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New Faces for J. Smith; Deans To Step Down

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Dean of Residential Life AJ Cosgrove and Dean of Students Melissa Mischke will reach the end of their seven-year tenures at the conclusion of this year and next year, respectively. At that time, they will resume their teaching positions in the Science Department.

Before becoming deans, Mischke served as a chemistry instructor and Cosgrove as a physics instructor. Although Mischke and Cosgrove were originally appointed for five-year employments, both of their tenures were extended by two years. "None of us are leaving the school," Dean Mischke said. "We are from the faculty, we go back to the faculty."

Both deans have found the position fulfilling. "I like to think that I've treated every student fairly and with respect," Cosgrove said. "I'm proud to have worked with a great team over the last several years. [We have improved] the advising system, improved proctor training and [brought] programming to our campus that helped to create good discussions about community life."

Mischke has also collaborated with various departments. "It's been exciting to work with a group of people in piloting the all-gender dorms. Finally getting the advising period to be a permanent feature—that was one of the first things we did. [We implemented] the health risk behavior survey every other year for us to understand our students' [risky behavior] and to develop

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Lower Kelly Mi prepares for the dance concert.

Reina Matsumoto/The Exonian

Another School Shooting. How Safe is Campus?

By MAI HOANG
and JACK ZHANG
Staff Writers

Confessed attacker Nikolas Cruz opened fire—using a legally-obtained semi-automatic AR-15 rifle—at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, killing 14 students, three teachers and wounding many others.

Members of the Exeter community came together Monday evening in the wake of the tragedy at a vigil held by Rev. Heidi Heath in Phillips Church. In addition to mourning the tragedy, some teachers and students have expressed interest in taking action and are beginning to craft plans that would allow Exeter students to attend local marches on Mar. 24 and Apr. 20 to lobby Congress for gun-control legislation.

This incident was a wake-up call for schools across the country, including Exeter. As news of the Florida shooting spread, many Exeter parents directed their concerns to Director of Campus Safety Services and Risk Management Paul Gravel, who informed them of the Academy's response protocol and cooperation with local law enforcement in maximizing campus security.

"We are a high school with a college campus," Gravel said, summarizing the challenges that Campus Safety faces when designing response protocols for Exeter's open campus. Safety officials have agreed, however, that if an emergency involving active shooters occurs, all buildings with card access will be immediately locked down, and notifications will be sent out across campus using Exeter Alert, texts, emails and loud speakers. Campus Safety would then try to locate the exact threat so responding law enforcement could be sent directly to the location.

Gravel emphasized the importance of student awareness of the Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (ALICE) Protocol, which prevents students from panicking in emergency situations.

Drills are administered on a yearly basis. According to Gravel, Exonians have improved their lockdown conduct over the years. He recalled that when he first came to Exeter in 2014, students were walking around and letting people into buildings during lockdown drills. However, Campus Safety still collaborates with the Dean of Faculty to ensure that all instructors are well-trained

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Palmer Presents New Affirmative Consent Policy

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Staff Writers

Director of Student Wellbeing Christina Palmer presented to the Dean's Council, on Monday, Feb. 21, a revision to the E-Book policy about consent that would remove ambiguity from the current guidelines. Palmer hopes the updated policy will "provide students with [the] best practices in developing healthy relationships and avoiding incidents of sexual misconduct." The policy could take effect as early as this spring,

but there is no clear deadline.

The current E-Book defines consent as "a knowing, voluntary and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity [that] can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity." Concerned faculty considered this policy to be unclear and communicated their concerns to the administration, requesting that revisions be made to improve consent and intimacy awareness on campus.

English Instructor Alex Myers said

the authorization of nonverbal consent could be potentially misleading. "Consent is currently a part of our education and the E-Book, but what's in the E-Book is not our best practice. The language says very clearly that nonverbal consent is completely acceptable," he said. "To me, as an advisor, a teacher and a dorm faculty member, that's problematic. I think of two fifteen-year-olds, who can't give consent in the first place under New Hampshire law, engaging for the first time in sexual intimacy. How are they supposed to know what consent through

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Preps Bea Burack, Audrey Park and Maggie Wainwright enjoy the warm weather.

JaQ Lai/The Exonian

Alumnus Nick Gray '12 Runs For Town Board of Selectmen

By MAI HOANG
and ANGELE YANG
Staff Writers

Alumnus Nicholas Gray '12 announced his campaign for one of Exeter's five town selectmen, walking through town despite freezing temperatures to knock on more than 3,000 doors, connecting with Exeter residents and allowing them to voice concerns about the town. After the end of current board member Dan Chartrand's term,

Gray will run against candidates Darius Thompson and Molly Cowan.

Having experience on the town Budget Recommendations Committee, Gray identifies budget-consciousness as a focal point of his campaign. "Exeter is becoming an inordinately expensive place to live," he said. "Not just for young people, but also seniors living on fixed income."

Although he voted against the library expansion, Gray did vote for the \$7 million Parks and Recreation development on

Hampton Road, which he felt was more beneficial for a wider demographic of town inhabitants. Gray plans to maintain a neutral budget for the town, saying "on more optional items like the recently proposed five million dollar library expansion, I think we have to consider postponing [those projects] to a time when we can invest in them with a lesser impact on the taxpayer." Gray emphasized, however, that he is not advocating for "draconian spending cuts."

Currently serving as the youngest member of Exeter town government, he has received overwhelming support for his campaign because of his representation of the younger generation. "Everyone across the community, young people as well as more senior members, have been encouraged to see a young voice be heard," Gray said.

Gray grew up in Exeter, and after earning his degrees from Cornell University in 2015 and Stanford University in 2016, decided to return to his hometown. "I determined long before I went off to school that I was going to come back here to Exeter and try to get involved in the Exeter community. I felt an obligation to come back and give back," Gray said. He is now working as an aerospace engineer at Pratt & Whitney, where he designs turbine blades for commercial and military jet engines.

Eric Bergofsky, Gray's former adviser and the Chair of the Department of Mathematics, described Gray as a competent student at PEA. "I have always found him to be a straight shooter, very sincere and honest and a good listener," Bergofsky said.

"He is also a very good problem solver and someone who would take the job very seriously. He knows how to get things done and accomplish goals."

Gray credits his teachers and the Harkness method for his success in discussing issues in the town hall. "Listening is key," he said. "I think the best way to establish trust with someone is to be a good listener and show that you care. [...] If you go and watch Exeter select board meetings, it's unfortunate at how most people are not able to feel respect for divergent people and points."

Gray believes that canvassing by knocking on doors is the best way to interact with voters and ensure that voters of all socioeconomic backgrounds are heard. "If you only spend time at town hall with fellow members of the board you will tend to get only one opinion," he said. Pointing to the 20 percent voter turnout in the town of Exeter, Gray said that his primary goal was to establish trust with more people and show that he cared. "Candidates typically rely on their old social network," Gray said. "I'm trying to create new voters."

He hopes to promote town government involvement from Exonians, proposing to merge the gap between students at PEA and students at Exeter High School. "The best way to break down barriers is to show that the two student bodies are not that different from each other," he said. In addition, Gray expressed interest in holding a forum on campus to have faculty and students express their opinions on what the town leadership

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programming to deal with it," Mischke said. In addition to these projects, she is also proud of her work on several other policies, such as a non-gendered dress code and new visitations policy, in addition to implementing an effective Dean's Council.

However, Mischke believes there is more to be done, especially with regards to the sexual misconduct cases. "Every time you do one of these jobs, there's always more you want to do. [The cases] kind of loomed over everything, and I want to make more progress," Mischke said. "I think we're getting there, but that's just work that will always need to be done, consistently." She also hoped that faculty would reach a consensus on the visitations policy and adopt proposals from the Academy Life Task Force that will strengthen life on campus.

Principal Lisa MacFarlane praised Mischke and Cosgrove for their efforts. "I am very grateful to the deans for their work on behalf of Exeter students and families: they have overseen many changes that have made the lives of students more comfortable, safer and more collaborative," she said.

As both deans reach the end of their tenures, students also reflect on their contributions to the community. "Dean Cosgrove has always been nice to people," lower and varsity soccer player Jamie Lowell said. "He doesn't act like a typical adult; he acts more like a friend. And coaching-wise, he cares a lot about soccer. I can't really speak for everyone else, but he's helped me out a lot at this school."

Upper Emeline Scales often saw Mischke interacting with various groups on campus. "I've [noticed Dean Mischke] trying to get

involved in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA), etc. The times that I've interacted with her have mostly been with diversity," Scales said. However, Scales noted the deans' inadequacies in dealing with the recent episodes of sexual misconduct cases. "Personally, seeing how they handled situations seemed very dishonest and kind of fake, I guess. But being someone who hasn't really interacted with deans at all really, I don't think I can speak very accurately on their characters," Scales said.

Last November, the *New York Times* detailed the sexual assault cases of two female Exeter alumni who had been groped by a male student in the church basement. The two female students approached Dean Cosgrove and Dean Mischke in October 2015 upon encouragement from their faculty advisers. New Hampshire state law mandates school officials "having reason to suspect" sexual abuse of a person under age 18 to report the case to the state Department of Health and Human Services. However, a year later, investigator Trooper Mallory S. Littman drafted arrest warrants for Cosgrove and Mischke under the accusation that they had committed a misdemeanor by failing to report the sexual assault of a 17-year-old. The Rockingham County Attorney General concluded that there was not enough evidence to move ahead with charges against either dean, should the case go to trial.

Upper Hanna Pak also mentioned Cosgrove and Mischke's controversial responses to sexual misconduct cases, hoping that their replacements would react differently. "We could potentially get people who handle situations much, much worse, and I know in many people's opinions that's not really possible, but I don't know. I can't really say," Pak

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could do better.

Gray's competitor Molly Cowan is also appealing to Exeter's young demographic, but she does not believe in tax cuts at the expense of town services and disagrees with the library renewal project. In her view, making Exeter more affordable means adding services which will attract more people to the town, thus raising the property value without increasing property tax. "I think the things [Nicholas Gray] is proposing would be devastating for the town, and I can't stand by what he's trying to do," Cowan said. She criticized him for having "a lot of great academic experience but not real world experience."

Another opponent, Darius Thompson, who is the current head of the Exeter Holiday Parade committee, has been in

town for the past 16 years and represents the more traditional age group of Exeter selectmen. His previous experiences range from working in education to volunteering for nonprofits such as the Red Cross. "I'm looking at policies that are made by the select board, especially those regarding investment and infrastructure," he said. Thompson acknowledged how unique the three campaigns are from each other. "We're all very different, but we've talked to each other and have great respect for what [the others] are doing," Thompson said.

With the upcoming election, Gray hopes that PEA students and faculty take more interest in the bigger community. "The decisions that get made here at the local level oftentimes can have just as much impact on their personal lives. It's important that PEA staff and students all take an interest in this," he said.

said. "I think [the effect that their absence will have on campus] will depend on who replaces them. It could either be a very positive thing, or pretty destructive."

Some faculty commended Cosgrove and Mischke for their efforts on campus, not only in a formal setting. "I have found both Dean Cosgrove and Dean Mischke to be very supportive, balanced and thoughtful in all aspects of their work and attitude, whether it be with individual students or groups like a dorm, and also with me in my role and work as dorm head," Math Instructor and Browning House Dorm Head Greg Spanier said.

This past Monday, MacFarlane sent an email to employees asking for nominations and applications for a one-year interim position as Dean of Residential Life for the fall of 2018 and a new Dean of Students for the

fall of 2019.

According to MacFarlane, the Academy Life Task Force will be making recommendations to faculty members and herself in April that will determine the reorganization of the Dean of Students office. MacFarlane is optimistic of this coming change. "Dean Mischke proposed a reorganization of the Dean of Students office that will bring additional adults to the work of the Dean's office," she said. "That reorganization will bring a new generation of leadership into the hard and critical work of making sure we have outstanding support for students: well-integrated ways to ensure physical and emotional wellbeing, proactive academic and social support, a truly inclusive campus life, strong collaboration with families, and programming that reinforces our community norms and values."

Phillips Exeter Academy to Update E-Book Consent Policy

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body language looks like?"

The revision stipulates that "consent to any sexual act or prior consensual sexual activity between or with any party does not necessarily constitute consent to any other sexual act," and clarifies that if a party initiating a sexual act is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, clear consent from the other party is still required. Palmer emphasized at the beginning of the revision that "silence or lack of resistance, in and of itself, does not demonstrate consent." Palmer also added to the policy that if there is "confusion or uncertainty about whether a participant is consenting to sexual activity," the other party must "stop and clarify verbally the person's willingness to continue."

Principal Lisa MacFarlane affirmed that these policy revisions will positively contribute to greater Academy efforts of promoting consent awareness and communication. "We have spent a lot of time this year talking about the difference between intent and impact. Seeking affirmative consent gives people an opportunity to understand the potential impact of their actions. Learning how to communicate honestly and empathetically is an important skill for having a

healthy, mutually positive relationship," she said.

Dean's Council member lower Janalie Cobb elaborated on the importance of E-Book reforms and the impact they will have on present and future Academy students. "The E-Book isn't only for current students. Quite a few people—parents, prospective students, prospective donors—have reason to look at the E-Book. It's imperative that there be sufficient language," she said.

Myers emphasized the importance of continuing campus conversations to clarify any remaining ambiguities in the revised policy. "For me, there's still a grey area. I don't know if that has to be corrected in the language, but it needs to be clarified through discussion," he said. "I look forward to discussing it with faculty and administration. It's something we don't talk about enough, and as a school that's been rocked by sexual misconduct, past and present, we need to become more comfortable talking about it."

Senior Tim Han added that it is important for student initiatives to supplement the new policy. "It's the job of the administration, the educators and the adults on campus to teach and inform, but our whole ethos is about Harkness, student participation and taking control

of your own learning. I think Exonians work best for things we believe in, not things that we're lectured on," Han said.

In response to ongoing investigations and recent allegations of sexual misconduct, the Academy has made efforts in recent years to augment community awareness on intimacy and relationships by inviting assembly speakers, distributing posters and facilitating discussions in and out of the classroom. The most recent initiative was a training session on Sunday, Feb. 18, led by HAVEN, a New Hampshire agency that provides support and education on sexual and domestic abuse and violence. Rising seniors seeking community leadership positions and focused on victim blaming and consent attended the training.

Erica Skoglund, a Violence Prevention Educator at the agency, appreciated the amount of prior knowledge and interest the 38 student participants brought to the training. "We were very impressed with the group of students we had for our presentation. They already knew a lot about consent and had a strong understanding of the importance of supporting and believing victims," she commented. "We used this opportunity to help give them tools for talking to younger students who might not have their same under-

standing of consent or victim blaming."

Upper Michaela Phan recognized the importance of "clarifying the definition of affirmative consent," praising the revisions to the policy as necessary for better comprehension of consensual sexual activity.

While Skoglund commended the Academy for taking steps to strengthen prevention education, she similarly expressed the need to develop a clearer and more coherent consent policy to supplement these various initiatives. "It is necessary for the Academy to define uniform policies and guidelines to assist in preventing sexual assault and responding to reports of assault on campus," she explained, emphasizing that "strong policies should provide clear definitions and expectations" for all community members, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender expression.

Palmer hopes to promote clarity of the new policy in conjunction with Exonians Against Sexual Assault (EASA) in April. "Given my experience, understanding consent is a large part of prevention," she said. "The policy required improvement, and affirmative consent is now considered the gold standard, and we want the best and clearest possible consent policy for our students."

Safety of Exonians Called Into Question After Florida Shooting

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to answer questions about emergency response protocols and that they take drills seriously, even in situations where students are taking tests.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Gravel was unable to hold an assembly about ALICE this year. Prep Alexis Ramon is uncertain of the Academy's policy on crisis reaction. "I don't know what [ALICE] entails. To my knowledge, we're supposed to just try and avoid whoever is on campus," Ramon said. "I know that there are drills sometimes, but I'm not exactly sure what needs to be done when the alarms go off."

Along with Campus Safety officers, Exeter has five Institutional Risk Management groups, two of which are concerned with students' physical safety.

Dean of Students Melissa Mischke emphasized the administration's connection with professional law enforcers. "Our phones all have 911 tags, meaning if I call using this phone, the police will know exactly where I am on campus, which building, which floor and which room," she said. Additionally, Campus Safety employs patrol vehicles and radio dispatches to connect with the Exeter Police Department (EPD) in cases of emergency.

This past summer, Gravel directed two large-scale drills for more than 100 law enforcement officers, alongside Captain Michael Munck of the Exeter Police Department. The drills, which took place in the Academy Building and Love Gym, also engaged the Seacoast Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and the local fire department. "We had active shooter training so that they would be familiarized and comfortable with driving through campus and operating in the buildings," Gravel said. Regarding the possibility of future

drills, Gravel added that he will "open [the campus] up to them whenever they want to come and change the buildings where the drills happen to switch it up."

Parents as well as students, however, have raised questions about why Exeter's Campus Safety cannot be an armed unit itself, given that this is a precaution many college campuses have taken. Though the trustees and the Institutional Risk Management group have held discussions about this option, Gravel doubts it will happen. "The risk of having campus safety carry firearms around campus is greater than the risk of waiting for law enforcement to come," he said. "I would probably lose half of my crew because they don't want to carry guns. Not all of them have experience in the police force."

Gravel highlighted that with recent initiatives to further engage police officers, Exeter could reliably count on their appearance two to three minutes after the start of a crisis on campus. In addition, floor plans have been distributed for major Academy buildings to the EPD and Fire Department to minimize the delay between orientation and response during a possible hostage situation.

Campus Safety is also in close communication with the Fusion Center in Concord, which updates information from "federal and state agencies including the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI and the DEA," according to Gravel. The center sends out terrorist alerts and information regarding threats directed at higher education institutions and campuses.

Gravel noted that the possibility of surveillance cameras being placed inside buildings has been discussed within the administration and the Dean's Council, but ultimately, these efforts failed to pass due to concerns for student independence and

personal privacy. Gravel said there is "no big brother watching here."

Some discussions have addressed concerns about converting campus into constant lockdown mode, in which students would need Lion Cards to access academic buildings at all times. Given the current campus culture, Gravel does not think that this is the solution. "We want students to have the freedom of roaming around campus," he said. Gravel emphasized, however, that it is possible to electronically give or deny access to any card in cases of emergency.


Campus Safety has also encountered the difficulty of accounting for all members of the Academy during an emergency situation. Gravel explained that numerous messages had to be delivered during an emergency response, noting that such inefficient systems are common among other preparatory schools. "To find out the number of students, we have to make four calls: the Dean of Students, the health center, the children's center and of course the students in class. It's an antiquated system, but a lot of prep schools are struggling with that [same problem]," he said. To solve this problem, the Dean of Students is currently considering an app that enables students to

voluntarily tell Campus Safety where they are in case of a lockdown.

Even with these response methods in place, senior Sophia Zu feels that students' obliviousness to these systems and the confusion surrounding the ALICE procedure leaves Exeter unprepared. "I don't remember a time when we have had a lockdown drill and teachers have canceled class activities," she said. "Exonians consider themselves removed from the prospect [of] an actual shooting. The way students are being trained is virtually nonexistent. The drills are not being taken very seriously."

Illustrative of Zu's concerns, senior Wyatt Foster admitted to having limited knowledge of lockdown drill procedures. "I honestly don't remember the last test," he said. "I just know I have to hide. I do know what ALICE is, and I'm not sure if we're actually going to follow that when the time comes."

Even if students adhere to these preventative measures, Gravel cannot guarantee Exonians' safety. "If there's a shooter, there are going to be casualties, there's no way to stop that," he said. Gravel added that he has concerns about the need to "minimize target-rich areas" like the Assembly Hall. "It keeps me awake at night."



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Clash of Council Candidates: Student Council Presidential Statements

Elizabeth Yang:

For the last three years, I have been an involved member of StuCo as a Rec Committee Select Member and as a Co-Secretary. I am familiar with every aspect of Council, including the specific tasks of committees and the inner workings of the Executive Board, and I know what the Council can get done. Currently, I am tackling a number of different projects which I hope to continue working on next year.

Over winter break, I worked to draft

a proposal for a new daily schedule that included starting school days at 8:30 am, separating classes and athletics and integrating office hours with teachers. A committee of faculty was created to address schedule reworking, and they kicked off their brainstorming with this proposal. I hope that this committee and the Council will maintain their efforts into the next year and make daily schedule reform a reality.

The OneCard program would make LionCards compatible with Exonians' fa-

vorite businesses in town. Many recognize that this program goes beyond streamlining many purchases to a single card; students on financial aid can use their stipend if they wish, and as for the entire student body, more discounts would be possible.

Strategic planning continues to be quite a mystery for the student body, but the planning encompasses many things that students should be aware of like cultural competency and diversity in the hiring process and enhancement of the residen-

tial experience. Student Council can be an outlet for us to share our perspective and work with the faculty to continue shaping the best Exeter.

With these ideas already taking tangible forms and my openness to listen and serve Exonians to the best of my ability, much is possible in the coming school year. Thank you for your support this past Tuesday, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or hopes!

Mark Blekherman:

Thank you all for your support this Tuesday! Ever since prep year, I've been an active member of Student Council, serving as Assembly Committee Head last year and Policy Committee Head this year. As a Policy Committee Head, I'm working on an Alumni Career Interest Night, which should be here in the first week of spring term!

What makes my campaign special is that it advances NEW ideas and adds tangible CONVENIENCE to our

lives. All of these points prioritize our everyday comfort and convenience—feasible steps that together amount to a substantial impact. StuCo gets criticized for being inefficient and ineffective, but this can change if we set more concrete goals and make our committees more accountable.

I want to open doors to our convenience, both literally and figuratively. Literally, I want to install an ID scanner on the Elm side of the Library, keep Weth open on Saturday classes, and

extend gym hours through the Student Work program.

Figuratively, opening doors means giving you more freedom and comfort. It means a later start time for school (more sleep), funding your club with the StuCo budget, taking standardized tests at PEA (as opposed to EHS), connecting you with alumni for possible internships, later check-in for lowers and online OOTs.

I have contacted Dean Cos about online OOTs, and he told me that this is

definitely something StuCo should pursue. As for standardized tests, it wouldn't be hard for us to open Love Gym and Grainger on Saturday mornings.

Smaller, reasonable steps add up to the bigger picture and make Exeter a better place. If you haven't already, please see the video in my Facebook post, as it details some of my campaign promises.

I'm looking forward to hearing your thoughts in the next week and sharing my ideas!

Implement Stricter Gun Control Laws

Jordan Davidson '19

Senior Columnist

I grew up believing that America was the best country in the world. And to this day, I will stand by my opinion that our economic and political systems, position on the global stage, and inclination to help other nations in need make our nation a great one. Of course, people will say that we intervene too much in other countries' business or that we're polarized and racist, but I think that we do pretty well, considering we have saved the world from the developments of evil empires, exemplified in WWI and WWII and we are one of the most racially and religiously diverse nations on the planet. This had led me to believe that we inherently have the opportunity to do more good in the world because of our many strengths. But as to the question, "Are we the best country in the world?" my answer has changed to no almost completely because of one issue: gun control.

The shooting last week at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida sickened me. Evil is the only word that can explain what happened there. I remember in 2012 when Adam Lanza shot and killed 20 students at Sandy Hook Elementary School, just 30 minutes away from where I lived. This massacre made me understand how low our society can go. Family, friends, community members and the entire na-

tion watched the news and felt pain on that awful day. And over five years later in 2018, our lawmakers have done absolutely nothing that has helped make a change. The shooters may be evil, but our representatives who refuse to make change are, too.

Mother Jones has compiled a report detailing every mass shooting in the United States since 1982, discovering that 97 shootings have occurred in the past 36 years, 53 of them have happened in the past decade. This is a shocking statistic for anyone, whether you support gun control or not. But what is almost as crazy is this: law enforcement can only confirm that illegal firearms have been used in 15 of the 97 shootings.

There have been cases in which investigators were not able to verify where the guns came from, but we know that legal firearms were used over 50 percent of the time. This single, frightening statistic should be all that we need in order to combat the popular sentiment that it is the people who buy guns illegally, off the street that are misusing them. But people stand by the Second Amendment, even though it was written at a time when gun violence like we see today was unprecedented. All of our other basic rights given to us in the Constitution are just as applicable today as they were in the 18th century except for the right to bear arms. Freedom of speech, religion, the press, public assembly and many more have proven to be a necessity in the United States for hundreds of years. Our Found-

ing Fathers realized this necessity, but there is no way they could have predicted that, two hundred years into the future, Americans would be gunning down innocent men, women and children with semi-automatic weapons on a monthly basis.

President Trump claims that this is a mental health issue, and he is partially right. Of course, if you have the capability to murder dozens of strangers, classmates, fellow church goers, or whoever, you have to have severe mental health issues. But telling Americans to report people who seem mentally unstable cannot be our solution. Firstly, it is ludicrous to use our own judgment on who is capable of doing a mass shooting as the primary method of preventing these atrocities.

Secondly, gun control is a proven solution to this issue. In 1996, the Australian government responded to a shooting that took the lives of 35 people by implementing gun control laws that regulated firearms purchases. Today, you cannot buy a gun in Australia if you are under 18, do not have proper storage for the guns you intend to buy or use personal protection as your reason for needing a firearm. They also banned several semi-automatic and automatic weapons and introduced a buyback program for people who had legally bought the guns that were made illegal. The result of this legislation was over a decade without a mass shooting and a significant reduction in homicide and suicide rates. To put things

into context, Australia had 69 homicides attributed to firearms in 1996 and only 30 in 2012. It is widely believed that the gun control legislation had at least some effect on deaths as a result of gun violence in Australia. But the people who contest it mainly argue that culture has more of an effect on a country and its changes than a law does. Still, I would argue that a government taking charge and banning dangerous weapons is significantly changing the culture of that nation, especially when that country is gun-crazy.

People stand by their guns, and they do so with pure ignorance. Guns kill. That is the bottom line. And sure, knives kill—hell, hands kill. But a knife can't kill 58 and injure 546 people at a concert in Las Vegas from the 32nd floor of a hotel. And if anyone can provide evidence to the contrary, I will be more than happy to lead the fight against knives. But right now, I don't think anyone can.

So instead of providing silly counter-arguments to gun control as many of us do, I think we need to give up guns, even if many use them safely. Since 1966, over 1,077 people have died as a result of mass shootings, 176 of those being children and teenagers. No Amendment and no passion for guns, no matter how strong, can justify these deaths. It is our duty to prevent this from happening by urging our representatives to work for change. This is unacceptable. America, do your job. Fix this by implementing strict gun control laws now, or we will have to zip up more body bags on school grounds.

After Parkland, Senate Action is Necessary

Bizzie Lynch '21

Guest Contributor

This Valentine's Day, Nikolas Cruz attacked Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida with a legally purchased semi-automatic AR-15 rifle. 17 teachers and students were killed. Immediately afterward, congressmen and women sent out messages of condolence.

After mass shootings, our government always goes through the same ineffective cycle of processing the incidents. The Democratic Party calls for stronger anti-gun laws. The Republican Party says to stop politicizing tragedy. We all give our condolences, send out a few angry Tweets and eventually move on. But we never stop and think what politicizing tragedy actually means.

After the Vegas shooting, Hillary Clinton said we must "put politics aside, stand up to the NRA." Mitch McConnell blamed the

"heartless hack" for politicizing the situation, calling it "inappropriate" and "premature."

Every time Democrats bring up gun laws after a tragedy, they are shut down. Yet after the Orlando shooting and other shootings by Muslims, Republicans claim that it's Islamic extremism causing these deaths. Yet, the shooter at Parkland wasn't Muslim. He was a Trump supporter with an affinity for "Make America Great Again" hats. Republicans refuse to address this. They also refuse to acknowledge that their precious guns had anything to do with it.

In Florida, a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle is easier to buy than a handgun. It's been used for shootings in Parkland, Aurora, Las Vegas, Sandy Hook, San Bernardino and more. Just after the Parkland shooting, reporter Laura Ingraham on Fox News said AR-15's are "popular and overwhelmingly safe."

There is a difference between your right to own guns for hunting and protection and your right to own AR-15's. AR-15's are only

used for mass murder and target practice. But when Democrats bring that up, it's called "politicizing tragedy." If the Civil Rights Movement was labeled "politicizing tragedy" whenever black citizens were brutally murdered, we would not have come this far in the fight against racism. If feminism movements were labeled as politicizing tragedy whenever they pushed for legislation after a woman was raped, we wouldn't be this far in the fight against misogyny. What makes gun control so different?

Politics is about seeing tragedy, calling it out and developing legislation to prevent it from occurring again. You are supposed to politicize tragedy. That's the only way to protect others from it.

The Parkland survivors and loved ones of those affected by gun violence understand this. They saw their friends, peers and teachers shot and killed before their eyes. The night after the shooting, a vigil took place and students chanted "no more guns." Students wrote op-eds, one of which

is published in *The New York Times*, and made speeches. In upcoming weeks, there are multiple marches and walkouts planned. Florida state legislators refused to consider a gun control bill that student survivors from Parkland presented to them. The survivors of the shooting are speaking out because they have to. Their friends are dead. Their teachers are dead. Some of their peers are still in the hospital, weeks from full recovery. They are sad. They are in mourning. But, they are also politicizing their tragedy. If they don't, nothing will get done and more lives will be lost.

As Sarah Chadwick, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas, said on the day of the shooting in response to President Trump's Tweet expressing sorrow, "I don't want your condolences, you f**king piece of s**t; my friends and teachers were shot. Multiple of my fellow classmates are dead. Do something instead of sending prayers. Prayers won't fix this. But gun control will prevent it from happening again."

Politicizing Tragedy in Parkland

Andrea So '20

Columnist

On Valentine's Day this year, the unthinkable happened. At Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, a gunman opened fire, killing 17 and injuring 14 more. At this time, it is ranked ninth on a list of the deadliest mass shootings in American history.

There is one stark difference between the Parkland school shooting and preceding incidents — many of the students who personally witnessed and survived the shooting are calling for gun reform. A freshman at the school published an opinion article in *The New York Times*, entitled "Don't Let My Classmates' Deaths Be in Vain." A group of students travelled to Tallahas-

see, Florida's state capital, to advocate for a ban on assault rifles and many more have since spoken up about the need for stricter gun control.

The words "another school shooting" should never have to come out of anyone's mouth and are so devastating and senseless that they should never be a reality. However, many politicians and partisan members of the media, especially right-leaning ones, are criticizing the politicization of the shooting. Tomi Lahren, an American political commentator, says that Democrats should not be dragging the issue of gun control into the conversation, and that "this isn't about a gun, it's about another lunatic."

While the prayers are certainly well-intentioned and comforting, they do nothing to address the real problem at hand: it is extremely easy for anyone

to acquire weapons like assault rifles that no civilian should ever need. If the gunman had not been able to purchase his weapon, 17 students and teachers would still be alive right now. A common argument is that the mental instability of the gunman is to blame here; they would've killed people with other dangerous tools, regardless. However, that argument is significantly flawed, as knife and acid attacks cause nowhere near as many fatalities as shootings and are also much easier to control. By avoiding proper acknowledgement of the way the victims died and refusing to correct the problem, we are not doing their legacy justice. We need to work to ensure that no person will ever have to experience the horror they had to.

This time, it is survivors of the shooting that are calling for reform. How can politicians and partisan news-

casters blame them for politicizing the shooting? These are students and teachers who experienced the firsthand, traumatizing fear of seeing a shooter approach them and kill their classmates and teachers. As members of the public who can only relate to their trauma through a TV screen, we have no right to tell them how to respond or to invalidate their decisions. If this is their response to the tragedy they witnessed, then we should support the actions they choose to undertake.

I remember being in elementary school during the Sandy Hook shooting. I especially remember the sheer disbelief coursing through my body as I scanned the headlines that morning. The magnitude of that emotion is something I never want to feel again. One day, I hope that no one will have to feel that again.



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People You Probably Shouldn't Trust

By MAEGAN PAUL

Cut Your Grass Low, Catch More Snakes

1. The person who puts ketchup on top of their fries—that's just not okay
2. The person who puts ketchup on potato chips—why would you do that???
3. Teenagers—obviously
4. People who say they didn't look at your Instagram when you accepted their follow request—they're probably lying
5. Cat people—dogs actually evolved to act like children so that human would love them. Don't disregard their hard work
6. Those who leave out 'the' when talking about The Grill—they are spies from Andover trying to confuse you
7. People in Dem Club, Pub Club, and Communist Club simultaneously—you'll never know the truth about them
8. People who write on the nicer Harkness tables
9. Fetal pigs
10. Non-humor page writers

9 Things You Know if You're Half Exonian, Half Given Up

BY JASMINE LIAO

Still Alive but Barely Breathing

1. Going to sleep at 9 pm and waking up at 5 am to finish your homework is always the plan. Never works.
2. Grades don't really matter until you see a B-. Then they matter.
3. No expectations means no disappointments.
4. The decision to spend 30 minutes doing the reading before fatiguing the class is always the best way to go.
5. You feel so bad for dicking assembly that you watch the live-stream from the comfort of your room.
6. The feeling of signing up for 50 clubs, dropping 51.
7. You've definitely presented the hardest "easy" problem in math class.
8. You've already tried writing for *The Exonian* (humor).
9. You really relate to the first line of "Fix You" by Coldplay.
10. Counting is challenging. So is filling up space in the Humor Page.

TFW Your 332 Is 33-DUE and You Still Have So Much Work to 33-DO

By THE HUMOR EDITORS
33-AHHHHHHHHHHH



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From all of us at the Humor Page, good luck on finals and have a wonderful break!!!

Club That Actually Wins Spotlight: Mock Trial

By ABBY ZHANG

Here's to the best club on campus. I love you guys.

Mock Trial, the club on campus with the largest trophy collection, best assembly jokes, highest sibi to non sibi ratio and most moms wanting their children to join, emerged victorious from yet another State Championship Tournament last Tuesday (to no one's surprise). As honorable, fearless leader Joanna-Timaiter O'Clark de la Hanberts most eloquently stated, "the team [very respectfully] kicked some [wholesome posterior]."

In addition, the Exeter Mock Trial Association has petitioned to

create a rank above first place at future Mock Trial tournaments, largely due to the fact that at this point, "just winning" comes too easily for the team.

"We need to be stressed to the point where we're always on the verge of tears. Therefore, we're always in search of challenge," explained O'Clark de la Hanberts. "Of course, I'm not referring to the entire team. I'm just talking about myself in the royal 'we.'"

This win has been especially ef-

fective in lifting the spirits of certain club members, according to upper and girl-running-on-D-Hall-coffee-and-adrenaline, Abby Zhang. "I've lost many things this term," Zhang noted, "including free time, brain cells, tears...[the list went on for a while]...and my livelihood. But winning states definitely cancels it all out."

When asked for any final thoughts, O'Clark de la Hanberts had only one: "Take notes, MUN."

Alternative Options to Cutting the Newspaper to Eight Pages

By EMILY GREEN

Hmmmmmm...

Not doing that.

Never doing that.

Doing literally any other option.

Not usurping the E-Book-or-dained rules of *The Exonian* and clearly breaching the individual liberty of the student population.

Cutting the paper to eight pages, but cutting the font size in half so it's the same amount of content.

Not destroying our school's and newspaper's reputation.

Taking a breath and actually allowing students to adjust to their new responsibilities.

Reflecting upon the long history and tradition of being a school newspaper with a backbone.

Remembering that cutting down the paper means cutting the Humor Page, AKA the foundation of Exonian society.

Using all the time spent arguing over this to instead create a 16-page paper.

Health Center Runs Out of Ibuprofen and Ice, Has No Choice but to Shut Down

By ABBY ZHANG

Reliable Source

The Lamont Health and Wellness Center has officially closed its doors as of yesterday, after running out of Ibuprofen and ice. Nevertheless, those who wish to "fatigue" a class may climb up the side of the building and squeeze through a narrow opening in a window of the Sun Room, where they'll inevitably run into some kid with whom they had an English class a year ago.

"I don't really know how this happened," one confused nurse told us. "All I know is that all these kids kept coming in and they wouldn't stop...crying. They cited many different reasons for their tears, such as the new Snapchat

update and the lack of a Humor Page in last week's issue of *The Exonian*.

"But, perhaps, the most haunting of all, we've seen some especially tired-looking kids in recent weeks—I mean, these kids were barely functioning, couldn't even speak in coherent sentences. They just kept shaking their heads, muttering the words 'carotid,' 'subclavian,' 'brachiocephalic,' over and over again...anyway, we gave everyone Ibuprofen and ice to help them feel better."

The nurse was not allowed to disclose her professional background or her medical training.

However, when asked, she dug out a single sheet of crumpled paper on which the words "Ibuprofen, ice" were written in "Razzmatazz" colored crayon.

She then flipped the paper over, revealing the plans for the newest installment of health center art—a grainy photograph of a mountain goat wearing a traffic cone on its head, perched on a minimalistic armchair.

After the interview, she disappeared into one of those mysterious little rooms that just have a bunch of files in them. She has not been seen since.

Quotes of the Week

"Seagulls in San Francisco should be called 'bagels.'"
-John Beckerle '19

"What's the difference between female and male pig reproductive systems? There's a 'vas deferens.'"
-Billy O'Handley '21 (It's pig practical season, my dudes.)

"I'm going to their website too! I'll meet you there."
-Rose Horowitch '19

"Am I really that self-conceited?"
-Khine Win '20

"That's a repetitive redundancy."
-Nick Schwarz '20

"I have a running tally between me and the winter. Prep year, the winter won. Last year, it was a close race but I think the winter still won."
-Gillian Quinto '19

"I didn't think this was going to be a commitment."
-Anonymous Humor Editor

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ExeterLife



Students participate in the Latin Dance Workshop at International Tea.

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INTERNATIONAL TEA

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Students gathered in Grainger Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 8:30 pm to celebrate their cultural identities at the International Tea event. The area was lit with candles and string lights and lined with tables, each with its own array of pastries, food, drinks and other representations of many cultures. Exonians dressed in traditional attire from their countries of origin, performed multiple cultural dances and engaged in activities such as origami and henna art.

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the board of the International Student Alliance (ISA) organized the event. The students on the board worked with faculty members to order supplies and set up the event in conjunction with the Facilities Department.

The wide selection of teas, desserts, dances and games truly “brought the

globe to Exeter,” as International Student Coordinator Jennifer Smith said. Students enjoyed different types of teatime delicacies. According to attendees, the refreshments were a highlight of the event. Students tasted different pastries, dipped fruit into a chocolate fondue fountain and sipped fresh teas in glass mugs. The bubble tea booth, a new addition this year, attracted a long line of students.

Cultural performances of Bollywood and Indonesian dancing, followed by a Latin dance workshop, allowed attendees to experience different expressions of culture. In this Latin dance tutorial, students and faculty partnered with one another for salsa dancing.

In addition to International Tea being, in Smith’s words, “a night out” in the middle of winter term, the event was a time to reflect and learn from each other. Smith intended for the social event to showcase the cultural diversity of PEA’s community. “I think that students learn a lot just by participating and soaking up

the cultural environment around them,” she added.

The ISA board and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs worked hard to provide a large selection of booths and activities in order to represent as many cultures as possible. “We try our best to bring multiple elements from different countries and regions without any form of bias,” senior Pedro Repsold De Sanson said “While the event is superficially a celebration of the international experience, we hope that students will use this tea as a learning experience.”

Having worked the henna booth for the past two years, senior Claire Melvin values the event. One of her favorite aspects was “seeing so many people share their cultures with the rest of us” and “taking pieces of [the cultures] back to the dorm and talking with people about what their favorite part was.”

Upper Emily Oliphant enjoyed the food and dancing that she experienced throughout the night. Administrative In-

tern in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Jessica Alvarez also expressed her satisfaction with the gathering. “[The event] was great, especially at the very beginning when different students got to do their cultural dances. I was like, ‘Wow!’ Exeter is full of talented kids and I was glad I got to witness it in a way I don’t generally see it,” she said.

With the many different kinds of food and drink available along with cultural performances and activities, International Tea allowed students to immerse themselves in multiple cultures. They were also given the chance to embrace their own heritages by dressing up in cultural attire and showcasing other aspects of culture. Some students, such as prep Kilin Tang, took advantage of this opportunity. “I’m not an international student but I wanted to reclaim my Asian heritage. I wanted to be proud of who I am as a person, so that’s why I came here to support International Tea and to support all the different cultures that we have at Exeter,” he said.

Senior Spotlight

NICK SONG

By **CANDY TANTICHIRASAKUL** and **MAI HOANG**
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Exonians who frequent the Lending Library in the Davis Dance Center were surprised to find that a major reorganizing had been afoot. No longer heaped in haphazard stacks, the books are now queued on shelves and classified into subject categories so that students can locate the textbook they need to borrow for a class.

The brain behind this major remodeling is three-year senior Nick Song. After 150 hours spent over the duration of a year and a half, Song completed his Eagle Scout Service Project by rearranging the Lending Library and creating an online database for the books so that members of the community could readily access these resources.

Since he was 12 years old, Song has been involved with Eagle Scouts and identifies it as one of the most influential aspects of his life. “It was important for me to continue it even at a boarding school,” he said, after describing the transferring process as “one of the toughest things” he had ever done. Despite the fact that a large number of Eagle Scout projects take place far from campus, Song has been able to attend most meetings by asking others for rides.

His primary focus while working with the Eagle Scouts was establishing a stronger connection between Exeter’s campus and the surrounding community. “It’s easy to get isolated here; I hate it when people use the word ‘townies,’” he said. “It separates two communities that are inhabiting the same place.”

Song has also been involved in community engagement projects with Town Exeter Arts Music (TEAM), an organization that aims to promote the vitality of the local art and music scene. He works with fellow volunteers to organize outreach events at the Academy as well as other places in town. “I try to think of myself as a storyteller,” Song said, and went on to describe “This Exonian Life,” a podcast he created based on a weekly radio program produced by Chicago Public Media called “This American Life.” “I wanted to tell the story of people who pass through this place,” he explained.

Throughout his three years at the

Academy, Song has participated in a variety of extracurricular activities. He is the program director for Exeter’s radio station (WPEA), co-founder of the Asian Voices club and self-professed “sound guy” for the mainstage productions.

Song has also been working with senior Tim Han to create Asian Voices (AV), an “opinion group” for Asian-identifying students on campus. “The biggest endeavor has been my work with AV during the past couple months,” Song said. He worked hard to create well thought-out plans and arrangements before going through the process of starting the club. Associate Dean of Multicultural Student Affairs Hadley Camilus recalled, “We met a few times to ‘discuss’ the idea, only for me to realize that he had the whole thing fleshed out before we even met.”

AV meets every Friday night to discuss issues relevant to the Asian community and provide a platform for Asians to voice their opinions. “The main concern that Tim and I have now is how we’re going to steer the course of the club for next year and find good, strong leadership,” Song said.

In addition to being a cohead of AV, Song serves as a tech crew member for theater groups. He has been responsible for managing the sound effects for the last

eight productions. “I did not have experience with theatre production before [...] but learned so much about new technologies,” he said. Song is also working on the sound aspects of a film production with senior Ori Evans.

Despite his many commitments, Song never fails to spend time with his friends. “He was always someone I could talk to if I’m stressed about things,” senior Jasmine Lee said. After meeting Song in her history class when they were both new lowers, Lee quickly became close friends with him because of his “cheerful personality” and their mutual interest in fashion.

Both Song and Lee took part in Exeter’s musical production of “Urinetown,” with Song working on lighting and Lee a cast member. Lee added that Song helps her make the most out of the opportunities presented to her. She said, “He’s very inspiring in that he’s so ready and proactive in the things he cares about that it makes me want to also be motivated to pursue my passions.”

His impact on those who surround him will undoubtedly be Song’s legacy in the Exeter community. Although this is his last year at Exeter, Camilus wishes him the best in his future endeavors. Camilus said, “He has a bright future ahead of him [and] I’ll really miss him next year.”



Paula Perez-Glassner/The Exonian

Winter Mainstage

By **CHARLOTTE LISA** and
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A hush fell over the audience as the lights dimmed and lead character Officer Lockstock took the stage to introduce “Urinetown,” a play with an intricate set, catchy melodies and unique characters. After many weeks of rehearsing and numerous suggestions from co-directors Robert Richards, Chair of Theater and Dance, and Lauren Josef, Costume Designer, the cast and crew’s hard work paid off. This past weekend, they took the stage and captured the audience’s attention multiple times.

The play’s lead characters are accompanied by a full-bodied ensemble cast, who play the citizens of this not-so normal town. The leads include Officer Lockstock, Bobby Strong, Caldwell B. Cladwell and his daughter Hope Cladwell, while the ensemble makes up the other police officers and community members.

In this mainstage musical, a rebellion forms after Cladwell and his elite business socialites take over the drought-cursed town and charge all citizens to pay for water usage, specifically for bathroom water consumption. From then on, chaos ensues, all narrated by Officer Lockstock with the help of a young girl named Little Sally.

Both Richards and Josef emphasized how unique and hectic the show can feel. “It’s very irreverent,” Richards said. “It makes a mockery of musicals; in a way it mocks community and it even mocks people’s efforts to do the right thing in a community.” Allison Duke, Head of the Dance Department and the show’s choreographer, said, “[Officer Lockstock] talks to the audience a lot about how the musical itself is constructed. It’s parodying the whole genre of a musical and its formulas.”

“Urinetown” left Exonians in the audience pondering larger themes of bureaucracy and social anarchy. “It was interesting and entertaining to see a show about pretty serious issues portrayed with humour,” prep Phoebe Ibbotson said. Prep James Quinn also thought that the humorous aspect of the show greatly added to its overall quality. “Overall, [it was] a great performance that I would recommend anyone to see if it was ever put on again.”

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: KEVIN LYSKAWA

By CAROLINE FLEMING
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Staff and Contributing Writers

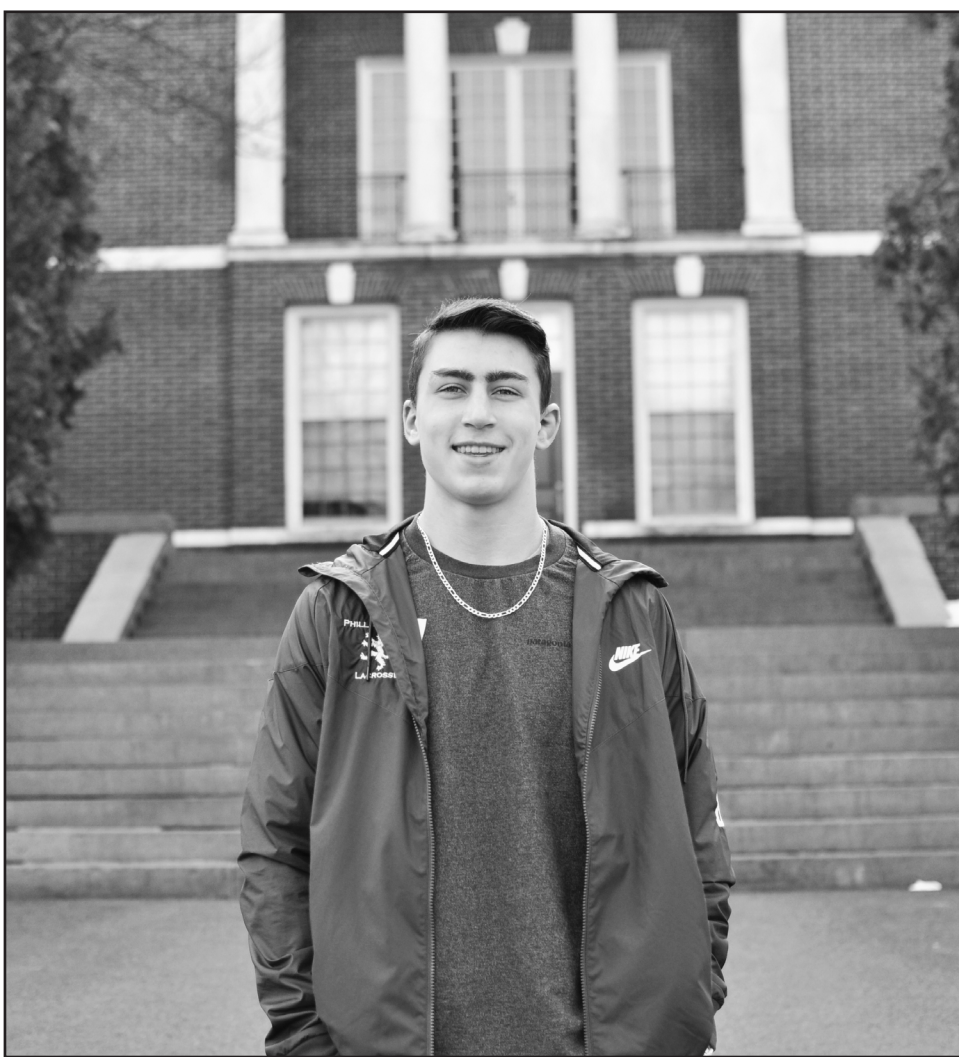
The crowd cheers as the referee raises senior Kevin Lyskawa's hand in the air. Lyskawa has just defeated Ryan Durkin of the Loomis Chaffee School in the New England Class A championships. He caps off his senior year with this huge win, making him the new 152 lb weight group Class A wrestling champion. Lyskawa runs to his teammates for celebratory high fives and smiles as his coach and fellow wrestlers congratulate their captain.

After beginning to wrestle in second grade, Lyskawa credits his childhood best friend for introducing him to the sport at a young age. "Eleven years ago, my neighbor, who was a big judo wrestler, asked me to come out to the team, and I did. It was a sport I picked up really young, and I just stuck with it," he said.

Lyskawa's favorite memory from his wrestling career is his first national tournament. "My freshman year, I went to nationals and won three overtime matches in a row to make it to the next A, which is to be an All American. I remember getting a hug from some of my teammates and coaches, and that's one of the best memories of my life," Lyskawa said.

Upper Chimenum Tasje-Amadi praised Lyskawa for his talent and skill in leading his team. "He shows up and gets work done. Leading by example, he sets the tone for us, goes out there and tells us what we have to do," Tasje-Amadi said. "He tells us that everyone we wrestle is someone we can beat; he gets us going before every match." He described Lyskawa as "[a] captain even before he was voted for that role."

Outside of the wrestling room, Lyskawa inspires his teammates to be their best selves. Lower Tyler Morris said, "I met Kevin my first week of school; he was one of the most welcoming kids I met that was on the wrestling team, and he showed me around and ate meals with me."



Angelina Zhang/The Exonian

Lyskawa's hospitality is noticeable even before the wrestling season starts. Tasje-Amadi also described the first time he met Lyskawa by saying, "He was one of a couple lowers the team, one of the more experienced guys, and he was one of my first friends." Lyskawa's athletic ability is only a small part of why he is the captain of the highly competitive wrestling team, as his leadership skills are strong enough to affect his teammates beyond the sport of wrestling.

Determined and passionate, Lyskawa employs grit and force when he's facing an opponent on the mat. "Kev wrestles with an intensity, [and] he wrestles hard for the full six minutes and never gives up," Morris said, describing the way in

which Lyskawa controls the game and dominates opponents.

Furthermore, lower Ethan Rosenthal said, "He has great technique and stamina, which allows him to best most of his opponents." Lyskawa's lethal combination of strength and speed create a powerhouse wrestler.

Lyskawa's success in his matches translates from his hard work in practices. As the captain, it is his job to set the pace for his teammates and inspire them to follow in his steps. Tasje-Amadi states that Lyskawa practices as hard as he plays. "He is one of the guys who moves himself, he is quick on his feet and agile, he is very well rounded." Other than athleticism, Lyskawa motivates his

teammates mentally to be the best wrestlers they can. "He pushes everybody in the room, his determination sheds off on other people and you can see that in the way people wrestle around him," Morris said.

One of Lyskawa's best characteristics as a teammate and captain is his ability to motivate others. Just before a crucial tournament, Tasje-Amadi ran into crisis with his weight management. "I was 10 pounds overweight, and I had to cut 10 pounds in one night. Kevin came down to the gym at the hotel with me to motivate me while I was on the treadmill for an hour." Even as the captain of a so-called 'individual' sport, Lyskawa never leaves a man behind.

Lyskawa has been on the varsity wrestling team throughout the four years he has been at Exeter. He started by winning the New England Class A championship his prep year, then again his senior year. Lyskawa states that he stays on the team because "the cool thing about wrestling is the personal aspect of it."

"You have the team part where you're fighting for each other, but if you win something it's yours and nobody else did it, only your hard work and effort," Lyskawa said. "So if you win a championship, then it's your championship." He takes pride in his personal accomplishments: being named an Under Armour All American wrestler; winning two team New England championships; three team Class A championships and finishing first for New England's 152-pound weight class, among other significant accolades.

Lyskawa continues to motivate his teammates and work hard as his final wrestling season comes to an end. During his last opportunity to make his mark on the Exeter program, Lyskawa has inspired and motivated his teammates and coaches through his own hard work, motivation and passion for the game. Morris wished him the best of luck on his future endeavors, saying, "Wherever he goes to college, I support him—the whole team supports him—and I just hope he keeps on wrestling. We'll miss him."

Girls' Hockey Grinds Out Two Wins



Upper and co-captain Lydia Anderson rushes the puck. Diana Davidson/The Exonian

By CHARLIE VENCI
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As the time ticks down, lower Ally DeCoste scoops up the puck at her own blue line and dumps the puck down the ice. It lands in the clear with no defenders in sight and slides cleanly into Northfield Mount Hermon's empty net. Everyone in the building leaps to their feet and Jess Glynné's "Kill the Lights" blasts through the speakers in celebration. The scoreboard reads Exeter: 5, NMH: 2. DeCoste's goal is the icing on the cake in a pair of back to back wins for girls' varsity hockey.

The team's adventure began on Friday night with a trip down to Dexter School in Brookline, Massachusetts. The last time these two teams faced off it was an ugly battle in which Exeter faced defeat. Lower Keaghan Tierney discussed the importance of Friday's game, saying, "Bragging rights were on the line."

The match against Dexter opened slowly, with both teams missing many chances to put the puck in the net. The first period ended with a tie of 0-0. In the second, Big Red stepped it up. They dominated Dexter, thanks to loose pucks and more shots on net, but girls' varsity hockey was unable to capitalize. It was only late in the third period that Tierney came up with a clutch goal to put the nail in the coffin. Exeter departed the premises and rode the bus back to Exeter triumphantly with a 1-0 win.

The team faced off, against NMH on Saturday afternoon in a revenge match after losing to them 5-4 earlier this season. Upper Michaela O'Brien expressed the team's goal of redemption, saying, "It was a huge game for us, and we definitely rose to the occasion. NMH beat us in a chippy game at the beginning of the season, but this time we came out ready to play?"

Exeter led the whole game and topped off the weekend with an empty net goal to take down NMH. Senior and co-captain, Kaleigh Conte, congratulated the team's work against Northfield. "We had some really nice goals, especially on our power play. Every aspect of our game is getting better, our passing, accuracy and intensity," she said.

O'Brien praised lower Jill Cloonan's skill after the first goal. "One of the highlights of the game was definitely Jill's goal. It was nice to see the power play go to work and score just as it's set up to work," she commented.

Cloonan highlighted senior Layne Erickson's performance in the game against NMH. "She adapted really well to wherever she was playing and did the best she could when she was told to. She was a true team player in that game," Cloonan said.

The weekend was also very special because it was senior night, where the team celebrated all graduating players and their contributions. "We love our seniors, and it was really nice to honor them," Cloonan said. "They will definitely be missed."

The three seniors graduating this year are Conte, Erickson and Johna Vandergraaf. In the reflection of how far the seniors have brought the team this year, Tierney said that "In the beginning of the season it was hard for us to play three full periods. But I think as a team we've been able to find that inner strength recently and pull together those clutch wins."

As the team heads on to face Andover on Sunday, the plan for the final few days is clear. According to lower Jenna Brooks, the team "rested Monday with no practice and came back ready on Tuesday. We had to keep our heads focused and took good care of our bodies one day at a time. We must keep our legs fresh, and our minds engaged this last week before E/A."

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Exonian Sports



Wrestling Wraps a Successful Season



Senior Nasir Grissom dominates his opponent.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

By LEAH COHEN
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Last weekend, eight members of the varsity wrestling team traveled to Tabor Academy to compete in the New England Tournament. Two weeks ago, Exeter kicked off the competition in the new William Boyce Thompson Fieldhouse with a one-point win over Northfield Mount Hermon in the Class A Tournament. The long day ended in another consecutive Class A Tournament championship under the Exeter team's belt. The New England tournament, however, did not end the way the boys were hoping.

Last year at the New England tournament, Big Red was crowned the New England Champion with a first place finish over 47 teams. This year, the team maintained its high position, but finished fourth overall. The tournament was a qualifying event for Prep Nationals this upcoming weekend. The top six wrestlers from each weight class will wrestle at the national event. Senior and team captain Kevin Lyskawa, lower Tyler Morris, senior Nasir Grissom, prep Christian Petry and upper Henry Lagasse will be representing Exeter at Lehigh University.

Petry explained the team's response to their fourth place ranking during the New England tournament. "We were pretty satisfied with the tournament results as a team," Petry said. "A few of us were a little disappointed in where we finished individually, as we thought we would have finished one place higher in some cases, but we were glad to go out there and post a good showing before prep nationals this weekend."

Upper Michael Indelicarto maintained a positive mindset after the competition, saying, "Some days you win, some days you lose." Go-

ing into the tournament, Exeter acknowledged that it would be tough to beat Belmont Hill, Northfield Mount Hermon and Brunswick schools. Their teams not only brought larger teams to qualify, but were on the higher ends of their weight classes.

Lyskawa led his weight class throughout the tournament and ended the day as the New England Champion at 152 pounds for the second time in his Exeter career. Indelicarto chalked Lyskawa's win up to hard work and experience. "Kevin is the oldest age you can be to wrestle in the tournament and is big for his weight class, giving him a significant advantage over his competitors," he said. Indelicarto and prep Thomas Voelker both agree that Lyskawa makes a great captain. "He encourages teammates to work hard during practice and holds team huddles at the end of every practice to give a quick pep talk to encourage team morale and keep spirits high throughout the season," Voelker added.

Morris hopes for an auspicious turnout at Prep Nationals. "We are keeping our heads straight and just pushing forward," he said. For the five qualifiers going to the event, the season isn't over just yet. To prepare for the important tournament, Indelicarto believes the boys need to practice smarter wrestling by honing their skills to prevent mistakes that could cost them a pin or even a match.

"We are just trying to get some little injuries out of the way and get in a good mental state of mind knowing we're about to go out against the best kids in the country in 3 or 4 days," he said. "There isn't much we can do physically this late in the season—we just need to keep working hard and reach a good mental state."

Girls' Squash Stays Positive After Loss

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Last Saturday, the girls' varsity squash team travelled to Massachusetts to face Deerfield Academy. Coming out of a tremendous win against the Middlesex School the past week, the girls went into the game with confidence, determined to prevail. Despite a valiant effort, Exeter lost to Deerfield with a score of 1-6.

Leading up to the game, the girls worked diligently. "We knew they were good, so we definitely practiced pretty hard this week," upper Caroline Matule said.

Head coach Bruce Shang has been pushing the exceedingly athletic girls to the limits in preparation for Interschols. "We are doing a lot of new drills that involve more shots and patterns," upper Ursula Sze said.

Throughout the grind in the week, Matule was able to wake the beast within her and rise up two spots the ladder after winning her challenge matches. "Caroline has been working really hard this week, and I really think she did a good job of stepping up," Sze said.

Even though Big Red suffered a tough loss, each individual game was very close, which could have turned the tables onto Deerfield. "The team was supposed to be worse this year than it was last year, so all of

our games were really competitive," upper Maya Basak said.

Big Red's number one seed, upper Euwie Park, was absent, causing the rest of the team to play one spot up on the ladder. Despite this challenge, many of the players stepped up and took charge. Senior and co-captain Katie Lee played a highly competitive match but ended up losing in the fifth round, with Exeter's only win coming from prep Anne Brandes.

Sze took on the challenge of becoming Exeter's number one seed. "The girl I played was not very good at movement but had amazing shots, so I constantly had to recover and chase after her shots" Sze noted. "It was a tough game for myself and the team. I feel like I could have won, which is disappointing." Despite her tough loss, Sze remained enthusiastic and continued to keep the team's spirits high like she has throughout the whole season. Matule said, "Ursula is always pretty spirited."

Another player that was successful and displayed great leadership was upper Francie Treadwell. "Francie took the role of JV captain, and it was the first time she did that," Matule said.

The team will host Interschols at Exeter over the weekend. The girls will push through all the discomfort that comes with being stunning squash players and work their hardest to get some great wins.



Upper Bella Ilchenko prepares to take a shot.

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Boys' Hockey Beats Down Deerfield

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On Saturday, the boys' varsity hockey team hosted Deerfield in a highly anticipated match. After tying Deerfield 1-1 last season, the team was fired up to come out with a serious win. This was exactly what Exeter accomplished, topping Big Green 4-0. This win boosted their impressive season record of 24-4-1.

The boys went into the game prepared with a winning attitude. "Every game we have the same mindset to do everything we can to win," lower Jacob Matthews said. Lower Jeremy Abraham agreed with Matthews and also explained that a recent loss fueled the team further. "We were coming off a tough loss the night before and wanted a win," he said.

While all of Big Red's players played exceptionally, Matthews highlighted senior and co-captain Kyle Jadatz for the amazing energy and skill he displayed throughout the game. "Jadatz set the tone with some big hits," he said. Upper Michael Pitts also commented on Jadatz's plays, saying, "Kyle stood out, blocking about a million shots just like he does every game." These good plays showed the results with their shutout score.

After battling hard in the first period,

both teams remained tied 0-0. Heading into the second, the boys were ready to separate themselves from Deerfield. Big Red scored the first goal of the game through post-graduate Peter Scheschareg. This goal set the tone for the rest of the game as the team built upon their momentum. Pitts also commented on the play, saying, "We had been all over them, and we got the bounce we needed at last. Everyone, including the team, the coaches, and the fans, we're excited." The boys ended that period with a score of 2-0 and were ready to roll in the third.

Pitts elaborated that the team was determined to finish the game strongly. "We know the importance of finishing games when we're up, so we came into the third period with the same mentality; do whatever it takes to win," he said. Boys' varsity hockey ended up getting their last two goals of the game in that period, and the team's strong defense left Deerfield goalless.

It was Exeter's senior night, where all the graduating players were celebrated for their contributions to the team, motivating the team to come out of the game successful. This game also marked their last home game during their Exeter careers. Abraham praised the seniors, saying, "All the seniors played great, and it was good to see as they have to lead our team throughout the year."



Upper Gray Betts skates past a defender.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

The team is now looking forward to the final game of the season outside of playoffs against Andover. Having already beaten Andover 6-1 earlier in the season, the team remains confident. However, the memory of their tough loss at last year's E/a remains in their minds. Matthews described the team's plan to continue to work diligently, saying, "We're going to take it one game at a time and keep working our hardest to get wins."

E/A SCHEDULE:

GV Hockey	Away	2:00 PM
GV Swim	Home	2:00 PM
BV Swim	Home	2:00 PM
BV Basketball	Away	3:30 PM
BV Hockey	Away	4:00 PM
GV Basketball	Away	6:00 PM