Technology & Tradition

How will computers affect the way Deerfield lives and learns?

Room: Kitchen
Date: About 1838

Refinement required hard work and the organization of household assets like food and equipment. The rear rooms of a refined house were devoted to tasks like food storage and...
Good Sports

Jonathan Harris '98

It may be more than just verging on the oxymoronic to describe an 18-year-old high school senior as a Renaissance Man, but just what does one say to describe an AP scholar and dormitory proctor who captained a varsity team, published his own satiric newspaper, acted in plays, produced a remarkable series of oil paintings, and gained early admission to Princeton?

A four-year member of Deerfield's varsity water polo team, Jon, as this year's captain, led the team in scoring and propelled his squad into the semifinals of the New England Tournament. His coach Stephen Murray comments that, "rarely have I seen an athlete who plays with as much heart and values sportsmanship over winning the way Jon does. As captain, Jon had the confidence and conviction to speak to the team about pride and proper conduct. As a result we had a team with a reputation for being the cleanest in New England."

As a junior, when Jon felt that the Scroll had "softened" the message of one of his editorial cartoons without his consultation, he responded by writing, editing, illustrating, and publishing The Lower Level, a hilariously funny, close-to-the-bone journal of parody and campus satire.

This past spring, Jon was granted permission to produce a series of ten canvases depicting the academy campus and its environs as a Senior Independent Study Project. He wound up painting 31, the quality of which was so admirable that two now hang in the vestibule of the Academy Building. In appraising Jon's work, art teacher Timothy Engeland said "that he single-handedly justified the worth of the Senior Independent Studies Program in the spring term."

Renaissance Man? Perhaps not, but give him time.