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Coole Bans Fatigues After Weekend

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Students returning from Family Weekend were overwhelmed by a no-reserve class day, an assembly check for four-year seniors and Dean of Student Health and Wellness Gordon Coole prohibiting fatigue visits to the Health Center.

According to Coole, his decision to deny fatigue visits on Tuesday comes out of wanting to instill good habits in students. "Two days off and the ability to fatigue the day afterwards?" Coole questioned. "We're not doing right as educators if we enable bad decision making."

Although he recognized the workload that Exonians have, Coole does not see a valid reason for students not being able to wake up for classes after two days of no required appointments. Coole stressed that he does not want to encourage behavior such as sleeping until noon on Monday and then staying up Monday night during Family Weekend.

The inherent issue is that, currently, there is no official policy governing fatigue visits to the Health Center. There is no written description of the program, in either the E Book or the Health Center's guidelines—it is "a policy without

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Senior Juliana Merullo leads her family to class.

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Students Desire More Extensive Financial Aid

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Exonians on financial aid are unsure of how much their Exeter experiences can be supported by the Academy's finances and where to get help affording Exeter's implicit expenses like off-campus ventures, formal attire and maintenance of electronic devices.

"Financial Aid refused to help me when my computer was broken," Jane Doe*, a student on full financial aid, said.

Doe had knocked over a glass of water onto her laptop. "I asked [The Financial Aid Office] about it and said that there was no way I could pay for it to be fixed, and they just said that it was my responsibility to take care of that computer," she said. The Financial Aid Office was unable to help her even though she had not used up the \$1,000 on her original laptop stipend. The Office had previously told students, however, that Exeter could not provide stipends to students who accidentally damaged their computer. Doe was eventually able to get help not from the Financial Aid Office but from the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA).

Amanda Sherwood '18 was unaware that OMA provided financial assistance until her senior year. "OMA covered my prom dress alterations because I couldn't afford it—it was my senior spring; it was the first and only time I actually utilized OMA," she said. "If I had OMA before, the numerous times my family struggled to put pennies together to send me something wouldn't have happened."

Sherwood explained why students often feel reluctant to ask for help. "People don't like asking people for help, because then you think you owe somebody something," she said. "And that's a very dirty feeling to have."

This year, 451 Exonians receive need-based financial aid, compared to an average of 468 over the last seven years. "In my role as Director of Admissions, I keep track of how all students, regardless of their financial situation, are doing once they arrive on campus. To do so, I partner closely with offices and faculty members on campus," Director of Admissions and Financial Aid John Hutchins said.

Every year, the Financial Aid Office issues bookstore stipends, which are set at \$900 for most students on aid and to be used exclusively at the Exeter Bookstore. The email specifies that the stipend is only for "books and supplies directly related to your course work at Phillips Exeter Academy." Students who purchase items

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Title IX Revision Concerns PEA Community

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"I've talked to a lot of people [that] are feeling emotionally drained and exhausted. It's hard to not know whether you'll have legal protections...or if you'll be denied housing or a job," senior and Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) co-head Elliot Diaz said. "It's been hard to fully commit myself to Exeter when I'm unsure about the future for my life and the people that I care about."

Three years ago, Exeter got rid of its heteronormative dress code. Two years ago, it introduced all-gender dorms. It has since reaffirmed its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, but in the backdrop of such strides

in the Exeter community, national policies undermine the rights of transgender people.

Under the Trump administration's proposal, the term "transgender" could be defined out of existence. The Department of Health and Human Services is spearheading a re-definition of Title IX, the federal law protecting against education discrimination based on sex as applicable to only "the biological, immutable condition determined by genitalia at birth."

If the Justice Department passes the proposal, students will be unable to file federal civil rights claims of discrimination when facing bias against their transgender identity. Key government agencies would not recognize an individual's gender change unless they undergo genetic testing. The Trump administration began repealing protections for transgender people with the 2017 rescission of Title IX's

Guidance on the Treatment of Transgender Student.

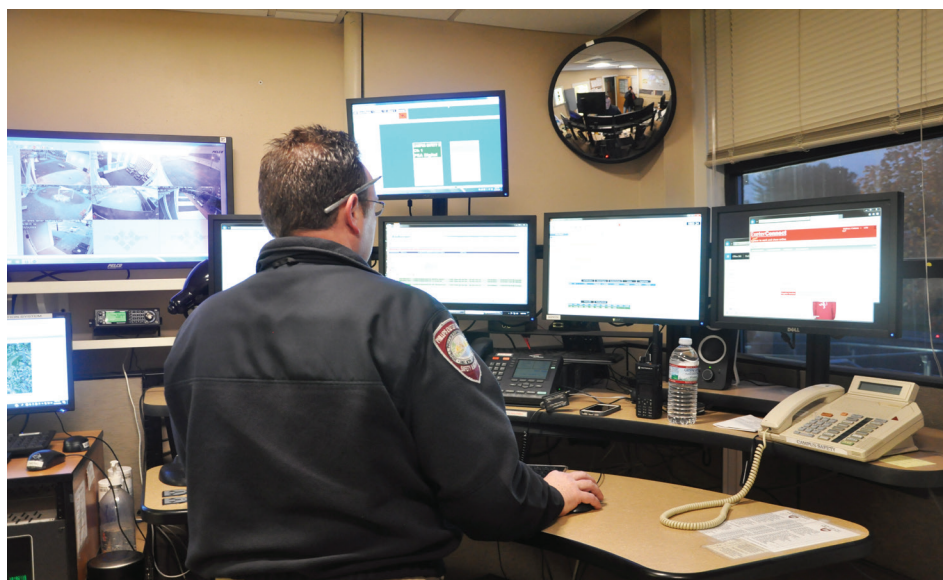
"I am wholeheartedly opposed [to the new proposal]," LGBTQ+ Coordinator Joanne Lembo said. "For those of you reading this who are afraid—know that I, among many others on campus, have your back and will not stop fighting for you until all the work is done."

During Tuesday's assembly, Interim Principal Bill Rawson '71 responded to concerns about the rights of transgender students on campus. "We don't look to national laws to determine our values," Rawson said. "We will not tolerate the mistreatment of transgender people."

Nonetheless, this new development has stirred fear and outrage for some members of the Exeter community.

"[The proposal] is horrifying," GSA

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Campus Safety dispatcher monitors campus.

Helena Chen/The Exonian

Spotlight on Campus Safety Workload, Responsibilities

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Keeping tabs on eight shifting computer screens and manning two ringing telephones simultaneously while a person asks for assistance at the service window—this is what a typical eight hour shift looks like for Officer Peter DelMastro, a Campus Safety dispatcher. On the other end of the radio is his partner for the day, Officer Lauri Winter, who drives around the 673-acre campus alone, responding to each call as it comes in.

According to Director of Campus Safety Services and Risk Management Paul Gravel, Campus Safety is "the only service-oriented group that's warranted 24/7" through the entire calendar year. On a daily basis, Campus Safety personnel manage an extensive scope of tasks that include transferring all phone calls made to the Academy, making nightly rounds, monitoring all campus buildings and responding to any calls for service concerning medical emergencies, technical malfunctions and access to campus facilities. "I look at Campus Safety as being facilitators. We facilitate to provide a safe environment for students to learn, the teachers to teach and the staff to carry on their duties,"

Gravel said.

Gravel elaborated on the amount of ground Campus Safety has to cover, adding that the department received 32,000 calls last year. "We always make service our priority. We don't say, 'oh, that's a key service that can wait.' But an officer may be down at the boat house with an open door...when a student that didn't bring their keys with them is waiting to get into their room. Obviously, emergencies come first. In most instances, there's only one patrol officer that's on, covering 174 buildings on 1,000 acres," he said.

Campus Safety has been severely understaffed in previous school years, which made it necessary for personnel to take extra shifts and have, at times, "a 75 or 80 hour work week" according to Winter. To fill these positions and hire officers that can manage the numerous tasks listed in the job description, Gravel explained that he worked with Director of Human Resources Rachel Henry to streamline the hiring process. "If we get a candidate in and we liked them on paper, we're going to pull them in for an interview right away instead of the old school entire day of interviews and then making a decision from there," Gravel said. "If they look good after their first interview, we'll start the process."

CAMPUS SAFETY, 2

Commentary: Trump's Infraction on Title IX Rights

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This week, the media learned that the Trump Administration may be planning on legally altering the fluid Obama-era definition of gender to a more restrictive definition stating the existence of only two genders. In addition, the proposed

policy discriminates against the transgender community as it will be considering one's gender as correlated with their sex. This could have devastating effects for non-binary people by threatening their Title IX rights, which states that, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under

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Community Discusses Implications of Title IX Revision

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adviser Alex Myers '96 said. For the past 25 years, Myers, the first transgender student at PEA, has written and given speeches at schools around the country to promote the understanding of gender as separate from but related to biological sex. He is especially concerned about the proposal's impact on already marginalized students, especially those who reside in states without protection for transgender students. "As always, for those on the margins, the impact will be greater. It will be harder for them to be who they are," he said.

On Monday, GSA advisers Joanne Lembo and Heidi Carrington Heath sent emails to club members. Diaz called for a meeting Tuesday night to process the news.

In addition to discussions within the club, Lembo encouraged any student not feeling safe to "reach out to a trusted adult, a mental health counselor, a proctor or student listener or a friend."

Upper John Doe*, who identifies as transgender, expressed that this new change compounded the difficulties of being transgender. Doe noted that class introductions were a challenging aspect of being a transgender student,

particularly when teachers don't ask students to state their pronouns. "You have to be the one saying 'let's do pronouns.' It can really make you feel like an outsider," he said.

Diaz also recognized that Exeter could provide more support to transgender students regardless of Title IX because it is a private school. "I feel very stressed about all my friends who are in public schools that don't let them use a bathroom that feels comfortable or safe for them," he said.

In a similar vein, for upper Janalie Cobb, the news only served to reinforce her resolution to work hard and "reverse any damage that's done" using the privilege of an Exeter education. "To me, it's another layer in a cake the Trump administration has been baking since the election," she said. "I'm mad, yes, but I don't find it helpful to be riled up about something that's essentially already been done."

Upper Pepper Pieroni, on the other hand, described his initial reaction to the news as that of disbelief. "I'm still trying to process it," he said. Pieroni, who is also the co-head of Republican Club, stressed how this is not a political issue. "It's a human issue. It doesn't matter what political party you're in—natural rights shouldn't be taken from humans," he said.

As a community, Exeter needs to act in a way that's "unequivocal with our morals and our values," senior Vinny Kurup said. Kurup, founder and Editor-in-Chief of *Movement Magazine*, an outlet for students to discuss gender and sexuality inequities. "In charged times like this, it's important to be direct in saying that we are an anti-transphobic institution," he said.

Senior Sarah Hardcastle shared similar sentiments and believes that Exeter needs to take more action to assist transgender students. "The administration is too careful about being neutral," they said. "For a lot of people, this campus is their safe space. Why can't we take a stronger stance?"

At assembly, Rawson distinguished between human rights and political opinions. "I'm very comfortable making strong statements about this community," he said. "I'd be less inclined to make overtly political statements about what's happening in Washington." Rawson agreed with students, however, that more action is needed. "We will not tolerate the mistreatment of transgender people—that's an easy statement to make. It's a shared responsibility for all of us to bring about action."

Discussions surrounding the new proposal have spurred a re-examination of the school's

support systems for transgender students, which Myers described as "a work in progress." He expressed his advocacy for the treatment of all students "as students...no separate rules for girls and boys (and non binary), no separate standards for gay and straight and bi/pan." "To move towards a school where every student has the chance at a similar experience, not vastly affected by their gender—that would be huge," he said.

Conscious of the identity struggles that transgender students go through, Diaz advocated for more mental health resources tailored to the transgender community's needs. "Especially with an uncertain future, it can be really hard for trans youth, especially if they don't have an established support system, to envision a future as a happy trans adult."

Pieroni called for more conversation throughout the entire school about the proposal, perhaps during Community Time. "I wish the dialogue was more widespread instead of being concentrated in groups of people who are trans or transitioning," he said.

In uncertain times, Diaz hopes to rely on support within the Exeter community. "If you know a trans person on campus, just give them a hug," he said. "Just have an outpour of love."

Campus Safety Works Diligently to Protect PEA Community

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Henry added that the transition from paper to an online platform for the applicant tracking system and the introduction of a time differential for additional shifts also made the hiring process more efficient and improved the work environment.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Marijka Beauchesne explained the monetary aspects of hiring new people. "About 70 percent of the Academy budget supports wages and benefits, and we oversee the budget closely to ensure fiscal responsibility and operational efficiency," Beauchesne said. "Our Director of Compensation is specialized in reviewing market data to support our pay policy, which endeavors to pay at the 60th percentile of

competing employers."

Gravel emphasized that another important part of the candidate assessment is determining how they will fit in with the department dynamic. "They have a chance to explore if we are a good fit for them and they a good fit for us. We're a pretty small team, like a little family, so we want to make sure the people we hire will be able to fit in with us and that the personalities match," he said.

Winter elaborated on the importance of trusting coworkers, especially in emergency-oriented lines of work. "When you work in emergency services, whether it's fire department or police or some other aspect of that, you learn that when you have your core group, you have to depend on them," she said. "You have to know that person is going to respond

to you if you get into trouble, and so you tend to bond really fast, especially working crazy hours on overnight shifts."

According to Winter, the supportive work atmosphere, evident in her strong personal connections to her coworkers, is what makes coming to work enjoyable. "[Campus Safety] is like my second family. There's nothing I wouldn't do for those guys, and I know there's nothing they wouldn't do for me. I spend more time with them than my other family," she said.

Campus safety officers wish to extend this close-knit community beyond their fellow staff members to the Exeter student body. Pixley and Gravel have already begun to foster conversations with Exonians through dorm duty. "[Dorm duty] allows us to meet the

students one-on-one," Gravel said. "We love it because we can joke with the guys who are in Soule, and when we see them across campus, we can yell back and forth at each other. They'll come sit with us when we're doing dorm duty at night and ask us questions. We want the students to get to know us, not just somebody that comes and unlocks the door."

For many staff members, interacting with students is a favorite part of the job that makes their work enjoyable and rewarding, despite the demanding schedule. "I've been here for ten years, and this is by far my most favorite job. I love the community. I adore the students," Winter said. "And when the world gives me great doubt about what the future is going to be like, I come here for a couple of days, and I know we're going to be okay."

Student Necessities Extend Beyond Tuition, Bookstore Stipend

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not directly related to their coursework may be asked to return the items to the bookstore.

One of the Academy's five strategic directions is financial inclusion. The Financial Aid Inclusion Committee's primary focus is "reflecting on financial equity and inclusion as it relates to all students," as Committee Co-Chair and Dean of Enrollment William Leahy said. "Exeter has a long standing tradition of supporting financial aid students with both tuition and non-tuition related expenses."

Student Council has previously proposed making the Exeter social experience more equitable through the OneCard program. Though this idea has not been actualized, according to Student Council President and senior Elizabeth Yang, the OneCard program would make the lion card an acceptable form of payment at local businesses, so students on financial aid could allocate aid towards their social lives. "Student Council has been considering incorporating financial aid within the OneCard program," Yang said. "This could allow students who do not have the financial means to eat out in town experience this aspect of the Exeter experience."

A commonly-overlooked form of support is financial aid for school-sponsored trips. According to Director of Global Initiatives Eimer Page, admission to all of the term/semester/year programs and some of the vacation programs with earmarked endowments is need-blind, though the school does not yet have "sufficiently robust funding in place" to make all vacation programming need blind. She noted, however, that it is not

uncommon for groups to have majority aid participants.

Though full-aid students are generally expected to contribute \$200, there have been exceptions in unusual circumstances. "Families facing unexpected circumstances between the application and departure stages can reach out to Mr. Hutchins or to my office to see if a waiver is a possibility," Page said. "I also want to be aware if other travel requirements such as vaccinations or clothing/gear are a strain on the family budget. We cover visa fees, and I do my best to meet needs like the ones I listed."

The Global Initiatives Office distributed almost \$250,000 in aid solely for the vacation programs last year, and over 400 Exonians participated in off-campus experiences. "It has been one of the great highlights of my career at Exeter to be able to open doors to students to travel," Page said.

Upper Isadora Rivera-Janer is grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the Equal Justice Initiative trip during her prep fall and to spend the upcoming winter term at the Island School. "I think that [having financial aid to go on trips] is definitely something that students think about," she said, describing her experience as "eye-opening."

There are aspects of the Financial Aid Program that may warrant enhancement, however. This year, the Financial Aid Inclusion Committee is spending time to "reflect on current practices by gathering quantitative and qualitative data in order to make recommendations to the Principal," Dean Leahy said. The committee is planning to engage financial aid students as well as their parents in the process.

According to committee member and English Instructor Courtney Marshall, a long term aspiration is for PEA's admissions to become need-blind, like that of peer school Phillips Academy Andover. For now, however, the committee focuses on how a lack of money might disadvantage financial aid students, especially when it comes to paying for clubs and travel.

Another area the committee has considered is covering expenses for families who cannot afford to travel to Exeter. "A member from College Counseling came to a recent meeting and told us of the College Weekend for upper parents," she said. "Some families are able to come, and some families aren't because of travel expenses." As information about college is important for every family to know, Marshall deemed it valuable to either subsidize those who cannot make it or find a way to spread the information.

A source of financial support unbeknownst to some students is OMA. Dean of Multicultural Affairs Sami Atif explained that OMA can draw from the Edmund Perry funds, donated for the purpose of helping "students who cannot afford school supplies, athletic equipment and/or clothing and/or need aid to participate in extracurricular activities and to cover unexpected travel expenses occasioned by family crises and/or to cover the costs of testing and supporting students with learning challenges." He also noted that students do not need to be on financial aid or affiliated with a multicultural club to receive financial support from OMA.

"Funding is not governed by wants versus needs [but] rather our attempt to achieve equitable outcomes for students," Atif said. Last year, roughly 10 students made request

for support of some kind.

Before she had a conversation with International Student Coordinator Jennifer Smith, however, Doe had no idea that OMA could help her with getting a new computer. "I went to Ms. Smith not expecting anything, but she reached out to OMA staff and came back to me saying she could get me a refurbished computer. I'm so thankful for that." Doe believed it is important to get the word out about OMA's ability to help financial aid students with their expenses. "I thought only Financial Aid could help me and didn't expect at all that OMA could be so generous."

Examining the barriers for financial-aid students who want to reach out for help is an important part of the Financial Aid Inclusion Committee's work this year, Leahy noted. "The Academy offers many different areas of support for financial aid students and a key goal will be to ensure that students are aware of existing and future opportunities for support," he said.

In Marshall's opinion, there should be a greater outreach from the Financial Aid Office to the community in order to facilitate the transmission of information. "What I think as a great idea is having someone for Financial Aid Office out in the community," Marshall said. "They could sit in the dining hall or somewhere that is centrally located. Somewhere everyone can stop and ask questions about financial aid."

Noticing the lack of public awareness, Student Council's Committee of Community, Equity and Diversity is also working with the Financial Aid Office and OMA to produce a pamphlet on resources for financial aid students, which it hopes to roll out before the end of this calendar year.

Coole to Clarify Fatigue Policy, No Longer Valid after Weekends

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a policy," as Coole described. "I love the concept and the intent, but there's nothing in writing, just a 'make-it-up-as-we-go' arrangement."

By setting formal guidelines, Coole is establishing a precedent for how the fatigue program will run in following years. He is currently meeting with various faculty members to draft a policy that would disallow fatigues after days with no required appointments—including Mondays following normal weekends.

"Typically on Mondays, we wouldn't want to allow fatigues to happen, because you have Sunday off," Coole said. This informal rule has been in existence for "a few years," though never consistently reinforced.

Students who did not adequately plan for Family Weekend suffered the consequences. "The extended weekend messed

up my sleep schedule, and I woke up Tuesday feeling awful," upper day student John Doe* said. "I didn't feel safe driving in such a tired state, and my parents both had to go to work...I asked my mom to call me in. They said I couldn't fatigue, so my mom had to say my stomach hurt."

However, some were frustrated with this unexpected change as they truly were busy during Family Weekend. Many wanted to spend uninterrupted quality time with their families, while others had to make up unfinished work. Seniors particularly utilized the time to tour colleges and to edit their Common Application and supplemental essays.

Jane Doe*, a student who was not feeling well when she arrived at the Lamont Health Center, did not understand the decision change. "Family situations can also be a source of stress for students who, therefore, may need to fatigue," Doe said.

"I understand that the administration doesn't want students to over-fatigue—students already know that missing class hurts their academic performance. I don't really understand the decision, though, especially with college apps due soon."

The fact that Family Weekend was followed by a five class day worsened the situation. Most teachers assigned the usual length of homework or even major assessments that students had to prepare for, unaware of the change in schedule. "I thought that Tuesday was a regular class day, so I gave them the usual length of homework," Science Instructor Michelle Chapman said. "I don't remember the Tuesday after Family Weekend having an altered schedule in the past. I would support going back to having a regular class day so students could spend more time with their families."

Upper Olivia Lazorik had a biology

test, a math quiz and an English paper due on the Tuesday after Family Weekend. "It was very overwhelming...I wasn't able to spend as much time as I would've liked with my parents. It's not appropriate to give a lot of tests after Family Weekend," she said.

This was the first time the Tuesday after Family Weekend was a five class, or no reserve day, according to Director of Studies Scott Saltman. "It was done in order to better balance the number of Formats in a term with quite a large number of 'special schedule' days," he said. "The classes that don't use the reserve fall behind in terms of format count. There would have been quite a long gap between two class meetings for some formats."

Saltman noted, however, that he would try to limit the number of "special-schedule days" in upcoming years, so that no reserve days would not be necessary.

Parents Arrive on Campus for Family Weekend

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Over 1,500 Exonian family members and friends visited campus last weekend to get a first-hand look at student life. Visitors sat in on classes, watching performances in the Bowld and Goel Theater and cheering on fall sports teams in their matches against Deerfield.

Family Weekend provides students with the opportunity to reconnect with their families and friends, meet many others in the Exeter network and enjoy some much-needed down time.

This time is especially important given the nature of boarding schools. Michael Gomez, the father of upper Noel Gomez, thought it was an opportunity to feel connected and get involved at Exeter. "When your kids go to school right where you live, you're more connected and you know what's going on," he said. "But when your kid is at boarding school, it's harder to do that so Family Weekend is really important, and all of us go each year."

And, like most other parents, Gomez's parents are always eager to take part in their student's life, even if it was their third Family Weekend. "Each year, there is always something different—whether it be new teachers, new subjects, or new extracurriculars," Noel's mother, Erika Gomez, said.

Michael Ahern, father of upper Erin Ahern, shared a similar opinion. "Family Weekend lets parents have an appreciation for the enormous amount of hard work you guys are doing because parents who didn't go to Exeter might think back to their own high school years and realize what you're doing is a lot harder," Ahern said.

Ahern felt that the weekend demonstrated what an Exeter education gives students. "Family Weekend also lets parents see what they're paying for. I get the sense that some of the kids like to put on a show when the parents are in the room. So, the fact that the parents are in the room can sometimes impact the discussion itself," he said.

Lower Nick Garey shared a similar opinion. "Students try harder in class to impress their parents and people who don't

talk as much will jump in the conversation more."

Prep Amy Lum, however, found that the class dynamics had shifted dramatically in the opposite direction when parents shadowed the students. "Usually our math classes are really, really loud but when all the parents were there, it was dead silent for the first 10 minutes," Lum said.

The weekend also served as an opportunity for younger siblings of Exonians to consider the possibility of an Exeter education. "[Classes] allow me to gauge what student life is like at Exeter," said Victor Matheos, younger brother of alumnus George Matheos '18 and upper Thomas Matheos. Matheos also noted that his experience could have been more fulfilling if classes acknowledged the younger family guests more, since many of them may not be familiar with the potentially advanced material.

Although Family Weekend is filled with activities from sports games to performances, students feel that it could be improved. Upper Nathan James felt that the school should run more events like Family

Weekend to keep families updated on their children's lives. "We should have a Family Weekend every term so your parents can meet all your teachers," James said.

However, Spanish Instructor Viviana Santos argued that the fall term is the only optimal time for Family Weekend, as the autumn weather allows for visitors to roam campus. Allison Goddard, Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations and a key planner of the event agreed. "The beautiful weather helped make it a quintessential fall weekend in New England," she said.

Garey also believed that Family Weekend mainly served new students and their families. "Family Weekend is to show the parents a sense of what Exeter is like, and it also gives new students that are feeling homesick a chance to see their family," Garey said. "After their first term here, most of the students have gotten used to Exeter."

Regardless, Family Weekend provides all Exonians, their families, and their friends a much needed break and a chance to bond over life at Exeter. "Every year, we always look forward to [Family Weekend]," said Mr. and Mrs. Gomez.

Students Skype with "Last of the Nazi Hunters"

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"Sometime in the mid 60s, the German courts effectively stopped taking cases for anything associated with the Holocaust," Joe Singer, the son of a Holocaust survivor, said. "They felt they got to the main culprits, the people who had direct blood on their hands, but anybody else involved were able to continue living their life without any repercussions for what they had done." Joe Singer, upper Michael Singer's father, gave a lunch lecture on Friday to present the trials of two Nazi officers.

Singer detailed the trials of 94-year-old Oscar Groening, nicknamed the "Bookkeeper of Auschwitz," and 95-year-old Renold Hanning, a SS guard at Auschwitz. The two men were convicted by German lawyers for being accessories to mass murders. "They almost escaped their day of reckoning, as so many have, until a new legal push by some extraordinary German jurists ashamed of their nation's poor efforts to prosecute its 'junior' henchmen picked up the baton," Michael Singer said. "Even though the Nazi Guards were frail and in their 90s, there is no statute of limitations to the fact that they were accomplices in this genocide."

Co-head of Exeter Jewish Community

(EJC) senior Sarah Liberatore provided data to quantify the gravity of these men's misdeeds. "The amount of people that the men on trial were accessories of murder surprised me a lot, one of them had played a role in 300,000 murders," Liberatore said.

Along with this statistical information, Singer offered personal accounts. "I felt the most important [parts] of Mr. Singer's presentation were his personal details on each of the victims who suffered in the concentration camps," senior Stearns Weil said. "Knowing all of them and understanding their struggle gave his descriptions a lot more depth."

At the lunch, attendees Skyped Justice Thomas Walther, a lawyer in the province of Bavaria, Germany. Walther is a former judge and German federal prosecutor for the Central Office of the State Justice Administrations for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes. He has been called the 'last of the Nazi Hunters' for his work in setting legal precedent and punishment for former SS officers and guards who were involved in the Holocaust, whether directly responsible for deaths or otherwise.

Michael Singer elaborated on Walther's message. "Judge Thomas related how his life has been changed by working with the survivors and seeing how they were able to put aside their pain and anguish and were

able to raise their families with love and affection despite the horrors that they had experienced as children," he said.

Weil spoke to Joe Singer and Judge Walther's message and demeanor in their presentation. "Both Mr. Singer and Judge Walther were very passionate about the Nazi trials," Weil said. "On top of being well versed on the subject, they were both emotionally linked to the topic, which made their presentations much more meaningful. They both had a lot of great things to say about the horrors of the German machine created by Hitler and how one cog in the machine is necessary for the whole thing to work."

Senior Amelia Lee explained that she went to the talk because it touched on values that her history class was discussing. "We've been talking about the psychology behind good people doing bad things and where justice fits into that equation," Lee said.

Lee recalled a question she posed during the presentation. "I was interested about how victims defend themselves by saying they were part of a larger killing machine and therefore claim that they do not deserve to be punished," she said. "I asked what goes through the judge's head specifically when people still have no comprehension that they have done anything wrong. Some of them, in their mid 90s, have not admitted that they have made a mistake."

"He said times have changed a lot, there has been a very large alteration in perspective," Lee said. "What he tries to do is to bring justice to not only the entire community but to make examples of the men on trial to help bring closure to victims of the Holocaust that acted as witnesses during the trial."

Liberatore elaborated on these trials' importance, expressing the significance of consequences for people involved in genocide. "Both because I'm Jewish and I'm a person who cares about genocide not happening, I think it's really important to have justice for the victims and the precedent of holding people accountable for their actions," Liberatore said. "For genocides that have occurred more recently or that could occur in the future, we need a way of providing due process."

Michael Singer concluded that he hoped the larger Exeter community would take away the message that the horrors of the Holocaust are still present generations later. "[I want them to know] that the pain and suffering of the Holocaust still continues and the implications of the crimes are still evident 70 years later," he said. "People like my father and grandfather are working to make sure that people cannot excuse themselves from a mass atrocity by simply saying that they had no choice and they were under orders."

Roland Merullo '71 Recounts Career Journey

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"When I grew up, people would ask me what I wanted to be," award-winning author Roland Merullo '71 said. "It's kind of a terrible thing that adults do to kids, asking a little kid what he wants to do with the rest of his life. So my response was I'm going to be a doctor, and I got that question out of the way." Merullo, who has published 20 books of both fiction and non-fiction, described his winding journey to writing at last Friday's assembly.

Merullo's path to writing began with his parents. "My mom and dad were good people, smart people, hardworking people, but there was kind of a frustrated ambition to them," he said. "They had these nice lives, but in both of them there was a sense that there was something bigger that they had wanted in life."

His parents encouraged him to become a doctor, and that was the career choice he had in mind throughout his adolescence. "When I grew up, being a doctor was the epitome of human achievement," Merullo said. "Not only did you help people who were sick and dying, but you had a nice life and made more money.

So my parents wanted that for me, like any parent wants for a child: something better."

With that vision for his career in mind, he graduated from Exeter and enrolled in Boston University as a pre-medical student. After his first year, he had a talk with his father on the back porch of his parent's house. This talk proved to be a theme throughout Merullo's life. Showing his report card filled with Cs and Ds in the sciences and As and Bs in Russian, he told his father that perhaps he wasn't cut out to be a doctor.

"[My father] puffed on his pipe and said he was a Russian professor," Merullo said. "It sounded good, it was a stable, honorable profession." After deciding on his new career choice, Merullo enrolled in Brown University's one-year masters program. During this grueling program, he spent up to eight hours in the library per day, and after this experience, went back to his home to have a discussion with his father.

They decided that his next career move would be as a diplomat. Sure enough, the following February, he got a job in Soviet Union with the United States Information Agency (USIA). While he loved his role, Merullo noticed that diplomats lived a very public life. "If a husband and wife who worked at the embassy were going to have an argument, they had to go to 'the bubble,' we called it, in the basement, which was a little soundproof room," Merullo said. "They went there to have their fight because it was assumed correctly, I think, that the Soviets were eavesdropping

electronically."

Unnerved by this insight into diplomacy, when the job ended he found himself back on his parent's porch telling his father that he was, like his past jobs, just not cut out for this line of work. "I think you probably know what he said. My father was such a great guy. He said, 'Okay, you'll figure it out.'" After this experience, he experimented as a Peace Corps volunteer but quit before his assignment was over. "I came home, in my mind a disgrace," he said. "I felt terrible about myself."

Instead of losing hope, Merullo took the opportunity to evaluate himself and for the first time thought about what he wanted to do. "I was able to say to myself, even in the depths of all this negative feeling about myself, what do you want to do? Not what do your parents want you to do, not how do you make a lot of money, not what would give you a lot of prestige and status in the world," Merullo said. "I was able to say I want to be a writer." Twelve years later, at the age of 37, he published his first book.

Merullo concluded assembly with a comforting message for students and others who are still finding their passion. "I'm telling you this because when you're 15, 16, 18 or even when you're 25 and 30, if you can't answer that question when people ask you what do you want to do later in life, that's okay," Merullo said. "There is something out there waiting for you; there is some reason why you are here. It just might take you awhile to figure it out."



Roland Merullo '71 delivers assembly speech.

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For the Introverts of Exeter

Mai Hoang '20

Columnist

There are more of us here than you might think. If I could wind back time and tell my prep self one thing, it would be this: it is okay to check in at 7pm on a Friday night. Do not beat yourself up over your inability to crack a joke at the right place, at the right time. Turn down the background noise, enjoy the poetry book on your lap. If keeping up with the boisterous common-room conversations feels like torture, like an Everest peak to climb, don't force yourself into it everyday. There's nothing wrong with you. Call up a friend from home. Listen to music. Breathe.

Yes, of course, I do realize that introversion-extroversion is a spectrum; it is not a world of them against us, and vice versa. There is no such thing as a pure introvert or extrovert — such a person would be in a lunatic asylum, as Carl Jung said. In a high school social setting, however, especially that of boarding schools, friendships do tend to form very quickly for many and the

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ubiquity of twenty-strong posses can lead those who find themselves without one, after the end of prep fall, to feel like they have committed some grievous social errors. Like they have failed the very first test of survival.

I have vivid memories from my first and only time at an "American"

summer camp, aptly named "The American Paradise Camp" in Binh Thuan, Viet Nam. The long days were filled with chants, treks to the beach,

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Jenga, volleyball and impromptu skits that went on well into the night. There was always someone around, acting more rowdy than they should have been. Turning my back on the groups of kids huddled around loud speakers, I found my only solace in conversations with J, the camp counsellor, as she flipped through the pages of *Finding Alaska* and *Paper Towns*.

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For a long time — a term, a year, three years — you may struggle to fully answer in the affirmative. Once in a while, more often that you'd like to admit, you walk into the dining hall, grab a sandwich and leave, not wanting anyone to see you sitting alone. That routine sinks in and you busy yourself with classes, sports, and extracurricular commitments to forget that disturbing question. You start looking forward to the end. Fall break, winter break, summer break. Graduation.

They didn't tell you how hard it would be an introvert at Exeter when they toured you around the nine-floor library frequented by more miserable 333-ers than whimsical book-lovers. At a place where the remedy to loneliness is dodgeball, dates with strangers, crowded Grill tables and weekend mosh pits, it will take much

longer for introverts to find a space to call home.

But do not lose faith. One day, you will walk down Water Street, a cup of hot chai in hand, and the sheer beauty of afternoon light on crimson leaves will take your breath away. One day, you will call up someone who graduated last year, wishing they were here. One day, you will find yourself on the top floor of the church, yellow lights turned low, listening to the swoosh of cars on ice-glazed roads with a friend who holds your hand when you cry. One day, you will find someone to read poetry books with.

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"You seem like an extrovert to me," said A, a prep in my dorm, as I asked her one day to assess my orientation on the introvert-extrovert spectrum. I smiled, feeling a keen sense of bemusement intermingling with an odd pride — not dissimilar to the feeling I had when I realized a new lower on my floor had not realized, after two months of sporadic conversations, that I did not come from the States. Hiding. What we do here, all the time.

As I proceeded to ask for the rationale behind her assessment she responded with the list of extracurricular activities I'm involved in, the places she had seen me on campus: *The Exonian*, Model UN meetings, Student Council, the Assembly stage. "You're involved in so many extrovert-y things, like public speaking. So I'd say you're more of an extrovert." The other girls in her grade concurred, nodding their heads while munching on dorm cookies. Conventionally en-

gaged Exonian. Extrovert.

The week before, I had a conversation with my Exeter interviewer on this very topic: how introverted Exonians usually have a harder time coming into their own. Through her, I learned about Susan Cain and her book, *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*. In a TED talk viewed more than 20 million times, Ms. Cain shared her struggles in educational and working environments that idealized extroversion almost to the point of characterizing introversion as an anomaly, something to be rooted out. "I went on to be a Wall Street lawyer, of all things, partly because I wanted to prove to myself that I could be bold and assertive, too," said Ms. Cain, who retired from corporate law to spend time reading, writing and advocating for introverted children. She believes that the danger of modern society is how solitude has stopped being valued. Sometimes, it is in the quiet of their own minds, not the cacophony of conversations and background noise, that thinkers come up with the most creative ideas.

So I'll leave you with Cain's words in *Quiet: The Power of Introverts*: "Spend your free time the way you like, not the way you think you're supposed

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to." The skills that Exeter pushes us to develop, namely elocution, teamwork, and socialization are all incredibly important skills in order for us to be successful, contributing members of society. But, the quest for mastery of these does not predicate upon you changing who you are.

An Exonian Dilemma: Time Management

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Guest Contributor

The bustle of busy students reverberates throughout my dorm at night. On a typical Thursday evening, one can hear footsteps well past 1am. We blame

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our demanding schedules, heavy workload and high-expectations from teachers for such late nights. Indeed, many students look haggard on Friday mornings having pulled all-nighters; others suffer from too many consecutive nights of sub six-hour sleep.

Students complain that sleep deprivation is due to the heavy workload, but that workload won't go away. In fact, as we get older, our responsibilities only increase. It's easy to blame sleep deprivation on a heavy workload, but if we avoid procrastination, the hardest habit of all to break, students can

live out the infamous "school triangle"—good grades, quality sleep and a meaningful social life. While the struggle to lead a well-balanced life at Exeter challenges all of us, there are smarter ways to manage our time.

Even though the new schedule is hotly debated among students and faculty, the recent changes do leave enough free time during the day to complete some homework and mitigate the amount of work at night. Yes, claiming that students will have the stamina in between classes to do homework is optimistic. But the power of habit can change our laziness. Just spending one free period a day on homework so that we can have one less class to worry about in the evening will go a long way. Many see the day broken

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into thirds: the school day, extracurriculars in the early afternoon, and homework at night. One way to alleviate the onus of homework at

night is to incorporate one or two assignments into the school day, taking advantage of breaks that can be as long as seventy minutes. Also, where you spend time on homework is critical. Instead of trying to do math problems in the dorm during the day, try the library where there are fewer distractions. Spending time at the library while we are still

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in "school mode" will give us more time for social life and sleep.

Despite the momentary pleasure of media, powering down our devices while we study will give back our much needed seven to nine hours of sleep. Any high school student would be hard-pressed to say that social media has not proved a distraction to his or her work schedule. Indeed, *The Washington Post* reports that teenagers spend roughly nine hours per day using media including social apps, TV and music. Most of us will do one math problem and then check our phones, come back, do another

problem, and check our phones again, which makes it feel like we have spent an hour on homework when it was really only a thirty-minute assignment.

By turning off the phone, we won't waste extra time that still feels like studying. It's a hard habit to break, but if we turn off social media while trying to study, we can be more efficient, more focused and more thoroughly prepared for class. And perhaps our grades will likely improve as well!

That's not to say we shouldn't still spend time with friends, communicate digitally with one another

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and keep up with our friends and families on Facebook. Maybe social media can be a reward for completing our work rather than as a distraction for it. We can have both a meaningful social life and achieve academically by not allowing the two to overlap one another. Moreover, we will also obtain crucial sleep time, fulfilling the "school triangle."

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Trump's Infraction on Title IX Rights

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... (continued, from pg. 1) any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Trump Administration should stop pursuing this policy not only because it will create hardships for transgender people who have experienced harassment or discrimination in government-run institutions and programs, but also because the President should feel a sense of duty to represent all Americans equally.

Donald Trump has a notorious history of endorsing anti-transgender policies. At the beginning of his Presidency, Trump banned transgenders people from military service eligibility. Despite his claims, Trump has never been a genuine, vocal advocate for the transgender community. The minimal support he has given them has come in the form of appeasement and populism as he

In addition, the proposed policy discriminates against the transgender community as it will be considering one's gender as correlated with their sex. This could have devastating effects for non-binary people by threatening their Title IX rights.

continues to try and rally the transgender community's support only for his own political gains. Yet if there was any doubt about Donald Trump's true intentions, it has now been solidified that he is indeed anti-LGBT.

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The new policy change proposed by Trump will have catastrophic effects for transgender people. It has already proved difficult under the Trump administration for transgender people to sue for their freedom when they have been harassed or discriminated against at work. Yet it may become even harder if they are not recognized as having a valid gender under the law. These issues will be most prevalent in schools with bullying issues, but the issues will not be limited to just education. There are several complications with receiving healthcare that need to be taken into consideration as well. Under Title IX, discrimination against another person on the basis of their gender identity is illegal. But under this new definition of gender, it would hypothetically

be permissible. This means that a transgender person could be in greater danger of not being able to receive the medical help as easily as a cisgender person, which should never be allowed in our society.

This is an intolerable form of oppression. The government does not have the authority to declare someone's gender at birth when not even doctors are able to. Though Trump preaches smaller government, this is just one more way that the government is negatively intervening in the lives of thousands of Americans. Trump may claim that he is trying to protect the American people, but in regard to

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transgender issues, what do we need protection from? Members of the LGBT community pose no more of a threat to Americans and American society than any other person does. Different genders should be recognized and embraced, not restricted and invalidated by a demagogue preying on the division in the United States regarding views on gender.

Speciesism is Valid

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Guest Contributor

Students sat on the edge of red fabric covered benches, leaning towards the stage as famed Australian philosopher Peter Singer delivered his speech on animal rights in Assembly Hall last Friday. Some listened with skepticism and others with nods and snaps as he advocated for equality among all beings, citing his doctrine of speciesism.

He applied a utilitarian moral framework to all "conscious" animals' interests, regardless of species. His speech outlined his belief in the importance of ending the exploitation of animals, especially in the poultry and meat industries for the sake of morality. Although he made some good points, some aspects of Singer's arguments were questionable.

Anti-speciesism is the center of Dr. Peter Singer's beliefs on animal rights. This ideology holds that no animal can be denied any basic rights based on the species to which that animal belongs to. Singer's support for this stems from the belief that animals are just as conscious as humans and that humans' greater intelligence in no way grants them superiority over other animals.

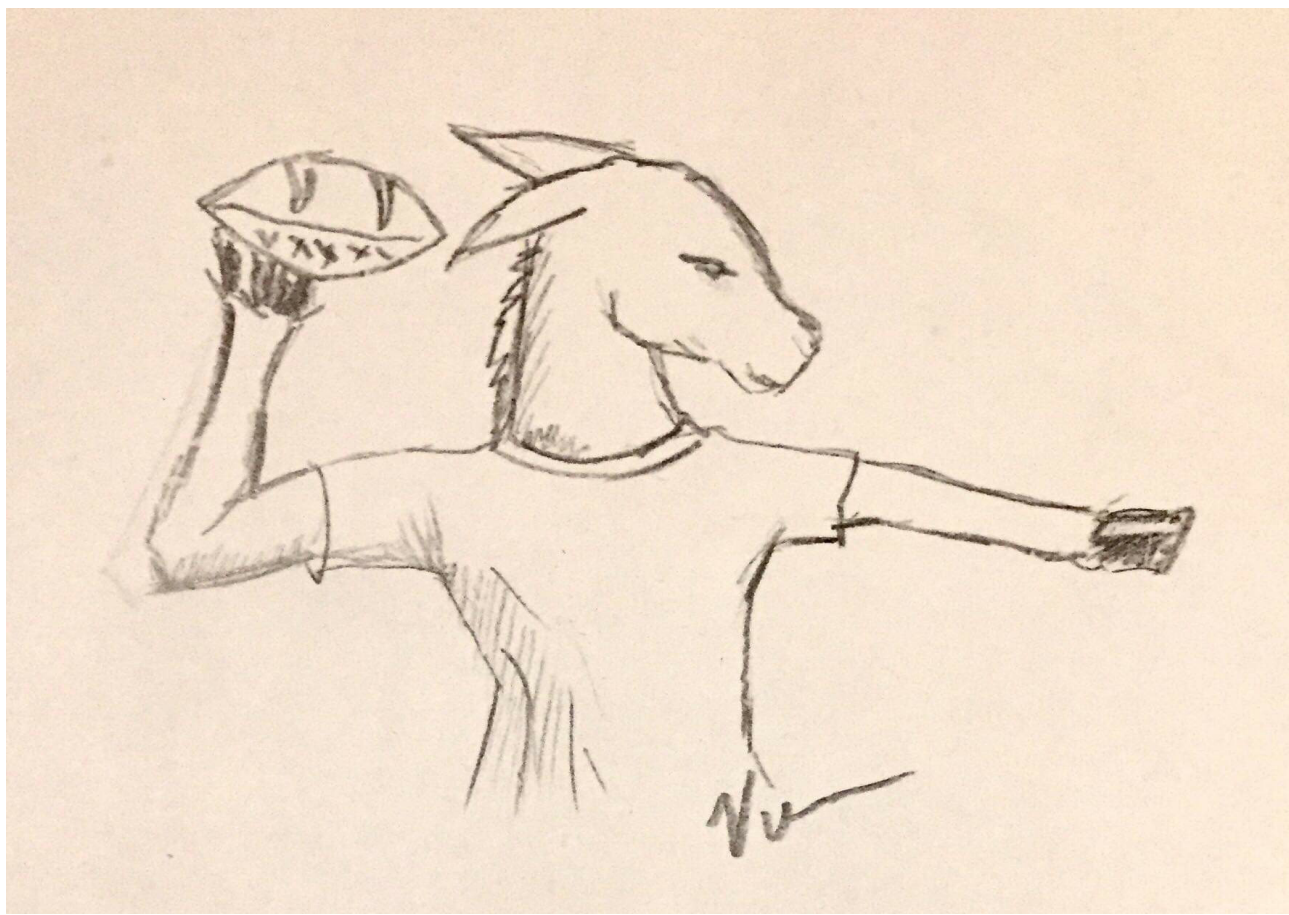
Where this argument falls is in its assumption that a human's life and well-being has the same value as an animal's life and well-being. This is a blatant fallacy because humans and only humans have the ability to conceptualize and actively determine their future. Every single human has the ability to set goals and to aspire to achieve something in his or her time. In other words, we each have a deeper purpose in life. Therefore, a human life is very valuable and to take a human life would be to take away a purpose, which is morally wrong. A chicken's life, on the other hand, is not as valuable, as they, cognitively speaking, have no aspirations for the future. They cannot set goals and their main purpose is to further their species by reproducing. Therefore, it is morally justifiable to kill a chicken because in doing so, one does not prevent the chicken from achieving aspirations it would have wanted to fulfill and thus, does not take anything away from it. So clearly, the idea that all animals and their lives are equal does not hold.

Singer also deliberated the infliction of suffering upon animals before death. He believes that animals can feel pain and that this pain should be minimized at all costs. But, even though animal brains do release chemicals associated with pain, whether they can truly feel conscious suffering from maltreatment is unclear. This uncertainty is something Singer himself noted on Friday.

Even if animals do experience conscious pain, it can still be argued that it is just to cause animal suffering in order to carry out more important human endeavors. In many cases, this is true, especially in the meat and poultry industries that Singer cited. Currently, the exploitation of animals is required to efficiently produce natural food for our world's population. If an effective solution that still achieves the problem of efficiently feeding humans and prevents animal suffering is found, it would make sense to use it, but, this has not yet occurred.

Many, including Peter Singer, will say that vegetarianism is already the solution to this problem, but, this lifestyle is neither practical nor healthy for humans. In fact, humans are evolutionarily designed to eat both meat and vegetables as proven by our simple digestive systems and primitive hunter-gatherer behaviors. Therefore, meat is necessary to our diets and the only way to produce enough meat as is required by our world population is if the process is industrialized, which unfortunately, causes animal suffering.

Thus, because human life and necessities can be valued more than other animal lives and suffering, many of Peter Singer's arguments from Friday cannot be justified. The arguments made in this article are not to say that we should not make an effort to achieve our dietary goals without inflicting suffering upon animals or that we should not try to decrease the amount of meat that we consume, its simply saying that we can morally justify speciesism and animal exploitation.



Saudi Journalist Murder: Ethical Degradation

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Columnist

On October 2nd, Saudi dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. The truth of what happened afterwards is clouded by many reports that offer markedly different perspectives.

In the days following Khashoggi's disappearance, an unnamed Saudi official claimed that Khashoggi was "not in the consulate nor in Saudi custody." Then, another conflicting Saudi statement was released, saying that Khashoggi was unintentionally killed while at the consulate. The global response has been one of extreme skepticism, with many suspecting Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman's involvement. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vocally challenged the Saudi government's account of the murder.

At first, the White House chose to remain neutral in the matter, saying that Saudi Arabia had already "taken action against the suspects." This reaction made sense, as Saudi Arabia and the U.S. are strategic allies, and the U.S. sells billions of dollars in weapons to Saudi Arabia. President Trump has since referred to the killing as "the worst cover up in history," which will surely trigger retaliation of some sort from the Saudi government.

At this point, the U.S. faces a moral dilemma. Although the United State's reputation as a human rights defender is already beginning to fade—from leaving the UN Human Rights Council earlier this year to the Trump administration's exclusion of transgender people through narrow governmental definitions of sex and gender—the U.S. has self-branded itself as a global champion of human rights and free speech. If governmental involvement is proven in Khashoggi's murder, U.S. should at least be imposing economic sanctions on Saudi Arabia. Although Trump has publicly criticized the murder, his administration has yet to announce any concrete consequences other than blacklisting the Saudi nationals who were identified as suspects. However, an escalation in response would irreparably tarnish U.S.-Saudi relations.

All governments have a moral duty to show that journalists cannot and should not be targeted by governments, just because they express views that oppose the national narrative. Journalists serve one of the most important roles in a country—they risk their lives in pursuit of the truth. The jobs of journalists often entail enormous consequences, from threats to their personhood to substantial physical attacks, which is precisely what happened to Jamal Khashoggi.

Motivations behind his murder remain uncertain. However, a

compelling interpretation of this situation is that a political dissident was targeted by the people in power he criticized. If that is true, Khashoggi's murder is not an isolated incident. In the current global political climate, moderate democracy is on the decline while many nationalistic countries with populist governments are gaining immense influence. Take China, for example: it is undeniably growing in economic and political power, yet it shows no signs of switching from authoritarianism to democracy anytime soon. On the contrary, the Chinese government has actually tightened its grasp on the country's media, with President Xi Jinping initiating frequent crackdowns against journalists, lawyers, and activists. In the best case scenarios, the journalists are questioned by police and then returned to their homes. In the worst case scenarios, they are brutally beaten, kidnapped, sentenced to years in prison under an unfair justice system, and even killed.

Without the work journalists do to keep officials in check, transparency from governments would be much harder to come by. Regardless of whether Khashoggi's political beliefs were the primary motive behind the murder, the U.S. should be taking active steps to find out the truth and then reacting with an appropriate and unbiased evaluation of the situation. Our values as a country are at stake.

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The Savior of The Democrats: Elizabeth Warren

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Guest Contributor

“Now, the President likes to call my mom a liar. What do the facts say?”

These are the words of Elizabeth Warren, captured in a mawkish documentary released just last week. As much as it clarifies her heritage, the video illuminates something else: the woman is running for President.

The primaries are more than two years away, but candidates are already eyeing the Democratic nomination for President. Capitalizing on recent political developments, several Democrats have launched themselves into the public consciousness. Take Senators Cory Booker and Kamala Harris, who have used the recent Kavanaugh confirmation as a platform for grandstanding with their political acts of bravado.

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ings. In addition to pro-Wall Street

with more recent trends.” Democrats have taken a hard left turn, and the party must choose a candidate that represents this shift.

Finally, the Democrats must choose a minority candidate, one who plays the game of identity politics deftly. As much as we don't like to admit it, society has an obsession with labels. There's us, and there's them.

Right now, however, their priority should be to get a Democrat back into the White House for their stances to be even remotely considered.

Liberals like diversity—we like having representatives who are women, who are of racial minorities. After the loss of Hillary Clinton, another minority candidate will probably galvanize the Democratic base. Nevertheless, there comes a point when voters are put off by identity politics. Hence, the Democrats must pick a candidate who treads lightly. They must pick someone who is unapologetic for who they are, but doesn't make identity a focal point in their campaign. In doing so, they will produce a candidate starkly different from President Trump, even before policy comes into play. I'm not saying this is the most moral of considerations, but it is the one that will get the votes.

At the end of the day, the party needs to pick someone who can win. To me, the candidate best suited to meet these requirements is Elizabeth Warren. In terms of platform, she checks all the boxes. As a firebrand on immigration, social equity and healthcare, Warren will serve as a

passionate advocate for the liberal dogma. In fact, she was one of the first lawmakers to call for the aboli-

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tion of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). At a rally this June, she declared, “The President's deeply immoral actions have made it obvious—we need to rebuild our immigration system from top to bottom, starting by replacing I.C.E. with something that reflects our morality.”

While she is a liberal stalwart, she has differentiated herself from major competitor Bernie Sanders. Unlike Sanders, she has distanced her ideology from the socialist movement, one which continues to bear negative connotations. “I'm a capitalist to my bones,” she said in July. Her fiscal policies, which emphasize economic reform in favor of the middle-class, may make her more appealing to the average voter. While she is unquestionably progressive, there exist clear differences between her and the ideologues in her party.

Moreover, compared to former Vice President Joe Biden, she's relatively unscathed by scandals. As the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Biden was deeply involved in the Clarence Thomas confirmation of 1991. His comments during the confirmation, which involved allegations of sexual assault, have come under criticism of late, especially in light of the Kavanaugh hear-

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Tonally, Warren's speeches are impassioned. As a candidate, she would likely be both eloquent and fiery, rebuking President Trump well. She has the fire, but she leaves out the vitriol. In 2017, her objections to Jeff Sessions's confirmation spawned an entire feminist movement: “Nevertheless, She Persisted.” Warren has a knack for getting herself noticed, and this ability will serve her well come election day.

Even now, Warren's potential is clear in the polls. In a hypothetical election, Warren would lead President Trump, according to Politico and Morning Consult. Although this victory would be by slim margins, Warren would serve as a worthy adversary for the President.

Still, she is far from faultless. Her most recent gaffe—the aforementioned video on her heritage—has afforded President Trump a new round of ammunition against her. His character attacks have labeled her as “Pocahontas,” a moniker she may struggle to overcome.

Nonetheless, Elizabeth Warren remains well-poised to take the White House. She knows how to make waves, and her platform may just be what the Democrats need. The woman may not be the perfect candidate, but—for now—she's one the general population can stomach.

A congested field does no favors for the Democrats—after all, winning the general election requires a strong nominee that is unsullied by scandals. Despite the number of hopefuls, such a figure has yet to emerge. By now, the chances of a newcomer emerging are next to nothing. Thus, without the ideal candidate, the Democrats must rally around the next-best thing.

To do so, the Democrats must first cut the dead weight. That means that Harris, Booker, and several others (such as Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Governor Andrew Cuomo) should not even think of declaring their candidacies. For them, the nomination is a long shot, and their candidacies will serve only to weaken the front-runner. These candidates, many of them quite young, will have their time in the limelight. Right now, however, their priority should be to get a Democrat back into the White House for their stances to be even remotely considered. And who knows? The big boys and girls who do dominate the primaries may just make one of them their running mate.

The party must also embrace a staunchly progressive candidate. Today, the political climate necessitates radicals, those who speak for the marginalized and the angry. Let's be honest, we live in the age of Trumpian machinations, wherein moderation is of the past. The Pew Research Center has found, “based on surveys of more than [five thousand] adults conducted over the summer, [...] widening differences between Republicans and Democrats on a range of measures the Center has been asking about since 1994, as well as those

A Rough Road for the Democrats

Dennis Kostakoglu Aydin '21

Guest Contributor

2016 was a memorable year not just for the Republicans, but also for the Democrats. The Democratic Party and its leadership underestimated the power and sway that Trump held over his supporters. The party paid dearly for their oversight as only 55 percent of eligible Democratic voters turned up, their most meager showing since 1996. However, it was not just the votes themselves that clinched a Republican win. Hillary Clinton did not prove to be a very convincing candidate to the traditional Democrat base, and as a result, around 35 percent of Democrats stayed home and didn't vote.

The Democratic Party can't let this happen in 2020. For one, they need a more approachable candidate. They need someone that doesn't seem like a liar, or seems to be in the pocket of Wall Street and big businesses. In addition, this candidate must be attuned to the party's base voters, as Trump was for Republicans in 2016. Undoubtedly, Trump's antics since his election victory will have turned some of his voters against him. However, that

will be useless in the next presidential election if a massive number of Democrats again refuse to vote. Thus, the Democratic candidate in 2020 has to already be popular while also keeping to the Democratic party's agenda.

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One such candidate would be Kamala Harris. Harris is the junior U.S. Senator for California, who recently gained news coverage through her pointed and forceful questioning of Brett Kavanaugh, and later for walking out of the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Brett Kavanaugh and his sexual assault allegations. More importantly, despite only being a two-year senator, she has become extremely popular among Democrats, advocating for

single-payer health care and tax cuts for the middle class. It doesn't hurt that she's from California, a Democratic stronghold, where Clinton gained 3.2 million votes in 2016. Imagine how many votes a favorable Senator could get from the Bay Area.

The other senator that I would suggest for the Democrats is Amy Klobuchar, the senior Democratic Senator from Minnesota. Klobuchar is up for reelection this year, and remains incredibly popular in her home state, with a double digit advantage over her opposition in every major poll that's been taken. Like Harris, she also gained critical news coverage during the Kavanaugh hearings: Klobuchar's questioning of Kavanaugh opened up the question of the extent of Kavanaugh's drinking, an important factor needed to determine the validity of his account of the party where he supposedly sexually assaulted Dr. Blasey Ford.

This is the kind of thing Democrats should be looking for in 2020: Congressmen and women who the public perceive as inherently Democratic. In 2020, there has to be a major influx of Democratic voters to turn the White House blue, and that can only happen if the candidate they're voting for is popular. After all, in 2016, Trump won not only because

Republicans voted, but also because Democrats didn't.

The candidate that Dems pick in 2020 also has to be bipartisan. Congress, in the past, has been historically divided amongst party lines. In the dangerous times we live in today, senators can't afford to bicker amongst themselves and not get anything done, or worse, get the wrong things done.

Again, using Kavanaugh as an example, Mitch McConnell set the deadline for the FBI investigation into Kavanaugh in a week after it began. When the FBI—inevitably—didn't find enough evidence to support Dr. Blasey Ford's claims, McConnell pushed Kavanaugh's confirmation vote through, all in order to cement his and the rest of the Republicans' legacy on the Supreme Court.

Now, as multiple minority groups like the LGBT+ community and Hispanics have started to finally gain a real voice in the U.S., they will have to deal with a conservative majority on the Supreme Court, and will continue to have to deal with it for decades to come. The Democrats have a tough job ahead of them in 2020 for fixing the mess that Trump and Trumpism have caused in the U.S. Let's hope they know what they're doing.



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Ways to Increase Your Harkness Participation

By RYAN XIE
Child Genius

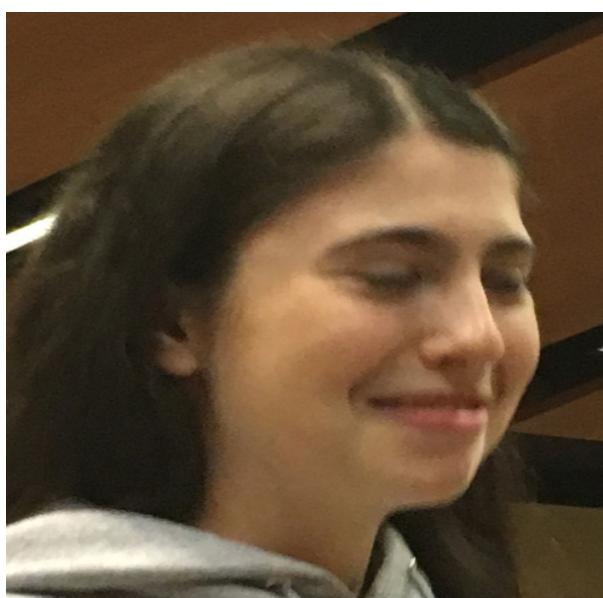
1. "Could you repeat that?"
2. "What page is that on?"
3. "Can we just clarify how to pronounce the author's name?"
4. Restate what someone else said a minute ago, in different words
5. "Can I use the restroom?"
6. Nod your head and pretend to follow along.
7. "Could you elaborate on that?"
8. Read an excerpt word for word and say it's interesting
9. "So are we saying that ___?"
10. "I think it's interesting that ___"
11. "Should we look that word up?"
12. Make a joke
13. "Where on the page is that?"
14. "Mhmm."
15. Ask a generic question that the class is pretty much answering already
16. "Would you be able to talk a little louder?"
17. "Can I get some water?"
18. "I think that ties back to the theme of ___ we talked about earlier."
19. Draw a conclusion from what everyone else said.
20. "Could you pass me the tissues?"

Twelve Reasons to be Spooked This Halloween

By JASPER YU
Spooky SZN

1. Room Checks (don't be caught lacking)
2. Lamont's facilities
3. The Phillips Academy Andover Varsity Football Team Nov. 10
4. Preps who wear ties to EP
5. Dicking assembly this year
6. Anyone who's in both MUN and Mock Trial
7. Inmates of the Rockingham County Jail
8. Being conservative at Exeter (that's the tea y'all)
9. Being under 5 foot at Back in Black
10. People who eat on the left side of d-hall
11. Receiving the "This is Dean Coole. Please come to the dean's office immediately at the end of the format. Thank you" text.
12. Being a day stud and leaving your bag on the floor of grill

TFW You Check the Date and Everything Suddenly Feels Super AH-HH-HHHH



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An Ode to Every Exonian's Favorite Time of Year, Family Weekend

By FI MADRID
Optimist

Ah, Family Weekend, the season of extra short haircuts, students actually in dress code, teachers uncomfortably explaining to passive-aggressive parents why they gave a student a B+ rather than an A- and of course, premature college visits.

With our guardians breathing over our shoulders, the nature of our dynamics as a whole school suddenly change. On Family Weekend, we are closest with our colleagues at the Harkness table. We share the intense desire for validation. We finally see how much have we all allowed ourselves to slack in the absence of parental figures. We suddenly learn to

complete our homework assignments with a newfound zeal for learning. Dining Hall food becomes...good...all of a sudden, dare I say and lunch lines stretch halfway across campus. Parents make a beeline for the College Counseling Office. Our rooms are cleaner than they have ever been and ever will be. And most importantly, we bond over the embarrassing incidents with parents.

When my own dad decided to participate in my Existentialism class, I wanted to get up and leave. I wanted to go back to my room and watch *The Office* whilst devouring an entire jar peanut butter. It really is your own dad some-

times.

Anyways, right as I was just about to collapse into the saddest form of an Exonian, another parent chimed in, and another sad Exonian bit the dust. Having formed a new bond, I looked at my classmate across the table, and we suddenly had a deep understanding of each other. We knew each other's fears. Following this interaction, a cascade of parent contributions continued to bring the entire class together.

Now, we have found a way to look past the sub-par ventriloquy acts that inevitably come along with Family Weekend. Our class has become one.

Ideas for Scary Halloween Costumes

By AVA HARRINGTON
Hallo Mate

In need of a last minute Halloween costume? These costume ideas are sure to spook and scare faculty and friends alike.

Post-333 Zombie: Bloodless skin, wild hair, bagged eyes, and lack of self fulfillment.

Frankenstein: Knock the socks off your English teachers by repeating 500 times that Frankenstein is the doctor not the monster. You must go to Exeter or something.

The ghost from *Hamlet*: Those dudes in the opening scene seemed to think the ghost was pretty scary. But honestly, if the guy had just sucked it up and been fine with being dead the whole shebang would've ended a lot better. Can you tell I'm in Stratford?

Schwartz: "Your writing will improve so much in her class!"

Netflix: AKA a vampire that feeds on your time instead of your blood.

Confronting racism on campus: Well, the administration seems to find this one scary.



Meme Of The Week: College

By RYAN XIE
An Upper



Quote of the Week

"I forgot what it was to dream"

-Madison Kang '19



Parents accompany students to their classes on Family Weekend.

Emma Cerrato/The Exonian

YALE'S SOBs PERFORM FOR FAMILIES

By ISABELLA AHMAD and
VERONICA CHOULGA
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The lights of the Bowld turn on as 16 young men in suits and ties 'naruto-run' onto the stage. This is Yale University's Society of Orpheus and Bacchus, otherwise known as the 'SOBs,' the second longest running collegiate a cappella group in the nation. SOBs performed last Saturday, October 20, for the Exeter community and the Family Weekend visitors.

Their unique name has even more distinctive origins. For several years, the group had no name, until a fateful performance at a party. Once they finished, over the applause, the singers heard an audience member say, "These SOBs are good!" and the group decided then to capitalize on the double-edged compli-

ment. From then on, they channeled the skill of the legendary Olympus minstrel Orpheus and the spirits of Roman god Bacchus, who as the deity of revelry, is known to understand the necessary elements, such as good music, that go into any celebration.

Led by Yale students Ryan Gittler, Benjamin Kieff and Spencer Johnson, the near-eighty year old group prides itself on having a diverse repertoire that spans several genres and time periods in music. The group has recently amassed over 250 different arrangements, with 30 different arrangements on the shelf for immediate performance at any given time. The SOBs picked five of the current standing thirty to perform at Exeter: "Love Me Like A Rock" by Paul Simon, "I Will Go The Distance" from the Disney sensation Hercules, "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen, the

a cappella spiritual "Ride The Chariot" and "The Ballad of John Henry" most famously performed by Harry Belafonte.

Unlike a typical concert, the SOBs concert included several jokes and skits in between songs, injecting a healthy dose of comedy into their performance. Exonians were pleasantly surprised to hear not only the singing talents of SOBs, but also, their knack for engaging their audience. "I really liked how they incorporated the audience into some of their acts," said upper Patty Fitzgerald. She added, "It wasn't just singing; they interacted with the audience and made us laugh and I really appreciated that." Lower Olivia Hess echoed Fitzgerald. "They always added something interesting besides just the voices," she said.

Upper Elizabeth Kostina noted that the SOBs also provided insight to Yale

and cleared the misconception that students are limited to whatever they elect to study as their major. "It's interesting to see people who expand themselves through their extracurricular activities," she said.

However, the moment most Exonians cited as their favorite came at the end. As per tradition, the Yale a cappella group sang "Pretty Girl"—the final song of every SOB concert and also the first ever SOB arrangement—and invited all SOB alumni present to the stage to join them. "Someone's dad was in it and came down and sang with them!" explained upper Paula Perez-Glassner. Fitzgerald reacted with the same enthusiasm. "There was actually a former member in the audience, and I found that really cool," she said. "It just shows what a small world this is."

Music Review: "Be The Cowboy"

By ALAN WU
News Editor

"Be the Cowboy." What does that even mean? Well, it's an archetype of sorts, one that feels distinctly American: the heroic individualistic white male, unbound by any oppressive force, the relentless, reckless, self-determined traveler wandering vast, foreign landscapes where they wreak havoc, save the day, get the girl and leave with their coolness intact and without a shred of responsibility. If you're an American, or even if you've simply thought about what it means to be American, you've probably entertained this archetype. Even if you don't care much for Westerns, the desire to be the cowboy is imprinted somewhere in our souls. The goal, forever, when we hear those stories, see those movies and commercials, is to be the cowboy. No, not the weak, dependent damsel in distress or the demonized savage Native Americans. You must be the cowboy.

Mitski Miyawaki is a cowboy. She grew up migrating from country to country—from Japan to China to Turkey to Malaysia to the Congo to America. She is half-Japanese, half-American, in some sense, a foreigner and a question mark wherever she goes. Nowadays, she makes her rounds as a touring musician, rolling endlessly from town to town, waking up every day in a completely different place.

There's something vibrant and exciting in that lifestyle, something that breathes pure confidence. In its tone of defiance and musical boldness, "Be the Cowboy" very much embodies the cowboy within Mitski.

But the album further complicates it, just as Mitski, a Japanese-American woman, disrupts conventional conceptions of "the Cowboy." The underbelly of all this individualism and traveling bears is a distinct sense of alienation. It's the sense that you don't really belong anywhere, that feeling of never making sense to anyone anywhere you go. The urge for intimacy becomes a delusion.

Each song on "Be the Cowboy" is its own self-contained world. Mitski simultaneously exists within each of these worlds as their architect, rather than a mere participant, jumping from emotion to emotion, soundscape to soundscape. She is taking a more God-like perspective, deliberately removing herself from the all too tired assertion that female songwriters can only be "confessional." She still writes songs that are gushing with vivid descriptions of emotional torment and emptiness, but they aren't necessarily about her.

For casual Mitski fans, the apparent lack of blaring guitars may seem like a shock, especially in contrast to her previous two records, 2014's "Bury Me at Makeout Creek" and 2016's monumental "Puberty 2." Both albums found Mitski combining indie's attitude of genre-

neutrality and emo's outlandish intensity. But if we travel back further to Mitski's time as a studio composition major in college, we find "Lush" and "Retired from Sad, New Career in Business," her two album-length attempts at avant-garde neo-classical music. Before she rocked the electric guitar, she sat behind a piano and was backed by a student orchestra.

Now, she returns to those sounds while still maintaining the same genre-bending ethos that brought her to cultish indie limelight. She is also more assertive. No longer are there walls of distortion, double-tracked vocals or dense arrangements. Everything is clear, crisp and out in the open, projecting further than ever before. Mitski has said that she wanted to resist the idea of developing a "signature sound." Well, mission accomplished. "Be the Cowboy" is something completely new.

The opening track "Geyser" is exactly as its title describes. The track unrelentingly builds to a cacophonous, yet sublime conclusion. Setting the mood with layers of ominous organ-like synths, a melody finally begins to take shape in subtle violin flourishes and Mitski's gentle vocal delivery, only to be interrupted by brief spurts of glitchy electronics. Gradually, the mix is filled to the brim with decisive tom fills, epic synth lines, droning guitars and percussion. Although the song never stops charging forward, each musical element rings crystal clear in the storm.

Ending at a swift two and a half minutes, "Geyser" deftly takes advantage of its shortness to deliver something tirelessly potent. Despite the song's relatively fluid structure, there is something identifiable and memorable, showcasing an impeccable merging of pop's refrain-based immediacy and the more unconventional avenues of songwriting. Already, Mitski has laid the groundwork for what makes "Be the Cowboy" so brilliant.

This clarity extends to tracks slightly more within Mitski's former domain. The delicately pained "A Pearl" begins with a glistening E flat chord. Returning to loud-quiet dynamics, the tracks shifts from clean guitar strums, swinging drum passages and complimentary bass notes to wailing guitars, overblown synth bass and pummeling drum fills. However, the song avoids the typical grunge formula, instead opting for a bridge section that introduces a D flat chord, drum passages that shuffle from the floor tom to the snare and back to the ride, and a heartbreaking descending vocal melody from Mitski herself.

Both "Remember My Name" and "Washing Machine Heart" are the album's bona fide bangers. The former is driven by crunchily distorted guitar riff, a chugging bassline and an infectious drum fill. Despite the abrasive mix of these components, Mitski integrates

them seamlessly. She is particularly clever in her use of open-hi hats, crash cymbals and the irreplaceable texture of distortion to enforce what is one of the stickiest hooks on the entire album. The latter track bounces to life with a rubbery synth bassline and heavy toms. Shy guitar chords and an almost Theremin-esque melody accompany Mitski's vocals in a perfect demonstration of synthesizing the organic and the synthetic. On the other side of the spectrum, tracks like the country-tinged "Lonesome Love" and the dreamy "Pink in the Night" showcase growing proficiency with bare arrangements and building atmosphere.

I've spent an awfully long portion of this review waxing philosophy and musical jargon. And while those are all components that make Mitski one of the most advanced songwriters working today, I ultimately return to her music because of how much it makes me feel.

Listening to "Your Best American Girl" for the first time remains one of the best musical moments of my life. I mean, it came out of nowhere! I had barely known Mitski for a few minutes and I was already sobbing like a child. It was almost uncanny how flawlessly that track found its way to my core.

Thematically, it discusses the pains of fundamentally not being "American" enough to be with someone. As a Chinese-American, that hit hard. The prospect of being "American" is almost just barely within my grasp. But there is always something inherently different about who I am. In my own cowboy-esque moment of identity crisis, I felt oddly distant from the two countries I both reluctantly called home.

And musically, as if all of that wasn't enough to rip my heart to shreds, the song calls back to the ear-splitting power chords of all those crappy pop punk and emo bands that soundtracked the most angst-ridden years of my life. It was as though she had miraculously predicted a crisis I would eventually confront and had given the blueprints to it.

From an arm's distance, Mitski has extracted the dejection, longing, confusion and melancholy she understands all too well, poured them into the seams of perfectly constructed musical puzzles where they may be clearly understood and embraced. In a sense, she has prepackaged the future, when all of our struggles have been somewhat made sense of, and provided them for our present so that we may cope and slowly make our way to that resolution.

Mitski wants us to be our own cowboy, to acknowledge the excitement it will bring and to confront its challenges with our heads held up. She wants us to know that it is all possible, that alienation and sadness and confusion may be overcome. Perhaps our relationships with art and creativity are a first step towards that.

ALL-STATE JAZZ FESTIVAL

By CHARLES JENNISON
Contributing Writer

The All State experience provides talented high school musicians the opportunity to play challenging and well composed literature in vocal, concert and jazz ensembles with their peers under the direction and supervision of top conductors and music educators from across the country.

On October 20, 2018, senior Justin Shao successfully auditioned for participation in the New Hampshire Jazz All State Festival to be held at Pinkerton Academy the weekend of February 5-7 of 2019. He qualified for the lead tenor sax part in the New Hampshire All State Jazz Band, placing third out of over 50 contestants on that instrument. This will be Shao's third and final Jazz All State experience and unlike the previous year, when alumnus Lucas Stevens '18 also attended the festival playing acoustic bass, Shao will be the sole representative of Phillips Exeter Academy at the event.

In November, 14 more applicants from PEA will travel to Manchester to audition for the Large Group Festival to be held in early April of 2019.

The coordinator of the program at Exeter is Charles Jennison, instructor of Saxophone and Jazz Piano.



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MATT KANG

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Whether at Exeter's radio station, ESSO clubs or proctoring in Main Street Hall, senior Matt Kang is known for working above and beyond his roles in the community. With characteristic humility, Kang credits the multitude of Exeter experiences and people he met here for transforming him "little by little."

From a young age, Kang's father stressed the importance of community service to him and his brother. Kang described his experiences in New York City—where his father would take them to pick up baskets of canned food for delivery to homeless shelters—as formative. "And we didn't just drop off the food and leave," says Kang. "We talked with families or with individual people face to face." Kang continued his service in Manhattan for the past three summers with Rescuing Leftover Cuisine, a non-profit that collects leftover food for delivery to shelters and relief organizations, where he manages their website and coordinates volunteer events.

Kang's passion for volunteering carried over into his time at Exeter. He is on the ESSO board as a co-director of communications with Senior Jaime Romero, and he enjoys working with fellow students as co-head of the ESSO Beach Cleanup club, an environmental club that clears debris from the nearby Seabrook Beach. Kang is known for his Hawaiian shirts and goggles, which he uses to foster enthusiasm for the cleanup club and attract new members. As a director of ESSO communications, Kang works with social media and marketing for the board. Senior Grace Gray, fellow board member of ESSO, said, "Matt is an awesome component of ESSO. Without his dedication, energy, and talent for designing awesome posters and other marketing tools, ESSO certainly wouldn't be the same."

His love of service extends to his class and dorm-mates as well. "His willingness and ability to provide a voice of reason in times of need, whether it be

as a proctor or student leader for official decisions or for a friend who may have personal issues, has shaped him into the universally loved and appreciated person that he is," said friend and fellow senior Jimmy Liu. Euwiel Park, who participates in several activities with Kang, also spoke to Kang's selflessness towards his friends. "Since he is not a high-strung person, I can just ask him to do random things like go to Hannafords or watch SNL in Grill," she said, and added that "he almost always says yes."

Park also mentioned that Kang's love for learning is a forefront aspect of his personality. "He is one of the few people on campus that genuinely loves learning. I'll call him at two in the morning and he'll be reading an article online to learn more about something he read about for history." Instructor in History Kent McConnell said that Kang "is wonderful to have in class."

"Matt is someone I genuinely enjoy conversing with as he regularly asks interesting questions about a topic," said McConnell. He pointed specifically to Kang's inquisitive nature as a quality that has contributed greatly to his classes. "It is a genuine curiosity which makes all the difference in the world as an instructor."

It is this curiosity that led Kang to become involved with the Academy's radio station WPEA, and he is now a board member and production manager of the station. After joining the board

his lower year, Kang continues to work as the Production Director, recording promotionals for each show and regularly attending board meetings. He has also worked to coordinate faculty radio shows by providing them with the resources necessary. In describing Kang's amazing work ethic, senior Maddie Moon said that "he always volunteers to do things no other board member will do and does so much behind-the-scenes work we aren't always aware he's doing." She added that Kang "always knows what to say in hard situations, acts as a mediator and voice of reason and is an extremely good listener."

Kang sits on the Student Alumni Relations (STARS) council. The students serve as a liaison between the student body, the advancement office and the Exeter alumni body. "I love talking to the alums," Kang says about his time on the STARS council. "To me Exeter has changed, but when the alums talk about Exeter, what it means to people, I don't think it's changed a lot." He noted that for all Exonians, past and present, "[Exeter] is the place where you've formed yourself, and I feel like that's really something that I've found to be really true in my experience."

As a student representative on the Discipline Committee, Kang helps review and discuss major discipline cases. Senior Gillian Quinto, a fellow DC member, appreciates Kang's work on the cases. "Matt is very thoughtful when he

speaks and spends a lot of time listening to the student and subsequent discussion before chiming in with his own views," Quinto said.

Kang also enjoys golf, although he chose not to join the Exeter team. "I was going to come to Exeter to play golf, but I feel like the people you meet here can have a lasting impact on you," he said. He never would have considered himself a fitness person, but Will Ettinger '16, then a senior and a proctor in his dorm, introduced him to the Workout Club of which he is now co-head. Kang also manages girls' varsity field hockey, which has been a great experience for both the players and him. "We love having him there, and he's at every game," lower Julia Norsworthy said. "He's funny and great to talk to when we're not playing. He's positive and a great person to be around."

Kang credits Ettinger with getting him to "take that first step" in becoming involved in Exeter's student life. Ettinger encouraged him to attend Club Night the first few weeks of school, and his persistence in encouraging Kang to accompany him to the gym led Kang to an interest in fitness. Appreciating that Ettinger, a senior at the time, took such an interest in him as a prep, inspired Kang to become a proctor in Main Street. "Knowing that if I can do that for at least one person [what Ettinger did for me] is an amazing opportunity," Ettinger commented that Kang "has been a big part of the small group of friends I've kept since leaving [Exeter]," and he singles out Kang's humility and maturity as attributes that helped Kang get along with older students. "In a high pressure environment such as Exeter, it can be tough to find humble people; Matt always broke that mold," Ettinger said.

As for his future, Kang says that he will take things "step by step," much in the same way that he did not have a formal, set plan when he first came to Exeter. "I feel like that has allowed me to find certain things that I wouldn't have done otherwise," he said. Friends see a bright future for Kang. As Ettinger half-jokingly noted, "I can say with relative certainty that we'll all be working for [Matt] one day."

TV REVIEW: "THE GOOD PLACE"

By CANDY TANTICHIRASAKUL
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Combining ethics and philosophy with comedy and the after-life, "The Good Place" is a binge-worthy series that is perfect for having a laugh after a stressful day. The series initially revolves around Eleanor Shellstrop, played by Kristen Bell, as she wakes up in the afterlife. Michael, portrayed by Ted Danson, welcomes her and explains to her about the complex system where points are awarded and deducted according to every decision a human makes on Earth.

By the time of their death, the human's sum of points determines whether they deserve to live in the The Good Place or The Bad Place. Luckily for Eleanor, Michael announces that she has qualified to be in the highly-selective Good Place but Eleanor quickly realizes that she was sent there by mistake. Throughout the first season, the series follows Eleanor as she struggles to suppress her immoral tendencies and learn how to be a better, more ethical human.

The NBC original series recently premiered its third season and is currently half-way through its run. Continuing right after the events of season two's finale, the series opens with Eleanor, Chidi, Jason and Tahani back on Earth. After convincing the judge to give them a second chance to be placed in The Good Place, Michael tries to tamper with their lives in hopes of helping them become better people and receiving enough points to live in The Good Place. However, trouble ensues as Shawn, Michael's ex-boss and chief of The Bad Place, tries to intervene with the humans on Earth.

As a fan of the past two seasons, I had high expectations. Ever since the pilot of the show, I was immediately drawn to the script because of its witty humor and original concept. However, I doubted that the intrigue would last for another eight episodes. After exploring the new world in season one and diving deeper into its secrets following the previous finale's plot twist, I wasn't sure

there was more of the story to tell.

Many TV shows in the past, especially in the comedy genre, often become repetitive, recycling jokes and even resorting to clichés as the writers become less excited about the project. Even with this feeling, many production companies have famously pushed the producers and writers of the show to continue with the hopes of trying to milk every last dollar they can from an already popular show.

However, this was not the case in the third season of "The Good Place." Though the characters start out in different places, the episode allocates enough time and cuts at precise moments to parallel Michael's intervention at each human's death. Much to Michael's dismay, the characters only temporarily try to become better people but ultimately resort back to their old ways. Convinced that they'll eventually return to The Bad Place, Michael breaks the rules by traveling to Earth, once again, in an attempt to replicate the group's dynamic in the The Good Place that led them to becoming better people.

In this first episode, Michael's character growth is clearly shown. Beginning as an emotionless demon at the start of the show, Michael seems to legitimately care about the humans and even sacrifices his job for them. This heart-warming change could've easily become cliché if not for Ted Danson's portrayal of this character. Though Michael has now learned to care, his jokes deprecating humankind have not stopped and his excitement about human quirks have been essential to the humor of the show.

If you've already watched the first two seasons of the show, this new season will certainly not disappoint. Season three brings back all the characters we've loved but with a new setting, new concept and new goal. I highly recommend this series to anyone looking for a destressing show that will make you think and laugh out loud at the same

BIG RED GOES GREEN: Increasing Composting Awareness on Campus

By MAI HOANG
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Exonians crowd the right side exit of Elm Street Dining Hall to pile plate upon plate of half-eaten food on the conveyor belt. Most plates contain scraps of lettuce, shredded chicken wings or apples with one bite taken. With Exeter's all-you-can-eat buffet-style meals, it is almost impossible to ensure that everyone finishes the food they got, despite waste awareness campaigns. So is all of this wasted?

It depends on how you define waste.

Six years ago, Big Red purchased the first compost pulper as part of Elm Street's renovation. Following Elm Street's lead, Wetherell Dining Hall and Grill began composting a year later, collecting the waste in special trash bins to be processed by the Elm Street pulper.

Composting accounts for the processing of 20 percent of Exeter's waste. After going through the pulper, which extracts water and reduces its mass, the waste is sent, twice a week, to a composting service in North Andover, Massachusetts. According to Environmental Compliance Manager Tegan DeGenova, the school has not been able to find a licensed facility in New Hampshire, because unlike Massachusetts, New Hampshire has not made composting a mandatory practice. "It's a very rigorous process to be able to handle dairy products and meat products," DeGenova said.

Another challenge is that the pulper is not of the highest quality, being one of the first on the market. "Hopefully, we're upgrading the Elm Street pulper in the next five to six years because it breaks rather often," DeGenova said.

But why go through this rigorous process? What is composting and what are the benefits it brings to the environment?

Simply put, composting is the conversion of waste product into soil conditioner, with the help of earthworms, fungi and aerobic bacteria. Not only does composting produce healthy soil teeming with organic material for plants to use, but it disposes of waste that would have generated methane—a greenhouse gas—when dumped into landfills. Incinerators which directly burn the waste are no better - they too, emit climate pollutants like carbon, sulfur and nitrogen dioxide.

Like all waste management initiatives, the composting program relies on Exonians to be conscious about the different types of waste. Environmental Proctor Catherine Griffin noted, "I think one of [the EProctor Board's] main goals the past year was to increase awareness about composting [...] some people don't even realize that we have composting in Grill." The Board created signs and posters educating students on what could be composted.

In addition to this, the EProctor Board also spearheaded a composting program at residential halls, with some pilots like Langdell and Peabody. "We lost a little momentum this year, but I hope that once the Board becomes more active, we will be able to pick it back up again," Griffin said.

DeGenova noted the difficulties that students need to be aware of when starting dorm composting programs. "One of the issues we've had in the past is the upkeep, it was not where we needed it to be so there were fruit flies and the programs were discontinued," she said. If students commit to bringing the compostable waste to Elm Street a few times per week, however, DeGenova believes that the program would greatly add to Big Red's composting efforts.

Crew Teams Excel at Head of the Charles



The men's eight strokes down the Charles River.

Courtesy of Exeter Parent

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Last Sunday, rowers and coxswains from Exeter's crew team competed in the 54th Head of the Charles Regatta (HOCR) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. With over 1,900 different crew boats from top interscholastic summer and year-round high school and college level programs competing in the race. The HOCR lasts two days and is one of the largest and most competitive regattas in the world.

Slick rowing shells sliced through buffering 36-mph winds and a five-kilometer course on the rough Charles River waters. Several thousand parents, friends, alumni, coaches and spectators from all around the world cheered from the riverbanks and boathouses.

This year, Exeter sent four boats total: a women's eight, a women's four, a men's eight and a men's four, which placed 38th out of 85, 30th out of 84, 66th out of 85 and 25th out of 85, respectively.

Many of the girls were proud of their improved placement from last year. "I'm pretty happy with our performance," upper Shelagh Coombs said. Coombs, who rowed in the women's eight, commended her team's performance despite less-than-ideal weather conditions.

Girls' head coach Sally Morris commended the girls' crew teams—especially the coxswains—for their teamwork and resilience on a new and challenging course. "I was especially thrilled by the accomplishments of our girls' two coxswains, [uppers] Katya Davis and Kelly Mi, neither of whom had raced on the Charles before," Morris said. "The Charles River is especially twisty and windy with bridges,

buoy markers, docks, passing boats and, on Sunday, extremely high winds and gusts up to 36 mph. They steered excellent courses and inspired their rowers."

Morris also praised both girls' boats for prequalifying for next year's HOCR. "The girls' crews stayed quite close to their results last year and have a spot for the Regatta next year."

In the HOCR, if a boat finishes 43rd or higher, the top fifty percent, the boat prequalifies to race the next year. Exeter's women's eight, women's four, and men's four all placed high enough to prequalify for next year. Though the Exeter men's eight did not place high enough, they won the lottery that determines which rowing institutions can fill the remaining 42 spots and participate in next year's race.

Despite the Exeter crew team's high spirits and determination to show off weeks of hard work, the athletes and spectators noted that the weather conditions were not ideal for the race. "It was a little cold and windy," said William Weil P'19, '20, '22, who came to watch his son, senior Stearns Weil, row in the men's eight from Exeter.

Senior Adar Tulloch, who will serve as a co-captain of men's crew this spring, called the conditions "quite unfavorable." The headwind resulted in choppy and turbulent water for the first 1,000 kilometers of the men's race. "It felt like we were tossed around by the wind by the start," he said.

Coombs agreed with Tulloch, noting how the crew teams had not practiced in such weather conditions throughout the season. "During the race, it was colder than we what we normally race or even practice in," Coombs said. "There was also a large head and side wind during

our race, which made the boat less stable and slowed our momentum."

In light of these complications, boys' head coach Joseph Leger praised both the boys' and girls' crew teams' performances at the regatta. "[Rowing] is the ultimate team sport," Leger said. "[HOCR is] the biggest rowing race in the world, and it's only an hour away from Exeter. It's wonderful that we are here. The HOCR is a great celebration of the sport."

Morris agreed with Leger, acknowledging how the HOCR was an invaluable learning experience for all of the crew teams, many of which had younger rowers that will compete in next year's HOCR. "The crews get to see some of the best rowers in the world," Morris said.

According to Morris, the U.S. Olympic and National Teams and several crew boats from the top university teams across the world competed at the HOCR as well. "Seeing these great rowers mix with athletes who share the joy of the sport and witnessing firsthand the lifelong, inclusive nature of rowing allows our rowers to feel a part of a truly global athletic community."

Since the beginning of fall term, both crew teams have been practicing four to five days a week from 4:15 to 6:00 p.m. and rowing on the water whenever possible. "Due to the tidal nature of our river, we were only able to row on the water together for about 16 days," Morris said.

Even when the crew team was not rowing on the water, they practiced long-distance rowing indoors. "When we could not go out on the water, we would use the ergs or indoor rowing machines," Tulloch said. "We would frequently do intense training pieces on these machines, like a five kilometer piece to simulate the race

itself."

On the other hand, the coxswains, including lower Alex Ranganathan who coxed the men's four, helped the rowers with their form and worked on their steering each practice. "As a coxswain, I had to study Charles River a lot before the regatta," Ranganathan said.

With Family Weekend happening at the same time as the HOCR, the crew teams also had more parents, friends and faculty cheering them on. Morris felt especially grateful for Principal Rawson's support during the entire Sunday of the HOCR.

"We want to give a heartfelt thank you to Principal Rawson for meeting us at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday morning to head down to Boston in the [Red] Dragons to spend the day with the rowers, helping wherever needed and cheering them on," Morris said. "It was great to hear his positive feedback to the athletes as he watched them prepare their boats and themselves for the racing, loading and unloading the trailer and celebrating the day with their teammates and fans."

Many of the rowers, like Tulloch, appreciated the sense of connection and positivity among rowers at HOCR. "I enjoyed the atmosphere [and] the multitude of crews gathering in celebration of a sport we all love," Tulloch said. "It was also nice to catch up with former Exonians who now row in college."

Overall, given the amount of preparation and experience of the young crew this year, both the rowers and coaches were satisfied with their results and experience at the HOCR and were thankful for everyone's support. "I could not be happier with the effort that my fellow oarsmen put in to the race," Tulloch said.

Boys' Soccer Dominates Deerfield

By MILO WALSH
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The boys' varsity soccer team faced off against Deerfield Academy this Saturday in a home game during parents weekend. Exeter came out victorious with a final score of 4-2. The win gives the team a 5-4-2 record, putting them second in the league just behind Northfield Mount Hermon.

Going into the game, the team was aware that Deerfield's defense was not exceptional, and planned to attack from the first whistle up through the last. Upper Carson Garland said, "We knew their defense was slow. So we planned on playing a very high paced game." This clearly paid off; Exeter quickly scored the opening goal.

The goal was scored by upper Jake Gehron, who shot from deep. Garland said, "In the first half Jake hit a banger from the corner of the 18. It hit the post and upper right corner, absolute snipe." This gave Exeter a 1-0 lead, however they could not hold it for very long.

Shortly after, Deerfield was able to intercept a pass close to Exeter's goal, and scored off of it. Senior Kojo Aduhene said, "There were some errors in our defense that Deerfield capitalized on early in the game."

After Deerfield's first goal, they got another one off of a penalty kick, taking away Exeter's lead, with Deerfield now winning 2-1. Lower JD Jean-Jacques said,

"We really needed to win this game, and with a lot of parents watching we didn't want to let them down."

Exeter responded with another goal from Gehron, assisted by senior Tyler Swanbeck. Aduhene said, "Tyler had a really nice assist that Jake was able to hit in." The equalizer put the score at 2-2.

Going into the second half, Exeter came out strong with an incredible goal from Jean-Jacques. Garland said, "JD hit a lefty shot from outside the box that went into the upper left side netting." Aduhene added, "It was a really well placed goal."

Exeter now had a 3-2 lead, but did not stop there. Shortly after Jean-Jacques's goal, senior and captain Jonah Johnson was able to tap another one in, extending Exeter's lead, and nabbing the final goal of the game.

The team had tied three straight games before, so this match was definitely big for the team. Jean-Jacques said, "This was a must win game, we have been tying a lot of games before, and we really needed this one." At the end of the game, head coach AJ Cosgrove named Gehron and Jean-Jacques as star players of the day.

This game was an important win, and Exeter is looking strong as their season comes closer to the playoffs. Aduhene said, "In the past years we haven't been to the playoffs, but this year with only two losses we can definitely make it. The only team ranked ahead of us is NMH, and when we played them, we tied."



Lower Griffin Walker rushes the ball up the field.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: VARSITY FOOTBALL CAPTAINS

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Boys' varsity football, led by senior co-captains Jake Blaisdell, Isaac Choate and Kendal Walker, only has eight quarters left in its season. The trio has proven themselves as positive role models, motivating the team through their first six games.

Walker started playing football when he was young and found interest in the sport because of others who played in his hometown. He quickly fell in love with the sport and pursued this passion when he came to Exeter. Walker's philosophy on football is to "treat each week like a season. Football is really hard, it's not like preparing for a game of any other sport. You need to watch films [and] really study your opponents," he said.

Walker's fellow teammates admire his leadership. Prep Trevor Chun praised Walker for how he "helps new guys out." Not only does Walker know how to give good advice, but he also put his words into his actions.

Quarterback and upper Josh Riddick commented on Walker as a role model. "[Walker] always leads by example, playing through bumps and bruises," Riddick said. Walker's work ethic is undoubtedly stellar. "Consistency is key, you got to be the first one in and the last one out," Walker said.

According to head coach Rob Morris, Walker "never misses a day" of practice. Throughout the season, Morris noticed that Walker's competitive drive and "love of football rubs off on everyone." Walker's aim to positively impact his peers expands further than the field, as a proctor and student listener in Main Street Hall. Walker's main goal for football, for his teammates and for the community is to spread kindness. Even though football is referred to as a tough sport, to him, it's all about "looking out" for one another.

Blaisdell started playing football during his sophomore year of high school in his hometown of Keene, New Hampshire. When he came to Exeter as a repeat upper, he was planning to quit the sport and focus on basketball, but Choate convinced him to pursue both. "Isaac Choate gave me my tour and said, 'Man, you [have] got to play



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football? So I [agreed] and I fell in love with it," Blaisdell said.

At Exeter, he explained how his motivation for the sport deepened. "[I] found teammates and coaches that believed in me so, in turn, it made me want to work harder," Blaisdell said. He believes that football helped make him the man he is today. "There's a lot of overcoming adversity and learning discipline, but football has gotten me through those tough times."

Morris praised his grit, saying, "Jake is mentally and physically tough, relentless [and] never comes off the field." As a middle linebacker, his leadership skills are crucial for the team's success, and it has shown through during practices: Blaisdell's signature "baby, baby" call never fails to hype his teammates up.

As captain, Blaisdell leads by example. Similar to Walker, he makes it a point to be the first one at practice and the last to leave. "If I'm ten minutes early, I'm five minutes late," he said. Morris commended Blaisdell

for his loyalty to the team. Morris said, "He has an incredible work ethic and never misses a day."

Off the field, Blaisdell believes that small things can make the biggest difference. Whenever he sees a teammate on the path, he always tries to "smile at them and ask them how their day is going."

Before the academic school year started, Blaisdell and the team were on campus early for a grueling preseason. Blaisdell, however, kept encouraging the team through the strenuous athletic period. "People are sore and don't want to lift or go to practice. But, collectively you raise everybody out and say 'Okay, it's time to go to work.'" Riddick recognized Blaisdell for being "a great motivator for the group" and how he "plays very intelligently."

One of the reasons Blaisdell looks forward to practice everyday is because of his teammates. To him, they're all working towards a common goal and the team dynamic has helped them all become a lot

closer. Walker commented on Blaisdell's unwavering commitment to intensity on the field. "He doesn't preach from his soapbox, he actually goes out and works hard," he said.

Choate began playing football when he entered Exeter as a prep. As a captain, he finds it important to keep the team motivated and gives his very all during training. "His approach to practice and the effort he puts in is contagious," said Coach Morris. "He just loves football."

Despite injuries to his hand and shoulder, Choate dedicates the same amount of energy in making sure he remains in shape. "Even when he's injured, he shows up to practice. Everytime," Blaisdell said.

Chun described one of Choate's best qualities as his ability to bring the team together. "I would definitely say that Isaac embodies the 'togetherness' mindset of the team. Even though I rarely get to work with him, his hardworking attitude really rubs off on me."

Morris noted the growth he has observed in Choate over the past few years. "Isaac has matured physically and emotionally over the past four years, and has come out to be a great leader because of it." Through his experience with learning to embrace the culture of the team, Choate is able to recognize the younger players' struggles and help push them through it, just as his predecessors did for him.

Morris appreciated the trio's ability to unite the team. "Each of them embodies our credo of 'Together.' I have been around a lot of teams in my coaching career and have seen older guys not pay any attention to younger guys or to guys who don't play much...not these captains. They are inclusive and care about every individual on the team from teammates to managers to coaches," Morris said.

All three captains plan to continue playing football in college. However, in terms of the remaining season, the team is looking forward to giving it their best. Most importantly, they want to maintain a supporting environment within the team, one that exemplifies a love for football within all its players. Riddick said, "The biggest lesson I have learned from them is staying positive through hard times, whether on or off the field. This team has been through a lot, but they always put us first."

Soxie Crushes Deerfield 3-0

By COOPER WALSH
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Coming off of ties with Northfield Mount Hermon and Kimball Union Academy, the Exeter girls' varsity soccer team (nicknamed 'Soxie') was determined to come out with a win in their Family Weekend game against Deerfield Academy.

The team accomplished exactly what it set out for. Soxie showed up alert and remained driven for the whole game, dominating the field and finishing with a score of 3-0.

Upper Robin Potter and lowers Marymegan Wright and Allison Hanlon each scored a goal to put Big Red's ahead.

Hanlon, who plays a center defense position, scored a spectacular goal. Senior and co-captain Ogechi Nwankwoala praised Hanlon's efforts. "The highlight of the game for me was the goal from lower Allison Hanlon. She headed the ball off a corner kick through the goalies' legs and into the goal. Before almost every game, I tell her to 'meg the goalie,' and she finally did...I am so proud," she said.

Leading up to the game, Big Red worked on strengthening their offense by doing a lot of possession drills and two on two drills. The team also knew that the Deerfield game was going to be held in the stadium on turf at Exeter. With this knowledge, head coach Alexa Caldwell held practices on the stadium turf to try and got the players comfortable with the faster paced field surface leading up to the game last week.

Nwankwoala highlighted the team's goal to emphasize the offense early on. "Our last couple of games, we've come back from being down, which is great and really



Lower Evie Houston outruns opponent for the ball.

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exciting, but we shouldn't always have to make a comeback," she said. "We wanted to score early and be ahead against Deerfield."

Wright echoed Nwankwoala's sentiments and added, "We went into this game knowing that we needed to come out strong and not let up until the very end. Obviously, we all wanted to win for our parents, which helped motivate us even more."

The team points its recent success to an improved team dynamic. "Our team is so supportive of each other," lower Audrey Park said. "Drills are always competitive and fast-paced, but at the end of the practice we 'get in touch'—we give each other a

high five or a pat on the back to congratulate each other and become a united team again after scrimmaging each other."

On the field, Big Red brings the intensity needed to prevail against tough teams, but the players remain supportive of one another. "Our team is really close. By this point, we've learned how to play with each other," Wright said. "We're also very supportive of each other. I know there are a number of times I've made mistakes and felt better when my team just told me to brush it off."

The team has already improved considerably from last season but is looking to keep its momentum and win on the road

against Groton. Wright commented on the level of competition in the league by saying, "Most of the teams in the league are pretty evenly matched. The outcome of the games really just depend on who really shows up that day and who wants to win the most."

Park emphasized how close the competition is. "Almost all of the games in our league are determined by one goal. It's highly competitive and hard to guess which team will win each match," she said. "Exeter girls soccer will never win a game without being challenged and will never lose a game without challenging the other team."

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Bear Polo Slams Deerfield's Doors

Topples Top Ranked Team in 7-6 OT



Lower Cooper Walshe snipes the ball in the net.

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By WYNTER SANDS
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This past weekend, the boys' varsity water polo team (nicknamed 'Bear Polo') went head to head against the top ranked team in the league: Deerfield Academy. Despite being the underdogs, Big Red pulled through the grueling game with a 7-6 win in overtime. This win improved Exeter's season record to 6-7.

Anticipating a competitive game, the boys spent the week in practice focusing on working together and improving their offense.

Lower Cooper Walshe highlighted head coach Avery Reavill's dedication in preparing the team to face Deerfield. "[Coach] Reavill stood out because he watched the game tapes on Deerfield and identified the strong and weak parts of their game. Then he tailored our practice to shut down the strong parts of their game, and it worked," he said.

As the number one seed, Deerfield is one of the strongest teams in the league. Deerfield also has a highly touted senior player on its roster who has consistently led the team to its wins in the past. Despite this, Bear Polo's spirit was unwavering, and they never doubted that

the team would come out with the win.

"We knew if we played together as a team, this game was ours for the taking," lower Aidan O'Brien said.

Walshe agreed and emphasized the importance of the team's chemistry in the win. "We wouldn't have won this game if we didn't work together because to run the help defense we were doing, the whole team had to be on the same page, and we had to communicate non stop," he said.

As a result of Family Weekend, there was a large home crowd presence in the stands. Combined with the competitive score of the game, the energy at the Roger Nekton Championship Pool was incredible. "It was an electric, down to the wire match," upper Charlie Venci said.

While both teams started strong, Deerfield consistently held a lead over Bear Polo. By the end of the third quarter, Big Red was down 4-6. However, Walshe noted how a last minute Deerfield ejection was the turning point for Bear Polo. "Deerfield's best player who took all but one of their shots [got] ejected from the game with 4 minutes left," he said.

In these last four minutes, Exeter senior

and co-captain Troy Marrero, whipped the ball past the goalie, sending the score to 5-6. Not long after, "[lower] Osiris Russell-Delano steals the ball, and the ball ends up with [upper] Charlie Venci. Charlie put his defender on a spin cycle then goes up to the goalie, baits him then chucks it into the back of the net with 20 seconds left," Walshe said.

A strong comeback along with an impenetrable defense in the last quarter left the scoreboard tied at 6-6 by the end of the fourth quarter, and the game went into overtime. The boys were ecstatic with their recovery of points and went into overtime determined to defeat Deerfield. "We forced two OT periods and [upper] Michael Carbone scored early in OT to give us the go-ahead goal," Venci said.

In the end, it was a team effort that allowed the team to come together and pull out a huge upset win. However, a couple of players stood out especially throughout the game. Venci recognized Carbone and upper goalie Sebastian Beck for their hard work throughout the match. "Carbone scored three of our seven goals and had some great lockdown defense," he said. "Seb made some ridiculous saves in the final minutes and kept us in the

game until the end. He played phenomenally well, and it was great to see him hyped after the buzzer sounded."

Not only is this win meaningful for the team's morale, but it also plays an important factor in deciding the fate of the rest of the season. By securing this win, Big Red still has a fighting chance to compete for the New England championship title. That tournament will be hosted by Exeter this year, at the Roger Nekton pool.

Walshe explained how Bear Polo, the reigning New England runner-ups, might return to the "Liquid 4" tournament. "We have two more regular season games against Loomis and Andover, so this win means that if we win our next two games, we will be in playoffs. If we only win one, then we'll have a wildcard game to get into the playoffs," he said.

The pressure is on for the team to keep up their positive mindset and exceptional playing in the pool. The team is anticipating their next two games and is eager to take home the New England trophy after two straight years of silver place finishes. "We are taking back the league. It has been out of Exeter hands for too long," Venci stated simply.

Volleyball Shuts Down Deerfield

By CHARLIE VENCI
Staff Writer

Upper Joy Liu runs up to serve the ball and the crowd holds its breath. Her hand smacks the ball and it echoes across a tense Love Gym. The ball zips through the air, passing over the net and dropping gently onto the ground. The Deerfield players never stood a chance of returning it. As Exeter wins the point, the crowd goes berserk. Liu and her teammates circle up and celebrate her fifth ace of the game.

In an emotionally charged grudge-match, Big Red broke its two game losing streak in front of an especially large home crowd last Saturday. In light of all the families on campus, the girls' varsity volleyball team brought its A-game to the doors of Deerfield.

The Lions opened at a blistering pace, taking the first set with a score of 25-15. In the second set, Exeter sputtered a bit. A lapse in judgement let Deerfield back into the game with a 23-25 set loss, taking the second set away from the home team. In the third set, Exeter battled back to grasp a narrow victory (25-23), taking control of the game. The fourth set was just a victory lap for the home crowd's amusement. Big Red came out on top in the fourth set with a final score of 25-15, sending Big Green on a long bus ride home.

Although the team opened up strong, it struggled slightly in the second set. Senior and co-captain Sophie Faliero gave a rousing

pep-talk during a timeout that proved to be a turning point in the game's outcome.

Lower Dylan O'Day highlighted the moment. "In the first couple of sets, we lost energy. [It was] probably [due to] Saturday classes, but at a time out, Sophie gave our team a pep talk and lifted our spirits," she said. "She made us cheer after every point and brought us to the win in the end."

As for other standout performances, Liu was recognized for her brilliant serves. Senior Lizzie MacBride complimented her teammate's play. "Joy Liu had a really good game. Her serves definitely kept us in it and gave us winning streaks for most of the games."

Senior Ela Ferhangil agreed with MacBride and also noted the performance of upper Mia Glinn. "Joy Liu served really well during our game. She got five aces and did an amazing job setting, as well. Mia Glinn also did a great job passing and hitting."

The team has been practicing hard these past few weeks, and the result of that was the excellent gameplay on Saturday. Ferhangil discussed the improvement in their defensive strategies. "We had some really good blocks during this game, which is something we have been working on in practice."

MacBride also emphasized that the team's amped spirit throughout the game was lethal for Deerfield. "The highlight for me was the energy of the team. We pulled together and used our energy and enthusiasm to our advantage and that was a threat



Upper Mia Glinn spikes the ball.

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to the other team."

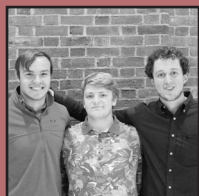
Moving forward, the team still has a lot to work on. Ferhangil thought the most important thing to improve was maintaining a positive mindset, especially when they're behind in a set. "In the second set we got into our own heads a lot, and we lost energy. We need to work on keeping our energy up and not letting one mistake negatively affect

our playing."

The team travels to St. Paul's School this coming Saturday for a 5:30 PM match. The team will be focusing on bringing everything to practice so they can set themselves up well for the match. According to MacBride, "I hope we use our strategies during practice and bring it to games so we win more and do well in playoffs."

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