



## PEA to Discuss ALES Film for Academy Life Day

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Instead of the usual apple-picking or mug-painting activities, Academy Life Day this year will be devoted to screening a film produced by the Afro-Latino Exonian Society (ALES) that highlights instances of racial injustice on campus. Following the showing, there will be time for reflection and discussions on diversity and promoting inclusivity in the Exeter community. The Dean of Students Office spearheaded the change along with the Principals Staff.

Academy Life Day falls on Monday, September 25. No classes are held. The day was previously used as a time for dorm bonding activities; however, according to Dean of Residential Life AJ Cosgrove, in the coming years it will likely be used as a platform for Exonians to reflect on what it means to live in the Exeter community.

According to Cosgrove, the administration felt that it was important for the student body to watch the video made by ALES. He added that Academy Life Day worked well as a time to show students this video. "Academy Life Day is well-suited for this kind of commitment. It provides time to watch the video, time for reflection and time for discussions," Cosgrove said.

ALES made the video in an effort "to bring to light the experiences of Black and Latinx Exonians that often [go] ignored or unheard of by the administration," upper Rose Martin said. In addition to producing this video, the club met with the administration in the winter term of the 2016-17 school year to discuss possible methods of making Exeter a more inclusive place for students of color.

After meeting with the administration to highlight racial inequality on campus with little active response, ALES filmed a video of Black and Latinx Exonians sharing their experiences on campus in order to "increase the consciousness of the racial inequality and unjust experiences that occurred with students," according to ALES Board member and lower Kaleb Washington.

On the final day of the 2016-17 school year, the club played the video for faculty members and the administration. The video prompted the administration to call a last-minute school-wide assembly to apologize for their inaction, and to express their willingness to work with ALES

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Seniors Aiden Roberts, Josh Velasquez, Pedro Sanson and Will Soltas look for trash on Rye Beach.

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## Faculty Receive Training in Diversity, Inclusion

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During spring term last year, the Afro-Latino Exonian Society (ALES) released a video documenting student encounters with racism in different settings on campus. Senior Ori Evans produced four clips based on anonymously submitted narratives to compile the video, which was shown at the final faculty meeting of the year. In response, Principal Lisa MacFarlane and all members of the faculty gathered students in the assembly hall to convey their regret over having failed to adequately protect students on campus.

Unfortunately, due to the short preparation time, the administration delivered a statement that many faculty and students found inadequate and confusing. Principal MacFarlane did not mention either the video compiled by ALES or the specific issues that it highlighted. She later sent an email to the student body to acknowledge her hastiness, and again apologized for any mishandling of the issue at this year's opening assembly. "We didn't think clearly. I should've called on us to discuss and to reflect. I didn't and we caused harm and confusion," she said. However, MacFarlane added that "the resolve was real" and that Exeter would take steps towards inclusivity on campus this year.

Among the steps administration has taken so far is an increased budget for the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) to make room for more student activities. "Without equity, we cannot live the promise of Harkness, and cannot have real and sustained excellence," MacFarlane said, before adding at assembly that "no Exonian can truly excel without every Exonian's full inclusion in our school."

To help guide the Exeter community in successfully addressing issues related to racism on campus, MacFarlane also brought in Robert Greene, of Jones and Associates, to give faculty diversity training. Greene, based in San Diego, has led much of the action to address the experiences of bigotry documented by ALES in their video. He has previously served as a Senior Consultant and Leadership Coach.

In August, four faculty members who are part of the Racial Literacy Task Force visited the Racial Strategy Institute, an initiative run by Greene and his company, to discuss issues related to diversity with other educators from all over the United States.

During the three-day faculty training session, Greene emphasized the benefits that diversity and inclusivity would bring to all individuals in an institution, not just the minority groups. "His main message was that having a diversity of

experiences and perspectives always makes your organization stronger," said Courtney Marshall, Instructor of English and member of the Racial Literacy Taskforce. "We need to think of diversity not only in terms of who is here but how to include them in decision-making and policies."

In a speech delivered to an audience which included faculty, staff and administrators, Greene also highlighted the unique role of Harkness in establishing healthy relationships between different individuals on campus. The discussion continued in department meetings, during which each department was charged with thinking about the messaging around diversity and inclusion in their particular courses. "For English, we talked about how we choose the books and how we run the class with students from different backgrounds," said Marshall. Over the summer, a team of ninth-grade English teachers have undertaken extensive research and reading to diversify the preps' reading list.

In the words of Principal MacFarlane, Robert Greene would be invited back throughout the year to carry out ongoing professional development for all adults on campus as well as help in designing programming for students. He may also be present at the Trustees' Meeting in October, as Greene believed that it is important

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## Expanded StuCo Board Leads V's Policy Discussion

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Seniors Jackson Parrell and Menat Bahnsy stood behind the lectern, shoulder to shoulder as they alternated taking questions about the new Visitation Policy proposal. This was the first time in the Student Council's long and decorated history that two Exonians have addressed their peers as co-presidents of the Council. "We have new minds to bring together new ideas," Bahnsy said during the meeting's opening, optimistic for the unprecedentedly large board's year ahead.

In total, eight Exonians will lead Exeter's 2017-18 Executive Board after the results of last year's student council elections were nullified due to ballot tampering. A typical board generally consists of three people—a president, a vice president and a secretary. Under these special circumstances, however, the new board now consists of two senior co-presidents, Parrell and Bahnsy, three senior co-vice presidents, Michael Barnah, Tim Han and Will Soltas and three upper co-secretaries, Michaela Phan, Tara Weil and Elizabeth Yang.

This expanded board is composed of all candidates from last spring who made it through the primary election stage. The decision was made in conjunction with various deans and advisors on campus. Parrell acknowledged the unfortunate events of last spring, urging the Council not to focus on the past, but rather to look forward to the future of the Executive Board with a positive attitude.

Although many Student Council members



Co-presidents Bahnsy and Parrell lead StuCo.

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harbor concerns about the board's size, Bahnsy feels that these worries are unwarranted. "I thought we [the board] would [disagree] at first, but we're all open to compromising," Bahnsy said. "The unique thing about an eight-person Executive Board is that there's so many different opinions and perspectives on one issue which is really helpful in creating an informed decision on certain topics for student council."

The new board plans to tackle some of the largest challenges facing the student body. Their first priority is to reform the Academy's visitations policy. During the inaugural student council meeting, Bahnsy and Parrell introduced their newly revised proposal to the audience and then opened up the forum for questions. New changes include extended visitations hours, which will now last from 10:45 am to 8 pm, or fifteen minutes before check-in on weekends, and the elimination of all sleep overs among Exonian students.

This new draft excluded the sign-in policy of previous versions, which had students sign

in their guests electronically or on paper. According to Parrell, the new policy was largely drafted and guided by Dean of Residential Life Arthur Cosgrove.

Upper Raj Das did, however, announce that he and the rest of the Technology Committee had successfully created an app for signing students in for Visitations remotely via cell phone or computer, and said that if needed, it could soon be up and running.

The open discussion that followed Bahnsy's and Parrell's statements yielded dissent from some students in attendance. Many students had doubts about the policy's likelihood of becoming a reality, specifically citing the lack of a sign in system for students getting V's during the day as a possible dealbreaker in the event faculty vote. Others called for the policy to go through a longer trial period in the all-gender dorms before it is extended to the entire school. Despite these concerns, a majority of voting members supported the policy as

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## Hurricanes Hit Southern Coast, Affect Students

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Within one month, two major hurricanes, Harvey and Irma, swept across coastal states in the US, causing an estimated \$200 billion in damage, according to ABC News. The former, a category three hurricane, hit Houston, Louisiana and other Western states, while the latter, a category four, wreaked havoc in Palm Beach, Florida and other Southeastern cities. Exonians encountered great adversity traveling to school during hurricane season, and some have family living in areas impacted by the hurricanes.

Prep Nahla Owens, who lives in Houston, had to rearrange her whole traveling schedule, due to the flood that made it impossible to drive to the local airport. Owens' area was affected by heavy rainfall and flooding that came up to the second floor; worse yet, they were told not to evacuate until it was too late. "It progressed over a couple of days, it was raining and we saw the water in the lake behind our house rising slowly, we didn't think it was going to be a big problem," Owens said. "But then one day the sky opened up. It was a storm surge and the water just rushed in."

In the end, Owens' family decided to rent a car and drive all the way to Exeter, a journey which took them three days. Owens had to arrive on campus four days early; fortunately, her parents reached out to Arthur J. Cosgrove, Dean of Residential Life, who arranged for her to participate in the International Students' Orientation. "Dean Cosgrove was very helpful, he sent an email to all the Houston families to let everyone

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## Student Council Votes to Send New V's Policy to Faculty

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a practical solution that would no longer be in conflict with the E Book's non-discrimination clause, and the Executive Board's first motion was passed. The current draft, a copy of which can be found on The Exonian's website, has been sent to the faculty. They will hold a vote on the policy on Monday.

Bahnasy and Parell also touched on other new projects the Executive Board plans to tackle this year. These goals include DC reforms for

less harsh punishments, shifting printer placement to allow for easier access, incorporating a speaker series for the Student Council on topics pertinent to dorm and student life, Dining Hall reform and more food trucks.

Most members of the Executive Board expressed optimism about working in conjunction with one another. "The major difference between having 8 people and three people is that although it is a little bit bigger, it doesn't feel that way; it feels like a small community," Bahnasy

said. "We'll just be able to do more this year." Baham echoed her statements, saying, "It seems like we all have something that we're working for and it's best that we have eight people on the board now because we can all focus on what we want to focus on," he said. "We can all work to make council much stronger."

In addition, Bahnasy noted that board members' different visions could come to fruition because of a larger Executive Board. "I think we also have more ideas because a lot

of us ran on very different platforms, and so we can all bring our ideas together into one year," she said.

Baham felt that the bigger group will be able to hold more individuals in Student Council responsible for their actions and ensure productivity. "Now, with eight people, we can have more accountability and make sure that everyone does what they have to do to make things work efficiently and better for the whole school," he explained.

## Exonians' Travel Disrupted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma

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know the situation," she said.

The administration in general took on a proactive role by supporting students living in these regions. Melissa Mischke, the Dean of Students, and Dean Cosgrove both wrote to students who might need support. Three parents contacted Transportation Coordinator Daisy Jobarteh for additional support in arranging students' transportation to campus. "On our end, we have drivers and vehicles at the school, so it was easy for us to assist students," said Jobarteh. Even in cases where flights were delayed a few hours before their planned arrival, she managed to provide the students with drivers.

Similarly, many advisers reached out to students in their advisee to check on their safety. "I got a text from my adviser alongside an email from Dean Mischke," said Senior Lillian Carden,

from Palm Beach, Florida. Carden, whose younger sister Isabel was starting her first year at Exeter, lived in an area affected by mild storm surges and heavy wind. Her parents had to leave early after dropping the sisters at school, for fear of not being able to get back due to airport closure. "They got back Wednesday night, prepared all Thursday and stayed in a hotel with the furniture and the cat from Friday to Monday," said Carden. Fortunately, though the cleaning up process took a long time, her family did not suffer any property damage.

It was an even more difficult experience for students whose houses were flooded and are still being repaired. Uper Heidi Licht, from New Orleans, Louisiana, said that water damaged the lower floor of her house, though like many others in the neighborhood, had been raised in anticipation of the hurricane. "We ended up

having to rip out all of the flooring and replace the walls," she said. "[...] a lot of storage boxes in our garage full of my sister's baby memories and our Christmas ornaments, some of which were as old as sixty years, were flooded and ruined." Her parents are still fixing the downstairs and trying to replace damaged furniture. Meanwhile, Owens' family in Houston is staying with an uncle, as their housing situation is still being sorted out.

For senior Alexis Gorfine from West Palm Beach, Florida, waiting for Hurricane Irma, which was predicted to hit last Sunday, was agonizing. The authorities had been enforcing a 3 pm curfew around her area for one week; her family prepared by bringing furniture indoors and making sure there was enough food stored. Hurricanes are no rare occurrences in this area, and residences are generally well-prepared. How-

ever, according to Gorfine, "this is probably going to be one of those hurricanes that make people realize that hurricanes are real and we have to prepare for them."

Though this was not their first time experiencing a hurricane, many Exonians were still in shock due to the intensity of Harvey and Irma. "It wasn't just that I was scared in that moment, we were sitting there for days and days not knowing what would happen," said Owens. "I can't describe it, and I don't want to experience it again." Though she was not there when the hurricane hit her neighborhood in Palm Beach, Carden was nevertheless struck by the consequences her family observed. "There's a lot of construction going around in my town so the crates were swaying in the strong wind. My mom sent me pictures of trees by the street, and you can see they were blown off the path," she said.

## Alumni's Sexual Assault Trial Called Off, Charges Dropped

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The sexual assault trial of Chudi Ikpeazu '16 was called off this summer after the victim and prosecutor formally dropped charges.

Allegations of Ikpeazu groping a fellow member of the senior class against her will in the Phillips Church basement in October 2015 emerged near the end of spring term that school year. The alleged victim reported her case to the Exeter Police Department (EPD) and Rockingham County Attorney's Office after months of recurring "panic attacks" and an "act of penance" arranged by Rev. Robert Thompson that included Ikpeazu delivering monkey bread to her on a weekly basis.

Ikpeazu turned himself into the Exeter Police Department on June 3, 2016, just two days before his class graduation ceremony. As the sexual assault case was promulgated over the summer by major publications including The Boston Globe, New York Daily News, Teen Vogue and The Daily

Mail, current and former Exonians discussed and criticized the Academy's handling of the assault in a stream of online posts and comments.

Now, one year later, the headlined assault trial has been dropped.

Jury selection for the trial was scheduled for Monday, June 26, but that morning, Deputy Rockingham County Attorney Patricia LaFrance said the trial had been called off, as all of Ikpeazu's Class A misdemeanor charges had been revoked by the prosecutor under classified conditions withheld from the public court file.

According to an article from New Hampshire Union Leader, LaFrance said that one reason why the conviction was reached hours before the scheduled start of the trial was that the victim was elsewhere and had not had the opportunity to meet with the prosecutors in person to discuss the case. She added that perhaps the victim felt daunted by the prospect of testifying publicly about intimate details of the sexual assault.

Private equity counselor Michael Whitfield Jones '75, whose opinion of 2015 assault case in-

volving former Exeter faculty Rick Schubart were published in the New Hampshire Union Leader, has been following the Academy's management of sexual assault allegations. He believes that if this trial had been continued, the victim may have faced trauma in recounting the incident and confronting her alleged abuser.

"For the victim, it [dropping the trial] removes [the possibility of] the defense having a scorched-earth policy with regard to cross-examination," Jones said. "If you've already experienced an alleged assault, the last thing you want to do is re-ignite that and create a situation in which you can bring out demons that might cause further damage."

Richard Sandperl, Ikpeazu's defense lawyer, expressed his satisfaction with the agreement. "My client has always maintained that he is innocent of these charges and he is extremely grateful that the matter is behind him," Sandperl said. He hopes Ikpeazu can "resume his life without the bias, prejudice and negative inferences that the media portrayal of the case has created for him."

Retired offshore engineer Tom Cronin '78 and his wife opened their household to the victim last summer when the assault allegations first emerged. The victim had planned to spend the summer on the PEA campus, but those plans collapsed. Cronin believed that the agreement was "the best possible outcome for the parties involved," as it both validated the gravity of the case and achieved proper closure for the victim and the alleged assaulter.

However, as the legal action against Ikpeazu comes to a close, the impact of the case on the Exeter community still remains.

The Ikpeazu case followed a wave of media attention and criticism of the Academy's history of sexual misconduct, largely spearheaded by The Boston Globe's Spotlight team in the March of 2016. This and other revelations of sexual misconduct were met with outcry from the Exeter community, with many citing the Ikpeazu case as proof that the Academy had yet to move past its questionable handling of such cases.

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## Newly Instituted Training Promotes Cultural Competency

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to influence the other level of the academy's leadership. Throughout the training, he posed questions for Principal MacFarlane and the deans about what diversity meant in specific aspects of school life, for instance, dorm life versus admissions. He also had one-on-one meetings with Principal MacFarlane and carried out strategy sessions with Dean Atif, Dean Lassey and Dean Wolf.

Aside from Robert Greene, the faculty training also featured the new Dean of Multicultural Affairs Sami Atif and Dean of Residential Life Arthur J. Cosgrove. During orientation, new faculty reviewed and discussed recent *Exonian* articles as well as other documents that addressed diversity on campus. According to Principal MacFarlane, the overall goal of the orientation was to "empower [faculty members] to contribute to the coming conversations."

Following the training, many faculty members felt optimistic and energized about the school's direction in terms of diversity awareness. "I don't think we should view the question of identity purely through a paradigm of division, distinction, and difference," said Filip Sain, Instructor of Mathematics. "[...] ever since I arrived on campus three years ago, the practice of being courteous and friendly has been emphasized, and learning people's names has always been considered important." Similarly, Marshall was satisfied with how Greene emphasized on the message that being mindful about inclusivity does not "divert teachers from their main job." However, she believed that three days was too short of a

time to adequately train staff and faculty about all aspects of diversity and that for those who hoped to further improve the culture at Exeter, there was still a long way to go. "Next year, I would love to hear what people have done after attending the training session," she said.

Before the school year started, student proctors also received training about how to best handle situations involving microaggressions—subtle statements or actions directed at a marginalized group, intentionally or otherwise. Dean Atif and Director of Student Well-being Christina Palmer directed the training sessions which included pairing proctors together to act out hypothetical scenarios. According to Lamont proctor Khanna Bredstein, students also discussed the iceberg culture model, which portrays how little one can understand about a person from the outside, and that there are far more features of identity, such as heritage, nationality, beliefs and socioeconomic status which you can't see.

Many viewed the training as helpful for them in their preparation for proctorship. "After the meetings I felt like I would be able to address situations, or seek help to address situations, to deal with racial issues if they came up in my dorm," said senior Molly Canfield, a proctor in Bancroft Hall. Hoyt proctor Marie-Leighton McCall said she realized that proctors should try their best to "find out why someone has an opinion, what backgrounds they are coming from and encourage them to listen to others' stories." However, although he appreciated the school's effort in providing much-needed training, proctor Ad-

edolapo Adedokun believed that the session was not comprehensive enough. "We only spent an hour discussing a few examples," he said.

There was also a diversity training session held for athletes. During the meeting, the two teams in attendance, girls' varsity soccer and boys' varsity football were introduced to Dean Atif, who spoke about the risks of group chats, as a narrative from the aforementioned ALES video took place in a dorm-wide message, and how technology has taken over and renders the safety of thinking through their words.

However, according to upper Claire Theberge, word of the meeting was not effectively distributed across campus, and thus only two teams showed up. Senior Jackson Parell confirmed that the meeting was not on the orientation schedule for preseason athletes. Lower Robin Potter said that perhaps a more formal meeting in the assembly hall would have proven more successful in terms of student participation. "I think it would be wonderful for as many people as possible to be educated about and aware of diversity," said upper Grace Gray. "I'm not sure what an ideal diversity training would look like, but perhaps we could bond with athletes from other teams while participating in thoughtful discussions."

All in all, athletes, proctors and ALES members reflected positively on the action taken. Senior Athena Stenor said that the training was meant not just for students, but for faculty members as well for "giving them the tools to mediate racially-charged tensions." McCall was particularly struck by Atif's comparison of dorm proctors and himself, saying that they

are the Deans of Multicultural Affairs in their respective dorms. Similarly, Bredstein expressed her commitment to making new students feel welcomed, after attending the training. "We want them to feel welcome on this campus regardless of who they are and where they come from," said Bredstein.

Diversity training for proctors will continue throughout the year. "I think it was necessary, given what had happened last year, though specific instances weren't mentioned during the training," said Prell.

Principal MacFarlane continues to pursue other changes, including the creation of a more diverse and inclusive assembly program, as well as a continued search for suitable personnel to fill in the position of Director of Community, Equity and Diversity on campus. This is one of the central steps in ALES's proposal last year. According to ALES co-head senior Charlotte Polk, Principal MacFarlane informed her that there was a candidate who would be invited onto campus a month before school started. However, because she "turned out to be inappropriate," the position is still currently vacant. "We have been working with the search consultant to refine how we build the pool and to clarify the skills, experiences and qualities that Exeter needs," MacFarlane said.

Reviewing the steps that the administration has taken so far, Polk commented, "There's a fair amount happening or is being planned to happen. However, we would like to see how it goes and whether [principal MacFarlane] puts enough emphasis on it."

## Academy Life Day Shifts Focus to Equity and Diversity

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to improve both on-campus and off-campus culture.

At the opening assembly of the 2017-2018 school year, Principal MacFarlane announced that the school would use Academy Life Day to show all students the video ALES made, followed by reflections and discussions on the video.

This announcement was met with mixed reactions from students some of whom agreed on the importance of everyone watching the video ALES made, but felt that Academy Life Day was not the proper time to show the video. "Addressing racism on campus should be the administration's top priority," senior Joaquin Riojas said. "While it's nice to see they are taking a step in the right direction, I don't think taking away Academy Life Day is the appropriate

thing to do."

Riojas' dorm, Abbot Hall, has traditionally gone to the beach for a cookout on Academy Life Day, and he said that he wanted to preserve the day for this purpose because of its reputation as a day of recreation. "I fear that attempting to address such a serious and hard issue on what traditionally has been a light-hearted day of fun will cause backlash from the student body as they feel that they are being punished for the administration's mishaps," Riojas said.

Washington expressed similar thoughts, saying that the video should be played on a day that doesn't compromise dorm-bonding time. "Personally, I disagree with the change in Academy Life Day because it's not the student's fault the administration failed to show the video last year, so I believe the video should be shown on their time, not time that is dedicated to the students," Washington said.

Senior Tim Han, whose dorm Gould House ordinarily goes bowling on Academy Life Day, hopes that if dorm bonding time is lost on Academy Life Day, it can be recovered another time. "I agree that there definitely needs to be a conversation about the issues that ALES brought up. I just hope that the dorm bonding aspect of Academy Life Day will not be lost in the process."

Cosgrove alleviated student worries by noting that dormitory heads have the money budgeted for Academy Life Day, and that he is encouraging dorm heads and day student advisors to still devote time to dorm activities. He added, "Dorm bonding never happens in a day, and the variety of experiences that happen for students on Academy Life Day tended to be uneven. We are excited that the entire community will be participating in a discussion on diversity and inclusion."

Along with Cosgrove, students and teachers are eagerly anticipating seeing the video made by ALES and reflecting on its message together. Math Instructor Filip Sain said, "What I hope we get out of it is that we will be better able to see and relate to each other as individuals."

Upper Niko Amber had similar hopes about the effect of the video on campus life. She said, "I hope it will spark a conversation about some of the injustices students of color have been facing on campus, and hopefully at least people will be more aware." She added, "Being ignorant of what is happening is not better than perpetuating it."

Along with the goal of sparking conversations, the screening of the video is part of the school's efforts to become a more inclusive community. Martin said, "This change, along with the diversity training for faculty, is greatly appreciated, but there is room for more. This is the beginning of a turning point at our school."

# Former Student's Sexual Assault Trial Called Off

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Ikepeazu's arrest prompted several students to found Exonians Against Sexual Assault (EASA), a students organization aimed at addressing the issue of sexual misconduct on Exeter's campus from within the student body.

However, due to the recent and sensitive nature of the case, EASA has had difficulty addressing the allegations.

"It's obviously difficult to comment on a case regarding people who were on campus during my time at Exeter and who still have ties to campus," said senior and EASA co-head Mita DeGuere. "It can become a bit too personal, especially if there are friends of either party in the room."

DeGuere expressed relief that the two parties had at least reached a legal agreement

without having the case go to trial. "I hope that this decision is the best for both the victim and perpetrator," she said. "I'm glad things are settled and hope the best for the future."

Jones agreed. "I was actually kind of relieved that it concluded with an agreement, so that they can both proceed," he said. "I can only say that, from an alum's perspective, I think anything that can protect students from choices they made that they regret in hindsight is good going forward."

Jones is one of the several alumni who have been outspoken about their criticism towards the Academy's handling of sexual misconduct cases like this one. Over one thousand Exeter alumni joined "Do Better Exeter," a coalition of alumni who pledged to withhold financial donations to the Academy until the administration demonstrated

initiative to rectify their mishandling of these cases, and administrators responsible for suppressing these allegations were dismissed.

"Exeter shouldn't be a place where you fear for the very people who are supposed to protect you," Jones, who joined the coalition, said. "And they've taken many positive steps, but we still have a lot of messes to clean up."

Although legal action against Ikepeazu has been dropped, New Hampshire state police, led by LaFrance, recently joined an EPD investigation into the Academy's mishandling of this case and many others like it. Jones believes the involvement of New Hampshire law enforcement will force the Academy to be more transparent about sexual misconduct on campus.

"I'm curious to know how the investigation by the state police into the administra-

tion and their possibly criminal liability will be resolved," Jones said. "As an institution, Exeter doesn't want to [be] handling this responsibility alone—the administration needs to have some checks and balances."

Cronin thought that the administration's handling of future sexual assault cases may improve with the consultation and insight of a sexual assault survivor. "The administration can accomplish little on its own," he said. "Oversight accountability and guidance need to come from having a survivor on the board."

No matter what steps Exeter takes toward fostering a safer community, Cronin expressed his hope for transparency and communication. "There must be open, regular, and frank conversations among all invested, and actions taken, not talked about," he said.

# Students Explore, Learn during Exeter Summer Trips

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In addition to fostering education inside the classroom during the regular school session, Exeter provides students with vast and unique opportunities to explore interests and passions during summer break. Whether studying the physical remains of Ancient Rome at an excavation site in Bibracte, France, or researching fruit fly strains in a Stanford laboratory to potentially cure cancer and diabetes, Exonians can expand their horizons during the time off.

Senior Maddie Shapiro went on a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia. After taking three years of Russian at Exeter, she traveled to explore Russian language and culture. "My teacher had always joked about shipping us off to St. Petersburg because she really wanted us to do it, and she felt we were finally ready to go," she said. "I really enjoy languages, and I knew that I might not get the chance to study abroad again."

After filling out an application process, Shapiro studied at the ProBa Learning Centre for Extra-Curricular Education, a school that offers year-round Russian courses located at the Nevsky Prospect. The ProBa site states that it will "give [students] the possibilities to not only live in another country and discover Russia, but also try [themselves] as a teacher in new life."

Shapiro felt that this was certainly the case. Along with her two classmates, she stayed with a host family to learn about the home life in Russia. In the morning, she took classes at the center and explored the city during the afternoon. "My favorite place we visited was the Catherine Palace, which is outside St. Petersburg, but it was absolutely incredible," she said. "The palace itself was enormous, and there was a gorgeous park."

Shapiro felt her experience in Russia has shaped her outlook on the world. "Being in a foreign country definitely made me appreciate where I come from and all the privileges I have at home. I feel more cultured and knowledgeable, and also just traveling across the world by myself was a challenge that I feel I overcame," she said. "I think it's definitely a once in a lifetime experience that I would recommend to other students thinking about going abroad."

Another group of Exonians took part in an excavation trip to Bibracte, France. Students on the trip learned about Gallo-Roman life by sightseeing in various cities, such as Arles, Nimes and Orange and through hands-on archaeology at Bibracte. Along with her classmates, lower Sophia Cho gained first-hand experience of how archaeologists excavate ancient artifacts by "digging up and cleaning around 2,000-year-old ceramics, nails, and roof tiles" at Bibracte. Cho said that the trip was

one of the best experiences in her life, recounting her visit to Alesia as a particularly memorable episode. "[At Alesia], we got to see remains of the original Gallic town... a reenactment of Roman and Gallic fighting techniques and a full-scale copy of Caesar's ramparts that ultimately won him the Battle of Alesia."

Classics Instructor and chaperone of the trip Paul Langford felt that students had lots to gain through the trip. "Studying the physical remains of ancient Rome, whether a well-preserved arena or a piece of broken pottery, inevitably involves learning about the culture that produced them," he said.

"That cultural background greatly enhances the understanding and appreciation of the language and literature that students study in Latin classes on campus—both for themselves and for their classmates."

Like Langford, Biology Instructor and founder of the StanEx program Townley Chisholm believed that students had truly unique opportunities. "The special aspect of this opportunity is the chance to work with world class researchers in an amazing facility with all the equipment needed to do novel research on genuinely interesting questions with excellent experimental design," he said.

The StanEx program, an extension of the Bio 670 class, gives students the opportunity to experiment and study fruit flies that con-

tain a gene called StanEx. StanEx is a part of a system that researchers call an "enhancer trap system" because it traps the expression of whatever gene it is inserted into. During the program, students use StanEx to express different features, which, in Senior Sagar Rao's case, was green fluorescent protein, a substance that causes cells to glow green. At Stanford, Rao and his fellow classmates worked under a research associate in the Kim Lab named Dr. Lutz Kockel, who has worked with Exeter on StanEx since its inception.

Rao, who has been interested in the program since he first saw it offered in the course catalog, feels that the project exceeded his expectations. He advises students, even those who aren't avid life science lovers, to apply for the Bio 670 class, because "like me, you might find yourself enjoying it more than you originally thought."

Some Exonians went on to pursue academic interests, such as senior Maria Heeter who interned at the Academy of American Poets in New York City. Heeter worked in an office with 10 full time workers to help with everyday operations, including helping with membership surveys, organizing the Poet's Shop and helping with Social Media Strategies. "[My] most memorable experience was walking from the Brooklyn Bridge to Harlem, zig-zagging the entire city. It ended up being about a 20 mile walk."

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# ExonianHumor



## Fun Things to do in September to Get You in the Fall Spirit™

By EMILY GREEN  
*Felicit Spooky*

1. Bathe in pumpkin spice.
2. Cover yourself in apple cider doughnuts.
3. Put up Halloween decorations. It's never too early.
4. Smooth out North Korea.
5. Eat a bunch of leaves.
6. Exclusively listen to "September" by Earth, Wind and Fire.
7. Feel a little -spooky-.
8. Put in work for *The Exonian* since board turnovers are coming up and you want to get into college.
9. Carve Smash Mouth lyrics into a pumpkin.
10. Eat a gourd so you can truthfully tell your mother that you ate a vegetable.
11. Cry a little bit, because senior fall.
12. Bowl some preps.

## 10 Other Things Ted Cruz Accidentally Liked on Twitter

By BILLY O'HANDLEY  
*Senior Newscaster*

Ted Cruz recently liked a hardcore pornography post on twitter this past Monday, blaming members of his staff for the faux pas. While it is not uncommon for men to blame their staffs for these sorts of issues, Ted Cruz is a public figure, and so will be ridiculed. Here are ten things Ted Cruz probably shouldn't have liked on twitter.

1. A tweet that said "Zodiac Killer still yet to be found, say police"
2. The tweet: "The bible tells us to forgive sinners. #StandWithTheMooch"
3. A tweet reading "Taylor Swift's new single is fantastic!!! I love the new direction she's going!!!"
4. The tweet "Petition to rename USA to GOAT."
5. A tweet that said "Lonzo Ball is unquestionably a top 10 player in today's NBA, and the lakers are my favorite to win it all."
6. This tweet: "Why don't you just shoot the hurricane until it goes away?"
7. The tweet, "Is global warming causing these hurricanes, or is it Liberals? I'm taking my answer from the Bible on this one."
8. "At least Satan didn't believe in Climate Change..."
9. A tweet reading "Did Obama cause hurricane Irma? The results may surprise you!"
10. "If you killed Ted Cruz on the floor of the Senate, and the trial was in the Senate, nobody would convict you."

## TFW You Trip Over a Prep While Going to Class

By THE HUMOR EDITORS  
*Enigmatic Pirate Enthusiasts*



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## Student Buys Fancy New Pens, Finds Life Has Meaning Again

By EMILY GREEN  
*Sad Senior in Question*

Leo Tolstoy once wrote that "The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity." This quote has prompted much scholarly discussion, as Tolstoy is considered one of the greatest authors of all time. Wise as these words may be, however, a sad senior here at Exeter recently stumbled upon the true meaning of life while perusing through the Academy Bookstore. Sorry, Tolstoy.

"I'd really been in a dark place," she told us, "My favorite pen had run out of ink and I was genuinely suffering. The light in my life had at once been extinguished. That's when a trip to the Academy Bookstore changed my life."

The senior reported that she walked in and bought a pack of brightly colored gel pens. Suddenly, it wasn't just her pens that were brightly colored--it was her life. "My life had purpose again. I realized that the meaning of life is not to help others or to find love or to hold the most pretentious job title--it's to own school supplies that make your heart skip a beat." The senior stated.

## Five Kids in Every Harkness Discussion:

By ABBY ZHANG  
*In Two of Billy's Classes*

1. The Participation Counts Kid - this kid's points all consist of them reading an impossibly long passage followed by a vague rephrasing. Finds everything "interesting". Also feels the need to ask an obvious question every time there's an awkward silence. Smiles a little too much.
2. The Barely Hanging On Kid -this kid participates twice a class by reading chunks of Wikipedia articles way after everyone has already moved on from that topic. Makes a point from time to time that is so blatantly incorrect and desperately spends the rest of class

3. The Second Teacher - this kid looks up all the vocabulary. No one else in the class ever bothers because you all know this kid has your back. This kid's margins are filled to the brim. Also takes extensive notes during class. Ties other people's points together. Uses names. Asks thoughtful questions no one can answer. Invites quiet kids to join the conversation. Puts everyone else to shame. Knows they're better than you.

4. The Actual Worst - this kid clearly has nothing to say but manages to throw buzzwords and Shakespeare references into every point they make. Talks a little too loudly. Always a little too confident. Half the class gets their mind blown every single time this kid talks and the other half just rolls their eyes.
5. The Ghost - this kid has "fatigued" half the classes and somehow hasn't spoken a single word all term. You catch them fighting to keep their eyes open a lot. To be honest, you don't even know their name.

## Top 10 Tips For Incoming Preps

By AVA HARRINGTON  
*Not a Prep*

1. To get to know people, try hanging out in The Grill. It's in The Agora right across from The P.O. Who knows, maybe you'll even meet someone who will take you to The Stillwells for a date, and then you'll have someone to go to The EP with.
2. Speaking of romance, wait at least one week before dating anyone. People will definitely reveal their true personalities within about five days, but the extra two days of character development will definitely help.
3. Spend as much time as possible in Wentworth.

4. Tell everyone, especially Uppers, about all of your stress! Prep fall is by far the most difficult term of your Exeter experience, so everyone, especially Uppers, are both understanding and very concerned about your wellbeing.
5. On the topic of grades, you should think about them as much as possible. Breaks are for losers and true Exonians work until they catch an illness from chronic stress, and then THEY KEEP WORKING. Honestly I'm not sure why you're reading this at all, if you've gotten to the point where you're reading the humor section then you're definitely procrastinating.
6. Join Quizbowl (Friday 7:00 PAC).

7. At assembly, stand up before the speaker is finished. It's seen as polite that you want to leave so quickly. In fact, if you want to really show off, stand up and walk out mid-speech. And if you're feeling really wild, just don't show up at all. You aren't missing world class opportunities.
8. Don't bother writing to the humor section. We're so overflowed with hysterical content (see: this article) that your Trump jokes pale in comparison to our hard work. We don't write our articles in ten minutes on an iPhone.
9. ODR upperclassmen. We find it daring and bold. Consider also: asking us out.
10. Lanyards are forever & always!!!!!! Don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

## A Spicy Meme for Sadboi Lowers, Uppers and Seniors

By EMILY GREEN  
*Ultimate Sadbot*

something: \*goes wrong\*  
me:



## Quote of the Week

"Are you allergic to Chinese food?"  
-Dr. Thurber

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# ExeterLife



Participants in the International Student Orientation program (ISO) gather for a game.

Chiara Perotti Correa/The Exonian

## International Student Orientation

By MAI HOANG and  
PAUL JAMES  
Staff Writers

The International Student Orientation (ISO) program welcomed new international students to the Exeter campus with a full calendar of games and trips. The program is designed to help international students transition to the United States and the Academy with excursions, to Hilltop Fun Center and the beach, providing opportunities for new students to make friends and ask questions about their upcoming school year.

Jennifer Smith, International Student Coordinator, explained that the program helps to address the culture shock international students feel when they first come to Exeter. "First, a student must address U.S. Culture, then New England, then the town of Exeter, and then PEA. We have our own lexicon here, and it can be hard for students to learn those nuances," Smith said. She also described her excitement at seeing the students she emails over the summer: "I love those first glimpses of when a student lets their guard down, and you can see bonds starting to form and see them having fun."

The planning for the welcome program began in March, and required the program's organizers to coordinate flight arrivals, dorm room assignments and

advisor assignments. Smith listed these logistics and New England weather as the greatest challenges for the program. This year, the relatively high number of new international students also presented a bit of an issue. ISO leaders were responsible for greater numbers of students than usual. "This year, I think, was the largest ISO Program that PEA has had, at 45 new students," Smith said.

The ISO leaders, who are returning international students at the Academy, echoed Smith's enthusiasm for meeting the new students. "I feel like I'm a parent because I'm always worrying about them, and about if they have enough food, if they can get in their dorm, if they have someone to talk to," said senior Ratana Chheng, one of ten student leaders in the program.

However, all of the worrying and attention detail paid off. The program's participants had a phenomenal experience. Upper Alexia Netcu, a participant, praised the ISO program: "The leaders and organizers did an amazing job in both giving a very warm welcome to the new students and also giving us some 'Exeter inside tips' to help us get accustomed to our new environment quickly." She also pointed out the long-term benefits of the program, commenting on the strength of connections formed during the orientation. Netcu said, "Every time I

walk down a path or sit down in a class I see someone that I met in ISO and I know that, because we were there for each other when we were new, our friendships will last a long time."

For many new students, having their questions answered by more experienced Exonians was the highlight of the ISO curriculum. "Whenever I was awkwardly standing at the side with nobody to talk to, [the student leaders] would come to me and start a conversation with me. Q&A sessions were a great time to clear up my questions at Exeter," said prep Isa Matsubayashi. Lower Amanda Harris concurred, saying, "The student leaders and instructors were very nice and gave us input on any questions we had, because at one time they had experienced the same thing we had."

Perhaps one of the most beloved aspects of the program are the community-building trips and activities, which create memorable moments that participants of the program have been known to cherish long after their time at ISO is over. "I loved going to [the Hilltop Fun Center]. It's my favorite part of ISO," said senior Olivia Lei, former participant and current leader of the program. Similarly, lower Tony Yu commented that his favorite part of the program was being able to experience the competitive game of laser tag with new friends.

Partaking in the ISO program also gave students a clearer understanding of Exeter's diversity. For many international students, ISO was the first time they had peers from all over the world.

"At my old school it was just people from the same neighborhood, but now I have friends with different religious backgrounds and ethnicities," said Justin Li, a new lower from Canada. Reckoning with this shift can be challenging. For Yu, "The first day was daunting. I checked in early, so I thought I was the only person from my country for a while." Many students missed the comfort of having peers from similar backgrounds. However, in the end, students overcame their differences and bonded over a shared experience of adapting to Exeter's distinct culture.

Upper Amelia Lee, an ISO alumna and student leader, is optimistic about international students developing a stronger voice on campus after cultivating their small community at ISO. "International students have always had their own unspoken community because of common problems we face, such as being an F1 student or dealing with time zones," said Lee. "This year I believe new International Students will be more aware of [these shared experiences] and more comfortable in expressing their culture and where they come from."

## Salut from France!

By PRISCILLA EHRCOOD  
Columnist

Hello! My name is Priscilla, and I'm an upper who is currently in France with School Year Abroad (SYA). SYA is a nine month long study abroad program founded by Phillips Exeter Academy, Phillips Academy Andover and the St. Paul's School. The program runs in France, Spain, Italy and China. During the program, you live with a host family and take classes in your country's target language, except for Math and English. I wanted to write this column for *The Exonian* this year to share my experience of being an American abroad. I'm planning to talk about cultural differences, French perspectives on America and everyday life in France. A little perspective on where exactly I am: the SYA France school is in Rennes, a city in Brittany which is a region in the North of France, about three hours west of Paris by bus.

Since I've only been in France for two days, I thought this week's article should be about why I wanted to go to France for an entire year. I also wanted to let you all know about some ideas I have for the column. Hopefully you'll have feedback and requests for me. I've always been a huge francophile, whether it was just wanting to hear the language, enjoying French food, or learning about French art. So, I always kept SYA as an option in the back of mind until I decided that I didn't want to miss a full year at Exeter during my prep year. Since I take two languages, I was also worried about fulfilling all the course requirements, but last year, during winter break, I started to reconsider.

I love everything French, and my language classes are my favorite ones at Exeter, so I started to think about

whether missing a year was worth it if I would get to do something I loved all the time, as well as learn more about the world. I obviously decided that missing upper year was worth it, and here I am! That being said, my advice to anyone who is considering SYA would be to think about what studying abroad for a year would mean to you. Even if you love a language and the culture behind that language, you might decide that you aren't willing to give up an entire year. Another thing to keep in mind, though, is that France has internet! If you're worried about missing time with your friends, you can still Skype and text. Of course, you're encouraged not to text every day in order to really immerse yourself in the foreign country, but it's not as if you'll have to cut all communication with your friends and family. I also found out that one of the history classes at SYA could be counted as a credit at Exeter, which meant that I could participate in SYA, and fulfill all my course requirements.

With that background information about me and the program, I want to talk about some ideas for the column. First of all, if you have any questions or would like to know more about the program, you can email me at pehrcood@exeter.edu. I will answer them in the column unless otherwise specified. So far, I plan to write about French stereotypes about Americans, what Rennes is like, differences in education, differences in politics, as well as French recipes and their origins. I wanted to list some of my ideas here to give you an idea of what this column would be like since this article didn't focus a lot on France itself. Until the next column!

Love,  
Priscilla

## First Week Quote Box

By ATHENA STENOR and  
JOY ZHANG  
Life Editors

"Club crew has been a lot of fun. I'm also very looking forward to club night on Saturday."  
- Yasmina Abulchadra '19

"I am excited by the wide range of electives, extracurriculars, and sports. I got to try computer science for the first time. It was intimidating at first, but now I really like it."  
- Sophia Emy '21 (new student)

"I like the nine o'clock check-in."  
- Isaias Cevallos '19

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit (Perhaps one day it will be pleasing to remember even this)."  
- Tim Han '18

"I feel like the class-bonding activities on Sunday helped me meet new people. Even though I already knew a lot of people in my grade, I feel like I got to make even more connections."  
- Zac Feng '19

"Although it may seem easy to get discouraged by failure, I find it in many cases that it's a chance for you to learn from your mistakes and get better. All the people here are so willing to help you, especially the teachers."  
- Adia Allison '21

"I'm really excited about my classes this term, and even though it's my upper year, I feel like I have the work ethic to carry me through."  
- Ray Alvarez '19

"As a senior, I'd say this week was like every other week. It's good to be back."  
- Chris Balboni '18

"Upper year is proving to be as difficult as people say. I'm staying on top of my work, so it hasn't actually been that hard. E.P. was really fun yesterday."  
- Dylan Yin '19

"This first week at Exeter has been very eventful. All the classes have started, and so have sports. It's kinda packed with stuff to do."  
- James Quinn '21

"[The first week was] pretty solid- the beach trip was fun. We found two giant ropes."  
- Katie Goyette '18

"My first week of school was very stressful. I had a lot of classes. I'm also auditing another course. Isn't life fun?"  
- Calvin Henaku '19

"I'm just trying to grind through my upper year. It's been a pretty good start so far though, as I've made new friends, and the weather is pretty amazing these past days. I've had a lot of opportunities to golf."  
- Thomas Lé '19

"It's been very easy to feel being part of the community here. Chinese is my favorite class because you learn so much in such a short period of time."  
- Isabella Mercado '21

"I like being looked to as a leader now because I'm an upperclassman."  
- Malobika Syed '19

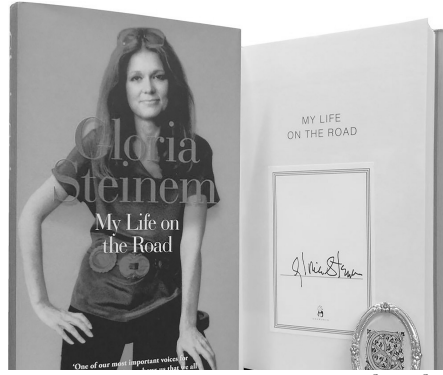
# Book Review: *My Life on the Road*

By ROSE HOROWITZ  
Staff Writer

*My Life on the Road*, written by Gloria Steinem, chronicles the famed feminist organizer's experiences from a life filled with travels. From taxi rides thought to be mundane to a conference on women's rights in Houston, Texas, Steinem demonstrates the value of listening to all in her life spent on the road. Gloria Steinem started her writing career as a columnist for *New York* magazine before becoming a co-founder of *Ms.* magazine in 1972. She gained widespread attention for her work in the Feminist Movement in the 1960s and 1970s, though, as mentioned in her book, she infinitely prefers listening to public speaking.

In *My Life On the Road*, her newest book—after a twenty-year hiatus as an author, Steinem details her travels and their influence on her life and career. The book begins with a dedication to Dr. John Sharpe, a doctor who, in 1957, referred a 22-year-old Steinem for an illegal abortion on her way to India. Sharpe made Steinem promise him two things: that she would not tell anyone his name, and that she would do what she wanted to with her life. Steinem dedicates the book to him, and says that she has done her best with her life.

Along with this moving dedication, Steinem's book includes stories from



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her childhood and shows how a life of traveling with her father has shaped her into someone who becomes restless remaining in one place for too long. Spending time traveling in her father's car has also led Steinem away from solitary methods of transportation—she does not have a driver's license. Steinem also writes about the two years she spent in India after graduating

from Smith College, and how these two influences helped ignite her love for travel.

Much of the book focuses on Steinem's work as a feminist organizer, writer and political activist. She tells of her time listening to Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech at the March on Washington in 1963; however, instead of focusing on the well-known speech, she writes about

her conversation with another listener who pointed out the lack of African American women organizers that were on the stage with King.

Steinem also shares stories on her work with political campaigns, intermingled with the personal tales of people she has met in restaurants and taxi drivers whose cabs she has ridden in. She devotes a portion of the book to her work at the National Women's Conference held in Houston in 1977. During this conference, Steinem worked tirelessly to make sure that all voices were heard in this event which she describes as one of the most important in history.

At times, the book can become confusing, as Steinem tells stories out of order, instead organizing them by similar themes and their impact on her. However, it is an important read, as it encourages its audience to listen instead of speak, while sharing details from movements for equality. In this way, the book becomes a quasi-history lesson, sharing insider perspectives on the women's and farmworker's political movements Steinem has worked on.

*My Life On the Road* is a worthwhile read because it shares an overarching message that can be found in every story it features; every moment in the book presents the readers an opportunity to become informed from different perspectives.

## HOROSCOPE

By LAUREN LEATHAM and ALEXANDRA VAN DIJKUM  
Columnists

**Aries:** Say what you need to say, Aries. With Mercury in your sign this week, it's a great time to address an issue with a peer or have a heart-to-heart with your friends. Make sure you listen to other people and offer your good advice. Your sign can be very enthusiastic, so go make somebody's day in the spirit of non sibi!

**Taurus:** Think before you jump, Taurus! Mars has been in your sign for a while and will be until the 21st. This means you should create a strong foundation before launching any new ideas in order for them to really kick off. Reflect on what you have accomplished this term, it might surprise you how much you have done!

**Gemini:** Dive deep this week, Gemini. With Mercury in retrograde until mid-May, you might feel conflicted about leaving things behind in pursuit of new things. Do not be scared of trying something different because Gemini are known to be very adaptable. Take some time to think about what you want and then go for it—don't look back!

**Cancer:** This week is all about balance. Cancer. This is a great week to seek time with friends, but don't forget to study. Mercury's retrograde is a great time to get your priorities straight and realize what is important to you.

**Leo:** Take things as they come this week. This month has been a tug-of-war between big and small. Listen to your heart and figure out what you want to accomplish this week. Tap into your confidence, Leo, and be happy with your decisions.

**Virgo:** Don't be too analytical this week, Virgo. Jupiter is in your sign, signaling you to let loose and let things happen as they will. All of the good you have been doing lately will pay off, and those closest to you will thank you for all the help you've given them. Keep your head low for a little while and work hard for the next few days.

At the end of the week you'll be able to take a well deserved break!

**Libra:** Get your head in the game, Libra! If you stay focused now you will be off to an excellent start this school year. Do your best to stay on top of your work and maybe try to get ahead if you're up for it. If you put in the work now, the rest of the term will be a breeze.

**Scorpio:** Enjoy the sunlight while it's here! Go exploring outside and be sure to focus on branching out, making new connections, and having fun with friends. There will be a time for you to buckle down on your school work, but for now, enjoy some relaxation.

**Sagittarius:** Be sure to get everything on your to-do list done so that you can spend your time getting to know the new students around you. Try not to clutter your time too much with little tasks. Focus on the big stuff and you will feel more fulfilled and have more fun. Hang out with your dorm mates and get to know someone new!

**Capricorn:** Set some long term goals to strive for, Capricorn. Think of something that you've never done but have always wanted to try and go for it! This is your year for trial, error and reaching new milestones, so don't hold back!

**Aquarius:** Take things day by day, Aquarius. Don't stress too much! The work will all get done eventually. Try your best to get out of your comfort zone a little each day. A little change goes a long way, so don't underestimate your power.

**Pisces:** Focus on keeping a steady balance between work and fun. Focus on homework and classes during the week, so that you stay on top of everything. However, be sure to use the weekend as a way to de-stress and spend time with friends. There will be some relationship changes in your upcoming future!

## Trendwatch

Hey Trendwatchers,

As we reach the end of summer and approach the beginning of Autumn, Exonians seem to have packed their best outfits for school. The green quads are crowded with laughter and trendy students. Makinola Orafidiya '19 sported an all-black ensemble that consisted of a black short-sleeved button-down shirt with a white palm tree pattern and solid black chino shorts. He completed the look with casual white sneakers, which popped against the rest of his outfit. He looked like a cooler Wednesday Addams, some might say. Caroline Matule '19 pulled off a burgundy off-the-shoulder romper. The contrast of its blue and yellow floral patterns added a fresh look. She paired her romper with a simple, but elegant pearl necklace and a delicate silver bracelet. Lara Galligani '18 kissed summer goodbye in a cute white mini dress. The small cherry patterns on her dress added just the right amount of color to her look, although the real highlight of the dress was the open back. Nick Tilson '19 rocked a classic boarding school look with his striped Vineyard Vines shorts. He also kept it casual by matching his red shorts with a simple dark gray t-shirt.

In other news, this week was New York Fashion Week, and we witnessed some trendy new styles. Ralph Lauren held a runway in his garage, where he show-

cased an all-red evening gown with a \$40 million dollar Bugatti. That's new, isn't it? We don't often see cars in fashion shows.

Welcome back to school, Exonians, and we are excited to see more stylish looks on campus!

Your Trendwatchers,

Sherry & Michael



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SeniorSpotlight

# Majestic Menat

By JOHN BECKERLE and GRACE CARROLL  
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Whether she is running discussions in Exeter's Democratic Club, helping new students in Merrill Hall or co-leading Student Council's 2017-2018 Executive Board, four-year senior Menat Bahnsy is one of Exeter's finest.

Coming from a small town in central New Jersey, Bahnsy was first exposed to the possibility of boarding school when her older brother decided to attend Phillips Academy. However, Exeter attracted Bahnsy with the Harkness learning style. "The idea of being able to ask questions and show confusion and confidence at the same time fascinated me. Harkness and the lifestyle that comes with it—as Harkness has shaped the way I live—has been one of the most rewarding parts of Exeter for me," she said.

One of Bahnsy's favorite things about Exeter, she said, is that learning follows you out of the classroom. "The common thread that runs through everything that I have done at Exeter thus far has been expanding my limits of learning," she said. "Whether I am bonding with a fellow Merrillite on a Saturday night in the common room, eating lunch with a faculty member or discovering how to transform functions, learning is always happening."

Bahnsy was placed into Merrill Hall her prep year, where she quickly found her home-away-from-home. Now, as a proctor, her love for her dorm-mates has only continued to grow. "Menat is a proctor in the dorm, but also an extremely open and giving girl," said upper Alayna D'Amico, also a resident of Merrill Hall. "Not only does she complete



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the basic proctor tasks, but she goes beyond what is expected of her. She is constantly ensuring that every student, especially those who are new to Exeter, feels included and welcomed in the Merrill community."

During the fall term of her lower year, Bahnsy studied abroad at the Island School. "My experience at the Island School significantly impacted my future pursuits and passions that I later found during the rest of lower year and through upper year," she said. "The Island School was full of experiences that inspired me to learn more about the world and people around me, and to explore areas of the world that I never thought I would."

Back on campus after her experience at the Island School, Bahnsy quickly immersed herself in extracurriculars at Exeter and became an integral member

of many different clubs and teams. In the winter of her upper year, Bahnsy launched a campus campaign for Syrian refugee relief called the Exeter Initiative Project. By her senior year at Exeter, Bahnsy runs both the Democratic Club and serves as co-president of Student Council, alongside senior Jackson Parell. Bahnsy will bring her ambitions, extensive involvement with the school and her bright and outgoing personality to the job.

"I think that something a lot of people don't realize about Menat is how insanely driven she is," said D'Amico. "She will always go after what she believes is right, especially when it comes to providing a greater environment for the student body."

Bahnsy's involvement on campus reflects her own passions and future ca-

reer aspirations. "Although I have always been interested in politics, activism, and human rights, my experiences of working with those topics at Exeter have pushed me further in my paths within those areas, and made it much easier to discover my passions within them," she said. "My pursuits at Exeter will shape everything I do in the future, and I could not be more thankful."

Bahnsy is also entering her second year as a member of the Disciplinary Committee. Senior Winslow MacDonald befriended Menat through his involvement on the Committee. "Menat is one of the most enthusiastic and best-intentioned people at Exeter by far. I've never seen her not in a good mood," he said.

Upper Gillian Quinto, who has worked with Bahnsy through both Democratic Club and Student Council, also emphasized the senior's dynamic combination of commitment and light-heartedness. "I think Menat will mix her bubbly sense of humor and fun with her passion to help others and make informed decisions to ultimately become a wonderful leader of StuCo this year," Quinto said. "Her personality is exactly what StuCo needs. She's passionate about feminism and helping the little guy."

As Bahnsy reflected on her time at Exeter, she could not contain her trademark enthusiasm. "I have learned there are no limits to learning. Change is a part of development, and development is to make you grow! Embrace all that comes to you, and all that calls you, and take it and run with it," she said. "I would do anything to have more time at Exeter, so don't let it all go by without having tried new things and met new people!"

## MOVIE REVIEW: "A MAN ESCAPED"



By ALAN WU  
Staff Writer

There is no such thing as pure cinema—an unadulterated form of filmmaking that sticks true to the medium's undefined roots. Whether it be silent films, talkies, arthouse films or big-budget commercial films, every film deserves recognition as a member to the large pantheon we know as cinema. That being said, I do believe that some films better attain the full expressive potential of the medium than others. Filmmakers like Andrei Tarkovsky and Ingmar Bergman have consistently demonstrated their understanding of film as something beyond just visual storytelling. Film is a deeply visceral mosaic of time, bolstered by sound and images, that fully embodies and expresses an emotion or concept. Robert Bresson is amongst the finest to ever accomplish this perfect fusion of concept with craft.

Nobody makes films like Robert Bresson. His stories are completely unadorned. Everything is presented as clearly as it should be. There are no movie stars, no special effects and absolutely no contrived thrills. To put it simply, he has removed all of the distractions that we commonly associate with entertaining cinema. Instead of constantly trying to spike your interest, Bresson holds you in a hypnotic grip where the raw truth of every frame should sufficiently entice you.

This is most apparent in what is arguably his crowning achievement, "A Man Escaped" (1956). Like many of Bresson's other films, this is a film about people confronting immense despair. In 1943, a recently-captured resistance fighter named Fontaine is carted off to Montluc, a Nazi prison camp in Lyon, where he will be executed. From the film's very first scenes, Fontaine is devising his escape. He first tries to run away from the unlocked car carrying him to his doom, only to be recaptured and severely beaten. The rest of the film details his second attempt, a far more intricate plan involving the patient disassembling of a prison door and tightrope made out of hooks and bedsheets.

The film is not about whether or not Fontaine will succeed—the title of the film readily speaks that for us—but about how he endures.

The airtight nature of the film's

story mixes perfectly with Bresson's disciplined approach to filmmaking. It helps that Bresson himself was captured by the Nazis for supposedly participating in the resistance during World War II. The experience of war is, after all, governed by the sensory details of a soldier's given environment. Viewing the entire story through Fontaine's perspective, we gain an extremely intimate understanding of his prison cell. Bresson's simple vocabulary of close and insert shots, and calm, timely editing goes well with Fontaine's attention to detail. However, what I think is most impressive about Bresson's craftsmanship is his brilliant use of sound design. He carefully considers every combination of voice over, music and non-diegetic sound, so that each element plays out exactly how it needs to in order to contribute to the tone of a scene. As much as "A Man Escaped" is dedicated to what is being shown, it is also inadvertently about what is not being shown, which relates back to soldiers' limited view. Bresson uses sound and music sparingly to enforce the deprived state of Fontaine's environment. The film's soundscapes can be so barren that each sound, no matter how painfully small, becomes inordinately important. A distant click could signal mortal danger or blissful hope. As these sounds manifest and mutate in Fontaine's mind, they do in ours as well, effortlessly keeping the audience entranced.

Based off this review, "A Man Escaped" may come off as a driveling bore, where nothing really happens. Is this true? Well, there are few films I find more captivating. More importantly, "A Man Escaped" feels like a lesson in cinema. The film shows us what is purely necessary and what is not, completely recalibrating our sense of what cinema is. Everything we've ever been accustomed to in cinema is shown to be superfluous. "A Man Escaped" is a rare film that I can appreciate for what it is, what it is not and what it has taught me. It is in the sheer rawness and transparency of each shot, as well as the subtle shifts in facial expressions and ambient noises that Bresson has uncovered the truths of life.

## TV SHOW: FULLER HOUSE



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"Whatever happened to predictability..." goes a tune that many know and love. Debuting in 1987, the American sitcom *Full House* captured the hearts of families everywhere. The show followed the lives of Uncle Jesse, Joey Gladstone, Danny Tanner and his three girls DJ, Stephanie and Michelle. Though the show ended in 1995, fans rejoiced once more when the spinoff, *Fuller House*, came to Netflix. The original cast members who played Stephanie, DJ and Kimmy (D.J.'s best friend) returned to star in the show with guest appearances from other original cast members as well. The show revolves around the life of two of Danny Tanner's girls and her best friend as they juggle the obstacles of adulthood, all while taking care of four kids. *Fuller House* still brought people the same laughs and joy as it did before.

The show starts off with D.J. Tanner-Fuller, who struggles to take care of three boys after the death of her husband. Jackson Fuller, her eldest, is a clumsy teenage boy who likes to go on crazy and dangerous adventures. Max, her middle child, is an incredibly smart and cunning boy who takes after his grandpa, Danny Tanner. D.J. is always busy taking care of her youngest, Tommy, who is a little baby throughout the series. After seeing her sister struggle with the life of a single mom, Stephanie Tanner quits her job as a D.J. and helps her out, a fun aunt to the kids. D.J.'s best friend

Kimmy Gibbler along with her daughter, Ramona, also moves in with D.J. and Stephanie—making the house full of people and laughs.

All under one roof, the family experiences moments big and small as they go through their daily lives. Not only do the women of the house deal with work at their jobs and in the house, but they also find romance in unlikely places. D.J. has to deal with choosing over her ex-boyfriend Steve or a new admirer, Matt, who works at the vet hospital. Stephanie finds love with someone from a family she has despised all her life, the Gibblers. Kimmy's younger brother, Jimmy Gibbler, and Stephanie spark a beautiful and hilarious romance as the show continues. Lastly, Kimmy has to deal with the pleading of her ex-husband, Fernando, who tries to win her back after they separated. However, these three girls are not the only ones searching for love in the house. Jackson is trying to win over Ramona's best friend, Lola, and Jackson's best friend, Popko, tries to grab the attention of Ramona. With all the love shared in the house, the family finds themselves helping each other no matter what is being thrown at them. This sitcom teaches us that family is forever and loving and respecting each other is the most important thing in life. The show, which is currently streaming on Netflix, aired on February 26, 2016 and is returning on September 22, 2017 for its third season.

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# After 9/11's Anniversary, a Reflection on the Fight Against ISIS



**WORLD COMPASS**  
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Monday, Sept. 11 marked the sixteenth anniversary of 9/11, a day that shattered the West's naive sense of security and inaugurated an era of costly wars. For former President George W. Bush, it was the first day that "America felt its vulnerability even to threats that gather on the other side of the Earth." Yet after years of fighting "on the other side of the Earth," peace in the turbulent Middle East remains more elusive than ever. The rise of regional powers like Iran, as well as the deficiency of effective governance threaten to further exacerbate, rather than quell, terrorism and extremism.

"Me and my brother against my cousin; me and my cousin against our neighbor." Though pessimistic in its portrayal of human relationships, this old Bedouin proverb appears to have foreshadowed the Syrian Civil War and, more broadly, the fight against ISIS. More than just a proxy war between the United States and Russia, the regional crisis involves players with particular and often unpredictable strategies



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that prioritize the national pursuit of power.

Iran, for example, has been funding Shiite terrorist organizations like Hezbollah and bolstering the Assad regime. After Obama unwisely lifted sanctions on the Assad regime, money began flowing into the country's beleaguered economy. Tour operators have seen a surge of bookings, with airlines like Air France recently adding flights to Tehran. The deluge of money allows Iran's theocratic government to maintain—and augment—its geopolitical influence. Hezbollah has received thousands of rockets and long-range missiles from Iran, and most have been used either against Israel or U.S.-backed rebel forces. *The Wall Street Journal* reported that more than seven thousand Iranian troops were aiding the Syrian regime. The United States must reinstate

sanctions on Iran and stop "supplying" money to its own enemy.

The United States is likewise in denial of Turkey. In the past, U.S. presidents have played a tough balancing act between including Turkey in Western organizations like NATO and confronting it about its self-centered foreign policy. The painful truth is that Turkey allows ISIS to operate in the northern portions of Syria, hoping that the terrorist group will suppress Kurdish independence movements. Afraid of the separatist tendencies of its own Kurdish population, the Turkish government encourages chaos and genocide in regions with many Kurds. Although the Trump administration's funding of the Syrian Kurdish Militia is a step in the right direction, much more must be done to force Erdogan to the negotiating table with

the oppressed Turkish Kurds.

In terms of territorial size, the fight against ISIS could be called a success. On Aug. 19, 2014, ISIS published a video of the beheading of American journalist James Foley. Since then, the United States, along with NATO allies, has partnered with Iraqi forces to counter ISIS' expansion. On July 9, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi arrived in the reclaimed city of Mosul to declare victory over ISIS. U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces have taken control of two-thirds of Raqqa, ISIS' de-facto capital and headquarters. Their territorial demise has incited dissent within ISIS' ranks, which in turn undermined their ground offensives.

But ISIS' territorial demise does not make it a figment of the past. In the 16 years since 9/11, new technologies have endowed terrorist organizations with the means to disseminate propaganda, recruit followers and reach beyond the territorial expanse of their calliphates. ISIS used the messaging app Telegram to coordinate the November 2015 Paris attacks. Similarly, Swiss messaging app Threema allows ISIS to encrypt its messages. The war against ISIS will no longer be fought on ground; the Internet is the new battleground. The United Nations will need to create and pass legislation that forces states to banish tech companies with inadequate cyberinfrastructure. Only then will the lifelines of ISIS and other terrorist groups be toppled.

## Why Tubman Fits the Bill

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It's that all? Your total is... As the cashier reads out the numbers on the register, you scuffle through your wallet. You find what you need: a 20 dollar bill. On one side, you catch a glimpse of the White House; on the other, you come eye to eye with our seventh President, Andrew Jackson. In about three years, you may instead greet the visage of famous abolitionist Harriet Tubman on that side. Or not.

Brushing off the matter as trivial, Secretary of Treasury Steve Mnuchin has recently cast into doubt a promise dating back to the Obama administration to replace Andrew Jackson with Harriet Tubman on the 20 dollar bill. However, while Jackson is revered for his renowned service in the War of 1812 and his founding of the Democratic Party, he was complicit in the Indian Removal Act of 1830 that ended in the notorious and deadly Trail of Tears for the Cherokee and other Indian nations. Facing injustice since a tender age, Harriet Tubman was an undoubtedly resilient woman despite gruesome circumstances and

one of the most influential abolitionists of the Civil War era. In light of her critical accomplishments that set the stage for the gradual breakdown of racial discrimination, Tubman definitely deserves to be amongst other American historical figures on our currency.

But it's not just accomplishments and tenacity towards achieving a noble cause that makes Harriet Tubman a prime candidate for being featured on our currency; she represents what needs to be depicted in our currency. Currently, our banknotes mostly depict former presidents and others who held the highest ranks of office. Everyday, as we grab our money and hand it to whomever we're accompanied by the countenances of those who founded our nation and developed our Constitution. Our very society and its financial fabric rests on the stability of our currency system. However, that Constitution has evolved amendment after amendment, and it would be inaccurate to represent American society by solely its foundations. The overall adaptability to a diversity of American voices that guided crucial movements in history such as the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's Rights Movement should be honored as well.

Acknowledging that we all probably have different interpretations of the importance of

currency in our society, we can look at other aspects of currency for inspiration regarding what to feature, including mottoes such as "In God We Trust." The first instance of "In God We Trust" can be traced to Civil War times, when Union currency displayed "In God is Our Trust." As directed by the Treasury Secretary at the time, this was utilized to inspire Americans to believe that God was on the side of the Union. The phrase we see on all our currency today, "In God We Trust," was signed into law as the nation's official motto back in 1955 to discredit the Soviet Union.

Florida Rep. Charles Bennett advocated for the bill-to-be-law in Congress back then by stating that, "In these days when imperialistic and materialistic communism seeks to attack and destroy freedom, we should continually look for ways to strengthen the foundations of our freedom." If such a ubiquitous phrase was engraved to remind us of the importance of freedom, then a staunch abolitionist like Harriet Tubman would certainly be the epitome of that cherished American ideal.

Mnuchin has also inaccurately refuted the minting of a Harriet Tubman-featured bill by saying that "People have been on the bills for a long period of time." While it's true that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have

not touched major denominations for almost a century, the United States Mint agency has been minting dollar coins for various historical figures in recent years. By including Susan B. Anthony and Sacagawea on dollar coins, the agency has already set substantial precedents for honoring influential women in history through currency.

But, in the end, it doesn't even need to come down to choosing between Andrew Jackson and Harriet Tubman. Despite his negative past, Andrew Jackson and his accomplishments during the War of 1812 shouldn't be forgotten. In fact, former Secretary of Treasury Jack Lew of the Obama administration opted to keep Andrew Jackson on the reverse side with the White House while Harriet Tubman featured on the front side. In addition, we can't overlook that there are other equally deserving candidates. "Women on 20s," the original campaign that proposed to include Harriet Tubman on our currency, included an election with other candidates such as Rosa Parks and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Including Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill should serve to rightly immortalize Tubman's instrumental contributions to American democracy as well as set an example for the depiction of other historical figures on major denominations.

## The Chinese Electric Revolution



**OUTSIDE THE EXETER BUBBLE**  
Paul James Colmiston

China's industry announced its intentions to end the sale and production of gasoline and diesel cars, following the actions of Britain, France and Norway. The largest auto market in the world, China is putting pressure on manufacturers to shift toward electric vehicles and phase out traditional combustion engines. A state-sponsored push for electric cars, in addition to saving on imported oil costs, allows the Chinese auto market to take advantage of early benefits in the emerging market.

Chinese electric and hybrid sales rose to 40 percent of global demand in 2015, surpassing the United States as the largest market. General Motors, Volkswagen and Nissan have announced their interest to collaborate with Chinese partners in producing and developing electric vehicles. This will expand the Chinese market and their lead over the United States, where electric car production is driven by entrepreneurs rather than state-sponsored programs.

Up to this point, Beijing spent billions of dollars on research subsidies for automakers, though the new initiative puts the ball in the manufacturers' court. The current quotas require automakers to have electric and hybrid cars comprise 8 percent of their output to begin, increasing to 10 percent in 2019 and 12 percent by 2020.

To incentivize manufacturers and buyers, Beijing has also ordered Chinese power companies to install charging stations at a higher pace.

Electric car production was also part of Britain's conservative platform in recent election cycles, mainly due to concerns over poor air quality. In many major U.K. cities, particulates and nitrogen oxides, some key ingredients of smog, cause 40,000 annual deaths, according to one study.

Britain recently announced its plan to end sales of new diesel and gas cars by 2040 and maybe remove cars with combustion engines altogether by 2050. The government also allocated \$332 million for local governments to improve their transportation systems to reduce air pollution in the short-term. Michael Gove, the environment secretary, also pointed out the benefits of combating accelerating climate change in addition to dealing with the health problems caused by current emissions.

France announced its plans to take similar action as a reaffirmation of its commitment to the Paris climate accord, also setting 2040 as a goal. Other countries have taken more aggressive measures, with Norway planning to sell only electric cars beginning in 2025 and with India targeting 2030 as an ideal date.

Some politicians, however, are frustrated that these measures aren't aggressive enough. After all, a 23-year deadline is great for the future but does little to ease the current pollution crisis. Furthermore, cars have a lifespan of over a decade, meaning gas and diesel will still be on the road beyond 2040.

Nonetheless, this swift and widespread action indicates a change in the public attitude towards fossil fuels, no doubt helped along by the Volkswagen emissions scandal. The German company covered up failed emissions tests on their diesel vehicles. To rectify their mistake and salvage their image, the automaker plans to add a fleet of electric cars to its lineup in the coming years, embracing the new market direction. As diesel car sales slide, public opinion shifts and Tesla and other electric car companies threaten business, traditional car makers are forced to evolve and use cleaner technology. Consumer power, in this case, provides hope for driving markets to become more environmentally

conscious.

Even so, many still question Britain's ability to cope with a rapid change in transportation. All countries shifting to electric cars will be forced to rethink their infrastructure and steel their power grids against the impending rush hour. This requires significant time, and more importantly, investment. In the United States, Tesla has slowly begun to build up its network of charging stations, though its progress will likely be overtaken by state-sponsored programs in Britain, France, China, Norway and India. The current direction of the United States doesn't encourage development or evolution, seemingly routed in returning to the past. This mindset will take a toll when the country is forced to scramble to make up for lost time when electric cars and infrastructure become ubiquitous.

The economic harm caused by lagging in this new market will likely bring about a change in public attitude in this country. On the other hand, if the United States recognizes the need for this next step in transportation and embraces it, rather than placing the burden of a nation's future on private companies, the country will benefit economically and lead the fight against climate change. The sooner the better.

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## Joe Arpaio: A Tyrant in our Time

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Donald Trump has issued a presidential pardon of Joe Arpaio for his conviction in a criminal contempt case. Arpaio's racist practices and blatant abuses of power as Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona, have earned him the reputation of "America's Toughest Sheriff." This comes as the latest in a stream of gross miscarriages of justice perpetrated by Trump, and makes a clear statement that the rule of law in America will continue to be ignored.

Arpaio is notorious for his hardline tactics on combating illegal immigration. Most infamous is his "Tent City," a sprawling jail compound where thousands of low-level criminals are detained in insufficient housing. The prisoners are subjected to inhuman living conditions. Inmates are forced to wear pink underwear as a form of humiliation while they crack rocks in the desert heat. Female detainees are forced to sleep in their own menstrual blood, and cries of help are ignored by prison staff on the basis that they are in Spanish. Prisoners are fed two meals a day (costing 30 cents each), and cigarettes and coffee are considered contraband. Arpaio boasts, "They hate me, the Hispanic community, because they're afraid they're going

to be arrested." These conditions alone should be enough to throw Arpaio in prison, but his disrespect for the law goes even further.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's office has admitted to federal authorities that they improperly investigated 432 reported cases of sexual assault and child molestation over the course of a three-year period ending in 2007. In response to local news outlets digging into these allegations, Arpaio stated "If there were any victims out there, I apologize, if there were any." Arpaio's answer puts his office's obvious disregard for victims of sexual assault on full display. It also drips with contempt for the idea of rape investigations.

In 2011, a U.S. District Judge issued a temporary injunction to stop Arpaio and his officers to stop targeting Latino drivers in traffic stops and detaining people based only on their immigration status. Two years later, the order was made permanent with the judge ruling that the sheriff's office's treatment of Latinos is racial profiling. In 2016, the judge requested contempt of court charges on the basis that Arpaio had disregarded the orders by continuing to discriminate against and detain Latinos, in addition to lying to cover up further investigations into the matter. In the trial, the defense admitted that although the injunction was perfectly clear, Arpaio misinterpreted what it

meant and blamed his former attorney for explaining it in an ambiguous manner. His lawyer defended himself by stating that the only person who knew what the judge meant by his order was the judge himself. Arpaio's lawyer claimed that the charges were politically motivated, stating, "Nobody thought they were violating the order, but I think it's easy to understand why the sheriff was singled out here." Obviously this defense is laughable, and Arpaio was rightfully convicted of criminal contempt.

Trump issued his presidential pardon for Arpaio at the end of August (right when media outlets were focused on Hurricane Harvey ravaging the coast of Texas, conveniently). Obviously combating illegal immigration is a central part of Trump's platform, and his excusing of Arpaio's behavior shows the barbaric tactics he's willing to support in that endeavor. He also neglected to consult with or notify the Justice Department in any way before making the decision.

Joe Arpaio should be in jail. Ignored sexual assault and child molestation allegations, the sickening conditions in his "Tent City," his discriminatory policing practices, his breach of a court injunction—there are a host of reasons why he should be behind bars. Trump's support of this behavior is disgusting and sets a sinister precedent for how the officials in this country treat their fellow man.

## What Can be Done About Confederate Statues?

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Columnist

Simply searching up "Confederate Statues" in Google shows article after article criticizing President Trump's tweet that, in taking down Confederate statues, "the history and culture of our great country [is] being ripped apart." Yet in response, many others held different opinions on the matter, notably Karen L. Cox from the *New York Times* who said, "They aren't about heritage or history. They are tools of white supremacy." Many are calling for the statues to be removed from public areas, and some are saying that they should even be destroyed. But in doing so, are we censoring history?

Trump's tweets were in response to the events that unfolded in Charlottesville on August 12. Violence erupted when protesters led by white supremacists and neo-Nazi clad with peaceful counter-protesters, resulting in the death of a woman along with 19 other people being injured. The protests occurred as a result of the city's decision to remove a historical monument of Robert E. Lee, a confederate army general who until 1865 commanded the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia in the American Civil War.

History is defined by the Merriam Webster Dictionary as "a chronological record of significant events often including an explanation of their causes." In terms of the technical definition of history, those Confederate monuments are a part of this country's history. However, as esteemed historian



Edward Hallett Carr said in his book "What is History?" that "consciously or unconsciously, [our outlook on history] reflects our own position in time, and forms part of our answer to the broader question, what view we take of the society in which we live." In other words, our outlook on the values of the past will change with the values of the society we live in. However, that doesn't change the fact that the past is still the past, whether we decide to forget it or not.

There's no denying that slavery and the Confederacy is a part of the history of the United States. Now we may want to destroy monuments that glorify men who valued discrimination and the racial hierarchy, but there was a time where those values were widespread and considered normal. Revered men such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were even slave owners and used the racial hierarchy to benefit themselves. And now people are asking themselves whether we should take down their statues as well.

We shouldn't try to forget that values like white supremacy were widespread, even if we don't agree with it now. That being said, having those monuments in public isn't acceptable, because it glorifies men who embody values that the United States government doesn't identify with anymore. Therefore, because the monuments are a piece of the tumultuous history that the United States has, we should not destroy them. However, we shouldn't keep them in public areas.

According to the *New York Times*, a descendant of the cousin of Robert E. Lee suggested that the Confederate statues should be moved "somewhere for a cooling-off period...[then] put on display at history museums." I think his suggestion about putting them on display in a museum is not a bad idea. Although some may argue that putting a statue in a museum may glorify it as much as keeping it in a public setting would, one should keep in mind that museums are around for the purpose of learning. If the Confederate monuments are put on display in museums and explained fully, then they can serve as educational, in order to show how far we've come. One could do so easily in a museum, by giving background on the statue and clearly explaining that the values of the United States has changed since then.

The monuments not only serve educational purposes, but also serve as reminders to ourselves and others around the world that the United States owns up to what they have done in the past and to show everyone that we don't forget where we came from and that from here, we only plan on going forward.

## Who's to Blame for Charlottesville?

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Guest Contributor

As the nation mourns the aftermath of Charlottesville, President Donald Trump has yet again become the subject of criticism by Democrats and Republicans alike. The media, politicians and everyday people have condemned the comments Trump made after the violence in Charlottesville.

The anger that followed Trump's comments on the attack were regarding

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his statement that "both sides" are to blame. Many wanted the President to hold the "alt-right" solely accountable for the totality of the chaos. There is no doubt that the racist protesters were more at fault; many brought guns and shields to the rally, preparing for violence at an event that should have been peaceful. While the white supremacists who injured unarmed protesters and killed a woman should be brought to justice, it is his proven to be necessary to condemn both sides.

There should be no argument that

the "alt-left," as Trump says, should take some responsibility for what unfolded in Charlottesville. Alt-left protesters also engaged in violence, escalating what was already a tense situation. Videos have surfaced of both the opposing groups attacking each other without provocation. Instead of responding to violence with peaceful protest, both sides fought until a young woman died.

Public opinion does not always fall in line with the message that a President conveys. On the campaign trail, candidate Trump created a media circus and stirred much controversy, making seemingly off-the-cuff, outrageous and largely ignorant comments in an effort to appeal to voters. This conduct stands in comparison to President Trump, who may very well believe that the KKK and neo-Nazis are more to blame for the violence in Charlottesville, but made a conscious, deliberate decision not to put either group on a "moral plane."

Even though Trump's comments led to public outrage, he said what needed to be addressed. In the instance of Charlottesville, there were multiple parties at fault. And although it has harmed his reputation in the past, the president's lack of care for popular opinion and being politically correct led him to make the right choice.

If President Trump had failed to hold both sides accountable for the violence in Charlottesville, one side would have felt as though they had been given a "get out

of jail free" card. In fact, such a scenario played out after Trump made the mistake of not specifically calling out the KKK and neo-Nazis for the chaos in Charlottesville. Trump's failure to denounce these hate groups received righteous criticism, especially because of its effect on group members. After President Trump's comments, infamous white supremacist David Duke declared "victory" and even thanked the president for his statement. Only in a subsequent set of remarks did President Trump condemn the KKK and neo-Nazis for the attack.

We live in a country where political polarization increases with each passing year. The Republican and Democratic parties have shown that they have the inability to work together in Congress. Our current president was elected largely by a demographic that was angry at the establishment. The underlying cause of the violence in Charlottesville is not Confederate statues; it is each side's deep-rooted distrust and fear of the other. In order to re-direct the dangerous path of our country, it will be necessary for President Trump to condemn both sides without letting either one off the hook.

Instead of widening the divide by responding to Trump's statement with fury, we need to consider how we can begin to eliminate distrust and fear. By thinking before we react and looking at the culpability of both sides through a realistic, unbiased lens, I believe we can work toward uniting as a nation.

## The Misogyny of India

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Guest Contributor

India has a diverse and beautiful culture. However, this image has been tainted by horrific crimes, especially rape, committed against Indian women. A woman is raped every 20 minutes in India. And it's no surprise that approximately four out of five women have experienced some form of harassment or violence in public. 32 percent of rape victims are minors, and marital rape isn't even recognized as a crime in India. Over 90 percent of these cases go unreported mainly due to being threatened by the rapist, a lack of money for the judicial process and because women fear being subjected to victim blaming from their community. The plight of women is constantly a subject of national news, and officials and politicians are grappling to find a solution to the crisis.

"A decent girl won't roam around at nine o'clock at night... Housework and housekeeping is for girls, not roaming in discos and bars at night doing wrong things, wearing wrong clothes," Mukesh Singh said without any remorse in the documentary (that's banned in India) "India's Daughter." Singh was one of the five convicted rapists in the infamous 2012 Delhi rape case. His lawyer, Manohar Lal Sharma, went on to say, "Until today I have not seen a single incident or example of rape with a respected lady." A lawyer defending another one of the rapists said that he would "put petrol on her and set her alight" if his daughter or sister participated in premarital activities. Unfortunately, these disgusting comments aren't disavowed by a large portion of the Indian community. In fact, they are propagated and spread by influential political party leaders. From a leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (one of India's two main political parties) saying that rape is "sometimes right and sometimes wrong" to the West Bengal Chief Minister saying that "Rapes happen because men and women interact freely," the moral character of the female victim is constantly put into question. To them, the only woman worth respecting wears traditional Indian clothing, bears and raises children, stays at home and obeys her husband. Women who don't follow this model are cheap and easy, and are partially at fault for being in the presence of an unknown male.

But victim blaming can only go so far before the Indian public needs a more substantial excuse. Officials turn to blaming "Westernization" for corrupting the minds of Indian youth. When hundreds of women were molested on New Year's in Bangalore, the Karnataka Home Minister blamed youth who "copy westerners not only in mindset but even in their dressing." He concluded by saying that "these kinds of things happen" on New Year's Eve and Christmas.

Abu Azmi, a leader of the Samajwadi Party, also cited Western culture as a negative influence. "Partying late night in half-attire, blindly following western culture, has never been our culture," he said. "As far as the Bangalore molestation is concerned, women and their guardians must also take precautions and remember that security starts at home." The words "women and their guardians" make India seem like a third world Saudi Arabia. And why should security start at home when 1,500 police officers were on duty that night?

There have been countless other instances of politicians shifting the blame, such as the leader of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Party citing Valentine's day as a driving force behind rape and the false claim that rapes only happen in cities where women wear fewer articles of clothing. These people talk as if the West plagued India with the dowry system and as if the West taught Indian men like them to view women as objects to safeguard and discard at will. They talk as if the West exposed India to child marriage to the extent that 42 percent of girls are married before they're 18. The Indian public is missing what instigates sex offenders: the blatant disrespect of women in Indian culture.

Millions of girls have been aborted in India due to a partiality for boys, leading to a skewed sex ratio. From the day a girl is born to the day she dies, her life is strictly controlled. Her independence is limited in comparison to her brothers', and when there's a shortage of money, the boy nearly always receives preference to receive an education. Daughters are seen as an expensive burden parents pay duty to get rid of while sons are seen as providers and achievers. Whenever a woman does something wrong it reflects on the family while men can do anything and not be questioned. When a society undervalues females to this extent, victim blaming isn't met with the outrage it should be; rather it's subtly accepted by Indian families. The same goes for Westernization. The results are earlier curfews, stricter dressing rules and less excursions for women, instead of teaching men not to rape.

Unless the cancerous mentality that lurks in India's mind is eradicated, then sex crimes won't decrease. Unfortunately, political figures choose to bank off of underlying, misogynistic morals that the Indian public has so they don't have to do anything about the issue while they're in office. However, educated Indian youth is diverging from these patriarchal ideas. The number rapes actually being reported has increased by 277 percent from 2012, and more women than ever are topping exams. While most kids are raised to see the hypocrisy of others, the Indian youth must see through hypocrisy of their own.

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## Boys' Soccer Optimistic after Scrimmages

By ASHLEY LIN  
Staff Writer

Rain pours onto the soccer field. The Exeter boys' varsity soccer team, led by co-captains Jack Baker, Silas Lane and Dolapo Adedokun, makes the hour-long journey to both the Brooks School and Belmont Hill for this season's first few scrimmages.

After three hard-fought games on Friday and Saturday, the boys came away with two ties against Brooks (1-1) and Belmont Hill (0-0), as well as a loss against the Buckingham Browne and Nichols School (0-1).

As the scores in each game show, the team's defense was solid, made up of post-graduates Christian Glover, Tiago Schwartz, Arian Pilja and co-captain Baker. Lower Jamie Lowell played a key role in net, which helped the team succeed on the defensive side.

One of the main challenges that the team faced in these games was getting the ball to the back of the net. Upper Nick Tilson noted that the team had many chances to score, but did not. However, Tilson looked on the bright side, and was optimistic in saying that, "at least the chances were there."

Complementary to Tilson's positive attitude was co-captain Silas Lane's bright outlook for the season. Lane noted that the team's ability to win games was present, and just needed some mental toughness to lead the deal.

Upper Jonah Johnson agreed that the team would need to improve its mentality, suggesting that consistent focus during the course of season would be essential in the journey to playoffs. He remembered that, "Oftentimes last year there was a lack of passion and focus and our goal this year is to keep that passion and focus high."



Postgraduate Tiago Schwartz dribbles down the field.

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The team's strategy for the season this year is very different from recent years. In previous years, the team has relied on their size advantage to defeat their opponents. Both Adedokun and Johnson observed that this year, the team is physically smaller, resulting in a more technical approach to game.

"I think our strength will lie in clean build up play from the back along with

quick switches of the field," Adedokun said. "We can move the ball around well, and we can possess around our opponents."

With a few "warm-up" games to kick off the season, the boys are confident that by spending more time on the field together, they will be in optimal shape for future games. "The talent is there individually, but we just need a bit of time

for the whole team to really gel," Tilson commented.

This year, like every other year, the boys have one goal and one goal only: to make it to the NEPSAC tournament. "We are a team, and we want to win," Adedokun said.

With strong leadership and determination the team will find success this season.

## Volleyball Hopes to Reclaim its Throne

By MADISON KANG  
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At the end of every practice, Exeter's varsity girls' volleyball team circles up in a ring of flushed faces and disheveled ponytails, and cheers "Get better!" Even with multiple New England championship titles under its belt, getting better is just what Big Red's volleyball team is doing as it prepares for its 2017-18 season.

The team has been priming its technique and developing reciprocity even before the start of school; at a five-day prep camp in Maine, where the girls practiced twice a day and participated in team bonding activities like scavenger hunts and goal-setting sessions; and during three days of preseason, where they drilled fundamental skills like passing, setting, hitting and blocking. The team also simulated competition strategy by playing "fours," a controlled version of a scrimmage.

Many players felt that prep camp and preseason bolstered their team's camaraderie. "Preseason was the perfect way to start off the season," upper Sophie Faliero said. "It allowed for the team to grow closer than it's been in past years and generally helped lift the dynamic of the team."

Upper Tara Weil agreed, saying that the team came out of the vigorous program "stronger than it was going into it."

With thirteen veteran varsity players, a majority of this year's team has had at least one year of experience training and competing together. Weil believes the seasoned veterans' know-how combined with the new, younger players' potential will lead to a "super" season.

"We are very strong because of the returning players," she said. "And the new people are super quick learners. They are getting into the groove of the team, how we work, really well."



Senior Molly O'Day prepares to spike the ball.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

Prep Brody Faliero commended seniors and captains Margaret Kraus and Charlotte Polk for their leadership on the court thus far. "Our captains are so positive," she said. "Charlotte is always screaming her voice out and Margaret pulls me aside to tell me I'm doing a great job."

"It's rewarding to see girls coming into practice focused and determined

to do the best they can. When we reach peak energy, we are unstoppable," said Kraus. "There's a lot of talent on the team this year, so we want to build good habits and relationships from the beginning to harness everything each girl has to offer."

As for the team's goals for the season, the girls have their hopes set on another New England championship. In order to accomplish this, they are

each focusing on developing individual dexterity, but more importantly, fostering group chemistry for a cohesive and coordinated system during games.

"We are working on being the strongest team on the court, rather than talented players that happen to be together," said Weil. "I'm really excited for the season and I hope everyone else is, too."

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: WYATT FOSTER

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As Exeter's opponents attempt to charge up the field toward the end zone, they are blocked by Big Red's last line of defense, safety Wyatt Foster, who tackles the players and prevents them from scoring.

Foster, a senior, plays for Big Red's varsity football team, a position he earned after years of hard work. He began playing football in first grade for the Nor-Rock Vikings. Even at this young age, Foster chose to play full-contact football over flag football.

He kept his commitment to the sport throughout elementary and middle school into high school. "When I came to Exeter, just like any athlete, I decided to continue playing my childhood sport through high school," he said.

However, Foster faced challenges in his high school career, and has had to persevere through a great number of injuries. He has suffered from a hurt back, shoulder, several broken fingers and injuries to his knees and groin. In his prep year, he had an avulsion fracture in his right hip that kept him on the sideline for a portion of the season, so that he could recover.

He was able to heal from this injury and became an important asset to the team by his lower year. After gaining practice and experience, in his upper year Foster was able to lead the team through a challenging season by getting the most tackles on the team.

Foster cites one of the challenges in leading the team in tackles as the difference in size between him and players he is pitted against. "Being that I am not built like a stereotypical football player, I have had to make up for the size differential in other ways like just flat out out-working my opponents," Foster said.

Lower Josh Riddick praised Foster



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for the skill he demonstrates on the football field. "Wyatt flies all over the field at safety and is one of our key veteran returners on varsity," he said.

"He's aggressive and doesn't back down from any opponent." Lower Brett Pullman also applauded Foster for "always giving 110%." "He's willing to throw his body full speed into an opponent who's running right at him," Pullman added.

Despite the challenges he has faced in his athletic career, Foster has fond memories of his years playing football.

His favorite memory is from fifth grade, when he played both middle linebacker and safety. Foster's team was in the semi-finals of the state championship when their adversary was a team that had not lost a game in three years. In spite of Foster and his team's hard fight

to win, they lost with eight points to its opponent's thirteen. Foster said about the game, "I was crushed, but that was the best memory of football [from my] childhood."

Although his favorite memory was from his team in middle school, Foster also values playing football at Exeter. He said, "[The] best part is by far the culture of the team; we are so close as a team, and it is not cliquy at all, which is awesome." Foster added that the team stood out to him as special because of the camaraderie among members. "I've never been on a team where I have felt as close to kids before; it's true brotherhood," Foster said.

Riddick recalled a fond memory of Foster being a supportive teammate. Riddick explained that during his freshman year, he felt extremely nervous for his first varsity game. However, Riddick recalled talking to Foster, who helped calm his nerves. "His positivity and demeanor draws everyone towards him. He's a tremendous leader and great guy," Riddick added.

Known for his infectious smile, his teammates praise Foster for his upbeat and friendly personality. Pullman described Foster as the "cool older brother" especially for the younger members of the team. "If we had a couple more Wyatts on campus, this place would be the happiest place ever," Pullman said.

As the captain of this large team, Foster holds a lot of responsibility and duties. Riddick applauded the senior for the attitude he brings to the team. "[Foster] leads with positivity, energy and holds players of all ages accountable," Riddick said. "He pushes everyone to be at their best on and off the field which makes us all better."

Senior Hans Fotta added that Foster masters the balance of having fun and being focused for the team. "Wyatt brings a light-hearted atmosphere to the team, but also commands respect during times when focus is highly necessary," Fotta said.

## Girls' XC Stronger after Preseason 2016 Interschols Champions Hope To Dominate Again



Upper Ashley Lin strides to the finish line.

Chiara Perrotti Correa/The Exonian

By JOHN BECKERLE  
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Coming off of a first place win at Interschols last fall, the girls' cross-country team will be looking to defend their title. Led by captains and seniors Jo de La Bruyere and Sara Kopunova, the team will have to prove themselves throughout a rigorous schedule in the upcoming season.

Kopunova expressed excitement for the start of the season. "The team looks amazing. We have a lot of old runners who have improved significantly over the summer filling out the spots of the seniors who left us," she said.

"Although I know we all miss the seniors very much, it's been great for us to

step up and bond together to be as strong and fast as possible in their absence," upper Grace Gray said, adding that she is hopeful about the team's season.

She continued, saying that preseason fostered a great atmosphere for the team to prepare for coming races. "It was a perfect time to become closer with my teammates and work hard with them to start off a great season! The days of preseason were by far the best of my summer."

Upper Hanna Pak also enjoyed preseason was incredible. "Everyone loved the navy SEAL training and we really bonded over preseason."

Kopunova enjoyed the team's earlier start. "Preseason was super difficult as coach combined hard training with lifting, but it was also an amazing team

bonding activity, and it reminded us how much we all love each other and the sport," she said.

From what Pak saw during preseason, she thinks the team could be as strong as last year. "I think we are [going to] get really good. Everyone is super motivated by our win last year, and everyone is prepared to work hard," she said.

Kopunova agreed with Pak's sentiment. "We all know how well and quickly we respond to training, so I have no doubt that we will all improve by the end of the season and have a lot of new people step up as well," Kopunova said.

The team's first meet this year will be at Choate Rosemary Hall on Sept. 16. Coincidentally, Interschols will also be held at Choate at the end of their season. "We are excited to test the course out this

Saturday, and then give all we have at the end of the season," Kopunova said.

The team will also host two meets in Exeter this year. Gray hopes to draw an audience to its home competitions. "I know we would love to see some fellow Exie friends at our two home meets this season," she said.

Gray continued, "I'm hoping we'll have a very strong season and continue to come together throughout the fall for another strong finish at Interschols."

With great leadership and a heightened awareness of its overall goals for the season, Big Red girls' varsity cross country team will find success in many races to come. For the girls it comes down to hard work in practice, trusting one another on the course and executing on race day.



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## Navy SEAL Trains Big Red Teams

By BELLA ALVAREZ  
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During pre-season training on campus, all varsity fall sports teams participated in a program called Stonewall Solutions, a leadership training and workout plan headed by former Navy SEAL and Division I athlete, Jason Kuhn. He gave an inspirational talk on Sunday, September 3, and led team workouts on Monday.

According to his website, Kuhn played baseball for the MTSU team and joined the Navy after the attacks on September 11, 2001. With a Master's Degree in Global Leadership, Kuhn trains a wide range of clients, from high school athletes to CEOs of business firms. The Stonewall Solutions program is based on competitive exercises to help strengthen team cohesiveness, as well as a focus on improving individual performance and mental control.

Upper Neil Daily, a member of Exeter's varsity football team, thought that the entire event aligned well with his team's core values. "He told us that our body can go a lot further than our mind and that we have to overcome adversity," Daily said. "He stressed that we shouldn't go internal with our worries and concerns, and that we had to have a 'team first' mentality." He particularly enjoyed when Kuhn talked about how if one player stopped a workout, it not only affects that one player, but the entire team.

Varsity football player Upper Michael Indelicato also cited this as a particularly strong point of Kuhn's talk. "During practice, when we do conditioning, the moment you start focusing on yourself and go internal, everything gets hard," he said. "But I remember what the Navy SEAL guy said: to think about your teammates. When you remember that everyone else is going through the same thing and you try to get through it together, it all gets easier and just isn't as hard or painful anymore. And the switch is that quick, just like that."

Varsity soccer player and upper Garrett Kimball thoroughly enjoyed the workout plan taught by Kuhn. "The workshop was really great for team bonding," he said.



The boys' soccer team huddled together on the pitch.

Chiara Perotti Correa/The Exonian

"It was just a series of different workouts and exercises that focused on teamwork." Kimball cited an exercise where the soccer team arranged themselves in a line to do pushups and rested their feet on the shoulders of a teammate in front of them. "The point of the exercise was that if one person didn't pull their own weight, the whole team wouldn't be able to complete it."

Upper Hannah Brown, a member of the girl's junior varsity soccer team, enjoyed the surge in team chemistry, something she noted not only in her own team but in the other various sports

participating in Kuhn's program. "It was very inspiring to see all of the girls' teams come together and be there for each other during the workouts," she said. "Cheering each other on played a big part towards everyone's morale and makes a lot more of a difference than you would think."

Girls' varsity volleyball player Lizzy MacBride took away from the talk exactly what Kuhn envisioned and hoped that all the athletes would: the importance of teamwork. "Sometimes I try to do stuff on my own and obviously, that just doesn't work," she said. The workout plan as com-

pared to what the strength and conditioning trainers at Exeter put teams through, was quite different and challenging in different ways. Athletes saw that they were capable of a whole lot more. MacBride continued, saying, "It helped me find my limit and the extent to which I can push my body, especially in doing new things."

The message Kuhn left behind resonated with Big Red's athletes and aligned well with the mission of the athletic program. It was and is a message that will help every athlete who attended as they face the challenges of their seasons.

## Field Hockey Sets the Tone for Strong Season Beats Nobles 1-0, Ties Lawrence at Jamboree

By SARAH RYU  
Staff Writer

This weekend, the varsity field hockey team showed a crowd-pleasing performance during the jamboree at Hatch Field. Despite the autumn rain, both the team and the bystanders were fired up as PEA beat Nobles and Greenough 1-0 and tied Lawrence Academy 0-0. The victory against Nobles is encouraging since PEA lost against the team last year during the regular season. This jamboree afternoon was spent showing visiting teams from schools such as Pingree and Brooks that Big Red would be a formidable opponent in the upcoming season.

The results of the jamboree were quite uncertain before the start of school, as many new members joined the varsity field hockey team this year. However, during the jamboree, the new sophomores and juniors displayed a strong and consistent effort throughout the grueling 30-minute games, not wavering in the final minutes. The team used the jamboree games to test out its athletic abilities and will probably continue to show its vigorous and fast-paced energy in future games.

After the game, co-captain upper Hannah Littlewood praised the strong points of the team, such as "working together and communicating on the field and working hard throughout the whole game, giving it our best effort." Teamwork was crucial in these first two games as one of the main concerns for the team was whether the new and returning members could work well together and find their rhythm. These worries quickly dissipated once the team got out onto the field, showing impressive passing com-

binations and exciting plays. After showing such great harmony this early on, the team is only expected to improve its coordination and communication as the season progresses.

Upper Gracie Goodwin attributes the success of the team to the preparation that was made beforehand. "We've been working really hard in practice and really coming together as a team so that helped us perform well. We also have a really great collective energy," she said about the work ethic of the team and everyone's determination to make this season a memorable one. This determination was especially visible during the huddle of the second game, as Goodwin and the other players showed a fiery enthusiasm that could be felt even from the sidelines.

The strong performance of Big Red during jamboree does not discount the performance of any of the other teams that participated. In fact, Lawrence Academy posed a significant challenge during its game against Exeter, almost scoring on several occasions. The defense of Exeter's varsity team shone through during jamboree, with many exceptional plays. To complement the strong defense, Littlewood also hopes to "improve the accuracy of some passes and get into better positions to receive the ball." Exeter has a rewarding season ahead of it if it can improve its offense to match its defense.

In the upcoming week, Exeter plays against Groton School and Milton Academy, both in home games. After showing such positive results at the jamboree, the field hockey team has set high expectations for future matches against schools such as Deerfield and North Field Mount Hermon. As the regular season kicks off, Big Red can look forward to some exhilarating field



An Exeter field hockey player sprints for the ball.

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#### Boys' Soccer



Chiara Perotti Correa/The Exonian

Big Red's varsity soccer team has had a strong start to its 2017 season. Find out more about boys' soccer on 10.

#### Athlete of the Week



Chiara Perotti Correa/The Exonian

Senior Wyatt Foster led the football team in tackles last season. Now he's the captain. Read more on 11.

#### Girls' Cross Country



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Girls' XC is training hard for its first race, the Chate Invitational, coming up next week. Find out more on 11.

#### SATURDAY GAMES:

Field Hockey	Home	2:00 pm
Volleyball	Home	2:00 pm
Water Polo	Away	2:45 pm
Boys' Soccer	Away	3:45 pm
Girls' Soccer	Away	3:45 pm
Football	Home	3:00 pm
Boys' XC	Away	TBD
Girls' XC	Away	TBD