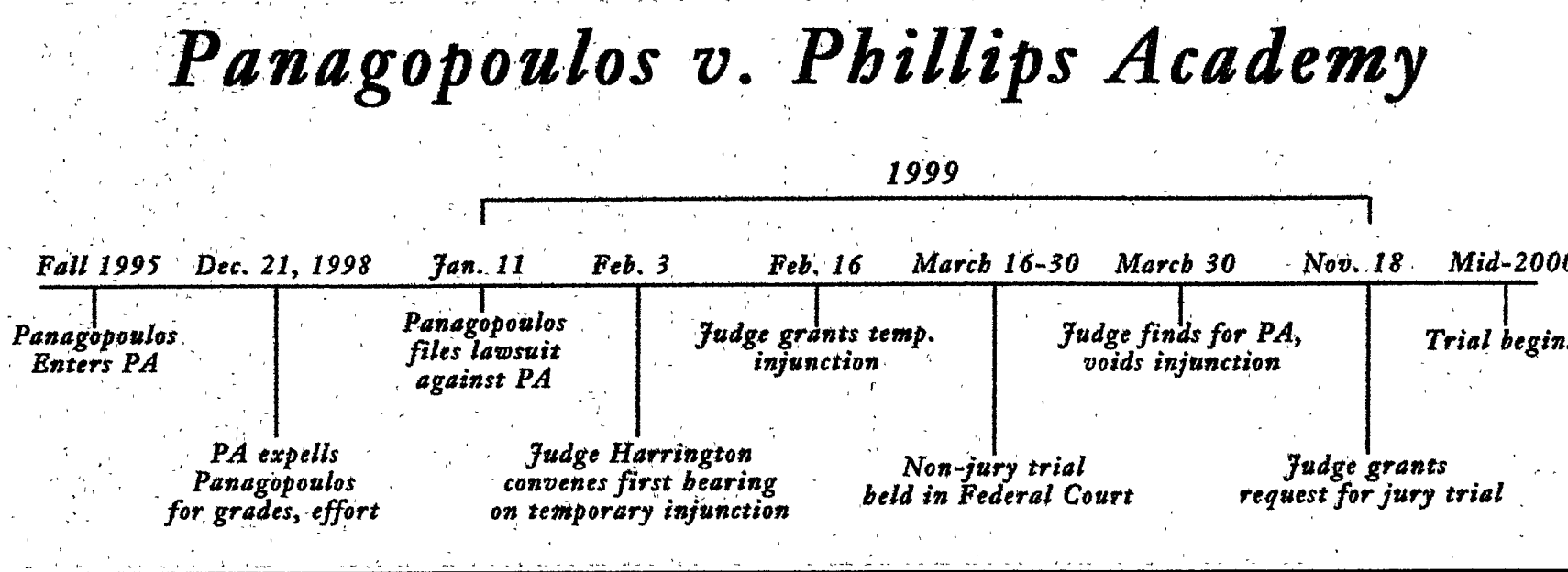
Case History

Panagopoulos v. Phillips Academy, or Civil Action #99-10054-EFH, dates back to January 15, three weeks after the academy formally dismissed Mr. Panagopoulos for receiving an unsatisfactory effort grade while on academic probation. The dismissed senior and his mother, Nancy Axelrod, brought three counts against the academy to the Boston Federal District Courthouse of Judge Harrington.

Counts I and II sought damages, respectively, for PA's alleged breach of contract and for violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and parts of the Massachusetts constitution and of state disability discrimination statutes.

In Count III, the plaintiffs requested first a temporary, then a permanent injunction, which would have required

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PA Prepares Critical Systems for Potential Millennium Difficulties

By KEVIN BARTZ

Since last June, Phillips Academy's Y2K committee, comprised of seven faculty and staff members, has met monthly to discuss obstacles PA may face as a result of the coming of the new millennium. By combining the efforts of the Office of Physical Plant (OPP) and Technology and Telecommunications (T&T), the group hopes to prevent "any significant problems with our critical systems," according to Director of Facilities Michael Williams.

However, System Administrator Michael Bussey recalls beginning work on Y2K issues just over 18 months ago, even before the formation of the committee. Under the guidance of another member, Valerie Roman, director of T&T, Mr. Bussey has succeeded in ensuring safety in campus technology ranging from school computers to the voicemail system.

"I took the problem in five steps," he explained. First, he considered "awareness of Y2K issues that are out there," and after a careful assessment, managed "major software and hardware changes." Finally, he conducted the "validation and implementation" of carefully planned solutions. His plan

has already served PA well, ensuring Y2K compliance in over 95% of Windows hardware and 85% of software.

However, in keeping with the motto of fellow committee member Chief Engineer Carlos Montanez to "hope for the best; plan for the worst," Mr. Bussey and Mrs. Roman organized a variety of disaster recovery programs. The two have successfully tested backup systems, establishing a "command center" in Draper Hall in the case of catastrophe. They also have ambitious plans to scrupulously test all campus technology in the week following January 1.

Similarly, the efforts of OPP in preparing campus utilities have reflected determination equal to that of T&T. OPP, however, must resolve a new dimension of the problem that has arisen because of the academy's power. It is supplied jointly by Massachusetts Electric, Baystate Gas, and PA's own natural gas plant, and is not entirely in OPP's control.

"I don't think there will be problems with our own systems, but I don't know what will happen with the systems connected to ours," commented Mr. Williams, who heads the OPP sector of the Y2K committee with Mr. Montanez. OPP has already verified Y2K compliance in each of the computers by which its staff oversees the heat and power supply throughout campus.

"We have been thorough," vowed Mr. Montanez, "in preparing for any sort of circumstance." With the help of Mr. Williams, he ensured that offices in George Washington Hall, which draws its power from Massachusetts Electric instead of the academy's plant, would re-open in the PACC should the state power supply lapse.

In fact, one of OPP's chief achievements is foresight into the possible repercussions of the Y2K predicament. After extensive research, Mr. Williams predicts potential blackouts on January 1, 3, and 4, along with a likely outage on February 29, a result of the incapability of some computers to handle the extra day in the first leap year of the new millennium. Despite this, he expects that "electrical failures will be a minor inconvenience and not lead to a total shutdown for an extended period."

Nevertheless, to provide for even these temporary power deficiencies, OPP, according to PA's Director of Business Services Susan Stott, "anticipates being able to heat and supply the campus with electricity" independently. The organization also intends to provide 24-hour staff to personally monitor the status of the school's utilities.

Additionally, because many faculty homes receive energy from Massachusetts Electric, OPP will require faculty powered by the school's plant to temporarily shelter their colleagues if the outside source fails on the turn of the millennium. OPP has allotted special energy for faculty members whose medical treatments require electricity.

Despite all these preparations, the full extent of Y2K's damage to PA is, as Mr. Montanez remarked, "so hard to predict." Consequently, Director of Communications Sharon Britton initiated efforts to calm worried parents.

"We communicate with parents," she elucidated, "by explaining who they should contact in any event." All parents recently received letters encouraging them to call a phone number that will contain a recorded message on the status of the school. In the future, Ms. Britton is considering "yet another way of maintaining communication, maybe a postcard that would go to parents." Her biggest concern, however, is students outside of the country.

"There's nothing I can do," she commiserated, "except by writing, by explaining in our publications how people can contact [us]."

The Academic Council, however, has made allowances for such circumstances, such as relieving students who return late as a result of Y2K problems of tests issued in their absence. The group also plans to advise teachers to instruct students to take textbooks home so that they may complete early winter term assignments in case Y2K forces a postponement of classes.

Overall, intricate planning has reduced greatly the Y2K problem, "down to a minor bug," as Mr. Bussey believes. "There shouldn't be anything devastating out there in the future," he assured. Such confidence results from the tremendous efforts of those on the recently formed Y2K committee, which represents an assortment of, in the words of Ms. Britton, "a lot of people who have worked really hard on this campus."

FACULTY PENSION FUND INVESTS IN TOBACCO STOCKS

ALTERNATE PLAN OFFERED

Academy Connection to Tobacco Money More Complicated

By PAIGE AUSTIN

At one of the several FCD week seminars offered early last month, the Philomathean Society debated the resolution that Phillips Academy should not accept money from tobacco companies.

Arguing for the negative, Katherine Stirling '00 and Charlie Aloviseti '01 pointed out that PA utilized tobacco money in more ways than merely accepting a controversial donation from Philip Morris to its Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT).

For one thing, according to Stirling and Aloviseti, the pension plans subscribed to by PA faculty members invest in Philip Morris as well as other morally questionable companies.

The pair told their opposition, as Stirling later recounted, "that it would be really hard to extricate ourselves from the connection like this because it's so ingrained in a lot of our policies already. In an integrated economy, it would just be impractical and inconsistent if we said we could not accept donations [from tobacco companies] but could use the money in our pension plans."

However, awareness of the role that investments in the tobacco industry play in faculty pensions, is often

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Nutcracker Rings in Holiday Season



Nancy Glover '02 and Natalie Wombwell '01 rehearse for this weekend's performances. The faculty and student production, scheduled for two performances on both Friday and Saturday, sold out quickly last week. Elsewhere on campus, the community marked the upcoming season with an All School Meeting dedicated to music of the season, and Mrs. Chase prepared for her annual reading of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*.

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EDITORIAL

Zero-Tolerance

The year 1999 will be remembered as the year of Columbine. The massacre in Littleton overshadows even the impeachment of President Clinton in terms of cultural impact, and the backlash to the shootings has changed the face of American education. We will be feeling the fallout for years.

Nervous parents and politicians have pushed school administrators to turn the nation's schools into virtual police states, brushing aside any notion of student liberties and rights. *Time* magazine described the American school of 1999 as a place "brimming with suspicion, where in the past few months school officials have seen a nail file as a knife and blue hair as an omen of antisocial, possibly even violent behavior."

Administrators have embraced a policy they are calling "zero-tolerance," which entails a one-strike-and-you're-out standard and uniform responses to infractions. According to the *New York Times*, which described the new policy this week as a widespread crackdown, "While precise national figures on school punishment are sketchy, experts agree that as a result of the new approach, the country is witnessing a vast increase in detention, suspensions and even expulsions, in which the ousted offenders are typically made to attend alternative schools."

Teachers are no longer encouraged to resolve conflicts through guidance or intervention; rather, they are told to file bureaucratic reports to ensure the uniformity of the disciplinary responses. Many schools have handed over discipline entirely to local police. Cops and security guards now routinely patrol school hallways, which are also often monitored by cameras and metal detectors. *Time* reported this week that students have been disciplined and even jailed for saying or writing things that administrators construed as threatening. The U.S. Supreme Court has paved the way for these excesses by eroding the principles of student rights that were established in the 1960s. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote in 1995, "Minors lack some of the most fundamental rights of self-determination — including even the right of liberty in its narrow sense, i.e. the right to come and go at will."

Critics from Jesse Jackson to the president of New York City's Board of Education have questioned the wisdom of the new trend in schools. They suggest that zero-tolerance criminalizes normal adolescent behavior and tries to make troubled students disappear rather than attempts to get to the root of the problems, and that the proponents of the new policy might be using it as a vehicle to avoid lawsuits and improve test scores by eliminating undesirables.

Although the knee-jerk response to the high-profile school shootings of the past year is understandable, it is unacceptable. First of all, data shows that school violence has been declining for years, contrary to public perception. Second, schools should be empowering students and encouraging them to take responsibility for themselves, not curtailing their freedoms. Educators should try to solve the underlying causes that create problems rather than instituting heavy-handed responses.

Most importantly, adults must respect student rights and freedoms. How can we expect students to become active citizens if they are brought up in an environment where their "fundamental rights of self-determination" are not honored? The injustice is especially clear in a time when courts are trying more and more children as adults. Many seniors in high school are old enough to vote — they are surely old enough to enjoy the inalienable rights guaranteed to all Americans: freedom of speech and thought, and freedom from unlawful search and seizure.

Andover seems to have weathered the current hysteria. It is true that for years we have noticed a steady trend of conservatism in regards to student life, but PA still admirably clings to its two-chance policy. Hopefully increased worries about lawsuits and college admissions will not encourage the school to follow the national trend and start abrogating student liberties. Let us all hope for a little more sanity in the coming year.

Eye For An Eye

It seems as if almost every day someone is complaining about the steady decline of American Society.

Nick Danforth
OPINION

glad he shared his feelings with me. I respect the fact that in any tolerant society a veteran sea salt's opinion should hold as much weight as that of a hardened land-lubber such as myself.

All of a sudden we live in a world plagued by irresponsible youth who enjoy doing nothing more in their free time than listening to loud music, taking the Lord's name in vain, and having upwards of seven or eight abortions a day. Some truly degenerate youths even go so far as to leave their cereal bowls on their table after eating in Commons.

Statistics indicate that over the past 10 years youthful depravity (as measured in pornographic magazines per person) has nearly doubled. I hardly need to tell you that the inevitable consequence of this is rabid juvenile violence. In past years, we as a nation have tried to fight this alarming trend through gun control, censorship, and drug busts, but it is becoming increasingly clear that these methods are not working. To be effective we must begin to fight violence with violence.

We must institute public execution. A recent study done by the American Coalition Against Very Bad Things showed that dead youth commit an average of 50% fewer crimes than their living counterparts. Simple calculations, then, tell us that if we could execute a mere 200 percent of our criminal element, we could eliminate crime in America!

Unfortunately this solution presents numerous difficulties, both ethical and mathematical. What we need is a massive federal campaign to cane the youth of America into submission. (Suggestion: McGruff the crime dog says: "Take a bite out of crime; then whup the hell out of it.") As the frequency of corporal punishment has gradually declined over the past hundred years, there has been a consistent increase in the frequency of fatal airplane disasters. (It's not just a coincidence. Didn't your mother ever tell you that a good old thrashin' stops an airplane from crashin'?)

What do ordinary citizens think? I've talked to a few, and here is what they say. Questioned about his view on this issue, resident nautical expert Pirate Pete responded, "Aarghh, Matey." Asked what he meant by this, Pete elaborated, "Aye. The boneyard."

Although I do not personally agree with Pirate Pete's stance on this issue, I'm certainly

"What we need is a massive federal campaign to cane the youth of America into submission."

afternoon, I think we should all get together and beat that useless grog-swigger Pirate Pete senseless just for kicks. Then we'd see who's right and who's wrong.

The next, and infinitely more reasonable, person I talked to was Steve, the dull guy. "Yeah. It's good," he said, blinking once or twice. "I mean, it's an idea, and it's good. It's both. I mean, I think it's both an idea and a good idea. Yeah." "Sorry," I said, "you must be Steve the dull, inarticulate guy. I was just looking for Steve the dull guy." "Oh," Steve said, "he's not me. He's somewhere else." I thanked Steve, and he responded by blinking a couple more times.

When I finally found Steve the dull guy he was happily stirring a bowl of mush. "So, Steve, how's the mush doing?" I asked. "Good," he said. "It's almost as fun as beatin' criminals."

That settles it. You can argue with the pirate, but you can't argue with the dull guy. The people have spoken. It's time to turn this into a country where the violence is committed against the youth, not by youth.

And what can you do to be a part of the solution? It's simple. In the words of Pirate Pete, "Yo ho ho — And a bottle of rum."

Y2Katastrophe

We just got PA's "important message about Y2K" in the

Cathy Rampell
OPINION

will be like without the anticipated success of this book *Y2Kick in the Assets: Protect*

mail at home. Now, boy, am I scared about this millennium bug thing! In any case, I decided that, since the academy is so incredibly concerned about Y2K (what, do they think the bug will destroy our high-tech heating system or something?), I'd better prepare myself for this Y2Katastrophe and I'll start with a self-help guide to millennial Armageddon.

But what book to choose? There's Y2K this and Y2K that, and I don't know which are worth reading. I browsed amazon.com for a while, researching the most up-to-date, thrilling page-turners ("I laughed, I cried, I stocked up on granola bars"), just so I could bring you this special report: What Y2K disaster book is right for you?

Don't Get Caught With Your Pantry Down by James T. Stevens includes a list of where to get the cheapest Bumblebee Tuna cans, gallons of water, and a month's supply of *New York Times* crossword puzzles (bonus: special offering for Tupperware Bacon Keeper! I am NOT making this one up). *Y2Keg* by Maxwell Alexander explores the new millennium's great opportunities for raiding award-winning bars across the nation. *The Hippy Survival Guide to Y2K* by Mike Oehler, Mike Cehler include Kumbayah and other remedies for Y2K angst: peace, love, and power surges. "The Y2K bug made my TI-83 crash!" and *Other Great Millennial Excuses for Not Doing Your Calculus Homework* by Caroline B. Graham is great material, not that you'll ever need to use it or anything. *Y2K-9: The Dog Who Saved the World* by Todd Strasser. See Spot save the world. Save, Spot, save. *The Y2K Computer Problem Will Cause Havoc and Worldwide Panic: Civilization As We Know It Will Cease to Exist and A Wave of Fear Will Cover the Earth, unless You Read This Book* by Bradley H. Olsen-Ecker is a visual guide to what life

Your Property by Howard M. Byre is worshiped by The Donald. *Y2Knish: Recipes for Matzball Soup, Gefilte Fish, and Other Kosher Delicacies Without the Use of Electrical Power* by Sydney Hugh Heatherfield IV — oy, is this grand. *Y2Keel Over and Die: The 30 Most Efficient Ways to Commit Suicide to Avoid Millennium Meltdown* by J. Kavorkian and G. Reaper provides fun for the whole family. And my personal favorite — the most researched and scientifically — verifiable (by Kansas's state board of education standards) is *Y2K: Will You Be Ready? New King James Version*.

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I, Sam Antonaccio, on the week of November 14th, placed various signs around campus advertising a sport's meeting. The signs I created angered many people. The signs were vulgar and promoted hostility towards the Andover community. They were derogatory in nature. I used poor judgement in my decision to put the signs up. I not only angered many people but I disappointed many too. I apologize immensely for the mistakes I've made. I apologize to my friends whom I've disappointed and I apologize to the many people I've angered. My actions have effected the community and I sincerely apologize for my poor judgement. Please have it in your heart to forgive me.

Sincerely,
Sam Antonaccio
Class of 2000

To the Editor:

In response to Adam Sklar's article, *A Cautioning Voice: Same Sex House Counselors*, I have a few comments. Though the disclaimers abound, Mr. Sklar's article has several alarming implications. The author agrees that "people involved in same-sex marriages should have the same rights, responsibilities, and opportunities as any other married couple." Yet he claims that being a house counselor invalidates these rights because "being a house counselor has implications that may directly target a person's sexuality and lifestyle." The reason being that students may feel uncomfortable talking to a homosexual house counselor. This discomfort may even lead to "undue criticism." This strikes at the core of the author's objection: people with prejudices should not have to confront them, and in order to avoid rampant homophobia, there shouldn't be gay house counselors.

The author assures us that he is not "inferring that homosexual people are scary," he is offering a "realistic window into the capabilities of a gay house counselor." Or is he offering a window into this community's silent homophobia? If so, this would be all the more reason to have same-sex house counselors, just the way the school brings "youth from every quarter" to eliminate stereotypes and prejudices. The author is concerned that the decision wasn't "fair to the new students that need someone to talk to," but if it is true that students come to

Good Fortune: Humbug

Eugene Sokoloff
OBSERVER

As I walked from my dormitory to Commons this Monday evening, a few thoughts scattered across my brain. One was how cold it was and how fortunate I was to be wrapped in a very warm coat on such a night.

Another was how lucky I am to have been given the opportunity to go to a school such as ours. Leaving behind my complaints about excessively large paper assignments and undrained pasta, I reflected on how thankful I was for having an education and sustenance.

Oftentimes at this great and involving place, we tend to lose perspective. We forget that we are a minuscule and extremely fortunate community in a world of misfortune. All of us are guilty; there's no use in attempting to mount some moral horse. Sometimes, it's not easy to remember our great gift.

When we are surrounded by people of above-average intelligence and often above-average wealth, we can easily lose touch of what the average really is. Millions around the world live with nothing: no money, no clothing, no medicine. We are no better than they are; our fortune stems from chance of birth. We are born into families that support us intellectually; some of us are born into families that can pamper us financially. We are born into regions and nations that do not bar us from becoming successful. What we take for granted — what we have the audacity to complain about — are truly precious gifts.

As you sat with family or friends over Thanksgiving break, did you think of your good fortune? It does not matter if you do not celebrate Thanksgiving — the holiday itself is basically a hoax to give federal employees a break. What matters around this time of year and, indeed, any time of the year is remembering how lucky we are and trying not to take that fact for granted.

As I ate dinner with fifty-three family members on Thanksgiving Day, I couldn't stop thinking about how good the food was and how glad I was to be away from school. After a time, though, I thought more and relented. Sure, it was great being home, but the school that I had been mentally dismissing is one of the greatest gifts ever given to me. I have a lot for which to be thankful: a large and close family and a generous financial aid package.

Yet, regardless of your family status, wealth, or race, you too have great reason to be very, very thankful. Think about it. You don't need to get depressed or make guilt-driven donations to charity: just know that you are fortunate. The next time you are bolting from class to class mulling dark oaths about that poor grade or the fact that the CDs you ordered still haven't come in, look up and be glad. I am certainly no moral authority, nor am I a particularly cheery person. I do not ask you to convert or do a good deed. Just take heart — be happy with what you have, and make the most of the opportunity we have all been given. Give thanks and then carry on. Challenge yourself to be somehow worthy of your good fortune.

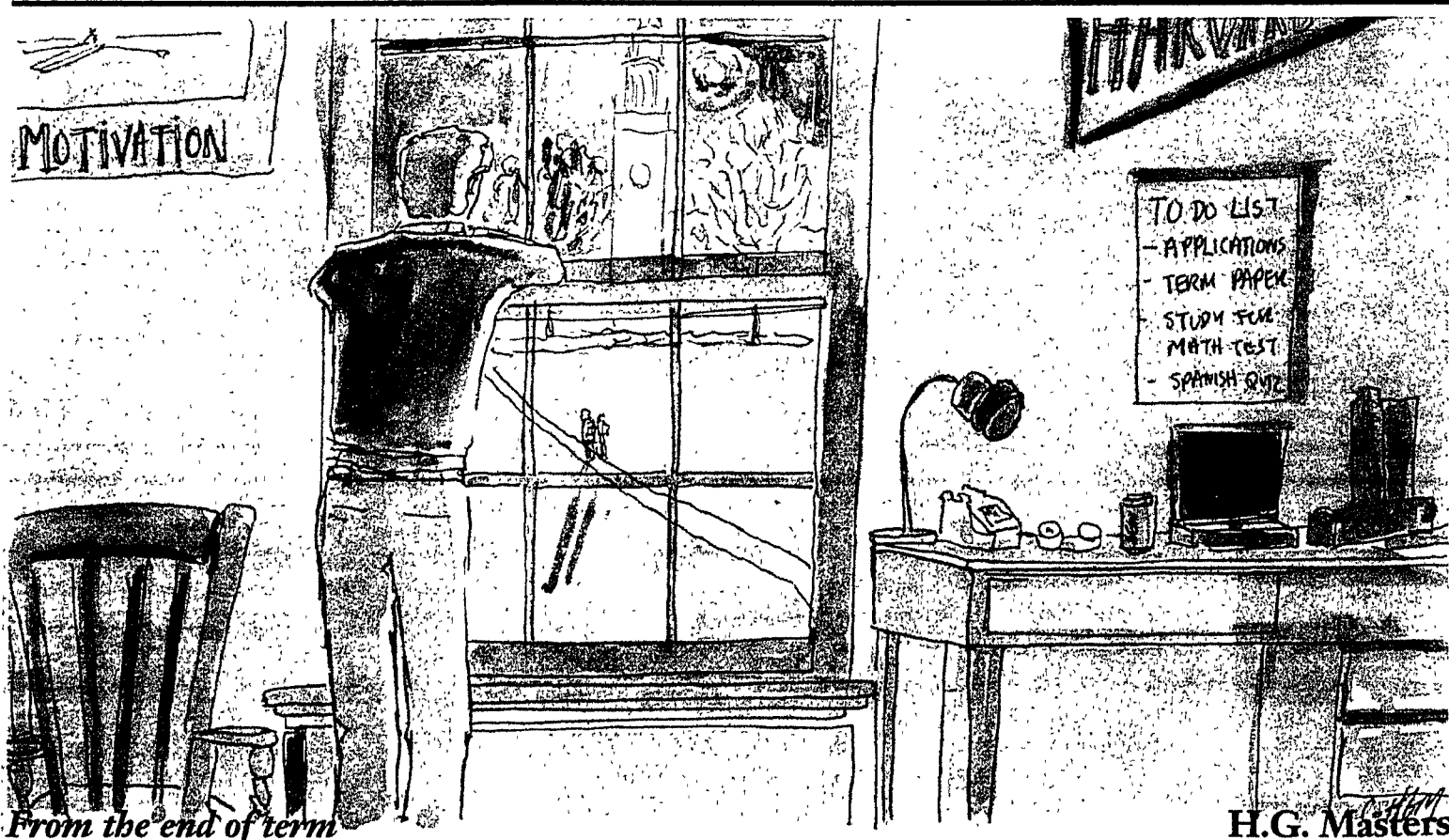
Andover to "learn socially. . . and discover about life," then wouldn't interaction with an adult who is gay be an invaluable experience? How will homophobia be stopped if no one has interaction with homosexuals? Prejudices will abound until experience speaks otherwise; hence the value in interaction.

Mr. Sklar also raises some important questions that the school needs to address. The school cannot avoid the implications of such a decision. As Julie Stephens noted at the Philo Forum, a statement of morality is being made; It is a decision of equality, but it is also a statement of acceptance. The school is asserting that a homosexual lifestyle is acceptable. That is the beauty of the decision. But thus far, the school hasn't acknowledged this. Furthermore, the school's consideration of a policy to allow incoming students to avoid living with same-sex house counselors is problematic in the same way that Mr. Sklar's objections are. The school would be acknowledging that homophobia is acceptable (though racism and sexism are not), and that those with homophobic prejudices should not have to confront these prejudices. No one is asked whether or not they object to having an African-American house counselor. Why should there be a double standard?

Though the proposed plan is to ease the shock of such a decision, what is there to be shocked about? Homosexuals living normal lives within close proximity to students? The school would be admitting that this is a shocking situation? Equality? Shocking? Such a statement would undermine the whole decision. As if we should be shocked, rather than pleased. Phillips Academy has the opportunity to make a magnificent statement. Let us not disregard the opportunity.

Sincerely,
H.G. Masters
Class of 2000

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Judge Harrington Grants Nick Panagopoulos' Request for Jury Trial; Denies Academy's Motion for Summary Judgement in Ongoing Case

DAMAGES POSSIBLE

Judge Admits Jury Could See Facts Differently

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the academy to reinstate Mr. Panagopoulos and to allow him to graduate with PA's class of 1999. Although the Court ruled that Mr. Panagopoulos could return to school pending a court decision, Mr. Seaver, representing the academy persuaded the court to overturn Count III in a speedy nine-day trial. On March 30, Judge Harrington decided that "Plaintiff Panagopoulos' ADHD does not justify his failing to perform his required academic assignments and to adhere to the standards of a student at Phillips Academy." Mr. Panagopoulos

was therefore unable to graduate with his classmates in June.

Still, this decision did not effect the first two counts filed by the plaintiffs. A Court Order of March 12 had stated, "It was the court's intention when it issued its February 17, 1999 Order [to grant a temporary injunction] that the accelerated trial on the merits would relate exclusively to the Motion for a Permanent Injunction under the ADA and not to a trial for damages." The issue of damages was not raised in March because it was understood that a second trial was likely to take place.

Furthermore, Judge Harrington stipulated before the trial, "The court severs such damage claim from the trial at this time and orders that the trial proceed... before the Court without a jury. Any trial for damages shall be tried before a jury at a later date."

Despite the apparent inevitability of a jury trial, Mr. Seaver pointed to two recent court precedents related to the case — *Sutton v. United Air Lines,*

Inc. and *Murphy v. United Parcel Service, Inc.* — that he felt favored a summary judgment. "The Supreme Court," remarked Mr. Seaver, "made it clear that the court has to take into consideration the availability of medications and other palliatives in making a determination of whether the plaintiff has a disability."

The academy lawyer continued: "Moreover, that determination requires the plaintiff to show

that he is substantially impaired in learning compared to the average student in the general population. Given his above average grades in grammar school, his passing most of his courses at Phillips Academy, and his scoring at the 88th percentile or above on his SAT tests, it was our view that Mr. Panagopoulos was not substantially impaired in learning and,

therefore, was not disabled as that term is defined in the statute. It is unfortunate that Judge Harrington did not address that issue."

Expert in the field of disability law, Elizabeth Bartholet, the Morris Wasserstein Public Interest Professor of Law at Harvard University, commented on *Sutton's* precedent: "In brief, it says that for a person to qualify as disabled and thus entitled to protection of law, there has to be a substantial disability, which is not corrected by medication or whatever else... so that in 'corrected' state the person is impaired in ability to function in major life activity."

To some, this seems a far cry from previous rulings, in which less serious disabilities received court protection. Ms. Bartholet said that the ruling "might apply... if this student, as medicated or otherwise 'treated,' isn't so substantially impaired as to incapacitate significantly."

Mr. Panagopoulos' past academic successes have been a matter of court record since the suit began. The concern of both sides remains over the definition of "disabled." PA maintains

Disette v. Phillips Academy

Just prior to the decision in Mr. Panagopoulos' case, on November 12th, Mr. Seaver met with Judge Harrington and former PA administrator Jeannie Disette's attorney, David Angueira of the Boston firm Swartz & Swartz, for a pre-trial conference in her pending civil suit.

"In the Disette case," Mr. Seaver remarked, "Judge Harrington set the matter on his calendar for Monday, June 12, 2000 for the final pre-trial conference. No other action was taken in the case. The case is simply one for breach of contract and alleged defamation."

—Ross Perlin

that its faculty and staff provided reasonable accommodations and treated Mr. Panagopoulos with fairness and understanding. Mr. Seaver contends that the plaintiff's dismissal was warranted because Mr. Panagopoulos did not meet reasonable PA standards and that a claim for damages is unfounded.

The plaintiffs, also echoing themes from March's trial, view the school's mid-year dismissal of Mr. Panagopoulos as a breach of contract for which damages fair compensation for damages. As the trial date approaches, Mr. Redlich is likely to more fully flesh out Counts I and II of last winter, perhaps pointing to the aggravation and disturbance brought on by the litigation in the last 11 months of Mr. Panagopoulos' life.

According to Mr. Seaver, no date has been set for the damages trial, but "jury trials tend to be longer than trials before a judge, and therefore, I anticipate the case taking two weeks or more to try." In regard to the start of the jury trial, Director of Business Services Susan Stott, who serves as liaison between the academy and its lawyers, commented, "Our best guess is the summer of 2000."

Mr. Seaver indicated that his defense strategy is unlikely to change. "I have great faith in juries," he said, "and I do not see any reason why a jury would make a decision different than that of Judge Harrington on the same documentation and testimony."

As for Mr. Panagopoulos, he is a

General Humanities and Social Science Student this fall at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Panagopoulos said that, should he successfully complete his first semester at Drexel, he "would be receiving [a diploma] from Lincoln-Sudbury High School," the school in his local district at home.

Claiming that he maintains contact with many PA friends, partly through his cousin Ariel Axelrod-Hahn '02, Mr. Panagopoulos remarked, "I can't say that the pending lawsuit presents any kind of difficulty in that regard. Above all, I would like to extend my greetings and love to Dickie Thiras, who has always been a wonderful presence at PA."

Axelrod-Hahn's presence on campus shows a measure of reconciliation between school and family, although perhaps not everyone in the Axelrod family agrees as to how Mr. Panagopoulos' case should have been handled. The Axelrod family does have a long history at PA — Nancy Axelrod is AA '71 and her brother John Axelrod was a member of PA's class of 1964. Axelrod-Hahn, who entered this fall as a new lower has been diagnosed, like her cousin, with a form of Attention Deficit Disorder.

Mrs. Chase said of *Panagopoulos v. Phillips Academy*, "I feel a lot of frustration that so many people here have put in so much of their time." Nevertheless, she reiterated, "We are still confident in our position. We're prepared."

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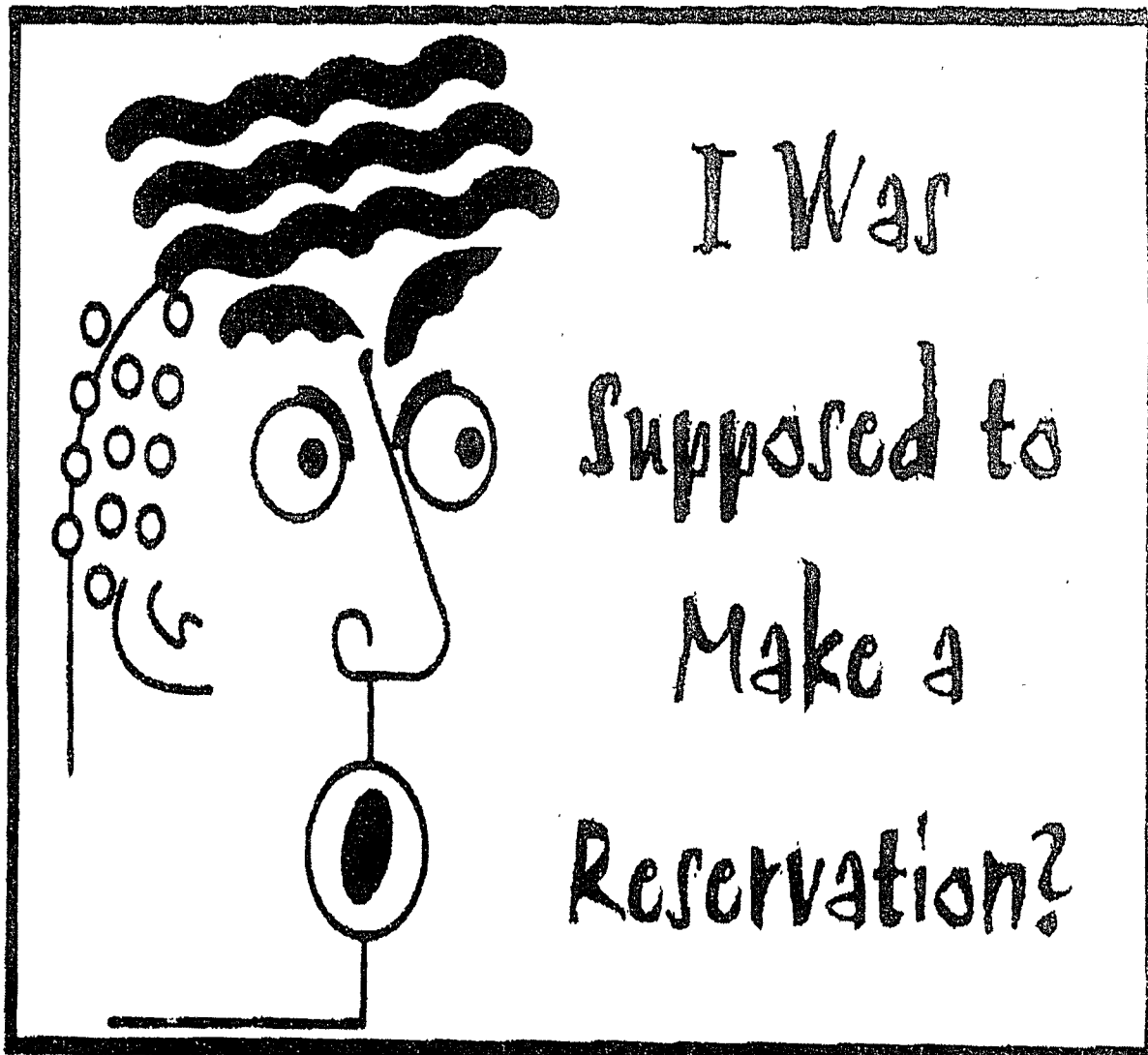
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After Introductory Term of Block Scheduling, Most Students Satisfied, but Offer Suggestions

By CINDY YEE

With the year's first trimester behind them, students and faculty have had the ample time to reflect on the PA's new schedule. While the community's general reaction has been positive, there are still some quirks to be ironed out in the near future.

Basic changes include more double periods for different academic departments, classes that meet less frequently during the week, class days that start at 7:55 a.m. instead of at 8:00 a.m., and rotating All School Meetings on Wednesdays.

Students have generally responded encouragingly to this year's new schedule, applauding the fact that there are fewer classes to prepare for each night. Teachers find their work loads lighter because they don't have to prepare as many lessons for the next day either.

The lighter schedule allows students more free time to participate in extracurricular activities and, most importantly, to get more sleep. There is, however, a downside to the new schedule. Some students have criticized the spread-out class periods, claiming that a break in the middle of the week "disrupts the continuity of the class."

Most students have been receptive to the increased double periods, espe-

cially in classes that are based on group discussions, and in classes that require lab work. Teachers also appreciate the extra time, using it for more extensive and time-consuming projects.

One of the main concerns about the double period centers on the "passing-period lunch," a 25-minute lunch period that lies sandwiched between a single and double period. It is extremely difficult for a student to wait in line, get food, and eat in the allotted time. There is also an added pressure on Commons to keep the lunch lines moving as quickly as possible.

Another benefit of the new schedule is the extra conference period that was previously reserved for All School Meetings. For students who use their conference periods as last-minute chances to complete their homework, this extra conference period can make an enormous difference. The additional period also allows for more contact between students and teachers and leaves more time for students to receive individual attention in each class.

On November 16, at the first All School Congress of the year, Student Council presented students' praises and complaints about the new schedule to various faculty members, including Scheduling Officer and Instructor in Math Corbin Lang. Aside from informing the faculty about the stu-



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Instructor in Math Corbin Lang has handled the introduction of block scheduling in his first year as Scheduling Officer.

dents' concerns, the council also offered some suggestions to remedy the problems faced by the scheduling office. Upper Representatives Joe Maliekel '01 and Josh Rodriguez '01 led the presentation, making sure to emphasize the urgency of the "passing-period lunch" problem.

The council also recommended limiting double periods to certain classes and creating more sections of each class. Double periods in classes with an analytical bent are too taxing. Some students have found it difficult to pay attention for the full double period. By creating more sections of each class, the council would hope to alleviate the daily class loads of certain students whose schedules require them to attend too many classes in one day. In theory, more class sections would offer more scheduling opportunities to spread the class load out over the week.

Unfortunately, not all of the council's recommendations can turn into realities. According to Mr. Lang, it would be impossible to create more sections of certain classes because teachers are already loaded down with work. The school is not prepared to hire more teachers, which would be the only way to create more sections.

The double periods will not be eliminated from certain classes either because teachers like them, or most students seem content to keep them.

Addressing the problem that a few students face with excessive class loads on certain days, Mr. Lang held that the schedules they received are the only schedules that comply with the classes they have chosen. To change the schedule, the departments would have to change their curriculums, which seems very unlikely at the moment.

The scheduling office has been working on the "passing-period lunch" problem. Already they have informed teachers either to start their double periods ten minutes later or end them ten minutes earlier to give students more time to eat. There is also a proposal to add a double period during seventh period and to hold more classes during seventh and ninth periods to allow students more schedule flexibility; students would thereby be guaranteed a lunchtime during fourth, fifth, or sixth period. These proposed schedule changes would not be implemented until next year at the earliest.

Highest Yield Pension Funds Tied To Tobacco and Alcohol Industry

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scant, even among faculty members. Nevertheless, an investment portfolio advertised as particularly socially conscious highlights the fact that other equity-based portfolios offered do not necessarily adhere to such stringent social standards.

In fact, the most profitable investment account in recent years had, as of last June, over \$122 million invested in tobacco products including the overwhelming majority by its three million shares of Philip Morris.

PA's retirement planning is provided by the world's largest retirement system, TIAA-CREF, a company that specifically cites its mission as securing the financial futures of educators and researchers. Though PA's Personnel Office introduces faculty to TIAA-CREF, the school is not legally permitted to offer investment advice, and faculty members are free to administer their plan independently of the school.

The idea, said Director of Personnel Deborah Martin, is to say to faculty, "This is your money, here are a wide variety of choices—good luck!" She explained, "Legally, [the school] can't give investment advice... My role is to make sure people have access to information so they can make good decisions."

A principal decision faculty are faced with is what portion of their money they want to invest in real estate, the money market, bonds or

stocks. In recent years, said Ms. Martin, there has been a notable trend towards placing more money in CREF accounts, which invest principally in stocks.

A ready-made combination account, labeled the CREF Social Choice Account, offers the possibility to invest only in companies that meet certain social criteria, including upholding environmental policies, as well as not producing tobacco or alcohol.

Yet TIAA-CREF's two most profitable accounts in June, 1999, were its CREF Growth Account and its CREF Equity Index Account — both higher in risk than the Social Choice option and, most notably, both investors in the tobacco and alcohol industries.

While it is not possible for PA's Personnel Office to tabulate where the majority of faculty pension money goes, total worldwide investments in, for example, the Growth Account, the highest risk CREF account, are more than double those in the Social Choice Account. The Growth Account, which had a one-year return of 26.16% in June, 1999, invested a comparatively sizable percentage of its \$7.6 billion in tobacco. In addition, the account holds over 40,000 shares of stock in such alcohol-producing beverage companies as Anheuser Busch and the Boston Beer.

CREF's second most profitable investment account, the Equity Index account, had a one-year return of 20.08% last June and invests a smaller portion of its funds in tobacco. Nonetheless, the value of its holdings in tobacco products totals an estimated \$37 million, with over \$33 million coming from Philip Morris. In the Food and Kindred Products department, the Account holds at least 180,000 shares in beverage companies producing alcohol.

Some faculty members, however, may choose to opt for what Dean of Faculty Philip Zaeder calls "a more modest gain, but a more responsible investment." As far as equity investments go, this possibility exists through the CREF Social Choice Account, which in the fiscal year ending in June gave a 13.68% return — lower than all but one of the other equity-based accounts — yet is also rated of lower risk.

The latest TIAA-CREF booklet on building a retirement portfolio explains that the fund "does not invest in com-

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Math Instructor Litvin Receives AP Award

In an awards ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia two weeks ago, Math Instructor Maria Litvin became one of 20 teachers nationwide to win the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement. Every year, the AP program presents two of the awards to teachers in each of the country's six regions and eight of the Siemens to teachers in inner-city schools. As one of the faculty representing the New England region, Mrs. Litvin was honored for her "contribution toward fostering participation in AP programs in science, mathematics and technology."

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PROTESTS MAR WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE

The city of Seattle was put on curfew this week because of riotous demonstrations protesting the World Trade Organization (WTO). When the WTO tried to convene in order to discuss the new free-trade policy that they wanted to implement internationally, protesters prevented representatives from leaving hotels by barricading the exits.

Protesters blocked traffic by lying in the middle of the streets; some even became violent because of their outrage at the WTO's policies, which are seen by many to be detrimental to human rights, the protection of the environment, and a host of other popular causes.

Realizing that the majority of the demonstrators are non-violent, Seattle's Mayor Schell made it clear that only a group of younger masked men had participated in the anarchy that led to the destruction of a number of shops and restaurants.

Nonetheless, the Seattle police resorted to using pepper gas and rubber bullets against the infuriated demonstrators who reluctantly dispersed, coughing and vowing that they would continue demonstrating until the WTO took into more consideration the issues on labor, health and the environment.

Even though the WTO does not want to submit to the protesters, it might have to reconsider some of its policies before it will be able to reconvene.

BUSH '64 PROPOSES TAX CUT; GORE FOCUSES CAMPAIGN ON ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

In the past few days, the potential candidates for president in the Democratic and Republican parties have slowly started to reveal some of their platforms.

In a speech on Wednesday, Governor George W. Bush '64 unveiled an economic plan to reduce income taxes and taxes for married couples while increasing child credit. He proposed a \$483 billion budget for this plan which to many is fiscally irresponsible, but he believes that he will be able to make up for it by reducing other areas of superfluous expenditure. While this plan appeals mostly to the affluent by dropping their taxes a good three percent, it also appeals to the poor by offering a new ten percent tax bracket.

Vice President Al Gore added a twist to his campaign by focusing on the economy rather than his usual standbys of health care and educational reform.

Along with President Clinton, he took credit for the continually expanding economy, stating that because he had experience in nurturing a boom, he would be able to keep the nation on a prosperous course.

CHECHEN REBELS INTENSIFY RESISTANCE AGAINST RUSSIANS

After two months of fighting in Chechnya, Russian troops are finally starting to experience resistance from Chechen rebel forces. The initial Russian onslaught dev-

astated the unprepared Chechens, forcing them back into their homeland, but now Chechen forces have revived their strength and are starting to fortify their capital, Grozny.

Despite the fact that the Russians have endured very few casualties, they are starting to become slightly concerned because they have come up against a wall of defense that will be hard to penetrate. As a result, Russian forces have resorted to using bombs and rockets in order to weaken Chechen defense enough to end the war.

OFFICIALS SEARCH FOR MASS BURIAL SITES ON U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

In Juarez, Mexico, law enforcement officers from the U.S. and Mexico are still searching for bodies of those who might be linked with the Juarez drug cartel.

In spite of the enormous efforts of the 65 law enforcement officers on the case, not even one body has been found of the over one hundred people who appear to be missing from the Juarez area, the alleged base of operations for a large cocaine and marijuana smuggling industry. The officers are trying to dig up a body that could possibly give them some insight into the workings of the drug cartel.

Although the results from the search have been negligible so far, it seems probable that the officers will be able to find, and hopefully identify, some number of bodies because of all the reports of kidnappings and murders in the area.

—Tyler Mixer

Despite Occasional Service Interruptions, PANet Usage Increasing Among Community Members

By KEVIN BARTZ

On November 19, the Technology and Telecommunications Office launched PANet, a new intranet striving to create what webmaster and Technical Support Specialist Nancy Lopez called a "virtual community."

After two weeks of usage, PANet has begun to succeed in its goal, while still suffering from some dilemmas.

In the words of Mrs. Varerie Roman, director of technology and telecommunications, "with the implementation of any new system...come some problems and rocky moments."

One of the new intranet's features that has drawn widespread popularity quickly is the "discussion," which allows students to post messages on a virtual bulletin board.

Boasting nearly 20 comments from students and faculty, it earned the title of "a great use for technology" from Jacob Denmark '00, who has faithfully utilized PANet since its debut.

Despite this, censorship of the discussion board has raised some controversy.

"It's too much freedom," asserted Hemant Joshi '00, who supported faculty censorship of inappropriate messages on the board. Concerning the standards for removal of such comments, Mrs. Roman explained that "all users of the network must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy that is printed in the Blue Book."

However, despite the popularity of the discussion at its release, one of PANet's most anticipated offerings was a new e-mail interface, which allows all students to check their email on the Web from any computer, on or off campus.

"It sure is an improvement over e-mail disks," applauded day student Alan Wu '00, who was impressed with the new service. Similarly, several students have expressed satisfaction, as Mrs. Roman anticipated, with the "e-mail system that could be accessed anywhere at anytime."

From some, however, the interface has drawn mixed reviews.

"The new e-mail configuration is awkward," remarked Yang Song '01, a long-time user of the service. "You're

trapped in there." Chiding the system for "lacking a clear link back to the PANet home page," he pressed for "more of the old configuration options." Paul Litterio '00 agreed, remembering nostalgically that "it used to be simple."

"Before, I was able to just put my disk in and instantly get my mail," he recalled, "and now it's too complicated."

In response to such sentiment, Mrs. Roman acknowledged "those who use the web interface exclusively lose some of the capabilities." However, she also noted that "POP3 e-mail clients are fully supported," allowing students to access e-mail from popular client software such as Eudora.

Nevertheless, PANet has presented similar dilemmas for many students who have not yet been able to access the system at all. In fact, the passwords to log onto the intranet, consisting of seemingly random sequences of characters, have posed a particular point of concern.

"There's a flight of calls coming in to the help desk about this," Mrs. Lopez admitted. Currently, the only way for a student to recover his password is to visit the PACC. However, compounding the problem is the inability to change passwords to something memorable.

"We know what password changing will bring about," Mrs. Lopez exacted, "and we can't handle it right now." Claiming that it would result in even more forgotten passwords, she branded the idea "to allow 2000 students to change their passwords" as an impossibility at present. Nevertheless, she held that T&T may alter the policy in the future.

"We know that it is not popular," admitted Mrs. Roman, "and are working with the company to review the options." In addition to lost passwords, though, lack of publicity for the new intranet has also formed a barrier between some students and PANet.

"It wasn't publicized widely enough," lamented Wu, "and I didn't know about it." Wu's concern, coupled with the similar sentiment of several others, led Techmaster Co-Head John Marc Imbrescia '00 to press for more

publicity.

"If the community doesn't embrace this now," he maintained, "all the great features will go unused."

In response, Mrs. Roman has organized a "plan to work with the Techmasters to provide training to the students." She went on to elaborate, enumerating her intent to "use winter term and spring term to work with teachers in piloting and developing the academic capabilities of PANet."

Despite the potential of the new intranet, though, Mrs. Roman admitted that the "best publicity will be word of mouth." Unfortunately, in spite of this, technical problems plagued PANet last Wednesday.

"There have been some Domino software problems," she confessed. To remedy the errors, which shut down the network in the afternoon, T&T has worked voraciously, in 12 to 18 hour days for the past 14 days.

In addition, assistance from Lotus Notes, whose Domino software sup-

ports the intranet, helped to end the problem by Wednesday night.

Even with the system working, however, PANet is largely a work in progress, with many capabilities that "are waiting to be turned on."

Nonetheless, Mrs. Roman held that "the goal was, and still is, to get the base functions of PANet up and stable by January."

With the help of the Faculty Information Technology Team, she and Network Manager David Hasbany will spearhead the effort to "evaluate which functions to activate and when."

Consequently, this release of PANet, while not entirely flawless, has provided students with a tool with potential for communication within the school. In the future, though, in the words of Roman, "we hope to improve it some more." Several students shared her sentiment, emphasizing growth for the future.

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SOOTHSAYING DINGOES

by Marcus Taylor
FEATURES NASTRADAMUS

For the upcoming millennium I have made the conscious decision not to sleep with a revolver under my bed or to stock up on canned goods. Instead I plan to spend New Year's in a country that treats an eighteen-year-old as an adult, a country where I can consume adult beverages. Thus, if anyone needs to find me on December 31 or January 1, try two thousand miles away. But let's not talk about my upcoming Y2K debauchery. Instead, let's talk about what the new millennium brings for PA.

Using the black magic that I was taught as a kid by my aboriginal foster parents, I predict the year 2000 will bring a series of small catastrophes for PA. To formulate these prophecies, I decided to go on a walk-a-bout in the bush for a while. Unfortunately there is no real "bush" in Andover, so yet again I had to go to the sanctuary, not only to discover these predictions, but also to do my Environmental Science homework.

While in the sanctuary I came across a dingo (bless my lucky stars)! Because I was raised by dingoes as a child, I can actually speak dingo language. In my culture, the dingo is an

animal which is associated with prophecy. If you ever want to foresee the future, just ask a Dingo.

First, the dingo warned me that Mr. Carter isn't Y2K compliant. (Note: Mr. Penner is Y2K compliant, thus everyone can expect the clustah basketball season to run smoothly). So as the millennium changes he starts leaving messages from 1900, warning us about those new "horse-less carriages" when crossing Main Street.

My mate, the dingo, also told me that during the upcoming millennium PA will enter a period of turmoil as the forces of good and evil on campus square off.

Evil will come in the form of the Abbot cluster, while good will be represented by WQN. A dark fiery vixen that is the spawn of the devil will lead. An unlikely but strong leader from the Asian continent will spearhead the forces of good. They will square off in a final where evil will triumph. This prediction has actually already come true, it was called the Clustah soccer finals, but the dingo and I thought it fitting to include it here.

Unfortunately the implication of Clustah finals are more wide reaching. The entire cluster of Abbot, lead by Eric Seo '00, will try to take over the school. The ensuing struggle will see

the destruction of the Fuess, Stimpson and Stevens dormitories, all of which fall to the wrath of Pine Knoll's dark minions; but no one will really care because no one wants to live in those dorms anyway.

The people who were displaced in this great struggle will henceforth form a shantytown between Rockwell and Bishop. This place, dubbed "Becca's House," will be the scene of many riots and demonstrations by the PA students. However PAPS will eventually succeed in driving them out by using tear gas.

The residents of "Becca's House" will flee into the wood behind Isham and form a left-wing terrorist group that will try to disrupt all-school meetings.

The biggest catastrophe associated with the new millennium will be associated with the scheduling office. The Y2K bug will hit Mr. Lang the hardest. Overwhelmed by its awesome power he will be forced to take a brief leave of absence to recuperate from the stresses of his position, but not before appointing his dog, Huck, in charge of scheduling. Huck, much to everyone's surprise, does a smashing job and all are happy. So I guess it really wasn't much of a calamity.

On a personal note, the dingo informed me of my future encounter with Michael Jackson, the undisputed king of pop, and the cute alien E.T. Our friendship will last a lifetime, and I will spend countless hours with my two intimate companions.

My love life, says the dingo, will include an affair with Lisa Marie Presley, after which Michael and I will find things between us awkward.

Apart from the aforementioned events, the millennium will bring little strife. The remainder of the school year will proceed as it has in the past. You have nothing to worry about. So foster your vacation, and have a Happy Year 2000.



Like any good Boy Scout, Paul is prepared. Here he reads his Y2K "fun pack," which includes fat-free Pringles and an unplugged telephone receiver.

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Y2K SURVIVAL GUIDE

by Paul Crowley
FEATURES SAVIOR

The party is a hit, the food is excellent, and the big moment is about to arrive. As the ball drops on New Year's Eve, however, the perfect moment is ruined by a worldwide power outage, causing hospital technology to go off-line, planes to crash, and the global economy to be thrown back decades.

We've all heard the doomsayers predict these events for the Y2K bug, but what about the really important effects of Y2K? Think about it: for those of you spending New Year's with family, when the power goes off, you will spend hours playing Pic-tionary by candlelight with your loud uncle Bill.

After a few hours of this, you'll be wishing you had some Y2K-compliant duct tape to gag him with. Because Y2K can affect all of us in ways like this, I have compiled a survival guide for those who still think we can get rid of the Millennium Bug with insecticides.

In order to survive the millennial

breakdown without trouble, a person must adhere to the Boy Scout motto: Be Prepared. While for Boy Scouts this may mean dressing up in strange outfits and shooting small woodland creatures with slingshots, for you and me it is a very different proposition: bunkers.

While not all of us have bunkers, they are a must for millennial survival. If you do not have one, I would strongly suggest marrying into a family that does. If, for one reason or another, this is not an option for you, a makeshift bunker can be made simply by digging a suitably sized hole in your backyard, lining it with plywood, and filling it with firearms and snack food.

And so, when the big day comes you can simply move in and wait for midnight. This bunker can also double as a Love Shack with the addition of a lava lamp, scented candles, and a little Marvin Gaye for mood music. (Suggested line: There will always be room for you in my bunker, baby.)

The question of what kind of things to fill your bunker with is a very important one. Although many recommend canned foods, water, and books

to stay alive and happy during the Y2K crisis, I would recommend CVS brand orange soda to replace water. Not only is it cheaper and more abundant than water (77 cents for enough to scuba-dive in), but it really adds that extra special splash to your bunker, an orange accent that really ties the whole place together.

And as far as the canned goods go, the only cans in my bunker are gonna have Pringles written on the side. With my culinary skills and flair for decorating, I will be the post-apocalyptic Martha Stewart, a thought that is chilling on more levels than I can count.

While many people will bring classic works of literature to while away the time in their bunker, I have thought ahead. I have spent hours upon hours making sure my TI-83 calculator is Y2K compliant. So while I am chugging orange soda, munching on Pringles, and playing Tetris, you will be eating cold tomato soup, drinking water, and reading Hamlet (hint: he dies at the end).

The best part of my plan is that it allows you to still have a good time even if Y2K isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Personally, I think Y2K is the greatest thing that could have happened to me! When else can I have an excuse to eat greasy food, play Tetris, and shack up with a member of the opposite sex in what is essentially a subterranean bachelor pad?

And for those of you who deny the potential consequences of Y2K, we'll see who's smiling when your non-compliant waffle iron explodes as you make your first meal of the millennium. Unless of course you can be accurately categorized as a Foxy Lady, in which case there will always be room in my bunker, baby!



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Here we see a visual depiction of Darwin's theory of natural selection, taken from his lesser known studies conducted in western Australia. That thing in the middle is an ancestor of the modern dingo.

Cookin' With Woodin

by Sydney Freas & Heather Woodin
FEATURES LIPSTICK

As the end of the century draws near, frantic thoughts of Y2K are sweeping the country. Preparations are being made to guard against the ultimate chaos that may occur at 12:00 a.m. on January 1 of the year 2000. Fortunately for us, we will be Y2K free. Our New Year's Eve is not about Y2K. It's about having the party of a lifetime.

Since we have tried to party the "normal way" (in Johnson, room 4) and failed, this New Year's Eve will be a somewhat different experience for us. On the big day, we will be kickin'

it in none other than the Cook Islands. Marco Davila '00 said it was a great place to go. For those of you out there who don't know where this magnificent chain of islands is (known to many as the one and only "Party Kingdom"), they're located approximately 1200 km South Southeast of Kiaritmati and 900 km East of Pago Pago, so that should help! If you still don't know where these islands are, just ring your call button and Tommy will come back there and smack you over the head with a tack hammer, because you are a MORON!

Now, what do we plan to do at the Cook Islands, you might ask? Well, our trip is full of fun and exotic events for the New Year.

Since we are both afraid to fly, in fear that weird men may hijack our plane and beat us with wooden reeds, we are setting sail from Sydney's home in Honolulu, Hawaii. Our sailboat is top of the line, composed of bamboo and palm fronds which are held together by straws that were given to us by the Ryley Room workers. It should hold up very nicely as we venture the waters of the South Pacific in the middle of the winter. How exactly we get there, I don't even think Ben Stine knows.

In all likelihood however, we will probably be greeted by the tribal master, Nugg Busby. After having sampled some complimentary bat droppings, we go straight to the party, otherwise known as the burning coal walk. Both of us have our doubts about walking over 700-degree coals, but we figure being initiated into the tribe would make New Year's a whole lot better.

I admit the idea of coal walks and New Years don't quite match up. So maybe we don't make it into the tribe, in that case we will resort to other resources to have fun. But what are the chances of us not making the walk across the coals? We will do it! Anyway, too much talk of this fun trip is making us both queasy.

This New Year's is going to be a blast for both of us. Hopefully, the Cook Island tribe will have some studs around to keep us busy. Maybe this trip sounds lame to some of you, maybe this trip offends you, but we could care less. Just as long as we're together. Who says we can't straight up have fun with these weird people.

Whatever you may be doing this New Years, think of us in the Cook Islands where we will be livin' it up. We hope you all have as much fun as we do!

AMERICAN PIE

by David Frisch
FEATURES HOPELESS

Y2K is coming; the world is going to end. New Year's Eve is tomorrow night. Thus, there is one day left to live up all the dreams I have ever had. Let's see. Reach six feet tall? Not going to happen. Hit one over the Green Monster? Nope. Take batting practice with Ken Griffey Jr., or beat Tiger Woods at Pebble Beach? I don't think so. There must be something I can do before the world ends. Wait...What's that thing some incredibly lucky people do? Oh, yeah, Yahtzee. If I meet that special someone, girl, lady, feminine carbon-based life form? It could happen. I have my goal and now I must reach it!

So, where can I have a reasonable chance to lose the "V Card" in such a short, (with emphasis on the short) amount of time? Well I could go to a blowout party in my hometown of Marblehead, get drunk, go to jail, and fail... Get out on bail, and sail.

Hmmm... Or I could go to Paul Crowley's house. We could eat Tom Turkey and Christmas Cherries, chill with Christian and Christine Crowley, cuddle with Derrick the Dog, and I could introduce myself to one of the Geriatrics. Too easy.

Or I could go to a place filled with crazy people and beautiful women on

all sides. Beautiful women on all sides! Beautiful women on all sides!!! It's a no-brainer, New York City here I come.

My roommate Josh and I arrive in NYC after a long train ride (the conductor, a mildly obese woman of sixty-five years, wasn't interested) around 5:00 p.m. Josh is hungry; I am randy. Josh wins the argument and we eat. At 6:30, after three milkshakes, (Daddy says they're suppose to make me big and strong) we head over to the Plaza Hotel, our shack for the night.

I jump into the shower while Josh enjoys the mini-bar. I put on my lucky boxers that have written across them "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PULL DOWN" -perfect for the occasion.

I finish getting dressed, gel my hair, put my penny loafers with nickels in the slots on, gel my hair again, make sure to bring protection...my pocket protector of course, gel my hair a third and final time, and make my way into Times Square with a giddy Josh.

It's now 10:30 and things are getting a little crazy. After losing Josh in the crowd, I begin to wander. I see a tall, blond woman (about 5'7", over 5' is tall to me) with a short skirt on. I accidentally slip and fall forward into her. An old lady with no teeth turns around, pulls out a forty-two Magnum, puts it to my head, and says, "Got a problem, little guy?" I scream and run away. Strike One!

At 11:00 I see another specimen. This time it's a brunette: tall, body, smile, the whole enchilada. I tap her on the shoulder.

She turns to me and seductively asks, "What can I do for ya cutie?" I get nervous and stutter, "Well, I'm a... I have never had...you wanna...or could we have..." Finally I spit it out, "Use me, abuse me!"

She begins to laugh when a huge guy, roughly 6'5" 250, grabs me by the collar and yells in my face, "Shouldn't you be in bed tough guy?" He then picks me up and tosses me about fifty feet. Thankfully, Josh's head breaks my fall. Strike two!

It's 11:30, and things aren't shaping up. Then at 11:42 (it's one of those things you remember) a girl bumps into me. "Excuse me" she says and smiles.

She's excellent! We introduce ourselves and I notice her teeth. For fifteen minutes we get to know each other and at 11:55 we kiss. We keep kissing for two minutes until she pleads, "Please take me back to your room, Douglas."

I shrug my shoulders and mumble under my breath, "Well at least she got the first letter." I pick her up and carry her all the way back to the Plaza. (Actually I only carried her about five feet. She gave me a piggyback the rest of the way.)

We got back to the room, and she

suggested we watch a movie. "A dirty movie?" I queried. "No...how about Dirty Dancing?" she responded. It's dirty, I thought to myself. Two painful hours later she left my room, thanking me for her wonderful evening and suggesting that we write each other e-mails.

Dejected and hurt, I watched strike three pass right over the plate. Goodbye Nameless, goodbye.

And so ends my New Year's. I, alas, remain a boy, but a boy learned in the ways of the woman. As for Josh, he learned the true meaning of southern comfort and spent the rest of his evening with his new friend, Stuart Little.

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Features Presents... Top Ten PLACES TO BE IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

10. Delaware.

9. Some place warm and cozy where you can study for spring term.

8. The Golden-Banana.

7. Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch.

6. In a bomb shelter.

5. The Jenga world championships.

4. Bowling to the porcelain God.

3. At the MTV 1515 studios so you can catch a glimpse of Carson Daly or counting flowers on the wall. (You pick).

2. Stan Makita's Donuts

1. Drinking Big Gulps outside of 7-11

WHEN IN ROME...

Shakespeare's Roman War Tragedy *Coriolanus* Conquers Campus

Alida Payson
NEWLY DUBBED DAME

Coriolanus, innovative, aesthetic, breathtaking, is perhaps one of the most interesting pieces of theater performed at PA in the past three years. Director Kevin Heelan brought the little-known Shakespearean tragedy to life with inventive costumes, evocative sets, and a group of tremendously talented actors.

Performed three times before packed audiences from the nineteenth to the twenty-first of November, *Coriolanus* featured Braxton Winston '01 as Coriolanus, Ian Goldberg '00 as Aufidius, and Kirsten Rapp '00 as Volumina, Coriolanus' mother. Other actors included Olivia Cockburn '02, Drew Comins '02, Brandon Dickerson '00, Britton Keeshan '00, Nicholas Ma '01, Peter Myers '01, Michele Rhee '00, Emily Selove '02, Scott Sherman '00, and Emily Thornton '01.

The play follows the tragic fate of a warrior, Coriolanus, through a life of violence and turmoil. After a tremendous, victorious battle against Aufidius, his enemy, Coriolanus returns home to find that the people of Rome abuse and denounce him.

Manipulated by his mother and blinded by his own pride, Coriolanus turns against his people and runs to enemy ranks to revenge their treatment of him. Vulnerable and torn between the enemy army and loyalty to his family, he is murdered by the bitter Aufidius.

The challenge of Heelan's production, then, lay in bringing this ancient story and all its

intricate Shakespearean language to life in a comprehensible, modern way.

He did not attempt to set the scene concretely with plywood turrets and tinfoil armor. Instead, he chose sparse ingenuity, using hooded sweatshirts, lead and copper pipes, black rubber tubing, arm bands, and the spare, industrial space of Steinbach Theatre itself to evoke the mood of battle and tragedy.

The metal pipes, in fact, ignited the show; the actors used them as weapons, cymbals, building blocks and crutches. Thrown to the floor throughout the play, their cacophonous clanging evoked the furor of pitched battle.

Actors used them to punctuate important lines and heighten dramatic tension. Their shape evoked the shapes of spears and swords, and their clashing noise was fierce, angry, and destructive.

Although resoundingly effective in each of the several battle scenes, the metal pipes were absolutely electric in the duel between arch enemies Coriolanus and Aufidius. The two never even touched each other; each threw down pipes instead of blows, writhing as if struck when the pipes crashed to the floor, in a sort of violent, clamorous choreography. Although Winston and Goldberg both performed with intensity, it was the fury and rhythm of the pipes that gripped the audience so completely.

Heelan's use of the spare black Steinbach theater, especially the tall set doors that looked like city gates, also added to the surreal quality of the production. Costuming choices included cargo pants and hooded sweatshirts, striped

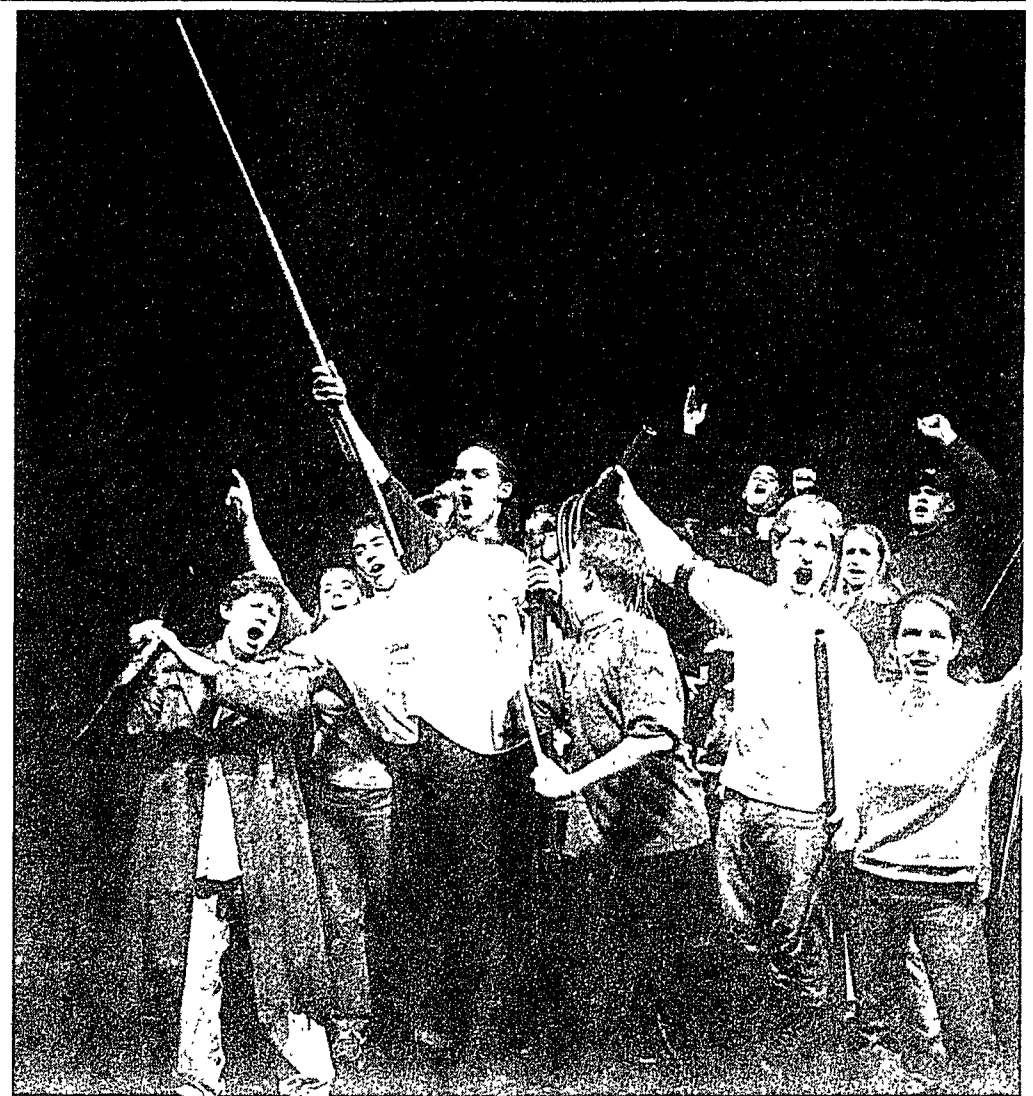
arm bands, and slender, looped chains.

The spare, evocative nature of Heelan's sets and costumes demanded tremendous performances from the actors to animate the story, and they met the challenge. Winston was striking as Coriolanus, rendering the fiery warrior human by connecting the audience to his emotions and decisions. A difficult role to play in all *Coriolanus*' fierceness and complexity, Winston managed to project the strength and turbulence of the hero. He strode onto the stage with charisma, shouted with authority, and commanded the audience's care and attention. He had obviously taken great care with diction and enunciation, and he delivered nearly every line crisply and with intensity.

Goldberg was unequivocally electric as the villain, Aufidius. The intensity of his agony when crippled by Winston in their duel, expressed in the flushed contortions of his face, cries, and knotted limbs, was simply and acutely amazing. His physicality when crippled, swinging about like a broken spider, was equally extraordinary. He delivered his lines with poise and wry flair, projecting Aufidius' bitter and calculating nature. Goldberg's accomplishment was impressive; he created an animated, intelligent, believable villain.

Rapp, as Coriolanus' mother, played her role with effective reserve and a clear voice that highlighted the cruel manipulation of her character's words. A mother who would rather see her son a dead hero than an ordinary live man, Volumina cajoled, commanded, flattered and advised, digging her son deeper and deeper into tragedy. Although slightly stiff, Rapp's restrained portrayal of Volumina reflected the appropriate maturity of her character. She presented her lines clearly, if softly, and effectively rendered Volumina as a strong-willed, manipulative mother.

Selove played Coriolanus' son, the young Martius, and, though she had only a few lines, managed to create a fierce, mischievous boy solely with her physicality. Thin, small, she stalked and hopped around the stage in a hooded sweatshirt, nearly strangling her mother, offering to fight. She closed the play by inching up to the dead Coriolanus and slyly slipping his sword, a brass pipe, out of his belt. Imitating him, she gloated and marched off stage without



E. Whiteman/The Phillipian

The cast of this fall's theatre 520, *Coriolanus*, get ready for battle. The sold-out performance thrilled audiences with its high drama and exciting action scenes.

having said a word. The effect of her physicality was truly remarkable; the young Martius was one of the most luminous, human characters in the play.

An ensemble cast and smaller parts rounded out the production, as the crowd of common people became soldiers, then people again, and adopted other roles. Sherman and Ma played Coriolanus' bodyguards and henchmen, of sorts, and were effective in their fierce authority; their forceful care for their master induced care from the audience.

Cockburn and Myers played the people's advocates, denouncing Coriolanus and stirring up anger against him. Myers delivered his lines with gusto and a great, jaw-thrust-forward scowl; though Cockburn's lines trailed away to be almost inaudible and were slightly slurred, her hostility was equally apparent. Dickerson, another citizen, provided another energetic,

strong-voiced performance.

Comins, a rookie to PA theater, was sweet and expressive as Menenius Agrippa, a diplomatic friend of Coriolanus who tries to pacify the angry people of Rome time and again. Thornton, as Virgilia, wife of Coriolanus, played her role with quiet earnestness, and although her husband was unresponsive, she portrayed love for the hero with care. Read was funny and sharp as Virgilia's wry handmaiden, Valeria.

The rest of the ensemble crew were impressive with their energy, as they fought, heckled, and cheered throughout the play. *Coriolanus*, in all its ingenuity, spare beauty and drama, was truly an exceptional piece of PA theater. Heelan's set, lighting, and costumes were raw and evocative, and the actors presented the tragedy with grace, energy, and a tremendous amount of talent.



James Bond (Brosnan) and Christmas Jones (Richards) make a run for it in the latest '007 film, *The World Is Not Enough*, the nineteenth movie of the serialized spy flicks, enjoyed strong earning in its first weeks at the box office

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Martinis, Plutonium, and the World:

The New Bond Comes to Theatres

David Paolino
ARTS' EBERT

Massive explosions, hi-tech gadgets, and a Vodka Martini shaken, not stirred, can only mean one thing: Bond is back. In Albert R. Broccoli's new film, *The World Is Not Enough*, starring Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Denise Richards and Robert Carlyle, James Bond ignites the big screen once again. Intense action, overall solid acting, and much more emotion than most Bond movies make this one a thrill to watch.

The plot begins when a friend of M's is blown up in the British Ministry of Defense. Outraged and insulted, M sends Bond (Brosnan) out to protect the friend's daughter, Elektra King (Marceau), who has inherited her father's immense oil business.

M believes that a terrorist named Renard (Carlyle), whom she tried to have assassinated by one of her agents, is behind the explosion. Yet as Bond repeatedly saves Elektra from various murder attempts, he begins to sense that something is amiss. He realizes that he has been lied to, and soon his allies are revealed to be his enemies.

All around him people are being deceived and used, and when a nuclear bomb is stolen, things get out of control.

The story does have a few glitches. First, I found it difficult to believe that the terrorist Renard had survived a gunshot in the temple from a secret agent. To make this even more unbelievable, the wound made him progressively physically stronger as the bullet worked its way to his "medulla oblongata." The bullet slowly numbed his senses, including pain.

Second, Denise Richards was a pitiful actress. She played the unrealistic role of a nuclear-physicist named Dr. Christmas Jones. Stepping out of her radiation suit, she wore the standard nuclear physicist outfit: a tight tank top and a tiny pair of shorts.

She didn't deliver her plutonium lines convincingly, and she plays only a minor role as a damsel in distress.

Third, some of Brosnan's lines were corny,

detracting from Bond's generally suave reputation and the flow of the movie. For example, Bond has a strictly "plutonic" relationship with Elektra.

Despite these glitches the movie did have several thrilling and humorous episodes. The opening scene was well executed and exciting, especially the high-speed boat chase that ended up crossing through several streets and restaurants.

A scene in a casino where Bond was trying out new x-ray glasses was also entertaining. Initially using them to see guns hidden beneath people's jackets, they soon were used for other purposes. Also, the man who will be taking over for the aging Q describes Bond's new car as having "rocket launchers, remote-control steering, and six beverage cup holders."

If there's one word that sums up the plot of this movie: explosions. There were well over a dozen vehicles, nukes, and even people who blow up in incredible bursts of fire and smoke. It took the producers 200 days to film this movie simply because of these explosions. Although they are well-rendered on the big screen, they soon become repetitive and boring, unless you're an extremely dedicated Bond fan.

Despite the millions of dollars poured into making these apocalyptic effects, *The World Is Not Enough* is quite emotional for a Bond movie. Bond and Elektra have several angry confrontations, and the rigid M crumbles into sorrow at the loss of her friend. Characters lie, cheat, and use one another, continually making the plot more complicated and disturbing. There is a large emphasis on revenge rather than saving the world, which adds an interesting twist to the movie as a whole.

Although not a must see, this movie was still very enjoyable to watch. Acting by Brosnan, Marceau, and Carlyle helped to boost the plot to a higher level of intensity and excitement. Remote locations, plenty of gunfights and chases, and a cool car make it fun to watch despite the obtrusive emotional side. Throwing in a couple dozen explosions, intriguing gadgets, and suave moves and it's officially Bond... James Bond.

Nick Morrison
UN HOMME EXTRAORDINAIRE

On Saturday, November 20 at 7 p.m., the three-and-a-half hour chamber music marathon began. The Academy Chamber Music Society, co-headed by Caitlin Lowery '00 and Katherine Roberts '00, performs once each term. One of the music department's largest organizations, the society consists of more than forty students and half-a-dozen faculty members.

The organization is subdivided into 20 performance groups of two to five students, each with a faculty member coach who may or may not play in the group as well. After rehearsing for the better part of the term, the groups perform in the Timken Room in Graves Hall before an audience composed primarily of faculty and parents.

Although Andover's Chamber Music performances are always lengthy, this year's was exceedingly drawn-out; the audience had dwindled to half its original size by the concert's conclusion. The organizers tried to bait the audience by leaving the virtuoso performers until the end, but many people simply could not concentrate for three-and-a-half hours.

However, for those who made it through the entire concert, performers offered an excellent range and diversity of music, with some truly impressive performances and very few disappointments.

The program featured works by Mozart, Haydn, Pleyel, Bach, Schuman, Telemann, Dvorak, Prokofiev, Mouret, Glinka, Brahms, Beethoven, and Schubert, plus a special performance of a piece by student David Longstreth '00.

The evening began with a Mozart Quartet. A slightly out of tune but calm and competent

group featuring Monica Yang '00, Lindsey Williams '02, David Lear '00 and coach Kathryn Pillsbury maneuvered their way through a moderately challenging piece with grace and skill. Later, Andrew McManus '03 was visibly nervous when he sat down at the piano, but he and Zachary Goldman, too young to even be attending PA, gave an emotional and intuitive interpretation of a Mozart Trio.

Elizabeth Garner '01 and Towson Remmel '03 also deserve recognition as the excellent violin and piano soloists in Schubert's long and difficult quintet.

However, the best piece from the first hour was Mozart's *Eine kleine Natchmusik*, performed by some of the schools finest clarinetists, Jun-Yup Kwaak '01, Amy Kalas '01, Edward Schneider '02 and Christian Sjulsen '01. The group deftly avoided the many pitfalls of a difficult piece played on a most unforgiving instrument, with only one noticeable squeak and perfect rhythmic synchronization, despite the fact their feet were all tapping at different speeds.

The second hour opened with the performance of Longstreth's piece by a slew of friends and classmates. Entitled in a *lift i can meditate*, the piece was beautiful and well put-together; however the audience seemed slightly baffled by the slow, dissonant composition that contrasted so heavily with the lighter classical music of the rest of the program. Dave seemed pleased however, for the performance went well, with only one noticeable mistake made in his challenging and unorthodox piece.

Other notable highlights from the second hour included a Telemann Trio performed by Adrea Lee '01, Alexander Coppock '02 and their coach Duncan Cumming. The two students playing flute and oboe respectively, communicated extremely well, sustaining the musi-

cal conversation even when stumbling slightly in the faster parts.

Jeffrey Wessler '03 played a superb interpretation of a Mozart flute quartet, although his accompanying strings had occasional difficulty keeping in line with him.

The final two pieces of the hour, Dvorak and Prokofiev string quartets, were immaculately performed by some of the school's most talented string musicians, although both pieces got mixed receptions from the audience, again because of their modern style and tonality.

The third hour and final hour was indeed worth the wait. To decide which of the six performances was best is most difficult, as they were all superb in their own right.

However, Lowery, Roberts, and William Chan '01 gave a truly magnificent performance of a Brahms piano trio, although Caitlin graciously pointed out her one practically unnoticeable error by flinching dramatically.

Megan Prado '01 was possibly the most impressive soloist of the entire concert, giving a heart-melting rendition of a Schubert string quintet, and one can only wonder how William Braff '01 managed to prepare both a tuba piece and two viola pieces in a single term (and perform them successfully).

Although most of the faculty music heads wouldn't comment on the performance, Mr. Walters could be heard mumbling in reluctant response, "too much to say, too little." Dr. Warsaw was slightly more articulate saying (sarcastically) "I thought it was very well organized. That was the shortest three-and-a-half hour performance I've ever been to."

Dr. Warsaw has of course hit upon an important point, which is how the brave souls who actually made it to the end of the performance were expected to appreciate the final pieces is beyond me.

Chamber music requires an immense amount of concentration to fully appreciate, and it is unfortunate that these massive concerts are the only format the music department has come up with to showcase some of the school's finest musicians.

IN MY YOUNGER AND
MORE VULNERABLE DAYS
MY FATHER GAVE ME
SOME ADVICE THAT I'VE
BEEN TURNING OVER IN
MY MIND EVER SINCE.

HE SAID,
**A. WOODNEY
S. HAVERSTICK,**
WRITE FOR ARTS,
BECAUSE NEWS
WRITERS ARE DIFFERENT
FROM YOU AND ME.
**SHERMAN x6689
PAYSON x6198**



A. Tucker/The Phillipian

The Chamber Music Society performed an extensive three-and-a-half hour concert featuring the works of Mozart, Haydn, Pleyel, Bach, Glinka and others last weekend.

ATHLETES OF THE TERM

Hunter Washburn — Cross-Country

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

It is a common custom for cross-country runners to change their spikes after each race. The reasoning is two-fold, some like to replace their spikes to get more traction on the ground in the next race, others merely change them because they think it will give them an "edge" over competitors.



E. Thornton/The Phillippian

However there was one runner on the Andover cross-country team this year who only changed his spikes once. Throwing out the usual tradition, Hunter Washburn '00 never replaced his spikes after the team's first race at Manchester; in fact for seven races thereafter he left them untouched. After the constant friction with pavement and rocks the spikes had by the end of the season become completely useless. Washburn gave some reasoning to his custom:

"I probably was just lazy, I didn't really want to change them." He later added, "It was never really a superstitious thing."

Superstitious or not, Washburn pulled the cross-country team this fall to its second New England Championship in his four years at Andover. Leading the team as the captain, Washburn won three dual-meets and placed second overall at Interschols. Hunter showed early on that he could lead the team to its undefeated season.

Growing up on campus in Johnson Hall, Washburn ran with the Phillips team in both his seventh and eighth grade years. So naturally when he arrived here freshmen fall his first goal was to run with the varsity team. And that he did, consistently placing fifth or sixth the entire season.

Running under the leadership of then-captain, Kanu Okike '97, Hunter quickly learned the traditions of the team, including the weekly team dinners and the huddle before each race. As Washburn would say later of Okike, "He was a great role-model, a guy who made the rest of the team focus."

Although the team took first at

Interschols in Hunter's freshmen year, he placed what he considered a disappointing thirty-third, and was thus more focused than ever coming into his lower year. Hunter says of his development, "Each year I came back more experienced, stronger, and knowing what to expect."

All of those factors led Hunter to an amazing season end his lower year finishing sixth overall at Interschols. But it was the bitter taste of the team's third place finish that motivated him to log more miles in the summer and train harder for his upper year. In fact it wasn't until his upper year that he won his first race. On winning the race against Exeter, "It gave me the confidence that I could accomplish goals."

After a long season of crew, Hunter took a well-deserved break for a week or so in anticipation of his final cross-country season. On one occasion during that early summer break he sat down to write a few personal and team goals. The team goal was to win Interschols, and his personal goal was to try to break the four-year-old course and school record held by Darren Dineen '96. Although both goals were lofty, he nonetheless strove toward achieving them from that day forward.

Right from the first time-trial, Hunter gained confidence by taking off nearly one minute from his previous personal record for that particular race. Feeling comfortable and in control, Hunter watched as he and the team rode an undefeated season right up to the Exeter meet one week prior to Interschols. As Hunter said of the thrill of the team's undefeated season, "It was like a snowball effect. Each race building on the one prior."

That crescendo effect was nowhere more present than at the Exeter meet in which Washburn set a new school record. As fellow senior runner Eli Lazarus '00 commented on the race, "A pack of us were with him at the bridge [the one mile mark] and then just like every other race we saw him slowly speed up, and take off."

To make the race even more astonishing, Hunter broke the record without ever having any pressure from another runner. Indeed Hunter's final home meet was one to remember. Varsity runner, Weston Fuhrman '01 added, "To break the record of possibly one of Andover's greatest distance runners is incredible enough. But to do it in the fashion that Hunter did is truly amazing."

As for Interschols, Hunter once again led the talented pack to the predicted win and the undefeated season. His fight at Interschols for second place over two amazing runners was yet another accomplishment in this season of accomplishments.

But such praise can be most noticeably heard from Washburn's coach and mentor, Jon Stableford.

"Hunter led the team in two ways—behind the scenes aware of everyone's position, and by training hard and pulling the team with him throughout the season."

However nothing can more fully represent Hunter's determination than his reply to a man who asked him the obvious question at the end of the Exeter race this fall: "When did you know you had the record?" asked the man.

"I thought I had it before I started," Hunter replied.

Bernadette Doykos — Field Hockey

by Merri Hudson
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When applying to Andover as an eighth grader, Bernadette Doykos had no idea she was going to play field hockey, let alone a goaltender position. As a freshman, Bernadette attended many of the varsity games and slowly took up an interest in the sport. She decided to start her career when she was a lower on Andover's JV team. Bernadette, a newcomer to the sport, tried out as a goalie due to an open spot in that position. JV-1 had a tremendously successful season, finishing undefeated. Such a positive first taste sparked Berna's interest in field hockey. Over the next summer, she attended the team camp at Deerfield Academy. The camp was primarily organized and attended by current varsity players, and, as Berna recalls, "I knew if I wanted to make varsity my upper year, the camp in the summer would be really crucial." Andover won the camp tournament, and Berna allowed only one goal the entire week. Her outstanding play and signature spirit would earn her the "Goalie of the Week" award. Not only did the camp improve her skills as a goalkeeper, it broadened her confidence in having a shot to play on the varsity team in the fall.

As September and pre-season approached, Bernadette began thinking about her chances of making the team. She knew that Andover hadn't graduated any goaltenders the past year, leaving no apparent slots. Her experience from the summer and her level of fitness were going to affect her chances of making the team. After consistent effort and hustle, Bernadette was chosen as one of three goalies for the varsity team. She was shocked and ecstatic when she saw her name on the final



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cut list. The team had a rough season, dotted with various injuries and daunting losses. It was up and down every week, as inconsistency proved to be team's downfall. Regardless, Bernadette was able to gain valuable varsity experience that would help her in the next season.

The summer before her senior year, Bernadette attended a camp sanctioned by the US Field Hockey Association (USFHA), meaning that the director of the camp had the power to nominate top players to the USFHA Futures Program. The Futures Program, held throughout the winter, is an elite program designed to give top players the chance to play at a national level. Bernadette was selected to the Futures program from the camp, and will participate this winter. She was also selected as "Best Team Player of the Week," adding to her ever-growing list of accolades.

This year's pre-season placed different pressures on Bernadette. She wanted to prove to her teammates, and most importantly to herself, that all her summer experience had stepped her game up another notch. She had no way of foretelling exactly how much success she would have in her senior season. As the season wore on, however, Bernadette steadily improved to near-wall status. She backboned the Andover defensive unit in many important games, including four of its six shutouts. In her "career defining game" against St. Paul's, Bernadette recorded 16 saves and allowed only one goal. In other games, such as Middlesex and BB&N, Berna recorded more than 8 saves while only playing a half in each of the two games.

Bernadette's outstanding performance in goal was a huge factor in the team's success this past season. Ending up with a team record of 9-4-1, Bernadette was nothing short of amazing in goal. She performed to the best of her ability every time she was placed in the goal, and her heart and dedication towards her team, as well as the sport of field hockey, will never go unnoticed. As Bernadette thinks about the future, she would love to continue playing field hockey in college. Among her first choices are Amherst, Vassar, Hamilton and Wesleyan.

Besides playing field hockey, Bernadette is also a member of the varsity lacrosse team, where she plays attack wing for the defending Eastern Independent League Champions. She is also a Blue Key Head for West Quad South, and participates in ARC. Although Bernadette has made her mark all over the Andover campus, her success between the pipes may very well have been her most rewarding — and most pleasantly surprising — experience of all.

Anne Bernard — Soccer

by Alan Ginsberg
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Having kept opponents at bay during the girls' varsity soccer team's run to the New England Championship, never allowing more than two goals until the New England final and garnering eleven shutouts over the course of the season, goalkeeper Anne Bernard '00 is certainly deserving of the title Athlete of the Term.

Anne has lived all her life in near-by Boxford, Massachusetts, with her parents and brothers David and W.T. For as long as she can remember, she has played soccer, beginning when she used to play with her brothers. When she was only four years old, Anne first played organized soccer, joining an instructional league where her father coached her team. Then, as soon as she was old enough, Anne began playing town soccer in Boxford.

By fifth grade, Anne had progressed to playing in the travel league for Boxford as a halfback. During her fifth and sixth-grade years, all the girls on the team were supposed to take a turn playing goalie. However, because Anne was willing to play voluntarily, she found herself protecting the net more than her teammates. Although her coach, Mrs. Sennott, never conducted goalkeeper drills during practice, Anne continued playing the position during games. By the end of her eighth grade year, Anne found herself playing goalie more and more.

As her middle school career drew to an end, Anne's parents suggested

she consider attending private school. Anne was reluctant to leave her hometown friends, but her visit to Andover gave her an idea of what private school was like. It was a vision Anne found appealing, so, when she was accepted to Phillips Academy, she decided to forgo Masconomet Regional High School to attend Andover.

Her freshman year, Anne did not attend preseason soccer tryouts, instead electing to tryout for the J.V. squad as a field player. But once she mentioned that she played goalie, she was asked to report to varsity tryouts. Anne made the varsity squad as a goalie, along with Lindsey Williams '97 and fellow freshman Jess Judge. Originally, the plan was that Lindsey would be the starter, while Anne and Jess would split time as her backup and as the starting junior varsity goalie while practicing every day with the varsity team. However, Jess suffered a broken finger, giving Anne more than her share of her time as Lindsey's backup. Then, in the girls' final regular season contest, against Exeter, an injury to Williams gave Anne the opportunity to start. While she did not perform as well as she had hoped, the appearance gave her much-needed experience.

The following year, when Anne was firmly ensconced in the starting goalie position, her play began to improve dramatically. At the end of the season, the team beat Exeter, gaining momentum heading into the tournament. In the tournament, the girls earned a dramatic quarterfinal victory in a penalty kick shootout, gaining two

more days of practice. As it turned out, those two practices were conducted in the snow, which also caused the location of the girls' semifinal match to be changed from Andover to Tabor. This change only marked the beginning of the girls' problems, as a late goal-against opened the floodgates and led to a 4-0 Andover loss.

Anne's upper year was a somewhat disappointing one. As Anne describes it, "we didn't have a great season, but we had a lot of fun." Anne split time in goal with Louisa Butler '02, who she describes as "an awesome goalie and a really great athlete." With only three seniors playing, the girls found success difficult to come by, ending the season with an 8-5 record after losing to Exeter and failing to qualify for the tournament.

This year, the girls had high hopes for their season. However, three anterior cruciate ligament injuries to key players forward Tenley Eakin '02 and defenders post-graduate Renee Moulton and Co-Captain Hillary Fitzpatrick put a damper on the girls' expectations. However, because the squad was, according to Anne, "a really focused team," and two freshmen, Kate Takvorian and Christina Checovich, capably filled in for Fitzpatrick and Moulton, the team achieved its goal of capturing a New England title. As Anne describes it, "the freshmen stepped up. I depend on my defense so much, and I felt like we had really good chemistry. The whole team was really supportive and close." However, forward Ashley Harmeling '00 gives Anne a much greater degree of the credit for the



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girls' success. "We all felt confident with her back there," observed Harmeling. "She's a great team leader, and she stopped everything during the tournament. She saved us all so many times. We love her."

Away from the athletic fields, Anne participates in ARC, serves as a Blue Key Head for West Quad North, and is active in her church, working in the nursery school and, during the winter, teaching Sunday school there. Looking towards the future, Anne has applied early decision to Dartmouth,

where she hopes to be able to walk on to the team, although she will definitely play soccer at some level, be it varsity, junior varsity, or intramural. She also wants to ski in college, although not competitively. Academically, Anne wants to major in either English or creative writing and is considering attending medical school. First, though, she has to recover from the excitement of playing an integral role for a New England Championship team.

Nat Moger — Water Polo

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Having scored nearly seventy-five percent of the boys' water polo team's goals over the course of the season, Nat Moger '00 certainly possesses the qualifications necessary to be referred to as an Athlete of the Term.

Nat was born in Sydney, Australia, but lived there for only one month. Then, he and his family moved around frequently, stopping in Hong Kong, Dallas, Darien, Connecticut (when Nat was in pre-kindergarten), and Greenwich, Connecticut, where the Moger family moved when Nat was in fifth grade. During Nat's lower winter, the family settled in Barrington, Rhode Island.

Nat began playing water polo during the summer after his sixth grade year because he swam for Burning Tree Country Club, which also offered a water polo team, prompting Nat to give the sport a try. The team won a league championship in the summer of 1997, and Nat continued playing for the squad through the summer after his freshman year.

When he began trying to decide where to go to high school, Nat immediately thought of Andover, the alma mater of his cousins Dan '99 and Amanda '94, who had been a successful swimmer and water polo player for the Blue, eventually captaining the

Harvard University water polo team in 1997. Thus, Nat applied to both Andover and Exeter, and, when only Andover accepted him, he decided to come.

As a freshman on the varsity water polo team, Nat expected to be overpowered by bigger and stronger players, but he soon found himself starting, although in a secondary role, for a team that finished third in New England. For Nat, the season was both educational and productive. As Nat recalls, "[Co-captains] Jay DerAnanian '97 and Nick Vantzfeldt '97 taught me a lot while I was under their tutelage." However, Nat also scored eight goals, placing fifth on the team, behind DerAnanian, Vantzfeldt, Derrick Neathery '97, and Collin Evans '99.

During his lower year, Nat played two-meter defense and perfected his lob shot. In addition, Nat recalls, "the season ended with perhaps the greatest water polo game I've ever experienced." Against Deerfield in the semifinals of the New England tournament, Nat had three goals and four assists as Deerfield led, 9-8, with :43 remaining in the game's second overtime. At that point, Evans sent a shot under the Deerfield goalie's arm, but the ball caught a wave and deflected off the crossbar, sealing the victory for Deerfield.

Nat's upper year was the team's best season of his tenure. With Nat

again playing two-meter defense, the team reached the New England finals. En route, the Blue came up against Hotchkiss. In that game, both Evans and Todd Anderman '99 were kicked out. Then, with :32 remaining in the game and Hotchkiss leading by one, Hotchkiss drew a kick out on Jay Blitzer '99. As a result, it could have run out the shot clock to seal the victory. Inexplicably, however, a Hotchkiss player took a shot with :08 remaining. The Blue goalie threw the ball to half-court, where Nat turned and shot with :03 remaining, scoring and earning a tie for the Blue. In the New England finals, the Blue lost to Exeter, 7-4, with Nat scoring a goal and drawing a penalty shot that Evans converted. However, the Andover boys could take some solace in the fact that they had held Exeter to its lowest scoring total all season, even fewer goals than it had scored against some vaunted public school powerhouses.

Having graduated five starters from the previous year's team, this year's water polo squad went through a disappointing 8-8 rebuilding season. However, Nat starred despite the Blue's mediocrity, scoring well over seventy percent of the team's goals. Teammate Michael Reznitz '00 provides testimony to Nat's dominance in stating simply, "There was never a player in the pool who didn't respect his talent." Unfortunately, the team fell

in the first round of the New England tournament to second-seeded Loomis-Chaffee by two goals and then lost a heavily contested second round competition against Williston, ending the Blue's season.

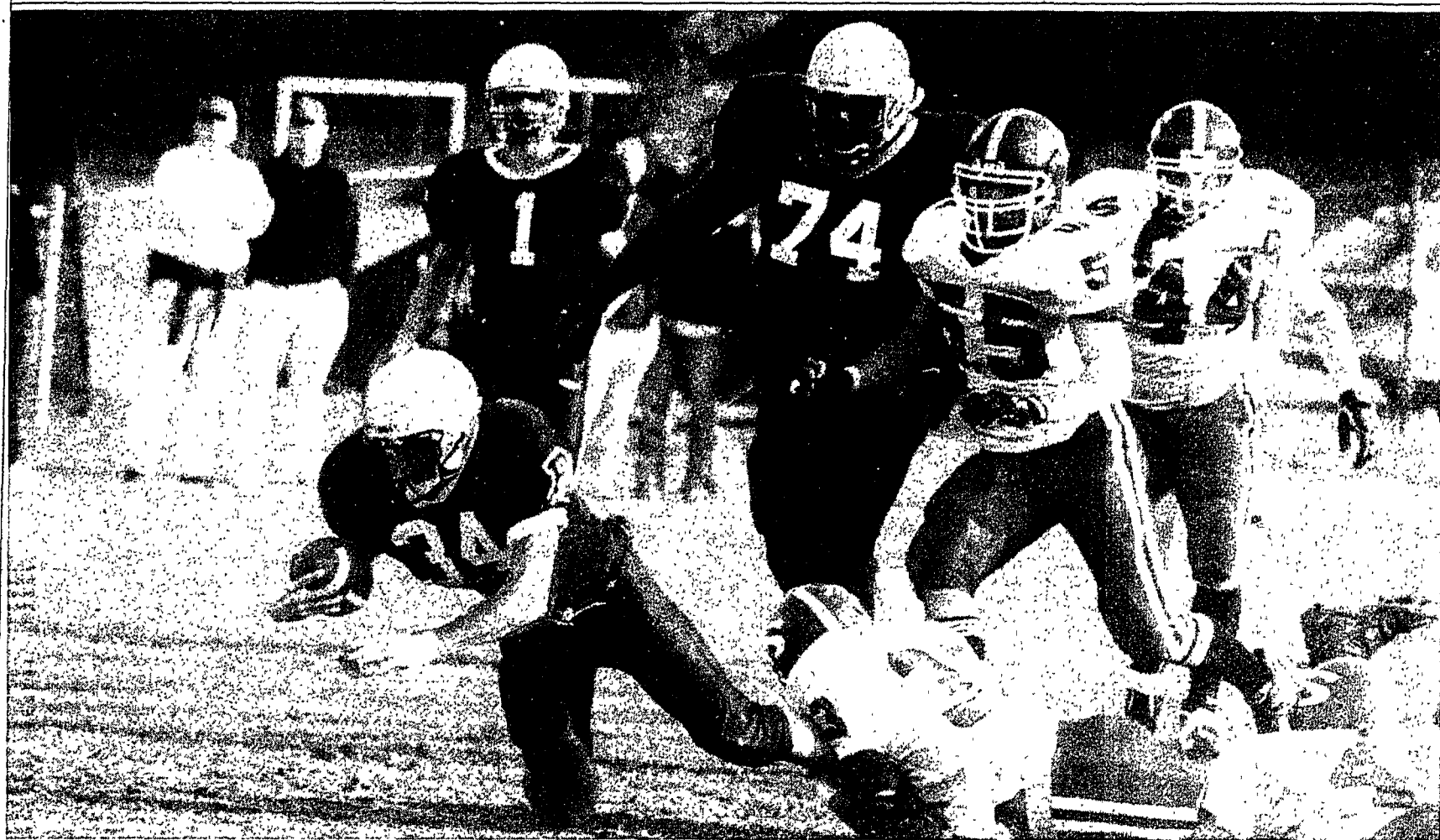
During the winter, Nat remains in the pool as a four-year member of the boys' varsity swim team. As a freshman, Nat competed only in relay events, but as a lower he swam the fifty-yard freestyle, recording a personal best time of 23.3 seconds at Interschols. The following year, Nat continued to swim the fifty and also swam the hundred-yard freestyle and the two hundred-yard freestyle relay, in which he, Anderman, Nate Vantzfeldt '00, and T. J. Durkin '99 set a record of 1:28.5.

In the spring of both his freshman and lower years, Nat played attack for the junior varsity lacrosse team, although he was unable to score. However, because, as he says, "you lose your legs if you swim, so you can't run," he gave up lacrosse after his lower year.

Outside of athletics, Nat hosts a radio show on WPAA with Eugene Sokoloff '00. Preparing for next year, he has applied early action to Brown, where he is being recruited to play water polo. Although he is undecided about his major or career plans, there is no doubt that he will continue his exploits in the pool.



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Justin Blanch '00 leaps for the extra yardage during Andover's post season victory over Salisbury Academy.

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FOOTBALL HOLDS ON FOR 14-13 VICTORY TO DEFEAT SALISBURY IN NE PREP BOWL

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plan except for the final score."

Though the game began with an interception thrown by Andover quarterback Marc Hordon '00, it was the Blue who would strike first. Early in their first possession the Scarlet Knights ran a pitch to their tailback, who bobbled the ball and let it drop to the ground, where Porter Fraker '00 made the recovery. The very next play saw Hordon throw a long sideline bomb to a running Luke McArdle '00, who beat his coverage and had no trouble scoring. Kicker Corbin Butcher '01 remained successful on extra point attempts, boosting the Andover lead to 7-0.

The next drive proved damaging for both teams. Although kick-off man Nat Carr '00 had forced Salisbury to begin at its own twenty yard line, the Knights drove seventy-nine yards and seemed poised to score. The Blue then forced the opposing tailback to fumble yet again, this time on a run down the sidelines. Unfortunately starting lineman Aaron DeVos '01 was injured on the play and was forced to leave the game. The injury was compounded by the fact that fellow lineman Matt Scriven '00 was also out of the lineup due to illness. In order to close the injury void, starting Nose Guard Joshua Aisenberg '00 was forced to play on offense or the first time this season. Despite the unfamiliar position, Aisenberg filled in admirably.

The second quarter saw both teams continue to turn the ball over, with Andover giving up two fumbles and another interception. On the Salisbury side, Williams was picked off by McArdle and Fraker.

Salisbury tied the game as the half came to a close when it forced and recovered a fumble on the Andover ten-yard line by star tailback Justin Blanch '00, who once again ran for over one hundred yards. Salisbury then wasted little time in charging in for the touch down followed by Williams converting on the extra point.

In the third quarter both teams squandered prime scoring chances. After the Knights were forced to punt, the ball bounced off of an Andover player and into the hands of Salisbury. On the other side of the ball, the Knights fell victim to two sacks, one coming from Captain Braxton Winston '01, and a costly personal foul.

The second Salisbury punt was fielded by McArdle, who found a large hole and dashed all the way to the Knights' twenty-yard line. This time the Blue offense choked, gaining minimal yardage on three running plays and then turning the ball over with an incomplete pass on fourth down.

Early in the final quarter, the Hordon-McArdle connection came alive once again, this time with a forty-three yard touch down pass on second down. Butcher then kicked the eventual game-winning extra point and gave the Blue a fragile 14-7 lead. After the two teams traded possessions, Terrell Ivory '00 made a critical fourth down interception that allowed the Blue to kill some time off the clock.

Unfortunately Andover then went three downs and out, giving Salisbury the ball back on the Blue forty-three. Three straight completions by Williams gave the Knights a touch down with only a minute and a half remaining and brought them within a point of a tie. In a gutsy move, Salisbury's head coach elected to go for the two point conversion and the lead. Andover's Fraker emerged as the hero for the moment as he batted Williams' end zone pass out of the air at the last minute and sent the crowd into wild cheering.

The fans were quickly silenced however when the Knights recovered their on-side kick and moved within

field-goal range. Salisbury moved the ball as far up the field as possible in the little time remaining and finally spiked the ball down with seven seconds to play. However, the long Williams kick fell far short of the uprights, assuring the Blue of another hard fought victory and the championship.

With the season now at an end and another trophy taking its place next to the many mementos of championships past, questions about next season are already beginning to surface. Perhaps the greatest worry for the future is the return of Modeste, whose contract expires in June. When asked about the possibility of leaving Andover in favor of a coaching job elsewhere, potentially at the college level, Modeste declined to comment but noted that his plans for next season would be settled sometime during the winter term.

Also coming into question is the quarterback position. With Hordon graduating this year, the coaching staff has a number of options to consider. Among them is the promotion of Zack DeOssie '03 to the starting job. DeOssie, only a junior and son of NFL

great, Steve DeOssie, served as Hordon's backup this season but saw only minimal playing time at quarterback. The second possibility is bringing in a post-graduate for a year while DeOssie continues to develop his already impressive skills.

Although most of the starting team is headed off to college next September, don't expect a decline in the team's talent, especially on defense. Among those players returning is Winston, who will serve a second year as team captain. Winston led the team in tackles and also racked up his fair share of sacks. Also returning to the defense will be upper sensation Scott Ward '01, who has already set a record for tackles in a single game. Joining Ward and Winston will be John Judson '02, who started on defense this season as a lower. DeVos, who played well throughout the season, also returns to the lineup. On special teams, the speedy Joe Lemire '01 is also expected to get the nod yet again. Last but not least is Andover's beloved kicker Butcher, who is best remembered for his game-winning last second field goal against Choate early in the season.

Girls' Soccer Claims New England Title in 1-0 Overtime Victory

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banged in a lofting cross from Krause. Not disheartened by the Blue's powerful opening, Nobles, a team which had grown accustomed to the role of underdog, growled back ferociously, scoring midway through the first half. The Blue struck again, 10 minutes before the halftime whistle, with a goal from James assisted by Ashley Harmeling '00.

"Cassie is one of the most worried-about strikers in the league," beamed her coach, "because she is so fast and so unpredictable."

Cassie's goal certainly livened the PA spirit, until two speedy Nobles midfielders initiated a lot of trouble along the sidelines. Unable to keep control, the exhausted Blue suffered two goals, one in the first 10 minutes of the second half, and one in the last. Nobles refused to be easily shut down, leaving the score at 3-3 after a tough 80 minutes.

The Blue knew it had to adjust if the team were going to pull through in overtime. Krause was repositioned in the midfield to cover one of the tough flank players, while Louisa Butler '02, Christie Checovich '02, and Katie Witman '00 rotated controlling the other midfield threat. Taking the field, the Blue sensed its strength. "We had the momentum, and we knew we had to attack," reflected Lisa Joel.

Although the first 10-minute overtime reaped no reward for either team, 4 minutes into the second overtime, a cross came sailing over Noble's 18-yard-box. "I knew I just had to tap it, and I thought to myself, 'don't blow it

now!'" remembered James. Pulling through for Andover, James kept her cool. Touching the winning goal into the net, she pushed the score to 4-3. Coach Joel later commented, "It has been said that offense wins games, and defense wins championships — I think they both did it today."

With this impressive melange of talent, skill, and heart, it is easy to see how Andover took the championship. James provided the offensive heart — a constant source of energy and spontaneity. Harmeling, Côté, Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, and Bernard devoted all four years of their Andover careers to making this team what it is now. Butler provided a spark, attracting fans who love to watch her intensity and clear passion for the game. Checovich played steadily and with confidence throughout the entire overtime of that tense final game. Côté has been a role model player and captain, Renée Moulton '00 and Fitzpatrick coached the team through its victorious season. "They couldn't bring it onto the field, so they brought it to the sidelines," explained Coach Joel. Outstanding juniors Takvorian and Blaese are the future of the defense, carrying the glory of the '99 team through the next three years.

United on cloud nine for the long bus ride home, the team planned a future brimming with alumni games and practices. "We are going to destroy you guys!" James challenged.

Butler fell asleep along the way, hugging the team's silver, championship cup — a happy ending to a fairy-tale season.

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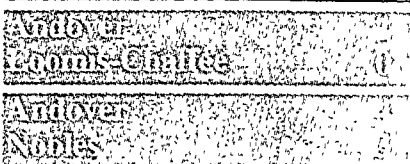


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Football, Girls' Soccer Capture New England Championships

Girls Defeat Loomis-Chaffee and Nobles En Route to Victory

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The girls' varsity soccer team crowned its season with a 1-0 win against Loomis-Chaffee on Saturday and a 4-3 victory over Nobles on Sunday, earning Andover a 15-1-3 record and its first New England championship since 1993.

The big Blue knew it had a tough game ahead when they played the 2nd seeded team Saturday, November 20. Loomis fields a well-coached team including three National Championship club-team players, and had tied PA 2-2 in the first game of the season. "I knew it would be a 1-0 game, one way or the other," admitted Coach Lisa Joel. "We would really have to keep up our technical game, and play really good soccer." Luckily, the scoreboard tally fell to the Blue. Claiming she had "a goal on her foot," Alexandra Zuckerman '01 raced onto the field in the second half, itching to score. The ball was bobbling around in the box when Zuckerman put her head down and blasted it into the far corner from eight yards out.

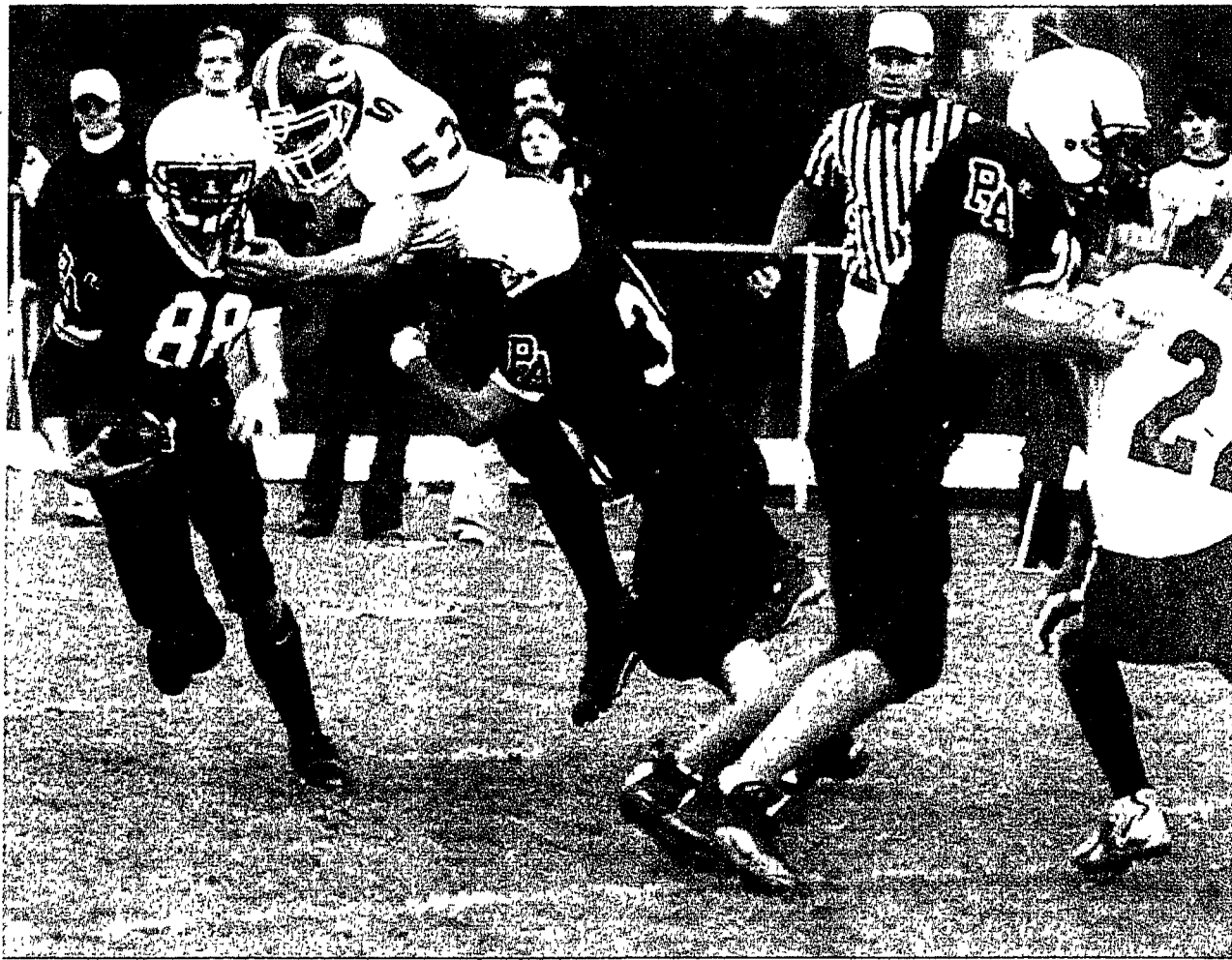
While PA was able to keep up its skillful play, Loomis fortunately missed its chance. When Caitlin Krause '01 knocked down a Loomis striker in the box, the opposition snagged the opportunity for a dangerous penalty kick. The fans on the sidelines watched with crossed fingers and

held breaths as a nervous Loomis upper kicked the ball just wide of the net and a sigh of relief burst forth from the Andover crowd.

Loomis' strong offense put a lot of pressure on the Andover defense, especially junior Carolyn Blaese, who guarded the opposing lead scorer. "Blaese had one of the best games of her career here," explained Joel. "She played all 80 minutes of the game, and was really composed and confident." Fortified by goalie Anne Bernard '00, with nine incredible saves, along with defensive strongholds Miriam Litt '00 and Kate Takvorian '03, "the defense really won the game for us," summarized Coach Joel. Katie Whitman '00, Christie Chekovitch '02, and captain Sarah Côté '00 combined for a strong midfield game as well. The Blue celebrated its victory with a team dinner in the coach's apartment, psyched to tear up the field in the finals at Tabor the next day.

Early Sunday morning, the girls piled onto the bus for the New England Championship final. Nobles had been the dark horse all season, quietly defeating every team. A class B team which plays up, Nobles was one of only three teams to pull off a tie against Andover earlier in the season. Feeling confident after Saturday's conquest, the Blue flew onto the field and scored twice in the first six minutes. Caitlin Krause atoned for her Saturday snafu by taking advantage of a cross from Cassie James '00 to break through for the first goal. The second goal resulted from a beautiful play by Molly Turco '00, who timed her run perfectly and

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Porter Fraker '00 proved to be an integral part of the 1999 New England Championship squad, with three interceptions during the Salisbury game.

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Andover Exerts its Dominance Over NE; 5 of 9 Teams Win League Titles

The end of the 1999 fall athletic season marked one of the most successful in recent years. Of the athletic department's nine varsity interscholastic teams, eight finished with winning records, five claimed New England Championships, and three boasted perfect undefeated seasons.

Most recently, the girls' soccer team claimed its first championship since 1994. Traveling to the neutral site of Tabor on November 20, the squad bested Nobles — a team which it had previously tied — in a tight 4-3 overtime victory. Cassie James '00 scored the overtime winner. Post-game, an elated Head Coach Lisa Joel commented, "It has been said that offense wins games, defense wins championships...I think they both did it today." The team finished with a record of 15-1-3.

November 20 was evidently a good day for Andover, as the football team also captured a New England Class A title — its third in five years — with a 14-13 nailbiter over the Salisbury School of Connecticut. Though the team led throughout the game (Luke McArdle '00 caught a Marc Hordon '00 bomb early in the first quarter to make the score 7-0), it very nearly lost

the game in the closing moments of the fourth quarter, but was able to stave off both a two-point conversion attempt and a field goal attempt to preserve the win. "Nothing went according to plan," mused Head Coach Leon Modeste following the victory, "except for the final score." The team finished 8-1.

1999 was a dream season for the entire Andover cross-country program, as both the boys' and the girls' squads finished undefeated in dual meets and took first place at Class A Interschols, which were held at NMH this year. The boys last won in 1996, the girls had not won since 1995.

Lower sensation Melissa Donais took first place in the girls' race at Interschols, and boys' captain Hunter Washburn '00 placed second. Both Washburn and Donais had outstanding individual seasons, as Washburn broke Darren Dineen's '96 Andover course record and Donais repeatedly shattered the course record set by a Deerfield runner in 1995. With top runners returning to both teams, look for a strong showing from the cross-country program in the years to come.

Finally, and perhaps most resoundingly, comes girls' water polo. Having typically outscored opponents by a 10+ goal-margin, the undisputed New Eng-

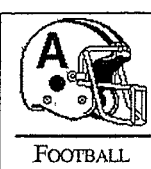
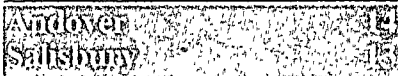
land champions capped off their undefeated season with a win at the Loomis Invitational Tournament.

This fall's all-around strong showing bodes well for the athletic department. The winter season is already underway, and will hopefully prove just as fruitful.

BOYS HOLD ON FOR VICTORY

One Point Lead Stands Only After Salisbury Kick Falls Short

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Two weeks ago, the boys in blue ignited a capacity crowd at Brothers Field for the final time this century. In perhaps the most sloppily played NEPSAC Prep Bowl ever, Coach Leon Modeste's troops managed to eke out a 14-13 victory over the Scarlet Knights of Salisbury and capture Andover's third championship in the last six seasons. This latest title has placed the Blue ahead of perennial powerhouse Cushing Academy in the bid to become New England's most successful private school team in the last two decades.

Although not in its usual top form, the Andover defense somehow survived the almost superhuman abilities of Salisbury quarterback Major Williams, who demonstrated speed and strength unparalleled by any of the Blue's regular season opponents. At least three times Williams overpowered the two or three tacklers who seemed about to record the sack, but even more frightening was his ability to scramble away from even the fastest blitzes and still make an intelligent pass. The Blue also survived an uncharacteristic five turnovers. Said Modeste, "Nothing went according to

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The girls' varsity soccer team pictured with their New England Championship trophy.

Cross-Country Sensation Melissa Donais '02 Wins Regional Championship; On to Nationals

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In one of the biggest upsets in recent history Melissa Donais '02 won the Footlocker Regional High School Cross-Country Championships in Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, New York. Donais, who qualified for the race by winning the NESPSTA Interscholastic Championships two weeks ago, was not in the predicted top-twenty by DyeStat.com. Even Donais herself doubted that she had a good chance of winning. "I thought I could make the top-fifteen at best" she added, "I never thought I would win."

Donais' win qualified her for the nationals in two weeks at the Disney Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida. There she will join the top eight runners from each of the four regions in America.

The race — stocked with the best runners in New England — took place

on a hilly 3.1-mile course. The conditions — cool and breezy — were added bonuses on race day. Melissa finished the national qualifying race with the winning time 18:07, out running her nearest opponent at the end of the race by almost thirty yards. As she said after the race, "Her legs were weakening, so I took off."

The same race-intellect led Donais during the Andover season to a phenomenal seven first-place finishes. Donais' ability to read runners' weaknesses was a great asset to her race strategy throughout the season. Faced with running in the front-pack where surging choices are crucial, Donais is accustomed to making mid-race decisions. Nationals in Orlando will be her biggest test yet for strategic running. With only 32 runners there is less of a chance that the race will go out too fast. Instead the racers will be forced to make decisions throughout the course to progress through the small packs. In addition to her strategy, Donais' long

stride and undying hill work helped her during key points in the race. With the confidence in her training she was able to power up the hills and pass the runners in her six-to-seven-deep pack of front runners.

Donais commemorated her win on Saturday to her grandfather who tragically died twelve years ago, just minutes after setting a Masters record in the 3000 meters. Her grandfather, Tony Sapienza was an accomplished road racer, who placed as high as fourth in the Boston Marathon. Melissa explained after the race:

"I get my running genes and my inspiration from my grandfather. I always think of him when I run. I'm sure he was here today."

In addition to the girls' race qualifying a strong pack of runners, the boys' race promises an experienced group going to the Nationals, though with no PA students. Dan Coval — winner of six Pennsylvania track and cross country championships — ran

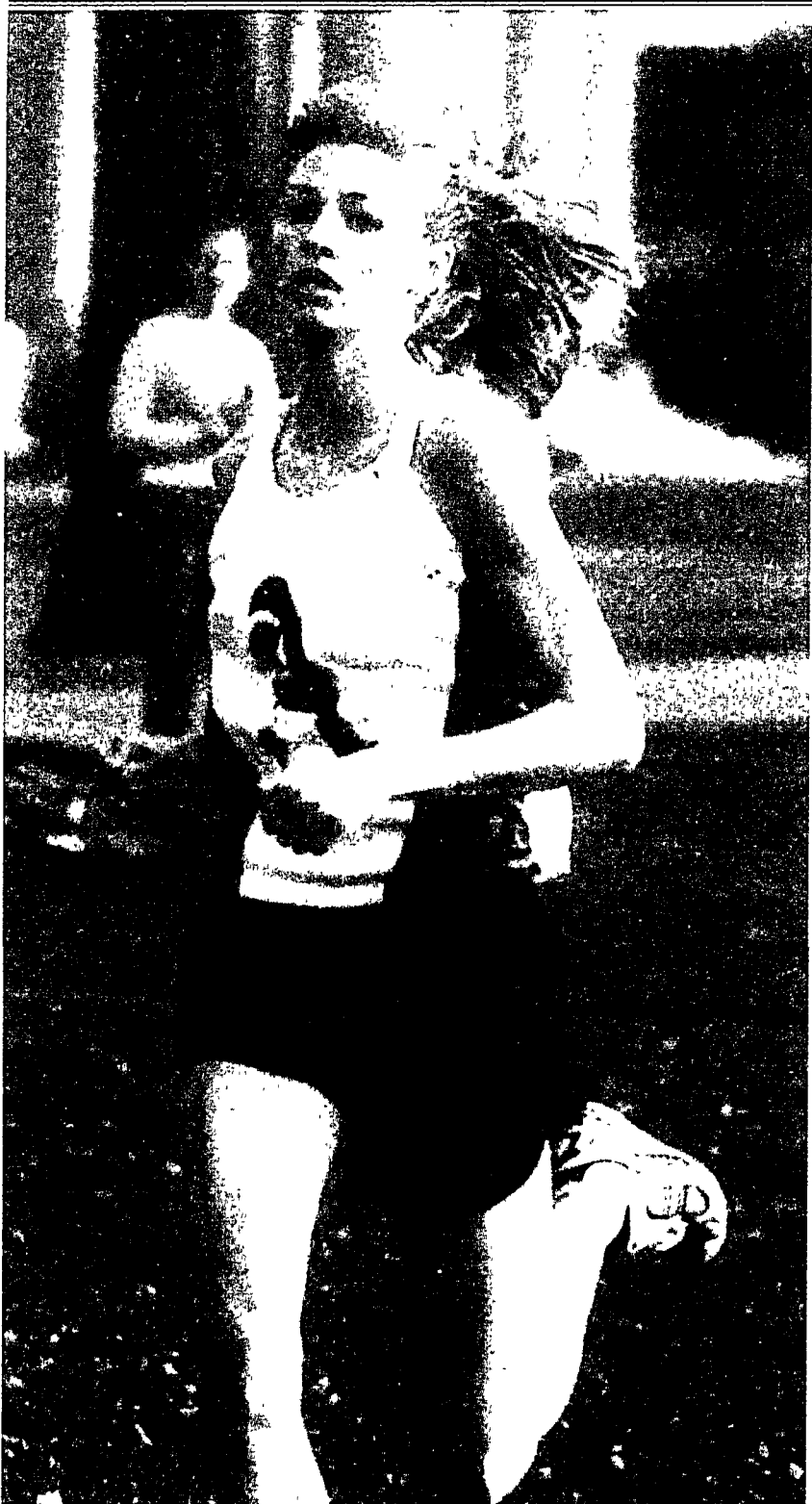
away with the victory on Saturday.

Coval set the pace early going out incredibly fast in the first three hundred meters shocking the front-runners he ran with to the first-mile marker. As he broke away in the lead, Carval was valiantly trailed by Tristan Colangelo, from Gloucester, Massachusetts, who manage to close the gap to sixty yards at the finish.

An interesting observation on the day was the lack of any qualifiers from New York and New Jersey, further proving New England's dominance in cross-country running.

Although Donais, qualified for the Freshmen Regional race last year she did not place as well as this year. Upon hearing the results many in the Andover community gave praise to Donais' accomplishments. As PA's girls' cross-country Captain Kate Larson '00 said:

"We're all happy for her, and can't wait to hear about her results at Nationals."



Melissa Donais '02 earned herself the NESPSTA Interscholastic Championship title.

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ALSO THIS WEEK: ATHLETES OF THE TERM

Berna Doykos

With a breakthrough senior season, goalie Bernadette Doykos '00 was a spirited team leader, both on and off the field. Having never played the game before lower year, she now competes in the U.S. Field Hockey Futures Program.

Hunter Washburn

Boys' cross-country Captain Hunter Washburn '00 ran the boys to a first place finish at Interschols. On the way to the team's undefeated season, Washburn broke the Andover course record and placed second individually at Interschols. Austin Arensberg profiles Hunter's distinct penchant for setting — and achieving — goals.



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Nat Moger

Scoring seventy-five percent of his team's goals, Nat Moger '00 was the driving force behind the boys' water polo team's berth in the New England Tournament. The four-year varsity member led the squad to a .500 record in this rebuilding season.

Anne Bernard

Goalie Anne Bernard '00 propelled the girls' soccer team to its New England title. Bernard had an impressive performance in the New England Tournament, recording nine crucial saves in the girls' second-round shutout victory over Loomis-Chaffee. A four-year member of the varsity squad, Bernard is a three-year starter.