



ARRESTS SPARK DRUG DISCUSSION

Alovisetti of Graham House, Keller of Isham Say Cocaine Use Is Rare

By JULIET LIU and
MELISSA YAN

The arrests of three PA students three weeks ago on charges relating to drugs and alcohol have sparked discussion about the prevalence of substances on campus.

Paul Murphy, Dean of Students and Residential Life, said that he was unsure of the extent of drug and alcohol use on campus, but that substances undoubtedly have a presence.

“I assume that it’s a high school and there are a lot of things that are not legal to have on campus,” said Murphy. “We know that if you really, really want to do something that’s not right, whether it’s drugs or alcohol, it’s not impossible.

“I think what happened last week, in my mind, confirmed what we assumed was happening,” added Murphy.

According to a male Upper who spoke to *The Phillipian* under a condition of anonymity, drugs are easily attainable on campus.

He said that drugs were much harder to obtain at home under parental supervision, but “extremely easy” to acquire at school.

He said that he has bought marijuana and alcohol in the town of Andover from dealers not associated with Phillips Academy. He also admitted to having bought cocaine, which he believes “definitely is a problem” on campus.

However, the Upper said that he did not think alcohol was a problem, because it was a normal part of high school.

“[Alcohol] can make a normally boring weekend at PA a little more exciting,” he said.

“I don’t do drugs,” said Avery Stone ’10. “But I definitely think that they are accessible on campus. Drug use at Andover is not in your face, but it is certainly an undercurrent.”

Dr. Max Alovisetti, Director of Graham House Counseling Center, said that he believes the percentage of students who engage regularly in substance abuse is in the single digits.

Alovisetti said that students are driven to engage in substance use for many different reasons.

“Part of it is the cool factor. It’s also the experimentation and the wanting to experience something that they think they can’t experience unless they’re putting substances into their bodies,” said Alovisetti.

He added, “There’s not much education to reduce that [percentage of chronic users]. Education is to sway those that are considering taking drugs, particularly students

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President of the Board of Trustees Oscar Tang ’56 eats lunch with students in Uncommons on Thursday.

Stonyfield CEO Hirshberg Provides Green Solutions

By KELSEY PHINNEY

Humans only have around 10 years to slow down consumption rates before catastrophic climate change, according to Stonyfield Farms CEO Gary Hirshberg.

On Tuesday, Hirshberg visited Memorial Hall Library in downtown Andover to present the efforts of Stonyfield Farms, primarily known for its yogurts and for helping other companies “go green.”

According to Hirshberg, half of the earth’s topsoil has disappeared and new hypoxias,

which are bodies of water with no oxygen, are appearing in our oceans. He also informed the audience that three out of five chemicals in the blood of newborn babies are known carcinogens.

Hirshberg discussed the initiatives of Stonyfield Farms to reverse these environmental problems.

Some of his company’s endeavors include reducing energy usage by changing light bulbs, using only recycled materials for product packaging,

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Hirshberg talks about businesses’ responsibility to go green.

ANDOVER HOSTS VISITORS FROM PREP FOR PREP 9

By YERIN PAK

The Andover community may have noticed new faces around campus this week as students from Prep for Prep 9, a non-profit education organization, toured PA.

Each year, Prep 9 searches for and prepares qualified minority students for admission to Northeastern boarding and day schools.

Prep 9 students have the opportunity to visit their top two or three boarding schools.

Visiting Prep 9 students at PA slept in a dormitory and shadowed a Junior host’s classes.

Khadijah Owens ’11, a current Prep 9 student, said, “During my visit to Andover as an eighth grader, I stayed in Double Brick with my host Peyton Wilson

’10. People were welcoming and friendly, and I was able to get a real sense of the community.”

Prospective students are also accompanied by a family member. While the students are with their hosts, family members attend various panels on topics such as residential life and academics.

Jose Powell, Director of Student of Color Recruiting, said, “It is important that we, as in the Andover community, show these prospective students and their families that diversity is a reality at Andover. We also want to show that this diversity is apparent by the leaders of our community.”

According to its website, Prep 9 has a long-term ambition of increasing “the number of well-educated, effective leaders

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Global Health Day Joins Wellness Week Education

By TIM GHOSH

Next week, students will be participating in the second annual Wellness Week, during which students receive time off from certain class on certain days to attend a total of three mandatory workshops about wellness throughout the week.

New to this year’s program is the addition of Global Health Day on the Sunday preceding Wellness Week.

Global Health Day features workshops run by Partners in Health as well as a presentation by Eric Kanter ’09, co-head of Andover’s FaceAIDS chapter.

Carlos Hoyt, Associate Dean of Students and Wellness Week coordinator, said the idea originated from conversations he had been having

with the FaceAIDS organization of doing a conference at PA. However, the day was expanded to include global health issues “just to make it more interesting and have more variety for students,” said Hoyt.

Hoyt said he worked closely with the FaceAIDS group on campus to organize the event.

“We want [Global Health Day] to not just be a burden, but something enjoyable and meaningful at the same time,” said Hoyt.

Kanter’s presentation will be on a month-long trip he took over the summer to South Africa, where he worked on spreading awareness about HIV/AIDS.

Kanter described one instance in a village where one

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College Board Launches Diagnostic Test for Eighth Graders to Create ‘College-Going Culture’

By CHLOE REICHEL

Phillips Academy hopefuls now have yet another opportunity to prove their high-school readiness with a newly-released College Board test.

Starting in the fall of 2009, eighth grade students can voluntarily take ReadStep, a two-hour exam, which will include sections in critical reading, writing skills and mathematics.

ReadStep was proposed to help guide middle school teachers to teach in a way that will promote college readiness and to help “create a college-going culture,” according to the ReadStep fact sheet.

Results from a test would be available within four weeks of the test’s administration, which would allow teachers to adjust

their curriculum as necessary, according to the College Board ReadStep press release.

ReadStep will also help students prepare for the SAT and serve as a diagnostic for high school preparedness as well.

Jane Fried, Dean of Admission, wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, “With an increasingly diverse national student population, there is appropriate skepticism about the extent to which a standardized test is fair to all constituencies. Whether or not this new test for eighth graders is any better at addressing this central issue remains to be seen.”

Fried also wrote, “As chair of the Ten Schools Admission Organization, I forwarded The New York Times’ article about this new test to all member Deans and Directors of Admission. This

PHILLIPS EXETER NAMES HASSAN 14TH PRINCIPAL

Thomas Hassan, Former Associate Principal, to Succeed Tyler Tingley

By JULIET LIU

Phillips Exeter Academy announced Friday that Thomas Hassan will be the school’s 14th Principal, succeeding Tyler Tingley, who plans to retire in June after 12 years as Principal.

For the past eight years, Hassan has been the Assistant Principal at Exeter and served for two terms as Acting Principal from 2005-2006.

Hassan has worked at Exeter for the past 20 years as an Instructor in Mathematics but has also held positions including Director of College Counseling and Director of Admissions.

“I’ve seen Exeter from a variety of vantage points and have a deep love and knowledge of this place,” Hassan told *The Phillipian*. “I just felt excited for the possibility of being the next leader of Exeter.”

Hassan has several connections to Phillips Academy as well.

In the early 1980s, Hassan taught math at Andover’s summer outreach program (MS)² – Math and Science for Minority Students.

Rebecca Sykes, Associate

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Hassan will become PEA’s 14th principal.

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Barack Obama, Andover’s Man

The youth vote is energized – and with good reason. Barack Obama should be the next president of the United States. In a time when anti-intellectualism is in vogue and ‘elitism’ is vilified, Obama’s education and eloquence are refreshing and vital qualities in a presidential candidate. It will take intelligence and good judgment to restore both America’s economy and our standing worldwide. Our collective opinion is also informed by our attitudes toward issues such as the war in Iraq, the environment, education, health care, civil liberties and others.

But there is something else at work as well.

We are a group of largely like-minded seventeen and eighteen-year-olds, at a liberal school in the northeast United States, witnessing – and some voting for the first time in – a historic election on a grand scale. For many, this event is like nothing we have experienced in our lifetimes. The energy, concern and urgency students feel – the ardor of our convictions and our arguments – has swept over the campus.

For whatever reason, Barack Obama has inspired us. It helps that he is the youngest candidate in our living memory. We’re logging on, signing up, emailing, texting, campaigning, calling congressmen and staying tuned. We are invigorated.

What with YouTube immortalizing clips of Katie Couric’s mind-boggling Sarah Palin interview, Matt Drudge splaying conservative conspiracy theories across our computer screens, blogs like Real Clear Politics and the Huffington Post changing the methods of journalism and newspapers putting their up-to-minute coverage at our virtual fingertips, we also have no excuse not to be informed – and, for the most part, we are. Obama has substance as well as flash.

It’s said the election during which someone comes of age shapes his or her perceptions of politics for years to come. We are a group of idealists and cynics. There are those among us who claim that our votes make no difference or that it is better to abstain entirely (writing in Hillary, Hussein, what have you) rather than participate in such a corrupt and wretched process.

But on the whole, we are hopeful.

We are young. We are students, and, as much as we like to claim otherwise, we are still making up our minds about the world. We are a generation that has come of age in post-9/11 times, to be sure, but we grew up without images of the two towers in our textbooks. On the whole, we are optimistic about America and its future. After all, we are part of it, for better or for worse.

And so is Barack Obama, if we had our say.

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Nice to see you, Mr. President.

The Phillies Win

Thank God nobody watched.

Midnight, Tomorrow

Your early application might be due then.



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‘Wonder Woman’ (10/10)

To the Editor:

As a child of the 70s, no heroic sobriquet could have given me greater pleasure than the one generously assigned by your paper earlier this month. No doubt, many participants in the global financial system are hoping that a band of Marvel superheroes will ride to the rescue. Unfortunately, in spite of herculean government intervention, the depth of this crisis will have profound and potentially lasting consequences for markets and the global economy. As I write, the S&P 500 index of US equities has achieved a new low, having lost nearly half of its value since its peak last October. Other global markets are down even more sharply. I believe we have taken important steps to mitigate the impact of the current turmoil on our school. Steadfast leadership from the Head of School, the Administration and the Board will ensure that Andover continues to pursue its critical mission but these are likely to be trying times.

The good news is that tough times generate opportunity and highlight the value of an Andover education. There are many ways to characterize the origins of this crisis, but I would argue that it was rooted in failures

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of critical judgment, moral principle and leadership: the very bedrock of an Andover education. It was neither good nor knowledgeable for investment professionals to rely blindly on mathematical models that promise the free lunch of higher returns for less risk or take on more leverage just because it was cheap. There was nothing non sibi about management teams across Wall Street driving up leverage to enhance near term earnings and equity returns with little eye to the potential consequences. But goodness, knowledge and energy will be required to meet the challenges facing the global economy in the next decade. Globalization, effective capital allocation and financial innovation are important pillars of economic growth. You represent the leadership potential that can ensure that we move forward as a global community, rather than let fear divide us. So go forth with confidence. You may not have a cape but you have what it takes to make a difference.

Amy Falls ’82
Chief Investment Officer

From a Friend Across the Pond

To the Editor:

I was delighted to spend an hour in the newsroom of *The Phillipian*

on my recent visit to Andover and was immensely impressed with your set-up and the quality of your paper. Thank you for taking the time to explain how things work. Student newspapers are rare in the UK and those with complete editorial control do not exist. That you have this at Andover is testimony to the integrity and professionalism of the students, as well as the degree of trust that has been built up over the years with faculty members and your head of school. In the UK we have what we call “student voice” in the running of the school but this can invariably be quite shallow or tokenistic. *The Phillipian* epitomizes a truly deep version of ‘student voice’ and says so much about your amazing school. I am in the process of designing a completely new school from scratch known as The Wellington Academy and by a strange coincidence the nearest town is Andover, UK. We already have a community radio station but I have set myself the goal of establishing a newsroom and an independent student newspaper too, having been so inspired by your work. Good luck with the choice of pizzas for future board meetings.

With kind regards,
Andy Schofield
Principal Designate
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PATRICK KABANDA | ORGANIST

SINCE I left Uganda 12 years ago, I have had a couple of opportunities to go back – thanks to my musical activities. But most of my trips to this East African nation – dubbed the “Pearl of Africa” – have been brief. So this summer, when I knew I was going to be in Uganda for an extended visit –two months and three days – I tap-danced.

There is something blissful about smelling the brown Ugandan soil after those sporadic thunderous rain-falls, eating yams and drinking that crisp passionfruit juice. But at the same time, even oceans away, it is difficult to ignore the troubles that have afflicted parts of the region – Rwanda and Northern Uganda in particular. Consequently, though my visit was naturally focused on catching up with family and friends, I felt compelled to visit Kigali, Rwanda’s capital.

As the bus for the eight-hour trip between capitals took off, I became aware of a growing sense of trepidation. After all, Rwanda is a country that not long ago suffered a brutal genocide. The frequent accidents that occur on the Kampala–Kigali road triggered another kind of anxiety. Especially near the Gatuna (Uganda-Rwanda) border, the already narrow road snakes through a mountainous terrain whose twists and turns are picturesque, until one sees the tumbled cars, buses and trucks on the other side of the cliffs. While according to American standards, our bus was at times mere heartbeats away from an accident, we nonetheless arrived in Kigali safely.

As I roamed the streets of Kigali, a hilly metropolis situated in the center

of Rwanda, I was constantly haunted. Maybe it was because my Ugandan compatriots, fearing for my life, had warned me not to go there. Maybe it was because my Rwandese friend, pointing at a perfectly tidy street in Kigali, whispered, “At that corner, they murdered a lot of people.” The Kigali Memorial Center tells it all. The pictures of missing people, apparel from dead bodies, skeletons, machetes and other rusted metal objects that were used to slaughter people – it was all somehow too horrific to take in. It seemed more like a movie than reality. But the mass graves I saw at this genocide memorial completed the story. The question that haunted me then, and still haunts me now, is: how can a country with such scars move on?

A great part of Rwanda’s promise lies in its overwhelmingly youthful population. Also, many international organizations are flocking to this tiny landlocked country to make a difference. One of the groups active in Rwanda is the On The Frontier (OTF) Group, which fosters competition in developing economies and emerging markets. I briefly met with Mr. Eric Kacou, the OTF Group’s Regional Director for Africa, who noted that the rate at which things are happening here is unbelievable. Businesses are burgeoning and there is a nascent sense of civic order: unlike many cities, especially in developing countries, where trash rules, Kigali is unbelievably clean. Motorcyclists are required to wear helmets. Plastic bags are banned. The list of examples of progress goes on, but one, in particular, stands out: Rwanda is the first

country in the world where women outnumber men in the Parliament. This is a promising sign of change, especially for Africa, which is by and large still a male-dominated society. It is difficult to predict the country’s political future, but for now, it is fair to say, as some have concluded, that Rwanda has seen a great light.

Noting that there is really no music school in Rwanda, I knew I needed to make a contribution during my time there. At the Anglican Saint Etienne Cathedral, where I was staying, the rector, the Rev. Sam Mugisha (with whom I grew up singing and playing soccer in Uganda), organized a workshop for the Prince of Peace Choir, one of the youth groups at the cathedral. Keyboard, drums and guitar are the main accompanying instruments at the cathedral, which lacks an organ. We worked on basics with the choir: breathing, posture, warm-ups, pitch and solfege. Basic materials such as books, folders and instruments, are lacking, but the choir doesn’t let those hindrances deter their service to God. Here, I was reminded of the value of a minimalist approach to life: to make the best use of the little one may have for the greater good. It was also here that a young man in the choir asked a question that lingers with me: When are you coming back?

For more information on the Kigali Memorial Center or the Off the Frontier Group, visit their respective websites at www.kigalimemorialcenter.org and www.otfgroup.com.

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All That Glitters

THE significance and impact of the 2008 presidential election has been trumpeted at the highest of decibels, yet the true message of each candidate's campaign has fallen on subtly deafened ears. The meat of the election has been slathered up with creamy rhetoric and thick tomato-based promises. Few people are truly aware of what is underneath the smear campaigns and t-shirt slogans, the viral YouTube videos and the grandiose memoirs, and those who have fearlessly dug through the heaps of garnish piled upon each candidate have generally found themselves with a huge load of bologna [writer's note: bull-oney?].

The Obama-Biden campaign built a colossal stage, complete with Roman columns worthy of a big-budget Hollywood epic, with the apparent intent of evoking the spirit of Greek temples or Roman orators. The McCain-Palin camp presented itself with the tone of a Norman Rockwell painting, drawing on winks and cute giggles to summon a sense of "Hometown, USA."

And, like naïve puppies thirsting for change, so many Americans lapped it all up with eager tongues and diverted eyes. This was partially to be expected; the United States is craving change, and so long as both Obama and McCain sang a new tune of the same old song and dance, they would be welcomed by their respective party's base. Both candidates' campaigns went above and beyond; they added razzle dazzle to the act, sewing sequins to their platforms and sprinkling glitter on their policies. And as the economy tumbles and our "superpower status" deteriorates, we have ushered in an era of great fear. History shows that in times of trouble, man turns to a savior of sorts. And the more desperate the situation gets, the more willing we are to believe what the politicians say. Once again, history has repeated itself, as evidenced by the commanding influence exerted by the messiah complex of Obama and the war hero claims of McCain.

If there's one group of American citizens who shouldn't be falling for this, it's Generation Y. And our privileged, well-educated students should be the very last Americans to be blinded by the artificial sheen of Obama and McCain's presidential campaigns. Yet it seems that even we, the oft-complimented students of Phillips Academy, have allowed ourselves to be dumbed down by this year's meretricious presidential campaigns. Our arguments about the candidates have grown limited to subjective matters instead of the objective truths of

Obama and McCain's respective policies. The youth vote is so important because it's fresh. We are hypothetical civic virgins, but maybe we've already grown so jaded by American politics that our cynicism has taken over our ability to remain skeptical.

The American public scrutinized Barack Obama's megalomania instead of his stance on affirmative action; we laughed at John McCain's age when we could have been drilling him about Roe v. Wade. We proudly sported pink "read my lipstick" tank tops and black shirts with larger-than-life Obama portraits when we should have been investigating tax policies; we fell for the emptiest of one-word slogans and two-word promises (Change! Country First!) when we should have been following voting records on social welfare; we read memoirs when we should have read legislature. And we, Andover students, allowed ourselves to be influenced — if ever so slightly — by the bing-bang-boom of the presidential election, the same sort of rubbish we seldom fall for in a school presidential election or the nomination of a team captain.

Our inter-student banter, which could have been a scholarly, ongoing debate centered on actual policies, was instead filled with empty, propaganda-esque politicking. When we could have held out a bit longer before giving ourselves to any one candidate, we allowed ourselves to be polarized by the all-powerful magnets of the media. As youths, we are the vote in demand, the "future of America." It was our duty to drill-baby-drill the facts out of politicians, marinate ourselves in the juices of reality: what hope is there for an America that does not question a man with great charisma? What country does a man put first when his vice-presidential candidate is chosen on the basis of appeal, not substance?

It's hard to hear the real message of hope above the roar of the masses. It's even harder to seek the truth when the razzle dazzle glimmers so enchantingly. We could have made it real: stripped the candidates of their politics and gotten down to the real concrete of each platform. But for the most part, America allowed itself to be seduced. Much of today's youth, Andover students not withstanding, may have allowed themselves to be baptized into the league of deception known as American politics.

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Coping With The Crisis

GUCCI bags and iPhones may gather dust in the upcoming months due to the current financial crisis. Many of us will now have to change our lifestyles considerably. Thoughtless consuming will no longer be an option. We will be forced to cut out luxuries that we previously took for granted. But what we think will kill us may actually save us.

A few weeks ago, renowned economist Dr. Juliet Schor came to speak to the Andover community about why Americans consume so much. For the most part, it was the typical Powerpoint presentation: graphs, pictures and accompanying written explanations. But there was also one underlying message—how the need to consume affects communities.

During her presentation, Schor discussed a topic that I had never heard of before. It was called "Keeping up with the Gates." This concept describes the working class's need to expand their material wealth relative to those who are socioeconomically well-off. Schor used the example of Bill and Melinda Gates. She contrasted this idea to the concept of "Keeping up with the Jones." During the 50s and continuing through the 70s, the working class felt a need to expand their material wealth "horizontally." This meant that they were trying to maintain their material wealth within their socioeconomic limits.

Then came the 80s and, of course, the "yuppies." With the economic boom of that decade, many people aspired to live the lifestyle of the rich and famous. But this desire fueled only one thing: the need for more. But consumers didn't just want more within their socioeconomic limits. They wanted bigger cars and houses, more designer clothing and other apparel.

This desire for more material wealth also fueled the middle class's desire to work harder. The more people worked, the more income they

could bring in. The more income they could bring in, the more they could consume.

As the decade of the yuppies progressed, the divide between rich and poor became greater, and gated communities sprouted up all around the United States. The rich became more sheltered from the problems of the poor, and their prior interest in helping the less fortunate decreased.

This trend of working and consuming goes on today. Our generation faces challenges confronted by adolescents worldwide. Many of us have not yet had to work a full-time job, and therefore we never really know how much our parents work to give us the luxuries that we often take for granted. Those of us who depend on our parents for everything are in for quite a shock. We are going through

What we think will kill us may actually save us.

some of the worst economic times since the Great Depression. Stories of disappointed children whose parents are cutting back are already running in the New York Times. Children who are used to getting what they want without question are now being forced to prioritize.

A lot of children who grew up in sheltered, privileged communities are now being forced to see the stark reality of relative economic hardship. But even if some of these families aren't "impoverished" per se, they are being forced to change their lifestyles drastically. Yet even as people of all socioeconomic strata reel from the recent market crash, the divide between rich and poor continues to grow. Those who do not swim will sink and vice versa. This only makes the lifestyle

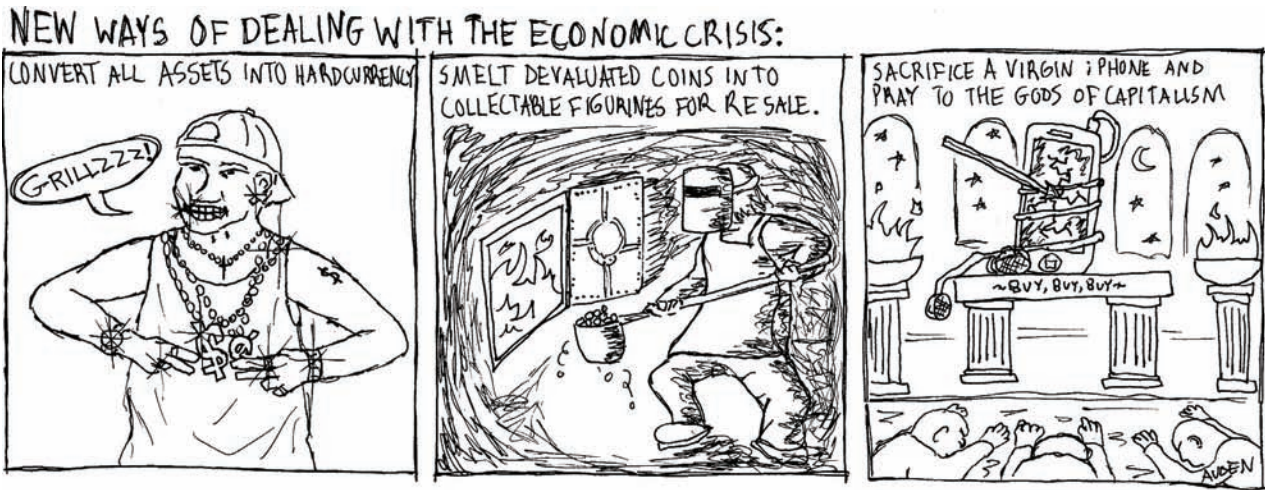
switch even greater.

A great example of sinking or swimming came from my brother Max. He works at JPMorgan Chase (one of the only surviving major financial institutions) in San Francisco. Recently, half of the people at his branch were laid off. He, however, was fortunate enough to retain his job. But think of all of those workers who were not so lucky. Think of their families. They sank, and they sank badly. Now think of your own father or mother. Maybe your parents have lost their jobs, or maybe they haven't. But consider this: would you be able to change your lifestyle tomorrow if your parents lost their jobs?

The biggest problem with our privileged generation is that our parents are always working, always enriching our lifestyles to the point where we feel (or felt) that none of it could be taken away from us, that the only way to go was up. We even began to make an emotional investment in our material possessions. So if those things were to be taken away from us, we would feel as if a piece of ourselves would be taken away as well. Those among us who may pore through Apple's latest products or go shopping every weekend know well this love of material possessions. Now imagine your family selling their home and going to a public school.

A new era is dawning, one in which those who are used to living a sheltered lifestyle must come face to face with the harsher realities of other parts of the United States and of the world. We need to stop depending on material things that could be taken away from us in an instant. We need to educate ourselves about the economy and figure out a way to solve this economic mess. We need to become the solution generation.

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TOAN NGUYEN | MACAN BIOGRAPHER

The Forgotten Story of John McCain

“WELL, if being beaten up by the Viet Cong once makes John McCain a better president, then he should be beaten again, because being beaten twice will make him an even better president,” said Mr. Iven, father of Max Png ’10, as he listened to my story just before Parents Weekend.

Back in Vietnam, I traveled on a four-mile road to school every day. Beside this road stands an old moss-covered marker that reads: “Here on 26 Oct, 1967, the glorious people of Ha Noi our capital shot down and captured John Sney MaCan Lieutenant of US Air Force on an A-4 fighter bombing Yen Phu power plant. It was one of the ten aircraft shot down that day.”

Surprisingly, for 10 years, I went down that road without the slightest idea about the marker. However, it was not because of ignorance that I didn't know that a man as well-known as John McCain was shot down on that familiar road; whoever inscribed the marker misspelled his name. Before the presidential election, the vast majority of Vietnamese citizens were unaware of what that torn marker said or who “John Sney MaCan” was. Now at the climax of the 2008 United States presidential election, perhaps that vast majority has not shrunk in the slightest. No Vietnamese newspaper writes about the story of Mr. “Macan,” but when I Googled the story, three articles, one from the UK and two from the US, showed up.

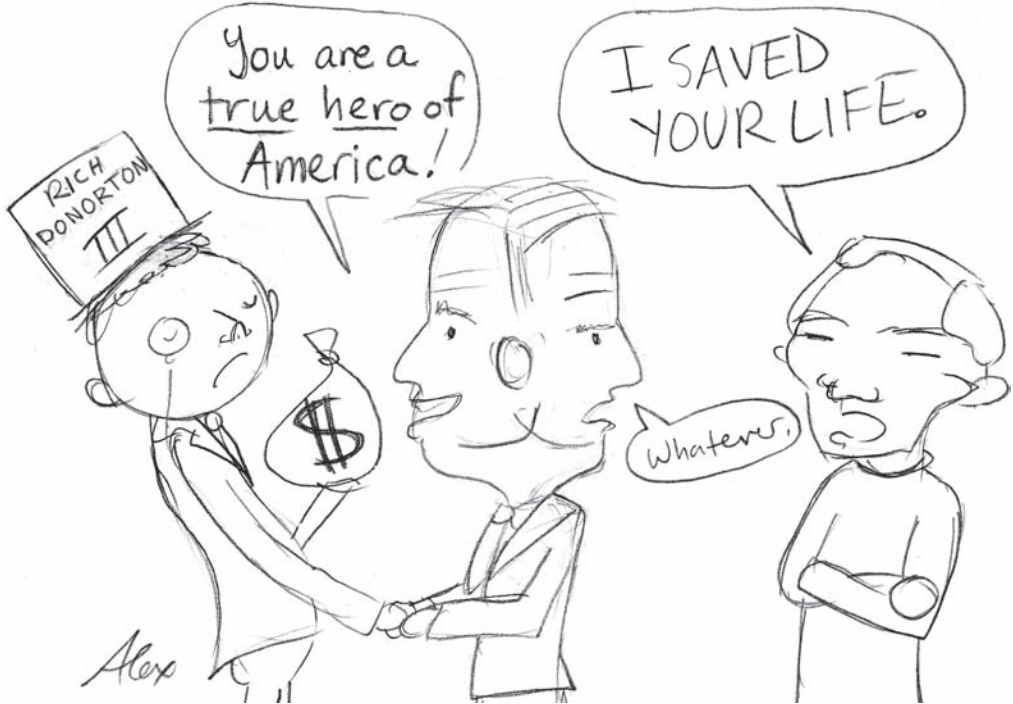
Even more ironically, it was not the marker that informed me that John McCain was shot down in close proximity to my home, nor was it a Vietnamese source. I learned this bit of information from the Wikipedia entry for John McCain while I was researching the American election several months ago. A sudden spark went off in my mind: “Ay, that must be the guy shot down in the lake over my house, the guy that monument talks

about.”

Many Vietnamese people discovered this funny fact that way, including the Hanoi bureau of tourism.

Previously, possibly for sensitive “propaganda reasons,” the “Hanoi Hilton,” the notorious prison that used to detain US pilots and is now a museum, drew little attention to John McCain and the other US pilots kept there. Instead, it focused solely on the early history of the prison as a detention and torture center for Vietnamese patriots struggling against French colonial rule. The museum effectually ignores the prison's function as a penitentiary for US pilots during the Vietnam War.

Just six months ago, after learning that John McCain was running for president, the Hanoi city committee opened a new showroom about the US pilots shot down nearby and kept there. The number of visitors surged unexpectedly, causing a noticeable increase in the museum's revenue.



According to Hanoi citizen Mai Van On, the story of John McCain's capture began on the afternoon of October 26, 1967. On was returning for lunch when the air siren rang. He rushed to the bomb shelter with 60 others. From the entrance of the

A student from Hanoi tells the Vietnamese side of the story.

shelter, he saw an aircraft hit by a missile. As the plane was going down, On jumped out despite the curses and warnings of people in the shelter, grabbed a bamboo log and hurried to rescue the drowning pilot. After three minutes, On reached the near-dead pilot John McCain, submerged in 15-foot-deep water, entangled in parachute cords, with his arm and

leg both broken. On, with the help of some neighbors, dragged the pilot to the shore, where On saved him again, this time from an angry mob trying to beat their hated enemy.

Mai Van On died two years ago in a tiny, two-story house he shared with eleven relatives. He never knew how different this year's presidential election would be had he listened to his neighbors in the bomb shelter that day and decided not to swim out. He was never mentioned at any of John McCain's rallies, in any of his speeches. Indeed, McCain did pay On a visit in 1996 during one of the six trips he made to Vietnam after the war, and gave him a simple souvenir seal, which On treated as though it was congressional medal of honor. However, according to William Lowther of Daily Mail Newspaper, when On died, an email was sent to McCain's office requesting a message of condolence for the family. There was no response. Whether or not McCain believed Mr.

On is unclear.

How badly John McCain was treated in the Vietnamese prison is also unclear. The Vietnamese deny all allegation of mistreatment of prisoners of wars including John McCain. Rumors in Vietnam say McCain was singled out for better treatment because McCain is the son of an American admiral. The new exhibition room at the Hanoi Hilton hinted that prisoners were treated well. No one ever speaks about the so-called “torture.” But McCain still claims mistreatment to boost his presidential credential, rarely telling voters that he would not be alive today without Mai Van On.

But that was 40 years ago. Vietnam is no longer in the midst of a war. Today Vietnam has a booming economy, and memories of the war have faded away. Standing on the road where the old John McCain marker stands, we can't really notice anything saying John McCain was shot down there. But we can definitely notice the newly-built skyscrapers and luxury hotels situated around the beautiful lake. The southern streets of Saigon where Northern tanks once rolled in and Southern evacuees desperately fled — are now laced with Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Calvin Klein and Chanel banners. People talk about money and business, they're no longer concerned with the war.

So what do the Vietnamese think about the election?

“I support John McCain,” responded a Vietnamese elder who witnessed McCain's rescue, “because if he became the president, then we can replace that worn-out monument by a brand new one, inscribing: HERE WE SHOT DOWN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. That makes Vietnamese proud.”

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Some Students Say Drugs Are Easy to Acquire; Community Health Team Reviewing Youth Risk Behavior Survey to Determine Andover’s Direction

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considering using some of the really dangerous drugs.”

Another male Upper said that drugs are “definitely really easy” to acquire on campus. He said that he has bought marijuana and painkillers in downtown Andover and used them on campus in places such as the Cochran Bird Sanctuary.

He added that he does not engage in substance use at school as much as he does at home, because of the greater risk of being caught at school.

Stephanie Xu ’09, who was close friends during her freshman year with two of the students recently arrested, said that she believes the culture at Andover allows students to have a nonchalant attitude toward drug and alcohol use, and particularly toward marijuana.

“The fact that most students have the attitude that marijuana is such an insignificant thing makes room for something new and worse to emerge,” said Xu.

“It has become accepted that every year somebody is going to get caught or kicked out [for drug and alcohol use]. It’s almost become a guessing game. ‘Who is it going to be this year?’ This kind of thinking isn’t meant to be malicious, but it reflects students’ nonchalant attitudes,” said Xu.

Dr. Richard Keller, School Physician, categorized students into four groups of substance users: non-users, students who have engaged in drugs and alcohol only a few times, sporadic users for social reasons and chronic users.

Keller added that he believes the vast majority of PA students do not utilize drugs or alcohol, or have only done so in a very experimental way.

Keller said the more “hard-core” drugs are used much less

frequently. He said that he believes most of the hard drugs used on campus are hallucinogens that have some “novelty.”

In light of the recent charges of cocaine possession against the three students, Aloviseti said, “I don’t think [cocaine use] is a trend up. I think this is a blip.”

Aloviseti added that he believes cocaine is one of the least frequently used substances on campus.

“I think a number of years ago, cocaine in the general public was much more popular. We used to think it was the cool drug. It was viewed as safe, but then based on a number of deaths of athletes in the community, people became aware of how dangerous cocaine is,” he said.

Aloviseti also said that when he first started working at Andover 23 years ago, he had not heard about cocaine abuse or study drug abuse.

The abuse of Ritalin and Adderall has increased since then because more students are taking medication for Attention Deficit Disorder, according to Aloviseti.

Keller said that 10 or 15 years ago, alcohol was the primary substance of choice for students, but now it may have shifted to marijuana.

“I think it’s more about what kids think they can get away with. Certainly with more attention to alcohol on campus and it being more difficult to hide the use of alcohol, I think marijuana is more popular,” said Keller.

Phillips Academy’s Community Health Team is currently analyzing the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, administered last spring to the entire student body.

The Community Health Team is comprised of Aloviseti, Keller, Murphy, Becky Sykes, Associate Head of School, Linda Griffith, Dean of

CAMD, Reverend Anne Gardner, Head of the Chaplaincy and Patricia Davison, Head of Academic Support Services.

Aloviseti, chair of the Community Health Team, said that he could not release any of the statistics from the survey until the committee had further examined it.

According to Keller, an external research group centered at Dartmouth University is also evaluating the survey.

The purposes of the survey, according to Keller, are to compare Phillips Academy to national norms and to determine whether the school is focused on the right direction for its educational efforts.

Keller said that based on questionnaires and surveys, he thinks the usage overall of alcohol and drugs at Andover is most likely less than at schools nationwide.

Two weeks ago, Barbara Chase, Head of School, addressed the student body at All-School Meeting about the arrests of the Phillips Academy students.

During her speech, Chase recalled a personal story of a close friend who suffered from addiction. Chase asked students to seek help if necessary.

Cristina Mommsen ’09 said that she had a deep connection with Chase’s speech at ASM.

Mommsen said that she had a friend from home who was addicted to cocaine. Soon after Mommsen tried to help her friend enroll in rehab, the friend passed away.

“I hadn’t been expecting [Chase’s] heartfelt speech, and all of a sudden I was bawling in the third row at All-School. I was reliving the situation [with my friend back home] in my head. Ms. Chase’s compelling speech really hit a soft spot,” said Mommsen.



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Two students work out with free weights in the fitness center.

Fitness Center Accessibility Complaints Prompt Discussion and Potential Schedule Changes

By ASHLEIGH JONES

Christian Holck ’12, dressed in his athletic gear, arrived at the Fitness Center in the Borden Gym ready to exercise, only to discover that the facility was closed when it should have been open.

In response to growing concerns about the availability of the Fitness Center, Michael Kuta, Director of Athletics, recently reviewed Fitness Center accessibility and guidelines with members of Student Council, including School President Malin Adams ’09, Executive Secretary Lawrence Dai ’09 and Upper Representative Faiyad Ahmad ’10.

Discussions inspired the idea to conduct a student survey that would poll the most popularly-requested and convenient time slots for students who use the Fitness Center.

Based on the survey, which will be conducted via email or on PANet, the Athletic Department will be able to plan a Fitness Center schedule according to students’ highest demand time slot, according to Ahmad.

“Given the limited number of faculty supervisors, I see [this survey] as a nice opportunity to increase community exercise under the constrictions that we have,” said Kuta.

Ahmad also said that the Athletic Department may start double-staffing the Fitness Center in order to ensure that the Fitness Center opens on time.

A sign will also be placed in the gym instructing people to call the Athletic Office if a supervisor is not present during hours that the Center should be open.

Supervisors showing up for the time that they are assigned is crucial and will make the whole system better-organized, in Ahmad’s opinion.

Kuta said that this discourse has been “helpful in better assigning our faculty monitors.”

Although Bowen Qiu ’09 said he sometimes feels forced to structure his schedule around the Fitness Center’s hours, he said he was, for the most part, satisfied with the system already in place.

Students also feel that it is annoying to have your workout interrupted when the supervisor leaves, which happens frequently, according to Rebecca Konolige ’10.

According to Kuta, a supervisor’s presence in the Fitness Center is important at all times.

“[The Athletic Department has] a very specific protocol in regard to risk management that necessitates a trained and athletic department-approved supervisor,” Kuta said.

Some students wish that the Athletic Department would extend the Fitness Center’s hours during the week.

Kuta said that custodial coverage of the building also limits how early the Fitness Center opens and how late it closes.

When more resources are assigned to the Fitness Cen-

ter, these resources have to be taken away from other school departments, he said.

Kuta added that one of his goals as Director of Athletics has been to increase accessibility to the school’s facilities.

“We were immediately successful by providing a certified strength-and-conditioning specialist Monday through Friday, eight to noon,” Kuta said.

Not only did this move enable the Athletic Department to fulfill a major athletic goal by providing Flexible Fitness Options, but it also increased fitness center accessibility 20 hours per week, he said.

This move also allowed former morning supervisors to work in the afternoon and early evening, increasing Fitness Center hours.

Some students, like Qiu, noticed that the Fitness Center has recently been more accessible than it had been in previous years.

Many feel that better communication between students and the Athletic Department, through use of PANet, for example, would greatly help in cases when a supervisor is running late or cannot make his or her shift.

“We’re doing the best we can for the students,” said Kuta. “As long as hours are doable, bearing in mind that faculty have familial and school-related obligations, it’s definitely worth the effort [to increase the accessibility of the Fitness Center].”

According to Kuta, Sunday is an especially difficult day for the Fitness Center to be open because it is a hard day for supervisors to monitor the facility given their other responsibilities.

An extension of the Fitness Center’s hours, however, particularly on the weekends, is simply not feasible, said Kuta.

The schedule for the Fitness Center is currently posted outside, including a list of the supervisors responsible for monitoring the facility during certain time slots.

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Previous Year’s Wellness Week Program Revisited with Student Input and Preparation

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in three people were infected with HIV/AIDS. He said it was “amazing” to see the villagers’ perspectives of AIDS/HIV and how those compared to the views of many Americans.

Kanter said until recently, the South African government did not even recognize AIDS as being a result of HIV.

Hoyt said he has also been working with Andover Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee (ADAAC) to schedule workshops during the week.

In addition to discussing students’ opinions of past Wellness Week presentations with Hoyt, Cassius Clay ’09, ADAAC co-head, said the ADAAC board has also held a conference call with the presenter of “Tell Me Something I Don’t Know”, about alcohol abuse in fraternities and sororities on college campuses. Clay said ADDAC advised the presenter to engage the audience at Andover more than he did last year.

Students can fulfill one of the three workshop requirements for Wellness Week by attending the keynote address and one of the later workshops on Global Health Day. Hoyt said that every workshop has at least fifteen students enrolled.

“[Wellness Week has] an

intention to provide as much enriching content as we can,” Hoyt said. He added that the content of certain Wellness Week workshops are designed to be targeted at specific grades and age groups.

In deciding which programs to schedule, Hoyt said there are a range of issues the school feels must be covered, but beyond that he said, “We aim to not just cover problem health issues, but positive health issues, too.”

Hoyt said student feedback is an important part in determining which programs to bring back from year to year.

Hoyt said that PA’s own improvisational troupe, Under the Bed, will be performing in addition with a panel discussion to cover eating disorders rather than inviting back the one-woman show The Thin Line.

Students last year felt that The Thin Line was not “engaging,” Hoyt said.

Hoyt has been working with Under the Bed to highlight how eating disorders directly relate to Andover.

Alec Weiss ’11, a member of Under the Bed, said two Saturdays ago, Hoyt and a few other faculty members came to a rehearsal and helped them practice skits that deal with not just the problems of eating disorders, but how to help

process at Phillips Academy.

One of Sternberg’s suggestions involved supplementing the traditional admission process with the assessment of applicants’ practical, creative and ethical reasoning skills.

The new application would help admissions further understand “students’ strengths and weaknesses as well as the skills that students need to be successful in school and beyond,” wrote Fried.

Prep 9 Students Well-Prepared

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from segments of the population grossly under-represented in leadership positions in American society.”

The admission process for Prep 9 is highly selective. Only six percent of applicants were offered admission this year, according to the organization’s website.

Owens first heard about the Prep 9 program from her mother. She decided to apply because, “I want to broaden my horizons and open up more opportunities.”

Once admitted to the Prep 9 program, students undergo

a 14-month program taught by teachers from private schools. The students study math and history.

Owens said that those 14 months were strenuous, “but I learned a lot during that time.”

Additionally, Prep 9 students take courses to prepare for the SSAT, the required standardized test for applicants of independent schools.

“Prep 9 does such a good job preparing these applicants that there is no reason to alter the admission process for Prep 9 students,” said Powell.

someone who has them, too.

Weiss said members of Under the Bed have also spent time studying eating disorders.

Hoyt said he expected the Under the Bed performance to be “engaging, more relevant and provide a frame for the panel discussion.”

Kanter and Under the Bed are the only students presenting at Wellness Week this year, but Hoyt said, “I would love for students to play as much of a role as they are willing and able to do.”

Hoyt also said although he is open to more faculty participation, there has been an “evolution” towards external workshops to alleviate stress on faculty members.

Previously, Andover had a week for Freedom from Chemical Dependence seminars, and times later in the year to cover topics such as HIV/AIDS and date rape.

“The idea three years ago was to consolidate it into one space,” said Hoyt.

Relationship Between Hassan, Current Principal Tingley and Andover Administration Facilitates Smooth Transition

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Head of School, said that she has known Hassan for over 30 years and “maintained a professional connection” with him because of the similar nature of their jobs as Associate Head of School and Assistant Principal.

According to Sykes, she and Hassan get together for lunch at least once a year to “compare notes” and to “get ideas and perspectives from one another.”

She added, “I know [Hassan] better [than Tingley], so I am expecting that I will have more interaction with him, just because of that.”

Sykes said that she is looking forward to meeting with Hassan at Andover/Exeter weekend.

“There are always challenges in running a school and I think that Tom [Hassan] is more than capable of doing that job well and with integrity and innovation,” said Sykes.

Hassan said that he has previously worked closely with other people at Andover as well, including Jane Fried, Dean of Admission, Carl Be-

Hirshberg Pursued Climate Change Reform in College Before Starting Eco-Friendly Business

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donating waste yogurt to local farmers for animal food, and recycling.

According to Hirshberg, these efforts not only reduce the effects of global warming and prevent the increase of landfills, but also save thousands of dollars a year as a result.

Hirshberg emphasized the fact that Stonyfield uses organic foods for every ingredient in its products.

“Soil is more than just a substrate. It is a means of improving foods and nutrition,” said Hirshberg. “Organic foods improve soil quality by putting essential nutrients back into the earth. Non-organic foods contain toxins that will just dissolve.”

According to Hirshberg, Stonyfield helps family farms become more organic.

“If there’s DDT [a synthetic pesticide] in soil that could then be passed on to people, it will remain there for years. So taking a few years to convert

other farms is a small price to pay,” said Hirshberg. “Plus, organic just tastes better.”

According to Stonyfield’s website, the company donates ten percent of its profits to organizations it thinks will give back to the earth.

In 2007, Hirshberg’s company donated nearly two million dollars to these programs.

Stonyfield also sponsors the “Menu for Change” program, which improves the food at schools, and the “Have-A-Cow” program, which encourages people of all ages to learn and appreciate the value of healthy soil and a healthy planet.

Hirshberg said that he first became passionate about preserving the environment in his childhood.

He said that he used to marvel over the “pretty colors” spilling into the river by his home.

When he grew older, he realized the environmental hazard it presented, especially when the river caught on fire a few years later.

Hirshberg pursued climate change in college, promising himself that he would never get involved in business.

However, he began to question that decision after visiting an exhibit about conservation at Epcot Disneyworld, sponsored by Kraft Foods. Hirshberg said that he realized a well-known company could operate consciously and share its ideology.

Hirshberg delivers his messages by printing them on the lids of Stonyfield yogurt.

Hirshberg said that companies such as Wal-Mart and Google have recently contacted him to share his ideas.

Hirschberg also discussed his recently authored book, “Stirring It Up: How to Make Money and Save the World.”

Through his book, Hirshberg said he wants to educate others about the need to slow down consumption rate. He said that turning a business “green” can save money in the long run, all the while increasing sustainability.

with the search committee in September and October.

Students at Exeter were able to give input during the selection process.

According to Madeleine Henry ’10 of Exeter, students completed a questionnaire offering their thoughts on the qualifications necessary for Principal. They then sent their responses to the Principal Search Committee by email.

Hassan said students primarily expressed an interest for a “principal who is pretty accessible to the students.”

In October, the search committee narrowed down the candidates to two finalists – Hassan and Dean at Williams College Nancy Roseman.

Last Thursday, the search committee chose Hassan and recommended their selection to Exeter’s Board of Trustees, at which point Hassan was notified. The next day, the school publicly announced the committee’s and the Trustees’ decision at an all-school assembly.

Henry said that Hassan’s reception was “overwhelmingly positive” among students.

Hassan said that he is looking forward to assuming Tin-

gley’s position and does not expect that he will have to prepare extensively for the transition.

“Mr. Tingley and I have always worked very closely,” said Hassan. “There is really nothing that has come across his desk that I don’t know about, but I think we will be talking about transitioning things throughout the next several months.

He continued, “We’ve always had a very open relationship, so there won’t be many – if any – surprises when I take over.”

Hassan will also need to choose an Assistant Principal to replace him once he becomes Principal. He said that he will probably consult faculty and administrators as he makes the appointment.

“What is great is that I have those connections already, so I don’t have to establish them,” said Hassan. “I think that there is a wonderfully unique and historic connection between the two schools and so it excites me to continue forging that relationship.”

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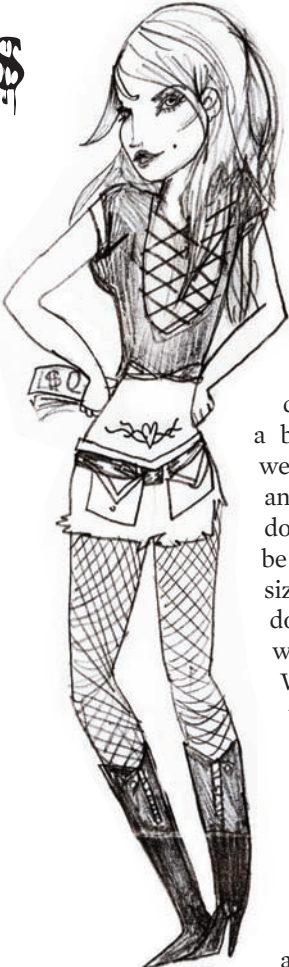
Halloween

Costume Ideas

An edgy costume can make or break any Halloween. Whether it be from a store, a catalog or the Salvation Army, costumes are the highlight of one's trick-or-treating experience. The following is a collection of killer costumes that are sure to make your daughter the talk of the town.

Cindy McCain After Just Getting Up

Although Cindy may look like a Vulcan warrior princess when she is in public, the years begin to show after she gets up in the morning. Scare the living daylight's out of your friends by making a make-up free, un-Botoxed Cindy McCain mask! Top off the Cindy look by wearing an orange dress that looks like something from the set of Star Trek, along with thousands of dollars of expensive and gaudy jewelry. Or, if you're tired of telling the gang that you're Cindy McCain and you feel like a change, keep the same hideous mask on and tell everyone that you're Sarah Jessica Parker! It works two ways! All right!



“Working Woman”

Ladies, you're not convincing any of us. We guys are 99 percent sure that you're not real witches when you're all wearing something that resembles two small pieces of black duct tape. You aren't a bee just because you're wearing a headband with antennae on it. Also, bees don't talk and they should be far smaller than human sized. Although we really do appreciate your effort, we're just not convinced. Why not just cut out the middleman, cut throughout all the frills, and be a prostitute for Halloween? You could talk in an unusually deep voice, wear fishnet tights and six-inch heels, be a chain smoker, and smear lipstick all over your face.

WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW... ... ABOUT HALLOWEEN

Halloween. It's a national holiday among the likes of Palm Sunday, Ramadan, and Rosh Hashanah. Children across the nation celebrate by donning costumes of their idols and heroes (John Stamos, Mr. Clean, Lou Dobbs, post-rehab, pre-divorce David Duchovny, etc.). They go from home to home in their neighborhoods collecting bags of candy and fresh, oddly-sliced apples, before returning home to survey their loot and devour their treats as quickly as they can.

Now, some may attribute the activities of the night of October 31st to the old pagan holiday of All Hallows Eve, the night before All Saints Day. However, upon further historical investigation in my 6th grade “History Alive!” textbook, I have found this assertion to be completely and utterly false. Pagans are like Lutherans, right? Right.

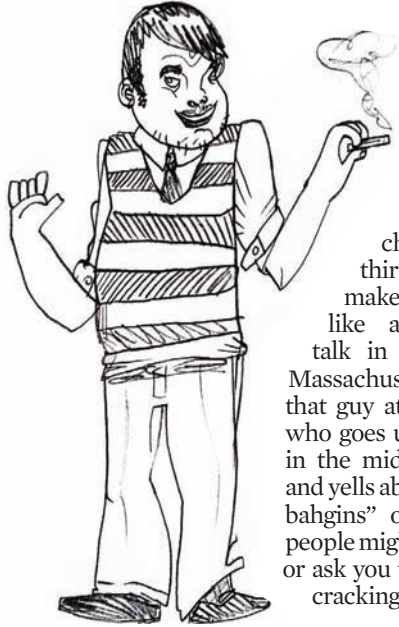
Some scholars of ghoulish tradition say that observance of Halloween began in Norway in the summer of the year 1274, when a young boy was found in his room trying on his mother's bonnets and shawls. Needless to say, the boy's father was mortified by his son's display of sissyness and bi-curious exploration. Granted, the event wasn't just a family matter, but one of serious legal ramifications (the Norwegian King Hans Palin had outlawed such behavior in 1268).

Out of fear for his son's future, the father, a cheese-maker of modest means, decided to take fair and wise measures to make sure that the boy would never again do such a thing. He decided that all members of the household would call the kid “Wiener” until he changed his habits. It was on October 31st, 1278, that the boy put on his mother's clothes for the final time, emotionally broken by hearing the words “Hello, Weiner” every time he entered a room. Due to the evolution of language, and of what I imagine a Norwegian accent sounds like, “Hallo, Weener” eventually morphed into our modern-day “Halloween.”

Perhaps this seems like an unlikely way for an American holiday to originate. The following are a series of rebuttals to your inevitable, Andover-educated objections:

1. Skittles weren't invented until the late 1400s. Neither were Reese's cups.
2. The Norwegian family in question was highly influential in the community. And when I said that the father was a cheese-maker, I meant to say that he wrote self-help books.
3. Of course Sarah Palin is of Norwegian decent. Have you seen her pant suits? Cheap like an IKEA sofa.

If you still don't believe my tale, read a goddamn book. —Sam Weiss

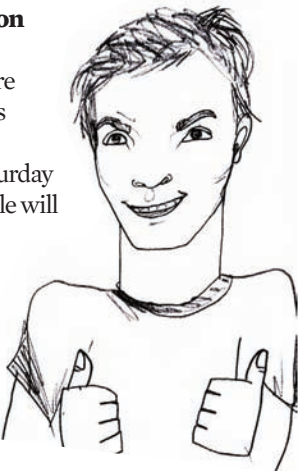


Local Used Car Dealership Owner

As a local used car dealership owner, you would have to dress in a cheap suit, be at least thirty pounds overweight, make your hair look like a dead rodent, and talk in an obnoxiously loud Massachusetts accent. You'd be that guy at the Halloween party who goes up to groups of people in the middle of a conversation and yells about your “sweet, sweet bahgins” on used sedans. Sure, people might give you weird stares or ask you to go away, but they're cracking up on the inside!

Jimmy Fallon

Be a mediocre actor who laughs at inopportune moments on Saturday Night Live. People will want to punch you in the face, guaranteed! At least you'll always have *Fever Pitch*. That was quite a quality film, right? I'm pretty sure it won a Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award or two.



—B.J. Garry

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Prank-o-palooza!

By Ben Prawdzik

Everyone loves Halloween. A combination of candy, Jack-O-Lanterns, \$29.99 princess and costumes and misdeemeanor warnings from disgruntled police officers, Halloween is the ultimate 7-year-old's fantasy. What's the point of dressing up in overpriced costumes and walking from house to house ringing the doorbell? It's so you can play practical jokes on people you secretly don't like without them knowing!

You may be thinking, “I don't like practical jokes,” “I really do like my neighbors,” or “I don't have any friends to go play practical jokes with.” In all of these cases, you are either a total loser or a liar and you should stop reading this article right now. For the normal population though, this guide outlines the best pranks I have seen in my day.

WARNING: These jokes are very practical; not for the faint of heart, those who are pregnant, nursing, or those wishing to become pregnant. Talk to your doctor to see if this guide is right for you

Late Night Lateness (*Beginner*): As everyone knows, the town of Andover only allows trick-or-treating between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. This super cool prank requires one to be a total rebel and break the rules by trick-or-treating AF-

TER 7:00! Pick someone you really can't stand and ring their doorbell at 7:30! Trust me, they won't know what hit 'em.

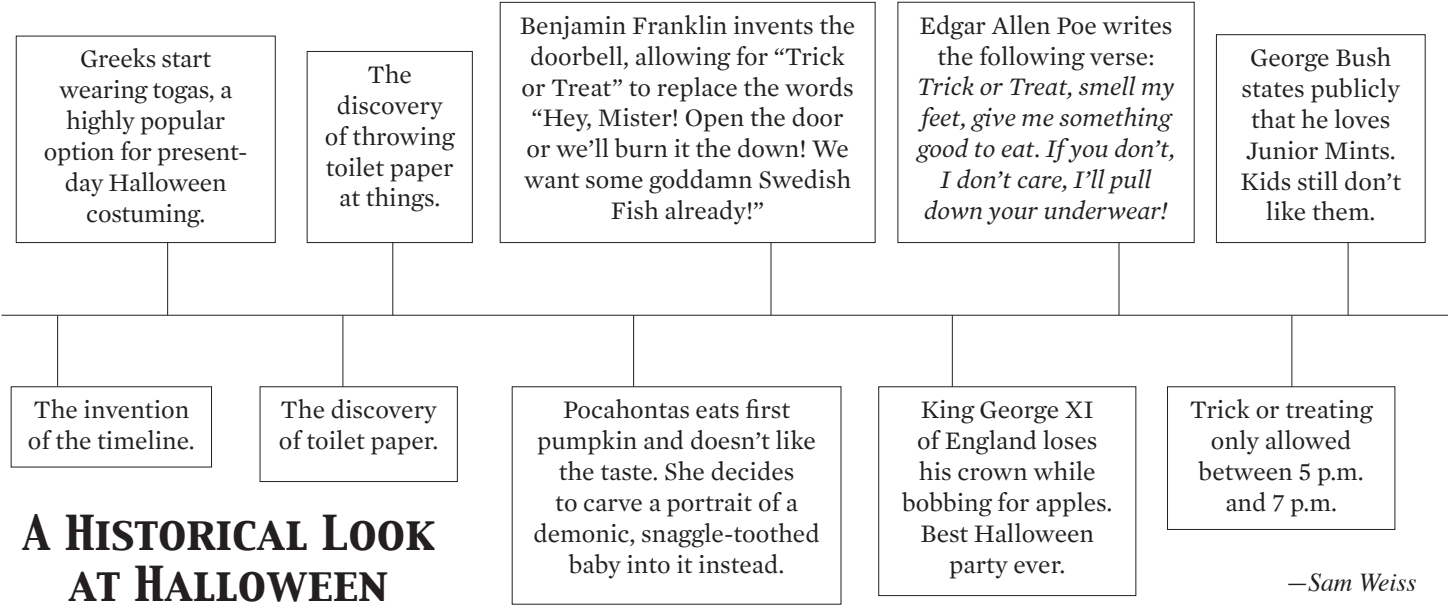
Bad Candy Badness (*Beginner*): You know those people who give kids useless crap on Halloween instead of candy, like fruit or toothpaste? This prank is for them. Find one of those A-holes and get a large group of kids to ring the doorbell at once. When the jerk comes out with his/her basket of fruit, endlessly pelt the victim with eggs and marbles. Don't worry if they stop moving.

Wrong Day Wrongness (*Intermediate*): This one's a real winner. Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume... BUT NOT ON HALLOWEEN! Go trick-or-treating some other day of the year, like July 17th. People will have no idea what is going on... seriously. Try to stay on streets where there are lots of old people. Their reactions are the funniest.

The Angry Parent (*Relatively Intermediate but also Slightly Advanced Depending on your Acting Ability*): This one is a little tricky to pull off, but if done properly, it is sure to get some good laughs. You need two people - preferably one short and dressed in a child's costume, with the other tall and dressed as

a middle-aged, unemployed male. Have the short kid ring the doorbell to someone's house and timidly ask for candy. This person must then break down and cry to the home owner while confiding that his father is sending him to boarding school. The tall kid, pretending to be the father, should have a wad of money in his hand, laughing and talking to himself. This prank is a real riot. Watch and enjoy the home owner's reaction!

An Explosion of Laughter (*Advanced*): Everyone knows that laughter is the best medicine, so make sure you pull this prank on someone who is very sick, preferably someone with an incurable, life-threatening illness. Have two of your friends ring the doorbell to the house and distract the home owner. Act like you can't choose which piece of candy to take, or pretend you are having a seizure. While the home owner is being distracted, you will sneak into the house using the back entrance and sever the gas lines running through the kitchen. Close all windows and doors on your way out of the house. Approximately 20 minutes later, trick-or-treat at the same house, and throw a burning Jack-O-Lantern inside when the door is opened. Enjoy the explosion of laughter that follows!



—Sam Weiss

Top Ten

Scary Movies

10. Freddy vs. Jason VI: Freddy Applies for a Loan

9. Night of the Living Spread: Revenge of the Mayonnaise

8. I Know What You Did Last Summer: It's on YouTube

7. M. Night Shyamalan's Terrible Movie with a Twist

6. The Blair Twitch Project: A Tourette's Documentary

5. The Second Sense: Smell

4. The Sexorcist: A Catholic Church Production

3. The Silence of Mia Hamm: Where Has She Been Lately?

2. The Hills Have Thighs: And There's Cellulite Everywhere!

1. High School Musical 3: Senior Year

Features Presents...

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2008

“Are you more racist or sexist? Find out next Tuesday!”

BARACK OBAMA



Age: 47

Political Party: No, politically serious

Spouse: Michelle Obama (Not angry version)

Hobbies: Being biracial, enunciating words, drawing horses

Favorite Color: White... is that a problem?

Favorite Furniture Outlet: Bernie & Phyl's

Biography

Saddam... I mean Barack Hussein Obama was born on April 4th, 1994 to Nyang'oma Kogelo of Kenya and Ann Dunham, meaning yes, he is biracial. Born in Indonesia, Barack attended schools in Jakarta and later the United States. It was at this time that Barack made one of the closest, most influential friendships of his life: his relationship with Bill Ayers.

According to testimonies from teachers and adults close to Barack, the two were inseparable. Together, Barack and Ayers discussed their feelings, held afternoon tea parties and were even rumored to have been in a sordid love affair. After four years of formal elementary schooling, Obama's third grade teacher told Obama words he would never forget: "If you believe in yourself, you can do anything—even become presi-

dent of the United States." Having no other suggestions, Obama decided to be a good student and do exactly what his teacher told him.

Interests

Obama enjoys hope, change, grassroots organization from the bottom up, as well as the occasional pickup game of basketball.

Campaign

Obama has been running a tough campaign against McCain for the past few months, and the fight has become even fiercer as November 4th draws nearer. Questions of experience, discrepancies amongst policies, and startlingly close comparisons between Obama and Ms. Paris Hilton are among obstacles Obama has faced from the McCain campaign. Said Obama in a recent press event, "I always thought

we bore a resemblance. That's hot."

Obama agreed to accept public financing after initially refusing to do so, but hasn't seemed to face any blow back for going against his word. It must be because of all the negative ads he can afford to run with the billions of extra donation dollars.

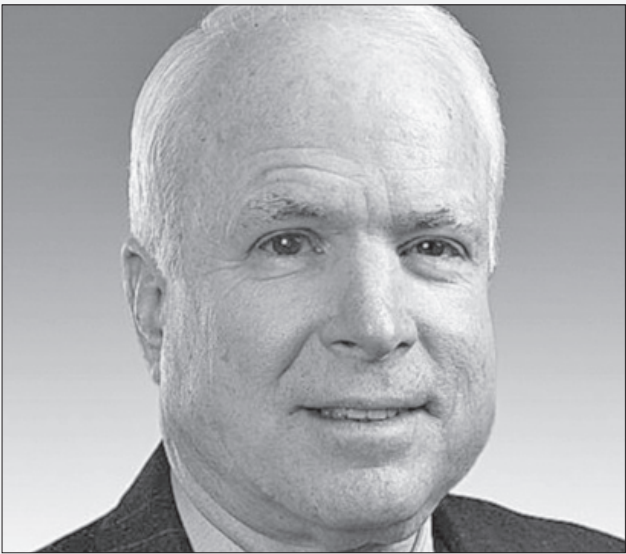
Policies

In addition to his new tax policy, energy policy and healthcare plan, Obama has some radical new ideas he's sure will help fix our country, including plans to replace all cars with Indian Elephants by 2015.

"I'm confident that I'm the clear leader our country needs," said Obama recently. "Think about it. Our country is like a Mercedes. Would you trust an old person to drive it? You choose."

—Ben Prawdzik

JOHN MCCAIN



Age: 72

Political Party: Whig... No wait, what is that called in this century? Republican?

Spouse: Cindy McCain (First action as first lady: free beer for everyone!)

Hobbies: Being a maverick, cutting pork barrel spending, mavericking, playing with neckfat, doing maverick things

VP Pick: Perfect 10

Biography

Born at the age of 67, John McCain has always been old and grumpy. Upon exiting the womb, his mother could not have been more surprised: "He was just so... old! And he was yelling at me with such a loud voice, it was like he was half deaf! He was even born with dentures and yellow toenails. Everything about him was simply astounding." His first word being "America," McCain's parents knew that he was destined to fight for our nation, so they enrolled him in the army on just his second day on Planet Earth. After suffering a traumatic head wound during his service, McCain began to bleed red, white and blue, when a perfect combination of our nation's colors poured from atop his head.

Interests

Sen. McCain lives life to

the fullest, which is evidenced in numerous facets of his life. McCain enjoys getting up early to go to the diner, storing all of his meds in a large tin which was formerly used for a British brand of cookies and telling those gosh darn rascals to get the heck off of his lawn. McCain holds the record for consecutive shuffleboard victories at the Albuquerque V.F.W., where he also serves on the board as President and organizer of weekend activities. McCain also enjoys viewing women and non-Caucasian people as slightly inferior to those of his own sex and race, living the early years of his life during the end of America's racist and sexist era.

Campaign

McCain's campaign has proven very strenuous as of late. Senator Obama is running a tough campaign opposite him, but McCain claims that

he simply brushes all negative attacks off his shoulders.

"His commercials? They don't faze me," McCain said, "I pay more attention to the Geritol ads, and with good reason, I suppose. And I'm not suggesting that Geritol would make a more qualified president than Senator Obama, but it would actually do something good for the elderly in our country, which is something Senator Obama does not plan to do if elected."

Policies

While McCain holds strong opinions on many subjects, his faltering memory has hurt him quite badly. Senator McCain now writes down most of his ideas on napkins and post-it notes, leaving them scattered around the house so that he does not forget what he actually thinks.

—Billy Fowkes

JENSON DAVIS



Age: 57

Political Party: Socialism bordering on Communism bordering on liberalism

Spouse: Married to his religion

Hobbies: Breeding horses, watching Robin Hood

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Tool: Definitely either a hammer or a sickle

Biographical Information

Jenson Davis was born Jenson LeRoy Davis in a small, rural neighborhood in Dunn, South Carolina. Although a steadfast advocate of socialism today, one of the oddest facets of his childhood was that, until the age of twenty-eight, Jenson Davis was staunchly conservative.

However, with the death of his father in 1984, Jenson was forced for the first time to venture out from beyond the veil of small town South Carolinian life. It was at this time that Jenson saw America for what it truly was: a deeply tyrannical society filled with exploitation and misery of the proletariat. Jenson saw a man digging through a trash can just to survive. Feeling a sense of filial compassion, Jenson took the man back to his hotel, fed him, clothed him, raised him and played ball with him.

Although the man proceeded to break two of Jenson's ribs and steal his money and several organs, Jenson did not give up hope on his fellow American.

Interests

From Jenson's first win at the board game Risk versus his cat as a child, he always knew that he would make a great world leader. This is where his interest in becoming president originates. He also enjoys dog shows. Animals amaze him as much as people.

Jenson finds pleasure in managing large budgets and working with fellow world leaders. Favorites include Nikon Tulsa, Leon Rightheart and Kenny Gould.

Jenson also has a very sophisticated love for the arts. He has a distinct appreciation for aesthetic beauty, including photos of flowers, intricate landscapes, beautiful houses and foggy mornings. Although Jenson has been recorded in the past as calling Robert Frost's poetry jejune and "as transparent as the lakes in the poems themselves," Frost is listed on Jenson's campaign website as his favorite poet, while Henri Magritte is listed as his favorite painter.

Campaign

This quote from the Jenson Davis's website sums up his campaign well. "Ya'll ever heard of Norway? Some of the highest taxes in the world. Sixty-one percent! But you know what? The Norwegian government provides for those people. And you want to know another funny little fact? Last year, the Norwegians were voted the happiest people in the world. That's right! The world! So I hear people tossing around names of countries like Norway...ladiesandgentlemen, I'm talking Yourway!"

Political Background

Jenson Davis worked for the Obama campaign until VP Joe Biden told the world that Obama was not, in fact, a Marxist. It was shocking news to Jenson. If the Democratic Party was not going to stand up for him, he was going to stand up for himself. Thus, he left the Obama campaign and formed his own.

—Kenny Gould

Biden vs. Palin

A Pre-Election Encounter

Fade in... Governor Palin and Senator Biden talk in the halls of Congress... the year is 2005

Palin: ...and I've had 20/5 since that fateful day. Yessir, I can see across distances farther than most men can shake a stick at. It was all a part of God's plan, though.

Biden: That's so interesting.

Palin: Oh, well lemme tell you, I'm just a regular ole interesting gal.

A brief moment of uncomfortable silence follows, until Biden receives a call on his cell phone and excuses himself momentarily...

Biden: Yeah, Kennedy? I'm losing her man. I've tried everything you told me to... yeah. Mhm. Right, that's genius. You are, as always, the king Ted. ...Oh by the way, what is all this God nonsense? I've got a mission here and I don't want God getting in the way... wow, really? She...at 18? Fine, see you later Ted... don't drive home, alright? Hey, Kennedy? Do it. Just do it, alright? Do it. [Laughs.] No, I get to be Ben Stiller.

Palin: Who ya talkin' to over there Joe?

Biden: Ultra important business calls. It's what Senators do.

Palin: Are you flexing?

Biden: Me? No, I hate to break it to you baby, but this is what a real man looks like. But let's talk more about you. Hey, tell me a little bit about being a hockey mom.

Palin: Well, me and the gals have this joke: it goes, what's the difference between a hockey mom and a pit-bull?

Biden: Can't say for sure.

Palin: Makeup! You know it works on two levels as well, because I could be talking about the genetic makeup of a human that happens to drive her kids to hockey versus that of a notoriously aggressive breed of dog!

Biden gives a forced laugh...

Palin: You bet your sorry hair plugs I've got a million of those little suckers. Wanna know the difference between hockey moms and Al Ca-

pone? The only "Prohibition" we're fighting is the prohibition of good clean fun in America! No, but seriously, we hockey moms are tenacious motherfudgers, you know Senator? And let me tell you Joe, if there's one thing America is attracted to for no legitimate reason, it's the tenacity of screaming "You get 'em, son!" during a hockey game loud enough to make others uncomfortable. They eat that stuff up. That's the kind of stuff presidents are made of. Really, I can't stress this enough. In my book, being a hockey mom has, in some way, prepared me to lead the country, should the day ever come when I have to. And millions of people agree with me. I'm serious.

Biden: I couldn't agree more with whatever you're talking about. Is it true you almost won Miss Alaska?

Biden's phone rings and he excuses once again.

Biden: Senator Stevens! What's up man, I'm talking up that gal you got running Alaska right now. You don't have to waste your breath telling me about how it won't quit, I'm looking at it right now. Listen, you've been playing the game over sixty years, how do I close the deal here? Yeah... gotcha... you think that'll work? Alright, Stevens, I hope you're right. Hey, you and me are going fishing on your new yacht next week, right? If you'd prefer we can hop on your new private jet and head over to Amsterdam. I bet you would, you motorboatin' son of a gun! Laughs. No, I get to be Vince Vaughn: we've gone over this... bye Stevens.

Palin: Hey Joe, I'm startin' to think you're going to leave me high and dry here... what are all these phone calls about?

Biden: Forget it, Sarah. Listen, what do you think about the two of us getting out of here?

Palin winks provocatively at Biden. Fade out.

Biden: Wait, what was that? Did you just have a mini-seizure? Don't do that again, it's really pretty startling.

—Alex Moss

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Academy Symphony: Music That Tells A Story

Steve Kim

While Saturday’s games against Deerfield Academy had the athletes’ parents on their toes, Friday was a riveting night for the parents of Phillips Academy’s musicians. Dozens of parents from all over the world marched inside Cochran Chapel’s double-doors, eager to taste a sampling of Phillips Academy’s talent. The audience quickly packed the chapel halls, anticipating one night of awe-inspiring performances.

After having come a long way, the parents’ insatiable desire to hear the school’s best pieces was not fulfilled when the Academy Concert Band began the night with a commonplace opening performance. The band played a piece by William Bryd: “The Earl of Oxford’s March.”

Despite the piece’s simplicity, the sounds of each wind instrument, which should have sounded cohesive, all blended into a chaotic jumble. The clarinets were frequently out of tune, and their contradicting waves clashed and screeched like a metal fork running across a chalkboard. Perhaps the opening notes’ relative discombobulation was due to pressure from the audience, however. The band later regained order and successfully pulled off the piece.

Following the Concert Band, the Corelli Orchestra, Amadeus Ensemble, Academy Band and Chamber Orchestra skillfully performed their pieces, displaying their hard work and musicianship.

“I really thought all of the [pieces] were chosen well...They flowed really well together,” said Carina Elgin ’76, after enjoying the array of Phillips Academy’s musical talent.

The concert progressed quickly, with each piece followed by a more difficult one, leaving the audience in anticipation for the next songs. The audience gradually got into the groove and listened with attentive ears, amazed by Phillips Academy’s ability to showcase such musical ability.

The performance by the Academy Symphony Orchestra closed the night with grand and showy play-



Alec Weiss ’11 and Rob Buka ’09 on saxophone and Jina Lee ’12 concentrated on their music last Friday.



T. Ferguson/The Phillippian

ing. This group of musicians, conducted by James Orent, performed the first and last movements of Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Op. 46, Grieg’s renowned masterpiece.

“Morning Mood,” the first movement, familiar to most listeners’ ears, depicted the beautiful and graceful rising of the sun. The principal flautist Andrew Ang ’09 and principal oboist began the piece exchanging solos above the subtle accompaniment of the string instruments.

Although the solos were pleasing and relaxing to hear, for the soloists, trying to play Grieg’s Sunrise was a nightmare. Playing it accurately, evenly and emotionally, especially in front of a giant audience who knew the piece by heart, was terrifying, but all of the soloists managed to keep up with the orchestra.

The principal clarinetist, Jack You ’10, later said, “We were worried because [“Morning Mood” and “In the Hall of the Mountain King”] are such famous pieces...But we

worked really hard, and they came out great.”

The orchestra then played the fourth movement, “In the Hall of the Mountain King.” They were again able to show a small motion clip using only sound: the wicked mountain king stomping through his enormous halls. The piece began with two bassoons playing very low notes to resemble the stomping of the troll, and the piece finalized with the orchestra blasting the music through every corner of the chapel; the troll ended in a rampage.

After the two movements, the orchestra performed a rapid, energizing polka by Johann Strauss Jr. The blasting of the tympani and horns soon had the audience clap-

ping to the beat.

Elaine Kuoch ’11 said, “Mr. Orent involved the audience and made it fun for them. They found it really exciting and it was hilarious when he gave a ‘six’ when they clapped the beat correctly.”

Kaki Elgin ’09 said, “I got lots of comments on how [the] symphony blew away the audience. But, I think the symphony will even be better in three weeks... we will add on Beethoven Egmont Overture and Strauss 1st Horn Concerto.” Attention Phillips Academy—be sure to stay tuned for the symphony’s next great show.

Steve Kim is the principal oboist for the Academy Symphony Orchestra.

If You Like: Jack Johnson, James Morrison, Jason Mraz, soul and folk Listen to This: “Holly”

Katharine Taylor-Mighty

There are only a few artists today that can successfully straddle multiple genres of music, and Justin Nozuka is one of them.

In his debut album “Holly,” released in mid-April, Nozuka seamlessly blends elements of folk, blues, soul and pop into his music. Nozuka strums and plucks his acoustic guitar as proficiently as the renowned Jack Johnson and sings with all the raw soul of James Morrison. The album is capped off with lyrics and melodies so well-crafted, it is almost impossible to believe that their composer Nozuka wrote them all in high school.

This skilled musician began writing his own songs at the young age of twelve and wrote the oldest song on the album, “Supposed to Grow Old,” at fifteen. Critically acclaimed, Justin Nozuka received praise from everybody from the BBC to Chartattack.com and performed his hit single “After Tonight” on Good Morning America in late September.

The half-Japanese half-American Nozuka, originally from New York City, moved to Toronto, Canada with his mother and six siblings shortly after his parents’ divorce. His mother raised all her children alone from then on, providing them with support and encouraging them to follow their dreams. This type of encouragement is probably reason for the artistic paths of all five sons in the family.

Most likely to accredit her for all the love and care during childhood, “Holly” is not only an album title, but

also the name of Nozuka’s mother, and much of the album is greatly influenced by her. “Oh Momma,” a sweet, tender ode to Holly, is one of my favorite songs on the album. The song’s purity and simplicity prevent it from becoming too precocious. “Oh Momma” employs a gently plucked and strummed acoustic guitar and a smooth, flowing cello, which perfectly accompanies Nozuka’s warm, emotional crooning and adoring lyrics.

The entirety of “Holly” continues these themes of love and care, with almost every song in the album emphasizing empathy and compassion. “Holly” alternates between sensitive love songs like the languid “Golden Train,” rich in strong acoustic chords, and grim, thoughtful pieces like “Save Him,” a haunting tale of domestic abuse.

The first half of the album is largely wistful love songs like the bluesy “Be Back Soon” and “Mr. Therapy Man.” As the album progresses, however, the tracks grow increasingly dark and more melancholy. “Criminal,” an example of the latter style, is a song about the guilt and regret felt when one causes children any kind of pain.

My personal favorite track on the album, “I’m In Peace,” is a bouncy, sunny love song that reminds the listener of warm summers. The song’s peppy drum line and thrumming guitar encourage you to bop and sing along, and its group background vocals conjure images of campfires and summertime bliss.

Simple chords and straightforward arrangements free Nozuka to bend and stretch the melody of each song, as his youthful, energetic voice performs astonishing vocal acrobatics.

Nozuka’s unique hybrid style will surely please soul, acoustic and folk fans alike. Jason Mraz fans will find traces of their favorite artist in Nozuka’s music. His youthful sound and at times sentimental lyrics may drive off older listeners, but anyone who really appreciates astonishing vocal talent will love Justin Nozuka.

Grade: 5



If You Like: The Communist Manifesto, 1984, Brave New World, Ayn Rand, futuristic dystopias Read This: “We”

David Hill

Most books are reviewed soon after their publications. This review, however, is about eighty-four years late.

The reason I am reviewing “We,” a severe commentary indirectly about the Communist regime of the early twentieth century, is because it seems the book has yet to receive its credit for its influence on literature and public sentiment. The book’s setting transports the reader into a world of futuristic landscapes and miserable, absolute government control—a style and idea not previously touched on by literature at the time.

Those who have read such literary favorites as Orwell’s “1984,” Huxley’s “Brave New World” or Rand’s “Anthem” have also been, albeit indirectly, exposed to “We.”

The Soviet Censorship Bureau quickly banned “We,” first published in 1921, until 1988. Zamyatin, the book’s author, worked hard to ensure that the book was published in other countries and in other languages. Doing this only exacerbated his political situation, and eventually all of Zamyatin’s works were rejected and he was forbidden to write.

“We” is the fictional journal of D-503, a citizen of the One State and worker on the spaceship Integral. In a journal chronicling his emotions and experiences, D-503 describes in detail the city in which he lives.

In the One State, people do not have names, only numbers, and they live in glass apartment complexes so as not to create walls of privacy. Every moment of the citizens’ lives is in strict accordance with The Table, a schedule that controls the lives of all the people. Each number, or citizen, wakes, eats, works and goes to sleep at the same time as the others.

D-503 is an exemplary number of the One State, always patriotic. He never ceases to follow the laws of the Benefactor, the ruler who is “re-elected” each year on Unanimity Day. D-503 lives his life with mathematical precision and never uses his imagination.

This frankly miserable existence continues until he meets I-330, a female number who D-503 is immediately infatuated with. D-503 becomes torn between his love for I-330 and his love for the One State, which she intends to sabotage.

Unfortunately, this poor man has become so deeply rooted in mathematics that the only way he is able to describe his inner struggle is to compare it to the square root of negative one—the answer to which is an imaginary number.

By the end of the novel, D-503 has driven himself insane and as a result is finally taken in for the Great Operation to eliminate the imagination part of the brain. Just as D-503 deteriorates, so does the One State.

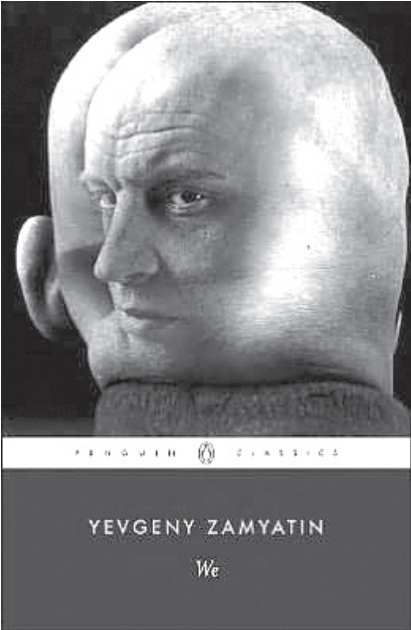
“We” explores the ideas of dystopia, the harmful nature of mathematical thinking, the collectivized man and many others that challenged the Communist regime under which Zamyatin lived.

All of these elements together form a wonderful tapestry of ideas, philosophy and paradoxes, all bound together by some of the most beautiful prose ever written. I simply cannot comprehend why such a profound and wonderful book has gone unnoticed by our generation.

“We” is not common on many Top 100 lists, and there has not been any movie adaptation. In fact, simply in order to read it, I had to search through multiple libraries and five stores before snagging the last copy at the Harvard Bookstore.

Believe me, though; the search was well worth the trouble. I would urge anyone who is at all interested in political theory, literature or dystopia to give this seemingly unnoticed book a little concentrated attention.

Grade: 5+



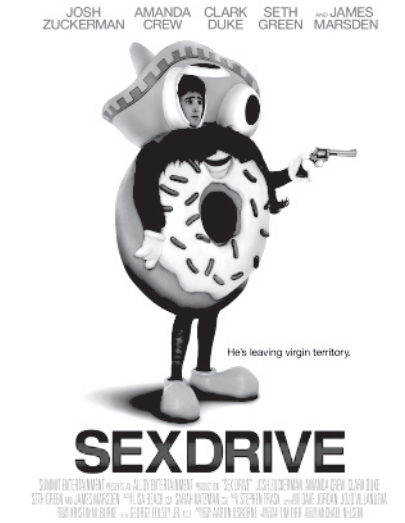
MOVIE REVIEW

SEX DRIVE



Scott Dzialo

In the past few years, comedy has taken a turn for the... gross. Most funny films are going for the raunchy gags instead of scripted jokes. Your parents might not appreciate this shift, but the members of “Generation Y” are going out in droves to see the latest teen comedies that push the envelope of what is acceptable on the silver screen. The most recent entry into this particular genre is the suggestively-named “Sex Drive.”



Directed by the fairly inexperienced Sean Andres, “Sex Drive” immediately launches into its crude material, with protagonist Ian (Josh Zuckerman), who wants nothing more than to get laid. As the self-proclaimed “only teen virgin in town,” Ian finds it hard to work up the courage to talk to girls. Supported by his two experienced friends, the suave sex-crazed Lance (Clark Duke of “Greek”) and Ian’s childhood buddy, Felicia (Amanda Crew), he feels the need to hook up with someone as soon as possible. So when Ian’s online love interest promises to go “all the way” if he drives from Chicago to Knoxville, the three friends steal Ian’s brother’s car and begin to make their way across the country.

“Sex Drive’s” plot might sound like a recycled story from the “American Pie” franchise, and it’s true that “Sex Drive” borrows heavily from movies preceding it. However, what “Sex Drive” lacks in originality, it makes up for in some genuinely hilarious scenes. The movie manages to have amazing current references, frequently poking fun at our generation’s reliance on blogs, instant messaging and Google maps. It’s often extremely funny and almost always bawdy. “Sex Drive” doesn’t attempt to tone down its vulgarity in the slightest, meaning this might not be the best choice for a movie night out with the family. However, teens will definitely get a kick out of the awkward, lewd humor. Plus, Seth Green’s appearance as a sarcastic Amish farmer is a must-see.

In many ways, “Sex Drive” feels like a cleaner, more polished “American Pie.” The movie has pretty graphics and some stylish cinematography to give it a professional look. It doesn’t have the same kitschy feel as the “National Lampoon” movies—that is, until the very end.

In the last 15 to 20 minutes, “Sex Drive” veers off of its trendy path and becomes horribly trite and predictable. For a teen comedy to truly be good, it needs to avoid the clichés that straight-to-DVD teen movies have trademarked over time. “Sex Drive” is fairly successful at that, but any semblance of innovation goes out the window in the last few scenes. The writing becomes insufferable, the generally good acting becomes wooden and the story fizzles into the same old conventional happy ending.

Otherwise, “Sex Drive” is really fun to watch. It certainly isn’t a serious Oscar contender, but it was never trying to be. It was made to be a brief, entertaining flick and it succeeds at that on many levels. But it does occasionally cross the line between funny and offensive. It’s definitely not the most politically correct movie out there, and some of the distasteful frat-boy comments really do hinder the overall experience.

For a crazy, raunchy teen flick, “Sex Drive” does its job. It might leave you with a bad taste in your mouth by the time the credits roll, but the cross-country journey is for the most part hilarious. It might not be in theaters for long, but “Sex Drive” just might be the film you need to entertain you through this October movie slump.

Grade: 4

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball
Remains
Unbeaten

All-Stars Lead Team
to Decisive Victories

By Veronica Faller PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER	
Andover	3
Deerfield	0
Andover	3
St. Paul's	1

Cristina Mommsen '09, Captain Isabelle Engelsted '09, Melissa Yan '10, and Meghan McCafferty '10 led the way as Andover preserved its perfect season. The team bested both Deerfield Academy on Saturday and St. Paul's School on Wednesday, improving its season record to 11-0.

On Saturday, amidst a crowd of cheering fans, Andover played an impressive Parents' Weekend game. All players received playing time. Andover easily secured the win in three sets, taking each 25-15, 25-17, and 26-24, respectively.

Mommsen led the team with 10 kills, closely followed by Engelsted with nine.

Yan garnered 27assists as setter. Stephanie Xu '09 had 10 service points and three aces, and Kemi Amurawaiye '12 had five blocks.

Jamie Shenk '12 led Andover's defense with 21 digs.

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Co-Captain Emily Little '09 blows by a defender with some fancy footwork. Deerfield could not control Little's explosive offense in Saturday's game.

GIRLS SOCCER

Offense Triumphs in Decisive
Fashion Against Deerfield

By Megan Farquhar PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER	
Andover	5
Deerfield	0
BB&N	2
Andover	0

In front of sidelines packed with parents and fans, Co-Captain Emily Little '09 led a decisive shutout scoring four of the team's five goals.

Andover, this past week, faced off against Deerfield and BB&N, two traditionally strong squads.

Prevailing over Deerfield by



Eddie Houghton '09 bursts through a hole created by Andover's offensive line in the team's 14-7 win on Saturday.

Andover Wins in Last-Minute Drive;
Hussey '09 Rushes and Passes for Both TD's

By Chris Cameron PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER	
Andover	14
Deerfield	7

With under four minutes remaining in the game, Andover quarterback Dan Hussey '09 tossed a short pass to Sam Auffant '09, who dodged and dashed his way into the end-zone to break a 7-7 tie and give Andover an exciting victory over Deerfield.

The football team was back at home for Parents' Weekend,

and in front of a packed home crowd the defense dominated the pace of the game for both teams. After a quick three and out on Andover's first drive, Deerfield threatened to score early in the first quarter.

To thwart the threat, Anthony Morlani '09 intercepted a pass at the Andover 25 yard line. After three consecutive first down runs by Eddie Houghton '09, Deerfield finally forced a fourth down.

Andover decided to risk it on fourth down, however, and it turned out well, as Morlani made a diving catch to sustain

the drive.

"With the work Anthony puts in every day it came as no surprise to me that he would come down with that ball," said Hussey.

Hussey then took the game into his own hands to give Andover the lead. With Deerfield defenders closing in on him, he scrambled around the left side for a 9 yard touchdown. Kevin Paul '10 added the extra point to give Andover the 7-0 lead in the 2nd quarter.

The next two quarters were all Andover, as the defense forced the Deerfield quarterback into making premature decisions and poor throws time and time again. Joey Atiba '09 intercepted an overthrown ball on Deerfield's next possession, Morlani picked off a deep throw for his second interception of the day, and Sam Clark '09 re-

covered a fumble in Andover territory.

The most influential Deerfield turnover came when Deerfield was threatening to score on Andover's goal line in the 2nd quarter. The Andover defensive line pressured the quarterback, and Auffant caught a key interception.

Andover's defense finally broke down, however, as many long runs brought Deerfield to the Andover goal line again. This time, Deerfield made sure to come away with some points. The opposition scored on fourth and inches to tie the game at seven with about eight minutes left in the game.

Starting at their own 22 yard line, the Andover offense then orchestrated a long drive to the Deerfield 14-yard line. The drive was led by tough

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FIELD HOCKEY

Andover Field Hockey Outscores
Opponents by 7 Goals in 2 Games

By Riley Gardner PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER	
Andover	3
Deerfield	0
Andover	5
BB&N	1

Led by a dynamic offense, Andover Field Hockey cruised to a two-win week, extending the team's win streak to an impressive six games.

Deerfield and Andover have an extremely competitive past; last year Andover came out on top 1-0 in the semifinals. This game was expected to be one of the most challenging of the season. Andover jumped out to an early lead, however, ending the first half up 3-0.

The ball was kept almost entirely in Andover's offensive end throughout the first half. The few times that the ball crossed over the fifty, Andover's defense quickly stopped Deerfield's attack. Co-Captain Avery Stone '10 led the defense as sweeper, clearing every ball that came her way.

On the home field Andover both started and ended the

game strong; a weak point for the team in the past few games has been starting the game off slowly.

After the ball got stuck in Deerfield's goalie's pads, Andover was given its first penalty stroke of the season. Kyleigh Keating '10 stepped up to the line and fired a shot at the upper left corner of the goal, to give Andover its third goal.

Andover's other goals were

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Andover
Wins at
Home

Ganner '10, Discenza
'09 Finish 1-2

By Ben Ho PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER	
Andover	20
Deerfield	38

Pulling away from Deerfield's top runner inside the gates of the Sanctuary, Charlie Ganner '10 and Mike Discenza '09 combined for an electrifying 1-2 finish in Saturday's race. With three runners posting times under seventeen minutes, Andover cruised to a 20-38 victory over Deerfield.

Prior to the race, Coach Stableford established a goal of placing five runners under seventeen minutes. Although the team did not quite accomplish that feat, 24 Andover racers ran personal bests on the day. Ganner, Discenza, and Tim McLaughlin '11 all broke the seventeen-minute mark, while Captain Eli Howe '09 and James Hamilton '12 rounded out Andover's top five.

Andover's primary goal was to close the gap between its top five runners to earn the best possible score. Andover also hoped to ease key runner Patrick Wolber '11 back into competition after his long recovery from a chronic knee injury. Andover came very close to accomplishing all of these goals on Saturday.

Andover's leaders took charge of the race right off of the line, with Ganner taking position in front of the pack. As the racers entered the sanctuary gates and started the slow climb to the log cabin, Discenza and Deerfield's first runner stood ten yards behind. After progressing down the wind-

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Greer McBeth '12 pokes the ball away from a Deerfield player.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Sandhu '09 Breaks Through with Top Ten Finish Against Deerfield

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ing trail and up treacherous Heartbreak Hill, it became clear that Andover had complete control. Both Discenza and Ganner built comfortable leads over Deerfield's number one, while McLaughlin held his place twenty seconds behind. Ganner cruised across the line in 16:24, followed by Discenza seven seconds after. After Deerfield's first runner finished, McLaughlin closed out his race with a time of 16:53, while Howe followed in 17:22. After two more Deerfield runners kicked through the line behind Howe, Hamilton crossed the line in 17:38.

Although the top five secured the win, Andover's other runners ran phenomenally. In a breakout race, Michaeljit Sandhu '09 surged through the line in 17:42 preventing Deerfield from adding any displacement points; as he closed out an impressive 20-38 win over a talented Deerfield squad. Wolber ran according to plan, finishing tenth and beating Deerfield's seventh runner despite his inability to train since September.

In the JV race, many runners ran personal bests, while several competitors raced for the first time this season. Matt Appleby '11 burnt through the course, winning the race and setting a personal record of 17:46. Scott Fleming '09 and Ben Ho '11 also ran solid races, securing the win for the JV squad as they crossed the line with times of 18:05 and 18:26.

With Wolber back on track and the rest of the top seven dominating, Andover looks to work towards its main goal

of placing five runners under seventeen minutes. At practice on Tuesday, Stableford clearly stated that the most important thing for the runners to do at this point in the season is to eat well, and more importantly, sleep well. If the team can stay healthy and continue to improve as a whole, it should be poised to be a fierce contender at Interschols next week.

This Saturday, Andover will travel to New Hampshire to take on Exeter.



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Michaeljit Sandhu '09 and James Hamilton '12 charge across the Knoll late in Saturday's race against Deerfield.

GIRLS SOCCER

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as Little scored the fifth and final goal of the game.

Lauren Glynn '10, goalkeeper for the entire second half, had several key saves which kept Deerfield from getting on the scoreboard, and contributing to Andover 5-0 win. The Deerfield game was Andover's seventh shutout of the season, and 5 points is the largest point margin Andover has won by all year.

Since Deerfield is a traditionally strong team, and always a good match for Andover, the team was especially proud of their victory. "The way we played today was the best I've seen the team play all season," remarked Coppinger. "We kept up the intensity, and it really paid off."

Coming off the very impressive Saturday win, the team was ready for action this past Wednesday as Andover faced off against BB&N on

Andover's home turf. Unfortunately, the team experienced a disappointing upset, losing to BB&N 0-2.

Early on in the first half, BB&N got a lucky shot in as the ball slowly dribbled into the Andover net. However, Andover looked past this early goal and was focused and determined for the remaining half. Though the Andover defense was unwavering and the offense persistent, it was not able to sneak a goal past the BB&N defenders.

The team stuck to Coach Lisa Joel's mantra by playing, "one half at a time," and came out strong and ready to score at the start of the second half. However, BB&N soon took control of the game and scored their second goal against Andover. Unfortunately, Andover seemed to lose a lot of momentum after BB&N's second goal. Though a fair amount of the play during the second half did take place in front of the

BB&N net, their defense was solid and did not let Andover score. Andover had a few scoring opportunities, but the ball just seemed to keep missing the net. After another disappointing half, the team walked away with their fourth loss of the season.

"I really think we could have beaten them under different circumstances, and definitely if we played them again," reflected Coppinger.

With a 9-4 record, Andover has already put the BB&N game behind them and is concentrating on beating Pingree this coming Saturday. If Andover wins its next three games, it will still be in the running to compete in the playoffs after the end of the season. The team is also preparing for their rivalry match-up against Exeter next weekend. Exeter is always a good game, and it is looking to be especially close this year.

FIELD HOCKEY

Continued from Page B1, Column 4 stops. On one of Deerfield's breakaways, a player rifled a low shot to Pechacek's far right. Pechacek lunged and stopped it dead on her stick and then cleared it out of the circle. Deerfield only managed to slip one goal in the contest.

"We managed to connect all of the little things that we had been working and execute them in the game" Flanagan explained.

Andover continued to dominate against BB&N, winning by a final of 5-0. All of the five goals were scored by different players. Eliza Flynn '10 scored early at to the start of the game, to begin the game off strong. Andover scored three goals all within the first 15 minutes of the game.

Katie Fanikos '10 scored the only goal in the second half to make the score 5-0. On a breakaway, Fanikos charged the net and faked right before shooting the ball into left corner. The goal was her first goal of the season.

Both McInnis and Katie Riley '10 had goals as well.

Overall Andover once again dominated offensively keeping the ball in the attacking end of the field for most of the game

In the first half of the game, Andover played with poise and composure and executed on offensive corners.

Andover lost a lot of momentum in the second half, only scoring one goal. "We came out really strong in the first half and fortunately that lasted us the game because in the second half we lost our offensive momentum." Pechacek said.

This Saturday Andover will play Cushing.

NHL FEATURE

ESPN Cause of NHL Fall

"Is hockey hard? I don't know, you tell me. We need to have the strength and power of a football player, the stamina of a marathon runner, and the concentration of a brain surgeon. But we need to put all this together while moving at high speeds on a cold and slippery surface while five other guys use sticks to try and kill us, oh yeah did I mention that this whole time we're standing on blades 1/8 of an inch thick? Is ice hockey hard? I don't know, you tell me. Next question."- Brendan Shanahan.

There is perhaps only one rule in all of sports that cannot be questioned and that is the national dominance of ESPN. It is without question the first place the majority of America looks for sports coverage..

For decades hockey was unanimously considered one of the four major sports: greats like Gretzky, Messier, Orr and Lemieux were legitimate superstars. Now, the only two players even approaching national acceptance are Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin. Crosby has received the endorsements, backed up the hype with stellar play, and led his team to a Stanley Cup appearance in only his third year. What else does the guy have to do to gain national acceptance? One could argue that he doesn't have the personality to be popular on the national scene, but then what explains LeBron James, a player with similar credentials to Crosby's playing in a league (the NBA) with similar attendance rates? James hasn't given a memorable quote in his entire time in the league, but he is loved and

feared for his ridiculous physical ability. How is Crosby any different? The answer is exposure: James gets it on ESPN and Crosby doesn't. Want to know something else about the NBA? The ESPN family of networks owns the full rights.

The consumer lost a whole lot of trust in the NHL during the 2004-05 lockout, when owners and players squabbled over money and denied fans a season. But the game came back with a vengeance, instituting new rules that increased scoring and led to less defensive struggles.

The issue is not the lockout but ESPN's systematic assassination of the sport. The next time you hear hockey getting some substantial airtime on Sportscenter, ask yourself: did a crazy fight or dirty hit go down that might warrant a suspension or a discussion about the "violence" of hockey? That's about all hockey gets in the world of ESPN.

I'm not biased: I've never even played competitive hockey in my life. But if you like the fluidity of basketball or the physicality of football, come on down. A good one timer is as fluid as it gets, and last time I checked, the NHL was the only major professional league in which fighting warrants only a five minute fine.

For now, it appears as if we've gotten to the point where ESPN can try to submarine an entire league and, in all likelihood, succeed.

Tip of the Moss hat to Jack Dickey for this theory.

By Alex Moss
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Andover Secures Decisive Victory; 15 Personal Bests Achieved in Race

By Katherine Ellinger
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	15
Deerfield	50

The Girls Cross Country team stepped up its intensity for parents' weekend. The team reached success unparalleled this season, sweeping the meet 15 - 50, and securing the top nine places.

The entire team was a part of this success - out of 27 Andover girls running, 15 broke their personal best times.

Abby Levene '09, winner of the race, said, "We have a really hard course, and I don't think that the Deerfield runners realized that. They started fast, but the Andover girls didn't let that affect them. We just ran our own race, and it paid off by the end."

Marhelich Santos '12 displayed the most improvement. She ran the course in 23:31, over three minutes faster than her previous record, 26:40.

Santos said, "Our practices were gradually getting harder and I had a really good week. I put much more effort into the practices, so I was expecting a little improvement, but I was so excited when I found out how much faster I ran".

A tradition of the Girls Cross Country team is getting a t-shirt after breaking a certain time. Santos said, "Actually getting the 'under 24 club' shirt was a big thing. It's so cool!"

Among those who ran personal bests was Abby Levene '09, who won the meet in 18:16, twelve seconds faster than her previous record. Levene was 35 seconds faster than the next

runner.

"When I got onto the great lawn, I realized that it was the last time I would be running there. I think that made me run faster, but it also made me sad. Crossing the finish line was bittersweet," said Levene.

Another personal best went to Stephanie Moroney '09, who was one of three girls to run the course in under nineteen minutes. She came in second, with a time of 18:51.

Dewdney, ran the course in 18:59. Although she was happy about reaching her goal of breaking 19:00, Dewdney was melancholy about finishing her last home meet in her Andover career: "I was so sad. I

crossed the line and I started laughing and crying. It was sad but it was also really happy and I couldn't have asked for more."

Ten of the girls on the team are seniors, and ran their home course for the last time on Saturday.

Even Juniors looking forward to three more seasons of Cross Country felt a little sad as they finished. "I really enjoyed this season," said Santos.

This is a common thought; all seven of the juniors on the team look forward to the time when they will be seniors.

This Saturday, Andover will face Exeter on the opposition's



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Becca MacRae '09 races toward a time 20:49. She placed seventh in the Andover sweep over Deerfield.

Phillipian Sports

Week 9 NFL Predictions

Top Four Pivotal Games & Expert Predictions

Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants:

Ricker: Giants. Brad Johnson just isn't getting it done for Dallas.	Gorski: Giants. Giants' road win over Steelers was a major statement.	Kristoff: Giants. Manning can avoid Ware, hopefully.	Dickey: Cowboys. They're not dead yet. And who knows about Plax?
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Green Bay Packers at Tennessee Titans:

Ricker: Packers. Greg Jennings might be the NFL's best big play WR.	Gorski: Titans. Battle of two solid defenses goes to undefeated Titans.	Kristoff: Titans. Titan offense might not be pretty, but they make it work.	Dickey: Titans. You just can't pick against that Titans D.
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New York Jets at Buffalo Bills:

Ricker: Bills. Bills will bounce back behind Marshawn Lynch.	Gorski: Bills. Edwards-Evans combo too explosive for NYJ.	Kristoff: Bills. Jets' defense can't stop Lynch.	Dickey: Jets. Marshawn is toast, and T. Jones Beast Modes instead.
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Pittsburgh Steelers at Washington Redskins:

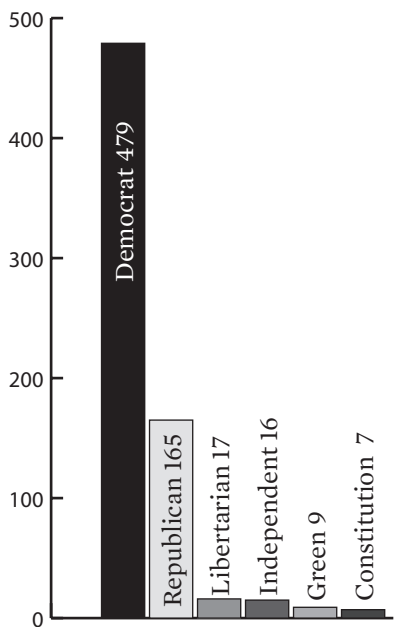
Ricker: Steelers. Roethlisberger won't have two bad weeks in a row.	Gorski: Steelers. Pitt won't let another NFC East team steal a W.	Kristoff: Steelers. Roethlisberger knows how to take a hit for the team.	Dickey: Redskins. Can Clinton Portis be stopped? (No.) P.S. I'm Winning!!
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Overall Record:

Ricker: 7-17 Gorski: 13-11 Kristoff: 13-11 Dickey: 15-9

ELECTION 2008

V.O.T.E.S. 2008 PA Presidential Election Results



These totals are the results from PA participation in V.O.T.E.S. 2008. Ballots were collected during History and Social Science classes last week. 693 votes were collected, about 635 of the total student body.

PA PARTICIPATES IN MOCK ELECTION

By CURIE KIM

Barack Obama won a landslide victory in a nationwide mock election project that Phillips Academy students participated in, called Voting Opportunities for Teenagers in Every State (V.O.T.E.S.).

Results showed that the Democratic nominee, Barack Obama, received 69 percent of the ballots.

Republican nominee John McCain came in second with 23.8 percent.

Final results from all across the nation will be announced just days before the general election.

The Head of History Department, Peter Drench, said, "If we pretend each [of the 53 history] sections is a state, since there are 50 states plus D.C., and if the election followed this pattern, this would be a landslide victory in the Electoral College for Obama."

"Of course, anyone in the right mind wouldn't expect that result," said Drench.

"If each history section were precincts or 'states,' Obama received 69.1 percent of the ballots and carried 88.7 percent of the 53 'states,'" he said.

"McCain received 23.8 percent of the ballots and carried 1.9 percent of the 53 'states,'" said Drench. "94 percent of the states produced a tie between Obama and McCain."

Drench also pointed out that students taking Economics classes tended to be more conservative.

Drench said, "Of the 5 Econ. classes, Obama received 64.9 percent of the ballots, followed by McCain with 24.3 percent and 5.4 percent for Bob Barr [the Libertarian presidential nominee]."

He said, "Although McCain didn't receive a higher percentage of ballots, Obama's percentage fell by roughly five percent, and that indicates the tendency for students taking Economics to be more conservative."

Bob Barr, a Libertarian presidential nominee, and Cynthia McKinney, a Green party presidential nominee, tied third by receiving 2.3 percent of the ballots each.

Ralph Nader, presidential nominee for the Independent party, closely followed behind by receiving 2.2 percent of the ballots.

Chuck Baldwin of the Constitution party received 1 percent of the ballots.

Two write in candidates, Colin Powell and Ron Paul, both received .1 percent of the ballots, tying for last place.

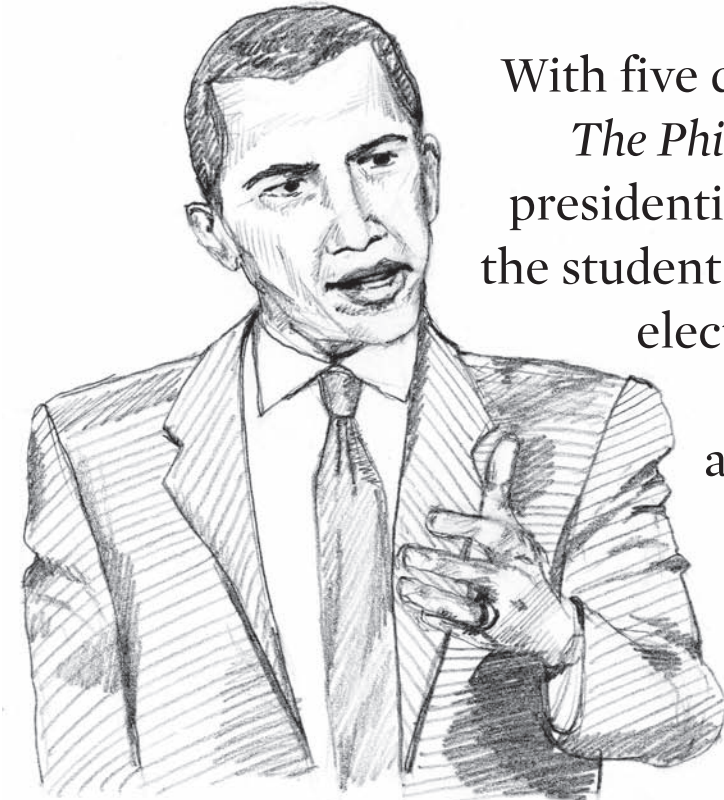
V.O.T.E.S. is a nationwide mock election project for high school students.

A total of 679 students in 53 of out of 55 history sections participated in V.O.T.E.S. This is equivalent to 63 percent of the student body and 92 percent of the students taking history.

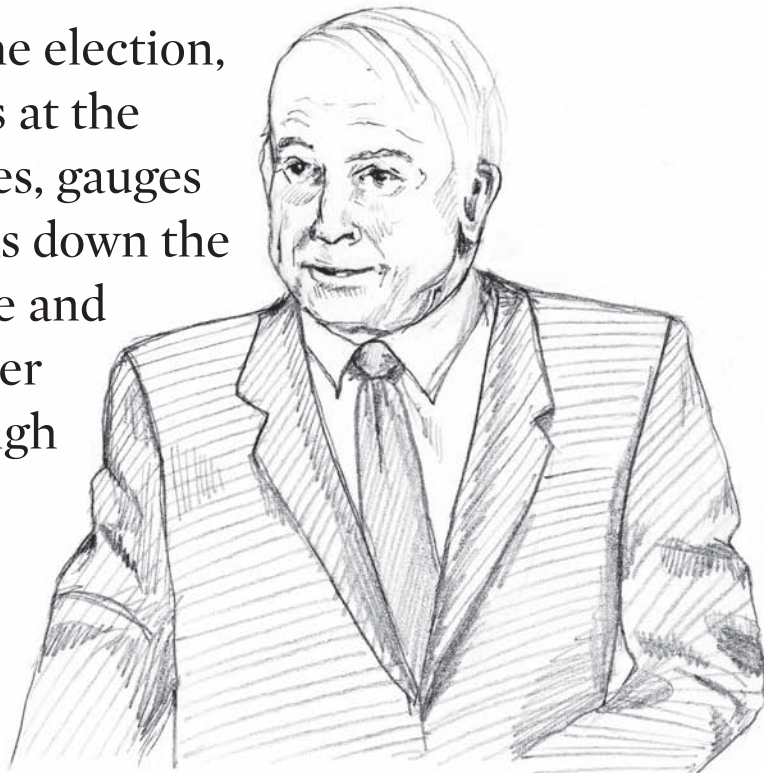
A total of 693 votes were casted including the 14 students who voted twice because they took two history classes.

V.O.T.E.S. includes teen voters from at least one public and one independent school in each state. Over 50,000 teens cast a ballot in each V.O.T.E.S. election.

V.O.T.E.S. was founded in 1988 by history teachers Jim Shea and Lorrie Byrom from Northfield Mount Hermon School.



With five days until the election, *The Phillpian* looks at the presidential candidates, gauges the student vote, breaks down the electoral college and asks Andover alums to weigh in on the issues.



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Voter Intimidation, "Caging" and "Purges" May Challenge Voters at Polls

By KEVIN OFORI

In Travis County, TX, a man standing at a polling place deliberately told voters to mark their ballots incorrectly, according to a press release by the Elections Division of Travis County Clerk Dana Debeauvoir's office.

He wore business attire and addressed Democrats specifically, as if he were an election official, said the press release. When confronted, he fled from the scene. He has not been caught.

"This is a very rare occurrence," said Debeauvoir in a phone interview. She said the press release and publicizing of the incident were done "in order to nip [voter misinformation] in the bud. . . We're trying to oust this behavior right now."

A similar attempt to mislead voters was made at the Drexel University Campus in Philadelphia last month. Anonymously typed flyers left on tabletops around campus warned that policemen would be inside and outside of polling places executing outstanding arrest warrants, said Sean Miller, President of the Drexel Democrats.

In fact, Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Statutes requires policemen to stay at least one hundred feet away from polling places, but college students are not necessarily aware of that law.

And other voters in America this year may mangle their ballots—or avoid the voting booth altogether—because they have also been misinformed or intimidated by people deliberately attempting to skew election results.

The Committee of Seventy, a non-partisan Philadelphia organization dedicated to working for truly fair and competitive elections, has records of many similar incidents on their website, www.seventy.org.

In one incident, rumors circulated among college students that their parents would not be able to claim them as dependents if they registered as voters in Pennsylvania. Students were also warned that they would be arrested at the polls for having not paid parking tickets.

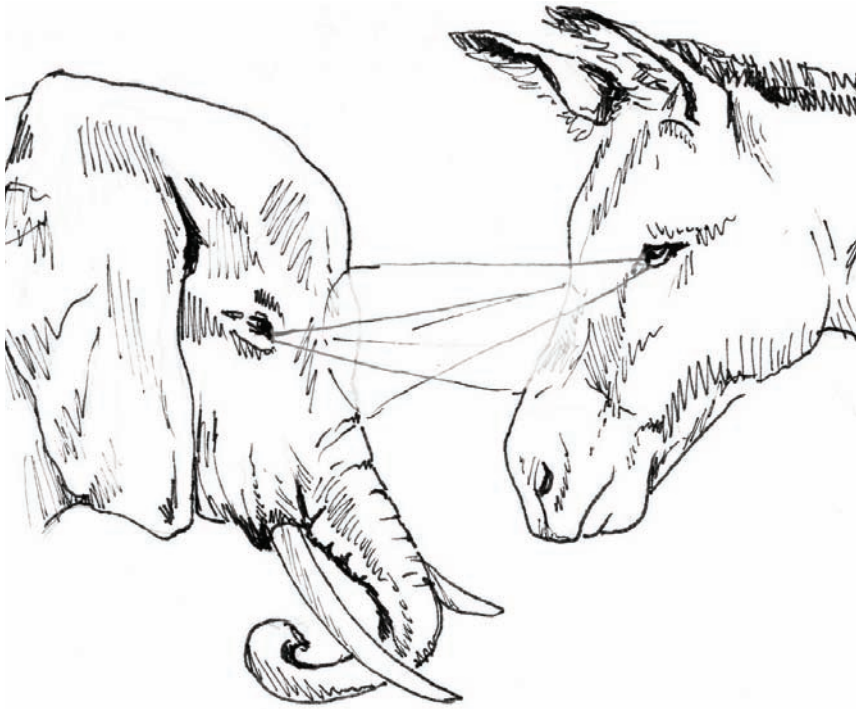
According to University of Pennsylvania professor Rogers Smith, voter intimidation and misinformation have had a long history in the United States, but has increased in recent years.

In an email, he wrote: "...As both legal and illegal immigration have risen in recent years and as national politics has been very evenly divided between two highly polarized nation-

al parties, efforts to challenge voters have been on the rise. In the last two presidential elections, we've had far more charges of such tactics than we did in the 1980s and early 1990s."

There are also issues built into the election system that make voting more difficult, such as voter purges.

New York University's Brennan Center for Justice describes them on its website: States regularly attempt to purge voter lists of ineligible voters or duplicate registration records, but the lists that states use as the basis for purging are often riddled with errors.



Because some states are not required by law to provide public or individual notice of a purge, erroneously purged voters often have little time to correct these errors. More often they are surprised when they arrive at the polls and find that they are unregistered.

An analysis of a practice called voter caging was also available on the Brennan Center's website, written by Justin Levitt and Andrew Allison in June 2007.

Voter caging is the process of using pieces of returned direct mail to challenge the registration basis of the voter at that address. The process was recognized by Congress as notoriously unreliable with the passage of the 1996 National Voter Registration Act.

Voter caging is rarely partisan and is generally used by one party to challenge registration of those who are likely to vote for the opposition. The process often targets urban and minority voters.

Local Churches and Synagogues Vary In Extent of Role in the Election

By MIKE DISCENZA

Issues associated with religion may decide the outcome of the election in many swing states. Massachusetts isn't a swing state - Barack Obama is expected to win by a sizable margin - yet religious issues still hold special meaning for many in the Merrimack Valley.

"I think your faith impacts your views and your views impact your politics," said Pastor Jack Heydenreich of Faith Lutheran Church in Andover. The congregation has 750 members and is located less than half of a mile south of Phillips Academy

church, however, does not endorse candidates.

The members of Free Christian Church, another non-denominational church in Andover, feel strongly about abortion and same-sex marriage and environmental defense, said Rev. Jack Daniel, the congregation's senior pastor.

"I don't want my sermon to be an op-ed page," said the Rev. Daniel, who would not endorse a candidate from the pulpit because he feels it would be an insult to people's intelligence.

The Rev. Daniel said that in past elections, the church published voters' guides explaining candidates' stances on a variety of issues. This year he feels most people know a great deal about the candidates, so the Church has not compiled a guide.

Father Francis Mawn is the pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, a Catholic church in Lawrence with services in both English and Spanish. He said that the issues that are most important to most Catholics, including his parishioners, involve respect for human life and the sanctity of marriage.

The Boston Diocese's Priests' Code of Conduct prohibits priests from advancing any political agendas through the church. Father Mawn said his diocese reminds him regularly not to get involved with politics. Documents he has received from leaders explicitly prohibit the posting of campaign signs anywhere on church grounds.

Rabbi Dr. Robert Goldstein, the father of Emma Goldstein '09 and spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel, a Jewish temple in Andover, said that although he does not endorse a candidate from the pulpit, he believes that it would be fairly easy for members of his congregation to guess which candidate he supports.

An article appearing in the Boston globe about a debate between representatives from the Obama and McCain campaigns held last week in a Brookline synagogue listed the security of Israel among important issues for some Jews.

Rabbi Goldstein said Republican presidential candidate John McCain's support of Israel might be slightly stronger than Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's, but many Jewish voters' more liberal views on social issues would push them toward supporting Obama.

Like the Rev. Thompson, Rabbi Goldstein said he does urge everyone in his congregation to vote.

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Election 2008

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Learn about the history of how American presidents are elected.



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CANDIDATE PROFILES



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How many hours did Obama shoot hoops for one day in June '08?
What question lost McCain a 1965 game of Jeopardy?

RALLY REPORT



A. McDONOUGH

David Lowenstein '09 reports on the recent New Hampshire Palin and Obama rallies.

The Electoral College

WORKINGS OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

By **BEROL DEWDNEY** and **ANDY ZHOU**

How can a presidential candidate win the most votes, but lose the general election? Why would the framers of our Constitution develop a system that would allow it?

The founding fathers wanted the American people to have a direct voice in electing their leaders but they saw only two methods for achieving this, both of them flawed. Option one: the election could be based on the popular vote. But because of our nation's structure at the time (slow travel and little mass communication), such an election would bring forth a huge number of regionally popular candidates rather than one leader for the whole country.

Option two: Congress could vote for the President, but then the election would depend on the personal

opinions and political agendas of the congressmen.

Therefore, a compromise: The Electoral College was established in the United States Constitution (article II, section I). With this process, the American people vote for "electors" who then vote for President.

Each state is allotted a number of electors equal to the number of state senators and state representatives combined. The state laws of appointing electors vary, but most states determine the electors (generally slated by the political parties) by state-wide popular vote.

A winner-takes-all rule is applied in all but two states, where if a presidential candidate wins the popular vote in a State they then are pledged to receive all of the electoral votes for that state.

The exceptions are the states of Maine and Nebraska, where they award electoral votes proportionately. For example, Maine uses a tiered system where a single elector is chosen from Maine's two congressional districts. The other two of Maine's four electoral votes are determined by a statewide popular vote.

On December 15, 2008 (CHECK DATE), each state's electors will meet in their respective states and cast their electoral votes for the President and the Vice president. The electoral votes are sealed and sent to the President of the U.S. Senate and are read aloud to both Houses of Congress on January 6th.

The candidate with the most electoral votes – 270 or more – (over one half of the 538 possible electoral votes)

is declared president. If a candidate does not win a majority of the electoral votes the choice is then referred to the House of Representatives. On January 20, 2008, at noon, the elected president and vice president are sworn into office.

Critics of the Electoral College argue that it is undemocratic and gives certain swing states disproportionate weight in selecting the President and Vice President. Supporters argue that the Electoral College is an important feature of the federal system and assert that it protects the rights of smaller states. Many constitutional amendments have been introduced to Congress, hoping to find a replacement of the Electoral College with a direct popular vote, but no proposal has ever successfully passed in both houses.

INDIANA: 11 electoral votes

The Hoosier State has voted Republican 16 of past 17 races and looked solidly Republican until last week. Obama's massive voter contact campaign has paid off (he has 44 field offices compared to McCain's 0) and has turned a long-shot state into a neck-and-neck race. As unemployment reaches a 20-year high in this blue-collar state, the economy is beginning to overtake traditional issues such as race and gun rights in importance for voters.

Lean: Too close to call

OHIO: 20 electoral votes

No presidential candidate has won an election without winning Ohio since 1960. Hillary Clinton won the Democratic primaries here, raising questions regarding Obama's ability to gain working-class support. However, the Ohio GOP has suffered several damaging scandals in the past four years, which have involved important public figures such as former Governor Bob Taft (accepting illegal gifts) and Congressman Bob Ney (Jack Abramoff scandal and alcoholism).

Lean: Obama

COLORADO 9 electoral votes

Colorado has voted Republican in the last three elections but is now a competitive swing state. Its economy has been largely spared from the current financial crisis; its tourism and mining industries remain intact. As in other Western states, the game changer has been a large wave of recent Hispanic immigration, attracted to the economic opportunity and long-standing Hispanic presence in Colorado. In the past 30 years the Hispanic population has more than tripled; Hispanics now make up 20 percent of voters in Colorado. The Republicans' hard-line stance on immigration pushes Hispanic voters toward the Democrats. The Democratic convention in Denver also boosted Democratic support.

Lean: Obama

MISSOURI 11 electoral votes

George W. Bush won here in both of his elections. The 37 percent evangelist and 30 percent rural vote pose challenges for Obama, who won only five counties in Missouri (including the cities of St. Louis and Kansas City) but won the primary. The condition of the economy and the highest unemployment in 17 years are softening conservative voters who have traditionally voted on issues such as gun control and abortion. Missouri leaned toward McCain for much of the campaign, but Obama has not given up and is forcing McCain to pay more attention to the state.

Lean: Too close to call

FLORIDA: 27 electoral votes

Perennial toss-up Florida, the most populous of the swing states, voted for George W. Bush in 2004 by a five percent margin over Democrat John Kerry, a larger margin than in ten other states.

In this election Democrat Barack Obama has pulled Florida back atop the fence. Most of Florida has already decided; the North overwhelmingly favors McCain, while the south supports Obama. A vast number of undecided voters are gathered in the region of Central Florida dubbed the "I-4 Corridor," a cluster of 12 counties that hug Interstate I-4 and include the cities of Tampa and Orlando, which is home to many retirees from across the country. The I-4 corridor, with its eclectic mix of different demographics, could potentially decide the election.

Lean: Too close to call

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Students Rally for Obama and Palin in New Hampshire

By **DAVID LOWENSTEIN**

Against a backdrop of lush fall foliage in central New Hampshire, Barack Obama addressed an audience of nearly 4,000 people a couple of weeks ago; a day earlier, on the sideline of a football field a few towns away, Sarah Palin had addressed an audience of 5,000, as both candidates slugged it out over the nearly 400,000 undecided voters in the granite state.

Forget paying attention to the changing leaves up here. This fall, the country was paying attention to the changing affections of those undecided voters. In mid-October, a University of New Hampshire Survey Center poll gave Barack Obama only a 5 percent lead, which made a the race close call.

"We are not looking at polls because so much of New Hampshire is undecided," said Larkin Vater, a spokeswoman for Obama's New Hampshire offices.

At their recent rallies, both candidates wooed voters in Rockingham

County, where a quarter of all undecided voters reside, according to the Office of the Secretary of State.

Obama's rally was held at Mack's Apples in Londonderry, a working-class town with a median family income of \$73,513, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. Hay bales and freshly picked pumpkins adorned the stage.

"How many of you here make over \$250,000?" asked Obama. Only a few dozen attendees raised their hands. "I want to give 95 percent of working Americans the tax relief they deserve," he said.

"A year ago, I wouldn't have been here. I was employed, had health care and [was] going to vote for McCain," said John Cutler, a New Hampshire resident, while waiting in line to clear security at the Obama rally.

The economy is the most important issue according to both the McCain and Obama campaigns. "Americans are worried about the stock market and how they are going to pay for heating and healthcare," said Varter.

Sarah Palin held her rally on the football field of Salem High School

accompanied by four-time Iditarod champion Bruce Buser and by her husband Todd Palin, the "First Dude of Alaska."

Salem has the largest number of undecided voters in Rockingham County, according to the Office of the Secretary of State.

The audience was filled with upper-middle class families and women wearing hockey jerseys with "Hockey Moms for Palin" written on the front.

The Governor of Alaska focused her speech on Senator John McCain's economic plan. "Senator McCain will help our retirees keep their savings and investments they worked so hard to earn," said Palin.

"First thing you do if you're in a hole is you stop digging. As president, John will impose a spending freeze to cover all but the most vital functions of government, like worker retraining."

The Alaskan Governor later criticized Obama's intentions to increase taxes by 14 percent for the upper-middle class.

Michael Ford, a New Hampshire



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resident who attended the Palin rally with his wife and three children, said, "I don't think it is fair that Obama is offering tax relief for some tax brackets, but not for all tax brackets. McCain will offer tax breaks for all [tax] brackets."

"I feel safe with Palin in office because I can relate to her," said Maria Ford, Ford's wife.

In response to criticisms about

Obama's 14 percent tax increase for the upper-middle class, Vater said, "We are trying to help people not hurt people. Everyone is going to have to make sacrifices to turn our economy around."

With nearly 80,000 undecided voters, Rockingham County's votes will matter. And New Hampshire's four electoral votes can determine an election.

First-Time Voters: Why Register?

Compiled by CURIE KIM

Quick Statistics on Student Voters:

95 students eligible to vote

PA community consists of/represents 44 states

States not represented:

Alabama, Delaware, Mississippi, Idaho, North Dakota, and South Dakota

ON THE OBAMA CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Matt catches up with his brother, Jonah Gorski, who is Florida's Deputy Field Organizer for the Obama Campaign.

Matt Gorski

CAMPAIGN COMMENTARY

I interviewed my brother Jonah on the phone. We played a bit of phone tag but he called me back as soon as he could. He's 22 years old and has been working for Obama for about a year. He attends college in Tampa, but lately the majority of his time has not been spent at school. Right now, he's majoring in the election.

"Almost everyone works because they want to work for the man that is the embodiment of change that our country needs," he said.

"The way he delivered his speech [during the 2004 election] and what he said in his speech enthused the crowd in a way I could have never imagined. When he announced he was going to run for the presidency, I immediately joined the campaign group in Tampa, a city that is always indicative of which way the vitally important state of Florida will go," he said.

My brother's job is to respond to, clarify and correct any allegations about the candidate that are untrue or misleading. He said he had his hands full. "The number of false accusations we have to answer is eye-opening," he said. He finds himself continually responding to charges of Presidential Nominee Sen. Barack Obama's background, such as his interactions with radical Reverend Wright.

Obama's father was a Kenyan Muslim, and many voters are under the impression that Obama is Muslim because of this fact. Others assume Obama is Muslim because of the Arabic origins of his name.

People publicly accuse Obama of being unpatriotic because he has not put his hand over his heart during various national anthems. Some even think that he was sworn into the U.S. Senate using the Koran, said my brother.

These are all issues that my brother told me he has to constantly answer in Florida. He said that the campaign replies simply by telling the truth.

The campaign has responded to issues related to Obama's relationship with the Reverend by stating that Obama is an individual with his own views. "Wright is just his pastor, not his mentor. Just because he goes to the church does not mean that he believes in everything [Rev. Wright] says," he said.

The campaign prints out handouts and pamphlets in Florida that list the facts about Obama, including his political views as well as background and values. The campaign members like my brother take it upon themselves to interact with the people and inform them of the facts.

A brief list of his other responsibilities include canvassing, organizing rallies, assigning volunteers to projects, helping to register voters and working with their voter database in Florida in order to find areas to target.

"If you do not take advantage of your right to vote it is insulting to everyone who does not have that right AND I think that you don't have the right to complain about the government if you do not vote."
-Blaire Pingeton '09

"I registered back at home in California, and I believe this is a very important election that I don't want to miss."
-Conor May '09

"I registered in California because as an 18-year-old, it's my right and I intend to use it."
-Elizabeth Brown '09

"It would be inconvenient for me to vote because I'd have to fill out an absentee ballot so what's the point of registering?"
-John Walkovik '09

"Yes I did because on every channel I watched this summer I was constantly reminded to register to vote during each commercial break."
-Joey Atiba '09

"Yeah! I did register, and I'm voting because I think I would die/have no faith whatsoever in this country anymore if there was another old white Republican in office."
-Mali Bowers '09

Responses collected by email

"I registered on the Rock-the-vote.com for an absentee ballot in NY. I decided to vote to be more politically responsible."
-Marvin Blugh '09

"I registered to make history!"
-Sadiqa Farrow '09

"[I registered in] Massachusetts. Because even though we don't count in the presidential elections, there are ballot questions and representatives up for reelection. The results in Massachusetts have no impact on the outcome of the presidential race because it always goes heavily Democratic."
-Patrick Woolsey '09

"I believe this election is different than most; I need to make sure my voice is heard."
-Shaun Stuer '09

"I voted in Virginia because I can, because I see it as a civic duty, and especially because it's a swing state."
-Taryn Wiens '09

"I think voting is a big part of becoming an adult, a big responsibility we are given, and it would be a shame to not take part in the very basis of our democracy."
-Tom Foley '09

"I now can have a say in my government, why would I not vote?"
-Trevor Gulick-Stutz '09

"I registered to vote because I think it is important to vote if you can and be an informed voter. Voting is one of the privileges and rights of being America. In these increasingly uncertain time, I think we all need to think carefully about who we want leading our country and how we want to move forward."
-Tori Wilmarth '09

"[I registered] at home, because Obama is America's next great president."
-Ethan Hirshberg '09

"[I registered] by mail . . . because Obama is a huge G"
-Cam Boll '09

"[I registered] back home at the DMV because my Father dragged me out of bed as soon as I turned 18 and registered me to vote."
-Alex McHale '09

"I registered because I want to have a say and voice my political opinions. It is time that I am heard."
-Carolyn Brown '09

Meet the Candidates



Sen. Barack H. Obama, II (D-IL)



Born: August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, HI to Barack Obama, Sr. a black Kenyan, and Anne Dunham from Kansas.

Education: Attended Occidental College for two years before transferring to Columbia University, where he majored in political science. After spending two years after graduation in New York City, he served as a community organizer in Chicago for three years before entering Harvard Law School.

Experience: 2004-present: Senator from Illinois.
1997-2004: State Senator from Illinois, District 13.
1992-2004: Lecturer at University of Chicago Law School.

Most Important Pieces of Legislation Authored:
Coburn-Obama Transparency Act (2006): Authorized a new government website with search engine for federal spending.

Iraq War De-Escalation Act (2007): Legislation, never passed, that would have provided benchmarks for troop withdrawals from Iraq and counteracted the troop surge.

Family: Wife - Michelle Robinson (m. 1992), two daughters.

Did You Know?: In June, Obama, an avid basketball player, spent over three hours at the gym in one day.

Scandal: Obama's pastor of twenty years, Chicago-based Reverend Jeremiah Wright, delivered racially-charged sermons in 2001 and 2003, uncovered earlier this year by ABC News. After pressure, Obama ended Wright's relationship with the campaign and repudiated his comments.

Compiled by HILARY RICH

Sen. John S. McCain, III (R-AZ)



Born: August 29th, 1936 to a military family in the Panama Canal Zone.

Education: Attended the Naval Academy. Although he was a popular student, he gained a reputation as a firebrand, graduating fifth from the bottom of a class of 899 while becoming a member of the "century club," a nickname for those who accrued more than 100 demerits in one year.

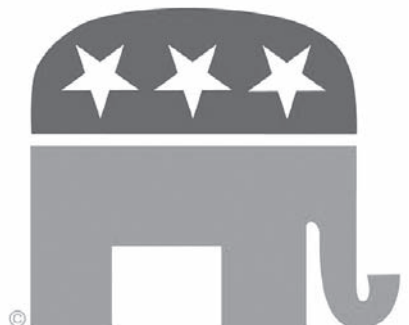
Experience: 1986-present: Senator from Arizona.
1982-86: Congressman from Arizona, District 1.
1967-1981: McCain served in Vietnam in 1967. After three months, he was shot down over Hanoi. The Vietcong placed him in a POW camp, where he was tortured and beaten in solitary confinement for five years. McCain, the son of an admiral, was offered early release but refused, insisting that prisoners be released in the order they were captured. He retired from the Navy in 1981.

Most Important Pieces of Legislation Authored:
McCain-Feingold Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act: Closed political fundraising loopholes and banned "issue ads" endorsing specific candidates.
McCain-Kennedy Orderly Immigration Act: Proposed providing legal status to the illegal immigrants living in the US, as well as a viable path to citizenship to them, while dramatically enforcing border security. The bill never passed.

Did You Know?: McCain appeared on Jeopardy in 1965, winning his first show and losing in the next. He lost on a question about Wuthering Heights.

Scandal: In 1987, McCain was part of the "Keating Five," a group of U.S. Senators accused of intervening improperly on behalf of an indicted financier. McCain was later cleared of impropriety.

Compiled by ALEX MOSS



Gov. Sarah L. Palin (R-AK)

Education: Palin attended Wasilla High School. In 1982 she enrolled at Hawaii Pacific College and left after one semester. She spent two semesters as a general studies major at North Idaho Community College. From there she transferred to the University of Idaho, then to Matanuska-Susitna Community College. She eventually returned to University of Idaho where she graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in communications-journalism in 1987.

Professional Experience: Palin has experience as a sports reporter and worked for a while in her husband's commercial fishing family business. Her political experience includes serving from 1992 to 1996 as Wasilla city councilwoman, Mayor of Wasilla from 1996 to 2002 and as Governor of Alaska from 2006 to the present. Palin resigned as chair of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in 2004 in protest of colleague corruption.

Political Views: Palin joined the Republican Party in 1982. A staunch social conservative, she is firmly anti-abortion, anti-same-sex marriage, and favors overturning Roe v. Wade. She is a life-long NRA member and believes the Second Amendment protects handgun and semi-automatic assault weapon possession. Additionally, she supports capital punishment.

Scandals: Palin has been embroiled in the "Troopergate" affair after firing Alaska Commissioner of Public Safety Walter Monegan in July. It was alleged that Palin fired Monegan because he refused to fire state trooper Michael Wooten, who went through a nasty divorce with Sarah Palin's sister in 2005. The Branchflower Report found Palin violated the Executive Ethics Act by using her powers as governor to pull for Wooten's termination.. Her attorneys called the Report "a partisan document" and accused Branchflower and Project Director, Alaska State Senator Hollis French, of "trying to smear the Governor by innuendo."

Compiled by CHASE EBERT

Perspectives on the Presidential Election from Journalists, Diplomats and Politically Active Andover Alumni

Craig Whitney '61

Craig Whitney '61 is the assistant managing editor of The New York Times.



With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?

The most important thing is that the last two elections showed how while you may not think so, in fact every vote can count. You just never know when your vote might be the decisive one. What will make this election more interesting than any other is how many young people and people of minority backgrounds vote in it. They will decide this election. If not many of them vote then you're leaving it to the old fogies.

To you, what are important qualities in a president?
I think the most important thing is not experience, it's judgement – how you think. Who do I think thinks in a way I find intelligent or thoughtful? Not so much what their experience is because nobody has the experience [required] to be president.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
When I was at Andover I only knew about the 1920 stock market crash from history books. I think we are now living through a series of events that are very much like that of 1929. I think this election is centered on the economics and financial crisis that we're in. It's the most significant one since before I was born.

Thomas Foley '71

Thomas Foley '71 is the current U.S. ambassador to Ireland.



With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?
I would say as a U.S. ambassador that students should know the amount of attention the U.S. is getting around the world with the global financial crisis and the war in Iraq. People [around the world] are interested [in] who is going to be elected. So many new benchmarks have been broken – who has run, who was nominated, who will be elected.

To you, what are important qualities in a president?
Certainly good leadership skills, given the problems that the U.S. and the world faces. [The next president] should inspire confidence in others.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
Certainly the financial crisis and future economic prospects in the states [are important]. Longer term, I would say America's leadership role in the world and how that role is conducted will be the responsibility of the next president. When I was at Andover, the Cold War was on [and] our relationship with Europe and Russia was totally different.

Dr. Howard Borgstrom '66

Dr. Howard Borgstrom '66 is the Director of Business Operations and CFO of the U.S. Department of Energy.



With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?
The next president is going to have to deal with what we call “intergenerational” issues. My generation has not necessarily left things in good shape. We have a budget deficit, a trade deficit, and more. The question to ask is whether your generation is going to be better off than my generation.

To you, what are important qualities in a president?
A president needs the ability to obtain and process any type of information. Specifically, a president needs to be able to cope with a wide variety of information about the economy and scientific research.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
1968 was the height of debate about the Vietnam War. Internationally, there was a lot of tension around that time. Vietnam relates to today in that the idea of “sustainability” arises. Are our politics, economy, medicine, environment, etc. sustainable in the 21st century? Things can happen insidiously. People need to be aware of the issues.

John Leonard '58

John Leonard '58 is a Retired Foreign Service Officer with the Department of State.



Who do you support in the election and why?
I support Senator Obama because I think that he has a much clearer vision for where he wants this country to go. I think that it's time for a serious change and the direction in which this country is headed. Quite frankly I agree with Senator Obama's view that his opponent Senator McCain has been a part of the problem. I simply don't find Senator McCain's assertions that he knows how to deal with this country's very serious problems convincing at all.

With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?
I would say that Andover students are probably like any other citizens of this country in the sense that they need to have a clear understanding of the problems facing the United States right now, both domestic and in terms of our foreign policy... We have lots of problems right now; this is not to say that we can't deal with them, but we have to understand that the world today is a much smaller place than it was when even I was your age.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
In terms of foreign policy, the biggest problem that we face right now is from just specific problems such as our failure to address global warming, our failure to effectively deal with nuclear proliferation, our plummeting standing in world public opinion. When I was at Andover in the 1950s, President Eisenhower was the president and we were in the middle of the Cold War confronting the Soviet Union. The world is a much smaller place than it was in those days. The United States actually being vulnerable to attack by terrorists for example is something that would've been unthinkable to us in 1956.

Sam Allis '64

Sam Allis '64 writes a weekly column for The Boston Globe titled The Observer.



With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?
How to understand polling. How [polls] really work: what to take seriously and what to disregard.

To you, what are important qualities in a president?
The most important thing is cruising speed, stability [and] thoughtfulness and coolness under fire. In other words, the ability to absorb a lot of information and think before you act.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
Foreign policy has always been a significant issue, but the most important [issue] is and has always been the economy. And at no point has it been more important than [it is] now... At the end of the day, how people will live their lives depends on the economy.

Hilary Cleveland '45

Hilary Cleveland '45 was a Professor of Political Science for more than 50 years at Colby Sawyer and was appointed by George H. W. Bush to the US/Canada Joint Commission ca.1990.



Who do you support in the election and why?
Barack Obama. He is one of the first people to want to get out of Iraq. I have wanted to get out of Iraq every since George W. Bush decided to go in. I also like Obama's economic policies, specifically his taxing policies. In addition, I really admire his calm demeanor and I think he is extremely intelligent. He has clearly studied the issues.

With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?
I think students should be aware of the issues and should make their own decision. I don't mind if a student votes for John McCain. They just have to have made that decision for valid reasons.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
Now I think that Iraq is the most important issue. I hate George W. Bush's and John McCain's emphasis on victory. I can't really remember the issues when I was a student [because] I wasn't old enough to vote.

Chris Hughes '02

Chris Hughes '02 is a Co-founder of Facebook and now is a technology consultant for the Obama Campaign.



Who do you support in the election and why?
I support Senator Obama for a lot of different reasons. The main reason is that he'll bring real change to Washington and I think that particularly for this campaign, change isn't just a slogan, like [with] candidates over the past. Our means of getting money, our lobbyists, I think are really a testament to the movement that Barack has inspired in everyday people, to bring a real change to Washington.

With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?
I'm not sure what other stuff people are talking about out on campus, or what people do or don't know, so it's hard for me to answer that question without having that knowledge.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
I think it's pretty clear that it's the economy that's on everyone's mind with its being one of the largest crises that we've encountered since the Great Depression, and I think a lot of people are very concerned with how the economy is going to fare over the next few months and years. I think [when I was at Andover] it was a different point politically. I was there during the 2000 election, which was Bush vs. Gore, and at that point I think people were really focused on a lot of different things. I think this time around, everybody has the same top priority.

Robert Semple Jr. '54

Associate Editor for the New York Times. Semple won the Pulitzer Prize in 1996 for his editorials concerning environmental issues.



With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?
Something should be done to shorten [the campaign] process. The whole thing has gone on much too long. Second, there is simply too much money sloshing around in these campaigns. Obama is seen as such a transformative and revolutionary figure... [but] he raked in a lot of money from Wall Street and Hollywood. It is mockery of the public financing laws.

Who do you support in the election and why?
I will probably vote for Obama, but certainly the New York Times will go for Obama. I don't know much about him, but I'm willing to roll the dice... McCain has not measured up, and I am disappointed with his choice of Ms. Palin as vice president.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
The economy has always been a focus, and foreign policy has always been a focus. None of that is different. Those have been the two central issue of any campaign I can remember. In this election, however, there are two new issues. First, how do we deal with terrorism in this world? ... The other new problem is energy, and a related problem is global warming.

Alexander Heffner '08

Alexander Heffner '08 is the co-founder of scoop08.com.



With the knowledge and foresight you have from your position, what is one thing that Andover students need to know about the election that they do not?
I predict it likely will be a game-changer demographically that will transcend the red-state blue-state phenomenon that has dominated our politics.

To you, what are important qualities in a president?
Open-mindedness, intellectual vigor, ability to cross party lines, pragmatic and political efficiency.

What is the most important issue of the election? How is this different from or similar to when you were at Andover?
During my time at Andover issues affecting students were all encompassing. Within the last month, the spine of young people has turned. The focus issues have turned to the economy. The urgency has become greater since I graduated.

Boys Soccer Under The Lights
vs. K.U.A.
Saturday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

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This Wednesday, Andover traveled to Concord, New Hampshire, to play St. Paul’s. Andover triumphed, playing four sets and winning the match 3-1. The final scores of each set were 25-18, 23-25, 25-13, and 25-17, respectively.

While St. Paul’s is usually a comfortable win, Andover lost the second set.

In the second set, Andover boasted an unusual lineup, with Mommsen setting. Mommsen said, “We hope to improve upon this rotation in the upcoming week. The reason for the change is the absence of Melissa Yan, our setter, for the Andover-Exeter rivalry match-up in a week.”

Caroline Colombo ’09 continued, “The third set, however, we played our game, and St. Paul’s managed to give us a great second half of the match.”

Mommsen once again led the team with fifteen kills and thirteen saves. Yan had thirty-six assists. Shenk had seventeen service points and four aces, and McCafferty had ten blocks, six of which were stuffs. Katy Svec ’10 and Engelsted led defensively with nineteen digs each.

The team has come a long way this season.

Engelsted said, “We have learned how each other plays and have found a rhythm of

our own. Both our offense and defense has improved dramatically as we work together. We hope to finish our season playing strong.”

Mommsen added, “We are moving forward with bitter-sweet emotions to the end of our regular season. Our team will continue to work hard and fight for the title. We always need to bring our A-game, knowing that other teams facing us play with fearless emotions, leaving everything on the court because they have nothing to lose.”

This coming Sunday, se-

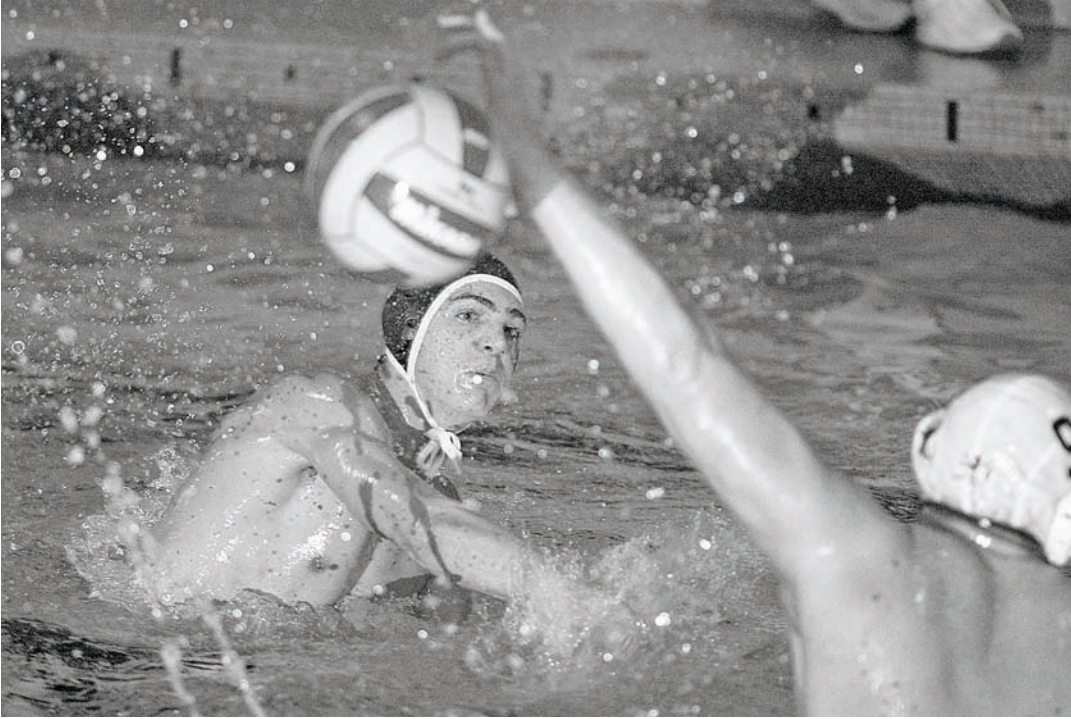
lect Andover players will compete in the All Star Tournament of the New England Prep School Fall Girls Volleyball Association (NEPSF-GVA) at Wilbraham Monson. As a top-three ranked team, Andover will be allowed to send four representatives to the tournament: Mommsen, 2007 MVP of the league, Engelsted, Boston Globe All Star 2007, Yan, and McCafferty.

Currently, as the only undefeated team in the league, the Andover squad is ranked number one.



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Cristina Mommsen ’09 prepares for a spike.



M. DISCENZA/ THE PHILLIPIAN

An Exeter defender blocks a shot by Parker Washburn ’09 in Wednesday’s loss.

WATER POLO

Andover Takes Down Top-Ranked Deerfield in Stunning Victory

By Nathan Wagner
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
Deerfield	5
Exeter	6
Andover	2

The Boys Varsity Water Polo team outplayed and out-worked the number one seed Deerfield, winning 7-5. But the elation was cut short on Wednesday. Exeter beat Andover 6-2.

In a match-up earlier this season, Deerfield squeaked out with an 8-6 win.

Captain and Goalkeeper William Faulkner ’09 started the game in goal, defending the deep end. The two teams played back and forth with neither scoring until Asa Harrington ’09 finally found the back of the net to give Andover the lead, 1-0.

In the second period, Goalkeeper Dan Larson ’11 defended the shallow end. Deerfield stepped up its offense in the second period, netting three

goals. However, Curtis Hon ’10 responded by scoring a goal, and Deveney contributed on offense with a goal of his own. At the half the score was tied, 3-3.

In the third period, Faulkner once again provided strong goalkeeping. Conor McAuliffe ’10 scored his first goal to give Andover the lead, but Deerfield answered back. Hon scored his second goal to put Andover on top, and Parker Washburn ’09 led the defense for Andover with a great block. Faulkner made three tricky saves to keep the score tied 5-5 entering the final period.

Larson entered as goalkeeper for the last period, and he played remarkably. Deveney scored his second goal to give Andover a 6-5 edge, and from there Larson did not let Deerfield score for the remainder of the game.

Hon had a great deflection that led to a steal. William Falk-Wallace ’10 also had a deflection that led to a steal by Hon, and McAuliffe pressured Deerfield into several turnovers. Washburn had two

steals, and his second one sealed the game, 7-5.

On Wednesday, Andover faced Exeter. Larson started in the net in the shallow end, and had three adept saves, one on a difficult lob shot, to shut out Exeter in the first period. Hon scored the first goal of the game on a pass by Washburn, giving Andover the 1-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Exeter came out strong in the second period, taking advantage of its opportunities. Exeter proceeded to score three goals to take a two-goal lead. At the end of the second period, Exeter led Andover, 3-1.

The third period was a defensive battle, with no goals scored by either team.

In the final period, Exeter extended its lead with three goals. Faulkner made two great saves in the deep end, and McAuliffe scored Andover’s second goal of the game on an assist by Falk-Wallace. The final score was 6-2 in favor of Exeter.

Andover will play in the New England Prep School Tournament next weekend.

BOYS SOCCER

Boys Soccer Edges Physical Deerfield Squad by One Goal; Andover Looks to Continue Playoff Push in Final Stretch

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Andover	2
Deerfield	1
Andover	0
Worcester	0

This week, the Andover Boys Soccer team continued to march closer to a spot in the New England Prep School Soccer tournament with a win and a tie against two good opponents.

Saturday, Garnet Hathaway ’10 scored two goals and propelled the team to a 2-1 win against rival Deerfield on parent’s weekend.

Both teams started the game by feeling each other out and looking for an opening to break the tie. The Andover defense cracked first. A Deerfield attacker on the right flank sent a cross into the 18-yard box towards the Andover far post. It found a Deerfield player who corralled the cross and fired it to the near post, giving Deerfield the early 1-0 lead.

However, Andover would quickly regroup and come back with a goal of its own. In the 24th minute, Hathaway received a ball in the Deerfield 18-yard box. Hathaway was fouled by a Deerfield defender, earning a penalty kick. Hatha-

way buried the penalty kick into the bottom right corner to put Andover on the scoreboard and tie the game at 1-1.

Both defenses stepped up for the remainder of the half, and the game headed into halftime tied at 1-1.

The second half was very competitive, with the momentum swinging back-and-forth between the two teams during the entire half. Both teams had very good scoring opportunities, but for the early part of the half neither team was able to capitalize. The game was also very physical, with both teams looking for an advantage to create a scoring chance and break the tie.

Andover finally came through in the 78th minute. Andover possessed the ball in the Deerfield end and earned a corner. Trevor Gulick-Stutz ’09 took the corner and sent a high ball into the 18-yard box. The ball found Chase Potter ’09 for a header that beat the Deerfield goalie but hit the crossbar. Hathaway then pounced on the rebound and headed it past the Deerfield goalkeeper and just under the crossbar for the go-ahead goal.

The Andover defense held strong in the last ten minutes, and the game ended with an important 2-1 win for Andover, its fourth straight win.

Wednesday, facing very dif-

ficult playing conditions on the road, Andover managed only a draw against a tough Worcester Academy team.

Worcester was one of the toughest teams on the Andover schedule, and they headed into the game with a 10-2-1 record. The weather dictated the pace of play throughout the game, as the field conditions were very bad and made play very difficult.

In the first half, Andover was going against a strong wind, giving the advantage to

Worcester. Worcester dominated the possession in the first half. They also received numerous chances in the Andover 18-yard box. However, they were unable to convert and the game headed into halftime deadlocked at zero.

Andover played better and received more chances in the second half. Worcester, though, received more chances in the Andover 18-yard box, especially off of crosses and throw-ins. However, the Andover defense and goalkeeper

Spencer Macquarrie ’10 kept Worcester from scoring, and the game ended in a 0-0 draw.

With a win and a draw, Andover’s record is now at 10-1-2. Saturday, Andover will face a very tough test, as it hosts K.U.A. at 6:00pm under the lights at Phelp’s Stadium. K.U.A. comes into the game with only one loss on the season.



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Captain Brian Russell ’09 holds off a Deerfield striker in Andover’s 2-1 victory.

FOOTBALL

Defense Forces Turnovers

Auffant ’09 Makes Key Interception

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running from Houghton, and highlighted by a 34 yard pass from Hussey to Luke Duprey ’10.

At the 14, Hussey rolled out the right and hit Sam Auffant ’09 with a short pass. Auffant dodged a number of Deerfield defenders and ran in for the score to put Andover up by a touchdown with 3 minutes left in the game.

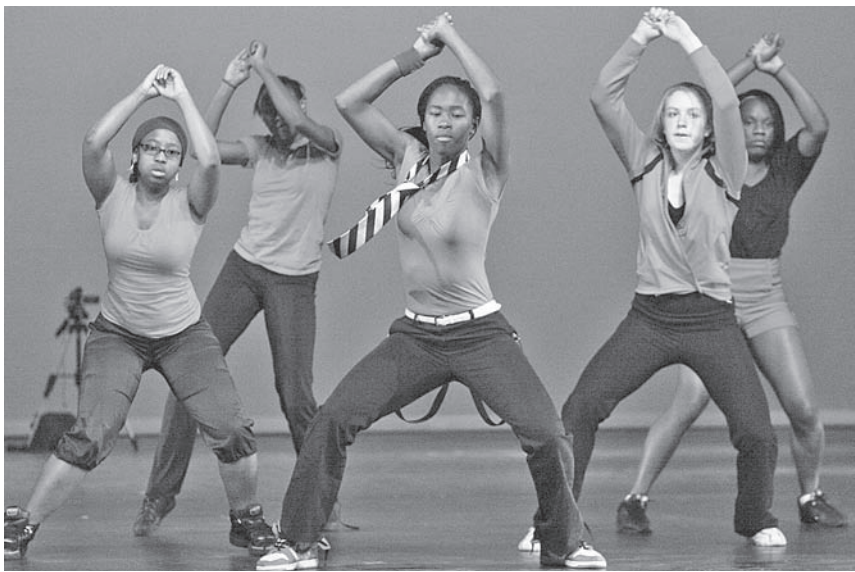
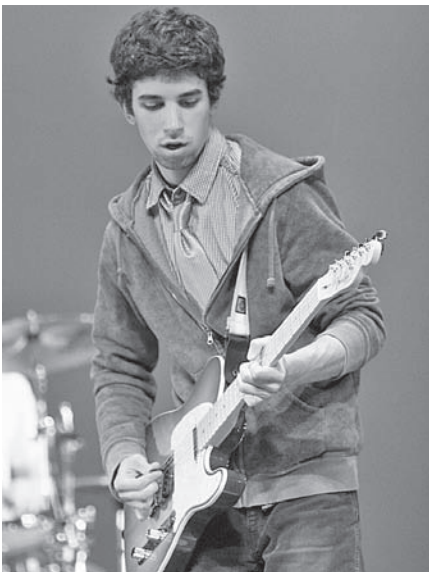
“The touchdown was largely Sam’s effort. He has the ability to turn any play into points,” said Hussey.

The Andover defense held the Deerfield offense to only 1 first down on the next possession. Deerfield came up just short on a fourth down measurement to secure the win for Andover.

“Our secondary should be commended for being dominant and disrupting Deerfield’s passing game,” said Morlani of the defense that came up with multiple crucial turnovers to end Deerfield drives.

The offense didn’t get its usually astounding output on the ground, but both Houghton and Auffant fought for tough yards and had critical 4th down conversions. Hussey was efficient through the air, completing passes at crucial times, like the long completion to Duprey.

This week Andover will travel to face Worcester Academy to look for its third consecutive victory. Worcester Academy lost to an NMH team that Andover has already defeated earlier this year.



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Grasshopper Night 2008

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Phillips Academy's annual Grasshopper Night—the completely student-produced, managed, directed and operated talent exhibition—received a phenomenal turn-out this Parents' Weekend. Student acts included musical theatre, dance and original songs to skits, glow-stick raving and a drumming performance.

The Grasshopper Night producers picked student acts that were drastically varied in terms of content and form. Despite the show's shorter time overall, the individual performances truly stood out, in terms of both creativity and individuality.

Duncan Crystal '10, who acted in two different performances, said, "[This year's show was the] best one I've seen as far as quality and diversity of acts goes."

MCs Morgan Healey '09 and Mike McDonagh's '09 encompassing energy and endearing charisma set a buoyant tone for the entire night. The two proved to be masterful quick-change artists, each donning a new costume or outfit for each MC skit. Their creative sketches, incorporation of faculty members and compatibility with each other's humor provided the audience with even more entertaining performances to watch.

"On the Highway of Love"

"On the Highway of Love" was a witty rendition of the song from the musical, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." The short skit featured a family that suddenly became dysfunctional when in the car, driving to an event. Patrick Brady '11 shone as the lead-footed, car-obsessed husband and Blaire Pingeton '09 portrayed the exasperated wife exceptionally well. Additionally, Tavie Abell '10 and Alex Cope '09 supplied strong vocals and a funny frame for the parents as unruly siblings.

Brady reminisced about the wonder of Batman's famous ejector seat.

"GM could make a fortune," he claimed.

"It's a test of testosterone," Pingeton lamented to the audience about her husband's high-octane approach to driving.

The musical accompaniment was flawless, and the creative use of swivel chairs as car seats was an interesting, dimensional method of expressing the motion of a car. Brady and Pingeton's seamless trade-off between song and monologue was a good balance—the whole act was a fresh, funny mix of singing and acting.

"Love Lockdown"

Blue Strut danced to "Love Lockdown" by Kanye West for the third act of the night. This popular track provided the perfect beat, and the seven dancers' execution of intricate movements

was immaculate. The transitions were on point and the dancers masterfully harmonized the choreography with the pulsing heartbeat of West's track.

As usual, the group's juxtaposition of immobility with flurries of movement was captivating.

Kerstin Brolsma '11 said, "I would say that this year the dance acts were really good; it's so nice to see how much talent the student body has. To see your friends onstage dancing or singing—or even seeing someone on stage and being able to say, 'That kid's in my history class.' Blue Strut was my favorite because they used dark and light with the lights, and they kept doing splits... [which was so impressive] because I can't do them."

"Bollywood Showcase"

After Blue Strut came Ghoom—the three-student group that performed "Bollywood Showcase" from Aaja Nachle. Kiran Gill '11, Supriya Jain '12 and Shefali Lohia '10 presented an upbeat Indian dance set to traditional Bollywood music. The three girls wore saris in a myriad of vivid colors, which complemented the liveliness of the song and the energy of the dance. The choreography was classically Indian with subtle hand motions and precise steps that added facets of poise and fluidity.

Jain said, "I've been dancing my whole life and when I auditioned as a solo, [the producers] asked me to do it with a larger group of girls. Since I'm new this year and don't know a lot of other people, they [suggested] Shefali and Kiran because they knew they were good dancers. So I taught them the steps and we practiced a lot together...it was an amazing experience getting the dance ready, even being backstage during the show. The audience was really responsive because I don't think many people see acts like this."

"Cadence"

"Cadence" was a sensation, and an unanticipated smash-success. The original composition was performed by Drumline, a group of six drummers and a cymbalist—Samantha Gray '11 and Ken Tharp '11 on bass drums, Rohan Malhotra '11, Nick Serna '10 and Zachary Fine '11 playing snares, Scott Fleming '10 on a quad and Adam Tohn '10 playing the cymbals.

The act began when, for a mere moment, the stage was illuminated in a bright flash of white light—the audience was able to see the impassive faces of the seven performers in a line, with their drums and cymbals held ready. An audible intake of breath could be heard rippling throughout the theatre, and then the stage was plunged in darkness once more. When they next came on, Drumline plunged into their riveting act, not cracking a smile or faltering for a single beat.

Cadence was a complex, intricate series of the students imposing layer upon layer of different drumming sequences, accented by the cymbals. The three different drum models provided distinct sounds that sounded remarkable when all played as a cohesive group. An integral part of the success of this act was timing, and needless to say, it was impeccable. At the end of the night, many spectators hailed Drumline as one of the best of the night.

Students showcased myriad talents in 14 performances last Friday and Saturday night for students and parents.

"Raver's Fantasy"

The eighth performance of the night was the infamous Illuminati, the glow-stick raving group with three members, Curtis Hon, Peter Yang and Michael Yoon, all class of 2010. Illuminati has consistently been featured in the Grasshopper Night program, but this year their glowing extravaganza was especially entertaining. Tim McLaughlin '11—the juggler extraordinaire and opening act of Grasshopper Night 2007—was featured in the act, juggling several glowing balls with the Illuminati members flanking him.

Aside from Illuminati's obvious talent for creating an entire show based solely on waving glowsticks through the air, it was clear that the group has a brilliant eye for the aesthetic of movement onstage. There seemed to be a conscious effort put into visualizing the stage in its entirety from the audience's perspective. Considering that they were performing with only three people at certain intervals, their formations and staggering were well done and interesting to view, from both far away and close up.

"Piano Man"

An adaptation of Billy Joel's "Piano Man" was performed as the finale. The song, with lyrics adapted by Eli Grober '09, was sung by Patrick Brady '11 with Dominick Chang '11 on harmonica, Ellie DiBerardino '09 on bass, Sam Weiss '09 playing drums and Peter



MCs Mike McDonagh '09 and Morgan Healey '09 entertained crowds of parents and students with their playful bickering

MC Spotlight: Morgan Healey '09

During Grasshopper Night this past weekend, the MCs Mike McDonagh '09 and Morgan Healey '09 epitomized the event's infectious energy. For many, Healey was a new face not yet seen around campus. She is a postgraduate from North Andover, MA who plays varsity soccer. Morgan now sheds light on her background and opinions on everything from ice cream to life as a PG.

Q: Favorite ice cream flavor?
Chocolate Walnut Fudge.

Q: Favorite movie? Book?
The Holiday and Ms. Congeniality; Catcher in the Rye.

Q: Hobbies?
Soccer, lacrosse, singing, playing the piano (11 years of experience), photography and theatre.

Q: How is life at Phillips Academy?
Exciting! It has been even more than I've imagined. I've only been here two months and it feels like I've been here forever. I feel like I have really clicked with a lot of interesting people with diverse talents here. The whole school is very open-minded, and the community expects a lot of the students. [The community] has a worldly view.

Q: And as a PG?
I think it's really cool coming in [to the school] as a PG because you don't know what to expect, as it's a unique experience and something that most people don't do. However, so far it's been a great experience, something I'll never forget and has already taught [me] so much and will hopefully continue to teach me throughout the year.

Q: What made you want to be a Grasshopper MC so early in your PA career?

Back when I heard what Grasshopper was, I had thought about being in it because I love music and theatre. Being new to the school, I thought it'd be a good way to get involved in what I love doing and meet new people. It was also a new experience to MC in comparison to acting. This new role was way more flexible. How it ended up working out was by complete coincidence. Mike [McDonagh] was talking about how he was looking for a partner one day in the library and it was ironic because I was looking for someone to MC with too! We got together [and] rehearsed... doing so was an awesome experience. I'm so sad it's over!