

## POTENTIAL POWER OUTAGES PROMPT ENERGY INITIATIVE

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and **PRATEEK KUMAR**

With winter now setting in on campus, the Office of the Physical Plant (OPP) fears that power outages could affect Phillips Academy throughout the term.

An energy conservation initiative launched this year will entail a school-wide indoor temperature change from 70 to 68 degrees. The monetary savings from this alteration will be published weekly in the *Gazette*.

"It is no secret that we are faced with huge budget shortfalls in our energy budgets and we're trying to ask the community to help us during these difficult times," said Associate Director of maintenance and Utilities Carlos Montanez.

A new notification process will ensure that the PA Community is forewarned of any power outage 20 to 30 minutes before the event.

The Academy is unlikely to face a power blackout of more than one or two minutes.

To ensure that students are not affected, Director of Technology Valerie Roman advises students to shut off computers and other electronic equipment when not using them and to save documents frequently.

Though OPP has not finalized the method to notify the community, the system will involve a call to the PACC [Phillips Academy Computer Center] to tell students to save their work and shut down their computers.

These notifications aim to protect electronic equipment, particularly computers, on campus.

"[We subscribed to the notification program because] it was felt by all that it was far better to have some control over the reliability, stability, and power quality of the electricity that serves this campus," said Mr. Montanez.

PA also subscribes to an Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS), which would provide additional time to shut down computers.

"The worst possible scenario is that students doing work in the PACC would end up losing their work," said Ms. Roman.

She continued, "Unless a student has a UPS system or [has his or

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## Nurse Jean Sweeney Dies After 26 Years of Service

By **EMMA GOLDSTEIN**

Jean Sweeney, a nurse at Isham Health Center for 26 years, passed away on December 29 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, Ma. She was 70 years old.

"When the day ended, it did not mean [Ms. Sweeney] stopped being a nurse.... Nursing was her entire embodiment and being. She was a nurse's nurse. She was the kind of nurse that you would want to have when you were hurt or injured," recalled Director of nursing Lois Kelly.

School Physician Richard Keller said, "With her warm and gentle sense of humor, she will be sorely missed by her colleagues and students alike."

Ms. Sweeney became ill this summer and took a leave of absence from Phillips Academy with the understanding that she would return once she recovered.

"We the nurses are going to miss her a lot," said Ms. Kelly.

Ms. Sweeney was raised in Manchester, N.H. After graduating from Sacred Heart Nursing School in Manchester, she moved to Colorado and began focusing on her specialty, intensive care nursing.

It was in Colorado where she met her future husband, John Sweeney. They soon moved to Andover, close to where they both had been raised.

There, Ms. Sweeney worked at the intensive care unit at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, Mass. After the birth of

## Mr. Hodgson Reunited With Dog After Two Months

By **MOLLY SHOEMAKER**

Montana, an eight-year old golden retriever belonging to Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies Thomas Hodgson, was found recently after being lost for two months. He had trekked to Saugus, a town 18 miles from his home.

The dog bolted during a thunderstorm on Nov. 3 while Mr. Hodgson and his wife Susan Hodgson were sitting with her on their porch.

The Hodgsons had taken immediate action, calling all of their friends and acquaintances to help find her. They posted signs around the town of Andover, talked to the Andover Police, and searched for her throughout the surrounding areas.

The Hodgsons also called the Massachusetts Society of the Protection and Cruelty of Animals (MSPCA) to file a missing animal report.

However this was not the first time Montana had run away during a thunderstorm. A few years ago, the golden was gone for an entire week.

Yet after two months of searching, the Hodgsons gave up hope.

"We put away her bow and did all of those things that, you know, said we had given up on her," said Mrs. Hodgson.

When the Hodgsons had finally adjusted to life without Montana, Mrs. Hodgson was surprised while reading *The Boston Globe*: an article on dog abuse featured a picture of a golden that police believed had been maltreated.

She said, "I said to Tom 'I think this is 'Tana. I couldn't sit still until I knew for sure it was her.'"

Susan visited the kennel which held the golden and was ecstatic to discover that it was indeed her Montana. She brought back her husband later to identify their dog.

"She didn't have her collar on. We had been brushing her [before she ran away], so we had taken it off. We had to bring pictures, her vet bills, and her collar to verify that she was ours. Some dogs have a microchip in them, but Montana didn't," said Mrs. Hodgson.

The Kennel also called the Andover Animal Shelter to verify that the Hodgsons had filed a missing dog report.

her children, Ms. Sweeney began working at Isham. She worked part-time so that she could take care of her three children.

Ms. Sweeney was an active member of the Andover community outside of Phillips Academy. She was very involved with her church, Saint Augustine's Parish, and in town politics. Two years ago, she helped Director of Nursing Lois Kelly to run a local campaign.

A passionate sewer, Ms. Sweeney made everything from window curtains to clothing for her grandchildren; She also enjoyed quilting and reading.

"There was no topic she wasn't knowledgeable in," said Ms. Kelly.

After she began working as a full-time registered nurse at Isham nine years ago, Ms. Sweeney often served as a mentor to new nurses.

Ms. Sweeney's colleagues remember her as a creative thinker and excellent problem solver.

Ms. Kelly said, "She was genuine and supportive, and she was a great resource."

Catholic Chaplain Francisco Nahoe said Mass in Ms. Sweeney's honor this past Sunday in Kemper Chapel.

The funeral was held on January 2 at Saint Augustine's Parish in Andover.

Ms. Sweeney is survived by her husband, children, and grandchildren.



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Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies Thomas Hodgson now keeps his dog Montana on a tight leash.

To prevent this situation, the Hodgsons are considering embedding a microchip into Montana's shoulder, which would provide the Hodgson's address if a kennel or veterinarian scanned it.

Montana is now happily reunited with her owners, though she has lost twenty pounds and returned to them with a large laceration on her back, which officials believe was caused by a

car.

"We're very happy to have her back," said Mrs. Hodgson. "She's very happy [too], and eating and sleeping well."

## 220 PA STUDENTS APPLY EARLY TO COLLEGES, 100 ACCEPTED

By **YONI GRUSKIN**  
and **SIMONE HILL**

While underclassmen spent their winter breaks relaxing after the pressures of Fall term, 220 Seniors in the class of 2006 anxiously awaited decisions from over 45 college Early Action and Early Decision programs.

As of January 6, 100 Andover students had been accepted.

This year's early results are "comparable to the last few years," according to Director of College Counseling John Anderson. He noted that the percentage of accepted students, 45 percent, was similar to previous years', which usually ranged between 40-50 percent.

Because the College Counseling Office is still waiting to be informed of 12 students' college decisions, Mr. Anderson stressed that the numbers are inconclusive and may not accurately express the success of this year's early admission.

However, significant differences between this year's results and last year's can be observed in the Phillips Academy early application statistics. The most noticeable increase was in the number admitted to Harvard University, which accepted seven Early Action applicants last year compared to twelve this year.

While Stanford University admitted three Andover students last year, its numbers for the entering class of 2010 doubled with six Early Action acceptances. Brown University, compared to admitting five students Early Decision for the entering class of 2009, accepted

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## MARLYS EDWARDS REAPPOINTED AS DEAN OF STUDENTS

By **ALICJA LAM**

Head of School Barbara Chase recently reappointed Marlys Edwards for another two years as Dean of Students.

She based her decision on feedback from faculty, staff, and students. Ms. Edwards has held this position since August 2002 and is looking forward to bringing fresh ideas to her office in the coming years.

Ms. Edwards joined the faculty of Phillips Academy in 1991 and has since served as an Instructor in English, a house counselor, and West Quad South Cluster Dean.

Currently she is serving not only as Dean of Students, but also as a member of the English department and as a house counselor in Samaritan House.

Ms. Edwards has served as Dean of Students for the past six years, during which time she says she has focused her efforts on "de-institutionalizing" dorm life.

"When I came to this position all the dorms were painted a very cold gray, and lacked common areas where students could congregate for munches or curl up and watch movies together. We've done a lot of painting, installed a lot of kitchens and common study areas, and I want to continue to work to make dorms more comfortable," she said.

In her efforts to reduce the stress of a house counselor's

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## Lasman '06 and Witte '06 Receive Early Application Results From Colleges

By **JESS WHITE**

Early applications can either make or break the Winter Term for many Seniors.

If a student is accepted, a burden is lifted. However, if he or she is denied or deferred, the pressure remains.

For two seniors, Lucretia Witte '06 and Ben Lasman '06, the results of their early application brought mixed feelings.

Lasman applied early to Columbia University and University of Chicago. He was accepted by University of Chicago, but deferred from Columbia.

Since U. Chicago has an Early Action process, Lasman's acceptance is non-binding. Columbia, on the other hand, follows the Early Decision system, under which students make a binding agreement to attend the school if admitted.

After receiving the results from U. Chicago and Columbia, Lasman applied to three other schools, the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, and Brown University.

Lasman feels that his experience from the early application process has helped him develop better regular application essays.

He said, "During the first application, all of the essays are more or less new to you. I think progressively it gets easier and easier. In my other three [regular applications], I used really similar essays. I had the same line of thinking."

Although Lasman did not receive exactly the news he had hoped for, he was pleased with the results of his early applications.

In addition, Lasman said that he realized Columbia was not necessarily his first choice.

"If I got into schools besides Columbia there would be no clear-cut choice. I would probably have to visit first," he said.

Because he wanted to study in a metropolitan setting, Lasman



Lucretia Witte '06 and Ben Lasman '06 share their college results.

decided to apply to large, urban, Ivy League schools.

Lasman now has to wait until May 1 to hear from the other schools to which he has applied and to accept or decline the University of Chicago's offer of admittance.

Witte applied early to Dartmouth College and was deferred. Upon receiving the news, Witte applied to nine other schools.

She also revised her list of favorite schools. Originally, Witte intended to apply only to liberal arts colleges in the Northeast. However, as the deadlines approached, Witte researched schools that her friends recommended, including Duke and Georgetown.

Witte said, "Duke has moved way up my list after my research; I'm really happy that I did look at it."

In addition, as Witte researched schools she had once adamantly pursued moved down her list.

She said, "When I first started I had a very strict image in mind. But I realized that some of the ones I planned on applying to weren't for me."

Nevertheless, Witte applied to some liberal arts colleges, including Middlebury and Wellesley Colleges.



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Although Witte's research allowed her to widen her horizons, it also blurred her preferences.

She said, "Since I diversified, I don't really know what my top choice is."

Witte is also considering the possibility of participating in Varsity sports, specifically tennis, in college. She is discussing this option with several coaches.

"I was looking for schools where I thought I could get involved with a particular aspect. Some of the smaller schools I was looking to get involved in their athletic scene. In the larger schools I looked for programs in my areas of interest," said Witte.

Despite the setback at Dartmouth, Witte still has the school at the top of her list.

Since Witte applied to nine other schools, the application process has been quite daunting, but the common application significantly reduced the amount of work she needed to do.

While Lasman and Witte's early applications may not have turned out as they had hoped, the process did allow them to reconsider the characteristics they wanted in a college.



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Reggae band "Hot Like Fire" lights up the Ryley Room.  
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## Too Much Information? Or Not Enough?

The College Counseling Office changed its policy about releasing college admissions data this year. In the past, the office released such statistics as the total number of applicants to each school, and the number of denials, deferrals, and acceptances. This year, the office only released the number of acceptances, leaving students to guess about the other data.

The change resulted from a recommendation of the Eastern Independent Secondary School College Admissions Personnel (EISSCAP), an organization to which Phillips Academy belongs.

Though the change apparently aims to help students, it engenders gossip and misinformation, while at the same time denying from students information that could prove useful as they seek to evaluate their chance of admission to their preferred institutions.

For better or worse, college is and will always remain a major topic of discussion and gossip for Phillips Academy upperclassmen. Denying students information about college admissions will not stop students from worrying about college, it will simply take away the factual foundation for discussions about college. Discussions will not be based upon verifiable and published facts, but upon rumors and gossip.

While we understand that EISSCAP was well-intended, we think that their recommended change hurts students and makes the college admissions process even more stressful than it already was.

*This editorial represents the views of The Phillipian editorial board.*

## CORRECTION

As The Phillipian attempts to improve upon the content and overall design of the paper, the editorial board would like to emphasize its continued commitment to accuracy. We hope that this Corrections box will help us accomplish this goal and aid our readers in gaining a better understanding of the events, people, and issues we cover.

An article in the Novemeber 8 *Phillipian* incorrectly stated the age of Deerfield postgraduate Nick Blixt. At the time of publication, he was 18 years old, not 20.

# Pension Pinching

This past December, Verizon Communications announced that it was converting from a defined-benefit pension plan to individual 401(k) retirement plans for all of its managers who have been with the company less than thirteen and a half years. Companies like computer giant IBM have followed suit, moving away from pensions for all of its employees.

These companies, and others like them, are realizing the undeniable fact: pensions are just too expensive to fund properly; multiple factors account for this including lengthened life expectancies and an unsure stock market.

The problem, especially in industries where unions are dominant, is that companies could possibly face massive revolts from workers and union leaders if they try to change retirement plans.

Essentially, pension plans mandate that an employer pay a retiree some fixed amount of money every year for life. To cover these expenses, companies subtract wages from employees' paychecks and invest these wages in stocks, bonds or other securities to form a giant pool of assets the company will tap in the future. On the other hand, 401(k) plans are personal accounts where an employee can place his or her own money. Additionally, employers typically match an employee's contribution up to a certain percent of their income, usually around five.

The biggest problems for companies with the traditional, defined-benefit pension plans will most likely plague industrial manufacturers, specifically automakers. Back in the 1970s when the American auto industry was a main engine of economic growth, the United Auto Workers demanded high pay and excellent benefits for its workers. At the time, the car companies thought they could afford giving better benefits to workers and granted most of the wishes of the unions.

While the executives of the car companies thought their prosperity would be

**John Gwin**

MONEY

able to carry their massive obligations to their workers, they failed to see the future of the auto industry. Massive foreign competition began proliferating into the United States and the automakers began to feel the heat. Today, of course, that heat is at full burn, especially at GM, which not only has its own pension obligations, but is also legally responsible for the pension of its bankrupt spinoff Delphi.

The question really is: what do we do next? First, it appears that many companies will stop offering a traditional pension plan, believing these plans to be much too expensive and having potentially enormous liabilities. That's why IBM, whose plan is actually overfunded by \$4 billion, is switching to 401(k).

Second, unfortunately, there seems to be a great possibility that the US government will foot the bill. Under US law, defined-benefit plans, like the one at GM, are insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

This organizations, financed by the pension funds themselves, will accept the obligation of a private company's pension plan if the company goes into bankruptcy.

Given its worsening financial health and dismal operating results, it seems like GM is going to be a prime candidate to enter bankruptcy and shift its pension to the PBGC.

While this would give GM breathing room to make the change to a 401(k) plan, it does present some major accounting challenges: the PBGC simply does not have enough money to pay for GM's liabilities. Thus either benefits for retirees will be severely cut, or the PBGC will need to raise revenue from some external source.

Whether or not GM does go into bankruptcy, the world will continue to witness a change from traditional pension plans to 401(k) and similar retirement accounts. This is a necessary shift, but it is sure to be painful for many retirees and corporations.

# Peeping George

**Yoni Gruskin**

WATCHDOG

of this drama is the show of arrogance and imperialism by the White House. The Bush Administration's excuse for their actions: because they could. Dick Cheney has for many years been an ardent supporter of Executive power who cringes at the thought of the Congressional investigations that became so powerful and prevalent in the wake of Vietnam and Watergate. Cheney, since his early closed-door meetings with oil executives to formulate the administration's energy policy, has been intent on using his time in office to restore executive power and turn the president into a figure who cannot be beleaguered by the political winds in Congress.

Listening to Cheney and Bush defend their program and their powers as the executive branch of the government invokes an eerie reminder of another wartime president who made it his mission to raise the powers of the White House above its Capitol Hill neighbors. This President was Nixon, and like Bush and Cheney, he seemed to believe that he was above the law. The way the law is set up, the National Security Agency can have a domestic wiretap legally approved by the courts in a relatively short amount of time.

Mr. Bush has given no indication that his program is targeting subjects who might be discussing imminent threats. Perhaps Mr. Bush does not feel compelled to justify his plan to a court out of fear of weakening his own position by empowering any other branch. Cheney's demeanor is suggestive of a dictator who rests high above the law, not the number two man in a

democracy dependent on checks and balances.

The timing of President Bush's lectures on the inherent executive powers in the Constitution comes at an interesting moment, while his nominee for Supreme Court Samuel Alito begins his hearing. Since nominating him months ago, Mr. Bush has celebrated Judge Alito for being a constructionist.

Mr. Alito, as lauded by President, strictly follows the Constitution and

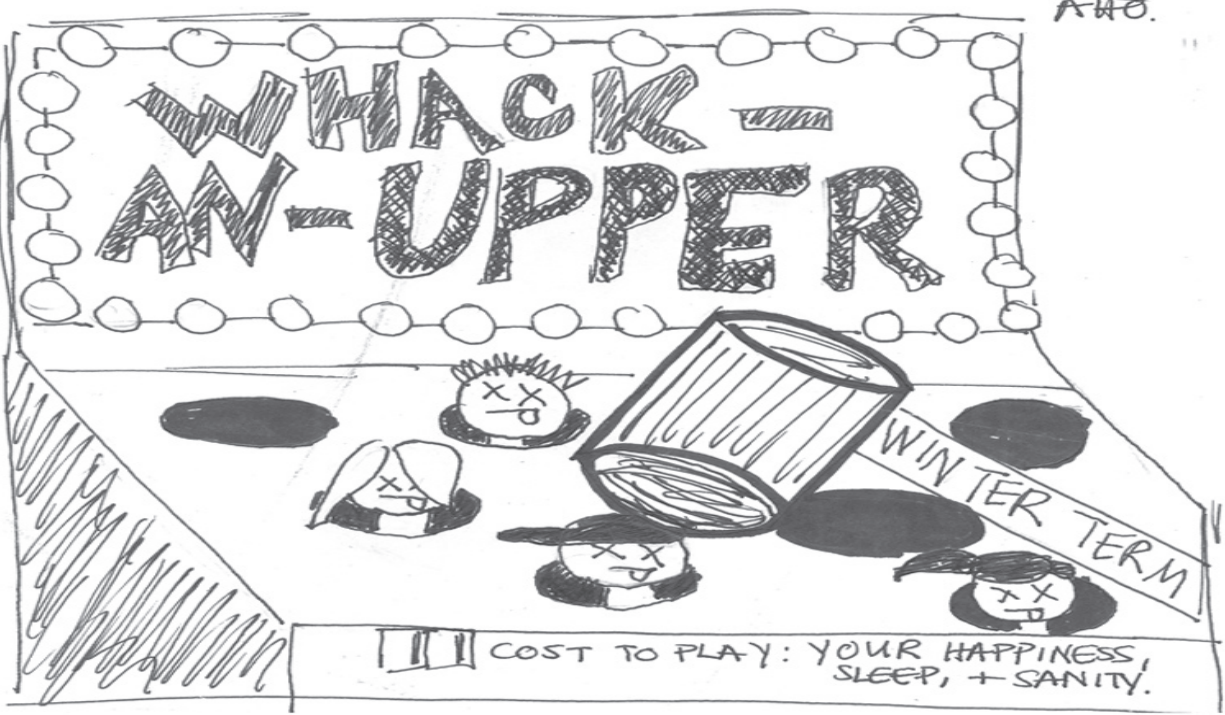
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does not legislate from the bench.

President Bush is demonstrating hypocrisy by insisting that federal judges adhere rigidly to the words of the Constitution while he defends his heavy-handed actions based on inherent powers in the Constitution and the war resolution passed shortly after 9/11.

Then again, if Cheney's apparent intentions of bringing back the so-called “imperial presidency” succeed, there will be no reason to debate about the specific language of the Constitution.

When Cheney's utopia arrives, the Bush Administration will be far above the reaches of the law of the land.



# Sammy Says

**Ben Levenback**

JURISPRUDENCE

under the law, and should have equal say in government. Since Judge Alito has never publicly reversed his stance, one must assume that he thinks otherwise.

In the wake of the Bush Administration's admission that the NSA had conducted surveillance on Americans without warrants, the question of executive power has become an important one for the Judiciary to consider.

The President defended his actions as necessary in a time of war, despite possible violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which makes it illegal for the government to spy on Americans without a court order.

Of course, if the President can ignore Federal Law during a war of indefinite length, then the recently passed ban on torture has no purpose.

The President could secretly override it just as he decided to override the law against spying on Americans. This relates to Judge Alito's confirmation hearing because of his high regard for Presidential “signing statements.”

He said that “the President's understanding of the bill should be just as important as that of Congress” and, in essence, that the President can give himself some wiggle room by raising constitutional questions about a bill.

Of course, the President has no judicial power to interpret law, but Judge Alito, a defender of such power, may give it to him. Separation of Powers

ernment have been a part of a larger anti-judicial trend among politicians, who often like to chastise “Activist Judges.” An independent judiciary, unaffected by

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political winds, special interest groups, or upcoming elections, is essential to democracy in this country. Those that blast judges know this - they are just trying to score political points by criticizing unpopular court decisions.

However, Judge Alito is a true believer in limiting judicial power, whether in ensuring that all Americans have equal representation or in making sure that the President's power does not run unchecked.

The Supreme Court must focus solely on the Constitution without regard for turbulence caused by their decisions. Indeed, some of the Court's greatest decisions, from “one man, one vote” to Brown v. Board of Education, to the late Justice Rehnquist's intent of protecting the rights of states through cases like U.S. v. Lopez, were accused of “legislating from the bench.”

But nobody who makes these claims would take these decisions back, and nobody denies that the judicial branch has an essential part to play in the government - with the possible exception of Judge Samuel Alito.

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means that the President must accept Congress's laws and the courts' interpretations, and execute them faithfully, but Judge Alito may let President duck the laws and the Constitution just enough to do whatever he wants. Traditional conservatives, wary of a big, powerful government should be cautious of this.

Such theories and actions in the gov-

*“This President was Nixon, and like Bush and Cheney, he was adamant in his belief that he is above the law.”*

President Bush has insisted since the beginning of the controversy that the actions he authorized the National Security Agency to take are not only justified, but legal under Section II of the Constitution, and under the authority vested in him by Congress in fighting the War on Terrorism. An analysis conducted by a Congressional legal team found the president's interpretation of his powers to be misguided and hinted that the president had exceeded his authority as Commander-in-Chief by authorizing the spying of American citizens without court approval.

The nuances of Constitutional Law set aside, the most disturbing aspect

*“...Judge Alito, if confirmed, will pose a risk to some of the most basic tenets of our democracy, from separation of powers to the principle of ‘one man, one vote.’”*

get the same representation in the state government as a district with 15,000 people. However, this was precisely the case for the majority of American history; legislative districts were not required to have comparable populations until the early 1960s.

Today we recognize the legitimacy of the decisions made in the “one man, one vote” cases, and they are widely praised as an essential element of democracy in this country.

However, not only did Judge Alito disagree with these decisions, but in an application for a job with the Reagan Justice Department, he claimed to have become interested in constitutional law “in large part by disagreement with Warren Court decisions, particularly...reapportionment,” as reported by the *New York Times*. “One man, one vote” is not a liberal-conservative issue; it is a pro-democracy or anti-democracy issue.

If the Constitution mandates nothing else, it says that people should be equal



Prateek Kumar

Tom DeLay’s announcement this past week that he would not seek to regain his post as House Majority Leader for the Republican Party signifies a major setback for the task of rank-and-file Republicans to stem the political tide and present a unified front for the 2006 Midterm Congressional Elections. Whether DeLay is guilty of the corruption charges that he faces in his home state of Texas will be decided by a judge and a grand jury; it is, however, obvious that Delay has lost in the courtroom of public opinion and that the American people are suspicious of illegal activities in Congress.

Recent polls have shown that majorities of the American public believe that there is a large extent of corruption on Capitol Hill. The GOP must move quickly to eliminate their corrupt appearance as a party, an image that has derailed their efforts to pass conservative legislation. More importantly, the Republicans must unite under new leadership to reset the conservative agenda, not only for the sake of a victory in the 2006 Elections, but more importantly, to resist attempts by the Democratic Party to restate the real American agenda.

Unfortunately, majorities in both houses of Congress have done great harm to the Grand Old Party. Corruption charges have destroyed the career of Rep. “Duke” Cunningham from California, and appear to have finished off Tom DeLay for good. *The New York Times* editorial board believes that there is some sort of web of corruption that spans the entire length of the Republican Party in Washington D.C. Both parties need to make the day-to-day affairs of life on Capitol Hill more transparent so that the American public does not have reason to so cynically believe that corruption has infected our political system. The GOP has wandered far from the Contract with America that brought Republicans back to power in Congress under Newt Gingrich’s astute leadership in the early 1990’s. Republican promises of eliminating corruption, advancing campaign finance reform, and limiting the size of federal government all seem so hollow now in hindsight.

Libertarians cringe when they look at the size of the federal debt, knowing that our children will have to pay for the mess made by greedy Congressmen of both parties who pack legislation with pork projects for their own districts. The tax cuts passed by the Bush Administration have helped the economy rebound from the recession, but the lack of a simultaneous cut in spending in the federal budget leaves many Americans in absolute bewilderment.

Efforts for Social Security reform have failed miserably, and a lack of a National Energy Policy continues to hurt our nation, both at home and abroad. There has not even been discussion for a stronger National Education Policy, one that could allow American students to once more compete in the ever-smaller world that we live in. Fights over the Patriot Act and secret wiretaps have heightened the hostility of Washington, making it impossible for strong, bipartisan legislation to be passed that will benefit the entire nation.

What does the Republican Party need to do to regain the upper hand? The first step will come at the end of this month, as Republicans move to elect a new House Majority Leader. The two leading contenders right now are Rep. John Boehner of Ohio and House Majority Whip Roy Blunt of Missouri. Both have outstanding credentials, and are fine, upstanding men who can reinvigorate the Party. I believe that the post should be given to Rep. Boehner. The importance of Ohio as a swing state, which was recognized in the 2004 Presidential Election, cannot be understated in the 2006 Elections. Republicans should reward Ohioans for returning President Bush to power by boosting a prominent Ohio Representative to a major leadership position.

“We need a conference with the courage and confidence to tackle our nation’s problems. This is a critical time for the Republican conference,” Boehner said Sunday, according to a news release. Boehner, in another letter to the Republican conference Sunday, seemed to offer a theme for his campaign, which focused on “Renewal: Renewal in spirit, renewal in principles, renewal in commitment.” This renewal should consist of a return to the Republican ideals of the early 90’s so heavily advanced by Gingrich. Smaller government, less intrusion in the lives of the people, strengthening the private sector of the economy, and respecting the property rights of others.

This new leadership should pass corruption legislation that will increase transparency of the affairs in Congress for the average American citizen. The American people seem to lack trust in Congress, and this could cost Republicans dearly if not dealt with immediately.

The Democrats still lack national leadership, and Harry Reid’s filibustering is a far cry from the leadership seen by members of both parties over the history of the United States. Republicans still have time to turn the tide, but it is important to rebuild the trust between Congress and the rest of the nation. The average American must once again feel welcome in the capital of the land of the free, confident in a bright future for himself and for his entire nation.

O’Reilly Takes “War” To Front Lines

Television became even less kosher last week when the heated Bill O’Reilly and David Letterman clashed Tuesday’s airing of Letterman’s “The Tonight Show” on CBS.

O’Reilly, the conservative host of Fox News’s “The O’Reilly Factor” is best known for being one of the most parodied cantankerous middle aged men in the media. He is well loved by devoted Fox viewers, and similarly despised by the predominantly liberal sect of David Letterman aficionados.

Bill O’Reilly also has a wonderfully informative website where, among other things, interested shoppers can purchase his tote bags and innovative “Boycott France” bumper stickers. It is also an excellent resource for dirt on O’Reilly’s media foes such as *The New Yorker* and his ultimate nemesis Al Franken.

Nevertheless O’Reilly’s “no you’re just wrong” debate style has earned him an incredibly successful run on cable television: the highest viewer ratings for 200 consecutive weeks. O’Reilly and Letterman together in the same studio

must have sounded like an explosive duo to hor-rified CBS producers.

What they got was a smorgasbord of the nation’s most controversial topics like Cindy Sheehan and PC Christmas greetings, as well as a hilarious blend of intentional and unintentional comedic performances that CBS executives expected and hoped for.

Letterman cracked jokes at O’Reilly’s expense. O’Reilly stewed over his unpatriotic irreverence and then came back at him aggressively, and Letterman tried to get a good laugh out of his audience over O’Reilly’s zealous determination to engage in political warfare.

The debate itself fell far short of an intellectual volley between two informed opponents. Instead, both men regurgitated the pundit fodder of the past month. Cindy Sheehan, the mother of a soldier killed in Iraq, and a crusader for peace and liberal interests since her son’s death, was one of the hot topics of the show. O’Reilly had some substance to

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his points while Letterman asked mainly follow up questions, harping on inconsistencies in O’Reilly’s statements.

O’Reilly bemoaned Cindy Sheehan’s use of the term freedom fighters in reference to Iraqi insurgents, concluding that, “It is a vitally important time in American history. And we should all take it very seriously. Be very careful with what we say.”

Letterman’s reply was a hearty, “Well, and you should be very careful with what you say also.” The latter statement was greeted to the studio audience, but O’Reilly not so easily deterred and continued denouncing Cindy Sheehan as a tool of leftist propaganda. Letterman proceeded to ask him whether he had ever had any children who died in combat.

The question was somewhat flat, and it backfired on Letterman later when O’Reilly pointed out that both men had sons around the same age.

Bill O’Reilly, true to form, wasn’t

about to let anyone forget the really valuable news of the recently departed holiday season, and used the advantage of appearing on Letterman to give liberal audiences a piece of his mind about their attempts to dethrone the Christian holiday of its status amongst the winter holidays.

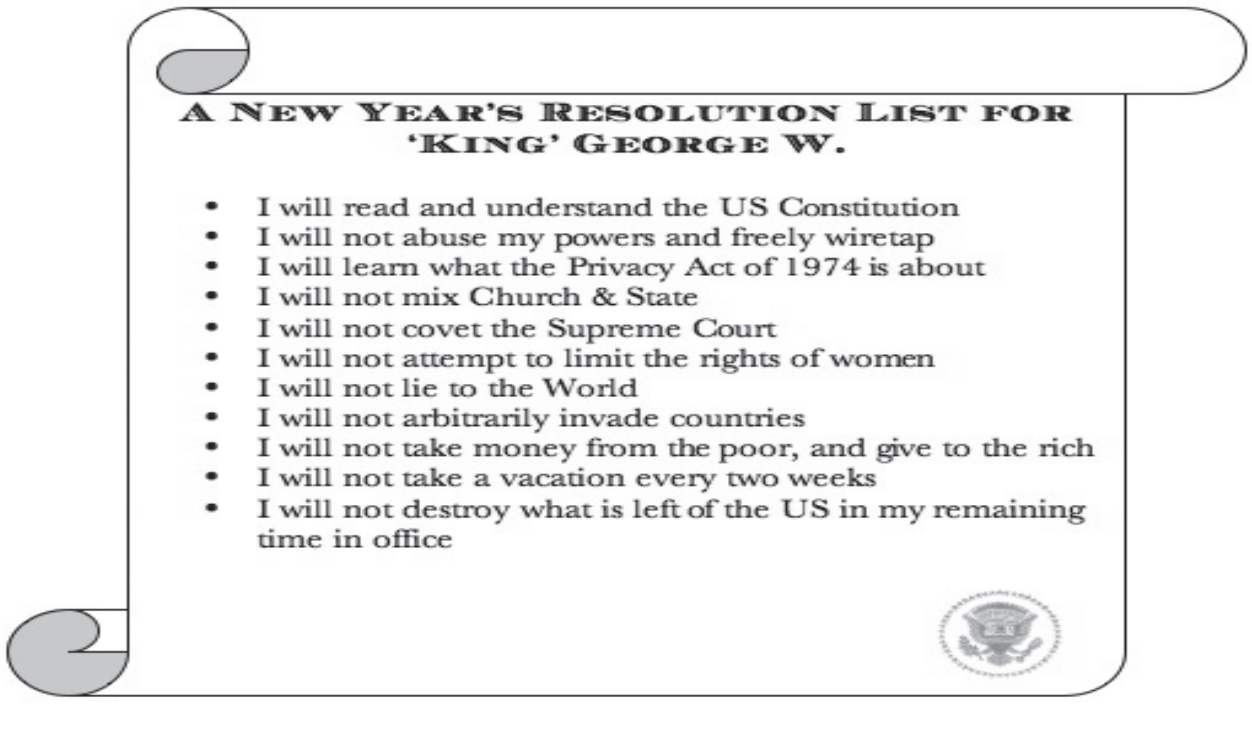
O’Reilly worked too hard to drive home his point on holiday tidings; when Letterman asked how his holidays were, O’Reilly responded with a snide “I had a nice winter solstice, yes.” When Letterman’s only response was “OK,” O’Reilly quickly added “You can’t say Christmas....it’s politically incorrect.”

Letterman’s apparent ambivalence to the issue which he categorized as one of the things that would eventually “...take care of itself,” made O’Reilly’s liberal conspiracy theory seem slightly more extreme. While O’Reilly mentioned that Sears and other companies changed their holiday messages, he did not attribute this change to the marketing incentives which would undoubtedly compel companies seeking to expand their range of consumers.

O’Reilly’s ire over schools changing the lyrics to silent night provoked little response from Letterman, nor did his trite name-calling of the school which made the decision to do so. The so-called “pinheads” at Ridgewell Elementary School in Wisconsin replaced lyrics with what most sentimental holiday types would think cute coming from the mouths of 3rd graders. But apparently the winter song with its nice rhymes and modified subject matter was nothing short of malicious to O’Reilly.

Some commentators claimed that Letterman stole the show with his blasé retorts, quick jabs and the often-quoted, “I’m not smart enough to debate you point to point on this, but I have the feeling, I have the feeling about 60 percent of what you say is crap.” Even so, it was O’Reilly who further capitalized on his cantankerous image which has sustained him in the pundit circuit for years.

Essentially there is something to be said for being the guy everyone loves to hate, and it is here that O’Reilly takes the cake.



Sharon’s First Vision

Israeli politics came to an abrupt halt last week while Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a hemorrhagic stroke and was subsequently hospitalized. There was a leadership crisis which ended with the Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert assuming the prime minister’s responsibilities. However, the larger crisis is not over for Sharon or for Israel.

Ariel Sharon fought in every major Israeli war. He enlisted in the Haganah as a teenager, and fought in the 1948 Independence War. He moved up the ranks, eventually becoming Defense Minister in the 1982 war with Lebanon.

He has been a cornerstone of Israeli politics for over three decades, founding two of Israel’s major political parties: the Likud Party in 1973 and, more recently, the Kadima Party in 2005.

Since his 2001 election as Prime Minister, Sharon has been a dominant force in Israeli and world politics. He deviated from his own campaign and party platforms, making unique steps towards peace with the Palestinians and with his left wing political rivals.

His absence is raising questions in the minds of concerned citizens around the globe about the future of Israel and of the peace process. It is thus an appropriate time to reflect on Sharon’s vision for Israel and the Palestinians, and the path that Israel should take to ensure, first and foremost, the security of her borders and the safety of her citizen.

Sharon’s vision for Israel was, until recently, a strong Jewish country stretching from the Jordan to the Mediterranean. In the past few years, his mind has changed, and he has displayed his preference for the so called “two state solution” and “roadmap to peace.”

Peace has become his number one priority. Following his plan through, his vision for Israel today is a smaller, more peaceful Israel in good relations with her neighbor, Palestine. The Kadima Party is Sharon’s means for making this dream into a reality.

Sharon’s Kadima Party will win a significant number of Knesset seats in the upcoming March elections, likely more

than Likud and Labor combined. This is the greatest evidence of how Sharon has changed Israeli politics in the past months, and shows what is to come if nothing is actively done to stop it.

The centrist Kadima party has marginalized the Israeli right wing. Much of the former right wing has shifted left and Israel no longer has a conservative political party.

This is a time when Israel’s right wing needs to speak up and be strong. There are several small right-wing political parties in the Knesset aside from Likud including Shas, the National Religious Party, and the coalitions of the National Union and United Torah Judaism. Though these parties have many differences, in a time when politicians are evicting their own constituents and brothers and threatening Israel’s security, enough of them must find common ground and unite to create a significant parliamentary presence.

But, at the same time, it is hard to be too critical at a time like this. Labor and Likud leaders; including Benjamin Netanyahu and Amir Peretz, have put politics on hold out of respect for Sharon and at the expenses on their own campaigns. It is only appropriate.

So I too wish Ariel Sharon, one of Israel’s greatest military leaders and politicians, a full recovery. And I hope that somebody holds on to Sharon’s original dream for a strong and vibrant Israel.



A Controversial Figure

On January 4, 2006, millions were stunned to hear the news of the massive stroke suffered by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Stories emerged from Israel of the extensive measures being taken to save the life of one of the few titans of Israeli and Middle Eastern politics.

So far however, the only information on his final condition given to the press has been that he will likely suffer some cognitive impairment and might be paralyzed.

The legacy Ariel Sharon left on Middle Eastern politics has been one of heated emotions and mixed results to the say least. His actions have been both praised and abhorred by most of the international community.

He will be remembered by Israelis as one of the nation’s strongest and most uncompromising rulers. who took whatever actions he deemed necessary.

He violated direct orders during his tenure in the Israeli Defense Forces to

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slaughter as many as 3,500 people, many of whom were innocent civilians. The Sabra and Shatilla massacres have largely affected Arab relations with Israel, fueling the long-standing animosity between the two groups. His longstanding personal feud with fallen Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, was another tenet of his leadership. Many thought that a lasting peace was impossible.

Examining the Israeli/Palestinian peace negotiations now, many wonder what will change. With the formation of Sharon’s Kadima Party, it is a mystery who will emerge from the March 28th elections as the next Israeli Prime Minister.

Without Sharon, his new party has no candidate, while both the Labor and Likud candidates are relatively strong. It is a troubling prospect for many Arabs however. While there is an almost undisputed despise for the fallen leader, it is also believed that the Likud candidate, Benjamin Netanyahu, would be extremely uncompromising and more brutal. His history of heavy-handed tactics and indefinite delays in implementing parts of the Oslo Accords during his term as Prime Minister from 1996-1999 leave much to be desired.

Sharon’s absence from Middle Eastern politics, presents a chance for a lasting peace. Sharon’s tactics, methods, and ideas were brutal and conservative to achieve a sustainable peace. The next Israeli Prime Minister should be open to the establishment of a new state. Sharon’s tactics of constantly crippling the Palestinian Authority have done little to benefit the peace process.

They have done nothing more than prevented the Palestinians from confronting militant organizations. The next leader should also make attempts to extend an olive branch to other Arab states in the region.

Peace with neighbors and a starting trade are excellent ways to help reduce the tension in the region and stabilize other governments whose collapse would be utterly devastating.

For its part, the United States should also change its Middle Eastern policy. The US should make a real effort to establish a stable Palestinian Authority, and if necessary, request that a UN Peacekeeping mission be deployed to the area.

Our government should encourage Israeli troops to leave Palestinian territory and push for more settlements to be dismantled. Nothing can change without the full backing of the US and opportunities this great do not present themselves frequently.

Some will celebrate the passing of one of the strongest Israeli political symbols. Others will mourn. The future will be brighter if a more moderate and compromising government emerges, but a return to quagmire and violence is likely with Netanyahu.

Only time will tell, but regardless of the outcome in the elections, the face of Middle Eastern politics will be significantly changed with the passing of one of its strongmen.

And You Thought Oil Was Bad

James Sawabini

REQUIEM of the armed services of the United States of America marched over Afghanistan’s not-so-fertile soil in order to cleanse Afghanistan of the evils that had plagued it. What is of concern to us, however, is not the evils we never found (i.e. Bin Laden), but the evils which we chose to ignore. Ironically, we were marching on them.

Today, roughly 50 percent of all the heroin in the world is produced in Afghanistan. Not North Korea, Communist China, or Iran, but American-controlled Afghanistan. And the best part? We’ve always known it! According to the C.I.A.’s online publication, The World Factbook, the primary export of Afghanistan at present is opium (used to make heroin). However, we haven’t just allowed it to happen: we’ve supported it.

Remember all that money Bush wanted to help rebuild Afghanistan? Who do

you think is getting those tax dollars? After all, they’ve got to go somewhere, and they certainly can’t stay at home. Instead, they’ve gone to the war lords that helped us invade in the first place: the mighty Northern Alliance.

In other words, the leaders of Afghanistan, the ones with power and money, are nothing more than drug lords. It’s no wonder then that since we arrived in 2001, “expanding poppy cultivation and a growing opium trade [accounted] for one-third of GDP” (C.I.A.). Of course, in spending millions to rebuild the Afghani economy, a good deal of that fat cash is going to go to producing their chief export, heroin.

But there is a silver lining in this rain cloud of hypocrisy. At least the next time you’re purchasing heroin, you’ll know that you are supporting American interests. So be a patriot, and go get yourself a delicious kilo of Uncle Sam’s best.



Cara Folkman '08

Picture Ryley Room on a weekend night. You probably see students milling around, eating fried food, talking, and watching sport games. But how about a dreadlocked women accompanying men banging on drums for a reggae version of Dido? Or maybe an intense dance-off? Probably not what comes to mind, but that was just the scene in Ryley this past Friday.

What was the occasion? Reggae band Hot like Fire's visit to the Andover campus. Co-lead singer Kelly B. formed the band in 1989. Hot Like Fire tours around New England and plays at a wide variety of functions, as noted on the band's website.

When the band first took the stage, students kept the low-key Ryley vibe, sitting at tables and chatting. The TV's may have been off, but the beginning of the night still felt typically toned down in energy.

"I didn't come all the way here to see people sitting down!" exclaimed reggae Hot like Fire front man Errol Strength. A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Strength was on lead vocals with Kelly B. Within minutes of this announcement, most of the girls in the room were out on the dance floor, although almost all the guys remained seated until the end of the night.

The turnout in Ryley was mediocre for a weekend, partly because the talented Jamaicans were the only scheduled entertainment of the night. The room wasn't exactly packed, but students constantly wandered in and out. However, the night also marked the introduction of a new method of admittance- instead of markers or stamps, faculty at the doors now use "invisible" pens that only show up when black light is shown on them.

Enjoyment of the band was not universal around campus. Blaine Johnson '08 said, "The bass was really loud. I didn't like the songs they choose to cover, but I did enjoy some of their original songs. I did think they were talented."

Adriana Flores '08 disagreed with Johnson's negative impression, as did many of the other students who attended. "I really like the songs they covered, especially their versions No Doubt's "Underneath it all." and Sheryl Crow's "The First Cut is the Deepest."

Flores insisted that her favorite part of the night was the dance-off. "It was

HOT LIKE FIRE BURNS UP RYLEY



B. Waldo/The Phillippian

The group performs last weekend in Ryley to a packed house.

a great finish. It was really entertaining - Evan Hawk's dance moves were hilarious." Emma Ellis '07 added, "The night was fabulous. I really enjoyed it, and I loved the combination of the two lead singer's voices."

While the band had some initial difficulty getting the audience to participate, eventually students stepped up. Evan Hawk '08, as well as several other students including Ashley Calhoun '06, Catherine Castillo '06, and Shani Small '06, started out in the competition.

After the first elimination round, only Hawk and Small were left. After some impressive dance moves from the two contestants that wowed and amused both the audience and the band, Small '06 came away as the winner by a vote of applause.

The covers of popular songs

revamped with a reggae twist were particularly well-received by the audience, though the students were less enthusiastic about the band's more unfamiliar songs. When the underclassmen were forced to depart for sign-in at 10 o'clock, many were disappointed to

leave the band.

The band's website, www.hotlike-fire.net , gives lots of good information regarding the band. Perhaps their slogan as seen on the website has some truth: "People are always dancin' when Hot Like Fire is jammin'"



R. Waldo/The Phillippian

The Theatre Department's own "Woman of Light" works her magic for this year's productions.

whereas with dance you go by the mood of the music and ideas given to you by the choreographer.

P: What will you be doing in the coming terms?

JP: This term, I'm designing the lights for *Love's Labour's Lost*, as well as for the Dance Open. I'm designing the lights for [the Theatre 520 production] *The Diviners*, the spring dance concert, and *Twelfth Night* (the Junior show). I'm also acting as an advisor for the Broadway Review.

P: How can PA students get involved in technical work?

JP: First of all, through our workshops. In the workshops, students learn how to use lighting instruments. We also hang lights for the productions and focus them. Students can also sign up to work on the tech crew of a show, running the light and sound boards, stage managing, or working backstage on the running crew. Finally, students can talk to the [Drama Lab] Producers about helping out with [student directed] theatre classroom shows.

P: What are your plans after Andover?

JP: I don't know! [laughs] I either want to continue to train somewhere, or design for professional theatre.

Theatre's Woman of Light

Anyone can comment on stunning performances by actors, elaborate sets and glitzy costumes. But it takes a trained eye to recognize lighting design and its monumental impact on the quality of a show.

This year, while Instructor in Theatre and lighting expert Billy Murray is on Sabbatical, Jen Philp is responsible for lighting the stages of Andover's theaters.

After attending graduate school at the University of Illinois, Philp is spending the year at Andover, designing the lights for approximately ten major productions. Philp took time out from her busy schedule to speak with *The Phillippian* about her experiences with technical theater.

*Phillippian*: What got you interested in technical theatre?

Jen Philp: Going to see theatre. It was interesting to me to see how they did tech. It was fun, because I tried to figure it out how they did it on my own.

P: Did you try out any other kinds of tech work before settling on lighting? Why did you end up choosing it?

JP: I tried costuming, set design and stage management, but lighting was defi-

nitely my favorite. I liked being able to mold the picture, especially when there wasn't a set. I liked being able to tell the story. Lighting is a good way to express what's going on with the mood and location.

P: How do you go about designing the lights for a show?

JP: First, I read the script for fun. Then I reread it for clues that the playwright suggests. Then, I talk with the director and the other designers for inspiration.

P: How are your designs affected by the set and costume designs?

JP: Lighting is affected by the color choices in a show, especially those of the sets and costumes. By using lights, you can make one color look like another on the stage.

P: What's different about designing lights for plays and designing lights for dance shows?

JP: With a scripted play, the playwright gives you lots of clues in the text,

Anabel Bacon '09

Dominick Dejoy '07

The new Strokes album "First Impressions of Earth" has been met with decidedly mixed reviews, and to those familiar with the record and the band, such a reaction makes perfect sense.

Part of the charm of "Is This It," released in 2001, was the band's complete lack of emotional attachment to pretty much anything.

Yet, "Room On Fire," the groups last release and their mechanical stage act, made fans question whether they really were the saviors of rock and roll, or simply the Backstreet Boys with thrift-store blazers and French cigarettes, as calculated and commercial as the trends they helped kill.

But in "First Impressions of Earth" it becomes clear that the Strokes are decidedly not a mere chic version of a boy-band.

While they are not the Rolling Stones reincarnate either, the criticisms of indie kids

and jaded hipsters of the band for not living up to their absurdly inflated press and, most offensively, for their socioeconomic background is unwarranted. So they went to Le Rosey, a swanky Swiss boarding school. So what?

The fact remains that the Stokes' music has always been a delightful blend of obscure and classic rock rather than anything particularly innovative. However, "First Impressions of Earth" cements their status as one of the most satisfying bands of our time.

Frontman Julian Casablancas has relaxed both his lyrics and delivery, and the results are mixed. While his signature disinterested tone prevails, he sounds a less like a bored drunk mumbling through a forty-year-old transistor radio, perhaps due to reports that he is apparently sober.

In songs like "On The Other Side,"

Casablancas comes dangerously close to sounding like a standard lounge-singer.

Furthermore, the deepest notion Casablancas has conceived is that New York City policemen are not intelligent. Thus, when he attempts to vary his lyrical content, the tracks become awkward.

On "Ask Me Anything" and "Killing Lies," he relies far on repeating the same refrain, but on "Ize Of The World" and especially on "15 Minutes," which is perhaps the best song on the record, his lyrics are less timid. He asserts, "You're the prettiest, smartest captain of the team / I love you more than being seventeen."

If his lyrics still barely move past the daily realities of upper-class urban life, keep in mind that the Strokes have never been about of deep, literary insight.

From an instrumental perspective, the most interesting development is the emergence of bassist Nikolai Fraiture, especially on "Juicebox" and "Razorblade." With Fraiture's talents, "On the Other Side" will draw as many comparisons with the new-wave/ska-inspired sound of the Police or the Smiths as with street-wise post-punk styles.

The Strokes are not here to save pop music, and anyone who criticizes them for being excessively "on-the-surface" is missing the point.

The Strokes have always been about style over substance, from their dress to their sound, and this holds true on First Impressions of Earth. But, contrary to Casablancas' repeated assertions that he has "nothing to say," there is still a bit more body to their third full-length effort and their style draws on more diverse influences this go-round.

Elements of the Clash, the Damned, the Stooges, the Pixies and even the Beatles, especially on the "Yesterday" and "Ask Me Anything", can be found on this record, in addition to the usual guidance of Television, Lou Reed and the Cars. Though in the late sixties they would have been barely better-than-average, today, they might be as close as we can get to reviving the sounds of that era's classic rock. In the end, the Strokes have proven to be endlessly more original and exponentially cooler than our time's boorish commercial neo-new wave bands, the Killers, the Bravery, and Fall Out Boy.

MOVIES



Parag Khandelwal

HOSTEL

"It's like Eurotrip with knives," Ben Kuller '06 quaintly put it. Maybe not. Eli Roth's *Hostel* is one of the most sickening movies I have ever seen. After watching the trailer I expected a blood-bath, but not a movie that made my stomach upset.

*Hostel* is about two American college kids, Josh and Paxton, backpacking through Europe on their quest for everlasting memories. Oli, an Icelandic drifter they meet early on, travels with them throughout Europe as a drinking partner and guide. The three buddies plan on traveling to Barcelona for the rest of their vacation, until they meet a fellow traveler who claims to know of a place that will satisfy all of their desires.

This "heaven on earth" is a brothel outside of Bratislava in Eastern Europe. Josh and Paxton are mesmerized by the place, where gorgeous women lust over foreigners, especially Americans.

However, after some days of paradise with two of the women they meet there, Oli disappears. Much like every horror flick, the main characters ignore every sign telling them to leave. As expected, the lazy days of drugs and fornication would quickly turn into the most horrific experiences.

Cinematographers Milan Chadima and Shane Daly use fresh and dramatic shots to make *Hostel* jump off the screen. The most memorable shot is of Josh cuffed to a chair, screaming his head off for minutes. It is powerful because the camera angle is still, leaving only a scene of him screaming, while his torturer is in the background choosing a weapon.

Other sickening shots include close-ups of torture weapons penetrating victims. The movie used over one hundred and fifty gallons of blood, three times more than Eli Roth's gory Cabin Fever.

Josh and Paxton, played by Derek Richardson and Jay Hernandez, step up to their gruesome roles along with the rest of the talent in this film. Unlike most horror films, this film doesn't headline any A-list actors.

Consisting entirely of B-list actors, *Hostel* is full of great acting unique in horror films today.

Although the plot makes some sense, the movie could use a better structure. The first half of the movie is all about Josh, Paxton, and Oli's drunken quest to get laid in Europe. The idea of torture isn't even touched upon.

The horrors of the Bratislavian brothel is introduced so late into the film that it almost seems ridiculous and unbelievable. On a better note, this predicament is easily absolved by Roth.

Josh is a socially awkward, Paxton is careless, and Oli is sketchy, which makes all three of them so dislikable together that watching their demise isn't all that disturbing.

An interesting note about this film is it consisted of a very international cast, consisting of as many foreigners as Americans.

Eli Roth, afraid of any resulting criticisms, asked both the President of Iceland and the Minister of Culture for pardons for any damage that *Hostel* could cause on Iceland's reputation.

*Hostel* contains excessive nudity and violence. The greatest appeal of the film is Tarantino's ability to convey such demented ideas in a theater under an underrated R-rating. This movie will make you feel sick to your stomach. Even the bravest men will walk out of the theater a little shaken up. Nevertheless, it was entertaining to watch.

The sight of half a theater hiding behind their jackets is priceless. Even the tank next to me was cowering behind his jacket with the woman he was with.

There is something to be said about a movie that can cause such a physical reaction. Tarantino has definitely changed course in the movies he associates with: from *Reservoir Dogs* and *Kill Bill* to *Hostel*.

Go see *Hostel* if you are feeling brave. One thing is for certain, if you do see it, you'll think twice before wanting to backpack through Europe.

Final Grade: 4-







Cara Folkman '08

A day of watching cartoons, sitting around in your pajamas and relaxing. That characterizes the day's celebration outside of Phillips Academy, where Martin Luther King Jr. Day is often met with apathy and detachment. Here at PA we have the opportunity to take a more active approach and revive Dr. King's values and combat prejudice in our world.

This Monday, Jan. 16 the community will partake in workshops and community service activities celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

The day begins at 9:30 AM with an All-School Meeting. Professor in Economics at Harvard University, Dr. Roland Fryer, is the keynote speaker.

This year, unlike previous years, the entire student body will only meet once. For the rest of the day, each class divides into workshops and community service projects to enrich their MLK Day experiences.

Juniors attend a workshop in Kemper Auditorium that outlines the historical aspects of King's life.

Lowers watch a movie, "Crash," that presents issues of race and class in everyday life, and will then discuss the film with their Life-Issues classes. "Crash," released in 2004 at the Toronto Film Festival, debuted to rave reviews by notable critics, including Oprah Winfrey.

Uppers and Seniors, on the other hand, choose one of sixteen different workshops to participate in. Themes include poetry, art, spiritual music, games, morality and gender issues and dance.

One workshop, "Portraiture, Self-Portraiture, and Identity," discusses the

effect of power images on American art over the past two hundred years. Using the Addison Gallery, this project compares nineteenth-century African American art and contemporary paintings by Edward Elson and Beverly McIver to analyze several perspectives on racial and familial issues.

Another workshop, "Moving Beyond the Divide," considers the contrast between contemporary Hip-Hop and the older Ballet dancing in American culture. This activity asks participants to move beyond common stereotypes of pop culture, professional hip-hop and ballet dancers.

Student coordinator, Renee Amirault, said that the workshop should "show them [participants] that dance comes from the same place no matter what style you are doing."

A third project, "Economic Justice: The Scramble for Wealth and Power," investigates the distribution of wealth in the world in a hands-on matter.

Participants will be asked to distribute one hundred pennies, signifying the wealth of the world, amongst them. This activity will encourage students to broach concepts of fairness, responsibility and basic necessities.

In Graves there will be a workshop on piano music written by African-American women who influenced the beginning and end of King's life.

Performances by Andover students will illuminate The Black Arts of King's time. This project will end with students' creations of spiritual lyrics to an existing piano piece.

In addition to workshops, there are also several community service projects during the day. Uppers and Seniors can participate in these service activities.



Courtesy of Susie Flug

PA students lend a helping hand at the Lawrence Boys' and Girls' Club.

A few of these projects include the Lawrence Boys' and Girls' Club, the MLK Day Kids' Fair, Corpus Christi (an AIDS hospice), Neighbors in Need (a food pantry), the Sabre Foundation (an international book donation) and

the Sutton Hill Nursing Home.

The aim of these activities is to carry on the work of Dr. King, eliminating prejudice and aiding the less fortunate.

Andover's unique MLK Day sched-

ule allows the community to face difficult issues of race and civil rights. While the rest of the world takes a day off, PA will be carrying on the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one student at a time.

THE END OF AN ICE CREAM ERA

The news of Friendly's closing shocked both the Phillips Academy and Andover communities. With Friendly's closure, a chapter in the charm of Andover's community has ended.

Opened on Jun. 1, 1965, Friendly's has been Andover's ice cream supplier for the past 40 years.

The restaurant was closed down on Christmas weekend of this year along with nine other Friendly's on the East Coast. According to the townsman, Andover's Friendly's was closed due to lack of sales profit.

Andover's Town Manager, Buzz Stapczynski said, "It came as a real surprise to us. That is a valuable piece of real estate and as of Friday [Jan. 6] I heard there were at least five companies interested in buying the property. The town is also interested in buying it, because we need parking for Memorial Hall Library and the Public Safety Center."

On a more sentimental note Mr. Stapczynski added, "A lot of people have fond memories of Friendly's, especially their wonderful desserts and ice-cream treats. It will be missed."

Two brothers, Prestley and Curtis Blake, opened the first Friendly's in Springfield, MA in 1935. They opened Friendly's exclusively as an ice cream shop in the midst of the Great

Megan Richards '08

Depression. They hoped to lift people's spirits with their ice-cream.

It wasn't until around 1940 that Friendly's included other types of food on the menu, hamburgers being the first meal added. Twenty years later the Friendly's headquarters was opened in Wilbraham, MA, and it has remained there ever since.

Losing Friendly's has noticeable effected the community. Many people were upset and surprised at the sight of the now-deserted restaurant.

"Friendly's was a great place to hang out, I'll really miss it," said Cara Folkman '08, though she added that she hoped a new restaurant would take its place.

Sam Weiss '09 said of the restaurant's loss to the community, "There aren't many places to go in Andover's center, so it's a shame to lose a big one like Friendly's. Then again, who needs a sundae in this weather?"

Lydia Dallett '08 shared her recollections of ice cream after every soccer game as a child. "The team would be more excited about going to Friendly's than they were about the game!" she recalled.

Dan Pouliot '08 he recollected, "Once after a school dance my buddies and I went downtown to get some food. Unfortunately, as we rounded the corner next to Kaps we saw that Friendly's was closing for the night. Despite this, a waitress let us in and, even though they had stopped serving 10 minutes before. The chef even stayed to cook us some chicken quesadillas."

Besides the memories lost with the closing of Friendly's, jobs were lost as well. Fortunately, the corporation helped former employees find jobs at nearby Friendly's in towns such as North Andover and Tewksbury.

However, there is still the issue of finding other ice-cream places nearby. Though the only nearby ice-cream shop is Main Line Creamery, only a short drive away is North Reading's Mad Maggie's.

Friendly's was a large part of our community here at Phillips Academy and in Andover, and it will be sincerely missed.

As of now we can only wait to find out what will be filling Friendly's vacant building. Hopefully, a new addition to our community will be able to take Friendly's place and offer new food, memories and experiences.



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Mary Doyle '08 plays a disapproving mother in this week's drama lab.

Theatre Preview

Hannah Weiss '08

"The secret of flight lies in the assurance that we are worthy of flying." So says Dorothea, played by Olivia Mascheroni '06 in the drama lab "Eleemosynary," directed by James Flynn '07 that opens this Friday. Dorothea is grandmother to Echo, played by Anabel Bacon '09. Mary Doyle '08 plays Echo's mother and Dorothea's daughter, Artie.

Bacon stars as a young girl who works to be a spelling-bee champion. Echo has a passion for words that her mother finds hard to understand. Throughout the play, Echo narrates, exposing some of her innermost thoughts and feelings. "Sometimes it's difficult to go from the scene to the narrator," Bacon comments on her role as Echo.

The play highlights the relationship between the three women and the pressure mothers put on their daughters rather than the spelling-bees. "Echo takes characteristics from her mother and her grandmother to make a personality of her own, but she hasn't quite figured out how to do that yet," Mascheroni explains.

Flynn says he first heard part of the piece performed as a monologue during an audition. After reading the script all the way through, he greatly enjoyed it.

"It's a fun play that draws on a lot of personal experiences," Flynn comments. "It has great writing, and it's so customizable, we're making it our own."

The set is composed of only fundamentals. Only two blocks and a single chair adorn the stage, and the actors mime most of the props. Such an uncluttered stage brings the focus to the all-female cast.

The performance was only around ten minutes long. A lot happens in a short amount of time, which creates a plot that is fast-paced and gripping. The show was intense and connected with the many who saw it.

The second performance of the evening was "The Heidi Chronicles," directed by Alice Nam '07.

The show begins in the '60s and continues through the '80s, following the life of a woman named Heidi, played by Jen Downing '08. The performance begins when Heidi is in high school and follows her through her adult life when she becomes an art historian.

"She's navigating the craze of the '60s and '70s and going through all that happened during that time," says Nam.

According to Nam, Heidi calls herself a feminist. A woman who used to having everything in life handed to her, she does not like to give things up. She speaks her mind when she has something to say, and she can be brutally honest. "She chooses her words carefully," Nam observes.

Nam describes the show as "a feminist's play." Heidi is being pulled in opposite directions by two people while she trying to explore the middle ground. "Heidi doesn't really have her own opinion," Nam remarks. "She just goes with the flow."

Nam works hard with the actors to give every line of the play as much life as possible. From perfecting the dramatic pauses, Nam has put much time, thought and energy into the performance. "It's equally serious as it is comic, and most of the time it's both," she comments.



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A sign in front of the now-abandoned Friendly's reads, "Now where will I get the happy ending?"



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Timothy Gay '71

*Professor of Physics at the University of Nebraska Timothy Gay '71 entered Phillips Academy as a new Upper. After graduating from Andover, Gay received a B.S. in physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1975 and a PhD in experimental atomic physics from the University of Chicago in 1980. Before teaching at the University of Nebraska, Gay worked at Yale University and the University of Missouri. He is most famous for his "Physics of Football" videos, which play during timeouts at the Nebraska Cornhusker's home football games. He has also developed a "Football Physics" segments for NFL Blast, a television show that educates Europeans about American Football and has published the book Football Physics, The Science of the Game.*

### When did you first become interested in football?

I always remember being interested in football. I was a kid who loved to see the game played, but I was never good enough to play. I ended up managing the undefeated Varsity Football team my Senior year. New England Patriots Coach Bill Belichick, the Patriots' assistant coach Ernie Adams, and four-year Harvard quarterback Milt Holt were all on that team. My favorite player

of all time was Jack Tatum, cornerback for the [Oakland] Raiders back in the 1970's. I just loved to watch him tackle.

### How do the students on your campus react to your videos?

They react well. I think one thing that resulted was an increased interest in taking my freshmen physics class. One thing I've learned is if you want to get people interested in physics, you really need to relate it to something they care about. Of course, in Nebraska, people really care about football. If you can relate to something they're interested in already, that really gets them intrigued with things like physics.

### Do you ever give advice to college or professional coaches?

I do give advice to the coaches here at Nebraska. I have interacted with Ernie Adams '71, who is Bill Belichick's sidekick at the Patriots operation. I would say that he has probably given me more advice than I have given him, but it has been really interesting to talk to him and see how the pros do things. We've talked a lot about how the ball moves through the air, why punts tend to veer the way they do, what [part of the foot] the punter kicks the ball with, etc. Ernie didn't come to get any advice

from me, but we have had useful discussions about both physics and football together so it has been a lot of fun.

### Is there any little known fact of physics that applies to football?

One thing that people generally don't know is that if a quarterback is right handed, the ball tends to veer to his right. With a left handed quarterback the ball would veer to the left. This element of physics is called the Magnus force. This is also the same phenomenon that is responsible for curveballs curving. In principal, the defense has to allow for the curve because it can have a fairly big effect [on where the ball will go]. It has nothing to do with the wind; it will happen on a perfectly still day. Defensive backs who know about this effect can defend the ball a little bit better.

### How did the scientific community react to your publishing of the "Physics of Football" Videos?

I would say they also reacted well. Let's be really honest here, the funding of science depends on the good will of the public. I think it's important for all scientists to convince to the public why what they do is interesting and important. One thing you can do is talk about [practical and every day] applications of what you're

doing. In my case, of course, what I am doing is physics. If I can show people how physics is an important part of something that they are very familiar with, I can then maybe convince them that it is also important to things like America's energy independence and the designing of better automobiles.

### At what point did you decide to merge football and physics?

I think it really happened at Andover. I remember when I was the manager of the varsity team my Senior year we had a quarterback, Noel Holt, who was really good. He could really throw a nice, long, tight spiral pass. I remember looking at it and wondering what makes it go the way it does? Why is it such a tight spiral? What are the aerodynamic proportions that cause that kind of motion? That was really the first time I remember putting the two together. I had been interested in physics for a long time, but I think that was the first real application of football that I started to do.

### Is there any advice you have for Andover students?

Study hard, have fun, and revel in your youth.

- Charles Hollis

## Chanoff Discusses Human Rights and Sudan Crisis

**By KATHERINE CHEN**  
Sasha Chanoff, founder and director of Mapendo International, spoke to students on Wednesday about the crisis of genocide in Sudan and his work with African refugees who have no access to humanitarian aid.

The event was co-sponsored by PA's Amnesty International and the Community Service Office as part of Phillips Academy's third annual Human Rights Week—a week to raise awareness of international human rights issues and encourage action against the violation of human rights.

“To play a small part in helping someone rebuild his or her life struck me as the most important thing I could do,” Mr. Chanoff said, explaining that he wanted to help people whose problems were not highlighted and had no access to critical aid.

He created Mapendo International in 2005, whose name means “Great Love” in Swahili, with a fellow Kenyan colleague because he wanted to continue to identify and help high-risk refugees deserted by the existing support systems. The organization prepares reports for the U.S. government, one of the sponsors for their rescue missions, and the

United Nations.

Mr. Chanoff has also opened a medical clinic in Nairobi, to aid HIV-positive refugees, torture survivors, and rape victims who had “fallen through the cracks” of the local aid organizations.

Mr. Chanoff gave a detailed explanation of the current conflict in Sudan and the massacre of the Tutsis, a tribal group which had fled from Sudan in the midst of the civil war between northern Sudan and southern Sudan, as well as stories about the people his organization helps.

One of the more touching stories he shared was of an African woman named Rose Mapendo, who was arrested in the crossfire of the Sudanese Civil War along with her family. Her husband was immediately killed, and while in prison, she discovered that she was pregnant and gave birth to twins. Miraculously, she was able to raise them in addition to her seven other malnourished children



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### Sasha Chanoff points out the need for humanitarian aid in Sudan.

before she was finally transferred to a protection center.

At the same time, Mr. Chanoff was in the area on a rescue mission to remove over one hundred refugees to a safer refugee camp where they would eventually be resettled to the United States. They had been ordered to only transport refugees whose names were on a given list, and Mapendo's name was not on it. Yet Mr. Chanoff and the rest of his rescue team pushed for them to be moved even when refused by their superiors; the family is now living happily in Phoenix, Arizona.

He talked of several refugee

groups he had identified for further aid, including the “Lost Boys,” a group of 3800 refugees orphaned by the Sudan civil war who had fled to Ethiopia and then to Kenya. The war itself has been an issue since 1950s, and while the issue has been out of the public eye for the most part, it is still one necessary for the African governments and other international organizations to attempt to resolve.

Mr. Chanoff's goal is to spread the word about Mapendo International.

He said, “I’m so excited...I was feeling so frustrated knowing there were not enough organizations to help needs...[it is] really exciting to see this finally gaining momentum.”

He admits that he is new to this, yet his passion to give aid to others with critical needs and to help restart people's lives has helped saved thousands of people from poverty. Last week, he and his colleagues finally opened up their new offices and medical clinic in Kenya.

At volunteer stations in Africa, he has composed cultural orientation programs preparing African refugees to leave the country and adjust to life in America.

## Edwards Will Try to Improve Student Leadership During New Term as Dean

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job, she played a vital role in the creation of a House Counselor Handbook. On her own, she says she has worked to strengthen support for house counselors, as well as communication between house counselors and parents, which she plans to continue.

“Parent communication is essential and I’m always looking for ways to strengthen that tie,” She said. Ms. Edwards hopes that she will be able especially to work more closely with the parents of students who have received disciplinary action, and said, “I’m always trying to be in touch with parents, but we

can always afford to make sure that they are really on board with the message [we are trying to give].”

“We need to continue to do a better job supporting the house counselors. You don’t realize how hard their job is when you are one-on-one with them, but when you are living with and responsible for 42 kids, that’s hard. Their efforts need to be recognized,” she said.

For the future, Ms. Edwards is encouraging the creation of an efficient one-card system for students that would serve as a key, debit card, and PA identification. She is also planning to foster

## Senior Gift Committee Urges Class of 2006 to Contribute

**By LAUREN KELLEHER and KEVIN ZHAI**

For this year’s Senior Gift, students will be asked to specify the particular area that they want their money to go toward.

Each year the graduating class has the opportunity to leave its legacy at Phillips Academy in the form of the Senior Gift. The gift is a collection of contributions that supports the programs and facilities that have benefited the class during its time at PA.

Since this year’s gift will not go toward one main project, as many past gifts have, students will be able to designate the specific areas that they want their money to go toward: financial aid or scholarship funds, commons renovations, the new turf field, faculty support, or any other venue.

Seniors can also donate in honor of a faculty member or retired teacher. This year, Seniors can give to the school in memory of George Hattermer '06.

The Senior Gift Committee, comprised of 69 Senior Leaders, facilitates the donation process. Former or current teachers of Seniors can recommend them to the Committee.

According to Ms. Glynn, the Committee will meet about half a dozen times this year.

Each Senior Leader is assigned five to ten seniors, whom they encourage and motivate to donate.

Senior Leader Marty Schnure '06 described her role as “trying to get as many people as possible to donate as soon as possible.”

Aside from plaques and club distinctions another incentive to give is to beat the class of 2005’s contribution statistic, according to Senior Leader Felicity Bloom '06.

She said, “Last year 85% of the Senior class donated and this year we want 100%. Exeter gets 100% every year.”

The Committee also acts as a liaison between the Office of Alumni Affairs and the Senior class. It approves proposals for the allocation of the fund-raising each year.

Ms. Glynn said the Senior Gift is “just a way for [the seniors] to have a way of giving. We try to focus on participation, not dollars. It’s about having the class contribute as a whole.”

If the donor does not specify a beneficiary for his or her gift, the money goes into the Andover Fund, which operates “everything from doorknobs to buildings [on campus],” according to Ms. Glynn.

The Board of Trustees employs these unrestricted funds wherever they might be needed.

Donations come with incentives as well. Giving is optional and the minimum gift

accepted is \$5.00, but students are rewarded for larger donations. Seniors who donate \$17.76 gain membership in the 1776 club, while students who donate \$250 earn the distinction of a “non sibi donor.” All Seniors who donate by the 100 Days Party (a party thrown for the Seniors as part of the countdown to graduation) are automatically entered into a raffle.

The class of 2006 and its gifts will be commemorated on a donor plaque in Commons.

Past classes have similar legacies in the restoration of campus monuments. The Class of 2003 dedicated its gift to the bell tower. However, the array of Senior Gift dedications over the past few years has varied widely. The class of 2004 made its donation to the school in the form of a scholarship fund in honor of retiring President of the Board of Trustees David M. Underwood '54, while the class of 2005 made its contribution to the Andover Fund. The Class of 1999 contributed the DVD collection to the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library.

It is the act of giving which is most integral to the senior gift.

“It is a thank you and a lasting lesson in the Phillips Academy motto, non sibi,” said Ms. Glynn. “We just want them to realize the importance of giving no matter what the gift.”

## STORED LEVELS OF NATURAL GAS LOW IN POWER PLANTS

*Continued from Page 1, Column 1* her] computer plugged into a surge protector, there is a possibility of computer damage and loss of data.”

Reinstalling software and reconfiguring damaged computers could cost up to \$70 per hour for the school, and data recovery would be at least \$900-\$2,500. Damage to Audio-Visual Equipment could also reach up to \$4,500 per projector or plasma screen.

A report from the Office of Technology made two suggestions to decrease the amount of energy consumed by the school: first, to ask night custodians to close all windows in administrative and academic buildings overnight, and second, to investigate methods of regulating heat in dorms and residences more efficiently. These measures would make less likely the possibility of costly power outages.

Constellation New Energy supplies electricity to the Academy, but National Grid manages the local distribution, which ensures that the power lines adequately transport the electricity.

Refineries boost production of natural gas to store for later use as the nation prepares for the cold winter months, when the demand increases to heat homes and other buildings.

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, stored levels of natural gas were lower than usual this fall. Katrina interrupted the period of natural gas storage that normally begins in August.

Many power plants in Massachusetts are built with one method of combustion to generate electricity. Some plants have the capability to produce electricity with various fuels, yet these types of plants require more capital.

“Very few, if any, power generation facilities have the capability of using alternative means of fuel for generation,” said Mr. Montanez.

He continued, “We use natural gas as a primary fuel source, [but] PA has the capability of burning an alternative fuel for heat and power generation. That fuel is low sulfur transportation diesel.”

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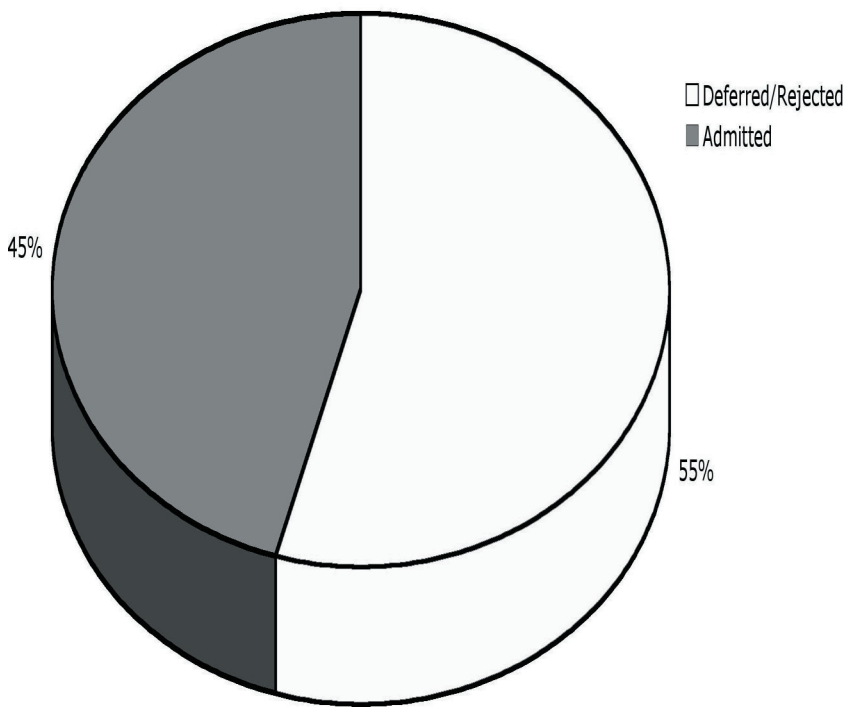
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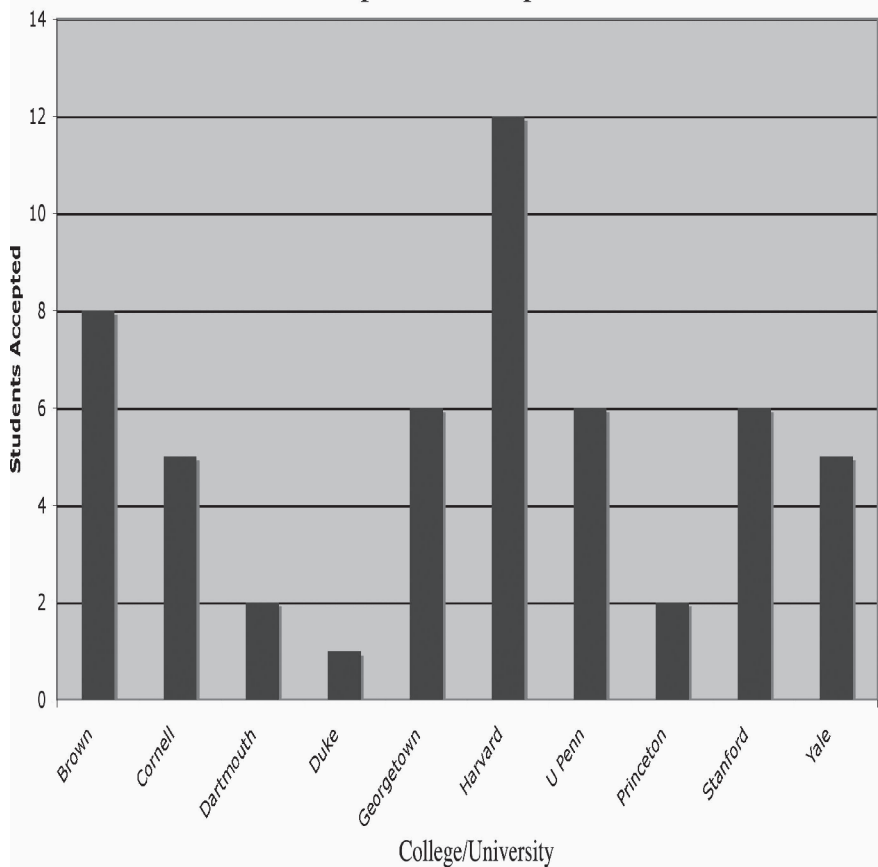
# EARLY ADMISSION STATISTICS

College	Plan	Admitted
Barnard	ED	1
Boston College	EA	6
Bowdoin	ED	2
Brown	ED	8
Cal Tech	EA	1
Col of Charleston	EA	1
U Chicago	EA	4
Colgate	ED	1
Colorado Col	EA	1
Colorado School of Mines	EA	1
Columbia	ED	3
Cornell	ED	5
Dartmouth	ED	2
Duke	ED	1
Elon	EA	1
Fairfield	EA	1
GWU	ED	1
Georgetown	EA	6
U. Georgia	EA	1
Hamilton	ED	1
Harvard	EA	12
Ithaca	ED	1
Johns Hopkins	ED	1
Middlebury	ED	1
MIT	EA	4
NYU	ED	3
Northwestern	ED	1
Notre Dame	EA	1
U Penn	ED	6
Princeton	ED	2
Providence	EA	1
Santa Clara U	EA	1
Stanford	EA	6
Texas Christian U	EA	1
Tulane	EA	1
Vanderbilt	ED	1
U Vermont	EA	2
Villanova	EA	2
Yale	EA	5
Total		100

Early Admission/Early Decision  
for The Class of 2006



Acceptances to Top Schools



## Class of 2006 Sees Increase In Early Acceptances to Ivy League and Other Top Schools

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eight Andover applicants. University of Pennsylvania admitted four Andover students last year and admitted six students this year.  
Anderson commented that this change could be due to this year's increase in number of UPenn applicants  
There were a few notable decreases in the acceptance results of some colleges. Tulane University, which accepted five Seniors Early Action last year, admitted only one.

Mr. Anderson named some colleges that have not typically received applications for the early deadline from Andover in previous years - Colorado College, Santa Clara University, and The Colorado School of Mines. One Andover student was admitted to each of these three colleges under their Early Action programs.

Mr. Anderson noted that he did not observe too many exceptional trends this year and that no accurately conclusive results can be drawn from a single year's data.

The numbers do not always effectively predict matriculation totals, as Stanford and Yale switched their early admission system from Early Decision to Early Action.

Students applying Early Decision have a binding agreement to attend the school if accepted, while Early Action is non-bonding.

Anderson observed that there were a few more admittances to Ivy League schools this year, but emphasized that the aim of the College Counseling Office is to find school that best suits the student and his or her interests.

"This isn't about getting into a good school, but a school where you'll do well and that fits your interests," said Anderson.

The communications policy regarding college admission results has been changed from previous years.

As a member of the Eastern Independent Secondary School College Admissions Personnel (EISSCAP), the Phillips Academy College Counseling Office has enacted changes recommended by EISSCAP to publish only the number of students admitted to each school. Omitted in the released results is the total number of applicants, deferrals, and rejections.

Director of College Counseling John Anderson stated that the intention of the change in this policy is to provide information that will help students and show strengths of the individual institutions. The ultimate goal of EISSCAP is to work with its members to instill student-focused practices.

Rachel Isaacs '06, who was accepted Early Decision to Brown, said, "Considering the number of students who applied, I was not surprised by the number of people who got in."

Dan Taylor '06 applied Early Decision to University of Pennsylvania Wharton Business School, and was deferred. There were no Andover students accepted early to Wharton this year. He was not surprised that his application was deferred.

"[Wharton is] pretty selective," said Taylor.

Numbers and statistics aside, Anderson said, "You have to be careful to not draw too much conclusion from one year's data. Colleges are thinking about their own needs...the type of institutional needs that makes it difficult for Andover students or [college counselors] to predict [what will happen]."

He continued, "What [the College Counseling Office] is worried about is how close a match a school is. If we can go down the list at the end of the day...and students can say 'Yup that's where I got in and that's where I want to get in' then we have done our job."

## Thanks to Trustee Oscar Tang '56, 14 Faculty Members Traveled To China for Cultural Revelation

By MADELINE O'CONNOR

As a young immigrant from China, Oscar L. Tang '56 received a scholarship to attend Phillips Academy. Some forty years later, he founded the Frances and Oscar Tang Faculty Endowment in honor of his late wife, Frances Young Tang '57. Thanks to his \$1.5 million gift to the endowment, PA's faculty was able to make their thirteenth annual trip to China this past summer.

Nine of the 14 faculty members who went on the trip spoke about the cities they visited in chronological order during this week's All-School Meeting.

Instructor in English Nina Scott, the first to speak, described Beijing as "a beautiful and mysterious paradise."

In the capital, they visited various monuments including the Emperor's Balcony, the Temple of Heaven, the Great Wall, and Tamarind Square. The faculty met up with a group of students from Phillips Academy who were traveling with Instructor in Chinese Travis Conley.

Chip Schroeder '08 said, "It



Courtesy of Trish Russell

Andover students studying in China and faculty members meet in Beijing this summer.

looked like [the Andover faculty was] having a really good time. They didn't know Chinese going into the trip, so it was a different experience."

After witnessing the polite manner in which Henry Yin '07 argued with a rickshaw driver about directions during a tour of the city he was giving the Scotts, Ms. Scott said, "I thought and hoped, 'maybe this is the future of China'."

Head of French Department

Henry Herbst described his visit to Crescent Moon Lake in the city of Dunhuang. He enjoyed bamboo sledding down the sand dunes of the Gobi Desert. Mr. Herbst also learned during a visit to a museum that metal debris from the September 11 terrorist attacks was shipped to China and India for recycling.

Xi'an is the only city wall in China that encloses its entire territory, including the famed Museum of Qin Terra Cotta

Warriors and Horses. The emperor Qin Shi Huang began his mausoleum in 246 BC when he was 13 years old. Three pits holding the life-size ceramic horses and soldiers were first opened to the public in 1979.

Instructor in French Sally Herbst said, "My first sight of these warriors literally took my breath away."

In Tibet, the faculty visited the Potala Palace, Jakhang temple, and the Sara Monastery, whose interiors "are a visual feast," according to Director of Peabody Malinda Blustain.

Upon learning of the faculty members' nationality, a woman they met in front of the Sara Monastery said, "I love Americans. I love you." They were surprised by the unusually warm welcome.

In Tibet, tourists often suffer from the serious effects of high altitude sickness. The Andover faculty, who stayed in a hotel that supplied oxygen to its rooms, managed to evade oxygen deprivation.

Instructor in Biology Patricia Russell said, "I had heard and read a lot about Tibet... actually getting to see the place was the most dynamic for me."

After their visit to Tibet, the faculty traveled along Yangtze River, the longest river in Asia. In the course of the three days spent on a boat, the faculty noted China's recent development in its increasingly modern cities. In a shocking contrast, they encountered corpses floating on the water, evidence that traditional river burials are still practiced.

Instructor in Math Ellen M. Glover and Instructor in Japanese Teruyo Shimazu took advantage of the three days spent on the Yangtze River as a time for reflection. They saw abandoned cities, a full moon, and the flooding of the river.

Dr. Merrill said that the experience led the travelers to think "about things from the intensely personal to globally impersonal."

In closing the meeting, Mr. Merrill said he hoped students would "multiply the value of Mr. Tang's gift" by talking and learning from each other about China.

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# FEATURES ENJOYS THE SNOW

## The Lawrence Trail Snow Time!

by Will Cannon  
FEATURES LEADER OF THE MYRMIDONS

The Friday of finals week at the end of Fall Term will be remembered for many things: some students embarked on their journeys home, others studied for the AP chemistry exam, and some fed their pet lemurs. However I will remember that day for a different reason, a white, powdery reason. Known as El Blanco in traditional Mexican folk tales, snow causes different reactions depending on the person it is affecting. Some folks enjoy snow for amusement purposes, like throwing snowballs and sledding, others anticipate the winter snowfalls in hope of the small chance the higher powers will cancel school for the day.

However, since I have long been initiated into the rite of manhood and Phillips Academy hates day students, I no longer have a reason to enjoy this frozen

cousin of the raindrop. Hence, aware of our blood feud, the God of Snow decided that last Friday in Fall Term would be the perfect time to strike me down.

It happened while I was inside the gym, taking my beloved Japanese final. After a fierce battle, the test finally succumbed to my superior intellect. I handed it in to Shimazu Sensei, who looked a stunning as the first cherry blossoms on my family's ranch in Hokaido. I stepped outside to find the street was whiter than the skin on my inner thigh. I dashed to my car (affectionately known as the bat-mobile by James McGuinness '08) and drew my ice scraper out from its rhinestone covered sheath. With the strength and accuracy of the Greek legend Achilles, I beat the snow like an under appreciated Vietnamese circus clown.

I opened my trunk to place the battle worn weapon, and to my surprise discovered I had forgotten to untie Tanner Kaufman '06, who was lying there in the

hope he would find his creative genius. I then began my arduous trek to my homeland of Lawrence.

The streets were desolate; a lone polar bear crept across the sidewalk. Confused, I looked closer to find out the polar bear was actually Nick Bowen '06. When I questioned him on why he was wandering the streets aimlessly with a hunk of fur on his back, he responded by urinating on my leg. God bless America.

After about two hours of tedious driving, I had finally reached Tower Hill. To my surprise a river about nine feet wide and twelve feet deep had formed at the hill's base. So I could have:

- A) Attempt to ford the river
- B) Remove the wheels and attempt to float across
- C) Pay an Indian guide to ferry me across for three sets of clothes and a chicken

I tried to ford the river, and fortunately only lost two oxen in the process. A beep sound in the dashboard suddenly penetrated my earlobes. I was low on gas. In a last ditch effort, I slammed my foot to the accelerator. The smell of burnt rubber inundated the frosty December air. If something didn't happen soon, I would end up rolling backwards into the icy river. Suddenly and dark figure emerged and began ramming the back of my car. I turned around. Could it be? Asland, the legendary king of Narnia had finally returned! The mighty lion pushed my car up the hill and into my driveway and released a mighty roar at the top of the hill. When I got out to thank him, he had already left. An eccentric elf then came up me and asked, "Where do you think he is going?"

"Wherever he is needed  
Andres, wherever he is needed."

by Rachael Cohen  
FEATURES BUTTER COAT

Snow is fun stuff. Fun for all of the five minutes when the kids from California are outside eating, smelling, and pocketing it because they've never seen it before. Come minute six, it starts to get brown, OPP begins to shovel, and your Seasonal Affective Disorder kicks in. You then try your hardest to get to the Graham Cracker House but you fall into a snow cave behind the chapel while frantically running away from freshman going down Chapel Street on Common's trays tied to cars.

This experience is why I single handedly organized the Shorthaired Girls of '08 Against Dangerous Snow Activities Organization. I am currently the only member.

I tried to get to OPP to let them know, but nearly drowned in the soccer field.

I decided that they wouldn't listen to me anyway. I had lots of evidence on which to base my claim, so I decided that I would take a survey on people's favorite activities in the snow.

Julian Azaret '08 claims to regularly bathe naked in the snow. Julian is not much of a risk taker, and bathing in the snow isn't exactly dangerous. Julian just put in the naked part because you usually bathe naked. I know I do. Well, I tried it once with clothes. Don't do that.

I tried to think of what I do in the snow. Usually sit in an airport terminal wondering why five US Airways flights just took off to Philadelphia and my \$40 Airtran flight is still delayed until 2007 because of "weather". There I am, banished to Terminal D finishing my fourth King Size Milky Way bar, watching it snow.

Back when I had a life, we used to put Vaseline or butter or something greasy like your hair over winter break and rub it on our coats. Then we would slide down a hill on our stomachs. We



W. Perry Conway/CORBIS

This is a walrus.

were ghetto kids. We could not afford Common's trays. My mom hated my coat. It always smelled like butter and being Jewish, I had to take it off before I ate steak.

Someone did inform me of a very cruel thing they like to do in the snow. It is their pleasure to roll around the quads and make snow angels all over the freshly fallen snow so that when the OCD Andover students walk by - all 1080 of them - they freak out. I know I do. Back when I was little I refused to go outside and ruin the snow.

OPP and Cracker House should pair up and eradicate the perpetrator who is making my winter wonderland an unsettling experience.

Peeing was a very popular

answer. Nearly every person said it. I, personally, have never peed in the snow. Is it a satisfying experience? I can't imagine that being the case - when it snows, it's cold outside. Then again, for the majority of us, the dorm bathrooms are the same temperature as it is outside.

Erica Bakies '08 likes to walk around and color the snow yellow. I don't know why. And I don't think it's dangerous. But if that is what Erica Bakies is doing in her spare time, she needs to rethink her priorities.

My attempt to take a survey yielded very few results. OPP continued to shovel. I continued to stay far away from Chapel Street. And Julian continued to pee in the snow.



K. Matsumoto/The Phillipian

This ISN'T a drug deal. Honest.

# WINTER TERM

by Pete Smith  
FEATURES A WALRUS

Winter Term is like making love to a walrus. When it's bad it's really bad, and when it's good, it's still a walrus. And on top of that, Winter Term as an Upper is more like making love to a particularly unruly Walrus who has a bad case of crabs. Don't let Mrs. Chase fool you; Winter Term is by no means the happy-go-lucky smile fest that Babs described to us at all school meeting last week. No. Winter Term is by no means all about throwing soft, fuzzy, fluffy, happy snowballs that cheerfully melt into thousands of luscious kisses upon contact with your skin. Instead, Winter Term is more like a snowball fight between opposing street gangs, in which each snowball is yellow, laced with acid, and filled with deadly syringes and anthrax. X-Treme.

I am reminded of my hero David Curtis '07 (who by the way was cast for the lead role in the upcoming film Brokeback Mountain) who once said "UnGh" with that in mind I would like to run a simple idea by you, a "modest proposal" if you will. It is clear that due to the harsh winters on Academy Hill that there simply will not be enough food to go around. Now I know that a certain portion of the school will take offense to this upcoming idea, however we need to remember that ultimate-

ly we all need to be concerned with the greatest good for the greatest amount of people. Non Sibi Baby. Therefore, in response to the food shortage, I propose that we merely eat all the freshmen on campus. I mean seriously, who really likes freshmen anyways; they are loud, smelly and annoying. Plus, freshmen meat is delicious. I particularly know of some great recipes for cooking

freshmen. Therefore, I propose that we skin them before eating them and wear their skin as coats thereby killing two birds with one stone. Another thing I learned from the Indians is that if someone is bigger than you, and they have bigger weapons than you, they basically own you, and can boss you around. Therefore, getting these freshmen to comply with these regulations would not be a problem.



S. Blackman/The Phillipian

It was a friendship... that became a secret.

Features Presents...  

# Top Ten

Snow Activities

10. The beautiful creation of yellow snow

9. Making an anatomically correct snow man

8. Constructing an ice mansion with Morgan Freeman to narrate the every movement of your penguin butlers.

7. Sending a chain email to the entire school

6. Sculpting a life size snow model of Victoria's Secret's Jazelle

5. Running from the cops and forgetting to cover your tracks

4. The Chronicles of Narnia

3. Watching Desperate Housewives

2. Using Lawrence "Larry" Dai '09 as a sled

1. Snowball fight



The Best of

2005

RE: Commons Etiquette

by David Curtis  
FEATURES FATTY BUSH

I never forget what year it is anymore because the Seniors below it so often during All School Meeting. Nevertheless, I think it would be somehow unfair to completely ignore 2005 before moving on to 2006 [Editor's Note: Imagine lots of yelling from Morgan Abraham '06 at this point]. Therefore, in acknowledging the simple fact that 2005 existed, I bring to you its highlights, in all their glory:

-The Michael Jackson Trial: Despite the fact that only in America can a poor black man become a rich white woman, Jackson was acquitted on all counts. More notably, one of his lawyers was an Andover graduate.

-Hurricane Katrina: Clearly the fact that the response to this terrible tragedy was lackluster correlates directly to the fact that President Bush doesn't care about black people. Kanye, you are my rock and my redeemer.

-Brokeback Mountain: one of the few Westerns available in which both cowboys get it in the end. An overused joke, but hilarious nonetheless.

-Iraq: Watching Saddam Hussein yell angrily constitutes time well spent, in my book. Moreover, at one point President Bush claimed that, with its elections, Iraq was well on its way to becoming the first democracy in the Middle East. Shalom, Mr. Bush.

-The pope died: There is actually nothing funny about this at all. God bless, Johnny.

-Ariel Sharon has his second stroke in three weeks: According to Rev. Pat Robertson, this is because God hates Sharon. Go figure.

-Tom Cruise: Not only did he buy into scientology, a religion that was originally created as a joke, he also married Katie Holmes. Katie, I think you were better off with Batman.

-The Chronicles of Narnia: This production not only teaches children good Christian values, it also has resulted in the funniest Saturday Night Live creation in a long time. Double True. Did you see the lecherous look in Mr. Tumnus' eyes? I'd like to know

what he put in Lucy's tea.

-Harry Potter: Just to see a children's book get a PG-13 rating in theaters made my day. Also, the Norwegian Ridgeback was ridiculous.

-King Kong: The third movie in a row, but, regardless, quite ridiculous in its own regard. Notably, there is a scene in which Kong tears the tongue out of a dinosaur.

-United States - Cuba Diplomacy: That's just a fancy term for "that time when Fidel Castro called Jeb Bush 'the fat little brother in Cuba' in a speech to students at the University of Havana." If you don't believe me, you can look it up.

-Tookie Williams: Just because a convict writes a bunch of See Spot Run books doesn't make him an angel. Tookie, I've got a rhyme for you: You started the Crips, but as the IV drips, you die a slow and painful death. Sorry bud, but that's what happens when you kill in cold blood.

-Gold Digger: The one smart thing Kanye did this year.

-My Humps: my hump my hump my hump, my lovely lady lumps, check it out!

-P. Diddy: Puff Daddy to Puffy to P. Diddy to just plain

Diddy. Soon it will be just be D, for Dumbo the Elephant.

-Saddam Hussein goes on trial: For crimes against humanity such as, genocide, hogging the Doritos, and leaving the seat up.

-Lance Armstrong: Armstrong 1, Curtis 2. 'Nuff said.

-Fall Out Boy: Where's my black eyeliner and my tight pants? Maybe I'll ask Eliot Wall '07.

-Nick and Jessica: They were only newlyweds for so long before they couldn't take it anymore.

-White Sox won the World Series: No one noticed.

-Lindsay Lohan became bulimic: No one noticed.

-Hockey's back: Canada... never mind, no one noticed.

-Diet Cherry Vanilla Doctor Pepper: Like anthrax, but with a better zing.

-Riots in Paris: Because the rioters eventually succumbed, this too will go down in the annals of history as yet another war lost by the French.

-Boy's Swimming has a shaving party in the shower prior to Interschols: Only notable in that the drain looked like a chia pet.

-Backstreet's Back: All right. And that's it.



R. Waldo/The Phillippian

Steve Blackman '07 and David Curtis '07 go to work for a bank.

BADMAN

& Brown

by John Badman  
FEATURES FISCAL ADVISOR

The following is an interview I had for Brown University at the Andover Inn. I met the interviewer in the lounge area as you just walk in. I was wearing a black Brooks Brothers polo shirt and jeans. I wired myself because I knew it would be the best thirty minutes of my life.

I walked over to a fairly overweight woman with white hair and a walking cane lying on the ground next to her. She was wearing a large knit sweater with a snowman on the front and she was missing a front tooth.

Me: Hey, are you here to interview John Badman?

[Woman looks down at a sheet in her hand. Looks up. Forced smile.]

Interviewer: Hi there, I am \_\_\_\_\_, class of '56.

Me: Hi, John Badman, class of '06.

Silent pause. I sit down, and take tater-tots out of my pocket. I offer them to the woman. She ignores my gesture of pushing the tots towards her mouth. I eat the tater-tots.

Interviewer: It is absolutely freezing out there. But I am sure you get used to it.

Me: I guess.

Interviewer: So, I take it you are interested in attending Brown University!

Me: Yep.

Interviewer: Well, excellent.

Me: Yep.

Interviewer: Why don't you give me a little background into your time here at Andover, and we can see what you will bring to Brown.

Me: I am very involved in the Andover community. I am a proctor, an editor of *The Phillipian*, Andover's newspaper, and I attend meetings with the entire school every Wednesday.

Interviewer: Great! Tell me more about the meetings. That

sounds important.

Me: Well, after class on Wednesday, I walk to the Chapel, and I attend the All School Meeting. I like to refer to it as ASM. [pause]. You know, for All School Meetings...ASM?

Interviewer: O.K... so what do you contribute to the meetings?

Me: Well Mrs. Chase asks us to turn off our cell phones, so I do as Barbara asks. Then I listen attentively. I try not to talk to the person sitting next to me.

Woman looks me up and down, takes her pen, and scribbles something on the paper. I lean over to look. She quickly jerks her hand away so I can't see, pulls her neck, and falls to the ground.

Interviewer: Oh dear, oh dear, I strained my neck again.

Me: Get up. [pause.]

Interviewer: I can't.

I nudge her with my foot. She starts crying. I lean over and pull her back up onto the chair. I turn

her neck so she is looking at me.

Me: Are you O.K.?

Interviewer: Yes dear, thank you.

Me: Where was I?

Interviewer: You were describing your weekly meetings. That sounds very interesting. Are you a member of any clubs, John?

Me: Actually, I am glad you asked. [I clear my throat, yawn, and raise my voice so a couple sitting nearby can hear]. I am a member of Sam's Club. Well, the name on the actual card is actually Kate Badman, my mom, but I go there with her. It's more of a joint membership, but we didn't want to pay extra. It's kind of a long story.

Interviewer: And what does that club do?

Me: Well, basically the membership opens up great deals on buying food in bulk. It's like Costco or BJ's... I don't mean to sound snooty, but it is very exclusive.



J.Badman/The Phillippian

Connor J Sutherland '06 is most definitely going to attend Princeton University. Enough said.

by Domenic Minicucci  
FEATURES WOMEN'S RIGHTS

I'd like to start this off with Happy New Year, but the fact of the matter is the last few days have been rather difficult... But either way, kudos to Marlys and the Deans. As I mentioned earlier, about a sentence earlier, the last few days have been difficult. Having been recently assigned a taxing art project on positive and negative space, I ventured into the stacks to see if I could find any helpful literature. Just as I was about to take out *George Foreman's Guide to Positive and Negative Space: Not Just Black and White*, I noticed a blur of blue and polo from across the stacks. At first I thought it might have been Michael Johnson, the first man to ever win the 200 and 400 meters sprint in the same Olympic Games, or maybe even a gazelle. As it turned out, it wasn't either. Much to my shock, it was Stalin Hairbrush, the popular director of the local sandpeople choir, circumventing the carefully laid out bookshelves to snipe the book directly in front of mine, "The Complete History of Woman's Rights." As Hairbrush blew the dust off the cover of the book right into my face, I stumbled back. As I grasped the bookshelf to get my balance, I realized I faced a crossroads in my life. And it was nothing like that movie with Britney Spears. I could either just take the cutting in stride, or I could call him out.

"Hey!" I chose to take a stand, not just for myself, but for all those who have ever had the spot in front of them in line snatched right before their eyes. "No cut-sies!" I bellowed. I was met with a blank stare. As I stood there, half expecting him to just crumple over and beg for forgiveness at my feet, Hairbrush dropped the bomb: "Whatever."

Whatever? Whatever!? I was about to give Mr. Hairbrush a big heaping pile of whatever. However, before I could get my hands on him he dashed off for the library front desk with his ID in hand. I hurriedly, but carefully, removed my book so as not to damage the spine, and then dashed off in hot pursuit of the coldhearted cutter. I ran crashing through the glass door of the stacks, and turned just in time to

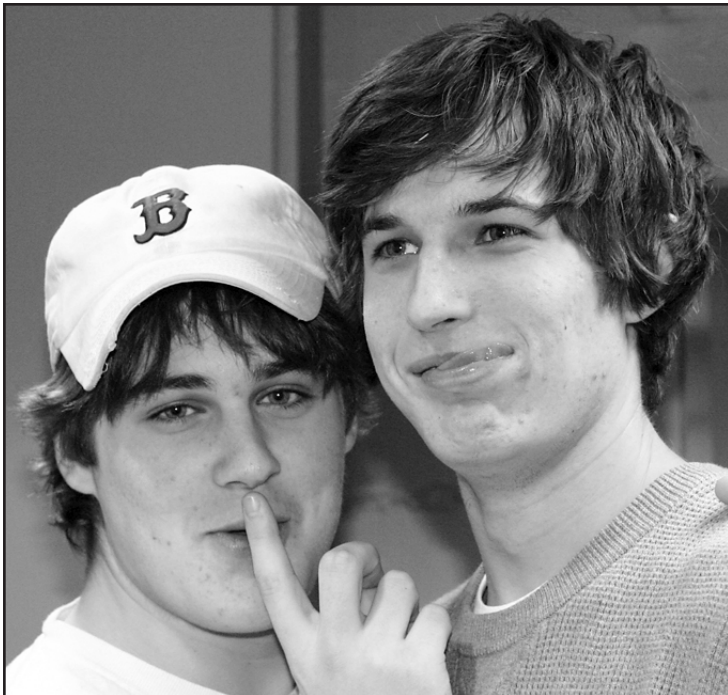
see the librarian scanning Hairbrush's ID. That was the last straw.

My body began to convulse in rage, and all of a sudden a second head burst out of my right shoulder. My second head looked like what I would imagine the offspring of Hulk Hogan and Xena Warrior Princess would look like, only with one less eye. Shortly after my second head had popped up, I felt my other shoulder begin to rumble. All of a sudden, another third head erupted from my left shoulder. My third head looked like Clifford the Big Red Dog.

I stormed over to Hairbrush, who seemed pretty calm given the fact I had just sprouted two extra heads. In fact, as I stood over him drooling from my left face, he even had the nerve to crack a joke. "You know 'Fluffy' from Harry Potter..." he began. I halted him in mid-speech with a bark from my right head, and took advantage of the resulting silence

by shooting Hairbrush a blank stare. There was then a brief reprieve as we all took a moment to really appreciate the irony. That was until the librarian notified me that "George Foreman's Guide to Positive and Negative Space" was actually on desk reserve.

Was I being punished for taking a stand in what I believed in? Was I correct in addressing this issue? Was I just supposed to look the other way? If so, what if, say, someone were to cut me in line at the grocery store? Or in line for a new organ, like a heart? What if I were a homeless person in line for new lungs and the person cutting was a well-renowned doctor who saved millions of lives every day and also I smoked and probably wouldn't quit after getting new lungs because hey nicotine is addictive? Should I just look the other way then, too? Where does the madness end? Doesn't this bother anyone else?



B. Kaiser/The Phillippian

Ha, you thought this one would also have a witty caption! Well have I got news for you! You were terribly wrong. :-(





## GIRLS SWIMMING

### Andover Dominates Freestyle Events

Andover	105
Choate	81

Last Saturday, the Andover Girls Varsity Team started its season with a bang, soundly defeating Choate Rosemary Hall 105 to 81.

Choate immediately snatched the lead in the beginning of the meet, winning the 200 Medley Relay. However, Andover earned second and third place. Veronica Faller '09, Ella Kidron '08, Greta Martin '09, and Stephanie Moroney '09 broke two minutes with their time of 1:59.18, followed by a team of Salena Casha '09, Annie Glancy '09, Emily Brenner '06, and Alyssa Hill '06 finishing with a time of 2:01.76.

Despite the initial setback, the girls rallied in the next event, the 200 Free, completely decimating Choate. All three Andover swimmers - Casha, Captain Katie Faulkner '06, and Carly Villareal '07 - raced past the competing Choate swimmers, claiming the top three places. Next, in the 200 IM, new upper Sisi Ruan '07 claimed second place with a time of 2:22.78, followed by Glancy in third.

Knowing Choate's strength in the butterfly and backstroke events, Andover was determined to dominate the freestyle events. In the 50 Free, Erica Roddy '07 blew past all competition with a first place time of 25.51. Sprinting a time of 55.66 in the 100 Free, Roddy again captured the win. With the help of Caitlin Feeney '08, who secured third place with a personal best time of 58.50, followed closely by Moroney with a fourth-place time of 58.75, Andover was able to pull ahead of Choate.

In the 200 Freestyle Relay, Andover completely overran Choate. Casha, Roddy, Captain Faulkner, and Ruan swam to first place with a time of 1:43.67.

Andover finished the meet strongly, taking first and second in the 400 Freestyle Relay. Ruan, Brenner, Villareal, and Roddy went for the win with a time of 3:49.18.

## PA Girls Basketball Edges out Choate; Falls to Four Time NE Champ Tabor

by Lauren Jackson  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	43
Choate	35

Tabor	48
Andover	20

On Saturday, the Andover Girls Varsity Basketball team hosted and beat Choate in an exciting 43-35 win. Andover also traveled to Tabor on Wednesday to face to the four-time Class A New



B. Canada/ The Phillipian  
Sarah Beattie '06 attempts to shoot over her opponent.



B. Canada/ The Phillipian  
Paul Scola '06 takes out a Choate opponent, as Boys Varsity Hockey dominates the ice, beating Choate 6-2.

## Inconsistent Week for Boys Hockey; PA Beats Choate 6-2, Ties Tilton 1-1

by Chris George  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	6
Choate	2

Andover	1
Tilton	1

This week, the Andover Boys Hockey team defeated Choate 6-2 at home, and went on the road and tied the Tilton School 1-1. Joe Smith '07 and Sean Wadland '06 led the offensive attack against Choate with three points each, while Matt Ward '06 stopped 43 of 45 shots for the win.

Saturday's game against Choate started with few individual scoring chances and the teams skated to a scoreless end of the first. After the intermission, Andover took the lead with a goal by Smith off a Wadland rebound less than five minutes into the period. Three minutes later, J.J.

McGregor '08 dangled past a Choate defender and wristed the puck in the net.

The third period brought Choate plenty of opportunities to throw some shots at the net, and two minutes in Choate trimmed the lead to 2-1. Andover answered right back at the 6:50 mark of the third, when Tom Dignard '06 put a hard shot on net that found the stick of Chris Cahill '06 on its way to putting Andover back up by two goals.

With the help of a 5-on-3 advantage, Choate tallied its second goal when a pass from behind the net found an open Choate player in front, who banged in the puck. Then Steve Bury '08 fired in a feed from Brendan Cox '06 and Paul Engelhardt '06 to make it 4-2. Captain J.P. Martignetti '06 knocked in a rebound off a Smith shot to gain a three-goal advantage.

Ward finished the game with a spectacular 43 saves on 45 shots, raising his save percentage on the year to 93.4 percent as Andover added an empty net goal in the last 20 seconds.

soon as Choate gained the lead, Kelly Fox '08 nailed a three-pointer to put Andover back on top. Ball possession went back and forth, and each team fought for the lead. The two teams traded shots until Captain Jackie Price '06 nailed the final three-pointer to put Andover up 29-26.

Andover began to gain momentum and energy.

Choate called a time out with 8:07 left in the game. This, however, did not break Andover's momentum, as it continued to play tough defense and powerful offense. As Choate attempted to run an offensive play, Kara Hollis '07 stole the ball, resulting in a shot from Captain Price to boost the score to 33-26.

Captain Price was soon fouled and nailed two shots on the foul line

The girls displayed great teamwork, as Captain Price and Fox worked together to make a thrilling defensive steal. Coach Lani Boardman noted "Our strengths lie in the team as a whole, and when we play together and are active from the bench, we are very good."

With 36 seconds left in the game, Andover called a time-out. The team maintained its lead and intensity, making Choate both messy and anxious. Choate fouled Andover, giving the girls more chances to score. Sarah Beattie '07 and Captain Price both scored 2 more points on the foul line.

The game ended with a well-earned score of 43-35. Captain Price and Beattie displayed versatility, leading the team in points and rebounds. The two scored 13 points each, and Fox had 11. The team showed great strength and tenacity, refusing to let Choate take the win.

Wednesday's game proved to be a bigger challenge, facing Tabor, an experienced and talented team. Andover began the game slowly due to the full-court pressure from Tabor. Andover was down 33-8 at half time and missed its first eleven attempts on goal. However, the girls did not give up, as the entered the second half much stronger and confident. Andover held Tabor to 15 points in the second half. The game ended with a final score of 48-20.

"I thought the team showed great character in hanging in the game and bouncing back after the lead was cut twice," said Coach Boylan. However, he added, "Limiting penalties is something we need to work on."

On Wednesday versus Tilton, Andover was outplayed in the first two periods, and succumbed to an 0-1 deficit heading into the third period. The Blue came out aggressive and firing in the last frame. Andover's efforts only produced a Cahill goal to even the score, and the game would end in a 1-1 tie to bring Andover's record to 6-2-3.

## Girls Track Notches Win Howe '06 Dominates Mile

by Ella Kidron  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Andover Girls Varsity Track team had a strong opening meet against Tewksbury and Wilbraham Monson on Wednesday. Andover had a four-point lead halfway through the meet and continued excellence performances, winning its first meet of the winter season.	
The team had first and second place finishes in the mile. Becca Howe '06 and Sarah Cohan '08 both had strong races. Howe won the race with a time of 5:56.60 with Cohan placing second at 5:59.20.	
In the long jump, Colleen Thurman'07 and Michelle Nguyen '07 both had strong finishes. Thurman jumped 15 feet and three inches and Nguyen jumped 13 feet and 9.5 inches. Nguyen '07 commented, "I feel like we did really well considering that it's our first track meet, and both Tewksbury and Wilbraham's seasons had started way before ours. We can only get better from here."	
Jeannette Francis '06 accomplished a height of seven feet and six inches at the pole vault. Ola Canty '07 followed with a height of seven feet. Canty said, "Everyone was looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. We were all seeing how fast and high we could go. We did our best with the limited time we had to prepare prior to competing."	
Aba Temeng '06 had an outstanding performance in the Shot Put. Temeng won the event with a score of 37.7 feet, her personal best. Temeng commented, "It was a great start to the season, but we still have a	



ways to go".

In the 50-yard dash, Carolyn Pollard '07 had a strong second place finish with a time of 6.8 seconds. Following her was Thurman in third place.

The girls 4x400 relay team had an exceptional performance. The relay team, consisting of Alysse Kennedy '06, Pollard, Kit Harris '07 and Hannah Comeau '06, maintained a lead of nearly a lap throughout the entire race. Reflecting on the relay and looking into the rest of the season Harris '07 commented "We have a lot of new talent of the team this year. It felt great to be back at winter track."

Harris also had a strong performance in the high jump and the 600-yard race. She placed second in the high jump overall, jumping five feet 10 inches, her personal best, and ran the 600 in 1:37.57. Kennedy won the high jump, jumping five feet, 10 inches.

Sarah Dowd '06 won the two-mile race, lapping three Tewksbury girls at least once, finishing with a time of 13:14.50. Dowd ran the race over a minute faster than she had run it last year.

Reflecting on the meet, Captain Marty Schnure '06 commented, "We had a really good first meet, which I hope sets a good tone for the rest of the season."

With a successful first meet behind them, the Andover Girls Varsity Winter Track team looks forward to a fast, strong season. Harris said, "It was great to see so many spectators come to our meet and cheer us on." The team's next competition will be against Andover High School this Saturday.



B. Canada/ The Phillipian  
Dan Wagman '06 get ready to serve in the Boys Varsity Squash match against Taft. He went undefeated for the week.

## Despite Losses to Choate and Taft, PA Boys Squash Sweeps Deerfield

by Ali Zindman  
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Choate	4
Andover	3

Taft	6
Andover	1

Andover	7
Deerfield	0

This Saturday, in a tough double header, the Andover Boys Varsity Squash team lost to both Taft and Choate. Although it played some great individual matches, Andover could not secure the victory.

Taft, an incredibly deep team, was able to breeze by the Andover with a final score of 6-1. At the number two spot, Captain Dan Wagman '06 was the only member of the team to win his match, winning in three quick games. The scores were 9-6, 9-4, and 9-3, showing that Wagman maintained control of the match in its entirety.

Teammate Danny Silk '07 said of Wagman's match, "Dan played a really great match, hitting the corners and keeping his opponent behind him before attacking." At the number one spot, Derek de Svastich '06 lost three games to one to an unbe-

lievably skilled opponent. De Svastich won the first game 9-6, but was unable to hold on to the rest of the match. Of De Svastich's match, Captain Wagman said, "To see him win that first game was incredible because his opponent has so much skill and experience."

Similarly, Sam Gould '07 won an extremely close first game 10-8, but could not secure the victory. Coach Tom Cone said, "Taft has a great team with many talented players that run all the way down the ladder. We knew going into the match that it was going to be very tough. Unfortunately we were not able to gain the victories we needed toward the middle and bottom of our ladder."

Also, on Saturday, Andover faced Choate. Andover lost in a much closer 4-3 match, with many of the matches coming down to the fifth game. At the number one and two spots, de Svastich and Captain Wagman each won their matches with relative ease. At number three, Graham Miao '09 lost in a hard-fought match in five games, and Simon Keyes '06 was similarly unable to take his fifth. Owen Remeika '06 needed to default due to a pulled muscle, giving Choate another win at the number five spot.

In another five game match, Gould was able to put his opponent away, notching a win for

Andover. Unfortunately Sam Woolford '06 lost in the number seven spot, giving Choate the 4-3 win.

Captain Wagman said, "This match was really unfortunate because there were so many close matches that came down the fifth game. Each of those matches could have gone either way, and we were just unlucky. However, everyone played really hard and left everything out on the court."

On Wednesday, Andover traveled to Deerfield, sweeping the team 7-0. Dan Wagman said of the match, "This was a great win that we really needed to raise our morale a bit after Saturday. Everyone played really well and did not give up whether they were winning or losing." At the number three spot, Miao played a great match, winning three games to one after being down in two of the games by a significant amount.

Also, Gould was down two games to none but fought his way back to win the match 3-2. Of his match, Captain Wagman said, "Sam won in a really hard-fought match today. He never got down on himself and kept playing until the end." Coach Tom Cone was also proud of Andover's play, saying, "This was a very secure win, everyone deserved it, and it was great to see everyone playing with so much enthusiasm." Andover looks forward to playing at Groton this Friday.



## ALEX CAMPBELL

### The Deal With Post Season Football

*Continued from Page 12, Column 6*

ranked Georgia in the Sugar Bowl. Instead of going on to play other winning teams to determine a true champion, their season is over. West Virginia had one loss over the entire season, yet has nothing to show for it except a victory in something named after molasses and cellular telephones.

Imagine if last year, the 14-2 Patriots had just played the Atlanta Falcons in the "Sirius Satellite Radio Spices Game," won, and then gone home and watched the Top two regular season teams, the Steelers and the Eagles, duke it out in the Championship?

In college football's sick and twisted logic, the championship game would have been played between two teams that the Patriots ended up beating on their way to their Super Bowl victory.

The bowl season left 3 BCS-winning teams wondering what would have happened if they had ever gotten the chance to plot against Vince Young.

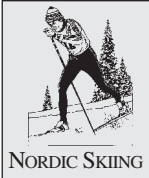
In a nation with sports leagues that screw up more often than Marcus Vick, it seems that even Major League Baseball and the NHL are able to get the post-season right. In college football, somewhere lost in the heaping piles of money is the idea that the playoffs are supposed to be the most exciting time of the year.

It shames me to say this, but it appears that College Football could use a lesson from Bud Selig.

## Filiberti '07 Takes Fifth At Nordic's Season-Opener

by Sara Ho  
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It was a great first race for the Andover Varsity Nordic team, as Arielle Filiberti '07 skied her way to a fifth place finish last Wednesday. Though some may say that Andover is too



far south to compete with northern ski teams, Andover proved them wrong, as the team put on a great show at Vermont Academy. Both the boys and girls teams have made enormous improvement from last year, and this became apparent up in Vermont.

Prior to the first race, the team was unsure about how they would finish and was looking forward to finding out how both the girls and boys teams stacked up against tough competition.

Said Head Coach Keith Robinson prior to the race, "We're going to see how the girls stack up with the league this year. With the third place finish at Interschols last year, we are looking to improve." He continued, "The boys have a young team and we will see how they develop. We're building towards the end of the season."

The classic-style race, originally scheduled at Cardigan, NH, was moved to Vermont Academy due to poor snow conditions. Andover, the most southern school competing, raced against schools farther north: Holderness, NMH, St. Paul's School, Putney, Kimball Union Academy, Proctor Academy, and Vermont Academy. Even at Vermont Academy, the conditions were somewhat mediocre, as the skiers slipped on muddy parts where the snow had melted. The warm weather caused the snow to warm up and slow down less experienced skiers. The conditions varied, as the snow was still icy under the trees.

The challenging course featured a large uphill portion



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**Captain Ali Zindman '07 was the only player on her team to win a match against Choate. The team lost 4-2.**

## Captain Zindman '07 Takes Only Win; PA Girls Squash Loses to Choate, 2-4

by Matt Schubert  
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**Choate** 4  
**Andover** 2

Choate exposed the Andover Girls Squash team's inexperience on Saturday, cruising to a 6-1 victory. Andover's young squad played hard but was clearly overmatched.



The players hope to overcome their weaknesses but know they have their work cut out for themselves.

Captain Ali Zindman '07, returning for her second consecutive season at the number one position, gathered the team's only victory of the day. She did so with relative ease, stumbling in the first game but rebounding for a 3-1 win.

In the first game, Captain Zindman found herself trailing 3-8, but she regained the serve and seemed to take control. With low, penetrating rails, she frustrated her opponent and brought herself to within one point. After a few more exchanges of the serve, however, her opponent squeaked out a 9-7 first game victory.

But Captain Zindman soon put Andover on the board. She maintained her composure and took the court in the second game with the same confidence that earlier enabled her comeback. Using her drives in concert with finesse lobs and drop shots, she rolled to a 9-0 win in the second game. The points were short, and she stymied her opponent with a combination of

power and precision. Captain Zindman encountered no further roadblocks, winning the last two games 9-1 and 9-0. She easily arrived at a 3-1 win, leveling the overall match score at one.

Despite this encouraging result, Andover soon dropped two more mid-lineup matches. Lydia Smith '09 fell at number two. Though a strong newcomer, Smith could not counter the experience and talent of her Choate opponent and lost 9-0, 9-1, 9-0.

These losses set Andover down 3-1 overall, and victories in the three remaining matches would be necessary for a team win. Diana Willson '07 was playing with an injured leg at number three. In a similar situation to that of Jiramongkolchai, she was overmatched and lost 9-2, 9-2, 9-3.

The most competitive match still in progress was that of Carolyn Brown '09 at number five. She lost 9-5.

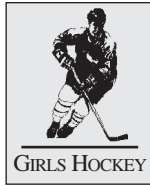
The serve continually changed hands, and the game went long, but she dropped it 10-9. She lost the preceding game 9-6 and took the match loss.

## Girls Hockey Falls to Choate; Late Rally Was Not Enough

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**Choate** 4  
**Andover** 2

"I have never seen a team play with as much heart as we



did," said defenseman Stephanie Clegg '08 after Andover's 4-2 loss this past weekend against Choate Rosemary Hall. Although Andover exhibited a strong effort, it was unable to overtake the unity and strength of the Choate team.

Going into the game, the teams seemed evenly matched. Andover's front line, composed of Co-Captain Julie Wadland '06, Co-Captain Melissa Tetreau '06, and Lindsey Moramarco '06, is one of the best in the league, while Choate's star player, Hilary Knight '07, is one of the best wingers around. In hopes of preventing Knight from gaining possession of the puck, Coach Fenton decided to shadow the entire game.

In the first period of the game, Andover dominated, maintaining the puck in the opponent's zone for most of the time. Unfortunately, Andover was unable to break through and score. Forward Jamie Harisiades '08 commented, "We had our chances but we didn't capitalize on them." Co-Captain Wadland and Co-Captain Tetreau, however, did an excellent job prohibiting Knight from receiving the puck.

In the second period, Choate pulled away and scored a goal. Though the team was down, Andover remained calm and did not allow frustration to cloud its focus on the game.

With a little less than ten minutes into the final period, the scoreboard read 3-0, and Andover's hopes were dismal, but Co-Captain Wadland, with eight minutes and eight seconds left, whizzed the puck into the goal. Recharged, Andover dominated on the ice, and with 55.7 seconds remaining, Moramarco scored to raise the score 3-2.

With less than a minute remaining in the game, Andover's best strategy to tie up the game was to take goalie Ansley LaHue '06 out of goal

and replace her on the ice with another forward. Unfortunately, the plan failed and Choate managed to skate into Andover's zone with a clear shot at the net to make the final score 4-2.

The referee calls were particularly controversial this game. Harisiades executed what appeared to be a legal move of pinning an opponent against the boards, but was given a penalty for body checking. Another interesting aspect of the referee's calling was that the normal five second rule, which states that a player has five seconds to compose themselves before the face-off, did not seem to apply in this game. In at least two instances, Andover's forwards were unprepared because the referee blew the first whistle, normally indicating a five second set up period, and dropped the puck into play without waiting.

Co-Captain Wadland was extremely impressed and proud of LaHue, whom she believed played her best game of the season thus far. She had a total of 29 saves.

Wednesday's game against New Hampton was cancelled due to a lack of players from the opposing team. Of New Hampton's already small, eleven-player team, only seven would have been eligible to play. This shortage of athletes was due to both sickness and game suspension for extraneous reasons.

Unfortunately, New Hampton is not as skilled a team as Andover, and Andover needed that win to contribute to its final record at the end of the season to qualify for the New England tournament. After losing to both Taft and Choate, two teams which it had the potential to beat, Andover resides in the 6th place. Nevertheless, Coach Fenton is attempting to schedule a home game against New Hampton later on in the season and secure a win.

Harisiades commented, "Coach Fenton told us a loss should sting, it should give you ammunition for the next game." The team plans to carry that advice into this weekend's match-up against St. Paul's and show just how talented of a team it really is.

## Andover Boys Swimming Handily Defeats Choate; Diving Captain Cory Psoinos '07 Breaks Records

by Dennis Jow  
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**Andover** 104  
**Choate** 81

Last Saturday, the Andover Boys Varsity Swim team defeated Choate with a decisive final score of 104-81.



A combination of experienced returnees and promising newcomers proved to be successful, as

Andover captured wins in both individual events and relays.

Although Choate took the opening 200 Medley Relay, Andover managed to place sec-

ond and third.

That was the last time Andover would be behind.

Andover swept the next event, the 200 Freestyle, with Julian Azaret '08, Kevin Zhai '08, and Howie Kalter '07 all recording times well under the two-minute mark.

In the 200 IM, new upper Scott McColl '07 battled to the finish against an extremely talented Choate swimmer but was ultimately touched out by only half of a second.

Dennis Jow '07 and Andrew Faulkner '07 took third and fourth in the IM.

Captain Jamie Neuwirth '06 powered through the water in the 50 freestyle, finishing first with a time of 22.31.

Andover's sole male diver Captain Corey Psoinos '07 defeated all three of the Choate

divers by a large margin, and Jow '07 placed second in the 100 fly.

Andover dominated the 100 free. Captain Neuwirth won with an impressive time of 49.21, and Ryan Ferguson '07 and Eric Van Oss '07 placed third and fourth.

Azaret and Howie Kalter '07 decisively took first and second in the 500 free.

Later, in the 200 freestyle relay, a team of Ferguson, Brendon Sullivan '07, McColl, and Captain Neuwirth won by over three seconds to even further Andover's lead.

Faulkner '07 led the Andover effort in the 100 backstroke, breaking a minute with a time of 59.68 and finishing third.

McColl won the 100 breaststroke, with Ferguson and Vincent Jow '09 close behind in

third and fourth.

Finally, a 400 freestyle relay team of Kalter, Azaret, Jow '07, and Captain Neuwirth obliterated Choate's first finisher, winning by more than a 10 second margin.

On Wednesday, at the JV meet, Captain Psoinos broke both his own previous school record and the long-standing pool record by over 50 points.

Andover was clearly the dominant team in this meet. Though only one meet in, this year's Boys Varsity Swim team already seems superior to those of years past.

Last year, Choate placed second at Interschols with Andover finishing fifth, and last weekend Andover dominated Choate. Andover's next meet is home on Saturday against Loomis Chaffee at 2 p.m.



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**Dennis Jow '07 swims the butterfly section of his 200 IM. He placed third in the race, helping his team to their 104-81 victory over Choate.**

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Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines! It's time to break out the secret mantras, good-luck meals, voodoo dances, or whatever your pre-game rituals might be. The NFL postseason, where legends are made and chokers become infamous, is upon us. The 2006 playoffs come as a different breed. This year, for the first time in a few years, there is no clear cut Super Bowl Champion. Yes, it's true. To Colts fans about to go into hysteria, consider this: Dwight Freeney, Montae Reagor and Corey Simon all have health issues.

If the strength of the Colt defense (its defensive) line isn't effective, the Pittsburgh Steelers might have a field day running the football.

In addition to health issues, questions remain regarding Peyton Manning's ability to handle pressure, especially after the San Diego game in Week 15, and the Colts rustiness after weeks of rest.

The Bears, Redskins, and Steelers all lack a true all-around game, although the Steelers may be the most complete of the lot. Defense does win championships, but anemic and pathetic offenses kill championship runs.

Playing their best football of the year, the Patriots enter the Mile High City with health issues and face arguably the most balanced team in the playoff pool, the Denver Broncos.

That leaves the Seahawks. It's hard to find a deficiency in the NFC West Champion, but its weakness might be its supposed strength.

Without showing any disrespect to MVP Shawn Alexander, one must wonder about the true effectiveness of the Seahawk running game-the best run defense Seattle played against this season was Arizona (tenth in the league).

To all you football fans, enjoy this postseason.

It's an even playing field without one clear-cut Super Bowl Champion.



Captain Joey Lokitis '06 (left) helps lead his team to a pair of wins over Choate and Holderness. Scott Morgan '06 hugs the game-winning Matt Silva '07.



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Postseason Bowls  
Meaningless?

As the whole nation prepares itself for this weekend's NFL playoff matchups, it has become more and more clear that the college football postseason has serious problems. Sure, Vince Young's Rose Bowl performance was downright beautiful. But this is a dead horse that needs to be beaten over and over again: college football Bowl season is by far the most nonsensical time in sports.

Think about it. Postseason play is the height of excitement in sports. In college football however, the postseason is more a month long AFLAC commercial than a real season of significant games.

In all other sports, teams that are barely above .500 at the end of the season are rewarded only if they find a way to beat the best teams in the country, if they make the postseason at all.

In college football, a team like the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles can finish 6-5, beat the daunting Arkansas State Indians in the New Orleans Bowl and pat themselves on the back with a "bowl win," the rough equivalent of that certificate of participation you received for playing U-6 soccer.

What's more, the way teams are selected for these meaningless bowls is quite foolish.

The Fiesta Bowl, touted as one of the most important games of the year, was between the 3rd best team in the nation (Penn State) and the 22nd best team in the nation (Florida State).

What happened to the other 18 teams? Did the NCAA just forget that the numbers 4-21 existed? What kind of system allows a team barely in the Top 25 to be considered one of the top 8 teams in the country?

Even if your team has accomplished something of real content, in college football, you still don't get the chance to prove yourself a real champion. Take West Virginia, for example. The Mountaineers finished 10-1 in the regular season, and beat 10th

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PA Boys Basketball Defeats Choate and Holderness;  
Captain Lokitis '06 Scores 1000th Point in PA Career

by Brad Marvin  
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Andover Choate	71 49
Andover Holderness	61 58

The Andover Boys Basketball team notched a dominating 71-49 victory over Choate in its first game after winter break. On Wednesday, the team continued its winning ways



with a thrilling victory over Holderness 61-58.

Andover's Captain, Joey Lokitis '06, scored 30 points that day, but perhaps his biggest point came on a free throw just a few minutes into the game. While he admitted later that he had quite a few butterflies in his stomach, he stepped up to the line and drilled the shot. Captain Lokitis' free throw gave him 1000 points in his Andover career.

He is the first male to reach 1000 points in Phillips Academy Basketball history. He is also fast approaching the all-time scoring record of 1,108 by Becky Dowling

'94.

He said, "The coaches and the players at PA were definitely a big part of my success here. I was lucky enough that the coaches and especially Coach Mo gave me the opportunity to play my freshman year which definitely was an important part of reaching 1000 points."

Captain Lokitis, however, was not the only scorer for Andover. Matt Silva '07 added 12 points, including two crucial three pointers in the second half. Chris Bramwell '07 and Will Sherrill '07 also contributed six points each. The offensive run by point guard Bryan Lee '06 was relentless and kept Choate from getting back in the game.

Tough defense, however, was the key to success for Andover. Blake Hinckley '06 and Sherrill

shut down the inside game of Choate and forced them to settle for poor outside shots. Sherrill also added in 14 rebounds of his own. In the second half, Bramwell and Ekow Essel '07 combined with Sherrill and Hinckley to come up with several key blocks that secured the victory for the Big Blue.

Although the year may have started tough for Andover, going 0-4 before vacation, the team has opened the new year on a positive note. Bramwell said, "I hope this will be a jumpstart for many victories down the road. We have a tough week ahead of us, but if we continue our strong play I am very optimistic about our chances."

Against Holderness, Andover came back from a nine point second-half deficit to squeak out the win.

PA Boys Track Dominates Wilbraham;  
Falls Short of Tough Tewksbury Squad

by Ben Bramhall  
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Andover Wilbraham	55 16
Tewksbury Andover	51 44

On Wednesday, Andover Boys Track went up against a struggling Wilbraham-Monson team and a more challenging squad from Tewksbury. The meet was scored as two dual meets due to a lack of participants from Wilbraham. Andover defeated Wilbraham 55-16 but fell to Tewksbury 51-44.

The boys did very well in the short distances, taking first and second in the 50 yard dash with Captain Greg Hsu '06 (5.9) and Luis Tejeda '08 (6.0), and winning the hurdles with Jason Soule '06's clocking of 6.8 seconds.

Merzudin Ibric '06 backed up all of his surrounding hype as he took the victory in the 600 yard race with an impressive time of 1:17.27 and the long jump with a distance of 20'8.25".

"The best part of the day," said distance coach Jon Stableford, "was the 600." Ibric took first place in both meets. Wilbraham got a runner in at second, followed closely by Soule and a Tewksbury runner.

In the field events, Andover broke about even with Tewksbury and destroyed Wilbraham. Tewksbury took first in the shot followed by Joe O'Hern '07 with a throw of 42'7".

Mario Noyola '06 dominated the pole vault, as always, winning with a vault of 11 feet. Second and third were taken by Tewksbury, and Wilbraham had no vaulters.

Along with the 600, Ibric took the long jump. Second was Jae-Yeop Kim '07 with a jump of 19'4.25". Third was taken by a

Wilbraham competitor.

Tewksbury swept Andover in the high jump. However, against Wilbraham Andover managed to take second and third with Kieran de Brun '08 jumping 4'10" and Waskom jumping 4'8".

The distance scene did not go as well for Andover and is where the most points were lost. This was mainly due to the absence of Kentaro Watari '07 who is sick but plans to make a quick recovery.

Tewksbury took first and third in the mile with a Wilbraham runner

in second. Mike Discenza '09 took fourth with a 5:04 and Eli Howe '09 took fifth with a 5:14. Tewksbury took the two-mile victory but David Wilson '09 had a great race, running 10:50, a wonderful clocking for his first indoor race. Tewksbury also took third.

Finally, in the 4x400 meter relay, Andover came away with a decisive victory in a time of 3:59.1.

Tewksbury, however, had made the gap too big, winning the meet 51-44.



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Captain Gabe Worgaftik '06 overpowers his Choate opponent.

PA Grapplers Crush Choate 61-18;  
Team Prepares for Tough Road Ahead

by Sara Wallace  
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Andover Choate	61 18
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After a month long layoff from wrestling, the Andover Varsity Wrestling team came back to defeat Choate Rosemary Hall 61-18.

Now, Andover's season record is three wins and zero losses.

Shaun Stuer '09, the rising star on the Andover wrestling team, had an incredible performance on the mat last Saturday.

He defeated Frank Bertassi, who won the Class A league tournament last year at 189 lbs, with a score of 10-5. Luke Cahill '06 also had a fantastic performance last Saturday, who had an excellent comeback from trailing 13-6. He retaliated with

a reverse and pinned his opponent, obtaining another six points for Andover. Brian Foye '06, Hector Cintron '08, Colin Serafino '06, and Colin Dunn '07 also won by pin, thereby gaining six points apiece for Andover. Akshay Paintal '07 and Captain Gabe Worgaftik '06 both won by technical fall and gained five points apiece for Andover.

Gabe Worgaftik '06, who is ranked number one in New England at 135 lbs, has great prospects this year. Although he was out for health reasons at the end of fall term, he came back from break looking very strong and won a great match.

Although the team had a solid victory against Choate, the team shall be facing much more difficult competition very soon.

It will battle Deerfield, Providence Country Day, and Hyde Maine this coming weekend.

Rachel Cohen '08 said, "The team wrestled pretty hard, but Choate was not that tough of a

competitor. We have Loomis next week and that will be an incredibly tough match." With two varsity starters battling injuries and several tough teams on the horizon, Andover will have to step it up to maintain its perfect record.

Andover exceeds the expectations of the standard wrestling team not only by being undefeated, but also by the number of girls on the team.

This year there are three girls competing on varsity, as well as several others on junior varsity. Kassie Archambault '06 was the first girl at Andover to place at a Class A tournament. Now that she has brought more Andover girls into the sport, a new side of wrestling has opened up to them.

Perhaps the team's greatest strength is its chemistry. Luke Cahill '06 said, "Everyone seems a lot more focused. We're pushing each other a lot more than I've seen in the past years. Everyone seems to be really dedicated to the sport."



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Merzudin Ibric '06 cruises to his victory in the 600.