



Admissions Welcomes The 239th Admitted Class

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This spring marks the admission of Andover's 239th class. With a 14 percent acceptance rate, newly-admitted students will represent 40 states and territories and 30 countries.

After implementing the hashtag "SayYesToAndover" for the first time in its social media efforts this year, the Admissions Office has received positive feedback from the admitted students.

"Not only have newly-admitted students used the hashtag to send us photos of themselves with their acceptance letters or with their families celebrating, but also folks from all parts of the Andover community – current students, alumni, faculty, and coaches – have used the hashtag to welcome the newly admitted students," wrote Vivien Mallick, Director of Admission Operations, in an email to *The Phillippian*.

The Class of 2020 was awarded with a total of \$6,720,000 in financial aid scholarships. A projected 48 percent of next year's 2016-2017 student body will be on financial aid, with a projected 15 percent on full scholarship.

Jim Ventre, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, hopes newly admitted students will be able to recognize their place in the Andover community.

"We hope the newly admitted students will discover that Andover offers unbounded opportu-

nity and that they belong in our community," wrote Ventre in an email to *The Phillippian*.

Admissions plans on continuing to use the hashtag throughout the four days of the Spring Visit program, during which a newly admitted student can spend a day at Andover with a current student.

"We know our current students, as well as faculty, staff, and administrators, will do a wonderful job of welcoming the newly admitted students and their parents to campus – on Instagram and Twitter as well as in person when they come for revisit days! We are grateful to the entire [Andover] community for showing our new families their Big Blue spirit," wrote Mallick.

In addition to the hashtag, Admissions also released a short video to welcome admitted students and their parents on March 10.

"We hope the delivery of the content feels fresh and relevant!" wrote Ventre.

With 1,899 middle schools and high schools represented in the applicant pool, 20 percent of newly admitted students identify as Native American, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino; or Biracial, 25 percent identify as Asian, Asian American, or Biracial Asian; 47 percent identify as White or Caucasian; and 8 percent chose not to identify.

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Arthur Paleologos '17 and Madison Pettaway '17 celebrate after receiving the results of the election.

Arthur Paleologos '17 and Madison Pettaway '17 Elected Student Body Co-Presidents

STAFF REPORT

After months of planning and campaigning, Madison Pettaway '17 and Arthur Paleologos '17 have been elected as Student Body Co-Presidents for the 2016-2017 academic year. The polls opened on Thursday at 7 a.m. and closed at 9:30 p.m. Over 900 students voted.

According to their platform, the pair looks to establish a more involved Student Council by sending surveys to the student body and creating spaces where community members can discuss their ideas with Student Council members. They will also take a "community-based approach to health and wellness," hoping to trans-

form Wellness Week and construct a Peer Health Educator program to encourage students to help each other. In addition, they plan to better integrate all new students and day students into the Andover community through mentorship programs.

In the debate this past Wednesday during All-School Meeting, Annette Bell '16 and Theo Perez '16, the 2015-16 Student Body Co-Presidents, posed questions to the two candidate pairs regarding both pairs' platforms and ideas. Pettaway and Paleologos conveyed their intentions to combat a culture of toxic competition surrounding academics and the college process, as well as nearly every other aspect of student life. Their plan was created

with a special awareness of the stress and competition that exists at Andover, which Pettaway and Paleologos hope to eliminate by creating a strong support system for students.

The duo garners confidence from its qualifications and background in student leadership; Pettaway is a

prefect in Isham as well as a board member of several clubs on campus, and Paleologos has three years of experience on Student Council. In the debate, they emphasized that their qualities, qualifications, and vision will allow them to develop into the strongest leaders they can be next school year.



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Madison Pettaway '17 is overcome with joy.

Paul Murphy '84 Selected as Representative On Andover Public School Committee

LARSON TOLO

Paul Murphy '84, Instructor in Mathematics, Statistics, & Computer Science and Head Coach of Girls Swimming, has won one of the five seats as a representative on the An-



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Paul Murphy '84 hopes to discuss how tax dollars are spent in the public schooling system.

dover Public School Committee after beginning his campaign in early January.

The position entails working alongside the four other committee members at meetings every other week in order to determine a budget and other policies for the school system. Murphy decided to run for the three-year term as a way to give back to his town.

"This felt like a way to do something outside of [Andover] that would be helpful to the town... Everyone should have their little bit of extracurricular that they could do. I think it will balance well. I love being back in the classroom. The last seven years, I was the Dean of Students, so I was pretty involved, and I

couldn't have possibly done anything extra outside. It's a little bit of an opportunity to do something extra," said Murphy in an interview with *The Phillippian*.

As the only teacher on the committee, Murphy looks forward to learning more about the way the Andover Public School System is run, contributing to the conversation about how tax dollars are spent in the system.

"I've learned a great deal about the people in town and the school system in general since starting to run... Right now there's a lot of conversation about the priorities in town, because you have to have a conversation about priorities in order to have a con-

versation on how the tax dollars are spent. So I'm looking forward to that," said Murphy.

Murphy will continue to teach and coach at Andover, while volunteering on the committee in his spare time.

"I decided a long time ago that I was going to lean into it and ask for people's votes, so I had a lot of folks helping me, writing postcards, holding signs on Saturday mornings downtown... Because I grew up in Andover, my parents are both still here and my sister works nearby, so there's a lot of good networking that happened. I'm super grateful that everyone got out and voted," said Murphy.

Andover Alum Works With NASA in Hopes Of Launching to Mars

JP RAMOS BARROSO

Working with NASA to develop a sample tube of rock quartz from Mars in 2020, Sarah Sherman '04 is currently in the process of building a key part of what will be the first mission to bring foreign substance from Mars back to Earth.

The Mars 2020 Mission is a project that aims of ultimately send a rover to Mars with the purpose of analyzing the planet's conditions of the planet and the sustainability of life on Mars. The year of the mission, 2020, was chosen because that year Earth and Mars will reach their closest proximity and will facilitate the rover's path.

The rover will contain a sample tube that will collect minerals on Mars that will later be returned for NASA to examine. Designing the sample tube, however, is no easy task according to Sherman, as the collected samples must be airtight, allowing little to no gas from the Mars' atmosphere.

Alongside a team of about 20 to 30 people, Sherman takes charge of fabricating a substance that will absorb all contamination and keep the interior of the sample tube airtight.

"We are trying to coat the inside of this tube with a material that keeps contamination from sticking to it. It's something that hasn't really been done before, [as] we are basically trying to keep carbon from sticking to the tube, and that is unusual," said Sherman in a phone interview with *The Phillippian*.

The sample tube will be hermetically sealed, meaning that there will be no exchange of gases from the exterior of the tube to its interior.

Sherman's usual workday consists of solving any challenges that arise in the building of the sample tube while also further creating its interior coating.

"About half of [my time] is filled with meetings, for a lot of the engineering we do involves interchange of technical information with other people... The other half of my time is spent doing analysis on stress," said Sherman.

Sherman works with NASA at a Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the California Institute of Technology as a mechanical engineer.

She studied Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Princeton University, where she

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Erik S. Kristensen Memorial Scholarship Fund Honors Fallen Andover Veterans

CHRISTINA CHO

The Erik S. Kristensen Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to spread the legacy of Lieutenant Commander Erik Kristensen '91 and to honor his bravery during his time in war. Created by the Kristensen family and their friends in the summer of 2014, the scholarship gives students financial support to attend a Summer Session at Andover.

On June 28, 2005, the Taliban shot down a heli-

copter carrying Kristensen on a rescue mission to save four U.S. Navy SEALs during Operation Red Wings, a military operation during the war in Afghanistan. Lieutenant Commander Kristensen, who led the mission, died at the age of 33 with the 15 other men on board.

The scholarship receives its funding from alumni and parents of Andover, in addition to donations made by veterans themselves. A child who has a mother or father currently in military service or a retired veteran can apply for the program.

The scholarship has funded two scholars in total; the first one was in the summer of 2014 when the scholarship first started, and the second one in the summer of 2015.

"The purpose of this scholarship is to honor the legacy of Erik who gave his life in service to our country. He was not just a great SEAL, but a wonderful scholar who graduated from Andover and went to the Naval Academy and ultimately became a SEAL," wrote Jennifer Savino, Acting Director of Alumni Engagements, wrote in an

email to *The Phillippian*.

Kristensen attended Andover as a post-graduate, immersing himself in lacrosse and crew. Upon his graduation, he enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) with his ultimate dream to become a Navy SEAL. Kristensen graduated USNA with honors with a degree in French and English, and rowed on the crew team. After teaching English at the USNA, he eventually achieved this goal and became a SEAL

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Ad In Respect

Across campus, dusty lacrosse sticks, frisbees, golf clubs, and shot puts are being picked up as the spring sports season begins. Athletes are moving back onto their fields and courts, ready to put in hours of hard work to compete at some of the highest levels in high school athletic competition.

While students of all genders geared up for tryouts this past week, controversy erupted in the professional sporting world over gender inequality in women's sports. Raymond Moore, the former C.E.O. of the B.N.P. Paribas Open tournament at Indian Wells, resigned in disgrace following his disparaging remarks about the legitimacy of the Women's Tennis Association (W.T.A.). Moore said, "You know, in my next life when I come back I want to be someone in the W.T.A. *laughs* because they ride on the coattails of the men... If I was a lady player, I'd go down every night on my knees and thank God that Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal were born because they carried this sport."

Moore's comments were especially egregious given that they came on the day of the Indian Wells Women's Final, which featured one of the most dominant figures in the sporting world, Serena Williams. Williams has captured four more Grand Slams than the aforementioned Federer and seven more than Nadal.

Shortly after Moore's announcement, Novak Djokovic backtracked on the subject of equal pay in tennis, saying, "Equal prize money was the main subject of the tennis world in the last seven, eight years... On the other hand, I think that our men's tennis world... should fight for more, because the stats are showing that we have much more spectators on the men's tennis matches."

Djokovic's statement against gender pay equality is especially disappointing considering the amount of influence and power he holds as the number-one ranked player in men's tennis. Not only are his words insulting to women athletes, but they are also factually incorrect, as the 2015 U.S. Women's Open sold out faster than the Men's Open. Furthermore, the equal pay to which Djokovic referred is not yet a full reality: He has earned \$20 million more than Williams in his career, despite the fact that Williams regularly generates higher television ratings than he does and has earned twice as many Grand Slam titles.

As illustrated by Djokovic's and Moore's outrageous comments, there exists a perception that women's sports are not legitimate in comparison to men's. The flawed argument that men's sports have wider viewership or are more entertaining than women's sports is often used to justify the gender pay gap. This bias against women's sports is unacceptable, leaving women to be viewed as inferior athletes although they put in just as many hours and just as much sweat as men in pursuit of athletic excellence.

While women's sports have received more public recognition in recent years, there is still a great deal of progress that must be made in order to achieve true gender equality in athletics. Thus, it is our collective duty to propel women athletes and programs forward rather than dragging them backward with derisive and frankly untrue comments.

The issue of discrimination against women is not confined to sports. As Billie Jean King, Co-founder of the W.T.A. tour and 12-time Grand Slam winner, explained, "Sports are a microcosm of society, so it teaches you how the world still perceives gender inequality." The gender-based discrimination that came to light this week in the sporting world was not an anomaly, but rather an example of the blatant gendered disrespect that pervades the daily lives of people in all professional fields – athletic or otherwise.

CORRECTION:

An Arts "Inside The Phillipian" description misstated the name of an exhibit in the Addison Gallery of American Art. The exhibit is titled "One Thing Leads to Another... Selections from the Collection."

The Phillipian regrets the error.

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Letter to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

There is no denying that Andover does incredible amounts of good. The education it provides to students serves us for the rest of our lives. Its commitment to granting equal opportunities through need-blind admissions, for instance, is emblematic of Andover's founding philosophy of Non Sibi. That being said, we urge you to consider alternatives to the Senior Gift.

The Senior Gift typically raises around \$10,000. According to the nonprofit organization GiveWell, in developing countries, \$10,000 could also be used to buy and distribute 1,000 treated malaria nets, to deworm 1,000 children with schistosomiasis, cure 30 people of blindness caused by trachoma, and still have roughly \$600 in grants that can lift people out of poverty.

Where is your money truly doing the most good? Who benefits more from 20 dollars? An institution with an endowment of over \$1 billion or any of the billion people who live

on less than a dollar a day? Although \$10,000 donated to Andover is by no means a waste, we believe the answer is clear: You, the person reading this letter, have the ability right now to prevent an unspeakable amount of suffering and to drastically improve someone's life.

The most common objection to this moral obligation that we have heard is the concept of debt to the school. "The school has done so much for me, and I owe some donation to the school for this opportunity," the usual formulation goes. But this idea of debt should be applied consistently, and the success of America, and in turn Andover, can be largely attributed to the exploitation of developing countries' natural resources and indigenous peoples. Indeed, much of our prosperity has historically been predicated on the creation and perpetuation of military regimes with massive human rights violations.

Consider Guatemala. Guatemalans continue to suffer the consequences of a U.S.-backed

military coup that replaced the democratically-elected government with a series of dictators, to the benefit of the American agriculture giant United Fruit Company, still operating today as Chiquita. Surely, our obligation to Guatemalans and impoverished people as a whole outweighs our debt to Andover.

In the spirit of Non Sibi, we ought to look beyond ourselves as an institution. This is by no means an attack on Andover, an institution that has done so much for us and countless others. Nonetheless, in this instance, we, the class of 2016, should consider supporting an alternative cause.

Please consider one of the "evidence-backed, thoroughly-vetted, and underfunded" charities recommended on givewell.org.

Sincerely,

Tom Daly '16
Carson Wardell '16

Embracing All Women

EMILY NDIOKHO

IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL Women's Day – held each year on March 8 – women from around the world gather to celebrate feminism and the achievements of women. White women such as Emma Watson and Gloria Steinem were vastly recognized as epitomes of empowered women. Only a few col-

Movement in 1920, we must recognize that discrimination exists even amongst women. Women face prejudice based not only on their sex but also on other aspects of their identity, including race, class, and gender. For example, I, a black woman, will face both racism and sexism just as a low-income white woman will face both classism and sexism. Many know that white women earn an average of 78 cents for every dollar white men make, but few realize that Hispanic women make even less – a mere 54 cents for

great role to play in acknowledging the experiences of all women within our own community. For instance, English and History classes must strive to incorporate more discussion and acknowledgement of women who are not just white or straight when talking about women's rights and feminism. Clubs on campus such as Women's Forum (WoFo) must also work toward hosting more events and having more discussions about women from minority groups of race, class, and sexuality. Furthermore, the school itself should invite more speakers who can raise awareness of the struggles faced by women and feminists who are oppressed because of other facets of their identities, as it rightly did by inviting Janet Mock.



ored, queer, non-cisgender, or disabled women, however, were represented in this celebration.

SheKnows, a feminist media company, surveyed 1622 people, most of whom were white, regarding which women they thought represented feminism. Out of the top 14 women selected, 11 were white, while only three were those of color.

While women in general have gained more rights since the end of the Women's Rights

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While striving to eradicate discrimination against colored, queer, non-cisgender, and disabled women in the United States may seem impossible, Andover students can still work towards changing this bias against women of minority groups by recognizing the struggles of all women.

Emily Ndiokho is a two-year Lower from Allen, Tex.

Scholarship Offered For Children of Veterans

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at the age of 27, the oldest in his class to graduate the program.

According to the U.S. Navy SEAL profile, Kristensen was “part of a dedicated team fighting the Taliban, a fundamentalist regime that a U.S.-led coalition knocked from power in Afghanistan in 2001... Kristensen worked to help ensure Al Qaeda terrorists could not train in, nor launch strikes from Afghanistan since their lethal attack on the World Trade Center in New York on September 11, 2001.”

Operation Red Wings is the focus of the 2013 movie “Lone Survivor,” in which Kristensen is portrayed by actor Eric Bana.

Kristensen’s parents, Edward and Sam, have visited the Andover campus twice since the death of their only child in 2005. In addition to witnessing Kristensen’s name inscribed in Memorial Place in 2005, they returned to campus in 2014 to honor Kristensen at a memorial

service held at Memorial Place and for a screening of “Lone Survivor” in Cochran Chapel.

“[Edward and Sam] returned with many alumni and Navy family members to go to the boathouse, where they saw the pairs of oars with Erik’s name inscribed. We had a special gathering at Memorial Place followed by a dinner to honor all veterans in Upper Left in Paresky Commons. Following that, we went to the Cochran Chapel where we had a special screening of Lone Survivor,” wrote Savino.

“[The memorial service was] one of the most memorable events I have planned during my 14-year tenure here at [Andover]. It honored a man who lived a life of Non Sibi in a particular form of service – military service. It honored the sport that he loved – rowing. It acknowledged all of our veterans on staff, faculty, alumni, and parents. It provided the place and occasion for Andover to serve as host and ground,” continued Savino.

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CECELIA VIEIRA

Clicking through vibrant slides detailing their hard work over the past terms, students showcased their Independent Projects (IPs) to a colloquium of students and faculty members in the Nest last Wednesday.

Terrence Xiao ’16 presented his integrated aquaponics project, Veronica Nutting ’16 and Alex Armour ’16 presented their research on contemporary depictions of Native Americans in 19th century artwork, and Yatharth Agarwal ’17, Tony Tan ’17, and Cam Wong ’16 spoke about the launch of their PA Capture the Flag (PACTF) competition.

Xiao developed an interest in aquaculture dur-

ing middle school when he first started maintaining his own aquariums of fish and plants. After learning more about the science of aquaponics – a system that combines the practice of raising aquatic organisms as livestock and the cultivation of plants through the direct suspension of root systems in nutrient solution – Xiao applied for an Abbot grant and an IP to support his goal of building an aquaponics system on campus.

“My original hope for aquaponics was actually that I would be able to build a really big system or greenhouse that Paresky Commons could use. As it turns out, that idea was a little too ambitious... In terms of the scope of the project itself,



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Terrance Xiao ’16 presents his IP on aquaponics.

ELIZA BIENSTOCK

Sporting white long-sleeved dry-fit T-shirts, students around campus have been supporting Pacific Peak Apparel, a non-profit company founded by Sean Dongwoo Kim ’18 along with David Tsai ’18, Ben Ringer ’18, Eric Wu ’18, and Kevin Kastholm ’17 to promote environmental issues.

“The idea came up this fall when my friend was starting his own business, and I was inspired [to start] my own, too,” said Kim in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

The entirety of the company’s profits will be donated to The Climate Group, a charity that works to save the environment, in the hopes of promoting further research into the production of clean and renewable energy.

“I got involved because I was mainly concerned about bringing awareness to the environment at [Andover]. It’s a topic that no one seems to care about. I believe that through our company we can not only educate kids, but also show them how they can make an impact and truly save, not only their area around them, but the entire world,” said Tsai.

“[Tsai], I, and everyone else in Pacific Peak is most concerned about global warming and cli-

Pacific Peak Works Towards Spreading Environmental Awareness on Campus

mate change. Global warming is a huge issue that everyone on this planet must collectively work to solve. And this is something that must be solved now. What people don’t seem to realize is that we will not be given a second chance. Global warming may not seem to have a huge effect on us right now but our actions today will determine our lives and our children’s lives in the next 50 or so years,” wrote Kim in an email to *The Phillipian*.

To promote the cause and the company, Kim and Tsai created an Instagram account to advertise their shirts to high school students. So far, the company has sold about four hundred shirts.

“We created an Instagram to target the massive amount of high school students who are constantly checking their phones. As we continue to spread our company, we believe that the best way of spreading our message is by supporting our brand and what we stand for,” Tsai continued.

Over Thanksgiving Break, Kim picked out the material in the street markets in Seoul, South Korea, and went to a factory to manufacture the shirts.

“We think of ideas, brainstorm, draw out designs, and then start working with these companies. We decided to



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Sean Kim ’18 and David Tsai ’18 don their Pacific Peak shirts.

make athletic/outdoor apparel because we also want to encourage well-being in everyone’s lives by encouraging them to spend more time outside,” wrote Kim.

Kim decided upon the name “Pacific Peak” in the hopes of reflecting the environmental values of the company.

“Sean decided that this name would be perfect for two reasons. Our company is centered around the environment, and even though our entire planet is being affected, one of the most commonly known bodies of water is the Pacific Ocean. Sean is from South Korea, so it also ties back to his roots. He wanted to incorporate a motivational element into our company, hence the word ‘Peak.’ We want

those who care about the planet to reach the peak, or summit, of their potential,” wrote Tsai in an email to *The Phillipian*.

The company hopes to expand and target more students at other prep schools such as Deerfield, St. Paul’s, Tabor, St. George’s and Loomis Chaffee. They will be working with various manufacturers and custom apparel companies in the United States to print more shirts.

“We hope to grow as much as possible. My main goal at Andover is to not just sell stuff, but also to organize events and projects just to raise more awareness on campus. Also, [my goal is] to expand from just selling shirts,” said Kim.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Carter Braswell ’17 leads the crowd in an Andover cheer during his Blue Key Head audition.

Students Present Their Independent Projects in NestED



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Veronica Nutting ’16 and Alex Armour ’16 discuss their research on contemporary depictions of Native Americans in 19th century artwork.

launching an online CTF competition in a fortnight,” said Agarwal.

PACTF is open to individual participants and teams all around the country, and clubs like Techmasters and Computer Science Club will be teaching more about CTF this spring.

Wong, in retrospect, encourages other students to apply for an IP.

“The best thing to do is just go for it. I’ve gone

for many, and I’ve gotten several rejected... That’s what the whole process is for: It’s to make you think about what exactly you’re doing, and whether or not you can actually get it done. If you’re wrong, the people on the IP Council will call you on that, and if you’re not, hopefully you’ll have something good to go,” said Wong in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

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I really wanted people to start talking about environmental consciousness and activism on campus,” said Xiao in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

Xiao constructed the system in Gelb room 109 from a fishtank and grow beds, which allowed crops to take in nutrients from the water, and is currently using it to grow plants like arugula, cilantro, and spinach. He has documented the process in his blog at paaquaponics.wordpress.com.

Xiao believes that aquaponics represent a new manner of food production that could have the potential to address issues related to the global food shortage.

“My goal isn’t just to showcase this amazing new technology, or try to singlehandedly curb global hunger, but rather to demonstrate that these issues of sustainability and environmentalism and food production... can actually be explored by students in a very direct physical manner, in this case, by literally building an ecosystem and being able to interact with it,” said Xiao.

Agarwal, Tan, and Wong also received an Abbot grant to fund their IP, and used their knowledge of coding and computer

science to launch their own online CTF competition, in which participants solve increasingly challenging security puzzles.

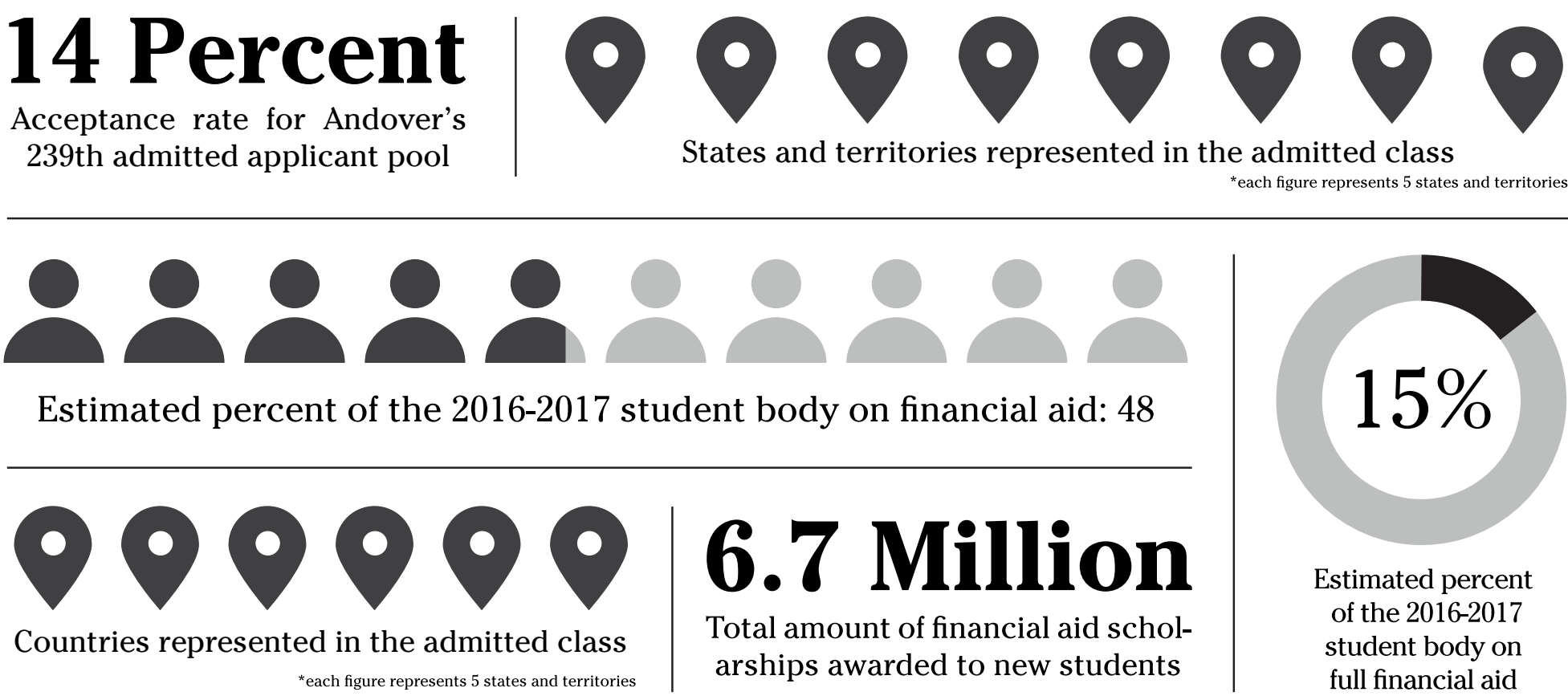
This competition, called PACTF, will differ from typical CTF in that rounds of the tournament last for a two-day span rather than two weeks at a time, which allows Andover students to participate despite their busy schedules. PACTF has a total of \$2000 in prizes to distribute to the team that gathers the most “flags” at the end of the match.

“[Agarwal] and I were in the same dorm, and we were both into computer science, and we both knew how to program, but we had never heard of CTF before. We got an email from [Maria Litvin] and the Computer Science Club saying that there was a [CTF event] going on at Carnegie Mellon University. We did pretty well for the first time, and that got us interested, so we started participating in more CTFs,” said Tan in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

“We’ve gone from not knowing what CTF stands for to having applied and gotten approved for an Abbot Grant, having applied for and completed an IP, to finally reaching the point where we’re

Admission by the Numbers

The graphic below highlights the demographics of Andover’s 239th admitted class.



Student Activism in Social Media

The *Phillipian* has covered the usage of social media by different student social justice movements on the Andover campus. Though started by former students, these student movements still remain being used by alumni and current students.



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Out Of The Blue

MAE ZHAO

Within minutes, a public congratulatory post on social media escalated with tension as insensitive comments on wealth and privilege were exchanged amongst users, leading to heated quarrels.

Andover’s social justice group, Out of the Blue (OOTB) caught this misuse of social media and responded by holding an open forum on Friday, December 11 to discuss the appropriate usage of social media in conducting discussions.

“We thought it was pretty important for everyone to come together in person to discuss how we should conduct ourselves online [and] whether social media was the right platform for people to discuss these issues,” said Avery Jonas ’16, a board member of OOTB.

During the forum, Head of School John Palfrey, students and faculty explored different issues on social media usage, including how our rights for freedom of speech can be appropriately applied on social media.

“Mr. Palfrey [concluded the event by summing] up what a lot of us were thinking, basically saying that social media isn’t the right place to have [some of] these conversations, and if you decide to talk about topics of identity, [there are occasional] limitations to free speech,” said Jonas.

For Jonas, the forum was not only a way to discuss how students should conduct themselves on social media, but also a way to get students unfamiliar with social justice issues to join the conversation.

“I think [the forums are] a way to get people who... don’t usually engage in discussing topics of identity to come out and see that it is not just a bunch of people out

to get them... We can all learn from each other,” said Jonas.

Members of the group hope to break the stigma around political correctness and strong liberal political views.

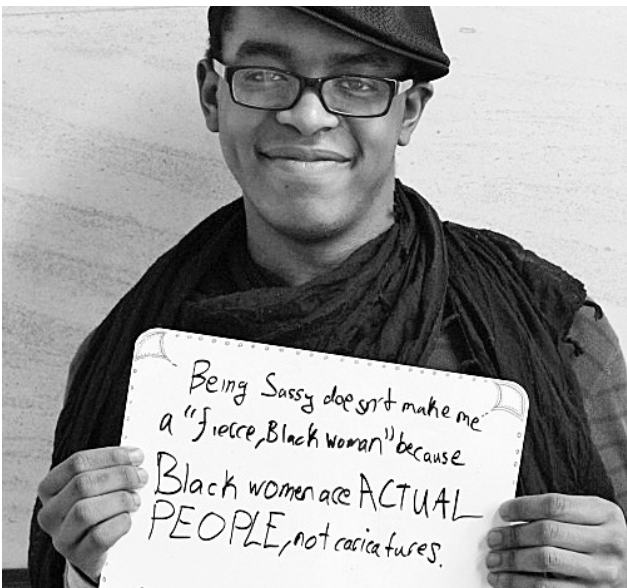
“I feel like the problem in our forums in the past is that we only get one voice. We are only getting the liberal-minded people who generally agree with what the Out of the Blue board would agree with. I feel like we are not getting the discourse there... when, in reality, we are trying to create this discourse. I feel like it can be polarizing at times,” said Bennett Sherr ’17, a board member of OOTB.

“[Many students] feel like they want to learn more but they feel as though their biases or beliefs keep them from being able to come to these spaces...because they believe that the majority of people at the forums have this opinion and their opinions may not agree with that,” said Jonas.

Claudia Meng ’18, a board member of OOTB, believed that the stigma against voicing unpopular opinions could cause their forums to be often misunderstood.

“[The forums] are supposed to raise relevant questions about race, class ability, gender; all aspects of identity, and [OOTB’s social media usage forum] in particular raises questions about... how can we be respectful of each other while maintaining our own personal right to express ourselves,” said Meng.

OOTB hopes to continue holding forums addressing social justice issues relevant to the Andover community, and to encourage on-campus discussion.



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More Than Just A Number

CECELIA VIEIRA

Early 2014 was a turning point for conversation regarding race at Andover. Students banded together to write a series of Commentary articles about their experiences regarding their race, and a group of then-Uppers and Seniors especially felt inspired to take the dialogue further.

The “I, Too, Am Andover” campaign began when a group of students, calling themselves “More Than Just A Number,” released their mission statement and began advocating for the importance of discussion about race on campus.

A main focus of the group was to raise awareness of harmful microaggressions towards students of color.

“I was approached by [Jaleel Williams ’15] and [Alex Thomas ’15]... The two of them approached me and asked about being an advisor for the group, and I wasn’t quite sure, at first, how they were seeing the formation of this group... Part of [me questioned] how this group [was] going to be any different than the other groups that we have on campus,” said LaShawn Springer, Director of Community & Multicultural Development.

The “More Than Just A Number” movement decided to bring the conversation online, and the “I, Too, Am, Andover” group began a photo campaign, emulating the efforts of the “I, Too, Am Harvard” movement founded by black students at Harvard College in 2014.

The photo campaign featured portraits of black students holding boards with microaggressions and racist comments they have heard on campus. Though the photos were originally shared on the group’s Tumblr and Instagram accounts, the movement began to spread onto other social media sites as

well, with students changing their profile pictures to these photos.

“It was really widespread on social media... I think that it was helpful for students to see other students who they knew and were friends with say these things through this medium that they might not have said otherwise. [The movement] gave them the confidence to do that,” said committee member Julia Zell ’15.

Committee member Alba Disla ’15 believed that taking the movement to social media helped broadcast the group’s message to a wider audience.

“Using social media helped get our message out to a broad audience in a visual way. We were putting faces to the stories that we often heard about by ear or in other Phillipian articles. We got support from a lot of students in helping form the committees and carry out the photo project,” said Disla in an email to *The Phillipian*.

The group’s work to expose the power of microaggressions in everyday interactions using social media helped to further open the conversation about race on campus. James Taylor ’16, who was a Lower when the movement first began to gain traction, appreciated that the group took the lead in confronting the unease black students at Andover experienced.

“I think it was important that the ‘I, Too, Am Andover’ campaign came to Andover because it really gave voice to a lot of the issues that students of color, specifically black students on campus, face that people [didn’t] necessarily [know] about... It was really just a good way to express openly some of the issues and discomfort that black students at Andover sometimes feel around being in this space,” said Taylor.



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Feminism = Equality

SARAH RIGAZIO

With the aid of their Facebook page, over 1,000 members connected to Andover have carried on the social movement “Feminism Is Equality” since 2013.

The movement “Feminism Is Equality,” or most commonly referred to as F=E, was jumpstarted on campus by several members in the class of 2013. Sparked by the recent school president election in which the winners were the only pair with two males, and not the other pairs consisting of one male and one female, MJ Engel ’13, Maia Hirschler ’13, Sam Green ’13, Henry Kennelly ’13, and Gabbi Fisher ’13 wrote a Letter to the Editor in *The Phillipian* in the hopes of initiating dialogue.

“[We] wrote a Letter to the Editor in *The Phillipian* about how voters should keep gender in mind when voting because at that point our school had only had four female school presidents in the 40 years of co-education,” said Engel in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

The Facebook group “Feminism at Andover,” started by Engel and her peers in the class of 2013, is still an active group in which Andover students can post and discuss issues regarding feminism. The online tool provides constant thought-provoking debates regarding feminism both within and outside the Andover community.

“Anyone affiliated with Andover from students to faculty could join [the Facebook group] in order to further discuss gender, race, class, and other intersectional issues. During my time on campus a lot of the debates were held in the Facebook group. These debates were about campus-related issues as well as more general discussions,” said Engel.

Anyone in the group is encouraged to comment and share their opinion on

whatever matter the post concerns.

“I think this social media group allowed people who maybe didn’t want to speak in public forums [with] an opportunity to read, participate in discussions online, and become better informed about what the movement was trying to do,” continued Engel.

“[In the Facebook group], people posted everything from observations to articles and sparked dialogue within the broader Andover community of faculty, students, and alumni,” said Emma Staffaroni, Instructor in English.

Though Liz Irvin ’17 was not here for the start of the movement at Andover, she believed that the social media movement was the creator of the thriving feminism that exists here today.

Irvin said in an interview with *The Phillipian*, “[F=E] laid the groundwork for the feminist community at Andover now. I know that it was centered around the idea of making feminism something that people could understand, by simplifying it in terms of equality. So, now there are ways that we can use that, use what they started.”

An active participant of Women’s Forum (WoFo), Irvin attributed the current message and purpose of the club to the F=E movement.

Irvin said, “[F=E] is important because it’s the backbone of any other kind of feminism-related movement. In WoFo, we’re trying to focus on being intersectional – so including systems of oppression and looking for equality in different ways. It all boils down to F=E, feminism equals equality; it means all kinds of equality, which is something that we’re constantly trying to focus on.”

NASA Engineer Discovered Passion for Science at Andover

Cont. from A1, Col. 6

graduated in 2008. After Princeton, she continued to find opportunities to pursue engineering.

“From [graduating Princeton], I got some internships doing some spacecraft, or astronomical engineering, so designing big crafts for [California Institute of Technology], and that helped me get prepared for aerospace engineering,” said Sherman.

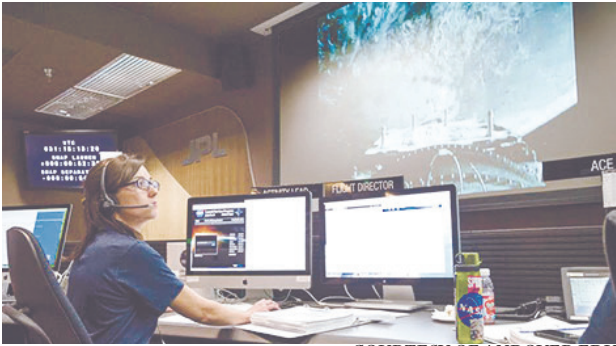
Sherman found her passion for mechanical engineering at Andover.

“When I was a little kid, I used to enjoy playing with Legos, so I’ve definitely always enjoyed engineering things and building things. Through

my time at Andover, I found that I enjoyed math and science quite a bit,” Sherman said.

At Andover, Sherman focused her academic studies in math and the sciences, taking challenging courses that focused on engineering. As a Senior, Sherman was the only female member of the engineering club at Andover. In addition, Sherman was a participant in Science Club for Girls, where she facilitated science experiments for middle school girls. She also rowed crew throughout all of her four years at Andover.

Sherman encourages current students to try new activities and take advantage of the opportunities presented while at Andover.



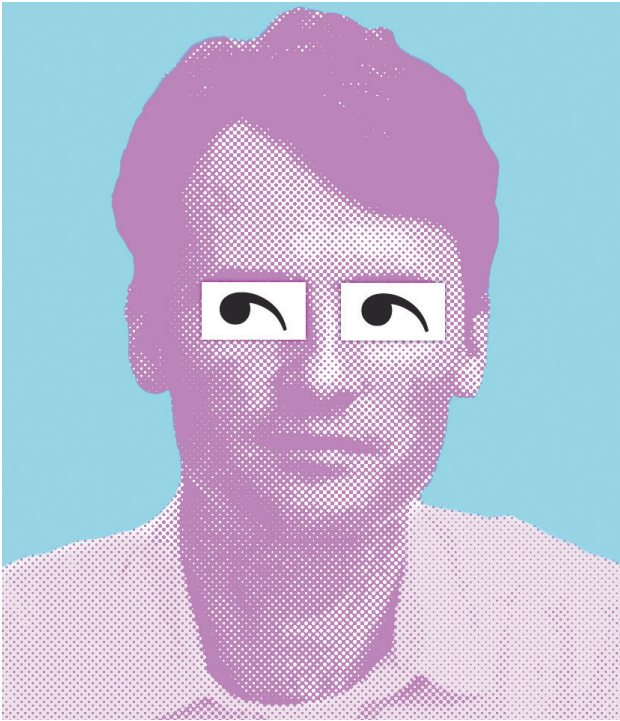
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Sara Sherman '04 works towards bringing a sample of rock quartz from Mars to Earth in 2020.

“A lot of people probably didn’t realize it, but when you were in high school – and especially at a place like Andover – you have plenty of opportunities available to try completely different things without having any prior experience with them. It may feel intimidating to pick up any sport or pick

up any new hobby or interest, but this is absolutely the time to do it because they make it so easy for you at Andover. My advice would be to be as active as you can in clubs and activities. Don’t be afraid to branch out a little bit. You never know what will it will drive you to,” said Sherman.

The Oxford is Back.



To the readership,

The Oxford comma is back. It is uncommon for newspapers to refashion their style guide — and certainly with such a change that upends *The Phillipian’s* century-long usage of the comma. Yet, it is crucial for newspapers to modify style to keep up with the evolution of English, including the case of the Oxford comma.

Landing before “and” at the end of a list of three or more items, the Oxford comma is a literary device designed to clarify the meaning of a sentence. For instance, Lulu Jane loves knitting turtleneck sweaters, cable-knit socks, and argyle scarves — not turtleneck sweaters, cable-knit socks and argyle scarves.

With love,
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Alex Reichenbach '18 and Buzzy Barrow '18 Build Drone in Makerspace

ANDREA PINGA

Inspired by the technology offered by the Nest, Buzzy Barrows '18 and Alex Reichenbach '18 are in the midst of constructing a fully-functioning drone.

Barrows and Reichenbach will create the drone from scratch using equipments from the Elson Art Center and the Nest. With prior experience in building drones, the pair plans to complete the drone by the end of the term.

Reichenbach said in an interview with *The Phillipian*, “I have always been [interested in technology.] My parents stuck me in front of a computer instead of a TV.”

Barrows said in a phone interview with *The Phillipian*, “We were in the [Nest], and Alex and

I were looking at all this equipment, and pretty much none of it was really being used so we decided to see if we could do something, because there are all these resources we now have, and so we decided what we’re interested in, we thought about it, and really the most practical thing, what made the most sense was to do something similar to a remote control airplane, or helicopter.”

The pair began their design process at the start of winter term and commenced the building process last week.

Later on in their building process, Barrows and Reichenbach plan to use a Dremel – a rotary tool – as well as drills and 3D printers to construct smaller parts of the drone. The larger components will be built with access to more

complex tools such as a spot welder in Elson. The drone design includes a foam exterior with plastic and metal components inside. The duo wants to keep its design as light as possible with a 14-inch frame.

“The first time [the drone] flies, it will be controlled by a human, but we hope to have it flying by itself so that it will be an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV),” said Reichenbach.

Reichenbach and Barrows do not intend to use their completed drone regularly at school. According to the Blue Book, “Drones may not be used by students without explicit permission from a cluster dean.” However, the pair is still planning their first test flight to be on school grounds after receiving permission.

“I wouldn’t see any uses of this drone in particular on the Andover campus itself. But, definitely, I can think of pretty much endless uses for something that maps an interior space. For example, I’ve heard of Archeological trips that Dr. Slater was doing. He’s my advisor last year. I could see this thing being used in caves and spaces... to try to help map and keep people safe. You could see it being used in a lot of different places. Not specifically on Andover campus, but definitely in the spaces where Andover students go and stuff like that,” said Barrows.

The duo is unsure of what the completion of the drone will bring, other than personal reward. Reichenbach is unsure of projects or plans he would like to pursue in



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The drone is composed of a foam exterior.

the future.

“You could have a project making smaller versions of it and practice with a swarm. [A swarm] is a type of flying for drones, where you have a whole bunch of tiny ones working for a larger goal. And that would be

fun. But other than that, I don’t really have any other plans,” said Reichenbach.

The project is funded by the Nest. Currently, the Nest has funded \$60 to \$80 towards their project, with the overall cost predicted to be \$120.

Can you code?

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See You in September?

STAFF REPORT

Welcome to *The Phillipian’s* version of “Wordplay,” a spinoff of the daily “The New York Times” crossword blog: a commentary on theming, grid-ding, and cluing of published crossword puzzles.

As the first installment, this week’s writeup details *The Phillipian’s* inaugural puzzle, with the subdued theme focusing on the admission of 420 applicants to Phillips Academy.

Although not strictly abiding by the style guide for most crosswords, our first puzzle aims to give you a taste of the prowess of puzzling, closer to home.

Though the theme is more subtle in this week’s puzzle, it is symmetrical across the grid, meaning the theme entries mirror each other in placement. You won’t find that many

obvious three-letter fills – which is more of a reflection of amateur grid-ding, rather than your intellect.

Constructor’s Notes:

This puzzle was fun to make, and I was pleased to discover that the answer for 41 Across fit perfectly across the 15-by-15 grid, and provided the first entry for this week’s theme, “See You in September?”

I was particularly satisfied with 73 Across: “Seen many a road?” You might not be, though. Sorry, I’ve always been a fan of wordplay.

You’ll stumble across some nastier clues, such as 8 Down: “South American evergreen,” and 26 Across: “Coffee order to a Bostonian, say.” Most of the other clues should be within reach, though I would welcome any feedback to wordplay@phillipian.net.

Crossword

ACROSS

- Divided Asian land
- Worldwide networking company
- Found on the bottom of a skirt
- Elite unit
- Wide-ranging
- Rhyme scheme
- Jargon
- Supervisor at camp
- Admiration; high opinion
- Govt. funding of arts
- A TI–84, for short
- Baseball stat
- Coffee order to a Bostonian, say
- “Tampa ___ Rays”
- What an admitted student may give Exeter come April
- That, in a dead language
- Flying saucers
- Typed into an address bar
- Take as one’s own
- What an admitted student may do come early April
- An Internet spammer, say
- Buddy, fella
- Get out of bed
- Blowing one may bring good luck
- Neuro–linguistic programming abbr.
- Buck’s mate
- Move forward
- Split between
- A small amount
- What Forrest Gump did
- Heard in a stable
- Enchantedly
- Je suis d’accord, en anglais
- Internet slang for “my point of view”
- Rigoletto, for example
- Longest country in the world
- Seen many a road?
- The Kentucky ___
- Secure internet protocol in a URL

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DOWN

- Trendy green plant
- ___ Redding; The King of Soul
- “Seasons of Love” musical
- Ready to go
- Single celled animal
- Canadian equivalent of ABC, or CBS
- Fe on the periodic table
- South American evergreen
- Call off, such as with plans
- Takes too many drugs, say
- Islamic “kosher” equivalent
- Disease that swept the media in 2014
- See 54–Down
- Country whose capital is Quito
- Math sign
- Alphabetize, e.g.
- Cheerful, happy
- Sculpture of head–and–shoulders
- Many miles away
- “Walk the dog” toy
- Plans for a class
- Building block of campfire
- Roman Poet
- Mexican money
- Newton sat under one
- Gusto
- Mom’s sister
- Stocking material
- Knee injury
- Jesus claimed to be one
- “Amen”
- Team Shuman might ___ you in 13–Down
- Movie genre
- Great enthusiasm
- Comes after day
- Workers’ rights org.
- Strength of character
- S.O.S.
- Pays a visit
- “Fish and chips” fish
- “I did it!”

Features Reflects on Spring Break

Faculty Host Political Rallies in Dorms During Break

CONNOR DEVLIN

Multiple faculty members were caught using dorms as spaces to host undercover rallies for presidential candidates in the last week of Spring Vacation. Some faculty members demanded that students return early from vacation to attend these rallies. Others did not let their students leave campus for the entire break. Due to this display of irresponsibility and recklessness, certain faculty members have undergone punishments in order to correct their judgment.

Rob Otman, faculty member and self-proclaimed human, hosted a Hillary rally. He assembled The Hillary Clintotron 3000 in the silent common room. A crowd soon filed in. During her speech, Hillary Clintotron tried to show off her more personable and human side.

“L-M-A-O. Observe how human I am. Observe my lifelike flesh. Inhale my odor which resembles that of a woman. Yes, a woman! Not just a human; I am a woman! Cast

your gaze on my realistic optical instruments. HA-HA, I am undoubtedly a human. Let us dispel the myth that I voiced Siri. The latter statement is not true,” The Clintotron said.

Afterwards, she tried to appeal to the younger attendees at the rally, saying, “Observe my youth. My synthetic skin does not decay. I was manufactured— I was born only a fraction of a millennium ago. I am hip. Y-O-L-O. SWAG.”

The Clintotron continued, “Hillary Clinton, more like Chillary Clinton Model #33B! I do not have the capability of emotion, unlike you lesser mortals. Please like me!”

The rally ended when someone accidentally tripped on her power cord and unplugged her. Rob Otman must attend the Views on Human Nature class in reparation for his actions.

Tom Longbottom, Teaching Fellow in Penmanship, organized a Chipotle munch in order to draw students from their rooms to the Donald Trump rally he was hosting in his common room.

Trump addressed Andover’s summer program,

calling for its outright ban.

“When the summer program sends its people, they’re not sending their best. They’re sending people that have lots of problems, and they’re bringing those problems to us. Lots of problems! They’re bringing problematic people! They’re bringing fire hazards! They don’t even get car permission! Some, I assume, are good people. But we can’t forget the problems! Lots of them!” he said.

The crowd met Trump’s speech with a roaring applause. He garnered more support when he stated he would “create a database documenting all current and former students.”

PAPS was soon called to detain a student that attempted to attack Trump. Soon after, PAPS shut the rally down when it became too rowdy. Tom Longbottom was placed in a PACE class in order to provide some possibly beneficial information about those different from himself.

Simultaneously, Willow Spectrum, Instructor in Basket Weaving, hosted a Bernie Sanders rally in her empty dorm. After



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BeepBoop Monica Lewinsky in range, laser beams on.

stepping onto the common room table, Bernie Sanders made comments about the price of the E&R laundry service.

“The cost of E&R is so high these days, young students are giving up their dreams by paying for clean clothes. I say, we make it free. In fact, I personally will hand-wash each and every single piece of clothing. To pay for it, we’ll raise taxes on the Den! Also, too much of our endowment is spent on the PAPS force

because we are engaged in too many wars. The War on Exeter, the War on Cat Boners, the War on Sleep – you name it! We need to put this money to better use.”

Sanders also commented on the state of class inequality. He claimed that older students have more rights at Andover, saying, “Seniors get an extra hour on Friday. I say, we break up this big hour and distribute it among the other classes.” The crowd responded to his statements

with huge applause. Bernie supporters, however, flooded social media with news of the rally, resulting in its discovery and its ultimate shutdown. Willow was coerced by the administration into taking an Economics 100 class after hosting the rally.

John Kasich also had a rally, but nobody attended it. There will be a memorial service next Wednesday dedicated to his campaign. He was escorted off campus shortly after.

facebook: Spring Break Status Selection



Jack Daniels

If I was with you last night and/or if you have seen my iPhone 3, wallet, shirt, nunchucks, shoes, lotion, prescriptions, over-the-counters, and promise ring, please message me. I seem to have misplaced them and can't exactly remember last night. Thanks

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Jacqueline Daniels Jackson Minneapolis Daniels, this is the first I am hearing of you in three months. I would appreciate it if you could call me to explain yourself. Sincerely, your concerned mother.

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Duck Boi Can't wait to hear all bout it bruh. Meet in the sanc when we get back?

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Jay Chillin

I've had about 17 virgin piña coladas today and the sun poisoning is finally turning into a tan!!! Skin cancer might b in my future but at least i look goooooood #teamnosunscreen

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Allison Jacobs

Just saw a sign at Disney that said, "PLEASE leave your cremated loved ones at home. Stop dumping them in the Haunted Mansion. They just get vacuumed up and disposed of."

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Seniors Travel to Andunder, Mass.

CONNOR DEVLIN

This year, a group of students decided to go to Andunder, Mass., for their senior trip instead of a more popular Spring Vacation destination like Cancun, Mexico. Cancun is known for its sunny beaches, beautiful people, great weather, dancing wildly in dark rooms, and drinking liquids out of cups. Andunder boasts a farm, a convenience store, a 12-seat diner open from 9:00 a.m.

to 11:30 a.m. every Monday to Wednesday, and a rusty outdoor playground with not one, but two, broken seesaws.

On the first day of their vacation, the students headed to the Shuttlecock courts to play some badmitten. (It was so dang cold in Andunder, students had to wear mittens while playing.) They quickly found themselves craving a drank. Contrary to popular belief, the nightlife in Andunder is as exciting as the daylife. Nightclubs like

“Beans and Porridge” and “Da KnightKlub” litter the downtown area. A museum containing the largest collection of Colonial Era model dentures and a competitive series of knitting shops are mixed in with the poppin’ clubs.

The Andunder local paper, which is run by a two-person staff and publishes bi-yearly issues, has described their town’s Civil War reenactments as, “So realistic you’ll soil the khakis you bought from the Bargain Barn Department Store.”

The paper also recommended that visitors “pay a visit to the countless nursing homes because the residents are the liveliest thing in town.” Or, if you’re feeling extra spicy, “take a walk around the park to observe our overgrown bushery.”

It was a clear choice,” said Whit Bread ’16. “I just couldn’t miss those sweet,

sweet colonial reenactments. Plus, it’s really convenient because I can adhere to every single rule of the Blue Book with ease.”

The Seniors decided to stay the night in Shuddup and Sleep, the local bed and breakfast. “You know, the change in scenery from Andover is really nice,” said Nai Eve ’16.

The seniors decided to bring their parents along with them.

“We wanted to party hard on our Senior Spring. And you know how the saying goes, there ain’t no party like a Derek’s Dad party,” said Derek Kim ’16.

“There’s a reason why it’s called Senior year,” said Ailuvmahgram Ma, who brought her 80-year-old grandmother on the trip. These seniors are looking forward to their relaxing and equally educational trip. “It’ll be pimpin’,” said Derek’s Dad.



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Burnt and turnt? More like pale and sober.

FEATURES PRESENTS

TOP TEN

*Rules I Did NOT Break
Over Spring Break.*

10. I swore no swears.
9. I had face-to-face sign in at 10 p.m. every night.
8. I kept my shirt on while at the beach.
7. I danced within arm’s-length of others at clubs.
6. I did not consume “Tobacco, Alcohol, Powdered Alcohol, or Other Drugs.”
5. My lights were out by 10:59 p.m. every night.
4. I called, texted, snapped, and emailed my house counselor before climbing onboard any vehicle.
3. I stayed off the grass.
2. I used no latex.
1. When someone of the opposite sex was in my room, the door was opened 90 degrees.

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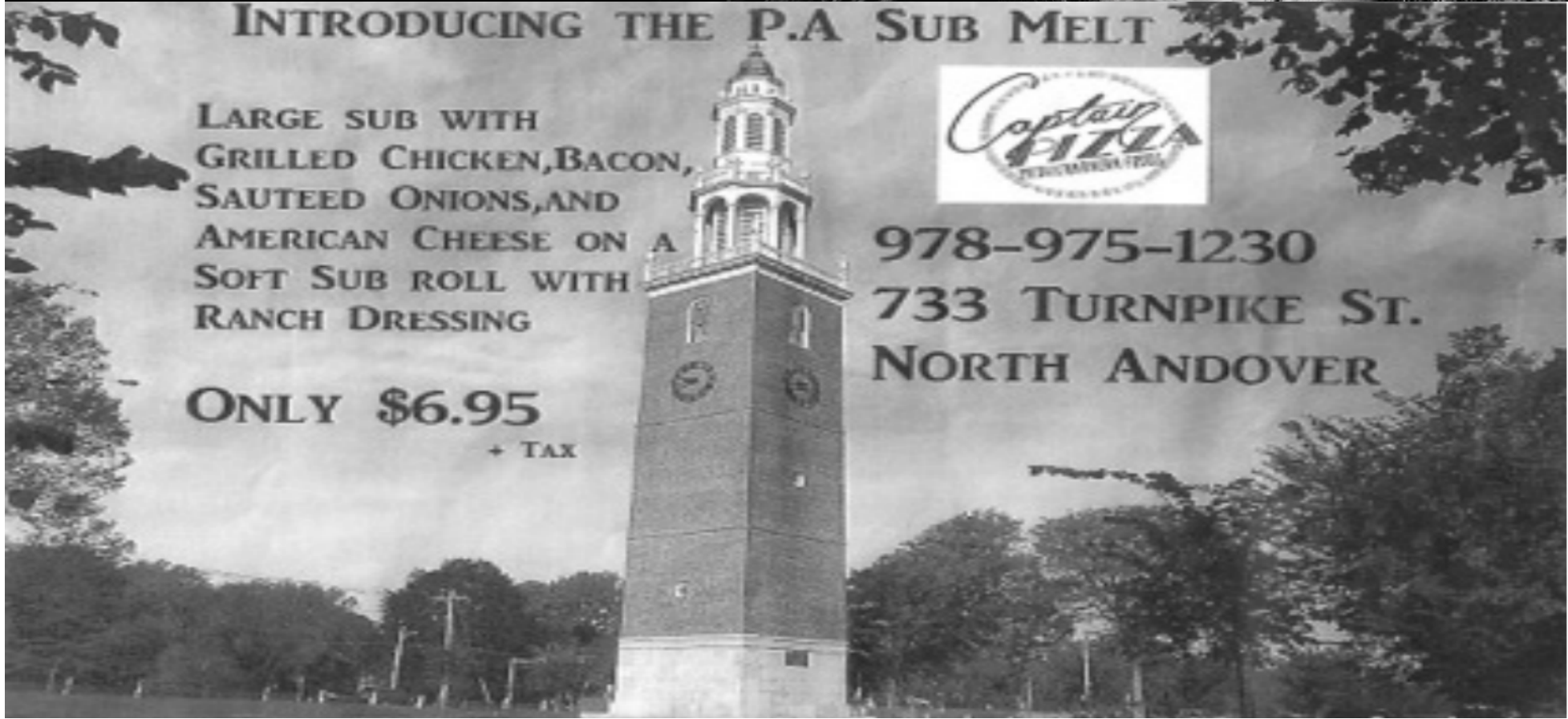
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Co-Captain Darren Ty '16, left, Co-Captain Marcello Rossi '16, and Thomas Choi '16 pose with the championship trophy.

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Boys Win Sixth Nepsac Championship in Ten Years

JENNIFER LEE

Sprinting to a first-place finish in the 200-Yard Individual Medley, Co-Captain Darren Ty '16 finished with a time of 1:54.45 minutes to secure key points for Andover Boys Swimming & Diving at the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (Nepsac) Championships on the weekend of March 4th at Deerfield Academy. Andover clinched a first-place finish over Deerfield, edging the defending champions by three and a half points. The team topped the final scoreline at 340.5-337-319, beating Deerfield and Suffield Academy, who came in second and third, respectively. This is the team's sixth championship title in ten years.

Christian Alberga '17 said, "Since the end of last season, our goal was to come back this season and win the New England Championship. Apart from the rigorous training that we endured all season, we also had to mentally prepare for this meet as we were going into it as underdogs, while the meet was held at Deerfield, who were the favorites. Coming off of our dual-meet season – undefeated in the league – we had hope, but we had to really step up individually and as

a team in order to beat the powerhouses of Deerfield and Suffield."

Ty said, "During the weeks of practice leading up to the championship meet, the team focused on what we ourselves could control during our races: starts, turns, and finishes. We strived to perfect our technique so we wouldn't have to really work or think about it during our races. We focused our mindset to see the meet as a team event rather than individual races."

During the preliminary competitions, Andover swimmers competed in 29 events, with swimmers marking Personal Records in 25 of them.

Nick Isenhower '18 said, "We had 25 out of 29 personal bests during [the preliminary rounds]. This got us a ton of our swimmers in the finals and it ultimately won us the meet. I'm proud that we mentally came together and showed up for both prelims and finals – the meet was really close, and our mentality was absolutely crucial to success."

In an email to *The Phillippian*, Head Coach David Fox wrote, "I am happy for the boys that they won the meet, but I am much happier that we had such a high percentage of best-ever performances. That everyone – swimmers and divers – surpassed his person-

al best (or was less than a second from doing so) is a testament to the culture the boys embraced: working hard, sweating the details, and supporting one another."

After the preliminary competitions, multiple Andover swimmers were in position to score. Isenhower claimed second place in the 200-Yard Freestyle and Co-Captain Marcello Rossi '16 placed fourth, with times of 1:42.68 minutes and 1:43.29 minutes, respectively. Rossi also claimed third place in the 100-Yard Butterfly with a time of 51.85 seconds, and Alberga earned fourth place in the 50-Yard Freestyle with a time of 21.33 seconds.

Ty, Isenhower, Rossi, and Alberga went on to claim second place in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:25.48 minutes, earning them All-American Consideration. Andover's strong finish in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay boosted the team's overall score and ultimately sealed its win.

Strong finishes from Thomas Choi '16, Nick Faulkner '16, Sarp Orgul '16, Daniel Tran '17, and Richard Zhong '17 also contributed to Andover's win. Ty, Jonathan Xue '17, and Jacob Hudgins '19 finished in third, seventh and 13th places in the 100-Yard Breaststroke with times of 57.81 seconds, 1:00.50

minutes, and 1:02.40 minutes, respectively.

Isenhower said, "We picked up key points early on. Darren's win in the [200-Yard Individual Medley] set a tone for the rest of the meet. As it has been before, the breaststroke came out as one of our key events – the points scored there between Ty, Hudgins, and Xue set us up for success."

In the diving event, Andover divers Jack Belluche '16, Matt Grottkau '17 and Robert DeLaus '16 added to the team's lead with respective fifth, sixth, and tenth place finishes. Belluche scored 340.80 points, Grottkau finished with 316.30 points, and DeLaus earned 299.20 points for Andover.

Ty said, "Everyone put in their best effort to work together to bring ourselves to achieve what we did. The divers – Jack Belluche, Rob DeLaus, and Matt Grottkau – gave us some crucial points. The rest of the meet was up and down between teams, but after the last individual event we were able to pull ahead."

Rossi said, "I am most proud of the team for remaining humble through the meet. We did not go in expecting to win, and that insecurity propelled us in all of our races to swim to the best of our ability."

Although Andover will lose the talent and leadership of six Senior swimmers and two Senior divers, the team hopes to complete another successful season next winter.

Alberga said, "I want to continue the team's tradition of upholding values of respect, courtesy, and humility as we not only represent ourselves, but our school community as well. Next season, I want every guy to be able to step up and show everyone why we aren't just a championship team, but also that we are a part of the 105-year old Andover Swimming dynasty. Our goal is to win New England's again next year, but more than that, I want everyone to be able to look at the character of each member on our team and be able to admire our culture and the values that we uphold."

When asked about the future of the team, Coach Fox wrote, "We are losing tremendous talent and leadership from our Co-Captains Marcello Rossi and Darren Ty as well as our other seniors: Michael Najem, Sarp Orgul, Nick Faulkner, and Thomas Choi. We will see who is in the pool in November, and we will again focus on being the best swimmers and divers we can be within the context that is life at Andover."

WRESTLING

Girls Win U.S.A. Wrestling Massachusetts State Girl's Folkstyle Tournament

JENNIFER LEE

Four female wrestlers from Andover competed at the 2016 U.S.A. Wrestling Massachusetts State Girl's Folkstyle tournament over Spring Vacation, which was held at Springfield Technical Community College. Second-year wrestlers Josie Simmons '17 and Martha Gao '17 both won individual titles in the 120-pound weight group and 130-pound weight group, respectively. First-year wrestlers Lizzy Seero '18 and Melanie Tlaseca-Verde '19 each claimed second place in their respective weight groups. Andover's strong performances ultimately led the girls to win the tournament's team title.

In the semi-finals of her weight group, Simmons won by pin with a time of 4:45 minutes. Despite losing to the 139-pound champion in an exhibition match, Simmons went on to pin her opponent in the finals with a time of 2:42 minutes, sealing her a first place victory. Simmons's efforts and impressive performances in the championship bracket earned her the title of "Outstanding Wrestler of

the tournament."

Gao said, "The week before the tournament was finals week, so we all tried to fit in an hour of training a day to stay fit. Since all of our training was done during the season, that week was just to keep our skills up."

Gao won an individual title in her weight class. In her exhibition matches, Gao won 9-6 and pinned her opponent with a time of 1:29 minutes.

Gao said, "At the tourna-

ment, I won state with no contest at 121 pounds, so my highlight was during my first match where I was down by two points with only a minute to go, but I managed to reverse and get back points to win the match 9-6."

"I'm super proud of the way our girls team has gained recognition this year, and how far we've all come since last year and the start of the season. I'm especially proud of our first year wrestlers, who

kept with this demanding sport, learned to love it, and improved so much from the start of the season, when neither of them had ever set foot on a mat," continued Gao.

As one of the few competitors in the 160-pound weight class, Seero claimed a second-place finish after losing by pin in the finals with a time of 1:30 minutes, as well as in her exhibition match with a time of 5:00 minutes.

Seero said, "Training for

this meet was unique, because we had to schedule practices around finals, and we could only be on the mat for an hour with the coaches. But finals were the least of our obstacles, as we went from six sections of the mat in the Smith center to just one hidden away in the Cage... It was really intimate and a wonderful way for all of us to bond."

When asked about her performance, Seero said, "My very first match in

the season I was pinned in 17 seconds, and now I am second in the state for female wrestlers. I was extremely self-conscious of my ability and I refused to see myself as worthy competition, but through hard work and support from the team, I have found joy in competing instead of dreading it."

Tlaseca-Verde also earned an impressive second place finish in the 140-pound weight group. Although she lost by pin in both the finals and in the exhibition match with times of 3:01 minutes and 4:51 minutes, respectively, Tlaseca-Verde maintained good focus and strong technique throughout her matches.

Tlaseca-Verde said, "Winning the tournament was my second priority, having fun was my first. Being able to share the joy of victory with my team was definitely a highlight of the tournament."

The girls hope to wrestle with the same intensity and focus, and they will look to finish their season on a high note. The girls will travel to Oklahoma City from March 25 to March 26 for the U.S.A. Wrestling Folkstyle National Tournament.



COURTESY OF ANDOVER WRESTLING

Head Coach Rich Gorham, left, Melanie Tlaseca-Verde '19, Elizabeth Seero '18, Martha Gao '17, and Josie Simmons '17.

GIRLSLACROSSE

Girls Travel to Florida for Spring Training

JENNIFER LEE

Over Spring Vacation, Andover Girls Lacrosse traveled to Clearwater, Fla., to practice and train for its upcoming season.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Head Coach Kate Dolan wrote, “The trip to Florida was for any girl interested in lacrosse – it was not a ‘varsity’ trip – we had 26 players go and all had a great time. The trip had a lot of opportunities for scrimmages and game play so we took advantage of that and those opportunities helped the group as well as individuals assess areas for improvement and as well as strengths. Individually and collectively, there is a lot to work on as is true at this point in every season.”

In Florida, the team used two sets of fields over the course of

five days. As a part of its training, Andover played four full-length games and six 30-minute games in a round-robin tournament.

Co-Captain Claire Kister ’16 said, “We were able to scrimmage at least one team a day. It was especially exciting to play Middlesex, who is our first opponent in the regular season. They were quick, aggressive, and smart. It was great to have the opportunity to play such a strong team during preseason.”

Throughout the week, Andover focused its training on strength and conditioning, as well as on forming a stronger team dynamic.

Co-Captain Kelly McCarthy ’16 said, “The main focuses of our practices and drills this past week were to develop our ability to work together on the field. Most players came into

the trip with refined individual skills but needed work on their team offensive and defensive skills.”

When asked about the team’s offensive and defensive training, Beth Krikorian ’17 said, “Our main focuses were moving the ball on offense and having a creative team dynamic on offense. On defense, we worked on making sure we have a strong help defense and are able to crash onto the ball when one of our defenders needs help.”

Kister said, “We focused on a range of things during practice. Drills, stick-work, and team bonding exercises. Kelly and I were especially excited that a lot of younger girls decided to come on the trip.”

Last year’s team was comprised of six Seniors, five Up-pers, six Lowers, and two Juniors. Of the six Seniors the

team lost, one was an attacker, two were midfielders, and three were defenders.

Kister and McCarthy both acknowledged the massive responsibility of their roles as Co-Captains, as they will be filling the shoes of former Captain Caroline Garrity ’15, who will be missed for her strong leadership and offensive prowess.

Kister said, “I am really excited to play with younger girls. As a Senior, sometimes you don’t have the opportunity to get to know the underclassmen. There are so many underclassmen trying out for the team, and I am happy that I have the opportunity to play with them.”

After finishing last season with a 4-8-2 record, the team hopes to do a better job of controlling the intensity and maintaining control throughout the game.

McCarthy said, “The team’s main goal for the season is to finish every game. My past few seasons of Andover Lacrosse have had many games resulting in losses by just one goal. This year we want to gain momentum early on and maintain that throughout each game.”

Andover also hopes to create a strong and inclusive team environment.

Dolan wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, “The goals for the varsity team for the season are to form a team that is cohesive, inclusive, relentless in its purpose, and proud to represent and compete for [Andover].”

Andover will continue to practice and develop team camaraderie, in preparation for its first game on April 4 against Middlesex.

BASEBALL

Andover Displays Promise In Preseason Training

LEO BROTHER

Armed with an arsenal of new talent surrounding a strong group of veterans, Andover Baseball played seven games at its preseason training in Florida. The team took a 10-4 win against Avon Old Farms, an 11-2 win over Rivers, and a 4-4 tie against Cheshire Academy. It also played four games against teams from Canada.

After spending the winter practicing indoors in Massachusetts, the team headed to Florida to play in an outdoor environment and get used to playing competitively before the regular season.

Head Coach Kevin Graber said, “The Florida trip’s always interesting because by and large, it’s our first time setting foot outside. This year, we didn’t have one practice. So we got to Florida, and we played a game on our first day and it’s like going from zero to 100 miles an hour in the blink of an eye. So, the first goal is to keep everybody healthy. But it is nice to get out there and see fly balls under a blue sky, and ground balls on green grass, and play catch outside and see live pitching and stuff like that. That’s just the goal, to get out there and play baseball outside.”

Andover faced tough competition from Cheshire. In its second day together as a team, Andover played a full nine-inning game with its top players in the lineup.

Coach Graber said, “Two of the best teams in the region are Cheshire Academy and Avon Old Farms. We played Cheshire day two, on Tuesday, and we finished with Avon on Friday. Those are really competitive games in which we try to run our strongest lineups out there and actually try to win those games, and they save their best for us as well.”

“Against Avon, we faced Matt Gill – one of the top pitchers in the northeast –



COURTESY OF ANDOVER BASEBALL

Richie Ciuffo '16 fields a ground ball.

and we had him out of the game two or three innings in; we hit him up pretty well. It was our last game, so it felt pretty good to bring that win up north with us as we head into the season. We beat a good team that’s from the New England area, so I think that in general gave us a lot of momentum,” said Post Graduate (PG) Richie Ciuffo ’16.

Andover saw incredible offensive capability throughout the lineup, putting up ten runs to Avon’s four. With the addition of PG Ciuffo to an offensive core consisting of catcher John Simourian ’16 and infielder Matt Whalen ’16, Andover expects to win games with its dominant hitters.

Coach Graber said, “Offensively, you can’t hide from us, anywhere in the lineup. I think we’re going to score a lot of runs... We’ve always been very pitching centered. This year we’re going to be very offensively minded and the pitching will have to prove itself. It’s a bit of a role reversal from years past.”

Despite the transition to a more offense-minded gameplan this season, Andover still bolstered its pitching rotation over the offseason. PG Matt Wesolowski ’16, who

stands at an intimidating 6’6”, and Sam Conte ’18 joined returners Robbie Cerulle ’17 and Travis Lane ’18 on the mound in the Florida games. As a team, the Andover defense gave up four runs in each game.

The transition from a pitching centric team was noticeable and effective immediately, as Andover’s offense proved itself in a dominant performance against Avon. Despite the change, the team is now confident that it has a chance to win the Central New England Prep School Baseball League (CNEPSBL) title this year. Andover’s baseball program, which has earned six titles since 1995, suffered a devastating loss in last year’s championship game. Now that it has seen the new offense in action, there is confidence throughout the program that it can hang another championship banner.

Ciuffo said, “The team definitely built more chemistry down south then we would have just practicing in the cage. [In the batter’s box], we squared up really well and we played exceptional defense.”

Andover’s first game of the season will be at St. John’s Prep on Saturday.

SOFTBALL

Girls Excel At ESPN Wide World of Sports

ISABELLE BECKWITH

After cruising to an undefeated record last season, Andover Softball travelled to the ESPN Wide World of Sports over Spring Vacation for its preseason trip for the 2016 season. This year, Andover looks to maintain the same passion, determination, and work ethic that carried it to its dominant season last year: a process that started with preseason training.

Head Coach Peter Drench, Assistant Coaches Bruce Bacon and Lindsay Maroney ’07, and former Andover catcher Sarah Onorato ’12 travelled to Florida along with 17 players.

The team played a total of eight games on the trip and finished with a record of 6-1-1. Its opponents included Bloomfield, Newark Academy, Lawrenceville, Nutley, and Blair Academy. Most notably, the team recorded two dominant wins against Blair Academy; Andover swept the first game 16-0 before winning the second 10-6. The team notched similarly emphatic victories over Lawrenceville, following up a 9-1 victory with a 6-2 win to seal the doubleheader.

The team made major improvements in all aspects of its game, especially offense, while its time off of the field was spent building better communication skills and stronger bonds.

Co-Captain and starting infielder Victoria Bergeron ’16 said, “Something I really saw improve was our offense. [At first, people were] having problems with their timing because it was our first time seeing live pitching in a while.

But by the end of the trip, we were putting up a lot of runs. We were capitalizing on our good opportunities, we were finding the pitches we wanted to hit, and [we were] not swinging at balls.”

Not only did its batting and offensive play improve, but Andover worked hard on its overall team dynamic, defense, and communication.

Co-Captain and pitcher Kristina Haghdan ’17 said, “Last year we struggled to have a consistent team dynamic, and one of our main goals this year is to have a consistent team dynamic from the beginning of the season to the end. I think we are on a good path to make that goal happen.”

Bergeron said, “Defensively, I think we improved a lot on our communication and we gelled as a team both on and off the field. Our team bonding off the field translated onto the field and people now trust each other and people are aware of each other’s strengths and weaknesses. We went into the trip with no starting catcher and over

the [course of the] trip three girls, with the help of Sarah Onorato ’12, really developed and proved themselves to be capable of their position.”

Second baseman Colby Bere ’18 said, “This season, similar to last, we have two of the best pitchers in our league, Kristina is returning, and Erin Gallo is a new PG. I think their pitching is going to be a big part of our success this year.”

Andover finished the 2015 season with a 20-0 record, a noteworthy achievement that it hopes to replicate this year.

Bere said, “Last year, we went undefeated in the regular season and won the Big East tournament, so one of our main goals this season is definitely to keep that legacy going. I’m really excited for our games this season and for the tournament. We did have one loss in Florida, but I think that game taught us a lot and we really improved.”

Andover will travel to Methuen High School for its first scrimmage of the season next Wednesday.



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Andover compiled a 6-1-1 record during preseason.

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SOFTBALL

Jacquie Diffley

NITISH KALPAT

With a background in multiple sports including field hockey, ice hockey, and softball, Jacquie Diffley '16 will bring experience and raw athleticism to Andover Softball. Diffley began playing softball at a young age and played four years of softball at BB&N prior to Andover.

Diffley's foremost goal is to become a good teammate both on and off the field. She hopes to bring positive energy, as well as her experience, to motivate the team to compete at a high level.

Head Coach Peter Drench said, "Jacquie brings her athletic ability and softball experience. Her competitive and joyful spirit – she enjoys playing in tough games – is a gift. As an important player on our field hockey and ice hockey teams this year, Jacquie has already added considerably to [Andover] teams."

Coach Drench had high praise for Diffley after the flashes of talent he saw during preseason. "I know her well as a player and am confident that Jacquie will be a key contributor in the



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of Jacquie to be a reliable player."

middle of our batting order, playing the outfield and, on occasion, the infield. She gives her best no matter what the challenge," he said.

Teammate Kristina Haghdan '17 said, "She is very versatile because she can play both infield and outfield, which allows her to contribute to the team in multiple ways. I expect her to improve and build stronger relationships on the team, and I am very excited to see how this season plays out with the development

Diffley has already fit right in during the team's preseason trip to Florida. Diffley said, "Spring training in Florida was a great time to get to know the team before the season officially started. I am looking forward to a great season."

After an undefeated season last year, the addition of Diffley will be beneficial in the push for another strong season.

SOFTBALL

Erin Gallo

ANJUNAE CHANDRAN

Erin Gallo '16, the 2015 Gatorade Massachusetts Softball Player of the Year, will play a key role in Andover's success this season with her experience, talent, and humility. As a pitcher, Gallo will pair with Co-Captain and pitcher Kristina Haghdan '17 to create a dangerous duo for Andover Softball's opponents.

Following the athletic legacy of her parents, Gallo began playing softball at the age of five. Her parents made the quick decision to sign her up to a local recreational league, and through hard work and practice, Gallo became the star pitcher and hitter that she is today.

Gallo wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I played in the town league for five years, then joined my first competitive travel team when I was ten. I've played nonstop ever since."

Haghdan said, "What [Gallo] is really good [at] is that she is able to throw off batters with different timed speeds, which I personally don't have. I just have a consistent speed so we definitely complement each other in



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the sense that we have two different ways of throwing teams off balance especially if we face them more than once."

Noting Gallo's offensive prowess, Co-Captain Victoria Bergeron '16 said, "Erin, now stepping in as our third batter, provides power because she is a very versatile hitter. She is a lefty, so she can slap, she can bunt for a base hit, and she can also be a power hitter. Erin is a great addition and she is helping us both offensively and defen-

sively." Gallo wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I really feel this team has meshed and we've definitely gotten to know each other, which is going to help us a lot on the field. We played some great games in Florida and we are really excited to start our season."

With the addition of Gallo, Andover is optimistic that it will have another successful season.

BASEBALL

Richie Ciufu

ANJUNAE CHANDRAN

Modeling himself after Dustin Pedroia of the Boston Red Sox, shortstop Richard Ciufu '16 hopes to make a large impact on Andover Boys Baseball this season with his passion for the game and leadership ability.

Ciufu wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I really like Pedroia. He's a short guy who's gritty and loves to play the game hard. I try and model my game off of players like him who are passionate about the game."

Commenting on Ciufu's performance and skills, fellow teammate Sam Conte '18 said, "I would say that Richie is one of the best baseball players I've seen in a while. The way he conducts himself on and off the field is something that I want to acknowledge. [He is] adding to the team, coming in as a new [Post-Graduate], and becoming part of the team. He has a great relationship with everybody. He is willing to help the new kids to the program. And he has really become



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an amazing leader in this program."

Ciufu's skills on the diamond are largely due to his years of experience with baseball.

Ciufu wrote, "My dad put a glove on my hand the day I was born, and I've played ever since I was able to walk."

Later in life, Ciufu progressed into a standout high school player. He played on the varsity baseball team at the Patchford-Medford High

School in Medford, N.Y. for all four years that he attended. Now, Ciufu is ready to finish off his high school career with a successful season at Andover this spring.

Ciufu wrote, "Our team is ready to beat anyone we face. We're a bunch of brothers, and I can't wait to get out on the field with them. We had an awesome spring training trip, and we're ready to get after it and compete for a championship."

BASEBALL

Nick Latham

NITISH KALPAT

A seasoned baseball player from Salem, Mass., Nick Latham '16 will bring leadership and versatility to the skilled lineup of Andover Boys Baseball this season.

Latham began playing baseball in his front yard with his father and neighbors and has been playing ever since. Recently, Latham played four years of varsity baseball at St. John's Prep where he was captain during his Senior year. His team won three consecutive Catholic Conference Championships, and Latham won the Athletic Director's Award for his leadership in baseball.

Latham hopes to help Andover at several positions.

"I believe I can come to the team and fill in an open spot in the outfield, while helping at first base and on the mound when needed. Hopefully I can add some power to the middle of the lineup and drive in a lot of runs," said Latham.

Head Coach Kevin Gra-



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ber said, "Nick is a really big bat in the middle of our lineup. He hits the ball hard, drives in runs, and adds power at the plate we lacked last year. Nick's also extremely versatile – he's an excellent outfielder and first baseman and will help us on the mound as well."

Co-Captain Payton Jancsy '16 already noticed the talent and immediate impact of Latham during the team's preseason trip to Florida.

"Nick has brought leadership to the team. He is a seasoned vet and obviously knows how to swing the bat. He was one of our best pitchers and seemed to get the job done at first and in the outfield as well," said Jancsy.

After falling to Worcester Academy last year in the Nepsac title game, Andover's title chances will be buoyed by Latham this season.

BASEBALL

Matt Wesolowski

ANDY KIM

After notching a standout performance at the preseason session for Andover Boys Baseball, pitcher Matt Wesolowski '16 will anchor Andover's fielding game this season.

Head Coach Kevin Graber said, "Our hope is that Matt will be a big arm on the front end of our pitching rotation. Matt really does have the ability to be an intimidating force on the mound, at 6-foot-6, 220 pounds, with plus velocity on his fastball, and a true strikeout pitch in his slider."

"Matt will be a standout pitcher in our league. He has a great mix of pitches

and always does a great job of hitting his spots. He is a great leader in the dugout and knows what it takes to win. With him on the bump, I like our chances of winning. Our whole team has confidence in him, and we believe with him playing well there shouldn't be many teams who will be able to hit him," said Co-Captain Payton Jancsy '16.

Wesolowski was crucial in several of Andover's resounding wins over strong teams in Florida, including a 10-4 victory over Avon Old Farms and a 11-2 victory over Rivers. Much of his skill and leadership comes from his long history with baseball.

Wesolowski said, "My

family has always had a baseball background. My dad played in college at Yale, both my older brothers played [little league]

in high school, [and] one of my brothers played in college."



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Teammate Robert Cerrulle '17 said, "He's [an] integral part of our team. He's really good on the bump. Every single ball he throws just moves really well."

His veteran leadership and athleticism will be crucial to Andover's performance this season.

Fellow pitcher Travis Lane '18 said, "Weso has been an awesome addition to the team. His leadership and strong starts in Florida were good signs and really showed what type of kid and player he is. He brings a spark to the field every day which makes it even more enjoyable to play baseball [with him]."

Sam Conte '18 said, "I

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GIRLSLACROSSE

Livy Golini

REUBEN PHILIP

After stepping up as Andover Field Hockey's starting goalie, Olivia Golini '16 has proved to be a presence in the net for Andover Girls Lacrosse as well. Although field hockey is Golini's primary sport, she brings valuable experience to the lacrosse team both as a goalie and an athlete.

Golini's main attribute is communication and dominance in the back of the field which keeps the team in sync.

"I'm a very loud and vocal player. I believe that communication on the field is very important to working together, and to the overall success of the team, so I make sure to talk as much as I can, but in an effective way. I am also very aggressive which catches a lot of teams off guard," said Golini.

"Livy is an outstanding goaltender. What makes her stand out from other great goalies is her ability to positively communicate across the field. Her voice is loud yet calm,



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and always a productive presence on the field," said co-captain Kelly McCarthy '16.

Returner Lauren Overly '17 said, "Livy has already made a strong impact on the team, because she is an amazing leader both on and off the field. She's like a brick wall and almost nothing can get past her. We are so lucky to have her."

McCarthy said, "She had a great run at pre-season. In our first few

games, the team was still turning the ball over quite a bit which resulted in lots of shots on Livy, but she came up huge with saving many difficult shots."

Controlling the team as the rock of Andover's defense, Golini's physical and technical skills will play a key role in Andover success this year.

GOLF

Chelsea Liu

STAFF REPORT

Hailing from Shanghai, China, Chelsea Liu '16 will look to bolster the top half of Andover Golf's lineup this spring.

Liu is an experienced golfer, having captured two top-three finishes in national events as recently as August 2015. She secured first- and third-place finishes in the HJGT Disney Junior Classic and the Premier Junior Tour Major Championship at Celebration Golf Club, respectively.

Orlando Figus '16, who plays for the varsity team, said, "[Chelsea] already has a lot of tournament experience as she played [American Junior Golf Association events] in Philadelphia and New York. I think she will have a positive impact on our team."

Confident in her long game, Liu drives roughly 250 yards off the tee and will rely on her ball striking this season.

Co-Captain Pranav Tadikonda '16 said, "Chelsea has a nice swing and plays well off the tee, which re-



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ally puts her in good positions in the fairway for her approach shots. We're really excited to see what she can do once we get into competition play."

Head Coach Brian D. Faulk '00 said, "Chelsea should play at the top of our lineup. Although I have not seen her play much, I have been impressed with her length and power off the tee."

Most importantly, Liu brings an incredibly calm and kind demeanor to An-

dover.

Co-Captain Peter Hahn '16 said, "Chelsea will be a strong addition to the team because she can bring a lot of experience as a PG. Newcomers can struggle with the pressure of competitive match play, but I don't see that being a problem for Chelsea."

"She is a wonderful teammate who will bring a positive and enthusiastic attitude on the cold and windy days of April," said Coach Faulk.

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Nick Ellerton

ANANDA KAO

As a long-pole defender, Nick Ellerton '16 will use his communication skills in order to organize and direct Andover's defense. Ellerton has been playing lacrosse since the age of three.

Ellerton stands out on defense because of his wide range of skill, knowledge and communication.

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "[Ellerton] is a terrific cover guy, excellent off-ball defender, communicates really well and is very good off the ground. His compete level is off the charts."

Andover plans on taking the season one game at a time, and Ellerton will help set an example to his teammates by constantly working hard.

Ellerton said, "What's important is that we come together as a team and give our best effort game in and game out. We want to hold ourselves accountable and do not want to lose any games because we got outworked."



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This season, Ellerton looks to step up as a leader on the team, be a role model to the younger players, and help keep everyone focused.

Ellerton said, "We're a tight-knit group already, and you can tell everyone really cares about the other guys on the team, and it's a great atmosphere to be a part of. I can't wait to get out on the field and fight alongside my brothers on this team each and every game."

"There is no question in my mind that [Ellerton] will make everyone around him better this year. I feel extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to coach him," concluded Coach Moreland.

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Scot Gladstone

ANDY KIM

Scot Gladstone '16, an All-Montana Lacrosse state selection out of Helena High School, will look to serve as both a veteran presence and a source of amicability on Andover Boys Lacrosse this year.

Loved and respected by all those on the team, Gladstone is the backbone of the team's defense.

"He tries the hardest when he's out there and will leave everything on the field," said Larson Tolo '18,

"[He] will do anything for his teammates," continued Tolo.

Gladstone is a valuable asset to the team because of his sheer strength and resistance.

Conor Zachar '19 said, "He's a big and strong defender and he uses that to his advantage."

Myles Rohm '16 said, "I'd say Scot Gladstone as a defender is the hardest working on the field, and walking into that as an attackman it is extremely difficult knowing you're going against a defenseman who's going to be work-



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ing just as hard as you to get to every ball and to get to every check."

Besides being an affable figure, Gladstone holds the team together by maintaining an active presence on the defensive end.

"Scot's a real team player on defense. He uses his size to his advantage in order to keep opponents out of the dangerous areas on the field. He always keeps a positive attitude, making the [Post-Graduate] an admirable team leader. Scot's

always there to make the team a more cohesive unit," said Nick Bevacqua '19.

Gladstone said, "I look forward to a successful season with the boys. All I know is that I will come everyday and work my hardest to make sure this team is reaching our full potential."

Gladstone will look to lead a young Andover team into its season, while exuding an aura of hulking strength and dedicated companionship.

BOYSLACROSSE

Myles Romm

ANANDA KAO

A power-player on both offense and defense, Myles Romm '16 will control the midfield of Andover Boys Lacrosse this year. Hailing from Potomac, Md., Romm is a veteran lacrosse player with years of experience.

Romm comes from a lacrosse family, as his father and brothers all played the sport.

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "[Rohm] is an old-school, two-way middie - dynamic offensively, very responsible defensively, and outstanding in transition. [He's] a midfielder with a motor that won't quit. I love his

energy and tenacity."

Aiming to help Andover on all parts of the field, Romm looks to utilize his many individual strengths to benefit the team.

Romm said, "My main strengths are my speed in transition, my aggression, and using my height to my advantage. This year I hope I can bring my speed to quicken the offensive pace."

"Myles Romm is by far the fastest kid I've ever played with. His speed combined with his extensive experience in the sport will make him one of the top players on our team this season. From the top of the box when he dodges to the cage, he uses his body to get

into his man and uses his speed to get into his defenseman. He's almost impossible to guard when



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he gets into the alley and his shots are absolutely deadly to opposing goalkeepers. I have absolute-

ly no doubt he will be one of our top contributors on the offensive end this season," said returning defenseman Larson Tolo '18.

Having already played four years of high-school lacrosse, Romm wants to help Andover's young offense come together as one unit as well as get used to the higher level of play.

Romm said, "As a team, our goal is to fight and play as one cohesive unit. Together we will be able to win and stay calm during high pressured situations. We might encounter a handful of [one] goal games, and it is my hope we will energetically attack and win each one."

Stepping up as a lead-

er on the team this year, Romm's focus lies in being a good teammate both on and off the field.

Coach Moreland said, "What I respect and admire most about [Romm] is what a good teammate he is. He is selfless in all he does and would do anything to help the team win."

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Following the Yellow Brick Road:

Carrie St. Louis '08 Lands Leading Role on Broadway

STAFF REPORT

Suspended 52 feet in the air, Carrie St. Louis '08 nervously waited in the dark for her first performance of “Wicked” to begin. As she described in an interview with *The Phillipian*, St. Louis played the role as the good witch, Glinda, for the first time in 2014 in Norfolk, Va., as part of the national tour cast. In the opening act, St. Louis descends on a mechanical structure emulating a bubble while wearing a 40-pound dress and holding a Swarovski crystal wand.

“My hands were sweating and I was like ‘Oh my God! I can’t turn back now! I gotta do it now!’ I think when I focus on how excited I am to be able to have the opportunity to do this and I get to do this

as my job I sort of forget about the nerves. I just had so much fun. It’s just such a blast,” said St. Louis in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

St. Louis took the role of Glinda in the Broadway production of “Wicked” this February after being transferred from the national tour. The musical tells the story of the Wicked Witch of the West, named Elphaba, and Glinda, the Good Witch in “The Wizard of Oz.” The story begins with the pair arriving at Oz University and follows the development of the pair’s friendship. The musical goes on to explain how Glinda becomes the Good Witch and Elphaba the Wicked Witch, before ending with the melting of Elphaba.

“Playing Glinda in ‘Wicked’ is definitely a dream. I mean for the past ten years I’ve always said ‘Oh, I just would really love to play Glinda’ and now I’m play-

ing Glinda on Broadway so it’s kinda crazy! Kind of the ultimate dream,” said St. Louis.

To land the role of Glinda, St. Louis underwent a five-round audition process. During the auditions she participated in workshops with the casting director, music director, and the composer of the musical, Stephen Schwartz. St. Louis was also given a ticket to watch “Wicked” on Broadway to better understand the musical.

“I think ‘Wicked’ is so incredible and... It has lasted so long because... it’s such detailed work that goes into every part of the process and [the production team] don’t let anything just slide. I’m grateful that they put me through it,” said St. Louis.

St. Louis has been acting since she was seven, performing in various community theater shows in her hometown of Palm Desert, Calif.

“It’s second nature to me now, and I just love performing for people and I love making people smile and I love affecting people’s lives in the way that they can come and they can forget about everything that’s going on in their lives and just enjoy the experience and I get to tell them a story. It’s kind of a crazy way of life,” said St. Louis.

When she arrived at Andover as a new Lower, St. Louis began to focus more on theater and music. She joined The Fidelio Society and Azure and traveled into Boston every weekend to study with a voice teacher. She also performed in Andover productions such as



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Carrie St. Louis '08 descends on a mechanical bubble in the opening act of “Wicked.”

the musicals “Violet” and “Urinetown,” and the play “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

“There [are] so many theater opportunities [at Andover]. They’ve got 24 hour plays or the big musical or all the different plays that go on throughout the year so I never had a limit as to how much I could be doing on top of courses or school work,” said St. Louis.

Despite her success, St. Louis acknowledges the challenges in a theatrical career.

“I think [theater is] a lot more work than I realized. It’s a lot of work in terms of soul searching. You have to be really confident in yourself because you’ll hear a lot of ‘nos.’ It’s high highs and low lows in terms of the business. So you have to be very confident and you have to love what you do. But at the same time it is so worth it in the end. The payoff is so great that all the work that you put in, in the end will be worth it. So just gotta keep pushing,” said St. Louis.



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Carrie St. Louis '08 performs “Popular” with co-star Alyssa Fox.

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CHLOE’S CORNER

A weekly column by Chloe Lee '17

Call me crazy, but despite last weekend’s snow-covered campus and 40 degree weather, spring is officially here. I plan to devote the next several columns to fashion ideas for the new season, but first thing’s first. Let’s take care of the basics: skin, hair, hands, and nails. Let’s get our beauty regimen in order!

Skin: For the face, it’s time to switch to the oil-free moisturizer. We had to use heavy creams during the dead of winter, even if it meant clogging pores and risking more acne, but with more humidity and warmth, we won’t need so much moisture. Don’t forget sunscreen!

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Hair: Common sense would dictate you need less moisturizing conditioner when there is more humidity in the air. However, I would pay attention to how your hair responds. If your hair is looking oily or limp, I would use a lighter moisturizing conditioner. But if your hair is dyed, highlighted, damaged, or dry, I would continue using deep conditioning.

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Hands & Nails: Moisturize your hands religiously and your nails will benefit, too. Keep a tube of nice-smelling hand moisturizer in your backpack. Whip it out during class and the wafting scent will entice others to ask you for some.

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In San Francisco, Music and Dance

Departments Collaborate on Trip

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Just before starting a performance at the Mission Dolores Basilica, a church in San Francisco, Calif., Charles Stacy '16, a singer in The Fidelio Society, realized that he had forgotten his button-up shirt at the hotel. Stacy was forced to scavenge through the lost and found and ended up wearing an old chef’s shirt to the concert, as he described to *The Phillipian*.

This performance was one of three that the Academy Orchestra, Andover Dance Group (ADG), and Fidelio showcased on a five-day tour of the San Francisco area during Spring Vacation. This was the first tour resulting from a collaboration between the Music and Dance departments.

“We’ve never actually partnered with the dance department before, but it’s something that we always wanted to do. There were a lot more moving parts since we had dancers, we had singers, we had musicians... The music [for Appalachian Spring] is very difficult. The choreography is very difficult. And to see high school kids doing it with so much nuance and understanding was really kind of mind-boggling,” said Holly Barnes, Director of Perfor-

mance.

The largest show on the tour was the first performance, which took place at Stanford University. The Andover students performed “Appalachian Spring”, a dance choreographed by Judith Wombwell, Instructor and Chair in Theater and Dance, that is set to music by Aaron Copland, as well as three other shorter dance pieces. Additionally, the orchestra partnered with the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra, a local public student orchestra, to play “La Casa del Diavolo,” by Luigi Boccherini.

“I think from an overall show perspective, the Stanford performance went better [than our other performances], because we were in an actual theater and it felt more professional. We were doing a performance very similar to one that we would be doing at Andover, so I guess I felt more like I was really there performing as a performer on stage,” said Lizzie McGonagle '16, Co-Captain of ADG.

To prepare for their performances, the students practiced for three hours every day on tour. The tour also gave students opportunities to explore San Francisco, including excursions to places like Muir Woods, the Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito, and Fisherman’s Wharf.

“Well San Francisco’s a fantastic city, and I never really spent a whole lot of time there, so I think it was just being able to turn your head and ‘Oh there’s some colorful piece of art that’s just there, like a mural.’ I think that’s what made San Francisco such an exciting place; you can’t not have fun given free reign,” said Erica Nork '16, Co-Captain of ADG.

The tour ended with a show at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, California. Taking place in the school’s wrestling room, the performance was less formal than the one at Stanford.

“We were in a gym that was maroon and gold, and ‘Appalachian Spring’ was all pastel colors, so we kind of clashed with our surroundings. But then once the dancers started, they were just transcendent. You just really felt like you were in this incredibly beautiful world, and they really understood the piece. The musicians played so well, and the dancers danced so well. I always talk about theater being, you want to create magic and you want to take the audience somewhere else and make them forget where they are, and that happened in a high school gym. It was really unbelievable,” said Wombwell.

Illustration of the Week

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