



PA ACCOMMODATES STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

By JULIA ZORTHIAN

Twenty-four Phillips Academy students currently receive accommodations for their learning disabilities, according to Patricia Davison, Coordinator of Student Disability Resources and Director of Academic Support Center.

Davison said that there are more students at Andover with learning disabilities, but they have chosen not to use accommodations or disclose their disability.

According to Davison, there are three types of learning disabilities.

A processing speed disability affects a person's ability to quickly comprehend information.

An executive functioning disability affects a person's abilities to plan, organize and prioritize.

Attention deficit disorders, such as ADD and ADHD, can affect one's ability to focus for a long period of time.

An Upper male with a learning disability who requested anonymity said, "I'm a slow reader, and it takes me a while to process things. I also have a little bit of ADD, so it's hard for me to focus."

To qualify for accommodations in the classroom, a student has to have a doctor administer a neuropsychological evaluation. A student can only receive accommodations if the findings of this test indicate a learning disability.

The Upper male said that he is granted 50 percent extra time on tests.

"I can come in earlier or stay later [to take a test]. It works out well because I have either conference or a free period [before or after all of my classes]. I have physics first

period, so I come in early at 7:30," he said.

Davison said that the Academic Support Center finds out about a student's learning disability in one of three ways.

"A tiny fraction [of students] disclose their learning disability during admission. Others disclose later, and another group discovers it once they get here," she said.

According to Juliana Reider '10, who was diagnosed with dyslexia over the summer, Davison first recognized that Reider had a learning disability. She said, "I really appreciate [Davison's] initiative to tell me to go and get testing."

Reider said that before her diagnosis, "I would have to go ask [my teachers] for extra time. Sometimes I wasn't sure how to approach them and ask them for extra time, and it was sometimes inconvenient for them."

Once a student has a verifiable learning disorder, Davison and the Academic Support Center notify teachers that the student needs special arrangements.

Accommodations for learning disabilities at Andover are "tailored to the individual person's disability," said Davison.

According to Davison, these accommodations can include extra time on tests, note-takers for students in class or textbooks on tape.

Davison said that she orders textbooks on tape for students with dyslexia. She added that Kurzweil Readers, scanners that read text from a page, are also helpful.

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During Wednesday dinner, students taking Chinese paraded through Uncommons to celebrate the Year of the Ox.

Andover to Pilot Online Course Selection System in Spring Term

By JEREMY HUTTON

Students and advisors will soon be able to change their courses with the click of a button.

Select advising groups will pilot an online course selection system next term that could be introduced to the entire school next fall, said John Rogers, Dean of Studies.

According to Paul Cernota, Scheduling Officer, the online course system is "designed to take all the pieces of the advisor's notebook and put them online."

The online program will notify students about problems with their schedules and inform students of course pre-

requisites and availability.

The system is intended to make advisors' jobs easier and more efficient, Cernota said.

"[The system] will simplify some of the tasks of advisors and allow easier access to information," said Cernota. "It will reduce the number of things they have to track on their own [and] help them produce course requests that represent realistic programs."

This system will require advisors to check in more frequently with their students, since advisors will receive email notifications whenever their advisees need to make course selections or changes.

Cernota hopes that the new

system will reduce course change requests 10 to 20 percent by removing all requests based on scheduling sheet errors.

Online course selection will also help advisors keep track of students' graduation requirements, said Cernota.

Kevin Carey '11 said, "The Course of Study book is confusing and vague, and seeing what counts towards your graduation requirements right in front of you will be very helpful."

But Cernota said that configuring the new online selection system is still a challenge.

"It's hard to convince a com-

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BUDGET CUTS CANCEL SPRING BREAK TRIPS

Athletic Trips Cancelled, Music Tour Abroad Shortened

By ALEX SALTON

Many varsity athletes at Phillips Academy will have to make new spring break plans.

Budget cuts at PA have forced the cancellation of many spring trips.

Spring break training trips for the Girls Varsity Lacrosse, Boys Varsity Lacrosse and Boys Varsity Baseball teams have been cancelled, and administrators have reduced the budget for the annual Cantata Choir and Academy Orchestra spring tour.

Lacrosse players planning to attend the annual spring vacation trip to Disney World learned at the end of fall term that the trip would not occur this year. Many of the players were dismayed.

Jack Walker '09, Captain of the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team, said, "The cancellation of the spring lacrosse trip [was] a huge disappointment. The trip was a fun and effective team bonding opportunity."

Anthony Morlani '09, Captain of Varsity Baseball, said that the cancellations have left teams scrambling for practice venues.

"[The spring baseball trip] enabled Andover athletes to get a head start on the season in a warm climate that is unlike the inclement March weather in New England," said Morlani.

He continued, "Unfortu-

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CAMD Scholar Hopes to Retain Rusyn Identity

By ELIZABETH KELLY

Radka Dancikova '09 wants people to learn about her heritage before it's too late.

Dancikova presented her CAMD Scholar research on "Retaining Cultural Identities: A Look at the Rusyn Community" last Friday in Kemper Auditorium.

Her research addressed how the Rusyn people are trying to hold on to their culture

and language.

"It is an interesting topic that [people] may never learn about again in their lives," she said.

"The Rusyns believe the best way to retain one's culture is through knowledge, and I agree with them," she said. "More importantly, though, they know who they are and where they come from."

Dancikova said this identity conflict is "something that a lot of minority groups are facing."



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Dancikova '09 experienced Rusyn culture at home and abroad.

She said that it is much harder to retain cultural identity within a smaller, less predominant minority group because few peers share the same traditions or customs.

There are only 1.2 million Rusyns in the world, located chiefly in Eastern Slovakia, Southern Poland and Western Ukraine.

Dancikova said that the number of Rusyn language speakers has declined over the past 50 years.

Dancikova was born in Slovakia and still has family there. She said that her family retains parts of Rusyn culture in their lives, such as egg decorating, a tradition passed down through the generations from mother to daughter.

"I can connect to everything Radka said [in her presentation]," said Suzanne Torabi, International Student Coordinator. "I completely understand what it means to leave your culture behind, having experienced it first hand."

"I didn't even know about

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Pot Pourri Cuts 'Most Likely to Appear in Playboy' Superlative

By ALESSANDRA POWELL

The Pot Pourri faculty advisor cut the Senior superlative "Most Likely to Appear in Playboy" from this year's yearbook because of space constraints and concerns about its appropriateness.

Although this superlative has been printed in past yearbooks, Jeanette Saraidaridis, Faculty Advisor to Pot Pourri, decided to remove the title earlier this week.

Saraidaridis said, "As soon as someone asked to withdraw from the ballots, I said we should take it out. It just wasn't appropriate."

Pot Pourri staff members cut the superlative last year due to space limitations, but the superlative ran in 2007.

Alysha Sayall '09, Editor in Chief of Pot Pourri, said, "It was not [the Pot Pourri staff's] decision. Our faculty advisor told us to take it out. We already had too many superlatives, and because it upset people, we decided to remove it."

Saraidaridis said that she was most concerned with the lasting nature of the superlative. "I can see how it's funny now, but in 20 years your husband looks at it and goes 'ugh'...I mean these yearbooks are just so permanent," she said.

Kiara Brereton '09, who was nominated for the superlative, said, "I definitely would not want to show my parents this or my kids or worse, my grand-kids."

Eva Simitch-Warke '09, a female nominee, said, "I definitely wouldn't be paranoid about this in my future."

William Thompson-Butler '09, one of the top five male candidates, said, "I would be happy to tell my family."

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On the Proposed Curfew

Good habits cannot be taught.

And limiting student freedoms, however insignificant they may seem, does not serve the student body.

Last week, Dean of Students Paul Murphy told *The Phillipian* that he hoped his proposal to shift school-night sign-in to 9:30 p.m. would “regularize students’ lives.” However, it would take a lot more than an extra half-hour in our dorms every night to “regularize” our lives. And frankly, more regulation isn’t the right step to take.

Arguments for the new policy have been grounded in the belief that the change would lead to more efficient dorm meetings, quieter evenings and more sleep for students. In reality, the shift would simply bring many students’ social hours out of the library and into dorm rooms. A small added convenience to house counselors and librarians does not justify the change in our schedule.

A better proposal to increase the amount of sleep students receive would be to make classes begin later in the morning, as previously proposed in this space.

The larger point, however, is that students should learn good study habits and sleep habits on their own, through experience. A mandate that all students be in their dorms at 9:30 p.m. won’t teach us self-discipline.

Andover has always been about independence. Granted, teachers and house counselors are here to guide us and keep us in check, but the school’s responsibilities *in loco parentis* need only extend so far. Returning to our dorms a half-hour earlier each night is an unnecessary change - and it’s not worth the student outcry that will likely occur if the proposal becomes a reality. There is no urgency or pressing reason to change sign-in. Let the status quo stand.

We enter this school as unsure, inexperienced 14-year-olds, and the freedoms and challenges of Phillips Academy turn us into young adults. Our relatively lenient sign-in time is one of those privileges.

Boarding school is meant to prepare us for college and then the rest of our lives. And in the real world, no one will be tucking us into bed.

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An Arts caption and photo credit last week misspelled the name of Sam Poliquin ’10.

An Arts article last week also misspelled the name of Kellon Olusola ’11.

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Pro Patria



IMAGINE THE Korean War repeating itself but this time with nuclear missiles and automatic attack drones.

On January 17, 2009, the fragile truce between the two Koreas was almost shattered. Now I am left wondering if another war is entirely out of the question.

North Korea threatened to take a “strong military retaliatory step” against its Southern counterpart. A uniformed military officer surrounded by military unit flags called South Korea’s president a traitor. South Korea immediately placed its armed forces on alert and has been carefully monitoring North Korean troop movements since.

Although no shots have been fired nor any missiles launched, this incident is as serious to me as war. If a conflict were to break out on the Korean Peninsula, I would be compelled to help my country in any way. I would even be willing to commit myself to military service.

Politically speaking, I’m not even Korean. I was born in Edison, New Jersey, and I have an American passport. In fact, when I visit Korea, I need to apply for a visa.

Yet I don’t consider myself to be American at all. I was born in this

country, but I moved out of the United States when I was three years old. I don’t identify myself as a citizen of the United States. My passport might be American, but my blood isn’t. I am Korean, and my country is Korea.

My legal status as an American prevents me from attending the two-year military service all “Korean” men must attend. This service is treated as a rite of passage. A Korean boy becomes a real man by sacrificing some of his life in service of his country.

While I am attending college or graduate school in America, my Korean-born friends will be in the midst of basic military training, spending two years of their lives preparing for war.

If a war were to break out, my friends would be on the frontlines, and I would be sitting in a classroom halfway across the world. I would not be able to fight for what I consider to be my country.

My passport can’t tell me that I can’t love another country, my birthplace can’t tell me my ethnicity and my citizenship can’t tell me who I am. Just because I wasn’t born in Korea doesn’t mean that I wasn’t born a Korean.

If North Korea and South Korea

were to go to war, I would sign myself up for military service without hesitation. I know that if I signed up for the Korean Armed Forces, my American citizenship would be revoked. So what?

If there is a law preventing me from fighting for my country, I would give up my American passport.

A war between the two Koreas would threaten the lives of my family and friends in Korea. No piece of paper endorsed by the United States Government can prevent me from fighting to defend those I love.

I’m not saying these words to just sound heroic or courageous; a war is no joking matter. If I were to be sent to the frontlines of a conflict, I know there would be a chance that I would come back in a casket. Is this not what I am taught to do?

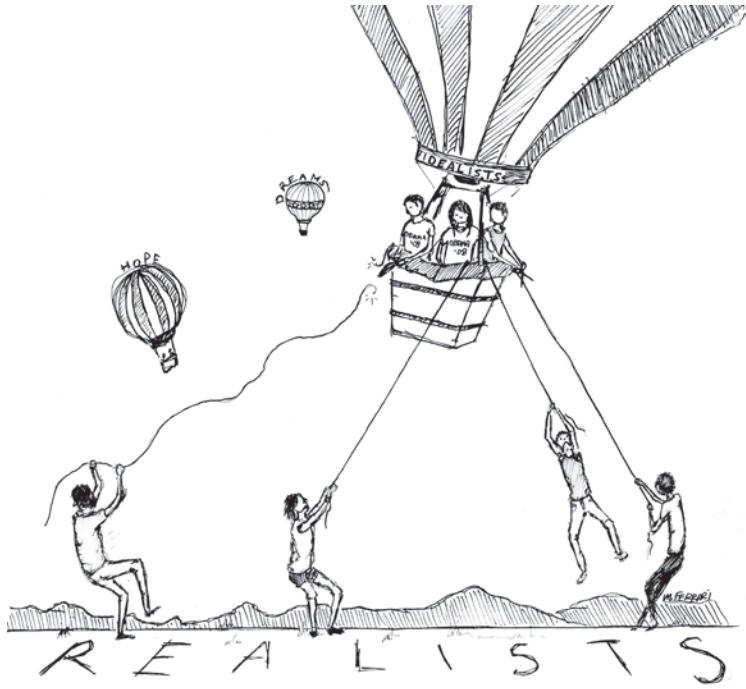
Phillips Academy prides itself on its motto, non sibi – not for oneself. Sacrifice is part of that mantra. The values of this institution helped me make my decision.

If it weren’t for non sibi, I might be satisfied to watch a battle tear my country apart on television.

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RISHABH BHANDARI | OPTIMISTIC

The Utility of Hope



THE INAUGURATION of Barack Obama was one of the most exciting moments I’ve experienced at Andover. It will likely remain one of my most enchanting memories from my time in America.

On January 20, 2009, my friends gathered excitedly in Uncommons. They received text messages from their parents, urging them to remember every nuance of this historic day. All this excitement perplexed me.

Coming from Australia, I can hardly comprehend the passion and fervor that fuels politics in America. As the TV screen in Uncommons showed images of Barack Obama on the podium, the entire audience grew silent in respect.

Few dared to crack jokes, even after the Chief Justice’s fumble with the inaugural oath. Shots of people crying during the ceremony flashed across the screen.

America’s politics are a different beast from the rest of the world’s. The enthusiasm and political knowledge of the average American voter is unparalleled. I myself was captivated and inspired by Obama and his oratory skills. My optimism magnified with every “Yes We Can!” that I heard throughout his campaign. I was sure that his ability to galvanize this nation would help us navigate through the grave problems America is currently

facing.

Later, as I downloaded political podcasts in my dorm, I was greatly irritated by what I heard: a thousand commentators who wanted me to know just how juvenile it was for me to invest my hopes in Obama.

These commentators’ message was clear: anyone who’d felt that surge of hope was in for a fall. Obama, they claimed, is just another politician constrained by the Washington bureaucracy and the realities of politics. In fact, these podcasts informed me that every time Obama says “Yes We Can!” it is our duty as realists to shout “No You Can’t!”

Despite what these commentators said, there is nothing juvenile about wishful thinking.

Look at the current economic crisis, something the naysayers believe Obama won’t be able to fix. The structure of the financial system has unraveled, creating a whirlwind of fear. Pessimism has become a religion. The world of finance was blown away by a puff of fear.

Emotions matter. People talk of hope as something artificial. They treat optimism as a phantasm that has nothing to do with the real world. As I crammed on a Thursday night for my History 340 test, anxiously reading Palmer, I realized that emotions have always mattered in the history

of the world. It was the people’s anger towards Napoleon that saved Britain from a revolution. It was the people’s optimism after reading the theses of the historian Ranke that inspired German nationalism. Historians cannot etch history without preserving the people’s emotions at the time.

Emotions matter and what Obama has done matters. His ability to manufacture hope is useful. Hope is a form of currency, currency that can buy change. Forget about the audacity of hope, let’s talk about the utility of hope.

Even as students, we use hope in our endeavors. On New Year’s we make our own resolutions. I made a resolution to sleep at least eight hours every day. I probably won’t make it to the end of the year with this pledge; in fact, I know I won’t. Nevertheless, I’ll have made a significant improvement. I’ll have gotten closer to my goal.

We’re not being juvenile when we become awash with hope. Hope gives us direction. Hope may not get us a destination, but it’s at least a start.

I’m glad that we have, for the most part, embraced Barack Obama’s message of hope. By converting cynics to idealists, Obama has already made our country a better place.

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JENN SCHAFER | CRAYOLA AFICIONADO

Stay Young

WHEN I WAS young—no, I’m still young—rather, when I was a child, a bright-eyed youth, I would color on my math homework. I was a first grader at the local public school, and the work was easy. I would finish early and break out the Crayolas for some good ol’ coloring outside the lines. My assignments would be turned in with Peony Pink clouds, Majestic Violet sunrays and glob-shaped animals outlined in Robin’s Egg Blue.

My teacher was less than pleased at my technicolored attempts at addition and subtraction. All the math was correct, my steps neatly laid out in No. 2 Ticonderoga, but it appeared, said Mrs. B, “that Jenny just wasn’t taking her work seriously enough.”

I was six years old. How serious do we expect kids to be? When did preparation for the “real world” become more important than childhood? When did the question “what do you want to be when you grow up?” shift to “why haven’t you grown up yet?”

Flash forward 10 years. My legs crossed Indian-style beneath me, I sit on the squeaky leather couches at the back of the Andover Starbucks. My choice of drink: hardly serious, one of those shaken-tea-lemonade things that’s really just sugar with a hint of fruitiness. I’m reading Faulkner, sure, but my mind is wandering to the little girl silently eating a cookie, sitting still in the seat next to mine. Her body hardly fills the seat. Her right arm has to extend itself unnaturally to rest on the wooden coffee table between us.

Something’s a little off, and I soon realize that this little girl is attempting to mimic the adults sitting across the way, their necks strained as they tap vengefully at their keyboards, elbows propped up on either side of their small, round tables.

That’s sweet, I think to myself, the little girl’s trying to act like a grown businesswoman.

The cuteness of the moment quickly fades as her mom, a typical “New England” woman with glasses and a bob, sits down across from her daughter.

I smile tentatively, the semi-awkward nod of acknowledgement that I’ve perfected since arriving at Andover and realizing that my broad, Midwestern, corn-fed smile would be interpreted by most Easterners as either a sexual advance or just plain obnoxious.

This time my Massachusetts pseudo-smile leads to a brief tête-à-tête.

The woman attempts to be discreet as she sneaks a look at my copy of The Unvanquished and raises her eyebrows. Then comes the classic phrase, “So, you go to school up the hill!”

I shift in my seat and make small talk, happy to take a break from the abyss of war literature. The woman continues to ask me polite questions about life as a “Phillips kid,” and I respond in the upbeat manner of a tour guide. After all, even though I’m in the midst of Upper winter, life is good.

Then, the conversation takes a turn for the worse. This woman, formerly passive and sweet, begins to get the crazed, pushy parent look in her eyes. She informs me that her ex-husband’s brother has a huge house, “‘cause he and his wife were educated at, you know, Harvard. And my little girl here, she asks me why we don’t live in a house like that and I tell her,” glasses-and-bob lady pauses here, giggling with malice, “if she wants to live in a house like that, she better go to Harvard too!”

I laugh nervously and nod politely as I glance around Starbucks for an exit. I’ll take tales of the war-torn South over lessons in aggressive parenting any day. The little girl is still nibbling on her cookie, her eyes timidly wandering towards three pre-teen girls who have just entered the coffee shop, their eyes shining and mouths painted pink.

Animated and off-putting, the little girl’s mother continues. She tells me about how her daughter’s been receiving mail from “The Academy” for years now, how her daughter’s never allowed to miss a day of school “even if she thinks she’s sick!”

This mother seems well-meaning, a single mom trying to ensure her daughter gets a good education. But

as she continues to tell me about how she sometimes has to remind her daughter to take her work “seriously, so she can go to Harvard,” I begin to feel conflicted.

I can’t help but want to jump out of my seat and tell the little girl, who can’t be more than seven years old, that I didn’t even think about Andover or Harvard until I was in eighth grade, that I missed school for weeks at a time to go travelling with my parents, that I got splinters on my palms trying to climb the monkey bars in the dead of winter. I grew up with skinned knees and burnt cheeks and a gap-toothed smile that stayed constant through two sets of braces. I colored in my math homework and even in my copy of the Velveteen Rabbit.

I took my education seriously, of course, since I aspired to be a veterinarian-slash-ballerina-slash-hot-dog-vendor. I always did my work, participated in class, served on student council—but I also spent 101 days in 101 cliché ways.

I went to the zoo, I drew on the door of my mom’s minivan, I sold lemonade and saltine crackers, I used snow days to go sledding. I was a curious kid with curious habits and I just wanted to learn about international spies and chimpanzees.

I had this crazy inquisitiveness matched with a precocious vocabulary which came from reading my dad’s old court briefings on “Take Your Daughter To Work Day.”

I spent second through eighth grade at the Avery Coonley School, one of the most academically challenging schools in the Chicago suburbs, but the bulk of my education wasn’t graded, didn’t take place in a classroom.

I learned from my mistakes and I



Childhood is the most important educational institution of all.

It’s Okay To LAUGH

BEN TALARICO

DIFFERENT

LAST WEDNESDAY, Dr. Benjamin Carson called for the end of political correctness. Amen.

Political incorrectness is not synonymous with hate. Hate is despising someone for their differences. Political incorrectness is our ability to laugh at those differences.

Last year, I went to a six-hour GSA conference in CAMD. The event “facilitator” became angry whenever anyone started laughing. Her rationale was that if you were laughing, you must be laughing at someone.

We all have a right to express our concerns if we feel we are being harassed, but sometimes people can be too sensitive. There’s this right in America called freedom of speech. If you’re so sensitive that you find yourself looking for ways to be insulted, then maybe you should go down to Graham House and get some help.

When people are on the defensive, they never listen.

Throughout my life I have heard many Jewish jokes directed at me, but I was able to laugh them off. Those jokes were funny! Why would I deny myself a minute of happiness and get offended for no particular reason?

My problem with “politically correct” people is that they are always on the defensive. When people are on the defensive, they never listen.

Anyone who feels they are above others because they’re more “sensitive” is a hypocrite.

As Dr. Carson put it, many people walk around with their shoulders hunched, looking to be offended. Is this social movement really helping anyone? Does it make anyone feel more comfortable?

Our world would not be any more peaceful if people always got mad at others for laughing at a cultural or social aspect of this country. Our egos would get in the way. There would be war.

I have been made to feel stupid when I participate in facilitated discussions focusing on cultural differences.

What these discussions’ “facilitators” do not realize is that I am probably more diverse than them. That doesn’t mean that I am better than them; I am simply saying that I am a gay Jew who grew up on an Indian reservation. Talk to me sometime, I don’t take myself that seriously.

The hypocrisy of these groups is that, while claiming to focus on cultural differences, they do nothing of the sort. They actually discourage people from asking direct questions about other people’s culture.

Political correctness breeds ignorance and hate. Now that’s what I call disrepectful.

We go to one of the most diverse high schools in the world; discouraging people from asking questions is preposterous.

I do not condone hate or bullying. People need to educate themselves, but they shouldn’t take themselves so seriously. One thing that I must say is that those who are politically incorrect better recognize the line between humor and hate.

However, I believe that people know when something is meant as a joke And if someone feels like their boundaries have been crossed, they should politely tell the “perpetrator” to stop talking.

Political correctness takes our differences and tries to erase them. I can only imagine how boring this society would be if we were all the same.

Political correctness breeds ignorance and hate. By refusing to talk about our differences in a completely open way, we create misunderstanding that can turn into anger. Now that’s what I call disrespectful.

Many people will not agree with me, but I don’t care. When the rubber meets the road, what kind of world do you want to live in?

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CHRIS MEYER | COMMITMENT

Where Loyalties Lie



MY EXPERIENCES with extra-curriculars at Andover have awakened a pertinent question that, up until recently, had remained dormant: Where do our loyalties lie?

A friend of mine put this thought far more eloquently when he stated, “Are we serving organization and the members as a whole, or are we serving ambition and self-interest?”

This idea has gained more and more prevalence among my thoughts towards these clubs. It seems that we put a great deal of effort into these organizations with simply ourselves in mind. It’s all about making the big tournaments, getting the important board positions and impressing the right people. Instead of supporting the ideals of a club, we choose to advance our statuses within it.

We cannot shirk our commitments to a society once we achieve the ends we have been striving for. Take a hypothetical example of a student who chooses to join Mock Trial, a notable club on campus where participants imitate actual courtroom procedures. The student appears passionate about the club, advancing through the ranks throughout his tenure at Andover. Then, he qualifies for the tournament he has always dreamed of. All of a sudden, the society itself is no longer relevant. He has used it to achieve his own ends, and it now serves no meaningful purpose other than having been a springboard for the student to

achieve his own ambitions.

I have seen such behavior first hand throughout my time here, and it serves as a stunning witness to the idea that our loyalties do not lie with the organizations, but rather with what we can achieve through them.

If these organizations were established to serve a passion, then why do we only serve that passion as long as we can get some sort of reward out of it? Did we jam ourselves into the back end of Uncommons at the club rally fall term just to enhance our college resumes? Or did we go there to broaden our interests, to pursue new things and to explore new ideas? Personally, I joined the Philomathean Society to learn how to debate, not to become president. I’m not writing this article to become Editor in Chief, I’m writing it because I believe that what I’m saying is important.

In my two years at Andover, I have seen club boards reduce themselves to vicious infighting because of self-interest. I have seen people who strive for reward turn against the ideals of an organization.

At Andover, a place where so many ideas and interests are pursued, it is a sin to use these organizations for personal gain. When we signed our names on those sheets in the fall, we pledged our loyalty to those clubs. We did not pledge to serve ourselves.

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CHARLIE COCKBURN | REASSURED

Man, Not Messiah

THERE IS SOMETHING deeply reassuring about the fact that President Obama is already implementing the changes in government he promised while he was campaigning.

Most of us are aware of the significant problems afflicting this nation: two wars, an economic recession, and much more.

Without a doubt, the past eight years under President Bush’s leadership have been detrimental to the well-being of this country. The American people needed a beacon for change, and President Obama rose to the task.

Many people around the world look to the new president with huge expectations. They look to him to restore America’s image and put an end to overseas wars, to stop torture and close Guantanamo Bay, to bring the economy back to life and bring back lost jobs, to rebuild American infrastructure and invest in US schools, to implement a philosophy of good diplomacy abroad rather than violence... the list goes on.

Obama summed up what needs to happen with one sentence in his inauguration speech: “Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin again the work of remaking America.”

Many remain skeptical of what Obama will accomplish now that he is in office. What has happened since his inauguration speech? As of Tuesday, January 20, 2009, President Obama has issued five executive orders and seven memorandums. These include a wide swathe of actions.

On his first day in office, he issued a pay freeze on the salaries of White House senior officials in light of the

poured my heart into various projects involving poster paint and ketchup and plastic dinosaurs and butterflies still in their cocoons. I did take a lot of intense classes, but my education came from just being a curious kid.

The woman leaves with her daughter before I can say anything. I feel ashamed as they walk out of the Starbucks, ashamed that I hadn’t spoken up, hadn’t saved that little girl from throwing away her real education—her childhood—in hopes of getting into Phillips Academy. I should have tried to say something to that pushy mom, I should have told her to let her child have a childhood.

But I guess I know it wasn’t my place to do so, it wasn’t appropriate for me to try and understand their situation. So I slump back into my chair and get back to my dear friend Faulkner, the stories of children growing up in wartime cutting a little bit deeper, further accentuating the scene that’s just transpired.

I can’t go back in time—that’s the problem, none of us can. Childhood is the most precious thing in the world, the most important educational institution of all.

Subconsciously I have started to let that jewel slip from my grasp, trading in my toothy smile for a more subdued, sophisticated smirk... the same restrained grin that little girl already donned. I should have said something. I should have smiled.

On the way back to campus, my friend unexpectedly pushes me into a pile of snow. I let out an involuntary screech before I begin laughing uncontrollably; I feel like I’m six again, my cheeks bright red and my eyelashes cold with snowflakes. I can’t stop laughing. My jeans are frozen, my fingers are numb, but I can’t stop giggling as I half-heartedly try to get up. My fingers rise to my cheeks, swollen with dimples and laughter.

I hope somewhere in the town of Andover there’s a little girl eating cookies too fast while skimming through a book about Jane Goodall, her hair in pigtails and her legs dangling absently off the edge of her seat.

I hope she’s got a big, bold, corn-fed smile. I hope she’s dreaming of dinosaurs instead of mansions in Cambridge.

And I hope the moment she starts to take herself too seriously, someone pushes her in the snow.

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terrible financial difficulties many Americans are experiencing.

He also revoked the ban on federal fund distribution to non-governmental organizations that use any of their funds to promote family planning, including providing advice, counseling or information regarding abortion.

With another stroke of his presidential pen, he reinforced the Freedom of Information Act, a piece of legislature that encourages transparency and accountability in government.

Obama tasked high-ranking officials with conducting a comprehensive review of the lawful methods of dealing with individuals captured in connection with armed conflicts and counterterrorism operations.

In perhaps the most symbolic break with the previous Administration Obama signed a document affirming the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention centers.

Our new President has also issued an order ensuring lawful interrogations.

President Obama has already accomplished several important objectives. If these first few days are any indication of what is to come, then maybe Obama will make good on his promises to the American people.

I have high hopes for what he’ll do, though I don’t dare let myself hope too much.

President Obama will do his utmost to “remake America.” But despite the trust people have in him, we must not forget that Obama is just a man, not a messiah.

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Artsy Absolute Ridiculousness

Audrey Adu-Appiah

To the beat of a “Just Dance” remix, students swarmed Friday’s Beatnik Coffeehouse, hosted by Andover’s literary magazine, “The Courant.”

If they came for coffee, they were out of luck, but not disappointed, as “The Courant” traded up. Over cups of Pellegrino and sparkling cider, students experienced life as a beatnik for a night—“even though no one knew what [a beatnik] was,” said Co-Editor in Chief Louise Ireland ’09.

A beatnik, according to posters displayed around campus, is a type of rebel. Following this theme, Underwood was transformed into a revolutionary underground on Friday night and evoked the most pervasive images of the sixties. The backdrop was comprised of submissions to “The Courant,” haikus and a massive Andy Warhol-esque soup can reading not “Campbell’s” but “Courant: Condensed Art and Literature.” Performers sang, read poetry and played various instruments.

The coffeehouse was chaotic and subversive from the start as Masters of Ceremonies Alex Kalil ’09 and Henry Metro ’10 took the stage and announced, “I just want to talk about the Green Cup Challenge for a minute—those pins actually hurt the environment.”

Andrew Malin ’09 opened the coffeehouse with a cover of “Slide Away” by Oasis. He was followed by a political parody of Ritchie Valens’ “Oh Donna” by Kelvin Jackson ’10, and an original song performed by Casey McQuillen ’11 and Elaine Kuoch ’11. Over the course of two hours, the coffeehouse showcased a range of performances, from a stirring rendition of Jeff Buckley’s “Hallelujah” on acoustic guitar by Charlie Danner ’11 to Azure’s performance of The Beatles’ “Because.”

It wasn’t simply the words and the music that held the audience’s attention, but also the atmosphere and the interplay between the emcees. Students watched the show come together before their eyes. Phrases like “If Azure could please report to the girls’ bathroom” and “We just formed 30 minutes ago”



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Azure covers “Because” by the Beatles at last Friday’s Courant-sponsored coffeehouse.

weren’t at all out of place in the coffeehouse’s relaxed atmosphere. In fact, one could argue that the atmosphere was a little too relaxed. While the performers transitioned from one act to the next, Metro and Kalil reappeared on stage shirtless.

Fear not, advocates of modesty, the incident was well-handed by “The Courant’s” Co-Editor in Chief. “We had that one incident when they took off their shirts,” said Ireland, “and I was like, ‘No, no.’”

Because the coffeehouse had an open mic, Metro and Kalil were constantly searching for the next act. “Is Menelik [Washington ’09] here?” asked Metro after the second act, scanning the crowds for the missing performer. By the fifth act, however, Washington did make an appearance—and an impression. His poem about love, tears and New York brought the clamor of the crowd to an awed silence. The hush was soon broken however by “the long awaited return of SLAM,” who made the beat drop in front of an enthusiastic audience.

As students taped their haikus to the wall, drank sparkling cider and took in the art that surrounded

them, Charlie Walters ’10 summed up the night. In his spoken word poem, “Obama-Nation,” Walters said: “Evolution is a revolution.” This philosophy encompasses the feeling behind “The Courant’s” Beatnik Coffeehouse—the spirit of revolution that arises from the evolution of art.

The coordinators of the coffeehouse naturally had the environment’s best interests in mind. “We wanted to spray-paint the snow,” said Ireland on the event’s advertisements, “but we wanted to be environmentally friendly.” Even though “The Courant’s” editors settled for spray-painting the time and place of the Beatnik Café on paper, low attendance wasn’t a problem. The coffeehouse’s rebellious vibe, as well as the excellent and unexpected performers, drew in an intrigued crowd.

“We really wanted the coffeehouse to have an image of artsy absolute ridiculousness,” said Ireland after the performers had left the stage, the crowd had slowly dissipated and all shirts had been put back on. Artsy absolute ridiculousness? Wish granted.

Unaccompanied Minors Celebrate India

Evan Eads

Unaccompanied Minors, a completely student-run musical ensemble, performed at the Burlington High School for a celebration of India’s Republic Day on Saturday. An estimated 1,500 people attended the event—the sheer number of people attending the vent was both exciting and shocking to Unaccompanied Minors.

Members of India Association of Greater Boston (IAGB), a group that was involved with planning the festival, had previously attended an Unaccompanied Minors orchestral concert. They were so impressed with the concert that they invited Unaccompanied Minors to participate in this year’s celebration.

Unaccompanied Minors was thrilled to be given the chance to play at the commemoration of the Indian holiday.

Kaki Elgin ’09, President and Horn player of Unaccompanied Minors, explained, “We jumped at the opportunity. This celebration is a huge event, and we perform[ed] in front of a very large audience.”

Unaccompanied Minors departed campus at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in rally wagons driven by faculty volunteers. They then practiced their piece before performing onstage at 5:30 pm.

Arun Saigal ’09 and Andi Zhou ’09, conductor and assistant conductor of Unaccompanied Minors, respectively, chose to play “Halla Bol,” a Bollywood movie song.

Zhou conducted while Faiyad Ahmad ’10 sang and Saigal played an Indian Drum called Mridangam. The excellent piece led the audience to uproarious applause.

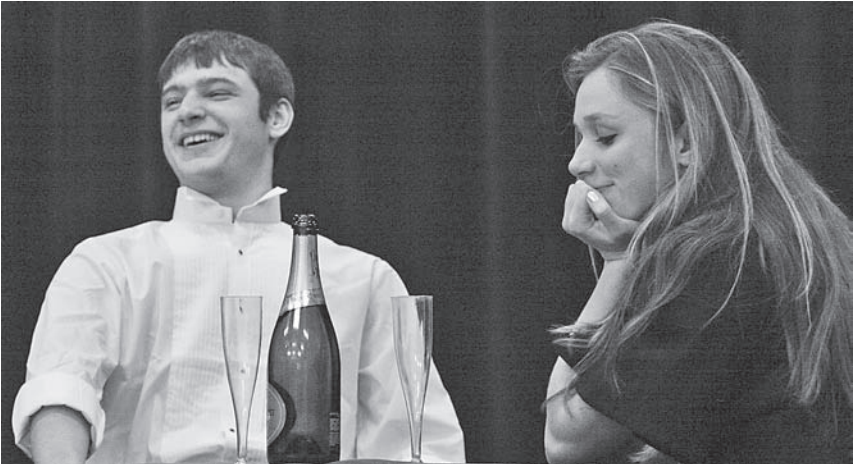
“We performed very well,” said Saigal.

“There was barely any standing room in the large auditorium, and there were apparently people listening outside the door as well,” said Elgin.

Saigal reported, “IAGB said that there were two highlights of the evening, the foremost being our performance.”

“It was a wonderful way to celebrate India’s Republic Day,” said Saigal.

Today’s Drama Labs: A Preview



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Macovei ’09 and Hoyt ’11 share a moment in “Compatible.”

Patrick Brady

What do awkward pickup lines, Bourbon and hot make-out sessions have in common? No, they don’t all appear in my typical Saturday night, but you—potential Drama Lab patron—will certainly see all three in this week’s Drama Labs. Not intrigued yet? Keep reading.

The first play on the chopping block, directed by Lucy Arnold ’10, is “You Can’t Trust the Male” by Randy Noojin. With veteran performers Kristina Rex ’11 and Eric Sirakian ’10 in her cast, Arnold was able to choose a much longer play, totaling 14 pages. The director was able to make this bold move with complete faith in her experienced troupe, including Katy Svec ’10, one of the most professional Drama Lab stage managers I’ve ever seen. The play focuses on a man and woman who meet before an Intro-to-French night class in New York City. Laura (Rex), a perky gal with the mouth of a truck driver, meets the bumbling, neurotic Harvey (Sirakian), whom she recognizes as her mailman midway through the play.

Filled with surprising twists and turns, “You Can’t Trust the Male” utilizes diagonals in the small, often confining Theatre classroom. Arnold said, “I’m going to be very nervous, but I’m excited to see how [the actors] change their characters under pressure.”

We all know the reason we really attend Drama Labs: to see our peers hook up on stage. Lucky for us, Mollie Lee ’10 chose to direct a deliciously raunchy play entitled “Compatible.”

Grace Hoyt ’11 and Andrei Macovei ’09 play two young lovers hesitant about commitment and their strong feelings for one another. The first line uttered is “I love you” and the rest of the play ricochets off that sentiment.

One highlight is Macovei’s native Moldovan accent, which I originally thought he was putting on for the character. His thick European

accent combined with the underlying sexual tension of the play emits an authentic Soap Opera vibe from this piece.

Lee clearly had a blast directing this play, and she got a lot of energy out of her actors in return for her dedication. In one critique, Lee told her actors, “It’s like you’re slow dancing with him, but middle-school style.” And that, ladies and gentlemen, is in reference to one of the tamer portions of the play.

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Concluding our trio is “The Wedding Story” directed by Mary Polk-Bauman ’11, who, interestingly, stumbled upon this hysterical play online. “The Wedding Story” is an ironic spin on a typical Disney fairy tale, depicting a storybook wedding.

Andrew Schlager ’12 plays the exuberant Storyteller, intent on telling the audience a squeaky clean love story, while Kate Weiner ’11 and Kennedy Edmonds ’12 play the bride and groom, whose story is drastically different from the Storyteller’s idea of what happened.

Schlager is in his element, toying with the audience and even adding some improvisational elements, which are sure to incite lots of laughs on Friday.

Weiner also exudes a strong presence onstage, which works well with Schlager’s energy.

Are you still not set on coming to the Drama Labs? Fine, don’t take my word for it, then. As Liza Minelli once said: put down the knitting, the book and the broom—and come to the theatre classroom. And who can say no to Liza Minelli? I know I can’t. See you on the stage.

Look Of The Week:

Kerry Joyce

Fashion trends at semi-formal high school dances are infamously monotonous. There are the traditional cascading up-dos, barely-there skimpy dresses and strappy heels. Amid the sea of this year’s Blue and Silver dresses, there were a few that stood out from the crowd. Josephine Moon ’11 was one of them.

Though she opted for an “unconventional” look, it was not one that strayed from the idea of a satin party dress. Moon’s Betsey Johnson dress was rendered in pink and white satin, and it managed to pump up classic “satin” to a cheeky, sugar-sweet version. Her look was reminiscent of Japanese street style, a pared-down take on the cute ensembles of Harajuku girls.

Upon first impression, it is apparent that Moon knows how to dress herself well. What could have been a boring dress was made interesting when the look was intensified. She gave it a sense of humor and kept it simple by adding some volume to her thin frame with a double-tiered voluminous skirt on her Blue and Silver dress.

Although Moon’s style is clearly Japanese-influenced, it is more accurately derived from the more toned-down Korean subgenre of this style.

Moon said, “I was born in South Korea, and Korean style has definitely had a huge influence on me. A lot of young girls in Korea go for bold, patterned accessories rather than out-there outfits. They’d have one or two key items that make their outfit stand out in some way, like a bright headband with a plain shirt, tall pumps or a cute hat. In other words, the details count.”

Moon loves to dress up when she has the occasion, and for evening she likes to keep the focus on the dress. She said, “With an outfit that stands out, I don’t wear over-the-top accessories.” By keeping her focus simple, the details are more

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resonant, there are no distractions. “My Betsey Johnson dress for Blue and Silver [was] definitely a reflection of my style because it was all about detail,” she added.

From day to day, Moon likes to look “effortless and natural”. Her uniform consists of casual basics—a skinny pair of Levi’s and a long cardigan, which she builds upon with a few eccentric accessories. Moon describes her own style as “simple with a cute twist.” For her, fashion is another means of expression, in addition to her interests in drawing, photography and singing.

Korea is definitely a part of the Japanese influence on global fashion. Japan turns out some of the world’s greatest fashion houses, and Moon’s personal favorite is Anna Sui, whom she loves for her pretty, feminine pieces with an edge. She also loves Juicy Couture and Marc Jacobs, especially his line Marc by Marc Jacobs.

Moon is never afraid to be girly, never afraid that she won’t be taken seriously. It is her sense of fun—her love for simple, cute clothes—that gives Moon her own look.



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UPPERS RISE THROUGH THE RANKS, LEARN ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PROCESS

By HANNAH LEE

On Monday, January 26, an eager group of Uppers congregated in Kemper Auditorium to learn about running for school president. Current School President, Malin Adams '09, Vice President William Thompson-Butler '09 and Executive Secretary Lawrence Dai '09 outlined the process that students would go through during the presidential election, offered advice and answered questions.

Next week, February 2 through February 9, candidates will collect student signatures and write their platforms.

This year students will be restricted to a \$50 budget for the entire campaign, which will mostly be used for printing posters, according to Adams. Starting this year, candidates are advised to print their posters in the Polk, in order to keep the posters a reasonable size.

The reason for the recommended budget according to Adams, is to encourage students to vote for candidates not based on what campaign materials they provide, but the ideas that they can offer to the school

Students will also have a chance to record a video, to be posted on PAnet, explaining why they would like to be president and what some of their ideas are.

Unlike last year, the initial group will be reduced to six students in the first round. Last year, the preliminary round of voting narrowed the field to twelve students and the second round to six.

Several students are sure of their decision to run this winter term. Fai-

first heard Danny Silk '07 speak, I was like, 'Yeah this is something I want to do.'

Thompson-Butler said, "I really liked the school president my Junior year, [Ali Siddiqi '06]. He just seemed to have a blast doing everything, and he knew everybody. My good friend Trevor and I were just talking about it, and we decided to run, even if we wouldn't reach the final round, just to have fun and meet people. It wasn't until right at the end that we decided to run, and it was just on a whim."

"I have thought about running off and on since coming here," said Lily Shaffer '10. "But I have had lots of students in the past couple weeks come up to me and tell me that they think I may be a good candidate. And I've had one of the influential adults in my life on campus tell me that she thinks I should. That's been a boost. I feel like the school president is supposed to be that person who's friendly to everybody and known on campus and makes the lives of all the students a little bit easier through little things."

"I think I'm pretty dead set. I've been thinking about it for the last couple months, and I think I pretty much decided I'm ready," said Will Lindsey '10. "I think right now I just sort of want to get out and meet as many people as I can and see if we can make a stronger community."

Eric Sirakian '10 said, "[I've been thinking about this] probably since the beginning of this year. I can't wait to meet so many new people. I love this school, and I want to do something really cool for the school if possible. I'm positive and really looking forward to it."

Thomas Hamel '10 thought about



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Presidential hopefuls listen as Malin Adams '09, School President, discusses the election process.



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Tom Hamel '10 and Billy Fowkes '10 attended the meeting on Monday.



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Will Lindsey '10 concentrates at an informational meeting on Monday.

yad Ahmad '10 said, "It was a couple of weeks ago when I knew definitively that I wanted to start campaigning and stuff like that. One reason I'm running is just to kind of get myself out there and try to work for the school as much as I can because I have a lot of ideas. I really want to try and work with the community because we have so many people here."

"[I decided I want to run] before I came, I'll be honest," said new upper, Scotty Fleming '10. "Why do I want to run? I want to give back I guess. I want to do something. I'm a new Upper this year, and so this is my way I guess of [saying], 'I want to be here.' So I want to do whatever I can."

"I want to do my part to give back to Andover," began Kyle Franco '10. "I was sort of on the fence about it, but I'm pretty sure I want to do it. As soon as I got here freshman year and

running for president toward the end of his Lower year. "I want to try to introduce reasonable changes and improvements into student life here at Phillips, be that in the day-to-day academics, athletics, community service [or] extracurricular, be it in the weekend life of the students."

"I'm running because I feel like this is a fantastic opportunity to do something that's real because what the student body president can do has real impact on the students here," said Jane Thomas '10. "I feel like the student body president has the potential to make changes within the school that actually impact the world."

Adams said, "I decided that I wanted to run for school president most likely at the beginning of winter term last year. I had thought about it in the sense that I was Upper Rep, be-

cause I had heard there was a curse that if you're Upper Rep, you can't become school president, so I was very hesitant about running in the first place, believing that the curse was true... but I was encouraged to take a chance by the kids in my dorm and by my friends."

The "curse" did not stop all three current Upper Representatives – Sirakian, Ahmad and Lindsey – who were all in attendance at the meeting.

As an exercise, students were divided into two groups: one group came up with ideas for good campaigning, and the other brainstormed ideas of bad campaigning.

Students came up with forgery, unrealistic promises, and disrespectful campaigns, to avoid during their campaigning.

After the exercise, Adams stressed

the importance of making the effort to meet individuals, as opposed to groups of students, while collecting signatures.

"Collecting signatures is a crucial part to getting your votes," said Adams.

Thompson-Butler said, "There was a big group of kids, and that's really what we wanted. We just wanted to get down a list of names and to encourage kids to come."

"I was impressed by the amount of candidates or the potential candidates that we had in the meeting," said Adams. "[20]10 is a very spirited class, and I'm sure we're going to have a strong campaign this year and a strong presidential process because we have so many spirited kids that want to represent the school. Which is never a bad thing in my mind."



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Student Council meets weekly with Paul Murphy, Dean of Students.



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Jane Thomas '10 laughs as School President Adams jokes about campaign mistakes made in the past.

A LOOK INSIDE STUDENT COUNCIL

By LAURA LEE

Meet a small group of dedicated students, working for you.

Student Council meets weekly to discuss issues relevant to the student body and the school. Malin Adams '09, School President, said that he also meets separately with cluster presidents and administrators at Deans' Table every week.

Recently, major topics of discussion have included the new Blue-Card system and sustainability issues. "Last week, we met with Maureen Nunez and Christopher Joel to assess the Student Council test of the BlueCard system," said Adams. Members also voted on an Environmental Policy Statement.

Adams hopes to send out a fitness center survey developed by the Student Council to all students next week.

According to Adams, weekly Student Council meetings are open to all Phillips Academy students. "I try to make sure I always have an agenda, but we also have time for open discussion. Anyone who has a concern or issue can come and talk," Adams said. He said that by having a specific agenda, the council can bring in administrators to talk to members about the issue at hand.

Adams said that he has worked hard this year to improve communication between Student Council and the student body, but also within the Student Council. He said, "I encourage everyone to participate so that kids from every grade get their voice heard."

One of the ideas that Adams has been working on for this winter is the possibility of a Student Council table in Uncommons, similar to Head of School's Table, where students would come to discuss current issues that the council has been working on.

Adams emphasized that "there is no topic too small, no issue too unimportant" to bring up or discuss at meetings.

This fall, Student Council implemented the new class advisor program, in which class representatives meet with a designated faculty member to plan meetings and events. Adams said, "[Student Council] worked with the administration to get every grade an advisor so that we could have students plan and run their own class meetings."

Student Council has also planned to revise the current 17-page student government constitution, which was written by an aspiring lawyer. Adams said, "The constitution currently is not being followed [due to its complexity]. We are revising it so we can abide by it."

Some Senior Girls Say They Find Superlative Offensive

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Thompson-Butler was disappointed that Pot Pourri removed the superlative because he was “shooting for it”

Jill Kozloff ’09 laughed when she found out about her nomination. “The funniest jokes are always at someone else’s expense, and even if it is my expense, I would rather hear people laugh,” she said.

Some students are concerned with appealing to prospective colleges, but according to a member of the Harvard Admissions Office, Harvard only “sees the information that the students submit.”

Harvard does not research their students using electronic databases. Superlatives are accessible, however, to future employers and graduate schools.

Although this category existed for both boys and girls, Brereton said that there was a double standard because “voting for the guys was more of a joke.” Several other seniors agreed. Kozloff said, “The female stereotype of Playboy made it more serious for the girls.”

She continued, “It’s like [what Dr. Benjamin Carson the] MLK Day speaker said, ‘Everything you say, you’ll offend someone,’ and everyone knew that this joke was all in good nature.”

Brereton said, “I feel like our superlatives are funny and reflect our liberal campus. Some are random, and ‘Most Likely to Appear in Playboy’ was funny to everyone except the girls nominated.”

Kozloff said she guesses that Seniors vote for “the people they know.”

“Often it just comes down to who has greater name recognition or a bigger circle of friends,” Kozloff said.

Pot Pourri also chose to remove the superlatives: “Most Likely to Climb Mount Everest,” “Most Likely to Live in Your Basement” and “Most Likely to Appear in a Reality TV Show” due to space limitations.

Lawrenceville Food Service Director Gives Advice to PA on Reducing Food Waste

By CAL BROOKS

Gary D. Giberson is not only concerned with the food he eats but also the food he doesn’t.

Giberson, the Food Service Director at the Lawrenceville School, spoke to students and faculty about how Andover can improve food quality and sustainability by reducing food waste on Monday.

He spoke about his success making Lawrenceville’s food program sustainable and nutritious by supplying Lawrenceville with more local foods. He also discussed how more local foods could be integrated into Andover’s dining.

The meeting took place at the time of the usual faculty



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meeting, but all students and some representatives from Aramark, the corporate food service that Andover uses, were invited to attend.

Cost is the main barrier for schools to attain a healthy food supply. Local, organic foods usually cost much more than their processed alternatives, but as Giberson wrote in an article, “the quality, taste, freshness, wholesomeness, and environmentally responsible breeding practices was worth the extra money.”

One of the reasons that Giberson has been so successful in his efforts is that, despite the extra cost of this food, he has managed to keep the total budget for Lawrenceville’s food the same.

Trish Russell, Sustainability Coordinator and Instructor in Biology, said, “The key [idea] that I learned from Giberson is that as he changes the sourcing [of the food], the price increases, but the total cost of the dining service at Lawrenceville has stayed the same because of savings in other areas, primarily reducing waste.”

“We are very lucky to have the good food offerings that we have,” Russell added. “We have a great deal of choice and what we are looking at [now] is how to improve on those options even more.”

Adams Says Online Course Selection Will Expedite Scheduling Changes

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puter that you get one credit for a term of French 400 if you took French 300, but four credits if you took French 220. Computers don’t like things like that,” he said.

Phillips Academy’s Technology Department designed the online course system for the particular needs of Andover’s students and faculty.

“Online course selection shows that we are becoming a more progressive school,” said Malin Adams ’09, School Pres-

ident. “Students can change their courses with their advisors without needing to run to Dr. Cernota during their free periods.”

According to Cernota, the duties of an advisor will not change with the new software because students will still need to meet with them to choose their courses.

Cernota said he wants the advisor-advisee relationship to remain the same because the “conversations between students and advisors about [their] schedules [are] a vital

The Phillips Academy community would have to focus on reducing waste for the school to increase the amount of fresh local food available. The school would be able to spend less money composting and incinerating waste and more money could be dedicated to buying organic foods.

Many of the changes advocated by Giberson have already been incorporated into Andover dining. For example, Andover already has a selection of organic and local foods purchased through Aramark. Andover is also in the process of going trayless.

Andover buys all of its food through Aramark, which means the food is purchased through “approved” vendors. Giberson founded his own company so he could personally approve vendors.

Many students seemed enthusiastic about what Giberson had to say and supported implementing a similar program at Andover. Other students were less excited, but most agreed that the changes Giberson proposed would be at least somewhat beneficial.

John Chapman ’09 said that, although many students would support Giberson’s program and few students would stand against the program, he was unsure of how food taste would be affected.

part of the [course selection] process.”

Adams, however, said that the new system would probably “change the dynamic” of the advisor-advisee relationship. He added that he hoped advisors could now focus their energy on staying up-to-date with their students’ courses instead of constantly worrying about changing schedules.

David Stern, day student advisor and Instructor in Chemistry, said he would probably end up seeing his advisees a little bit less because of the online system.

Another advisor, Kathryn Birecki, Athletic Trainer, said she thought that the relationship would stay the same.

“I hope advisors will still have at least bi-weekly meetings with their kids,” said Birecki.

Byron Udegbe ’12 said, “[While the new system] might be more convenient, I can’t see it making that much of a difference.”

David Fox, an advisor to Juniors and Instructor in English, said that the online system would not significantly affect his advisees.

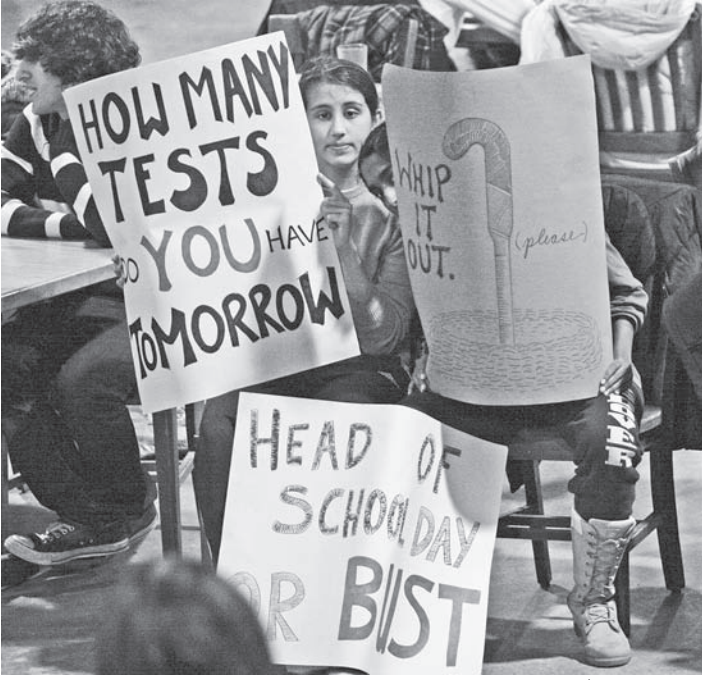
He said, “[Juniors] don’t have that many choices, [so] it will probably be more helpful and different for older students.”

As for the advising process itself, Graham Miao ’09 said that it is “pretty sound” except for the “great disparity between good and bad advisors.”

“I meet with my advisor pretty much every week,” Miao said. “But I know some kids who meet with theirs once a month.”

Cernota said that faculty will examine the new graduation requirements for four-year students before deciding to make any changes to the advising program.

Photo of the Week



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On Wednesday, Trisha Macrae ’09 and other Seniors held signs in anticipation of Head of School Day, to no avail.

Vienna No Longer on Cantata And Orchestra Tour Itinerary

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nately, with the cancellation of several athletic trips this year, athletes must find other venues to better prepare themselves for the upcoming season.”

Administrators also modified the budget for the annual Cantata Choir and Academy Orchestra tour.

Cantata and the orchestra had originally planned to tour in Vienna, Budapest and Prague, but the school took Vienna off the agenda in order to meet the budget restraints of the Financial Aid Office.

Christopher Walter, Instructor in Music and Director of Chorus, said, “For many [participants of the tour] this is a huge expense. Financial Aid has helped as much as [it] can. The school has been very generous in letting this continue,” said Walter.

Walter said that planning for the tour began about a year ago with the help of World Cultural Tours, a tour company. Since the tour involves extensive planning and multiple performances, it was difficult to cancel, he said.

Despite the cancellations, faculty and students have tried to remain positive.

Walker said that the cancellation of the trip might prove more beneficial in terms of practice.

“Although we were saddened by the news as a team, we are aware that coming back to school early for spring term and practicing on our field could potentially be a more productive use of our time as a team,” said Walker.

“Spring break is fun, but being back on campus would be all business. I have full confidence that we will see results if we come back to campus early,” he added.

Stephen Carr, Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach, said, “The school administration made the decision and given the current economic climate and the larger school priorities, I understand the choice.”

He continued, “I know our guys are disappointed. But I think if we all look at it in the context of what is happening around the country, I think the school’s decision makes sense and sends the right message.”

Members of the Cantata tour are thankful the tour was not cancelled.

Katie von Braun ’09 said, “It’s the only time during the year that [the orchestra] gets to collaborate with the chorus.”

According to Walter, “The tour is an integral part of the music program. It’s something that people look forward to, build up to and work for.”

Dancikova Traveled to Slovakia Over the Summer to Reconnect with Rusyn Roots

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the Carpatho Rusyns before Radka’s presentation,” Nonye Odukwe ’10 said. “It was interesting to see her identify herself as Rusyn, especially since this culture is dying off. I think her presentation was a great example of globalization and how the world is getting smaller because of the mixing of cultures.”

Dancikova said that people are often told about immigrants but rarely hear about where they come from, and her presentation offered a different point of view.

This past summer, Dancikova spent five weeks in Eastern Slovakia where she said she was taken aback by the beauty of the land and mountains.

She also spent time gathering information from her grandmothers, whom she called her “best sources,” and representatives of several Rusyn cultural organizations.

Dancikova said she and her

parents were worried about a lack of sources on Rusyn culture at first, but she was overwhelmed by the wealth of information she found in Slovakia.

Dancikova said she experienced Rusyn culture firsthand through numerous festivals like the Svidnik Folk Festival, the world’s largest Rusyn folk festival.

Dancikova also spent time in Pittsburgh, home of the largest Rusyn-American population in the United States.

In Pittsburgh, she attended the Rusyn Food Festival and met with the president and vice president of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society.

Dancikova said she is glad she learned about her heritage through her research and met members of her extended family for the first time.

Dancikova’s presentation included a faculty panel including Elly Nyamwaya, Instructor in English, from Kenya, Flavia Vidal, Instructor in English,

from Brazil, Lisa Joseph, Instructor in Math, from India and Clyfe Beckwith, Instructor in Physics, from Switzerland.

The panel discussed their transitions after moving from their respective home countries to the United States.

Vidal said that she has lived in the United States longer than in Brazil and has become so immersed in American culture that she sometimes does not recognize parts of Brazilian culture around her.

The panel agreed that the food, music and language were the best ways to pass on their culture to their children.

Senior Mary Krome’s CAMD project last year on educational problems for migrant children in Florida inspired Dancikova to do her own presentation.

“I have a story to share that many people would find unique and interesting even if they’ve never heard about it,” Dancikova said.

Alice Tao contributed reporting.

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Dr. Jennifer Lawless to Speak Next Wednesday on Gender Roles in Politics

By LUKE HANSEN

Sarah Palin, take note. Dr. Jennifer Lawless, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at Brown University, will present “Why Women Don’t Run for Office, and What Happens When They Do” on Wednesday, February 4.

Lawless, a nationally known advocate of women running for public office, is the second in a series of speakers presented by the Brace Center for Gender Studies focusing on women in politics wrote Dr. Kathleen Dalton, Co-Director of the Brace Center and Instructor in History, in an email to *The Phillippian*.

According to Dalton, “[Lawless] has been a part of the national conversation about why America has fewer women elected than most other western democracies.”

Dr. Edward Rotundo, Instructor in History and also a Co-Director of the Brace Center for Gender Studies, wrote in an email to *The Phillippian* that her personal experience in the world of politics, along with her academic perspective, provide insightful perspectives.

In 2006, Lawless ran for the United States Congress.

Rotundo also mentioned that Lawless’s views have been unaddressed during his time at Andover, and that they will be important for the Phillips Academy community to hear.

Rotundo wrote that he believes women have made much progress in the political arena over the past few years.

This past year, Hillary Clinton was a leading contender for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, and Sarah Palin was only the second female Vice Presidential candidate on a major party

ballot.

But Rotundo wrote that he still believes we are very far from equality between the two genders in terms of politics. He said that the fraction of women in the senate is exceedingly low, only around 7 percent.

He also noted that Andover has only had four female School Presidents since coeducation.

Rotundo pondered the possibility of parallels between Andover and the real world.

He wrote, “There are probably some similar roots to the two problems. It’s definitely a question worth asking and then thinking about very carefully.”

On her website, Lawless wrote that her interest in public service stems from her work in a community service organization, the Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation.

Along with Lawless, the Brace Center’s Women and Politics Series will continue with prize-winning journalist, Susan Faludi, author of *Backlash*, *Stiffed* and *Terror Dream*, who is scheduled to present on the growth of the women’s movement on Friday, February 18.



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Alex McHale ’09 Wins Debate Competition at Loomis Chaffee, Qualifies for World Championships in Reading, England

By CHLOE REICHEL

Last Sunday, facts and philosophy paid off for Alex McHale ’09.

McHale qualified for the World Individual Debate and Public Speaking Championships by winning a debate competition held at Loomis Chaffee School.

Reading Blue Coat School in Reading, England will host the championships from March 27, 2009 to April 3, 2009.

The Loomis Chaffee tournament ended in a tie, but because of McHale’s “rank in room,” he won. Rank in room is when the four debaters participating in a round of debate are ranked numerically by the judges on their ability and performance.

The Debating Association of New England Independent Schools (DANEIS), which Phillips Academy belongs to, has 12 students in the association who have qualified for Worlds this year.

Two, Cassius Clay ’09 and McHale, are from Philomathean Society, Phillips Academy’s debate club.

Students participating in the Loomis Chaffee School Debate Tournament debated if the United States Government should legalize the electronic duplication and transfer of copyrighted media for non-commercial use.

The Loomis Chaffee tournament differed from most debates that Philomathean Society members participate in because it was a switch-side tournament rather than a parliamentary extemporaneous debate.

The switch-side format called for McHale and his partner Juliet Liu ’10, Associate

News Editor of *The Phillippian*, to debate for both the affirmative and negative sides. In parliamentary debates, a team only argues one side.

Switch-side debates require extensive research because a resolution is given beforehand, unlike in parliamentary debates.

McHale said that Philomathean Society focuses on parliamentary debate, whereas peer schools are more focused on research-based debate because of differences in the nature of their programs.

McHale said, “The fact that we had managed to do so well on an individual level, in spite of this research [aspect to the debate], which is almost a disadvantage compared to these other schools, I think is huge.”

Parliamentary and switch-side debates also have different speaking times.

McHale’s favorite style of debate is Lincoln-Douglas, which he focused on at a Stanford University camp over the summer.

McHale likes Lincoln-Douglas style debate because it is “much more research intensive and much more philosophical.”

McHale has been a member of Philomathean Society since his Junior year.

“My first debate tournament as a freshman actually was Loomis Chaffee, the very same tournament I just won. It’s been a wonderful four years. I worked my way up slowly but surely through the ranks. It’s definitely been the highlight of my high school experience,” he said.

“I’ve always been a guy that is interested in ideas...discourse, and playing off of different sides of things,” McHale said.

McHale added that he hopes to pursue debate in college, and is most interested in trying policy debate, which is very research intensive.

“For me, I don’t know if I want to be a lawyer, or a politician, or a businessman, or what,” he said. “But I think it’s probably one of those three, and I think that no matter what I want to do, debate is going to be the best preparation.”

McHale said that the most important things that he has learned from debate are to keep an open mind and to persevere.

“It was a really, really, long, hard road to get to this point, but the fact that I finally made it made everything seem so worth it,” said McHale.

Elisabeth Tully, Director of the Library and Faculty Advisor to Philomathean Society, said, “This is the third year in a row that students from Phillips have qualified for Worlds, and it’s quite an honor.”



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Tully said that it is especially difficult to qualify for Worlds because the judging of debates is subjective, and can be inconsistent.

Tully continued, “Alex worked very hard this year, beginning last summer when he went to debate camp to prepare himself with the skills he needed to really perform at a high level this year. So, I was very happy to see him qualify.”

Mandatory Syllabi Fail to Resolve Course Conflicts

By YERIN PAK

Students feel stressed over multiple major assignments occurring on the same day, despite efforts by the Grade Task Force to reduce assignment overlaps.

The Grade Task Force consists of a group of teachers who discuss the Lower, Upper and Senior educational programs and make recommendations.

According to John Rogers, Dean of Studies, the Grade Task Force recommended all faculty members to provide a syllabus with the due dates of major assignments after a meeting in 1997.

“Part of the recommendation [that the Grade Task Force made] was that these syllabi should be handed out to students and collected by department chairs, and that a copy be kept in the Dean of Studies Office for easy reference when needed,” wrote Rogers in an email to *The Phillippian*.

“One important idea behind [handing out the] syllabi was that students could coordinate their workload by looking ahead on their syllabi and noting major assignment due dates,” Rogers wrote. “This would allow them to notify teachers of conflicts, for example, if they had three tests in one day.”

Rogers continued, “If there were patterns that emerged, for example, conflicts that always seemed to appear at the same time of year for most Up-pers, then department chairs could work together to try to adjust syllabi.”

“However, because students take so many different [classes], only they can identify the really busy times of the term and anticipate conflicts using their syllabi,” wrote Rogers.

“It is mainly the student’s responsibility to look at their syllabi ahead of time to avoid conflicts,” said Elizabeth Korn,

Assistant Dean of Studies.

“The [Dean of Studies] office collected the syllabi mainly to ensure that syllabi had sufficient information, such as due dates of major assignments,” said Korn.

Students who have difficulty identifying possible major assignment conflicts have a number of resources they can use for assistance, including the Academic Support Center or academic advisors.

Rekha Auguste-Nelson ’09 said that she thought more meetings between department chairs should be held to discuss syllabi coordination, perhaps at the beginning of the term and at midterm.

Patrick McGrath ’11 also thought that there should be more discussion. “Kids in my classes are always asking for extensions. I don’t think it should be [only] the students’ responsibility. Teachers should talk to each other [more often] in order to avoid overlap.”

Peter Drench, Department Chair of History and Social Science, said that in his four years as chair, he has not had a meeting with other department chairs regarding assignment due dates.

Ijeoma Ejiogu ’11 said that she thought it was understandable for several major assignments to fall on the same day.

“Teachers need to compress the [material in their] syllabi, because winter term is so short,” she said.

“There’s a certain rhythm to the learning process when it’s logical to assign tests, quizzes, and papers, and there’s little variation to this rhythm [from class to class],” Drench said. “However, we try to be as reasonable and flexible as we can be [with due dates].”

Extra Time on College Board Exams More Difficult to Acquire

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Susan McCaslin, Instructor in Philosophy and Religion, said that she most commonly encounters students who need to take tests using laptops or require extra time.

“I’ll let a test go into conference or arrange for an essay to be taken at another time and place,” said McCaslin.

David Stern, Instructor in Chemistry, said that he once accommodated a student’s learning disability by letting his student take tests in another room with headphones.

The Upper male, whom doctors diagnosed with a learning disability three years ago, said that his former school was less accepting of his disability than Andover.

“Andover handles it really well. It was really easy for me to get extra time on my tests in my classes,” he said.

The student said that he is pleased with how understanding his teachers are about his disability.

McCaslin said, “As a teacher, I’ve felt like we’ve been able to work out a system of support for the students and not unduly onerous for the teacher.”

Davison said, “I don’t think the faculty in any way, shape or form discriminate against a student with a learning disability.”

Peter Drench, Chair of the History Department, said, “Learning disabilities make us think not only about how we’re teaching in auditory or tactile ways, but how we’re setting up [other] kinds of learning opportunities.”

“[They make us] recognize that everyone does not have the same skills. [Teaching] is about all students, and they’re not all on the same plane,” he continued.

Davison said that the Admissions Office will not reject any applicants based on a learning disability.

“If students are ‘otherwise qualified,’ or can do the work with accommodations, we would [treat them like any other applicant,]” she said.

She said, “You come to Andover and your compensatory techniques don’t work because [work] is harder and faster [here].” A disability would not be as apparent in a non-challenging environment.

Students with learning disabilities may also qualify for accommodations on standardized tests, such as the SATs.

Linda Sullivan, Director of Standardized Testing, said that the College Board can approve different accommodations for standardized tests include fifty percent extended time, headphones, laptops, a personal reader like a scribe or an extra break.

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BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Notes From a Blonde

Dear Diary,

You know what like, really makes me mad? Well I'm not really sure--a lot of things usually, but today specifically just like, really made me mad. Like, waayyyyy mad. Jenny was being kind of pissy today so I offered her some Zoloft to amp up her dopajean levels or whatever. She wasn't like subscribed to it or anything but I told her that was fine, it always worked for me even without a subscription or whatever and didn't distort my hormones or anything, so far as I could tell. She, like, didn't want it but I knew she'd be back since those pills would probably take care of all of her issues for the day. Anyway, she was like, really annoying me. I like still felt kinda bad for her though, because like last weekend at the dance she hooked up with this Senior, Jeff, and then on Wednesday night her friend Jenna told her that she saw Jeff with Jessica, and everybody like hates Jessica because of the last time she stole Julia's bait, which was when she started hooking up with Jerald right after Jillian did, and I personally hate that conniving, fraternizing skank because of that one time she left the dance with Jason after I had been with him the whole night and blatantly wanted him. Ugh.

To top things off, today in my Cultural Diversity class, which I'm just taking because I heard it was an automatic six, no one in my class would let me express my opinions. And like, I honestly think my ideas could really contribute to the class. I mean like, they should hear from the perspective of someone with lots of money and good looks, right? Then like, another thing that really just knocked me off my rocker was when someone called me Chelsea. We've been besties since like, forever, but we are totally easily distinguishable. I mean, I'm a platinum blonde and she's clearly a honey blonde, so I don't get how Taylor made the mistake of congratulating me on a new nose job. My nose job is so much older than Chelsea's!

But what probably made me maddest today happened during my trip to the GW mailroom. I forgot my locker code, so I had to like, pay the mailroom workers a quick visit. I don't even need my ID to get the code anymore, because they are like, so familiar with me at this point. Along with all of my mail, my returned English paper, stamped with a three and a request to 'lay off the pink ink' - whatever that means - I unfolded this week's Phillipian. I like, flipped through Commentary and News, threw away Arts, and got to the Features page and started to like freak out when I saw.... there were girls writing for the section! I couldn't believe it. How did these girls get computers in their kitchens?

kk. byes 4 now. xoxo, luvs, watevs, muah

-Edith Young

Girls



Situation: At a nail salon, the manicurist tells their client that they are lucky they came in when they did because their cuticles were looking overgrown.

Male Response: “Cuticles? That’s where people work in an office, right? (Boy pauses) Wait, this isn’t where I left my backpack. Hold on, this isn’t my dorm (Slowly inches out door).”
Female Response: “You are so right! What would I do without you? My cuticles would grow up my nail. Then take over my hand. And then, who knows, maybe even the world! (Uncomfortably loud and drawn out laughter).”
(After she calms down) “Yeah, a manicure would be fabulous, thank you.”

Situation: A group of friends are having a sleep over, but one person says something stupid.

Male Response: “That is the stupidest thing you’ve ever said. Do you have any idea who you just sounded like? Britney Spears. After she shaved her head.”
Female Response: (Laughs) “Oh my god, that’s so funny!”
(Later that night...) “Okay, you grab the warm water, and I’ll just sneak her hand into the bowl.”

Situation: You need to reject a potential Blue & Silver date.

Female Response: “Wow. I am flattered. You are so sweet to think of me! And you are such a funny person. And how could I forget to mention your honesty? I remember that time you told me I looked like an older version of Michael Jackson when I got a new haircut. And you are so helpful. Remember when I had a bloody nose and you shouted, ‘Does anyone here have a tampon? My friend is having a problem!’ However, I am so happy being your friend now. And it’s not you: it’s, uh, me.”
Male Response: “No. Your breath smells like a funeral home.”

-Emily Adler

Why are Better

Girls can sing show tunes without having their sexuality questioned.

Girls can get out of anything if they just say they’re on their period.

When girls sweat, they glisten. When guys sweat, it’s just gross.

It’s kind of cute if a girl wears some of her boyfriend’s clothes. It’s just creepy if a boy wears his girlfriend’s clothes.

Female fans are groupies. Male fans are stalkers.

Girls are good at biology. In fact, they know all too well where babies come from.

When girls are “small,” they’re petite. When boys are small...well, you know... they’re short.

For girls, it still counts as keeping a secret if you only tell a few people.

Girls get all that extra time during the day because they don’t think about sex every 15 seconds.

Girls don’t have to regret piercing their ears.

Girls get to understand one of the world’s most complicated subjects: girls.

First God made Adam. Then he made Eve when he realized he could do better.

Girls don’t even need a driver’s license. There are no roads in the kitchen, silly!

Why did the boy cross the road? He heard the chicken was easy.

Girls can make even jogging a spectator sport.

Boy astronauts have to make all those long, annoying trips into space. Girl astronauts don’t need to; the moon doesn’t need cleaning yet!

Girls are tougher than James Bond. They can bleed for a week straight and not die.

If girls play their cards right, they can get just about anything for free.

Girls don’t have to deal with gross hair all over their bodies. (At least, most don’t.)

Girls can automatically be assumed the victim of almost any situation.

Practice makes perfect. Girls are really good at making sandwiches.

Girls understand that sometimes “no” means “yes” and that “yes” means “oh hell no.”

Girls don’t get brain damage from getting kicked in the crotch.

Girls understand that sometimes you just need a smiley face at the end of a text.

Girls get that going to the bathroom isn’t something you should have to do alone.

Boys can’t get mad at girls for leaving the toilet seat down.

-Sara Alban



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Sara Alban ’10 doesn’t actually subscribe to Seventeen magazine. Seventeen magazine subscribes to Sara Alban ’10.

Features Presents... Top Ten

Rumors That Freshmen Believe Unconditionally

10. Having an “IP” has something to do with an independent project

9. There’s actually a lot of room in that truck for Ryley Dances

8. That one football PG has multiple kids who go here

7. When kids get “sanctuaried,” it’s a holy occasion

6. Blaine Austin is Santa Claus

5. “I didn’t sleep last night” means “I only got seven hours of sleep last night”

4. It’s cool and hip to seat an immense amount of people at one table while dining in Uncommons

3. The library is a place to study

2. Signing in late results in immediate expulsion

1. “Head of School Day is tomorrow!”

May the Best Man Win

PRESENTING: BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to the 2009 Features Battle of the Sexes! Since the beginning of time, males and females have fought to prove their dominance over each other. It has withstood the tests of time, as Adam and Eve began pole vaulting and bench-pressing competitions in the Garden of Eden. This year the saga continues, and it is fiercer than ever before. Over the next few days men and women will be pitted against each other to showcase their physical and mental fitness.

If the past has taught us anything, then it is that we cannot count out either sex. In the past few years, the champion has been decided by some crucial last minute victory. Last year's winner was decided in the final competition, when the girls barely beat out the boys in a foot race across the Arabian dunes. And who can forget when in 2003, the boys came from behind in a challenging game of Trivial Pursuit to claim the title.

But let us forget about the past because what matters now is the present. At this point it's anyone's game. Let's just hope the energy and vigor that have been present in all previous games shows up again today. There will be some fighting. There will be some backstabbing. There will be some name calling and neck breaking. There will most likely be some severe injuries, and our medical staff is completely untrained; but they did stay at a Holiday Inn last night.

Our competitors have been arriving all throughout the week. Although there have been some harsh words and teary eyes on both sides of the gender spectrum, come game time our fierce competitors will be calm, cool, collective and ready to prove that they are the stronger of the sexes.

No matter what goes down, it will be a battle for the ages, an epic clash of male vs. female, Y chromosome vs. X chromosome. Who will emerge victorious? Who will claim the title of the most dominant sex in the universe? Only time will tell, and in a completely indifferent and unbiased way I wish the best of luck upon both teams and all competitors, and may the best sex win in a clean, fun, yo-mama joke free way. Let the games begin!

-Greg Hanafin



Ask the girls in their lives to make them sandwiches. It's not because of sexism, or us being lazy. It's because guys do not have the DNA that allows the human body to make a sufficient sandwich. So ladies, be more sensitive the next time a guy asks you to make a sandwich. Remember all the things guys do for you. Maybe a man will open a ketchup bottle or catch a mouse next time you can't do it.

Think "dinner and a movie" means ordering from the dollar menu then watching the hanging TVs in Blockbuster.

Consider personal hygiene to be insignificant, because it is. What else could Axe be used for, besides masking six days of man-stink?

Love twins. The reason is still unknown, but the world's top scientists are working hard to discover why.

Watch Pirates of the Caribbean just because Keira Knightley is in it.

Love one of the following: Gladiator, Fight Club, or Pride and Prejudice (also with Keira Knightley).

Are aspiring rappers.

Think semi-formal is just another term for clothed and/or not nude.

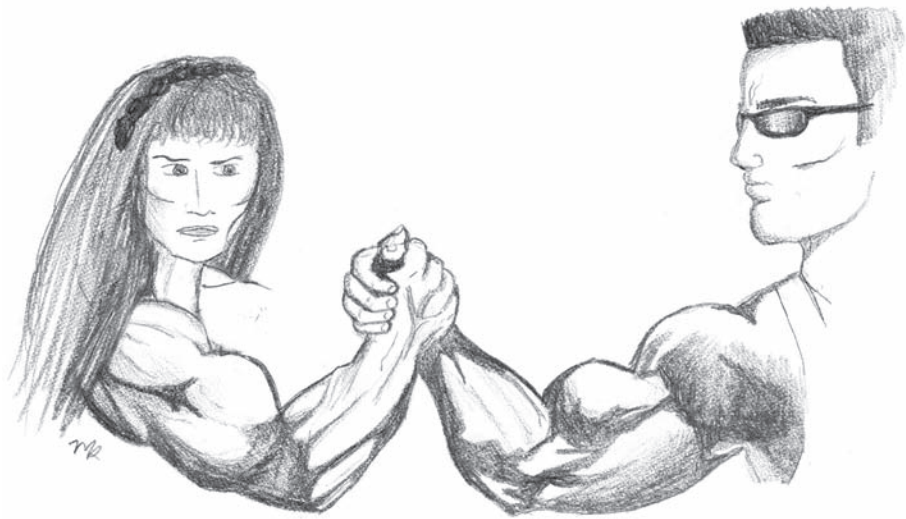
Have a built-in GPS system, so there's no need to ask for directions.

Have strong forearms.

Quote Seth Rogen or Will Ferrell films on a daily basis.

Say "yo mama" jokes as if they were being paid to do it.

-Ryan Yost and Jesse Bielsiak-Robinson



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Why **GUYS** are Better

We're better because of Dodge Trucks. We're convinced that it's completely fine to drive our trucks through fire after we saw that ad. There's also a toolbox in the truckbed.

We're better not only because of our God-given ability to use urinals, but also our capability to walk into an airport bathroom talking on our cell phones, put a hand on the wall behind the urinal, groan loudly as we take a pee, then strike up an awkward conversation with the guy in the adjacent urinal.

We're better because of Hummers. Especially the bright yellow ones that we use to take up three parking spots.

We're better because of guns, and Charlton Heston would rise from the dead and fire at will if he heard some liberal, tree-hugging pansy say anything different.

We're better because we don't ask for directions. We say, "This is starting to look familiar" because it actually does look familiar.

We're better because of Ted Nugent. Because of his "efforts," we have thousands of American children who look exactly like the Nuge.

We're (half) better because of Jamie Lee

Curtis.

We're better because of ESPN. Watching the same episode of SportsCenter four consecutive times is perfectly acceptable for men on those "lowered expectations" days.

We're better because of Cuba Gooding Jr. Only a real man can rock Michael Jordan's Hanes.

We're better because of the XBOX 360. Now we can shoot people in the head in

HD.

We're better because of John Deere. So is the novelty T-shirt and trucker hat business.

We're better because of Clint Eastwood. Studies indicate that 64 percent of American children named "Harry" are named after Eastwood's famous character.

We're better because we break plywood boards with our heads. The brain

damage is worth the YouTube clip.

We're better because of NASCAR. Watching cars repeatedly turn left is a beautiful art form that women will never understand.

We're better because of football. The now alcoholic former high school quarterbacks who tore their ACLs in the "big game," however, are not.

-B.J. Garry



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B.J. Garry '10 don't take kindly to no trespassers on his property.

RULES OF MAN

The human male is the most complex organism known to this world, having many distinct and dominant characteristics that allow it to be the ruling species of planet Earth, and in the near future Mars. But what are these traits that make men so superior? What qualities are necessary for someone to be deemed a man?

All guys...

Must have a certain unmentionable extremity. (See Phallic Statue for more info)

Have a passion for violence, football, guns and Grand Theft Auto. Something about dangerous acts of stupidity attracts the minds of all men, no matter what age. YouTube videos of kids lighting fireworks from their bottoms and doing back flips over barbed wire.

Feel the need to drive unnecessarily fast, crank up the jams, and honk at/pull over for/creepily stare down attractive women who are jogging on a nearby sidewalk.

Call their "bros" or "broskis" by the bros' mispronounced last name.

Notes From a Bro

Here's the Deal Diary,

This is kind of a new thing for me—you know, writing in a diary and all. I'm not really emotional. The only time I ever cried was at the end of Scarface. And The Notebook. But that was because I had something in my eye, alright?

Anyways, I figured I'd start writing in a diary from now on. It's just something I'm gonna do, okay? No questions. I gotta go now. Coop's throwing a party and I heard Macka and J-Dog got a keg. Talk about a bro fest, bro.

Sup Diary?

Today, I finally decided the career path I'm gonna take—protein. Dad and the GNC guy say it's the business to be in—good money, discounted product, ripped bod—the benefits never end. What guy in his right mind gets into law or business when he can sell Muscle Milk and make basically the same amount of money, while also doubling his muscle mass? Not this guy. I am no fool.

Sup Bro,

Came very close to getting to second base today. It was sick. No time to talk, gotta' go tell the bros about my night, then hit up the jacuzzi.

Hey There Bro,

So today I woke up and couldn't find my tin. I went on to fail an English essay and a Math test, due to the fact that I spent over three and a half hours looking for the tin all around my room. Turns out it was in the draw where I keep all my hemp necklaces and body sprays. Talk about a bad start to a bad day, huh? Thank God for chicks, bro. They're what keep me going'. Peace.

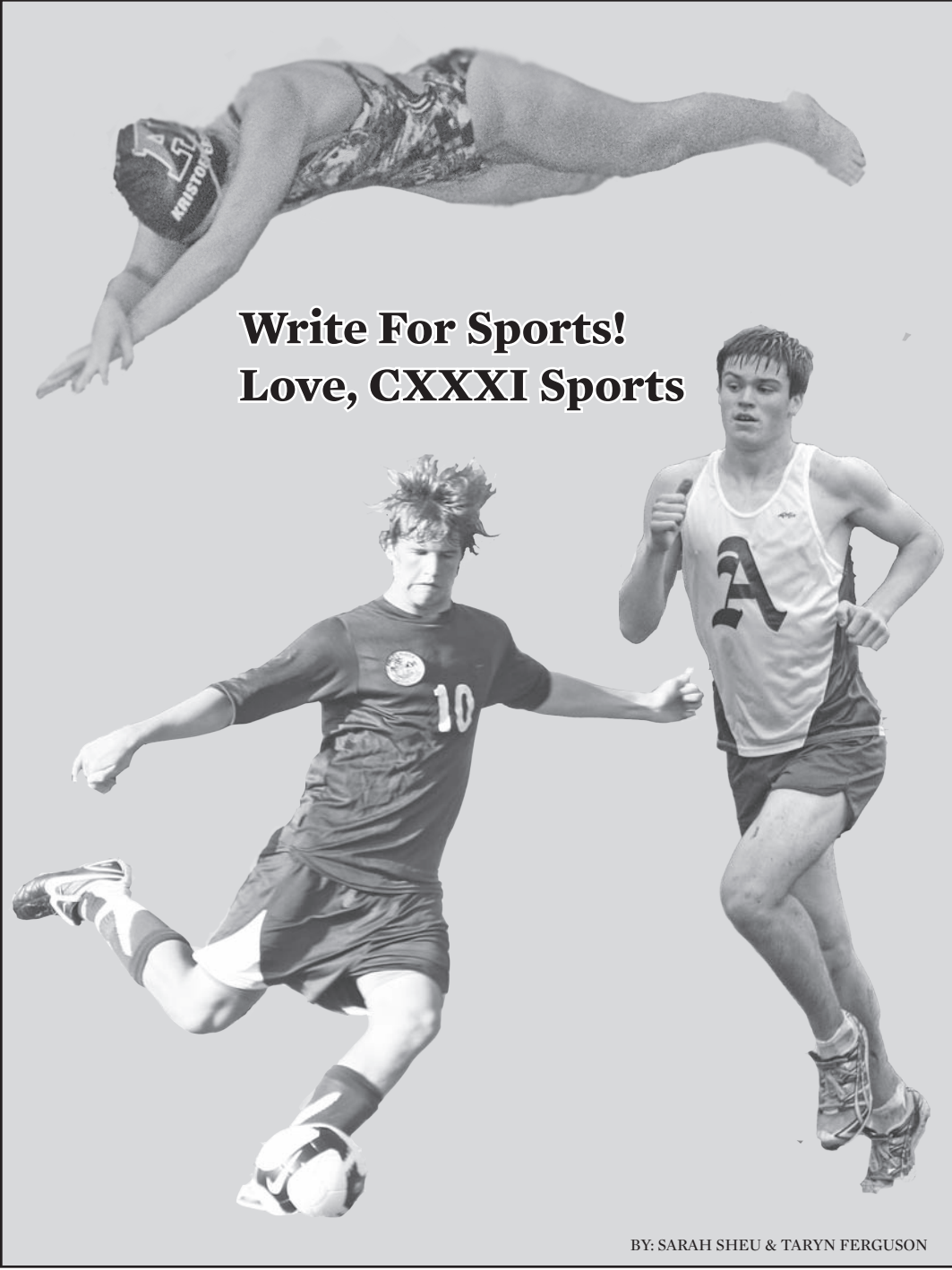
Yo,

Besides the fourth time I ever got wasted, today just may have been the best day of my life. I was putting up two and a quarter at the gym like it was my job. Not even breaking a sweat. Maxed out at 250. I'll be hitting three hundred by the New Year. I'm pumped. Next year's resolution? Half a millennium, baby.

Hola Broski,

During my fourth shower today, I started thinking about something that I found pretty interesting. What if you combined Jessica Alba's face with Pamela Anderson's body? You see what I'm saying? Just figured I'd write that down incase we ever have the technology to do something similar in the distant future. We could also combine Chuck Norris with Mr. T to create the toughest, coolest, biracial bro to ever walk the planet. It's so crazy to think of that it's kind of messing up my mind.

-Billy Fowkes



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

DiPerno '09 and White '10 Lead
Offense in Victory Over Deerfield

By Shannon McSweeney
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	58
Deerfield	28

From the tipoff until the final buzzer, Andover Girls Basketball dominated Deerfield on Deerfield’s home court. The final score of the game was a blowout, with Andover winning by 30 in a 58-28 rout of their rival.

This first-class win earned Andover a spot atop the very challenging New England Class A league.

Although it was truly a team effort from the spirit on the bench to the presence on the court, starters Jasmine Hardy ’09, Kourtney Diperno ’09, Ansley White ’10, Laura Amorosa ’10 and Megan Robertson ’11, all played phenomenal games for Andover.

According to Co-Captain Catherine Coppinger ’09, “Our energy from the bench had an awesome impact on

the outcome of the game. The entire team was focused on the game and determined to win.”

Staying composed throughout the game, Andover worked hard on defense to increase their offensive opportunities. The defensive pace was set by Andover when the team shut out Deerfield completely, not allowing them to score for five minutes by demonstrating excellent defense. Deerfield was hardly allowed any open shots or allowed to get any rebounds without a hard fight under the glass..

Offensively, Diperno was the leading scorer, draining 15 points. Behind Diperno in scoring was White in a close second with 14 points. Robertson attacked the boards with 16 rebounds in addition to her 8 points.

Andover’s communication was led by White, who played a great game on all accounts, adding 8 rebounds to her already dominating performance that translated on to

the scoreboard.

Diperno played phenomenally throughout the entire game. She demonstrated a great work ethic and was accurate with her three-point shooting and lay-ups. Diperno helped push the team up the court for each offensive possession.

As the team grows closer off the court, it transfers over to “unselfish, smart performances on the court,” said Annie McDonough ’09. Andover’s team spirit has helped them demonstrate unbelievable dynamic on the court, something that Co-Captain Becca Bendetson ’09 has encouraged the team to accomplish.

Due to weather, Andover’s game this past Wednesday was cancelled.

Its next matchup is against Worcester Academy this coming Saturday. WA has a strong offense and a tight defense.

This versatility in WA’s game has earned them a 9-2 record during the season.

Athletic Slate

Boys Squash	vs.	Milton	Fri. 6:00 PM
Girls Squash	vs.	Milton	Fri. 4:30 PM
	vs.	Middlesex	Sat. 2:00 PM
Boys Swimming	vs.	Deerfield	Sat. 2:15 PM
Girls Swimming	vs.	Deerfield	Sat. 2:15 PM
Wrestling	vs.	Tilton	Sat. 2:30 PM
	vs.	Governor’s	Sat. 2:30 PM
	vs.	Hyde	Sat. 2:30 PM
	vs.	Belmont Hill	Sat. 3:45 PM
Boys Squash	vs.	Choate	Sat. 3:45 PM
	vs.	Westminster	Sat. 3:45 PM
	vs.	Loomis	Sat. 4:30 PM
Boys Hockey	vs.		



M. DISCENZA (LEFT) A. LEVINE (RIGHT)/ THE PHILLIPIAN

Tom Palleschi '12 (left) looks to take a shot. Zach Burdeau '09 (right) stops to pass the rock.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Andover Bounces Back from
Two-point Loss to Top KUA 76-65

By Blake Grubbs
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Deerfield	58
Andover	56
Andover	76
KUA	65

With three players scoring more than 15 points for Andover in its game against KUA this past week, Andover brought its record to 4-6 on the season and has now won four of its last five games. The team split its two games this week, losing to Deerfield and easily beating KUA on Wednesday.

Last Saturday, Deerfield came to town and played a tough game, one in which Coach Modeste said, “We just did not play well.” Andover lost the game 58-56 to end its three-game winning streak.

With both teams trading buckets and keeping the score within five for most of the first half, the teams entered halftime tied, 31-31.

Coming out in the third quarter, Deerfield came out strong with great passing and ball movement to pull ahead early. Andover trailed by slim margins for most of the second half, but continuously chipped away at Deerfield’s leads, especially in the final two minutes. However, it seemed that the team’s effort was too little, too late, as Deerfield squeaked out the victory. Adam Skaggs ’09 had a great game from behind the arc scoring 12 of his points off of four three-pointers. Despite the tough loss, Khalid McCaskill ’10 said, “Our team has evolved exponentially since the New Year and we are looking to only get better and hopefully make noise in our league.”

The team certainly made some noise on Monday pulling out a huge victory against a KUA team which had previously defeated Andover 73-65. Andover scored quickly in the first quarter and kept expanding on their lead as the half went on. Both Skaggs and Thomas Palleschi ’12 contributed with several three-point-

ers. To cap off a well-played first half, McCaskill hit one more three-pointer right before the buzzer, leading the game into halftime 45-26.

Looking to hold onto its lead, Andover entered the third quarter with a 10-1 scoring run. The team dominated the boards the rest of the second half, at one point leading by 20 points. Despite the 11 fouls committed, Andover led a balanced scoring attack and defeated KUA 76-65. The teams leading scorers included Zach Burdeau ’09 with 16, and Palleschi and McCaskill each had 18.

The biggest improvement for Andover so far is the way it has come together as a team. Tom Hamel ’10 said, “Now that we’ve had some time to really play together and learn each other’s habits and instincts, we’re anticipating each other, which has let us make some game-changing plays.” Coach Modeste said, “Not only has everybody on the team become better, but they have become much more cohesive as a unit.”

BOYS SWIMMING

Young Group of Swimmers Gains
Experience in Dominating Win

By Kristen Faulkner
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	119
NMH	47

Despite the absence of 10 key swimmers, the Boys Swim Team effortlessly crushed its opponents at North Field Mt. Hermon last Saturday. The boys finished with a near perfect score of 119-47, their best score yet this season. With consistent wins in its past three meets, the team continues to surge through the season with an undefeated record.

The team showed spectacular results from the onset when the 200 free relay team finished first, second, and fourth place. The team of Derrick Choi ’12, Randy Li ’10, Alex Smachlo ’11, and Alex Nanda ’11 glided into a smooth victory with a time of 1:48.02. In second, the team of Frankie Robinson ’11, Vincent Jow ’09, Andrew Fraser ’10 and Jon Leung ’11 finished with a time of 1:50.70, barely outstripping its opponents by two-tenths of a second.

Andover dominated the 200 freestyle, seizing first, second, and third place. Conor Deveney ’11 finished first with a time of 1:55.69, followed by a close race between Lorenzo Conte ’11 and

Asa Harrington ’09 who finished with times of 1:59.65 and 1:59.69 respectively.

NMH captured two first places in the 200 IM and 50 freestyle, but Andover quickly rebounded with a first and second in the 100 Butterfly. Tony Feng ’09 finished first place with a time of 58.18, and just barely out touched Andrew Fraser ’10 who finished with a time of 58.39.

Continuing its lead, Andover grasped first, second, and third place in the 100 freestyle. Leung finished first with a time of 52.05, followed by Deveney with a time of 52.25 and Harrington with a time of 52.71.

NMH struck again and advanced its scoreboard with a victory in the 500 freestyle. Smachlo, Conte, and Cameron Phillips ’11 closed in for second, third, and fourth place.

The 200 medley relay team of Harrington, Nanda, Feng and Leung sprinted to the finish to secure Andover’s second relay win of the day. The team finished with a time of 1:36.29 and beat second place NMH by a half a second.

In the 100 backstroke, Choi seized the victory by a half a pool length and finished with a personal best of 58.93. Robinson and Calvin Aubrey ’12 battled for second, and fin-

ished with times of 1:50.48 and 1:05.50 respectively.

Blue caps swept the finish line in the last individual race of the meet as Jow, Li and Austen Novis ’11 grasped first, second and third place respectively. Jow finished with a time of 1:07, followed by Li with a 1:09.96 and Novis with a personal best of 1:12.18.

Andover concluded the meet on a high note as the 400 free relay team of Smachlo, Choi, Deveney and Harrington bolted to their first-place finish with a time of 3:37.07. In second place, the team of Nanda, Aubrey, Phillips and Conte finished with a time of 3:47.72, outswimming third place by ten seconds and securing Andover’s victory.

Despite Andover’s incredible win, Coach Hugon admits, “I like to think of dual meets as a dress rehearsal for the March championships. My focus was less on NMH, and more on giving opportunities to as many of our swimmers as possible to showcase what they could do in various events they don’t usually get to swim. Several of our swimmers elected to stay home for a training session, and so we were able to enter in relays and individual events some of the folks who had yet to get a shot this season.”

Mid-Season Record Board			
Team	W	L	T
Boys Basketball	4	6	0
Girls Basketball	8	2	0
Boys Hockey	12	2	2
Boys Squash	6	3	0
Girls Squash	3	4	0
Boys Swimming	3	0	0
Girls Swimming	3	0	0
Wrestling	9	2	0

GIRLS SWIMMING

Girls Swimming Cruises to Victory; Morss '10 Leads Way With Three Wins

By Alanna Waldman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

At NMH this Saturday, Andover Girls Swimming dominated the pool, winning 122-48.

The first event of the day was the 200 Medley Relay with the Andover teams placing first, third and fourth. Theresa Faller '11, Salena Casha '09, Captain Annie Glancy '09 and Peyton Morss '09 finished in 1:56.16, beating out the second place NMH team by four seconds.

Next up for Andover was the 200 Yard Freestyle. Lexi Moroney '11 placed first with a time of 2:05.60, despite not usually racing in the event. Moroney was followed by Elizabeth Carrolo '11 and Stephanie Moroney '09, who came in second and third, respectively.

Molly Levene '12, Aubrey Zimmerling '09 and Greta Martin '09 took second, third and fourth in the 200 Yard Individual Medley. Levene '12 finished with a time of 2:22.90.

In the 50 Yard Freestyle, Morss took first while Alanna Waldman '10 placed second and Mai Kristofferson '09 placed fourth.

After a short 10-minute break made possible by the fact that there was no diving competition, Casha won the 100 Yard Butterfly with a time of 1:02.52, followed by Waldman and Martin placing second and third.

Moroney '11 won her second race of the day in the 100 Yard Freestyle with Julia Torabi '12 finishing the race right behind her in second place.

Morss swam the 500 Yard Freestyle in the next event. Despite not having participated in this race the entire season, normally competing in the sprinting events, Morss won in a time of 5:33.48. Faller '11 and Abby Levene '09 followed close behind, claiming second and third. Following the 500 Yard Freestyle, Andover swimmers swam the 200 Yard Freestyle relay. Andover relay teams turned in an impressive performance by placing first, third and fourth. The winning

team, swimming with a time of 1:47.65, was composed of Casha, Glancy, Waldman and Kristofferson.

After that, Torabi, Emily Timm '11, and Eva Simitch-Warke '09 swam the 100 Yard Backstroke. Torabi won in a time of 1:04.92, while Simitch-Warke and Timm took third and fourth, respectively.

In the last individual event of the day, the 100 Yard Breaststroke, Glancy placed second, Lydia Azaret '12 placed fourth, and Tina Kit '09 placed fifth.

Andover wrapped up the day with the 400 Yard Freestyle relay, winning the event as well as taking third and fourth. The team of Faller, Morss, Glancy and Casha swam the race in 3:55.34.

After the meet, Coach Paul Murphy said, "I was really happy with the way the girls swam at NMH considering many of them swam events that are not usually on their agenda. I cannot wait to see how the girls perform next weekend against Deerfield. This is the core of our season and the girls have been working hard."

MLB OPINION

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third in slugging, and third in team batting average. Of course Teixeira would have been an incredible acquisition, but the offense as it is remains one of the best in the league.

With a healthy David Ortiz and Mike Lowell back in the lineup, the offense should pick up right where it left off.

The Red Sox, quite simply, can hit with or without Teixeira. So what about the pitching staffs? What about the Yankees grabbing Sabathia and Burnett?

Last season, Sox starters were eighth in the league in ERA, second in wins, and fourth in winning percentage. This season things should only get better. All of the rotation is back, with Josh Beckett, Dice K and Jon Lester.

The back of the rotation, however, is what impresses me the most. GM Theo Epstein signed future Hall of Famer John Smoltz and former all star Brad Penny for a grand total of \$10 million. With Clay Bucholz, Michael Bowden, and Daniel Bard all waiting in the wings, and a very capable Justin Masterson in the bullpen, Boston's pitching staff has more depth than any other team in the league.

Perhaps even more importantly, the Red Sox improved their pitching with low risk, short term deals—completely

opposite of the expensive long-term commitments of the Yankees front office. The low cost of Boston's deals means that the team is in a no-lose situation: Penny and Smoltz can only be a bargain, as \$5 million wasted is not the end of the world. The brevity of each deal also clears way for the hopeful youth in the Red Sox farm system.

The team's weak point last year was the inconsistency of the bullpen. Epstein jumped on this problem early, trading the superfluous resource of centerfielder Coco Crisp to Kansas City for the dominant, underrated Ramon Ramirez. Ramirez, who posted a 2.74 ERA last season, join fire-baller Manny Delcarmen, Hideki Okajima, and Javier Lopez in the setup duties for all-star closer Jonathon Papelbon.

And as of recently, Papelbon isn't the only closer in the bullpen, thanks to the addition of former Dodgers closer Takashi Saito in another short term and low risk deal.

One move Epstein also made that went relatively unnoticed by the media was the signing of Rocco Baldelli. Towards the end of last season, glimpses of Rocco's true potential emerged. Those hints of greatness were enough for Epstein to sign Baldelli to man the fourth outfielder spot, particularly important for the Red Sox considering JD Drew's

history with injuries.

Overall, the Red Sox's off-season was extremely successful, strengthening their weak points and adding depth to their strong ones.

Meanwhile, the Yankees have improved their chances after a third-place finish last season, but not without considerable cost and risk. Although Teixeira is one of the best hitters in the game, his status eight years from now when he will still be a Yankee are unknown. This effect also applies to Sabathia, who, at a whopping 300 pounds, is locked in for seven years. Be sure he will continue to eat outrageous amounts of food, but no one knows if he will be able to win games at that same rate.

My final critique though, is of AJ Burnett. Five years and \$82.5 million is a lot to spend of someone that is as injury-prone as Burnett.

He's a great pitcher, but we could be seeing the second coming of the ill-fated Yankees signing of Carl Pavano.

Don't get me wrong: both the Yankees and Red Sox had incredible offseasons that will be sure to catalyze an already fierce rivalry.

Come September, however, with the acquisitions made by both teams, the Red Sox will come out on top.

WRESTLING

Andover Wrestlers Take 9 Out Of 13 Bouts Against Loomis Chaffee

By Kyle Leahy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	41
Loomis	30
Belmont Hill	40
Andover	25

After a long bus ride that would have hindered many athletes' performances, veteran wrestler Scott Sanderson '09 performed quite to the contrary, turning in a dominating performance over his Loomis Chaffee opponent in a bout that was scored at 16-1 to lead his team to a victory over Loomis.

With tough Class A opponents in several of their past

few bouts, Andover is impressively maintaining focus and performance, which shows in its current record.

After taking its first loss of the year against NMH, Andover has gone on a tear of five straight victories. This week, Andover continued its forceful rebound from the NMH meet, beating Loomis Chaffee, but then dropped a tough loss to rival Belmont Hill.

Looking to push the record to 10-2, Sanderson highlighted the Loomis meet with a dominating 16-1 technical fall.

Along with Sanderson's win, Andover took nine out of 13 bouts and walked away with a 41-30 victory. Andover picked up pins from Ben Elder '09, Sam Dodge '09 and Alex Gottfried '09.

Duncan Crystal '10, Ryan Gaiss '11 and Captain Shaun Stuer '09 added wins by major decision, and Andover's talented freshmen class went undefeated in the matchup against Loomis.

Andover headed to face their next opponent in the meet, Belmont Hill. Andover did not fare as well against the highly lauded Belmont Hill wrestlers. Belmont Hill is nearly perfect on the year, with a record of 14-1, with their only loss coming against Northfield Mount Hermon. Stuer led the way with a pin against a tough foe, and Sand-

erson and Dodge added pins of their own to aid the Andover cause.

The Belmont Hill team pulled off several victories in a row, despite losing one team point for unsportsmanlike conduct, and wound up with a 40-25 win. Andover dropped its second of two matchups, going 1-1 on the day.

Despite a valiant effort by all the wrestlers on the Andover team, perennial New England powerhouse Belmont Hill was too much for Andover to handle.

Crystal said afterwards, "We put in great work ethic this week, and even though we lost, we gave it a good run."

With their meet against Class A opponent Worcester Academy this Wednesday called off due to weather, there has been a week-long pause of action for the wrestling team.

This Saturday at 2:30, Andover will play host to nearby Governor's Academy, which holds a 6-8 record. One of GA's losses came from a match against Hyde, a team which Andover controlled easily in their previous meeting.

Andover will continue to practice rigorously throughout the week, and they plan to keep the winning trend going into Northern New England on February 7.

TRACK

Vardaro '10 Shatters Upper Shot Put Record With 50'08" Throw

By Katherine Ellinger
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Phillips Andover's Track team may have met tough competition at Andover High School, but such close competition only led to better personal performance.

On Saturday, Bobby Vardaro '10 broke the Upper record for shot put and 47 season's bests were set.

Vardaro, a new shot putter, has been getting closer to the class record at each meet and on Saturday he finally broke it by over two feet.

He threw 50' 08", shattering the previous record of 48'9" set by Anwell Lanfranc '03.

At this point Vardaro and other athletes are only expected to improve.

Coach Patrick Farrell said, "This is the point in the season where hard workouts can lead to less than optimal performance. The payoff from these hard workouts is still two to three weeks away – just in time for Exeter."

In the long jump, Michael Wang '11 jumped over 18 feet for the first time this season, taking first in the event. Coming in a close second behind Wang, Eddy Zhang '09 continued his impressive season by jumping 17' 09".

Ziwe Fumodoh '10 continued to improve her own personal record, taking fourth place with a jump of 13' 8".

"We are hopeful that she'll pop off a 14-footer at the next meet," said Coach Farrell.

Although Andover came in behind AHS overall, runners did very well in individual events. Andover boys

won six of 11 events, and in the 300 the boys swept all four places.

Mide Babatunde '09 came in first, followed by Peter Hetzler '10, Ram Narayan '10 and Matthew Higgins '10.

The Andover girls team ran impressively as well, taking first in three events.

Captain Deidra Willis '09 won the 50, Stassja Sichko '10 won the 600, and Colleen Flanagan '10 won the 300.

Flanagan did not win the 300 easily, though.

Coach Corbin Lang said, "Flanagan ran a gutsy 300 for the win, battling an AHS runner all the way."

These successes are especially impressive when the two teams are compared.

Many of the Andover runners were unable to run due to sickness and injury and AHS ended up bringing almost twice as many runners.

However, Andover runners are on the mend and expected to be ready to race again next Wednesday against rival Phillips Exeter.

Last year, Exeter had several talented runners on their roster, and Andover hopes to be ready when the challenge comes.



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Andover sprinters turn the corner to finish the 300.

NFL FEATURE

Blitz Will Challenge Warner

A Battle of Experience vs. Cinderella

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Fitzgerald. They don't want to get burned by Fitzgerald's speed and athleticism, and the simple fact is that he's having a stellar postseason. So they'll try to make other, little-known players step up and make game-changing plays.

I don't think the Pittsburgh defense will have a problem containing Hightower and James; they have big, physical linemen, and neither Hightower nor James is a game-breaker.

I also think they'll blitz Kurt Warner constantly. This will force the aging quarterback to throw on the run, something he doesn't excel at.

The Cardinals will, of course, do anything they can to get the ball to Fitzgerald, and I think they might try some no-huddle offense to tire the Steelers' defense. At the end, I think the Steelers' wide receivers will outshine Fitzgerald, and Pittsburgh's defense will lock down Warner and the Cardinals' running game. All in all, an exciting superbowl that will be close throughout: Steelers 27, Cardinals 17.



A.LEVINE/ THE PHILLIPIAN

Garnet Hathaway '10 and Josh Geary '09 criss-cross as they break up ice in Andover's 7-goal performance vs. Thayer.

Hockey Remains Atop New England Rankings; High-Octane Offense Prevails Against Thayer

By Chris Cameron PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER	
Andover	7
Thayer	4
Andover	2
Nobles	1

A hat trick from Mike Lozzi '09 powered Andover to a 7-4 home win over Thayer on Friday. The next day, Andover edged Nobles 2-1, in a rematch of December's Flood Marr Tournament championship game.

On Friday night, Andover faced Thayer with the advantage of a rowdy home crowd at Harrison Rink. Thayer got on the board first with a power-play goal in the first period. With 18 seconds left in the first frame, however, Lozzi put back a rebound to tie the game

at one.

In the second period, both teams' offenses took over. Thayer jumped back in front with another power-play goal, but Andover bounced right back with another goal from Josh Geary '09.

After Thayer scored to go up 3-2, Nick Craven '09 scored a highlight reel goal to knot it up at 3. Just before the end of the second, Lozzi put in his second goal of the night on a power play to give Andover a 4-3 lead.

After Captain Brooks Dyroff '09 added Andover's fifth goal, Thayer scored yet again to make it a one-goal game. Andover then put Thayer away, however, with Geary's second goal and Lozzi's third to give Andover the 7-4 victory.

Lozzi's hat trick was the second consecutive three-goal performance for Andover's first line, as Chris Krieder '09 scored a hat trick in last week's match-up with St. Sebastian's.

"I owe a lot of my personal success in the Thayer game to my linemates," said Lozzi. "They are great to play with."

"Our offensive game was very effective, as we did a good job of putting a lot of shots on goal in the second and third periods," said Coach Dean Boylan.

The following day, Andover visited Nobles in a game that was hard-nosed right from the start. Six minutes into the game, Nobles drew first blood, going up 1-0 on a power-play goal.

Andover tied it up in the second period when Chris Kreider '10 scored on a power play, and the game remained tied 1-1 until the middle of the third period. Brian Saftstrom '10 slid the puck to Geary on a great face-off win, and Geary capitalized with the winning goal.

This win meant something extra for Andover, as Nobles defeated Andover in the Flood

Marr Tournament earlier this season.

"It was great to get a win to get a little revenge against the team that gave us our first loss," said Lozzi.

Andover has put together a nice hot streak in these past two weeks by posting a 4-1-1 record. Coach Boylan likes the way the team has been playing. "We are gelling nicely at this point in the season," said Coach Boylan about the team. "We need to work on the details of all three zones, as well as limiting penalties."

Andover looks to improve its 12-2-2 record and stay on top of the New England Rankings as the team takes on Loomis at home and Deerfield on the road next week.

NFL FEATURE

Super Bowl XLIII: Cards Face Steel Curtain

By Tom Hamel
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS COLUMNIST

A new chapter in the National Football League's history will be written this Sunday when Super Bowl XLIII kicks off in Tampa Bay. This year's title game features the NFC champion Arizona Cardinals and the AFC champion Pittsburgh Steelers. One New Englander muttered to me that he thought the title for this article should be "Super Bowl XLIII: Does Anyone Care?" Indeed, with the Patriots missing the playoffs this year, many local fans have ignored the past few weeks of playoff matchups. However, I don't think fans should sleep on this game; it's going to be very interesting to watch a team from Glendale playing with nothing to lose against an experienced squad out of Pittsburgh featuring a suffocating defense.

The Arizona Cardinals are this postseason's underdog, the team that came out of nowhere to make an improbable run to the Super Bowl. Posting a mediocre 9-7 regular-season record, the Cardinals won the hapless NFC West division and snuck into the playoffs. But they methodically dismantled three of the NFC's best teams in the following three weeks: the Atlanta Falcons, the Carolina Panthers and the Philadelphia Eagles. Leading the team was veteran quarterback Kurt Warner, who as of last August was still fighting for the starting spot

with former USC quarterback Matt Leinart. Warner played brilliantly, completing 61 of 92 passes for 770 yards and eight touchdowns in the three playoff games. His favorite target was wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, who caught 23 passes for a mind-boggling 423 yards and five touchdowns. The running game was led by the two-pronged attack of little-known Tim Hightower and veteran Edgerrin James. The Cardinals' streaking offense will look to continue its impressive run this Sunday, but the team will face its toughest match yet in the Steelers.

The Steelers, who have 20 players that were with the team for its Super Bowl championship in 2006, are deep, experienced and competent. Their infamous "Steel Curtain" defense has given up just 14 points per game during this postseason. Linebacker James Farrior, safety Troy Polamalu and cornerback Ike Taylor anchor the defense. On the other side of the ball, quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has been having a solid postseason, completing 33 passes for 436 yards. He is flanked by two of the NFL's best wide receivers in speedster Santonio Holmes and the methodically precise Hines Ward. The Steelers have plenty of experience, but the Cardinals will come at them with youth, tenacity and fearlessness.

I look for the Steelers' D to try to double-team Larry

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GIRLS SQUASH

Individual Efforts Not Enough as Girls Squash Goes 0-2 on Week

By Tyler Jennings PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER	
Deerfield	7
Andover	0
Exeter	5
Andover	2

During their next match at Exeter, the best performance of the night came from Lauren Wilmarth '09, who played an inspiring match against her Exeter opponent.

Smith said, "Lauren Wilmarth's performance was absolutely incredible. All of her shots were on and everything seemed to be going her way."

With a final score of 2-5, the score didn't exactly reflect the play of the matches. Nicole Wagner '09, playing at number six on the ladder, and Lauren Kim '10, playing at number eight on the ladder, both lost matches in five games that could have gone either way.

Other notable performances during this otherwise disappointing match include that

Despite putting up one of the most valiant efforts of the season, Lydia Smith '09 lost in a four-game match against one of the best squash players in New England. This match characterized the week for Andover's Girls Squash team, which lost two matches against two very challenging opponents.

After spending two straight weeks with matches on Andover's home courts, the team took the road this past week, heading away to face two rival schools: Deerfield and Exeter.

On Friday night, the girls headed out on the first of two road trips and took the courts against a strong Deerfield squad. Playing in the number one position was Smith, who battled Deerfield's Halle Dewey, one of the top players in the league, in a tough four-game match.

Despite the loss, Captain Carolyn Brown '09 was still optimistic and said, "I thought we came out with good intensity against a Deerfield team that everyone knew was going to be challenging."

of Christine Choi '09, who, despite putting forth a valiant effort, ended up losing in a four-game set.

Smith said, "Although we lost to Exeter, our matches were very close. The Exeter girls are great to play against and we are really looking forward to hosting them at home in our last match of this season."

Smith also contributed to the match, notching the only other win of the night.

Looking forward to the weekend, Andover has matches versus Milton Academy and Middlesex on back-to-back nights.

Smith said, "I think that the matches this weekend will be a good chance for us to bounce back."

MLB OPINION
Winter Moves Lift Sox
Can Boston Beat Out New York?
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The first pitch of the 2009 Major League Baseball season won't be thrown for another two months, but the Red Sox and Yankees have already reignited their infamous rivalry.

The Yankees have added three of the highest-profile free-agents so far this season in C.C. Sabathia, Mark Teixeira and A.J. Burnett. And even with the \$45 million guaranteed to Sabathia and Teixeira alone, the Yankees payroll is around \$30 million lower than last year as a team due to ending of large previous contracts with players like Bobby Abreu.

Thus, it is reasonable that most assume that the Yankees have won in this fierce off-season battle between Theo Epstein and Brian Cashman. In my opinion, though, that common assumption is incorrect.

Last year, the Red Sox offense finished the season first in the league in on base percentage, fourth in total hits, fifth in RBI's,

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BOYS SQUASH

Andover Goes to 6-3

By Elizabeth Oppong
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This weekend, Boys Varsity Squash had a series of tough matches. Despite losing to St. Mark's School on Friday, the team was able to pull off a narrow victory over Nobles and Greenough School.

Rishi Jalan '09, Tony Zou '09, Captain Graham Miao '09, Trey Meyer '09, Kyul Rhee '10, Anthony Chau '09 and Hunter Schlacks '10 constituted the line-up for the Friday match against St. Mark's, which Andover lost five games to two. Despite the dominating play of both Jalan and Miao, the rest of the team lost their matches.

"We could've won, but we lost disappointingly at key matches," said Miao.

On Saturday, Andover faced Nobles. The team went into the match expecting a very easy win yet again, but was surprised by the challenge presented by the Nobles squad. Andover prevailed, however, winning by a narrow four matches to three. Miao was happy for the win but not completely content.

"If we were to play them

again, I think we could achieve something like a 6-1 victory," said Miao. Like the St. Mark's loss, a lack of mental resolve plagued the team throughout the weekend, resulting in below-average play.

Eugene Chau '09 and Alex Park '09 played at eighth and ninth positions on the ladder, respectively. Though they had very close games, neither could pull through with a victory.

However, Anthony Chau, Jalan, Miao and Schlacks did not let the losses affect their matches. Miao played a great game and won quite easily. Chau began his match neck and neck with a score of one to one, but he played smart and took control to win three games to one.

"Anthony exploited his opponent's backhand and movement weaknesses," said Miao.

After playing challenge matches on Tuesday, the ladder for Wednesday's game was selected. Jalan, Miao, Zou, Rhee, Meyer, Schlacks and Anthony Chau all prepared to play a highly anticipated game against St. Paul's School in which the stability of the ladder would be tested.

"St. Paul's has a good team and some newcomers just like us, but based on our compared results it's clear we're better overall," said Miao.

Due to the bad weather, however, Andover could not play against St. Paul's on Wednesday.

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wins four of last five games.

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