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CARL will meet once a month, on

Wednesday afternoons in the Trustees

Room of George Washington Hall.

The meetings will proceed with every

member of CARL presenting one item

of business, and receiving a response

a crossroads between all sections of the

school: faculty and students." CARL

will have no policy-making power, but,

will encourage discussion of all types

between the student council and the

faculty, sending two of its members,

Dr. Ada Fan, instructor in English, and

Chad Green, community service direc-

tor, to discuss the proposal at the April

9 student council meeting. As Dr. Fan

said afterwards, "We want to encour-

age more student-faculty communica-

tion, so the faculty gives CARL pretty

unanimous approval. Many faculty

members hesitated to endorse the idea

of creating another committee, won-

dering if there was a better way to

improve student-faculty communica-

tion using the current system. Mr.

Green questioned the prudence of cre-

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College Returns for Class of 2000

Yale, as well as Tufts and Wesleyan.

class seems to be happier with their

results," said Director of College

Counseling Carl Bewig. "The average

student didn't receive more accep-

tances letters than last year, but in a

general sense everyone seems to be

appear dauntingly high, PA students

have experienced notable success in

light of a recent increase in selectivity

among the majority of the nation's

out by the nationwide trend in recent

College admissions are also spread

Although rejection rates may

more content with their options."

leading institutions.

"My sense is that, overall, this

CARL did not, however, meet with

strong support."

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Koh, in summary, said, "CARL is

from the rest of the committee.

Outgoing officers, Vice President Eric Cho '00 and School President Steve Koh '00, discuss CARL at a recent student council meeting.

Faculty Passes Proposal for Advisory Committee, CARL

By KATE BACH

After two terms of debate and by an overwhelming margin, the faculty passed the student council proposal for the Committee on Academic and Residential Life (CARL) at last Tuesday's faculty meeting.

At the meeting, outgoing School President Steve Koh '00, School President-Elect Joe Maliekel '01, and West Quad South Senior Rep Biz Ghormley '00 presented the final edition of

After debating various points of the proposal, the faculty made the committee a reality which will be implemented beginning next year under Maliekel's presidency.

CARL, originally the brainchild of former School President Zack Tripp, is a 14-member committee, including five students and nine faculty members. The faculty members will be the head of school, or assistant head in her absence, two members of AdCom, two members of the House Counselors' Committee, one member of the Deans' Council, one cluster dean chosen on a yearly rotation, and two members of the Academic Council.

The student body will be represented by two cluster presidents also on a yearly rotation, the school president, secretary, and day student representa-

By KATE ELLIOTT and

CHRISTINA KELLEHER

pointing acceptance record, members

of the Class of 2000 have reported

admissions to over 150 colleges and

universities this spring. Preliminary

totals calculated this week indicate that

of the 2204 applications sent in by

seniors this year, 45% were accepted,

38% denied and 13% wait-listed, with

the remainder either pending or

applications - over 60 - to PA's tradi-

tional set of highly popular schools:

Brown, Columbia, Georgetown, Har-

Seniors this year sent the most

unknown.

Rebounding from last year's disap-

By CHRIS HUGHES

The office of Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD) will, bid farewell to two of its most established members at the close of the 1999-2000 school year. Chemistry Instructor Paul Cernota will succeed Dr. Susan Perry as advisor for gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual students and Aya Muratta, advisor to Asian and Asian-American students, will succeed Harrison McCann as international student coordinator.

Both Dr. Perry and Mr. McCann have served in their current positions for six years and are hoping that new blood will rejuvenate their respective

"Change is good," said Dr. Perry, who leaves for a position in Florida eight months after the end of PA's prohibition of same-sex house counselors. Mr. McCann is retiring after 23 years at Phillips Academy.

"We all feel a sense of sadness at facing the departure of two established members of the CAMD support network," said Bobby Edwards, dean of CAMD. "The two have done tremendous work through building bridges of understanding.'

Ms. Murata will retain her role as



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Chemistry Instructor Paul Cernota, left, and Asian and Asian-American Advisor Dr. Aya Murata will take up their new roles in the CAMD office

Murata, Cernota Selected to Replace PA ADMISSIONS McCann, Perry in CAMD Office Posts

Advisor to Gay, Lesbian, and

brought enthusiasm and ingenuity.

Bi-sexual Students Dr. Perry plans to attend the University of Sarasota, Florida, next year to achieve her doctorate in clinical psychology with a residency dealing with pediatric trauma. "It's time to move on," said Dr. Perry. "I have a commitment to service, and I believe that it's the logical, passionate next step."

The office of advisor for gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual students attempts to act as a haven for homosexual and bisexual students on campus while simultaneously encouraging the student body to move forward toward widespread acceptance of homosexual and bi-sexual students.

"I'm really excited about joining the office next year," said Dr. Cernota, who is in his first year as a faculty member. "I have to hit the ground running and try to fill some really large shoes that Dr. Perry has left."

Dr. Cernota plans to continue teaching in the chemistry department, carrying a courseload comperable to his this year.

The advisor, who is stationed in the CAMD office, is customarily the facul-



DIRECTORS OF STUDY ABROAD

Foreign Coordinators Gather to Consider New Changes

By CATHY RAMPELL

In an effort to reform PA's termcontained study abroad programs, Head of the Division of World Languages Dr. Margarita Curtis invited the foreign coordinators of Phillips Academy's four European programs to visit campus this week.

The four ambassadors - Colette Addad, Isabel Bodes, Luisa Pantaleoni, and former PA German Instructor Otto Vehrenkamp - were introduced at Wednesday's all-school meeting. They serve both as residential and academic advisors to students enrolled in PA's foreign exchange student programs in, respectively, Antibes, France; Burgos, Spain; Bologna, Italy; and Göttingen, Germany.

On this first visit to PA, they were asked to meet with local coordinators of the studies abroad program to suggest changes to the current set-up. Dr. Curtis and the four ambassadors attended faculty meetings to discuss financial, curricular, and safety issues within the program.

Ms. Addad, Ms. Bodes, Ms. Pantaleoni, and Mr. Vehrenkamp have no connection with the School Year Abroad (SYA) program, an indepen-

dent organization. As outlined in Dr. Curtis' November 1999 draft of "Recommendations from the Committee on Off-Campus Programs Division of World Languages," several reforms have been suggested to improve the program's outdated policies. "Most of the [foreign study] programs were instituted over 15 years ago," states the draft, "when liability issues were not as prominent as they are now and when college counseling offices were not as pressed to provide as many particulars

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concerning these programs.'

students, a position to which she has ty advisor to the Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA). One of GSA's co-heads, Ronalda Sedeno '01, is saddened by Dr. Perry's exit, but realizes that for

> "It may not be the best thing for the gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual community where people are just now feeling comfortable coming out," said Sedeno. To have such a change take place can be a setback in some ways, but in the end, I think it'll all be OK."

everyone "a time exists to move on."

International Student Coordinator

On the other side of the CAMD office, Spanish Instructor Mr. McCann, the current international student coordinator, has decided to take early retirement.

"I've got one of the best jobs on campus . . . but it's time," said Mr. McCann. Because his wife, Instructor in Spanish Rebecca McCann, plans to continue teaching at Andover, Mr. McCann will nonetheless remain very close to the school.

Mr. McCann, who has been a member of the faculty since 1976, first entered as Executive Director of School Year Abroad (SYA). He spent his last six years aiding the international community at PA by fine-tuning the responsibilities of the international student coordinator and advising the International Club.

'The heaviest workload is in the fall," said Mr. McCann. Each autumn, international student orientation, the connections of home stay families, and the annual international fair all take place within a matter of weeks. Ms. Murata, previously a part-time

worker in CAMD, has been selected to fill Mr. McCann's position at the beginning of the summer. Before joining the CAMD staff, she spent six years working in the admissions office.

"I know I have my work cut out for me," she said. "It's reassuring to know that Mr. McCann is only a two-minute walk or a phone call away, especially as I start into my new position," said Ms. Murata.

Ms. Murata is slated to receive her Master's Degree in East Asian Studies at Harvard University this June. For the first time, CAMD will be Ms. Murata's full-time home base and the priority in her life at Andover.

Andover's International Club. headed by Lavina Tien '00, is responding to the switchover as well as can be expected. "We'll all be very sad when Mr. McCann leaves, but also very confident that Ms. Murata will do a good job," noted Tien.

"The transition will hopefully be as smooth as possible," remarked Mr. Edwards. As always, CAMD is asking the community to be supportive while both Dr. Cernota and Ms. Murata settle themselves into their new positions.

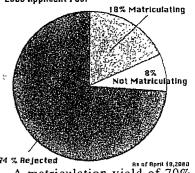
BOAST STELLAR 2000 RETURNS

RECORD 70% YIELD

Despite Winter Tragedy, More Applicants Choose PA

By KEVIN BARTZ

Year in Admissions: 2000 Applicant Pool



A matriculation yield of 70% across the board has made 2000-2001 a record year for Andover admissions. Despite the past winter's tragedy, the admissions office has maintained an edge over rival schools, breaking new ground with both its spring visit program and its newly personalized acceptance letters, while simultaneously expanding its outreach efforts to improve its international student yield.

"Basically, this has been one of the most successful admission years in Andover's history," commented Dean of Admissions Jane Fried. Totaling "an extraordinarily high yield," 70% of the 490 accepted candidates officially enrolled at PA, continuing an upward trend established last year, when a 68% yield topped the 66% of the 1997-1998 season. "This is the highest it's been in recent years," observed Associate Dean of Admissions Deborah Murphy.

Besides improving upon school records, though, the 70% yield has also brought the academy a step above the admissions records of rival prep schools. "We have the highest yield of any of our peer schools in the Ten Schools," boasted Mrs. Fried. "More students are choosing Andover over other schools." This year, the admissions office received 1,866 applications - the highest number recorded to date - and accepted an approximate 26% of them

Ms. Murphy concurred, adding her view of the improved yield as a "really positive endorsement of how kids and families who are applying to the school

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Even at PA, Over-Diagnosis of ADD Still All Too Common

By KEVIN BARTZ

Only a year ago, the topic of attention deficit disorders came to the forefront of Phillips Academy news in the

midst of for-Phillipsent Special Report Over ataknosis = TADD Panagopouinoces.

mer student Nick Panagopoulos's lawsuit against the school. Mr.

los was diag-

nosed with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD), a rarer form of ADD. Even after the close of this case, however, the diagnosis and treatment of ADDs have raised questions that continue to concern the community.

As the school has tightened the language surrounding accomodations granted, the focus has shifted to the implications of an alleged over-diagnosis of the condition. School Physician Dr. Richard Keller commented that "nationwide, ADD is a condition that has been often over-diagnosed, in my opinion."

Indeed, the number of students diagnosed with ADD has soared in recent years: "eightfold within the last decade on campus," according to Dr. Keller. "I don't think that increase represents a true increase, either in disease incidents or in better recognition of the disease," he added. "Some doctors who prescribe it aren't terribly rigorous. I think that almost everybody has some of the symptoms at various times."

Among the over 1800 applicants to Phillips Academy every year, Dean of Admissions Jane Fried remembered, "no more than ten choose to indicate having the condition," even though the school does not "select for it, or select out for it" in accordance with the 1991 Americans with Disabilities Act

Supporting Dr. Keller's claims, the abundance of "late diagnoses" - evaluations performed after the student's matriculation at PA - has raised marked suspicion.

Despite so few students acknowledging their ADD during the admissions process, according to Director of Academic Counseling Nancy Brother, "there are probably many more cases we do not know about." Additionally, every year a small group of students are tested for ADD during the school year. "We do have more than one or two diagnosed cases of ADD in students after they come to PA," said Elizabeth Schoenherr, the assistant director of academic counseling.

"Because ADD is a lifelong condition whose symptoms usually appear before the age of ten, it should be the rare student who discovers he has ADD after coming to Phillips Academy," she maintained. On the contrary, though, she also recognized that, for some students, "PA's fast-paced lifestyle is the first experience with real academic challenges.'

"ADD only becomes noticeable," said Mrs. Brother, "when the tasks become more difficult." As a result, the debate has blurred the issue of ADD abuse at the academy: "Unfortunately, it's not a black-or-white diagnosis," said Dr. Keller.

The motive for over-diagnosis is in the benefits of being recognized as disabled. A student with any documented disability - including ADD - is eligible to receive a set of special, "reasonable" accommodations to suit his condition.

"The one accommodation most requested is extended time on tests," said Mrs. Schoenherr. In administering these extensions, PA adheres to the national Educational Testing Service standard of "a time and a half," which

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years towards applying for early round vard, University of Pennsylvania, and College Admissions Stats

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Show Strong Year, Growing Challenge PROGRAMS VISIT admissions. This year, 52.8% of PA's senior class sent in either early decision or early action applications, with 52.7% of those applicants gaining REFORM PROPOSED admission in December. The sizable portion of total applications sent in by

span of several months. Nevertheless, the perception of success among high school seniors across the nation continues to be directly related to the number of acceptances received from Ivy League schools. In comparison to admission rates from the class of 1999, acceptances to such schools this year are

the early November 1 deadline - this

year, 209 of 2204 applications - helps

to disperse college responses over a

especially impressive. Harvard, for example, offered admission to roughly 20 percent of the 89 Andover students that submitted applications, a marked increase over the 15 percent admitted last year. Brown and Yale admission rates have remained relatively constant, with each school accepting approximately 23 percent of PA's applicants, as opposed to 24 and 22 percent respectively in

Though some statistics remain relatively constant from year to year, students and faculty alike were alarmed by last year's relatively substandard success rates.

"While last year's incredible shift in selectivity caught us off guard, the reality of the increasingly competitive nature of college admissions has settled in," explained Mr. Bewig. "We've adapted our expectations. While we would never discourage students from applying to Ivy League and other top schools, we try to ensure that kids apply to schools within a reasonable range."

Upon taking into consideration the dramatic increase in competition of recent years, such results are particularly noteworthy. This change can be attributed to a combination of several global trends. According to Mr. Bewig, one significant such trend is the surge in national prosperity and security during the last few years. "With the success of our stock

market, Americans of most social classes can now afford to send their children to prestigious private institutions for their undergraduate educations. In the past, fewer families have Continued on Page 6, Column 6

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Right Place, Wrong Time

Though the numbers fail to indicate any notable deviation from recent years, it seems that an excruciating onslaught of thin envelopes has hit the mailboxes of PA seniors in the last few weeks. Though support for the trusted adage "Good things come in small packages" may still abound in other walks of life, when it comes to college admissions letters few high school students in America today can miss the painful truth: the smaller the package, the worse. Given the Class of 2000's respectable yet grudgingly unremarkable year in college admissions, they likely know that rule of thumb all too well.

So where have we gone wrong? The year 2000 seems a perfect opportunity to take a step back and consider the long-term picture in PA college admissions.

During each spring in recent memory, the crestfallen faces have seemed too numerous, and the luminous excitement too rare, on this campus. With the academically proven prep school student seemingly going out of style in college admissions departments, all of us can hardly help but ask ourselves, what happened to the virtual guarantee that a world-renowned institution like PA would ensure its students admittance to his or her top college choice? And if, in fact, our prestigious alma mater may now mean even greater competition to reach an Ivy utopia, are we at the right place? The unequivocal answer, often difficult to remember amidst late nights and double periods, is yes. But when it comes to searching longingly for security in numbers, we're simply here at the wrong time.

Flashing back to 1950, a half-century before the current turn-of-the-millennium batch of seniors reached the top of the ladder, we see a staggeringly different story in college admissions. Out of 345 applications sent out, 290 were accepted. That comes to 84%, a shade higher than this year's 45% application acceptance rate. That year, the seniors' most popular college, Harvard, accepted 69 of PA's 74 applicants. This year, 18 of 89 made the cut. The stakes were a bit tougher in New Haven in 1950, though, where Yale accepted a mere 47 of PA's 62 applicants. Cries of indignation at the time would likely have been silenced, however, had word had gotten out that in 2000, only 19 of 82 PA applicants would get in.

Even in 1970, over half of PA seniors gained admission to their first-choice school.

Stepping beyond acceptance and denial, we see an even clearer picture of PA's college credentials through the matriculation of classes earlier in the century. Sixtynine percent of the Class of 1930, for example, matriculated to either Harvard or Yale. Lofty though that number may seem, it was a decrease from the Class of 1910, when 75% of seniors matriculated to one of those two universities.

Thus, it seems that the anecdote to our frequent second-guessing about our own high school admissions choice is clear. If a slot at a prestigious, high profile university is what one craves, PA is the place — or was, 50 years ago.

Yet before we sigh in dejected frustration at time's cruel tricks, we might ask, would we trade the PA of today for the college admissions of yesteryear? The great diversification of this campus—including the 1973 Phillips-Abbott merger—and the abandonment of traditional admissions criteria and applicant pools have mirrored similar trends nationwide, trends that have done far more than increase competition for college admission. As PA students in 2000, we are blessed with a more dynamic, colorful and, yes, rigorous high school experience than the Ivy-bound boys of 1910 could have imagined. Shall we lament our loss of the opportunity to troop en masse to a narrow handful of big name universities, or shall we celebrate the diversity of our student body that would now make such a possibility distasteful anyway?

The same social and cultural phenomena that now seem to exclude all too many assiduous PA prepsters from their first-choice colleges have made PA what it is today. Though the pain of lost hopes may be long in extinguishing, we must not let our appreciation for the flip side of the coin go the way of those hastily discarded



H.G. MASTERS

SICK OF SWEAT

It is amusing for me and perhaps anyone who knows me to consider that once I would have been considered an ath-

lete. I used to play tennis, basketball, golf, and soccer at a Varsity level. I was strong, healthy, and energetic. At some point, however, my interests shifted away from sports towards other things, and I began to get less and less exercise. My diet degenerated, I became lazy, and I started falling out of shape. Then I had major back surgery and have never completely recovered my strength since.

The reason I haven't whipped myself back into shape is simply because I have neither the time nor the desire. I get a reasonable amount of exercise, after all, since going to school at Andover, even as a boarder, means walking at least twice as much as the average office worker does, not to mention climbing stairs, sweeping common rooms, and running away from angry roommates. I don't eat as many vegetables as I should, and I try to make up for this by taking vitamins. The summer will probably see me lose the extra weight I have been carrying since Christmas.

I choose not to do additional exercise for a variety of reasons, the most prominent being that I don't want to. I have taken the Physical Education course like everybody else here and am fully aware of the recommendations my teachers made on how to lead a healthy life. I am immersed in a media culture that reminds me daily of the threat of cancer, heart disease, back pain and a million other diseases, and I am fully aware that my lifestyle is not as healthy as it could be. If I die in thirty years from a heart attack, I will blame nobody but

And yet, Phillips Academy feels the need to waste 45 minutes (more if you count changing, showering, etc.) of four of my days each week with the athletic requirement. And it is a waste, believe me. I do not want to run around, and no one really cares whether I do or don't, so they let me do nothing. We all know there are sports for people who are lazy, and I don't want to get any supervisors of these sports in trouble, so I won't bother naming them. The point is that for people who really don't want

exercise, there are ways of evading it. As an alternative, I am suggesting that it is time for us to stop kidding ourselves about the usefulness of requiring athletics for people who don't want to fulfill this requirement. Obviously, this applies to a minority; most people at Andover like sports. The stress release, the

exercise, the sweat; high school Nick Morrison is also the last time most people will ever get to play team sports

OPINION

like football and soccer. But there are dozens and dozens who don't like sports at all and would rather spend their time doing other things. Most of them have endured Physical Education and are fully aware of the exercise they are missing. So let's hand full responsibility over to those informed students and stop wasting their time.

From a student's point of view, the maximum responsibility and freedom of choice is nearly always desirable. However, we must compromise between the idea that no one should have to do sports and everyone should have to do sports.

'The faculty and administration would never accept it!" you cry? They are already talking about it. "It's a non-issue, nobody cares!" you declare? Actually a minority of students do care, as can be seen by their enthusiasm (or lack thereof) at many recreational sports, and although they are a minority, that doesn't mean that we should ignore their desires.

The following is an outline of the proposals that will be presented to the cluster council and later to the student council.

The first possibility would be to allow seniors and perhaps uppers who meet certain requirements to skip a number of terms of athletics. This proposal has the advantage of being fair and simple, but it may end up being seen as too open-ended by the faculty. They might then decide, for example, to have athletics be optional for one term of senior year.

The second possibility would be to allow people who are evidently working very hard to kip a certain number of terms. This could be limited to people taking six courses, but I believe it should be extended to anybody engaged in four or five AP or post AP courses, people in major theatrical productions, people preparing for senior recitals, people working on independent projects, and students holding large positions of responsibility - school presidents and Phillipian editors, for instance assuming these people are also taking a normal

Using these two proposals as a framework for further discussions, the student council should be able to make compelling arguments to the faculty, who will certainly have their own ideas, and reach as favorable a settlement as possible.

Popular Villains

LITTLE WELL

YOU KNOW

Cathy Rampell **OPINION**

It is the greatest oxymoron of the universe. Why do we hate the popular?

We do because we can. It's acceptable. It's okay to talk about the "popular" people - not of course, the people whom you know (and who are actually well-liked), because popularity is perceived and not evidence of true quality. What is there that rationalizes our bias against them? They're the pillars of society, so we treat them as the caterpillars of society. Even though we don't know them, they deserve to be brought down: we wouldn't want them to have to tote around a bloated ego. We mask jealousy for people not deserving of our jealousy through ridicule: we feel no guilt for the unwarranted contempt because as long as the objects of our ridicule are the peaks of the pecking-order, it's okay to hate them. It's mean-spirited to make fun of the shy, introverted so-called "losers," but it's permissible to make fun of the powerful, washed mini-masses. They have confidence to spare. Kick 'em while they're up, right?

In entertainment, the acceptable group for ridicule seems to be getting slimmer and slimmer as a whole, but dumber and fatter individually. Television networks can't disparage women. They can't make fun of racial minorities. They also can't mock the smaller religious groups. Face it - the only people we're allowed to make fun of are men. Big, dumb, rude, obnoxious, white men.

They're all the same. Homer Simpson and his fellow sit-com slobs, targeted by Anita Gates in her article "Men on TV: Dumb As Posts And Proud of It" in the April 9 Arts and Leisure section of The New York Times, always seem to be the characters just sweating stupidity (sometimes along with rich women). After all, they're the only group that the media can publicly humiliate without risk of public back-

So why is our prejudice against the powerful allowed? It isn't politically correct to pick on the little guys (or girls). A show like "I Love Lucy" could never debut today because it isn't politically correct to perpetuate the demeaning stereotypes of women, especially as housewives. But why are the overdogs almost unfailingly portrayed as witless oafs?

Maybe it's an underlying bitterness and resentment toward the powerful from the powerless. Maybe it's just the process of elimination - everybody else was kicked out of the derision pool. But I think that the latter explanation was just a spin-off of the former; we manage to disqualify the poor, tattered soles of society out of a disguised jealousy for the top

Last Friday, I watched MTV's beauty pageant-esque line-up of music videos of the latest, coolest bubble-gum blonde pop stars. Britney "We all hate her, don't we?" Spears crooned out the new "Oops!...I Did It Again" beautifully harmonized by a Nathan Hale chorus of chortles. We defensively insulted her face, her body, her voice, her career, and her clothes. When we paused to pinpoint what it was that we actually didn't like about her, we couldn't really come up with anything in par-

To be honest, I was so prejudiced against the pop star that I had already subconsciously dismissed her new song as worthless before I had even listened to it. If the video had been by a new, struggling pop musician instead of a glorified celebrity, our reaction would not have been nearly so vicious.

Why so much venom for the phenom? For the same reason that newspapers like the National Enquirer that peddle poison about the popular manage to be so profitable. Does the media have a responsibility to boost the selfesteem of minorities or of the unfortunate?

Why can't we mock or criticize individual members of minorities? The generic white male of sit-coms and the successful new star of pop music and the popular school "slut" (a member of the copular popular) are chosen based on their thriving social positions to be dethroned by the media in order to promote the underprivileged. Minorities (racial, religious, economic) have become the sacred cows of all forms of media. Even the ADL - the Anti-Defamation League – gets accused of racism for publicly denouncing Louis Farrakhan.

It's open season on powerful majorities. In the words of Saint Bonaventure, "An example from the monkey: the higher it climbs, the more you see of its behind." As long as they have something we want, whether we admit it or not, we're going to try to take it away from them.

Shackle the Madman

And Throw Away the Key

It was only supposed to be a labor meeting, -a collection of important officials gathered to deliberate national policies and economic issues in the comfort of the Washington DC Hilton. President Ronald Reagan walked proudly out of the hotel lobby towards his limousine to the cheers of a gathering crowd. With his arm half raised to wave to the crowd, a look of disbelief interrupted the President's charming smile. Five shots rang out. Press Secretary James Brady fell to the pavement, his skull shattered, and Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy took a bullet to the abdomen.

In all the chaos, President Reagan was pushed into his limousine; no President pulled through to a quick recovery. The ger to himself or others." Secret Service agents

also survived, although one would live the rest of his life in a wheelchair. That afternoon, the course of another life changed dramatically; John Hinckley, a 35-year-old blonde-haired man, was arrested and charged with attempted murder.

Since Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity, he has spent the last 19 years of his life in St. Elizabeth's Hospital receiving care. According to his doctors, he has overcome his mental illness. In accordance with this declaration, Hinckley's doctors believe he should be allowed to leave hospital grounds unsupervised to visit his family. For the past few years, Hinckley

has been allowed to walk without surveillance on hospital grounds, and more recently take supervised weekly trips into the community.

For an insane man, Hinckley was clearheaded enough to shoot and miss President Reagan's heart by only a quarter of an inch. Before that tragic day, he studied other assassins, namely Mark Chapman, John Lennon's killer. John Hinckley meant to kill the President. He later claimed

"Mr. Hinckley has suffi- that by shooting President Reagan, he would one even noticed his ciently recovered ... to be be united in heaven fora hospital, after two granted a limited conditional ever with Jodie Foster. At the time of the

hours of surgery, the release without causing dan- assault, doctors claim that Hinckley was not of sound mind, and he therefore could not be held accountable for what happened on that

cold March day. The man is probably insane, but should insanity claims cause us to treat Hinckley as if he is no longer a threat to soci-

The Secret Service spends thousands of dollars following this "no longer dangerous man" every time he leaves his mental institution. Psychiatrists diagnosed Hinckley as a victim of psychosis and major depression. He also suffers from narcissistic disorder, which means he has an extreme desire to be noticed at any

Rachel Higbie and James Sonne

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which supposedly caused his assassination attempt on the President, can go into permanent remission, there is

cost. While some

doctors claim that

this disorder,

a general consensus that it never truly disappears. In addition, in 1997, a psychiatrist stated that Hinckley has the ability to hide his mental instability, appearing just fine to those who are treating him. St. Elizabeth's now says: "In our opinion...

Mr. Hinckley has sufficiently recovered from his mental illness to be

granted a limited conditional release without causing danger to himself Elizabeth's were wrong once; that his parents can or others." In the late 1980s, Hinckley almost succeeded in trying to get make the same mistake the rest of his life in an out of his mental institution, but his plea was again?" overruled when it was:

discovered that he had been corresponding with es the request, and recently asked Senior Fedserial killers Ted Bundy and Charles Manson. The hospital learned the contents of these letters and still refuses to inspect Hinckley's mail, claiming that it is a breach of the man's privacy. The psychiatrists at St. Elizabeth's were wrong once; what if they are about to make the same mistake again?

Disregarding psychological disorders, and the unlikely possibility that Hinckley has overcome these severe imbalances completely, we must keep in mind that lives were destroyed on that March day. If he had successfully murdered the President, it is doubtful that he would be living at a country club mental institution; nor would his pleas to go on unsupervised visits even be considered.

A recent article in the Journal of Forensic Sciences said that "assassination in the United States is not a rational political act...those who attempt assassination in the United States cannot have rational goals, and must - by definition - be mentally ill." Yet in the trials of Sirhan Sirhan, Arthur Bremer, Sarah Jane Moore, Mark Chapman, Robert Bardo, and Francisco Duran, the insanity pleas did not come through, and all of these assassins

"The psychiatrists at St. were found guilty. Hinckley is fortunate what if they are about to afford the lawyers who kept him from spending eight by ten jail cell.

The United States attorney's office oppos-

eral District Judge June Green for a hearing. The court system and other unbiased psychiatrists should decide how to handle this case, instead of relying on a lenient mental institution that may simply want to get Mr. Hinckley off its hands.

Such an institution, which once tried to release a patient who had recently corresponded with Ted Bundy and Charles Manson, should not be left to judge the fate of such an unstable and dangerous man.

Sharing Is Caring

Elian should be shared. That's right, shared. Every family in America, not just the Florida relatives of little Elian, should have the responsibility of raising him. Each

family, for example, would have an "Elian week," at the beginning of which Elian would be received by parcel post (or if you want to get luxurious, Federal Express) and for the next week, the receiving family would be responsible for Elian's care, including room, board and education. At the end of the week, Elian would be packed up and shipped to the next family.

Obviously, every family won't get the opportunity of being an "Elian family." That's why there should be a lottery. People would buy their tickets much like they do for state lotteries involving cash prizes. But instead of money, the prize would be Elian.

I can imagine it now: a family of four from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan ranting and raving in the streets because they've won the opportunity to host Elian in the third week of June, 2006. They would immediately become the envy of their community. "They're an Elian family!" people would remark in hushed tones as they ride by the lucky family's home.

The winning family would then make elaborate preparations for the sojourn of "Ameri-

Prez Buzz Student Council Report

Steve Koh

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Student Council has hit the ground running this term. We have narrowed our focus down to a few issue of great importance: eCommerce, the student center, and the Student Council Constitution. The most exciting and pressing issue on the floor currently is eCommerce, a campus-wide development that could revolutionize the academic and residential life at Andover. ECommerce is essentially an online office supply store, where students will be able to buy school supplies and have them delivered the next day. We would be able to order almost anything we would need for schoolwork or the dorms: tissues, pens, notebooks, and even desk chairs will be readily available. Eventually, we hope to make food and other products available to the entire student body.

Each Andover student would have his or her own account. Though the comptroller's office has informed us that as it would not be possible to use our student IDs as charge cards, we would be able to use debit/ATM cards or credit cards. Once we have input this information on the webpage once, we would have accounts set up in each of our names, password protected. Before eCommerce is made available to the whole campus, a sample group of 10 to 20 students will have access to the page initially, and their orders would be monitored by both Andover and Marion to ensure a secure transaction and delivery. Once these details have been worked out, eCommerce will be made accessible to the students by May.

Should all of this term's planning work out, a link would be posted on PANet under Campus and Resources. This link would take us to a specially-designed homepage of Marion Office Products, the on-campus supplier of all office supplies. Marion would provide us with heavily discounted rates, which could potentially drop even lower should many of us within the school use the page on a regular basis. Should eCommerce be set up successfully, it could save us all multiple trips down to CVS for supplies, and allow us a chance to have all of our supplies delivered straight to our mail-

With respect to the new student center, Student Council has continued its work with Mr. Driscoll this week, and is currently in the process of contacting student activities directors at local prep schools in order to learn about other student centers. We hope to find out which aspects of the student centers have worked well for the schools and which have not. Student Council wants the planning to be a schoolwide effort, and therefore plan to host a student center discussion forum with all students, tentatively, on Tuesday, April 25th, during which students can offer feedback over dessert.

Lastly, the 1999-2000 Student Council would like to begin reworking the Student Council Constitution. We realize that this project is a formidable undertaking, and will therefore begin work this year by examining each section and making recommendations as to how to change each section. Next year's Student Council will, then, rewrite the cited sections according to our recommendations. We hope to meet the 2000-2001 Student Council halfway on this issue, and help them to revise the constitution as quickly and as efficiently as possible. Should you have any questions or concerns about any of these issues, please feel free to contact your representatives, or to attend our meetings on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. on the third floor of George Washington Hall in the Trustees Room.

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ca's adopted boy." Some fami-Adam Sklar lies, for instance, may choose to

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enroll him in prestigious day schools, even if the cost of a week's attendance throws the family into dire straits. I can imagine a newspaper headline

"FAMILY OF FOUR STARVES TO DEATH AFTER SPENDING ENTIRE LIFE SAVINGS ON ROOM, BOARD AND EDU-CATION OF "AMERICA'S ADOPTED BOY." (Or something like that.)

Receiving families would try to outdo their predecessors, thus improving the life of Elian. The mental trauma induced on Elian by the constant changes would be, of course, superseded by the high standard of living he would enjoy. Elian would be a shining example to Cuba of America's position on Castro's Communist regime: we wish to undermine it one Cuban refugee at a time.

Besides, this is the best and fastest way to destroy Castro's government, right? The best way to protest the evils of communism?

It is unfortunate that Elian, or any child (or any person for that matter), is caught in a situation so imbued with political fervor. At one end of the struggle is a man, a father, who has traveled to this country to retrieve his son. At the other end of the rope is a family that believes they have a right to the boy because of the prevailing social and political indignities in his homeland

I must admit here that I remain wholly uninformed about the specifics of the atrocities committed by Castro in his rise to power. But I gather (and fully acknowledge) that like any coup d'état the road to control was sullied with the blood and fortune of those who stood to lose from the new government.

Fast forward forty years. A man, who, by an accident of birth, was born under Castro's regime. He had a child, became estranged from the mother of his child, then learned last Thanksgiving that the child was found floating in an inner tube and had been brought to the United States. He was informed that his child may not be returned to him, then given hope that the child may, or, by circumstances entirely beyond his control, now be the representative of an evil foe.

What is unnatural about the situation is the fact that his fatherhood is now secondary to the man-made notions of politics. What is especially unnatural is that Elian has been made to turn against his father not because his father has shunned or abused him but because his father was born into a society that does not respect or uphold the freedoms that we in the United States have deemed the most inherent to

Why must prevailing laws (or sacred axioms like our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights) destroy the most basic of familial bonds that go back to the origination of our species? How can we reconcile man-made political "truths" with something that is as natural as the parent-offspring relationship? The answer is, of course, that we

If Elian were allowed to stay, his citizenship would mark a stain on the nation; American laws and political ideologies would have superceded the very humanitarianism they strive to protect. Elian's childhood would become a national responsibility; in effect, every week for the rest of our lives would be "Elian week." I don't know about you, but I don't want that on my conscience.

I am smaller than your hand, yet I hold something far bigger than I am. Thus ran the childhood riddle; with its answer a general allu-

and ancient kingdom.

Plants have always held an irrepressible fascination for me, and it is with bewilderment that I listen now to the derisive reputation of boring that seems to surround them. To study and handle them is, after all, to rub shoulders with the kingdom that is the central provider of almost every ecosystem on earth, and to celebrate the miracles of life, growth, and providence manifest in all these prodigious organ-

sion, perhaps, to the size and magic of a great

Quite simply, plants demand wonder; and if today s golden age of plant biology has taught us anything, it is that the more we study them, the more awe they invoke. The provisions for fertilization and seed dispersal are works of biological magic, as is the elaborate harvesting of light energy, the thread upon which a great portion of life hangs. As the old riddle suggests, there is something inherently moving in the massive potential residing in tiny seeds and in the realization of such promise. And recent study of hormonal development and gene control has revealed a treasure-trove of hitherto undiscovered secrets in the private lives of plants: They sleep. They keep time, in a manner inscrutable and precise. They regulate their lives according to the flux of seasons and the rhythmic swings of day and night, through complex mechanical and chemical gymnastics that rival those of animals.

And they remind us of things we forget too easily. To witness germination and growth is to sit for a course in patience; to learn the importance and possibly the beauty in a good, long wait. They are, in contrast to today s emphasis on speed and haste, stolid reminders that some Han Lie

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of the most worthwhile things in life need time as a crucial ingredient. (It only takes five hundred years to cultivate a really good lawn, Terry Pratchett wrote; Hamlet's gravedigger says a gardener is one of the three ancient gentlemen.) And it seems a valuable lesson to witness organisms strive for fundamental needs --water, food, light, warmth - to be reminded that there are simpler but no less important aspects of life to appreciate.

Moreover, beneath their outward adagio tempo really lies an essential dynamism. The evolution of plantae was a race of reinvention every bit as vibrant as that of any other kingdom. Since the birth of life they have drastically revised the atmosphere, brought about a great extinction, and resculpted the face of the earth several times - all before a species of monkey ventured to walk on two legs.

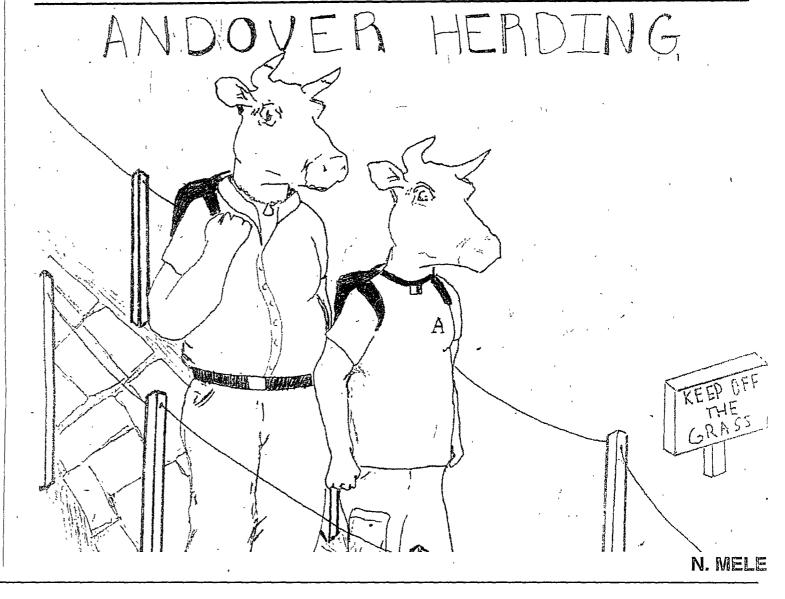
Interestingly, though, they seem to possess striking resemblance to a certain organism not unfamiliar to us. They are strange combinations of resilience and fragility, enormous strength and incomprehensible weakness; and there seems a strange profundity in their cycles of birth, growth, struggle, and death.

Perhaps it is because we see such echoes of ourselves in them that motifs of plants wind their ways into the art and literature of diverse cultures, from Buddha s reflections on the symbolism of the lotus, to the personification of death as the Grim Reaper, to Confucius sayings of willow trees in winter. Plants are evident from the biblical images of the trees of knowledge and life to the overabundance of poetic allusions to roses. Their influence resides in the old myth that every grain of uneaten rice becomes the tear of a farmer, and

in Margaret Atwood's musing that the Pope's ritual of kissing the ground might be an echo of an earlier gratitude to soil and earth. And they are present in King Duncan's words in Shakespeare s Macbeth: I shall labour to make thee full of growing to the Indonesian word for monetary interest, the same as the word for

Or perhaps it is because of some more obscure resonance that the collective mindsets of men are scattered with images of plants; because, as sages have perceived, they do seem to exhibit traits worthy of admiration and pregnant with symbolism. They grow unerringly towards the light. They seem to know that establishing roots downward is as important as sending shoots upward; that one is useless without the other. They find sustenance and support in a myriad of ingenious ways. They grow quietly, but their final splendor suggests some of the most momentous things in life take place without pomp and fanfare. From the soil, to which all things return, they rise clean and strong a suggestion perhaps that death is little more than a comma on the great literary work that is life. (And is it not suggestive that the notion of heritable factors and the birth of modern genetics were conceived by a monk in an abbey garden - a yield from thousands of

Working with plants and studying them is a journey in the footsteps of such personal heroes (and, incidentally, great men) as Henry Ridley. Thomas Engelmann, Hugh Low. Stamford Raffles, and Peter Blume. It is a lesson not only in an enchanting sphere of biology but, perhaps, in the life outside of biology, and it is a source of wealth and enrichment that echoes a Scottish nobleman s reply in an enduring English play: There if I grow, the harvest is your



Much Commotion About Standardization

Imagine, for a moment, that it is the sixth of the MCAS. Evening prep-January, 7:55 p.m., and you are in a place you have little desire to be in - your first history class of winter term, Mr. Crawford stands. "Good morning, scholars. I will not be teaching you any history for the remainder of the year. Instead, we will be reviewing for the MCAS exams this spring." Pardon?

As you may or may not know, depending on how often you see a newspaper, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System exams are currently being given across the state to students in the fourth, eighth, and tenth grades. These exams, ranging in topic from English and mathematics to science and technology to history and social science, are setting the standards that will determine how many students graduate in two years.

In 2003, in order to graduate, students must pass a dizzying, three-week barrage of these standardized tests. Although current results vary widely, in many districts less than onethird of all students have been rated "proficient" in one or more subject areas. If the MCAS were a requirement for graduation this year, two-thirds of the state's students would not graduate. It bears repeating. Two-thirds would not graduate from high school.

The introduction of the MCAS exams mirrors a growing national trend of graduation requirements including a standardized test. More and more, students are being forced to prove their mastery of several years of material in just a few short hours on a standardized test. Four or more years of work come down to a single column of bubbles and a twenty-minute

Administrators are fighting for a noble cause. They are trying to make high school diplomas something more than a proof-ofattendance certificate. Their execution of that noble cause has been a fiasco to date; a rift is growing in teaching philosophies. Should teachers "teach to the test," forsaking all extraneous material? Or should they continue teaching lessons developed over the course of many years that, most teachers believe, broaden studentsí minds and encourage them to delve deeper into subjects of interest, but which could also produce dismal results on the MCAS and could hurt students' chances of graduating?

Many districts that have opted for the first strategy have begun an all-out war to vanquish

courses, afternoon study sessions, and up to an hour per day in class are all meant to give students the edge they need to

pass. The question asks itself: at what cost? Fourth-grade students abandon their athletic teams, music lessons, and all manner of other extracurricular activities in order to attend

MCAS prep-courses. Remember being a little kid? Wipe all that out and replace it with hours upon hours of studying for a single exam. This country's system of modern education requires, at a very basic level, that there be

some transfer of trust. Parents must trust teachers to instruct their students responsibly. Teachers must trust administrators and parents not to interfere too much with the instruction process. Administrators must trust

teachers to turn out students who will con-

Standardized tests up to an hour per day in class breach that trust in a fun- are all meant to give students damental way. Administrators, in effect, are the edge they need to pass. informing teachers, "We don't trust that you will the question asks itself: at don't trust that you will do your job well. Your what cost?" students, whom you have

been teaching for twelve years, will not be deemed educated or capable until we, who haven't been a part of any of those twelve years, deem them so. We know more about education than you do." Sadly, it is the students themselves, cramming and stressing about tests that don't even matter yet, who are the victims.

If the final goal of the Department of Education is to institute a system of checks and balances against middle- and high-school teachers who currently answer to no one, a few other strategies should be considered. The introduction of subject-specific teacher review tests, given periodically to teachers in subjects that they are currently teaching or plan to teach, would help identify those teachers who are not in fact qualified to instruct in a particular subject. Those teachers failing a review test could be given a period of several months to pass the test before having their certifications revoked. Deadlines motivate.

The most critical requirement of any kind

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reviews, is that it must be run by the teachers themselves. Administrators should be responsible for managing the finances of the school systems and for determining general curriculum guidelines. They should stay out of the business of judging results themselves. The administrators have not been in the classroom for nine months, and have not witnessed the knowledge and skills that do not fit into tidy little bubbles. The teachers have. Focus energy on reviewing the teachers, not the students, and results will follow.

of review program, be it

MCAS-style testing or

random classroom

Funding, of course, is the biggest obstacle to any kind of reform, and it is an obstacle that can not be conquered through sheer cleverness.

The columns must add "Evening prep-courses, up at the end of the year. While increased funding up at the end of the year. tributed productively to afternoon study sessions, and by the state to school districts would be the ideal solution, the fact that the DOE hasn't already taken that measure indicates that the state is either unable or unwilling to provide it.

Since competition between groups encourages teamwork and enthusiasm, a reward sys-

tem for schools and districts that demonstrates that their students are learning "outside the bubble" would foster excellence without requiring substantial investment. DOE-organized contests in science, writing, technology, all the subjects currently being tested in the MCAS exams would award prizes, such as new textbooks or computer equipment, to schools and districts that submitted projects demonstrating some kind of above-and-beyond-theexpected learning. Classes could work together on larger and more ambitious undertakings, with teachers providing nothing more than a steady hand on the rudder and knowledge of the stars. Productive competition would replace the student vs. student, unproductive competition of standardized tests.

However misguided, the intentions of the DOE in creating the MCAS were fundamentally sound. The DOE is responsible, as charged by the people, for making sure that graduating high-school seniors have a common, basic level of knowledge that all contributing members of society should in theory share, and it takes that responsibility seriously. In the end, there must be a measure of how much a student /knows,' whatever that means. The easiest, and cheapest, way to take that measurement is by issuing a standardized test.

The crucial point, however, is that this test need not be tied to graduation requirements, but rather can be used solely as a yardstick to measure year-to-year progress. Let the students graduate. Let them enjoy high school. Encourage new methods of teaching and learning. But let things be. Take what comes. It is in the best interest of a society to arm its citizens with the highest level of knowledge possible. The average high school student today knows far more that the average student of 50 or 100 years ago. Improvement will come. We need not push, merely nudge.

Chose one: studying after school every day for a series of standardized tests in the spring; or working with your classmates on an original play or a science project bigger and better than the one from the town next door? Seems like a no-brainer --- makes history class sound like a pretty good deal.

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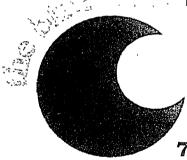
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After Special Council Meeting, 1-Yr. Trial Set for CARL

Continued From Page 1, Column 2 ating a "new committee that isn't really charged with doing anything.'

Some of Mr. Green's peers echoed his concern. While all agreed that communication is important, many faculty members feel that they already have too many meetings to attend, and they worry about adding more time commitments to their schedules.

In CARL's favor, Dr. Fan pointed out that there is no formal, broad-based group in which students and faculty meet regularly. Cluster councils include students and faculty, but the issues discussed there are limited.

Dr. Fan added, "If the students feel that they need more representation, we need to try it."

Spanish Instructor Albert Cauz, faculty advisor to the student council, also supported CARL, saying: "It will make communication more efficient. Any time faculty and students can get together to talk about issues, it's fruitful." Mr. Green expressed Koh's hope when he said, "It will give the student council more of a voice.'

Looking ahead to the committee's connection to the council, Koh added, "In the future, students' opinions and concerns will be heard on a much larger scale, increasing the potency of the student council."

Maliekel'sees CARL as a stepping stone toward effective, open communication between students and faculty. The student council hopes that CARL will improve student life by making it easier for the students to talk to the faculty about any problems or concerns that they may have.

In the Tuesday presentation of CARL, Koh proposed a one-year trial of the committee, to be led next year by Maliekel. Although the faculty did not explicitly vote on the trial period, the general idea was that they would test CARL to determine if it works. Maliekel was optimistic when he promised, "I will make sure that it's

CARL has been a work-inprogress over this past year, as well as a debated topic in the recent race for school president.

It is not an entirely new idea, however. A Committee on Residential Life (CRL) was implemented in the 1970s, taking the place of an ineffective student government. To many critics and even to many advocates of the committee, CRL, lasting into the 1980s, seemed useless. This failure was one of the precedents pointed to by some faculty members who were hesitant to resurrect the committee.

The student council has spent a good deal of time working with the faculty on this project, especially with members of AdCom. On April 9, Ms. Fan. Mr. Green, and Mrs. Sykes all sat in on a student council meeting where CARL was discussed, and offered their suggestions about the formation of the

Based on the advice of AdCom, a cluster dean was added to the committee proposal. Koh said that student council has worked "long and hard" with the faculty to mold CARL into a useful, workable facilitator of commu-

There are many issues that CARL will be able to address in the upcoming year, such as the new schedule, parietal policies, student parking, and plans for a student center. It is the student council's hope, as well as the faculty's, that this committee will improve life for all by improving intra-campus communication.

used to its fullest potential."

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Paul Revere Hall celebrates the 225th anniversary of their hero name-sake's midnight ride with a display of campus-renowned undergarments.

PA CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WATCH

CARL - Everyone's favorite acronym is finally a reality as of Tuesday, Will Mr. Kafka soon be laughing in his grave? Cadbury Matzah? - For those of us walking our own Via Dolorosa, we can only remember to extend a hand or a heart.

Rebuilding? - If an itinerant admissions office can notch a nifty 70% yield, how will they do restored to Hardihood?

Clustah Realpolitik - A rising upper class is taking upcoming cluster elections with the seriousness they deserve: bravo!

A Nadir – Green with envy at Gore's environmental record, redoubtable Ralph has even infiltrated all-school meetings.

American History X - "X" marking the spot uppers have slated for their own doom, as those papers start to rustle.

Abroad Program Coordinators Visit Campus For Exposure to PA Life, Discussions of Change

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Dr. Curtis and the coordinators are particularly concerned with "moderately expanding" the program from the current enrollment of eight students per year to six per term. Increasing the number of students selected would give more students, who are usually chosen on the basis of seniority and linguistic proficiency, the opportunity to participate in enriching programs at high schools overseas.

Another intent of the Division of World Languages is to stagger the terms students spend abroad, instead of only allowing uppers and seniors to spend a winter trimester for French, Spanish, and German or a spring trimester for Italian in Europe.

Modeled after the program at be an empty bedroom on campus. over-enroll, increasing in turn the academy's income.

Because Ms. Sykes looks at all the

From 1997 to 1998, there was a



Spanish Instructor Francesca Piana, left, speaks with one of the study abroad program directors on campus last week.

Phillips Academy Exeter, a program rotating students enrolled in off-campus programs each term would ensure that, theoretically, there would never Maintaining a constant number of students at Andover, said Dr. Curtis, would allow admissions to acceptably

off-campus programs (Washington Internship, the Mountain School, among others), her decisions may be likely to buttress the plan to keep the total number of students attending offcampus programs constant each term.

15% increase in the enrollment in

overseas studies programs at the college level. Fearing that the "reputation of [study abroad] programs has suffered from massive, uncontrolled growth," Dr. Curtis is also working to secure improved supervision and academic quality of the program Although the main goal of any of PA's off-campus foreign studies programs is linguistic mastery, the program is also intended to provide the cultural exposure needed for business and for learning to deal with people of different cultural mentalities.

Currently the exchange program limits eight students to study abroad and mandates a \$500-\$700 supplement plus airfare to the academy's tuition rate. The same percentage of financial aid provided for students' yearly tuition is given to students who attend programs in Europe.

Families which house students have the opportunity to send a child first to a summer session at the PA campus and then to the house of the hosted student in August for several

While students taking year-long or two-term courses needed to fulfill their academic requirements may not attend the program, other enrolled students continue to receive grades at European high schools. Supervisors talk with students' individual teachers and send grades back to Andover, where a local coordinator translates the European nation's grading system to PA's 0-6

Ultimately, the decision to imple-

ment any changes to the present studies-abroad program for the 2001-2002 school year will be in the province of Assistant Head of School Rebecca Sykes, in consultation with Head of School Barbara Landis Chase and the Board of Trustees.

The proposed changes will also be brought to the attention of the Academic Council, which will consider the academic integrity of the program reforms, and to the pragamtic consideration of Director of Business Services Susan Stott, who will study risk man-

Dr. Curtis hoped that their on cams presence will promote her proposed changes and increase consciousness of the need for a global perspective that PA's term-contained European exchange programs provide. Says Dr. Curtis, "The opportunity to live abroad has become more pertinent than ever before."

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COURT VERDICT KEEPS **ELIAN IN STATES**

The federal appeals court in Atlanta, Georgia, upheld the restraining order on Wednesday the 19th to keep Elian Gonzalez, Cuban ship-wreck survivor, in the country until his US family's asylum appeal hearing. This decision, however, left in question whether Elian will eventually be united with his Cuban father. The court refused to issue an order, requested by the Justice Department, which would have forced the boy's American relatives to relinquish the boy to his father back in Cuba.

The court cautioned against reading a final verdict into the order: "No one should feel confident in predicting the eventual result in this case. The true legal merits of this case will be decided in the future."

In the little Havana neighborhood of Miami, the crowd supporting Elian's Miami relatives broke out into cheers when the verdict was announced. No immediate response was given by the federal government.

FILIPINO PASSENGER PLANE CRASHES

On Wednesday morning, an Air Philippines jetliner, destined for the Southern Philippines city of Davao, crashed, killing everyone aboard. The cockpit voice recorder has been recovered and the search for bodies continues.

The plane, en route from Manila, tried unsuccessfully to land at the Davao airport. Instructed to wait, as another plane was already on the runway, Flight 541 circled twice before um that engulfed the meetings of the World

crashing around 7:45 a.m.

The Filipino Defense Secretary Orlando Merado, who is also in charge of the national disaster agency, could only offer a partial answer to the question on everyone's mind, "It's going to be too early for us to be able to speculate on what happened, on the cause."

PROTESTERS MARCH AGAINST IMF

Last weekend, thousands of protesters attempted to shut down meetings of world financial leaders in Washington D.C. Although a few clashes took place, days some feared would descend into chaos passed peacefully on the whole. Finance ministers and other delegates from around the world were loaded onto buses and escorted by police to their scheduled

In a communiqué issued by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the delegates acknowledged that their role has become a matter of public debate. They also acknowledged the widespread wariness that "the benefits of the world economy... are not reaching everyone, especially in the developing countries." They offered no new prescriptions, other than reform of the IMF's internal operations that are already underway. These reforms include more disclosure about the financial state of member countries, more involvement of the private sector in international bailouts, and a crackdown on misreporting of financial

During the entire weekend, the police acted

Trade Organization in Seattle last year. Approximately 620 people were arrested dur-

ing the protests. Occasionally also arresting peaceful pro-testers, police employed clubs and pepper spray when they deemed it necessary. By generally exercising restraint when challenged, however, they defused many potential con-

OKLAHOMA BOMBING MEMORIAL DEDICATED

Hundreds gathered for the poignant service to dedicate the Oklahoma National Memorial on Wednesday. The memorial stands in memory of the 168 people who died in the truck bombing which demolished the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building five years ago Wednes-

The memorial, built on the grounds where the Murrah building once stood, was erected at a cost of \$29.1 million. The monument's 168 stone-and-glass chairs stand in remembrance

of those killed in the tragic bombing.
Following the prayers and dedications, those attending stood to listen to the hymn "Holy Ground." They observed 168 seconds of silence, one for each victim. The victims families were escorted by an honor guard to the chairs that honor their loved ones. The site of the deadliest terrorist attack to occur on US soil is now a place of tranquillity, and a place of ever-lingering sadness.

-Emily O'Brien

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may hurt even those properly pre-

scribed it. "No one knows the long-

term effects of Ritalin on the brain,'

often equally enigmatic. "It's a prob-

lem wherever you go," said Mankoff.

"With modern media, people don't

need long attention spans anymore, so

over-diagnosis can easily occur."

cautioned Dr. Keller.

To make matters worse, Ritalin

The issue of over-diagnosis, too, is

common among those diagnosed.

Peabody Coordinator Lectures On 18th Century Inuit Lifestyle

By PRIYA SRIDHAR

On Tuesday, April 18, Leah Rosenmeier gave a lecture entitled "Understanding 18th Century Inuit-European Interaction in Labrador". The Repatriation and Outreach Coordinator for the Robert S. Peabody Museum, Ms. Rosenmeier has been associated with Phillips Academy since 1993. After studying Native American History at Tufts and the University of Washington, Rosenmeier has begun to pursue the study of anthropology at Brown University. She is specifically interested in the Inuit of Labrador.

Last summer, she worked in Labrador on an excavation of three Inuit Houses in Adlavik Harbor. She will be going back again this summer to continue her research. Ms. Rosenmeier devoted months of her time in research to determining the cause of the shift in the domestic and social organization of the Inuit society from mainly single family homes to multifamily architectural structures.

Most archaeologists have presented two explanations for this change; although many archaeologists believe that the Inuits altered their residential structures in response to their move southward in pursuit of a migration of whales. There are those who believe that this was in response to the climate change that the Inuit experienced when they began to move south. Ms. Rosenmeier, however, fails to see how the changes in climate alone could effect the change in social organization.

An alternative argument used by some archaelogists to explain the change in domestic organization involves the economic interaction between the Europeans and the Inuit. Between 1500-1800, when the European presence was felt in Labrador, baleen, oil, feathers, and skins were moved south by native traders to the Europeans.

Nevertheless, as a result of this lifestyle, many of the major Inuit traders could have been forced to live together. Many argue that this explanation is insufficient, as the Inuit could have easily traded with other Native American groups instead of trading directly with the Europeans. This arrangement would have allowed the Inuit to travel frequently and would have prevented them from moving around so they would be able to maintain their single family homes. The Inuit could have also scavenged the European sites once they had left for the season.



Leah Rosenmeier speaks at the Peabody Museum last Tuesday on Inuit culture in Labrador.

Because of her doubts, Ms. Rosenmeier believes that it is unlikely that the Inuit were producing animals for Europeans. She argues that, although they might have been engaged in business with the Europeans, their actions were not determined by them.

In her excavations last summer, Ms. Rosenmeier found many animal bones, and remains of tea cups and tobacco pipes in the houses. Identifying and sorting the bones helped Ms. Rosenmeier and her team to learn more about the trading that could have taken place between the Inuit and the Euro-

Malinda Blustain, a fellow staff member at the Peabody Museum, introduced Ms. Rosenmeier at Tuesday's lecture. She referred to Rosenmeier as "one of the most talented staff members... pursuing an ambitious course of studies at Brown while still maintaining her relationship with the museum."

Although Ms. Blustain had not heard a lecture on this topic before, she found it very interesting and thought that the slide portion of the lecture was particularly well done. One of Ms. Rosenmeier's main goals is to ensure that the Labrador youth take interest in

With the help of her excavation teammates, Ms. Rosenmeier plans to inspire local youth to study archeaology and return to learn more about their

Applying, Few Acknowledge Attention Disorder, Yet Often Request Special Accommodations Later

DANGER OF RITALIN

Over-Diagnosis Follows Panagopoulos Suit Re-evaluation

Continued From Page 1, Column 6 grants students with learning disabilities 150% of the standard duration to complete tests and examinations.

According to Ms. Schoenherr, another accommodation prevalent at PA is training to develop "study skills, time management and basic competency." Although training in study skills is available to any student by request, Ms. Schoenherr also noted that "it's usually something we make sure to do for kids with ADD, and we tailor the training to meet the needs of the indi-

Untreated, ADD can inhibit prolonged concentration, which results in difficulty completing especially lengthy examinations. Remedies for this condition, however, such as Ritalin, have effects on the mind for only a limited duration, leaving some students looking to reschedule tests during these peak times

"For ADD students who are on Rıtalin, which makes you alert at certain times," explained Ms. Schoenherr, "it might be more reasonable to have a student take an examination when the medication is working at its best." This accommodation in particular, though, came under fire from students of the

"They've already taken Ritalin," said Kyle Preman '00, who has been diagnosed with ADD. "That's enough of an advantage." More generally, some students called into question the very idea of accommodations "I don't really need the extra help," said David Mankoff '00. "I believe that everyone can put in the extra effort and do with-

Mr. Panagopoulos' cousin, Ariel Axelrod-Hahn '02, however, affected by ADD herself, took a slightly more moderate viewpoint, arguing that "accommodations may, in a few cases, be all right." She continued, "Sometimes people have an especially serious case of ADD and they just need the

In contrast, many students considered the issue trivial, pegging as exaggerated the public regard of additional test time as a striking advantage.

"Obviously extra time would help," admitted Preman, "but if you know the material, you know the material." Wayne Camera of the College Board concurred, alluding to research establishing that gains on the SAT could in some cases be as small as 25 points with extra time.

Nevertheless, outsiders still consider any extra time on the SAT an attractive prospect. "If you give me a smart kid and ten extra minutes a section, that's 100 extra points," said Paul Kanarek of The Princeton Review.

Consequently, the number of students receiving supplementary time on the SAT as a result of a claimed learning disability has skyrocketed in recent years. Across the nation, 47,000 received special accommodations for the SAT last year, representing a nearly fourfold increase over the past five

Particularly alarming is a regional trend putting a New England prep school student in a position that is five times more likely to receive special accommodations for the SAT than that of the average American student. In one Connecticut town, as many as 30% of school children have been diagnosed with learning disabilities, calling into doubt the validity of the diag-

On the surface, however, PA appears to be free of the widespread East coast criticism.

"Although the exact number fluctuates, generally fewer than 20 students request special accommodations," reported Ms. Brother. This number, representing just shy of 2% of the student body, puts the academy on par with the national average of 1.8%.

Looking at recent trends, however, Ms. Brother noticed that among PA's requests for accommodations, Caucasian males were most prevalent. "The reason is that the evaluation is expensive," she said, "and that is the segment of the population that most often affords the cost."

According to Ms. Schoenherr, the lawsuit brought against the school by Panagopolous last spring led the Academic Counseling Department to seek

"more clear-cut policies regarding ADD" and documentation required for the school to recognize a diagnosis.

'We've made our language more specific," said Mrs. Brother. "We want students to know exactly what documentation they need to qualify for the accommodations.'

Besides extra time on tests, a certified ADD diagnosis also allows doctors to prescribe certain amphetamines, notably Addarel, Dexedrine, and the popular Ritalin, for medical use. Ideally, any of these drugs increases alertness, allowing students diagnosed with ADD to concentrate for longer periods

"Behavioral counseling is useful," said Mrs. Schoenherr, "but medication is far more helpful for ADD."

In Dr. Keller's opinion, however, "there is increasing pressure in society to look to Ritalin as a quick answer for problems in academic performance." Moreover, abuse of such medication, he felt, might introduce yet another complication: addiction.

The abuse of these drugs by students who are not prescribed them," he held, "is a matter of concern on our campus and others across the country." Considered a Class 2 drug by the Drug Enforcement Agency, Ritalin, on the national scale, is on the same level as infamous narcotics, including cocaine and methadone.

"It's a potentially dangerous drug when not taken as prescribed," said Dr. Keller, "and even more dangerous when mixed with alcohol or other illicit drugs." He felt that more people obtained false ADD diagnoses to gain access to Ritalin than to obtain special accommodations.

"Although there are certainly some people with bona fide ADD who truly benefit dramatically from Ritalin," he said, "I am worried that many people are looking to this drug as a quick fix for rather common problems.'

Ironically, Ritalin and other medications may have, in fact, worsened the psychological aspect of the problem. "I see kids frustrated in getting their work done and staying focused on their tasks," said Pyschology Chair Dr. Max Alovisetti of his experience in counseling students with ADD, "and then when the medication comes, things are still not perfect." Such disappointment, he added, can only add to

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PA SENIOR CLASS FARES DECENTLY IN ADMISSIONS

GENERAL SATISFACTION

Worldwide Applicant Pool Grows Even Tougher

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had this luxury, so that more turned to state schools as a less expensive option," said Mr. Bewig, accounting for the increase in applicants to private colleges and universities.

"In addition to this, a significantly larger number of kids, on the whole, are graduating from the 32,000 high schools in the United States," he continued. "It's only natural that the number of kids applying for admission to college has increased as well. In combination with the prosperous state of our economy, the applicant pool at many colleges has become extremely

Also contributing to the recently enlarged applicant pools boasted by many institutions is the fairly high number of applications submitted by individual students nationwide. As in years past, the average Andover senior submitted approximately 7.2 applications. However, after discounting the 55 students that were accepted after having submitted only one early application, the number lies closer to eight.

The collegiate application process is becoming more competitive for American high school students as the nation's premier undergraduate institutions seek to enroll more international students. In an attempt to diversify their student bodies, admissions officers are forced to allot fewer spaces to American applicants.

"We've observed a general globalization of the college admissions process. Schools have begun to recruit students internationally," Mr. Bewig

Thus, he explained, "When all of the factors - the rising number of high school graduates, the state of the economy, the demand for international students - come together, difficulties for Andover students result." He added, "I'd expect that this situation is going to persist for at least the next ten years."

Despite a seemingly diminished range of prospects, the College Counseling Office hopes that future Andover graduates will not be discour-

According to Mr. Bewig, "each year is its own individual situation, with a different group of students that have different credentials. We would hope that in the end students would pick the colleges that they apply to only after learning more about a school than just its name and reputation. In the best possible situation, the students will find a school with programs and activities that they are compatible

Early Admissions Returns Indicate Eco-Action Group Hosts Activist Record Yield, Larger Applicant Pool

ANOTHER STELLAR YEAR

Increased International Student Presence Notable

Continued From Page 1, Column 6 right now feel about Andover right now and the future of Andover."

The good news came amidst fears that the suicide of former senior Zachary Tripp at the close of last winter might skew admissions numbers, dissuading parents and applicant students. "Parents did ask about it," acknowledged Ms. Murphy, "and they were concerned about its effect on the school."

Nevertheless, in light of recordbreaking yield figures, Ms. Murphy reasoned that prospective students, instead of allowing the crisis to pull them away from Andover, were cially notable because the last few impressed by the school and Ms. Chase's leadership."

"Parents don't think Andover is infallible to tragedies," she said. "In general, people felt good about the way the school handled things." A letter mailed to accepted students and their families explained the nature of the tragedy and the school's subsequent actions.

One point of concern, the Spring Visit program, turned out to be an outstanding success by admissions office estimates. Although, according to Ms. Fried, "typically, about 72% of the students who participate in the program end up matriculating," this year's Spring Visit program harvested 78% of its participants, a marked increase.

In particular, among those selected for Flyback, a program providing airfare to and from Andover for the Spring Visit program, in the words of Ms. Fried, "for black and Hispanic students who are significant financial aid candidates," 20 of 22 prospects matriculated. Of the eight Phelps scholarship candidates, moreover, all of them ultimately chose to enroll at PA.

"At first, we weren't sure how the Spring Visit program would go because we didn't know what the atmosphere on campus would be," remembered Ms. Fried. Nevertheless, she said, "it turned out to be a wonderful experience for parents to talk about the school and the community. Obviously the things that were said were very positive, because many who came decided that Andover was the best school for them.'

Also contributing to the yield rate was expanded outreach efforts for international student candidates: Whereas last year, we matriculated 33 international students," Ms. Fried explained, "this year we have matriculated 50 international students."

This accomplishment was espeyears, according to Ms. Murphy, have brought "a drop in international student yield." In response, the admissions office organized an "email-a-thon," a joint effort conducted with the studentrun International Club.

"International students in the past couple of years has actually been going down," said Ms. Fried, "so we did a special 'e-mail-a-thon' so that our international students e-mailed the new international students."

Ms. Murphy agreed, pointed to a number of other efforts as successful in reversing the downward trend. "I think we made a more concerted effort," she said. "Ms. Fried's trip to Europe and Asia, as well as Mrs. Chase's own trip to Asia, obviously helped."

Perhaps most responsible for the impressive yield, though, are the admissions office's new, personalized

acceptance letters.

"We actually personalized the admission letters," said Ms. Murphy. "We wrote to each student a couple of things that we were particularly impressed by in his application." The result, Ms. Murphy believed, was "a great addition to an already great admission letter. It showed we really knew each student."

In the near future, though, this year's excellent yield may prove a stumbling block to the administration's plans for downsizing the student body. Although Ms. Fried is currently in consultation with outgoing Dean of Students and Residential Life Stephen Carter concerning "not having the same room available that we thought we'd have," Ms. Murphy remarked that there should not be any dramatic increase in the size of the student body.

"It may end up being that we don't downsize as much as we had hoped," she said. "Depending on how this overenrollment pans out, we may only drop slightly. We may still be the same size next year as this year." Ultimately, the result will depend on attrition - the percentage of spots opened after accepted students withdraw and current students leave campus - a figure, as Ms. Fried

noted, "on the average around 3%." In the meantime, however, the administration will seek to fill staff positions made necessary by the increased load of students. "We have lots of extra revenue," explained Ms. Fried, "and we want to make sure this goes into athletic and academic departments to make sure we are staffed at the appropriate level."

'We're looking very carefully to be sure that this is a great experience for all the kids," she maintained. "We're very proud of the new students who will be coming, and we hope they will find it as warm and caring as we

Speaker Keegan Cox, Special Events

By TED SACK

In conjunction with Earth Day this week, Phillips Academy's Eco-Action Group initiated this week's Earth Day celebrations with a speech by environmental activist and student Keegan Cox at Wednesday morning's allschool meeting.

Eco-Action co-heads Cari Shiffman '01 and Pepper Yelton '00 also outlined this weekend's activities, which include tonight's food festival in Underwood, the proceeds of which will go to the Rainforest Action Network and the annual Earthfest Picnic on Pine Knoll, set for Sunday.

Before introducing Mr. Cox, Shiffman emphasized the importance of this celebration, saying, "It has never been more imperative to take action to stop the devastating environmental degradation of our planet."

Mr. Cox took the stage energetically and proceeded to discuss how he became interested in the field of environmental studies: "It wasn't till my junior year that I got involved with environmental and social justice issues, and I have SEAC, the Student Environmental Action Coalition, to thank for that."

Mr. Cox, who has spent the past five years as field organizer for SEAC, listed some of the organization's victories. "We have started and/or enhanced recycling programs in high schools and universities nationwide," he said, "we also held the largest ever student environmental conference with over 8,000 students, called Catalyst."

In one of SEAC's more recent and publicized campaigns last November, Mr. Cox said, "We were successful in mobilizing thousands of students across the country to attend nonviolent civil disobedience, à la Martin Luther King and Ghandi, to shut down the World Trade Organization's ministerial meetings in Seattle, Washington,"

WTO "is an extremely powerful and evil organization."

He explained that the WTO could make its own legal decisions, often allowing the organization to override national policies, such as the United States' Clean Air and Endangered Species Acts, if they were seen as an impediment to world trade.

The WTO protests fall under a more broadly-gauged goal of the SEAC, "No Globalization Without Representation." This battle cry is an integral part of the "International Monetary Fund and World Bank Accountability Campaign." According to Mr. Cox, "The IMF, World Bank, and WTO are leading the step towards globalization in an undemocratic, unaccountable manner."

He claimed that these organizations do not accurately represent the will of the majority of the world's peoples, but instead are designed to benefit the world's economic powers and so-called G7 countries: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United

Other issues against which SEAC is struggling include the worldwide abolishment of slave labor and sweatshops, socially responsible investing among high schools and universities. and the Northern Forest Campaign, which works to protect the largest remaining continuous forest east of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Cox also warned against trusting what he called the "corporate-controlled media." "Keep in mind that NBC is owned by General Electric. General Electric is a convicted felon as well as one of the largest weapons manufacturers," he went on "and a manufacturer of nuclear warheads and nuclear power plants.

"You're not going to see a hardhitting exposé on the dangers of

said Mr. Cox. He warned that the nuclear power on their programs," Mr. Cox added, "because they control the airwaves.'

He continued to give some options for what we, as students, can do to participate in some of the many causes advocated by SEAC and other environmental organizations. "Take part in the 30th anniversary of Earth Day and get involved with Eco-Action," Mr. Cox advised. "You can also live simply. Reduce material consumption, and you'll be just as happy, and the environment will be much more happy." Mr. Cox's ended his lecture with a last piece of advice: "Vote Green! Check out Ralph Nader, the alternative to the 'Demublicans and Republicants.' Nader is the true-environmental candi-

In closing, Mr. Cox emphasized a few impressive statistics, "According to prominent conservation biologists,' he stated, "we are losing over 1,000" species a day to extinction." Mr. Cox also reported that, "according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, 25% percent of all mammals, as well as 34,000 species of plants, are threatened by extinction." Mr. Cox pointed to a loss of cultural diversity and an increase in global warming as indicators of the planet's environmental decline.

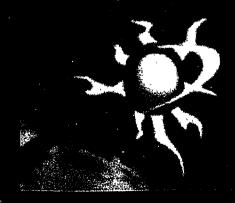
"If you want a safe and healthy environment to live in in the 21st century, work for peace and justice," Mr. Cox concluded, "Take action - the time to act is now, and have fun while you're doing it."



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Military and Melodrama With Jackson and Jones

Rules of Engagement is an explosive film, fueled by "stellar performances from Samuel L. Jackson and

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William Friedkin, combines scenes of military action with courtroom drama, two venues wellsuited for Jackson and Jones' intensity. As longtime friends in combat and in the courtfroom, the two good soldiers lead a crusade for ijustice in which no one is the winner.

The movie begins in Vietnam in 1968, as (Col. Terry Childers (Jackson) and Col. Hays Hodges (Jones) lead a dangerous mission in the rjungle. Upon a surprise attack by the North Vietnamese, Hodges is injured, but is returned home safely due to the heroism of Childers. Twenty-eight years later, Childers arrives in North Carolina to surprise Hodges on his retirement. The two renew their bond that was first formed in the Vietnamese jungle.

Back in active duty, Childers is asked to lead a rescue mission from the US Embassy in Yemen. The American diplomats are under attack by protesting Yemenese who have congregated outside the embassy. Finding the Yemenese much more hostile than expected, Childers evacuates the building under heavy fire from the people below. Deciding he must take drastic measures before more of his men are killed, Childers ignores the rules of engagement and gives the order to fire upon the crowd.

The results of this decision are drastic, as eighty-seven people are killed, while hundreds more are injured. Childers is charged with the burden of the massacre, as the military, and the world media, believe the Yemenese to have been just peacefully demonstrating. With just his word to back up the story, Childers calls his fold friend Hodges out of retirement to be his 'defense lawyer.

Hodges, battling his own demons of alcoholism and trying to live up to his soldier father, must rely upon his limited skills and escattered evidence to vindicate the friend whom he desperately wants to believe. The odds are greatly increased with the sly stratagems of the prosecuting attorney (Guy Pearce). a covering-up of key evidence by the National Security Advisor (Bruce Greenwood), and damaging testimony by the Ambassador to Yemen (Ben Kingsley). All are of the mind that it is better to blame one man for this threatening act on the Middle East than take the blame as a nation. It takes all of Hodges mettle to put justice where it is due.

Rules of Engagement is bolstered by a fine cast who give performances ranging from the

Andrew Marchesseault

adequate to the superb. Jones, in perhaps his best dramatic performance since The Fugitive, is the

Tommy Lee Jones. The movie, directed by true standout, with Jackson as solid as ever. Aussie Guy Pearce, laying on cockiness and a New York accent in equal measure, is a solid attribute in his first major movie since LA Confidential. Bruce Greenwood and Ben Kingsley are adeptly smarmy; however, Anne Archer, so good in Patriot Games, only comes across as shrill and annoying as Kingsley's

> The most impressive part of the movie is the action scenes in the Middle East. Realistic and immediate, these scenes are as good as any in Saving Private Ryan. Though well-written and tense, the courtroom scenes can't quite measure up to such thrillers as A Few Good Men, and don't make as much of an impact as the scenes in Yemen. Though the film provides intriguing political maneuvers, lessons in loyalty and justice, and heart-racing action, Rules of Engagement occasionally falls victim to predictability and melodrama.

> All around, Rules of Engagement is a high quality action and courtroom drama infusion, with great war scenes and solid acting. This film is both relevant to the times and willing to go into new territory. It is worth watching, if only to see Jackson and Jones deliver a bullet or a piercing line with equal force.

CHECKMATE En Passant Leaves Audience Paralyzed

On Thursday evening, April 13, an excited audience chatted quietly while listening to soothing jazz music. Chris McDonald '02, the only character onstage, determined the mood for the ensuing production of En Passant.

In spite of distractions and a bustling audience, McDonald focused angrily on a chessboard in center stage for 15 minutes. This prelude foreshadowed his convincing and nearly flawless acting for the continuation of the play.

En Passant, written by Douglas MacKaye Harrington, is a short but powerful story of a depressed and delusional father. This man lives alone - his life revolves around a chess game with a partner who is merely a figment of his imagination. The story focuses on the man's emotional connections with his son, his wife, and his chess partner.

Pete Currie '03 played the son, an impatient man, exasperated by his father's uneasiness. Currie's portrayal was convincing overall, but his frustration with his father occasionally seemed over-done.

The opening scene, featuring a fight about the father's disconnected telephone and nonexistent chess partner, was not completely believ-

Rachel Higbie

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able either. Fortunately, the bantering between the two characters improved throughout the

The highlight was an emotional argument during which the son threatened his father by refusing to support him any longer. Currie gave his most powerful scene when he presented a dramatic childhood anecdote about his

During this, his final monologue, he finally brought this part to life, marking a memorable exit of his character from the play. The contrast of honest emotion that Pete was able to convey in this scene, along with superb lighting that intensified the passion of his words, shocked the audience in a way that was only surpassed by the last scene.

Aside from an excellent job at bringing reality to an unrealistic role, Jim Cunningham '01 brought humor to the serious plot of the play with his performance as the father's chess partner. His rather tense disposition and lack of emotion left his character seeming empty at

times, especially in contrast with the father's complex mood swings. This lack of emotion was especially apparent as the two discussed the ongoing dilemma of whose move it was in the chess game.

Cunningham's talent finally shone through towards the end of the play as he sauntered around the room sipping a glass of beer and arguing with the father in an effectively calm yet bitterly angry tone.

In her short appearance onstage, Cailleach De Weingart-Ryan '01 caught the audience's attention with her honest enthusiasm. She excellently portrayed her character's love for her husband. Speaking only to the audience, Weingart-Ryan sat with him, smiling as she reminisced about the first time he professed his love to her. Exhibiting talent that deserved a larger part in this production, she truly brought her character to life with this brief appearance.

From his first moment on stage to his last heartbreaking scene, Chris McDonald drew the audience into the mind of his confused character through an amazing performance. His talent glowed through his realistic portrayal of raw emotions, ranging from sarcasm to bitter despair. The honest edge in his voice brought his role to life as he argued with fragments of his mind, and, without a stumble, even fought out loud with himself.

McDonald convincingly portrayed the mental breakdown of the father that led to the climax of the play. The Theater Department is constantly searching for new blood; clearly more great performances are expected from this young actor.

The final scene of the performance revealed the father's suicidal intentions during a discussion between the father and chess partner in which a gun was exchanged. In eerie silence, the father walked carefully backstage, and the lights dimmed as the chess table crashed to the floor. As the audience sat in stunned silence, a single light revealed the disconnected telephone that had begun to ring.

Following the discretion of the Theater Department, the director, Cecile Ferrando '00, altered the ending of En Passant from the original. In a discussion after the performance, Mr. Efinger explained that the final scene, as written, was more graphic than the portrayed one, as the suicide took place on stage leaving no room for speculation.

Therefore, Ferrando made some slight changes to present the play to a more sensitive audience appropriately. In retrospect, the subtle power of the final scene perfectly matched the tone of the rest of the play, and the crashing of the chess table adequately and poignantly expressed the horror and shock intended.

Ferrando should be highly commended for her work as director, as should Jeffrey Zampieron '00, producer and stage manager, and John Ross-Harrington '00, stage manager. Lauren Henderson '00 brought the characters to life, designing costumes that fit the play and the cast adeptly. Andrew Tucker '01, Caroline VanZile '02, Barbara Rotundo '00 and Julian LaPlace '01 enhanced the power of this story with their creativity in lighting and set design.

cess thanks to the dedicated cast and crew. In a production that deals with so many hard topics, they handled the material well; to create a good polished production.

This play was in whole an enormous suc-



T. Coburn for The Phillipian The cast and crew of *En Passant* after one of their successful performances.

Lasater, Myers, Vanzile:

New Producers Have Hard Act to Follow

On Friday, April 14, Elizabeth Lasater '01, Caroline VanZile '02, and Peter Myers '01 were crowned the three drama lab producers for the 2000–2001 school year. They will replace the existing producers, H.G. Masters '00, Ian Goldberg '00, and Jeff Zampieron '00.

Responsible for the daily running of the theatre department, Lasater, VanZile, and Myers, will also produce the three studentdirected drama labs next year, manage Grasshopper Night, and coordinate all theater classrooms.

Mark Efinger, chair of the PA Theater and Dance department, enthusiastically looks forward to working with the new producers. However, he notes that the trio will have a tough act to follow. "Ian, H.G. and Jeff were the most effective producing team that I have **Ashley White-Stern** ARTS STAFF WRITER

seen during my years at Andover," says Efinger of the three seniors. "They really covered all the bases... and H.G. is to be especially commended for his magnificent management of Grasshopper Night."

Indeed, Efinger remarked that this first major production of the school year has always been incredibly complex. "With so many kids, and so many different acts, it's a huge job. But H.G. put in outrageous hours, and as a result, it was one of the smoothest Grasshopper Nights PA has had," Efinger adds. "There was none of the backbiting or ugliness that has come to be associated with the show over the years."

Efinger added that the spirit of the producers continued throughout the year for each production of the Theater and Dance Department, about 40 performances. "I believe that Jeff, Ian and H.G. led the most active theater classrooms with the most consistency in quite a while," Efinger asserted. However, the new producers should live up to these high standards.

Lasater has acted in a number of PA productions, beginning with the Junior play The Real Inspector Hound. Faran Krencil '99 cast her in the 1998 fall term drama lab, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged. She has acted in numerous theater classrooms as well. Most notably, last summer Lasater appeared in Joseph Heller's We Bombed in New Haven, directed by Mark Efinger which toured in Scotland in the American High School Theater Festival, a subgroup of the larger Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This year, she performed in Woody Allen's God, a drama lab directed by Mark Turetsky. Lasater admits that she "has always wanted to be a producer," and hints that she and her coproducers "plan to do something different with the Steve's this year."

Myers has also been an active participant in the Theater Department since he matriculated

in 1998. His resume includes three weighty Theater 52 productions: Coriolanus, directed by Kevin Heelan; along with The Dining Room, and Death of a Salesman, both directed by Jean St. Pierre. He also appeared in The Complete Works with Lasater last fall. Currently, Myers is taking Theater 510, Advanced Acting and Directing Workshop with Mr. Heelan. Myers plans to explore directing, and hopes to direct a scene by the end of the term. He anticipates that producing will be hard work, but he looks forward to "helping" people out, supervising them, and at the same time, learning a lot."

Although Caroline VanZile is the youngest

of the three producers, she is in no way underqualified for the position, "Caroline can do anything! She did all my lights - she's amazing," gushed Cécile Ferrando, '00, director of En Passant. VanZile has taken Billy Murray light design course and is enriching her experience through both directing and set design courses. She has also stage-managed The Fantasticks, assistant stage-managed the Dance 400 show In Like a Lion, and appeared in God. several theater classrooms, and the Junior play, The Chalk Garden. Her projects for this term include directing the theater classroom Seattle Sun and designing and operating the lights for the spring drama lab, The Clouds. Next year, VanZile notes that her goals as producer will be "to continue to get more kids involved, and make the atmosphere more comfortable." "It's high school," she states quietly, "we should have fun." Keeping those words in mind, the new producers will begin to brainstorm about the Steve Awards this year.

Efinger looks forward to working with the new producers on the Theater Department awards ceremony at the end of May, a satire of Hollywood's Oscar. Unlike the Oscars, however, the Steve's are humorous and playful. Upcoming challenges for the new producers include two major shows for next fall: the orientation show and the fall term drama lab. However, Efinger said, "the biggest thing is that the producers will have to be the conduit for the kids getting involved in the department."

Indeed, as Efinger points out and others agree, "PA has one of the most active student theater departments in the country." For the summer of 2001, Andover has been invited to return to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland as a part of the American High School Theater Festival. A colossal honor for PA, the panel of members on college boards select only 20 schools out of 700 to represent the country. Although any given school can only be eligible every other year, PA has received this honor every possible time for the last eight years.

At a school with phenomenal resources and exceptional opportunities, it is clear why leaders are enormously important. "There is no way that the faculty would be able to handle all this work without a managing team," concludes Efinger. "Managing is the producers' job." Without a doubt, Lasater, Myers, and VanZile will do a fantastic job managing PA's vast Theater and Dance Department next year.

MARCUS' WEEKEND SCOOP

Marcus Taylor ARTS 'STAFF WRITER'

Yes, here is the weekend scoop. Some junior just told me that she doesn't read this article, and I was really hurt. So this Weekend Scoop I hope she actually reads it, and then tells all her friends to read this fine piece of Australian literature. For all the little girls in Hale, this one's for you. This weekend tons of fun things are going down. And yet again, I am going to have to come clean and tell everyone that I don't know what is going on.

There is a dance going on, so at least I know that. I don't know how it is going to measure up to last week's PKN luau; it's hard to beat the poi. However, I have made the executive decision to deviate from the normal sidesplitting comedy here to go on one serious tangent. To all the seniors out there — as many of us are finding through college visiting and other channels — it doesn't get much better than this. College, to me, appears to be a bunch of troglodytes getting drunk and puking. Yes, you cynics might say there is little difference between this and an Andover Dance, but you can all shut up.

So, anyway, remember fall term when it seemed everyone hanged out in Riley or went to the exciting dances? Honestly, wasn't it fun when everyone was on campus and hanging out together? So why all of a sudden is everyone leaving campus? Seniors, lets enjoy senior spring for this is the only senior spring and the last time we have here.

Anyway that's all I have to say. Because I don't know what is going on this weekend I going to make up some events. Taylor Hall is going to hold a George Forman grilling contest. If you out eat Sterlind Burke, Stefano de Stefano will buy you a years supply of steak tips.

Remember to look for up coming Barbeque club cooking events. Damn I'm feeling tired. I think it's time for me to go to bed. Wow, what's the time, eleven o'clock? That is so late these days, I don't know that my senior spring brain can deal. Peace out everyone.

What's Going Up..... And What Went Down

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Lexy Renwanz '01's dance troupe, Mercury Rising will perform in Kemper Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Rape and Incest National Network.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Virtual Reality PacMan

On Saturday night, students will be able to take on the ghosts in Virtual Reality PacMan. Once outfitted, they will be able to navigate the PacMan maze from an exciting first-person perspective.

Movies in Kemper

TO BE ANNOUNCED.....

not to be missed

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Rodriguez '00 to Perform

At 7 p.m., Gregory Rodriguez will perform his senior recital in the Timken Room at Graves. With a program ranging from classical pieces to a selection with Murphy's Law, the recital should be an exciting event, FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Senior Concertos

At 7:30, Caroline Yao will perform on the piano, Jia H. Jung on piano, Susan Wager on flute, Nicholas Orlowski on viola, Kernan Willis. from North Andover High School, on horn and Tenley Oldak on violin. Cochran chapel should be an exciting place for excellent music-making from a variety of genres on a variety of instruments.

Addison Spring **Exhibitions**

The opening for three spring exhibitions, Academy Hill: The Andover Campus, 1778 to the Present, The Architectural Unconscious: James Casebere and Glen Seator and Scenarios: Recent Work by Lorna Simpson will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Addison Gallery.

Kayden Lecture in Journalism

In Kemper Auditorium, at 8 p.m., Newsweek columnist Jonathan Alter will give a lecture on journalism before the presentation of the Phillipian Award



I. Cropp/ The Phillipian Liz Lasater '01, Caroline VanZile '02, and Peter Myers '01, Phillips Academy's

by Marcus Taylor · FEATURES DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH

For many students at PA, Andover Bookstore serves to fulfill one role in their lives: the place where they buy their books for classes. Located near the Lantern and across the road from Bertucci's, this little bookshop gives off a friendly and homey atmosphere. Elderly ladies with bifocals run the cash registers. The bookstore is housed in an early 19th century building. It has a fireplace with a bear that one can snuggle up to. Next to the cash registers is a shelf with books the staff has read and enjoyed. The Andover Bookstore also holds many readings with world-renowned authors. Upon the wall are the picture of Julia Alvera, and some other people I should know about. Andover Bookstore is as much a part Phillips Academy as Dickie or GW. If your parents or grandparents went here, chances are they bought their books at Andover Bookstore.

Is this sweet and quaint atmosphere a front? Let's be honest: those sweet middle-aged ladies with the bifocals take us to the cleaners and back when we buy our books down there.

Often I'm so appalled by the amount of money I have to spend that I choose not to buy many of my books. For example, this term I have as of yet failed to purchase a copy of Religions of the World, and judging from the reading assignments in Rel-Phil it appears to be a crucial component. Oh well, thank God for senior

spring.

It has to be an undisputed fact that Andover Bookstore marks up the price just a little bit However, where else are the majority of Andover students going to go to purchase their books? "Andover Bookstore clearly has a "inonopoly.

It appears that students aren't the only ones disenchanted with Andover Bookstore. Many students, like inyself, who are regular patrons of Andover Bookstore may have noticed -that mysteriously last year during winter term the old bear that sat by the fireplace vanished. The next week a new bear appeared on the couch.

Was the old bear about to go public and tell the entire community about the dark secrets of Andover Bookstore? Did that old teddy bear just know too much and perhaps was considered a threat to the Andover Bookstore's monopoly by Andover Bookstore's dark Board of Directors, and thus eliminated? The answers to these questions and the whereabouts of that old teddy bear may never be known. I doubt whether he is still alive.

Politics and evil monopoly aside, the Andover Bookstore is still a great place to visit to enjoy the ambience and snuggle up by the fireplace to browse for books. Just remember to watch your back, otherwise you might end up like the old teddy bear.



Terranean Adventures: Underground and Undercover

by Tucker Martin

Last year, when I first arrived at Andover, there were a lot of things for my young. 14 year-old mind to absorb. A few of these things will forever be imprinted in my memory. There was the huge campus that I would be calling home for the next four years, there were those really scary people who were always jumping around and screaming and giving me a tremendously painful headache, who referred to themselves only as "The Blue Keys," and finally, there was downtown Andover.

During a break in my rigorous orientation schedule, I walked downtown with a few of my friends to paint the town red. First off, we noticed that the exceedingly long walk down the hill could not possibly be worth whatever it was that this pedestrian, suburban town had to offer. We immediately made a pact never to return to the godawful place known as downtown Andover. However, we figured that as long as we were there, we may as well check the place out.

I saw Dunkin Donuts. It looked okay, but every town this side of Pocatello, Idaho, has one of those. I saw Bruegger's Bagels. This seemed like an alright establishment, but you can get better bagels at Dunkin' Donuts. But then I saw it. A shining ray of hope in the otherwise dismal town of Andover. Underground Music. I burst through the door, nearly soiling myself with excitement, and I was amazed...at the fact that this so-called "Underground Music" was, in fact, neither underground, nor had it very much music to offer. I was extremely disappointed. I left the store, a solitary teardrop trickling down my cheek onto the dark sidewalk.

A few days later, I realized that my room in Rockwell, which, with its blank walls and brown mattress, largely resembled a monastic cells needed

some decoration. I remembered seeing some posters down at Underground Music earlier in the week. So I broke the pact I had made just a few short days before in order to venture down to Underground Music.

I made my way to the back of the store, finding the rack of posters there for me to choose from. The Doors, The Grateful Dead, Led Zeppelin. I found in that store innumerable posters with which to fill my empty walls. (A couple days later, the poster guy came to Commons with a far better selection, making my whole

trip completely useless.) A time passed, and I my friends and I once again broke the pact and went downtown to get some bagels and Chai Latte. After this breakfast of champions, we continued down the street, never thinking that we would enter the music store on the corner.

But just as we passed it, we saw some A-House kids inside. We could all feel it in our bones. It was time for a brawl. I broke off half the bottle of root beer I was carrying and, holding the jagged neck, swaggered into the store. The A-House kids got out their chains, and a bloody fight ensued, ending only when the slightly spacey guy behind the counter told us to cut it out or he would zap us with his ray gun. The A-House kids booked it back to their sorry little dorm while we browsed the shelves.

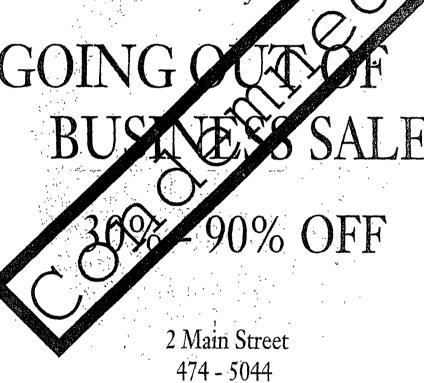
I can't help but think that I am not the only one whose life was enhanced by Underground Music. Who can ever forget picking up the store's last copy of a CD (as all their copies were, since they could never afford more than one) and buying it for eight dollars? Or how about when the clerk, with his ray gun, would accuse you of shoplifting: "Hey you! You just

tried to steal a CD!" "No, I didn't." "Yes, you did!" "No, I didn't." "Ohhh, I guess you didn't....never mind."

These are memories I will never forget. It is strange to think that with its complete monopoly on the music of Andover, it could ever go out of business. This can be attributed to quite a few things. Maybe they just never had enough copies of the right albums. Or maybe they just got sick of this town and left. Or maybe, just maybe, the aliens didn't tell the checkout guy

when people actually were stealing from his store. Anyway, no matter what happened, Underground Music will always hold a place in my heart and the hearts of many others who appreciated a music store that stood for store with values. Underground Music,

more than making money. A music I salute you. nderground s We buy and sell u



L. Christmas/ The Phillipian

Much to the dismay of students campus-wide, Underground Music fell victim to a secret government sting operation aimed at CD stores with bad prices.

by Pete Glenn FEATURES MUFFIN LOAF

CVS has been downtown as long as I can remember (The fact that I am a new lower is inconsequential). It is the only place a body can go to pick up some pencils or chicks (if you like those weird old ladies always hanging around the tabloids and prescription counter. Personally they freak me out.) There is always a smiling face at the check-out counter ready to deny your primal need to relieve yourself. I can only think of one reason people would do that power trip. For a time I was getting along with one of them.

It all started back on Halloween when I tried to buy a Superman costume and I kept asking her if she was sure they didn t have any sizes for kids over the age of eight. She just laughed and said, Sorry, honey. Try the McDonald's race car driver. But I didn t want the race car driver. I wanted the Superman costume. In the end I bought a race car driver suit, but I still looked like a freak. I love the laidback staff of CVS. Just people with no goals or plans for the future besides sitting on the dock of the bay, watching the tide roll away. I am getting misty, please excuse my poor Aunt Sally. Wait, I don t have an Aunt

Sally, that is a math reflex. With all this financial chaos downtown, including the downfall of our beloved Underground Music, I hope that CVS somehow manages to stay afloat. I have confidence in it, though, because when I sit in the magazine aisle reading the latest Cosmopolitan, I am pervaded by a sense of happiness emanating from the seemingly never ending lineup of beauties leaping from the pages of Cosmopolitan.

I know when I look at those three, bright red, illuminated letters that this store is going to be the foundation for my three years here at PA. It will be there through my good times and my bad times, there to comfort me with cheap chocolates and frosted donettes (I thought it was donuts, but I was mistaken) and there to sell me soap.. lots of soap.

Did you know that CVS actually stands for something? Oh yes, there was some serious marketing thought put into this title. These cryptic letters can be deciphered to mean many things, like Cars Vroom Speed, among other things. This would, of course, be wrong though.

It stands for (and I was on hold for a good seven minutes and spoke with customer service representative Jason to find out) Customer Value Store. However, that is not perfect grammar when you look at it. They should put something like A Customer Value Store or The Customer Value Store, but whatever. It ain t my multi-billion dollar corporation, so I guess I can t make fun of it.

by Josh McLaughlin FEATURES STARVING ARTIST

Have you ever, while waiting for a train, noticed the little store located across the street from the station? Maybe some of you have even had enough courage to, at one time or another, enter this modest emporium of foodstuffs that they call the Express Mart. I, however, had my doubts about the integrity of this Express Mart from the moment I first laid my beautiful eyes on it. (Editor's Note: Josh, like the Express Mart, is extremely modest.) First of all, why do they call it an Express Mart? I

mean, what makes this mart any more express than another one? At all the marts I have seen in my time, you simply walk in, buy whatever item it is you are looking for, and walk out with your purchase in hand How could you do it more expressly than that?

When I arrived at the mart, I was immediately confronted by the group of menacing looking characters who are known to loiter outside of the store every afternoon. As I reached for the door, one of the larger kids, with greasy black hair, a black T-shirt, and really really baggy black pants, stepped in front of me. (Editor's Note: I was there.

Then I realized that I had made a

potentially fatal mistake when I had decided to wear my Phillips Academy sweatshirt that day. One of the little ones in the posse noticed my attire and ratted

He goes to Phillips, the small one

The big scary one looked at my shirt and said quietly, You re dead, pal. He proceeded to rip the spiked dog collar off his neck and chase me down the train tracks. Luckily, I utilized my antelopelike speed to outrun him. When I saw the murderous posse disperse, I emerged from behind my bush and returned to the Express Mart.

Despite the dilapidated sign on its roof, I entered the store anyway, because you know what they say, You can t judge a mart by its sign. (Editor's Note: What is Josh talking about?) The first thing I noticed as I stepped through the door was piece of notebook paper taped to the wall that read Family operated for over three decades. I thought to myself, What a bunch of bologna.

As I strutted through the seemingly ordinary aisles of junk food and candy, I must admit that I was a little surprised by its normality. But upon closer inspection, I realized that everything had an express on the label: Express Popcorn, Express Chocolate Chewies, and even Express XXX Rated Magazines. Rather stunned by this sleazy self-promotion, I went to the back of the store, prepared myself an Express Hot Dog to calm my growling stomach, and grabbed an Express Grape Soda. I took the two items to the register, where I found a hefty man perched atop a stool behind the counter watching a rerun of an old COPS episode on a small black and

Me: Excuse me sir, I d like to make a few purchases.

Him: Shut up, can t you see I m busy?

Me: But... Him: Shut up and wait till my show is over.

Working up my courage, I tried agam.

Me: You know, you really shouldnt let those kids loiter outside of the store. I think they are scaring away potential customers.

Him: What are you talking about, boy, I hired those kids.

Me: They work for you, sir? Him: Hell yeah...they are my secu-

Me: Security?

Him: Yeah...every day after school kids come in here and try to steal from my store, so I hired those kids to stop them. Damn hooligans, think they can steal from me.

Not about to wait for his show to end, I put my money back in my pocket, grabbed an Express XXX Rated Magazine and walked out of the store with my Express Hot Dog and Express Grape

My first trip to the mart turned out to be my last. My advice: if you need to buy food, stick to CVS and Wild Harvest (Oat sirloin? Carob Oreos?). If you find yourself in a desperate situation (i.e. you have no cash), and are forced to make a trip to the Express Mart, then make sure, in order to preserve your life. that you go only on the weekends when the security isn't around. Maybe a more appropriate name would be Sketchy Enough To Scare The Pants Off You Mart. But then again, that might not fit on the sign.

What do you do when you are downtown?

"I get a facial and full body seaweed exfoliation wrap."

J.W. Kluge '01

"I do cosomology and celestial navigation from the roof of Peking Garden."

Tyler Grace '00

"Just bum around the grounds of Royal Crest." Nick Orlowski '00

'Get a new suit every Thursday night from Kaps."

Taylor Ford '00

"Pick on someone my own size at Doherty Middle School."

Dave Frisch '02

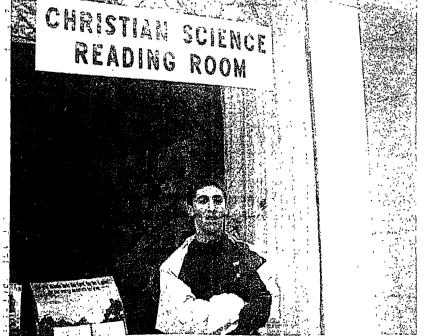
'Scare the locals."

Josh Rodriguez '0

Weave through pedestrians on my bike. Gardner Gould '03

'Milk the Blue Cow."

Wendy Huang '0



This is definitely not the Express Mart. This is, however, Mr. Cropp.

Shorthanded Track Teams Pound Deerfield, Taft in Season's First Meet

by K. Acheampong and T. Bitz

Andover Boys Deerfield **Andover Girls**



Deerfield

Saturday Phillips Academy Track teams took the two-hour hike up to

Deerfield to race in their first competition of the season in a tri-meet against Taft and Deerfield. The teams went into the meet under newly appointed and nationally-renowned head coach Dick Collins '49, who, with his knowledge and years of success at Andover High, has strengthened both teams' chances for Interscholastic Championships.

-, The competition could not have come at a worse time, landing on a long .weekend, and both teams were heavily undermanned. With boys captain Sean Scott '00 and other senior members of the squad away visiting colleges, the squad could only hope to handle two teams which normally wouldn't be able to put up any kind of fight against the Andover track program.

Fortunately, the girls team was in slightly better shape, and disaster was not the case as PA quickly overwhelmed its opponents. The girls team racked up a total of 98 points, leaving Taft with 56 and Deerfield with 25. Girls captain Momo Akade '00, leading the team for the second consecutive year, proved too much for the rival schools as she won the 100m and 200m events. New upper Alexandra Zukerman '01 revealed that she can move as fast on the track as she can on the soccer field when she dominated the 110m hurdles, which seemed not to slow her down at all, with a time of 15.9 seconds, despite an ankle injury. Distance phenomenon Melissa Donais '02 did not waste any time adding to her list of school records, breaking the 2:20.9 800m record by a tenth of a second. Also winning were the girls' 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams, both by large margins.

The girls did equally well in the

field, taking first place in nearly all events. Julia O'Hearn '01 continued her stellar performance right where she left off last year, taking first place in both the shot put (37' 6") and discus (122' 2") events. Sydney Hartsock '01 won the javelin competition by only five feet over hungry second place finisher Christina Checkovich '02. New lower Jill Bramwell won the high jump with an amazing 4' 10", and Laura Miller placed first in the pole vault (7').

The boys got off to a shakey start and it looked at the beginning of the meet like the absence of sprinters Julius Bradshaw '00 and captain Scott were going to be crippling. As the meet progressed, however, the team recovered and finish with a final total of 88 points, easily besting both Deerfield and Taft, which tied at 46. The key to the squad's success was its overall depth, especially seen in the distance and field events, where the team gained an advantage by raking in valuable 2nd 3rd, and 4th place points while letting Deerfield and Taft split the first place points. This victory is a clear sign that the boys will be strong in their upcoming meets against Chelmsford, Tewksbury, and the NMH Hoggers.

In the long distance events, the team was quite successful, taking 24 out of a possible 33 points. In the 1500 meter race, Eli Lazarus '00 took second place (4:29.2) with Tony Bitz '02 coming in third (4:37.8). In the 800m the race was swept by underclassmen Michael Grant '03 (2:08), Geoffrey O'Donoghue '02 (2:10.9), Louis Menocal '03 (2:17.2), and Tony Bitz '02 (2:17.6). Then, to put icing on the cake, in the 3000m, Andover's only two runners in the event, Argilio Rodriguez '00 and Adam Schoene '00, finished first and second, respectively, in 9:52.8 and 10.07.8. The distance squad definitely took advantage of both Deerfield's and Taft's lack of depth in the longer races.

In the middle distance events, although captain Scott was absent, the squad still put up an impressive performance against two teams with relatively strong middle distance runners. In the 400m race Emerson Sykes '01 took second with a personal-best 52.7 that bodes well for future 4x400m relays, and in the 300m hurtles John Busby '00 took second place (43.2) with J.B. Gerber '00 coming in fourth (:45.1). In the 4x400m relay, the team of O'Donoghue, Grant '03, Ben Hogan '01, and Sykes easily took first place with a time of 3:45.4. In the captain's absence the middle distance squad did quite well for itself earning several critical points.

In the shorter distances the team faced two very deep squads, and had to do so in the absence of Bradshaw, a critical member of the squad. Nevertheless, the squad still had an impressive day. In the 200m and 100m races Bronson McDonald '02 pulled through with third and fourth place points respectively (24.3 and 11.8). In the 110m hurdles, Busby and Joe Lemire '01 took second (:16.5) and fourth (:16.8) respectively. The 4x100m relay team of Sykes, Alex Kehlenbeck '01, Melvin Huang '01, and McDonald was the only Andover squad which did not place, finishing third behind the speedy anchor legs of both Deerfield and Taft. The shorthanded sprinters fared well against two very strong squads.

Yet again this year, even in the season opener, the field events were a very strong area for the team, scoring many needed first place points. Sterlind Burke '00 had impressive showing with first places in both the shot (48' 2") and discus (134' 10). The boys swept the high jump by default, as neither Deerfield nor Taft dared to enter any jumper. In the triple jump, J.B. Jones '00 took first (41 11.5") and Gerber snagged second (39 10"). In the long jump, the event traditionally dominated by the jumping squad, Jones completed his hat trick with yet another first, going a half-inch over 21 feet. Last but not least Brandon Winston '02 vaulted ten feet earning him a second place in the pole vault Deerfield's best event. Against both Deerfield and Taft, the field events were a major source of the Blue's points and its victory

Looking at all the stats, Collins' squad looks to be strong, even in the absence of major point scorers, and will look to give its upcoming opponents a run for their money. The combination of depth, shown in Saturday's meet to be very important, and great top scoring athletes looks to be very successful and will push the team through Interschols and past Exeter.



James Ford '02 stroked a 6-Iron onto the green in Wednesday's victory

Golf Swings to an Easy Win Over Holderness

Continued from Page 12, Column 6 couldn't gain any ground on his opponent, and lost a very tight match to start

The third seed, Drummond, and his partner, Lee, lost and won their respective contests. Although "Berni" lost his match early, he rallied in the team match, and pocketed birdies on the last two holes to win the doubles match.

With the score at 3.5-2.5 in favor of Holdemess, freshman phenom Pucillo shot the low score of the day, a oneover-par 37 on Trull Brook's front nine. Ahamed, who has struggled as of late, also conquered his Holderness opponent. After wins at number-five and number-six, Ford and Mike Rechnitz '00, who was playing in his first match due to the absence of Tonelli, crushed their opponents 4 & 3 and easily won the team match to close out the Andover win. Seventh-seed Ford shot the second best score of the afternoon with a 39.

The season has started off very well for the Big Blue, who hold a 3-1-1 record. Both Lee and Pucillo remain undefeated in the young season. The Blue's next match is against both Middlesex and BB&N at Presidents' Golf Glub, traditionally the easiest course on the ISL circuit. Hopefully Captain Faulk, O'Neil, and Drummond will find their games in the coming week to lead this stacked team closer and closer to the Witherspoon Cup.

Home Sweep Sets Tone For Girls Crew Season

Continued from Page 12, Column 3 seat, Andover consistently under stroked the Kent girls, increasing their lead with explosive leg power and rhythmic control. In comparison, Kent, who took considerably more strokes per minute but continued to fall behind Andover, appeared to be spinning its wheels. As the second boat crossed the finish line, their composed determination and refusal to be satisfied with anything less than an open-water finish shone in their exhausted, but satisfied smiles.

In the closest race of the day, the girls' first boat took a .68-second lead in the last ten strokes of their race. After a restart because of a collision in the first several seconds of the race, the Andover girls came back to the line ready to fight hard for the last girls' race of the day. Although Kent was up by between a half and full-boat length of water for the first

thousand meters of the race, Andover fought hard to hang on and prevent Kent from solidifying their lead.

Then, with 500 meters left in the race, Andover took control of the race. Even from the shoreline spectators could feel the tone of the race changing. As the boats entered the last twenty strokes of the race, Sarah Maxwell '02, a returning first-boat rower but racing for the first time in the stroke seat, led the Andover girls in an explosive sprint towards the finish line. In an excellent display of their muscular endurance and tenacious perseverance, the girls pulled ahead in the last ten strokes of the race. In the Andover boat, tears of joy mixed with sweat as the officials announced the result to the crews and the cheering spectators on

Saturday's results bode well for next weekend's race against Exeter and

Beats Choate Continued From Page 12, Column 6 only three servers, the Big Blue won 15-

Volleyball

In the fourth game, Andover played up to its potential as a team but had big problems with its service game. The squad didn't score a point in the first service rotation. When they found themselves down 14-10, the boys in Blue pulled together to play the best 8 points of their season so far, winning the final game 17-15. When asked about the game, Coach Clyfe Beckwith said, "I am very happy with the way that [the team] played in the last three games. That's the way volleyball was meant to be played." Rotman had a great day, playing behind the service line and covering the floor defensively. Colin Penley '01 and Albert So '01 had some incredible tips that left the Choate Boars on the floor stunned. Setters and Senior co-captains Alok Chatterjee and Eric Cho both controlled the offense very well and had a combined 27 assists and 6 digs. Thibault Raoult '01 played a good game at the net with many plays that confused the Choate players. Tasso Araripe '01 was a monster at the net, acting as a wall and forcing the Boars to play around him. Araripe amassed ten kills and created plays that left the other team scrambling to get the ball back over the net. But where the Andover players were strongest was in playing their own game and keeping the tempo of the game high. On the whole, Andover stuck to its game plan and kept the tempo of the game

On Wednesday, the Chelmsford Boys Varsity Volleyball handed Andover its first loss of the season in a tough 3-1 match. Despite the fact that it was an informal scrimmage with no score kept and Coach Victor Svec officiating, Andover had hoped to keep its undefeated record intact.

The boys from Chelmsford came out strong and it took the home team a while to come together as a team. When Andover finally got its act together it was down 6+ points; the squad made a valiant effort but was not quite able to pull off the upset and Chelmsford took the first game.

Andover, however, fought back and took the second game. Chelmsford won a scrappy third game, and, with increased confidence, came out in the fourth game and hit the ball so hard that the Andover players were simply overpowered. They put up a fight but Chelmsford was simply out-playing the boys in Blue. Araripe had another strong showing, hitting nine kills. Jason Park '02 moved into fill the hole left by Cho, who couldn't make the game, and played a great game, both controlling the offense and gaining valuable experience.

In the wake of this loss, the team will spend time in the next week looking at some weak points in its game and, hopefully, will fix them before traveling to NMH one week from tomorrow for the second league match of the season.

Hordon Hurls One-Hit Shutout, Strikes Out 14 Against Wilbraham

by Pat Linnemann





What started out looking like an easy win ended up an ugly stalemate as the Andover Varsity Baseball team battled

a scrappy Cushing

squad to a 14-14 tie.

The game was called at the conclusion of the seventh inning due to darkness and fog. In a game that was characterized by examples of both great and terrible play, Andover started out on the positive side, scoring eight runs in the top of the first. It was not without a little help from the inept Cushing defense however, as the first two batters of the game, second baseman Joe Conlon '00 and pitcher Jeff Heighington '00 both reached on fielding errors. With runners on first and second, Marc Hordon '00, playing catcher, blasted a triple to center, scoring two. Andover then let loose a barrage of hits including doubles by Mark Ottariano '00, Mike Turner '00 and a triple by Andrew Salini '02. The Cushing pitcher lasted only a third of an inning until he was replaced. With an 8-0 lead going into the bottom of the first, Andover was looking to cruise to an easy victory. However, the Cushing team showed that they weren't about to give up without a fight.

Heighington (0-1), started the game on the mound for the Blue. Due to the cold and wet weather, Heighington had less velocity and movement on his fastball than usual. He started out nicely by striking out the first Cushing batter he faced, but he ran into trouble when he walked the next batter and gave up a single to the third. With runners on first and second, third baseman Davis Thurber '00 let a ground ball squirt between his legs into left field. Cushing eventually scored two runs in the first, cutting down on Andover's lead and boosting its own

Cushing's relief pitcher proved to be more of a puzzle for Andovers' hitters as he shut them down without a run in the making the situation all the more tense. second inning. Cushing, however, continued to gain on Andover's lead by scoring five runs in the bottom of the second, cutting Andover's lead to one.

Andover rebounded in the third, scoring three on deep home runs by Hordon and Salini. Hordon's ball landed on the roof of a shed, and Salini's plowed through the cold air into center, going deep enough to allow time for him to hustle around the bases.

Cushing showed no signs of letting up when they retaliated with five runs of its own in the bottom half of the third, to take a 12-11 lead going into the fourth inning. Andover looked cold and sluggish and went down 1-2-3 in the fourth, but good pitching by reliever Brandon Dickerson '00 and some solid defense in the field kept Andover close allowing Cushing to score no runs in the bottom of the inning.

Andover regained the lead in its next two at bats on singles by Salini, Ottariano, Turner and first baseman Danny Long '00 which led to three runs. Andover held a precarious 14-12 lead going into the final seventh inning.

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Thurber, 2b	3	1	0	0	1
Hordon, p	4	2 0	2	2 1	0
Ottariano, If	3		1		0
Turner, dh	4	0	1	1	0
Long, 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Heighington, 3b	2	0	2 0	0	1
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Nyadjroh, cf	2	1	1	0	1
Linnemann, rf	0	0	0	0	0
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Even though Dickerson was showing some signs of fatigue on the mound, Coach Andy Cline chose to leave the veteran in to finish the game. He gave up a walk, and then a double. With runners on second and third, Dickerson finally settled down and induced the batter to ground the ball to Ted Jutras '01 at short.

Cushing then tried to bunt the tying run in with a suicide squeeze bunt play, but it backfired when the batter popped the ball up and catcher Hordon recorded the second out by catching the ball in foul territory. On a 1-0 count, the next batter poked a weak grounder between short and third, scoring the tying run. Jutras ended the inning by fielding a grounder and throwing to Conlon at second. After a short conference, the umpires decided that the game be called due to visibility problems. There is no word yet on whether the game will be

made up at a later date. It was a frustrating day for Andover Baseball, as it missed out on valuable inconference points. Andover now holds a 1-0-1 record in the conference, and a 3-1-1 record overall. The Blue faces Worcester in a double-header at home this Saturday behind likely starters Hordon (2-0) and Jutras (0-0)

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Ottariano, If		5 4 5 3 3 0	2		2	1	0
Turner, dh		4	2		2	1	0
Long, 1b		5	0		1	1	0
Thurber, 3b		3	1		0	0	0
Salını, rf		3	3		3	2	1
Nyadjroh, cf		3	1		1	2 2 0	1
Jutras, ss		0	0		0	0	0
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A Bowen/ The Phillipian Louisa Butler '02 burns her defender and drives towards the net enroute to a 21-6 schallacking of NMH.

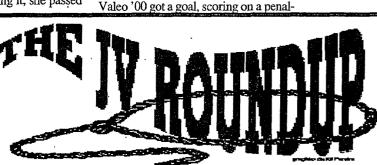
Girls Lacrosse Thrashes Competition

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Throughout the remainder of the game, Andover continued to strengthen its lead. Richardson added one more, Macmillan again getting credit for the assist. Locks made the most of an NMH penalty, as she carried the ball in and snapped it past the keeper. Her goal caused NMH to resort to its second goalie, who hardly fared better. Another penalty gave Macmillan a long penalty shot, but instead of taking it, she passed to Harmeling who found the back of the ty shot. net. The Anneberg sisters then teamed up for a goal, as Lauren capitalized off a

pass from Christine. At that point Andover emptied its bench, allowing everyone a chance at any position. Davies left the net, only to later make an appearance at center. Mariel O'Brien '01 scored to make it 19-5 immediately before NMH slipped a shot past Mattison, ending Andover's 11-0 scoring run. Even defender Anna

The impressive win proved that Andover really doesn't need to rely on one person, either for goals or goaltending. The team had multiple scorers in Harmeling(5), MacMillan(5), Locks(2), and Richardson(3), and had 10 different goal scorers in total. Davies' solid play shows the squad has two reliable goalies. The Blue hopes to build on its strong win over NMH on Saturday as it faces Thayer on the road.



by David Frisch and Jeff Sandman SPORTS TOOL SHED

JV Boys Lacrosse Challenges Belmont Hill

Last year, Belmont Hill was the only team that beat the JV boys' lacrosse team. This year it was a different story! A story which we can not tell but was probably very dramatic. With the group of guys this team has this year, they might go undefeated (that is if they haven't already lost.) Team leader is Wills "Rooster" Happworth. The old man can score, hit, and awake farmers at the break of dawn. Stevie "the crack" (B)rock was smoked by the Belmont Hillbillies, each player taking multiple hits. With freshman additions Nate "how's the wife and kids" Malo and Jesse "Mom's good and I am ok" Bardo as well as recently acquired Spencer "next stop: JV2" Bush-Brown and Drew "I got mom's genes" Ward, the team is loaded with young guns. And with Tom "I have body" Ober as seventh string goalie, this team just might win. And when Stefano De Stefano De Stefano gets cut from Varsity, Princeton's top recruiters will have to come down and watch this team play.

Coed JV Passover Observers

Here's the lineup card. Batting leadoff and parting the Red Sea, Ian Cropp. Hitting second, Hannah "when do we light the Menorah" Goldstein. Third and bashing the Matzo Balls, Dan Shvartsman. Platooning in the cleanup spot, Lindsay, Vanessa, and Sabrina Locks. Batting fifth, the debate squad, Schwerin and Ginsberg. Hitting sixth, the designated hitter, the purple person herself, Lyzzy Shepard. Supplying the Manashevitz and batting seventh, Frank Brodie. Eighth, Kelly Sinclair. Playing way out in left field and not hitting, Kevin Sinclair. And batting ninth, the Rippin' Rabbi, Neil Kaminsky. What a team!

JV Boys Tennis

Harris "Los Galliños" Ackerman and Eric "pseudo-intellectual" Newman are the backbone of the fourth doubles team of this very talented JV squad. If they ever get a chance to play a match, only YAHWEH would know what kind of damage they could do together. Keep up the hard work boys, or you will be dropped to Intermediate Tennis faster than you can say 'Gad Nestel.'



Kate MacMillan '00

"Kate's enthusiasm and energy and commitment carry the entire team. -Merri Hudson '01

by Diana Dosik PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Kate MacMillan '00 has been a Varsity lacrosse player at Phillips Academy for four years. Having scored 5 goals in this season's game against KUA, and another 5 against NMH, MacMillan broke the school's record for goals scored in women's lacrosse, held until now by Alison Caughlin '95 with 92 goals. Kate Mac scored her 101st goal on Wednesday. and has been one of the top six scoring leaders since '97. A stellar athlete and asset to the team, Kate is this week's Athlete of the Week.

Kate began her lacrosse career at Thayer Academy in the 6th grade. A dedicated softball player since she was six years old, Kate went shopping with her best friend Kate Barry to buy a lacrosse stick. "I was so jealous that she was getting to buy this new piece of athletic equipment," she reminisced. Intrigued by the sport, Kate got a lacrosse stick too and practiced over her spring break. When she returned for tryouts, she made the middle school "A" team, which would go on to be undefeated. Although MacMillan left Thaver to attend PA, Barry remained and grew up to be the captain of the Varsity team. "We are playing them on Saturday, and she plays defense on my position, "Kate explained with a smile, "so that's really cool."

" MacMillan grew up as an only child in Hingham, Massachusetts. When she decided suddenly to switch from softball to lacrosse, her father

worried that she was abandoning such a great talent. "But the game of lacrosse is so exciting to watch, my parents just loved it, and now my dad is totally into lacrosse," she said. He roves his newfound dedication every Wednesday, when he comes to watch Kate play. "One of the things I will miss most about high school is that every Wednesday my dad will come to the game and we'll go out to dinner afterwards, and it's something I always

look forward to.'

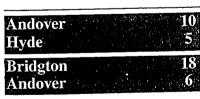
Although MacMillan loved the athletics at Thayer, it was a small day school which lacked the academic emphasis she desired. In addition, Kate wanted to live at a boarding school where she could really get involved in the student community. After applying to Andover, Exeter, Saint Paul's, and Milton, Kate fell in love with PA. "I loved the location, the academics, I met Kathy, I just loved it." Kathy Henderson, the former under 19 U.S. women's lacrosse coach, was the head Varstry coach at Phillips Kate's freshman year. "She is one of the most amazing people I've ever met, and she still has a big influence on me," commented MacMillan. Kate was so impressed and awed by Henderson, she made it her main goal freshman year to make varsity. The winter of her freshman year, MacMıllan took morning basics and practiced her lacrosse all afternoon. When she made the team, she got the chance to play with "amazing attack players and athletes," including Stephanie Hunter '97, Heather Gotha '98, and Mary Barensfeld '97. "It was so great to play with people



Attacker Nat Carr '00 rifles a shot on goal in Saturday's 10-5 victory

Boys Lacrosse Beats Hyde, But Humbled by Bridgeton

by Luke LeSaffre and Kevin Sinclair PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS





With optimistic and high spirits, the Boys Lacrosse team headed into Wednesday's game strongly believing that an upset of prep power-

house Bridgton lay within reach. Such a feat would not come easily, as the Wolverines boasted an all-post-graduate roster loaded with Division-I- and Division-III-bound college-level players. Prior to the game, Coach Chuck Richardson stressed to his players to have fun, and to try things they normally wouldn't attempt. Despite the wide margin of defeat and lesson in humility, the team accomplished those goals.

-- The light rain and wet field conditions proved to be Andover's advantage, as the slippery footing hindered Bridgton's "dodge-and-dump" offense, in which a player would isolate his defender and attempt to juke or run past him. Defensively, Bridgton would shutoff all players adjacent to the ball-carrier, impeding Andover's ball movement throughout the contest.

With sticks on their hands and aggressive slides, the attack and midfield had difficulty moving the ball around the opponent's defense, and sloppy play developed. Scoring opportunities were squandered as passes failed to reach cutters and shots were deflected in front of the cage. "Against a team like Bridgton, you really can't afford to fail to convert on offense, or else you find yourself in hole," said Richardson. And a hole they did find themselves in early on.

As Andover's offense was virtually nullified in the first quarter, Bridgton scored five quick goals, most of which occurred in transition with the attacker

left alone one-on-one with goalie Eric Chase '01.

Two minutes into the second quarter, Andover finally found the back of the net, but only when they had an extraman advantage. In a span of five minutes, Luke LeSaffre '01, Isaac Taylor '01, and Nat Carr '00, twice, all scored goals in the man-up offense, cutting the score to 8-4. For a brief instant, the game looked winnable.

The third and fourth quarters proved disastrous for Andover, as mistake upon mistake turned into Bridgton goals. Badpasses, poor-decision making and loosedefense all contributed to the team's pitfall in the second half. Stefano de Stefano '00, taking advantage of his chance to play, performed well in net, saving ten shots while allowing seven.

At the sound of the final buzzer, the score stood at 18-6 in favor of the over-20-year-old college-freshmen team from Bridgton. The score, however, is a poor indication of what Andover came out of this game with. "In this game, we did a lot of what we wanted to as far as trying out new offensive sets, and moving the ball around. Our defense looked fine, and save a few mistakes early on, we were right in that one," said Coach Richardson after the game. "We had some fun, we left everything we had on the fields and played the way we wanted to. I'm pleased with the performance the guys put out."

Next Wednesday, Andover will square off against Holderness, a beatable team, in a must-win situation. The Bridgton game prepared the boys well for this important match-up, as they look to next week to rebound and improve.

'This team can win any game it wants to. This is the best squad we've fielded in a number of years in nearly all respects, and surely we'll win our share of games," commented Coach Richardson afterwards. Following Holderness, Andover faces off against Deerfield in another game the team can certainly win.

who loved the game as much as I did."

said MacMillan. Along with many team wins and personal victories, MacMillan recalls two particularly wonderful moments in her PA career. During the 1999 championship game against Middlesex, Andover was psyched to defeat the team which had beaten them in an earlier season scrimmage. Despite being checked in the face and bleeding from the head, MacMillan scored six goals in that game, and PA won the championship. Also last season, Phillips was playing Thayer, her alma mater, and was down 2-0. Unwilling to lose to her former school, Kate scored the first five goals, leading Andover to victory.

In addition to her devotion to lacrosse, MacMillan also played Varsity field hockey for four years. Flagstaff's DC representative, Vice President of Women's Forum her Upper year, former sport's editor of the Phillipian, and active participant in ARC, Kate was accomplished in multiple PA arena's. She plans to attend Cornell University next year, where she was recruited for lacrosse, and wants to major in American Studies. '[American Studies] is basically a combination of English, history, government, women's studies; it's a bunch of things because I'm interested in everything," reflected MacMillan. Her dream job, however, is to work for a record company. "All of my friends know that I am really into music," Kate explained.

Although MacMillan attributes a lot of her lacrosse success to coach Kathy Henderson, her biggest influence is her father. Never pushing or pressuring Kate but always supportive, MacMillan's parents played a big role in her life. "My dad was always around to throw and catch with me in the yard, and he is not the athletic type. He just learned to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick so that we could pass around. Lacrosse brought my father and I closer together, which has been both a positive influence and product of my playing.'

Having defeated NMH 20-6 on Wednesday, MacMillan looks forward to competing on Saturday against Thayer, arguably her favorite game of

ATHLETIC SLATE

Saturday, April 22 Baseball Softball Girls Tennis. Boys Lacrosse

Wednesday, April 26 Boys Track Girls Track Boys Lacrosse Baseball Softball

Volleyball

Worcester (double header) 11:00 1:30 Tabor/Nazareth/Cushing 1:30 Choate Albany Academy Tewksbury Tewksbury 3:00 Holderness 3:30 Harvard 3:30 Presentation of Mary 3:30 St. John's

Boys Crew Spoils Early Lead and Falls Late to Kent in Home Opener

by Eric Feeny PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Kent Andover



The sun shone brightly for the Andover-Kent race on the Merrimack River on Saturday. It was a warm 70 degrees, and a cool breeze graced the river.

Many fans, Kent, Andover parent, and otherwise showed up for the 2:00 race, perhaps in response to publicizing the event at the recent all-school meeting. Andover would have mixed results, with boys losing all three races, a reliving of last season's thrashing from Kent, yet girls winning their three.

At the command, "Ready All... Row!" Boys first boat(B1) started its race off with a 45-stroke start. Three quarter slide, half slide, three quarters, lengthen and full. By this time the stroke rating was at 44 strokes per minute. The boat held that pace for 20 strokes, gaining several seats on the Kent boat. After another twenty strokes at a 38 pace the boat had open water on Kent. This was just before the end of the first 500 meters. Upon coming out from under the bridge things began to look a little shaky for B1. Bow seat was slow getting his oar out of the water, rocking the boat. As the middle 500 meters progressed, Kent slowly and surely fought its way back. Andover had a rough stroke that dipped wildly to port at the catch, causing the starboard side to air-stroke, slowing the boat and allowing for further advancement by Kent. Two strokes later the boat lunged again.

After a short power ten intended to correct the errors of the crew and to pull the boat back into the race, two seat was

slow getting out of the water. This problem was immediately followed by an over-the-head crab at the stroke seat. The shell fell to a crawl and rowing all but ceased. As rapidly as possible, B1 was swinging it again, but now nearly a length behind Kent.

By this point the stroke rating was down to 34, but there wasn't much acceleration behind the drives. The coxswain called for a sprint in the last 200 meters to narrow the gap. The only result of this call was an increased stroke rating of 36 for a few short seconds before it fell back. Nevertheless, Andover edged up on Kent to finish the race only half a length down. Final time was Andover 4:34.7, Kent 4:32.2.

This was the first time the boat had raced a 1500 meter piece together. The boat had practiced starting off at a slightly slower pace, more appropriate for a 2000 meter race. These two truths man-

ifest their effects in the middle and late segments of the race, when the boat lacked strength and consistency. Errors followed and the race was lost.

The race of the second boats began much the same way. The Andover boat pulled ahead a few seats right away by rowing faster than usual, employing a 40-stroke pace for 35 strokes: five to push the boat to speed, 15 strokes high, 15 strokes settled. The boat settled into a 35-stroke pace, with a three seat lead. In the middle 500 meter, Kent slowly took back six seats. The race was still close up until the 1000 meter marker, when a port side rower caught his oar underneath the buoy, throwing him into a crab, and allowing Kent to jet ahead.

The boats had gone into the races respectful of Kent, a traditional powerhouse, and came out generally pleased about their performances. The boys look forward to revenge at Interschols.



Despite their early lead, boys crew fell to a tough Kent squad.

Girls Softball Team Splits One-Run Pitchers' Duels

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Andover's Girls Varsity Softball hosted a four-team, twogame contest on Saturday that included Noble High

School of Berwick, Maine, North Andover High School, and Pittsfield High School. Andover faced the Noble and Pittsfield teams in a doubleheader. PA came up with a hard fought loss to NHS and a win over Pittsfield.

In the first game, Andover took on Noble, and came up short, losing 3-2. The Blue carried a 2-1 lead into the sixth inning, with new pitcher Emmy Grote '02 throwing a superb game. Grote proved herself to be a strong starter, and commanded the Noble batters in her six innings of work, allowing only five singles, two walks, and striking out three. Erica Hubbard '01 came back and pitched a strong seventh inning, though the game was lost in the sixth as the Blue surrendered two runs with two outs. Hubbard was impressed by Grote's abilities on the mound, and commented, "Emmy pitched a great game; she really came through for the team and proved herself out there." Coach Peter Drench adds, "Her versatility has already added

a lot to the softball team." The Andover girls fought in their at bats, with singles from Grote, Dasen Woitkowski '00, and left-fielder Kaitlin McCann '02. First/third baseman Karen Freidlander '01 also had a great hit, smashing a double to left field in the fourth inning and advancing catcher Katherine Leonard '02, who had led off with a walk, to third base. Designated hitter Reed Curry '01 drove in a run by reaching on a fielder's choice error. Curry then combined with Freidlander for a double steal. Unfortunately, a strike out and a popup ended Andover's scoring for the game.

Noble's exceedingly strong pitcher, P. Coffin, who also drove in NHS's winning runs, retired an incredible thirteen in a row after Curry. Woitkowski was able to break the trend with her single in the sixth, but the Blue wasn't able to keep up the hits. With a single in the seventh, McCann reached base with one out but was thrown out trying to steal. Noble came up on top, with its second straight win against PA in the annual series. Cocaptain Lauren Tsai '00 reflected on the

game, commenting, "As a team, we're improving quickly and that was evident in many of our plays. The talent on both teams was really strong, and I was impressed by our struggle, despite the

The Blue went on to conquer Pittsfield in a 3-2 winner. It was a big win for the girls, proving that when they work hard and work together, they end

The game started off tough for the Blue. Pitcher Heather Davis '00 struck out Pittsfield's lead-off hitter, but the visitors quickly found their groove. The Pittsfield line up was stacked with experienced and unintimidated batters, especially in the middle of the order, who gave their team a early first inning lead.

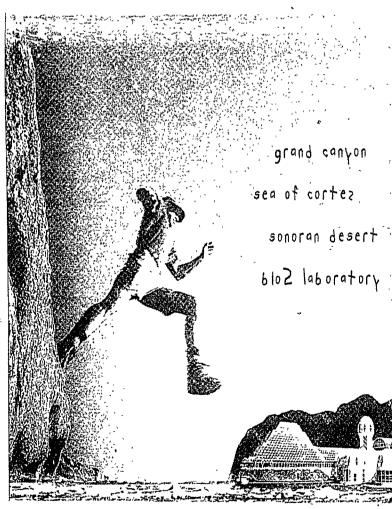
The Blue fought back, earning two runs of their own in the first inning. Cocaptain and second baseman Katherine Otway '00 earned her first base hit of the season, a strong drive to left field. Woitkowski doubled to the fence, driving in Tsai, who had earned her first of three. Otway made it home later in the inning on a passed ball.

Coach Drench characterized the next few innings by saying, "The two teams settled into a tense defensive struggle characterized by aggressive play held at bay by fine pitching. Fans were treated to the kind of 'white knuckle' atmosphere that hard-fought fast pitch softball features." Both pitchers walked and struck out several, reflective of early season ball. Still, it was clear that Davis came out on top, allowing only one hit and striking out seven using only a fastball and a rise ball.

Leonard and Freidlander also played very well for the Blue. Rookie Jane Anderson '03 layed down a great twostrike bunt, allowing her to reach base in the bottom of the sixth. The game was characterized by impressive plays such as this one, along with shining work from Grote, Tsai, and Otway. McCann commented, "Our team is improving every day, and this game really showed how our hard work is paying off. Pittsfield is an excellent team, but we were able to come out on top, and that says a lot about a team so early into their season.'

Both the Noble and Pittsfield games proved to be strong ones for the Blue. Clearly, they will continue to shine throughout their season. Weather providing, they will host another four-team program this Saturday. Otway offered some closing thoughts, "I am always impressed by the team's devotion to improvement. We work hard in our practice time and with excellent coaching, we're definitely going to continue to dominate."





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GOLF



Natalie Wadsworth '01 blazes up the sideline past the flailing arms of

Girls Lacrosse Blows Away KUA, NMH by Huge Margins

by Dan Shvartsman



Coming off a strong 17-5 victory at K.U.A. Saturday, the girls' varsity lacrosse team went out on to the cold and wet playing field on

Wednesday to play its first home game of the season against the NMH Lady Hoggers. The squad extinguished all questions of its readiness for the season as it put on a near-perfect show.

Starting in net for Andover was goalie Kate Davies '00, as starter Ali Mattison '02 took a day off. Not much was lost in the transition, as Davies put on an amazing show. She consistently made tough saves during the first half,

snuffing first shots and rebounds alike. Andover scored early when Kate Macmillan '00 was fouled in the NMH zone. She fed her free pass to Vanessa Locks '01, who immediately gave it to Captain Ashley Harmeling '00. Harmeling finished the play with a goal to make it 1-0. Macmillan got one of her own a little bit later to make it 2-0. on a

perfect pass from Lauren Anneberg '01. NMH finally found its way onto the scoreboard, capitalizing on a penalty shot. The opponent used this surge of momentum to pick up two more quick goals. Andover stayed calm, however, and eventually regained the momentum. Harmeling took a pass behind the net from Anna Barensfeld '02 and scored a wrap around goal, increasing Andover's lead to 5-3

Macmillan scored again as the result of skilled passing between Harmeling, Louisa Butler '02, and L. Anneberg. Harmeling then netted another off yet another pass from L. Anneberg. A few minutes later, Davies added to her team's momentum as she stepped up and stopped an NMH penalty shot. Locks joined in on the scoring, getting her first off a nice pass from Christine Anneberg '00. C. Anneberg then notched another assist as Macmillan corralled her pass and fired it passed the NMH goalie. NMH, however, showed signs of a comeback as one of its players weaved through Andover's defenders and beat Davies for a goal, making the

The Big Blue made a strong push right before the half. Bernadette Doykos '00 made a nice quick pass to C. Anneberg, who one-timed it by the befuddled NMH goalie. Harmeling had a chance at a goal, but hit the post with a few seconds left in the half. When the half-time whistle blew, Andover was up

The Blue lost no intensity in the second half. Susannah Richardson '00

GIRLS CREW SWEEPS KENT IN FIRST RACE

ALL THREE BOATS WIN

Victory Over Powerhouse Is Good Omen for Season

> by Julie Stephens PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After a hard week of practice in windy and cold conditions, the sun shown bright Saturday for the Andover girls' crew team. All three girls' boats won their

races, the first sweep against Kent in recent memory. Racing a new course with the finish line just past the Andover docks and within sight of the crowd, the girls' team provided an excellent show for their loyal supporters.

The third boat set the tone in the first race of the day, beating Kent with an almost nine-second lead. Although the third boat has several novices in its ranks, the Andover crew looked considerably more experienced than their Kent competitors. Andover's open-water finish was an excellent baptism into the world of crew for the several G3 rowers racing in their first interscholastic competition.

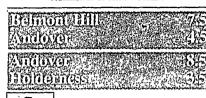
The second boat then followed suit, taking a six-second lead against Kent. Although the G2 Kent and Andover crews were even coming out of the start sequence, the Andover girls quickly started walking up on Kent and made a decisive move coming through the bridge, which on the new course marks 500-meters down.

Led by Kate Larson '00 in the stroke

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Golf Splits Week; Sunk by Belmont Hill, Rebounds Over Holderness

by Mitch St. Peter & Fred Martignetti PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



After pulling out captivating victories against Exeter and GDA last week,

the golf team lost the confidence it had gained with a 4.5-7.5 loss to Belmont Hill. Belmont Hill, the best team in the ISL, lost only one singles match en route to its easy victory.

Played at the Trull Brook Golf Club in Tewksbury, the match was contested using single player and team match play. The story of the contest was the demotion of Captain Brian Faulk '00 to the second spot, where he has not played since lower year. Faulk, the spiritual and

motivational leader of the team, was unhappy with the demotion to say the least, yet was confident that Jeremiah O'Neil '01 could pull out a win at number-one. Unfortunately for O'Neil, he could not defeat his opponent. Faulk. who also struggled last Thursday, scored an eagle on hole 7, but his opponent also had a three and closed out the match.

Riding off his close win against Exeter and GDA, Mark Drummond '00 fell to his competitor as well. His partner, lower Jeehae Lee who has been one of the bright spots on the team thus far, managed to tie, despite collapsing on the finishing holes. Drummond and Lee also lost the team match, to make the score 5-1 in favor of Belmont.

Anthony Pucillo '03 and Vijay Singh look-alike Azheem Ahamed '02 both tied their matches yet lost the team match. Amazingly, fifth-seed Pucillo, who has handled the intense pressure well thus far, finished with a birdie on the last hole to come from behind and

Two newcomers to the team rounded out the Andover lineup: James Ford '02 and Mike Tonelli '00. Ford lost his match, yet Tonelli shot the low Andover score of the day, a 39, and captured Andover's only singles win. Tonelli's score was especially impressive, considering he was playing in only his second

On Wednesday, Andover competed against Holderness. Historically, the Holderness match is an easy win. This year was no different. Andover won with 8.5 points to Holderness' 3.5. Andover's depth was the key to the win with the fifth-eighth players all winning their respective singles and team match-

Despite Andover's domination with the higher seeds, both number-one Faulk and number-two O'Neil lost, though they engineered a tie in their team match. Faulk, who came off playing in the second spot against Belmont Hill,



Boys Tennis Triumphs Over NMH After Dropping Top Matches; Squad Carried by Lower Seeds

by Eric Newman PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

scored a goal almost right off the whis-

tle, thanks to a pass from Macmillan.

Then, on the very next possession,

Richardson converted another scoring

chance off a defensive lapse. Macmillan

later scored two of her own, nearly

putting the game out of reach only five

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minutes into he second half.



It's half past twelve on a warm April Day at Northfield Mount Hermon. As a breeze swept over the cracked

cement courts, the Phillips Academy Boys Tennis Team swept over a frazzled NMH squad.

To kick off the day's festivities, the number-one seeds battled it out on the terre battue Brad Gilbert style -"winning ugly." Missing their top seed, Captain Drew Merle '00, the boys had to slide up to fill the vacant position. John Pearson '01 moved up into the number-one slot to face a tough opponent from NMH. Tennis legends such as Johnny Mac and Chris Everet compared Pearson's match to the Sampras-Corretja dogfight at the '96 U.S. Open. Similar to the Sampras-Corretja battle, the match was full of twists. In the first game, Pearson found himself down love-40. Pumping himself up with a series of furious fist pumps, Pearson unleashed a lethal first serve and battled back to win the first game. Behind his arsenal of five aces, in conjunction with his ten winners off the ground, Pearson paved the way to his 6-2 win in the first set.

After this auspicious beginning, the match spiraled downward. Northfield Mount Hermon's numberone cut down on his unforced errors and pushed his way to a 6-4 victory in the second set. With the score knotted 1-1, the 3rd and deciding set, known to tennis aficionados as the ultimate sacrifice, proved to be a doozy. Pearson cranked eight winners from the baseline, but his opponent was just too strong, winning the third set 6-2 and the match 2-1.

After going down to the wire and coming up empty in the top-seed singles match, the Big Blue looked for victory in the second singles match. Once again, the Big Blue came up empty as Matt Dougherty '01 fell 6-0 6-0 to NMH's super import from Turkey. Northfield Mount Hermon's

second seed smacked three aces and leled touch. Donthamsetty had four fifteen winners. Adam Sklar '01 captwo player in Turkey. NMH is slapping winners, smacking aces, and chip-

pin' and chargin'!"
While NMH won the first two matches, the Big Blue Warriors navigated themselves out of the doldrums of floating forehands and sagging serves. Ramesh Donthamsetty '01 thrashed and re-thrashed his opponent 6-2, 6-0. In addition to his amazing power, Donthamsetty mixed up his shot selection, prompting Pearson to name him the "guru" for his unparal-

consecutive drop volley winners and tured the amazing play of Dougherty's served at a super 75% first-serve per-opponent when he remarked, "That centage. Power and touch – ha! Show guy is just too good. He's the number me the speed - and that is just what '00 captured Donthamsetty's footspeed when he shouted, "He's floating around the court on his twinkletoes and abusing NMH.

Energized by Donthamsetty's 6-2, 6-0 walloping of his dumbfounded opponent, the Big Blue picked up the pace and punished its remaining competitors. Along with Donthamsetty's romping, Dougherty galvanized the Big Blue when he pronounced, "stay in it boys. We're gonna win!"

Inspired by Dougherty's words of wisdom, the Big Blue Warriors journeyed out onto the battlefield with conviction. Gardner, Sklar, Matt Natale '01, and Sam Takvorian '02 pulverized their opponents, combining for 35 winners and serving 65% on first serves.

If two is better than one, four is better than two. Following that motto, the Big Blue faired a little better in doubles, winning two out of the three

Although last Saturday got off to a shaky start, the Big Blue bit down and had tore apart their opponents by sundown. Next Friday, the Big Blue will shuffle on down to Groton for a tight match on green clay.

VOLLEYBALL OUSTS LEAGUE RIVAL CHOATE

SERVERS KEY TO SUCCESS

Drops Scrimmage vs. Chelmsford, Record Now 3-1

by Colin Penley





This week has been one of highs and lows for the volleyball team. They split their games and improved their record to 3-1 and 1-0 in league play.

On Saturday, the Phillips Academy Boys Volleyball team traveled to Choate Rosemary Hall to play its first league game of the season. The Big Blue won the game 3-1, and beat Choate for the first time in the short history of the Andover boys volleyball program. After a long bus ride, the team started out slowly and was slaughtered in less then one service rotation, 15-2. During the three minutes between the first and second games, Coach Clyfe Beckwith gave the team an inspiring speech and the boys in blue took the floor ready to play. The Andover players quickly found themselves looking at a 7-2 deficit. Matt Rotman '01 decided to take the problem in his own hands. He served ten straight points and changed Andover's position from being five points down to five points up. On its next service, the Blue advanced the score to 14-7. Choate still had some fight left, but nowhere near enough, and Andover took the game 15-

In game three Andover finished the game in less then one rotation. Needing Continued on Page 10, Column 6



A. Sklar/ The Phillipian

John Pearson cranks a backhand down-the-line in his three-set dogfight with NMH's number-one seed.

Track

The Girls and Boys Track teams claimed their first two victories this week on the road to the Interscholastic Championships. -pg. 10

Athlete of the Week

Veteran Kate MacMillan '00, who eclipsed the Girls Lacrosse scoring record this week, led her team with five goals against both KUA and NMH as the girls won two blow-out victories. -pg. 11

Baseball

Marc Hordon '00 had a career game Saturday against Wilbraham & Monson, going the distance for a one-hit, 14strike-out shutout victory. -pg. 10



A. Bowen/ The Phillipian

Boys Lacrosse

Boys Lacrosse, recovering from last week's one-goal loss, soundly defeated Hyde on Saturday. The post-graduates of Bridgton were too much to handle, however, as the boys lost 18-6. -pg. 11