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Celebrating Big Blue's first triumph over Exeter Football in six years, Andover students stormed the field last Saturday.

STONE SCORES TOUCHDOWN IN FINAL SECONDS

Football Claims 13-12 Victory Over Exeter; Ends Five-Year Losing Streak

By PRANAV
TADIKONDA

With 31 seconds left in the game, Ryder Stone '14 followed his blockers, fought for extra yards and extended the nose of the ball towards the goal line. The referee raised his arms to signal a touchdown. Chaos ensued as Andover fans stormed the field in celebration.

The last-minute

touchdown gave Andover Football a 13-12 lead and snapped the team's five-game losing streak to archival Phillips Exeter Academy. The record for the 133 year-old rivalry now stands at 69-54-10 in Andover's favor.

Andover's win also completed its undefeated 8-0 regular season, clinching first place in the NEP-SAC League Division A.

Until the fourth quar-

ter, Exeter's defense shut down Andover's offense, only allowing seven points. However, after Exeter's defense forced Andover to punt early in the fourth quarter, Coach Leon Modeste decided to switch from a spread offense to a smash-mouth, grind-it-out style of play.

"We weren't syncing with our spread, and our spread was not working. So we decided that put-

ting [Michael] Moore [14] in the game to lead block and occasionally run the ball on misdirection would help the run game," said Modeste.

Andover's offense burned nine minutes off the clock on its final drive of the game, using 22 plays to go 89 yards for the touchdown.

Until the last drive,

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Peale Worked Alongside Luleki Sizwe Charity to Fight "Corrective Rape"

By HAYLEY SUH

In a township of Cape Town, South Africa, the naked body of Eudy Simelane, one of South Africa's foremost female soccer players, was found in a ditch in April 2008. She had been raped and stabbed 25 times. Farris Peale '14, as this year's Lorant Fellowship recipient, recounted Simelane's story at All-School Meeting.

Peale, as part of the Lo-

rant Fellowship program, which gives a project grant of up to \$5,000 to a member of the Upper class, spent three and a half weeks over the summer in Cape Town, South Africa, working with Ndumie Funda, the founder of Luleki Sizwe, a non-profit organization supporting victims of corrective rape in the townships surrounding Cape Town.

Peale found that Simelane was just one of about 5,000 victims of corrective rape, a hate crime in which an attacker rapes a gay woman in an effort to change her sexuality, in Cape Town each year.

"No matter our values, whether we believe in gay marriage or believe that gay people can be cured, a fundamental truth remains. No one deserves to be raped and murdered. Rape is rape. And it is happening everywhere. And all of us, if we try, have the power to fight that evil," said Peale.

"The thinking of the attackers goes like this: If a lesbian woman is raped, she will learn to be straight. Lesbian women must be raped so they can become normal again," she

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Technology Office Responds to

Teacher Dissatisfaction With Blackboard

By LAUREN LUO

In response to growing faculty frustration with Blackboard, the Academic Committee on Technology is considering replacing it with a more intuitive Learning

Management System (LMS) by 2015.

"You could have this conversation at almost any school that is choosing Blackboard, and you'd find a general level of dissatisfaction with the tool... So the fact that it's still here is just a testament to the fact that people are willing to tolerate something instead of to change away from it," said Dominic Veneto, Director of Information Technology.

Andover is considering switching to the Canvas or Haiku systems, according to Veneto. Canvas is the most widely used LMS within the Eight Schools Association, a group including Andover

and its peer schools. Christopher Odden, Instructor in Math, is using Canvas to construct Andover's online calculus course in collaboration with Lawrence High School.

Both Canvas and Haiku give faculty more flexibility with course management, said David Mallick, Intranet Manager.

"[In Blackboard,] it's hard to find things, and it's hard to search across the various tabs that we have... People say that it's just a lot of clicking. It's built upon older technology, and it just doesn't have some of the

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Andover Reevaluates Online Info Management

By THOMAS CHOI

The Technology Office launched a 21-month-long reevaluation of the school's information management system—a server on which data can be stored, accessed and processed—resulting in a revamp of how Andover handles information on its servers.

"The term 'Information Management Systems' typically refers to a combination of applications designed to interact in an effort to manage/securely store/report and analyze critical data elements necessary to manage a business," said Dominc Veneto, Director of Information and Technology.

For the past 18 years, Andover has used Datatel as a database to manage all

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Wong Hopes to Bring More Outdoor Programs to Andover Students

By CLAIRE KISTER

Stephanie Wong can be found at her desk on an exercise ball, designing "The Weekender," answering emails and working with the Student Activities Board to plan future events.

As the new Student Program Coordinator, Wong is responsible for organizing and running student activities at Andover.

"I look for teaching moments outside the classroom, I believe I hold values that are important for encouraging and inspiring young adults and I know I am a passionate and compassionate person. I love to have fun, am outgoing and easy going and am imaginative, so it's easy to brainstorm events and roll with the punches. Being medically trained doesn't hurt either," said Wong.

A lover of the outdoors, she hopes to focus on inte-



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Steph Wong, new Student Program Coordinator

grating more outdoor programs into student life.

"[We are] trying to figure out how to bring the outdoors here to this campus [because students] can't pack up and go to New Hampshire for a day," said Wong.

While attending the Andover public schools

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Andover Welcomes Debbie Shepard, New Sustainability Coordinator

By SAM COHEN

As a child, Debra Shepard would venture into the salt marshes of Cape Cod to learn more about the creatures that inhabited them. There, Shepard gained an appreciation for natural ecosystems. As Andover's new Sustainability Coordinator, she will follow her passion for conservation as she helps Andover reduce the school's immediate impact on the environment.

Appointed last month to replace Patricia Russell, previous Sustainability Coordinator and now Dean of Studies, Shepard will direct and evaluate Ando-

ver's sustainability efforts. Shepard has been measuring the campus' carbon footprint, water usage and recycling rates in hopes that these numbers will serve as benchmarks establishing the school's goals for sustainability.

These statistics will also lead into her more concrete and long term goal as Sustainability Coordinator: to integrate sustainability into both education and operations at Andover.

"[These numbers] are going to help me figure out where are we doing really well, where are the areas that we need to focus more efforts to be better and



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Debra Shepard, new Sustainability Coordinator

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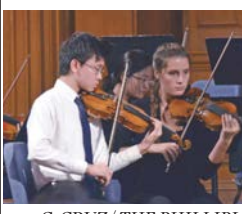
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Green Is The New Blue

Over the past few years, Andover has taken steps towards becoming more sustainable. Last year, Fuess House reduced its energy consumption by 36 percent through its new motion-based LED lighting. Storm windows and better insulation were installed in Bishop Hall during its renovation to save energy with heating during the winter. The new Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center will even feature a green roof and geothermal heating.

Despite these advances, Andover still needs to step up when it comes to sustainability. A sense of apathy pervades campus, coupled with a lack of greater administrative commitment to sustainability. In order to make real progress towards being sustainable, we need to see improvement from both the individual and the administrative levels.

Andover's peer schools are already leading the charge, far outpacing our attempts thus far. Hotchkiss's on-campus biomass plant, which has a green roof, allows it to save more than \$522,000 per year and cuts the school's energy consumption by 62 percent. Hotchkiss also has an on-campus farm, reducing the carbon emissions created through food transport. Phillips Exeter Academy has stopped selling bottled water on campus altogether and has instead installed filtered-water filling stations to encourage students to use reusable water bottles.

We need green infrastructures and policies. Solar panels, wind turbines and green roofs on lawns and academic buildings can allow the school to reduce its energy consumption and costs.

Administrational and structural changes, however, are only part of the solution. It is our responsibility to overcome the apathy towards environmental issues on campus.

Individual efforts as seemingly insignificant as bringing a Greener Blue mug back to Paresky Commons, using a reusable water bottle instead of purchasing bottled water and separating trash and recycling can have a huge collective impact.

Instead of dwelling on the small, immediate inconveniences caused by sustainability efforts, we should see them as our obligations to the future of our environment. Sustainability can no longer remain a theory. It is a concept that must be put into daily practice.

A short-term investment in a more sustainable future will result in better long-term solutions. Sustainability is something that Andover must focus on, especially as the school proceeds with the Strategic Planning process. "Non Sibi" extends beyond serving people—Andover also has a responsibility to serve and care for the environment as well.

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CORRECTION:

A News article last week mistated the IV of Elizabeth Parker Powell.
The Phillipian regrets the error.

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Redeeming the Republican Image

Zach Bamford
EXASPERATED

FRESH FROM THE MISMAN- aged disaster that was the 2013 Government Shut- down, Speaker John A. Boehner, leader of the Republican House majority, faces a dismal situation. Boehner's approval rating has hit a record low of 17 percent, and the American public largely blames the Republican Party for the shut- down, according to a survey con- ducted by the National Broad- casting Company and the Wall Street Journal.

If the GOP wants to regain its standing, it must begin to work on passing legislation with Dem- ocrats. An opportunity arose this

In the aftermath of the 2012 election, it has become clear that the Republican Party is suffering from a serious image problem. Throughout the previous elec- tion season, the GOP did not go to great lengths to challenge its Tea Party-induced reputation as a radically conservative faction. Mitt Romney's failure to win over essential voting blocs such as Latinos, Asian-Americans, African-Americans, students, women and LGBTQ individuals, a failing which ultimately lost him the presidential race, was in many ways a result of the out- dated image of his party. Rom- ney's defeat at the polls clearly indicated that in order to win elections, the Republican Party's social convictions must change.

Boehner's current opposition to the ENDA bill demonstrates that the party's leadership has elected to ignore the clear pub- lic message. In recent weeks, Boehner has argued that the pas- sage of ENDA would result in "frivolous lawsuits" that would hamper businesses' ability to op- erate. His entire argument is a fallacy: no such legislation exists in half the states in our country, and it should not be considered frivolous to sue your boss if they fire you on the sole basis of your sexual orientation or gender identity. Furthermore, numerous Fortune 500 companies, as well as the United States Chamber of Commerce the Small Business Association of America, believe that diversity policies like ENDA will prove beneficial for busi- nesses, according to a report by the Williams Institute.

Reaching an agreement with Democrats over ENDA would send the message that there re- mains a place for moderate Re- publicans within the GOP, while voting against the act will rein- force the idea that Republicans are still mired in 11th century theological edicts when it comes to social issues. By refusing to abandon their radically conser- vative measures and stances, Boehner and his cohorts are re-

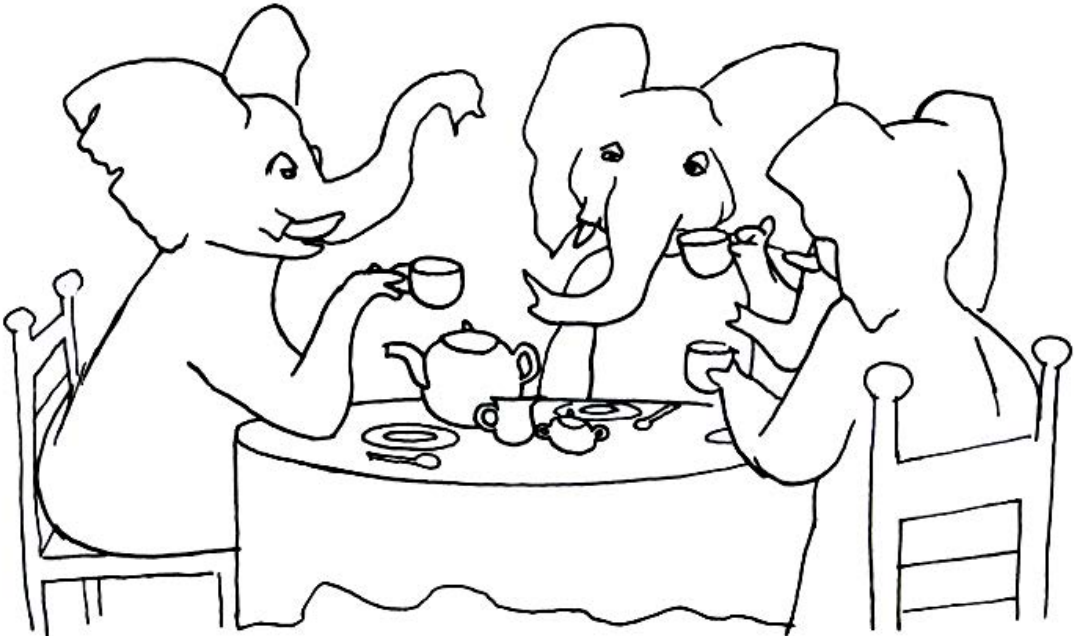
pellling the very people the Re- publican Party needs to win over in order to win the next election.

At a time when the GOP's ap- proval rating is abysmally low, Boehner needs to show the American public that he, not Ted Cruz, remains the leader of the GOP in Congress. The ENDA bill could provide an opportunity for Boehner to accept the passing of non-discrimination legisla- tion in return for any number of reasonable compromises. In all likelihood, however, there will be no compromise or discus- sion. I predict that Boehner and his Tea Party cohorts will strike down ENDA as soon as it reaches the House, and those few sensi- ble moderates left hiding amidst their fellow congressmen will toe the party line and stay silent.

Moderation, sensibility and compromise are what the Republican Party needs—not more hard line, Alamo stances.

Moderation, sensibility and compromise are what the Re- publican Party needs—not more hard line, Alamo stances. But if recent events are anything to go on, the GOP is becoming more extreme, not less. While buck- ling down on core fiscal and social policies might bolster their base of radical constituents, it also isolates and repels the new voters that the Republican Party desperately need to win. So long as the GOP appears to be bowing to the demands of the fanatic far right, they will be scaring away new voters rather than attracting them, something that the GOP simply cannot afford to do.

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Partially Hydrogenated Politics

Angela Hui

HEALTH CONSCIOUS

O N NOVEMBER 7, THE UNITED States Food and Drug Ad- ministration (FDA) proposed a measure that, if passed, will effectively ban artificial trans fats. De- spite their widespread acceptance as a part of the average American diet, artificial trans fats are a known cause of heart attacks, diabetes and high cholesterol. A law restricting the widespread distribution of such substances would relieve some of the current strain placed upon the United States healthcare system. This proposal represents a step back from corporate politicking and a step towards consumer interests, a fact that is perhaps more important than shaving a layer of plaque off of everyone's arteries.

With this proposal, it seems that the FDA is finally listening to health advocates' and scientists' concerns about consumer safety instead of catering to food indus- try lobbyists. These efforts, how- ever, are simply not enough. As a nation with nearly every resource at our disposal, we are doing a pitiful job of providing for the health and wellness of our citizens. It is no secret that trans fats and other chemical additives are dangerous to our health, but the government has done shockingly little about it. While this new measure is cer- tainly a step in the right direction, much more must be done to ad- dress the United States' poor food industry regulations.

The proposed ban of trans fats is a result of significant scientific evidence that has overwhelmingly indicated that artificial trans fats are unhealthy. The Institute of Medicine, a non-profit organiza- tion that provides health policy suggestions to lawmakers, along with numerous other research groups, concluded that there is no safe minimum level of trans fat consumption. Moreover, by FDA estimates, eliminating trans fats

from the American diet would prevent 20,000 heart attacks and 7,000 deaths per year. Treatment for cardiovascular diseases costs more than \$312 billion every year in the United States, according to the American Heart Associa- tion. An effective ban on trans fats would not only save many lives, but also billions of healthcare dol- lars that could be better spent in nutrition, food safety and dietary education programs.

Trans fats are not the only harmful additive found in the

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American diet, however. Unfortu- nately, further food regulation has been held back by large lobbying efforts by corporations including McDonald's Corp., Coca-Cola Co. and Monsanto Co. The wealth of these companies has allowed their influence to far surpass that of the scattered government groups and non-profit organizations that protest the use of trans fats and other additives. In this year alone, large- scale food and beverage compa- nies have devoted over \$20 million to their lobbying efforts.

These companies are using an unfair advantage to further their own goals at the expense of our nation's health. No matter what catchy, pro-health slogans Mc- Donald's may print on the outside of a Happy Meal box, the truth can be found within the food: a kid's

cheeseburger with fries and a Diet Coke includes 23 grams of fat, al- most half of the daily intake rec- ommended for an active individ- ual, not to mention the trans fats and dozens of potentially harmful, cancer-causing additives that the meal also contains. Companies like McDonalds are largely con- cerned with profit making, and, unfortunately, cannot be expected to risk sales to make their food more nutritional. Consequently, regulation is desperately needed to ensure the health of consumers.

Even though the negative health effects of trans fats and other addi- tives are widely known, regulatory proposals have become increas- ingly rare. Not only does lobby- ing by large companies hinder progress, but many government officials are unwilling to cooper- ate. If the FDA proposal to ban trans fats passes, the United States will join many other nations who have already banned it. Scientific evidence dating as far back as the 1970s has suggested a strong cor- relation between trans fats con- sumption and heart disease, but for over 30 years now, pressure from fast food conglomerates has prevented the FDA from taking serious action.

In acknowledging the dangers of trans fats, the FDA has finally begun to do its job again. But the government cannot stop there. This new proposal should serve as a jumping-off point for continued action against unsafe practices and products in the food industry. By allowing thousands of harmful and possibly carcinogenic chemi- cals to be added to foods, we are failing to protect the health of our citizens. The government must stand up to large food corpora- tions and force them to follow more stringent, health-oriented recommendations. No longer can our nation's policy makers be in- fluenced by profit-minded busi- nesses.

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A Less Than Perfect Storm

Nancy Kim
TIMED OUT

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, during Conference Period, students were encouraged to participate in Andover’s Strategic Planning process. On “Stormboard,” a collaborative brainstorming website, students posted color-coded sticky notes describing what they liked and what they would like to change about Andover. While the administration’s attempt to incorporate student opinions into the Strategic Plan-

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ning process was commendable, it was ultimately ineffective—the Stormboard was completely disorganized and students weren’t given enough time to complete it. Online collaboration had its merits, but technical difficulties kept students from sharing their opinions when the sheer number of Stormboard users crashed the website’s servers. Even though the boards were left open for the rest of the day, many students never left their comments because the exercise was no longer mandatory.



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The Strategic Plan will have a significant long-term impact on all Andover faculty members and students, but a mere 30 minutes were devoted to students for sharing their opinions on the school’s direction and future. When I sat down to complete the exercise, I needed at least five minutes to log in to my computer, another 15 to access Stormboard and had only five minutes left to organize my thoughts and create my own stickies before I had to go to my next class.

Many of the ideas I saw shared seemed as though they hadn’t been fully developed, including: “The food in [Paresky] Commons is good,” “Too many students are sad and depressed” and “Grading system should be changed.” Though these obser-

ventions were thought-provoking, they lack the specificity needed to provide the Strategic Planning Committee with the

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constructive criticism it needs to create the Strategic Plan. A more constructive, detailed comment might pose a problem, describe

why it is an issue and perhaps even propose a solution. Without this specificity, the Strategic Planning Committee will not know why a student thinks an issue is serious or what needs to be resolved about it. The next time Andover decides to seek student opinion about something as important as the Strategic Plan, it ought to do so in a far more structured, controlled manner. For example, we could not only partition students into clusters, but also designate a time slot for each cluster to access Stormboard, which would prevent a server overload. Similarly, students should have access to Stormboard after completing the exercise so that they have a chance to finish developing and writing out their thoughts.

Finally, the administration should not have used Conference Period for the Stormboard exercise, considering that many students use the time to meet with teachers and especially to prepare for the upcoming Extended Period Week. A more ideal, already blocked-out time would be cluster or dorm meetings. Gathering students’ opinions through Stormboard was, like the old adage says, “good intentions gone bad.” The Strategic Planning Committee gave students an important opportu-

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nity to allow their voices to be heard and exercise their right to freedom of speech. Unfortunately, not all students were able to contribute, and those who did provided opinions that were vague and unconstructive. With a couple of changes in the activity’s organization, however, Stormboard can become a critical link between the student body and Andover’s Strategic Planning Committee.

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Deemphasizing Diversity

Tom Daly
BREAKING THE LENS

IN THE NOVEMBER 1 EDITION OF *The Phillipian*, Sayer Devlin ‘16 argued that Andover should actively try to create racial and gender diversity within our faculty and school leaders—an assertion which I consider fundamentally flawed. Forcing diversity quotas upon the school could have the unintended consequence of limiting the faculty’s teaching potential by excluding qualified educators who happen to be white or male, and sends the message to students that their only, or at least primary, role models should be of their own race. Diversity can be a great aid to the educational process, but imposing a diversity quota upon a working system threatens to oppose the very benefits diversity can provide.

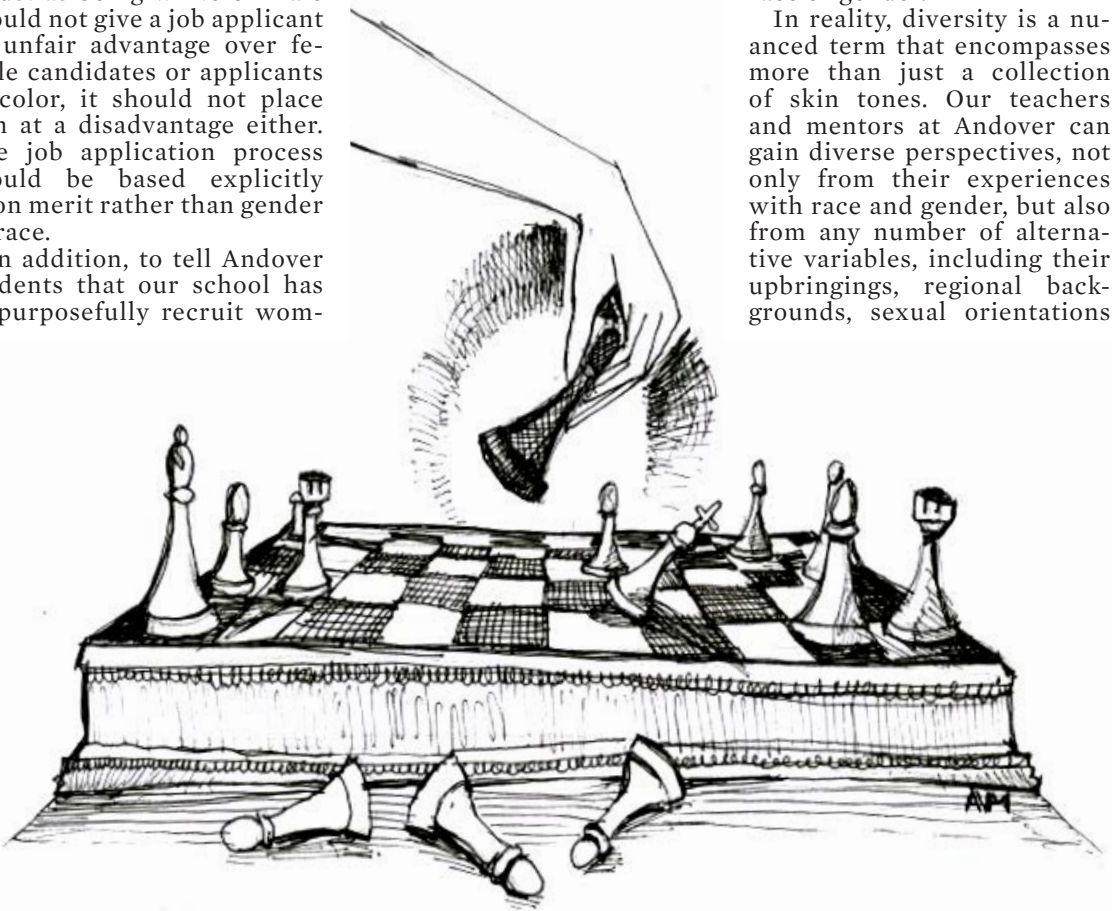
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The purposeful hiring of administrators of color or women could, on a case-by-case basis, exclude more worthy candidates who could provide a better education for the students of the Academy. If two candidates, a white man and

a black woman, are in consideration for a position, the better qualified candidate should earn that position. If the more qualified candidate happens to be the white male, then his presumed “lack” of diversity should have no bearing upon whether or not he is chosen. Just as being white or male should not give a job applicant an unfair advantage over female candidates or applicants of color, it should not place him at a disadvantage either. The job application process should be based explicitly upon merit rather than gender or race. In addition, to tell Andover students that our school has to purposefully recruit wom-

en or faculty of color in order to satisfy the standards for diversity would suggest that we cannot become well-rounded by learning from white, male teachers. Such an assertion is entirely untrue. My English teacher last year, a white male, assigned our class readings from a variety of books, whose subjects ranged from a young girl’s experience with child prostitution to an African villager’s struggle against colonization. These literary works opened my eyes, as well as the eyes of

my peers, to issues we might otherwise have remained ignorant to. The gender and race of my teacher were not even remotely relevant to the diversity of thought he inspired within us. A similarly flawed message



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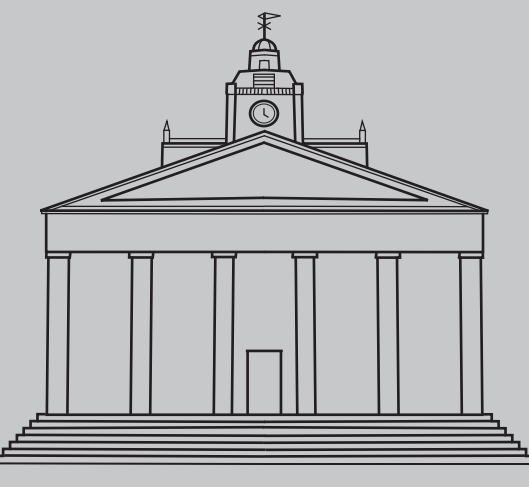
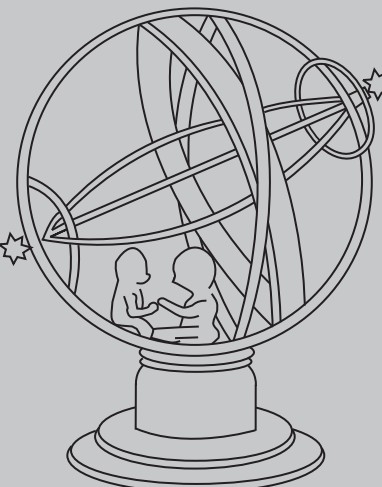
or socioeconomic classes. It would be ignorant to say that race does not matter in modern society; however, we should not ignore the fact that races are not neatly organized into cultural roles. It will be easy to look at the argument I am making and say, “He is a white male, so he does not know what it is like to be disadvantaged or underprivileged. He is not qualified to make this argument.” Statements like these, however, fail to acknowledge that diversity is too complex

to be quantified exclusively by race or gender. It is becoming far too easy to look at a white male educator and categorize him as the traditional boarding school teacher paradigm. Devlin claims in his article that “the Andover adminis-

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tration and faculty who are tasked with making important decisions see almost entirely through the lens of a Caucasian male.” What Devlin fails to understand, however, is that there is no one “lens” that all white men look through. Every Andover teacher brings a unique background and worldview to our community, and, likewise, every Andover teacher is capable of expanding his or her students’ outlooks. If administrative diversity in the realms of race and gender will truly aid education, as Devlin argues in his article, then it should arise naturally as qualified teachers earn their place as educators at this school. Andover’s primary goal is to provide the best possible education for its students, but perhaps trying to get high statistics of a diverse faculty has the potential to compromise the quality of classes.

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WRITE FOR COMMENTARY

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Outdated Information Management System Leads To iMAX Initiative

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of Andover's information, but the system is outdated and inefficient. Datatel's limitations have forced Andover to buy over 32 additional applications in order to meet the needs of various academic departments that the default system had failed to address. One of these is Lotus (IBM) Notes, a business management system that provides email, calendars and contact applications.

"A good information management system should reflect the communities need for timely information, analysis, and reporting," said Veneto, Director of Information and Technology.

Lotus Notes, in addition to other applications used with Datatel, is built in such an old computer language that it is nearly impossible to find technical support for, according to Veneto.

In order to make data management more efficient, Andover has been pursuing the Information Management and Academy Exchange initiative (iMAX) in order to "[create] a holistic approach to information management, business processes and working relationships," said Veneto.

A working group of 22 Andover faculty and administrators have requested pro-

posals, identified a variety of vendors and met with them for review. A pilot program will launch in February 2014, said Veneto, although he could not disclose the vendor.

In addition to updating to a new management system, the iMAX initiative will allow department members to brainstorm with each other more easily.

"[Information] should flow through the academy so that people have opportunities to interact with it. Currently it doesn't work that way. We interrupt information more than we interact with it. So the iMax initiative will really offer the Academy an opportunity to have better interactions with the information as it flows through," said Veneto.

The iMax initiative will hopefully pull together information from numerous small projects—such as the "Grades and Comments" section on PANet, the Admissions Office's electronic review of applications and the use of iPads at the Athletic Trainers' office—and combine them into one integrated system.

The Technology Office, as part of the iMax initiative, also hopes to add to the "Parent Portal" to allow parents to view their children's grades and teacher comments.

By SHARAN GILL

When Iman Masmoudi '14 traveled to Tunisia this summer, she hoped to better understand what life was like for her parents, who grew up under the dictatorship first of Habib Bourguiba, then of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. This became the focus of her Global Scholars project, where she studied the Renaissance Party, a moderate Islamic political party in Tunisia that was created after the fall of dictator Ali.

As Andover's first Global Scholar, Masmoudi discussed what distinguishes the Renaissance Party and Tunisia as a whole from other Arab Spring nations in her presentation titled "The Renaissance Party: Ennahdha's Model for Political Islam in Post-Revolution Tunisia."

"I think what brought me closer to my parents and their culture was researching the dictators that came before the revolution and understanding what life was like for my parents as they were growing up under a dictatorship," said Masmoudi.

"[A] lot of times when I was in Tunisia, I was like, 'Why is this happening? Why can't people all agree? What's the problem?' But understanding the historical context and the psyche that all the Tunisians are bringing to this conversation and this

transition was really helpful to me," said Masmoudi.

The Renaissance Party is the first party to successfully establish a government that finds a balance between religion and politics, according to Masmoudi.

Unlike the previous dictators, the Party adheres to the principles of the "Twin Tolerations," a doctrine that allows religious citizens to freely express their views within the restrictions of the democratic process.

"I was interested in the way that the Tunisian identity encompassed being Muslim while being democratic without there being tension as there usually is. It made me really hopeful that if [the Renaissance] Party could create a liberal democracy with their religion intact, then perhaps democracy could spread in the Muslim World," said Masmoudi in an interview with The Phillippian.

The current situation in Tunisia is one of great political and economic tension, as civilians are still learning to voice their opinions in a democracy rather than protest or attempt to overthrow a dictator.

"While I was in Tunisia, there was a political assassination of Mohamed Brahmi, a prominent opposition man. This revealed a lot of the faults that were undercurrent in Tunisia. There was a lot of fear [and] accusation



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Iman Masmoudi '14, Andover's first Global Scholar.

after this uproar. This really showed me that I had been a little disillusioned with the transition," said Masmoudi.

Tunisia also faces an unreliable and untrained media. By the end of Ali's dictatorship, all established journalists had been thrown out. Their replacements lacked professional training and often published erroneous facts or exaggerations, said Masmoudi.

"For example, this French-Tunisian journalist... basically just took the fact that I attend Andover and wrote an entire article about how my dad must be this wealthy businessman and how the US and the CIA must be funding his operations in Tunisia—all entirely made up, with no basis in fact," said Masmoudi.

Part of her research included interviews with politicians from both the Renaissance Party and the opposing party, as well as with civilians. Masmoudi met with Meherzia Laabidi, the Vice President of the Tunisian National Constituent Assembly (NCA).

"It was so intimidating. The same person who was shaking my hand was also writing the constitution of the country," said Masmoudi, recounting the exchange.

"[Talking to civilians] helped me to see the micro-level. When I spoke to the politicians they would use these big words, trying to be inclusive of all Tunisians. But talking to people I could hear

their individual concerns about how the current Tunisian state affects their lives," she continued.

Masmoudi said that she came to better understand the political situation in Tunisia through her research process.

"Sometimes when you write a history paper, it feels like what you say doesn't matter because everyone already knows about it. But this time, [I was] actually a part of something as significant as creating a new government [and] establishing democracy in the Middle East, while it's happening, [and that] was the most remarkable [thing] for me," Masmoudi said in an interview with The Phillippian.

"I hope that people leave this presentation thinking that the Arab Spring isn't a lost cause, that democracy in the Middle East, in the Muslim World, isn't a lost cause. There is a possibility of a democracy being created," she continued.

The Global Scholar Program, in its inaugural year, allows selected students to explore global issues and cross-cultural perspectives in topics that interest them through independent summer research. With the guidance of a faculty advisor, they write an extensive paper over the summer and present it to the Andover community the following school year, according to Susan Torabi, International Student Coordinator and Academy Travel Coordinator.

Panel Discussion Explores the Lives of Nicole Quinlan '92 and Susan Strate '87



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Jordan Boudreau '14, Nicole Quinlan '92 and Susan Strate '87 discuss social inequality and change.

By OLIVIA MICHAELS

Drawing from their experiences at Andover and in the social service sectors, Susan Strate '87 and Nicole Quinlan '92 participated in a roundtable discussion on Friday hosted by The Clutch Collaborative, a student social entrepreneurship group.

Both Quinlan and Strate encouraged students to apply their knowledge in seeking solutions to social inequity and to pursue their passions in ways that intersected with doing social good.

"I think the culture of Andover has such a strong foundation based on 'Non Sibi'... I think that you just have to look around, see what you're passionate about, and figure out how to do it," said Quinlan.

Rani Iyer, Director of Innovents for the Clutch Collaborative, said, "I think they had a good perspective on how to deal with seeing inequity around you and wanting to help, because they both went into careers of service, and that's something that we don't always think about at Andover. I think it was really inspiring

to know that these people devoted their entire lives to doing that."

NICOLE QUINLAN '92

Nicole Quinlan '92 arrived at Andover with an acute awareness of the educational opportunity she had been given.

Quinlan said, "I knew that everyone here was going to succeed, and I knew, 'Okay, this is a great... opportunity for 1200 people to have an amazing education.' But that's 1200 people, out of a student body population of 100 million in this country, and not everyone can get this opportunity. Why is it that if you are so high-achieving that you get this opportunity and if you are just average you get a really crappy opportunity?"

Quinlan has since devoted her career to social enterprises working to level this educational inequity by closing the "opportunity gap." She uses a multi-layered approach to entrepreneurship in her work with organizations Citizen Schools and City Year, trying to improve the basic skills of inner-city students in Math and English and to provide them with hands-

on learning experiences after school.

She developed programs with Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Google to pique these students' interests in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields (STEM) that they would not have been able to participate in without being part of the after-school program.

"My parents were willing to pay to take me to the museum, my parents were willing to pay for a violin lesson, they were willing to pay to give me all of these amazing achievement opportunities in the after-school hours. If you don't have the money to pay, how do you get it?" said Quinlan.

SUSAN STRATE '87

Growing up in Andover, Susan Strate '87 was keenly aware of the economic and racial disparities between Andover and the neighboring town of Lawrence.

"I remember the ice cream man was from Puerto Rico, and some kids in the neighborhood [made] comments about that, really kind of slurring where he came from. And I think, as a child, many of us start off with a very strong sense of justice, and this instant recognition that, 'This doesn't seem right to me. We don't know this man, and yet you're picking on him,'" she said.

These early experiences inspired her to stop learning Latin at Andover and pick up Spanish in order to better connect with the community she lived next to. At Andover, she pursued her passion for social justice as part of a community service program in which she tutored Lawrence elementary school students. In college at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Strate used her Spanish-speaking skills to help im-

migrants apply for a fuel assistance program.

After college, Strate worked at the Salvation Army's Social Services sector for eight years. During her time there, she talked face-to-face with over 5,000 people about their economic struggles. Once she established these personal connections, she realized that she could not continue providing short-term solutions for these economic troubles.

"So most of the work I was doing there was what we in the social service world would call 'Band-Aid' work," said Strate. "I wasn't teaching anybody how to fish, I was providing a fish for that day because the person in front of me was hungry. And as the person who was distributing funds and sticking to a budget, I realized that I wanted to raise even more money so that I could help more people."

After leaving the Salvation Army, Strate worked for the Hampshire Community Action Commission as the Director of Community Action Services for four years.

Strate's 11 years of experience with grant writing led her to value the importance of an informed discussion about social justice. She strives to help create this conversation in her current capacity as Population Estimation Programs Manager at University of Massachusetts Donahue's Public and Economic Policy Department.

"Working with grant writing, I also realized that if you collect better data and know how to use that data, you can make a much stronger argument. So my next thing became kind of keep better statistics on the people that I was helping and also to put that information out there," said Strate.



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Four Exeter Students to Join Niswarth Summer Program

By STEPHAN MIN

Four Exeter students will journey to India with Andover students as a part of the Niswarth Program this upcoming summer, announced Raj Mundra, Founder and Director of the program, at Niswarth Night on Monday.

Niswarth is a summer program where participants spend three weeks during the summer engaging in projects that deal with urban development and education in India. The program “brings together people and ideas from across the globe. It focuses on multiple perspectives, it works to identify and understand context and it digs into the complexity of pressing issues within communities,” according to its mission statement.

Up until this point, the Niswarth Program brought only Andover students to India. He hopes that the addition of Exeter students will broaden the scope of the program.

“I think Exeter teachers, as well as Exeter students, will bring new perspectives to the program. Part

of the program is to reflect on our own communities, so now we will be reflecting on both the Andover community as well as the Exeter community,” said Mundra.

“I have seen a great impact when students come back into the Andover community,” he continued. “I wonder what experiences will be like with this first group of Exeter students. It will be interesting how students from both schools integrate their experiences into their curriculums, into their service programs and into their communities.”

Laura Marshall, Director of Studies at Exeter, said, “It is a great way for us [Andover and Exeter] to develop a deeper appreciation and respect for one another. I imagine that the friendships that will develop will continue beyond high school.”

Marshall led a trip of ten students and ten faculty to India last March as part of a co-learning trip. “After my return from India, after having had time to absorb and reflect upon my experiences there, I realized that I wanted to return to India and I wanted the experi-

ence to still be educational, but I yearned for a community service component. I felt very fortunate when the Niswarth opportunity became a possibility, as it is exactly what I was seeking,” said Marshall.

Mundra said that he is excited to collaborate with Andover’s rival. “I was just a part of a big football game against Exeter, and I think we compete hard, and the reason we compete hard is because we have deep respect for each other. This camaraderie fuels the rivalry.”

“I want to now use that level of camaraderie and the standards that are similar in both communities to come together for a service learning program. The possible collaboration between the two schools can be equally as intense as the rivalry can be between the two schools,” continued Mundra.

The idea for collaboration was discussed at a dinner last spring, where Andover Niswarth participants met with the Exeter students who went to India last Spring Break, according to Mundra.

Peale Follows Passion for LGBTQ Rights in South Africa



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Farris Peale, one of three Lorant Fellows, presents her research at Wednesday’s ASM.

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added.

In addition to being affected by poverty and racism, the lesbian occupants of the townships near Cape Town live in constant fear of being attacked with little chance of protection by the corrupt police force.

Funda, who grew up in the nearby townships, started Luleki Sizwe after her close friend and fiancée were both killed in corrective rapes.

“Over the past year, we, as a community, have struggled to define leadership. To me, Ndumie is the face of true leadership. When faced with a problem she could no longer ignore, Ndumie stood up in the face of possible death to fight for her beliefs. That bravery, that willingness to question... is what leadership is,” Peale said.

Although corrective rape still prevails in South

Africa, organizations such as Luleki Sizwe have made progress in the fight for gay and lesbian rights through protesting.

Funda also created a Change.org petition to press government officials to act, receiving more than 175,000 signatures from people in more than 163 countries. Following her petition, the South African government actively spoke out against corrective rape, announcing on September 1 that they would introduce anti-hate crime legislation for the first time.

“By involving herself and other lesbians in charity work, [Funda] also helps change the stereotypes about lesbians being evil and demonic. Instead, they are seen as normal and even giving members of the community,” said Peale.

The terrors of corrective rape are not limited to South Africa. According to the United Nations

and the Annual Survey of International Law, corrective rape has recently been reported in Zimbabwe, Jamaica, Thailand, Brazil, Honduras, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, the U.S. and many more countries around the globe.

Peale chose to work with Luleki Sizwe after learning about the organization on the Internet.

“I knew about some larger organizations, but I decided to work with a smaller organization because there’s something different about gaining authentic experience working with someone actually from the area,” Peale said.

The Lorant Fellowship program honors three students in the Upper class who display “earnest endeavor” and allots up to \$5,000 in funding for one student to go to Africa, the Middle East or Europe over the summer to learn more about an aspect of those cultures.



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Alana Humes ’15 observes thank you notes from Indian students addressed to former Niswarth participants.



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Catherine Tousignant, a Niswarth coordinator, speaks at Niswarth Night on Monday.

Technology Office Seeks Solutions to Blackboard Issues

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stuff that a lot of people are used to, like just being able to drag a file from the browser window and have it download,” said Mallick.

Teachers have been trying to find ways to work around Blackboard since the school started using it in 2005.

Odden maintains his own website outside of the Blackboard system for his Math 590 students.

“I found it easier to administer that site than to use Blackboard because it allows me to use my desktop operating system for the process in a natural way, as opposed to clicking through everywhere in sight,” said Odden.

Peter Drench, Instructor in History and Social Science, has maintained a detailed daily assignment calendar for his history classes on a separate website since 2006.

“The site is more dynamic,” said Drench. “As we do new things, we can add and subtract... The thing is that Blackboard gives you the connection: The school fills it with students, every class has one. So [Blackboard] just happens to be a handy container. But in effect, I have compromised by set-

ting up the website inside of Blackboard. It is functionally a website.”

In 2012, Yasmine Allen, Instructor in Spanish, began using Wikispaces, a site where teachers can create and customize educational websites, as an alternate site that can be easily updated and shared with students and other teachers.

“With Blackboard, I found that having to copy and paste [class materials] from year to year from archived courses... took up a lot of time that I wanted to use on planning classes. So I just created the Wikispaces site, and everything was up there and ready to go without me having to go in and actually set it up every term,” said Allen.

The Academic Committee on Technology meets once every two weeks to discuss the future of technology in teaching. The committee includes Caroline Nolan, Catherine Tousignant, Cesar Dominique Moreno, Christopher Shaw, Christopher Walter, Dominic Veneto, Elisabeth Tully, Jacques Hugon, Kevin Cardozo, Patricia Russell, Peter Neissa and Scott Hoenig.

Shepard to Integrate Sustainability in Classes

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where are the biggest opportunities. So my goal is to take all that information, and take a really systematic view of the campus and figure out, ‘where do we want to go?’ And how do we measure it? How do we set goals around that?” said Shepard.

“I will have many day-to-day interactions with the people who run custodial and building operations, and energy management. So hopefully it will be a good place for me to set down roots and build relationships with those people, and influence what they are doing,” said Shepard.

“Some courses that are geared towards sustainability already, [and for] classes that may not be sustainability-oriented yet, but [they] could use sustainability topics for a project,” she added.

Shepard steps into her new position with experience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where she worked on an initiative to create an environmental health and safety regulatory system for hazardous waste.

“I felt like [MIT] was really important to get a foundation for what those regulations are, because I don’t think you can really claim to be sustainable unless you are doing at least the bare minimum to meet those regulatory commitments,” said

Shepard.

Shepard also worked as an Outsource Sustainability Coordinator in Boston while serving a client of her firm, Sustainerv

She went to the school of her client every month to help organize their sustainability programs and run their sustainability committee. Shepard also wrote their climate action plan, which set a plan for the school’s greenhouse gas reduction target. This addressed issues such as energy efficiency, renewable energy and behavior change within the organization. Because she was working for her client and therefore not directly with the school, she cannot disclose the name of the school.

“There are always new challenges with sustainability,” said Shepard. “Things are always changing on the technical side, and on the qualitative side, I really enjoy meeting different people, working with different types of people with different backgrounds. Sustainability provides this nice way that I can collaborate, so I can work with a faculty member or a grounds manager; I can sort of mix and match, so sustainability creates this common thread.”

Shepard graduated from Boston University where she majored in marine biology and conservation biology. She then received her Master’s Degree in Sustainability and Environmental Management at the Harvard Extension School.

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Wong Seeks to Improve Connection Between PA and Town of Andover

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as a child, Wong said she detected a rift between the Town of Andover and the school, something she hopes to bridge as Student Program Coordinator.

“Growing up, Phillips Academy was kind of like this big black hole of these rich smart kids,” said Wong. “I didn’t know any of them. It’s ironic that I ended up finding myself working here and [the students] are the nicest, kindest, [most] considerate young adults.”

Wong hopes to get kids “plugged into” all that the Town of Andover has to offer.

“If I were a 16-year-old student, what would I do with [my free] time? We plan from there and it’s kind of a trial-and-error process... [We] try to find that fine line of adulthood and still being a kid,” said Wong.

“I like to think that I can be on the fine line of adult versus friend, and I think that I have been very approachable. A lot of kids approach me as an equal. I like getting to know as many students as I can,” said Wong.

She first discovered her love for youth development by working for the Town of

Andover’s Youth Services (AYS) since 2006. Wong still works as a Senior Staff member for the AYS summer programs, which focus on bringing middle and high school students on trips hiking, snowboarding, white-water rafting, indoor skydiving, spa-days and paintball, said Wong.

“Working at AYS has definitely set me up for being able to organize student events and knowing what young adults want to do with their time, other than studying every weekend,” said Wong.

Wong said that the largest differences between Andover and AYS is that at AYS, she was constantly planning trips, whereas at Andover, she works to bring outside sources to the school.

Wong attended University of Massachusetts Amherst and graduate school at the University of Arkansas, where she worked in sports medicine with the University of Arkansas’ football team. Wong is also certified Emergency Medical Technician and an athletic trainer. Wong said that sports medication is just one of the many ways she works with youth.

Erica Shin contributed reporting



Boys Soccer players raise Leo DiStefano, brother of Nick DiStefano '14, to the moon as part of their “Circle of Life” skit at the Pep Rally.

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Coed@40



In honor of this year’s Coed@40 events, The Phillippian is publishing various documents from the Andover-Abbot merger.



COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cynosure, the Abbot newspaper, was “a very human paper that fretted over apathy and parietals, and interviewed the kitchen staff ... If what was printed was upset or frantic, so was the student body; if the paper drooped and nobody wrote that was just as much a reflection of the community,” wrote the PA Cynosure Editorial Staff in Volume 1, Issue 1.

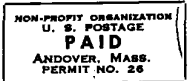
Founded in 1960, the Abbot Cynosure was the principal paper of Abbot Academy. After the merger, the paper changed its name from Abbot Cynosure to PA Cynosure. This document is a “special issue” Abbot Cynosure article about room visiting from January 25, 1972.

Rachel Murree contributed reporting.

LEFT: Dressed in their Sunday best, Abbot girls walk to church in the 1940s. This photograph was taken by Andover’s “official photographer” Donald Look.

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January 25, 1972

SPECIAL ISSUE: ROOM VISITING

In the beginning God created Abbot and P.A.
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LHS Homecoming Princesses, one from each high school, with their escorts at the LHS Pep Rally.

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Andover Bans Grinding and Inappropriate Dress at Dances To Alleviate Discomfort of Students and Faculty

By PEYTON ALIE & MEERA PATEL

Through the windows of Nathan Hale House, Alex Kim '17 and Indiana Sobol '17 can hear music blaring from the Pine Knoll dance just outside. It is September 28, one week after their segregated Junior-only dance. The Pine Knoll dance is their first opportunity to experience a dance with all four classes of Andover students. Kim and Sobol decide to join the crowd of dancing people.

Around them, students appear to be minding their own business and enjoying themselves. Some are socializing on the outskirts of the crowd, some are jumping up and down and fist pumping to the music and others are dancing seductively to Macklemore's "Thrift Shop." From the outside, the dance looks inviting. Once they join, however, Kim and Sobol are quickly made to feel uncomfortable by a group of upperclassmen.

In an interview with *The Phillipian*, Sobol said, "At the Pine Knoll dance, there was a group of upperclassmen, and they went around and circled all the Juniors and were grinding on them. It was kind of intimidating because they were all a lot bigger than us, and they were much older."

"I wouldn't say that it

was a really negative experience, but it was a little uncomfortable and funny at the same time," said Kim.

When asked, several other female underclassmen echoed Kim and Sobol's discomfort at school dances.

"There have been some times [in] Junior year when creepy upperclassmen follow you around during a dance and you make awkward eye contact that can be really pressuring," said Alexa Rodriguez-Pagano '16.

Not everyone agrees that the environment at school dances is problematic. When asked if she felt uncomfortable with what people around her at dances were doing, Janet Chen '17 said, "Not at all. If you don't want to do it, you have the option of saying 'no,' and you can walk away. There are people going crazy, but I just moved away."

Shortly after the Pine Knoll dance, Paul Murphy, Dean of Students and Residential Life, sent out an email to the student body explicitly stating that grinding would no longer be permitted at school dances. Murphy denied that the new policy was in response to Andover's "hook-up culture," but acknowledged that this culture was a problem.

"[T]hough I'm not psyched about the hook-up culture, the hook-up culture

is a far more complex issue than what goes on at dances. They are probably linked, but it is not even close to the reason why we sent this clarification out," Murphy said in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

Christopher Capano, Director of Student Activities, said, "I think when students feel that they need to dress or dance a certain way, it keeps people from coming to dances, because they don't want to have to conform to something that is uncomfortable to them. If coming to a dance means you have to wear too little clothing, you might choose to not go to the dance as opposed to coming to the dance with too much clothing and being not cool," said Capano in an interview with *The Phillipian*.

Billy Casagrande '15 said, "[The policy change] is disappointing for people who don't abuse it because it can be healthy or good, but because some people abuse it and they harass people, the people who don't mean bad are punished. Although [the policy change] is necessary, it is also kind of unfair to the people who are respectful."

The uncomfortable situation that chaperones may be put in at dances was another reason for the clarification, according to Murphy.

"We clarified [the policy]

mostly because the chaperones didn't like looking at it and they kept asking me, 'Am I supposed to stop that?'" said Murphy. "It was one of those things where the clarification went out based on adult discomfort and it turned out that there was quite a bit of student discomfort."

Thomas Cone, Instructor in Biology, said the initial cause of his discomfort was the music being too loud for his liking, but he soon realized that "some students danced in ways that made others uncomfortable, but I didn't know when to interfere and when to not."

"I think the dress policy being clarified might make it a little bit easier for chaperones to know what is and isn't okay," said Capano. "I think before, it was a little more up to the judgement of the chaperone, which was hard on us, because we didn't want to make the wrong decision, and now we have a much straighter list of what is okay and what isn't okay."

Murphy said, "There is this moment where the adults have to say that this is not okay, and if we keep doing it this way, we won't get anyone to chaperone. Then you have to get rid of dances, and nobody wants that."

Cross Campus features local, off-campus news written by Andover students and students in the journalism class of the Humanities and Leadership Development High School in Lawrence, Mass.

Lawrence Homecoming Dance Sees Decline in Popularity

By NIKKI ALVAREZ

The excitement at Lawrence High's Homecoming game and dance has been steadily dwindling throughout the years. Once an extravagant event and staple of social life in Lawrence, the Lancer Pride isn't as loud as it used to be.

"It's not as big at Lawrence High as it was when I was in high school. It's something that's more important to other schools who generate stands filled to the brim with alumni and students," said Jennifer Blanchard, the cheerleading coach and frequent Homecoming game attendee.

In the same vein, the traditional Homecoming dance following the football game has seen a general decline in interest over the years. Although interest in some years have spiked, the dance is hard to plan because ticket sales rarely indicate the popularity of the actual event. Last year, 200 tickets were sold and over 600 people showed up to the event. The result was chaos: The

staff had to kick out students without tickets, according to Richard Gorham, a teacher at HLD.

"We've had years when we've had 150 kids show up and years where there was no interest and we didn't even have a homecoming dance because of that," said Gorham.

The dance has become a matter of indifference to many students. "I'll probably go. I'm not busy that day. I went last year. It's like, once you've gone to one Homecoming you've gone to all of them," said Cesar Abad, HLD '15.

As it seems, Homecoming is becoming a dying tradition at Lawrence High. The Homecoming Princess isn't of much appeal anymore as well. It's also an event that is meant to spark a little interest and controversy, but is somehow still hit with indifference.

"No one will even remember the homecoming princess by Monday morning," said Digna Vargas, BMF '15.



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Seniors cheer at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

A Photo Essay:

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?



Emily Ramos, LHS '16

Ramos has been in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program since her Freshman year.

Q: What has shaped your perception of success?

A: I think basketball has motivated me a lot, I've played it my whole life. It's opened many doors for me; I'm trying out volleyball currently.

Q: How do you think you can become successful?

A: Just need to follow my dreams.

Q: What are your dreams?

A: To join the army.

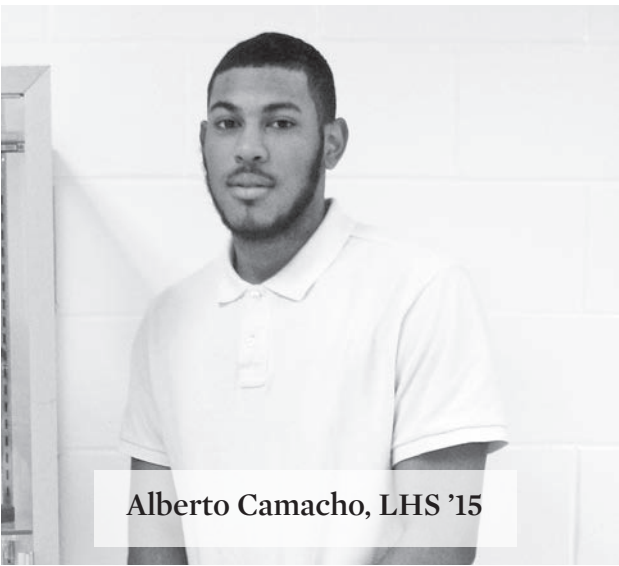
Q: How will you know when you get there?

A: When I'm there.

Q: Who do you know that is successful?

A: My aunt is currently in the Army. She is where I want to be.

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Alberto Camacho, LHS '15

Q: What shapes your idea of success?

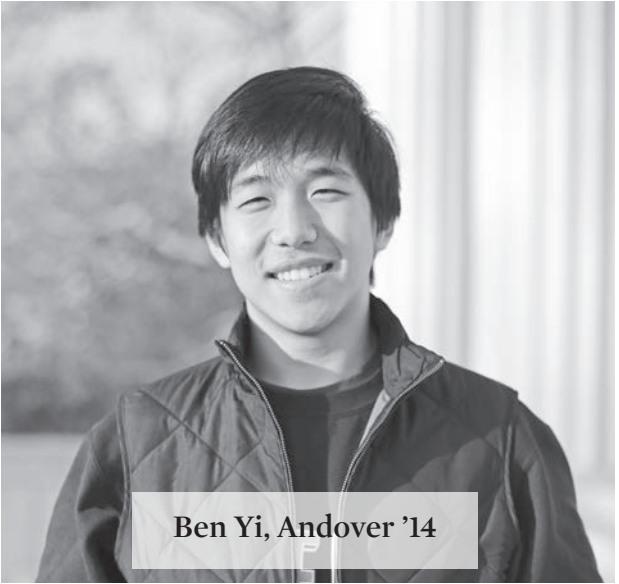
A: My mom because she's working hard and never gave up.

Q: How do you think you can become successful?

A: Staying humble.

Q: Who do you know that is successful?

A: Mos Def [a rapper]. But, of course, he's my idol.



Ben Yi, Andover '14

By RYAN BRIGDEN, ELI CALZADA, DALE MOQUETTE & KAILASH SUNDARAM

In the "Oxford English Dictionary," success is "the prosperous achievement of something attempted; the attainment of an object according to one's desire." Although this definition may give a general notion of the word, "success" is a highly subjective concept. This photo essay attempts to highlight the varying definitions of success in both the Andover and Lawrence High School student communities.



Sarah Cornelius, Andover '14

"For me personally, success is being challenged and being able to rise to that challenge, while at the same time still maintain[ing] some semblance of sanity and balance."

"I will have success when I have a wife that I love and kids that I love and I have enough financial stability so that I can provide for my family's needs. Not luxury, but rather necessities like food, a house and a good education."

ARTS & LEISURE

Susan Giangrande: The Woman Behind Paresky's Art



PHOTOS BY J. SCHMITT/THE PHILLIPIAN

Susan Giangrande has been passionate about art since a very young age. Her works, photographed below, are often inspired by her own experiences.



Julia Boyd

As a teenager, Susan Giangrande crafted Muppets out of foam and fleece and put on puppet shows for her siblings and their friends. Although Giangrande now works with a different medium, her love of art persists.

Giangrande, Frontline Manager of Paresky Commons, is the woman behind the intricately drawn designs that decorate the Paresky windows. Using only computer-printed images for reference, Giangrande creates many detailed designs that give regular Paresky meals a bit of flair.

"[I'm] trying to find a better way to display what we have [to eat]. In order to get more information out there, I started to draw what items [the food represents]," said Giangrande, who has worked at Paresky for five years.

Each bright painting conveys humor as well as artistic

intricacy, stemming from Giangrande's passion for visual art. Since the age of five, Giangrande has developed her artistic skills through oil paint, pen and ink, pastel and fashion illustration.

"A number of years ago, I went to the School of Fashion Design in Boston... I actually did take some of my material down to New York, and I was going to go for a children's wear design," said Giangrande. "They wanted me to move to New York, but I was married at the time, so I wasn't about to move to New York. But they liked the illustrations a lot."

On campus, her smiling cartoons and remarkably realistic designs are widely recognized by students and faculty for their lighthearted nature and their ability to break up the monotony of waiting in line.

"I feel like it adds a whole new level of fun to eating," said Jerry Li '14. "It's nice that [Giangrande] has a place to show her art, because I don't know where these little pictures of

food and themes would fit. I do talk about them with my friends; whenever there's a really cool one, I always wonder, 'How does she do it?'"

Whenever she is having a hard time incorporating images like professional sports teams or cultural events into her images, Giangrande says she usually relies on her past personal experiences for inspiration. For example, many of Giangrande's season-inspired art has depicted Charlie Brown. Just recently, to celebrate Halloween, a drawing of Charlie Brown and Woodstock was featured on a glass cover on the second floor of Paresky.

"I think I draw a lot from Charlie Brown because I grew up with it. It's just part of my past. I love it. I think it's this innocence; it's just a bunch of kids together having a great time with a great dog!" said Giangrande.

Giangrande uses thick poster-paint markers to develop her pictures, taking about 15 to 30 minutes to complete each piece. Starting with a white outline, she then fills in the image, adding color and detail before blending the colors in order to add shadow and depth.

"It's the little things that are really special," said Angela Tang '16. "They can cheer up someone's day. I know when I walk into Commons and see [Giangrande's art], I smile. I don't smile at them just because of pretty they are, or how detailed they are, but also because someone took the time to brighten your day with art."

MILEY CYRUS AND HARRY POTTER DINE AT FIRST UTB SHOW OF THE YEAR

Morgan Kuin

Under The Bed started the night with one of their more familiar games, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." Always a crowd pleaser, the game requires one actor to leave while the audience members suggest characters for each "dinner attendee" to play. While the audience members know the performers' characters, each actor attempts to figure out the character she is portraying through hints dropped during the "party."

Under the Bed (UTB) is Andover's student improvisational comedy troupe.

"I played Miley Cyrus in it! I think Teddy [Lasry '16] and Miles [Neumann '15] guessed well. I was tipped off pretty early, so I got to make a bunch of Miley jokes. ['Guess Who's Coming to Dinner'] is definitely one of my favorite games," said Paige Morss '17, a new member on UTB this year. Lasry played the character of Harry Potter, and Neumann played Borat.

"The whole fun of 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' is for the audience to watch you suffer through the process of trying to guess your character. It was lot of fun, and all the newbies got to play around," said Lasry.

Another audience favorite was "Line in My Socket," a sketch involving three performers who acted out a scene inspired by phrases suggested by the audience. Prior to the start of the show, two of the performers collected different

words and phrases written by audience members on pieces of paper. Sitting offstage, Andrew Vallejos '14, Co-Head of UTB, instructed the players to read one of their lines and incorporate it into the scene.

Inspired by the word "crack," Gabe Braunstein '16, Rob Irvin '15 and Jack Shumway '15 acted out a scene as two little boys who stepped on "the crack on their mother's back." Irvin entered in the middle of the skit as "the mother with the crack on her back." Braunstein and Shumway's on-stage dynamic, combined with Irvin's quick wit, greatly amused the audience.

"We came out [and] did what we needed to do. I think we had a great audience. The audience affects the show a lot," said Vince Mocco '15, a member of UTB. "We came out with a lot of energy and finished it off well, especially considering that we have a very young group this year since a lot of Seniors left last year."

UTB welcomed six new members to the troupe this year. Morss, Lasry, Scott Dieckema '14, David Gaetano '15, Julian Otis '16 and Ellie Simon '15 all performed in their first UTB show.

"I thought that for a high school group they were fantastic. They were almost at the caliber of some adult improv troupes I have seen, which was really impressive. They were spontaneous, while staying relevant to the game and keeping the scene moving," Ethan Brown '17 said in an email to *The Phillipian*.



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Rob Irvin '15 engages the audience during "Bell Curve."

Senior Recitals: Graydon Tope '14 and Harvey Wu '14

Sofie Zhang

The sound of strings and woodwinds intermingled, accompanying the Senior concerto performances of violinist Graydon Tope '14 and pianist Harvey Wu '14 in Cochran Chapel last Sunday afternoon.

Tope, accompanied by the Academy Chamber Ensemble, performed an ethereal interpretation of "The Lark Ascending" by English symphony composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Tope's performance of the piece, which was written about a skylark, started with a calm, pastoral melody. The combination of Tope's smooth execution of the note changes and the powerful orchestral background highlighted her dexterity on the violin.

"I especially loved Graydon's piece. It had this magical, delicate quality to it," said Rachel Soong '17.

According to Tope, the lightness of the piece drew her to choose "Lark Ascending."

"[When] I first heard ['Lark Ascending'], I was immediately entranced by its beauty and its poise. It inspired me to reflect on myself because when I hear the piece, I think of myself. The lark in the piece has a voice that it shares with everyone. I wanted to share my voice with the community and how I had grown as a musi-

cian and as an individual," wrote Tope in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Contrasting Tope's airy piece, pianist Harvey Wu '14, accompanied by the Academy Symphony Orchestra, performed Ludwig van Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37," which featured a deep, brooding melody.

The piece started with a slow, opening melody played by the strings and the woodwind section before Wu entered on the piano with a powerful ascending scale. Wu's command of the piano allowed him to keep up with the piece's play on tempo and themes. He surprised the audience with his impromptu cadenza of the piece, an improvised section of music common in classical concertos.

"[His] performance was unbelievable," said Avery Kim '17. "Harvey's improvisation was incredible. To know an instrument so well that one can produce that [cadenza] in the moment is amazing."

Wu said, "Some would say that performing one's own cadenza is sacrilegious; however, performers during Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven's day improvised their own cadenzas. It is this tradition that I wanted to revive and continue. Personally, I improvised a cadenza that followed the romantic idiom more than the classical, but why not? That is the message that I wanted to give to the audience."

Both Tope and Wu received standing ovations after their performances.

In addition to accompanying Tope and Wu, the ensemble orchestras each delivered strong individual performances. The Corelli Ensemble kicked off the concert with Peter Warlock's popular suite "Capriol Suite for String Orches-

tra." Their performance was then followed by the Amadeus Ensemble's rendition of two contrasting movements of "Quartet No. 1" by Heitor Villa-Lobos and the Academy Chamber Orchestra's performance of the first and fourth movements of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21."

"[The concert] was very exciting," said James Orent, Conductor of the Academy Chamber and Symphony Orchestras. "[With] the students, there's this extra energy that you don't always get with the professionals...I think it's particularly exciting for some of the players to get to sit on the stage and share the great music with [others]. The students really came through. There were some wonderful musical things that happened spontaneously today... some very magical musical moments."

The concert came to a close as the Academy Symphony Orchestra, a combined force of all the musicians from the Chamber, Amadeus and Corelli ensembles, came together to deliver an energizing performance of "Rosamunde Overture Die Zauberkarte, Op. 26 (D. 797)," by Franz Schubert.

Hayley Taylor '17 said, "I really loved Chamber Orchestra's ['Rosamunde Overture Die Zauberkarte']. It didn't sound as crowded or cacophonous as the other pieces. Honestly, it was not what I'd expect from a high school orchestra. It was different to listen to orchestral music, because I mostly listen to music with lyrics, but it was interesting. It was a good kind of change."

Tope and Wu were chosen to be Senior soloists through a competition at the beginning of the school year.



TOP: J. BECKWITH/THE PHILLIPIAN • BOTTOM: L. XUAN/THE PHILLIPIAN

Top: Graydon Tope '14 plays the violin piece "Lark Ascending"
Bottom: Harvey Wu '14 performs a Beethoven concerto on the piano.



Boys Water Polo celebrates its first Championship in its 20 year history.

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First New England Title In Team’s History

By Ryan Simard
PHILLIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 12 |
| Loomis | 10 |
| Andover | 10 |
| Brunswick | 8 |
| Andover | 6 |
| Exeter | 5 |

With two seconds left on the clock, Nick Faulkner '16 launched the ball straight up in the air. By the time the ball had re-

turned to the pool at the end of its fall, it was too late for Phillips Exeter Academy. Andover Boys Water Polo had made history, winning 6-5 and earning the team’s first ever New England water polo title.

With the score tied at the end of the third quarter, Co-Captain Travis Bouscaren '14 put Andover up 5-4 with nailed a shot after just 16 seconds of play in the fourth quarter.

With just over a minute left in the clock, Bouscaren connected with fellow Co-Captain Andrew Yang '14 as he sprinted up the

pool. At the five-meter mark, Yang rocketed a shot past the Exeter goalie.

Exeter responded with a goal seconds later, but in the last minute, goalkeeper Rome Arnold '14 came up with a speedy save and Andover was able to retain possession to guarantee the 6-5 win.

“It was an amazing experience to win the Championships for the first time. Although we were the underdog in the tournament, we still knew that this was our best chance to win the Championships, so we all put pressure on ourselves to perform and

it ended up working out,” said Bouscaren.

Recording 20 saves and an 80 percent save percentage in the championship game, Arnold was named to All-Tournament Goalie despite playing through intense pain.

As Andover had lost to Exeter twice during the regular season, Arnold adjusted his goalkeeping strategy accordingly.

“I basically just told myself that if I could put a hand on the ball, I would not let it in the goal. I had slightly tweaked my strategy for saves, putting way more pressure on my legs

and taking it away from my shoulders, but it made my hands significantly quicker,” said Arnold.

“It also resulted in some of the worst leg cramps I’ve ever had, starting about 30 seconds into the fourth quarter. I even cramped up again while walking over to receive my All-Tournament Trophy for Goalie,” continued Arnold.

“In the Exeter game, we just relaxed and played a tight press defensive which was a different strategy from last time we played them. We trusted our two-meter defense and just tried to press the perimeter which created steals and fast breaks,” said Bouscaren.

Bouscaren received tournament’s most valuable player award as a result of his 15 goals spanning all three games this weekend. Yang and Faulk-

ner were also chosen for the All-Tournament Team.

“Winning MVP was extraordinary. Although the team championship means so much more, I was thrilled to be recognized as the MVP of the tournament, but I was definitely more excited to win as a team,” said Bouscaren.

“We had nothing to lose so we played very fluidly and without the pressure that Brunswick or Exeter may have faced as the number one seed or the defending champions,” said Yang.

The team first beat Loomis 12-10 on Friday; Bouscaren tallied nine goals in the game. Then, Andover toppled number one seed Brunswick 10-8.

Andover’s win over Exeter was the first in five years.

“Going into the tournament, we knew we were

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Dylan Mott '15 scored four of Andover's six goals on Saturday.

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Andy Manos '16 held down Andover's defense, aiding the team's shutout against Loomis.

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Double Victories Drive Boys Toward Championship

By Savannah Mastrangelo
PHILLIPPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 6 |
| Exeter | 2 |
| Andover | 1 |
| Loomis | 0 |

With only 25 minutes left in Andover Boys Soccer’s New England Quarterfinal match, Sam Block '14 ripped a shot that the Loomis goalie rebounded before Co-Captain Taylor Chin '14 headed it into the top left corner.

Before passing the ball to Block, Nick DiStefano '14 received the ball from Brandon Girard '16. DiStefano got the pass off to Block as he was falling due to a hard tackle. With four players directly involved in the build up, Andover’s goal was a team effort.

Andover, ranked third in New England going into the Quarterfinal match, beat Loomis 1-0 and will face Worcester Academy in the New England Semi-Finals on Saturday at Worcester.

The team capped off its undefeated regular season

last weekend with a 6-2 victory over Phillips Exeter Academy, leaving Andover with a 12-0-5 record.

Dylan Mott '15 put on a scoring clinic with four goals, one of them off an unassisted run through Exeter’s entire defense. DiStefano assisted Mott’s other three goals and added two of his own.

“I think the reason we haven’t lost a game, particularly this quarterfinal game, is because we have a lot of Seniors who have been on the team for awhile. These Seniors give their all each game in hopes of getting to play just one more game in blue,” said Chin.

Against Loomis, Andover played its typical tenacious defense, with Kene Adigwe '14 and Co-Captain Graeme Henderson '14 stepping to the ball effectively and shutting down Loomis’s offense. Although Loomis looked threatening early in the game, Andover’s defense came out on top after the first half.

Andover missed a few potential scoring opportunities, including a couple open netters and some shots that hit the crossbar. The team will have to capi-

talize on these chances if it hopes to make a deep run in the playoffs.

“It has been a long journey to here, but we have to keep looking forward. It isn’t time to celebrate yet,” said DiStefano.

Against Exeter, Andover showed its best finishing all season after struggling to score against tougher competition in Class A. This was Andover’s second consecutive win against Exeter after defeating its archrival last year 1-0.

“The positive attitude of the team has been accumulating throughout the season, and our team is playing the best soccer we have played all season because of this. We look to carry this positive attitude to these last few games and hope that it can climax on Sunday,” said Adigwe.

Andover will have to muster all of its strength against second ranked Worcester on Saturday.

“I couldn’t be more proud of this team; we’ve showed a lot of great determination this season, but we still have a lot more work to do. We aren’t satisfied yet,” said Andy Manos '16.

WATERPOLO

Saturday Yields Three-Game Victory

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the underdogs, and really embracing that mindset allowed us to play two of the best games we have played all season,” said Yang.

Bouscaren said, “Leading up to our Loomis game, we had a couple tough losses, so I knew that I had to lead the team in that game to regain our confidence, and after that everyone stepped up in the next games.”

The thrill and anticipation of the fans brought energy to the team. With the hope of advancing and possibly playing Exeter, the intensity was high.

“In the Brunswick game, at around half-time, all of the Andover fans arriving on the buses piled into the stadium and cheered us to victory,” said Bouscaren. “I have never played a game where there was that much intensity, not only by the fans, but because of the fans we all picked up on their excitement after big plays.”

Although the crowd played a major role in propelling the team to victory, there is no replacement for an inspiring coach.

“Coach Fox deserves full and total credit for our performance. He

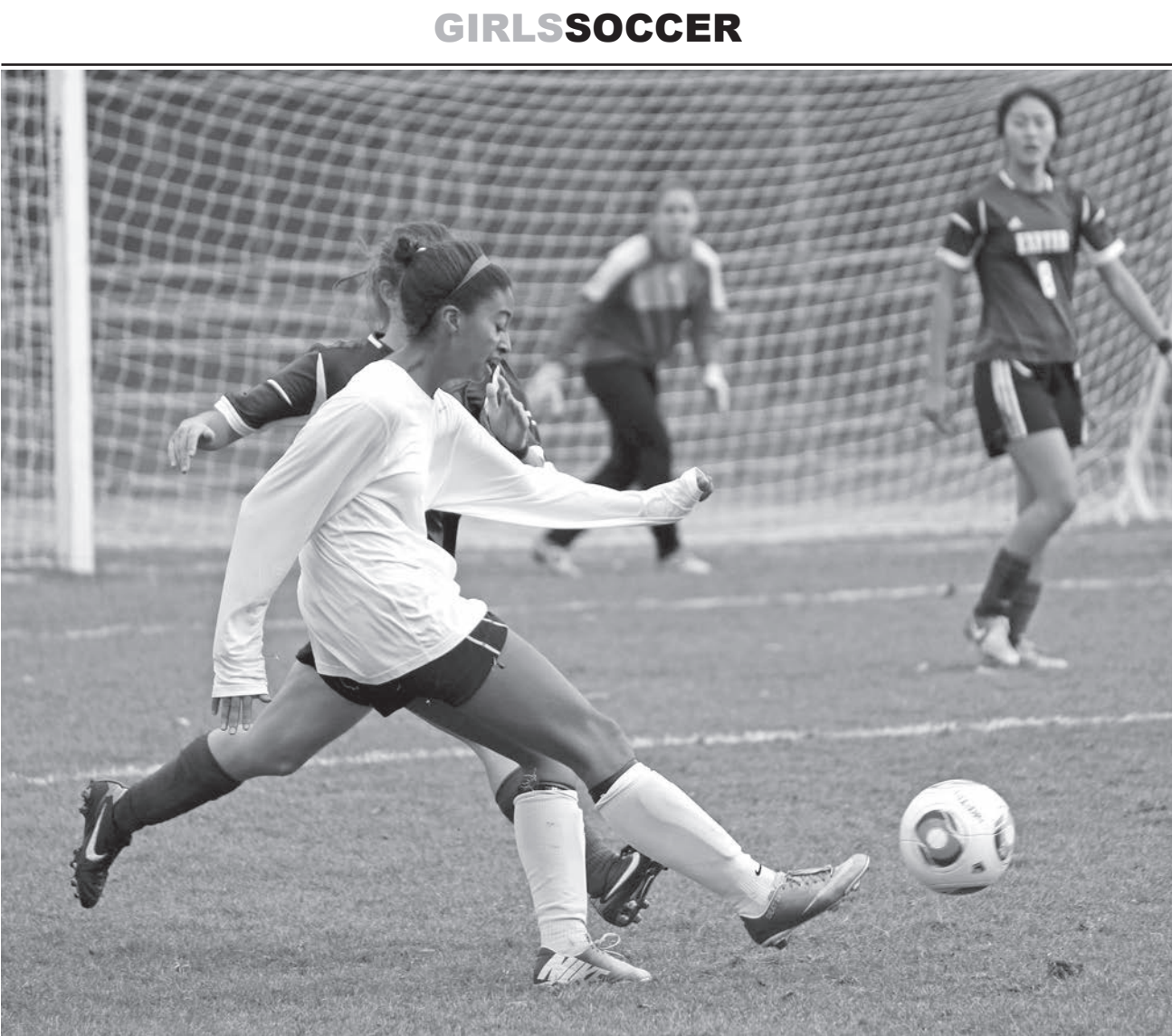
managed to keep us relaxed yet excited going into the game,” said Arnold.

“His greatest contribution, however, was a timeout call early in the game when we were down just 2-0. The timeout let us recover our strength, and the short speech he gave quickly re-inspired each and every one of us to push ourselves to do anything to win,” Arnold continued.

“This year we focused more on strategy and actual play rather than conditioning that we’d been focusing on in previous years,” said Chris Li ’15 who has played on the team since his Junior year. “Basically we were more prepared to play in a game. We also only graduated two Seniors last year, so we had a more experienced roster.”

With the win, the 2013 season Boys Water Polo team will have its name in the record books.

“We just gave every ounce of energy and excitement, and over the course of 24 hours we pulled out three straight victories, two of which were seeding upsets. I can’t describe how proud I am to be a part of this team,” said Marc Sevas-topoulo ’15.



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Deyana Marsh '17 kept Exeter's strikers at bay on defense.

Timely Goal Ties Score, Ending Season on A High Note

By Victoria Bergeron
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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| Andover | 1 |
| Exeter | 1 |

Receiving a long pass from Katie Kreider '14, Co-Captain Hannah Guzzi '14 fired a shot into the back of the net, knot-

ting up the score of Andover Girls Soccer's (GVS) game against Phillips Exeter Academy 1-1 with eight minutes left on the clock.

Guzzi's score would be Andover's only goal in the team's final match of the season, which ended in 1-1 tie. With a 7-8-3 record for the season, Andover will not be advancing to the playoffs.

“By the end of the game, I couldn't have cared less about the score. I got really emotional thinking about the memories from the past four years that I've had at Andover and with GVS. In the end, it was more about the GVS family and less about beating Exeter,” said Co-Captain Diana Tchadi '14.

Exeter took the lead just 15 minutes into the game off a shot from the 18-yard line. Exeter maintained control of the ball and kept Andover on the defensive in the first half.

Andover's offense struggled as Exeter's defense limited Andover's midfielders from attacking through the center of the

field. Knocked out of position, the midfielders were forced to go wide and play through the wings.

In the second half, Andover switched its field positioning to try for more scoring opportunities. The team converted its setup from having four defenders, four midfielders and two forwards in a 4-4-2 setup to three defenders, four midfielders and three forwards in a 3-4-3 setup. Kreider went from midfielder to forward and Jeanine Moreau '16 and Kinsey Yost '15 switched off playing as the defender in the mid-field.

Led by Zoe Chazen '14 and Guzzi, Andover rallied back throughout the second half with aggressive offensive play. Following Guzzi's goal, Chazen took a shot that would have put Andover up by one with less than three minutes in the game. The shot, however, hit the crossbar.

“Guzzi had a phenomenal game. She created multiple scoring opportunities and was the play-

maker on offense,” said Savannah Mastrangelo '16. “She was pushing us forward with her high energy and helped the team to finish out the game strong. She left everything she had out on the field and we wouldn't have come close without her.”

This was the second consecutive Andover/Exeter girls soccer game that has ended in a tie. Last year's Andover-Exeter game also ended with a score of 1-1.

Despite failing to make the playoffs and ending the season with a losing record, the team found a highlight in the Andover-Exeter game as it bid its Seniors adieu.

“It was an incredible game to play in, as always,” said Kreider. “No matter what record we had or Exeter had going into the game, it's always competitive and a great matchup. I'm happy we were able to come from behind and tie the game. It was a good way to finish my last GVS season.”

GIRLSCROSSCOUNTRY

Girls Sprint to Third Place Victory at Interschols

By Cameron Kerry
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

With an even stride and a steady pace, Anoush Shehadeh '15 crossed the finish line with a course record of 17:38 to capture first place at the NEPSAC Division I Championships (Interschols).

Shehadeh's victory propelled Andover to an award-winning third place finish out of 14 teams. The top four teams earn awards from the NEPSAC Council.

Shehadeh bested her old record of 18:04 on the St. Paul's School course and finished 42 seconds ahead of the second place runner. This was the second consecutive year that Shehadeh finished in first place.

“Individually, I was really happy to be 26 seconds fast-

er on the St. Paul's course than I was earlier this season, and I was really glad that I was able to maintain a sizable gap between second place and myself,” said Shehadeh, who is undefeated in her high school cross country career.

“It was great to be in top three again and continue Andover's long tradition of performing well at Interschols. It also meant a lot to watch our Captain, Graydon [Tope '14], go up to the stage and get our third place team plaque for us,” said Qiqi Ren '15.

Peyton McGovern '16 and Ren finished 7th and 28th respectively to round out Andover's top three. Shehadeh and McGovern will advance to the New Balance New England Eastern Regionals, where they will

compete to attend the New Balance Nationals.

“As a team, our goal going into Interschols was to keep up with the solid performances we've had so far. We were a really deep team with a lot of tight packs, which I think showed through in the race,” said Sharon Zhang '16.

Sofia Barbosa '16 finished fourth for Andover with a personal record of 21:04. Sharon Ruth Platt '15, Zhang and Alana Gudinas '16 finished with times of 21:09, 21:15 and 21:23, respectively, to round out Andover's top seven.

“This year, I think we had a really strong team, and throughout the season we kept seeing how our Varsity packs kept getting closer and closer together. I think that, at Interschols, having a tight pack was really important for us to do in order to place, and we truly accomplished that,” said Barbosa.

One of the reasons for Andover's success on the course was its experience on the St. Paul's course. The team defeated St. Paul's earlier in the season 27-28 on October 9.

Shehadeh added, “I was so proud of us on Saturday. Our team is so united and strong, and we pulled together, and our third place finish came from nothing more than all the hard work we've put in.”

Looking forward, Andover will look to use its highlights this season to improve on its 5-1 record and capture the Championships next season.

McGovern said, “This year's performance was excellent as a team. We really bonded. We have had some races where our second through seventh were a minute apart from each other. That's a great statistic because it shows that we have people working as packs and running better times. Our record showed how strong [we were] and how much depth we had.”



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Qiqi Ren '15 rounded out Andover's top three on Saturday.

GIRLSSOCCER

ANDOVER EXETER RECAP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013



GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY FINAL SCORE: 3 - 4 LOSS

Varsity Football FINAL SCORE: 13 - 12 WIN

Boys Varsity Soccer FINAL SCORE: 6 - 2 WIN

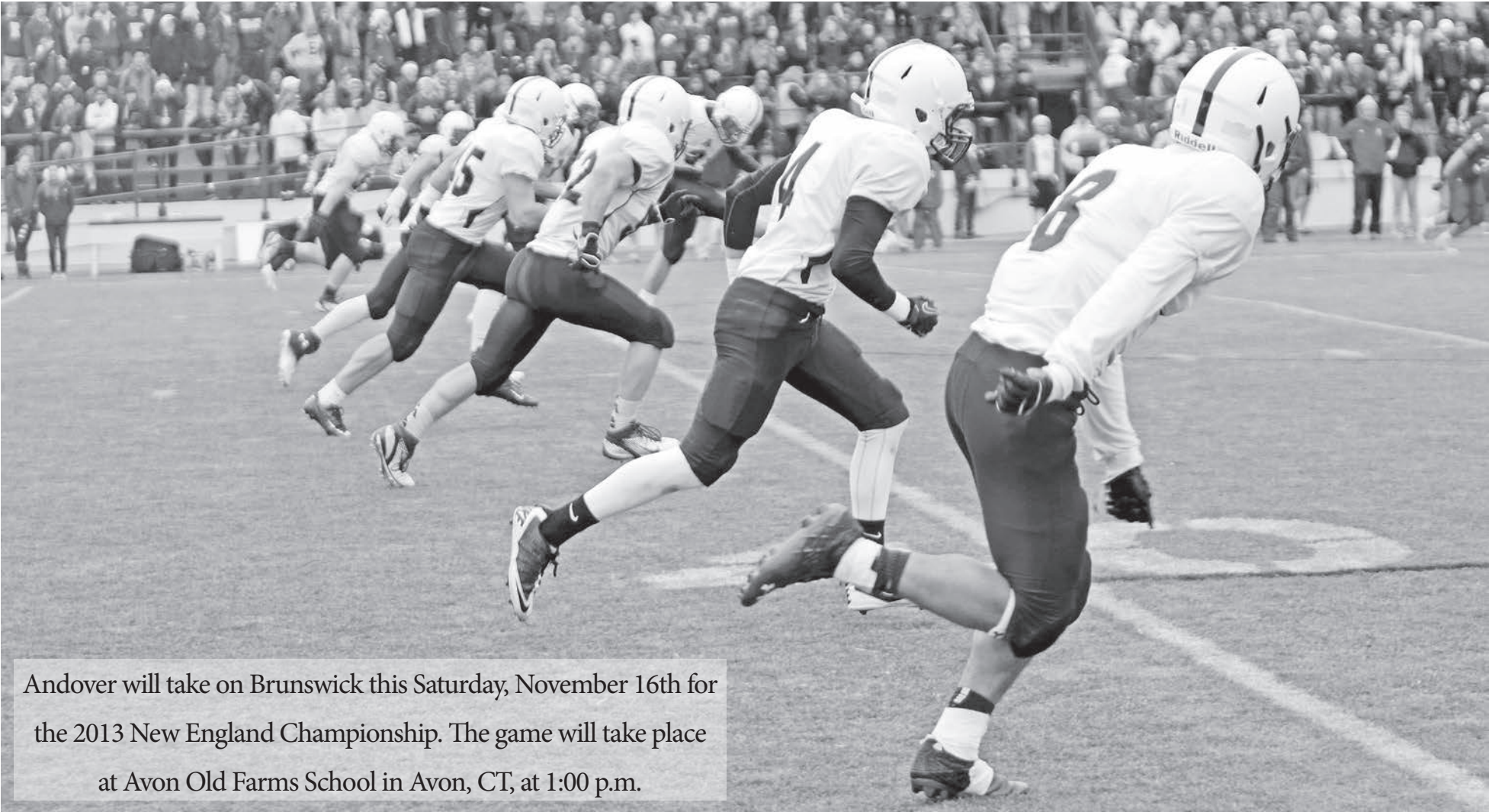
GIRLS Varsity Soccer FINAL SCORE: 1 - 1 Tie

GIRLS Varsity Volleyball FINAL SCORE: 1 - 3 Loss

Boys Varsity Waterpolo 2013 NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONS FINAL SCORE: 6 - 5 WIN

ANDOVER/EXETER FOOTBALL

ANDOVER WINS IN FINAL 30 SECONDS



Andover will take on Brunswick this Saturday, November 16th for the 2013 New England Championship. The game will take place at Avon Old Farms School in Avon, CT, at 1:00 p.m.



Andover Earns First in NEPSAC Class A Championship

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Exeter's defense frustrated Stone, who finished the day with 96 yards. But Stone got his revenge. He was almost stopped before the goal line on his game-winning touchdown run, but battled Exeter's defenders and found his way into the end zone.

"I knew Coach Mo was trusting me to get to the end zone, and I wasn't going to stop until I got there. I saw a small seam, cut up field and got stopped three or four yards from the end zone when I met a linebacker, and I just kept driving until I got into the end zone," said Stone.

The switch in offensive styles led to one of the most impressive drives Modeste had ever witnessed

"At least where I have been involved in the Andover/Exeter rivalry, there are certain things that are just named. One of them is 'The Screen,' when we beat them [Exeter] by two points back in '87. There was 'The Catch,' which was Titus Ivory's '96 catch back in '95. But now we have a new one. It's called 'The

Drive.' That drive is going to be etched in people's minds for a long time," said Modeste.

Ian Maag threw 16 passes, completing eight for 51 yards against Exeter's defense.

"They did a really good job of shutting down our outside receivers on those long balls. That's normally our go-to move when we need a big play," said Maag. "Their defensive line was really good, and they got after me a lot. I had a little trouble seeing the field there for a while."

Rob Needham '15 said, "This Exeter team was the biggest team that I've played against. Every one of their linemen was 250 [pounds] minimum. But we prepared for it, we had our defensive scheme, we knew that we had to stay low and fire off, and we did that and we ended up shutting them down."

Moore led the team with 17 tackles, while Co-Captain Tyler Marshall '14 finished with ten tackles. Needham led the team with two sacks.

The defense forced three turnovers, all of which came at crucial points in the game. The first two interceptions by Matt Rusk-Kosa '14 and Brandon Michel '14 came in the first half. The third turnover that Andover forced was an interception by Alec Tolentino '14 at the end of the game.

Since Stone's touchdown came with 31 seconds left on the clock, Exeter had a chance to kick a game-winning field goal. With less than 15 seconds left, Tolentino intercepted a tipped pass and ran down the sideline until the clock ran out.

"All I was doing while I was running was looking at the clock, waiting for it to run down, and when it did, I don't remember what happened. But when I was running down the field I felt myself smiling," said Tolentino.

Following the victory, Andover fans stormed Exeter's field. "This game was such a great experience, especially since we came out on top. The fans rushing the field afterwards—that's something that I've never been a part of. That was really cool," said Maag.

Andover will play against New Brunswick in the Jack Etter Championship Bowl at Avon, CT on Saturday. This will be the team's first playoff game since 2007.

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VOLLEYBALL

Girls Tackle Exeter Twice This Week, Unable to Secure Redemption



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Andover Girls Volleyball rallies to quell Exeter's momentum and make a comeback in the third set.

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Surrounded by screaming fans decked in blue gear and the sounds of vuvuzelas on Saturday, Annette Bell '16 fired off eight unanswered service points in the third set to help Andover Volleyball comeback against Phillips Exeter Academy and take the set 25-14.

Andover, however, was unable to secure a victory, and the team lost 3-1 in

front of the Andover-Exeter crowd.

Unable to avenge the loss, Andover lost again to Exeter 0-3 on Wednesday in the NEPSAC quarterfinals.

These two losses did not come without a fight. Andover outscored Exeter by one point Saturday and lost by two points in each set on Wednesday.

Despite dominating Exeter 3-0 in under an hour earlier in the season, Andover struggled against the improved team.

"Exeter was much more consistent than [it] used to be. [It] didn't make errors often, so that means we had to keep up the rallies for a long time," said Eden Livingston '15.

On Saturday, the first set foreshadowed what would be a back and forth game.

Andover and Exeter were tied a total of 11 times by the time the score was 16-16. Andover battled to see its first set point at 24-23, and another set point at 25-24, but ultimately could not close out the set.

Exeter held on and executed a side out and two service points to win the set 27-25.

"Our strategy was to go big or go home—literally. We had some really powerful hits that got us points, and came out swinging really hard," said Livingston.

The second set followed the same pattern as the first with the teams tying 13 times in total. At 17-17, Exeter pulled ahead 22-17 and used that momentum to close it out 25-21, grabbing a 2-0 lead over Andover.

Andover rallied to take control of the third set, closing it out 25-14 and forcing Exeter to battle out another set.

The fourth set came down to the wire. The teams going head to head until the score reached 19-19, when Exeter pulled ahead with a final burst of energy to take the set 25-21 and ultimately the match 3-1.

"The serve was switching back and forth really often, and that made it difficult for us to keep up solid momentum," said Co-Captain Alex Becker '15.

After such a close loss, Andover had high hopes going into Wednesday. They fell to Exeter in a heartbreaking match 23-25, 24-26 and 28-30.

"When we played Exeter on Saturday, we had a lot more spikes and hard hits. On Wednesday, we played more flatline and more consistent, but it wasn't as high of a level as we would've liked to play," said Co-Captain Kate Wincek '14.

Andover jumped ahead in the first set early, leading 7-3 and 10-7 until Exeter fired off five serves and take the lead 12-10. The two teams fought closely, and although Andover came back to tie the set at 23, Exeter pulled ahead 25-23.

The second set was a brutal back and forth between the two teams. Andover tied the score at 9, 14 and 19. The pressure was on to close out the set.

One of the most exciting plays this season came in the middle of the second set. Bell picked up an Exeter serve that hit the net as it came over, a shot most players are unable to execute, giving Andover some needed momentum.

"As [Bell] was walking across the net to get to her position, she popped up the ball with her wrist and we made a play on it. It was gorgeous," said Becker.

With this confidence boost, Andover went up 21-20 and 23-22 until the teams tied at 24 all.

Once again, Exeter came out on top, seizing the set 26-24.

The third set followed the same pattern as the first two. At 24-23, Andover saw its first set point of the match. Despite losing the point, Andover fought for another set point at 25-24.

Exeter countered with a match point at 26-25, yet Andover came back with its third and fourth set points at 27-26 and 28-27.

In a final push, Exeter went ahead 30-28, finishing a grueling battle and capturing its second win over Andover in five days.

"Exeter didn't outplay us, they outscrapped us. They picked up a lot of balls that teams normally wouldn't have and never let a ball drop," said Becker.

Although it may seem that two losses to Exeter end the season on a bad note, both matches demonstrated team unity, which Andover has worked hard to improve on this year.

"This may not have been the best we played, but it was the most together we've played all season in my opinion. Everyone on the court seemed like we all really loved to be there, and at the end of the day we came together and played as one unit instead of six individuals, which was a huge stepping stone for us," said Wincek.

Andover Volleyball finished the season with an 8-7 record.

Non Sibi Society Swim-A-Thon



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Aaron Teo '15 swam for charity in this year's Swim-a-Thon.

By Isabella Haegg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In the Non Sibi Society's annual Swim-a-Thon this past Sunday, 30 students and faculty joined forces to raise money for the Children of God, a Syrian humanitarian organization.

One standout Swim-a-Thon participant was Mika Latva-Kokko, Instructor in Physics, who swam a record-breaking total of 300 laps.

"Two years ago, I did 250 laps, but this year I wanted to push myself a little further. I was hoping to get to 300 laps, about 7500 yards. I just finished 300 laps before two-and-a-half hours was up. The sense of accomplishment was really memorable," wrote Latva-Kokko in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Speakers blasting music motivated the participants to push themselves to complete that extra lap. Each participant was required to have a sponsor who donated either a certain amount of money per lap or a fixed, overall sum.

While the exact amount raised is unknown because volunteers haven't donated all of their sponsored money yet, Non Sibi society hopes to exceed last year's total of \$2000.

This year, the Non Sibi Society chose proceeds to go to The Children of God, a Syrian organization that provides necessities, such as winter jackets and milk, for underprivileged children affected by the ongoing war, according to Meera Tawil '14, a member of Non Sibi Society who has worked with Children of God before.

"It was really great witnessing the thoughtfulness that went into choosing the organization they wanted to sponsor, and the organization of the event itself," said Kassie Archambault, faculty advisor to Non Sibi Society.

"We had a great time with all the swimmers, lifeguards and volunteers. The turnout made our efforts preparing for the event worthwhile," said Elaine Chao '14, Co-Head of Non Sibi Society.

Pack Running Holds Off Opponents; Boys Claim Second Place at Interschols

By Felipe Chamon
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With an Exeter runner nipping at his heels, Ian Whittall '14 of Andover Boys Cross Country blazed down the course in pursuit of his archrival, Northfield Mount Hermon runner Mohamed Hussein '14, during last Saturday's Interschols race.

In the matchup between the two, Hussein has taken first place the past two encounters. Although Whittall lost yet again to Hussein, Whittall's own second place finish helped to propel Andover to an impressive second place overall finish.

With 14 teams of competitive runners converging on the course at St. Paul's on Saturday, Andover, which lost the majority of its races by narrow margins this season, was able to outrun 12 teams, losing only to Ex-

eter.

Ethan McIntosh '15 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "We were mainly concerned about Choate and St Paul's because they packed up well earlier in the season and defeated us in dual meets."

The pack strategy has been key in Andover's strong races this season. In addition to cohesive teamwork, Andover incorporated a quick-paced start into its Interschols tactical approach. An uncommon technique, Andover employed it in this race due to the large amount of runners leaving the starting line at once, which effectively separated potential opponent packs early in the race.

"In a big race like Interschols, it's difficult to run in groups. However, we did have a pack of four runners for the opening mile or two," wrote Ralph Skinner

'16 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Whittall led the Andover Boys for one last time, and ran with the leading runners from the other teams. Despite dropping first place to Hussein, Whittall finished not far behind with a time of 16:12, only six seconds behind his opponent and one second short of breaking the course record that stood before the race.

McIntosh finished closely after Whittall, crossing the finish line in seventh place overall, and second for Andover, with a time of 16:36. Captain Scott Diekema '14 dug deep for the last mile after fighting hard during the first two to finish in 24th overall with a time of 17:19.

Skinner and Paul McGovern '15 finished with times of 17:31 and 17:32 respectively, with Skinner finishing in 29th and Mc-

Govern finishing in 30th overall. Kailash Sundaram '15 and Tom Burnett '15 also finished strongly, and they rounded out the Andover team with times of 17:50 and 17:53 respectively.

"We managed to hold off those teams because of some amazing individual races," wrote McIntosh.

Interschols marked the end of a very productive season for the team which saw great improvement among the runners.

"Interschols was a great day for the team. The guys peaked at just the right time and were able to deliver a brilliant performance. They worked toward that race throughout the fall, and many of them had trained all summer, too," wrote Coach Jeff Domina in an email to *The Phillipian*.

"The second-place finish was fantastic. I'm really proud of them," he added.



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Ian Whittall '14 came within one second of Olympian Guor Majak's 16:11 St. Paul's Course Record on Saturday.

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Win Comes For Wolfpack

By Pranav Tadikonda
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On a frigid November Friday night before the Pep Rally, Team Wolfpack and Team Foxcroft gathered in Phelps Stadium for the Annual Cluster Soccer Championship. Propelled by two goals from Hirsh Chitkara '14, Team Wolfpack left the field victorious, with the final score at 4-3.

Team Foxcroft arrived to the pitch 40 minutes early to warm up, while Team Wolfpack arrived just before the game, without a soccer ball to practice with.

“Our motto all year was ‘Winter is Coming,’ so we really felt that we were in our element while we were warming up,” said Chitkara, as snow began to fall during the teams’ warm-ups.

Chitkara explained that Team Wolfpack used pre-game music to help boost their spirits. “We always listen to a theme song from the TV show Game of Thrones—that show is how our team name came into being... I was really pumped up because a lot of my friends were in the stands, and I didn’t want to disappoint on the big stage,” said Chitkara.

Hector Cho ’15 of Team Foxcroft scored the first goal of the game when he launched a powerful shot far away from the goal that deflected off of a member of Team Wolfpack and into the back of the net.

Team Foxcroft added another goal to make it 2-0, but Chitkara and Cole Benedict ’14 both tickled twine for

Team Wolfpack before the end of the half to make it 2-2.

“We weren’t used to playing with a deficit, but once we got the first goal in, we got more comfortable and got into the competitive state of mind,” said Chitkara.

Chitkara scored again in the second half when he took a through-ball past the Foxcroft defense, got slide-tackled from behind, stumbled to his feet and slid a shot past the Foxcroft goalkeeper, Ben Bolduc ’16.

Andra Gusman ’14 netted the winner after weaving through the Foxcroft defense and nailing his shot in the top-left corner of the goal. The nifty goal gave Team Wolfpack a 4-3 lead that held up until the end of the game.

“At first, I was taking advantage of a good throw-in, but a defender was in my way and I tried to find someone to pass it to, either Matt Powers ’14 or Cole, but since I couldn’t see any good options, I decided to go for the glory. I was inspired by a move that Neymar made in a game just before our match. With my wolf-like instinct, I aimed for the top left corner and the crowd went wild,” said Gusman.

Amogh Sharma ’14 said, “We let the inner wolf inside of us out that night.”

Team Wolfpack’s lead, however, was threatened by a strong blast from Kyu Hyun Lee ’15 that ricocheted off of the crossbar.

“Our performance was superb. The soccer gods failed us,” said Harvey Wu ’14, Team Foxcroft’s Captain.

“On an average day, it’s 98 percent luck, one percent skill and the other one percent depends on the wind,” concluded Catalina Feder ’15 of Team Foxcroft.

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FIELD HOCKEY



Katerina Toffoloni '15 strengthened Andover's offense, aiding in its 10-9 outshooting of Westminster.

Aggressive Offense Struggles to Seal Victories

By Payton Jancsy
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After recovering from a mishandled corner, Co-Captain Amy Morin ’14 fired a shot while Anna Fucillo ’15 perfectly placed her stick in front of it, tipping it into the Westminster goal.

This proved to be Andover’s only goal of the game, as the team suffered a season-ending 4-1 quarter finals loss at the hands of sixth-seeded Westminster after capturing the fifth seed in the NEPSAC field hockey playoffs.

Earlier in the week, Andover lost to its historic rival, Phillips Exeter Academy, 4-3.

Exeter dominated the beginning of the game, taking an early 1-0 lead on a shot from 40 yards out.

Andover was not deterred, however, as Olivia Cabral ’14 buried a rebound out in front of the Exeter net after an An-

dover corner, tying the game 1-1 with ten minutes left in the first half.

“It was tough to go down 1-0 early, but we all knew if we went down 2-0 it would be hard to come back from in such a big rivalry game. We needed that next goal to get some momentum back. The ball came across the cage and I was right there to tip it in past the goalie,” said Cabral.

Andover continued its persistent offense and capitalized on another opportunity, as Eva Toffoloni ’15 gave Andover a 2-1 lead with her goal.

“I found an opportunity in front of the net and shot it in. That goal put us in the lead, but we struggled to keep the momentum on our side as Exeter quickly responded with a goal,” said Eva Toffoloni ’15.

Exeter took advantage of a corner with five minutes left in the first half to net its second goal. The game went into the half tied at 2-2 with Exeter outshooting Andover 11-7.

After the half, it did not take long for Andover to find its rhythm. Fucillo was able to find the back of the net, making it 3-2 and providing Andover with some much needed momentum.

Exeter shut down this momentum, however, scoring

minutes later to tie the game at 3-3.

For the next five minutes, Andover’s relentless offense worked the Exeter goalkeeper, but could not put the ball into the net.

On Exeter’s next fast break, it was able to convert and take a 4-3 lead that proved to be the game-winner. It was Andover’s third loss of the season.

“It was Exeter’s last game of the season because they didn’t make the playoffs, so they really came out guns blazing. They wanted it a little more and they played extremely hard for their Seniors, knowing it was their last game,” said Eliza Quigley ’15.

Andover tried to use the frustration from the loss to Exeter to invigorate the team against a strong Westminster team with its season on the line, but the task proved to be too difficult.

Five minutes into the game, Westminster was able to convert on a stroke to take an early 1-0 lead.

Towards the end of the half, Westminster scored again on a loose rebound out front, taking a 2-0 lead. The game remained close heading into the half.

Andover showed life in the second half, led by Fucillo’s goal.

“Amy Morin came down on the wing and took a nice hard shot to the net that I was able to deflect to the right of the net past the goalie,” said Fucillo.

Westminster, however, responded immediately with another rebound goal, putting it up 3-1 with just over 12 minutes to play, a deficit that Andover could not overcome.

Westminster’s last goal came with 49 seconds left, as the team buried the ball on a breakaway to seal the victory.

Despite the 4-1 loss, Andover was able to outshoot Westminster 10-9.

“We played with everything we had. They were a really fast and good team and we gave it all we had. Unfortunately, sometimes it falls one way and sometimes it falls the other, and it didn’t fall our way today,” said Morin.

Andover finished its season with an 11-4-1 record.

“It was a great season. We were a tight group of girls and we gave everything we had out on the field. We grew together and created many memories that will last beyond Andover,” said Eva Toffoloni.

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Taylor Chin and Graeme Henderson

BOYS SOCCER

By Peter Hahn
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Co-Captains Taylor Chin ’14 and Graeme Henderson ’14 have led Andover Boys Soccer to an undefeated regular season and a crucial quarterfinal victory over Loomis Chaffee, propelling the team toward its quest to secure a perfect season and the New England Championship for the first time since 2004.

Chin and Henderson’s combined seven years on the team, as well as their respective skills on the field, make them a powerful duo. While Henderson anchors the team’s defense at center-back, Chin

controls the play at center midfield.

“The younger kids follow their lead, and these two have been amazing leaders,” said Head Coach Bill Scott. “In every case I’ve had an undefeated team, I would point to leadership as being the most important part.”

A Senior from Ipswich, Mass., and the only four-year player on the team, Chin has accumulated invaluable experience on the field that he translates into play.

“I’ve seen what works and what doesn’t and what factors have added to a successful season, and also I’ve seen what things are

detrimental to a season,” said Chin.

“I try to promote an atmosphere where everyone is contributing and everyone feels like they have a piece of the pie, where we’re holding each other accountable and making sure that we’re giving our best and our teammates are giving us their best,” he continued.

Chin has succeeded in strengthening the team on and off the field. “[Chin is] the Captain that gets things done when no one is watching. He’s the one you go to if you have a problem,” said Dylan Mott ’15.

Nick Swenson ’15 added,

“Taylor brings a lot of focus to everything we do on the team and he works really hard. He sets a really good example.”

Having entered Andover as a new Lower, Henderson has been an aggressive force on the team for the past three years.

Although being voted Captain last year took him by surprise, he has stepped up to the role this season.

“I wasn’t really expecting it, but I was glad to take on the responsibility. I’ve been committed to team for three years, but there are a lot of great guys who could have been voted over me,” said Henderson.

Henderson channels his passion for the game by keeping the team connected amongst each other. “I try to be a big voice on the field. I can see where everybody is and what is going on, so I need to communicate,” he said.

“Graeme is really aware of the game, and he tries to make sure we are all on the same page,” said Colby Lapointe ’16.

Mott added, “Graeme is a commander on the field, and if you do something wrong, he’ll let you know. But at the same time he is one of the nicer guys on the team.”

Despite their different personalities and differ-

ent styles of play, Chin and Henderson have worked together to balance each other and do the best for the team.

“We work well most of the time together. When we do butt heads though I think the outcome is a more balanced, well thought-out one,” said Chin.

Both Chin and Henderson have been selected for the New England Prep School Senior All-Star team. First, however, they hope to conclude their Andover careers by taking on Worcester this Saturday and earning a spot in the New England Championship’s final game.

FEATURES THANKSGIVING

A LONG TIME AGO... AT A SCHOOL FAR, FAR AWAY:

THE REAL STORY OF THANKSGIVING

BY CALLUM SLATER

THANKSGIVING: a holiday celebrating family and over-indulgence, and the one day of the year where no one judges you for unbuttoning your pants when you watch TV.

It's a story about tourists and locals and the idea of sharing, right? Wrong! A certain technologically inadequate President, who will remain unnamed, has fed you lies. The real story of Thanksgiving is so epic that it has been hidden from the general public for generations in fear that the awesomeness would overpower them. However, we at Features have gotten hold of the true story of Thanksgiving and are now prepared to share it with you.

Our tale begins in the upper reaches of New England, in a small town called Andover, Massachusetts. This village is most famously known as the home of Phillips Academy, a school that was in tune with the Forces of Cool. The Forces of Cool were an all-seeing power that held balance in the region. To be in touch with the Forces of Cool meant that you had

friends and socialized and that your football team came up big during important rival football games.

North of Andover lay an evil foe, Exeter. Exeter had turned to the dark side of the forces and had an evil vision for the rest of the world. Their leader, Darth Social-Life Evader, and his evil pet, Stankosaurus Rex, had the most horrible and devious plan for the world. He wanted everyone to do homework forever.

The Forces of Good (or Cool) at Andover were perturbing Phillips Academy's leader, General Jar Jar Bin-Cooler-than-Exeter. Sensing an approaching attack, he prepared the Andover students for a rousing and epic battle.

But what Jar Jar Bin-Cooler-Than-Exeter never considered in his battle calculations was Exeter's horrid lack of foresight, inferior mental capabilities and lack of athletic ability.

Foiling the Exeter attack was like buying candy from Susie's: not particularly difficult, just inconvenient when the gummy worms are on the bottom row.

The battle itself lasted for less than an hour. As the Exeter troops approached, one Andover student read-

ied his bow and fired what is referred to as, "the shot heard 'round the quad..." except no one heard it 'cause it was a bow and arrow. Unsurprisingly, the Exeter student accidentally shot one of his own men. Also, as the infantry advanced, their leader got his head stuck in his helmet. The remainder of the battle was spent attempting to get him unstuck. During the battle, one of the Andover students commented, "Dear Lord, they're all a bunch of turkeys!"

To celebrate the effortless victory, Andover students held a huge feast during which they all shared reasons for which they were grateful that they attended Andover. They consumed turkey as a tribute to the Exeter students and their delightfully sad efforts.

And that, folks, is the real story of Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for the real story of Christmas in Episode Five and the tale of Passover in Episode Six, and then we're gonna skip back to Episode One for the real story of Adam and Eve. Yes, we know it would make much more sense to start at the beginning, and no, this definitely isn't a money ploy. Sleep well, kids.



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"Samuel, I am your uncle."

Reduce, Reuse, Repumpkin!

BY TEDDY LASRY

Andover's initiative to "go green" has become more common across campus this year. Grades have gone online, teachers are using digital textbooks and Paresky Commons has begun distributing reusable mugs (which, to the great concern of community members, have been mugged by thugs). Alongside these developments, Andover is sponsoring a "Green Thanksgiving" this year.

For years, we have prided ourselves on recyclable turkey, eco-friendly stuffing and biodegradable mashed potatoes. But this year, the administration has a new scheme: pumpkin recycling. After months of meetings, doing experiments and ignoring the

student body, the administration sent an email to students outlining the new plan for decorative pumpkins. What used to be just Halloween ornaments in years past will now become multi-functional tools for daily activities, thanks to this innovative plan.

Every dorm is expected to transport all of their pumpkins to Susie's, where Paresky-duty students will remove the stems. Once dried and carved, these stems will be used as mugs in Lower Left, as well as nail-filers and tongue depressors in Isham.

Once the pumpkins are shaved, their skin will be pressed and sent to the art store in Elson. Next term, the Art Department is hoping to offer a course in pumpkin glove-making, taught by the newly appointed Dean of Gourds

and Squash Coach, Kevin Gourdon.

In addition, the Biology Department has determined that, when mashed, the pulp and fibrous strands on the inside of a pumpkin can be used as shampoo, bodywash and conditioner. The gooey orange substance has proven to be more beneficial to body hair health than even the Old Spice 3-in-1 equivalent. Samples are currently being bottled in the basement of Gelb Science Center and will be overpriced in Susie's this coming week.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving this year, Gourdon will be hosting a ritual feast in Pine Knoll this coming Saturday. Pumpkins will be ground up and catapulted over Nathan Hale and into the Cochran Bird Sanctuary. Squashes are also welcome.

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Family's Value Increases as Stalks Rise

BY ELLIE SIMON

The Morgan family's value has increased enormously after their stalks skyrocketed during this past harvest. They have faced some tough times in the past, with harsh winds, famine and drought destroying their corn stalks, but you won't get them this year, Nature. This season, the Morgan family took a different approach to increase their family's value and tried investing in a bunch of bulls from a local New York state bull market to nurture the stalks as they grew to maturity.

Now, I know what you're thinking, why would you have bulls nurture a crop of delicate stalks? Wouldn't they buck things up like how they ruin china shops? Well, they did. The bulls helped make a few extra bucks.

The Morgans really took advantage of the bulls in every way they could. For example, the Morgan parents would simply grab the bulls by their horns and use them to pull their plows through the fields.

Several of the Morgans' neighbors have been stalking the bulls to discover the secret behind their tenderness, love and care, which we should all emulate. A nameless source informed us that she spied the bulls using their own manure to cover up and nourish the sprightly stems. This may very well be true, but, as a disclaimer, there is little proof behind this claim.

Even after this strenuous planting period, the



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"If you build it, he will come," said the bull.

bulls remained loyal to their corn. The Morgans observed that they would often gently nuzzle the young stalks and, in return, receive gentle purrs and extra growth spurts.

"I used to sit in the fields and just cry. But now, since we got these bulls, I run my fingers through the rich soil and I can just feel our newly increased family value. These bulls transformed my life and finally gave our family some meaning," adds Lehman, the Morgans' thoughtful

and polite son.

Well, Lehman certainly has a point about raised values: overnight, the combination of the bulls and the windfall from a nearby storm converted the Morgans into the most valuable family at their local farmers' market, the Upstate New York Stalk Exchange. Just in time for Thanksgiving too!

Lehman's brother, J.P., is thrilled with their new family's value. "Without our steady bulls or that lucky windfall, we probably

wouldn't have had enough money for a Thanksgiving turkey."

The Upstate New York Stalk Exchange is incredibly excited by this literal windfall and urges all of the Morgans' neighbors to invest in bulls if they want to increase their family values before the holidays.

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