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Tech-less Life at Chewonki

BY ELEANOR PAASCHE

For the past three weeks I have not been tempted by the seductive glow of the Internet, coming from my pocket. My neon green iPhone is locked away somewhere in the admissions building. My laptop was taken from me, new educational applications downloaded. I got my laptop back a week ago, but I will not have WiFi for two more weeks. And believe it or not, this was decided by the alumni of previous semesters at the Chewonki Semester School in Wiscasset, Maine. These systems were chosen by 21st century teens, sometimes jokingly referred to as 'screenagers.'

Imagine sitting at a table filled with four 16-year-olds and four teachers, with no rectangular smart phones in front of their plates. We manage to engage for half an hour to forty-five minutes as we eat local and farm fresh food, topics ranging from sustainable agriculture, to current news, to funny stories. And the best part is that I don't even miss my phone. I have already formed strong relationships with people without being their best friend on Snapchat. When my friends and I have ten minutes between breakfast and our first class, we talk and knit. One of my friends is currently collecting every single plastic bag on campus and crocheting strips of plastic bag into tote bags. I spend my free time going on bike rides or walks along the coast.

Morgan Curtis, a recent graduate of Dartmouth College and Sustainability Fellow at Chewonki was

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Smart play in the second-half vs. Christ the King lead to a 15-14 comeback victory

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Snapshots of Russia

BY SASHA LANDAUER

It was getting dark outside and I was squashed in between a teapot, two dirty feet, and a blaring television. Tamara, the owner of the gallery I was working for, bustled around the apartment bringing out pastries and crackers. The two dirty feet belonged to Boris Kocheishvili, a once prominent Moscow artist. At that moment, he was absolutely drunk and looking around as if confused as to where the two young women around his bed came from.

"Look at all the beautiful women who came to visit me," he would repeat once in a while. He heaved a sigh and sat up in bed to receive his tea. "There is no talent in the world, except for mine," came the next proclamation. "I am ready to die."

This episode was one in a line of

visits and conversations I had with artists, students, and workers during my month of internships in a summer camp and gallery in Russia. I came across melodramatic artists, sexist teachers, ardent members of the intelligentsia, a group historically dedicated to political criticism, and misguided youth. Among these disconnected stories, however, emerges a picture of modern Moscow.

My Russian sojourn began on a basketball court in the courtyard of an apartment complex. The game was frequently interrupted by smoking breaks, as each of the 16-year-olds had been smoking cigarettes since they were about twelve. These teenagers attended one of the most prestigious public schools in Moscow, the 91st school, and regaled me with tales of sneak-

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Finally, Vending Machines

BY NICOLE ROVINE

The first day of school can be disorienting, especially finding something new in what you thought was a familiar place. Students were confused when they walked into the gym building to pick up a Gatorade and were confronted by something they never thought would grace the hallowed halls of their healthy school: a vending machine.

Fieldston has finally succumbed to using a vending machine for various food and drink. While it does not feature a wide variety of highly caloric and sugary chocolates and gummies it does include, in addition to protein bars and other healthy snacks, M&M's, potato chips, and low-fat chocolate chip cookies.

Even though some find the new addition exciting, others find it unnecessary.

"Having such a wide variety of food at our fingertips is promoting laziness," said Form V student athlete Carmen Cee. "Why do we need vending machines when we already have so much, and when DJ Drugs is right around the corner?"

The man working behind the scenes who is responsible for this new addition is Bill Guerrero, Fieldston's Director of Related Programs and Campus Operations. See his insight below, along with some tips on how to choose the right snacks pre or post workout from Gus Ornstein, the new Director of Athletics.

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