

# TRIPP RESIGNS AFTER DC; SENIOR REPS VOTE IN KOH

## EXCLUSIVE KOH INTERVIEW

### Plans to Continue Tripp Proposals Including CARL Committee

By PAIGE AUSTIN and ROSS PERLIN

The *Phillipian* sat down with Student Council President Steve Koh Monday evening to discuss both the events of the previous week and his plans for the student council.

Today, the senior reps held another vote as to who should succeed Zack Tripp as president. What was the purpose and outcome of this morning's meeting?

The student council wanted to make sure that the constitution was indeed being followed, and today we made up ballots and voted. I was in fact officially voted to be the new president of the student body.

#### Who was nominated?

All senior reps were nominated automatically. Kurs asked who would not like to be a nominee and Casey Hill spoke up: she said she had no interest in running for president. Otherwise, everyone was a potential candidate.

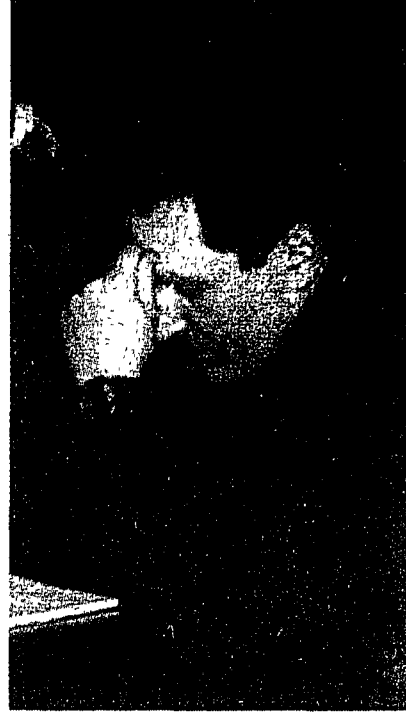
#### Why was it determined that the meeting was needed?

At the meeting on Thursday night which Zack Tripp attended and [at which he] told us the issue, we all discussed and voted even though it was informal and without ballots. At the time, we thought the constitution was being followed; however, it's been suitably vague because the constitution is not explicit on what happens when a president resigns. If a president is removed, which is not the case, then there are clear instructions as to what

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At the student council's weekly Sunday meeting, former School President Zack Tripp '00 announced his resignation. Pine Knoll Senior Representative Steve Koh '00 then assumed the position. Meanwhile, Instructor in Spanish Albert Cauz, the Tripp-chosen faculty advisor to the student council, attempted to provide objective guidance.



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## CHAOTIC TRANSITION

### Tripp's Future Role Still Undecided as Koh Takes Over

By PAIGE AUSTIN and ROSS PERLIN

Last Sunday, following the resignation of Zack Tripp '00, Pine Knoll Senior Representative Steve Koh '00 assumed the role of student body president. Tripp announced at the weekly student council meeting that Koh would serve as his replacement, a position officially secured the next morning by a vote of the senior representatives.

"I am going to resign as Student Council president, stemming from some disciplinary issues," Tripp told the council. "Although the choice was mine," he continued, "I decided that I was elected to fulfill a purpose, and, by stumbling into disciplinary trouble and exhibiting monumentally poor judgment, I did not fulfill [the role] I was elected to do."

Koh, who ran the meeting after Tripp's departure, said, "I have faith in everyone in this room, and I have no doubts that we can make this transition." Koh elaborated on Tripp's recount of an informal Thursday night gathering of the senior representatives, at which Tripp recommended Koh as his successor. Though designated by the student council constitution to take over, Vice President Eric Cho '00 opted to put the decision to a vote.

Explaining his recommendation, Tripp said that he favored the PKN senior representative "not only because Koh has been so dedicated to the council and because he's a friend to a lot of people, but because he gathered so many votes last year that we're pretty sure that the student body would agree with our decision."

Given the lack of a contingency plan in the student council constitution, council members were unsure how to proceed in response to Tripp's resignation plans. Cho's decision not to automatically take the reins of student government raised an issue of succession not provided for in the constitution.

Section V, "Removal and Transitions," an amendment to the constitution, authored in 1993, reads: "Any member on the student council who receives disciplinary action for alcohol or drug related incidents must resign from the council." The section further stipulates that, "If the School President resigns or is removed, then the Assistant to the School President [the Vice President] assumes the office."

Later accounting for his decision to forgo this prerogative, Cho explained, "As much as I wanted to step in at that point, I felt that the student council should elect a successor, because whoever did step in would be much more

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## Muddled Student Council Constitution Unable To Provide Senior Reps with Clear Procedure

By PAIGE AUSTIN and ROSS PERLIN

As the student council faced last week's unprecedented situation—the resignation of school president Zack Tripp '00 and the decision of Vice President Eric Cho to forgo automatic succession—they found themselves called upon to create their own protocol. The less than comprehensive student council constitution, though frequently referred to as the ultimate authority, provided little guidance.

Planning to resign as a result of disciplinary trouble, Tripp chose to recommend at a Thursday meeting that his former adversary in the presidential elections Steve Koh '00, now a Pine Knoll senior representative, assume the position. Under what authority Tripp

did this, however, remains unclear. While he technically retained his title until Sunday's gathering of the full student council, Tripp entered uncharted waters with his move to elect Koh through a general consensus.

The decision met no opposition at the time, and Koh appeared to have the support of the senior representatives. As the days passed, however, doubts increased as to whether the proper course had been taken.

Though according to the student council constitution the vice president may assume power uncontested, Tripp mistakenly conveyed to his colleagues Cho's unwillingness to serve. Cho, for his part, had meant only to put himself on a level playing field with other potential presidential hopefuls among the senior representatives, not to disqualify himself.

"It was a really big misunderstanding," explained Cho later. "As much as I wanted to step in at that point, I felt that the student council should elect a successor just because whoever did step in would be much more confident knowing that the majority of student reps were fully behind that person."

Noble though such intentions may have been, they resulted in a painful lack of clarity in council deliberations. Tripp, seeking as seamless a transition as possible, nominated Koh, and the still shell-shocked senior representatives offered general concurrence.

Even Tripp's resignation had not come within the context of a clear precedent. Significantly, an amendment to the school constitution, passed in 1993, reads: "Any member on the Student Council who receives disciplinary action for alcohol or drug related

incidents must resign from the Council." Should the president refuse to resign, a two-thirds majority of the student council must issue a vote of no confidence in order to remove him from office.

The situation was further complicated by the physical loss of the amendment soon after its creation. A close reconstruction, authored in 1994 from the recollections of a former council member, appears in the current constitution.

Tripp, whose disciplinary troubles involved the all-too-common practice of on-campus alcohol consumption, could reasonably expect that such a majority could not be mustered to remove him. Nonetheless, said Tripp, "The decision came from what I believe is right and wrong. I decided what I had done was wrong." He continued, "I think I got elected primarily to serve and help the students, but also to function as a good example and a role model. I really think I failed at that." Whether a constitutional requirement would have ultimately superseded Tripp's own moral imperative will remain unanswered, leaving future councils without a clear interpretation of the lost amendment.

Doubts only came to the surface on Sunday evening, when a number of the senior representatives suggested that a formal vote, in which all their names would be on the ballot, take place. Finally solidifying his role, Koh emerged victorious from the ostensibly casual vote held in the Day Hall common room.

Ultimately, the outcome of the transition was indeed as smooth as if

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## Philo Forum Features Discussion On MLK Day, Race Relations at PA

By CINDY YEE

Phillips Academy's Philomathean Society presented its third Philo Forum of the school year on Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. A group of faculty and students gathered in Ropes Salon to discuss the school's celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which took place last week. During the hour-long discussion, the group also talked about PA's methods of dealing with racial issues.

The forum took the form of a moderated discussion led by Jermaine Thibodeaux '00, the president of Students for an Anti-Racist Community (SARC), and Eugene Sokoloff '00, a board member of the Philomathean Society. After a brief introduction by Co-President of Philomathean Society Dan Schwerin

'00, Thibodeaux took the floor. He began with a quote by W.E.B. DuBois: "The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line." Thibodeaux went on to explain that now, almost 100 years after this statement was made, we still struggle with the causes and consequences of this problem.

Before turning the floor over to Sokoloff, Thibodeaux posed a few key questions to consider for discussion. He asked, "Exactly how diverse is Andover? Does the multiculturalist attitude create further separation between races on campus? Should the school be doing more in the area of making PA a more diverse place?"

After Thibodeaux's introduction, Sokoloff asked the group to think about how far the PA community has come since a lone black student sat on

the steps of Samuel Phillips Hall to protest the school's disregard for MLK Day. Since then, the school has incorporated the national holiday into its annual schedule, but the question still remains as to what is the best method to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year, the day was honored with a discussion about affirmative action in the format of a town meeting, which allowed students to both listen and speak in a large group setting. According to Sokoloff, the Philomathean Society sought to recreate a discussion that may have taken place on this year's MLK Day.

After the floor was opened to comments from the rest of the group, Co-President of Philomathean Society Zack Tripp '00 started the discussion by asking if it is enough to have a diverse student body or if the school needs more actual integration within the students. In response, Frannie Ritchie '01 proposed that the school's many cultural clubs may contribute to the apparent separation between people of different racial backgrounds.

Smita Singh '01 suggested that people do not intend to divide themselves by race, but rather by their common interests. She admitted that many times, a person's interests are greatly affected by his or her racial background. Tiffany Joseph '00 agreed adding that a person might feel more comfortable around people of the same color at first, but that, in time, that person will inevitably open up to others as he feels more at home.

Addressing the question of whether or not PA does enough to unify the student body, Brad Meacham '01 argued that the school does what it can through admissions and cultural weekends, but it is up to the students whether they to be friends with one

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## ACADEMY SAFETY NETWORK AVERTS 'NEW COLUMBINE' COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

### More Difficult at PA for Isolated Students to Go Unnoticed

By ROSS PERLIN

Not only relying on the maturity of its carefully selected student body, Phillips Academy faculty and student leaders have created a broad network of programs and offices to combat the kind of teenage alienation that has led to violence in many of America's public high schools.

In the wake of last April's shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, schools nationwide have introduced and enforced stricter security requirements.

In some cases, school administrators or hired "security experts" have required students to remove clothing, hair dye, or other personal effects thought to be insignia of gangs or violent groups.

The "zero-tolerance" policy of many schools allows students little leeway, often lumping first-time offenders in search of self-expression with genuinely dangerous students.

All this has come in the midst of a statistical drop in the number of violent incidents in American high schools. The 1999 Annual Report on School Safety of the Departments of Education and Justice, released last October, cited a 36% decrease: "The overall school crime rates," the report pointed out, "declined between 1993 and 1997 from about 155 school-related crimes for every 1,000 students ages 12 through 18 to about 102 crimes in 1997." Nevertheless, increasingly brutal incidents have left their stamp on

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Jadele McPherson '01, attending Wednesday's Philo Forum, offered her thoughts on the need to "redefine race" in a modern sense.

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## A Message From Zack Tripp

Dear Students,

The rumor mill is by far PA's most efficient institution. By now, the students rightfully know that power has changed hands within the student council. After a weekend's worth of thought, I decided to resign my position as president following disciplinary action.

The rumor mill is efficient, but facts have a way of being lost in the works. The facts about student council are public record. And, for the record, I think the student council will not miss a beat as a result of this flurry of events. The representatives are strong leaders and are good at keeping perspective and poise. The facts about my DC are also public record. I was placed on probation for drinking. Unfortunately, people seem concerned more in the peripheral, private matters of the DC. Who? Why? Where? When? If any student has particular interest in the details of my decision to resign, he or she can by all means ask me. I will speak to the assembled student body on February 2, and will try to put all questions to rest. After some of the best reflection I have ever done in my life, my primary concern is that Phillips Academy can move on and move forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Zack Tripp

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New School President Steve Koh discusses the events of last week and his goals for the rest of his tenure in an exclusive *Phillipian* interview. p. A1

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## Trustees Finish Productive Weekend Focused on Discussing New Budget

By KEVIN BARTZ

Last Saturday marked the close of this term's meeting of the Board of Trustees; board members came to PA for a weekend of conferences focused, in the words of Assistant Head of School Rebecca Sykes, on "discussing the overall budget for the coming year."

"One of the biggest pieces of this budget for next year," she went on to remark, "is faculty compensation."

In handling this key issue, members of the Board of Trustees primarily considered the Faculty Salary Structure Committee Report, which "identified three areas for special consideration: stipends, merit pay, and the shape of the salary curve."

The salary structure committee formed last year by Head of School Barbara Landis Chase operates under chairman Instructor in History and Social Science John Strudwick and has labored eight months to produce a 11-page report that strives to guide the academy in future salary-related decisions.

Theorizing on how PA can offer attractive first-year pay to prospective teachers, the report offered the trustees insight into possible solutions, succeeding in its goal to "conduct a thorough examination of the current salary and compensation."

"I think we have represented the faculty the best we can," asserted committee member Christopher Shaw, instructor in history and social science.

Mr. Strudwick, the work's principle author, concurred, adding that the report "is reflective of what we feel faculty members want."

Unfortunately, the report was offered too late to consider it thoroughly, which left the trustees' discussion of the questions it posed "very preliminary." However, there was still enough time for Mr. Underwood to take action on its suggestions.

"I'm going to appoint an ad hoc committee," he said, "to advise the head of school on the faculty committee's recommendations." The first of the report's investigations, perhaps the most broadly sweeping presented over the weekend, was the form of the faculty salary progression.

"During most years, a teacher's salary," it elucidated, "progresses along a straight line." Citing data on three other schools besides PA, including Andover High, the report compared three different salary scales to that of PA.

Although the examples mentioned "share one thing in common, namely that they are 'locally linear,'" all included "some form of change, either jumps to new scales or a significant change in the slope or rate of increase."

The board contemplated alternatives to this type of linear function.

"One idea was to give a steeper increase to those people who were newer in the institution," recalled Mrs. Sykes.

Although this nonlinear theory pledged to attract new teachers to the school through higher entry-level wages, Ruth Quattlebaum, instructor in art, best reflected the sentiment among the faculty in declaring that the "linear age-based salary scale" can best "compensate based on age and experience."

"The response of the faculty," Mrs. Sykes remembered, "was that they preferred the linear curve."

In addition to the shape of the curve, the trustees pondered ways to keep faculty wages competitive with rival high schools.

Following the advice of last year's Ad Hoc Committee, the faculty committee urged a rate nearly 15% higher than the mean among the association of Seven Schools, of which PA is a member.

"They're in the process now," resolved Mrs. Sykes, "of finalizing a decision on the issue." At the weekend's meetings, she felt that the trustees, upholding the will of the faculty, "were generally positive and open to the notion of considering a change in the structure." As the president of the board, Mr. Underwood verified her observations.

"My personal reaction is it's a very worthy goal," he affirmed. Nonetheless, he did foster one reservation: "Only problem is every time we raise it," he lamented, "they'll raise it too."

In spite of this, he admitted that the proposal would be instrumental in "doing everything fiscally possible to maintain the outstanding faculty we've got at the forefront of nationwide faculty salaries."

Indeed, the excellence of PA's faculty was exemplified that very weekend, when five teachers received faculty foundations, known as endowed chairs, that promise to allow them more financial freedom in supplementing their classes.

"Each of them carries a modest fund," explained Dean of Faculty and Instructor in English Philip Zaeder, "which each year, the holder of the chair may use at professional discretion."

In this way, Patricia Russell, winner of Robertson Chair and instructor in both biology and physics, plans to use her windfall "to enrich both of those programs."

Mrs. Russell, added that she felt "very honored" to receive the prize.

"It's very gratifying to be acknowledged for one's work," exalted Instructor in English Seth Bardo, recipient of the Leeds Chair.

Besides Mrs. Russell and Mr. Bardo, Instructor in English Ada Fan, Instructor in History and Social Sciences Derek Williams, and Vincent Avery, dean of studies and instructor in philosophy and religious studies, also accepted grants.

With such impressive faculty members filling the academy's ranks, many labeled futile the possibility of merit pay in the current system, which "is basically a single salary structure dependent solely on age, which is used as a proxy for years of experience," according to the report.

On the other hand, the merit pay proposal would lend support to the economic theory stating "that pay increases above the rate of inflation reflect real increases in worker productivity."

However, the report indicated that the system would not work well at Andover: "There appears to be little philosophical support for merit pay at PA," it held.

One teacher's beliefs that "excellence is encouraged by the atmosphere, my colleagues, my personal proclivi-



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Oscar L. Tang '56, vice chair of Campaign Andover, was among the Trustees to visit campus.

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## Rogers Fellow Limerick Gives Talk on Minorities and Nature

By KATE ELLIOT

On Thursday evening, Patricia Nelson Limerick, this year's Rogers fellow, presented a lecture entitled "Ethnicity and the Out Doors: People of Color and the Appreciation of Nature" in the Tang Theater. The address, which highlighted her two-day stay at Andover, was open to the public as well as students and faculty members.

Each year, one woman who has distinguished herself in her field of study is selected by the Department of History and Social Science and deliver a public address. As a fellow, Limerick, a historian specializing in the American West, has joined the ranks of author Gish Jen, educational researcher Sarah Lawrence Lightfoot, psychologist Janna Malamud Smith, and social critic Wendy Kaminer, all of whom have earned similar respect and designation in their respective fields.

Limerick's dedication to academics has long given her a reputation for excellence. Born and raised in Banning, California, Limerick completed her undergraduate work at University of California at Santa Cruz, earning her BA in American studies in 1972. She went on to earn a Ph.D., also in American Studies, at Yale University in 1980, before teaching at Harvard for four years as an assistant professor. Victor Henningsen, chair of the department of history and social science, recalls that the courses taught by Limerick at Harvard were "wildly popular," as were the lectures that she offered to undergraduates. He continued, "In my time in the university world, she was one of the few research professors who cared deeply about teaching. She was dedicated to helping her students and was a talented advisor. It was not ordinary to find these qualities in someone who was also a brilliant research professor."

In 1984, Limerick left Harvard to become a member of the faculty at University of Colorado at Boulder where she currently teaches courses on "The American West. Limerick also currently serves as chair of the board at the Center for the American West.

The Rogers Fellowship is only one of many grants and honors awarded to Limerick. In 1990, she received the alumni achievement award from her alma mater, the University of California at Santa Cruz. After being named the Colorado State Humanist of the Year in 1992, Limerick was distinguished as the recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship in 1995. Popularly known as "genius grants," the highly regarded MacArthur Fellowships are awarded only to those who have truly proven their intellectual capacity and commitment to their

field of study.

To supplement her work in education, Limerick has authored countless articles, as well as several collections of essays and two books, *Desert Storm and Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West*. She is perhaps most famous for the latter, through which she established herself as a leader among contemporary historians exploring the complicated dynamics of the Western frontier. In *Legacy of Conquest*, Limerick pioneers the idea of "New Western History," a revolutionary interpretation of the history of the American West. Since its emergence eighteen years ago, this theory has received considerable attention and has become increasingly popular.

As one of the nation's foremost authorities on the history of the American West, Limerick has aimed to eradicate the romanticized conceptions and stereotypes held by most Americans concerning the Western frontier. Studying the area's history by concentrating on conflicts, both of the people and of nature, Limerick found that by rejecting society's traditional perception of Western history, the events that took place could better be related to the problems and dilemmas of modern times. By readjusting the focus on the history of the Western frontier from exaggerated stories of noble battles to important struggles that were endured, Limerick succeeded not only in reviving the subject of Western history, but also in renewing interest in the topic as well.

A product of her most recent research, Limerick's lecture emphasized the complex history of attitudes and behavior toward nature on the part of people of color. She has expressed significant interest in the topic in the past: "Environmental and ethical issues are in greater need than they have ever been for intelligent thought and clear expression," stated Limerick in an interview given to the Center of the American West following her acceptance of the MacArthur Fellowship.

Much like her other works, Limerick's address presented unconventional ideas concerning the appreciation of nature held by people of color, introducing theories unique from those advanced by acclaimed naturalists such as Thoreau and Muir. Due to be published in March, her newest book, *The Atomic West*, will also combine racial and environmental issues.

After spending Thursday and Friday visiting classes, Limerick will hold a "Western Round Table" on Friday night. This invitation-only event is intended to help Limerick gather attitudes and opinions, which she will report on in the forthcoming publication of the handbook of the Center of the American West.

## Former College Counselor Finbury To Deliver McKean Award Lecture

By ERIN WINKLER

This evening, the Brace Center for Gender Studies will present the second annual McKean award to former Co-Director of College Placement Marion Finbury. The award honors individuals who, through inspired and dedicated leadership in education, exemplify the spirit of Philena McKean.

Ms. Finbury has demonstrated dedication and leadership throughout her career, first at Abbot and then at PA. Ms. Finbury began her thirty-year career working at Abbot in 1962 as a member of the college placement office. When the two institutions merged, Ms. Finbury became co-director of college placement with Robert Crawford, current instructor in history and social science. Mr. Crawford describes her as "a widely respected figure" who "told the truth about students." Her valuable judgements and student recommendations gained Ms. Finbury the admiration of colleagues, as well as the institutions with which she worked.

Last year's recipient was Joseph P.

Wennik '52, former director of alumni affairs. Mr. Wennik was chosen for the award because of his long record of service to the academy. Perhaps most notably, Mr. Wennik was director of athletics during PA's transition to coeducation in 1973. He and several of his colleagues were instrumental in the successful merger between Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy.

Ms. Finbury, for her part, considered it her sworn duty to act as students' vigorous and tireless advocate. Liz George, assistant to director of College Counseling Carl Bewig and former Abbot college counselor, described her former colleague Ms. Finbury as "instrumental in making college counseling what it is today." It was Ms. Finbury who suggested that her office's title be changed from "college placement" to "college counseling." She felt that this alteration would better illustrate the office's function. Rather than emphasizing the end products of the college application process—matriculation at a college—the new name would highlight the office's role in helping students learn

## EAST COAST SNOWSTORM CLOSES THE CAPITAL

Six to twenty inches of snow fell across the Atlantic seaboard from South Carolina to Maine on Tuesday. The surprise storm entirely closed the government, leaving the White House deeply embedded in snow. This was the first snowstorm to close the capitol in four years, and the government lost nearly \$60 million in labor. One police officer, after clearing a White House fence of onlookers, turned around to find her car in a snow bank. She began shoveling. A Chinese military delegation gave up their ride in limousines and instead took the subways to reach a meeting at the Pentagon.

In Raleigh, North Carolina, over a foot of snow resulted in the declaration of a state of emergency, needing the aid of the National Guard. After the storm died down, the workers described the damage akin to that of a hurricane. In the Carolinas more than 200,000 houses were left in the dark and in the cold, as a power outage deprived many homes of heat. Schools along the East Coast were closed, including all 1,100 schools in the New York Public School System. Also, in New York, La Guardia Airport shut down. The airports in many other major cities such as Boston, Washington, Philadelphia, and Baltimore were also closed.

The memorial service to be held in South Orange, New Jersey, for the victims of the fire that occurred at Seton Hall University, had to be postponed because of the weather. In New York, where

roughly six inches fell, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani offered advice in snow shoveling after a 58 year-old man died while shoveling his driveway early in the day.

## THAI RESCUE HOSTAGES HELD FOR BY 12 YEAR-OLD TWINS

On Tuesday, Thai officials entered a hospital held by a terrorist group, and rescued hostages. The group, called "God's Army," is lead by twelve year-old twin boys from Burma, now Myanmar. The boys, Johnny and Luther Htoo, claim to have mystical powers making them invincible to bullets and mines. They are self-described Fundamentalist Christians. Their group of guerrillas took 800 hostages. 200 of these hostages were hospital staff, and the remaining 600 were patients. The low caregiver-to-patient ratio led to insufficient care of the patients. One of the 40 hostages released Monday, was in labor when she left the hospital. Another released hostage said that those still inside the hospital had not been allowed anything to eat.

The guerrilla group had fled to Thailand from Myanmar because Thailand had been shelling the rebel's Myanmar base. The base gave medical attention to the Burmese rebels and was a haven for the "God's Army" fighters that numbered a pale 200. "God's Army" is one of many bands that have been attacking the government since Burma's independence from Britain in 1948. Apparently, the twin leaders summoned their village to revolt against the Burmese government after soldiers ransacked the village, raping women and killing the men

in public, before setting the thatched village on fire. Similar events have often occurred in Burma.

Thai and Burmese officials are very sensitive to the situation as relations

## LONGEST WAR CRIMES TRIAL ENDS FOR BOSNIAN SERB

Between the countries are quite unstable. After a tedious four years of trial, Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic has been sentenced. Tadic was a policeman convicted of torturing and murdering Muslims and Croats. Tadic's sentence was reduced at the end of the trial from 25 to 20 years imprisonment. Although his humanity crimes were described as "incontestably heinous, his level in the command structure...was low," reported CNN. The UN court established to prosecute those who committed war crimes is now renowned for its remarkably slow proceedings. It was founded in 1993 under worldwide pressure after the airing of television clips that graphically depicted haggard bodies clutching barbed wire.

Tadic was initially arrested in Germany, in 1994 after being recognized by refugees. Because Tadic was not in a leadership position, accusations were made that the court was using Tadic as a scapegoat for the crimes of his fellow soldiers and leaders, as many of them had not yet been caught. Since Tadic's capture, three Bosnian Serb leaders have been detained for masterminding ethnic cleansing, mass murder, torture, and ethnic extermination. However, many suspects

—Ben Beinecke

## Sjahir '00 Delivers Third Brace Presentation on Military Violence Against Women in Indonesia

By PAUL CROWLEY

At 5:30 on Tuesday evening, Gita Sjahir '00 delivered the third Brace Center Fellowship presentation, entitled "Military Violence Against Women in Indonesia: Case Studies in Aceh and Jakarta," at the Brace Center for Gender Studies.

The presentation focused on two incidents of government-sponsored brutality towards women during and immediately following President Suharto's control of the Indonesian government. Her presentation is particularly timely, as Indonesia has been recently wracked by religious and ethnic violence.

The Brace Center for Gender Studies gives fellowships to several students each year in the fall who spend their summers researching a specific gender-related issue and give a presentation during the following school year. Ordinarily, the center

sponsors only six students, but there were so many qualified applicants last spring that nine students were given grants.

Sjahir, a native Indonesian, had been interested in the Indonesian government's role in the subjugation and assault on the country's women long before she received the fellowship. Part of her interest stems from conversations on the subject with her mother, who works for Volunteers for Humanity and has seen the results of the violence firsthand.

Sjahir opened her lecture by explaining some of Indonesia's history. It is an archipelago nation in the Pacific Ocean, with about 230 million residents and diverse ethnic and religious groups. In 1967, Suharto became president and began to pass laws relegating women's place in society. He believed that the rights of women "should not exceed their status as women," and so he passed laws keeping women in the home and out of public life. One of Suharto's laws legalized domestic violence against women if they were "not sensitive enough to provide for the needs of their husbands." Later in the Suharto regime, Indonesian women were

forced to use birth control, despite the fact that many religions in Indonesia forbid the use of birth control.

Sjahir then moved on to the first of her two case studies, the government's kidnapping and abuse of women in the Aceh province in June of 1999. Aceh is a region of Indonesia rich in natural resources. Because of the economic threat posed by the possible secession of Aceh, Suharto's government had declared de facto martial law in the region. Several hundred Aceh women were rounded up and brought to jail because they were suspected of being part of a separatist group. These women were threatened, robbed, tortured, and gang-raped before being released. An estimated 300 women, though, were killed by the soldiers during "interrogation." According to Sjahir, rape is used as a terror tactic because the shame it induces "keeps it out of the headlines."

The second case study cited was the rape of an estimated 1,500 Chinese women on May 14 and 15, 1998 in Jakarta. A group of rioters calling themselves the "Pure Indonesian Squad" attacked the Chinese section of Jakarta. Two thousand people were killed, and 1,500 women were brutally

raped. The entire Jakartan Chinatown was destroyed. The Chinese have long been marginalized in Indonesia. They represent 4% of the population, but they control roughly 40% of the country's gross national product (GNP). Laws have been passed barring Chinese citizens of Indonesia from holding public office. When the government refused to acknowledge the existence of the riots, independent sources investigated and found that the "rioters" were in fact soldiers carrying out orders to rape and destroy the Chinese.

Sjahir's presentation ended on an uplifting note, as she said that the new government administration was taking steps toward ending violence against women and toward modernizing Indonesian law. Following her presentation, Sjahir answered questions from the audience.

Brace Center Director Dr. Diane Moore complimented Sjahir, referring to her presentation as "really timely," as well as saying that Sjahir's research was an "exemplary job." The student presentations will continue next week, when Jonathan Ross-Harrington '00 will present "The Strength of the Comedic Shakespearean Woman."

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# PRESIDENCY IN CRISIS: TRIPP RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT

## Inadequate Constitution Prompts Uncertainty After Tripp Resignation

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the council had followed an established precedent. More importantly, the key players in the process proved willing to prolong the drama to ensure that their actions will meet all foreseeable standards of fairness. The decision to hold a follow-up meeting Monday morning to validate Koh's already announced presidency, while potentially an admission of incorrect procedure, was in fact the only way to maintain the council's credibility.

Clearly, at Sunday's meeting, the need for further substantiation of Koh's presidency was not recognized. After an official resignation speech from Tripp, Koh ran the meeting, firmly announcing that he was now the undisputed leader of the student council.

“I'm the president now,” Koh stated. “There's no ambiguity as to who the leader is.”

On the contrary, there was a great deal of ambiguity, though it was not evident until the council adjourned. Despite the visible transfer of power that had occurred only an hour before, the hesitant representatives congregating after the meeting felt increasingly uneasy about Thursday's vote. Questions from PA's rabid press corps—generously entitled, “our friends from the press corps” by Tripp—challenged the legitimacy of the election.

With so few copies of the student council constitution in circulation, the decision to redo Thursday's shot-gun vote was not necessary. In fact, few on

campus knew that Sunday night the student council was effectively without a president. One possible reading of the circumstances could even lead to the conclusion that, in the absence of an elected officer to fill the void, Cho was indeed president.

The council's solution? A meeting called so hurriedly that one of its members almost failed to learn of it in time to attend, followed by a quick vote of the seven senior representatives, this time with ballots. Though there was certainly no effort made to conceal the meeting's purpose, most other student council members did not even know that it had taken place.

Notwithstanding its distinctly grass-roots nature, the meeting furnished an honorable conclusion to the tumultuous transition.

Perhaps the moral of the story is that you can't fly the plane without a manual. The student council has proven itself an effective and important institution under the guidance of Tripp and his predecessors, but that position may be challenged if the council does not examine its foundation. A revised constitution, incorporating precedent wisely improvised this time around, will be crucial if the student council is to continue as a viable and respected instrument of student leadership.



Flagstaff Senior Representative Casey Hill '00 consults with Albert Cauz, faculty advisor to the student council, at Sunday night's meeting.

## Tripp Steps Down Following Disciplinary Action; PKN Senior Representative Koh Assumes Post

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confident, knowing that the majority of the student representatives were fully behind that person.”

Due to a lack of understanding among the senior representatives as to Cho's intentions, Tripp left many in attendance at Thursday's meeting under the impression that Cho was not interested in assuming the position. With Cho seemingly out of the running, Tripp recommended his former adversary for the presidency.

“It was a really big misunderstanding,” Cho later explained. The whole process, in fact, was hindered by the representatives' uncertainty as to how to proceed once beyond the specifications of the constitution.

“There was just a little initial confusion because this type of thing has never happened in recent memory,” commented Tripp afterwards, “and unfortunately the constitution is vague at best. We followed it as best we could.”

“We were so dumbfounded that nobody spoke up,” commented Secretary David Kurs '00 afterwards.

The confusion was rectified after Sunday's meeting, when several representatives expressed concern that the initial general consensus by which Koh was chosen did not sufficiently qualify as a majority vote. They ultimately decided to hold another meeting of senior representatives, at which all

interested—including Cho—were placed on the ballot. Koh emerged victorious from this meeting, held Monday morning.

Notwithstanding the initial ambiguity surrounding the transfer of power, reaction to the shift has appeared positive.

Assistant Head of School Rebecca Sykes responded to the news: “I believe that, in fact, since there is another president who has already been selected and has been in touch with Ms. Chase, there is a good chance that there won't be anything lost in terms of student representation and student voice.”

“I think the student council will recover,” said Dean of Students and Residential Life Stephen Carter. “We worked with Zack; we're ready to work with Steve.”

Student council members expressed similar optimism. “It's a rough transition, but so far so good,” noted Flagstaff Senior Representative Casey Hill. “I think we're headed in a very positive direction.”

Though word of mouth had spread the news of Tripp's resignation and Koh's accession among students and faculty, the council under Koh decided to issue a definitive statement on the transfer at Wednesday's cluster meetings. “We did indeed feel this responsibility to let students know,” said Koh on Monday. “What we say...on

Wednesday will be just enough to make sure that rumors are kept to a minimum.”

While Tripp initially contested the move, council members were largely united in their view that students should learn of the week's events from their representatives.

Looking to the future, Koh already has plans for achieving the goals he has set forth. At the forefront of his plans for student government is his desire to develop stronger ties between the council and its constituents. “The student council's voice really needs to be heard much louder than it is,” agreed Hill.

Furthermore, Koh hopes to integrate all representatives into council discussions and decisions. “I want to reinforce the idea of everyone speaking and everyone contributing their ideas,” said Koh.

As for Tripp's signature proposal, the Committee on Academic and Residential Life (CARL), Koh intends to move ahead with the project, which garnered notable support among both council members and faculty.

“CARL was accepted very well by the faculty at the fall School Congress,” he said. “CARL will go forward and I as well as all the rest of student council feel that this issue and this committee is vital to the entire community, both faculty and students, and staff as well.”

The question of what Tripp's future involvement with the council will be continues to trouble Koh, his predecessor, and the council's faculty counterparts. One issue stemming from Tripp's ambiguous relationship with the council is that of whether Tripp will retain his seat on the Deans' Council, a weekly collaboration between cluster deans, administrators and some student government leaders.

Though Tripp has expressed a willingness to remain the council's representative at these meetings, Dean Carter felt that Tripp's resignation would prevent the former president from holding any official position.

At his Sunday resignation, however, Tripp did promise to continue to aid the council in whatever way he can.

“I'd like him to be as active as possible,” stated Koh. “At this point, I would appreciate his help as much as possible. He is a great resource and was a great leader. I don't think he should be lost to the student council.”

As for Koh himself, he currently intends to retain his post as Pine Knoll senior representative while serving as president.

Notwithstanding the difficulties the student council has faced in moving down this uncharted path, their actions will likely set a precedent for councils to come. Commented Hill, “We've turned it into a learning experience.”

## Tripp Leaves Three-Pronged Legacy; CARL, Commons, Student Center

By DAN SCHWERIN

The Tripp administration began and ended under a cloud of scandal. In between, were almost two terms of efficient student government and small but practical reforms. Propelled by President Zack Tripp's '00 force of will and the dedication of its representatives, the Student Council focused its attention on three areas: CARL, Commons, and a new student center.

“We were really working towards a good rapport between the faculty and the students and I think that's what we accomplished,” Tripp said three days after his resignation. Looking back on his truncated tenure as school presi-

dent, he said, “It was great—probably the greatest undertaking of my first 17 years of life. It was a really heady experience.”

Tripp's campaign for president last spring was based largely on his proposal to put a student on AdCom, the faculty committee that advises Head of School Barbara Chase and sets the agenda for faculty meetings. After his election, the idea ran into what Tripp called “brick walls,” thanks in part to a controversy about comments he made to *The Phillippian*. Though the comments were unsubstantiated, the newspaper printed them. Later accepting defeat on AdCom, Tripp devised the Committee on Academic and Residential Life, or CARL.

As described by then Pine Knoll Senior Representative and now President Steve Koh, “CARL would attempt to bridge the gap between all quarters of the school. The core members of the committee would be: the head of school (the assistant head of school if the head of school is unavailable), two members of AdCom, two cluster presidents (clusters would be on a yearly rotation), two members of the House Counselor's Committee, two members of Deans' Council, and three members of the student council (the president, secretary and a day student representative). This 12-person committee would therefore represent all members of the Andover community...CARL would meet during a lunch period on the second Monday of each month.”

Tripp and his colleagues on the council presented their proposal at the fall term School Congress. In the following months, Tripp worked to promote the concept. According to him, “Mrs. Chase was gung ho,” and Dean of Students Stephen Carter was also behind the idea. Tripp even hoped to convene the first meeting of CARL later this term. Now, he says, the plan is in jeopardy. Tripp said he was

unsure whether the idea will be championed by the Koh administration. Nonetheless, he said, “I'm putting all my faith in Koh.”

While working on CARL, Tripp was also supporting the legacy of his predecessor Ben Goldhirsh '99. Goldhirsh convinced administrators last year to keep Commons open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., a feature that he predicted would be especially important to students when the new schedule came into effect this year. Yet by this fall, Tripp says, Commons was considering returning to its former hours because of the mess students utilizing the extended meal hours have created. Working with cluster deans and starting an aggressive advertising campaign, Tripp and the Student Council turned the tide and cleaned up Lower Right. In addition, they convinced Commons to add an express sandwich line to ease some of the double-period-induced lunchtime crushes.

As his first term as president began, Tripp asked the question, “What does PA lack that other schools have, and what can we do to remedy that?” His answer was a student center. After forming a committee with Director of Student Activities Kevin Driscoll to study the feasibility of the project, Tripp began selling his idea to “the powers that be.” He now reports that “significant progress has been made. We're all being very guardedly optimistic.” It now looks like a new student center will be built in the renovated basement of Pearson, possibly with a connection to Morse. Still years away, this new area would house the offices of student publications, Mr. Driscoll's office, a lounge area, and possibly a small store that will hopefully save students their frequent trips to CVS.

Looking back, Tripp said he had few regrets. “I just wanted to give that speech at graduation,” he conceded wistfully.

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# PRESIDENCY IN CRISIS: SENIOR REPS ELECT KOH

## Koh Discusses Transition and Future Plans; Urges Greater Student Council Accessibility

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should happen, but no one really knew the protocol for what the deal was with resigning. We just wanted to make sure it was very explicit, and we felt that this was the most explicit way to carry forward.

**What are your plans for the future, principally as they relate to Tripp's former plans? What do you plan to do with CARL?**

CARL was accepted very well by the faculty at the fall School Congress and as of right now the faculty still have yet to vote officially on whether or not CARL should be created. I plan on meeting with Mrs. Chase and Mr. Carter about this issue... but CARL will go forward, and I as well as all the rest of student council feel that this issue and this committee is vital to the entire community, both faculty and students, and staff as well, so CARL will go forward.

**Are there any other Tripp-Koh prerogatives that you plan to continue?**

Other issues that we dealt with at the school congress were the new schedule, the details with that and obviously with the lunch periods and the 7:55 and the 4:45 period, and the issue of keeping Commons clean.... And the last issue which we worked on last term that we decided we'd continue with is the issue of the student center, a centralized gathering point, at which all students can socialize in a less formal area than the library and a slightly different form of gathering from the Ryley Room.

**How are you going to narrow your focus so that you can get something concrete done under what will only be a truncated tenure?**

I think there are two main issues that we'll be dealing with. No one on the student council sees this change in leadership as a setback: everyone seems to accept it as a new challenge, a new obstacle to be overcome, and to a large degree, it is increasing our focus. We're going to be meeting more often than once a week... So I don't believe that the lack of time is an issue...

**What will happen with the incoming elections? Did the lack of clarity on this issue already exist under Tripp or did it come about as a result of this transfer?**

It had nothing to do with Zack's resignation. The elections are happening earlier this year. And by the second week [after spring vacation] of school we'll know who'll the school president will be for the 2000-2001 year. So the question is whether an earlier election means the president should take office earlier. And that is to be discussed next week.

**Do you see the vagueness of the student council constitution as something you should address, or want to address, in your time?**

Definitely, it's been raised a couple of times about clarifying the constitution, and we're prepared to put in a lot of time to make sure that from now on there is protocol on as many issues as we can think of and as many issues as there exist on the constitution already because we feel that explicit directions need to be put into the constitution



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**Pine Knoll Senior Representative Steve Koh '00 officially assumed the presidency Monday morning.**

much more so than they exist now... However, that would be a side-project. I don't think a lot of discussion or a lot of time would be put in at our weekly meetings to address the issue.

**How do you see Zack Tripp's legacy? What were some of the major achievements of his council and some of the things that could have been done but weren't followed through?**

I think Zack Tripp left an excellent

legacy. I think CARL really was a milestone and everyone on the student council was behind him on that, never more together than when creating CARL. I think that is the defining point of Zack's term. He felt it necessary to bring up to the faculty the issues that were confronting students - two newest ones being the schedule and the cleanliness of Commons. I think all three of those issues were large ones to tackle and he led us, the student council, to do a great job with them. In terms of harnessing potential, every committee can work a little bit harder, and I just feel, as I'm stepping in at the beginning of a new term, that I can push the envelope a little bit more and see if we can get even more productivity out of the student council.

**What would you say Tripp's continued involvement will be? Will he be serving on the Deans' Council?**

He and I have not discussed every detail so far as to what his continued interest will be. I'd like him to be as active as possible, and I've spoken with a few faculty members who are concerned... but at this point I would appreciate his help as much as possible. He is a great resource and was a great leader. I don't think he should be lost to the student council.

**Do you think that the credibility of the student council has been at all tarnished by the events of the last week?**

I think the student council needs to make sure that that is not the case. The student body will respond to the student council as long as they demonstrate competency in the following two terms. We're prepared to hit the ground running in this new term and make sure that that is not the case.

Dear Students,

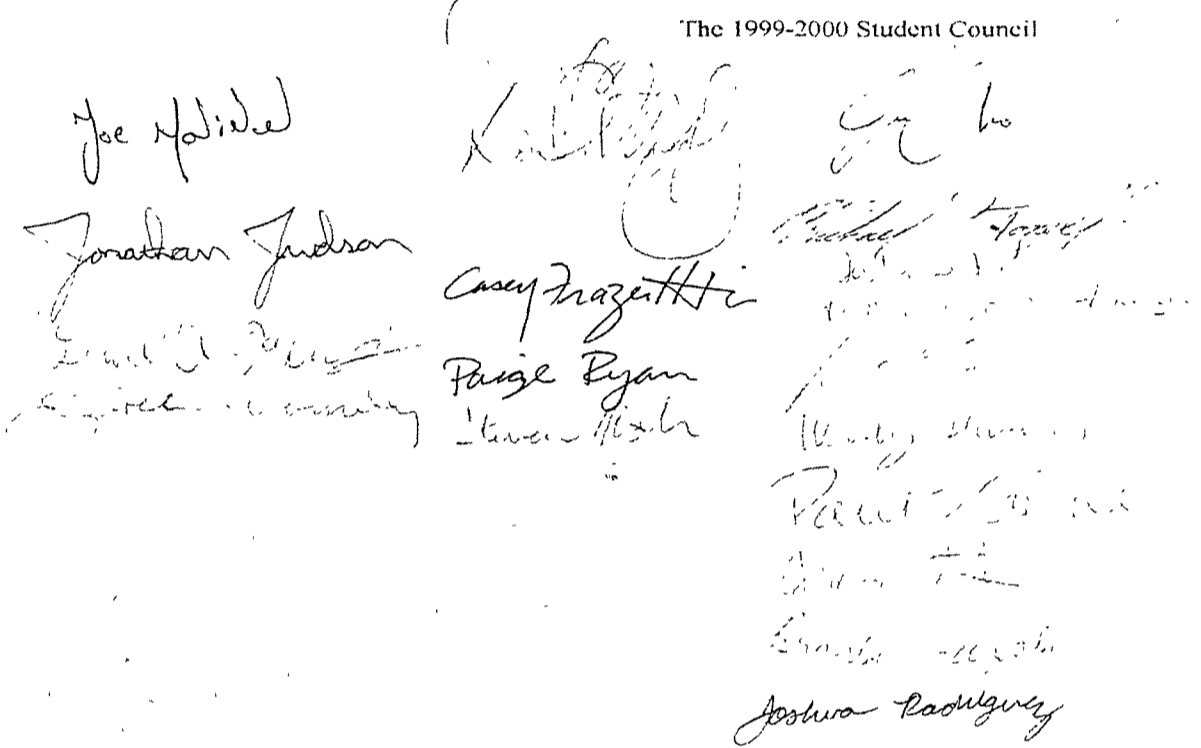
In light of Zack Tripp's presidential resignation, we, the Student Council, are writing to assure you that we will continue our mission to represent the student body and address your concerns. Our leader has changed, but this is not a setback. The Council remains intact and we are united in our desire to lead the student body.

The present situation has allowed us as a group of leaders to re-evaluate ourselves and the goals that we have for the Council and for the school. We continue to take our positions seriously, and we now turn our attention to the role that we play in every student's life. It is our mission for the remainder of the year to become a more active part of the community, as opposed to a symbolic council with which many students feel out of touch.

The most important aspect of leadership is to instill faith and trust in the people that you represent. At the conclusion of our term, we want the student body to have pride in what the Student Council represents and has accomplished. We hope you will stand by us as we take steps towards building one student body with a new sense of purpose.

Sincerely,

The 1999-2000 Student Council



## Student Council Resignations Infrequent in Recent Memory

By WENDY HUANG

Zack Tripp's unprecedented resignation from the Student Council presidency last week raised questions over how to choose a successor and how past student councils have handled the issue of leaders stepping down from their posts.

"I don't know of any incidents of where a student council president has resigned before," said Instructor in English Meredith Price, former advisor to the Student Council.

Though a student council president has never, as far as any faculty member could recall, resigned, there have been other cases where student leaders have voluntarily relinquished their posts.

According to Dean of Students Steven Carter, every ten years there are "about two or three cluster presidents who resign for one reason or another."

The succession process has been dealt with on a case by case basis, but for the most part the cluster presidency has been assumed by the cluster's senior representative.

However, in 1990, student council president John Hong '90 was removed from office and dismissed from the academy after he lied to the faculty in a disciplinary investigation.

In a letter to the editor published in the April 13, 1990 issue of *The Phillipian*, Hong's friends Gregory Djerejian '90 and Christopher Nichols '90 explained Hong's offense: "[Hong's] friend, Jake Logan, had been growing marijuana plants in his own room, which were discovered by cluster officials. At first, these officials were not sure what kind of plants were being grown. Jake Logan asked certain friends to help him remove the marijuana seeds and replace them with marigold seeds. Jake lied to faculty members about the nature of those seeds...John Hong supported Jake Logan's contention that the plants

were not marijuana so that Jake would not be dismissed."

Hong faced a disciplinary committee and was expelled from the school for his actions.

Following Hong's dismissal, Flagstaff cluster senior representative Shayne Spalten assumed the role of acting president for the few weeks remaining in the school year.

A *Phillipian* article in the April 13, 1990 issue reported the incident: "Spalten articulated that she assumed the office of school president through, 'a constitution provision that accounts for assistant to the president. At the beginning of the year, John Hong appointed me assistant to the president. So in the case that a president resigned or is removed, the assistant to the school president assumes the presidential duties,' explained Spalten."

As Spalten filled the role of president, another member of Flagstaff's cluster council filled Spalten's position on the student council as senior rep for the remainder of the year.

The Phillips Academy student council constitution that these proceedings adhered to was ratified by all six clusters just earlier that year. The document that outlines the job descriptions of each office and sets procedures for elections was drafted the previous year ('88-'89), but only ratified by three clusters before the end of the school year. The other three clusters ratified the constitution as a first order of business under the Hong administration.

Also notable in the constitution is an amendment requiring the resignation of any member of the student council if caught abusing drugs or alcohol. The controversial statement was introduced to the constitution under the Removal and Transitions section in 1993.

The clause states that "any member on the student council who receives disciplinary action for alcohol or drug related incidents must resign from the council. If the member of the council refuses to resign, the council must vote on whether that member can continue to be on student council. Two-thirds of the student council must vote for the member to stay on the council in order for that member to remain. That member is allowed to run for other positions on the student council after being removed."

The amendment finds its origins in a Student Leadership Conference in 1988. That year, following a rash of incidents in which student leaders were caught drinking or smoking, the student council passed a resolution stating that any student leader caught drinking must resign from their position. After much debate, the Athletic Advisory Board rejected the same proposal. As a part of the proposal, the council also stipulated that the councils following them would vote on the document every year.

In 1993, the Student Council agreed to make that statement permanently a part of the Student Council's Constitution. However, the document was lost sometime during the changeover to a new group of Student Council members. The council of 1994 had someone on the previous council recall the old document and rewrite it as it appears today in the Student Council Constitution.



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Then School President Zack Tripp '00 and Pine Knoll Senior Representative Steve Koh '00 at this fall's School Congress.

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## EDITORIAL

### Regrettable Resignation

The *Phillippian* regrets Zack Tripp's resignation as president this week. While we support his decision given the current language of the Student Council Constitution, we believe he should not have been put in such a position in the first place. A flawed constitution and a bewildering inconsistency in the academy's attitude towards discipline led to this embarrassing and disruptive situation.

The article in the constitution — a little read, little circulated document — that covers discipline states, "Any member on the student council who receives disciplinary action for alcohol or drug related incidents must resign from the council." The article goes on to contradict its strong language by asserting that the Student Council can vote to keep a disciplined member on if it chooses. To add to the already confusing ambiguity, the actual text of this article was physically lost; the line quoted above is the recollection of someone present at the initial writing. In other words, the article whose language dictates how we must proceed is imprecise and not even official. Given the language we are left with, however, Tripp clearly made the right decision. How could he in good conscience stay on as president if the constitution says he "must resign," even if it does provide him with a loophole?

When we take up the business of rewriting the constitution, certainly a necessary undertaking in the wake of this chaotic transfer of power, we should seriously consider removing this article. Andover operates under an enlightened two-chance policy, dictated by the belief that adolescents will always make mistakes. The school also rightly keeps all disciplinary matters confidential. These two facts should preclude an article like the one currently in the Student Council Constitution.

Probation should not mean the end of a student's active life at Andover. Nor should a student's probation be a matter of public record or a well-publicized event. To suggest that a member of Student Council, or any extracurricular figure for that matter, should resign because of a first time disciplinary offense flies in the face of these premises. We might as well expel them. It is worth noting that we do not believe an alcohol-related DC in any way reduces a student's ability to function as school president, especially if discipline is kept confidential. If anything, the experience should make the student a better leader by giving them the wisdom that only surviving mistakes can yield.

To conclude, we support but regret Tripp's resignation. We wish he were still president and that his DC had passed by unnoticed by the students and non-involved faculty members. We wish the constitution were not so flawed, but we acknowledge the current realities and therefore applaud Tripp's decision.

## Dry Weekends? The Oasis in the Desert of Student Activities

Joe Maliekal

OPINION

I walked into Ryley and everyone was drunk... Everyone. The liquor-fueled loquaciousness of loopy adolescents ricocheted and resonated off glossy eyes and plastered smiles.

As I shyly slid a way through the general drunkenness, I found myself surprised by the breadth and depth of the night's on-campus intoxication. This sensation quickly heightened to a sedated shock when, after inquiring the reasons for their self-induced stupor, Ryley's fermented factions sheepishly answered, "There was nothing to do on campus."

Granted, this wasn't the motive of all. There was, in that mixed order of frosh and four-years, a respectable constituency whose grounds for drinking were more understandable, such as the fact that they are alcoholics. In fact, these proud few are probably getting sloshed at this very moment. However, continual sipping from inconspicuous liter soda bottles filled with SoCo and Pepsi has left them incapacitated and, therefore, insignificant. In light of this, I will focus my discussion on the group for whom the impulse to drink was incarnated by a lack of campus activities last Saturday night.

In keeping with the SAT's arrogant preachings on comprehension through Sioux Indian sand painting, we will try to gain a more thorough understanding of Saturday night's events by examining them in the context of their historical background.

It was only the second Monday of winter term and uppers were already hurting. Frostbitten, fatigued, and frustrated by the impending loss of Steven Carter as the dean of students, they were already contemplating the guttural burn of alcohol warming their bodies and minds into a blissful tranquility. However, bearing in mind the negative impact of such an endeavor on both our PA careers and upcoming SATs, and of course the FCD Weeks' emphatic message that "Alcohol is Bad," we steered clear during the week and braved on, hoping to find reprieve in the weekend.

By Tuesday, however, my class' pain was like a mouthful of cankersores, and I knew that this problem required potent medicine. Hard at work, I set out the bait and then hid and waited. Seizing this rarest of opportunities, I cornered Kevin Driscoll and related the necessity of an upper party after Saturday's SAT. Incredibly enthusiastic about the idea, we began working out the operational logistics.

Things quickly turned sour, however, as Mr. D remembered that the Trustees would be on campus that weekend. Not only had they occupied all available space on campus, they had also been allowed to book all of the school's catering services, ensuring repletion of their rapacious appetites. Any party was, therefore, impossible.

The administration's subordinate placement of the upper class' physical and mental health to the Trustees left me feeling cheap, meaningless, and insignificant. However, like a man who loves a little woman who just won't be true, I naively had faith that PA would come through with a panoply of weekend events.

Though Wednesday's All-School Meeting

left me feeling a bit better (*Nafule's Dream* was playing!), the thought kept nagging me, "What about those students who don't like klezmer music?"

I wasn't able to worry for very long as Saturday was quickly upon us. For the first time since I was eight, I saw a weekend sunrise, and I pray nine more years pass until I see another one.

Taking the SAT, I realized that any person who says, "The SATs are not that bad" is a lying bastard. Not only did both my contacts fall out two minutes before the test, but apparently the guidelines mandate that the testing center be cold enough to make gripping a pencil impossible. On top of all that, you try determining the rate of the faster runner while considering how many klezmer-lovers attend PA.

After three hours of blurry vision, frigid fingers, and klezmer statistics, the SATs finally released my fellow uppers and me into a month of anxious pondering over our futures at Bunker Hill.

Three students went to the Klezmer band. The rest... well, like I said, I walked into Ryley and everyone was drunk... EVERYONE. Anyone who says differently is an alcoholic.

Far be it for me to condemn drinking, especially considering two years ago, my own name was synonymous with passing out on the floor of the Stuart bathroom.

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*"Through its lack of action, the school was directly responsible for the high level of drunkenness on Saturday night."*

I would be lying if I said I never drank on campus. However, reviewing the effects of my own alcoholic debaucheries as well as those of my friends, the fewer students indulging in on-campus drinking, the better.

It was wholly within the administration's power to keep a significant section of our student body sober. On the most stressful day of the most stressful week of the most stressful term of the most stressful year of our PA careers, our school failed to provide a tonic to unwind student minds and consequently, a majority of students self-medicated themselves into numbness.

Not only that, by tying up all catering and space for the trustees and leaving nothing for the students, the administration prevented me from organizing a party for my class. Through its lack of action, the school was directly responsible for the high level of student drunkenness on Saturday night (the Honorable Rev. J. Lawson Feltman concurs).

The school must rethink its policy of ignoring the student body when planning such events as Trustees' Weekend.

In conclusion, it is very easy to dismiss this article by saying a lack of weekend activities is hardly a legitimate excuse to drink. And you would be correct in your assertion.

If a student in your class drank for this reason, they would be placed on probation or even expelled. However, I will tell you that if and how this problem is addressed will directly reflect on the type of community we seek to promote at Phillips Academy.

So act carefully, though I would urge you away from apathy. Continue to do nothing, we will continue to drink. Bottoms up.

## iknowyouare butwhatami

Cathy Rampell

Retort

Apparently, the pen is flightier than the sword. The past few days have been pretty dull. I mean, you'd think that harassing phone calls and hate (voice)mail would provide some entertainment, but nah. The cut-downs are charming, usually involving some sort of canine caption or short joke (gee, I've never gotten those before). And then everybody laughs and says it again. Suppose, then, I say something. And suppose I insult them. Ah, but I repeat myself. And, basically, it's "Who's on first" except you never actually find out "What's on second."

You guys actually gave me a great compliment by harassing me so much. I'm really flattered that so many people read my articles.

I figured that juniors I jabbed at would realize that I was joking, laugh, and move on to the Sports section. I figured that if the cracks did slip through them, that they'd realize the error of their ways. I figured maybe I'd be able to punch their lights ON — maybe they'd take the hint and change their behavior. It was a magnificent vision.

Nope. There was a pot of mold at the end of the rainbow.

So, I figured, there might be a few people who might be a little offended, maybe. Nothing to be worried about though. If anyone did choose to combat me, at least I'd get a kick out of their quips. A little, "Who urinated in your Cheerios?" would have been nice. At least they'd nick me with something creative.

Nope. It's been the bland leading the bland. A few Rockwell-dwellers have confronted me with, "You only know me and like two other people — so you don't know enough about the people in Rockwell to insult all of us like that! I think you should apologize!" (Here's a hint: If you really think that, then you may not want to open your mouth and let everyone know that the "insulting" stereotypes were based on YOU.) So now they all hate me — and "bad-hate," too, as a Rockwell boy recently pointed out.

Boys, boys, boys, you've got so-much material to work with! I mean, we're talking about me. What isn't to insult? Think of all the cheesy puns I've pumped up this article with and all the humiliating stories I've let slip. (Can we say naked French boy?) I'm extremely disappointed in you. Why not:

"You know something, Cathy? After getting to know you this well all year, I've decided that you'd make a perfect stranger."

"Quit talking out of your sass."

"I've always wondered — when you change your mind, what do you do with the diaper?"

"I'll try to make this letter short — I don't want your lips to get too tired from reading it."

"As a friend, I'm recommending that you stop giving us Rockwell guys a piece of your mind. I don't think you can spare it."

"The more you burn, the less you beau."

"Do you always take a bow when you hear thunder?"

"Cathy, I'm fond of you, but not as much as you are."

"What are you doing this weekend? I figured that you'd have a lot of free time since I heard you're having your cage cleaned."

"I wanted to give you something you really needed, but I couldn't figure out how to wrap an IQ."

"Them's writin' words."

All this you could have said. But no. You've got someone who looks like me and talks like me and writes like me and fights like me and acts like me and you can't come up with anything meaningful.

Maybe I should quit now. I really don't have a vendetta against the Rockwell boys: I figured an insult from a junior to some juniors would so obviously be a joke (hey, we're all at the bottom of the food chain) that it would be shrugged aside. Besides, I'm just unleashing a whole new clan of worms.

harder to make fun of, (especially considering they could all beat us up). Washburn, Washburn, Washburn. What does that name mean to you? We know that if we were adopted by the Washburn family, we'd definitely get more ladies. T-Slick and Leibo, eh, we'll leave you alone.

Then there's Adjatay. I mean, who can hate Adjatay. Personally, Adj is our idol. He could get all the ladies, but he's too noble to go after every girl... so he lets them go after him. He's got his even own fan club, AA (Adj addicts). What other freshman has groupies? (not Cathy) Who can compare to Adj?

And of course, who could forget Will Schwarzer (yes, the kid who likes monkeys)? He's got his pilot's license. Beat that Rampell! He can fly a plane and you can't even legally drive a car yet. And he's not short either. To fly a plane you have to be over five feet tall.

Basically, the reason that Rockwell is so great is that it's a lot like an upperclassman dorm (Even infamous swimmer Nat Moger spends all of his time in freshman Bryce Kaufman's room). That's because it's easy to avoid lights out and study hours (he's avoiding it right now). So, Cathy, next time you bash the Rock, remember that we all exceed more than five feet in height.

Evan Panich '03

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## Letters to the Editor:

To The Editor:

I want to commend Paige Austin for the superb job she did in reporting a very complicated story — "53% of Class of 2000 Seeks Early Admission" in the January 14 edition of *The Phillippian*. There is one minor factual error that I would like to correct. There is a reference to Yale, "another early action school..." Yale's early program is Early Decision (binding).

Carl W. Bewig  
Director of College Counseling

To The Editor:

Last Friday I made my usual afternoon trek from Commons to my dorm. I was very happy to take refuge in G.W. after braving the insanelly cold air. Picking up a copy of *The Phillippian*, I turned to the column of my classmate Cathy Rampell. As a fellow junior and Nathan Haler, I share with Cathy the same perspective on many issues. As I began to read her column that day, however, I realized there is one topic where we stand pretty far apart.

In last week's paper, Cathy wrote about the Student Council presidential elections. I do not agree with the way that she readily assumed all of the candidates will be males. I do not consider myself a feminist, but I do question the reasoning behind such a brazen assumption.

Cathy also mentioned that about half of the voting pool is female. I realize surveying your constituency is an important tactic in campaigning, however, Cathy's article implies that her views represent the opinions of all female voters at PA. It is her iverective overture of degrading and demoralizing characteristics of the female population at PA that I am most displeased with. If she had been writing for Anthony and Stanton, I dare say that the fate of the 19th Amendment would have been in jeopardy.

When I vote for a candidate, I vote for the one I think would do the best job. I vote for someone who will make my school a better

place; not someone who will watch *Steel Magnolias* with me. It isn't right to tell someone to dissimulate just to win votes. My advice to the candidates is don't be a chameleon. If your constituency is mostly five foot two inches and you are six feet, don't "stoop to conquer." In the end, you will be the one without. Instead, take the time and effort to elucidate the concerns and ideas that unite you and your voters.

Last week's article gave tips to the candidates on getting the women's vote. A few of these tips were to visit the Academy Manor and to campaign for starving children in Somalia. Are we to assume that these are things only girls do? Are guys supposed to be so wrapped up in sports that they can't stop for a minute to help the world around them? Because if they are, I know plenty of guys who are breaking the rules. Let's leave the "get in touch with your feminine side" cliché to our parents' generation. Our generation should adopt the sentiment, "respect others and be someone others can respect."

Tara Anderson '03

To The Editor:

If there is anything the student body of Phillips Academy should have learned from Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it is that we as a people should not judge an entire group on the actions of a small few who happen to be members of it. And yet, in the last edition of *The Phillippian*, one of the regular commentary writers did just that.

I am not trying to say that Cathy Rampell is a bigoted, hateful, cross-burning person. She obviously isn't. However, what she did is in the spirit of what Dr. King was fighting against.

Although Rockwell boys are indignant and have put up copies of Ms. Rampell's typical poorly-organized and poorly-written article throughout the Rock, she is obviously not just prejudiced against Rockwell boys. Her very

first sentence of the Rockwell-bashing paragraph reads, "A junior boy (insult enough)..." So all you guys in America House who thought her article was really funny, guess what? She hates you too.

So maybe she just doesn't like junior boys. But girls, she's generalizing about you too. "...Rockwell bashing, in which many freshmen girls tend to engage." Evidently every girl hates Rockwell. I'm not saying that there are not a good number of girls who hate being inside the dorm or who hate a large portion of the boys in Rockwell, but Cathy, do you even know half the guys in Rockwell? You have two Rockwell guys in your triad; let's call them Mr. G and Mr. M. You briefly went out with another guy in Rockwell; let's call him Mr. Y. From these three people, and perhaps a few more, you seem to judge a dorm of 38 freshmen. You can get away with this to a certain extent because, from what I've heard, you are an attractive girl. I personally wouldn't know because I've only seen the top of your head.

It's not as if Cathy has something to say or even says it well. Her heinous use of bullet points and other easy ways out in her articles make for easy reading, but quite frankly, being easy to read doesn't make you a good writer. Furthermore, although your articles are printed in the Commentary section, "How I Learned to Drive" is hardly in opinion.

In last week's article, you said, "learn how to appropriately avenge an ill-deserved [insult]." I figured using your own medium against you would avenge it just fine.

I have this statistic to say in the defense of Rockwell: zero people have defecated in the Rockwell hallway, one has in the Nathan Hale hallway. Case closed. But I'm not going to tell you about how Nathan Hale girls are immature, because I wouldn't judge the whole dorm on that one incident, and I'm not going to bore you with the announcement that I can't get my driver's license until I'm 18 because I'm a New York resident. I'll leave stuff like that to Cathy.

Duncan Dwyer '03

To The Editor:

Everyone seems to hate Rockwell (especially Cathy Rampell). And even most of the people in Rockwell hate Rockwell. But, believe it or not, there are some redeeming factors to this dirty, smelly dorm we call home.

First of all, there's the constant computer gaming going on the North Side. Not to point fingers or anything, but a person known only as H. Parker (wait that's a little obvious, we'll just call him Hal P.) leads the way in the monopolization of the computer gaming Gestapo that is spreading its dark curtain upon us in the nearing ominous hour.

Well, we're definitely a dorm that generous invests our money. Every night we spend the equivalent of Kluge's fortune in Dominos Pizza and Wonton Soup, courtesy of Peking Garden. Ordering these tasteful delicacies is highly convenient for those who spend three quarters of their life span with their face no more than 2 cm away from their savior, the computer screen. Ordering out helps because the computer junkies have suffered from two tragic disabilities: complete deterioration of the lower body muscle system and the infection of a rare bacterial strain, which seems to secrete an epoxy glue, fusing the seat of their chair to the seat of their pants.

And of course, there are the notorious Rockwell prank calls. Whether it's Peking Garden asking for the money for wontons, or some crazy guy pretending to be an OPP officer, the random prank caller manages to brighten somebody's day, even if it's only his own.

Then there are the famous Rockwell pre-fects. If Schneiderman squeezes my nipple one more time, I'll scream. Weighing in at 72 lbs., Hadi Husain, could be and often is mistaken for a freshman. Then there's Mike Tai, who as far as we know has never actually set foot inside Rockwell. Now the South side pre-fects are

**Letter from the Editor:**

The great journalist Walter Lippmann once said, "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on." As is evident today by the forward-looking rhetoric of Steve Koh, Zack Tripp has accomplished that task. The Student Council that he leaves this week is well disciplined and positive, poised to continue the Goldhirsh/Tripp legacy of small but productive policy changes. Recent events and Tripp's resignation may call the legitimacy of the current student constitution into question, but it does not pose a serious threat to the credibility of the Student Council.

Even at this small scale, it is easy to forget while watching the political intrigues and constitutional machinations that this story revolves around real people with real feelings. Zack Tripp deserves to be judged on the content of his character and not only on his lapses in judgement. That character, which I have had the pleasure to be familiar with for the past four years, is one of the highest caliber.

Perhaps Tripp's most salient characteristic is his competitiveness. Those of us who had the misfortune to oppose him on the cluster soccer fields this fall remember well the ardor with which he played and the competitiveness that drove him. In Tripp, this competitive drive, not uncommon among Andover over-achievers, breeds an intense loyalty and sense of purpose. These characteristics have been on display in the last week as Tripp tried desperately to make amends for his indiscretion by doing the right and proper thing.

The bottom line, as I see it, is that Zack Tripp has given to this community more than he has taken. As school president, he led the students with integrity and class towards a productive working relationship with the administration. As my co-president of Philomathean Society, he has demonstrated that his commitment to leadership is not limited to the glamorous or the public. As a person he has been a good friend and a solid companion. In a time when apathy and disconnect have been the norm, Tripp has provided a model of the involved and active student, fiercely engaged in whatever he did. His passing from the political stage leaves us all poorer for it.

— Dan Schwerin

# A Long Strange Tripp

## The Politics of Changing Horses Midstream: Where does it leave the rest of us?



L. Greene

## Electric Kool Aid Buddhism

*Speaking of Tripps...*by NICHOLAS  
DANFORTH*Phillipian  
Columnist*

If you're looking for spiritual enlightenment, then you've come to the right place. (For pictures of Marcus Taylor, try Features.) Not only was this column the first to spread the wisdom of scientology to the general population, but it has also been bringing you daily updates on the time and place of armageddon. (Tomorrow, 7:00 p.m. out in front of Commons. For good seats be there by six.) Until then though, I'd like to expound for all of you the teachings of a man far more serene, far more enlightened, and far more full-bellied than I'll ever be. That's right, the one, the only, the original, you guessed it: Buddha.

My personal involvement with Buddha started several years ago. A few months after I'd outgrown my youthful enthusiasm for hardcore porn, I noticed that a void had developed in my life. Looking for something to fill it, I tried philately, tick collecting, and soft-core, but none of it seemed to quite do it for me. I was looking for something a little more sophisticated; a trendy hobby that would put me at the cutting edge of society. It hit me while I was listening to Sgt. Pepper's, stoned out of my mind on darjeeling tea leaves: Eastern religion. I didn't quite know what exactly it was all about, but it used cool words like Dao, Karma, Zen, Tai and Bo, plus, it came from The East. The first decision I had to make, of course, was which Eastern religion I wanted to get into. I tried Daoism first, but since I'd never read the original tales of Winnie the Pooh, I found the basic theological texts incomprehensible at best. My next step was to purchase Siddhartha in the hopes that it would give me some guidance. It was amazing. I didn't even have to open the book. After taking one look at the picture on the cover, I realized that Buddhism was the religion for me. Ahhh, sweet blessed Nirvana.

The first thing I did as a Buddhist was to renounce all my worldly possessions. I'm not quite sure why I did this, but it seemed like a pretty Zen thing to do at the time. (In retrospect, I guess that cat didn't really count as a worldly possession, but there's really no way to get him back, especially now that I've given the garbage disposal away.) Anyhow, it wasn't until I found myself shivering naked in the driveway drinking motor-oil to stay warm that I realized that perhaps I'd made a mistake. Luckily for me, I had decided to keep my credit card with me. (It may be a worldly possession, but it's accepted almost everywhere.) As soon as I came to grips with my newfound purchasing power, I rushed over to Urban Outfitters and picked up some truly profound Buddhist paraphernalia. Let me tell you, there's nothing closer to Nirvana than a tight-weave, yellow shirt with the symbol for the eight-fold path inscribed on the front. And don't get me started on my Buddha Bottle Opener. And the stress-relief squeeze toy I have in the shape of the Enlightened One. Oh, and how can I forget all the fun times I've had sitting around listening to Phish and taking hits of the Buddha Bong. That's my kind of transcendental meditation.

Well, I think that pretty much covers all you need to know about Buddhism. I don't claim to have any sort of divine power, I just claim to have studied the secrets of inner happiness prescribed by George Harrison and that Siddhartha guy, and I recommend you do the same. I have to warn you though, apparently all this Eastern stuff isn't quite as cutting edge as I thought it was. Apparently back in the 50's and 60's some people were into it too. There was a guy named Jack Karouac (motto: "I dig you, hipster") who had some thoughts on the subject. (When I read his writing I thought it was just about hitch-hiking and drugs, but I guess I'm just not hip to the "frisco scene.") In case anyone asks you about your religion, just tell them that you were into it before it was cool, and tell them that if they ask you again then there's no way in hell they're reaching Nirvana. That's the best advice I can give you, and if you don't believe me, listen to the wisdom of Al, the salesman at Urban Outfitters. "You've just gotta bite the brass Buddha and burn, burn, burn like a Roman candle into the night."

## Keep Him for Commencement

A president under fire is a precarious situation for all involved.

We look at our leaders as model citizens, always expecting them to take the just and morally correct road. However, our perceptions often get the better of us while the truth of reality is lost.

Zack Tripp's tenure as school president has been full of controversy. The election scandal, in which Tripp supporters allegedly made early-morning phone calls in an attempt to sway votes, was a signal of things to come: *The Phillipian*/AdCom misunderstanding seriously undermined Tripp's primary campaign proposal. And now the latest and final mishap for Tripp.

He must now try to resurrect his Andover career before heading off to college. Although the rest of the year will no doubt be difficult for him, he should take comfort in knowing that he took the necessary actions to preserve the Student Council's and the school's standing.

The student body elected Tripp president last spring because they thought that he would make the best leader. I still do not doubt that he was the best candidate for president, but now I want to see if Tripp can prove the wisdom of Andover's second-chance policy. If he does rebound and right himself, then I believe we should reserve the microphone for him at Commencement, for there is no better person to address the Class of 2000 on the Phillips Academy experience than our former President Zack Tripp himself.

And we mustn't remember his presidency only for the scandal in which it ended.

Goldhirsh is a tough act to follow, and Tripp did well to uphold and support his predecessor's policies. He has initiated good proposals and ideas that are frankly too difficult to pass at present.

Having a student voice on AdCom was and still is a great idea. Although many AdCom meetings do not involve student-related topics and plans, a student voice would be valuable when topics like six-day weeks, parietals, and the new schedule are on the agenda.

The cornerstone of the Student Council's fall School Congress was the proposed Committee on Academy and Residential Life (CARL). CARL has yet to take flight, but its basic idea of a faculty-student committee would enhance student communication with the administration. It seems as if the underlying goal of Tripp's administration is to increase student voice, an objective that is admirable in today's world of public apathy.

Tripp's recent resignation was the right thing for the school and more importantly for him. Disciplinary problems are difficult in any case, but Tripp's have been magnified ten-fold. The school president is an elected figure, meaning he represents and embodies the student body.

Although drinking may be common place at all boarding schools, it is still not acceptable under Phillips Academy rules. From the outside, a school with a student leader in disciplinary trouble does not reflect well upon the school or its members. Outsiders do not understand that Phillips Academy is a second-chance school or that drinking is not the worst crime you can commit here.

According to the Student Council Charter, if a senior representative is slapped with disciplinary action, they are required to resign. However, if they refuse, the council can vote to keep or remove the representative in question. Tripp was right in not holding himself to a double standard. Although the charter does not mention procedures applicable to Tripp's case, Tripp took the honorable and humble route by

Michael Tai  
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resigning. Rather than losing his council's support as a result of the potential expulsion vote, Tripp has instead

tried to control the damage and retain the reputation of the student council.

The council now must move on. The senior representatives have voted Steve Koh into the president's position, and the council must now back him.

It is worth noting that West Quad North Senior Representative and Student Council Vice President Eric Cho declined to replace Tripp without a vote, something that he had every right to do.

Instead, Cho had the wisdom to see that the new president must have the backing of the council and that a vote was the best option. Koh now has that support and must quickly provide the leadership so sorely needed for the upcoming months.

## Honesty as a Policy Second Chance For the President

"This is really going to lower the morale of the student body," said a friend, referring to Zack Tripp's recent troubles. We were

in the Garver Room on Monday afternoon, and I felt a large amount of my school spirit exit me, to be absorbed by the wooden tables and the names written on the lights.

I walked back to my seat and picked up my keys from my bag. Despite the walk across the arctic to Siberia, I felt an afternoon drive around the town of Andover was in order. My car took a few minutes to warm up, and I sat there with my mittens clutching the cold steering wheel in the Siberian parking lot while my radio blasted an obscure Counting Crows song. I couldn't figure out why I was upset, but I knew there must have been some reason I had left the warmth and comfort of the Garver Room to walk across the tundra and listen to the Counting Crows. Why, I asked myself, was this bothering me so much?

I don't really know Zack Tripp at all. I've only personally encountered him once, last

Liz Edmonds  
OPINION

spring at five o'clock in the morning when we were both on our own walks downtown for coffee and croissants.

There is also, really, no reason for me to be concerned with this situation. I am not in student government; I don't know anyone who is supposedly involved, and I've only really been at Andover for three weeks of his presidency. Yet something about this matter is extraordinarily upsetting.

Here's what I think it is: honesty, at Andover, is not always the best policy.

While we have all read our Blue Books and know all the rules and the possible consequences for breaking these rules, something seems to be left out of the pages one reads during orientation. What they don't tell you in the *Blue Book* is that many of the students who do get caught are first-time offenders. The reason they've been caught is because they don't know about all the best smoking spots, the easiest ways to dispose of alcohol bottles, and the ways to avoid face-to-face sign-in.

However, students with clean reputations are not usually among those suspected of breaking the rules. When a house counselor asks a student one day, two days, three days, after a student had been drinking what had happened, the student is bound to respond honestly or face expulsion for lying. Clearly, the student must answer honestly in order to obtain the lesser of the potential punishments. More importantly, the student must answer honestly in order to maintain his own integrity and that of the school.

But, imagine what would happen if such a student decided that his integrity wasn't worth it, that he really hadn't drunk very much, and that he had less than two terms left at Andover and no one would ever find out. And then no one does find out. He maintains his positions within the school community; he gets into college; he graduates.

I do not know the details of this case, but I know this: it must be extraordinarily tempting to lie about your actions if you are the president of the student body at Andover with less than twenty weeks left at the school. Yet, from what I know, Zack Tripp did not lie.

The problem with the current disciplinary system is that it rewards those who are best at being dishonest by not rewarding those who are honest. Honesty should be the best policy at Andover, yet it cannot be because the most honest people will be those who admit to offenses after-the-fact. The most dishonest people will not admit to such offenses and will have the will and the experience in order to get away with what they've done.

The solution to this problem is simple. First, all non-academic disciplinary infractions must be reported only at the time of the offense by a faculty member. In order to be placed on probation for drinking, a faculty member must have caught you either in possession of alcohol or intoxicated.

This would reduce the number of after-the-fact disciplinary procedures and would prevent students from becoming the disciplinary victims of rumors. The only exceptions to this procedure would occur in cases of cheating or plagiarism, when offenses are usually discovered only after-the-fact, and in cases in which another student's well-being is in jeopardy.

By insisting upon the proof of an event's happening, no student would be made to choose between telling the truth and lying to escape punishment. While integrity in all matters is essential to the well-being of any community, so, too, is fairness to the honest and least sneaky. Let all students be judged only by their actions, not by rumors of their actions.

As I drove through the snow-covered streets of Andover, listening to Elliot Smith, being careful not to skid, I realized what was really bothering me: Would I have been able to admit to what I had done a week after the fact? Honestly, I don't think so.

## Koh Speaks

During the fall term, when serving as Pine Knoll senior representative, I wrote a weekly column in *The Phillipian* that updated the community on the many issues with which the Student Council dealt. As the new school president, I will continue writing this column to inform the community about Student Council's plans for the next two terms. It is my hope that all future presidents will follow in this tradition in order to establish a constant line of communication between the school president and the student body.

We all are grateful to Zack Tripp for his dedication to the student body and the Student Council. Despite the recent change in leadership, Student Council is making a smooth transition. On Sunday night, we realized the need to move ahead in our mission to represent the students in all aspects of life at Phillips Academy. To address the issue of Zack's resignation, members of Student Council drafted the letter that appears in this week's issue of *The Phillipian* and signed it, reaffirming our dedication to the student body.

Though we knew our letter would be published that Friday, the council felt the need to let the school know about this change of leadership as soon as possible. Therefore, with the advice and direction of Student Council Faculty Advisor Albert Cauz and Dean of Students Stephen Carter, a brief statement was written that was read at Wednesday's cluster meetings. We then moved on to the next agenda point, unanimous in our determination to carry on and concentrate on the future, not the past.

Next, we revisited the issue that was explored a great deal last term: the development of a student center on campus. The center would serve as a central location for students to relax and meet informally, as well as to provide office space for *The Phillipian*, the Pot Pouri, WPAA, and other clubs on campus. It would also serve as Mr. Driscoll's headquarters in coordinating student activities. He has been optimistic about this idea since the beginning of the school year, and in discussions with Mr. Carter and Head of OPP Michael Williams, has narrowed down the prospective location to two floors of Pearson Hall and the basement of Morse Hall. However, all parties involved have stressed that the student center is at this point very much in the abstract planning phase, and all ideas should be kept in perspective for now.

Last term, an ad hoc committee was created to assist Mr. Driscoll in developing the plans

Steve Koh  
PRESIDENT

for the student center. The group, made up of six members of Student Council, distributed a survey which returned with overwhelmingly positive results from both students and faculty. In light of this success, I have requested that the committee be expanded in order to facilitate what will prove to be a very challenging two terms of work. I have asked that at least one representative from every section of the student body sit on the committee, so that Mr. Driscoll has the help he needs in exploring this issue. Now, with more than ten members on the committee, the Student Council is confident that we can explore every facet of the planning thoroughly and efficiently in order to meet the needs of the students.

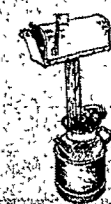
The final issue discussed in our Sunday meeting involved the role that student government currently plays in the Phillips Academy community. Many students, it seems, are left in the dark as to what happens at Student Council. Some do not even know who their representatives are or feel too intimidated to talk to any of them about their concerns, causing many students to feel disconnected from student government as a whole.

The ultimate goal of this Student Council is to bring itself out into the public, at the forefront of community life. We should serve as an accessible resource to every student. Everyone should feel that his/her concerns can be addressed and even resolved by Student Council.

Because of time constraints this week, we were not able to discuss the many ways of achieving this goal. However, I have asked that by Friday every representative outline, on paper, three different ways in which student government can become a more accessible part of school life. A list will be compiled of the most promising and dynamic suggestions, and those ideas will be discussed at this Sunday's meeting. Should you have any recommendations or would like to address any other concerns about the school, please do not hesitate to attend our meetings at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday on the third floor of GW in the Trustees Room.

Student Council is optimistic about its plans for the future. We have already begun our work and, by the end of the year, hope to make progress that will help the student body for years to come. However, we now concentrate on involving the community as a whole, and, with student support, we are confident that we can achieve any goal that we set to improve the school.

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## Student Reactions to MLK Day Discussed During Philo Forum

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another or not.

After the examination of diversity here at PA, Sokoloff redirected the discussion to the subject of this year's MLK Day celebration, asking how the speakers' assertions helped or hindered subsequent discussions. Erin Winkler '01 maintained that the speakers, although they did not provoke much discussion within the larger assembly, provided a good basis for private, more meaningful discussions. Marion Read '01 claimed that, due to the sheer size of the whole group, most people just ended up talking to their friends, therefore abandoning the possibility of introducing new aspects of the discussion.

Paige Austin '01 said that the most effective part of the MLK Day debate was the specific information provided by the speakers. She found that having a factual foundation for discussion was a great asset; specific, relevant issues, even on a national level, were easier to discuss with a greater knowledge base.

Providing a junior perspective, Stephen Fee '03 said that he was skeptical at first when he arrived at the junior meeting. Fortunately, he soon found that the group was small enough not to be intimidating, but large enough to provide a diverse base with many differing opinions.

Next, Schwerin prompted the group for opinions concerning the role of community service on MLK Day, specifically asking if it took away emphasis from racial issues. Thibodeaux held that the students performing community service were also confronted with racial issues because of the very nature of their work. He claimed that, in some cases, experiencing these issues first-hand could be much more effective than discussions. Austin reminded the group that issues of race are all linked to social justice. Even community service is a way of lessening the socioeconomic gaps between races.

Singh added that the school needs to look at what it is trying to accom-

plish through its celebration of MLK Day. If, by serving the community, the school is spreading Dr. King's humanitarian message, then the day's focus does not need to be centered entirely on race. Sokoloff agreed with Singh; he said community service is about being a good citizen and treating other races and classes with dignity.

In further discussion of MLK Day, Julie Stephens '00 maintained that the school places too much emphasis on just one-day. According to Stephens, the school needs to focus less on the national holiday and more on our everyday lives. Read agreed with Stephens, adding that there is often a negative perspective regarding MLK Day because students would prefer to have the day off entirely. Read suggested spreading out such discussions so the student body doesn't immediately associate MLK Day with unwanted meetings.

The next topic of discussion was that of including racial issues in the classrooms. Mike Rechnitz '00 held that the topic of race doesn't belong in certain classes, specifically the more math and science-oriented courses. Read claimed that there are even limits to the benefits of integrating race into courses such as history because students are inclined to study the subject as a thing of the past. Zandra Jordan, instructor in English and faculty advisor to Af-Lat-Am, said that race doesn't need to be restricted to certain courses at all because it can be integrated in informal ways such as through discussions of different historical figures for any subject. Fee claimed that education about race is a process that needs to be started earlier. He also claimed that juniors are currently sheltered with their "staple" subject matters and that all grades should be allowed race-related electives.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Jordan proposed a challenge to faculty and students alike. She asked that everyone be more proactive concerning race relations because change is a slow process. According to Ms. Jordan, we don't need to wait for a change to ask questions and take action of our own.

Thibodeaux closed the meeting by reminding everyone of the importance of continuing the discussion. According to Thibodeaux, "This issue is going to be here for some time."

## PA Safety Networks Aim to Prevent Isolation

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the public imagination.

"You can't have watched the events that we've watched over the past couple of years and not talk about it," Head of School Barbara Landis Chase commented recently. "Alienation, it seems to me," she continued, "is one of the common threads that seems to run through the most horrific things we've seen."

Reviewing the breadth of school safety and support networks, Dean of Community and Multicultural Development Bobby Edwards commented, "I really find it hard to pinpoint one thing over another that has truly contributed to our being excluded from a lot of what's going on out there.... Some of these [networks] are formal but I think a lot of it is informal as well."

Indeed, the effort to prevent isolated students from slipping through the cracks encompasses programs ranging from the chaplaincy to the campus' multicultural clubs to the psychological services offered at Graham House.

Established in the fall of 1997, the Community Health Team, which School Physician Dr. Richard Keller calls "a vehicle to make policies, or propose policies to the greater faculty," also concerns itself with the problems of individual students.

Meeting every Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., the group consists of Stephen Carter, outgoing dean of students; Mr. Edwards; Dr. Carol Israel, director of psychological services, on sabbatical for the term; Rev. Michael Ebner, chaplain; Dr. Keller; and C'lla Bonney-Smith, associated dean of students.

"We get referrals from the deans," Mr. Carter said of the students discussed, often about "kids always eating alone, kids whose grades aren't going well, kids who end up in Isham [Health Center] a lot without many symptoms." During a meeting, he continued, "somebody in the group will take the responsibility of following up," usually "whoever feels that they have the best chance of connecting to that kid."

Mr. Carter remarked, "You have your antennas [sic] up to see what information's coming.... I think the students like having the attention."

Rev. Ebner called the team's work "critical," but went on to explain that "there's a big difference in a boarding school setting." He concluded, "There's something about having students within the framework of school 24 hours a day that gives us opportuni-



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Three students at Columbine High School flee the scene of a on campus shooting spree last April.

ties to help kids from being marginalized."

In his own work in the chaplaincy — a crucial support network for many religiously-affiliated students — Rev. Ebner sees himself as engaged in "youth ministry," in which he tries "to make the community truly a community by being intergenerational."

Nevertheless, troubled students who come to see Rev. Ebner "usually," he said, "come in with some kind of an issue that relates to their spirituality" but "affords the opportunity for a dialogue to open up."

Sometimes, the chaplain convinces students that their needs might be served by Graham House's psychological services, but often students "really need that one time of feeling good about themselves" as they discuss internal issues with Rev. Ebner.

Like many of his counterparts in the faculty, Rev. Ebner serves a dual role in supporting kids uncomfortable with PA's inevitable social cliques and rigorous academic and athletic challenges: he is also a house counselor along with his wife Terry Ebner in Bancroft Hall, home to 29 lower, upper, and senior girls.

Rev. Ebner mused, "When you lose touch for a few days [in the dorm], you feel it." He does take note of kids "not being at functions in the dormitory" or "disappearing early" from them, but more often, he commented, "you get calls from teachers who just pick up on things... something that would have a hard time happening" at a public high school.

Working in the same residential atmosphere are proctors and prefects, such as Katherine Stirling '00, one of three senior prefects for 10 junior girls in Isham dormitory. "It's a question of outreach," Stirling said about helping the new students acclimatize. "The first term is the critical time when you want to make sure that people are adjusting."

"I think the house counselors are important for when it gets really serious," Stirling said, but in general, a prefect, as "just another person living in the dorm... interacting with them,

watching movies," is "much closer." As a result, remarked Stirling, "The house counselors end up not being privy to a lot of the information that prefects are," although, she said, "If I thought there was a problem, I would talk to [the house counselor] about it."

Stirling did caution against being an overbearing presence. "Some people are just quieter than others," she said, and after a few months, "we realize who the girls are.... For some of them that's just the way they are and that's how they want to be — and they're totally fine with that." Examples of outreach still abound, some as simple as asking how a student's day has gone, others as involved as bringing a student along to a club meeting.

A student's feelings about their school experience are also marked by large school events and the school spirit surrounding them.

Aimonoizomo Akade '00, one of the all-school Blue Key heads, is responsible for nourishing this spirit, especially during schoolwide contests, such as the Andover-Exeter sports competitions each term. "We just basically invite everyone," she said. Akade said that members of the society essentially tell students, "If you like to watch basketball, come to the game; if you don't like to watch basketball, still come because the whole school's going to be there."

In terms of making people comfortable on a day-to-day basis, Akade remarked, "I think that it takes individual acts of courtesy — just a little smile, saying hi." The Blue Keys' role is inevitably limited, she went on, because "it's hard to make the whole school get spirited." Akade hopes just to lead the way so that "we all join in to do our part."

Another avenue of student involvement is the peer mediating program, well-prepared for involvement in student-faculty or student-student disputes, but seldom used. "Is there a different model we should be thinking about?" its faculty advisor Susan Stott, director of business services, wondered aloud.

## Geography Bee Organizers Offer New Prizes To Increase Participation in Annual Contest

By TYLER MIXTER

The fourth annual Geography Bee, a test of one's knowledge on the physical aspects of the earth, will commence on January 30, with dorm contests, and will proceed through until February 15, when the finals will be held.

The Geography Bee is divided into three different stages of competition: the dorm, the cluster, and then the entire school. For the dorm section of the contest, the house counselors will read off a list of questions to which the contestants will respond on a provided answer sheet. If a contestant answers three questions incorrectly, he or she will hand in their answer sheet, and then that person may leave. The questions will continue until only one contestant remains who will proceed to the cluster finals.

At the cluster finals, the format will be identical; the winner of this round shall then proceed to the finals. Complete with buzzers and a more elaborate form of scoring in which correct answers earn three points and a wrong answer is a one point deduction, the all-school final will become more of a pressured situation. The event planners hope for a more intense com-

petition at the final faceoff, which will be held in Upper Right of Commons at 6 p.m. Mr. McCann, director of the Geography Bee as well as international student coordinator, stated, "This is a pressure situation."

Having dealt with the problem of making the contest convenient for boarding students, Mr. McCann even plans to make the Geography Bee more easily accessible for day students this year by providing them with three times on Friday, February 4th at which to attend the contest: 9:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 1924 house, and 5:30 in Ropes Salon of Commons.

The PA Geography Bee was founded by Nels Frye '99, who, in his lower year, came here from Northfield Mount Hermon. With the help of Mr. McCann, he founded the Geography Bee.

In order to promote interest in the competition, Frye and Mr. McCann have created numerous prizes for participants and winners. First, the Geography Bee will sponsor a pizza munch for any dorm with 100% of its members participating. Second, the Geography Bee offers the cluster with the highest percentage of participants a special munch. Third, the first place

In fact, the program already is, by giving proctors and prefects in West Quad South and Pine Knoll clusters what Ms. Bonney-Smith called "a pilot program" of 6 hours of training mostly in "neutral language and diffusing situations." Nevertheless, the program has had only one mediation in its three years of existence, although new student mediators are selected each year.

One mediator, Joe Quatrochi '00 hoped "to help Phillips be a little more community-based, but," he said, "it's a big school so you do run into problems." He still values the listening techniques picked up in the 20-hour September training sessions and attests to their use in informal conflict resolutions.

Graham House and Isham Health Center are the two critical health institutions serving student needs. "We see approximately 20% of the school population every year," Dr. Max Aloviseti, assistant director of psychological services, said. "Perhaps the biggest safety net is that we pay attention." Not only does PA have the resources to support alienated students, but, Dr. Aloviseti continued, it has a "statement of purpose [that] involves knowledge and goodness, and we do lay a great deal of stress on goodness, caring, and resolving problems peacefully. We're a value-oriented school," he stated, "and we pay attention to things that are viewed in other places as problems that belong to the parents."

At Isham, Dr. Keller said, eyes are kept out for the stressed student "who is alienated... feels like he or she has been mistreated or misjudged, and is pretty bright. And there has to be a lot of anger that has not been dealt with... and access to weapons." Although "having them all fall together is pretty unusual" at PA, Dr. Keller echoed the remarks of many faculty when he said that "we just never know." The "Columbine tragedy" "could happen anywhere — anywhere in the country, in a public or private setting."

"More than institution-wide things, I think it's much more about expectations," Mrs. Chase concluded. "You're expected to be friendly, to care about other people." She seeks "to let students know that you care about them and to let them know that they're accountable."

Ambivalent about public school solutions, Mrs. Chase said, "You don't solve a problem with more guards and zero tolerance, but by creating a community where individual kids feel they belong."

Mr. Edwards, whose office is both a network on its own and a sponsor of cultural clubs that serve as networks, ponders his own teenage years to connect to isolated students: "I can think of no time in my life when I was more uncertain." Adolescence, he said, is "a coming to terms with who you are.... There's so much going on in terms of defining oneself."

Eager to begin a schoolwide dialogue on school violence and social isolation, Mr. Edwards pointed mostly to the mundane, yet important, events that mark student lives at PA — "being included in activities, being affirmed by your teachers... a lot of simple everyday things that add up to our sense of inclusion or exclusion."



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Last year's Geography Bee champion, Charles Gardner '00, plans to defend his title this year.

prize for the contest will be one hundred dollars, while second place will be fifty dollars, and third place twenty-five. Fourth, a framed world map, with a plaque, will be placed in the winner's dorm. Fifth, the winning contestant's cluster name will be added to the plaque inside of the Dean of Students Office. Mr. McCann concedes that he is using a form of "bribery, but if it gets them in there for a good cause, it's fine by me."

This year, there are three returning finalists: Jonathan Sabatini '00, Matthew Kelly '02, and the winner from last year, Charles Gardner '00. Mr. McCann believes that the competition among these contestants will be tight; however, trying to achieve his goal of over fifty percent participation in the contest, Mr. McCann, hopes for as many new competitors as possible.

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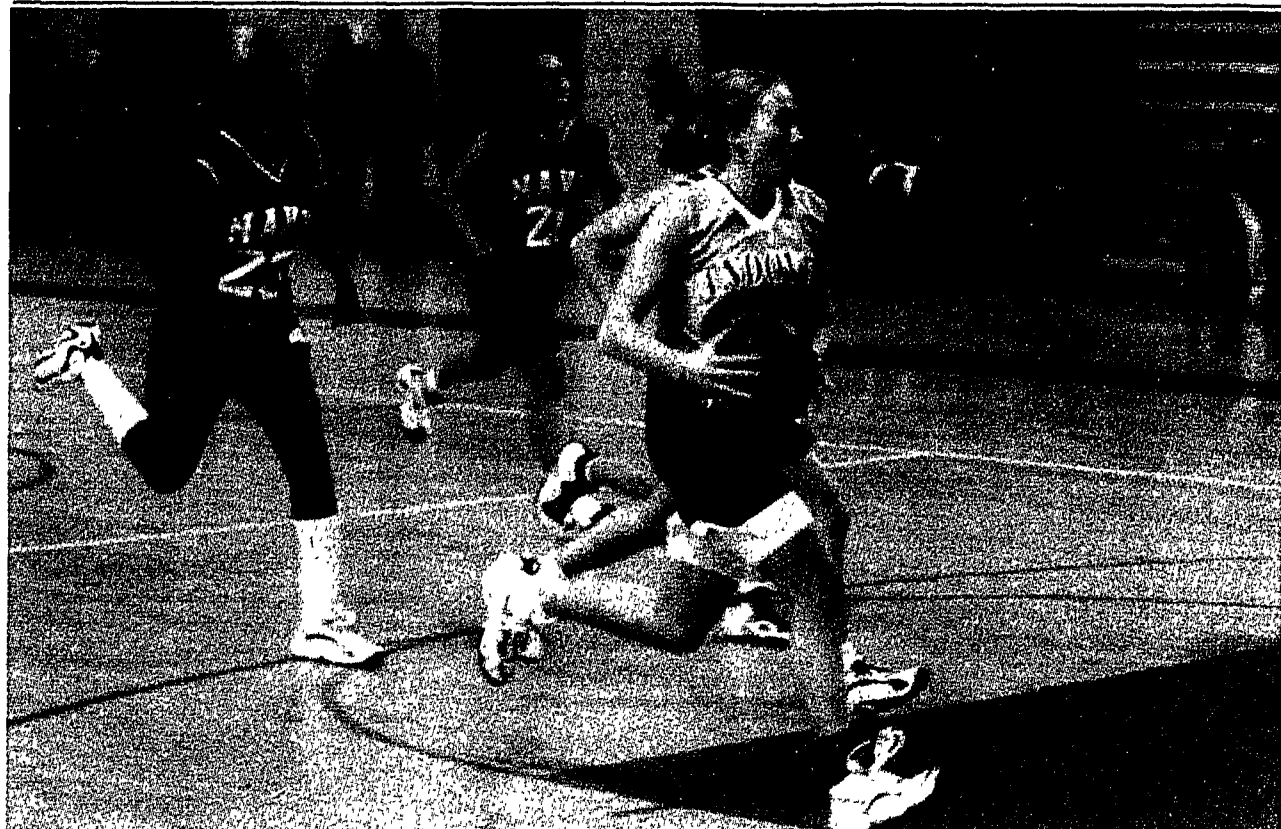
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Christine Anneberg '00 controls the ball through traffic in Wednesday's ousting of Naval Academy Prep.

## Girls' Basketball Defeats Deerfield, Ousts Naval Prep; Improves to 12-1

by Diana Dosik  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	64
Deerfield	46
Andover	52
N.A.P.S.	30

A big win against Deerfield last Saturday was great cause for celebration, as Andover's 2000 team handily defeated a squad which beat PA last season.

The game began sketchily, as both teams incurred fouls within the first few minutes, and it seemed as if the ball was just going back and forth for free throws. PG Dasen Woitkowski had trouble keeping her cool while a suave Deerfield star slyly pushed her around the floor. Woitkowski finally fouled her back and was taken out of the game with two fouls to cool off.

"I was just annoyed, because some of their calls were so obviously wrong, and [the refs] missed so much." Clearly, Woitkowski wasn't the only victim of the infamous "Number Eleven." Known to many Andover athletes from the fall field hockey season, the Deerfield player was remembered as a vicious attacker. "She grabbed my arm!" claimed Caroline Lind '02 after loosing the ball to the spiky-haired opponent. Although Big Blue certainly didn't like getting mauled, the team racked up a lot of points on foul shots, as Christine Anneberg '00, Caroline Lind '00, Momo Akade '00, Dasen Woitkowski '00, and Danielle Vardara '03 all made double baskets from the free throw line. Using time-outs to discuss strategy and coverage, PA moved efficiently to shut down the Deerfield threat. Elizabeth Bramwell '00 towered over the quick and dangerous forward, smoothly blocking many of her shots. Coach Kennedy also instructed Lind to keep her arms straight up and not lean forward, after Lind had earned a foul by defending with her arms diagonally outwards. After a few minutes of rest, an energized Woitkowski also returned to the court towards the end of the first half. Focused and observant, she executed a sweet block, zooming into the path of a pass and batting the ball out of bounds. The scoreboard blared 29-19 at the end of the first half, while SLAM and the Varsity girls sounded a slightly different tune: Assistant Coach Sarah Manekin humbly accepted songs and best wishes for her birthday. During this mid-game break, Coach Kennedy carefully reminded the team that the game was not over. "When Deerfield played Milton, they were down by fourteen points at the half, and they came back to tie it. Forget the score—it's 0-0. Our ten-point lead means nothing."

Lauren Tsai '00 started the second half on the right foot with a three-pointer in the first few seconds, and the rest of the team fiercely followed her lead. A terrific play earned the Big

Blue another two points as Woitkowski passed to Heather Woodin '00 from the top of the arc. Woodin then swiftly zoomed it back to Woitkowski as she cut under the basket for an easy lay-up. The excitement continued, climaxing when the ball was ripped out of Akade's hands as she tried to signal a time out. Apparently, the refs did not see her signal and the Deerfield player dribbled wide open down the court for an unguarded basket. But the Blue spirit was unbroken, and Lauren Tsai caught fire, scoring two three-pointers within 30 seconds with eleven minutes on the clock. Woitkowski managed to pull off a miraculous basket as she flew to the floor, having tripped on her drive to the hoop. Desperately attempting to run and gun, Deerfield turned nasty, blatantly grabbing anything within reach. With only a few seconds to go, Woitkowski heaved the ball from "down town" for a final basket. The ball bounced off the backboard as the

buzzer sounded a Blue victory, 64-46. The scoring breakdown attributed 11 points each to both Tsai '00 and Akade '00, 5 to Vardaro '03 and Lind '02, 2 for Bramwell '00 and Okike '01, 7 by Woodin '01, 4 from Anneberg '00, and 17 points made by high-scorer Woitkowski.

Though Andover's 52-30 win over N.A.P.S. on the following Wednesday was not its splashiest victory, it was certainly its most honorable. Coach Kennedy refused to uselessly humiliate the seven members of the weak Naval Academy team, and instead turned the competition into an effective drill for the team's less-experienced members. With starting regulars Momo Akade '00 and Dasen Woitkowski '00 cheering from the bench, Louisa Butler '02, Misty Muscatel '01, Mei Mei Hu '00, Alexandra Zuckerman '01, and Olubunmi Ajose '00 took the court. When the score

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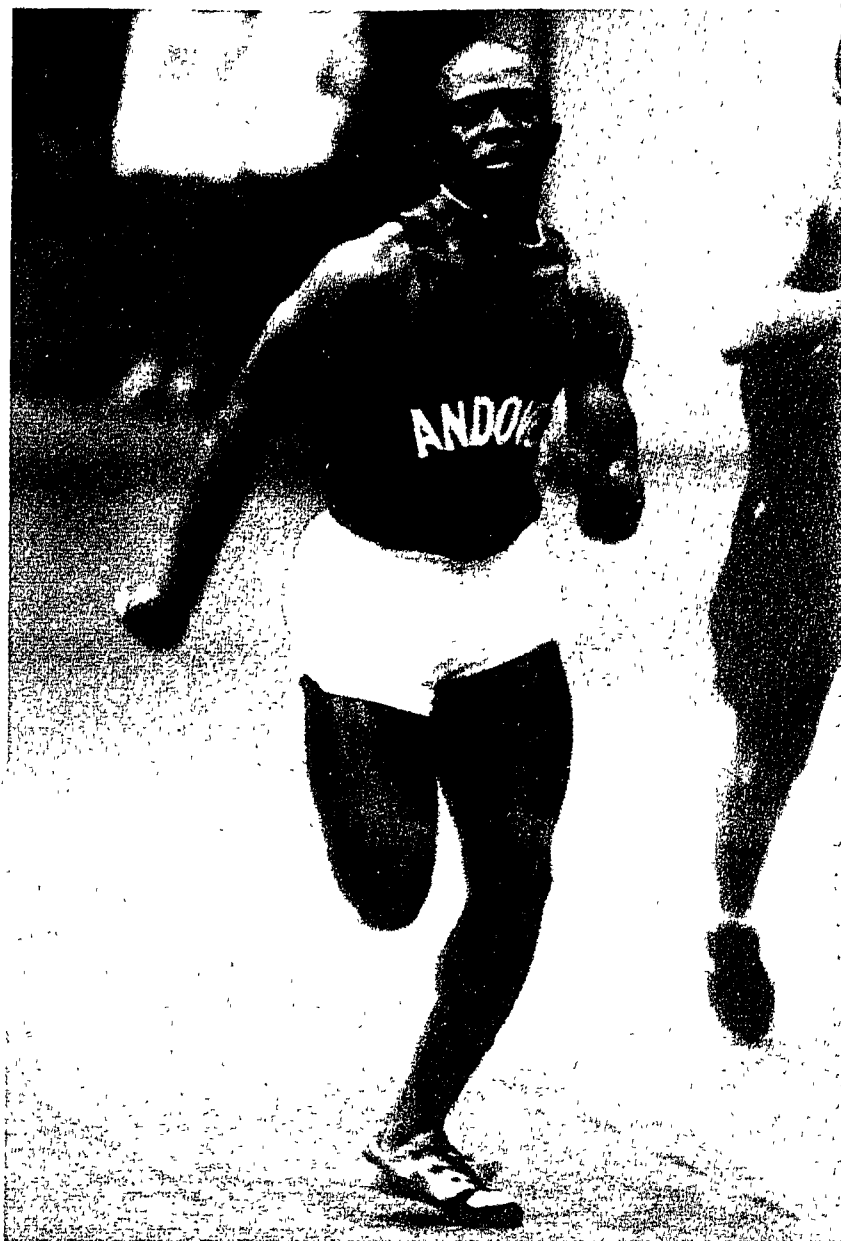
## Boys' Track Dominates Tri-Meet; Team Captures All But One Event

by Alex Kehlenbeck  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	71
Masconomet	37
Lynnfield	10



Coming off a solid first win last week, boys' track competed in its second meet of the season on Wednesday. Rising to the challenge of a tri-meet competition between Masconomet, Lynnfield, and PA, the boys' team simply destroyed the opposition. With strong performances in every event, PA managed to take every gold medal save the high jump. The meet started off with a bang as PA took an early lead with an outstanding 4:45 in the mile by Eli Lazarus '00. John Busby '00, despite hitting every hurdle, continued to dominate in the fifty-yard hurdles, an event he has taken over in the past year. The short sprint was owned by Julius Bradshaw '00, who blew away the competition in the fifty-yard dash, finishing nearly three yards-ahead of the second-place Masconomet sprinter. Following the fifty, Ted Juras '01 ran for the first of his two victories, cranking out a superb 1:20.7 in the six hundred yards, a race he had not run previously this season. Juras has run well all season, putting up a personal-best 4:25 in the mile last weekend at the Harvard Open, topping the 4:30 he ran against a highly talented field at the Dartmouth Relays three weeks ago. Also running for the first time this season in the six hundred was Michael Grant '03. Running in the third heat, Grant hung back for three laps before kicking out the bell lap and finishing in 1:22.3, a time which placed him third overall and set a new junior class record, breaking the 1988 record of 1:23.4. The longest race of the day, the two mile run, was won by Ben Phillips '01, who beat out a strong trio of Masconomet runners who led for a half-mile before he hunted them down and out-paced them on the second mile. Adding to Andover's six consecutive first-place finishes, Bradshaw won the



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Postgraduate sprinter Julius Bradshaw finished more than three yards ahead of his nearest competitor in Wednesday's 50-yard dash.

three hundred yard dash, overcoming a slight slip on the fourth curve of the first lap that broke his blistering rhythm before cruising to an easy win. The track was now cleared for the final individual event of the day, the one thousand yard run. Masconomet and Lynnfield each had its best middle-distance runners in this race, hoping for a win. Their hopes were dashed when Juras and Grant both stepped to the line. The two Andover runners led

from the start of the race, never letting any runners pass them, and kicked in times of 2:33 and 2:36, respectively. The meet closed out with the mile relay, an event that often decides the outcome of the meet and draws a large crowd of wildly cheering spectators to the center of the track. Without any danger of losing, however, the boys decided to have a little fun and enter

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## Boys' Hockey Goes 1-2 on the Week vs. I.S.L.; Strong Middlesex Win Redeems Team After Losses

by Tim Daniels  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Nobles	5
Andover	0
Lawrence	5
Andover	0
Andover	5
Middlesex	2



After a disappointing loss to St. Sebastian's last Wednesday, the Andover boys' hockey team hoped to restart its winning streak with a win against Nobles on Saturday. The Blue knew what to expect, having played the opponent once before in the Flood-Marr Christmas Tournament held during Christmas break. Although that game ended in a loss, Andover took note of Nobles' strengths and weaknesses and adjusted its systems for Saturday's game.

Both teams started out with intensity. Nobles, however, was the first to get on the board. Andover tried to come back with a goal of its own, but was unable to capitalize on its chances. Nobles added another goal before the end of the period.

The Blue started the second period intent on coming back from the two-goal deficit and gaining the lead. The team's high level of play took control in portions of the middle period. However, Andover was still unable to finish its attempts for goals. Nobles put in another goal towards the end of the period.

Although frustrated by hard work with no reward, Andover was determined not to give up. It came out for the third period with the same high intensity, but was equally plagued with

an inability to score. Nobles added two more goals before the game ended, skating off with a 5-0 win over Andover.

The score of the game against Nobles was not indicative of the game play. Andover did not play poorly, but was simply unable to utilize its opportunities. By the end of the game, the team had missed two open-net bids and countless other close chances.

The Blue hoped to recapture its composure on Monday as it faced off against Lawrence Academy. Although the opponent was one of the league's strongest contenders, Andover knew that with a strong showing, it could emerge victorious.

Lawrence, though, was the first to strike. The goal came fairly early in the first period. Andover picked up its pace, but was still held back by its scoring problem. The two teams battled fairly equally, but Lawrence put in another goal before the end of the first period.

The Blue came out for the second period determined to break the scoring drought. The game pace picked up as Andover worked hard for its first break while Lawrence held its opponent off and tried to create some offense of its own. Although the second period was played fairly equally by both teams, Lawrence tallied one goal while Andover remained scoreless.

The third period proved to be similar to the second; play remained equal but Andover was unable to take advantage of its opportunities. Lawrence scored two more goals and ended the game with a 5-0 victory.

Having given up 14 goals in its last 3 games and scoring only 1, Andover was ready to end the drought with a win over Middlesex on Wednesday. The opponent, a weaker competitor on Andover's schedule, gave the Blue a

good chance to bounce back from its depressing losing streak. Andover focused on getting ahead early and finishing its scoring bids.

Andover arrived at the game ready to play, but sloppiness in the first few minutes of regulation time allowed Middlesex many opportunities. But Theo Novak '01 came up with some superb saves to keep the score notched at zero and give his team a chance to settle down. Within a few minutes, the Blue gained its composure and began to take control of the game. Scott Darci '01 ended his team's scoring drought about halfway through the first period.

The goal came off of a shot from the point from Scott Ward '01, which Darci controlled off the rebound and stuffed it in the net. Middlesex came back, though, to tie the score later in the first period.

Andover remained in control of the game during the second period, aside from some careless play in its defensive zone. Justin Blanch '00 broke the tie with a break in deak to his backhand. The goal came off a pass from Mike Freeman '00, who was credited with the assist. Determined not to let its lead slip away, Andover kept up its

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PG Mike Freeman faces off against a Lawrence Academy foe in last Monday's 5-0 loss.

## GIRLS' HOCKEY ENDS STREAK WITH 0-5 LOSS

by Merri Hudson  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	0
Groton	6
Christine	5
Andover	0



The girls' ice hockey team continued its two game win streak this past Saturday against the Groton School. In a 6-0 dismantling of its opponent, Andover proved what a difference one year can make. Katherine Otway '00 allowed no goals, while Katie Breen '00 and Bonnie Lui '00 each had 2 goals and 2 assists.

"The best thing about the game was we looked to everyone to contribute," commented defenseman Susannah Richardson '00.

The first period, which has been troublesome for the Blue in its recent games, was dominated by the impressive Andover offense. Unable to break it out of its defensive end, Groton skated in desperate circles while forwards Breen '00, Jess Judge '00 and Lui '00 maintained possession of the puck for minutes on end, testing the Groton goaltender with many shots. It wasn't long before Andover found the serious scoring chances it needed. Caitlin Krause '01 scored an unassisted backhand goal off a face-off to put the Blue up 1-0. The scoring was far from over. Lui stretched Andover's lead to two, when she scored from a beautiful passing sequence from Judge and Molly Turco '00. Breen scored her first goal shortly afterward, and sent the Blue

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### ALSO THIS WEEK

#### Nordic

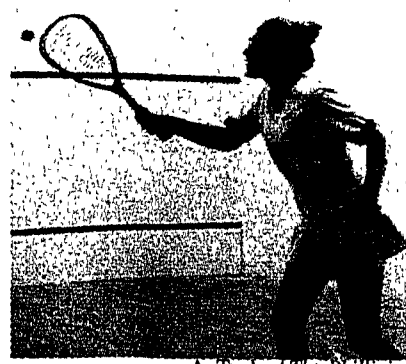
The boys and girls Cross-Country Skiing teams held their first meet of the season in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire on Wednesday. -pg. 2

#### Wrestling

Andover wrestling suffered through a tough week, losing its first three matches of the season. In a quad-meet on Saturday the team beat Belmont Hill but lost to Loomis, New Hampton and North Andover on Wednesday. -pg. 4

#### Girls' Squash

Improving its season record to 6-1, Girls' Squash swept both its matches this week. They defeated rivals Exeter and Groton. -pg. 4



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#### Girls' Track

The girls' track team had a terrific week, highlighted by its Saturday meet against Lynnfield and Masconomet. Andover demolished its public school foes, more than tripling its nearest opponents' point total. -pg. 3

# Andover Nordic Kicks Off 2000 Season With Snow

by Adam Schoene  
PHILLIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER



While the visible patches of dirt and grass around the Andover campus were enough to make a skier's heart sink, the slopes were groomed and the tracks were set last week at Waterville Valley in New Hampshire. Granted, the Nordic ski team does not exactly ski down "slopes," but the trails were nonetheless covered with snow and the five-kilometer, winding course was in exceptional condition. With the start of the season already delayed one week due to the disappointing lack of snow,

the Andover Nordic crew eagerly waxed its skis, wriggled into its full-body racing uniforms (some with more ease than others), and loaded into the rally wagons, ready to battle the cold and to defend the team's reputation for ferocity. Moments after their arrival at Waterville last Wednesday, Jess Watson '01 and Katie Witman '00 were rushed to the starting line; they were soon off with a flash of blue Spandex. The racers were aligned in pairs at the start according to past performances, with the faster skiers at the front. Watson went out strong and held a solid pace, managing to capture an impressive fourteenth place. Witman gave it everything she had and then some, as she took a wrong turn and tagged on an

extra loop through the woods. Even with the detour, she was able to secure a respectable twentieth place finish. The Andover boys placed third out of eight teams, outdone only by Nordic heavyweights Holderness and Putney. Phil Delude '00 led the Andover pack, cruising to a solid seventh place finish. He was followed by veteran skier Winslow Hubbard '01, who was able to clinch sixteenth place with a salivaceous on his chin serving as a testament to his gutsy performance. Hubbard was trailed by Captain Adam Schoene '00, the much-improved Klaus Koenigshausen '00, and Colin Penley '01. Jack Kaminoh '00 and Rob Cannon '02 finished off the Andover pack with strong performances. This Wednesday, Andover Nordic

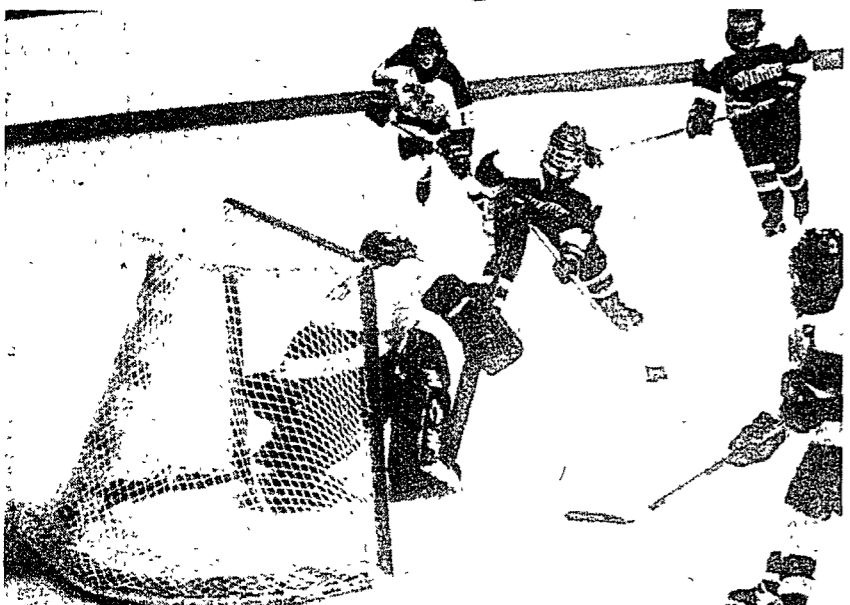
competed in its first skating race of the season, returning to Waterville Valley. The course was slightly less than five kilometers, so the times were quick. Several new skiers had the opportunity to compete in their first races of the season, undeterred by the course's ominous uphill or by the more experienced competition. Andover's success in the first two meets of the season is hopefully a harbinger of what lies ahead for the team. Coach Deborah Carlisle is optimistic for the rest of the season, and she believes the real strength of the team lies in its depth. With plenty of snow around campus, the team will now have the opportunity to work on improving technique on a variety of terrains. Next up - a classic race at Holderness.



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Louisa Butler '02 brings the ball upcourt in the girls win over NAPS.

## Girls' Hockey Falls 0-5 to N.E. Power Cushing



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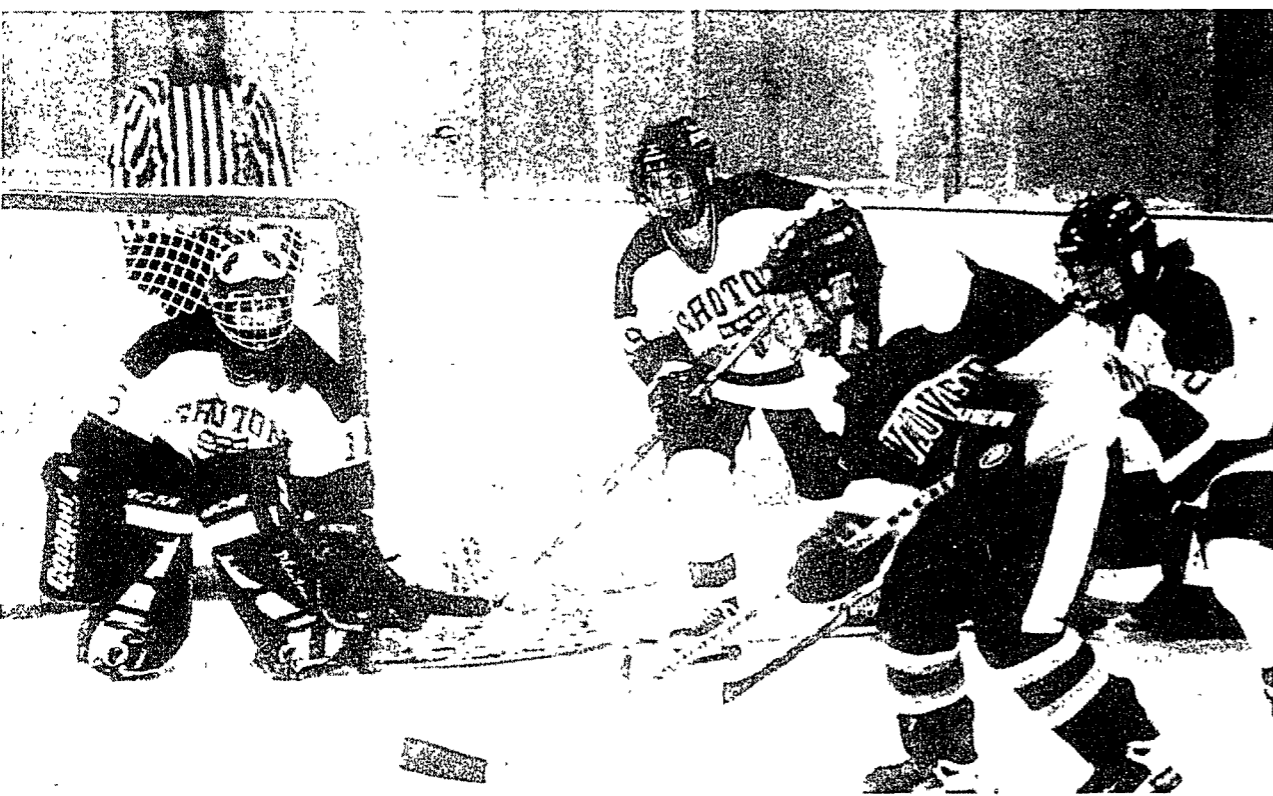
The girls hockey team had an up and down week defeating Groton on Saturday but losing to Cushing on Wednesday.

*Continued from Page B1, Column 6* into the first intermission with the confidence it has been searching for all season. The second period, despite the fact that there were no goals scored by either team, was a crucial period. Andover's defensive units proved to be impenetrable, backed by Otway and defensive pairing Richardson and Ali Mattison '02. The defense was unwavering in its own zone, breaking the puck out to the well-positioned wings nearly perfectly every time. Andover broke loose again in the third period, scoring three more goals to bury the defeated Groton team. Lui got her second goal of the game off an assist from Breen early in the period. Sparked once again by an early goal, Andover offense came alive. Turco skated in from the right corner and squeezed the puck past the poorly positioned Groton goaltender. With the

score 5-0, Andover thought things couldn't get any better; this was its biggest lead in a game so far this season. Breen made it six goals, by scoring her second of the game over the goalie's shoulder with five minutes left before the final buzzer. Otway, who faced 18 shots throughout the game, recorded her first shutout of the season. This win was a perfect way to lead Andover into its game vs. Cushing on Wednesday.

### Cushing

After a long bus ride to Ashburnham, MA, the girls' team was greeted by a sea of purple. Setting out to prove to the league that Cushing could be defeated, Andover started the game with confidence and aggressiveness. In the first period, the Big Blue skated stride for stride with the skilled Cushing team, allowing the Penguins to get only one goal past starting goalie Otway. The Andover offense, which had been so productive in past games, has many opportunities, but was unable to score on the strong Cushing defense. Turco had a chance to score late in the first period off a rebound, but couldn't flip the puck over the fallen goalie. Going into the first intermission, Andover's confidence was shaken a bit by the size and strength of the Cushing team. Throughout the rest of the game, Cushing was able to control most of play, while Andover showed only glimpses of fine play. Defenders Richardson and Lori Marshall '00 played a tight game on the shifty Cushing forwards. However, the Cushing defense played to the best of its ability, holding the Big Blue scoreless in three periods. In the end Cushing's overall talent was too much for Andover, with the Penguins winning 5-0. Andover was able to see both sides of the scoreboard this week, going 1-1. They look forward to and are preparing for a tough game against Deerfield Academy this Saturday at home.



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The girls, pictured here against Groton, blew out their opponent by a score of 6-0.

## Girls' Hoops Triumphs

*Continued from Page B1, Column 1* reached 0-6, the Big Blue made a few adjustments, and Woodin put Andover on the board with a three-pointer at the 9-minute mark. By halftime the Blue had come back from its deficit and tied the score 18-18, without the help of team superstars Tsai, Woitkowski, or Lind. During timeouts, Coach Kennedy corrected team errors, and reminded the girls of the purpose of the game. "I want you to work on your technical game, to feel good with the ball, to find a rhythm and get used to that rhythm." Despite abnormally long periods on the bench, the Blue starters realized the importance of strengthening the team as a whole. Taking the place of the absent SLAM, senior team members cheered on their fellow teammates, encouraging them and allowing them to work on their skills. During the second half, after a beautiful play between Woodin

and Hu resulted in a swishing basket, Assistant Coach Sarah Manekin beamed at Coach Kennedy: "We did that in practice!" Keeping the team and the program as a whole in mind, Kennedy gave extensive playing time to the younger players, as well as to girls who may not have seen as much action in a tighter game. With several minutes before the final buzzer, Butler took a nasty fall and limped to the sidelines with a twisted ankle. With PG Woitkowski resting the entire game, and Akade and Tsai each playing bare minutes, Andover's 52 points were scored by Mei Mei Hu (4), Misty Muscatel (8), Heather Woodin (9), Alex Zuckerman (10), Lauren Tsai (3), Danielle Vardaro (3), Christine Anneberg (4), Liz Bramwell (4), Caroline Lind (5), and Louisa Butler (2). The triumphant Blue varsity hopes to continue its winning ways tonight at 5 p.m. against Suffield.

# THE JV ROUNDUP

by Marcus Taylor  
MAN AT WORK

I'm sorry to report to my faithful readers that I was unable to watch any JV sports this week. I know this confession is shocking and stunning to everyone. I was busy taking an astrologer certification course over the Internet. From now on I'm an A.A.P.B.-Certified Astrologer. Although I'm unable to report on what JV action happened this week, I can give you a preview of what will be going on in the world of JV sports next week. Thus I have prepared for every JV athletes and spectators this week's horoscopes.

- Aries: (March 21—April 19)**  
Looking back on things, you fail to grasp how a win/win situation against a seemingly easy opponent turned into win/get your face broken, bloodied and dragged across the floor situation.
- Taurus: (April 20—May 20)**  
You know that energetic self-starter that is despised by yourself and your teammates? You know the one who describes himself as "a fast learner and motivated" and whom everyone thinks is a kiss patoof? Well, he/she isn't going away any time soon. Unfortunately his/her positive can-do approach is winning points with the coach. You have another week of misery listening to his obsequious and pathetic whiny voice kiss up to the coach.
- Gemini: (May 21—June 21)**  
You will be shaken to the your very core, when you realize that no one on your JV team believes your lies about how you are 5'11 and 180 pounds.
- Cancer: (June 22—July 22)**  
You are a melding of light and shadow, sunset and dawn, a multitude of wonders fused in mortal flesh. And a great big flabby lump of flesh it is, too.
- Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22)**  
Although you will have a hard time explaining the reasons to your coach, you should stop the bus and run back in to the gym to get those old issues of *Club* for the three-hour bus trip.
- Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)**  
Please don't tell your coach that you only like to hook up with your boy friend when he wears the Jesus costume. I promise you he will not understand that this fetish makes you "you." Don't talk about it; it's creepy.
- Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23)**  
Big Changes await you. They all involve your oversized pants and T-shirt.
- Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21)**  
Don't listen to those teammates who are going to tell you to have that golf-ball sized tumour removed from your armpit. They are just jealous.
- Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21)**  
The stars are sick and tired of telling you stuff. For Christ's sake learn to listen.
- Capricorn: (Dec. 22—Jan. 19)**  
An amazing feat of JV athletic grace and skill awaiting Cancer makes it really suck that you are a Capricorn.
- Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18)**  
Your teammates may think words hurt, but just wait until you smash them in the face with a squash racket.
- Pisces: (Feb. 19—March 20)**  
Although you might think the manager on the opposing manager is hot, you will regret your actions two weeks later.

## Boys' Hockey Clobbers MX 5-2

### REDISCOVERS OFFENSE

"Superb Goaltending"  
by Goalie Novak  
Ensures Win

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intensity. Jon Sinex '00 added two more goals before the end of the second period, giving Andover a 4-2 lead. The game's high intensity kept up in the third period, but both teams had trouble capitalizing on their chances to score. Andover held its two-goal lead until the final minutes of the game, when Middlesex pulled its goalie and Gino Rotondi '01 seized onto an empty-net bid. The game ended in a needed 5-2 win for the Blue. Andover hopes to build on its win over Middlesex when it faces Loomis Chaffee Saturday.



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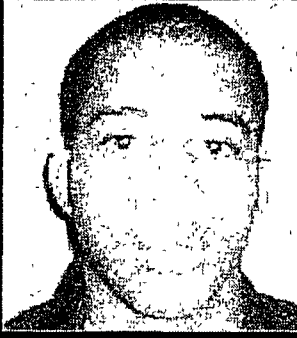
Captain Mike Turner '00 controls the puck during Monday's loss.



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Senior forward Charlie Resor races past a Lawrence Academy defender during one of Andover's few scoring chances. After playing two close periods, Lawrence broke the third wide open by scoring 4 goals.

**Athlete Of The Week**



**Terrell Ivory '00**

*"[Terrell] is clearly the leader of the basketball team, on and off the court."* —Luke McArdle '00

by Alan Ginsberg  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

After scoring sixteen points and dishing out thirteen assists to help the boys' varsity basketball team defeat arch-rival Phillips Exeter Academy on Wednesday, post-graduate guard Terrell Ivory is the Athlete of the Week.

Terrell has lived in Charlotte, North Carolina, his entire life with his father and mother until his father's death in April 1998. Terrell has two brothers, Titus '96, who is currently a senior basketball player at Pennsylvania State University, and Robert Graham, who lives in Charlotte. In addition, he has a sister, Lisa Johnson, who lives in Detroit.

Terrell started playing basketball at age three, when his father first put a basketball in his hands. At age five, Terrell joined the local Y.M.C.A., playing for the Long Creek team for six years. During his tenure, the team won five league championships, taking second place in the only year it failed to win the title, while Terrell was named league Most Valuable Player each of the six years.

When he was eleven years old, Terrell began to play AAU basketball for the Charlotte Royals. With the team, Terrell competed in the national tournament five times, finishing as high as tenth, when he was fifteen. The team also won the North Carolina state championship last year in the nineteen-and-under division and finished second in the state when it played in the fifteen-and-under division.

Before coming to Phillips Academy, Terrell attended North Mecklenburg High School. During his sophomore year, Terrell's first at the school (high school starts in the tenth grade in Charlotte), he played for the varsity team that finished with a 13-13 record. The following year, Terrell averaged eleven points per game and garnered All-Conference honors while leading the team to the conference championship. Then, as a senior, Terrell upped his scoring average to thirteen points per game and was named to the All-Tournament team at the Freedom Invitational, a Christmas tournament, during the season. At the end of the year, Terrell was again named All-Conference and the team won its second straight conference championship.

As he neared the end of his high school career, Terrell began thinking about following Titus' footsteps and attending Phillips Academy. Accord-

ing to Terrell, Andover "was perfect for Titus" and Terrell knew it "could not hurt" him, so he decided to come. As it turns out, Terrell says P. A. is "helping [him] more than anything."

Thus far, Terrell has led the boys' varsity basketball team to a 7-4 record by scoring thirty or more points four times, including 30 in the team's season-opening 89-72 victory over Holderness, 31 in an 87-79 victory over the Harvard University junior varsity team, and 30 more in Saturday's 86-82 loss to the Holy Cross junior varsity squad. Other scoring outbursts from Terrell include his 24 points in a 91-65 thrashing of Cushing Academy, 28 points in a tight, 84-80 win over Choate, and 27 points in an 80-73 victory over Brewster Academy. Overall,

the varsity squad as a wide receiver. As an ninth-grader, Terrell was named All-Conference, and the following year he made his only high school touchdown reception in the last game of the season.

However, Terrell's low number of touchdown receptions was not because he was lacking skill, but simply because his team ran the ball much more often than it passed. As evidence, one can point to Terrell's six touchdown receptions for the pass-dominated, New England Champion Big Blue this year. Finally receiving the chance to play a major role in an offense, Terrell capitalized on the opportunity. In a 34-20 victory over Hotchkiss, Terrell caught five passes for ninety-seven yards and one touchdown. Then, in the

team's dominating, 29-0 triumph over Northfield-Mount Hermon, Terrell hauled in a sixty-five yard touchdown pass from quarterback Marc Hordon '00. Finally, Terrell caught the winning touchdown pass with 1:01 remaining in Andover's 26-21, come-from-behind victory over Deerfield Academy.

Characteristically crediting his teammates with his success, Terrell explains that "we had a real good quarterback, and you can't say enough about [fellow receiver] Luke [McArdle]. We just complemented each other; they'd double team him and leave me open. I give him credit for about ninety-nine percent of my catches."

Outside of athletics, Terrell participated in Jack and Jill, a service club, and was a member of the National Honor Society in high school. At Phillips Academy, Terrell participates in AfLatAm. Regarding college, Terrell is sure he will play basketball and is considering playing football as well. His top choices are Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania, and Davidson, because of its proximity to Terrell's home. Terrell hopes to major in either sports management or physical therapy and use this degree to stay around basketball, either as a professional or collegiate trainer or as a high school coach.

Finally, Terrell makes sure to thank his late father, his brother Titus, who has "been taking care of [him] since [his] Dad passed," and his girlfriend Nicole Folson for their help and support. Judging by the success he is currently enjoying, they are certainly doing a very good job.

Terrell has averaged 24.5 points per game to place him among area leaders. However, teammate and fellow post-graduate Luke McArdle says Terrell's importance to the team goes beyond his scoring totals: "In whatever sport [Terrell] plays, he's a great competitor who hates losing. He's clearly the leader of the basketball team, on and off the court." Terrell, though, remains modest, commenting "[my teammates] let me be a leader out there by listening to me." He adds, "Beau [Saccoccia '00] has been shooting well the last two games, which has helped us a lot." In anticipating the remainder of the season, Terrell is looking for the squad to "just play hard, even against [its] biggest adversaries, and be a team."

Off the basketball court, Terrell is also a standout football player, despite only having played the sport for four years. Terrell began playing as a sophomore because Titus, who is, according to Terrell, "the big influence in my life", played. By the end of the season, Terrell had been moved up to



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**ATHLETIC SLATE**

**Friday, January 28**

BV Basketball  
GV Basketball  
BV Squash  
GV Squash

N.M.H 7:00  
Suffield 5:00  
Tufts 6:00  
Tufts 6:00

**Saturday, January 29**

GV Hockey  
BV Squash

Deerfield 6:30  
Choate/Westminster/Brooks 2:15

**Wednesday, February 2**

BV Basketball  
GV Basketball  
BV Hockey  
GV Squash  
BV Swimming  
GV Swimming  
BV Track  
GV Track  
BV Wrestling

Bridgton 5:00  
Cushing 3:00  
Deerfield 4:15  
Noble & Greenough 4:00  
Barracudas/ New Wave 3:30  
Barracudas/ New Wave 3:30  
Andover High 3:45  
Andover High 3:45  
BB & N 3:00

**Girls' Track Runs Over Opponents  
Lynnfield, Masco in Tri-Meet Blowout**

by David Auld  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	78
Masconomet	22
Lynnfield	18



Girl's Track, suffering from a tough loss last week without many of its top stars, recovered this week to lay the smack down on Masconomet and Lynnfield. The girls team's total score was more than triple that of their closest foe. Winning every event except the 2-mile, the girls simply dominated. Cynthia Isoh '01 had one of her best days of the season winning both the 50 yd hurdles and the long jump in stunning fashion.

Cynthia has been steadily improving and has become one of the driving forces on the girls team this year. Melissa Donais '02, back from her injury, kept true to her form in blowing away the competition in both the 600 yd run and the 1000 yd run, with times of 1:32.2 and 2:48.3 respectively. Melissa took a fall while at Dartmouth 3 weeks ago and has come back strong to take these two events like the Melissa of old.

Deysia Dundas '00 added to the show by contributing easy victories in the 50 yd dash, at 6.7s, and the 300 yd dash, at 41.3s. Deysia is the resident sprinter for the girls this season, and has been great at getting the helpful points from the short distances. Julia O'Hern '01, continuing where she left off last year, threw her shot a good 7 ft past the girls from Lynnfield and Masconomet. O'Hern with her throw of 35'3", flattened the competition. O'Hern has dominated everyone for the past two seasons in the shot-put, and looks on the path to break the girl's shot-put record, which she already holds. Hillary Jay '02 also stomped the competition in the mile run with her



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Jenny McJunkin '00 took first in the high jump in Saturday's meet.

time of 5:47.4, putting her almost a lap in front of her closest opponent. Jenny McJunkin '00 took the high jump in her traditional method of just jumping higher than everyone else. Jenny has been putting this strategy to work over the past two meets, and it has worked to perfection.

The two mile race, which Andover fell just short of winning, was still controlled by the two Andover girls Adrea Lee '01 and Kate Mason '00 who took second and third. The two mile race, the longest race, was hard fought throughout, but with solid teamwork, the two girls pushed each other to their limits and posted great times. The girl's pole vault was quite a spectacle.

Andover faced some of the toughest competition it has ever faced and came away with a clean sweep. The grand finale of the day, was the mile relay. Often the deciding event in close

meets, the relay is the most important of events. The girls, determined to continue their owning of the competition, went out in a blaze to take the early lead. Speedster Deysia took the baton first and rounded the first three laps just ahead of the competition. Junior Carolyn Blaaser, who also placed third in the 600, took the baton next and absolutely ran away from the competition.

Although not needing the extra half lap to beat her opponents, Hillary Jay took the baton next and racing as fast as ever, she passed off the baton with time enough to take a nap before the next girl arrived. Lucy Greene, the captain and anchor for the girls team, received the baton last and cruised to victory. The final time for the girls was 4:36.2. Final score: PA-78, Masco-22, Lynnfield-18

**Boys' Track Improves to 4-0 Mark With Wednesday Victory;  
Seniors Bradshaw, Busby Lead Pack of Strong Performances**

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two relay teams in the race. Emerson Sykes '01 and Lazarus ran the lead legs, and from the start it was clear that neither Masconomet nor Lynnfield was planning to put up much of a fight.

Sykes and Lazarus finished their legs with a sixty-yard lead, which only grew larger in the succeeding legs. The scoring team of Sykes, Alex Kehlenbeck '01, Alan Ginsberg '00, and Austin Arensberg '01 finished with a forty-four second lead.

The field events proceeded in

much the same way as the running events. Busby and Sykes took first and second, respectively, in the long jump, and Josh Rodriguez '01 won the shot-put by nearly a foot. The high jump was the only event in which Andover athletes did not claim first place — all the other ten events were won by PA, producing a final score of 71-37-10.

With these two wins, the boys' team moved to 4-0 on the season, and looks to chalk up two more next week against Andover High and Central Catholic in a double-dual meet.



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Senior John Busby has been a dominant force in the 50 meter hurdles.

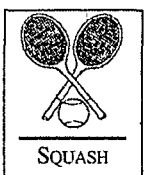


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Lower Brandon Winston is pictured here during his pole vault attempt in Saturday's meet.

**Boys' Squash Wins Twice In  
Best Week of Season to Date**

by Nakul Patel  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	6
Middlesex	1
Andover	5
St. Paul's	2



Andover boys' squash had lost all four of its matches so far this season, and looked to win its first contest against host Middlesex on Saturday. Although spirits were low after a poor showing at Deerfield the previous Wednesday, the team worked out and drilled hard in the week prior to the Middlesex match.

The boys' work clearly paid off as the team defeated Middlesex handily 6-1. Despite this recent blowout, however, they entered the next match against St. Paul's with a negative attitude, expecting a loss.

Playing up one spot at number six due to the absence of Charlie Fuller '00, James Chung '01 was the first to complete his match with an impressive 3-0 victory. Next, was Nakul Patel '01, who had one of the three 5-game victories, winning the first, fourth and fifth games of his match. After Nakul's long showing came another 5-game match. Although he played well, freshman prodigy Will Simonton '03, lost with a fifth game score of 7-9. At number 5, Vikas Goela '01 played an inconsistent match and lost 1-3. Following this unfortunate loss however, Gavin McGrath '01 pushed the team from the bottom of the ladder and came through with a 3-2 win after coming back from

an 0-2 deficit.

Andover was now ahead 3-2, needing one more win for a team victory over St. Paul's. At numbers one and three, Nate Beck '01 and Drew Chin '00 respectively, entered the court at the same time. Beck's Zimbabwe-groomed opponent was Zimbabwese-groomed opponent was expecting to defeat him without a fight. Therefore, most of the crowd flocked to Chin's court. Drew entered the match against an old squash camp friend and was quite nervous as a college coach was watching his match. He lost the first game in a matter of seconds, but was quick to bounce back with a win in the second. Both Drew and his opponent played at peak level in the following games. Drew narrowly won the third game and barely lost the third and fourth. Just prior to the fifth game, coach Hodgson pumped him up with some philosophical and persuasive words: "You hold the fate of our team in the palm of your hands. If you don't win, our spirits will be crushed for eternity." Apparently, his words of encouragement were helpful as Chin won the last game 10-8 having come back from 5-8.

Although the deciding match was won, Nate was still partaking in a surprisingly close and intense match. Beck chased down every single ball, playing with incredible precision and patience, but lost the fifth game 7-9. This victory against St. Paul's is a strong reassurance of the team's capabilities. This evening, the boys will take on the Tufts varsity squad, followed by both Brooks and Choate tomorrow afternoon.

# Girls' Swimming Continues to Trounce Foes; Outswims NMH Hoggers by 51-Point Margin

by Ashley Foster  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	112
NMH	61



Last Saturday, the Andover girls' swim team continued its victorious run, trampling the Northfield-Mount

Hermon Hoggers by a final score of 112-61.

The amazing show of strength, swept four of the day's events and won every swimming event of the day.

In the first event of the day, the two hundred medley relay, Andover took first, second, and third in its first sweep of the day. The team of Sarah Ferranti '01, Anneka Benn '02, Sarah Demers

'03, and Sydney Freas '01 came in first in a winning time of 1:58.82. Continuing on, Meg Blitzer '01 and Captain Sophie Cowan '01 took first and second in the two hundred freestyle.

Blitzer's winning time was 2:00.98. The winning continued with the second sweep of the day in the two hundred individual medley.

Devin Murphy '01 had the winning time of 2:19.88, followed closely by Benn and Kate Larson '00, in her debut for the event this year.

In the sprint, the fifty freestyle, the Andover girls took home another first and second. Kerryn O'Connor '01 won in her debut fifty for the season with an impressive time of 26.18. Tracey Zicherman '03 followed with a time of 26.45.

In an impressive showing, the divers were able to grab second and fourth. Liz Lasater '01 took second

place with a point total of 178.8, beating her previous high score for the season. Janis Scanlon '03 took fourth with 167.35 points.

At the end of the diving competition, Andover led by an impressive score of 54-23. Continuing on, Megan Ramsey '00 and Demers had two of the best races of the day in the one hundred butterfly. Ramsey took first in 1:01.54 and Demers took second in 1:01.78, both personal bests.

In the next event, the one hundred freestyle, Blitzer placed first in a time of 56.45, followed by Kim Walker '03 in second. In another highlight of the day, the girls swept their fourth event, the five hundred freestyle. O'Connor placed first in a time of 5:25.59, followed by Cowan and then Freas.

NMH's top swimmer in this event did not finish until thirty seconds after Freas. Collectively, the girls were able

to grab another first place finish in the two hundred freestyle relay in 1:44.75. They were also able to take third in that same event.

In the fourth sweep of the day, the one hundred breaststroke, Demers took first in a time of 1:10.96. Following closely behind were Walker and Ashley Foster '01.

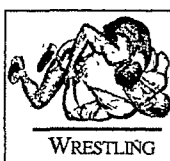
With Andover so far ahead at this point, the last event, the four hundred freestyle relay was swum as an exhibition, meaning that it would be swum for time and no points would be awarded.

Even so, Andover came out on top by a final score of 112-61. The team's biggest meets are still yet to come this season, as it will travel to Deerfield this Saturday and Exeter later in February.

# Wrestling Loses First Three Meets of Season; Injuries Leave Holes in Roster, Causing Forfeits

by Eric Seo  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Andover	20



This past weekend Andover participated in a quad-meet against three very tough teams, Loomis-

Chaffee, New Hampton, and Belmont Hill. Without wrestlers in the 103, 130, and 135 pound weight classes, Andover gave up 18 points. In the Loomis match, the team wrestled hard with a particularly good performance by Dan Shvartsman '02, who beat Alex Kozman, a wrestler who defeated him last year. However, the outcome was a 31-36 loss. In the second and third matches, Andover wrestled New Hampton and Belmont Hill. The team lost to a strong New Hampton team 31-37 and defeated Belmont Hill 44-26. From the close scores, it is clear that had Andover not forfeited three matches, it probably could have won.

The North Andover meet has always been one of the toughest and most exciting of the season. This Wednesday's meet was no different. Andover, plagued by injuries, was without two of the team's best wrestlers, Andy Gossard '00 (undefeated at 160 lbs.) and Billy Brancaccio '00. This made the task ahead of the team more difficult than it already was.

Pawan Deshpande '02 (112 lb.)

was the first Andover wrestler to take the mat. He jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, but late in the second period, his opponent reversed him and put him on his back, taking the lead 4-6. The third period started with the two wrestlers in the neutral position, and Deshpande quickly took a shot and tied the match up at 6-6. However, late in the period, his opponent reversed again, and won the match, 8-6, giving North Andover a 0-3 lead.

Next to wrestle was Shvartsman (119 lb.). After losing a tough match against the defending New England public school champ this weekend, Shvartsman came into this match looking for redemption. He came out strong in the first period, which ended with the score in his favor, 10-4. He continued his dominance through three periods and twelve takedowns and one escape later, he won the match by a technical fall, 25-10.

Sean Murphy '00 (125 lb.) went up next against one of North Andover's toughest wrestlers, Roberto Concepcion. The match was even through the first period with neither wrestler scoring. In the second period, Concepcion was able to escape from Murphy and took a 0-1 lead. Following a questionable take down and escape Murphy was down 1-4. Murphy wrestled hard till the end, ultimately losing the match 3-8.

Aldun Andre '03, in the 130 pound match, wrestled hard, but was pinned in the second period. Justin Pytko '00, coming back from a one-week absence, wrestled next at 135 pounds. Pytko and his opponent wrestled evenly through one and a half periods, but late in the second period, with the score tied at 6-6, Pytko made his move. He put his opponent on his back and nearly pinned him before the end of the period, making the score 9-6. Pytko dominated the rest of the match and

eventually won 13-7, cutting North Andover's lead to 8-12.

Adam Jonas '00 (140 lb.) wrestled next against the number one ranked wrestler in Massachusetts, Gary Armene. Jonas wrestled tough for the first period, finishing it down by only two points. However, Armene's strength and five inch height advantage soon began to take its toll. Jonas wrestled hard to the end, but ended up losing the match.

LeChristian Steptoe '00 (145 lb.) took to the mat next. "The Toe" dominated his opponent from the start and pinned him late in the first period to bring Andover within two points in the team match.

The 152-pound match was next featuring Andover's Ashish Shetty '00. Shetty and his opponent wrestled to a scoreless tie through two periods. In the third period, Shetty started from the up position, but was called for a locked hands penalty, giving his opponent a 0-1 lead. The North Andover wrestler then escaped and took a 0-2 lead. Shetty knew that he had little time to win the match, and with a sudden burst of energy, took his opponent down and put him on his back to take a 4-2 lead with about 30 seconds left. Knowing that his opponent was good from the bottom position, Shetty let him up. However, with fifteen seconds left, his opponent was able to capitalize on a head throw, and won the match 4-8.

With the undefeated Andy Gossard '00 out, Tyson Reist '01 wrestled in the 160 pound competition. Reist wrestled hard but was unable to defeat his opponent, and lost 2-6. Yosuke Hatanaka '00 wrestled next at 171 pounds. Hatanaka came out hard with a foot sweep, but was not able to capitalize on it to score any points. The first period went scoreless, but early in the second period Yosuke gave North Andover a taste of its own medicine.

North Andover is known to specialize in head throws. However, Hatanaka, a black belt in Judo, was also a master at this move. He flipped his opponent and after a little maneuvering, pinned his North Andover foe, bringing Andover within two points again.

Peter Myers '01 was the next Andover wrestler, at 189 pounds. Myers wrestled hard throughout the match, almost pinning his opponent. However, late in the second period, he was caught off guard and pinned. Josh Aisenberg '00 came into the 215 pound match knowing that he needed a win to keep Andover in it. Wrestling up from 189 pounds, he also knew that his opponent would have a significant weight advantage over him. However, Aisenberg wrestled evenly with his opponent, controlling most of the match. After two periods of hard wrestling, the score was tied at six a piece. In the third period, Aisenberg went on the offensive again. He took down his opponent and got him on his back. The referee missed what looked to be a pin, and the North Andover wrestler was able to capitalize on this second chance by reversing and pinning Aisenberg. Kevin Sinclair wrestled hard in the final match of the meet at 275 pounds, but was not able to win the match. The final score in the meet was 20-40 in favor of North Andover.

# Big Blue Eats Up the Red Meat as Boys' Hoops Defeats Exeter 82-73

by Xavier Newman  
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Andover	82
Exeter	73



This is when the big dogs come out to eat. And what do big dogs eat? Darn right, red meat! Yeah, I know, Exeter might have the size, but remember, "it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog." So, let's eat 'em like the mutton that they are. Bite into their offense, pick apart their defense, and chomp on the scraps. So, "get at me dog and give me a ruff, ruff!" This Wednesday, Andover came out of the kennel and took a bite out of Exeter. Postgraduate Jason Jones' power finishes and in-your-face attitude punctuated an 81-73 Andover dogfight over a fundamentally sound Exeter team. The afternoon game started off with all the hype that was expected. As 500+ Exies pounded their feet against the metal bleachers, twelve Big Blue players entered the EX-E-Dome and huddled around for the Lord's Prayer. After the Lord's Prayer, Coach Mo mapped out Andover's game plan. A couple of minutes before gametime, Marco Davila '00 fired up the hounds (with some words of wisdom from the O.D.B.) and instructed them to draw blood at first contact. As the Big Blue stormed out of the Deacon's Den, they barked out "confidence, focus, dominate." Terrell Ivory '00 and Luke McArdle '00 played a game of "who's your daddy?" otherwise known to Mr. Barry as "horse." Meanwhile, Davis Thurber '00 got up off the bench to shoot around, and then he sat right back down.

After an auspicious "jamscam session," otherwise known to Mr. Barry as the "warmups," the Big Blue Blood-

hounds rolled over on their bellies and took a whooping from Exeter's sharp-shooting guard, Cratty who pulled up and knocked down some long-range jumpers in his 32-point effort. About five minutes into the first half, Big Blue found themselves down by about 10 points and in desperate need of a leader. In response to the miserable start, Bob Sackamano hollered out, "These Exies are just too hot from downtown! These boys are just too damn sloppy with the ball."

About halfway through the first half, the Big Blue Bloodhounds unleashed an arsenal of power and finesse. On the ensuing possession, Jason Jones, "the game's Dutch Boy in the Paint," calls for the ball at the top of the key, backs down a slow-footed bigman, spins to the basket, and drops it in. After Jones' score, the Big Blue Bloodhounds bit down on the red meat. Luke McArdle put on a stutter step, crossed over, got his defender off balance, and popped a jumper over his Exeter defender. On the offensive end of the court, the Big Blue Bloodhounds worked the ball in and out in a half-court offensive set with one man in the high post, another in the low post, two players on the wings, and Terrell Ivory running the point. Ivory threaded the needle with Jason Williamsesque passes to create good scoring opportunities for his teammates. On the defensive end, Andover play man-to-man. Marco Davila's paws secured the perimeter, while Beau Saccoccia '00 shut down Exeter's big men.

Exeter was no pushover, however. The Exies stormed out of the gates, in fact. Exeter's guards knocked down a couple of threes, and forced turnovers on the defensive end. Halfway through the second-half, Exeter found itself down by only two baskets. But once again, the Big Blue Hounds grinded their teeth and munched on the red meat. With a melange of deep bombs and pull-up jumpers, the Big Blue Bloodhounds were just too tough, bit-

ing down at every opportunity. Big Beau Saccoccia stepped it up, knocking down dos trifectas. As usual, Terrell Ivory continued to pick apart Exeter's straight-up man-to-man defense. On the defensive end, Marco Davila swiped at the ball, created the turnovers, and got his team out to the races as fast as a greyhound. As all the components of Andover's game started to mesh, the Big Blue Bloodhounds took it to the rack and drew the fouls. Jason Jones led the way with 22 points and put the finishing touches on an 81-73 Andover victory. Yet another year passes, and the Big Blue Bloodhounds as usual seem to chew up and spit out a weaker, uncoordinated, utterly perplexed, sordid piece of red meat. "Let's keep going boys and put the smack down on next week's prey."

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# Dining Halls

## ROYAL RUMBLE

# Left Side Story

by Tyler T. Dogg Grace  
FEATURES SORELY MISSED

You could eat in Upper Right, that is, if you can find a table amidst the afternoon glare; or you could eat in Lower Left, but you would probably get busted by someone for something. Still, you could eat in Lower Right, but it would be much easier to eat the person next to you/standing on top of you than to elbow your way to another portion of refried refried refried beans.

So where does that leave you? In the Cadillac of dining halls, the ultimate dining experience: Upper Left, of course.

For years Upper Left has maintained a tradition of excellence in family supping (student wolfing). It's the little touches of elegance, the little subtleties, that keep me coming back each

night.

For instance, that man you see in the white coat is not coming to get you; he's just one of the Upper Left lab technicians that taste the frozen yogurt for only the finest flavors are selected (Strawberry Breeze, Chocolate Silk, Minty Delight).

Have you ever seen a cow grazing in the pastures of Upper Left? No, you haven't run out of your medication; that cow is real, all right. Upper left prides itself in farm fresh milk. Have you ever seen a little dial on the milk machines with a red pie piece marked "Danger Zone?" As a matter of fact, statistics show that Upper Left has the least amount of recorded "Danger Zone" sightings.

Have you ever noticed that on nights when they serve bird in Upper Left, it's almost as if the portions fly right onto your plate? I have.

Do you ever wonder why, on those nights when Commons hires a DJ or a live band, you can never find them? That's because they're always in Upper Left (I think they're popular with the theater folk).

Do you ever want to just sell out and give the squirrel your left thumb?

Upper Left is such a party. I mean, let's not sell ourselves short here. It's a cultural mecca. I just don't know what those crazy thespians are up to. If it's not dumping the soup kettles on the floor to fashion a drum set, it's sticking each others' hands in the waffle machine and charging admission. I mean, golly! What will they think of next?

Little known fact: year in and year out, Upper Left has maintained a record low in faculty presence, making it the perfect arena to settle that old score...just make sure your bread is buttered and mark your peripherals.

Sometimes, a man just needs to talk on an untapped phone. Fortunately, Upper Left has a payphone, on the wall next to the wooden cubbies. It's safe...at least, it was the last time I checked. One can never be too sure about these things. *Hawk to nest, I repeat, Hawk to nest, Sparrow One is now in target range, Sparrow One now in target range. Shall I proceed?*

One of the greatest perks about Upper Left is that for a limited time they are offering free joyrides in the food shaft elevator thingy. It's the perfect ambiance for certain occasions, and since it's free, it doesn't cost you anything.

Oh yeah, one last piece of advice for a pleasant dining experience in Upper Left. The black turtle-neck: don't leave home without it. Rumor has it that a few years back some hapless junior tried to test the hands of fate by not wearing one.

Well, I think you can guess what became of him. That's right, they made him recite monologues from *Yentl* throughout the whole night. Whatever you do, don't let this happen to you.



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Frisch: It's what's for dinner in Upper Right.

# Upper Right Delight

by David Frisch  
FEATURES JUST DOESN'T QUIT

Here at Phillips Academy, we are faced with difficult decisions every day. Take myself for example. Every morning I must wake up extra early to decide whether to wear boxers, tightie-whities, or if the time is right, go as free as can be. I prefer the happy medium, the European lycra brief, as my undergarment support.

My under-garments aside, there are many other decisions thrust upon students every day. The most crucial decision for Andover students has always been what dining hall to eat in. In making this decision, one must evaluate what they are looking for in a dining hall. As I see it, I could go to Lower Left and talk about a book I'm reading. But I don't think Sports Illustrated, Maxim, or Playboy would go over too well. Or I could spend the night in Upper Left running from Connor Richardson with his new toy bee-gun; too dangerous. And I certainly do not want to spend my dinner in crowded Lower Right listening to the "cool" group argue who has the

biggest ego, or the biggest biceps, or bra size; well *maybe bra size*.

So that leaves only one dining hall left; the best dining hall; UPPER RIGHT. And why is Upper Right the best? Because of the four distinguished groups of people that eat at this fine dining establishment.

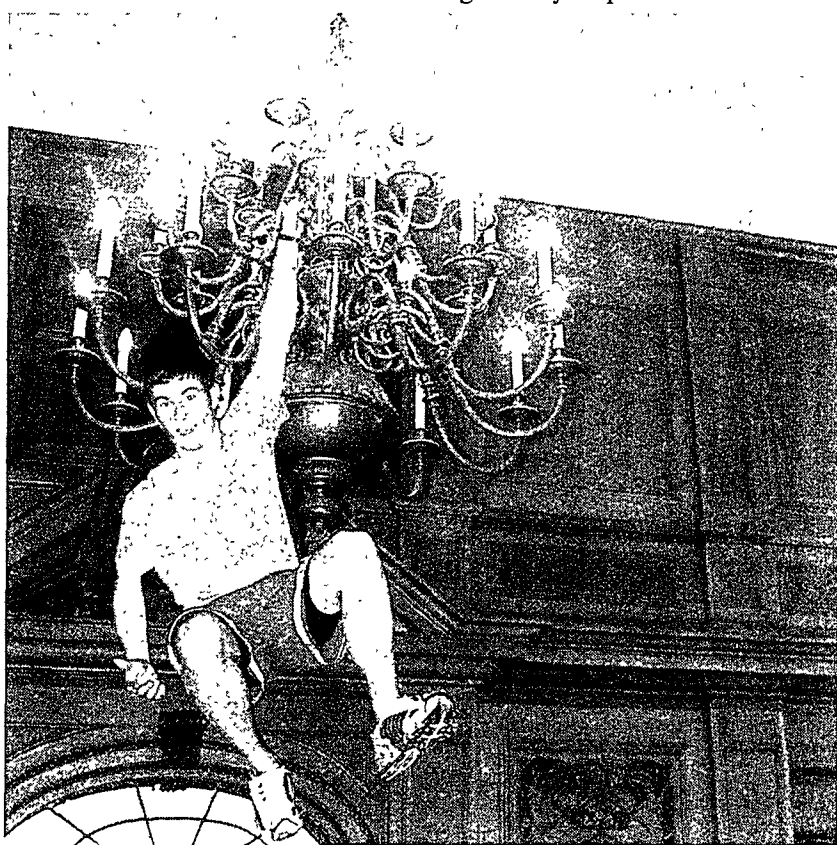
Group One: The Hockey Players. They are the toughest kids in school with the best jackets, best girlfriends, and best tutors. They claim the rear section of Upper Right as their territory; it has always been that way. Nobody has ever questioned their power in this dining hall. Except for one kid. Incidentally, he was found buried beneath the ice in the hockey rink. The Hockey Players (capitalized of course) consider Upper Right their third home, Stearns being #1, the rink #2, the classroom whatever # they choose. And the other day I did work up the courage to ask Captain, Mike Turner, why he eats in Upper Right almost every day. He glared at me and solemnly asserted, "The chocolate milk's the coldest."

Group Two: Normal people who cannot be classified and generalized. Label free people who just want to eat.

Group Three: David Frisch and posse. We always sit in front of the mirror. And when foxes walk by, look in our direction, smile, and fix their hair, we know they are not just looking at themselves in the mirror. So that is basically why we eat in Upper Right. We do it for the ladies. Maybe someday, one of them will actually acknowledge our existence. And if they don't, at least we have that express sandwich bar just ten steps away! I also checked my zodiac dial this morning and Latoya Jackson told me that "Love will come to those who rightly deserve it." So I sit I Upper Right, because I rightly deserve my love.

Group Four: The random students and teachers who are too caught up in schoolwork to even know which dining hall they're in. Group four might be considered a rare-breed in any other academy, but are not unique to Upper Right.

So next time you're in front of Commons, instead of fixing the underwear you shouldn't be wearing at all, take the time to choose the right dining hall. The Upper Right dining hall.



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T. Dogg amuses the thespians and bohemians in Upper Left with his crazy semantics.

# A STRANGE BOY IN A STRANGE PLACE

by Paul Crowley  
FEATURES PAYDAY

As I carried my tray into Lower Left to do some research for this article, I brought along a notebook and pen to take notes. Two things occurred to me as I entered LL: first, that my grades would be a lot better if all my research entailed a plate full of chicken patties, and second, that I was not the only person with a notebook. In fact, everyone in the dining hall had brought some form of reading or writing materials.

This was clearly a new experience for me. I looked longingly back across the lobby to my native Lower Right, where the closest thing to an intellectual pursuit is applauding when some poor bastard drops his tray.

I took a seat next to a studious boy writing a 45-page paper on images of sexuality in Coleridge's *Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner*. I was truly a stranger in a strange land.

But good students are not the only ones who frequent Lower Left (or inferior sinister, as anyone who speaks Latin would know. And believe me, everybody who dines in Lower Left knows.) Members of the faculty also frequent this dining hall, making the average age a mature 24.7 years, or roughly the same age as the Tucker House boys.

Between the hard-working students and the sedate teachers, the dining hall has a more subdued feel. To put it another way, eating in Lower Right is like watching a soap opera, eating in Upper Right is like watching an NHL post-game show, and eating in Upper Left is like watching well, I wouldn't really know. But what I'm really getting at is that eating in Lower Left is like watching C-SPAN reruns with your TV on mute.

But heed my warning: do not take this dining hall lightly. While other cafeteria conversations consist of variations on the themes of hot, cool and patoot (e.g. that girl with the hot patoot is so cool!), Lower Left discussions touch on the themes of cosine, bour-

geois and patoot (examples are far too lurid for this publication). The only advice I can give is to not even try to get into this elite dining hall unless you're packing anything less than a TI-83 Plus. If you try to get in with anything less, things can get pretty ugly.

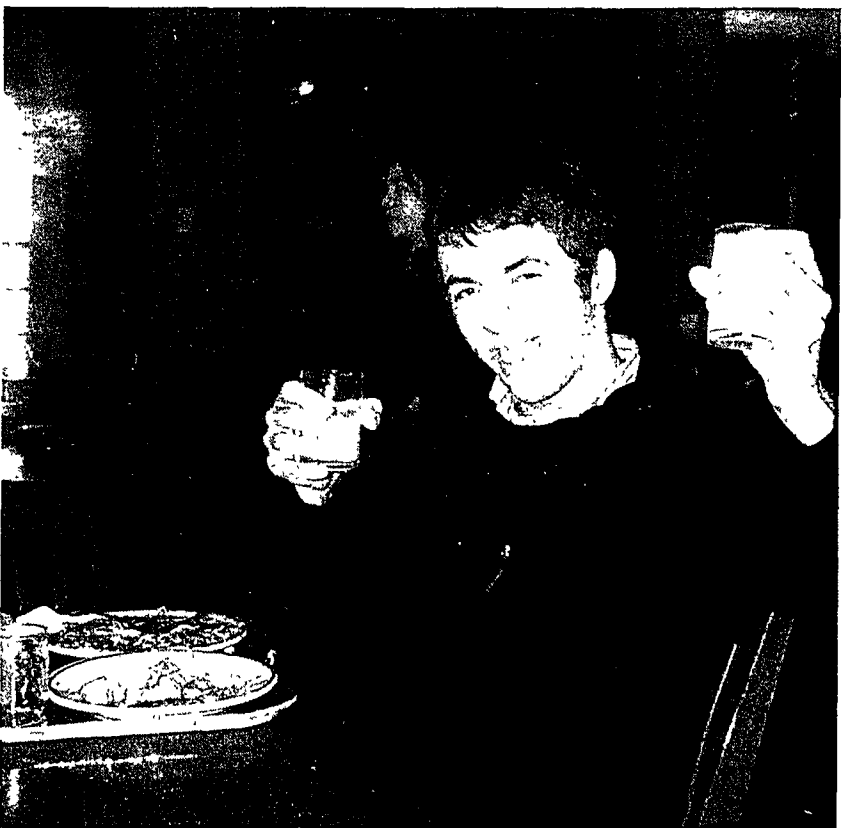
Lower Left is definitely one of the more tolerant dining halls. While some of its denizens may lack a little in the "social skills", it is not judgemental of these poor socially un-inclined sods. According to frequently solitary diner Alida Payson '01, "They're very tolerant of [those of us] who eat alone." (The funniest part of this comment is that I told her I would not tell anybody.)

Lower Left is not for everyone. According to loyal right-winger Jon Sinex '00, "I only eat on the right side. Every time I go over to the left I get all discombobulated. Everything is backwards!" While some people may fear the disorientation that comes from

changing halls, the decorum will surely please all diners.

Since the faculty and the intellectuals tend to be neater, the floors are much cleaner. Let's just say that if all the dining halls were kept as clean as Lower Left, School President Steve Koh would have to eat a lot fewer people. The quiet atmosphere is very relaxing at times, so much so that I recommend it as a dating destination for the fiscally challenged Romeo.

Nothing says loving like a steaming plate of Arroz con Frijoles and 6 glasses of Five Alive. The one risk in this situation is the rude remarks fellow diners may make about the cosine function and a certain part of your date's anatomy. (Editor's note: This article is not very well researched, as Mr. Crowley has a pleasant arrangement with the lovely men and women of Peking Garden, and thus rarely makes the long trip from Bartlett to Commons).



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Non-traditional Lower Left is always brimming with excitement! Well, maybe not, but at least Edoardo L'Astorina '00 is having fun.

# LOWER RIGHT:

*Where Everybody Knows Your Name*

by Christina Kelleher  
FEATURES PRINCETON REVIEW

"Lower Right - I've only been in there twice this term. The truly cool kids know they do not need Lower Right. The way I see it, the dining hall is similar to its over-used mirrors - only the insecure use them, the ones who know they look good don't." - Tenley Eakin '02

"I don't need a mirror, but Lower Right - that's where the honeys is at." - Emerson Sykes '01

"Lower Right? Is that that place where you eat?" - Ross Granger former freshman, now gimp.

We all have our own reasons for trekking into this raunchy food haven. For some individuals, commons serves as a social outlet, a place to meet new people. Though some might label them desperate, I like to think of them as pragmatic. They clearly have their health in mind because lower right isn't lacking in beef, and where else can you find a room of people who would prefer to eat with their own reflections.

It is also not uncommon to find disgruntled members of the lower class decked out in plastic aprons and gloves, (thanks to Andover's fine policy makers) fulfilling their work duty requirements.

There are some who are just looking for a decent meal, unfortunately some Julia Childs' leave disappointed, (but who needs food when you have homework to sustain? Oh, just kidding, I'm a lower). Whatever the reasons are, I have but one question to ask: What is it about Lower Right, which makes it so different, so appealing?

I doubt it is the atmosphere. For some strange reason, nearly half the school feels obligated to dine in one small room, where you can't even hear yourself speak (yet you can hear the mountainous applause when you drop your tray).

Could it be the gourmet cooking? The intellectual stimulation? The peaceful ambiance? Or perhaps (now

this is a stretch) it is a place for unmotivated social climbers who are simply too lazy to climb stairs?

Well, the food in Lower Right is really no better than in any of the other dining halls. No matter where you eat, the hot dog's tail will not disappear. The mystery filling in the delectable Chimi-Changa will still remain a mystery. The salad bar will always support its wide range of wild species. And, I swear to God, your milk will taste like orange juice. (The moral of the story is - if you are a day student, you can eat at home. And if you are a day student with a car, you can eat anywhere. 9 months and 3 days, baby!)

Maybe Lower Right's ridiculous overpopulation can be attributed to the quality of company one meets and the great conversations one finds within its walls.

Well, you've got your athletes. They talk about, um, sports, and, um, games (or the view of the game from the bench - that's not me or anything). In addition to athletes, another interesting species inhabiting lower right are the gregarious young scholars and the socially erudite. (from here on, all SAT words such as erudite will be italicized to benefit the readers (editors note: and provide a source of great annoyance to all seniors) Contrary to popular belief these rare birds are not at all self absorbed; and yes, they do know what's currently going on in the Democratic Republic of Congo. (Wait - does Kate Spade sell those or is it Prada?)

By now, we've hopefully established that neither the quality of conversation nor the quality of cooking lures the students into Lower Right. Well, what about the ambiance? The brown puddles the size of a swimming pool, the cacophonous (definite SAT word) hubbub (did I really just write hubbub?) of hungry students, the mountainous applause following the clatter of dishes upon tile - oh, the sounds and smells of Lower Right!

So why do we all swarm Lower Right day after day? As Casey Mahtin, '02, says, "It's like Chee-ahs. Wheah everybody knows ya' name."

## COMMENTS COMMONLY OVERHEARD IN COMMONS

"Koh knows how to cut ahead in line."  
Marcus Taylor '00

"Does the Souffle come before or after the meal?"  
Kluge and Scharff

"I like cream cheese with my locks"  
Steve Meade '01

"I love apples."  
Sarah Ferranti '01

"Check out those melons."  
Freshmen boys

"Yo, have you seen my baseball?"  
Chris Weiner '01

"Are you, like the vegan burgers, available upon request?"  
Paul "the Crowbar" Crowley '02

"I can't find a place to sit."  
Pedro Ary '01

# Naftule's Dream Spikes Tang With Wild Klezmer

Alida Payson

DOPEY

On the evening of Saturday, January 22, PA's celebration of Jewish cultural weekend culminated in a wildly unconventional performance of klezmer music. Although playing for a sparse audience, Naftule's Dream concocted a mixture of fine musicianship, ingenuity, and energy, to put forth a thoroughly commendable show.

The band, in its current form since 1989, began almost fifteen years ago, when clarinetist and composer Glenn Dickson was studying at the New England Conservatory of Music and, inspired by a klezmer concert he heard there, began his own group.

At first solely traditional, the group could not have been conceived at a more opportune moment. The early eighties marked a resurgence of interest in ethnic and traditional music, from Celtic ballads to South African folk songs.

For klezmer music, the early eighties marked a new generation of Jewish and secular musicians determined to reclaim the traditions of a culture debilitated by massive emigration and the Holocaust.

According to Broughton and Ellington's *World Music: A Rough Guide*, klezmer originated in the ghettos of Eastern Europe, in Poland, Romania, Russia and the Ukraine, hundreds of years ago.

The folk musicians would move from town to town, playing at weddings, fairs, taverns, and noble balls, establishing a broad repertoire and much skill. Dances of military bands in the nineteenth century shifted klezmer from the

strings, and primarily the violin, to the clarinet, trumpet, trombone and tuba, which define klezmer to this day.

Klezmer is most notable, however, for its evocative style. Predominant use of the mournfully minor augmented second, a connection to the music of the Middle East, unconventional scale patterns, "bending" of notes, and frenetic rhythms give klezmer music its rich character.

It was this richness that fed the release of nearly seven hundred titles in America in the first quarter of this century, this richness that influenced American jazz so profoundly, and this character that attracted Dickson and others to klezmer music in the eighties.

Over the course of the past ten years, Dickson and his band have experimented with fusing traditional klezmer music with jazz, blues, and rock to form a unique and dynamic sound. Dickson commented that "There are a few bands doing what we do," namely, the avant-garde of new klezmer, The Klezmatics.

With David Harris swooning on the trombone, Pete Fitzpatrick crooning on the electric guitar, Jim Gray chugging on the tuba, Eric Rosenthal pattering on the drums, Michael McLaughlin sighing on the electric accordion, and Glenn Dickson fluttering on the clarinet, each instrument elaborated and enriched traditional harmonies with modern overtones. In fact, while the style of "Naftule's Dream" may have been overly capricious, their conspicuously fine musicianship redeemed it.

Andrew Fenlon '00 single-handedly brought Naftule's Dream to PA for Jewish cultural weekend. He commented, "I had heard that last year's klezmer concert was kind of a bomb, and I thought Naftule's Dream would be really great here, especially for students."

Fenlon had taken trombone lessons from

the band's own trombone player, David Harris. He raved about their albums, citing his favorite song as *Yid in Seattle*.

In the Tang theatre on Saturday night, Dickson, who writes most of the music for Naftule's Dream, introduced songs like *Yid in Seattle*, which he described as the klezmer music Kurt Cobain might play, and "Speed Klez," a self-described mixture of klezmer and Metallica.

Although both of these were interesting, my favorite pieces held more subtle allusions to other genres.

*The Quander*, for example, described by Dickson as a sort of Middle-Eastern belly dance, evoked the cacophonous swing of a circus band. Skipping with syncopated rhythms and a descendant of trills by the clarinet, the trombone slid and grooved through minor chords while the tuba chugged along behind. The music was so alive and the instruments played with such sensitivity, that each voice seemed to describe one in a parade of characters.

*The Quander* was followed by a lively traditional piece, though, according to Dickson, "I don't know how traditionally we played it..."

Alternating between two chords, G and F minor, the piece swung into a frenetic rhythm, eliciting clapping and irrepressible foot tapping in the audience. Again, the combination of instruments, so unlike anything in my admittedly meager experience, was infectious and chaotic. The accordion and trombone played an especially active role in the piece, sliding and honking playfully.

Two antidotes to these lively pieces were *Prayer for No One*, and *Job*. The former, written by McLaughlin on the accordion, overlaid bluesy brushed drums with a series of achingly discordant notes, played with care, each chord



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Glenn Dickson improvises on the clarinet, well accompanied by an eclectic ensemble of traditional Klezmer instruments and the electric guitar and accordion.

eased into the next. The drums provided much of the movement in this quiet piece.

*Job*, written by Dickson, offered a poignantly vocal duet of treble and bass, played by the clarinet and tuba. The trombone and guitar offered strong accompaniment, but the real pleasure in this piece lay in the reedy meandering of the clarinet, beautifully played by Dickson. Laid over steady rock drums, the bass vibrations of the tuba shook the Tang' floorboards.

Naftule's Dream closed with a rendition of Metallica's klezmer, entitled "Speed Klez," in

which Fitzpatrick screamed on the guitar.

After the concert, Rabbi Neil Kominsky commented, "I think the musicianship was clear all over." Music Department Chair Christopher Walter echoed Rabbi Kominsky's praise; "I thought the concert was highly enjoyable; they had a wild combination of instruments that worked really well."

Indeed, the performance, while perhaps startling the preconceptions of some audience members, proved fascinating, evocative, and fun.



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In one of last weekend's three concerts, the Schnabel Duo, comprised of flutist Geoffrey Kidde '82 and pianist Jean Rowland, performed 20th century works for flute and piano. Among the music played was Francis Poulenc's *Flute Sonata* and Kidde's own composition, *Island*, written for flute and digital delay tape.

## Bebop Faculty Play Sweet Jazz

Ross Perlin

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For those who said that straight-ahead bebop wouldn't last into the 21st century, last Friday night's Faculty Jazz Ensemble concert was a resounding blow. Not only did the quintet keep feet tapping on the Timken floor, it served up a range of jazz standards that's hard to beat for either the first-time listener or the grizzled veteran of Blue Note and Riverside LPs.

*Nostalgia in Times Square*, a Charles Mingus tune, led the way, although on this one the group decided not to pack the tune full of the workshop master's spiky, reeling-rhythm dissonance. Even if it's not *Goodbye Porkpie Hat*, *Nostalgia* is a classic tune, and Peter Cirelli, kicking off with a trombone solo, played it as it came.

Mark Pinto, alto saxophone, took up the theme from there, blowing bubbles, as it were, from the bell of his horn - you expected 42nd street confetti to start down from the ceiling. Following a pattern that varied little during the rest of the program, the quintet's spokesman, pianist Chris Neville, delivered a lyrical statement on the ivory and passed the baton to electric bassist Vinny Monaco.

He - armed as he was with a cousin of Mingus' own instrument - did much to resurrect the old master with a bit of that climbing improvisation.

Sam Jones, scion of bebop's favorite bed-chamber (Hank took up piano; Elvin the drums; and, lest we forget, Thad was a trumpeter) authored *Unit 7*, the next vehicle for group improv. This one was straight-ahead, '52nd street bebop, with maybe a hint of the Adderley brothers, for whom Sam played bass.

Pinto led off, alighting on drummer Bill Reynolds' driving rhythms, and handed the tune to Cirelli, who came up with short, emphatic statements that added up to a Hemingway short story in miniature. Neville then took a page from bop pianist Red Garland's book with a reeling, bluesy solo, given added life by his speedy right hand and his penchant for little trills up top.

*Groovin' High* was a stock tune of Dizzy Gillespie's back in the 40s, and was played with as much excitement as its interpreters could muster. Pinto's solo was especially well-

crafted in this one, as refined as the West Coast jazzmen of that era but with as much sprinkled pizzazz as Dizzy might have mustered through his muted horn. This was just a little bop minus the pyrotechnics.

A natural transition brought the audience to Antonio Carlos Jobim's *How Insensitive*, a bossa nova anthem that players like Dizzy championed in those Brazil-tinged 60s. It was the ensemble's first stab at a ballad, and they pulled it off with enough emotion to send a Friday night audience into reflection.

You didn't need the words on this one, as Neville and Monaco told the whole story with a wistful, weeping undercurrent; as Cirelli and Pinto ascended Jobim's ineluctable scattering of chords - a true midnight song for the lost, the longing, and those left out in the rain.

*Waltz for Roma*, the Frank Rossalino tune, was a surprise addition to the program and gave Neville the chance to sparkle on the keys, underneath the relentless thrust of Reynolds, who made like drumming great Tony Williams, laying bare the rhythms and hitting the syncopated beats with controlled desperation. Reynolds got his solo on this, stringing together a fine web of cymbal clashes and downbeats.

A short intermission gave way to *Anthropology*, a tune of Charlie Parker's based on chord changes to the Gershwin brothers' *I Got Rhythm*. Pinto set the ball rolling, cutting his quarter-notes into eighth-notes (just as Bird did for the history of jazz) and setting off a series of fast-attack dialogues with Reynolds on the drums.

To this set of ears, the next two tunes - Jerome Kern's *Yesterdays*, and Horace Silver's *Peace* - were the night's two finest achievements. They proved to be passionate readings of wonderful ballads that the band got just right. *Yesterdays*, a little-resurrected showtune, which could have wilted like a flower, blossomed in the hands of Pinto and Neville, each of whom delivered haunting, melodic solos.

*Peace* shows Silver, the grandpop of hard-bop, in the uncharacteristic guise of laidback minstrel, and it was the perfect vehicle for this

quintet, manned as it was by a group of musicians who know how to work the gas pedal but are cruise controllers at heart. It's something you can pull off when your alto sax - Mr. Pinto - is the worthy heir of Lester Young and Ben Webster.

Pinto put on his Charlie Rouse hat - Rouse played tenor sax with Thelonious Monk for a few eons - for Monk's *I Mean You*, the program's final piece. It's a nutty little tune, as idiosyncratic as all the master's work. Neville gave it the appropriate spikiness, especially with his play-and-pluck introduction.

Monaco delivered on another stellar, deeply-felt solo, with Reynolds laying the groundwork, and even - at the climax of the concert - gave us a poignant tribute to the late great pianist.

"Monaco's leap," they might call it, as he stopped mid-solo to remind us that *Monk's leap* - that moment when Thelonious stopped playing in a New York club - can still fill us with admiration both for the silence in music and the music in silence.

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## More Live Jams With Dave Matthews Band

One of the biggest and most anticipated musical releases of the '99 holiday season was the album "Listener Supported" by Dave Matthews Band.

The third of three live albums released by the band in the past three years, "Listener Supported" is a double-CD which is in essence simply a recording of a concert performed by Dave Matthews Band at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in early September. The album is truly spectacular.

Although no live album can ever be as magical as the concert it embodies, "Listener Supported" contains abundant amounts of the sublime elements that make the music of Dave Matthews Band so powerful.

From the first second to the last, "Listener Supported" thumps with intense rock and jazz beats that underscore and mesh harmonically Dave Matthews' hoarse and almost whiny singing voice.

This combination, along with a constant stream of thunderous applause, gives "Listener Supported" the adrenaline it needs to successfully power through over two hours of music.

The various tracks on "Listener Supported" combine to form one entity that is both enjoyable and inspirational enough to hold its own among the ranks of Dave Matthews Band albums that fill store racks and my compact disk collection.

"Listener Supported" contains fan favorites like *Crash Into Me* and *Stay (Wasting Time)* both of which smoke with a fiery intensity that is of comparable intensity to the spirit on their respective original albums.

"Listener Supported" also has tracks that

Drew Comins

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are harder to find on Dave Matthews Band's previous studio albums.

The band's rendition of Bob Dylan's 1970's hit *All Along the Watchtower* is especially incredible; the passion-filled eight-minute running time passes as though it is only seconds.

Most important, however, on "Listener Supported" are the long periods in which Matthews and his instrumentalists jam and groove, creating the improvised sections that have made the band's concerts and live albums so famous.

"Listener Supported" by Dave Matthews Band is the perfect album for the new millennium, for each song brings with it a good message.

Matthews himself sings about and strives for simple things like peace and love, and advocates living a life full of good times and affection. The most violent thing he ever describes is the act of one lover "crashing" into another, and his ramblings are never without good intent.

Although it may never be possible to recapture the true magic of the September evening in New Jersey when Dave Matthews Band recorded "Listener Supported" in front of a very excited and also very lucky audience, the album comes extremely close.

It is both exciting and inspirational, and unlike the concert, can be enjoyed repeatedly. Matthews and his band play songs encouraging the discovery of some sort of euphoria in our imperfect world, and "Listener Supported" is just barely shy of being a doorway to bliss. "Listener Supported" is definitely worth owning, as it practically embodies peace of mind.



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Dave Matthews and Boyd Tinsley at a recent concert. DMB's latest live album, "Listener Supported," is in stores now.

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# Comedy and Despair Float *Magnolia*

What can be forgiven? Paul Thomas Anderson's most recent film, *Magnolia*, attempts to answer that question. Told through a series of comic and poignant vignettes, parents and children are brought together in interlocking stories taking place on one meteorologically unstable day. A rich, dying television mogul (Jason Robards), tended to by his distraught younger wife (Julianne Moore) and compassionate nurse (Philip Seymour Hoffman), proclaims his dying wish to reconcile with his estranged son (Tom Cruise). The son is a strutting, self-help guru who teaches weak men how to "seduce and destroy" their female prey.

Also, a legendary game show host (Philip Baker Hall), just learning of his own terminal illness, tries desperately to make amends with his angry, cocaine-addict daughter (Melora Walters). The loud disagreement that ensues brings a gentle cop (John C. Reilly) to the scene.

Appearing on the game show nightly is a lonely, sad boy (Jeremy Blackman) whose only love comes from the audience feeding from his amazing brain power, while his greed-driven father (Michael Bowen) pushes for more.

Watching the show from a bar stool, former quiz kid Donny Smith (William H. Macy) drowns himself in the artificial happiness of alcohol, depressed because of his unrequited love for the bartender. All throughout the film, the songs of Aimee Mann run as a cohesive binder gliding the film gracefully into a smooth, lucid flow.

In keeping with the current trend of longer and longer movies, starting with James Cameron's epic *Titanic*, *Magnolia's* running time of three-plus hours may have proved to be too much for some audience members. For those who did stay for the duration, a showcase of truly spectacular acting propelled many of the later scenes.

Tom Cruise's showy character, Frank Mackey, first seen on a stage with all the invincible airs of a rock star, is later forced to un-

el during a pivotal interview sequence that is one of the film's highlights.

With a keen sense of nuances and power plays, Anderson creates a successful trial by fire for Mackey, indicative of the other characters and of personalities initially secure yet revealed to be vulnerable and needy.

Julianne Moore, the grieving wife who learns only too late the power of love, is a figure of showy materialism with no inner resources. Her frequent scenes of helplessness throughout her husband's death scenes are hauntingly realistic and evocative.

Philip Seymour Hoffman as a dying man's bedside attendant and John C. Reilly's aloof yet compassionate cop are also extremely noteworthy. The creeping despair and saving grace are both some of the best that *Magnolia* has to offer.

*Magnolia* has been compared to Robert Altman's 1993 *Short Cuts* for its mosaic approach to storytelling. This connection is merely superficial, however. Anderson's infatuation with choreography on a large scale (with a chaos that is biblical at times) is not shared with his predecessor. Anderson would rather err on the side of too much, as he has been accused of in *Magnolia*, than produce a retentively neat arrangement. His monumental attempts at higher meaning were lost on many in the audience.

Throughout the movie, the audience is meant to see that our pasts can not be ignored, denied, or outrun, as is attempted by the multitude of characters in the ensemble. Based in California's San Fernando Valley, the characters run until they come to realize their individual failings, passions, and mortality. As one character echoes, "We may be through with the past, but the past is not through with us."

*Magnolia* is a portrait of American life at times called up short on love. It is a personal exploration of the hidden elements of crisis. It is a story about preserving what is right and knowing what can be forgiven.



Julianne Moore, nominated for two Golden Globes, plays a tender moment as the wife of a dying television mogul, played by Jason Robards, in *Magnolia*.



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These innocent songbirds will *Try to Remember* in this winter's musical drama lab, *The Fantasticks*, directed by Bryna Washer '01, which opens the weekend of February eighteenth.

## Song and Dance to Enchant in *The Fantasticks*

*The Fantasticks*, the first of two drama labs this winter, will be performed February 17, 18 and 19 at Phillips Academy in the Steinbach Theatre. Admission will be five dollars with a Phillips Academy ID and ten dollars without, with a running time of approximately two hours.

Directed by Bryna Washer '01, *The Fantasticks* has a cast of 8 people, including, Nicholas Ma '01, Alicia Wagner '00, Matthew Berner '01, Thanh Nguyen '00, Julian LaPlace '02, Matt London '03, J.C. MacMillan '03 and Woodney Haverstick '03. Washer is optimistic about her latest project, and exclaims without hesitation, "I am really excited about the show."

*The Fantasticks* originally opened in New York City on May 3, 1960 and still continues to run in the same theatre, making it the longest running production of American theatre in history.

It is a timeless show, not situated in any decade or century; it harkens back to the old styles of Greek Drama, Comedia del Arte, Chinese theatre and Shakespearean dialogue and yet takes place decidedly in the present.

The plot resembles that of most musicals. Boy meets girl; they fall in love; they cease to fall in love; they learn their mistake and reunite. One of the beauties of musical theatre is its whimsical nature and this show truly follows in this vein.

Each of the characters is fanciful in their own way. Louisa (Wagner) is sure her hair turns mauve, then red, then blue. Mortimer (MacMillan) is an actor who performs only death scenes. The two fathers (Nguyen and LaPlace) both obsess over their gardens and vegetables.

The songs likewise reflect the innocence and simplicity essential to *The Fantasticks*; the orchestra contains only three pieces: a harp, a piano and a drum set.

The most well-known song, *Try To Remember*, begins and ends the play, urging the audience to relapse into memories of their childhood and watch the show with the wonder that only children possess.

These songs and characters, despite at times seeming unbelievable, allow the show to create a meaningful connection with the audience. Throughout, the characters reveal them-

### Nicholas Ma

#### HAPPY

selves to the audience by speaking to them. Yet they do not soliloquize as in Shakespeare. Rather, they speak to the audience as their friend and ally. The show has captured audiences for close to forty years and with any luck, the performance at Phillips Academy will breathe life into the magic of the show.

At Phillips Academy, the show has sought to expose everyone here to "a kind of theatre that Andover doesn't do typically," according to Washer: "It's small, yet it's a musical. Innocence is a great part of art and it shouldn't be overshadowed by cynicism and other darker emotions too often associated with the artist."

Washer said, "Musical theatre is a lot of what I do and since I loved [*The Fantasticks*] so much when I saw it, it seemed perfect to direct."

Since the show has limited rehearsal time because of a shorter winter term; the cast has been working diligently to pull the show together. With a varied cast composed of veterans and newcomers to theatre, Washer has quite an undertaking. Nevertheless, "Bryna has risen to the challenge," according to Wagner, one of the lead characters.

Supporting the eight person cast is a phenomenal crew. Jeffrey Zampieron '00, has done the set design and will also do the lighting design for the show. As usual he has displayed his expertise at working in unusual parameters.

The set will consist of platforms of varying heights and playground equipment, to reflect the "childlike qualities of the show" said Washer. Caroline VanZile '02 will stage-manage the show, bringing her significant previous experience with musical theatre to the show.

Sophie Lam '00 and Josh Williams '03 will concern themselves with all the musical aspects of the show, Lam doubling as the pianist for the show. Natalie Wombwell '01 will contribute her talents to the show as choreographer and Mariel O'Brien '01 has been asked to design costumes.

Student directed musical theatre is rare at Phillips Academy. However, if the rehearsals are any indication, this cast definitely has the energy with which to infuse the show with the brightness and charm that it needs.

Washer admits "I've grown up on the stage and wouldn't be comfortable anywhere else." The show definitely has an immense amount of talent and potential and it remains to be seen how that will manifest itself. "The only way I could describe the show is enchanting," says Washer, also adding that she hopes many will turn up for what is shaping up to be a fabulous show.

## DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE WITH MARCUS

### Marcus Taylor

#### SNEEZY

Well, I decided to forgo the usual ways of finding out what is going on this weekend and go on an adventure instead. My first attempt landed in me my closet. I was amazingly able to get back to that magical kingdom. For all those who want so deeply to know: Azlan has defeated the witch and is presently the king of Narnia. I tried to talk to him about what's going on this weekend but he just brushed me aside. What a preachy stuck up prat.

Too full of pride to go to GW and check the poster or call Mr. D., I had to figure out a way of discovering what's going on. Well, I also attempted to go on a walk in the sanctuary, ask Stefano in his sleep and consult the prophecies of Nostradamus, but none provided any insight to what was happening this weekend.

It was almost time for this article to be due. I was panicking about what I would turn into that beast/slave driver Scott Sherman.

Tired and worn out by the furious effort I had poured into writing this article, I fell asleep at the computer.

Momentarily I woke up and on my computer the following message was written: "Follow the white rabbit." A bit bizarre but whatever. Then, suddenly, I heard a knock at the door of my posh pod in Taylor Hall. Opening the door I found a pretty woman dressed in tight leather. Whoa. I told this lady I wanted nothing to do with the situation. I already got in trouble for an IP and it's been hard enough to survive without parietals until January 20.

Disappointed, she turned to go, when I saw the white rabbit tattoo on her shoulder.

Thinking "What the hell?" I decided to follow her. She unfortunately took me to Riley. This really bummed me out. However I brightened up when I understood that the White Rabbit was actually a metaphor for the fact that the Rabbot Cabaret is this Friday!

Anyway to make a really long and disturbing story short, this girl took me to this guy, who gave me this red pill that would make me understand everything about the world. I asked him if that meant knowing what's going on every weekend without asking Mr. D; he just rolled his eyes and nodded. So yeah, I took some weird red pill that look like Sudafed for the Weekend Scoop. Is that probationary?

Anyway, the guy was right. I found out every that is going on this weekend, and unfortunately a whole lot of other weird stuff. Anyway I already told you about the Rabbot Cabaret, so on Saturday night there is Casino Night. This is a great activity, for it is the only time that Phillips Academy allows its students to indulge in an activity widely regarded as immoral and wrong. Not to mention you have to be eighteen to participate. Okay so its PA funny money but the fact remains that it is still gambling. Accompanying Casino night is a raging, awesome, sweaty, really cool dance. Yeah!

Well I wish you all could enjoy all the great stuff that Mr. D has planned but unfortunately I have a confession to make: IT ISN'T REAL. When the machines took over the world they created this machine world. It is just a big computer program. Fight the matrix. This Phillipian doesn't exist.

Well that's all I have to say. Hope you have a fun and safe weekend, even if everything you eat and do really doesn't exist.

# Grooving With the Xoom Junior Boyz

The voices of a newly formed a cappella group will soon rock the Phillips Academy music community.

The group is Xoom Junior, and the only major prerequisite for joining is that you be a male vocalist.

I spoke with Carl Dietz '00 and asked him if he was the leader. "Quasi, I guess," he replied modestly, and continued to give me enlightening information his new vocal group. It all started on the day that he struck up a conversation with fellow In-Skip auditioner and co-founder Tyler Gardner '01.

Over the Summer, each had participated in an all male a capella group at their respective camps. One quick note: a cappella is music that is purely vocal.

Examples of a cappella groups outside of Phillips are the Colgate Thirteen and Rockapella. Apparently, Tyler and Carl had experiences enjoyable and motivating enough to help hatch an idea for a fresh new PA group.

It was only a matter of "a couple of phone calls" before Xoom Junior became official. The catchy name Xoom (pronounced "Zoom"), for those of you who are wondering, was created out of a "little respect for the master" — the summer camp a cappella organizer who was the inspiration for the whole idea.

The word itself is derived from Zumbayah, the title of a group that hails from Amherst College, the camp master's institution of higher learning.

Unable to contain my curiosity, I asked about the advantages of having an all-male organization. He smartly replied that the "group dynamic is a lot better" than that of a co-ed environment, and explained that there is

an acoustical advantage in "the way the voices harmonize."

He also believes that male voices are more "versatile", especially because it tends to be easier "for guys to sing high than girls to sing low."

The main drive of the nine-strong team is geared towards "putting more emphasis on music than musical talent." However, the caliber of the participants contradicts this humble statement of purpose.

### Jia Jung

#### SNOW WHITE

Bush-Brown '03, Chris Callahan '01, Tyler Gardner '01, James Kenly '01, Luis Menocal '03, Jermaine Thibodeaux '00, and, of course, Dietz who is currently a member of PA's In-Skip a cappella.

Although the members have not yet decided how to divide parts, they have already done fast work on *All I Want* by Toad the Wet

Members of Xoom Junior include PG Sterlind Burke, Matt Berner '01, Spencer

Sprocket, and a Dietzian arrangement of *I Drive Myself Crazy* by the famous boy-band 'NSync.

The group is enjoying its honeymoon period; energetic, motivated, and flexible.

Those interested should feel welcome to contact Carl at x2807 for more information or an audition. For girls and the vocally challenged, do not despair.

When Xoom Junior makes their debut, we can sit back and enjoy the harmony as much as if we were, singing ourselves.



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PA's one and only all-male a capella group, Xoom Junior, poses for the camera.

# High-Powered Girls' Squash Shuts Out Exeter, Groton; Improves to 6-1 Under Leadership of Captain and Number-One Seed Ashley Harmeling '00

by Wendy Huang  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
Exeter	0
Andover	7
Groton	0



Girls' squash scored two big wins over rivals Phillips Exeter Academy and the Groton School last week, sweeping both matches 7-0. This brings the team's season record to a strong six wins against only one loss.

As it is with any showdown between the Big Blue and the (slightly smaller) Big Red, the girls' match against Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday was a tale about honor, pride, and glory unlimited. The match was also about some good, old-fashioned putting the foot to the red patootie. The Andover "girls with racquets" swept Exeter beginning with the top seven varsity members all the way through to number 19 on JV2.

In the number one seed, Captain Ashley Harmeling '00 defeated

Exeter's Crosby Haynes '00 handily in three games, dropping only four points (9-2, 9-0, 9-2).

Sasha Hrdy '00, at the number two seed, also took her match in three games. Though it took the first game for Sasha to adjust to her opponents playing style, Hrdy took the next two quickly (9-7, 9-3, 9-1).

Revenge was sweet at the number three seed. Alexis Beckford '00 played against Victoria Birch '00, the same Exie she played last year. The last time the two clashed, Birch edged out a narrow win, 10-9 in the fifth game. This year, Beckford was determined to right that cosmic wrong. Playing hard, low, aggressive shots to the back corners, Beckford kept her opponent behind her and up against the glass to take the first game 9-4. After the initial shock, Birch rallied back to win the next two games. Beckford was not to be stopped, however, and ratcheted up her already tight rails to another level. Wielding deep and aggressive shots, Beckford controlled the "T" and took the match in five games (9-4, 2-9, 5-9, 9-5, 9-5).

At number four, Wendy Huang '01 found her hard serve particularly useful against her opponent. Even in three games, the Exie could not get used to

the ball bouncing straight at her after breaking the wall. Huang won (9-3, 9-3, 9-0).

Thayer Christodoulo '00 at number five was equally successful. After edging out the first game by a narrow margin, Christodoulo varied her short and long shots to exploit her opponent's unwillingness to run to the ball. Christodoulo won in three (10-8, 9-0, 9-2).

At number six, Eliza Roberts '02 took command of her match from the very beginning and never allowed her opponent to recover from her smart shots. Roberts won in three (9-3, 9-2, 9-2).

Jess Olans '01, at number seven, played through an illness and still controlled the match from the beginning. Olans won in three (9-4, 9-1, 9-1).

The girls are looking forward to another chance to (play) squash (with) Exeter again next month in their dungeon in New Hampshire.

Coming off the big win against Exeter, the girls were ready and confident in their abilities against Groton. Before the match, Coach McCaslin told them, "Play like you did against Exeter and you'll be fine." Everyone took that advice. The girls with rac-

quets swept Groton 7-0.

At number one, Harmeling played an exciting match against Groton number one Hilary Thorndike '00. Last year when the two played, Harmeling lost in three games. The gallery was on edge while Harmeling took advantage of her second chance. In this nail-biter of a match, rallies of up to thirty strokes or more were not uncommon. In displays of incredible endurance, the two contenders drove rail after rail into the corners of the court before a loose shot would come up and one of the two would put it away. Harmeling won in five (9-3, 6-9, 9-4, 2-9, 9-5).

At two, Hrdy quickly frustrated her opponent in three games (9-0, 9-3, 9-3) as did Alexis Beckford at three. Beckford once again played a very aggressive first game. Getting into the second game, however, she lost a little momentum, but quickly gained it back after returning the court from the trainers. Toward the end of the second game, her opponent dangerously played a ball when Beckford had not cleared. Beckford was hit in the head, yet managed to escape a more serious injury. Beckford returned to win the match in three games (9-1, 10-9, 9-1).

At four, Huang took her match in

three games as her opponent seemed to have a little difficulty adjusting to the warmer Andover courts. The Groton squash facilities are very cold, so the ball doesn't bounce as high as it does on warmer courts. Huang won in three (9-2, 9-3, 9-3).

At five, six, and seven, respectively, Christodoulo, Roberts, and Olans all played strong offensive games and kept their opponents far at bay. Christodoulo won in three (9-3, 9-1, 9-

5) as did Roberts (9-5, 9-4, 9-3), and Olans (9-0, 9-4, 9-1).

After these two overwhelming wins over Exeter and Groton, the girls squash team is confident going into tonight's match against Tufts and looking forward to the traditionally tougher teams that it will play in the upcoming weeks.

## Fiske '03 Breaks IM Record; Boys' Swimming Still Unbeaten

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Andover	127
NMH	58



The boys' swimming team had an enormous 127-58 blowout win over Northfield-Mt. Hermon Saturday.

Anyone who attended saw the Blue take first in all of the twelve events as well as one of the longstanding school records broken by a freshman. It was an impressive win for Phillips with all-around strong performances.

There was a new line of swimmers to take first place in this week's 200 medley relay. With Andover's first relay team disqualified, the second team of Ben Neuwirth '01, Cameron Curtis '03, Dave Hill '03, and Carl Dietz '00, stepped it up and took a first place finish. The relay team still overtook the NMH boys by six seconds. Curtis swam back-to-back events following the relay with the 200 freestyle, and took another first place.

"It was his first time to swim the 200 freestyle this year, and he came up with a big win," remarked captain Hunter Washburn '00. Curtis took part in two other first-place finishes for the Blue, both in relay races. This kid just keeps getting faster. Neuwirth had a successful day as well with first-place finishes in the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke. The third event gave way to a roaring applause from the crowd, as freshman Brian Fiske broke the school record in 200 Individual Medley. With a 1:57.97, Fiske claimed title to what many consider the most brutal event in Prep swimming. It was not only a great time but also a time

Fiske believes he can better as the year advances.

Albert So '01 grasped the 100 breast stroke again, and Nate Vantzeld '00 swam well, taking two individual first-place finishes in the 50 and 100 freestyle races, as well as a win with the 200 freestyle relay. Diving captain Michael Rechnitz '00 took a first-place finish in the diving event with a score of 204. It is the second time Rechnitz has broken 200 points this year. Freshman John MacMillan stuck out the meet with a piercing muscle cramp in his back, and still managed to beat out the other NMH divers for second place. MacMillan took the first portion of the week off, but looks to return for Saturday's meet.

John Lo '02 had a tough start with his first relay team disqualified, but bounced right back in the 200 freestyle relay to help take first place. Captain Washburn took a piece of the action as well, helping the 400 free relay to a victory in the closing race of the match. Two other freshmen with notable performances helped put points on the board. Bryce Kaufman and Gavin Kuangparichat swam well, and both contributed to the Blue's victory.

It may not have been the largest victory margin thus far for the Blue, but for the second consecutive meet, the boys have captured all twelve events.

The Phillips boys continue to show their depth in events and class. Conditioning hard and pushing themselves for the difficult weeks to come, the boys prepare for meets against Hopkins, Suffield and, of course, Exeter.

## 2000 Summer Opportunities Fair

12-3 p.m. February 6 — Upper Dining Halls of Commons

1. Academic programs, mostly on college campuses
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3. Adventure/wilderness programs
4. Internships and research
5. Jobs, mostly local
6. Language programs
7. Performing and visual arts programs

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MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

6:30 PM	Hey, That's My Bike R. Riley/ M. Chandler	HEP TOOTH J. Kaplan/ J. LaPlace	LATEX & VINYL A. Waldman/ N. Orlowski/ M. Taylor	Lil Ms. Rodeo USA B. Ghormley/ K. Jose	Store in a Cool Dry Place L. Renwanz/ K. Russel
	8:00 PM	ANALYZE THIS John Marc/ S. Brush	Love is Good Not Bad D. Longstreth/ P. Morrissey	New York Live M. Davila/ B. Winston	Higher Science I. Mansfield
	9:30 PM	Chrome Yellow T. DeWitt/ Masters	The Vin Show A. Litvin/ D. Thurber	Two Live Jews S. Sherman/ D. Kurs	Côte & the Sugar Hill Gang S. Côté/ H. Fitzpatrick

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9:00	Twinky Bites M. Rhee/E. Kamiya	Let's Get it On J. Bardo/F. Maqubela
10:00	161lb G. Booth/K. Rao	Back that A** Up J. Maglio
11:00	Peel Slowly B. Neuwirth/ T. Kiessling	Potato Famine G. O'Donoghue/ P. Crowley
12:00	Latino Explosion C. Filmer/C. Gosk	The Main Event J. Checrallah/ M. Sullivan
1:00	Choking Hazard D. Gaskill	Cindy's the Hostess Brendon
2:00	Villagers Revolt E. Lazarus/T. Jutras	Dusty 45's H. Williams
3:00	2 Nuts & a Screw J. Rodriguez/ E. Morgan	Beyond the Perfling Will Braff
4:00	Schizophrenic S. Harston	Boat's, Beaches, Bars G. Smith
5:00	Cowboy Junkies P. Ryan/C. Lewis	Kashmir L. Basta/M. Cashman
6:00	Aleeshki Hula-Boi A. Thorn	Clearly Canadian M. Starkweather

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