

Gender Takes Focus in Second Student Co-Presidential Forum



COURTESY OF THE BRACE CENTER FOR GENDER STUDIES

(L to R) Student Body Co-President Sebastian Romero '20, Salvador Gomez-Colon '21, Megan Cui '21, Summer Seward '21, Jack Palfrey '21, and Student Body Co-President Shahinda Bahnasy. The candidates touched on topics of gender, including gender-inclusive language, bathroom accessibility, and equitable policy changes.

AMBER TING & KAREENA DUA

The two remaining Co-Presidential pairs debated issues of gender and sexuality on Tuesday, February 25. The debate was sponsored by the Brace Center for Gender Studies, which has been trying to organize a gender-centric co-presidential debate for over a year, according to Emma Slibeck '20, a member of the Brace Student Board and co-moderator of the debate.

"Last year, we tried to get [the debate] organized, but timing with Co-Presidents is always very compli-

cated because turnover is so quick... This is a wider conversation. It starts with everyone, but if there are people at the top—the Co-Presidents—talking about issues of gender and how we can change our culture to more of a consent, sex-positive culture, then that filters down. It's actually really powerful. We want to set the precedent that these are conversations that are important, we should be having, and we need to have every day," said Slibeck.

Alex Ashman '22, another member of the Brace Student Board, hopes to see future Co-Presidents utilize their roles to create signifi-

cant and lasting change around issues of gender.

"I hope that this sparks conversation about gender-based issues on campus. I hope that these candidates step into their leadership roles as people who can create change toward making a more equitable campus related to gender," said Ashman.

Flavia Vidal, Director of the Brace Center for Gender Studies, emphasized the importance of having co-presidential candidates that support conversations related to gender. Vidal likened the encouragement of student engagement to feminist "coalition-building."

"The intersectional feminist agenda is based on the idea of coalition-building... I really want us to think deeply about this idea of coalition building because if we are to make change, at least where social justice issues are concerned, we really need to think broadly about making coalitions with a variety of institutions. There needs to be leadership at the top that will be guiding some of these conversations, but they need to be embedded in the work of different groups that want to make change happen," said Vidal.

Co-Presidential candidates Jack Palfrey '21 and Summer Seward '21

described their plans for a Diversity and Inclusion Committee during the panel. According to Palfrey, the committee would consist of students currently involved with the Office of Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD) and the Brace Center in an effort to create lasting change.

"In our Diversity and Inclusion Committee idea, it's an extension of the committees that Sebastian [Romero '20] and Shahinda

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Mary Margaret Scharf P'21 Shares Personal Experience to Warn Against Domestic Abuse

AMBER TING

Mary Margaret Scharf P'21 was the keynote speaker for the first-ever Love Better Week, co-sponsored by the Brace Board, Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), and Youth Educators for Sex Positivity (YES+). On Friday, February 21, Mary Margaret Scharf spoke about her experience with domestic abuse at the hands of her former husband, and

she outlined the warning signs of an abusive relationship.

Mary Margaret Scharf was recently honored by the Knock Out Abuse organization for her work raising awareness about domestic violence. Abigail Scharf '21 shared about how even prior to the night her father became physically abusive, she felt unsafe around him. Abigail Scharf recounted that night, and how her mother rushed to get her and her younger sister out of the house.

"I thought it was natural to tiptoe

around your father always scared that something would trigger him and he would detonate. I thought it was normal to deal with a bomb... [My father] erupted on January 6, 2010. 'Sweetie, wake up. Daddy's trying to kill me. We need to leave now,' [my mother] said. I ran downstairs to the car, and my mom grabbed my little sister. I didn't notice she was covered in blood until she collapsed on a neighbor's marble floor," Abigail Scharf said.

Mary Margaret Scharf underscored how many perceptions of domestic abuse and victims don't necessarily align with how abusive relationships may progress. Drawing from her own experience, Scharf emphasized the importance of looking for non-physical signs of abuse. She recalled being blindsided by her ex-husband's abusive behavior because she hadn't thought to look for verbal or emotional abuse. She also emphasized how women are vulnerable to domestic abuse regardless of circumstance.

"What I like to do is share my story because I think people have a preconception about what domestic violence is and what a victim of domestic violence is. I think sharing my story will give you some context. Perhaps you can learn from my mistake in just having the knowledge to avoid getting deep into a relationship with someone who has this type of behavior," Mary Margaret Scharf said.

Mary Margaret Scharf continued,

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Politics, People, and Climate Change: Katharine Hayhoe Speaks at Climate Cafe

ALEX ZHANG

Katharine Hayhoe, an atmospheric scientist and professor of climate science at Texas University, spoke at the Climate Cafe last Friday, February 21. Hayhoe discussed how the best way to combat climate change is to talk about it. She also shared strategies to create meaningful conversations between people and how to effectively express your opinion with someone you disagree with.

"If we don't talk about [climate change], why would we care, and if we don't care, why would we act? How do we have a positive conversation? That conversation doesn't begin by disagreeing. Often with climate change, we begin a conversation with disagreeing. That's not the time to have a constructive conversation," said Hayhoe.

Hayhoe continued, "The place to start is something we have in common, and then connect the dots between what we both care about and how it's being affected. And, most importantly, what is the solution that the person I'm talking to would like, a solution that is positive and not negative? [To do this], you have to find values that you share. These values can be that we love our families, or that we like hiking, or that we go to the same church,

or we live in the same place."

Hayhoe's work primarily involves studying the regional impacts of climate change on human systems and the natural environment, according to her website. Her presentation on Friday went beyond the scientific aspect of climate change, noting the human and political aspects of how people perceive the issue of environmental justice.

"The number-one predictor of whether we agree that climate is changing, humans are responsible, and the impacts are serious, isn't how much we know about science. It's not how smart we are. It's one thing; it's where we fall on the political spectrum. The Pew Research Center has been polling people since 2008, so that's 12 years, and they've been asking people if they think climate change is a top priority, and then they ask, 'What political party do you vote for?'" said Hayhoe.

She went on to explain the results of the polls done by the Pew Research Center, explaining how the political affiliation of the people polled correlated to their beliefs about climate change.

"The number of Republicans who say climate change is a top priority is about 20%, and that's only changed a little bit. Where-

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Mary Margaret Scharf P'21 has been sharing her experience as a survivor of domestic abuse and spreading awareness about the pervasiveness of gender-based violence for several years.

Andover Girls Hockey Caught in Lockdown at Loomis Chaffee After Game

STAFF REPORT

Andover Girls Hockey experienced a lockdown at Loomis Chaffee on February 27. The lockdown was in response to a report of an "isolated road rage incident that started in town and ended up on [Loomis] campus," according to an email sent to the Loomis community. The lockdown began at 6:00 p.m. and was lifted just before 7:00 p.m.,

according to WFSB.

Andover athletes and parents were on lockdown in their locker room and barricaded the doors. Team members Molly MacQueen '21 and Bridget Santos '21 were scared by the lockdown, but felt comforted by the way the situation was handled.

"The game had ended, we had won, so we were all in pretty high spirits. We were ushered directly into the locker room and told not to talk to our parents. I felt safe and trusted the adults

in the situation very much," said Santos.

"It was definitely nerve-racking, but it was handled very well. I think we did a good job keeping each other calm. Our parents came into the locker room, so that's when we knew something was wrong. Eventually we barricaded the doors so no one could come in from the outside, but it didn't end up being necessary," said MacQueen.



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Katharine Hayhoe emphasized the importance of dialogue across party lines to combat climate change.

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Editorial

Take a Deep Breath

This editorial is addressed to you all, the students of Andover. Winter Term is coming to a close, bringing us one step closer to the impending finals week. Cue the dramatic music. For many of us, finals week is a time we associate with excessive work and stress. We sacrifice energy, sleep, and sometimes even food to push ourselves to the edge and get the grade we’ve been striving for. Although spring break may seem like the perfect opportunity to recuperate, hence the appeal to overwork yourself during finals week, stretching yourself too thin now will only end up hurting you down the line.

It’s cheesy, but life—Andover, high school, whatever—is a marathon, not a sprint! Remember that there is no shortcut for taking care of yourself. Burning out later because you push yourself too hard now is simply a waste of your potential. It’s far too easy to get sucked into the intense workflow or become so hyper-focused on your end-of-term results that you forget how hard you worked this term (because you did work hard this term. Don’t forget that). So step away from all-nighters and coffee-fueled lab reports; step away from the “What-If” feature on Canvas. Keeping your future self in consideration, remember that each individual assignment will not last forever, and that in the long term, your performance this finals week will have no significant effect on the rest of your life. It is the hard work that you have put in all term, the time you have devoted to learning, that will

make all the difference.

We urge you to keep in mind that you are all human beings, not robots (that’s Andover’s admission policy, right?). Your bodies need sustenance, rest, and all that other good stuff. Your brains aren’t machines either. If you’re planning on spending the whole day in the library this weekend, maybe consider blocking out some of that time for a well-deserved study break. Hit the Den, or take a short walk outside and enjoy the weather. Regardless of how much it reminds you of global warming and our impending doom, 60 degrees and sunny in February is just begging for a stroll.

Convoluted as it was, this editorial was basically just a huge “you got this.” You really got this! We know you do. And if you feel like you missed the mark this term or aren’t in a place to be telling yourself “good job,” leave it to us. Your friends at *The Phillipian* are proud of you. And because it made us laugh this week (and we all need a good laugh—maybe check out the Eighth Page?), we also recommend everyone reading this editorial to check out @chunk_the_groundhog on Instagram. It’s a guaranteed source of smiles. With that, happy end of Ultimate Week! Let’s all make an effort to take care of ourselves and root for one another in this final push.

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The Economics of Coronavirus



OK, I GET IT. YOU’RE tired of hearing about the coronavirus. For over a month now, newsletters have been filled with daily updates on the coronavirus. Even *The Phillipian* has been flooded with articles. And, to be honest, I completely understand the indifference most people have. After all, it’s easy not to think about what’s happening on the other side of the world. However, I and many of the Chinese students on campus do care. Our school won’t be touched by the virus anytime soon, but many members of our families live in China. Whether or not we believe in the measures the government has taken in response to the outbreak, it’s hard to sit back when our compatriots are suffering. So, instead of tossing the paper aside, please take the time to read just one more article on everyone’s least favorite virus. Over the past few days, even as foreign cases of COVID-19 have exploded, the numbers have started to stabilize in China. But as they do so, a previously overlooked aspect of the virus is emerging—its impact on supply chains and consumer consumption around the world.

From an economic perspective, it is clear how China has been hit by the coronavirus. At the height of the outbreak during the Chinese Lunar New Year, the government announced a three-day extension to the week-long national holiday. This extension expired on February 3, and for a moment it seemed as if everything would go back to normal, as if the industrial giant would continue its ceaseless production. But then, many local governments extended the break, and with it, the travel ban—again. Most extended it to February 9, but some provinces like Guangdong have extended it to February 24. This poses a serious problem to the 277.5 million migrant workers in China, most of them rural workers who have to travel back to the larger cities in which they work. While they remain isolated at home or placed under a mandatory two-week quar-

The truth is, however, that China’s economy needs migrant labour just as much as these workers need their wages.

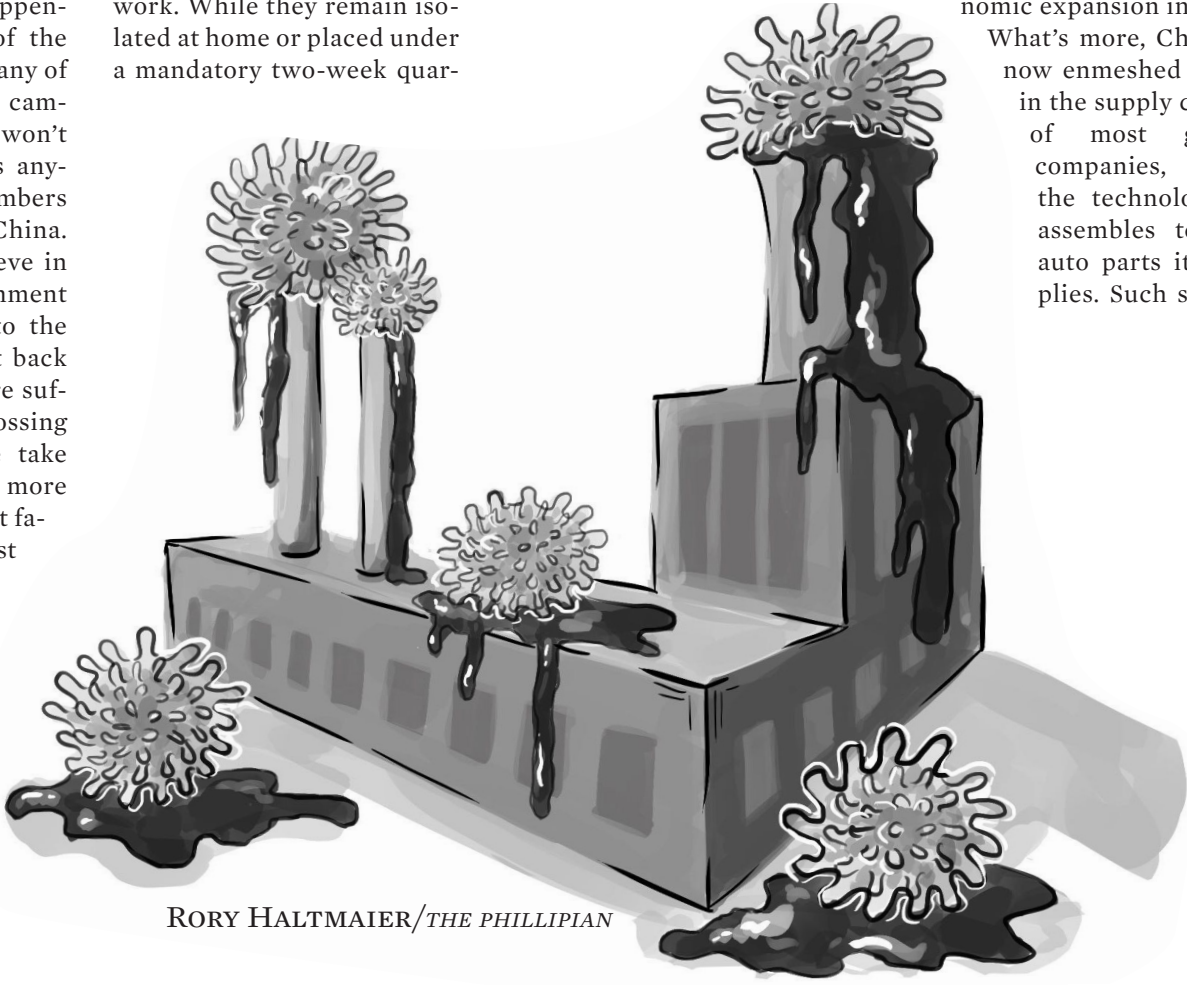
antine period after they return, they will earn nothing. Even those who have managed to return often face discrimination from landlords and local officials; reports abound of rural workers being denied access to their residential compounds due to fears of infection, even for those who returned from provinces other than Hubei. The truth is, how-

ever, that China’s economy needs migrant labour just as much as these workers need their wages. In 2003, when the SARS disease spread similar hysteria around the world, it wiped out between one-half and one percent of GDP growth. Growth soon rebounded afterwards, and all was well. This particular outbreak, however, is likely to have more profound consequences on the global economy. First, there is the problem of scale: while SARS infected 8,000, there are already almost 80,000 cases of COVID-19. Far more crucially, China’s economic role is radically different from the one it played in 2003. Back then, it accounted for less than four percent of worldwide GDP—now it accounts for 16 percent of worldwide GDP and 39 percent of global economic expansion in 2019. What’s more, China is now enmeshed within the supply chains of most global companies, from the technology it assembles to the auto parts it supplies. Such supply

chains are extremely fragile; car manufacturers like Hyundai and Nissan have already halted production, while Apple’s market capitalization dropped by 30 billion dollars after it acknowledged supply chain pressures due to the sudden halt in Chinese production. Should China lose another one percent in GDP growth this year, the impacts would be acutely felt around the world.

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It’s easy to dismiss the novel coronavirus as a false alarm amongst the barrage of news today. However, we should recognize the gravity of the situation. Over the last few weeks, Skylar Xu ’20 and Christy Wei ’21 have perfectly illustrated the problems that COVID-19 poses, both for the political stability of the central government and for the lives of citizens living in China. It is time for us to acknowledge its economic threats as well. This virus may have originated in China, but its scope is truly global.



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Andover with an Accent

KOHANA KAPOOR



THE FIRST THING that you see when you open the homepage of the Andover website are the diversity statistics. To me, one particularly stands out “Students from 52 countries.” And you think to yourself, “Wow, that’s a high number.” You don’t think that maybe these stats say nothing about the relative happiness of these students at school.

“How do you know these songs? Do they have this kind of music in India?”

When I joined Andover as a new Lower from Mumbai, a year ago, I was convinced that it would be easy for me to adjust. I was used to being viewed as the friendly, outgoing girl and after all, this school prided itself on its diversity and inclusion. I walked in expecting to make a million friends, do well in all of my classes, and to make it all look easy. I had created this picture of Andover as a place where everyone was accepted no matter their background, and foreign accents weren’t given any importance (and if they were, they were viewed as cool). I didn’t even know that microaggressions were a thing.

The first few chips in my perfect picture of Andover began to appear when I began

getting questions like “When did you start speaking English for the first time?” and “Can you understand what I’m saying?” and “How do you know these songs? Do they have this kind of music in India?” I never knew how to answer these questions because I wasn’t used to being questioned about my country of origin. I wasn’t used to being “the girl with the accent.” I never said anything to combat these microaggressions, because I kept making excuses for my perfect picture of the school. I wanted to believe that the statistics on the Andover website were not just a marketing tactic, because I didn’t want to believe that I spent a year of my life applying to the “best high school in the world” to be ridiculed for my accent.

Something that I hadn’t predicted when I came to Andover was the vast number of international students who used to study in American or international schools, or who had spent their childhood years in the United States.

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Naturally, many of these students have American accents. They can have full conversations without people wondering out loud what their first language is. They can walk around campus without feeling like they have a sign saying “She has an accent, and her parents probably work in tech support” stapled to their backs. And so, while like many American students, I too watched the Suite Life of

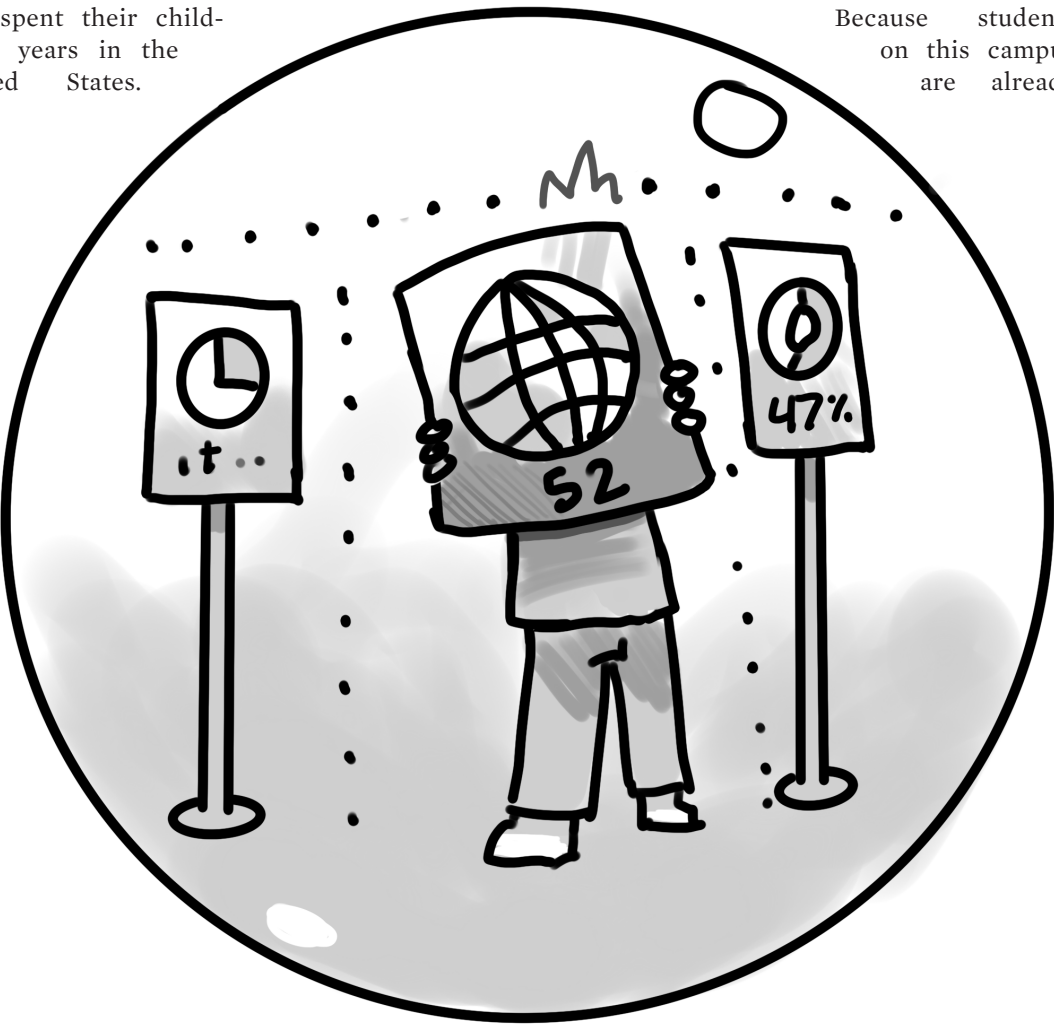
Zack and Cody as a child, it’s not the first conclusion you come to when you talk to me.

While no one is to blame for this, I do think that the school can do better when it comes to creating a sense of security for people like me on campus. There are all kinds of programming for people of color and minority groups, but not many that cater to international students and their perception as wealthy brats who only made it here because their parents could afford it. Sure, I found my people. I found people who felt the same way I did, people who sounded like me, people who were going through the same thing as I was, and people who were taught to look past the superficial layer of a flat accent. But it took me so long. Students that travel thousands of miles to get here deserve more than 3 days of “New International Student Orientation” to teach them ropes of the Academy.

Because students on this campus are already

educated about various social justice issues, they must be taught to treat people around them who may speak differently with respect. It shouldn’t be harder for me to make friends, feel heard, and feel respected than it is for a freshman. I shouldn’t have to be afraid to speak up in English sometimes because I’m afraid that I’ll be asked repeatedly to reiterate what I just said. I shouldn’t feel the need to prove my knowledge of the English language by applying for a position on *The Phillipian* that does exactly that. I shouldn’t feel the need to alter my voice every time I

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return to school from break. I shouldn’t have to spend every minute of my spare time in CAMD because that’s the one place on campus that I feel like I can be somewhat free. And most of all, I shouldn’t feel afraid to call people out for treating me with disrespect, even when international students like me are vastly outnumbered by those in the dominant culture.

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Letter to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with interest the Staff Report on Angela Davis’ talk (*The Phillipian*, February 21). While the report mentions that “throughout her career in social justice, Davis has been considered somewhat of a controversial figure,” I feel it omitted some important details of Dr. Davis’ trial and activities after her release from prison. She was indicted on kidnapping and murder charges because she purchased and supplied guns to a militant group that kidnapped a judge and other hostages in a takeover of a courthouse, in which the judge was murdered. Dr. Davis proudly mentioned in her talk that she was put on the FBI’s “ten most wanted” list. That was, of course, because

she became a fugitive from justice. Davis was acquitted after her lawyer apparently managed to choose jurors sympathetic to her cause. According to Dr. Davis’ own words in her talk at [Andover], some of the jurors drank champagne with her at her acquittal party—hardly an impartial bunch.

I remember the campaign to free Angela Davis in my youth in the Soviet Union. The campaign was all over the government-controlled newspapers (there were no other newspapers, of course). Prominent Soviet cultural figures and even chess champions were pressured to sign official letters in defense of Davis. The worldwide campaign was supported by the propaganda branch of the KGB.

After her release, Angela Davis became a propaganda tool for oppressive regimes in communist countries, meeting their leaders and receiving multiple honors and awards. Meanwhile, this advocate against mass incarceration consistently refused to intervene on behalf of political prisoners in communist countries. Even the Wikipedia article on Davis fills in some details and lists over 130 references. On another occasion, when asked to intervene on behalf of certain political prisoners in the Soviet Union, she responded: “they are all Zionist fascists and opponents of socialism.”

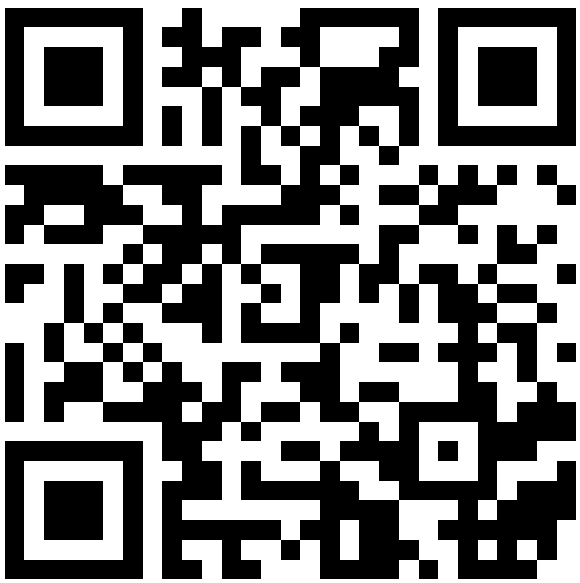
I am all for inviting controversial, even radical, speakers to campus. What disturbed me about this event was that Andover students and faculty

in the audience seemed to have suspended their critical thinking faculties (despite Dr. Davis’ admonition to use them) and, as one, greeted Dr. Davis’ rather incoherent and at times condescending presentation with multiple standing ovations. This reminded me of the scenes I observed in my youth of Communist Party meetings in the Soviet Union, and in current news clips from North Korea.

I was also disturbed by the need to submit questions via a website: I felt this arrangement, unprecedented at Andover, was undemocratic and gave the organizers time to filter out “unfriendly” questions. As it happened, this turned out not to be very important after all. When asked about an alternative to prisons, this prison abolitionist

scholar went on a filibustering tangent about free education and free medical care, “including pets,” which used up most of the Q&A period. I didn’t have much hope, anyway, that my question—whether she still believes that opponents of socialism should be in prison—would be aired. I was also curious to know whether she would now be willing to intervene on behalf of political prisoners in such places as China, Cuba or North Korea. I suppose I will have to judge her by her deeds, not words, as Dr. Davis insisted we do.

Sincerely,
Gary Litvin, P’92, ’00



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Lani Silversides on “Performing Under Pressure”

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Lani Silversides, Instructor in Mathematics, presented “Performing Under Pressure” at the Tang Institute this past Friday. The presentation was created with the goal in mind of helping students deal with stress by giving them the necessary tools to do so.

In her presentation, Silversides introduced the audience to two main tactics in controlling stress: the “Triple A” plan and the “PRE-performance” three-step plan. Silversides first discussed the “PRE-performance” plan and its three main components: “Preparation,” studying; “Repetition,” the visualization of the performance itself; and “Empowered statement,” a positive self-talk. In an email to The Phillipian, Silversides described her message as tying the three together as a package.

“You can not go into a test with a ‘you got this’ statement, and not having prepared or studied, and expect it’s going to go great. And, studying all night long and going into the test with an

“I’m going to fail this” attitude is equally unhelpful. So it’s all three... [doing] the preparation, [visualizing] how you want it to go, and [going] in with a positive attitude,” wrote Silversides.

The “Triple A” plan consisted of three steps: Awareness, Acceptance, and Action. Silversides defined awareness as setting a plan for oneself if stressful situations come about. Acceptance is understanding that stress is natural and unavoidable. The action was described as setting an action to help us ‘reset’ our mindset if stress is encountered.

Attendees of the presentation reflected upon the idea of accepting that stress is natural within the Andover community. Charlotte Whitehurst ’22 explained her perspective on the trouble Andover students have accepting the stresses around them.

“We definitely perceive obstacles as something that shouldn’t happen, [and] as such a negative thing. We struggle to accept the fact that things aren’t always meant to go to our advantage, and we get stressed when that happens,” said Whitehurst.

Whitehurst continued, “I

think it’s hard to detach ourselves from stress, because it’s an environment where we’re very close to our peers, and everyone’s talking lots about their stress and workload and what you’re working about. When you hear that, it’s hard to not ask ourselves, ‘Shouldn’t I be stressed, too?’ This stress just kind of mounts to a point where it’s not healthy.”

This perspective was supported by Silversides, who claimed that her strategies were geared to help students manage the stresses they have in their daily lives.

Silversides wrote, “Rather than ignoring stress, we want to know that we’re going to have stress... The point is, we’re not trying to get rid of it, and sometimes when we try to check it really well, it just makes it bigger... The purpose of my work and the presentation was not actually about reducing stress or how much stress there is at Andover... The purpose is to teach people that this is normal, and there are tools and something they can do about it.”

Katharine Hayhoe Emphasizes Personal Conversations in Combating Climate Change

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as if you talk to people who are Democrats, it started at about 40%, and it has gone up to over 75% [over 12 years]... The number-one most politically polarized issue is climate change. When you divide it up by age, it’s very different. People who are younger but more conservative are a lot more concerned about climate change. Women are also more concerned about climate change, which is kind of interesting,” said Hayhoe.

Student engagement with the issue of climate change has recently been spearheaded by Eli Newell ’20 with his push for a climate-centric curriculum. Newell, who attended Hayoe’s talk, felt her approach was powerful and relevant to the ongoing discussions in Climate Cafe.

“I was really impressed by Katharine Hayhoe and her message, [such as] her emphasis on having conversations on climate

changes and bringing it into our discourse. I like that she said, ‘If we don’t talk about it, why would we care, and if we don’t care, why would we act?’ That approach of trying to bring relevant discussions into our conversations is a compelling one,” said Newell.

Allison Guerette, the Campus Sustainability Coordinator, explained that Hayhoe is a leading voice in climate change across all disciplines and thought that she would be a great addition to Climate Cafe. Guerette also appreciated Hayhoe’s emphasis on communication and the style of her presentation.

“I was really inspired by the talk, and I think [Hayhoe] has a different way of speaking about climate change that is very relatable to everybody and not just people who are very deep into the science of climate change. There are many access points when you are listening to her to start caring about the topic,” said Guerette.

Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center Tackles Influenza Season with Multifaceted Approach

ELIZABETH CHOU

Every winter, hundreds of thousands of people all over the world are afflicted with influenza and the common cold. Andover is not immune to this seasonal wave of sickness, with many members of the community having to spend time at the Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center (Sykes), missing various academic and extracurricular commitments.

According to Ellen Callahan, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Lead, the most important way to combat influenza is by promoting prevention beyond an annual flu vaccination. Callahan explained how Sykes is trying to promote a multifaceted approach to flu prevention, such as sanitizing your hands before eating, as well as practicing self-care.



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“Prevention is the most important. Getting that flu vaccine, taking care of yourself, washing your hands, and if you do have the flu, coming over [to Sykes] so that you can be taken care of. The more care you’re provided, you’re going to get better faster, compared to trying to power through,” said Callahan.

The Sykes Wellness Center promotes these methods in a number of ways, including providing flu vaccine clinics in the fall, supplying hand sanitizer and wet wipes, and posters around campus promoting students to wash their hands. Even now, Sykes has a supply of vaccines in stock, in case students were unable to receive it earlier on in the year.

“We held the flu clinic this fall, [and] we still have the flu vaccine available here at the Wellness Center, so anyone who has not received the flu vaccine, please do come in. The other way is hand hygiene posters all over campus, encouraging you to wash your hands. And the other way to prevent the flu is by taking care of yourself, so getting enough sleep,

eating healthy foods, getting a little bit of exercise if you’re up to it. Those are really the three best ways to protect yourself,” said Callahan.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are four types of influenza. The common types to infect humans are influenza A and influenza B, which both cause seasonal epidemics. Influenza C can also infect humans but has a milder symptomatology, and Influenza D primarily affects cattle. The flu is spread through droplets of moisture released when infected people cough, sneeze, and talk. These droplets land in the mouths or noses of other people nearby, infecting them with influenza. Symptoms of the flu include chills, fever, coughing, sore throat, runny nose, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue, vomiting, and diarrhea.

According to Josie Banson ’22, who was sick with the flu for five days, contracting influenza is suboptimal for students because of how they fall behind on classwork, homework, and assessments.

“I couldn’t really focus that

well. I didn’t do much work at all, so I was five days behind when I got better. It was kind of rough catching up with everything. It was alright because teachers gave me extensions, but it was still just a lot of work I had to do. [And] when you miss a week of work, it’s so detrimental, because there’s just so much to catch upon,” said Banson.

Although Banson’s experience with influenza this year was negative, she found the treatment at Sykes Wellness Center to be particularly pleasant. Additionally, she appreciated the Wellness Center’s decision to quarantine sick students in order to prevent other students from becoming ill.

“Other than the symptoms I was experiencing, the care was really nice, and all the nurses would check in with me often, and would give me options for food, and offer me snacks. It was actually a really nice experience overall. [Also,] I think that it’s good that they have facilities where they can quarantine students, so it doesn’t spread more. Overall, the care I received and the way they dealt with it was

really good,” said Banson.

According to Melissa Piantidosi, Wellness Center Program Assistant, education is important when trying to maintain one’s health, and many resources at the Sykes Wellness Center provide such opportunities to learn. Not only does the Wellness Center release articles on several different aspects of health, but they also hold events in order to promote them and continue educating students. The addition of understanding these topics would also likely lead to students having stronger protections against the flu and common cold in the future.

“I think that the people who eventually do come are so glad they did. The energy is so amazing — it’s happy, and calm, and I just watch students just completely relax, shoulders down, and it’s really lovely to see. Stress reduction goes a long way. [Also, we have] an online wellness magazine at andover.campuswell.com, full of amazing articles covering all things wellness, from health, time management, exercise, to nutrition,” said Piantidosi.

Co-Presidential Candidates Share Ideas for a More Equitable Community

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[Bahnasy ’20] added last year. We want to fill it with people that are doing really important things in CAMD and Brace, so they have the ability to work from the top... The Brace Center and CAMD, these are institutions that are going to be around a long, long time until well after we leave. If we’re able to work with them, set a close precedent of working together between Co-President pairs and CAMD, that’s actually really important,” said Palfrey during the debate.

Seward talked about non-gendered spaces on campus for future students. She explained her plans to destigmatize sanitary products in bathrooms on campus. According to Seward, part of her motivation to run for Co-President was to create equitable and intersectional spaces for all Andover students.

“We want to make sure... that all spaces are comfortable spaces for anyone who identifies as any gender on campus. I want to make more sanitary products and bathrooms for anybody... My whole goal in choosing this leadership role was to make sure that everyone feels like Andover is a home, they have someone they can talk to, they have a welcoming environment, and that goes with inclusivity. This conversation just happened to talk about gender, and we know that all these things connect,” said Seward.

The other Co-Presidential pair, Megan Cui ’21 and Salvador Gómez-Colón ’21 explored the concept of the student body helping one another learn more about inclusivity and gender issues both on and off campus.

During the debate, Cui touched on the role that older students have when new students enter the Andover community. Cui also explained how she feels gender is an under-discussed topic at Andover that she and Gómez-Colón would work to emphasize, along with sustainability.

“I think it is an important characteristic of our platform that we tap into topics that are just brushed upon. Some topics we want to tap into: one about gender issues. We are going to dive into it and use our resources on campus to host discussion[s] and forums. And second one is sustainability and how we want to incorporate a climate curriculum into our current institution and have sustainable practices in the dorm. These ideas make our platform exciting,” said Cui.

In the debate, Gómez-Colón emphasized how he wants to destigmatize talking about issues of gender outside of academic settings and structured time like Empathy, Balance, and Inclusion (EBI) courses. Gómez-Colón explained how casual conversations can sometimes be the most effective way to promote gender equity.

“I think that there’s kind of this idea that these conversations only have to happen in a classroom or a dorm. It goes beyond that. These are conversations we should be able to have in [Paresky Commons], in the dorms, in the library, in rooms, just walking around the paths. We need to be actively working to destigmatize these situations and these conversations,” said Gómez-Colón.



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How Are ASM Speakers Chosen?

LAURA OSPINA

Andover is looking to increase student input on All-School Meeting (ASM) speakers, according to Linda Carter Griffith, Associate Head of School for Equity, Inclusion, and Wellness. Currently, ASM speakers are decided by a speaker committee with representatives from the Chaplaincy, the Alumni Office, the History and English Departments, the Office of Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD), and other campus groups, according to Christopher Capano, Director of Student Activities. The advisory group uses faculty and student suggestions to choose speakers, as well as taking into consideration the theme of the year and what message they feel the Andover community would benefit from hearing.

Carter Griffith, who serves on the committee, hopes to encourage student opinions on ASM speakers and is looking for suggestions on the best way to accomplish that. Currently, students may directly contact her to share ideas. According to Carter Griffith, she hopes for a diversity of perspectives to fully represent the Andover community.

"I'm trying to find a mechanism. And I want to hear from students, is that an open house? And if you're interested in speakers [coming], let's talk about them. Is it a write-in? Is it a survey? I actually need the input of the students. I know what my goal is, I want to hear what you all want... In an intentionally diverse community, it's really important to recognize that different speakers are going to speak to different individuals and we want to have a wide representation. In perspective, that is very important. So now the question is, do students want to be involved?" said Carter-Griffith.

According to Capano, although students' suggestions are encouraged, the schedule for ASM speakers is decided far in advance. Capano believes that a good time to submit recommendations would be during the spring for ASM speakers for the next academic year. However, according to Capano, suggestions are stored for future reference.

"We love when students suggest speakers. I think the hard part is a lot of times students suggest because we're late in the process, because we don't we don't know our calendar until the calendar gets put out by the school. So we know what Fridays are ASMs, and then we start filling them in right away. And so if a student asks in September, we've already made the whole calendar for the year so they have to kind of know...a little bit earlier. Often there's not a lot of time to pull it together," said Capano.

Student response has recently caused direct changes to ASM procedure, according to Carter Griffith. In response to student

feedback after ASM Speaker Megan Phelps-Roper used the f-slur during an ASM in September, Andover has begun to directly call ASM speakers to caution them against the use of language that doesn't align with the school's values. Carter Griffith, however, emphasized that the clause forbidding improper language for ASM speakers was already in place for Phelps-Roper.

"After we experienced what we experienced with Phelps-Roper and... the f-word, we decided we were not going to assume they read our clauses because we have clauses about language about various things you can do, etc. And they're not about disparaging [Andover] at all. It's really things that are within the school values and norms. So there was a conversation with [Nikki Giovanni, ASM speaker], can we be careful of certain language? Even if you're using anecdotes. It was a big lesson to learn with Phelps-Roper," said Carter-Griffith.

According to Rajesh Mundra, Dean of Studies, who serves on the speakers committee, Andover has a unique community that warrants additional preparation for speakers. Mundra believes that there has been improvement in preparing these speakers.

"I know that we've been more intentional in prepping speakers. And just because we're a pretty unique community, and it's a pretty unique setting... We try to prep them, we have conversation, and then when someone's on stage, it's like we've tried to do as much as we can, and then some things might just happen that we didn't expect. So there's some things that I think we can kind of control and try to inform. And I think we're getting better at that," said Mundra.

Due to the schedule change from weekly to biweekly ASMs, the number of ASMs have decreased from 33 last year to 15 this year, according to Capano. Since eight to nine ASMs repeat every year, such as Co-President Debates, Sounds of the Season, the Faculty Talent Show, and Alumni Award of Distinction ASM, approximately five to seven ASMs are left for speakers suggested by the Andover community.

"[The committee] meets a couple times in the winter, a couple times in the spring for the next year. And we just kind of put all the names out there that people have suggested and we talk [about them]. The school often has a theme for the year. So last year, the theme was gratitude and this year, the theme is justice. So if they're speakers that we think fit in those areas, we try to get them in there. We often have faculty members or students who are passionate about a cause or an idea that they bring us to us, they've reached out to this speaker, and they that person wants to come here. You know, can we get them here? Can we make that work?" said Capano.

According to Mundra, many of the speakers might have been

identified during conferences or by asking for contacts in a specific department. Mundra believes that speakers might also be suggested in response to current events, such as the Presidential Election in November.

"I think one place to start is sometimes we think about a theme for the year. Once there is a theme that's established, then we think about what kind of speakers are going to give different perspectives on that theme. And so that's one consideration... If it's November of this year, and it's going to be [an] election [then maybe] it would be appropriate to have someone talk about bringing together different viewpoints or how we have conversations about politics or something like that," said Mundra.

In the future, Mundra would like to see more student presentations be included in ASM. Additionally, one of the continual challenges for the committee is deciding on the diversity of speaker ideology, especially if their ideas do not align with the school's values.

"I think a really interesting discussion is the idea of speakers who don't align with our school values and how we feel about that because we have had some discussions where if a speaker came in that didn't align and would we even invite somebody? And should we invite a wide range of perspectives in an educational institution? Or are we inviting people to continue our echo chambers of the things that we like to hear, we want to hear?" said Mundra.

Mundra continued, "When we invite people who go against that, are we making a statement that we are endorsing them because we're inviting them and having them speak in front of everybody? Or are we acknowledging that we really want a wide variety of speakers, and this is the world that we live in. And so we will invite part of the world to come and speak. So these are like some larger questions that don't necessarily have answers, but I think we have been hesitant to invite speakers who in their behaviors, their actions, their words don't sort of represent what we believe."



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Love Better Week Keynote Speaker Mary Margaret Scharf P'21 Shares Warning Signs of Abusive and Toxic Relationships

Continued from A1, Column 3

"I think there's this misconception that domestic abuse or relationship abuse happens to weak women without resources. We know that there [are] not many weak women here at Andover. People are strong and successful and happy, [but] I was happy and successful and it happened to me. I had resources...There was no past abuse. The day of the attack, I learned that, in hindsight, you can't determine your risk of physical [abuse] from past violence alone. Experts told me that violence is a pyramid shape. At the bottom [are] violent words. Then there's violent gestures. It culminates in physical abuse."

She urged people to get out of toxic relationships early. Scharf described the incident of physical abuse she endured, where her husband repeatedly shined a flashlight into her eyes while screaming obscenities and expressed regret about not leaving her husband then. Mary Margaret Scharf was attacked by her ex-husband and abuser John Michael Farren in 2010, where she sustained severe injuries to the point of losing consciousness. The night she almost died, her husband became uncontrollably angry after being served with divorce papers by Scharf, and struck her in the head and face with a heavy metal flashlight at least ten times, according to Mary Margaret Scharf. Farren was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 15 years in prison in 2014.

"I said, 'You know what? We're done. There's no further discussion about you and I. There's something wrong about the way you think.' Then he just begged me, begged me, begged me to reconsider. I said to him, 'You're eventually going to hit me.' He said, 'How in the world can you say that?' I said, 'Because you're this close.' He was literally that close. Then he acted nice for a while... Fast forward two years. It was like 'Why didn't you file for divorce then?'" Mary Margaret Scharf said.

Mary Margaret Scharf pointed out how her ex-husband's high-profile case—Farren worked as Deputy White House counsel to George W. Bush '42 from 2007 to 2009—brought visibility to the issue of domestic violence, and urged Andover students to recognize the widespread nature of domestic abuse and its life-threatening ramifications.

"Once this happened to me, it happened to me so publicly. It was in the New York Times and the Tokyo Times. It was on ABC and NBC because he had been in the White House, working in the West Wing. People were very aware of what happened. Women shared their stories with me of their own private hell that they were living. We were in school in Connecticut at the time. Abigail was in first grade," said Mary Margaret Scharf.

Mary Margaret Scharf continued, "This mom, this beautiful mom with five beautiful children and a seemingly great, charismatic husband spoke to me privately of the hell that she was living in. That's continued to happen. Women have come to me. After this bad thing happened, we

moved back to DC, people there too. At least once a year, somebody comes up to share what's going on. It's way more prevalent than I ever realized."

Mary Margaret Scharf emphasized the indiscriminate nature of domestic violence, and referenced the normalization of gender-based violence.

"I would have never gotten away from [my husband], and that's the thing. So many other people who are the subject of violence don't get away.... This afternoon when I got here, on my phone popped up a story of some woman out in California, I believe, who was texting and saying she was terrified of her ex-boyfriend. Two hours later, she's dead. It's all too common," she continued.

According to Flavia Vidal, Director of the Brace Center, Love Better Week was meant to raise awareness about toxic relationships on campus. Vidal emphasized the importance of Andover students recognizing dangerous behavior among friend groups. During Friday's presentation, she encouraged struggling students to visit either the Brace or Sykes Wellness Center.

"I think [it's] really important for people to think about their role as bystanders and try to be upstanders when they can. If you notice [any] kind of unhealthy behavior going on among your friends, for example, then you [should] feel empowered to say something, to try to disrupt those patterns if it feels safe to you... Come to the Brace Center, talk to a Sykes counselor, [or] reach out to a trusted adult," Vidal said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reporting by Kareena Dua & Elyse Goncalves

A GLANCE BACK

Saturday, February 22

The Student Activities Office hosted a **dodgeball showdown** in the Snyder Center from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Teams of eight competed, while others came to watch the game and enjoy some music.

THIS WEEK

Students participated in **Spirit Week** ahead of **Andover/Exeter weekend**. Monday was Groufit Day; Tuesday was Pajama Day; Wednesday was Jersey Day; Thursday was Dress Code Day; and Friday (today) was Big Blue Day. There will be a **pep rally tonight**, February 28, in the Borden Memorial Gym to help set the tone for Andover/Exeter weekend. Varsity teams will each put on a routine as they prepare to compete this weekend.

LOOKING FORWARD

Saturday, February 29

Guest vocalist James Dargan and pianist Mark Whitlock will perform a concert, **"Oh Glory 2: Shades of Beauty,"** in Cochran Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Their set list will consist of covers and some of Dargan's original pieces.

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HERE AND THERE: THE WORLD RIGHT NOW

Reporting by Erin Kim

The following selected domestic and international events provide an image of the world in brief.

CULTURE

Kobe and Gianna Bryant's Memorial Service

A Memorial Service took place on February 24 to honor the lives of Kobe Bryant and his thirteen-year-old daughter, Gianna Bryant, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Kobe and Gianna Bryant died when the helicopter they were flying in, a Sikorsky S-76B, crashed in fog on January 26. During the Memorial Service, Vanessa Bryant gave an emotional tribute to her daughter and husband, who she described as the "MVP of girl dads" and said that Gianna "would have made a huge difference for women's basketball." NBA legends Shaquille O'Neal and Michael Jackson gave tearful speeches about Kobe Bryant's legacy, and there were performances by Beyonce, Alicia Keys, and Christina Aguilera at the memorial service. Vanessa Bryant also revealed that she will be suing Island Express Helicopters, accusing the pilot of the helicopter, who also perished in the accident, of negligence for flying in such poor weather.

Mass Shootings Plague Germany & Milwaukee (USA)

GUN VIOLENCE

On February 20, a suspected far-right extremist killed nine people during an attack on two bars in Hanau, a city in west Germany, according to BBC. Chancellor Angela Merkel said that the attack appears to be racially motivated, and prosecutors are considering it an act of terrorism. Then on February 26, an employee at the Molson Coors brewery in Milwaukee, Wis., shot and killed five coworkers before turning the gun on himself, according to The Washington Post. The incident marked the first workplace mass shooting of 2020, and the 13th since 2006, according to USA TODAY.

HEALTH

U.S. Prepares for Potential Coronavirus Outbreak

New outbreaks of Coronavirus have been confirmed across Europe and the Middle East, while the U.S. prepares for a potential outbreak. There have been fears of the uncontrolled spread of the virus in the Middle East, as new infections were announced in Iran. The global spread of the virus caused the U.S. Health authorities to announce that it is "a matter of when, not if, the virus would invade American shores." Currently, the total number of global cases has reached 80,980 and nearly 3000 have died. Centered around the north of Milan, Italy, new cases were recorded in Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, and Spain. Brazil has confirmed a coronavirus infection, becoming the first country in Latin America to be affected. Dick Pound, a Canadian member of the International Olympic Committee, recently stated that the committee will release a statement about whether or the 2020 Tokyo Summer Games will be canceled around late May.

Violence Continues in New Delhi Over New Citizenship Law

WAR & CONFLICT

Violence continued in New Delhi, India, for the third day after members of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party vowed to clear anti-government protesters from the city. The protesters had been peacefully protesting over a new citizenship law passed by the Indian Parliament in December that specifically excluded Muslim refugees from citizenship. Protests were held criticizing the widespread discrimination against Muslims, the largest religious minority in the Hindu-majority nation. The Hindu mobs targeted Muslims primarily, not people protesting the citizenship law. Hundreds of people have been injured and at least twenty people have been killed in the fighting, making this riot New Delhi's worst sectarian co in decades.

POLITICS

2020 Irish Election

The leaders of two opposing Irish political parties, Fine Gael and Fianna Fail, had their first sit-down discussion since the 2020 Irish General Election, which took place on February 8. Micheal Martin, the leader of the opposition party, Fianna Fail, said that he had a constructive meeting with the newly-formed Regional Independent Group made up of nine TDs, members of the lower house of the Irish Parliament. The Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, who was elected the head of government in Ireland and Leader of Fine Gael, the liberal-conservative party, encouraged Fianna Fail to continue engaging with other parties with to form a new government. Mary Lou McDonald, the leader of Sinn Fein, a left-wing Irish republican party, shared that she is looking forward to a new approach in government. The parties have agreed to meet again at some point in the future after the success of this meeting.

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Questions with Mike Gallagher '20

REPORTING BY ANANYA MADDURI & MAX GUAN

Mike Gallagher '20 is a three-year Senior from Hermosa Beach, California. On campus, he is a proctor in Foxcroft Hall, Co-Captain of Andover Boys Hockey, and plays guitar.

1

How did you start playing hockey?

I started playing hockey when I was around five. My dad

2

How does the role of captain help you engage with others on the team?

This year specifically, we had a couple of rough patches. Having this leadership role has really taught me how to get through adversity.

3

Who is your favorite hockey player?

My favorite hockey player growing up was Sidney Crosby. I actually got to meet him, and so he taught me a lot about what it means to be a leader and other skills in life.

4

What is the community like at Foxcroft?

One thing that is important to us in Foxcroft is trust and respect. The way we build those two things is by building relationships in the dorm. I think everyone in Foxcroft would agree that we have a really close community.

5

What are some experiences that challenged your decision making and leadership?

I would say that finding the medium when to approach someone as a friend, a proctor, or a captain [is challenging].

6

What does music mean to you?

Music to me is an escape. It is something that if I am feeling stressed, I can fall back on it and either play or listen to it.

7

What do you usually play on the guitar?

I pretty much play every day. Most of the genres are old rock or some type of blues.

8

What do you think of John Mayer?

I would say that his work on his guitar is definitely underappreciated. He is often viewed as just a pop artist, and I think that playing the guitar has opened my perspective a lot and gained greater appreciation for his talent as an artist.

9

How are you planning to pursue either hockey or guitar in the future?

Hockey and guitar are both things that I always want to keep in the future, regardless of what I do.

10

What has been one of the highlights of your Andover experience?

I would say my Lower year, beating [Phillips Exeter Academy] in overtime during Andover/Exeter weekend.

Tracing the History and Legacy of Black Students at Andover

LAURA OSPINA & WILLIAM YUE

In 1970, black students at Andover were described as a “group of admirable human beings, though beset with many more problems than the white students” by F.A. Peterson, the Director of the Office of Research and Evaluation after he examined data from the 1970 Black Student Survey.

According to a document dated 1969 and stored in the Archives, Samuel Codes Watson, class of 1849, was the first recorded black student on campus. Following Watson, Richard T. Greener, class of 1865, was the second black Andover student. According to a brief analysis of Greener’s time at Andover by Gosia Stergios, Greener was a “keen debater, ready writer, and fluent speaker;” and participated in the Philomathean society. Although Greener was the only recorded black student on campus at the time, Stergios found no evidence to suggest that Greener did not get along with his classmates. Stergios partly attributes this to the strict nature of then principal Samuel Harvey Taylor, who expected Greener to be treated like any other student.

Prior to 1967, the number of black students at Andover did not exceed 12, according to the Office of Research and Evaluation in 1969, though the data is noted to potentially contain inconsistencies. For 29 years between 1870 and 1955, there were no black students on campus. In 1969, the black student population increased to 54 students from the 28 black students in 1968. At the end of the 1969-1970 school year, ten black students out of the 54 were dismissed or voluntarily withdrew. According to Peterson, the remaining 44 seemed to enjoy their experience at Andover, despite any racial discrimination.

With the rise of black power movements, the Afro-American Society (Af-Am), now known as African-Latinx-American Society (Af-Lat-Am), was founded in 1967 to provide an outlet for students of color on campus, according to the brochure for the 50th Anniversary of Af-Lat-Am

Society in 2018. Due to the culture of Andover being predominantly that of the white upper class, Af-Am helped black students find unity in a community not made for them, according to “The Phillips Academy Afro-Latino-American Society, An Early Tool for Black Survival at Phillips Academy” by Jason Young ’15.

Young wrote, “In a community where their presence was not duly noted, the 24 black boys in attendance during the 1967-68 Phillips Academy school year, decided that it was time to come together to express their opinions and, more specifically, their power.”

“The largest issue that brought many of the boys together was that they did not have a barber that could cut their hair. So they gathered during the middle of each term to give each other haircuts. Despite their poor cuts, they formed a strong bond as a group. These students had small discussions about their experiences and similarities on campus, but they did not share these ideas with their white peers,” continued Young.

A Phillipian article in 1968, “PA Blacks: Finding a Place in Society;” detailed the more subtle form of discrimination that black students encountered, and Af-Am sought to address. According to the article, white students seemed to only want to be friends with black students for the sake of simply having a “black friend.”

“These relationships felt shallow, as the other students often tried to ignore the students’ blackness, disregarding a vital portion of their characters. If they were not attempting to get a “black friend”, black students felt that their white classmates still perceived them as “the good boy, the slave”. This mockery proved to several black students that they were not being taken earnestly by those around them,” wrote Young.

As no white students participated in Af-Am, the leaders decided to apply to become an affinity group in 1969. However, after the proposal was brought to light in a 1969 issue of The Phillipian, many of the black students were accused of being “reverse racists” as the lead-

ers of Af-Am would take away their ability to go, according to Young. Deciding that it would further student division and be unfavored by the faculty, the Af-Am members repealed their petition.

“The students, along with some faculty, grew very nervous about black students meeting together. There seemed to be a fear, for some a curiosity, as to what the black boys were discussing. Some boys would take offense, believing that they were being excluded from discussions when in reality the black students just felt that it was easier to be around each other,” wrote Young.

However, Af-Am found other ways to thrive on campus, including choosing Peabody House as their designated meeting place, reinforcing a permanent role on campus, according to Young. Additionally, they founded a newspaper, The Black Andover Caucus, which last published in 1980 and was reformed as the Publication of the Afro-Latino-American Society (P.A.L.A.S.) in 1987. The P.A.L.A.S. died out around 1992, according to documents in the Archives.

“Through this newspaper, the Af-Am students were able to voice their opinions through commentary, creative essays, and poetry. This magazine assisted the students in bringing their issues to light and showing each other that their black classmates shared similar experiences,” wrote Young.

Af-Am continued to grow in prominence after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. After a vigil and a service dedicated to his death, Andover became more supportive of Af-Am, appointing a pair of faculty advisors and granting the society its own space. Changing its name to Afro-Latino-American Society to include Latinx students in 1973, the society continued to be a community for people of color. By the 90’s, Af-Lat-Am hosted Black Arts and Latin Arts weekends, anti-racism workshops, and guest speakers such as Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, according to the 50th Anniversary Brochure. The Office of Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD) was also created in the 90’s.

According to the brochure, “By the 1990s, Af-Lat-Am’s role, not only as a support group for Black and Latino students, but also as a catalyst for social change on Andover’s campus, was firmly established. Students from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds joined the organization, which celebrated African American and Hispanic cultures while educating the broader Andover community.”

However, in regards to academics, G.P.A. disparities between white and black students continued to be prevalent, according to a letter addressed to Donald W. McNemar, 13th Headmaster of Andover, in 1984. Although the administration introduced more representation of black history and culture in the History Department during the 60’s, English teachers failed to successfully add black literature to the curriculum, according to Young.

“Many of the teachers, although they tried teaching black literature to the best of their abilities, could not truly appreciate the quality and meaning of the cultural principles that were being preached by black authors. This raised a question about the presence of African Americans within the faculty, spurring the faculty to consider hiring teachers of color. Although the faculty tried diligently to hire faculty in 1969 and 1970, they found that most black teachers wanted to teach black students. With the few black students that were present at Andover, they did not see the purpose of taking long term positions at Andover,” wrote Young.

According to Abigail Ndikum ’20, Co-President of Af-Lat-Am, current discrimination towards black students on campus largely comes in the form of microaggressions. Ndikum believes that one existing problem is that many black students on campus are often mistaken for other black students, and this can have harmful effects on the black community.

“In a sense, when you mix two black girls, you’re removing their identity and you’re renaming it for yourself, and I often felt like, to them, to the greater institution, I am not Abigail Ndikum, and I didn’t like that feeling. It kind of took away some

of the confidence that I had in myself,” said Ndikum.

Ndikum continued, “Currently, in my own part as a black student at Andover, I find myself often holding myself back and making sure I cater to the needs of the population because as a black woman, I often feel that I am seen as a threat to other people. And this is my personal narrative, I cannot speak for the entire black population because it depends on each individual person, but I know for me, I want to present my best self so I don’t seem to contradict someone else’s journey or I don’t seem to fit in certain stereotypes, such as being seen as an angry black woman.”

Although black students remain a minority on campus, Amara Neal ’22 attributes the small number of black students to a stronger sense of community.

“Coming from a place where there were no black people, I feel more included, even though I am still a minority on campus, it’s definitely better than being one of two black kids in my grade. So I feel like I get to embrace my culture more,” said Neal.

According to Ndikum, it is important to acknowledge that a lot of leadership positions at Andover are held by black men and women. Additionally, Ndikum emphasized that celebrating Black History Month recognizes the contributions of black culture and arts to mainstream society.

“It’s critical to celebrate Black History Month through the form of black arts because black arts is essentially black culture. Black culture is currently mainstream culture, starting dances and music and the way you present yourself to hoop earrings to getting braids done. I think we have to acknowledge the root to many of America’s trends back to black culture and at Andover, it’s crucial because we are at an institution that wasn’t made for black students. We came to this institution and we are taking the ropes... I am so proud to be black at [Andover] because I know I am paving the way for future black students to come here and do the [expletive] thing,” said Ndikum.

Af-Lat-Am Hosts Forum for Athletes of Color



AMARA NEAL /THE PHILLIPIAN

(L to R) Ray Shoemaker ’20, Tulio Marchetti ’21, Sadie Cheston-Harris ’20, Annalisa Urena ’23, Adaeze Izuegbunam ’20, Victoria Kadiri ’20, Niya Harris ’21, and Jessica Scott ’20 participated in the panel.

STAFF REPORT

On Friday, February 21, the Afro-Latinx-American Society (Af-Lat-Am) hosted a forum for athletes of color in the Borden Memorial Gym.

This panel was created for athletes and coaches of color to share their experiences in athletics at Andover. The event featured 13 student and three faculty panelists, along with performances by SLAM and JVNE and a game of knockout run by Blue Key Heads Mark Witt ’20 and Jed Head ’20.

Af-Lat-Am board member Henrique Chamon ’21 came up with the idea for the forum as a way for athletes of color like himself to discuss their experience.

“Being an athlete of color on this campus is something I personally have not been able to talk about that much, so I wanted this event to be a chance for us to share our experiences to the greater Af-Lat-Am and Andover community,” said Chamon.

Despite originally intending to end at 10 p.m., the conversation continued into Senior Hour, with the Seniors and faculty staying until sign-in.

“The conversation we had was really good, and the panelists did such a great job throughout the night. Hopefully, if we do this event again in the future, we can make it even better,” said Chamon.

Editor’s Note: Henrique Chamon is the Chief Financial Officer of The Phillipian.

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- *Spring Term is Light at the End of Very Small, Foggy Tunnel*
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“Business Is Booming”

STAFF

In just the third week since *The Phillipian* turned over, our beloved publication has gone virtually under. What was once an iconic institution of the PA campus is now, quite sadly, broke. UM's been forced to cut corners, and the traditional newsroom space in the Morse basement has been replaced with an empty Fuess room. The latest issue was printed from the one-sided SamPhil student printer. Every section at *The Phillipian* was extremely disappointed about this series of changes... all except one. Business.

You know those sleaze-balls: Ava “Wolf of Wallstreet” Long, Henrique “No Non-Varsity Quotes” Chamon, and Sean “Cashmere” Meng. While most sections have been suffering from extreme cutbacks, on February the 17th, Business rolled up to Redline in matching diamond Rolexes and Golden Goose high tops. Oh, and three pizzas for 45 people. Where'd the other three pizzas go, Henny? Into your bank account? Ava and Sean, lips newly plump from Botox, looked like quite the outfit of criminals. We, as a publication that prides itself on being truthful and transparent, refuse to tolerate a

group of such terrible individuals. That being said, the Eighth Page is more than a little insulted we weren't invited to partake. As the most morally degenerate of all the sections (at least, until recently), the fact that Business didn't think of us is, frankly, insulting. Now, in the hissiest of fits, the Eighth Page will be seceding from the Phillipian and starting our own newspaper, *Funny Revere II*, unless a new desktop or its equivalent cash value are in our corner by Monday morning. You have our demands.

Dodgeball Tournament Brings Students From All Across T-House Together

LOULOU SLOSS

This dodgeball tournament was by far the best sponsored Saturday night event so far this year. I arrived there with my team of all freshmen: seven girls, and one obligatory French House boy trying to date all of us. We wanted to win the whole thing, so we walked in at exactly 7:45 for our dynamic warm up. Just as we were finishing up our arm circles, the clock struck 8:05 and they came in. The upperclassmen. Taller, Lululemon-clad, and further through puberty, they were the most intimidatingly sexy creatures I had ever seen. I would let them throw their balls at me all day. Our first-round matchup was against the “we are all wearing different knockoff Lower Merion Kobe jerseys and just a little too much eyeblack” team. I saw my EBI Upper, but I didn't talk to her. She looked like she was flirting with one of the guys on the team like she does with the cluster dean leading the class. My team-



Go Sports!!!

mate Jenna threw one timid pass at them, and then, like mink population in the 1920s, we were pelted. Although the physical pain of their throws was excruciating, it did not amount to the humiliation of being spat on by their well-dressed manager as he laughed at our matching camo headbands. Our next opponent in the consolation round was the “I drank muscle milk before breast milk...and 1 girl” PG team. I think they really misinterpreted the rules of the game because as we took the court they crossed over the line and started kicking us and proceeded to punch the ball,

saying “you're next.” They were quickly held back by the unenthused teaching fellows chaperoning the event, but we still lost the game somehow? The last team we played was the “We do everything ironically and only try until we look unattractive” team. Even without a coordinated outfit, they all looked ready for an “impromptu” VSCO photoshoot. I'm not really sure how it happened, but they beat us too! At the very end of the night, I tried to say hi to one of the Upper baseball players and in return he spit on my Haphazard Nike Air Force One's...but hey! He looked at me!!!!

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GIRLS HOCKEY - 2:00 p.m.



AMARA NEAL/THE PHILLIPIAN
Andover will look to carry its momentum after defeating Exeter 2-1 last year during A/E.

Andover Looks To Defeat Exeter for 7th Consecutive A/E Win

KIERA SUH

With a record of 14-7-1, Andover Girls Hockey is looking to beat Phillips Exeter Academy to better its chances at clinching a spot in the Elite 8 bracket for playoffs. With last year's 2-1 victory, Andover has been undefeated against Exeter for the last six years.

According to Anne Averill '23, the game against Exeter will determine the team's bracket and rank for playoffs. With this added incentive, the team has a better understanding of what it will take to win.

Averill said, "We're looking to be in the top eight for the Elite 8 Playoffs, which is the best tournament that you can be in. We have to win our next game which means that we have to beat Exeter to stay in the Elite 8, otherwise we're going to be in the large school playoffs... I feel like we understand that now, whereas at the

beginning of the season, we took a few games too lightly and felt like we could just walk through them. Now everyone understands that this is the last playoffs push, and we're ready to make it."

Andover will need to work on their offensive strategies to counter Exeter's aggressive and consistent defense, according to Rachel Neyman '22.

Neyman said, "I still think that we need to work a little bit more on our power plays. I wouldn't say we're nervous about it, but it's definitely something we can work on heading into Exeter so that we can have a consistent power play. Exeter makes nice passes and they have a strong defense, so we're going to have to work hard in the offensive zone to work well with each other. They're also an aggressive team. All of the players know how to use their bodies and shield you from the puck."

In preparation for Exeter, Andover has deliberately focused on the mental aspect of the game, ac-

cording to Averill.

"I think that one of our main focuses in the last couple of games has been being prepared. We've been trying to get to the rink early and start thinking about the game in the morning so that when we hit the ice, we're as mentally ready as possible and that translates to being physically ready as well," said Averill.

According to Co-Captain Sophia Merageas '20, having not faced Exeter at home since 2018, Andover plans to ride the energy from family, friends, and fans to a victory.

Merageas said, "Playing at home is definitely going to help our team. We feed off of excitement from the fans and from our parents and friends, so having a lot of support and enthusiasm at the rink is going to be huge for us. I think we'll flourish at our home ice, and hopefully that will lead to success."

Andover will host Exeter this Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Boys Basketball to Face Exeter for First Time This Season

JACK PEARLSON

Winning five out of its last seven games, Andover Boys Basketball looks to carry its winning ways into its game against Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday during Andover/Exeter Weekend.

Exeter is a formidable opponent this year, with a record of 15-5, compared to Andover's 13-10 record.

Having lost two years in a row at Andover/Exeter, the team will look to come out strong and utilize its home-court advantage to gain an energy boost, according to Co-Captain Dallion Johnson '20.

"We've got to come out attacking first. We cannot let them dictate our success. We have to punch them in the mouth and make them uncomfortable. We have to show them that this is our house and we're ready to fight," said Johnson.

Heading into the weekend with a three-game winning streak, Andover will focus on maintaining a winning attitude, according to Johnson.

Johnson continued, "We have to play hard all of the time. The whole game, not just one half... We definitely have to play our hardest. We have to play together and communicate with each other. We need very few mistakes.

But mainly, we have to make the winning plays."

According to Johnson, this will also be a special game for the team's Seniors, who may be playing their last basketball game at Andover.

"It's my last home game ever. It's my last A/E day. It's my Senior year. It could be the last high school basketball game I ever play. So I have to make the most of it. It has to be memorable. I've got to give it my all. No plays off. Have to do whatever it takes to win," said Johnson.

Andover will face Exeter at home at 3:30 p.m. this Saturday.

BOYS BASKETBALL - 3:30 p.m.



SHAHINDA BAHNASY/THE PHILLIPIAN
Andover anticipates a competitive game against Exeter, the defending Nepsac Class A Champions.

BOYS HOCKEY - 4:10 p.m.



AMARA NEAL/THE PHILLIPIAN
In its last home A/E matchup two years ago, Andover won 5-4 in overtime.

BVH Hopes for Victory Over Exeter After Early Season Loss

JAY AZIABOR

After losing 6-3 to Phillips Exeter Academy earlier this season, Andover Boys Hockey looks to rebound with a win this upcoming Saturday. The team currently holds a 10-17 record and is fresh off of a 3-0 shut-out against BB&N.

According to Lucas Brown '22 and Assistant Coach Stephen Silversides, the emotional impact of a victory against Exeter on Saturday will stretch all the way into Andover's next season.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Silversides wrote, "Games against Exeter are always important as they are one of our oldest rivals. Saturday's game, in particular, is meaningful because a win would allow the

team to carry valuable momentum into next season."

"I think it's really important. It sets the tone for next season because we want to leave [this season] on a high note and pick up on a high note," Brown added.

The is looking to use the unique atmosphere at Saturday's game to its advantage, according to Shane Shelest '22.

Shelest said, "I feel like being at the home barn will help us because we will have the fans rooting for us, and I think that it will get us going. I think we just have to get a good start and set the tone early, and I think that will help a lot."

According to Silversides, the team will try its best not to get distracted by the occasion and

will focus on playing its own game.

"On Saturday, we need to stay disciplined in what is certain to be a highly emotional game; we are at our best when we can play 5-on-5 hockey. Additionally, every player on our bench will need to outwork the Exeter players they match up against on the ice. We need to win the little battles and play for the name on the front of our jerseys in order to be successful," wrote Silversides.

According to Chris Hocevar '21, the team is heavily anticipating its match against its rival.

Hocevar said, "We're all ready. We're all psyched. We're trying to get a big win, and we're focused on playing well as a team and working together."

Andover Enters A/E Matchup with Three-Game Win Streak

AVA SULLIVAN

Andover Girls Basketball will face Phillips Exeter Academy for the second time this season on Saturday after winning 55-32 in its first match-up during the Christmas Tournament in December.

Co-Captain Claire Brady '20 said "I think we played really well against them then, but during my time at Andover, the [Andover/Exeter] games can always sway based on the momentum, so I think it will be really exciting that we have a home game this year. It's also one of the later games, so hopefully it will be a good turnout and really good, positive energy, but I think the team feels pretty confident going in."

According to Brady and Maya Shkolnik '21, the energy of this game should be much better than

that of the last match-up.

"The last time we played Exeter was the Christmas Tournament, it's a tough one because it's right before winter break, everyone is exhausted, it tends to be pretty low-energy compared to A/E, so I think it will be really fun and really exciting," said Brady.

"I think a lot about A/E is just having the energy and kind of just having a really good game playing-wise but also as a team and being there for each other. So, we've worked a lot to start warming up for our games with a lot of intensity and energy and I think that will really help us this game," said Shkolnik.

Brady noted that one of the team's main goals is to "play up" to its opponents and stay strong throughout.

"Earlier in the season, we would kind of play to be [to] level of our

opponent, and I think we have gotten a lot better at distinguishing what our game is and being able to control a game depending upon who we are playing. I would say just play our game and make sure that we are dominating so that they play to our level instead of us playing to theirs."

The team is also looking to maintain its composure and make smart decisions, according to Shkolnik.

"It's our seniors' last game. I think it's just really important that we are just playing together and getting good shots instead of taking [the] first open shot we have and like just having really good ball movement," said Shkolnik.

The team will carry its momentum to the A/E game on Saturday, and hopes to continue playing to its strengths to secure the win.

GIRLS BASKETBALL - 5:30 p.m.



ARIANA WHITE/THE PHILLIPIAN
Heading to this weekend, the team holds a 13-11 record against Exeter's 4-18 record.

Boys Squash Finishes Seven Places Higher at Nationals Than Last Year

LUKE BOSHAR

After placing eighteenth in the country last season, Andover Boys Squash beat teams that it had previously lost to, placing eleventh in the 2020 Head High School National Championships this past weekend. Andover fell to Belmont Hill 5-2, beat St. Paul's 5-2, lost to Bronxville 4-3, and defeated Pingry 7-0 over the course of four days.

According to Head Coach John Roberts, the team's overall play has improved throughout this season and the previous season, allowing it to place higher than last year.

"Every year, we've been improving placement-wise. A couple years ago, we were at the bottom of [Division II], and now we just came in eleventh in the country in [Division I]. We were seeded to place about

eleventh, so we finished where we were supposed to. I think next year and the following year, we'll do even better in [Division I]," said Roberts.

Andover's strength as a team came from its ability to play as a collective unit and support each other on and off the court, according to Siddhant Sinha '21.

Sinha said, "I'm quite proud of our performance. I'm happy with the way that we all supported each other through the matches... [and] the unity we showed as a team."

A standout player during the tournament was Arthur Nguyen '22, who not only won every match but also defeated a seed higher than himself.

"Arthur Nguyen definitely stood out the most. Obviously he was undefeated, but he had a really big match against Belmont Hill to number three. He was seeded to lose, but he ended up winning 3-0, so that was

a pretty big win for him," said Cody Comyns '22.

According to Roberts, the team performed well on the court and demonstrated good sportsmanship during its four matches.

"I'm most proud of how they carry themselves on and off the court. Whilst squash is important, their behavior is always respectful in high pressure situations and when around each other," said Roberts.

Andover looks to place even higher in the 2020-2021 season but will miss current Seniors Captain Jack Lee '20, Steve Nam '20, and Will Yun '20, according to Sinha.

Sinha said, "It's obviously nice to finish in the season top eleven in the country, but we're going to miss our seniors a lot next season. Towards the end of the season, we realize as a team that we're coming to an end."



ETHAN ELLSWEIG/THE PHILLIPIAN
Steve Nam '20 played sixth-seed at Nationals and won two out of his three matches.

BOYSBASKETBALL

Boys Basketball Clinches Playoff Berth With Wins Against Pingree and Deerfield

LUKE BOSHAR
& NICOLE LEE

FRIDAY	
Pingree	60
Andover	63
WEDNESDAY	
Deerfield	51
Andover	74

Trailing by two points with only three minutes left in its game against Pingree, Andover Boys Basketball Co-Captain Dallion Johnson '20 hit a deep three-pointer to bring the team up by one point. Andover went on to beat Pingree 63-60 this past Friday and then defeated Deerfield Academy 74-51 this past Wednesday. The team's record currently stands at 13-10.

According to Head Coach Terrell Ivory '00, Andover played well with little coaching against Pingree, as Ivory let the players control the court.

"[The game] got closer than it probably should have been after we had been up double-digits multiple times during the game. It was a tough situation and I let them play a little bit. I left it up to them to dig themselves out of the hole that they created and they did that," said Ivory.

In addition to Johnson's basket, both Henry Meyers PG'20 and Nick Thomas '21, among others, had several clutch offensive and defensive plays down the stretch, according to Ivory.

In its victory against Deer-

field, Andover started strong and finished with the same intensity. A large key to its success was the team's ability to score, according to Johnson, as Andover put up 74 points, more than 16 points above the team's season average.

"Offensively, we did really well. We were taking good shots and we were moving the ball really well and getting everyone involved. We ended up getting our bench players in at the end which is always good, so everybody played," said Johnson.

After narrowly missing the playoffs last year, the team's win against Deerfield clinched Andover a spot in the playoffs. Heading into its final game

against Phillips Exeter Academy and the playoffs, the team looks to continue to produce victories through its increasingly strong defensive game, according to Ray Shoemaker '20.

"Everything can always improve, but [if] we can just get our defense to be sound and [fire] on all cylinders, we can be entering this weekend's game ready, as well as playoffs, and hold the championship. If we are able to produce the same level in which we played today, I am confident we can perform well at playoffs," said Shoemaker.

The team will compete against Phillips Exeter Academy at home this Saturday.



SHAHINDA BAHNASY/THE PHILLIPIAN
Against Deerfield, Co-Captain Matteo Whelton '20 played his first game of the season since tearing his ACL last summer.

GIRLSSQUASH

Girls Squash Places 7th at Nationals, Second Best Finish in Team's History

NICOLE LEE

In 53 minutes, first seed Chelsea Cho '21 won a decisive match in five sets, securing the fourth victory for Andover that sent the team to the quarter finals of the U.S. High School Team Squash Championships. Andover Girls Squash entered the tournament in the ninth seed to twelfth seed category and ultimately placed seventh overall in the Division I bracket.

In the first round, the team defeated the seventh seed Springside Chestnut Hill Academy 4-3. Andover went on to fall to second seeded Baldwin School 0-7, placing the team into the consolation draw in contention for fifth to eighth place. In the last two matches, Andover lost to Deerfield 6-1 and defeated Lawrenceville 4-3.

According to Mariam Elkheshen '21, the team performed well during the entire tournament despite finishing its matches at 11:45pm on Saturday.

"Before we actually went to the tournament, [Head Coach Jenny Elliott '94] told us that we really want to work hard and reach a higher position than ninth. Everyone was so on top of it. The courts were really different than the ones here, but we all managed to play well and put it all out there. We were all cheering and supporting each other, which is something that helped all of us play better and push harder even though we were all very tired," said Elkheshen.

The efforts of the bottom

half of the ladder were vital to the team's success, according to Katherine Bell '22.

Bell said, "We have a much stronger team this year, and we've especially gotten stronger on the bottom half of the ladder. This year, the entire team was strong and motivated, which made for a good and fun season."

According to Elliott, the team's ability to overcome physical and mental exhaustion led to its impressive finish.

"In previous years, we had finished as high as number six, so we even had a stronger finish then; but this one, because we finished better than anyone had anticipated, was just really exciting," said Elliott. "I think in terms of playing multiple matches in a day, it for sure affects your mental and physical energy, and fatigue is a real factor, so we've been working hard on our physical stamina and fitness, trying to avoid injuries and feel like we can work really hard even when our legs are really tired."

The team looks to continue its momentum from Nationals into Andover/Exeter and Interschols, the last two matches of the season, according to Cho.

"We played Exeter earlier this season and won 7-0, so we're looking forward to that as our last match of the season. I think we are just looking to keep supporting one another and being together as this exact team one last time. It's basically the end of the season, and we just want to make the best of it and make sure we are there for each other," said Cho.

BOYSINDOORTRACK&FIELD

Andover Competes at New England Championships

JUSTIN HARDY

Captain Alex Fleury '20 dashed passed a Phillips Exeter Academy runner in the 800-Meter Race, beating him by .2 seconds and winning the race for Andover this past Sunday in the Usatf New England Championships held at Harvard.

The team competed against several other Nepsta schools, club programs, collegiate programs, and other unattached athletes, and still managed to reach its greatest potential, according to Fleury and Glen Cahilly '23.

Fleury said, "Everybody performed really well, especially against a different environment of competition that we're not used to. Club runners, club throwers, club sprinters, a few colleges mixed in there, Exeter was there, they're obviously very good, and there were a lot of other unattached high school athletes. I think that everyone responded really well to the level of competition and did really well in their events."

Cahilly added, "We all raced really [strongly], I'd say especially the sprinters. There were a ton of [personal records] and a ton of super good rankings."

The team's success at Harvard, as well as throughout the rest of the season, can be attributed to its strong leaders and coaches, according to Fleury and Cahilly.

Fleury said, "I feel that everyone, in whatever event they do or have done, has progressed really

well under all of the coaches that we have. All of them are so dedicated to spending time with us individually and I think that builds really good relationships..The coaches are always there to help us and support us and give us training that really sets us up well to peak and perform well at these really competitive meets."

Cahilly said, "I think the team was really strong and it's in part due to the really good leadership from Alex Fleury, who was a stellar example of being a strong athlete who..just showed us that consistent and persistent work serves you well."

According to Fleury, the strength that the team showed at the meet shows promise for the future of Andover Track & Field.

Fleury said, "We're a strong team, evidently by the results. You can see that we've got a lot of depth in a lot of different areas and I think that speaks really well for the future of [Andover Track & Field] because we've got a pretty young team right now. I see a lot of young leaders on this team that are ready to lead the future of [Andover Track & Field], and young leaders who are very strong right now. Seeing these younger student athletes [who compete] at these big meets and the younger athletes who didn't compete at this meet, going forward we'll have a community that fosters a lot of success."

The team has finished competing in races this season.

WRESTLING

Co-Captain Marisol Nugent '20 Goes 3-0, Becomes Andover's Second-Ever National Prep Champion

LUKE BOSHAR
& NICOLE LEE

In the first ever girls division in the National Prep Wrestling Championships, Andover Wrestling Co-Captain Marisol Nugent '20 pinned all three of her opponents, including the number two ranked girls wrestler in the nation, en route to a first place finish in the 142-lb weight class. After tearing her ACL last year, Nugent worked her way back to become Andover's second ever wrestler to win the National Prep Championships.

According to Nugent, all of her hard work and training paid off when she was able to lift the first-place trophy.

"The girl that I wrestled with in the finals, I've been trying to get a match up with for the past year and a half so I was waiting for that and trained really hard for it. When I tore my ACL last year, I was pretty determined that I was going to come back and win a National title a year later and so it was a good feeling to succeed," said Nugent.

Head Coach Kassie Archambault '06 added, "Marisol has had her sights set on a national championship for over a year. It was what she focused on while

recovering from her ACL tear, which ended her season early last year. Since she had already pinned the number one seed in a previous tournament, we knew this was an attainable goal.. She got the job done, and upset the number one seed in the finals to become champion,"

According to Nugent, the addition of a girls division was an initiative she helped fight for, believing that it's a step in the right direction for the future of girls wrestling.

"I have spoken to a lot of people in the past couple years to get the division approved... I mean it's a big deal because this year, there was a relatively small turnout but I think if you build it and give girls more wrestling opportunities, the numbers will go up within the next couple years," said Nugent.

At the tournament, which took place last Friday and Saturday at Lehigh University, teammates Colin Nugent '23 and Nick Buehler '21 also competed for Andover, falling in the round of 16 and round of 32, respectively.

According to Buehler, Colin Nugent's strong performance against some of the top wrestlers in the country was proof that he will be able to grow into a top wrestler in his time at An-

dover.

"Colin walked into National Prep as a freshman and butted heads with some really good wrestlers, and came out 2-2; he's done amazingly and I'm really excited to see him work in the next couple years. All of us think he's got a very bright future with National Preps," said Buehler.

"Colin Nugent was seeded 12th for his weight class in the high school division. For a lot of wrestlers, even winning one or two matches is a big deal at a national tournament. Colin won his first match with a quick pin... He made it to the round of 16. He has tremendous potential to do well at this tournament in the future," added Archambault.

Ending the year with a strong performance at Nationals, the team looks to ride that momentum into next year, according to Buehler.

"As a closer to the season, National Prep gave me something bigger to work towards in the off season.. Plus, we came out of Nationals with the first National Prep champion in the brand-new women's division of National Prep, Captain Marisol Nugent. That's a really nice note for the team to go out on," said Buehler.

GIRLSHOCKEY

Girls Hockey Defeats Loomis in Overtime, Shuts out Worcester

JAY AZIABOR

SATURDAY	
Worcester	0
Andover	4
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Anne Averill '23 skated past two of her opponents and then sniped her shot into the top corner, scoring the first goal of the game against Worcester Academy. Andover Girls Hockey built on this momentum and defeated Worcester 4-0 on Saturday. This past Wednesday, the team defeated Loomis Chaffee 3-2 in overtime, despite losing to Loomis 2-0 earlier in the season. The team's record now stands at 15-1-7.

The team used its performance against Noble and Greenough in its previous game as motivation to play at its best against Worcester, according to Co-Captain Sophia Merageas '20.

Merageas said, "We wanted to work off of our performance the previous Wednesday against No-

bles. We made really strong tape-to-tape passes, and we were able to break the puck out of our defensive zone pretty well considering their constant pressure. I think carrying that into the game against Worcester on Saturday was really pivotal. Also keeping the energy up even though Worcester is not as skilled [as] a team as Nobles was really important. We played our level of hockey and didn't play down to them."

According to Co-Captain Lily Feeney '20, the team's decisive victory against Worcester proved to be an important moment for the team, as it displayed its ability to score and capitalize on offensive opportunities.

"I think [Saturday's] game was a big turning point for us because we've had some trouble scoring, and yesterday we scored four goals on a pretty good goalie. So that was something big for us to get confidence going into the last few games of the season. Another thing was that the game got pretty heated, and there were a lot of penalties that were getting missed and the sportsmanship from the other team was not great, so I think us rising above that was something our coach was proud of," said Feeney.

Against Loomis, Anna Bargman '21 scored two of Andover's three goals, one of which won the game

in overtime. According to Olivia McManus '23, as the energy on the ice increased, the team was able to score in the last minute of the third period to tie the score and push the game into overtime.

In an email to The Phillipian, McManus wrote, "The major takeaway from Loomis is to apply a consistent effort throughout the game and we will then be able to play as a team at our full potential. Nearing the end of the Loomis game we were down by one goal with one minute left in the game. We pulled our goalie for a greater offensive opportunity and Olivia O'Brien scored. From there the energy of the team increased even more, which pushed the team to victory."

Although Andover is capable of producing impressive plays, the team must still improve on playing to its fullest potential each game, according to Feeney.

Feeney said, "I think there is definitely more to come, but I think in terms of our upcoming games, we definitely have more to give. Everyone played well, but in terms of winning the league, we have to play even better, but I definitely think it's in our reach."

Andover will host Phillips Exeter Academy this Saturday.



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Andover's offense has scored a total of 61 goals this season.

GIRLSSWIMMING&DIVING

Girls Swimming & Diving Defeats Exeter by Over 20 Points

TIFFANY TANG

Co-Captain Grace Hitchcock '20 out-touched a Phillips Exeter Academy swimmer by .41 seconds to secure Andover's third-string 200 Yard Free relay team's win over Exeter's best relay team. Andover Girls Swimming & Diving defeated Exeter with a score of 104.5-81.5, bringing its record to 5-2.

According to Co-Captain Jackie Rossi '20, the 500 Meter Freestyle was a particularly memorable race, with Veronika Kisova '23 beating the Exeter swimmers by a significant distance.

Rossi said, "The three people we put into that heat came in before any of the Exeter people by a lot of distance. I think Veronika lapped all of them at least once, I think maybe one of them even twice. They were all staying pretty close to each other, which shows the depth that we have on our team."

Both the girls and boys teams defeated Exeter, creating a sense of team unity that translated into increased support for all the swimmers, according to Hitchcock.

"I think that the team was also just incredibly supportive of each other. We always are, but I definitely noticed more of the girls cheering for the boys and vice versa, which is not something that happens at all of our meets, so it just kind of shows that the team as a whole was really there cheering each other on," said Hitchcock.

According to Rossi, many swimmers managed to out-touch their opponents, helping earn points that contributed to the team's win.

Rossi said, "A lot of what we've been focusing on this week in practice is basically trying to out-touch the people next to you, so we've been

working a lot on racing those last twenty-fives, and we definitely saw that happen today. A lot of the relays too, people were out-touching at the last minute, which was really great and obviously got us a lot of points."

Despite sickness and fatigue from Easterns, the team managed to defeat Exeter, according to Rossi and Hitchcock.

Rossi said, "I think a lot of people are very tired right now, just [coming off of] Easterns because it's a four-day commitment and it's basically just racing the whole time... Today, we had a few of the girls just push through the race because it was Exeter, but a few others swam one race but stopped because they were feeling really bad and dizzy."

Hitchcock added, "This meet kind of falls in a bit of a weird place in relation to our training and our championship meets... It messes with people's training a little bit, just because we train really hard all the way through January, and a little bit into February, then we rest for about a week for Easterns, and then you kind of have to get your body ready to train really hard again for another week..."

Going into New England, the team hopes to ride it's recent success and keep a positive attitude about the meet, according to Gwen Empie '21.

"I think we've put in the work by now, so the main focus we should have going into New England is just keeping our mindset as positive as we can. [We need to] know that whatever happened before isn't necessarily how New England is going to go. We have as good of a chance as any other team there if we keep up our spirits and swim as best as we can," said Empie.

Andover will next travel to Hotchkiss to compete at New England.

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NORDIC

Nordic Finishes Strong at Nepsac Championships

CHRISTINE MICHAEL

Racing to the finish line, Sam Gallaudet '23 finished in fourth place, helping Andover Nordic place sixth overall for boys while the girls placed fifth this past Wednesday at the Nepsac Championships in Dorchester, N.H..

In addition to Gallaudet's fourth place finish, Co-Captain Eli Newell '20 placed eighth and Remy de Saint Phalle '23 placed 26th. On the girls side, Claire de Saint Phalle '21 was Andover's top finisher at 12th place, with Co-Captain Posie Millett '20 and Kate Pfister '21 placing 22nd and 23rd, respectively.

According to Pfister, the team, especially the group of Seniors who raced for the last time, motivated itself by wanting to end the season on a positive note.

Pfister said, "I think the meet went really well. We had a few Seniors on this race who were pretty emotional because it was their last race. Everyone just gave it their all knowing it was the last race of the season... It was definitely a big race for the Seniors, both of our captains, Eli and Posie, it was their last race. They've both been doing it for a few years of skiing, as well as Henry [Hearle '20]... I know on our relay team we were all like,

"Race for the Seniors."

Despite numerous challenges the team faced throughout the day, Andover still stayed positive and enjoyed the meet, according to Claire de Saint Phalle.

"The snow conditions were kind of difficult, it was pretty slow skiing, and the snow was very heavy which isn't always fun to ski in, and we had to get up really early to get there, which was kind of rough, but we all had fun and enjoyed the day. It was a good note to end the season with," said de Saint Phalle.

Leading up to this week's competition, Andover took it easier in practice, relying on the hard work the team put in earlier in the season.

"The past couple weeks have kind of been winding down in practice, we had already done all of our conditioning earlier in the season, so at this point it was just depending on how hard we worked early on. This week, basically all we did was wax our skis and go on twenty minute runs. This week, and even last week, was winding down with shorter quicker workouts and less intensity," said Pfister.

She continued, "Even though Andover didn't get first, we all gave [the meet] everything we had and we're really happy with how it went and how much work we put into this season."



COURTESY OF REMY DE SAINT PHALLE

Henry Hearle '20, Remy de Saint Phalle '23, Co-Captain Eli Newell '20, and Sam Gallaudet '23 were all part of the Boys A Relay team this Wednesday.

GIRLSINDOORTRACK&FIELD

Girls Indoor Track Finds Success at USATF New England Championships

CHARLIE FERGUSON

Victoria Kadiri '20 exploded off the blocks and sprinted her way to a third place finish in the 60-Meter Dash with a time of 7.91 seconds at the Usatf New England Championships. Kadiri was joined by other selected athletes from Andover Girls Indoor Track & Field to compete against other high school and college competitors this past Sunday.

The invitational meet took place at Harvard University, which featured a sloped-style collegiate indoor track with a straightaway inside the track, unlike the flat Snyder Center track.

Co-Captain Sadie Cheston-Harris '20 noted that Andover was able to provide support for the entirety of the team despite being in a chaotic, packed environment with many other athletes.

"This meet was an invitational, so it wasn't just high schoolers, and there were a ton of people from different schools, so it was really private and hard for one team to overwhelm a ton of the space. We had a space along the finish line, so everyone from Andover was cheering on everyone from our team as they were passing the finish line for all their races, which was really nice," said Cheston-Harris.

A notable last-minute decision was to switch Esme Huh '22 into the 4x400-Meter Relay after Tessa Conrardy '20 had to step down due

to a recent illness. According to Conrardy, Huh was able to fill the role and help carry the relay team to a second place finish.

"Esme actually subbed into the 4x4 last-minute, which was a really intense race just to add at the end of your meet. I was actually supposed to run the 4x4, but Coach Hession made a day-of call because I had been sick with pneumonia for three weeks. So Esme jumped in and ran the 4x4, which is a really big commitment, and she did really well," said Conrardy.

Cheston-Harris explained that the lively atmosphere was able to push the final relay team to a strong finish.

"I was in the [4x400] along with Lillie [Cooper '21], Athalia [Esty '22], and Esme, and our team was cheering for us very loudly near the finish line, and we got second place," said Cheston-Harris.

Kadiri, who will captain Andover Girls Outdoor Track & Field in the Spring, believes that the momentum and team connections will carry into the outdoor season this spring.

"Obviously, we have all gotten faster, but I think the team chemistry has taken us a step up and put us in a really good spot going into Outdoor and just continue to set the tone and really be one cohesive unit and cheer each other on as a team," Kadiri said.

Editor's Note: Lillie Cooper '21 is a Sports Editor for The Phillipian.

BOYSSWIMMING&DIVING

Boys Swimming & Diving Defeats Exeter, Breaks A/E Record

SARAH KARLEN

Swimming the 200-yard freestyle in 1:40.7 minutes, Max Hunger '20 broke the Andover/Exeter meet record, contributing to an Andover Boys Swimming & Diving victory over Phillips Exeter Academy 102-70 on Wednesday. Andover's dual meet record now stands at 7-0, with only the New England Championships (New England) remaining.

According to Trey Wolfe '23, Andover was able to defeat Exeter due to the team's impressive talent and depth.

"I think where we beat Exeter today was our depth. Exeter has a couple of very good swimmers, but at the end of the day, each swimmer can only swim two events. We have so many talented swimmers that we are not always able to take first in every event but could take second, third, and fourth, and that means a lot more," said Wolfe.

For Andover, the two-step dive was a valuable skill to

have, as it helped the team get an early advantage in races, according to Ralph Lam '22.

"It is essentially right before you leave the block on a relay start, you take a few steps and then launch your body off the block. We have been practicing that skill for quite a while, actually, and I think today the team, [by] putting in their hard work and practice and consistently making sure they are getting all the details right, pulled it off really well," said Lam.

According to Wolfe, the 100-yard breaststroke stood out as a very competitive race.

"Christopher [Xia '23] and Brandon [Garcia PG'20] did a really good job. They were both neck and neck until the end of the race and they both swam incredibly well," said Wolfe.

On the diving side, Zack Peng '21 broke his own Andover/Exeter meet record from 2018, achieving a score of 306.8 points.

Before the race, Head Coach David Fox highlighted the importance of implementing all

the skills the team had learned throughout the season, according to Lam.

"[Fox] said to make sure we maintain our focus, our discipline, and that we at least not drop our skills and our technique that we have been working on and that he's been helping us work on for the past season," said Lam.

In preparation for New England's this Saturday, the team needs to stay healthy and work on individual improvements, according to Hank Yang '22.

"I think everyone knows what they have to work on individually. Right now, making sure that we get enough rest and eat well are things we will focus on. All the hard work has already been done, so right now we have to rest our bodies so we can swim fast for [New England]."

The team will travel to Hotchkiss on Saturday for New England's.

Editor's Note: Ralph Lam '22 is a Video Editor for The Phillipian.

BOYSHOCKEY

Boys Hockey Comes Away with Two Crucial Wins Over Weekend

PRESTON WHITEHURST

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BB&N	0
Andover	3
WEDNESDAY	
NMH	4
Andover	2

In the second period against BB&N, Will Hughes '22 carried the puck over center ice and slipped in between two defensemen before netting Andover's second goal, leading Andover Boys Hockey to its tenth win of the season. Over the weekend, Andover defeated Brooks 7-5 and BB&N 3-0, but fell to Northfield Mount Hermon 4-2 on Wednesday. The team's record now stands at 10-18.

Andover's decisive win over Brooks snapped the team's seven-game losing streak. Andover's offense struggled in its

games leading up to Brooks, but the team was able to put up seven goals. This offensive burst was possibly due to the team's cooperation on the ice, according to Head Coach Paul Tortorella '80 and Lucas Brown '22.

"The forwards and the defense were working in unison in all three zones," said Tortorella.

"We got a lot of chances. The offense played very well because we created a lot of chances for ourselves and got some shots on net," added Brown.

Beating both Brooks and BB&N was important to finishing the season strong, according to Tortorella.

"We certainly want to end the season strong, and this past weekend was the beginning of the end of the season. So it was important," said Tortorella.

Against both Brooks and BB&N, Andover played with a lot of energy for the whole game, according to Tortorella.

"Something the team did well in both games was to get off to a good start on the opening shift and bring intensity all three periods," said Tortorella.

Despite many of Andover's players sidelined with injuries, the team still held on in their game against NMH, according to Brown.

"Against NMH, we got a lot of shots on net and played solid defense which is what kept us in the game, even though we had a lot of people out," said Brown

In preparation for its game against Phillips Exeter Academy, Andover will continue to work on creating opportunities on offense, according to Brown.

Brown continued, "The main thing we want to keep working on is getting shots on the net. That is a big thing for us because we normally get outshot."

As Andover prepares to face Exeter, the team wants to keep in mind its ongoing goal of representing the school well, according to Tortorella.

"I think the mentality going into the final week is to make Andover proud of our commitment to playing the best hockey we can and to bring our very best to each remaining practice and game. That is the focus," said Tortorella.

Brown said, "Everyone knows that it's a big game, so we want to compete and obviously win in front of the home crowd and take it to them."

The team will face Exeter on Saturday for its final game of the season.



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Dapa Conneely PG'20 is one of Andover Boys Hockey's starting forwards.

GIRLSBASKETBALL

Andover Picks Up Three Wins on the Road

JAMES ISENHOWER

Despite maintaining a consistent ten-point lead throughout the first half, Andover Girls Basketball was challenged by Holderness with a strong second-half comeback. After some strong plays in the fourth quarter, Andover secured a one-point win over Holderness on Wednesday.

"It really came down to the end, which got exciting, but

we could have had a lot more energy throughout the game. Faraway Wednesday games are tough," said Co-Captain Claire Brady '20.

According to Brady, the team can improve its consistency on offense.

"Moving around on offense is something we need to be more consistent with. There were times when there was a lot happening and times where it was just stagnant, so having fluidity throughout the game [is important]," said Brady.

Andover defeated both St. Paul's and Hotchkiss at Sunday's Eight Schools Tournament, outperforming its expectations after losing to St. Paul's earlier in the season.

Maya Shkolnik '21 attributes the victories to improvements in the team's defense and communication.

Brady added, "We played St. Paul's earlier in the season, and we actually lost to them, so it was really nice to redeem ourselves and prove that we could play a lot better than

that."

The team faced Phillips Exeter Academy once already this season and won, and Brady believes that the team's tenacity on defense will help it achieve success against Exeter again this weekend.

"We're pretty good at pressuring the ball and jumping passes and getting turnovers," said Brady.

"Earlier in the season, we would kind of play to the level of our opponent, and I think we have gotten a lot better at

distinguishing what our game is and being able to control a game depending upon who we are playing. We did win our first game against Exeter, so this will be a really good match up again. I think it'll be a really good, exciting game. Hopefully, we can get a win, but nothing is guaranteed, of course," said Shkolnik.

Andover will face Exeter at home on Saturday.

CLUSTER BASKETBALL ALL-STARS

It's that time of the year again: Cluster. Basketball. All-Stars. In accordance with the admirable Cluster Basketball tradition, we, *The Phil- lipian* Sports, present your Cluster Basketball All-Stars. These fine young student-athletes have displayed the three S's of Cluster Basket- ball throughout the season: Spirit, Sportsman- ship, and Swagger.

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Nick Picchione '20

TIFFANY TANG

The self-proclaimed Steph Curry of the Black Team, Cluster Basketball All-Star Nick “Blazing Fire” Picchione '20 dominates the court because of his impeccable style.

Picchione said, “I always roll up with nice kicks. I've been wearing headbands, recent- ly, which has turned into a signature. I think it contributes to the intimidation that our squad has, and if you look good, you play good. That's how that works.”

Contributing more than just looks, Picchi- one is also a prominent member of the team's defense, preferring to defend against those twice his height and weight.

“One game I was against this guy Mathis Webber [’20], and he's probably like 170 pounds and way bigger than me, and I was horrified to defend him. He kept trying to be aggressive, and I was playing defense very, very well and everyone kept patting me on the back for that. I like defending huge guys because they always don't expect much and then I come out all ferocious and bad[exple- tive],” said Picchione.

Picchione thrives on the competitive en- ergy of Cluster Basketball, and he enjoys the ferocity with which players attack the games.

“I would say that [my favorite part is] that it's a pretty pointless activity and it's at like 5 p.m. In reality, no one really cares, but when



Nick Picchione
Class of 2020

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you're in the actual moment of it, everyone wants to rip each other's head off and win.”

He continued, “It's so uber-competitive to the point where it's somewhat hilarious, but everyone still keys into it and it's just a crazy competitive environment and it's super super fun at the same time.”

Almost overwhelmingly enthusiastic in his responses, Picchione said that receiving the prestigious title of 2020 Cluster All-Star was a dream come true for him.

“I've always wanted to be a Cluster All-Star. It's been a dream since childhood, so I'm very, very grateful,” said Picchione.

Nash Johnson '20

JUSTIN HARDY

Known for his intimidating presence on the court, Nash Johnson '20 utilizes all of his 7'4” frame to overpower his feeble oppo- nents. Combined with his unmatched com- mitment and sheer set of skills, the Cluster Basketball All-Star led the Lime Team to an appearance in the Cluster finals this past sea- son.

Following in the footsteps of his idol, the late Kobe Bryant, Johnson believes that ex- tensive preparation is a key component that fuels his dominance on the court.

“I show up to every Cluster game having hydrated profusely, and I start warming up at 4:15 for our 5:00 game. I do at least 15 min- utes of dynamic stretching, and I put up 100 shots before I even think about competing. I then meditate and reach inwards to find my Mamba Mentality. #RIPKOBE #RIPGIGI #MayTheyRestInEternalPeace,” said John- son.

According to Johnson, with the help of his immense skill set, he is able to get under the skin of his opponents, comparing his game to the likes of current NBA greats.

“When we're winning or we need to slow down the game, I'll bring up the ball at a snail-like pace. I'll bounce it way above my head to taunt my opponents, and it consis-



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tently frustrates them. I'm a hybrid mix of Ben Simmons, Kristaps Porzingis, and Kevin Durant. I bring up the ball, dish it unselfishly, and put up buckets like it's nobody's busi- ness,” said Johnson.

After being notified of his All-Star selec- tion, Johnson expressed deep gratitude and demonstrated extreme humility.

Johnson said, “I was honestly surprised. It's been a real team effort this year, and I thought my teammate Oliver Budiman '20 would earn it over me.”

He continued, “Who am I kidding? Of course, I deserved it.”

Sam Baxter-Bray '20

KIERA SUH

Fueled by tofu stir-fry made with love by Nestor, Sam Baxter-Bray '20 stands at a daunting 6'3” and has earned the title of Cluster Basketball All-Star for his crucial role on the Red Team.

Baxter-Bray began his competitive bas- ketball career in middle school where he started on his eighth grade team, but unfor- tunately did not quite make the cut for JV team his Lower year. Luckily, Baxter-Bray's failure allowed for Cluster Basketball to gain a true hero.

Baxter-Bray said, “I started playing bas- ketball in eighth grade, so I started playing a little bit later than a lot of kids... I didn't make JV my Lower year, so I just decided not to try out for the team anymore. I still re- ally wanted to play basketball, so I decided to play Cluster. I think Cluster is just a fun time to stop thinking about work for a little while and just go play with some friends.”

Due to his height, Baxter-Bray is an offen- sive weapon, as he can always get a hand up for the rebound or put another two points on the board

Baxter-Bray said, “I'm pretty tall, so I can just use my height to my advantage and just score over people or get rebounds over peo- ple.”

According to Andrew Cohen '20, a rival team member, all of the times that Cohen has



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faced the Red Team, Baxter-Bray had stood out from the rest of the players due to his ob- vious skill set and game sense on the court.

“Sometimes [Baxter-Bray] goes out there, tries his hardest and puts up a few points a game, gets a couple boards. He's really the only good player on the Red Team, but I've only played the Red Team a couple times,” said Cohen.

As if his impressive height wasn't already enough, Baxter-Bray notes that he would value the ability to fly.

Baxter-Bray said, “If I could have any su- perpower, I would just have flying. That's pretty generic, but yeah, flying would be cool.”

Sekou Cisse '21

PRESTON WHITEHURST

With his unique game that resembles a mix of all the basketball greats, Sekou Cisse '21 was dominant on the Cluster Basketball courts all season. Although his team, the Blue Team, had an early exit in this year's cluster ball playoffs, Cisse's outstanding presence every day has earned him the title of Cluster Basketball All-Star.

According to Cisse, his opponents fear his name and athletic prowess alike.

“My name is feared throughout, and those who are against me feel lucky when subbing out... I'm a natural disaster coming your way with no course or direction, only destruc- tion. I am the greatest intimidator through looks alone, and basketball players become basketball babies when overwhelmed by my presence,” said Cisse.

Cisse is relentless on both ends of the court, according to teammate Jack Fates '22.

“[Cisse] is an animal on the court. He fights for rebounds, drives through people, and always shoots his shot... He locks people up like he is Kawhi Leonard,” said Fates.

Cisse added, “My defense is the best part of my game... I put the clamps on the biggest of people in Cluster Ball, and I just stop them every time. I once blocked a kid so hard he had to leave since I broke his pride. It was a sad day.”

The Blue Team would be lost without his



Sekou Cisse
Class of 2021

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leadership and skill, according to Cisse.

“Without me, my team is a disaster. I usu- ally pull up to cluster ball late and see that my team is down by 30 points. It's kind of a shame that I have to close the deficit myself, but it's always fun. I have to dominate by dunking on the little boys of Cluster Ball, and it just feels too easy,” said Cisse.

According to Cisse, he will have a busy off-season in order to prepare for next sea- son.

Cisse said, “I'll be playing Cluster Ball next year, but not because I want to, I have to. The game understands that I am the greatest so it's calling me back already.”

Quincy Cunningham '21

CHRISTINE MICHAEL

Known on the court as “The Defender,” Cluster All-Star Quincy Cunningham '21 brings energy and constant hustle to the Sny- der Center courts for the Yellow Team.

When asked what skills he brings to the court, Cunningham could have gone on for hours, but his true humility allowed him to solely list his key attributes of basketball prowess.

Cunningham said, “I'm pretty good at mid-range shooting and in the paint. I'm good defensively and at spreading the ball to get other people on the court involved. I try to be happy overall and I think that's good energy that the team adrenaline tries to achieve.”

Despite his obvious dominance of the game, Cunningham stays humble on and off the court, forever touched to have received the nomination of Cluster Basketball All-Star.

“I think it's pretty cool to get this title. I didn't really know about it until you sent me the email. It feels good though. I know that at least three of my other team members de- serve to get it as well, and I think it's a great honor to have gotten it,” said Cunningham.

However, Red Team member Sam Kalk-



Quincy Cunningham
Class of 2021

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stein '21 disagrees with the selection, citing Cunningham's lackluster performance com- pared to his teammate, Sebastian Mexico '21, popularly known as “Seb Mex.”

Kalkstein said, “Wait, why am I talking about Quincy? I thought I'm supposed to be talking about Cluster All-Stars... Wait, was he selected or what? Oh, he was?”

He continued, “I'm gonna be honest... Quincy danced in the background of Seb Mex because he carried Quincy on his back. He got clamped up too. His nickname around here is '0 for 24.”

Andrew Cohen '20

SARAH KARLEN

Andrew Cohen '20, often referred to on and off the court as Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, Ray Allen, and even Michael Jordan, is a crucial asset to the Silver Team because of his outstanding shooting accu- racy, quick feet, and raw talent. According to teammate Sam Baxter-Bray '20, he is techni- cally an exceptional player on the court.

“Andrew Cohen is pretty good at basket- ball. He can shoot really well. He's also pret- ty quick. He can get around people and shoot pretty well,” said Baxter-Bray.

According to Cohen, his shooting and de- fensive skills are incomparable and he often makes his opponents fall down because of his aggressiveness.

“I'm definitely a sharpshooter so I'm ba- sically willing to pull up from anywhere. It's usually behind the three-point line even though it only counts for one point. You get style points for hitting those threes. I like doing the step-back move on the defenders, sometimes they fall over or sometimes they just try to block the shot, but I just shoot over them. I'm also a really good defender, I can basically lock down anybody I defend,” said Cohen.

Due to Cohen's illness, the absence of his “winning quality” prevented the team from advancing to the playoffs.

“In my last nine games of the season we



Andrew Cohen
Class of 2020

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went 9-0, then I was sick a week and the team fell apart. We lost in the first round of the playoffs. I would have returned if we had won, but I couldn't make my great return because we lost. Unfortunately, without the winning quality I brought to the team, they fell apart,” said Cohen.

Cohen credits his talent and his help to the team as the source behind each win.

“I think it's just that I'm more talent- ed than everybody else, to be honest. I think walking in with a certain level of talent, and if you're just that much better than every- body else, it becomes easy to score 15 points a game and help the team win every game.

Harry Kahane '20

CASSIDY SADOWSKI

Team Orange's very own Harry Ka- hane '20, also known as “El Búfalo de Agua,” was a devastating force on the court, allowing him to be crowned Cluster Basketball All-Star. According to Kahane, his formulation of incred- ible plays with Ogden Nutting '20, in addition to his innate basketball talent, has made him an invaluable player.

“I was born holding a basketball; my first memory is of when I was four and dunked from the free-throw line. I love Cluster Basketball because, besides the opportunity to honor Kobe, I love the high stakes, the thrill of it all. My spir- it animal, the water buffalo, awakens within me, ignited by the primal desire to compete,” said Kahane.

When asked about his role on the Orange Team, Kahane made sure to emphasize his versatility on the team.

“[I'm the] point guard, shooting guard, power forward, small forward, center, and coach,” said Kahane.

In addition to acquiring the nick- name “El Búfalo de Agua,” Kahane has also been called “The Honey Badger,” according to Nutting.

“Harry's nickname was ‘El Búfalo de Agua,’ after his spirit animal, the water buffalo, because of his persever-



Harry Kahane
Class of 2020

ZADIA TURNER/THE PHILLIPIAN

ant mindset and consistent, successful in-game decision making. His other nickname, ‘The Honey Badger’ was in- spired by the LSU and Cardinals safe- ty, Tyrann Mathieu, because of Harry's incredible ability to steal the ball and make defensive stops,” said Nutting.

Kahane believes his Cluster All-Star accolade stems from his unmatched leadership qualities and enthusiasm.

Kahane said, “My enthusiasm and love for the sport [made me Cluster All-Star]. In my eyes, everyone that dares to pick up the basketball is an All-Star.”

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“Night At the Addison: Evolve”Allows Students to Interact with Artwork

NATALIE CHEN & NOEMI ELLIOTT

Replicating a painting of two men in a river, Kayla Lang ’22 arched back her head to mimic one man drowning as Myra Bhatena ’22 imitated the grim expression of the other man while clutching Lang’s shirt. After posing, they continued wandering around the museum to complete the Identity Quest activity, studying each painting and photograph as the sound of orchestral music and stu-

dent chatter floated from room to room. “We were just admiring the simple but clear emotion [displayed on the painting] when Myra had the idea to recreate the painting... I think a lot of the time people think that art is too sophisticated for them and so they don’t even bother coming to the gallery. Night at the Addison draws you to amazing galleries that you never thought of going to before, and lets you appreciate the art while having a lot of fun,” said Lang. The “Evolve”-themed annu-

al Night At the Addison Event was hosted last Friday at the Addison Gallery of American Art, organized by the Addison Ambassadors. According to Addison Ambassador Kate MacLeod ’20, The Identity Quest was a scavenger hunt with questions that lead visitors on a tour throughout the entire museum. Once a participant completed the quest successfully, they would receive a sticker and enter a raffle to win an art print from the Addison collection.

“We have [an] exhibit over there [that is about] the wilderness and the 1800s. We have ‘Man Up! Visualizing Masculinity in the 19th-Century,’ and so we were trying to find a party theme that kind of encapsulated all three [galleries] so that’s how we ended up with our party theme of evolution; it’s Night at the Addison: Evolution,” said MacLeod.

Addison Ambassador Emiliano Caceres ’22 explained that the interactive nature of this year’s event was created for students to have more meaningful engagement with the artwork on display. The Addison Ambassadors planned a series of activities for students to participate in to help achieve this goal. “Obviously we have the scavenger hunt, and then



COURTESY OF MEGAN CUI

The 2019-2020 Addison Ambassadors helped to plan interactive activities like the Identity Quest scavenger hunt to encourage attendees to engage with the artwork, according to Addison Ambassador Emiliano Caceres ’22.

to get more people to engage more hands-on, we also have our self-portrait collage where we took images from the galleries and asked people to make collages out of them to express themselves, and that helps people draw personal connections between themselves and the galleries,” said Caceres.

According to MacLeod, the party was a success, accumulating around 180 students who came and engaged with the artwork. She hopes that the interactive activities will

encourage visitors to attend future events.

“The quest was designed to have people explore and learn about all the exhibits while having fun, and based on the high level of participation, I’d say it was successful. It was really nice to see so many people enjoying the museum, because that’s what we’ve been hoping to facilitate all year, and I hope that after coming to the party, people are inspired to return to the Addison,” said MacLeod.



COURTESY OF MEGAN CUI

Yuping Zhu ’21 performed a cover of Dan + Shay and Justin Bieber’s “10,000 Hours” at the event, highlighting its interactive nature.

Chamber Music Society Concert Showcases Small Group Talent

JEFFREY SHI

Sharp, frantic bursts of clarinet notes silenced the room as Jason Huang ’21 erratically changed the pitch and volume of the notes from his clarinet. Abrupt piano chords soon began to accompany Huang, adding a new layer of eeriness to the overall tone of the piece.

“Sonata for Clarinet and Piano, FP 184” by Francis Poulenc was played by Huang and pianist Samson Zhang ’20 at the Academy Chamber Music Society Concert last Saturday in the Timken Room. In total, 13 groups performed, varying in size from duets to sextets. According to coordinator Holly Barnes, Instructor in Music, chamber music is an important way for musicians to improve their skills through teamwork.

“[Our piece] is very modern, because it does not follow the classical chord progression guidelines, and the scores pull quite a lot of jazz and elements into it. The clarinet part is very challenging, as it covers almost a whole clarinet range, and it is fast and very changeable at all times. The piano is of course also very difficult as it has a lot of weird chords. It’s very erratic, spooky, and mysterious,” said Huang.

Barnes added, “When you’re playing in a small group, every individual can be heard, and there’s this give and take where you have to constantly be giving and taking with each other, being flexible in the rhythm and making room for your peers. So it’s this very sort of nuanced relationship, and to me, chamber music is the greatest way to make music.”

This term’s chamber society included the addition of several Juniors. The program takes students

of all skill levels, from the least experienced to the most advanced. As an experienced player, Huang felt that chamber music was a great opportunity for him to help introduce the new Juniors to both music and life at Andover.

“I am experienced in Andover and chamber music, so I was able to provide them with ideas about how the piece should go, and also how I can help them go around Andover. For example, [I would] tell them to come to [Graves Hall or tell them] where Graves was located...So it’s interesting to see how they accommodated to Andover life very quickly, and I’m very glad that I had the chance to help,” said Huang.

Another chamber group consisted of Carolina Weatherall ’21, Emily Cain ’23, Laura Mahani-ah ’20, Ben Rowland ’22, and Isaac Hershenson ’20. The quintet played all three movements of “Concerto in C, RV 425” by Antonio Vivaldi. According to Rowland, the dynamic of their group improved over the term due to the

help of their coach, Peter Lorencio, Instructor in Music.

“It started off a little tentative in the group. At first, everything is a little bit off, and it’s not quite together... One of the exercises [we did] was that Mr. Lorencio would speed up and slow down the tempo and we would have to follow him, and that was making sure that we’re really listening to other people and him... This [exercise] was really helpful in managing our tempo and staying in tune,” said Rowland.

According to audience member Adaeze Izuegbunam ’20, “Café Music for Violin, Cello, and Piano by Paul Shoenfield,” performed by Luke Henderson ’21, Evan Tsai ’21, and Ariel Wang ’21, stood out the most to her.

“The [first] movement especially took me by surprise, and it made me jump out of my chair. It’s really interesting to watch [them] play, because there’s just so much visible emotion and passion that they put into their craft,” said Izuegbunam.



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Clarinetist Jason Huang ’21 and pianist Samson Zhang ’20 were one of 13 groups to perform at the Academy Chamber Music Society Concert on Saturday.

Academy Jazz Band Features the Armen Donelian Trio in Term-Ending Concert

CHLOE KINDANGEN

Beginning with several soft piano riffs, a lone alto saxophone cuts through the air beginning a jazzy solo quickly accompanied by a series of drums and processionion of trumpets and trombones. The instruments increase in volume until the accompaniment drops out, leaving the alto saxophone to end the piece with an improvisational phrase.

The piece, titled “Ana Maria” by Wayne Shorter, was one of six songs performed by the Academy Jazz Band last Friday in Cochran Chapel for their term-ending concert. The concert also included performances by the Armen Donelian Trio, a professional Jazz Group consisting of professional pianist and composer Armen Donelian, bassist Dave Clark, and drummer George Schuller. The trio performed several pieces, including a few original works, after the Jazz Band completed their repertoire.

Donelian said, “I think the performance went very well. I’m very happy with the performance. The students played with a great deal of heart, and as far as our performance, I felt we got better as it went along.”

Before the trio performed,

the Academy Jazz Band performed pieces including “Don’t Get Sassy” by Thad Jones arr. Mike Carubia and “Roll ‘em” by Mary Lou Williams, which were conducted by Peter Cirelli, Instructor in Music. “Ana Maria” was conducted by Donelian, who arrived on campus the day before the concert to work and rehearse with the ensemble.

Performer Harry Chan-paiboonrat ’21 said, “Despite [Donelian’s] status as a professional pianist, he was humble in his conducting... [Donelian] pushed us to express ourselves particularly through our group improvisation, which he incorporated during one of the songs in our performance.”

The audience cheered particularly loudly for the student solos that Donelian conducted. The Academy Jazz Band’s pianist, Ivan Betancourt ’22, played several solos, one of which was conducted by Donelian.

Audience member Maggie Kalkstein ’23, said, “I loved the piano solo in the piece Armen conducted. Not only was the music incredible, but I thought it was really cool to see the relationship between the longtime jazz professional and young pianist and see the encouraging and inspired look in both [of] their eyes.”

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

By Mudmee Sereeyothin

Hello and thank you for checking out this book review column! My name is Mudmee and I love reading. I am super excited to share some book reviews with you. I hope you’ll find them helpful and maybe even decide to pick up one of these titles. This week, I will be reviewing Celeste Ng’s debut novel, “Everything I Never Told You.” “Before that she hadn’t realized how fragile happiness was, how if you were careless, you could knock it over and shatter it.” - Celeste Ng

Synopsis

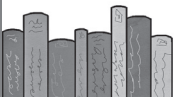
The Lees, a half-Caucasian, half-Chinese family consisting of parents Marilyn and James, and children Nathan, Lydia, and Hannah, live in small-town Ohio in the 1970s. Lydia is the middle child and the clear favorite of her parents. She is the daughter that both parents hope will fulfill the dreams and goals they each failed to reach. For Marilyn, her goal is making Lydia the center of attention, for her to become a doctor with a promising career, rather than the homemaker that Marilyn wishes she hadn’t become. On the other hand, James simply wants Lydia to fit in, since he has felt ostracized all his life. When sixteen-year-old Lydia’s body is found in the lake one morning, the family, once delicately held together by personal secrets, shatters. As each family member scrambles to understand what happened to Lydia, they come to examine their own complicated past, their relationships with each other, and figure out how or whether they can ever heal together as a family.

Review

Ng’s debut novel, a product of six years of work, is an intimate, haunting portrait of a family torn apart by tragedy and tensions that lurk beneath facades. Ng deftly weaves each family member’s stories together to create a tapestry of messy relationships, regrets, racial and familial tensions, and struggles with identity. Ng holds the reader in suspense with her piercingly beautiful prose. Her writing feels raw and honest, and she masterfully evokes emotions from readers as they sympathize, love, hate, and come to care deeply about each character. You feel the hurt and burdens that each character carries with them. I was in awe of the depth Ng brought to each character and the vividness with which she constructed each character arc. I could not put this book down.

Verdict

A gripping, emotional, worthwhile read.



Rating: 10/10

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Dance Open Fosters a Sense of Community within the Dance Department

ARIANA VELASQUEZ

Awash in the red stage lights, Alexandra Koch-Liu '22 held out an arm to fellow performer Victoria Zhou '22. As Koch-Liu lifted her, Zhou leapt suddenly into the air, curving her legs back just as the background music swelled. Their hard-hitting movements echoed the pulsing beat of 2WE1's song "Survivor." The pair, along with fifteen other independent and group acts, performed in three Dance Open performances this past weekend.

According to Zhou, Dance Open serves as an opportunity for dancers on campus to showcase their creativity.

"I think it's important to let students show their creativity and do what they want with dance... In classes, we do technique... and it's very one way. You can't really make it your own thing. But in Dance Open you can literally do anything you want and no one can call you out for it, because you're not wrong," said Zhou.

Audience member Henry Crater '20 remarked how the student-directed show highlighted the performers' skills and talent. He noted the perceived difficulty of Footnotes' performance specifically.

"I see the formations, and all the technical work that actually has to go into arranging a complicated tap song like that... It's easy to kind of let it pass you by and miss it, without noticing all the details and other stuff that's brought into it," said Crater.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Azi Jones '21, who co-directed



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The annual Dance Open production gave students, such as Trevor Moss '23 and Katherine Wang '21 (pictured above), the opportunity to express themselves without the constraint of a theme.

the Dance Open production with Katherine Wang '21, explained that she wanted to ensure that both performers and audience members enjoyed the experience.

"I think we functioned very well as a community—everyone was so excited to be in the space and see all the talent of the other acts... My only goal was to produce a show that everyone would enjoy watching and that everyone would enjoy doing," said Jones.

Anntonia Taylor '20 performed with Footnotes, Hyponotiq, and in a duet with Wang. As she prepares to graduate from Andover, Taylor aimed to explore the thought of her leaving and her relationship with Wang during their performance together.

"[The performance] is about me leaving her. And while it is sad, it is also about how we were able

to teach each other stuff along the way. And we were able to have a lot of good times. So while it's sad that I'm leaving, we help each other grow as people," said Taylor.

Taylor reflected more broadly about her role as mentor to the underclassmen dancers as well. She appreciated the performance energy of her fellow Seniors, and hoped that those who follow her will have a similar experience in the Dance Department as she did.

"I'm here to enjoy [Dance Open]. But it's also kind of like passing the baton and these kids are now in the same footsteps that I was in when I was a freshman. So I'm just really hoping that they get the same experience that I have, and that they have the same love for this by the end of the day," said Taylor.

Nicholas Lam '22 Blends Hong Kong Taste with American Styles

ZOE YU

Donning a camouflage shirt, a Concepts International jacket stitched with the Concepts logo and an American flag patch, and a pair of beige jeans from Barneys, Nicholas Lam '22 gives off a simple yet classy feel that stands out on the Andover campus.

"I got [the Concepts jacket] in Boston a year ago, and it's really cool because it's a really rare version of a Canada Goose. It's made only for the military in the past, AMT guys, so it's really limited," said Lam. "Usually, daily, I go a little bit more classy. I usually always wear a sweater and nice jeans and nice shoes."

While Lam will occasionally wear some flashier pieces, his stylistic choices are drawn from his parents, whose modest taste in clothing inspired the simple outfits he enjoys wearing day to day.

"I think my parents also influenced me... My dad is also really simple when he dresses. He always wears a really nice sweater and suit-pants, and really simple shoes. He never goes for the flamboyant, flashy look, and I think I've taken that into consideration. I've taken some pieces of my clothing out of his closet, so he's really influenced me in that way," he said.

In addition to his parents, Lam is also inspired by wanting to stand apart from others in the Andover community.

Lam said, "At Andover, a lot of

people try to dress casually, and they just wake up, put sweatpants on, put a shirt on, put Andover apparel on. But then when I wake up in the morning, my first thought is, 'Oh, what should I wear to stand out from all these people?'"

Alicia Chu '22, a friend of Lam's, echoed the idea that many Andover students dress very similarly. According to Chu, Lam is able to differentiate his style by drawing inspiration from his Hong Kong roots.

"This is a boarding school. A lot of the people are from the East Coast and stuff... Obviously, [Nicholas's] style is more adapted to more American culture, but you can still see that it's different. You can see from his style he has a mixture of some pieces I see people wearing [in] Hong Kong," said Chu.

According to Lam, cultural diversity and people's interest in different brands play a role in generating a variety of clothing styles, and it has fed into the disparity in fashion between Hong Kong and the United States.

"The style [in Hong Kong] is much different than America. Over there, it was really just hoodies and sweatpants. Here, American culture and clothing is much different. For example, I never really wore tapered jeans before, but now I do. I never really wore sweaters before, and since it's so hot there, I never put anything over. Here, I like wearing flannels and things I can put over my hoodie or shirt," says Lam.



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