

Keely Aouga '19 & Nick Demetroulakos '19 Elected Co-Presidents



2018-19 Student Body Co-Presidents Keely Aouga '19 and Nick Demetroulakos '19 celebrated their election on Wednesday night after the polls closed. Voting began at 11:45 a.m. and ended at 9:00 p.m.

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Keely Aouga '19 and Nick Demetroulakos '19 secured their place as Student Body Co-Presidents for the 2018-2019 school year. According to Demetroulakos, the two have been friends since their Junior Fall history class. On Wednesday, after a long campaign process, the pair celebrated winning together.

Demetroulakos said, "Working with Keely has been a pleasure, and I think we've done a really good job of feeding off each other, in terms of getting really excited about it. When we realize how scary it is, we make sure we're there for each other. For me, it's reinforced what I really appreciate about Andover, and that's

the people. You can't be the Student Body Co-President without really knowing the student body."

In their platform, Aouga and Demetroulakos focused on three main goals: positivity on campus, communication between students and faculty, and wellness, which includes parietal changes and improving the availability of counselors at Sykes Wellness Center.

Aouga said, "One big thing for us is spreading positivity on campus because Andover is not an easy place to be [at] sometimes. That's something Nick and I thought would be the most feasible on our platform because it doesn't take a lot to spread

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Meet Congressional Award Recipient Justin Chang '19

STEVE NAM

Justin Chang '19, a day student from Middleton, Mass., received the Congressional Silver Medal for achieving several goals in voluntary community service, personal exploration, and personal athletic development this year.

Congressman Seth Moulton '97 presented Chang the award on February 24 in Moulton's Town Hall at Saugus High School. Chang was one of two students who won a medal in his district.

Chang wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Participating in the Congressional Award has been life-changing for me. It has

elucidated just how many opportunities there are for me to give back to society and the people around me."

Chang continued, "[The award's] high standards and worthy goals have taught me the value of persistence and diligence in following my dreams. The Congressional Award is a goal that I have dedicated myself to, and aspire to achieve — and it in turn has improved me as I strive towards it."

In order to win a Congressional Silver award, a student has to partake in numerous activities, including 200 hours of voluntary public service, a wilderness expedition lasting at least three days, and 200 hours of person-

al athletic improvement. Chang took around a total of four years to win the Congressional Silver Medal.

Despite his achievement, Chang at first did not tell any of his friends about his Congressional Silver Medal. Upon hearing the news, Olivia Lai '20, one of Chang's friends, attributed Chang's attitude and work ethic as deserving of the Congressional Medal.

Lai wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I think [the fact] that Justin didn't tell me about his Congressional Award really speaks to Justin's humility. He has an incredible work ethic and one of the most positive attitudes towards his work that I've seen,

of course, but the admirable part is that he doesn't get caught up in the hyper-competitive achievement culture at Andover. I think he's particularly deserving of the award, and I'm really proud of him."

Chang's start in community service lies in his experience with the Boy Scouts. Chang said that he originally did not have the intention of winning the award. Instead, Chang volunteered in order to give back to his community.

A particular Community Engagement activity that resonated with Chang was the Homework Room, a service project in which Andover students tutor and mentor elementary school



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Justin Chang '19 completed over 200 hours of public service, 200 hours of personal athletics, and a wilderness expedition.

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Andover Quiz Bowl Team Proceeds to Quarterfinals

ZACH MOYNIHAN

After what began as a close competition, Andover Quiz Bowl pulled ahead of Mansfield High School with a final score of 400 to 225 points. This victory secured Andover's position in the quarterfinals of "High School Quiz Show," a televised academic game show programmed on WGBH 2.

This latest match, which was filmed in January, was aired on March 10.

This was Andover's first round in the show's competitive bracket. On the team are members Anna Cambron '18, Eric You '18, Vincent Fan '20, and Lasal Mapiitigama '21.

Prior to their appearance on the television program, the quiz bowl team had competed in other tournaments across the country. Never before, however, had the team participated in a televised event with a studio audience.

Second-year team member Vincent Fan '20 expressed his initial apprehension for this new format, citing how different it was from what he had become accustomed to.

"Before the round actually began, it was honestly a bit nerve-wracking because at usual tournaments it's just a moderator and two teams, without any audience, so the sheer amount of people [at the show's filming] was a bit of a shock. But once Billy [Costa, the show's host,] started asking the questions, it was basically like clockwork for us: press the button when you know the answer, and try to get as many right as possible," wrote Fan in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Bill Qin '19, who sat in the live audience, was impressed by the team's ability to excel under pressure, especially given the charged atmosphere in the WGBH Studio.

"I feel that they really earned it. Knowing them, they're very smart people... It was really impressive to see them under that new pressure and to still be able to perform at their best," said Qin.

The team's success is due in part to their practice sessions. Team member Mapiitigama detailed how a combination of practice and general knowledge has propelled the team forward.

"We practice twice a week. At these practices, we read questions from prior tournaments to each other. Outside these practices we rarely study exclusively for quiz bowl. This is where we mainly differ from other schools. A lot of schools study solely for quiz bowl... whereas our knowledge is more general," wrote Mapiitigama in an email to *The Phillipian*.

With this general knowledge comes the team's basic strategy of playing to each other's strengths, especially as the four team members have gotten to know each other over the course of their matches.

"We've grown to know what we are good at individually, so certain team members are more risky in certain subjects. For instance, I play it very safe in science because I know Eric and Vincent are very good at science. However, I am aggressive in history because that's my strongest area," wrote Mapiitigama.

Susan Esty, Director of Wellness Education and another audience member at the filming, was impressed not only by the extent of the knowledge exhibited by the team but also by their composure, which was all the more important given the intense atmosphere of the televised match.

"I think that group of students who participate in Quiz Bowl is incredibly impressive. The breadth of their knowledge was particularly evident when we went to WGBH Studios, and their poise was incredible... It's hard to describe actually what it was like in that atmosphere with the studio audience and Billy Costa and the lights and cameras and everything. Our [Andover] students represented us so well," said Esty.

The quarterfinals of "High School Quiz Show" will air April 14. Fan is looking forward to both the competition and the ability to meet new people.

Fan wrote, "Besides making a whole lot of friends in school, I've also gotten to know a lot of the quiz bowlers at other schools in the area through various regional tournaments, and they're honestly all great people and really fun to talk to."

Learning in the World: Service Learning Project in the Dominican Republic

IANNA RAMDHANY

A group of ten students and two faculty spent Spring Break hammering wooden pallets in the hot climate of the Dominican Republic. Together, the members of this nine-day service project built an outdoor yoga platform to promote health and wellness for eighth grade girls.

"It was a lot of a hard labor: carrying the pallets, nailing them together, sanding it down. In the morning we were sweating buckets," said program director Anny Candelario Escobar, Instructor in Mathematics and Course Head of Empathy, Balance, and Inclusion.

Titled "Global Goals: Dominican Republic," the trip was one of the Learning in the World programs offered this year by the Tang Institute. According to the Tang Institute website, the goals of this service program are to promote gender equality and eradicate generational poverty.

The program works in association with the Mariposa Foundation, an organization that focuses on women empowerment and the issue of poverty. The foundation was established to support girls below the poverty line in the northern part of the Dominican Republic.

Participants also worked with the girls in small groups to come up with ideas for a museum that the Mariposa Foundation plans to build in the next year.

"It was just amazing to see how even though some [Andover] kids weren't able to speak Spanish, everyone was able to communicate and get to know each other really well, and we form bonds and we can communicate via common language really well," said Abdu Donka '18.

The students on the trip developed close relationships with the girls of the Mariposa Foundation. Shahinda Bahnasy '20 cherished the personal time with the girls that connected her to the work she did throughout the day.

"One experience with a girl named Liandra that allowed for me to realize that I was making a

difference at the foundation was when she gave me a Dominican Republic bracelet... She pulled [it] out of her bag and put it on my wrist and told me, "This is for when you leave because I don't want you to forget about me," said Bahnasy.

According to Donka, the trip allowed him to realize the value of education and the effects of its inaccessibility. The trip also prompted him to think of his own privilege within education.

Donka said, "I was shocked by how the quality of one's life can be determined by whether you finish high school or not. You can get married really early and be tied down in a marriage, or you can get an education, have your own job, you can have more economic freedom before you consider marriage. It just made me realize how lucky I am, how privileged we are in the United States, and how I can help out in the future."

Candelario supported this acknowledgement of privilege that she says happens every year when the students visit the homes of the girls in the foundation.

Candelario said, "One thing is to know that they're way below the poverty line. Another thing is to actually go to their homes or walk through their neighborhoods and kind of see it. I think that sends a strong message to stu-

dents. Look at where we are: we're at [Andover]. What more could you ask for?"

Candelario first connected with the organization while working at Tabor Academy. While in search of an organization in the Dominican Republic, she came across the Mariposa Foundation.

"I always wanted to participate in one of these Spring Break... service-oriented programs, and I could never afford to, so I never went. As a teacher, I made it a goal to fundraise for anyone that wanted to go on a program," said Candelario.

Upon coming to Andover, where fundraising was no longer an issue, Candelario had more time to focus on the program. The Mariposa Foundation was important to her because of its various impacts on girls.

"They offer classes, academic classes... [and] opportunities to learn skills like sewing [and] swimming, which is surprisingly one of the skills that most girls don't have, though across the street is the beach," said Candelario.

"Something I took from the trip is how vital education is and how it's not easily accessible to everyone in the world. We did a lot of reflecting, and I think that's something that made it really special," said Donka.



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Ten students and two faculty visited the Dominican Republic over Spring Break to work with the Mariposa Foundation.

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Editorial

#SayYesTo(AnImperfect)Andover

March 10 marked the release of admission decisions for Andover's 241st admitted class. In the days and weeks following the announcement, prospective students from across the country and the globe are sitting down to decide if they will "say yes to Andover." As revisit days and the final decision deadline approach, we as current students must think of the role we play in shaping the way prospective students view our school.

Andover is an institution that promises an abundance of opportunities to its students. Here, there are interesting classes to take, over a hundred clubs to join, and life-long friendships to make. But as newly admitted students revisit campus, it is essential that they come to understand all aspects of Andover — the good and the bad — before deciding if they want to spend the next four years of their lives here.

Through tours, student panels, and admissions materials, among other things, prospective students are introduced to a glorified version of Andover. They see the smiles, the passion, the delicious food, and the beautiful campus. What they don't see are the late nights, the stressful assessments, and everything else that can make Andover a challenging place to be at.

This skewed perspective is not inherently the creation of the Admission Office — it is their job to bring the best students from around the world to Andover. Most of the time, it falls on the students to convey an authentic Andover experience to these new students. Students helping to advertise Andover as a perfect institution are spreading an incorrect message.

Every place has its flaws. At Andover, toxic achievement culture on campus is often overlooked and unaddressed. There have also been multiple instances where a disconnect between students and the administration has led to unpopular decisions. These, along with

many other issues at Andover, generally go unmentioned to prospective students during the application cycle.

It is a strength to acknowledge these flaws because, in addition to providing a rounded perspective of Andover, it is the first step towards addressing them on campus.

But more importantly, students must convey a balanced picture of this school so that prospective students understand that there is no ideal Andover experience. Advertising Andover as such can constrain a student, incoming or present, into thinking that they, too, must be flawless — that they must have a traditionally perfect Andover experience, or that they should feel or act a certain way at this school. A student may end up constantly wondering, "Why am I not enjoying myself or doing well in my classes when everyone else seems to be?" With this mindset, students may blame themselves for not being perfect in a perfect school, thus setting unrealistic expectations that are detrimental.

There is no "right" way to experience Andover, and that is essential to the school's nature. Every student brings something different to the table, and every student experiences both the great and the not-so-great parts of Andover differently. If we keep this idea in mind as ambassadors of this institution, revisiting students may be able to enter Andover with a more open and realistic mindset and a better understanding of the school. Because, while it is a privilege to attend such a school, it is certainly not perfect, and it is damaging to all of us to depict it or treat it as such.

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National Leadership Needs Term Limits

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VLADIMIR PUTIN has been president of Russia for almost as long as I have been alive. He has served for 14 years so far, and has just won another six-year term. Three fourths of the ballots have been counted and Putin leads with 76.1 percent of the votes in his favor, according to "The Wall Street Journal."

Supposing he completes this new term, Putin will have

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20 years of presidency under his belt. While keeping a beloved and well-performing candidate is understandable, I believe Russia would be better off electing a new leader. Unfortunately, Russia does not have a legal limit to how many terms a president can serve.

Russia is not the only country with this problem; several other countries, including China, India, Italy, and Germany do not set term limits for the national leader. But they should. Setting presidential terms facilitates countries' development because new leaders focus on accomplishing different goals, and underperforming presidents can only

hold office for a limited time.

Euromaidan Press gathered the accomplishments and failures from Putin's presidency as reported by Russian citizens. People in Russia appear to feel that Putin has strengthened ties with other Eastern countries and raised the country's international standing, in addition to fighting crime. They also mention, however, that some of his greatest failures have been stalling economic growth, neglecting to improve

the standard of living, and worsening ties with Western countries. Sure enough, from 2016 to 2017, the percentage of Americans who supported limiting relations with Russia grew from 39 percent to 53 percent, according to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Putin clearly prioritizes improving the military but falls short in other areas. Regularly bringing in new leaders allows for more diverse agendas, which inspire policy change.

Changing up the leadership in Russia would enable more widespread development.

Setting term limits for presidencies also guarantees long-term change because it restricts the tenure of underperforming candidates. President George W. Bush, for example, promised to decrease the costs of healthcare and increase access. However, the Center for American Progress (CAP) Action Fund states that during Bush's presidency, the

price of healthcare increased an average of 12.5 percent, and that an additional four million people became uninsured during Bush's first two years in office. Bush also promised to lower the national debt to "historically low levels." After his presidency, the national

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debt skyrocketed to an all time high, according to CAP.

In the United States, presidents hold office for a maximum of eight years. After Bush's eight years, Barack Obama was elected. He implemented the Affordable Care Act, which gave insurance to over 10 million people, according to CNNMoney. Elect-

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ing a new president allowed the number of insured people to increase since Bush's candidacy.

Setting term limits for national leaders allows a wide range of ideas to be represented. Vladimir Putin should not be entering his fourth term as president. I hope that in the near future, countries like Russia, Italy, and India will implement new laws to prevent 20-year presidencies and maximize progress.

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Firing at the FBI

ANDY ZENG



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A TOTAL WITCH HUNT with massive conflicts of interest!” tweeted Donald Trump this Monday, clearly aiming an attack at special counsel Robert Mueller, who has been investigating the

Yet, from looking at how Trump fired McCabe as he did with Comey, I am not so sure anymore — maybe Trump has begun to carry out his newest ploy: discrediting Mueller and then firing him once and for all.

president’s surreptitious ties to Russia since May of last year. This barrage of new tweets appears to be the first time that The Donald has called directly out the director on Twitter, insisting among other allegations that Mueller’s team is filled with “big Crooked Hillary Supporters” and (after caps-locking his phone to emphasize his rage) had found “NO COLLUSION!”

I laughed out loud when I first read this tweet. Just what game does this guy think he’s playing? Sure, Mueller has yet to produce enough evidence to put the president behind bars, but he has already published many charges (against Michael Flynn and around thirteen Russian nationals) that reveal the corruption of the Trump ad-

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ministration. Yet, from looking at how Trump fired McCabe as he did with Comey, I am not so sure anymore — maybe Trump has begun to carry out his newest ploy: discrediting Mueller and then firing him once and for all.

This thought scares me. Can Trump actually fire Mueller if he wanted to? According to the Washington Post, even if “the

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president might first have to order the regulations rescinded or demand that the Justice Department fire the prosecutor,” the answer is a certain yes; Trump can fire the very person who is investigating him and install another one of his pup-



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pets in office.

This may very well happen because a similar event has occurred before amidst the Watergate scandal. President Nixon instructed Attorney General Elliot Richardson to fire Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, who was investigating in a similar fashion to how Mueller is investigating Trump. When Richardson refused, Nixon turned to the Deputy Attorney General, who also then refused and resigned. By going down the chain of command and compelling people who did not cooperate to resign, Nixon was eventually able to find a lower

authority willing to do as he pleased. It’s scary how history may repeat itself.

But I still have hope. Even if Trump fires Mueller, there is an upside — a catch to this tale. It seems that, for once, Democrats and a growing number of Republicans have rallied together to caution the president against taking this course of action. “I think anything directed at firing Mr. Mueller blows up the whole town, and that becomes the end of governing and the presidency as we know it,” says Republican Senator Lindsey Graham. Even Trump’s head lawyer in special

counsel inquiry, John Dowd, resigned Thursday morning due to increasing tension between him and the president after he urged Trump to cooperate with Mueller and resist calling him out on social media. All of this point to one reality: by putting Mueller out of office, Trump is digging his own grave. Yes — I confess — maybe I am a little too optimistic. But in this “Stormy” day and age, a little hope could go a long way.

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Restricted Validity Passport

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I CAME AS SOMEWHAT of a surprise to my parents — eight years after their last son, and at the end of their twenty five years spent as expatriates. In my first passport picture, obtained from the South African em-

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bassy in Singapore, I am just over a week old, being propped up by a hand while still half asleep. Right off the bat, I learned how to be a foreigner.

Whenever my two brothers are asked where they are from, their answers turn into a story: “I’m not too sure! I’ve lived in New York, Korea, Poland, South Africa...” Generally, they are stopped before they can finish the list. Though the narrative goes that they “don’t know where they’re from,” they fall luckily into a very accepting and worldwide community of internationally-schooled kids who have lived with expat parents in various places for their whole lives. My brothers’ accent are not exactly British, American, nor South African, but distinctly recognisable wherever they go

as being from international schools. Despite trying, I have not been able to connect with their narratives.

My mother travelled from Indonesia, where the rest of my family was living at the time, to Singapore in search of better medical care for my arrival. I spent three years in Indonesia before my family moved to England, where my remembered childhood begins. Among these memories is the day I received my citizenship. It didn’t take me long, however, to realise that even standing in front of a photo of Queen Elizabeth, new passport in hand, pledging my nationality at six years old, that it takes more than a passport for a country to accept you as their own.

While my brothers identified with the international community, I felt distinctly British. Yet, in England, I have never been taken as such. My passport has never been enough to answer questions of “How can you be British if your parents are South African?” or “Why

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weren’t you born here?” or “Where are you really from?” The rejection I faced from my “truly” British friends prompted a search for my



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national identity. I was certainly not Singaporean nor Indonesian, and despite my first passport, I didn’t feel South African like my parents. In fact, when I go back now, much of my extended family considers me to be an American, even though the only thing tying me to the United States is a four-year F1 visa.

Unlike my brothers, I knew where I was from. To be told that not only was my passport not enough to be British, but also that the way I felt and identified was in some way invalid or false left me feeling confused and out of place. The xenophobic attitude that I saw so often among my peers was perhaps illustrated by Brexit and the feelings of some of the public that came to light. When I hear people say that

“foreigners are coming over and taking our jobs,” I realise that my parents fall into that category — that in their eyes, we will never be

When I hear people say that “foreigners are coming over and taking our jobs,” I realise that my parents fall into that category — that in their eyes, we will never be British.

British.

The first time I have ever called myself British and not been pushed for a “real” answer was at Andover. I was immediately thankful for a place that celebrated

diversity in all its forms, namely for me, international diversity. Here, when I tell people I was born in Singapore or that my parents and brothers hold different passports to me, it doesn’t make me less British in the way that it does back home. Rather, the added perspectives that I bring add to my identity instead of detract from it, and I am thankful to Andover for this celebration. My national identity is multidimensional — I am British, but I have found homes in different corners of the world, and they are a part of me, too.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Reporting by Abby Ryan

- The Chamber Orchestra traveled to New York City with The Fidelio Society during the first weekend of Spring Break. The ensembles watched the New York Philharmonic in the Lincoln Center, performed at Carnegie Hall, and held an impromptu performance in Times Square.
- On March 10, prospective Andover students received their admissions decisions. The school will be expecting around 300 families to visit, and the admissions office awaits more accepted students' responses. The revisit days will take place on March

26, March 30, April 2, and April 6. According to Vivien Mallick, Director of Admissions Operations, approximately 500 students have signed up to be revisit hosts.

Looking Ahead

- On Sunday, March 25, Greenlight for Girls will be visiting campus for an all-day seminar fostering creativity in the field of STEM for over sixty girls ages 11 to 15 from Frost Middle School and Carlisle Middle School. The event was spearheaded by Lila Brady '18, Emma Donchi '18, and Jackie Rossi '20, recipients of an Abbot

Grant. The keynote speakers are Melissa Rancourt, the founder of the program, and Scarlett Koller, an engineer at SpaceX. Greenlight for Girls is a non-profit program that began in Belgium seven years ago and has since hosted over 140 events all over the world.

- On Saturday, March 24, students will travel to the March for Our Lives protest in Boston. March for Our Lives is a nation-wide event that occurs in wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. and the shooting at Great Mills High School in Great Mills, Md. The trip, organized

by Clarisa Merkatz '19, will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Merkatz will also be starting the club Never Again to take action against school shootings and be a "rallying point for action," according to an email sent out to students.

- Haben Girma, a disability rights activist and public speaker, will be visiting Andover and speaking at All-School Meeting on March 28. The first deaf-blind person to graduate from Harvard Law School, Girma is an accomplished speaker, with credits including a TED Talk, the White House's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 2015, and being named one of the one hundred most influential Africans of 2017 by "New African Magazine."

- On Sunday, March 25, John Moreland '18 will be presenting his CAMD Scholar Presentation "How Music Propelled a Society Forward" at Kemper Auditorium. His talk will explore the connection music forged between Abbot and Phillips Academy when the two schools were separate institutions.

Head of School and Dean of Students Get 'Pied' for Puerto Rico Fundraiser



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Two lucky students, Jack Cusack '18 and Adam Vlastic '20, "pied" Head of School John Palfrey and Dean of Students and Residential Life Jennifer Elliott '94 at this week's All School Meeting. The event was organized by Alianza Latina and Sebastian Romero '20, who sold raffle tickets for the chance to "pie" Palfrey and Elliott. The money raised will go to residents of Puerto Rico suffering from the aftermath of the recent Hurricane Maria.

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positivity. Just letting someone know that you're there for them is really important, especially when you're at a school that can be really difficult."

Demetroulakos said, "I think our positivity makes us really great partners, and being able to build off each other. We're both friendly people, and I think that that really goes a long way in helping us move forward, but when we need to get stuff done, we get it done."

According to Aouga, one way to foster positivity and happiness on campus is to improve student-faculty communication.

"If you're communicating with a faculty member you trust, when you're having a problem, it helps you do better and excel at Andover. When you know you can go to your resources, you're more equipped to go through your Andover experience," said Aouga.

In their platform, Aouga and Demetroulakos proposed having an online suggestion box where students can submit their concerns, as well as establishing a biweekly newsletter outlining what Student Council is working on, and organizing faculty-student meetings more frequently.

Demetroulakos said, "Everyone [who runs for co-presidency] says communication, because I think that is genuinely a really big problem. The faculty and the students don't see eye-to-eye, and I don't think there's enough interaction. When are you ever seeing faculty outside of class? Even if they're not a dean or a policy-maker, they are still important, and if they hear concerns from a student, hopefully during a faculty meeting those are concerns they would raise."

In pushing for reform of the parietal system, Aouga and Demetroulakos hope to continue the work of former Co-Presidents Sam Bird '18 and Eastlyn Frankel '18.

Demetroulakos said, "I think a lot of people want to see that changed, and I think Sam and Eastlyn have done a really good job of pushing

for it and getting momentum, and if we can build on that, we can really get stuff done."

In addition to making parietal rules more lenient, their platform suggested using online, off-campus counseling services to improve wellness on campus. Because there is such a high demand for counselors at the Sykes Center, the pair want to make the services at Sykes more accessible.

Another issue they want to focus on is how to compensate for the loss of study space when the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library closes for renovation during the 2018-2019 school year.

"We want to make sure that there are study spaces for the day students, especially, but for the boarders as well. It's going to be a hard transition, but we just want the faculty to be aware of the student body's needs," said Demetroulakos.

Although policy is big part of their role as Co-Presidents, Aouga and Demetroulakos also want to focus on connecting with students.

Demetroulakos said, "For Keely and I both, at the end of the day, we're just fun-loving people. That sounds very cheesy, but we both just like making people laugh, and I think that's just as important a job for the Co-Presidents. Yes, policy is very important, but part of it is also to be a face on campus, and be someone who is engaging with the students and someone people want to talk to."

When asked about what message she would like to send to the Andover community, Aouga said, "We're in Spring Term, and everyone is ready for Summer Vacation, since it's not very warm out. It's only the first week back, so people are in a good mood, but people are kind of thinking that, next week, that excitement will end. I just want to tell everyone to keep pushing and that you're going to make it to the end of the term. If you can make it through Fall and Winter Term, you can make it through Spring Term."

Editor's Note: Keely Aouga is a Commentary Editor for The Phillipian.

First All School Meeting of Spring Term: Co-Presidential Debates

SOPHIA LEE AND ROSS VIEIRA

For their last time speaking as Co-Presidents in All-School Meeting (ASM), Sam Bird '18 and Eastlyn Frankel '18 mediated the debate between the final two Co-Presidential candidate pairs.

Having passed several rounds of preliminary voting, Rhea Chandran '19 and Matthew Cline '19 opposed Keely Aouga '19 and Nick Demetroulakos '19 as the final two pairs.

The debates opened with a five-minute opening statements presented by the candidates. Each pair was then asked one question from a current Co-President, followed by a second question prepared by their respective opponents. The debates closed off with two-minute closing statements from each pair.

In their closing statement, Cline and Chandran emphasized the importance of togetherness at Andover.

"In the end, you can't do Andover alone. You need at least one person on your team that you can count on, and Matt and I, you've got two," said Chandran during ASM.

In their final remarks, Aouga and Demetroulakos offered their support to each student sitting in Cochran Chapel.

"There is more to just being okay on this campus, and Nick and I just want to be there for

you guys so that you guys can all be just a little bit more than okay," said Aouga during ASM. Shahinda Bahnasy '20 said that the format of the debate allowed each pair to best present their platforms and personalities.

"For me, both of the partners did a very good job of explaining their platforms and portraying what they personally want to do, not just as a pair. It was very genuine from each person," said Bahnasy.

Miley Kaufman '19 said that each pair felt different to her during the debate.

"I think both teams had very different approaches to the way that they talked to us and in the way they presented themselves, and I thought it was really cool to see my classmates and people that I know and love up there representing our grade," said Kaufman.

On the other hand, Aidan Burt '21 felt that the positions the candidates took were somewhat similar, differing only in their presentation.

"I thought that both speeches were well put together, but I thought they shared a lot of similar ideas. They were both focused on both the parietal rules and making sure everyone is okay," said Burt.

Bahnasy and Kaufman both noted a question that Aouga and Demetroulakos asked to Chandran and Cline. Bahnasy felt that both the question and the answer held equal merit.

"I really liked Keely and

Nick's question to Rhea and Matt, the question [of] 'What does being happy mean at Andover?' because I think that for every person on this campus, it would probably be a different answer. I think it was great because it gave Rhea and Matt the opportunity to show everyone on this campus what satisfies them as potential Co-Presidents," said Bahnasy.

Kaufman added, "I think 'How do you define happiness at Andover?' was such a great question, because I didn't know the answer."

Will Kantaros '18 felt that Cline had the best answer throughout the debate. Kantaros said that Cline inspired both him and the audience with his words.

"I think that the debate focused a lot on the mental health of students and overall well-being and happiness of the campus... In my opinion, it was a really successful part of the debate to see Matt step up and answer the question so vividly and with so much hope and inspiration," said Kantaros.

After the debates, the polls for the final election round were open from 11:45 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Aouga and Demetroulakos emerged as the victors of this year's Co-Presidential race. They will serve together for the 2018-2019 school year.

Editor's Note: Keely Aouga is a Commentary Editor for The Phillipian.

Head of St. Paul's School to Step Down

STAFF REPORT

Michael G. Hirschfeld, Rector of St. Paul's School, will be stepping down at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year. Hirschfeld announced his resignation on January 4 in a letter published on the school's website.

Hirschfeld has served as the school's rector since 2010. He first joined the faculty in 1994 and served as Vice Rector for External Affairs for six years.

Hirschfeld wrote in his letter, "Leaving the School would be more difficult if I did not know these truths: the School is absolutely on the right trajectory in all things that relate to educating and caring for young people; there are extraordinary people here — talented students from across the

globe and faculty and staff who are wholly devoted to advancing our mission; and the time is right for new leadership."

Archibald Cox, President of the Board of Trustees at St. Paul's School, also released a letter addressing Hirschfeld's resignation. According to Cox, the trustees of St. Paul's School are in the midst of a rigorous process to determine who will be appointed the fourteenth rector of the school.

Cox wrote, "Now, as the end of [Hirschfeld's] committed term approaches, his energy, wisdom, and devotion to St. Paul's School has been manifestly clear throughout. In meeting our challenges, Mike has demonstrated exceptional insight and courage. For those qualities, I am especially grateful."

During Hirschfeld's time as rector, St. Paul's School came under

fire after rape allegations by Chessy Prout, a then 15-year-old, against Owen Labrie SPS '14, a senior at the time. In the 2015 trial, Labrie was acquitted of rape but found guilty of sexual assault and other crimes.

The trial brought to light a student tradition of "Senior Salute," in which male seniors attempt to have as many sexual encounters with female freshmen as possible.

In 2017, the New Hampshire Attorney General investigated an incident in which male students recorded their relationships with girls using a cardboard crown. Five students were found in violation of school rules but not in violation of New Hampshire law.

Neither Hirschfeld nor Cox's letters provide specific reasons for Hirschfeld's resignation.

Justin Chang '19 Awarded Congressional Medal For Community Service

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students of the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence. Chang claims that his experience working at the Homework Club completely altered his perception of the obstacles that financially disadvantaged students face.

Chang wrote, "I've seen students who can tackle three-digit multiplication in their heads. I've seen students fluently speak English and Spanish in equal measures. However, some of them were inhibited in their English literacy — a skill difficult to acquire in homes with minimal books and extremely busy parents. They were initially unable to demonstrate their talents, but the supportive environment of the Homework Room made them more confident in themselves and allowed them to shine even brighter."

Chang claims that witnessing these moments affected him

deeply because they gave him a renewed perspective on the importance of a supportive educational system. He specifically believes that enabling disadvantaged students to their highest potential is a key part of community service.

Chang has plans to expand his endeavors in Community Engagement both in and outside Andover. He will coordinate the Checkmate Chess Club next year, one of the programs organized by both the Andover Community Engagement Office and the previously mentioned Lawrence Boys and Girls Club.

Chang also plans to work with Si, Se Puede, an organization in Lawrence focusing on a food truck program that aims to distribute food bags to local residents. Chang also plans to pursue the Congressional Gold Medal, the most prestigious of all Congressional Awards.

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WE HAD A BETTER ISSUE PLANNED, BUT WE DIDN'T THINK YOU GUYS WERE READY FOR IT.

A Response To the Notion That Freshmen are Allowed to be Stressed: 'No, You Can't.'

WILL LEGGAT

Look, kid, you don't even know what the word stress means. As a fully-grown Senior, let me educate you a little on the real world that I am totally a part of. It's full of meanies that will try to kick you out six times because they found out you were harboring naked mole rats in your room to breed and sell on the black market to support your wife and her six adopted children. You told her to stop at five, but no no, she had to have six because she wanted an "even number." Yeah, right. Who's gonna care if they can't hold each others' hands and pair up in an emergency, Brenda? I mean, God, after a couple kids you kind of hit a point of diminishing returns on the amount of joy you get back. The first kid was a great one, but they really started to go downhill after the third.



Innocent Freshman victim to Senior's angry tirade.

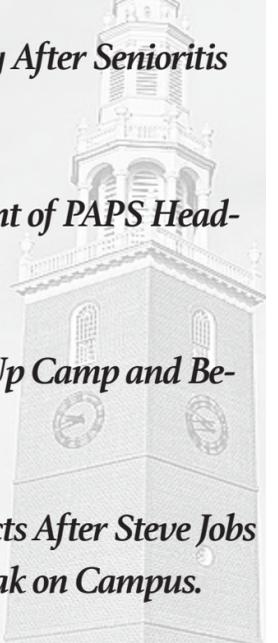
men, as the fourth child in my family to have gone through this diploma-mill carnival torture show, lemme tell you that you know nothing about stress. Sure, you might've had a couple late nights chatting with your friends while worrying about your math test, or maybe you've even had an all-nighter or two — but have you ever had to look down the barrel of a 12-gauge shotgun in your living room as you told your landlord that for the fifth time that year you couldn't scrape the money together to pay the rent

because you spent all day at the dog races?

Have you ever had to sell a kidney to your science teacher so you could save enough money to buy monkey bread at The Den? Have you? I didn't think so. Just know that next time I'm cutting my toenails with a rusty axe because school supplies for my kids are expensive and I couldn't afford nail clippers, I'll be thinking about your "stress" and how little it means to an 18-year-old like me, with real problems.

THE WEEK'S TOP HEADLINES

- Sykes Declares State of Emergency After Senioritis Outbreak. And Syphilis.
- Student Falls Into Tiger Pit in Front of PAPS Headquarters.
- Local Caravan of Vagabonds Set Up Camp and Bewitch Andover.
- Administration Bans Apple Products After Steve Jobs Doesn't Respond to Request to Speak on Campus.



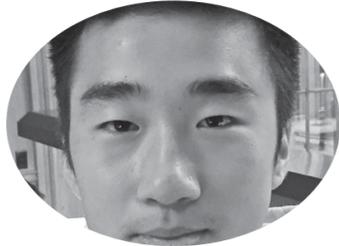
REQUIREMENTS FOR EIGHTH PAGE ASSOCIATES

- Physically, could wrestle an alligator, but ethically, could not.
- Knows all the lyrics to "Till I Collapse" by Eminem.
- Socially liberal, fiscally conservative.
- Would have had the foresight to talk some sense into Judas.
- Will accept the title of "Human Dartboard."

TYPES OF SPRING BREAKS ANDOVER STUDENTS HAD



"I got tangled in an increasingly expensive legal battle with Ben & Jerry's."



"I bare-knuckle boxed a moose."



"I slept through all of Spring Break in what may or may not have been a bear-at-tack-induced coma."



"I did all my homework for this term and the next three."

Well, well, well. You've come crawling back for more comedic relief like the pleb you are. So what do you want me to do? I'm not some kind of rentable jester. Go find humor in the world. Laugh at some kid or trip a classmate. Explore.

A Spring Break Inspired FanFic: Chad Falls in 'Love'

SOPHIA MERAGEAS

Spring break incites a plethora of different emotions for all of its goers. Some catch up on a book they have so eagerly anticipated to explore. The inviting sweet and musty smell wafts into the welcoming face of this vacationer — what a thrill! Others explore unfamiliar corners of the earth, namely the cultured beaches of Cancun or Atlantis. Andover truly represents youth from every corner.

But Chad Bradford '19, expecting boundless Fortnite wins and an endless supply of Hot Cheetos in the depths of the majestic town of Wilmington, Mass., had a spring break unlike any other. The Eighth Page brings you an exclusive interview with Bradford, where he gave us the low-down on his glittering mirage of a spring break.

As an elite gold exclusive Starbucks community member, Chad heads over to Main Street for his daily Frappuccino on his favorite, and only, means of transportation — his fiery red, solar-powered bicycle. He proudly constructed the bike for a middle school science fair. Expecting to encounter his typical Saturday morning



Chad breaks the news of his new girlfriend to random freshmen in the library. He hates to brag, but...

barista, Carl who smells kind of like slightly soured milk, he was instead met by a replacement (Carl had violated the terms of his probation). His neck wrenched at a perfect 30 degree angle for optimal screening, as a Grinch-esque smile glowed across his face. "And just like that, she was the one. Her eyes melted mine. Her smile was the perfect shape of an upside-down crescent moon. Not quite a waning gibbous yet but etching close," he told us.

The relationship flourished from that moment. "She asked for my name. My name. She might as well have asked for my phone number! She was so shy," he smiles reminiscently. Trips to the mall,

roasting marshmallows by the fire, snow angels in the blizzard: they fell totally in love in just two short weeks.

A natural alpha lion in society, Chad found himself swarmed by his pals, curious to hear about his first love, on Tuesday morning. Unfortunately, they forgot to take any pictures together because they were having so much fun, and she just moved to Australia. He assured them all, however, that she was "like super cool and really pretty and real too." "She was like a dream," he whispered. "All I have left are the memories that I'm going to share with absolutely everyone I can so that the boys will think I'm a

The Off-Season Life Of The Snyder Center

LILY RADEMACHER

As winter comes to an end, the more athletically-inclined of Andover close up the Snyder Center in favor of the icky outdoor athletic grounds. However, the question of which sports will occupy Snyder and its 98,000 square feet of Big Blue Spirit looms hauntingly over the heads of spring coaches. Especially due to recent and impending snowfall, space is hotly contested among the coaching staff. Our reporters have noticed that the officials of the Snyder Center seem to be getting a lot more attention than usual lately, and aren't exactly discouraging the special treatment, either.

Beginning with a seemingly innocent, tasteful piece by Edible Arrangements being sent to

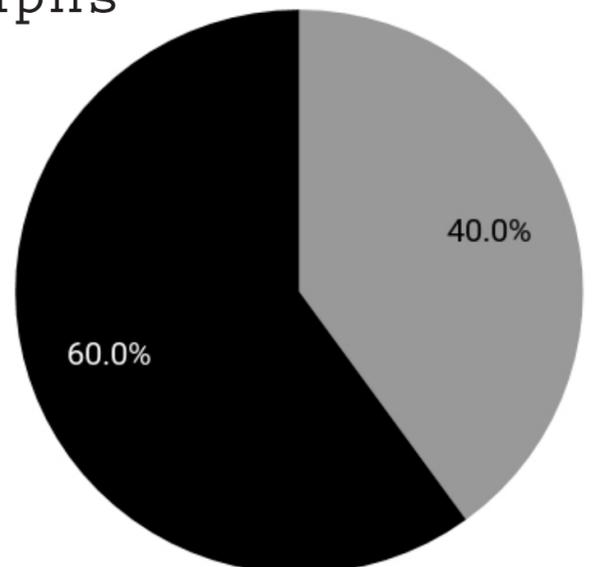
the administrative office, the "favours" have only escalated and don't appear to be stopping anytime soon. It appears that coaches are ready to do just about anything to secure the highly-coveted practice space. Little steps like gift baskets evolved into spa vouchers and gift cards, then into donations of hundreds upon hundreds of dollars and expensive lingerie. The most recent offering was more inconspicuous, but in this arms race it seems necessary. Head Coach Cerioli was seen passing a manila envelope to an unnamed employee of the facility, who then appeared to open it up and feel the delicate lace slip inside.

Coach Cerioli's team, who before were positioned to start the season practicing on the snowy fields of Siberia, have now

been switched and given a locker room in Snyder, in addition to post-school slots. Cerioli has refused to comment on the sudden switch, which administration said was "warranted and completely necessary, but definitely not suspicious at all".

The shift in scheduling etiquette is disliked by most, except those like Coach Cerioli, who truly will do anything for their sport. As he sat in small claims court being arraigned on bribery charges, Cerioli made his statement clear and said, "I knew fully well what I was doing, and don't regret any of it. If I go down, I go down knowing that I embody what 'There is no I in team' really means and that everyone deserves something to make them feel beautiful."

A Giraffe's Graphic Study Into Jurassic Graphs



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Alumna Caroline Shipley '16 Crowned NCAA DIII National Champion

GIGI GLOVER

As Captain of Girls Soccer and a member of 42 relay teams during her time at Andover, Caroline Shipley '16 displayed a strong athletic prowess that continued into her collegiate career. Shipley, a member of Bowdoin College's class of 2020, used her inherent athletic talents coupled with a dedicated work ethic and positive attitude to win the NCAA Division III Track & Field Medley Relay title for the 2018 indoor track season alongside her Medley Relay team.

Shipley said, "With track, everything builds on everything, so every season you try to get better. I think I began preparing for it even at Andover."

At Andover, Shipley ran both Indoor and Outdoor Track, participating in a variety of relay events including the 4x100-Meter, 4x400-Meter, 4x200-Meter, 4x440-Yard, and the Distance Medley Relay. Shipley was also a member of the Interschols teams during all four years of her Andover career, acquiring points for the team each year, according to Head Coach of Track & Field Rebecca Hession.

Her Junior year, Shipley placed second in the 4x100-Meter Relay and third in the 400-Meter Dash. Lower Year, she and her team won the 4x400-Meter Relay. She went on to place second in the 400-Meter Dash, fourth in the 200-Meter Dash, and won the 4x400-Meter Relay again

in her Upper year. By her Senior year, Shipley had won the 400-Meter Dash as well as the 4x400-Meter Dash for the third year in a row.

Holding Junior, Lower, and Upper class records in the 400-Meter Dash, Shipley also set the event's Andover/Exeter meet record in 2014 with a time of 59.28 seconds.

Andover Girls Track & Field Captain Fredericka Lucas '18, Shipley's teammate in the 4x400-Meter her Senior year, said "I was lucky to compete on the 4x400-Meter Relay with her, and she was always motivating and inspiring us to work our hardest, especially as it came down to our championship meet. Most of all, she was known for always crossing the finish line with a smile on her face, even in her toughest races."

Shipley was popularly known at Andover for her positive attitude in all aspects of her life. In addition to being a member of track, she was a Blue Key Head and Captain of Andover Girls Soccer.

Stating that the day she received her Blue Key Head skirt was one of her best memories at Andover, Shipley also said that her only better Andover memory was the day she got to pass it down to Nikki Dlesk '17.

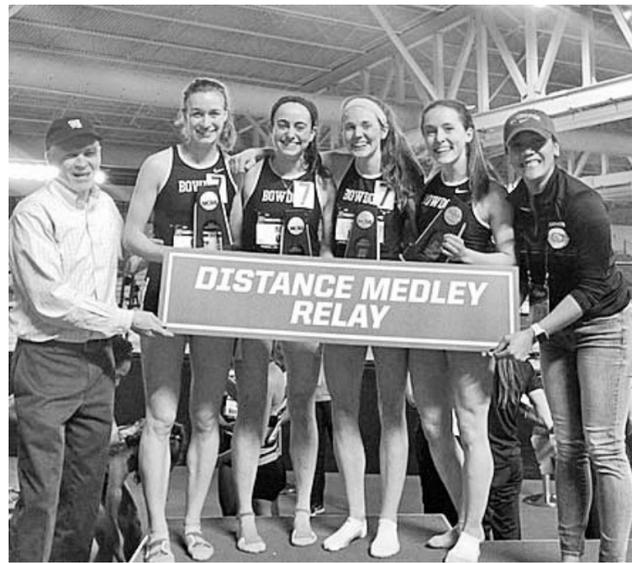
In her Senior year, Shipley and Andover Girls Soccer secured a Nepsac title. Despite the fact that her agility was an extremely valuable asset to the team, Shipley's selfless personality highlighted her strength on the field. Rather than asking to be put on the field, Ship-

ley requested that Head Coach Lisa Joel do whatever was best for the team, even if it meant sidelining herself during her final game for Andover.

Joel said, "She [was] a critical part of our success. I will say this: she was selfless. During that tournament, I remember this very specifically, there were times that she was on the sidelines as a captain and as someone who actually started for us because we were doing what we thought we had to do to put ourselves in the best position to win. She came up to me on the sidelines and it mattered to her to do whatever she had to do to help make the team successful. She sort of said to me, 'If that means that I am going to play less, then I am going to play less.' I've been coaching for 18-plus years, and that is extraordinary for a teammate to do and for a captain to do — to basically say, 'I want to be out there when we're winning and help us win, but if there's someone that can do it better than I can, I want you to make that decision.'"

When the team won the Nepsac title, Shipley said, "I was so beyond excited. I think I was mostly proud of everyone because those girls were incredible, and just to be on the field with them as it was happening was just incredible. Lisa's reaction was just incredible. I just remember being so psyched and being so happy for her."

Shipley began her soccer career in Andover's JV program during her Junior year and went on to make varsity by her



COURTESY OF CAROLINE SHIPLEY

Shipley, now a sophomore at Bowdoin College, ran the 1200-meter first leg of Bowdoin's Distance Medley Relay to help her team to a victory on March 9. Wearing the black singlets are her teammates; from left to right: Claire Traum, who ran the 800-meter third leg; Sara Ory, who ran the 400-meter second leg; Sarah Kelley, who ran the 1600-meter anchor leg; and Shipley.

Lower year.

Joel said, "She earned a spot on the varsity team because I felt that she was one of the best athletes on the entire team as a [Lower], largely because she had speed like no one and she had an acceleration like no one — not just on our team but across New England prep schools. People couldn't figure out how to stop her, and you can't beat what you can't catch. You couldn't catch Caroline Shipley if she was off and running down a flank. She didn't play her [Lower] year very much. Her Upper year, she barely stepped off the field."

Shipley's dedication and work ethic are demonstrated in every sport she played and in all facets of her life. Her continued hard work and positive attitude made her a pleasure for coaches to work with.

"She is just absolute sunshine. When she came to us from the Pike School, the local private school... they spoke about her as literally one of their best kids of all time. I will say, in my time she is one of the best kids I've seen at Andover. She just exudes positivity... If we could have Caroline Shipleys throughout all of our teams, all of us coaches would say give me more Caroline Shipleys," continued Joel.

According to Shipley, during the NCAA Championships race, she did not think too much and focused on sticking to the plan the team developed. She had three goals in mind: stick to the plan, run her race, and get the baton to the next person.

Shipley ran the 1200-meter first leg of the medley; Shipley's race was respectively followed by Sara Ory (Bowdoin '19)'s 400-meter dash, Claire Traum (Bowdoin '20)'s 800-meter race, and Sarah Kelly (Bowdoin '18)'s mile run. Shipley and her relay teammates trained for this event over the entire season.

As Kelly completed the last lap of the race, she pulled ahead to secure a division title for Shipley and the team. The team's excitement was palpable as she crossed the finish line.

Shipley said, "I was jumping up and down, and I was so proud of our miler [Kelly], who runs the last lap in the race. I just couldn't get over her. I was fangirling over her because she's the probably the most incredible athlete I have ever competed with."

Joel believes that Shipley, too, is one of the most incredible athletes, not to mention people, the school has ever had the privilege of educating. It is Joel's belief that one day she will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Honor.

Joel added, "She was a great student, a great athlete, but above all else she is one of the finest human beings this school has seen... I think she is the best of the best of Andover. She is one of the finest human beings I have met here. Everything she is going to do, the people around her are going to be lucky because she is going to bring people along, and I think that is what is very special about her."



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Caroline Shipley '16 had set an A/E record by the time she was a Lower.

BOYSSWIMMING

Andover 3-Peats at NEPSACs and Wins Thirteenth Straight A/E

KYLE SIMARD

Andover	101
Exeter	85

Andover Boys Swimming & Diving became New England Champions for the third year in a row and eighth time in 11 years at the end of their winter season. Andover also defeated rival Phillips Exeter Academy for the thirteenth year in a row, with a score of 101-85, finalizing its undefeated season record of eight wins and zero losses.

"This year was a particularly exciting championship, with several New England records set by a variety of teams. In the end, I'm honored to have led the team to another great performance and a lot of [personal] best times," wrote Captain Nick Isenhower '18 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Andover won their championship with a score of 434 points, beating out ten other competing teams, which were led by Exeter, in second place with 335 points; and Brunswick School, in third place with 312.5 points. The meet began on Saturday, March 3 and ended on March 4.

The New England Champi-

onship was highlighted by Andover's New England record in the 200-Yard Medley Relay, set by a team consisting of Jack Warden '19, swimming 23.55 seconds for the backstroke leg; Neil Simpson '19, swimming 25.18 seconds for the breaststroke leg; Lance Freiman '19, swimming 21.92 seconds for the butterfly leg; and Arnold Su '20, swimming 20.50 seconds for the freestyle leg. Their time, 1:31.15 minutes, is currently the seventh best mark of any public or independent school in the nation.

Isenhower wrote of the record-breaking race, "[It was a] New England record, pool record, school record, and [an] All-American [performance]. As the first event in finals and with everyone watching, they showed us what we could do as a team and gave us the confidence moving forward to step up and just go for it. That was really an awesome swim to watch."

Another remarkable race was Andover's 400-Yard Freestyle Relay, which won with a time of 3:02.96 minutes, the eighth-fastest time in the nation. The relay team consisted of Isenhower, who swam his 100-yard leg in 46.26 seconds; Su in 45.72 seconds; Freiman in 45.97 seconds; and Simpson in 46.02 seconds.

Head Coach David Fox pointed to the team's depth and speed as major factors to its success.

"The team was able to win Andover's eighth New England Championship since 2007 by its excellent performance in the preliminaries, placing two or even three boys among the top eight in New England over and over again," Coach Fox wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Coach Fox also emphasized the individual improvement of the swimmers.

He said, "Far more rewarding than a championship, though, was that the boys swam very fast: across the two championship meets, 18 out of the 19 swimmers and divers achieved at least one personal best time or score. That's phenomenal."

Coach Fox added, "What is most rewarding is that all the boys swim so fast within the overall context that is life at Andover: limited training outside of the season, expedited practices in-season, a sometimes-challenging academic workload, etc."

A week before the championships, Andover's 101-85 victory over Exeter on Andover/Exeter Day was highlighted by meet records in the 200-Yard Medley Relay and in Diving.



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Rick Ono '19 has been a member of Andover Swimming since his Junior year.

The 200-Yard Medley Relay team, consisting again of Warden, Freiman, Simpson, and Su, set a mark of 1:34.81 minutes, breaking the previous mark of 1:35.64 set by Andover in 2017. Zack Peng '21 set a mark of 299.15 points in Diving, breaking the previous meet record of 287.35, set by an Exeter diver in 1999.

Riku Tanaka '20 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Even though swimming is considered an individual sport most of the time, we help each other

both in the swimming and on the pool deck; I believe this is what [led] to our team victory."

Isenhower wrote of the team's performance, "It's a testament to [its] dedication and performance throughout the season. This team has something really special going. I'm excited to see it continue in the coming years."

Editor's Note: Rick Ono '19 is a Sports Editor for *The Phillipian*.

Andover Defeats Exeter 5-4 in Overtime

ELIZA SANDELL

Andover	5
Exeter	4

Andover Boys Hockey beat Phillips Exeter Academy in a thrilling overtime 5-4 overtime win during Andover/Exeter Weekend as Christian Powers '19 stole the puck from an Exeter defenseman, making a streaking pass to Kevin Ouellette '18, who slammed the puck into the net to give Andover the win at home on February 24.

Powers said in an email to *The Phillipian*, "The Exeter defenseman was breaking out of their zone and I saw he was fumbling the puck so I took it from him and went to the net and was lucky enough to have Kevin in a shooting position in front of the net. I passed it to him and he made a great play to score."

Andover also saw goals from Thomas Manty '19, Quinn Doyle '18, and Dante Maribito '18.

One of Andover's strengths was its execution during power plays. Andover scored on both of its two power plays, whereas Exeter did not score on any of its five power play opportunities.

In the first period, Andover regrouped from a deficit and brought the game to a tie by the end of the second period. In the third period, Andover went up by two only to have Exeter tie the game up before



Thomas Manty '19 scored one of Andover's five goals against Exeter.

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the final buzzer, taking the teams into overtime.

According to Powers, the coaches emphasized the importance of remaining calm and still having fun during these intense games.

Powers said, "When we get

down, especially in a high-pressure situation like overtime, it's important to not let emotion get the better of you. That's what our coaches stressed. Just to have fun and play with heart. We kept a level head and fed off the energy from the crowd and it paid off with our

overtime win."

Looking forward to next season, forward Matt Veneri '21 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "All of us have our eyes set on a playoff run. We will be working on balancing a strong defensive core with a powerful offense. Teams to beat, we are definitely look-

ing forward to possible rematches with Milton, Nobles, Cushing, and Pomfret. We will also obviously be looking to beat Exeter in the Andover/Exeter 2019 game as well."

Andover's victory improved its final record to 13 wins, 12 losses, and one draw.

WRESTLING

Andover Wrestlers Rank Third And Sixth at Boys Nationals



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Adam Cohen '18 advanced to the semifinals at Nationals.

GIGI GLOVER

Andover Wrestling followed up a strong showing at New Englands with a third and sixth place finish at Nationals.

Co-Captain Pierce Bausano '18 and Adam Cohen '18 automatically qualified for Nationals after their fifth and fourth place performances at the 2018 NEISWA Prep Championships (New Englands), respectively. Co-Captain Pablo Sanchez '19 and Eamon Garrity-Rokous '20 qualified for the tournament as alternates, as they both finished seventh at New Englands. Sanchez was able to enter his bracket and won two of his matches.

The team was able to succeed despite the challenge of the matches and previous injuries. Bausano and Sanchez both fought through the adversity of tough matches and injuries, according to Garrity-Rokous.

According to Marisol Nugent '20, Cohen astounded his teammates with his performance at the end of the tournament.

In the semifinals, Cohen beat an opponent who had previously beat him twice to allow him to advance, however he was not able to participate in his last match due to injury.

According to Garrity-Rokous, Cohen's performance was so admirable that many believed he was in contention for the All-American team.

Garrity-Rokous said, "Adam Cohen really shocked us all. I thought he was definitely good

enough to be an All-American. If the bracket turned out differently, like if he had a different path to an All-American place, he would have become an All-American, but he was going against people who had previously beat him, and he had a tough draw. In the end we were all proud."

At New Englands, Andover was allowed to bring eight wrestlers; however, two were injured and were unable to compete. Only six wrestlers, Matt Suri '21, Nick Masri '19, Garrity-Rokous, Bausano, Sanchez, and Cohen participated in the tournament. The team faced challenges against Belmont Hill and Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH), which train year-round, making them tougher competitors, according to Garrity-Rokous. Toward the end of the season, the team focused on honing their skills and perfecting each move.

Garrity-Rokous said, "We worked on specific kinks in our wrestling: moves that we knew we had to work on and moves that we had done all season that we knew we needed to work on the small aspects of. Pablo worked on and perfected a sweep single, and he really perfected it. It really showed how much better he got in the last two weeks because he kept on hitting the same move, and it worked every time, even though the opponent knew it was coming."

This weekend, Andover will send two wrestlers to compete at Girls High School Nationals.

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BOYSSQUASH

Boys Squash Defeats Exeter for Second Time this Winter



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Jack Lee '20 plays fifth seed for Andover Boys Squash.

SHREE MENON

Andover	6
Exeter	1

On February 21, Andover Boys Squash secured a 6-1 win over Phillips Exeter Academy in its final game of the regular season during Andover/Exeter Weekend. This victory helped the team finish its season with a winning record of 13-6.

Andover had already earned a 7-0 victory in its previous match against Exeter this season. As a result, the team was relatively calm heading into the match, but not overconfident, according to Will Yun '20.

Yun said, "We prepare for each game as the same, and we performed really well. We weren't too afraid of them after already playing them in the season. We already knew what to expect."

One challenge for the team was that Captain David Tsai '18 was out with an ankle injury, so each player had to move up a seed. Even though he could

not participate in the matches, according to Tsai, he made sure to support his teammates to help keep the intensity for each match.

Tsai said, "I motivated the guys by simply just trying to be the best teammate possible. I couldn't play that day because of my ankle, so I tried to help out in a bunch of other ways."

Yun added, "Between each game, [Head] Coach [John] Roberts and other teammates would check in on each of us. Our captain David Tsai cheered us on from the side as well."

According to Tsai, before the game, Coach Roberts spoke about the importance of teamwork in the team's final match, which helped the its mentality.

Tsai said, "Coach Roberts gave a great speech the practice before Exeter about how we need to play for each other and that for the three Seniors that are graduating, this is our last time in an Andover uniform. This motivated our guys to a victory."

According to fifth seed Jack Lee '20, hard work and focus

leading up to the game enabled Andover to be successful.

Lee said, "We practiced really hard with our coach, and he gave us a lot of drills that enabled us to play at our best. I prepared by warming up with my team as well as listening to music, which helps get rid of the nerves."

In addition to Coach Roberts' significant impact on the team this season, the unity that the team developed over the season was instrumental in its success, according to Steve Nam '20.

Nam said, "I think the most important key in our match was that we were closer as teammates than compared to the beginning of the season. We supported each other a lot better because we knew each other better. I think this allowed us to have a much stronger team and consequently a better performance as a whole."

Yun added, "We had a lot of [Juniors] this year, so playing an entire season together got us tighter. The mentality of winning was shared and ultimately helped us beat Exeter."

GIRLSSQUASH

Girls Squash Continues Eight-Year Win Streak Against Exeter

LUCAS KIM

Andover	5
Exeter	2

Andover Girls Squash secured a 5-2 win against rival Phillips Exeter Academy on February 21 of Andover/Exeter Weekend, bringing its final regular season record to 12 straight wins. The victory was Andover's second win against Exeter this season, after defeating Big Red with a score of 6-1 on January 20. This victory marks the eighth consecutive year that Andover Girls Squash has been undefeated in Andover/Exeter matches.

According to Captain Caroline Yun '18 and Jennifer Lee '18, Andover's win against Exeter earlier in the season contributed to its victory.

"Our previous win definitely gave us more of an incentive to win again because we felt like we needed to live up to our expectations for the season," said Yun, who won her match 3-0.

Lee, who also won her match 3-0, added, "Our first win against Exeter definite-

ly gave us confidence into our second match against them. We maintained our focus, our energy was up, and we hit accurate shots."

The Exeter court conditions also played a factor in the match, forcing several players to change their playing style.

"Because the Exeter courts are usually really hot, the ball bounces quickly, so we tried to play slower and tried to keep the pace down. We tried to play controlled matches, and I personally had difficulty with that since my personal playing game is a lot of hard shots.

But I mainly focused on hitting it soft and deep, and playing a smart game," said second-seed Lindsay Westerfield '21.

After losing her first game, Westerfield beat her Exeter opponent 3-1, with scores of 7-11, 11-6, 11-3, and 11-9.

Staying focused during

matches also played a big part in the win, according to Yun.

"Our team focused on playing our best and leaving all of the other distractions off the court," said Yun. "It was really important for our team to stay focused and solely think about squash."

Ending the undefeated season on a high note made Andover's win over its rival even more special, according to Westerfield.

"During the last point of the match, it was just a really great moment for me since I ended the season with a good match and I played my best. I just felt really proud of that moment," said Westerfield.

The victory felt especially fitting for the Seniors, who played their last games at Andover.

"Since it was the last match for Seniors as a team, our goal was just to support and congratulate other players during and in between matches," said Lee.

With a solid core of young players, Andover Girls Squash looks to carry its recent successes into the 2018-2019 season.



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Captain Caroline Yun '18 won her sixth-seed match against Exeter 3-0.

GIRLSSWIMMING

Girls Swim Earns 2nd Place Finish at New Englands

ARNOLD SU

Andover	111
Exeter	75

In the final two weeks of Winter Term, Andover Girls Swimming & Diving finished with a win against rival Phillips Exeter Academy, maintaining an undefeated record in New England, and finished second place at the Nepsac Division I championships with 275 points.

On February 24, Andover se-

cured a decisive win over Exeter. The final score of 111-75 marked Andover's sixth win over Exeter in the last seven years.

Early in the meet, Liz Tran '19, Graeleigh Jones '21, and Co-Captain Emma Donchi '18 swam 2:14.14, 2:16.69, and 2:17.85 to place first, second, and third respectively in the 200-Yard Individual Medley (IM) to place Andover in an early lead. In similar fashion, divers Reese Pelletier '20, Claire Davis '20, and Ora Cullen '19 scored 258.6, 234.8, and 220.5 points, respectively, for another one-two-three win for Andover, further solidifying

Andover's lead.

In the end, Andover made a statement going into the Nepsac competition, going one-two-three in four out of nine individual events: the 200-Yard IM, One-Meter Diving, 500-Yard Freestyle, and the 100-Yard Breaststroke.

Just a few days after the meet against Exeter, the diving team travelled to Deerfield to compete at the New England Diving Championships (New Englands). Despite being right in the middle of finals week, Andover displayed great persistence.

Pelletier placed fourth with

388.15 points, Davis placed 13th with 329.45 points, Cullen placed 18th with 216.15 points, and Emelie Eldracher '18 placed 23rd with 120.75 points. Pelletier and Davis were finalists and together achieved 19 team points for Andover.

Exactly a week after the Andover/Exeter dual meet, Andover returned to Exeter to compete against 11 other teams. Building off the divers' success, the team continued to excel in their last meet of the season, and for the Seniors, their last meet with Andover. In the end, Andover Girls Swimming & Diving placed second out of 12 teams.

According to Hailey Wadell '21, New Englands was the team's biggest win of the season, despite coming in second place.

Wadell said, "I think the biggest win of the season was

coming in second in New Englands. We had worked hard in the weeks before, so we were put into a position where we could all do our best. The energy was really high going into the meet, and it definitely carried us through the day. We haven't placed this high in New England's in a while, coming in fourth and fifth a few times. Second was a big accomplishment for the team and was a great way to end the season."

According to Donchi, the final championship was the final place to show off a whole season's worth of hard work, and a nice culmination of everything the team has worked for.

Donchi said, "It was gratifying to see a season's worth of hard work pay off, and it was really fun to cheer on teammates and support each other at our final meet."



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Liz Tran '19 competed in four events at the New England Championships, including two relays.



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NORDIC

Two 5th Place Finishes for Nordic at NEPSACs

LINDA BIBEAU

Andover Nordic earned two fifth-place finishes at the Nepsac Championships out of ten teams of boys and 11 teams of girls on February 25. The team was led by crucial performances from Posie Millett '20 and Lila Brady '18, who finished within seconds of each other in 25th and 26th place, respectively, out of 44 competitors, as well as Neil Thorley '19, who finished in tenth place out of 49 competitors.

Unlike most races, the championship consisted of both an individual skate race as well as a classic-style team relay, which is unusual, according to Millett.

"We had a skate race in the morning, which is like skiing on a catwalk, and then we had a classic relay in the afternoon. We normally do both, but not in the same day," she said.

In these team relays, Andover's girls team finished in sixth place out of the nine teams competing, while Andover's boys team finished in seventh place out of the nine teams competing.

The team took also advantage of previous experience skiing in difficult snow conditions and in relays, according to Eli Newell '20 and Millett.

Newell said, "The course was not a particularly challenging one, especially because



COURTESY OF AYA MURATA

Nordic traveled to Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H. to compete at the Nepsac Championship.

it was familiar to most racers. The specific conditions of the day, however, were quite difficult. The air temperature was well above freezing, and it didn't take long for the snow

to warm up and turn soft. Soft, slushy snow in warm weather makes for slower races and more exhaustion. Given that our team is used to training in tough conditions, we managed

to place pretty well despite the challenges presented by the weather."

"One of the races in the Nepsac was a relay, and we had had another relay earlier, I think

the Wednesday before, which prepared us really well," added Millett.

Millett added, "[They] made it hard when we were skiing the [classic-style races] to stay in the tracks because they disappeared so quickly, because the snow was not really set."

According to Newell, close packs were important for the success of the girls team.

"The scoring racers on the girls' side skied well [...] with Posie Millett and Lila Brady finishing within seconds of each other, and all of the scoring girls finishing within two-and-a-half minutes of each other," Newell said.

Newell was Andover's second finisher in the boys individual race, finishing 79 seconds behind Thorley to claim a seventeenth place finish.

Cole DeMeulemeester '18 also reflected on the team's performance.

"Our team's cardio, strength, and technique training prepared us to give it our all in adverse conditions over a long day, and the boys and girls teams both placed fifth on the day. The team has a lot of returning talent going into next season and will hope to improve upon the success we enjoyed this winter," said DeMeulemeester. "Every team member skied hard, even those who had just learned to ski this season."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys Basketball Suffers Close O.T. Loss

HANNAH ZHANG

Andover	64
Exeter	70

Despite leading 28-21 at the half, Andover Boys Basketball lost in overtime against rival Phillips Exeter Academy 70-64 over Andover/Exeter Weekend. The game took place on February 24 at Andover, and the team ended its season with a league-only record of 8-12.

According to Jack Penney '21, Co-Captain Dallion Johnson '20, and Jackson Emus '19, it was disappointing to lose in such a close game after going into overtime, but the team was still proud of its improvement from the first time it played Exeter in January and lost 73-45.

Penney wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "The hardest part about the game was that it came down to a few points to decide the game and we lost, but I was most proud of our improvement from the last time we played them because we lost badly the first time."

Johnson said, "We improved on a lot since the last time we played them and closed out

the season strong. We played defense with more effort and pride, and we took each game with a winning attitude. Overall, we definitely played a lot harder during the end of the season."

Emus added, "We were right there for the whole game, and I thought we played some of our best basketball of the year that day."

The team had the advantage of knowing some of the opponent's playing style after facing off against Exeter earlier in the season and was able to make adjustments, according to Emus and Johnson.

"We came out with a lot of energy and really focused on our plan to surprise them early and try to catch them sleeping. Playing in front of our home crowd definitely gave us some extra energy, and we were able to ride it for most of the game," said Emus.

"From the first time playing them, we knew what they were going to do defensively, so on offense, we moved the ball quickly and looked for backdoor cuts and slip screens. Defensively, we knew to play as hard as we could, fighting for every loose ball and grabbing every rebound off the rim," added Johnson.

According to Johnson, Colby Gendron '18 had a particularly incredible game to end his Andover career.

Johnson said, "[Gendron] played as hard as anyone on the court that game. Since it was his last high school basketball game, he knew to give it his all. As a result, he had a phenomenal game, snatching rebounds left and right, finishing strong through contact, and even flushing down big dunks. I am definitely proud of the big man, and there are even bigger things to come for him."

A/E was the last game of the season, so it was difficult for the players to say goodbye to the Seniors on the team, according to Johnson.

Johnson said, "[The hardest part of the game] was as soon as the buzzer sounded... It was tough to see them take part in their last game, but I will always be proud [of the] Seniors. I am grateful to have had them pushing me every day in practice and always bringing energy to the team. We had a great and memorable year, and I will most certainly miss playing with them."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

GVB Wins first A/E in four years

ETHAN WEISSMAN

Andover	54
Exeter	45

Andover Girls Basketball secured another victory against Phillips Exeter Academy, following up its 57-31 and 53-39 wins earlier this season with a third score of 54-45. Andover concluded its season with a record of 4-12.

Despite already having two wins against Exeter, Andover was not complacent, knowing that Exeter would put up a good fight, according to Molly Katarincic '18.

Katarincic said, "Considering that we had beaten Exeter twice before, we knew that complacency would be our biggest battle going into Andover/Exeter. We knew that they were going to come out full force, and we had to match that. The game was really close, and I give a lot of credit to Exeter to playing so hard for so long."

Claire Brady '20 credited the crowd for increasing the energy during the game and inspiring Andover to play even harder.

Brady said, "It was really exciting to have a ton of fans and Andover spirit at the game. It definitely boosted the energy and overall enjoyment of the game. It was really encouraging to see so many people who came out for the game... there was a lot of energy on the floor and the bench. Everyone made great plays throughout the game."

Coach Liz Monroe and Brooklyn Wirt '21 were impressed with the team's resilience, especially during Exeter's comeback.

"In the final game, the team did a great job communicating and talking to each other despite some changes to the lineup and the offense. We pushed through and managed to beat Exeter for the third time this season, which can be a difficult task. We also stayed loud and rowdy through the whole game, even during rough patches,"

said Wirt.

Coach Monroe wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I was impressed at how we took charge of the game and didn't beat ourselves mentally when Exeter started fighting back."

The Andover/Exeter Weekend game was especially significant to the team, as Andover had not beaten Exeter for the past four years.

Wirt said, "This game was special in part due to our Seniors and the energy they brought. Basketball had not won A/E in the four years that they have been here, and that was something they really wanted to see happen. This team has spent so much time together that we all wanted each other to succeed, and that meant we were playing for each other and not for ourselves, which helped us find success."

The team was happy to finish the season on a high note, according to Brady.

Brady said, "The Exeter game was a really great way to end the season because they are always big rivals, and it was fun to win a game. I think we all wanted to end the season on a positive finish, and winning helped us do that. It was really fun to go out with a win at A/E."

Although Andover emerged victorious against Exeter this season, the team is looking to improve their technique and communication for next year's season, according to Coach Monroe and Wirt.

Coach Monroe wrote, "For next year, we will be working on speeding up our game, pushing the ball more, and getting more transition points."

Wirt said, "To improve for next year, I think we need to continue to work on our communication as a group and on individual skills, because that's something we can all always improve on. I think a challenge this season was how many new players there were and how many of them were key parts of the offense, but the team has found a groove that I think we'll be able to pick up again next year."



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Jackson Emus '19 is a power forward and also pitches for Andover Baseball in the spring.



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Andover Girls Basketball will graduate Seniors Janneke Evans '18, Kaela Olsen '18, Molly Katarincic '18, and Teagan Thompson '18 after this season. Hannah McGrath '20 (above) was a new addition to the team this season.



ARTS & LEISURE

LOTW: Matt Suri '21 Confident in Urban Wardrobe

UANNE CHANG

Matt Suri '21 wears a gray hoodie paired with a denim jacket over ripped black jeans, a look he ties together with a fresh pair of New Balances on his feet. His laid-back yet put-together sense of fashion is influenced by the street style that he's familiar with at home.

Suri said, "I'm from Elizabeth, New Jersey, which is an urban town outside of New York. So I feel like [my style] is influenced a lot by hip hop culture... I would say my Air Force Ones, my favorite shoes that I have, represent hip hop well."

Friends of Suri have remarked that his casual looks are like an extension of his confident personality.

According to Chi Igbokwe '21, Suri's confidence works its way into his wardrobe.

"One of the things I admire most about Matt is how confident and motivated he is, and I feel like his style really represents that. He wears a lot of primary colors and bold logos, and that really corresponds with the way he's able to take charge of situations," said Igbokwe.

Suri also said that he gets a lot of his inspiration from his fellow classmates, and that they influence each other when it comes to discussing fashion and style.

"I feel like a lot of my clothing also evolves off of what my friends like as well. I have friends with the same style, so when something comes out or [when] we go shopping together, I get their ideas. And [because] we both shop in the same area, I think that [being with my friends] helps me evolve my fashion," said Suri.

Suri often mixes and matches various items based on texture, color, and pattern to suit his needs. According to Suri, this keeps his outfits relaxed and casual.

Suri said, "I like to match colors as well as fabrics, like denim... For example, I like to wear a denim jacket on denim jeans or khakis with flannels, and match some colors with the flannel, then match



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Matt Suri '21 eyes the camera with a confident glare, with no qualms about his denim-on-cotton combination.

it with a hoodie, keep it very casual."

Igbokwe said, "The way he layers his outfits is laid-back but put-together at the same time, and he always dresses like he's on the cover of some street style magazine. I feel like that balance between

chill-ness and coordination is what makes Matt both a really good person to talk fashion with and a great class rep; he's able to work with anything and it's seriously iconic."



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According to Suri, his style fits the hip hop culture in the town he grew up in: Elizabeth, N.J.

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Born to Rock, Pop, and R&B Soul: Amy Chew '20 Explores a Wide Range of Musical Genres

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Amy Chew '20 has been singing since she was 12 after being influenced by her father's love for music.

Dressed in light blue jeans and a black t-shirt, Amy Chew '20 walks to the front of the stage and begins to sing, illuminated by the spotlight while the rest of the stage is bathed in a darker blue. Chew holds a powerful high note before the lighting changes to red, and the song kicks to a more upbeat melody. This moment was part of Azure's 2018 Grasshopper performance, Chew's first performance with Azure.

"Being in an a capella group is a lot different than singing alone because, obviously, you have to be mindful of everybody else. But my favorite part about singing at Andover

is probably that everybody is really accepting of what you do and who you are with it," said Chew. "Everyone is really appreciative, and everyone supports each other."

From a young age, Chew has spent her life in the musical world. She started singing at age 12 after performing in musicals and rock bands throughout elementary and middle school.

Chew said, "My dad is a really big music fanatic, so I was always surrounded by music. I just like singing because it's a lot of personality. I feel like it's quite different from instruments because it's your own voice that you develop yourself, so it's a really personal thing. It's really fun, too."

Alice Keller '20, Chew's friend and dorm mate, said, "Around the dorm [Chew is] always singing under her breath in passing. She's extremely talented, but I think the most unique part is how [natural] and effortless it is for her."

By listening to a variety of music, Chew has been able to find a style that suits her. Although she enjoys listening to hip hop and rap, R&B soul is her favorite genre to sing. Chew was encouraged to try different genres after being in a rock band.

Chew said, "It was really, really hard in the beginning because it's a lot of screaming. At the time, I was really into pop and thought that I could only do pop and couldn't try anything else because my voice was only fit for that. But then after that, I thought that maybe I could try other

things and see what happens and maybe be more versatile."

Since coming to Andover, Chew has further expanded her musical skills beyond singing. This winter, she took a songwriting course and continues to write and experiment with her own songs.

"Now I've definitely learned to think more about... what words are easier to sing with different vowels and pitches. I pay a lot more attention to what is actually happening in a song, because before I started writing music, I would just listen to a song and be like, 'Oh that sounds nice,' but now that I write my own music, I see how much more actually makes up the song with all the details," said Chew.

Although Chew is now able to share her compositions with close friends, having the confidence to share her singing has not always been easy for her. Since coming to Andover, she is still learning to be more open with her vocal talent, but the challenges she has faced through singing have made her braver and more open-minded.

Chew said, "When I was younger, before I was experienced, for example if I was trying to hit a really high note, I would think 'No, I can't do that, I shouldn't even try.' But I realized that it's really just a mental thing that holds you back — you do have the capability to do it, it's just yourself telling you that you can't... Singing is just a lot more personal and a lot harder for me to open up about."



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In middle school, Chew performed in musicals and with a rock band, which helped her become more open-minded to a variety of genres.



ARTS & LEISURE

Fidelio and Chamber Orchestra Bring Lively Pieces And Spontaneous Singing to New York City



COURTESY OF SHYAN KOUL

Members of The Fidelio Society and Chamber Orchestra performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City over Spring Break. The concert featured performances from each group as well as collaborations between the two groups.

LINDSEY CHAN & KAITLIN LIM

Drawing a growing crowd of onlookers, The Fidelio Society sings their rendition of “Unclouded Day” by Shawn Hirschner in the middle of Times Square in New York City. As Abbey Siegfried, Instructor in Music, waves her baton to the rhythm of the song, the group concludes its impromptu performance with a final, harmonious hum.

“We were walking around, and we said, ‘Well, what if we actually performed in the middle of Times Square?’ Because, you know, when you get to Times Square, you see all the street artists and all the people dressed up in absurd costumes. So we were like, ‘Okay, let’s do it!’ So we just rallied everyone and were thinking, ‘Oh my goodness. This can go exceptionally horribly or totally a smashing success.’ And it was definitely a success,” said John Moreland ’18, co-president of Fidelio.

Over Spring Break, members of Fidelio and Chamber Orchestra traveled to New York City to perform in Carnegie Hall on a trip organized by the Andover Music Department. Held on Sunday, March 4, the concert featured individual performances from each group and one collaborative piece.

“[Derek Jacoby, Instructor in Music] threw out at a faculty meeting one day, ‘Maybe we should play at Carnegie Hall!’ And it was sort of spontaneous. It wasn’t serious, and I thought about it, and I was like, ‘Yeah, we should play at Carnegie Hall!’ So I looked into it. We figured out a way that we can afford to do it inexpensively,” said Holly Barnes, Instructor in Music and Director of Performance.

Fidelio performed a wide range of songs in varying languages, including Hebrew, Estonian, and Latin. Due to differing

levels of experience among Fidelio members, the group found it challenging to memorise lyrics in foreign languages, according to Marie Latham ’18, co-president of Fidelio.

“We sang a couple of songs in different languages, which were pieces that not everybody was super sure about, especially since we had a couple of newer members who didn’t know the languages, as well as some of the members who had sung the songs before,” said Latham.

The chamber orchestra also performed a selection of pieces in the concert. One particular piece played by the orchestra was “Libertango” by Astor Piazzolla. One of the last performed, the piece was a lively show-ender that became an audience favourite.

“We played [“Libertango”] at the end which was like a salsa, tango piece. I know from whoever I talked to, the audience really loved that piece. I think it showed the amount of fun we had as an orchestra. Playing in such great venues, we really realize how lucky we are. I think we showed that with how much passion we put into that piece,” said Aditi Kannan ’18, a violinist who has served as concertmaster in Chamber Orchestra.

Before the end of the concert, both Fidelio and Chamber Orchestra came together to perform a cantata composed by Siegfried’s husband, Kevin Siegfried, titled “Songs for the Journey.” The piece, comprised of five movements, was written for Siegfried during her pregnancy.

“We partnered with the orchestra to sing this cantata. That was a special experience as well because there was a professional harpist on stage, and the songs were really beautiful, especially in that cantata,” said Moreland.

After the concert, the groups held a reception sponsored by the Office of Academy Resources, allowing the performers and attending families and alumni to

celebrate the performances.

“[The reception] was really fun, and there was a lot of good food. It was great to see a lot of Andover people coming to support us — that was really nice. It shows how big the Andover network is, because there were people of all ages there, which was exciting,” said Yuji Chan ’18, a violinist who has also served as concertmaster.

Students also had the opportunity to explore New York City beforehand. After touring the Metropolitan Museum of Art, students were either able to watch the Broadway play “Farinelli and the King” or listen to the New York Philharmonic.

“The Broadway musical was amazing. It was super cool. We got to see this featured counter-tenor, which basically is a tenor singer who sings exceptionally high and has a feminine tone to his voice. It was a really great show,” said Moreland.

With the conclusion of the trip, both groups have become closer, bonding through rehearsals, preparations, and the final performance, according to Latham.

“I think it definitely made us stronger and more cohesive as a group, because we were all working towards a common goal. I think we’ve definitely come a long way from how we started at the beginning of the year, so it’s fun to see,” said Latham.

Kannan added, “I think that just before, [the orchestra] didn’t think that they could do it. The fact that we did it successfully and had fun while doing it brought us closer together. Even while we were performing, we could sense a feeling of camaraderie and friendship between us, which is really nice. We don’t have much time to bond outside of orchestra, and there’s not much bonding during orchestra. [The tour] was really fun; I think we’ve become closer friends [through] supporting each other.”



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Ria’s Flick Picks



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Hey, my name is Ria Vieira. In the upcoming weeks I’m going to be expressing my love for movies by reviewing some great or not-so-great films.

Black Panther Review

Summary:

Taking place after the Marvel movie “Captain America: The Winter Soldier,” “Black Panther” is set in the secretly technologically advanced African kingdom of Wakanda. T’Challa (Chadwick Boseman) is the new king and Black Panther of Wakanda after the murder of his father. However, when T’Challa returns to Wakanda to accept his new role, rogue Wakandan Erik Killmonger (Michael B. Jordan) threatens Wakanda’s safety by attempting to take over the throne. Alongside Wakanda’s army of female warriors, T’Challa uses the power of the Black Panther to defend his nation and the people and resources in it.

Writing:

Overall, I thought the plot was very entertaining and refreshing compared to the previous Marvel movies of 2017. The cultural blend of the royal African kingdom of Wakanda and the urban streets of the Bay Area created a completely new superhero setting rather than the typical New York City scene. Watching the film in 2018, I thought its message was very powerful, touching on current issues like inner-city poverty, racial violence, and the exclusion of minorities. However, I see this film to be a period piece, meaning not many of the motives behind the characters actions or words could be applied to life in 20 years. In that respect, while I appreciate the underlying lesson of the film, “Black Panther” went slightly overboard in trying to insert political activism (in particular Killmonger’s last lines), resulting in some of the story’s message becoming unintentionally cliché.

Acting:

Not one actor or actress “stole the screen” for me in terms of acting. This, however, is because very rarely did one actor or actress have a solo scene. The women and men together were a powerhouse ensemble, working off of each other’s performances to create a spectacular Marvel Universe.

Music:

I usually don’t speak to music in these reviews. However, the combined work of composer Ludwig Göransson and Kendrick Lamar resulted in an unusual but phenomenal African/rap fusion soundtrack.

Ria’s Rate: 8/10

No specific element of the film was life-changing on its own. As a complete work, however, “Black Panther” terrifically exceeded my expectations and became a story that needs to be heard.

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