



Sam Bird '18 & Eastlyn Frankel '18 Elected 2017-2018 Student Body Co-Presidents



Sam Bird '18 and Eastlyn Frankel '18 celebrated their victory Thursday night in Day Hall. I.LEE/THE PHILLIPIAN

STAFF REPORT

After months of collecting signatures, campaigning, and debating, the students' votes have been cast and Sam Bird '18 and Eastlyn Frankel '18 have been elected Student Body Co-Presidents for the 2017-2018 school year. The polls opened before class Thursday morning and were closed at 9:30 p.m. Thursday evening.

According to their platform, the pair has three major focuses for the upcoming school year. First, they will work to increase interaction between grades by emphasizing different mentorship programs and mixed-grade programming and activities to make sure that students who are in different grades get to know each other, which will create a

stronger and closer community at Andover.

Second, they want to prioritize health and wellness among students. They will implement different health, wellness, and sleep challenges to encourage healthy behavior among students. The pair also aims to put water fountains in every dorm to emphasize good hydration habits.

Third, through the implementation of forums and panels, the pair hopes to ensure that students' voices are heard on issues like the new schedule, so that the student body has a say in what the upcoming years at Andover will be like.

Bird and Frankel have a strong relationship and great chemistry with each other. Though they do not have prior student council experience,

they are ready to learn and bring an outsider's perspective to student government in order to lead the student body effectively for the next year.



Bird and Frankel became friends as performers in Under the Bed. I.LEE/THE PHILLIPIAN

Campbell Munn '19 Receives President's Volunteer Service Award

STAFF REPORT

After collecting a total of 5,000 lacrosse shorts and pinnies, Campbell Munn '19 received the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) on February 22. The PVSA certificate featured President Barack Obama's signature and the Points of Light Foundation emblem, recognizing Munn's volunteer work.

By recognizing United States residents for outstanding service in their communities, the PVSA aims to inspire people to take action and change the world, according to the PVSA website.

"It's nice to be recognized, but I didn't start [collecting lacrosse apparel] with the intention of receiving awards. I started it because I wanted to do something productive with something that I saw that was just wasting space," said Munn.

When he was in seventh grade, Munn started a charity called "Re-laxin" where he and his sister collected lacrosse clothing. As a lacrosse player himself, Munn noticed that he owned an abundance of pinnies and shorts but didn't use the majority of them. He also noticed that many other lacrosse players were experiencing the same problem.

"I wanted to do something to put those shorts to use because they were sitting in my closet collecting dust... I'd been involved pretty heavily with the lacrosse community, especially people who are selling stuff and creating projects, and I started talking to them about it," said Munn.

Munn worked with his first partner, "Lax4All," whom he had reached out to through his lacrosse team, to begin his

drives. The first drive collected 500 shorts and pinnies. According to Munn, the achievement was a huge realization of the large impact he could have on a community, as he and his sister were the main drivers behind "Re-laxin."

Munn then worked to expand the scope of the charity so that it would reach even further beyond his hometown of Garden City, N.Y. He was able to reach out to his second partner, Harlem Lacrosse and Leadership. According to Munn, they had an incredible partnership.

"One of the guys who runs it, he's now the program director, his name is Joel Censer... and we've been working with him for a while now. We've probably given them, through three or four drives, around 750 pairs of shorts, which is really awesome," said Munn.

The third association Munn partnered with regularly was Hartford Lacrosse in Connecticut. Munn ran a large drive with them and also worked at one of their day camps.

"I think in all of our collection drives, we've collected 5,000 pairs of shorts and pinnies," Munn said.

As for Munn's future plans for "Re-laxin," he hopes to expand his outreach by maintaining his collection efforts.

"At the moment my plans for Re-laxin' are to just continue what I'm doing at the moment which is just to try to collect as much clothing as possible and to donate that as effectively and efficiently as possible. I just want to keep contributing to my community, a community that doesn't end at the borders of my town, but one that extends beyond that," said Munn.

Andover Admits 240th Class with Historically Low Acceptance Rate of 13%

ISABEL MIKHEEV AND JIMIN KIM

Thousands of students from around the globe waited with excitement and anticipation on March 10, the day Andover releases their admissions decisions. This year, the school welcomed its 240th admitted class. With over 3,000 completed applications, Andover accepted only 13 percent of applicants for the 2017-2018 school year, marking the lowest acceptance rate in the school's history.

In addition, \$6,200,000 of financial aid was awarded to new students. In the 2017-2018 school year, 48 percent of the projected student body will be on financial aid and 13 percent of the projected student body will be on full scholarship.

To help the admitted students make their decision, current students, as well as alumni and other members of the Andover community posted photos on Instagram with the hashtag #sayyestoandover. Each photo is unique and gives a reason for admittees to say "yes" to Andover.

"We actually came up with [the hashtag] last year, with the 239th admitted class. We were looking for a hashtag to use on social media that was also a call to action: we want the newly admitted students to actually say yes to Andover," said Vivien Mallick, Director of Admissions Operations, in an email to *The Phillipian*.

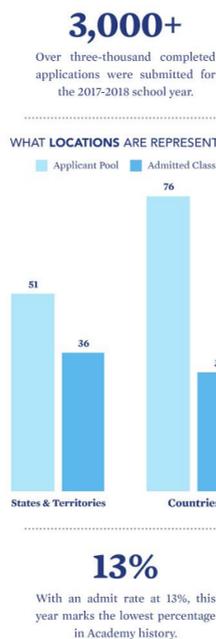
Kassie Archambault, As-

sistant Director in Admissions, said in an email to *The Phillipian*, "It is so much fun for our office to see newly admitted students using the #sayyestoandover hashtag. I can distinctly remember finding out that several students chose Andover through their use of the Instagram campaign. There is so much exciting, positive energy around it. It's also wonderful to see current students and alumni using the hashtag to share why they chose Andover, and all of the different reasons why they love and value our community."

Although Team Shuman does not know how much effect the hashtag has on the decision of accepted students, Mallick stated how it has been used to send welcome messages to accepted students and how the campaign speaks to the community and school spirit at Andover. Social media plays a role for students, both current and newly accepted.

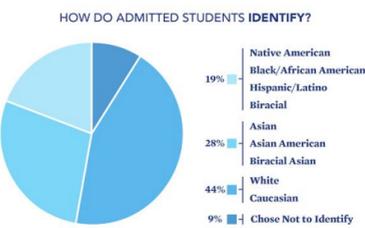
Kameron Saalfrank, a newly admitted student from the class of 2021, wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I saw #sayyestoandover in many of the Andover Admissions posts on social media, many of which were reposted from different athletic and academic teams. Each post really reached out to me as an individual, letting me know that many students at PA wanted me to become one of them. This welcomeness was one of many great factors that made me #sayyestoandover!"

240TH ADMITTED CLASS BY THE NUMBERS



2,305
Collectively, over two-thousand middle and high schools are represented in the applicant pool.

\$6,200,000
In total, over six million dollars worth of financial aid scholarships were awarded to new students.



Eden Cui '19 posted a photo on Instagram of herself and a few friends in Reykjavik, Iceland, where they traveled over spring break for a concert. Her photo represented current students from every grade.

"It was truly a memorable time and I think that the reason why we were able to make

such good memories was the idea of this trip that allowed us to bond. This is why I decided to post this photo; it shows what Andover has to offer you partly—new friends; awesome friends," said Cui.

"I think #sayyestoandover is a creative hashtag that helped many accepted applicants, in-

cluding me, decide to commit to Andover," said Saalfrank.

Some of these newly accepted students and their families will be coming to campus for Spring Visits on the last three days of March and April 3.

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More Than a Week

It's that time of the year again: that certain, peculiar week when Lower and Uppers just seem a little off. They might be wandering around the library searching for signatures or obsessively practicing their chants to perform before a crowd in Lower Right. They are crafting their political platforms, their applications, their audition dances. Yes, the time has come for the dreaded "Leadership Week," when applications for school-wide positions such as Cluster Council, Blue Key Heads, and EP Seniors are released.

With all of these positions up for grabs in one week, tensions are understandably running high. For many, this week serves as the culmination of their Andover careers, their chance to finally assume the leadership role they've been aspiring towards since Junior year. But when so much is built up around a dream of becoming a prefect in Nathan Hale or Rockwell, students run the risk of cracking under the pressure.

To make matters more complicated, many positions are more or less exclusive, and students have to make tough decisions as to which they pursue. For example, an Upper who runs for Cluster Co-President cannot be a Blue Key Head as well; if their run for office fails, they might have already lost their chance at donning a blue skirt. This process is a lesson in prioritization, of deciding which role is most important to you and taking a leap of faith.

For some Andover students, this week of important applications might be their first taste of disappointment, of the hard choices that they will have to make when they leave the comfortable bubble of high school and college. There is not always room in the equation for a backup plan, and sometimes even when you commit fully to chase a position you desire, you face rejection.

There have been countless opinion pieces and Facebook posts condemning the all-too-common practice of placing the entirety of one's self-worth on an arbitrary number of accrued leadership positions. We all know it is not healthy, and we all know it is not an accurate gauge of intelligence, involvement, or character. Still, we fanatically edit our applications, scour Upper Right for just one more signature, hoping and praying and pleading that our work is not in vain.

But the reality is that not being selected as a Proctor or Day Student Representative does not equate to a wasted Andover career. School-wide positions are not the be-all, end-all. This week does not have life-altering abilities. Pursue the positions you are truly dedicated to and work to leave your fear of failure behind.

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Skin Isn't Shameful

SARIKA RAO

SOMEHOW, MY SKIN manages to make me feel isolated. Since the age of 11, I've struggled with acne and continue to do so now, though to a lesser extent. While I've come a long way long way in terms of confidence about my skin, there are still complications that come with having acne that are worth addressing. Acne is stigmatized and portrayed as ugly, so I, like others who have acne, am often blamed for something I cannot control.

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Often times, TV and media avoid portraying someone with visible acne, and I believe this stems from the notion that acne is seen as unattractive. Even in commercials for skin products, the actors are shown washing clear skin and slathering lotions on a full face of makeup. When acne cannot even be shown by the companies who advertise solutions to it, it teaches people with acne to be ashamed of their skin. It teaches them that they must hide their acne and refrain

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from talking about it.

This is perpetuated on a personal level as well through the societal expectation to cover up one's acne with makeup. Even on campus, I have heard peers make



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disrespectful comments about others' skin, suggesting that they should cover it up. For many people with acne, including myself, using concealer can clog pores and make the condition worse, especially if used on a daily basis. Additionally, for many people, daily makeup takes a lot of effort and money that not everyone has. Plenty of people don't even consider hiding their acne because they don't see it as something that needs to be hidden, which is perfectly reasonable. While people are free to cover their acne with makeup, people who who decide against it should not be disparaged or isolated.

Personally, I leave my skin uncovered on a daily basis, and I always have. For some reason, my bare skin some-

times serves as an invitation for people to make unsolicited comments about my acne and give me unhelpful advice. I receive rude remarks from family and friends informing me when my acne gets worse

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and recommending a myriad of expensive products and treatment, as if I was previously unaware of the state of

my own skin. Although this comes from a good place, giving unsolicited advice about someone's acne places an unneeded importance on their skin rather than their personhood. It says that you are more concerned with clearing their skin than respecting them as a person.

A normal condition like acne should not be equated with a lack of hygiene or laziness of an individual. The tendency to give unsolicited comments on other people's skin promotes the idea that those with acne are at fault for causing it or failing to correct it. People are blamed for their own acne because those who have not experienced it believe that there are obvious solutions, which is not always the case.

The stigmatization and

portrayal of acne as ugly diminishes the self confidence of countless people. People who have acne often feel responsible for their condition and are ashamed of it. In order to promote self-love and inclusion, society must be

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more understanding of different skin.

Sarika Rao is a two-year Lower from Andover, Mass.

A Broken System

ADIN MCAULIFFE

OVER SPRING BREAK, I spent many days at the federal courthouse in my community where my mother serves as a federal judge. I was sitting face-to-face with a couple bringing civil charges against a veteran sergeant for the “unjustified” shooting and killing of their son, a claim based on an alleged violation of the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution concerning excessive use of force. The jury was instructed to decide whether the sergeant was justified or not in his use of force. If he was justified in his use of deadly force, he would not be found liable for the son’s death; if he was unjustified, then he would be found liable and required to pay compensation numbering in millions of dollars to the victim’s parents. Despite the high emotional and monetary stakes, trials like this happen everyday in the U.S. Secluded in our tightknit, insulated community, we are often blind to the responsibilities of being an American citizen and to the failures of our government and legal system.

The drama of the trial arose from conflicting accounts of the event. The sergeant was the only one who could testify. With the victim deceased, the absence of surveillance, and no witnesses, the night was reconstructed for the jury by the sergeant’s account and by the evidence of the crime scene including blood splatter, the location of the bullet casings, and the angle of the bullet in the victim’s

body. The scientific evidence presented contradicted the sergeant’s testimony. As I listened to each side pose their respective theories of the case and call their expert witnesses to support their theories, it struck me that both sides posed very plausible scenarios.

The greatest issue, however, was not the inherent difficulty of working through a trial, but how poorly the proceedings were handled. Due to the inefficiency and ineffectiveness of the legal system, key evidence was lost, destroyed, or never collected. This evidence, the plaintiff argued, could have helped answer the gaping questions that were presented to the jurors. Even in the face of certain objective scientific evidence that supported the plaintiff’s account of the events, among the officers who testified, there seemed to be an inherent bias in their testimony.

After days of deliberation, the answer was still unclear to me. Over the course of the trial, I developed an appreciation for the role of the jurors in any case, but it seemed to me that the problem of deciding a difficult case like this lay inherent in the jury system. Before commencing their deliberations, the judge reminded the jurors of their important responsibility, explaining that jury service is one of three ways to fulfill our civic duty as citizens,

along with military service and voting. Although some cases lend themselves to a much clearer and easily resolved process, men and women who sit on juries in state

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and federal courts around this country have difficult decisions to make. Their participation is what helps ensure justice and the preservation of a society based on the rule of law. Unfortunately, in some cases, such as this one, trials occasionally end with the members of the jury in disagreement and with a failure to reach unanimity. After almost four years of preparation and hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in this civil lawsuit, it was heartbreaking to witness a hung jury after two long days of deliberation. As a result, the trial was declared a mistrial and can either be retried or settled with both parties agreeing to resolve their differences outside of court.

It seemed to me like this

excessive waste of resources and time was a result of a broken system, a mishandling of administrative proceedings. These are the issues that Andover students will encounter when we graduate, but for now, they are swept away in favor of more exciting topics. These complex, chaotic situations are what we will be dealing with when we graduate, things that have real weight and consequence, things that are all too easy to ignore right now. Under the circumstances of this particular case, I felt a sense of relief that I did not yet have a say.

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The Reality of “Breaks”

ELIOT MIN

I FIND IT HUMOROUS that embedded in the term “Spring Break” is the word “break,” which usually indicates a hiatus of some sort. Frankly, the same goes for every “break” Andover students are given, including the time we get off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the coveted Summer Break. Sure, students are granted a brief escape from the classes and homework that secure Andover’s role as a premier academic institution — but the unspoken reality students face nowadays is one of constant academic rigor, whether inside or outside of the classroom.

Except for a one-week trip to Iceland with the Jazz Band, my break hardly deviated from my usual schedule, beginning with the 16 hour flight back to Hong Kong. After landing, I stopped by my house to drop off my stuff and chatted with my fam-

ily for a bit; then, jet-lagged, groggy, and running solely on the frappe I bought hours earlier at the airport, I commuted to a nearby Standardized Testing “boot camp.” Here I completed the first of eight SAT mock tests that my parents had arranged for me to take over the course of my week back home.

To my fellow Asian sitting back in his chair and reading this article, nodding “Poor kid! Tiger parents, I can relate,” well, that’s actually where you’re wrong. My parents are very academically oriented, but not nearly to the point where they would force me to take eight SAT mock tests in seven days; I had requested to take the tests on my own initiative. Of course, this isn’t to say I wanted to spend my time in Hong Kong filling in small bubbles for hours on end — quite the contrary, in fact. I very much disliked the hours

I spent in that little cubicle, craning my neck over the dentist-white desks to see whether A or B made the sentence more grammatically correct. But I knew that that elusive score of 1600 wasn’t going to spontaneously appear on my College Board profile without a sufficient, if

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With the increasingly competitive college admissions process, people are relying on a slew of factors to improve their chances. These strategies include earning

perfect standardized testing scores, notching the coveted 6.0 GPA, becoming concertmaster of the symphony orchestra, and, most notably, earning a jacket with a tidy set of three Andover Varsity Letters on the chest. Now, Andover is a phenomenal school, and it provides opportunities for its students to pursue most of our passions — but extra, behind-the-scenes prep for the SAT and ACT is more than common.

I truly believe that college admission offices have this process wrong. When filling in bubbles becomes how you spend the majority of your free time, your brain feels fried, much more so than when writing that English essay or finishing up that Math homework. I know that for many students, myself included, these so called “breaks” are chock-full of studying for the SAT, ACT, APs, SAT IIs, you name it,

and it’s armed and ready to ruin the rest of your free time

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in high school. After two long weeks I’m back at Andover, and I feel an inexplicable sense of relief that school, with real classes, is finally starting again. I’m ready for a break!

Eliot Min is a two-year Lower from Hong Kong.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Reporting by Gwen Robinson

- Andover's Marine Sciences Club competed in the Blue Lobster Bowl, advancing to the semifinals but eventually losing to Lexington's A team, finishing eighth overall. The Blue Lobster Bowl is a regional competition for marine science. Teams from various schools participated in the event, which was held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Marine Sciences Club serves to bring awareness to the marine sciences and educate members through various activities and presentations during meetings.
- Spring Revisits for newly admitted students are in full swing with the first one set for Friday March 24. This is one of four revisit days, the other three being on Monday, March 27; Friday, March 31; and Monday, April 2. Over half of the student body signed up to be revisit hosts.
- The Phillips Academy Music Department hosted the Silk Road Ensemble in concert. The event took place Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Cochran Chapel. It aimed to promote and explore the role that art can play in global understanding and cultural exchange.
- As a prelude to the concert, there was a screening of the film "When Strangers Meet" that profiled the experiences of Yo-Yo Ma as he created the Silk Road Ensemble.
- Annie Zhu '17 is one of four students selected for the 2017 U.S. Girls' Math Team to compete at the 2017 European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO). The competition will be held in Zurich, Switzerland from April 6 to 12.
- The Dance Open, a student-run dance performance, will take place in Steinbach Theater on Friday, March 24; Saturday, March 25; and Sunday, March 26. The Dance Open is being directed by Annie McGovern '18 and Daniela Ronga '18.
- Jeong-Beom Lim '18, a member of Dr. Hijoo Sun's History 300 class, was published in the Concord Review for his research paper "The Atlantic Slave Trade in Northern Senegambia: An Examination of Aristocratic Role in the Rise and Fall of Wolof Societies."
- As the founder and current head of Andover's new Lincoln-Douglas Debate Team, Tiffany Chang '19 placed in the top 60 out of 260 debaters at this year's 43rd Annual Harvard National Forensics Tournament.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- The club Girl Up, an advocacy group for girls on campus, is preparing for an upcoming visit with Seth Moulton, United States Representative from Massachusetts's sixth Congressional District. They plan to meet at his office on March 29 to discuss issues of gender that their club advocates for.
- Out of the Blue, a Community and Multicultural Development club that works toward peer education and full community awareness, will be hosting Alliance with Aleppo, a vigil for the people of Syria. It will be held in Sykes Wellness Center from 4-6pm on Sunday, March 26.

Food Packaging Event Aims to Break World Record



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Mangai Sundaram '19, far right, gathered a group of students to break the World Record for most food packaged in an hour.

TIFFANY CHANG and ALEXANDRA LEBARON

In an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for meal packaging, Mangai Sundaram '19 and a team of student volunteers at Andover have organized a preliminary meal packaging event in May that will aim to assemble 11,000 meals in an hour. The event is designed as a test run before the official event next year, where participants will aim to package one million meals.

"The goal of our event is to bring our community together. It's a great way to meet each other [and] for students and faculty to get to know one another... We're holding it two weeks before finals week. Those are busy weeks, and we think it's really important to build a sense of community... while also being Non Sibi and helping one another," said Sundaram.

Most of the meals will go to Haiti, where hurricanes and other natural disasters have recently occurred. Sundaram was initially inspired to organize the event after prior experiences working as a food packaging volunteer in California and recent experiences learning about the refugee crisis in the Middle East.

"I went to a Non Sibi event in California, where we meal-packaged. I had so much fun that day, and I remember forming really strong friendships with the people who were there. At the same time, I have been reading a lot about Syria and the refugees who don't have food, are in dire need, and dying. I thought that we could combine them, so a meal-packaging event was perfect," said Sundaram.

To organize the test trial in May and the larger event next year, Sundaram recruited a task force of Andover students to assist in writing grants and greater community outreach and publicization. Carley Kukuk '19, Head of Fundraising, also had previous experiences with food-packaging events that inspired her to participate in this project.

"I participated in a lot of food-packaging events with my dad. It's been part of my life, and I went to one every year. But when I came to Andover, I missed a lot of them. So when [Sundaram] came to me with this idea, I real-

ly wanted to be a part of it," said Kukuk.

Sundaram believes that a major challenge facing the task force is fundraising to pay for the cost of the event and meals.

"We need to raise close to 3,000 dollars... another challenge is recruiting the students to come and participate and inviting them in. In order to fundraise, we're allowing parents, students, and teachers to sponsor meals. So for just 15 dollars, you can sponsor 50 meals. If you sponsor, your name will be on a box," said Sundaram.

Jennifer Lee '18, Chair of the Grant Committee, was recruited by Sundaram for help with writing grant proposals and was inspired to participate in the event through her commitment to Non Sibi values. Lee believes that events like the food packaging event planned for May will help the greater community raise awareness for and rally around issues of hunger and food shortages in many areas of the world.

"What we... aim as a project to accomplish is to not only raise awareness of this issue but also mobilize other students to take part in an event that's really rooted in the values of community building... It's a way for more students... to further their awareness of what it means to be a global citizen and to acknowledge the fact that each individual on this campus has the potential and the power to really affect someone else's life," said Lee.

The team is working with the charity Stop Hunger Now, who will help them with the logistics once they have completed their goal of raising 3,000 dollars. They are especially focused on encouraging student and community participation when planning this event.

"We want people to sign up because it's a really fun event and it's something that can bring the whole Andover community together... It's a great way to try and tackle hunger... We're also planning on having a bake sale sometime in May, so I think that will be fun for some people outside of the community to bring in some goods. It will also bring more awareness to the event," said Kukuk.

Editor's Note: Jennifer Lee is a Sports Editor for The Phillipian.

Q&A with Kevin Olusola '06: Grammy Winning Beatboxer for Pentatonix

STAFF REPORT

Three-time Grammy Winner Kevin Olusola '06 came to Andover during his Upper year and lived in Stuart House. At Andover, he was the co-head of the Andover-Lawrence Strings program, one of the founding members of the Language Tables at Andover and was also a member of the string orchestra and the Yorkies. He is currently the beatboxer for acapella group Pentatonix and has released an album featuring his unique "cello-boxing" in 2015.

How has Andover shaped you as a person?

I loved being there. By going to Andover... I wanted something that would push me and show me my strengths and my weaknesses... and it helped shape my worldview. When you live in a dorm with people from all over the world, it's almost like a little United Nations there. I really loved that because I travel all over the place [as a musician], and I feel like I understand, at the end of the day, it doesn't matter where you're from, we're still human. I think that started at Andover, really understanding that very basic perspective.

[Peter Cirelli, instructor in music] and the music department... they believed in me and they were confident that whatever I wanted to do in life, especially in the world of music, that I would have the resources to make it happen... I felt like I could really go to them and talk to them about anything I was going through... and I really appreciate them.

What were some of your favorite aspects of your time at Andover?

[When I first visited] Andover my [freshman year], I was flabbergasted. I didn't realize that there were [students] that were so precocious and it was the best of the best all over the world. The high level of idealism of how they can shape the world, I've never seen that in my entire life. Those are the kinds of people that I gravitate towards... I think that that first [visit to] campus made me feel like I just knew where I wanted to be... I'm so happy, thank you Andover for choosing me. You know what, another thing that I really loved



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Kevin Olusola '06 innovated the musical technique of "cello-boxing"

about our school? Out of all the schools that I ever got admitted — I got admitted to Andover, Choate, Deerfield — what I loved about Andover is that... not only did they know me by name, they knew my story. I said, "You literally just admitted 400 kids and you actually know my name and my story."

What was going through your mind when you found out you had won your third Grammy Award?

What was happening was that we were actually in a holding room with other artists... when we found out, we all screamed at the top of our lungs... we were all in kind of a shock... I'll put it like this: the Grammy's, at a certain level, is just kind of a crapshoot because you never know, all the people that are on that ballot, they all deserve that grammy... We didn't think it was real. We're all just so grateful, and to know that we've won one every single year since 2015 is kind of mindblowing.

How do you find touring and performing with Pentatonix?

It is an absolute blast. I love getting on that stage... [After winning the Sing-Off], we decided to just put out covers on YouTube. It was crazy to see the numbers just keep going higher and higher. And what we didn't realize is that it's cool to see that a number can translate to an actual [crowd] that will come out during a concert... It's something that you cannot take for granted any day. It's truly

a beautiful thing.

What are some of your plans for the future?

Right now, we're focused on writing, especially because we feel like our [music] is very unconventional. [We've done] YouTube, the Grammy's, albums, and arena tours, but the one thing we haven't done... is having a hit song on radio.

Do you have any advice for students going into the industry?

The great thing right now is that they have time to develop their craft... Also, I really stress the fact that... this is a music business. We get to be our own entrepreneurs... you [have] such amazing platforms to get your name out there.

Do you have any advice for students at Andover in general?

The friendships [at Andover]. Wow! A lot of those people are still my best friends today. One of my best friends from my class, he's doing neurosurgery in Sacramento, I see him all the time. It's cool because your classmates are going to be the best at what they do. To have that community, it challenges you to be the best that you can be, and you know that you can aspire for greatness. So continue to hang out with those people and love those friendships because they will change your life, for the rest of your life.

Munn Receives Award Signed by Obama for Charity Work

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The third association Munn partnered with regularly was Hartford Lacrosse in Connecticut. Munn ran a large drive with them and also worked at one of their day camps.

"I think in all of our collection drives, we've collected 5,000 pairs of shorts and pinnies," Munn said.

As for Munn's future plans for "Re-laxin'," he hopes to

expand his outreach by maintaining his collection efforts.

"At the moment my plans for Re-laxin' are to just continue what I'm doing at the moment which is just to try to collect as much clothing as possible and to donate that as effectively and efficiently as possible. I just want to keep contributing to my community, a community that doesn't end at the borders of my town, but one that extends beyond that," said Munn.

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Students Sound Off: Responses to the Co-Presidential Debate

Eliza Scheer '20

"I don't think [the debate] was very informative for the students. It didn't really help me make my decision because I know they rehearsed most of their answers, and there were only two on-the-spot answers. However, I thought it was good to see the different pairs propose their platforms."

Emily Sanchez '18

"I think this debate kind of has changed who I will be voting for because in the debate you really see what their saying but also their own personalities. I think both pairs threw in jokes once in a while and to see how relatable each pair is to you and just seeing them in person and interacting with them too just showed me how they would work as a pair next year too."

Malika Dia '17

"I really enjoyed how supportive [Miriam and Larson] seemed of one another. They had a great dynamic and seemed to work well together. In addition they seemed to have truly thought out how they wanted to improve this campus. They had concrete and specific ideas and seemed really fervent in wanting to make them happen."

Ryan Sedagat '19

"The debate was really informative and I liked the questions that were asked and I think Eastlyn and Sam did a really good job defending the attacking question about the forums. They really connected to students with their campaign instead of making a way to force students to vote. They created an innovative and out of the box solution that I think will benefit the student body."



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THE EIGHTH PAGE

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Entirety of Mindfulness Expert's Seminar Spent Discussing How Helpful Mindfulness Is

NEWS

Speaking to a small group of students in the Rebecca Sykes Wellness Center last Tuesday as a part of Andover's ongoing Mental Health and Balance presentation series, professional mindfulness leader and yoga master Lauren Sherrill gave a crash course introduction to the benefits of mindfulness while offering no specifics on where, when, or how one should practice the art.

"Today, I'd like to work to dispel a number of myths about mindfulness, list some of its positive effects, and close this lecture out by teaching you all some techniques," Sherrill opened her talk before proceeding to complete only the second of her three stated objectives.

"Mindfulness calms



COURTESY OF BEING IN THE NOW

Mindfulness is "a state of mind that works."

you. Mindfulness heals you. Mindfulness saves you," argued Sherrill, never once across the keynote's ninety minute runtime outlining a breathing or thought exercise usable by the audience. "Mindfulness can be whatever you want it to be: a walk, a movie, even a piece of chocolate candy," said Sherrill cryptically.

"I learned, like, nothing," said David Poole '19, a student who attended the seminar. "Even her slides were incomprehensible, there were a couple of pictures of people sitting by ponds at sunset, and that was it. Why doesn't anyone ever just teach us something?"

NewsBurst: How did PA students spend Spring Break?

1. Struck up a conversation with a stranger on a plane and failed to come across as grounded and non-elitist while explaining the concept of a "boarding school."
2. Saw "Get Out" in theaters and felt woke for a day.
3. Was underwhelmed while touring colleges that are perfectly good secondary options to Ivies and provide just as many exciting career opportunities.

Teaching Fellow Whispers Happy Birthday to Self Alone in Faculty Apartment

NEWS

Huddling over a Carvel ice cream cake in his dimly lit faculty apartment, 22-year-old math teaching fellow Markham Anderson was seen quietly singing happy birthday to himself last Tuesday, sources say.

"One year older," whispered Anderson before he croaked out the celebratory tune in tones of contemplation and melancholy, the only human in his sparsely decorated living-room-dining-room-kitchen area, furnished with a desk lamp, futon, unhung photographs, and shopping list taped to the wall.

Witnesses also spoke of a birthday card "from Mr. Anderson's mom, with a \$100 bill inside," laid on the ground alongside a stack of ungraded precalculus tests.

Anderson reportedly sang the whole song start to finish, including a barely audible "cha-cha-cha" and sigh at the end of every line.



COURTESY OF SMART TV CAMERA/CIA

Realization of deep regret just starting to sink in.

"Mr. Anderson ate half the cake," said an observer, "then he set it down on the ground, walked over to the window and looked out of it for a while, walked back and finished it off. After that, he threw his dishes in the sink and cradled his head in his hands before splashing cold water on his face. Then he said, 'And now, the Stevie Wonder version,' and stood there blinking for a while.

"At that point, one of the kids from the dorm knocked on his door and asked him for a day excuse.

"Going off campus to have dinner with your friends?" Mr. Anderson asked, kind of sadly. After the student left, Mr. Anderson muttered something about his math degree from MIT and started grading tests."

At press time, sources reported additionally that they had seen Mr. Anderson checking his Facebook newsfeed later in the evening, presumably to see if any of the other teaching fellow friends had wished him happy birthday.

Submissions to the Eighth Page are always welcomed and encouraged and very, very necessary! This week's issue brought to you in part by Ria 'The Most Qualified Vieira' Vieira, Alex 'Feel the Bernhard, Anjuna's Sister, Sam 'At the time of publishing we don't know if he's co-president or not' Bird, Ed Elson, and Jessica 'Knock Knock' Hu 'is there?'. Nick Schoeller didn't contribute anything but he talked to us for a while when we were working on it so we want to thank him for that too. Also, on Wednesday night in the newsroom Reuben Phillip recommended we play songs by the Bee Gees, which was a great choice so kudos to him for his music taste.

A Guide to Upcoming Spring Term Events

March 22nd

145-Days-Until-Tuition-Begins-Again Day.

The Eighth Page holds really fun party in Charlie Mayhew's dorm room (Stearns 301) that everyone is invited to.

March 29th

April 7th

"Happy Feet 2" in Kemper Auditorium.

Non Sibi Day teaches students to look like they're giving back for admissions brochures.

April 24th

May 2nd

Milo Yiannopoulos visits Andover; expert therapy dogs flown in from Japan.

Hook-Up-With-Someone-New Dance

May 26th

June 3rd

Senior-Upper couples swear to "make it work long distance."

THE WEEK'S TOP HEADLINES

- Upper Auditioning to be Blue Key Head Keeps Silent Tally of How Many Push-ups Everyone Else is Doing
- Ignorant, Out-of-Control Revisit Participates in Class
- WPAA Still Exists, Somehow
- Straight Talking Co-Presidential Pair Not Afraid to Tell It Like It Is

Quote of the Week



"It's all about making sure no two weeks look the same."

— Student Activities Office

on varying the lengths and heights of the rectangles on the Weekender.

This week was kind of a disaster time-management-wise and we'd just like to take the time to address both the people who feel like this week's issue isn't up to their standards and the people who in general enjoy being critical of the section. First off, we're sorry that your free paper doesn't make you giggle as much as you wanted it to. We know how much time you have to sacrifice to read each issue of *The Phillipian*, and if you ever feel like the Eighth Page has wasted your time, or we're idiots who don't know what we're doing, why don't you shoot one of us an email at cmayhew@andover.edu or cdevlin@andover.edu so we can add you to our writing staff and you can show the world how hilarious and talented you are, and put yourself out there like we do and be vulnerable to the same criticism that you love to give to us over our high school extracurricular that we do with no formal training or professional guidance.



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SEVEN NEPSAC CLASS A RECORDS BROKEN IN BACK TO BACK CHAMPIONSHIP



For the second year in a row, Andover Boys Swimming claimed first place at the New England Prep School Athletic Council (Nepsac) Championships.

COURTESY OF ANDOVER ATHLETICS.

MACEY MANNION

Coming off a nearly undefeated season, the Boys Varsity Swim and Dive team placed first at the New England Prep School Athletic Council (Nepsac) Championships bringing home their second consecutive trophy. Andover's final record for the season was 9-1.

Neil Simpson '19 said, "We were a very excited group going into the meet. Coming off a successful Easterns campaign the previous week in Philadelphia, we were pumped to see what we could do at Hotchkiss. Our entire season essentially led up to that point. All of the work we put in together, all of the team dinners we had shared together led up to

this final championship meet. It was our last opportunity to perform at our best as a team and we did not want to disappoint."

On the first day during the preliminary races, the boys raced their hearts off to qualify for the Sunday finals. To start off the finals, two of Andover's relay teams placed second at the meet. Of Jack Warden '19, Neil Simpson '19, Lance Frieman '19, and Will Kantaros '18 placed second going a 1:34.95. In the 200-Yard Freestyle relay, relay of Nick Isenhower '18, Warden, Arnold Su '20, and Captain Christian Alberga '17 placed second with a time of 1:25.37. In the 400-Yard Freestyle relay, the final relay of the meet, Andover's relay with Isenhower, Su, Simpson, Alberga placed third with a time of 3:05.79.

Isenhower said, "The meet was a success. We continued to have time drops, even after Easterns the week before. We came together well as a team and executed. Relays continued to be a strong suit which is a testament to the depth of our team."

Andover had multiple record breaking performances from its underclassmen at the meet. In the 200-Yard Freestyle, Arnold Su '20 broke the Junior record with a time of 1:42.15. In the 200-Yard Individual Medley, Neil Simpson broke the 14-year-old Lower record with a time of 1:52.36. In the 50-Yard Freestyle, Jack Warden '19 broke the Lower record in the prelims with a time of 21.83.

For the 100-Yard Butterfly, Adam Vlastic '20 broke the Junior record with a time of 51.23. An-

other Junior, Anthony Minickiello '20 broke his class record in the 500-Freestyle with a time of 4:42.77. Junior Sam Donchi '20 also broke his class record in the 100-Yard Backstroke racing a time of 53.86 in the finals.

When asked about his first Nepsac experience, Donchi said, "Going in I was not quite sure what to expect. I had been told it was similar to a typical club meet but I was still skeptical. Looking back on it, I can confirm that it was quite similar. There were lots of fast swimmers and it was really cool to race in such a competitive environment. It was really nice to share my first Nepsac experience with such a wonderful team."

Nick Eisenhower '18 also had a fantastic performance in the 100-Yard Freestyle. Swimming with a

time of 46.29, Isenhower placed in third and was holds the second fastest time for school history in the event.

In the 400-Yard Freestyle relay Andover earned an automatic All-American Time with the team of Captain Christian Alberga '17, Su, Simpson, and Isenhower. Also during the meet Andover earned 3 considerations for All American times in the 100-Yard Breaststroke, 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, and 200-Yard Medley Relay.

Describing his feelings after the meet, Simpson said, "This season may be over, but we are far from finished. We will be back next year, ready to work even harder to strive to make our school, and ourselves proud."

Andover Wraps Up Season with Fourth Place at Nepsac



Andover Girls Swimming finished its season with successful times and high spirits, according to its teammates.

COURTESY OF GRACE HITCHCOCK

MACEY MANNION

After a rollercoaster of a season with various wins and narrow losses, the Andover Girls' Swim and Dive team placed fourth at the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (Nepsac) Championship meet. Andover's final record for the season stood at 5-2.

Emma Donchi '18 said, "Everyone at Nepsacs was both nervous and excited, and you could feel it in the atmosphere at the meet. Because it was the last meet of the season, everyone was focused on swimming their best, but also on having

fun and making it a meet to remember."

Andover came into the meet focused and prepared, and was able to place high in group events.

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay, the team of Emma Donchi '18, Allyson Ty '18, Elizabeth Tran '19, and Jackie Rossi '20 placed fourth with a time of 1:50.90. The group of Kassi, Amy Xia '19, Co-Captain Katherine Sweetser '17, and Jess Gearan '18 finished in 1:41.00 in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, enough to secure sixth place. In the 400-Yard Freestyle relay, Tran, Sweetser, Gearan, and Allyson Ty finished in sixth with

a time of 3:36.23.

Sweetser said, "Performance at championship meets is always about mindset and the girls definitely went into the meet focused and ready to go. Over the course of the season the team always maintained a positive mindset and atmosphere, so it was second nature by the time New England's came around."

Andover also performed at a high level in the individual events. Allyson Ty led the way with a fifth place finish in the 100-Yard Freestyle with a time of 52.98. In the 200-Yard Freestyle, Sweetser placed eighth with a time of 1:56.84. In the

500-Yard Freestyle, Tran secured fourth place and a personal best time of 5:07.90.

In the 100-Yard Butterfly, Sweetser placed fifth with a time of 58.85. In the 100-Yard Backstroke, Donchi placed seventh with a time of 58.78 and Anna Lang '19 placed twelfth with a time of 1:00.30. In the 100-Yard Backstroke, Allyson Ty placed fifth with a time of 1:06.90 and Kathleen Ty '19 placed thirteenth with a time 1:11.43. In the 200-Yard Individual Medley Tran placed fifth with a time of 2:11.04 and Donchi placed eighth with a time of 2:13.94. At the Diving Championships, Reese Pellet-

er '20 placed seventh with a time of 363.50.

After a successful season, the team is eager to get back to work and start a new season next winter.

Co-Captain Gwyneth Wei '17 said, "I think this season went really well overall. The team really bonded together and worked to encourage and support each other. It was a really positive and helpful atmosphere to work in. Everyone dropped times and made personal or seasonal bests and it was really exciting to watch the team grow. I couldn't be prouder of the team this season."

Players To Watch This Spring

BASEBALL

Kai Marcos '18

CHRIS DAVIES

Kai Marcos '18 grew up in the suburbs of Tokyo, Japan and was raised in a baseball culture, and now lives in Beverly, Massachusetts. Marcos brings his range in the left field, speed, and dedication to the team this season.

Marcos credits his love and passion for the sport to his father.

"My dad likes watching baseball. I was in Japan when I started playing, and all my friends played. It was either soccer or baseball, and I ended up liking baseball more," said Marcos.

This will be Marcos's second season on the team, and he will play an influential role on the team, according to Head Coach Kevin Graber. Both his teammates and coaches are excited to see his work in the offseason and in the spring break trip pay off.

Varsity returner and teammate Anthony Red-

fern '18 said, "Kai is one of the fastest players I have ever played with, and when I am pitching and a ball is hit in his general direction in the outfield, I start walking off the mound with the confidence he will catch it before the ball has reached him."

"The Boys' Baseball team is looking forward to another consecutive strong season and seems to hold a backbone of strong Upper talent. Marcos will be a dominant force this season from both behind the plate and while snagging balls out in left field. [Kai] has been a varsity starter since he walked onto campus and has found nothing but success," said Coach Graber in an email to The Phillipian.

Regarding the upcoming season and his future, Marcos said, "I've always been and will continue to be thoroughly invested in playing baseball."



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CREW

Molly Katarincic '18



O.BROKAW/THE PHILLIPPIAN

MAX LEVI

When coupled with the difficult course-load of an Upper, Andover Crew's long practice hours are a significant commitment to say the least. Molly Katarincic '18, however, has stepped up to the plate, making her a Player to Watch this season.

Katarincic began her career during her Junior year at Andover in a Novice boat. During Katarincic's Lower year, she made the jump in the Crew program and began rowing on the first girls boat.

Katarincic said, "Having that time in freshman was beneficial."

Led by a new girls coach, who led the American Paralympic Four to a silver in Rio, Katarincic has made goals to improve.

Katarincic said, "Personally, my goal for the season is to improve my technique so that I don't hinder the speed of the boat in any way. As for the team they hope to always win the team trophy at NEIRAS. The team trophy is based off of the overall strength of the program rather than just a singular

boat. Having a cohesive team is really important in rowing."

Katarincic draws inspiration from all of her teammates, especially when the draining practices affect her mentality.

Katarincic said, "Each person comes to practice every day enthusiastic and ready to give all of their effort to make the boats go fast, so it is only fair that I do the same."

Katarincic's teammates also believe that she will bring an energetic and skilled presence to each practice this upcoming season.

Iris Zheng '18 wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "Molly is the kind of athlete who rolls onto the crew bus speakers in hand ready to get the whole bus singing. She is also one of the strongest rowers on the team and bends the oar perfectly to create the biggest puddles. Whenever you cox her during a piece she immediately focuses in, pushes her legs down faster and drops her splits."

BOYSLACROSSE

Eugene Yoon '18

KATHERINE MCINTIRE

With his relentless work ethic, goaltender Eugene Yoon '18 will play an integral role for Andover Boys' Lacrosse this season.

Yoon is the leader of Andover's defense as the goaltender. He is gifted with the natural ability to stop the ball when faced with quick shots from opponents. Along with his defensive prowess, Yoon allows Andover's offense to play at a fast pace and attack by quickly transitioning the ball down the field, according to Head Coach Steve Moreland.

Coach Moreland said, "He is the backbone of our defense and our ability to make defensive stops this year. He is key to the way we want to play. A good goalie is required to stop the ball, clear the ball and communicate, and he does all three very well."

Yoon works hard in practice and strives to improve his individual skills in order to help his team

out by preventing balls from hitting the net, according to Coach Moreland.

"He has the drive to be the best that he can be, so I have no doubt in my mind that he will work hard every day to make himself better," added Coach Moreland.

Yoon is also a supportive team member and acts as a leader for the team. He fosters a communicative environment on the field and pushes his teammates to perform at their highest, according to his teammates.

Colton Fahey '19 said, "Eugene is a very enthusiastic person and always pumps everyone up. He is a very outgoing person and it helps when he communicates on the field and tells everyone where to go. He is a great leader."

Yoon looks to play an integral role in the success of Andover Boys Lacrosse this spring, beginning with its season opener against Naval Preparatory School this Saturday.



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SOFTBALL

Rachel Moore '19



S.SALSHAIBA/THEPHILLIPPIAN

LINDA BIBEAU

Newcomer Rachel Moore '19 joins Andover Softball this spring as a pitcher and brings skill and experience to the team. Moore has been playing club competitive softball since she was eight years old. She continued her pitching career at Timberlane Regional High School in New Hampshire before coming to Andover this year as a new Lower.

During the team's spring training trip in Orlando, Fla., Moore contributed to the team both on the mound and at the plate. With Captain Kristina Haghdan '17 injured during the trip, Moore stepped up in her absence and struck out numerous batters to add more momentum for Andover.

Fellow pitcher and newcomer Emma Slibeck '20 added, "We had multiple situations in Florida

where there were two outs and bases loaded. Rachel was able to persevere and end the inning in those times where the game could've gone really bad if the other team scored."

"She changed the pace of the game by pitching three straight strikes to get us out of the inning and give us momentum for hitting," continued Slibeck.

Moore will also contribute to the team's offensive game this season, according to her teammates.

Kaitlin Ervin '20 said, "Our standout player was for sure Rachel because of her two out-of-the-park home runs in the same game that helped to get the team in motion so that our offense could come alive."

Moore looks to help Andover Softball in its hopes to win back-to-back Big East championships.

GIRLSLACROSSE

Katherine McIntire '19

MIHIR GUPTA

Bringing experience, skill, and speed to the field, Katherine McIntire '19 will continue to be a strong contributor for Andover Girls Lacrosse this season. McIntire, a returning Lower from Andover, Mass., has been playing lacrosse since she was 13 years old. She plays midfield, and keeps her skills in check by playing Revolution Lacrosse year-round.

According to her teammates, McIntire is a hard-working and dedicated athlete.

Co-Captain Beth Krikorian '17 said, "Katherine is a really hard worker. She pushes herself to be better every day and in turn pushes those around her. It makes the team stronger in the long run."

"Katherine's work ethic and aggression on ball really helps to set a tone for the rest of the girls on the team. She always goes 110% in drills and during games and it helps the team to be better defenders and to better work off ball," said Co-Captain Jordy Fenton '17.

Additionally, McIntire's strength and speed add depth to her game and the team's dynamic.

Annie Lord '19 said, "Katherine has a really strong and powerful shot and her speed allows her to carry the ball from defensive to offensive zones effectively. She does a great job of this as a midfielder."

Brooke Keough '19 added, "Katherine has a good strong shot and she's really good at driving to the net. She is really quick and this quickness helps her when she is in front of the net."

McIntire is excited for the season ahead and she hopes to help the team be as successful as possible.

McIntire said, "This season everyone is showing a lot of improvement from last year and we have some strong new players as well, so I think that it is a great opportunity to grow as a team and look to win. We have some challenging games coming up, and I am really looking forward to going up against those teams from last year after working in the off season."



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Boys Swimming Championship Win

BY THE NUMBERS

5

Junior records broken by Arnold Su '20, Sam Donchi '20, Anthony Minickiello '20, and Adam Vlastic '20.

42%

of Andover Boys swimmers achieved a personal best at the championship meet.

2

Consecutive New England Prep School Athletic Council (Nepsac) Championships won.

6

Andover rookies scored points at the championships.

Players To Watch This Spring

GIRLS WATERPOLO

Allyson Ty '18



SWANG/THE PHILLIPIAN

RICK ONO

Allyson Ty '18 first started playing water polo during her Junior year at Andover. As a member of Andover Girls Swimming, Ty has been able to effectively translate her abilities while racing in the pool to the sport of water polo, making her a key asset for Andover Girls Water Polo.

With two school records for the 100-Yard Backstroke and 100-Yard Breaststroke, Ty is one of the fastest players in the league, which gives her an important advantage over other players. Ty's speed in the pool may allow for many opportunities for fast breaks and may also make it difficult for her opponents to cover her shots.

Head Coach Daniel

O'Shea said, "Ally's been a player on the rise for the past two seasons. She's proved herself to be very capable and good at recognizing offensive opportunities. She's great at turning over the ball and creating scoring plays."

In her third season with Andover, Ty will have to opportunity to continue to contribute to the team dynamic and act as a leader for her teammates

"This season, I hope to be a supportive teammate in and out of the pool, as well as being someone who the team can always turn to for help," said Ty. "Water polo is a tough sport but having people there for you, especially a whole team, makes it that much more exciting and enjoyable."

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Alex Fleury '20

NATASHA SINGAREDDY

Coming off a successful indoor track season, Junior Alex Fleury '20 will have the chance to be a strong contributor to the Boys' Outdoor Track and Field team this spring.

Growing up in North Andover, Mass., Fleury has been running since the sixth grade. His previous running experience has already helped him succeed on both the Cross Country team and the Indoor Track team. This season, Fleury intends on running in the 400-Meter, 800-Meter, 1500-Meter, and 3,000-Meter races.

Currently, Fleury holds the Andover indoor track mile record for a Junior with a time of 4:32:39 minutes. Last year, Fleury also competed at the Massachusetts All-State Outdoor Championships and the New England Outdoor Track Championships and

placed 5th in both competitions. Recently, he placed 24th in the New Balance Nationals Indoor Championships.

Teammate Jacob Buehler '19 said, "Alex Fleury is one of the hardest working and most promising young track runners I've ever seen. Every day, he comes to practice and gives each workout his full effort. He never complains that a workout is too hard or a run is too long — instead, he sees it as a challenge to overcome."

"It is a whole new experience on a whole new track that I am looking forward to! In outdoor track, I hope to set the freshmen records in the [1500-Meter] and [800-Meter], though I don't usually run the [800-Meter]. I am looking forward to the new faces and friends to meet in the new track season," said Fleury.



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CYCLING

Jess Wang '18



TRYNNE/THE PHILLIPIAN

SUZANNE KALKSTEIN

Jessica Wang '18 has grown as an athlete and cyclist since she first joined Andover Cycling in the spring of her Junior year. In fact, before coming to Andover, Wang did not even know how to ride a bike.

According to Wang, she hopes that her skill and passion for the sport will only continue to develop as this season progresses.

In an email to The Phillipian, Wang wrote, "My [Junior] year I focused on learning how to actually ride the bike. My Lower year, I began to focus more on speed, form, and strategy. This year, I hope to continue working on becoming a faster and smarter rider."

Wang attributes much of her success to the team's strong dynamic.

"The team works incredibly hard on the roads, which inspires me to push myself and put in 100 percent effort. I actually enjoy riding the hills because

it allows for a lot of power output," said Wang.

According to her teammates, Wang's determination and work ethic make her a strong asset for the team.

Co-Captain David Shamritsky '17 said, "This is Jess' third year on the team and she has shown huge improvement over the last two seasons. She is always motivating and supporting the team, and is a big part of the cycling team's spirit. She did very well last year in Girls A, and I think that her winning the league overall is a realistic goal."

"Jess works incredibly hard all the time and has a competitive edge that is extremely beneficial both in races and during practice. Not only does she lead by example, but each day she brings energy and enthusiasm that inspire the rest of us to be better," said teammate Elizabeth Holubiak '18.

Editor's Note: Jessica Wang '18 is a Video Editor for The Phillipian.

GOLF

John Witt '18



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ELIOT MIN

Hailing from Andover, Mass., John Witt '18 has the potential to bolster the top of Andover Golf's lineup this spring.

Last season, Witt was a newcomer to the team and worked his way up the lineup to play the third seed for the team.

In an email to The Phillipian, Captain Alexa Tsay '17 said, "[Witt] played a crucial role on our team as a strong third seed last year. He had consistent performances throughout the season and won a lot of matches for our team."

"He will definitely be one of our strongest players this season, and his expertise in the sport will help drive our team once we start playing matches," said Tsay.

During Spring Vacation, Witt invested time into his golf game in preparation for the upcoming season.

Witt said, "Recently

I have been working on my driving and my short game. I was in Florida over break and I spent a couple hours every day working on these aspects. I worked on my putting and chipping extensively."

Tsay believes that the extra practice will serve to only build upon Witt's impressive capabilities in the sport.

"He strikes the ball well and has lots of experience as a golfer. His strong mental game definitely plays a role in his impressive golf game. Like any golfer, he will keep improving as he plays more," said Tsay.

This season, Witt's main priority is to guide Andover towards victories throughout the season.

"In terms of helping the team, I just want to win as many matches as possible," said Witt.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Fredericka Lucas '18

MEGHAN WARD

After a successful year in the sprinting and jumping events in the winter, Fredericka Lucas '18 will look to make a positive impact on the Girls Track & Field team this upcoming spring.

Hailing from Richmond, Va., Lucas has been running outdoor track since the seventh grade. At Andover, she plays volleyball in the fall and runs both indoor track in the winter and outdoor track in the spring. Lucas runs four events including the 100, 200, 4x400 relays as well as competing in the high jump.

In an email to The Phillipian about the spring season, Lucas wrote, "This season, I'm looking forward to running outside, and I hope that the team brings home another championship at the end of the term."

Captain Deyana Marsh '17 attributes Lucas's success on the track to her work ethic and her dedication to

practice.

Marsh wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "In this upcoming season I know [Fredericka] will dominate in the high jump and the 100 meter and any other event that we need her to because she is committed to improving her performance and helping the team. During practice she is always working hard, practicing all of her events, and she doesn't stop moving. She moves so effortlessly it looks like she's floating around the track."

"I can't wait to see how she does this season, but I know that she will dominate and help the team in anyway we need her to, even if that is competing in four events again because that's the type of athlete she is. I know she will also bring her amazing personality and help the team environment as well," said Marsh.



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ULTIMATE

Brandon Barros '17



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GIGI GLOVER

As one of the few Seniors returning to Andover Ultimate, Brandon Barros '17 has established himself as an influential player after only one season on the team. Barros positively impacts the team on and off of the field and looks to lead the team to success this season.

Although Barros has not been on the team a long time, Aditya Krishnamachar '17 wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "Brandon is one of the team's best cutters. His speed and ability to get open for the disc is one of his strongest assets."

Barros plays the position of cutter, an individual who typically does a lot of the running downfield. Barros utilizes his speed to run down the disc, in hopes of helping the team score.

Last year, Barros contributed to Andover's 8-5 record through his skillset as well as his mentality both on and off the field.

Krishnamachar said,

"On the field, he is often the first or second cutter to get open. Off it, he's a positive presence, offering support and is a strong sideline member."

After graduating nine seniors last year, five rising seniors will have to take up the reigns as leaders. With a young team, Barros will have the opportunity to hone his skills as a leader and a player.

Krishnamachar said, "I think getting his first year, the 2016 season, under his belt was great for him, letting him learn the nuances of the game — so that this year he can focus on playing and leading as well as he can."

"Brandon, in addition to everyone else on the team, will get better throughout the season as he gets more game time under his belt, and as the team gels and gets comfortable with one another," Krishnamachar continued.

Players To Watch This Spring

BOYSVOLLEYBALL

Peter Munn '18



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ANNIE LORD

Joining the Andover Volleyball program on the Junior Varsity team during his Junior year, Peter Munn '18 has grown as a volleyball player from experience and hard work. Munn looks to make an impact on Andover Boys Volleyball this spring.

Munn worked tirelessly throughout the entirety of his Junior year and the beginning of his Lower year to move up from Andover's Junior Varsity Team. Munn's dedication and passion for the sport has been a driving factor in his success and growth.

In an email to The Phillipian, Munn wrote, "I felt like my hard work finally paid off. I had started working out fall term of my Lower year specifically to improve for volleyball."

Munn continued to practice throughout the summer and this past year, preparing himself for his

first full season as a varsity team member.

"My main focus was training strength and explosivity, which I did by weight training. I also managed to play beach volleyball over the summer in Baltimore and during winter vacation in Peru," said Munn.

Co-Captain Evan Park '18 recognizes Munn's hard work and passion and believes that he will prove to be an important member of the team this spring.

"Peter joined the team at the end of last season and in the few games he played with us he brought good energy. He will have a good season this year because he has been working on improving his skills and is fully committed to the team," said Park.

Munn is excited for the season and looks to make a meaningful impact this season beginning with Andover's season opener against Choate.

GIRLSTENNIS

Dariya Zhumashova '17

ANDY KIM

Strapped with 15 years of tennis experience, two of which have been at Andover, Dariya Zhumashova '17 is a seasoned member of Andover Girls Tennis and is poised to play an instrumental role this spring.

After a year of practice and preparation for the season, Zhumashova seeks to be a key contributor during her final year on the team.

Lauren Fanning '19 said, "What makes Dariya a great player is her strategy and consistency. She has the same amount of effort in every single point she plays, which definitely shows how mentally strong she is. On the court she is really mentally strong, focused, and positive, and that always encourages all of us to play better."

In addition, Zhumashova's arsenal of forehands, backhands, and serves make her a lethal com-

petitor in both singles and doubles matches.

Katherine Hu '19 said, "Dariya is a talented player. Her power, strength, and consistency set her apart from others. She has an aggressive forehand and serve that allows her to put away the point. Besides that, she also has amazing reflexes and volleys at the net, which sets her apart as a doubles player."

According to her teammates, Zhumashova radiates both an inclusive and optimistic atmosphere, pushing them to play at their highest abilities.

Fanning said, "Off the court she is also really supportive and a fun teammate. Even if she has already finished her matches, she'll always stay and cheer on everyone else."

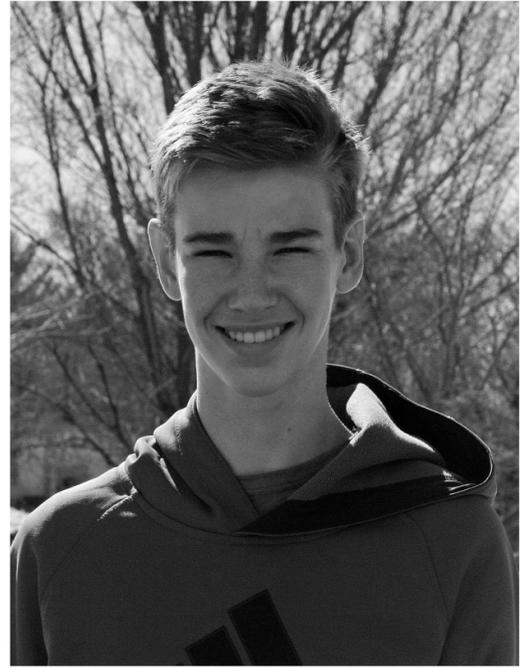
Hu added, "She is super nice, fun to talk to, and laid back. Her time on the team and personality is evident in her strong relations with other team members."



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BOYSTENNIS

Hayden Gura '20



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KATHERINE HU

This spring, Junior Hayden Gura '20 will bring 10 years of tennis experience to Andover Boys Tennis. Hailing from Santa Barbara, California, Gura looks to be a strong addition to the team.

Before coming to Andover, Gura trained last year and during this past spring break in Spain. According to his teammates, his ability to move forward and close out points aggressively is one of his most important qualities.

Captain Anupreeth Coramutla '17 said, "He is a very consistent player who likes to use his serve and inside out forehand to dictate points. In addition to his singles play, Hayden's net game will have an impact in dou-

bles. Off the court, he likes to joke around with the team. He always has the team laughing which helps build with team comradery. Hayden is definitely going to make a difference for us this season."

Gura will travel with the team to Nationals in Newport Beach, California on March 23-26.

"I am looking forward to the tournament in California because I am excited to travel with the team and get to know the players. I have heard from my spring visit tour guide, who played on the girl's varsity team, that all her close friends were part of the team and I am looking forward to [experiencing that]," said Gura.

BOYSHOCKEY

Andover Falls to St. Sebastian's in Upset Loss

MEGHAN WARD

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Winning four out of its last five games of the season, including a dominant 5-2 victory over archrival Phillips Exeter Academy, Andover Boys Hockey clinched the first seed in the New England Large School Tournament, and entered with confidence and momentum. The team fell, however, in an upset victory to the eighth seed, St. Sebastian's, by a margin of 4-1.

The first period consisted of back and forth play from both teams. St. Sebastian's netted the first goal of the game

to take a 1-0 lead, but Co-Captain Jonny Edelson '17 proceeded to answer to tie the game 1-1 at the end of the first period.

In the second period, Andover failed to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities and St. Sebastian's began to dominate possession of the puck. St. Sebastian's went on to score three unanswered goals throughout the rest of the game. Ultimately, Andover lost 4-1, therefore halting its playoff run in the first round.

Co-Captain Jack Cusack '18 said, "Our takeaway from the game is that no matter the seeding you are, everyone in this league is competitive. There is a lot of parity throughout, on any given day any team

can beat any team. It all comes down to who is more prepared and wants to win. We will come prepared to every game next season and will not take any teams lightly."

Despite the ending, Andover finished with a record of 14-9-2 and secured five more wins this season compared to last season. Overall, it was a successful season for the team, according to Head Coach Paul Tortorella '80.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Coach Tortorella wrote, "I think the high compete level the boys brought to practice and a strong sense of team unity largely contributed to the success we saw this season."

"This team worked hard together on and off

the ice and took ownership of the positive direction they wanted to go. I hope they had an experience that they can build something off of, whether they are graduating or members of the returning classes, and remember the team bond they so clearly and deliberately fostered with each other," Tortorella continued.

Graduating a senior class of ten team members, the returners will look to step up and lead the team to another successful season next winter.

Cusack said, "The preparation starts now. We will take advantage of the ice we have this spring, and we will all be training hard this summer to gear up for next year."



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Post-Graduate (PG) Brendan Ryan '17 played forward for Andover Boys Hockey this past season.

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Look of the Week: Zizo Bahnasy '17 Confronts Stereotypes with Formal Wear

MICHELLE JEON

Matching salmon pink shorts with a dark denim button down shirt, Zizo Bahnasy '17 completes his look with a black leather watch rimmed with gold. This look is typical of Bahnasy, as he is well known on campus for his formal wear, according to a friend of Bahnasy, Claudia Meng '18.

"I think Zizo's style is very professional-chic. He wears a lot of formal wear, especially like button down shirts and khakis, but I think he stylizes it by wearing multiple different types of shoes and fun colors and belts, which I think is kind of charming," said Meng.

Bahnasy's sophisticated look, which partly emerged from his deeply rooted family values, has

allowed him to gain a greater sense of identity on campus.

"My parents and my family have always been very much supportive of looking tidy, looking neat, so that other people see you in a good light. But when I came to Andover specifically, I noticed that there was this culture of dressing up, this culture of trying to look good not only for other people, but also for yourself. A lot of people see it as 'preppy,' and perhaps 'pretentious,' but I gained confidence from dressing well," said Bahnasy.

Bahnasy likes to blend brighter pieces with more neutral colors to provide a statement yet subtlety in his clothing.

"You can have bright colors that don't look too dominating or over-present or a bright blue that matches your socks. I have maroon polka dot socks and I

pair them with my maroon tie. They match, so I can wear anything else. I tend to stick with grays and creams for the shirts and pants and try to blend them together so that people don't notice anything sticking out. It's also very easy to express vitality through colors," said Bahnasy.

Much of Bahnasy's ideal to create a sharp style stems from his own socio-economic background. He strives to break the boundaries of students' appearances based upon their access to money.

"I'm a full scholarship student at Andover. I've never had the opportunity to dress up well, so when I came to Andover, I embraced this culture because it represented some sort of shift for me... toward trying to assimilate not only on a structural or a societal level, but also on a personal growth level. This way of dress represents my growth [in] understanding these societal niches for decades and [that] only a certain group of the population has had access to them, but I have tried to breach that access... I'm very much an advocate of having your own signature look. So when somebody thinks about me, I want them to think of the way I want to present myself," said Bahnasy.

Bahnasy has spearheaded a 'Formal Finals' trend, where he dresses up during finals week to maintain his self-confidence during stressful and busy times. This has caught the eyes of his peers and friends.

"Whenever I see Zizo on the



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Zizo Bahnasy began a 'Formal Finals' trend where he dresses up during finals week in order to maintain his self-confidence and reduce stress.

path, I always think he is on his way to a college interview or job meeting. What makes him unique is his love for ties. I can confidently say that he definitely loves to wear ties, including bowties, on any given day, but especially when he has big tests. He

has this saying, which I hear a lot during finals week — "dress well to test well." He has fun dressing business professional and it definitely works for him," said Tyler Shen '17, a friend of Bahnasy.



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Zizo Bahnasy '17 draws much of his "professional-chic" style from his deeply rooted family values and standards.

Emerson Judson '20 Fosters Friendships and Character in Dance Groups

ADRIENNE LI

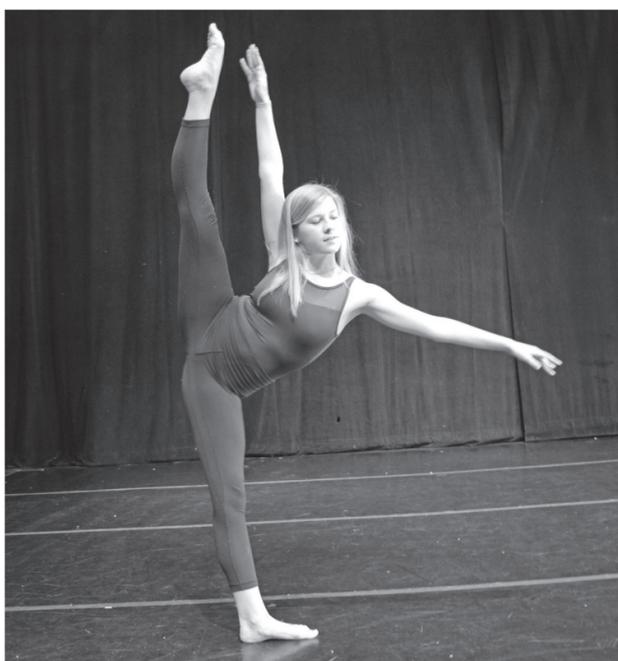
With a vibrant red flower in her hair, ten-year-old Emerson Judson '20, clad in an equally bright red costume paired with fishnet tights, twirled and kicked across the stage alongside her best friend. Judson and her friend met at a young age through dance and performed together in a sassy jazz duo choreographed by Ms. Caity, Judson's teacher and "second mom," according to Judson in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

"I remember we both started on the stage and the beginning was kind of sassy and just small little movements, kind of like showing off... The song ended with a big bang, and we both posed and did the same look that we did in the beginning. I'll never forget that dance because it was with her, and Ms. Caity choreographed it," said Judson.

Besides performing in recitals at the studio, Judson began her competitive dance career when she was in first grade. At first, Judson competed in larger groups with her friends, usually learning jazz and tap, every year. Later on, she began to learn close to seven or eight dances and often competed in smaller groups of trios, duos, or solos while traveling around New England.

"I made a lot of good friends at my old studio, we kind of became a family... I love watching people dance. It makes me happy, so I keep doing it. Dancing with bigger groups is probably my favorite. I've done solos a lot and continue to do them just because they're... good practice to get to dance by yourself [but] dancing with a group is honestly so much better because you can dance with all of your friends and everyone kind of peeps each other up," said Judson.

Since coming to Andover, Jud-



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Emerson Judson '20 began competitive dancing in the first grade with her dance company, traveling around New England.

son has become more focused on varying dance groups on campus, such as Bluestrut and Andover Dance Group, which have given her opportunities to meet and dance with people of similar interest.

"This year, I'm only doing one [competitive] dance since I'm trying to find a balance between school and dance, [but] competitive dance is the stuff where I came from. My studio is very competitive too; everything we do is so precise, and that's kind of why now I'm a perfectionist. Compared to my old studio, [dancing at Andover] is not competitive, which is pretty new to me. Now, it's more like we're all learning from each other, and it's

just a different experience," said Judson.

Currently, Judson, along with her friends Claudine Waggoner '20, Sophia Esposito '20, and Willow Pae '20, are working on a dance for Dance Open. Together, Judson and her friends, none of whom have choreographed before, came up with their own choreography for the performance, despite this being the first Dance Open for the four Juniors.

"Emerson's passion for dance and amazing dancing technique is inspiring. Dancing with her in classes and on stage is not only beautiful to watch but pushes me to try and excel at the level she does," said Waggoner.

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A bimonthly column by Chloe Lee '17



Welcome back to school, everyone! Although I am sure most of us were hoping to come back to warmer spring weather, we are left to make do with the remnants of winter. I don't think I am the only one who brought back a suitcase full of spring pieces for the new term, so here are some ways to style your denim shorts on these colder days:



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Tights

Go for the edgier vibe! Whether you have fishnet, sheer, or opaque tights, this extra layer will keep you just a tad bit warmer. Wear these under your shorts and pair with a thick jumper and jacket.

Knee-High Boots

Long boots will insulate the bottom half of your legs and allow you to sport your favorite shorts during these next few weeks. Long boots also tend to elongate the legs, so that is always a plus!



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Long Trench Coats

Hope you kept your parka at home because it's time to switch over to trench coats. These can serve as a blanket to keep your torso warm so that you can wear those denim shorts.

Chunky Sweaters

The longer, the better. You can tuck the front part of the sweater into your shorts and let the back part hang. You'll not only get extra warmth on the top part of your body, but the sweater can cover the back of your legs.



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Tie-Waisted Flannel

The most practical accessory. Tie your favorite flannel around your waist for extra protection and an effortless look. Throw on a spring jacket of your choice, and you are ready to go.

CONCERTS

What not to miss this week:

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| <p>FRIDAY 3/26 Silk Road Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Cochran Chapel</p> | <p>SUNDAY 3/28 Student Cello Recital ft. Daniel Yen '18 4:00 p.m. Timken Room</p> |
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Tour de Iceland: Jazz and Concert Bands Tour in Icelandic Cities

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Over Spring Vacation, the Jazz and Concert Bands traveled to Iceland to perform at three different venues as well as sightsee at Iceland's top tourist attractions.

ROMULUS SOTTILE

Strumming to a jazzy beat, Louis Aaron '18, a guitar player in Jazz Band, noticed a young sleeping girl in the audience of the Saga Centre, a museum in Hvolsvöllur, Iceland. As the bands continued to perform "Some Skunk Funk" by the Brecker Brothers, the little girl, upon hearing the upbeat rhythm of the song, woke up from her nap and started jumping around the packed theater, pretending to play trumpet, as Aaron described to *The Phillipian*.

"No matter who you are, where you're from, what language you speak, your foot's gonna be tapping. You're excited about it. [The little girl] just loved it. It's a universally energetic song. It's very fun," said Aaron.

This performance was one of three that the Jazz Band,

directed by Peter Cirelli, Instructor in Music, and Concert Band, directed by Vincent Monaco, Instructor in Music, showcased on a week-long tour in Iceland during Spring Vacation. Organized by Holly Barnes, Director of Performance, the tour included three different venues: one in the Harpa Theater in Reykjavik, another in a church in Reykjavik, and the last in Hvolsvöllur's Saga Centre.

"[Iceland's] a destination that's growing in popularity. Iceland's main industry was fishing, but now tourism has taken over as their largest industry with fishing now second. So it's become a really popular place to go and the more we looked at it, the more it appealed to us," said Cirelli.

The Saga Centre in Hvolsvöllur is a museum documenting Iceland's many sagas or age-old stories passed down through generations for over

a thousand years. Its performance space was small, but, according to Jenni Lawson '19, a clarinet player in Concert Band, the audience was grateful and responsive.

"It was really fun because so many people showed up... There were little kids dancing, and everybody was clapping throughout the jazz band's performance, and it was just a fun environment to be in," said Lawson.

The band's largest performance in Iceland was in the Harpa Theater, a medium-sized concert hall in Reykjavik with 200 total seats and about 170 filled.

"[The Harpa Theater performance] was kind of a bittersweet one in a way just because it was our last day. We were all having a lot of fun. It was sweet in that it was a good performance. It was a really nice hall. There were quite a few people there, probably close to 150 or

so. There was also a jazz band that played after us from one of the Icelandic music universities, and they were just killer good. It was so much fun for us to get to play and see what the next level was. They're amazing. That was a lot of fun," said Aaron.

During their time in Iceland, students were also given opportunities to explore Iceland, including excursions to famous waterfalls, a hot spring called the Blue Lagoon, and the Northern Lights.

"We learned a lot about how Iceland, while it is a Western country, still has a lot of Eastern type influences on it... We were also really lucky because we not only got to spend time in Reykjavik, which is a city, but also in the country where there were a lot of mountains, the ocean, and tons of giant waterfalls that were really pretty. We really got a big picture of the country," said Zora

Stewart '19, a french horn player in Concert Band.

According to Cirelli, the trip was a great opportunity to sightsee in and experience Iceland, but the most important part of it was the focus on music and performing.

"When we take a music group on tour, those groups really focus on, frankly, working much harder. All of our students work hard and play well, but when we're going to go on tour, especially internationally, it raises everybody's game. It makes everybody want to play even better because we're going to go showcase ourselves in another country," said Cirelli.

"Being away with a musical group where they're not running to classes in between rehearsals and performances, we're just there, and we're just playing music and being a part of that country. It's a wonderful experience," continued Cirelli.

Highlights from Jazz and Concert Bands' Icelandic Adventures

MICHELLE JEON AND ROMULUS SOTTILE



"My favorite part about the trip was making friends with all the people in the band. Becoming close with all of the people on the trip made it really special, along with going to another country and experiencing the culture and seeing how different it is from here."

Zora Stewart '19



"Between visits to geysers, waterfalls, and historical sites, we played cards and sang on the bus. At each of our concerts, we outplayed our rehearsals, with each concert better than the last. At one of them, the audience asked the jazz band for an encore!"

Will Hartemink '17



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