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Arthur Peekel Pleads Guilty In Court Case

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and SAMANTHA WEIL
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Former Exeter Admissions Officer Arthur Peekel pled guilty to a charge of sexual assault in the Rockingham County Court last Friday, after victim Lawrence Jenkens '77 came forward with allegations of abuse dating back to the 70s.

In 1973, when Jenkens was 14, he spent two nights on the Exeter Campus as a prospective student. He spent the second night with Peekel and was sexually harassed by the former admissions officer. Jenkens said he "spoke up about this incident immediately after it happened and again in the early 1990s when [he] wrote about it to Principal Emerita O'Donnell." However, the administration allowed Peekel to finish the school year before being dismissed and quietly relocating, with no consequences. After these events occurred, he was named Illinois Teacher of the Year twice in a row.

At court last week, with the support of his wife, brother and classmates, Jenkens recounted his experience to the judge. To him, Peekel's confession came as a surprise—"Hearing him say he was guilty was something I never expected would happen. In that sense it was a vindication," Jenkens said. Though the process was difficult for Jenkens to go through, he was pleased "to have a chance to speak."

After making his story public, Jenkens heard stories from other men who had been molested by Peekel as early as 1965. He also expressed doubt about the sincerity of Peekel's remorse, saying, "I'm not sure he truly believes he is guilty because pedophiles often don't believe they've done anything wrong."

Even though he had not officially
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Exeter's male a capella group Exeteras performed in the Bowl.

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Exeter Struggles to Retain Faculty of Color

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The Afro-Latino Exonian Society (ALES) proposal submitted to the administration last term highlighted the need for increased inclusivity and the importance of hiring and retaining faculty of color. ALES is concerned about the community's lack of attention to the racial makeup of the student body and the faculty. Despite their many initiatives in recent years to increase diversity, the administration has struggled to retain faculty of color for long periods of time.

The administration has previously established programs to attract faculty of color to campus, such as the Dissertation Fellowship Program, which will not continue next year due to lack of fund-

ing. However, Exeter continues to hire interns of color. Though they are hired for one year only, interns teach classes and live in dorms, and are considered part of the faculty. Despite these efforts, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs intern Michelle Irukera said, "there's still a lot of work to be done."

According to English intern and PEA alum Wei-Ling Woo, the department has held discussions regarding faculty diversity. "There is awareness in the English department that we need more diverse faculty," she said. "I know just personally as a faculty of color I would like to see an increase of diversity."

According to Mathematics Instructor Sami Atif, the efforts to diversify faculty were interrupted during the transition from former Principal Tom

Hassan to Principal Lisa MacFarlane; a student-written document outlining the demands around this issue was not passed down from the former administration to MacFarlane's.

Changing how the Academy hires its faculty will require a fundamental restructuring of a fairly large and complex system. The hiring process at Exeter currently involves input from staff in several different offices, including Human Resources, the Dean of Faculty and department-specific "hiring committees" chaired by department heads. Atif, who is also a faculty advisor of ALES, said the departmentalized nature of the process means that it is at the discretion of the departments determine how much to

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Downsides of Exeter Dorm Teas Discussed

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As the sun comes out, the grass turns green and the trees begin to flower, Exeter's annual dorm tea season commences and Exonians dress up in colorful floral dresses, pastel shorts and dapper blazers, crowding the Exeter quads to celebrate the end of another school year with their dorm mates and friends.

Every spring, with only a couple weeks of school left, several dorms host "teas" or relaxed parties that allow dorm members to invite dates, dress up, take photographs, eat hor d'oeuvres, play games and unwind on a Sunday afternoon.

Though many students love these annual activities, some may feel pressured to find dates. "I definitely feel like there is a pressure to bring a date, more in girls' dorms than guys' dorms," upper and Dunbar proctor Chloe Scocimara said. "Guys are fine with 'oh yeah, bromance!' but girls are more thinking 'I need to bring a date, and they need to be hot.'"

Senior and proctor in Langdell Hall Alison Dowski echoed Scocimara's sentiment, saying that she has seen this pressure in action, but that it may be lessening over time. "I guess the only thing I dislike about tea is I think there's a lot of pressure to actually bring a date," she said. "I think this is getting better as we enforce the fact that you don't actually need to be interested in the person you're going with, and it's not

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Chris Graves '77 Returns to Give Assembly

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Christopher Graves '77 delivered a humorous and educational assembly on Friday, May 12. As the president and founder of the Ogilvy Center for Behavioral Science, Graves largely attributes his success to his time at Exeter and his experience at the Harkness table.

Graves came to Phillips Exeter in 1973 on a scholarship. "I grew up in the ghetto, in low income projects," he explained. "I was really rescued by [the] scholarship, because honestly, in a parallel universe, I don't know what would have happened." According to Graves, the project had to be torn down because of its poor conditions. "I grew up in a really rough and bad area and was catapulted into Exeter where people didn't care what my income background was," he said.

Graves appreciated the fact that many Exonians did not pry into his financial aid status, as this allowed him to focus on the academic aspects of the school. "What helped me for the rest of my life was developing a really aggressive curiosity," Graves said. "A big part of that was living at the Harkness table."

After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1977, Graves attended Wesleyan University, where he studied film. The American Film Institute honored one of his short films in college, encouraging Graves to continue his pursuit of film. After graduation, however, Graves joined the news industry, which he continued in for around 20 years, although his true passion remained film



Chris Graves '77 delivered an engaging assembly last Friday on the power of narrative.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

Currently, Graves works for Ogilvy and Mather, which is one of the largest, oldest advertising communications companies. "It's in the series, Mad Men; it's the one they constantly are jealous of," Graves said. "I was CEO in Asia, and then CEO for Ogilvy Public Relations in Asia and then Global CEO and then Global Chairman."

While he did not receive a formal education in biology or science, Graves became passionate about behavioral science later on in life, like a "good Harkness student," he said. As an advertising CEO, he was concerned about the lack of scientific research on influencing commercial consumers. "I started doing a deep dive and what I discovered was a giant gap that the world of public relations and advertising [had]: while they used research, they didn't really look at or understand behavioral science," Graves said. He defined behavioral science as behavioral economics, social psychology, evolutionary biology, cognitive neuroscience and narrative theory.

While previous "common sense" advertising principles said that consumers who are introduced to new evidence can

change their minds, Graves found that behavioral science proved otherwise. "The science shows that when someone holds a belief, and you show them evidence that they may be wrong, the evidence backfires; it makes the person possibly angry, and certainly they dig in, but it doesn't suddenly make them change their mind," he said.

Graves was excited to apply this science in order to make his advertising firm more effective in their efforts, using the technique of narrative transportation. "If you look at another sliver of behavioral science related to storytelling, called narrative transportation, you can learn how to change somebody's mind through narrative and by triggering something called mirror neurons which go back to the primal roots of our brains," he said.

Upper Greg Miller, who attended the luncheon, praised Graves for his intellect and his willingness to explore his passions. "He's smart, [he] really knows his stuff, and he does a lot of research," Miller said. "I was actually kind

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With Dorm Tea Season Come Pleasures, Pressures for Students

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a very big deal to go with just a friend."

For others, there is more than one pressure at play. In the opinion of upper Vinny Kurup, the boys who are asking girls may feel insecure, and the girls may also feel insecure about saying no. For him, each and every situation is different, but can be resolved if the parties involved are as cordial as possible.

"I think as long as that's done respectfully in both situations... As long as the guy isn't going into the situation a hundred percent expecting it, and as long as the girl won't go into it thinking she'll be brutally mean to the guy, I personally think it's fine," he said.

Students also face the potential predicament of how to dress: some have felt the pressure to spend lots of money on outfits. When Dowski was a prep, she felt expected to buy a new dress for the affair. "I think definitely in my prep year, I thought I had to buy a dress for the occasion, and had to have it look nice and all of that, but as I've gone through the years I realized I can just go to a friend and take a dress from them for the day," she said.

Like Dowski, many tea-goers have learned over the years that borrowing an outfit is the easiest way to wear something new at the event. "The nice thing about being in boarding school is you can just borrow a dress from any of your friends, because someone is bound to have one. I don't think there is a pressure to buy a dress," Scocimara said.

Prep Sophia Chang added that many of her friends use tea season as a good justification for buying something

new. "I think for most of my friends there isn't that big of a pressure," she said. "But I do know some people who feel like they should buy a nice dress for the occasion."

Lower Tara Weil feels that the culture surrounding dorm teas emphasizes photography of the event too much and genuine interaction between guests too little. "Everyone buys all these new tea dresses for a reason: the photograph opportunity. People are so busy trying to take good pictures to post on social media, update profiles or send to their relatives that they don't actually talk with each other," she said. "I have all these pictures of last year's Bancroft Tea, but I don't really remember what happened at the tea besides trying to capture these mementoes of the tea."

When the occasion finally comes around, much of the date and dress pressures are forgotten. Each tea has a theme, and new dorm proctors step up to organize decoration, set out an assortment of food, oversee the details of the event and send out invitations to the guests.

Upper Vivi Kraus, a new proctor in Bancroft Hall, is excited to plan for Bancroft's beach-themed tea and hopes that the preparation for the tea will be as much of a dorm bonding experience as the tea itself.

"There's a lot to do behind-the-scenes in order to set up teas, like coming up with decor ideas, buying supplies and ingredients and sending out personal invites for plus ones' P.O. boxes," she said. "I'm really looking forward to see the work pay off. Crofettes are required to work a shift to either prepare or clean up the event, which I think will



Hoyt seniors pose for a picture at Hoyt Tea last Sunday, May 14.

Courtesy of Sydney Lamb

be an opportunity for us to talk and catch up with each other."

However, Kraus is concerned that the dorm's allotted budget for hosting the tea is too small to meet her planned expenses. "I don't think there's enough money to pay for all that I want the tea to be," she said. "I will definitely have to spend some of my own money, but I think it will be worth it if the event can

be fun and memorable."

Prep Audrey Vanderslice enjoyed her first tea experience at Wheelwright Tea a couple of weeks ago. "My favorite part of Exeter is the people, and the thing I like the most about my dorm is the people, and so teas are a time to spend with all of them, and whoever was invited by them," she said. "I thought it was really fun to be able to do that."

Academy's Efforts to Attract and Retain Faculty of Color Examined

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prioritize to varying the applicant pool. "There is no person on this campus whose number one job is to actually seek out diverse candidates and seek out retention," Atif said. Until the notion that faculty diversity is an absolute necessity spreads "through all constituencies," the same issue will continue to come up year after year, he said.

In addition, some teachers feel that the Academy's faculty searches are not extensive enough. According to Atif, the school has not contacted "organizations that have international connections," even nation-wide searches are still not a reality yet. "There is a wealth of talent out there in the world," he said. For some people, Exeter's "brand name" is not enough to convince them to devote their career and personal life to the Academy, unless they feel this is a place where they can thrive.

"Exeter is a small town in a rural state, which makes it harder to attract and retain minority faculties [...] the lack of social outlet is constantly present," History Instructor Kwasi Boadi said.

Faculty of color have frequently experienced difficulties integrating into the predominantly white adult community on campus, in both the town of Exeter and the state of New Hampshire as a whole. "Faculty of color often feel inconsequential at the Academy, as their voices go unheard, and their needs unmet," Dean of Multicultural Affairs Rosanna Salcedo said. "It is easy to feel isolated and undervalued here." In a similar vein, intern Michelle Irukera described how she feels unsafe walking alone in the evening in the town of Exeter. "I'm fairly used to living in majority

white communities and have done so for the past seven years now, but it still comes with its challenges and difficulties," she said.

Furthermore, faculty of color frequently feel the need to "universalize" their experiences for people who do not understand their culture. "As a collective entity, we don't really appreciate what each other's identity is [...] there's a dominant culture that forces you to conform to it in order to thrive here," Atif said.

This, in part, contributes to why some faculty of color only stay with Exeter for a few years. Many have identified this as the biggest obstacle to increasing faculty diversity; four-year senior Oreoluwa Solanke said that the problem "is not about hiring faculty of color but mainly about retention." Similarly, "there is awareness in the English department that we need more diverse faculty." Charlotte Polk commented on how she has "seen a lot of faculty of color come and go even in three years." The administration has not yet implemented any policies to solve this problem. "It's not really changed in the long term sense," Polk said.

Instructor of English Courtney Marshall believes that efforts to welcome faculty of color upon their arrival at Exeter will help encourage them to stay. Marshall added that showing faculty that their culture is sustainable and embraced on campus by sharing pieces of information, like where to grocery shop and which salons work well with curly hair, can help faculty of color feel welcome.

Coach Toyin Augustus-Ikwuakor felt similarly on the subject of integrating faculty of color on campus, saying that just as Exonians are given a support

system of people to reach out to, so too should faculty be supported. "We go out of our way to look for ways for them to thrive," she said. "It is this type of ongoing support and attention to needs that would be beneficial to faculty members as well."

Previously, Marshall taught at the University of New Hampshire, where the administration would conduct a "cluster hire" of professors of color to better ensure that their stay be long-term. "They just hire three black women. So you don't just bring in one person, who might feel isolated, you bring in a group," she said.

Many other suggestions have been made by faculty members. Atif suggested an "affirmative action incentive" incorporated into a recruitment process. Irukera echoed Atif's idea of deliberate recruiting, adding that "Exeter can put some of its expansive resources" to advance the process.

Salcedo believes in taking initial steps before action by delving into the history of the school. "I believe institutions like Exeter have to examine their history of white supremacy to begin to understand what it might feel like to be a person of color in this environment," she said. "To be a truly pluralistic and inclusive society, the dominant culture needs to face its historical past, identify and challenge institutional forms of racism and white supremacy."

According to Augustus-Ikwuakor, the administration is currently working to hire professionals like the Director of Community Equity and Diversity to address the issue. "The candidates have been on campus for interviewing and I'm hopeful that they can help keep us on track with innovative ideas and training," she said. "As a community we should stick up for each other as advocates." Toyin also emphasized that this issue needs attention for a solution to arise. "We can't just have an 'open door policy,'" she said.

Senior Kelvin Green compared bringing in faculty of color to Exeter's last transition in 1970—the decision to allow for female Exonians, and therefore recruit female teachers. "It makes sense," he said. Solanke agreed, saying, "If we have youth from every corner we should push to have faculty from every corner as well."

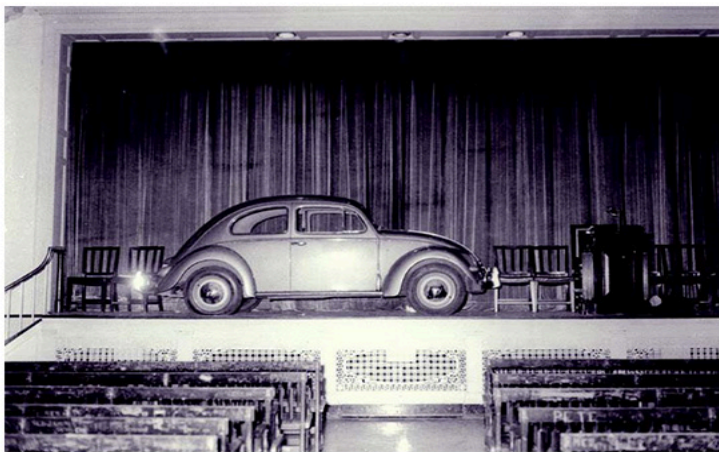
According to Atif, although the Academy defines itself as an inclusive institution, many members still do not comprehend the value of having a diverse faculty body. "Right now it seems superficial to some, important to others and somewhere in the middle for most faculty," he said. He went on to stress that students "across the spectrum" benefit from interacting with adults from different backgrounds.

Boadi echoed these sentiments, saying, "Not only does faculty diversity give some comfort for minority students to see faculty like them, it also provides a cosmopolitan outlook for the other students." According to Boadi, the wealth of experiences brought by such instructors also enriches students' curriculum.

Many feel that having more adult figures who share similar cultural backgrounds also benefits students of color on campus. "It is important to see role models in a variety of bodies [...] so we don't assume that a teacher or a professor looks one way," English instructor Courtney Marshall said. Similarly, Green said that students of color need more role models to bolster their confidence and self-esteem. "A white student would never have to question, 'can I do this?' They see people who look like them in all the fields," he said.

Atif, meanwhile, expressed concern for students who feel they cannot trust the adults on campus, saying, "When I hear students speak about not being safe, about not having adults they can confide in, all this speaks to a lacking, and I think we owe it to ourselves to address it."

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Visiting poet Meg Day read her work at assembly last Tuesday, May 9.

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Lamont Younger Poets Prize Awarded to Four Students

By ROSE HOROWITZ
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Staff Writers

Preps Mai Hoang and Ayush Noori and lowers Bella Alvarez and Miles Mikofsky, this year's winners of the Lamont Younger Poets Prize, shared their work with the Exeter community along with visiting poet Meg Day. The students read their poems to the Exeter community in the Rockefeller Hall of the Class of 1945 Library on Tuesday, May 9.

Each spring, the Lamont Younger Poets Prize honors poems written by underclassmen and encourages budding poets to continue developing their craft. Prize winners share their work at an annual reading, and their poems are printed in chapbooks to remain in the library archives.

English Instructor Todd Hearon, who serves as one of the judges on the Lamont Poetry Committee, said that the prize goes to preps and lowers who have "demonstrated considerable skill in the development of their craft." The committee, he explained, is "looking for students who are laying the groundwork formally in ways that demonstrate a serious and potentially longstanding devotion to the art of poetry."

Referencing Southeastern Asian symbols such as the Irrawaddy river, lotus flowers and pipal trees in her piece, "The Lesson," Hoang touched on her experience growing up in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam and the Rohingya refugee crisis, which she had previously researched for an Amnesty International project.

"I wanted to examine the justifications that people use to isolate and victimize other groups and how they are transmitted from generation to generation," Hoang said. "I think the topic of this poem is also the most challenging one I've tried to tackle so far, and it means a lot to me that the judges thought I did it justice."

Hoang had written poetry in both English and her native language, Vietnamese, before she came to Exeter. However, she credited her improvement in writing to her Exeter English instructors, who have given her constructive and personalized feedback throughout the year. "Before Exeter, my English classes at school constituted of boring grammar because I studied English as a second language," she said. "I think my writing has improved so much since then; a big advantage to having one teacher for every twelve kids is that you can conference with your teacher more often and ask them about the specific things you need to work on."

Outside of class, Hoang engages in conversation with other passionate writers and poets, and seeks opportunities beyond campus to publish her work—she submits her writing to various online publications every couple of weeks. "I love writing poetry; it is a kind of emotional catharsis that I resort to when too much is happening in my life. At Exeter, I've tried to find fellow poets, English teachers and other adults who are interested in poetry," she said. "I look for opportunities online. I would say there have been more misses than hits, but you always learn something from a failure."

Noori's poem "The Prime of Life" explored declining neurological and bodily function and was inspired by his grandmother's diagnosis of the rare neurodegenerative disorder progressive supranuclear palsy. "Progressive supranuclear palsy gradually robbed her of her ability to move, communicate, eat and see, all while her mind remained fully sharp and conscious," he said. "I wrote my poem to honor her life and fight [and] to relate the grisly truth of the experience of watching someone you love be trapped in their own skin."

Noori hopes that in his poetry, he will breach stylistic norms and cultivate

a compelling voice of his own. "I would like to hope that I have broken through some stereotypes I had about what proper writing should look like and have moved away from using platitudes in my pieces to more meaningful expression of my ideas," he said. "I felt honored to learn I had won the prize and was really glad to have the opportunity to share my work with the community alongside fellow Exonians."

Alvarez agreed with Noori that winning the prize was especially memorable because she got to share her work with the community and the visiting poet Meg Day alongside the other prize winners. "It was great to see my mom, my friends and my peers in the audience supporting me," Alvarez said. "Meg was also incredibly encouraging and friendly, and she was very helpful beforehand. She encouraged me not to have any nerves."

Alvarez's poem "Childhood" recalled some of her early memories. "I was inspired to write a sort of eulogy to those childhood memories that always seem to escape my grasp," she said. "I collected these fragments of memories I had and compiled them into two categories: ones that I felt had stayed with me and those that seem to ebb and flow from my memory."

She felt honored to have her work preserved in the library. "I really loved getting to have my work published in an archive that includes other notable Lamont poets," she said.

Like Alvarez's piece, Mikofsky's poem "Home" evoked his early memories. Mikofsky said that writing about his childhood "came most naturally and easily" to him. He urged new writers to follow this example and reflect on subjects important to them. "Write what you feel strongly about, or it won't be good," he said.

Following the students' readings, Day read excerpts from her collection of

poetry "Last Psalm at Sea Level" along with some of her unpublished poems. English Instructor Mercy Carbonell, who has arranged for Day to return to campus to speak at next year's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, felt that Day was a strong asset to the poetry reading because of her fresh and relevant voice for Exeter's queer community.

"For the queer students and faculty on campus, having her here and listening to her speak of her art, her life, her poetry was like waiting for a long time for water," she said. "That is healing and activism and the spirit of a 'queer divinity' in motion."

Carbonell also appreciated Day's potent poetic exploration of disability and disidentification, issues rarely discussed on Exeter's campus. "In a culture in which we consider success the act of gaining, of acquiring, of accumulating, Day asked us to consider the nature of the body in pain," Carbonell said. "Day modeled the ways in which kindness is not simply about being nice; kindness is about feeling honored to tell someone a hard truth. She is radical joy and hope and healing."

Many expressed gratitude for the annual Lamont Committee and what it says about the Exeter community. "Each year, by the number and quality of submissions, the contest demonstrates richly that poetry plays a vital role in the cultural life of the academy community," Hearon said.

English Instructor Courtney Marshall added that the competition captures poetry's relevance in everyday life and hopes that it will inspire burgeoning poets to immerse themselves in writing. "Poetry is all around us every day, not just in the books in our libraries, but in the voices of our friends," she said. "I hope the prize encourages those of us who don't identify as poets to read a poem and maybe try writing one ourselves."

Golf Team Bus Rear-Ended by Drunk Driver

By DON ASSAMONGKOL
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The weekend took an unfortunate turn for the girls' golf team as they set out for the annual Pippy O'Connor Independent School Girls' Golf Tournament at Taft. The team of eight and their coach, Robert Bailey, left on Saturday, planning to stay overnight for the tournament on Sunday. An hour into the drive, an unexpected battery shortage forced the team to pull over in the middle of highway I-495 and await the help of Campus Safety; twenty minutes into their wait, an intoxicated driver smashed into the back of their bus, sending the team to the hospital.

Senior and team captain Stella Woo said that the team had fallen asleep in the bus right before being rear-ended. "Our coach yells, 'Heads up, heads up,' so I opened my eyes and there was a giant bang from the back of the car," she said. According to team member and lower Michaela Phan, "there was a lot of smoke so we couldn't see outside very well." She continued, saying, "We stayed inside the car and called 911. When the police and fire department came, we were taken into ambulances."

According to the golfers, the intoxicated driver did not comply with the orders of the police. "The driver of the car was yelling at the police, who told us that the driver was very drunk," Phan said. They had to pin him down and

handcuff him." Woo added that the man refused to breathe through the breathalyzer.

Upper Maria Lee said that some of the golfers hit their heads on the headrest in front of them and other objects lying around, though none of the injuries were too severe. "We were more shocked than physically injured at that point, and we did not know what to do," she said.

After the crash, many of the girls complained of headaches. Since five were minors and could not release themselves without parental permission, protocol dictated that ambulances take them to the nearest hospital, according to the police and accompanying fire marshals on the scene. "We were legally not allowed to refuse medical treatment, and because we had head and chest pains we had to go to the nearest hospital," Lee explained.

Two ambulances drove the girls to the Marlborough Hospital in Massachusetts, and emergency responders took their blood pressure and heart rates on the way. Doctors at the hospital, after repeating these tests and speaking with the girls about their symptoms, concluded that the team faced a variety of minor injuries. The hospital's reports said that six members had "acute head injur[ies]," one had "acute occipital head injury," and the other chest pain. After nearly an hour, the team was discharged from the hospital with a day off from

school and a week off of physical education. They returned to campus and were offered the option of spending the night at the Lamont Health and Wellness Center; they all received a check-up the following morning.

Director of Campus Safety and Compliance Paul Gravel discussed the guidelines and procedures that dictated their response to Saturday's accident. For long trips, the athletic department uses companies whose drivers are vetted and professionally trained. For shorter trips, faculty and coaches who act as drivers receive a "Driver Obligations" sheet explaining how to deal with emergencies, accidents or vehicle breakdowns. Campus Safety also acts as a point of contact during the travel. "I believe the guidelines are sufficient and procedures are in place in Campus Safety for direct notifications of those on campus who need to be informed," he said.

Woo felt that the procedures may have been out of proportion relative to the magnitude of what happened. "I think the whole procedure may have been a bit far compared to our minor injuries," she said. "However, they definitely were helpful to have for just in case." Although the procedures were time-consuming, many players on the team believed they were prudent. "It's better to be safe than sorry," upper Kathryn McCaughey said. "I am just devastated that we were not allowed to go to the tournament after receiving treat-

ment because we had a really good shot at winning and it was my last opportunity to go."

During the accident, Coach Bailey immediately called 911. The Dean of Students Office also notified parents and requested Fleet Maintenance for assistance, and Campus Safety sent alerts to the Incident Response Team after being notified of the accident. "As in the case in any accident, student wellbeing is critical so with the assistance of medical personnel, and some students complaining of headaches the decision was made to have each athlete checked out at the local hospital," Gravel said. "This was not an 'over reaction,' it is protocol."

Gravel commended Bailey's ability to remain calm in the situation, and added that the processes and procedures are being reviewed. "We are extremely happy that there were no serious injuries as a result of this accident and wish to thank the girls varsity golf team for the assistance they provided to all responders and for their overall handling of the situation," he said.

Despite their disappointment at missing the tournament, the team has remained positive in light of the accident. Woo was sad that she could not go to her fourth and final Pippy. She said "I'm grateful that we had no major injuries in general." Phan agreed, adding "I think the team will get over this pretty quickly and bounce back. It was an interesting bonding experience."

The Injustice of Muslim Divorce Laws

Mai Hoang '20
Columnist

Triple talaq is a practice unique to the Muslim community in India. Otherwise known as “instantaneous divorce,” it allows husbands to divorce their wives simply by uttering the word Talaq (repudiation) three times. In common practice, some men do not even speak to their spouses face-to-face, instead utilizing technologies such as Facebook, Skype and Whatsapp. “Provocations” that lead to talaq can be as trivial as putting on weight, burning the dinner or giving birth to a daughter. This situation is outrageously unjust, as not only does a woman have no say in the couple’s decision to separate, but she might not even be informed about her spouse’s intentions until the second it is executed, after which she is left destitute, sometimes without support from her own family. The exact number of women afflicted by this practice is unknown; however, unless it is clearly banned by the Supreme Court, different parties will continue to have conflicting interpretations on its legality. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board has hitherto defended triple talaq, claiming that it is “valid” according to Sharia law. However, nowhere in the Qu’ran was triple talaq mentioned; in fact, the religious text clearly stated that to be

legally divorced, a couple must go through at least a three-month period of reflection and reconciliation. Other majority-Muslim states, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, have already abolished the pernicious practice.

Most prominent leaders of the fight against triple talaq are Muslims who see it as an oppressive custom that falsely represents their religion. “Far from being fundamental or sacramental to Islam, it is an extremely

However, nowhere in the Qu’ran was triple talaq mentioned; in fact, the religious text clearly stated that to be legally divorced, a couple must go through at least a three-month period of reflection and reconciliation.

dangerous concept which violates every good thing Quran prescribes,” said Mohammed Khan, former cabinet minister of India. He is backed by the All India Muslim Women’s Personal Law Board, the Muslim Rashtriya Manch and one million Indian Muslims who signed the petition against triple talaq. Five of India’s most senior judges, coming from five different religions, have worked on the case since the beginning

of May. Hearings are scheduled to end May 19, after each side has had three days to present their arguments. The Indian government stands behind the petitioners, stating that triple talaq is “against gender justice and the dignity of women.” In 2015, after a two-year investigative period, the government committee established to examine women’s status in India recommended its ban. Public opinion has decidedly shifted towards outlawing triple talaq.

However, it is also true that like all polarizing issues, triple talaq has alienated the two groups of people: conservative Indian Muslims and women’s rights activists. As evidence amounts to support one side, the other scrambles to assert their position even more adamantly. The main arguments made by the All India Muslim Women’s Personal Law Board are: one, triple talaq is actually beneficial to women, as it provides dissatisfied husbands with an easy way out, and two, if the practice were banned then the men might resort to disposing their wives by more gruesome means, such as burying her alive or dousing her with kerosene. There is also the issue of religious law versus secular law, with the All India Muslim Women’s Personal Law Board arguing that the government has no right to intervene in personal practices of devout. The Muslim Personal Law, which came into existence in 1937, has established that “In matters of personal dispute, the state shall not interfere.”

Of these two contentions, the second one is undoubtedly more complicated, as it calls attention to a broader issue that has been heatedly debated by many people in both camps. One can easily argue, in refutation of the claim that “triple talaq helps women,” about how the best way of stopping violent practices such as wife-burning is to directly address it at its core. If law enforcers are genuinely committed to protecting women’s safety, they could do more to persecute perpetrators of domestic violence against women; allowing for supposedly “less harmful” practices like triple talaq is not the answer. Furthermore, customs built on unequal distribution of power between the two sexes will undoubtedly consolidate the collective belief that women’s worth is not comparable to men’s and thus make assaults against them seem more condonable.

Regarding the issue of the Muslim Personal Law however, it has always been hard to navigate the intersections between secular constitutions and religious codes of conduct or between universal human rights and cultural relativism. Should a clear line be drawn to separate acceptable and unacceptable practices? If so, where? These are questions that the five justices of the Supreme Court need to answer before reaching their final decision, knowing that this ruling, whatever it is, will establish a precedence for many other controversial cases to come.

Opening Our Minds to Refugees

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In the summer of 1941, as the Nazi noose around Western Europe tightened, a man, named Otto Frank, was fervently writing letters to the U.S. State Department. Otto Frank was a Jew living in Holland, where Jews, quickly being forced into ghettos, were soon to be sent to concentration camps.

Yet, just as the Nazis’ grip on Jews tightened, America’s restrictions on Jews tightened too. The year before, America had made its refugee policies much stricter: shutting out entry to hundreds of thousands of European refugees on her waiting list.

Otto Frank wrote again and again to U.S. consulates and the State Department, but every request was denied. The Franks went into hiding. Two years later, the Franks were betrayed and sent to the

concentration camps, which Otto would survive. Yet, his daughter—Anne Frank—was killed.

The Franks and thousands of others who perished in the Holocaust were denied visas into the U.S. for eerily familiar reasons. Americans held deep prejudices against their religion in the form of anti-semitism. Many American workers feared an influx of new laborers, competing for jobs and housing. Other Americans—citizens and politicians alike—believed European Jews could never assimilate into American life.

Today, there are more refugees than at any point since the years Anne and Otto Frank were alive. We all know of the atrocities inflicted on these refugees: massacres carried out by ISIS, chemical weapons dropped by the Syrian government, famines, suffering and death. Yet just as we saw during the Holocaust, we have tried to close our eyes and turn those refugees away.

Today, some Americans fear the eco-

nomical strain of accepting refugees. Yes, absorbing a large population can be hard in the short term. Yet, we forget that through the decades, refugees have helped build the America we know and love. We often picture refugees as terrorists and economic burdens, but we forget their tremendous contributions: Refugees throughout history include Albert Einstein, Madeleine Albright, Sergey Brin, Henry Kissinger, Regina Spektor and many more.

Others fear that refugees will perpetrate terror on American soil. To be fair, it’s extremely difficult to screen or vet most refugees, and today’s terrorist groups have global ambitions. Yet, it’s worth pointing out that since the Refugee Act of 1980, not a single one of the three million refugees resettled in the U.S. has committed a fatal terrorist attack (a tiny number have been convicted on other terror charges.) This should be intuitive: after all, citizens of countries like Syria and Afghanistan are far more likely to be victims of terror than

to be terrorists themselves.

It’s easy to let fear take control of our reasoning. In fact, something similar happened during World War II, just as the Franks went into hiding. Americans were paralyzed by fear of German spies, disguised as refugees, slipping into America.

In 1940, American Ambassador to Cuba George S. Messersmith wrote, “Among the so-called refugees in our country is a fair number who can be depended upon to act as agents of their government and who will violate in any way the hospitality which they are enjoying among us.” This fear practically shut down the U.S. refugee program. When Otto Frank desperately tried to gain a visa one year later, he found the gates barred shut.

If we shut those same gates today, we let fear of a few attacks outweigh the suffering of millions left behind. And perhaps, another 75 years from now, we might look back and wonder why America could still turn its back on men like Otto Frank.

The Easternization of Developing Nations



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At the opening ceremony of a Beijing forum, President Xi Jinping described China’s investment plans. Highlighting Chinese investment in “poverty projects” as the backbone of his geopolitical agenda, Xi pledged more than 100 billion dollars to development banks across the third world. Together with Vladimir Putin, the president of China plans to recreate the silk road, a beltway of railways, bridges and oil pipelines connecting China to Central Asia, Russia and Turkey. Promising to pump more than \$125 billion into the scheme, Xi rejected critics’ warning about China’s neo-colonial ambitions and instead mocked Trump for his America First doctrine. Nevertheless, Xi’s grandiose economic plan beckons the question: Are China’s foreign investments a threat to U.S. hegemony?

From the beginning of the 21st Century, China’s global influence has been growing. The world’s most populated country is not afraid of showcasing its

military prowess, but its economic capacity is equally formidable. China has surpassed the United States in exports, and the size of its population under the poverty line has decreased rapidly. Repudiating Western institutions like the European Union and NATO, Chinese leaders have created their own alliances such as BRIC, a coalition of China, Brazil, Russia and India.

We can no longer deny that China is a leader of the developing world, a threat to the old order and a menace to the United States. Rejecting protectionism and trade barriers, the recently inaugurated One Belt, One Road (OBOR) project spans more than 68 countries and revives the ancient silk road. Countries from Africa to Southeast Asia esteem China as an epitome

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of sustainable economic growth. Ethiopia’s Prime Minister views China as a “reliable ally in the fight against poverty and in the quest for prosperity,” and Pakistan’s Nawaz Sharif applauds China’s leadership in the “new era of synergetic intercontinental

cooperation.”

The summit in China is a direct counterpoint to the tenets of the Trump administration. Putin sarcastically referred

We should be worried. Xi and Putin favor economic globalization, but they do not favor the United States.

to Trump in his speech, reminding the group of assembled nations that the idea of free trade is being “rejected by those who until very recently expounded them.” The scale of OBOR eclipses that of the G7 or G20 alliances and encompasses a diverse group of countries, developing and developed. More importantly, OBOR represents a caustic reminder of the disintegrating Trans-Pacific Partnership; at a time when the United States renounces its trade agreements, China boldly takes the reins.

We should be worried. Xi and Putin favor economic globalization but they do not favor the United States. Even then, their outward support for globalization conceals their neo-imperial aspirations. For many decades, China has assisted Africa with infrastructure projects, including telecommunication facilities,

government buildings and factories. It has also funneled weapons and ammunition to belligerent leaders, supporting its human rights abuses and condoning their authoritarian regimes. In exchange, Nigeria and Sudan have exported their oil to China, and their populations provide for a sizeable base for Chinese consumer goods.

Rather than westernizing, countries in Central Asia and Africa will easternize. They will adopt the values underlying China’s government: competitive economic growth with non-democratic political institutions. Emerging economies will gravitate towards the Beijing Consensus, a neo-mercantilist model that rejects free-market development. They have found an alternative to the United States, whose hawkish foreign policy in Iraq and Vietnam undermined stability in the developing world. China, on the other hand, regards sovereignty as the tenet of its international relations, avoiding the “Beijing-knows-best” mindset and refusing to intervene in internal affairs. As a result, banks across the world are willing to grant Chinese companies contracts to develop infrastructure and invest overseas. Disoriented by the chaos in the EU and the nationalist rhetoric in the U.S., developing nations turn away from the West and toward the East.

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China's Stance on North Korea

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Guest Contributor

China successfully test-fired a new type of missile in the Bohai Sea near the Korean peninsula last Tuesday, just hours after Moon Jae-in was elected as the new South Korean president. There has been plenty of speculation about the Asian giant's motives. According to Michael Hirson, the Asia Director of Eurasia group, this move is an indication that Chinese authorities have begun to "lose their patience with North Korea." Other military analysts believe the opposite is true, claiming that the missile launch was a direct response to the deployment of the American Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) anti-missile system in South Korea two months ago.

Hirson's theory does not seem entirely plausible to me, as I find it hard to believe that China would sever its 60-year ties with North Korea so easily. Indeed, North Korea's continuation of missile tests serve as more than enough proof that China has yet to place significant pressure on its neighbor. Perhaps I wouldn't go so far as to call the North Korean dictator a "smart cookie," but I do believe that despite being a mad and power-hungry tyrant, Kim Jong-un understands China is not an ally he can ever afford to lose or underestimate.

It is not in the nature of any global power to make weighty sacrifices for the betterment of the



global community. The only reason why China is in the same boat with the rest of the world when it comes to fearing North Korea's possession of a potent nuclear arsenal is not necessarily because it would be an immense threat to global security, but because its little political puppet would no longer be so easy to manipulate. At this point, however, China is still refusing to publicly side with the U.S., though I'm sure the country is taking quite a few measures of its own to oppose the North's nuclear weapon development behind the scenes.

China's most recent missile launch was absolutely a warning directed towards the U.S. It's clear that the Chinese government has simply been doing what it does best: stealthily conducting careful analysis of a scene and planning few but very deliberate actions to remind global rivals that it is a force to be reckoned with. Up to this point, China had no reason to object to

North Korea stirring up trouble for the U.S. and its allies, but it was recently made wary of inadvertently giving the U.S. justification to exert greater influence in East Asia on the grounds of countering a global security threat. For China, the deployment of the THAAD was one step too far.

It has been a while since President Donald Trump declared North Korea to be a problem that "will be taken care of," yet it is clear he has made little progress on this issue since the North's first missile test of the year on Feb. 11. Until he acknowledges that the current conflict with North Korea extends far beyond the borders of the Korean peninsula, tensions in East Asia will only continue to heighten. If the Trump administration does not proceed with more caution in this time of developing crisis, it will soon find the U.S. in confrontation with an opponent much more formidable than North Korea.

Western Supremacy in Dog Meat Activism



Courtesy of Google

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Whenever the topic of eating dogs come up, white people get all up in arms about how barbaric the practice is. They decry the brutalization of man's best friend, protest the disgusting nature of those who would eat an animal that is so cute. Many of those same people feel comfortable eating steaks, pork chops or chicken drumsticks. There is a clear hypocrisy in that. Why is it wrong to eat dogs, but not to eat horses, snails, chickens or cows? The consumption of horses, snails, chickens and cows are all part of the culinary traditions of various Western nations. Dog eating is not. The uproar caused by dog consumption in Asia has clear undertones of Western supremacy.

A common argument used to protest the practice of dog eating is that dogs are more intelligent than other animals, and as a result, they should be spared from slaughter. Pigs are actually significantly more intelligent than dogs, but few protest the practice of pork eating due to its "inhumanity." Eating pork is part of the Western tradition, eating dogs is not. Many of the other arguments used to protest dog eating can be applied to eating rabbits. Like dogs, rabbits are adorable. Like dogs, rabbits are fun to

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pet. Like some dogs, rabbits have floppy ears. Like dogs, rabbits are commonly "companion animals" that live primarily in domestic settings. Like dogs, rabbits are alive. Unlike dogs, eating rabbits are part of European culinary culture. Eating dogs makes people uncomfortable because Asians do it, not because the practice is any more brutal than that of killing and eating any other animal.

The condemnation of dog eating seems to be part of the great Western tradition of demonizing the non-West and imposing moral standards onto other nations. To this day, dark skin is deemed ugly and undesirable in many nations conquered by the West—a legacy of colonial times. The West's colonization of the world has led many traditions and cultures to be stamped out and destroyed. Languages have been lost due to white colonists forcing their subjects to stop speaking their native tongues. All of these tragedies are the result of the Western need to tamp out any practices that are foreign. For similar reasons, dog eating is being demonized today because it is unfamiliar, "other." Western nations pressuring Asian nations to ban the practice of eating dog meat is part of the Western cultural legacy of supremacy.

Granted, there are problems to the dog meat industry. Just as in other meat production industries, the abuse of dogs raised for consumption is rampant. Some dog owners have reported having their pets snatched by butchers so that they could sell the stolen pets as food. Criticizing these aspects of the practice of dog eating is valid. That said, such legitimate criticisms are invalidated when presented with the racist undertones of the present anti-dog eating movement. It's hard to take those who want to reform the practice of dog eating seriously when T-shirts that say, "Save a Dog, Eat a Chinese," are sold online by animal advocacy groups.

There's nothing wrong with people being uncomfortable with the practice of meat-eating. But to apply this logic unevenly, to protest the meat eating practices of Asian cultures but not those of European nations is culturally supremacist, if not racist. White meat-eaters decrying dog eating and urging Asian countries to move away from the practice is a classic example of Western paternalism. Feeling empathy for our fellow animals is noble, but perpetuating Western supremacy and anti-Asian racism is not.

The Benefits of Day Student Dorm Affiliation

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Guest Contributor

After years of considering feedback from day students and day student parents, Dean of Students Melissa Mischke and Dean of Residential Life Arthur Cosgrove proposed that next year, all new day students will be affiliated with dorms. In an environment where day students may initially struggle to find a connection to the residential campus, dorm affiliation is a necessary step towards day student inclusion.

Day students are often grouped together as if they are their own residential sector. The Academy's 272 day students, hailing from towns scattered across New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine are unlikely to form as close-knit a community as a 40-person dormitory, where friendly interaction is merely steps down the hallway.

Because of this physical and emotional separation within the day student category, new and current day students may find themselves feeling isolated in this so-called day student "community." Having a physical place on campus to ground themselves, and an automatic connection to fellow Exonians affiliat-

ed with that place, will provide day students a sense of kinship that they might not have otherwise.

Dorm affiliation could help fa-

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cilitate day students transition into the school. Upon their arrival, all new students face different teaching methods, more homework, and general confusion complicated by the large campus size and the overwhelming number of clubs, classes and classmates. While new boarders' dorm communities provide them friends to sit with at meals, with upperclassmen dorm mates to consult for advice to boot, new day students face the same adjustment challenges as new boarders without an immediate friend group or upperclassmen mentors to converse with.

Socializing with peers outside of the classroom, club or athletic setting is an aspect of the Exeter

experience that is not as readily accessible to day students as it is to boarders. The dorm affiliation proposal would let day students participate in recreational events that were once exclusive to boarders, such as Academy Life Day festivities, dorm teas and nighttime coffeehouses and gym nights.

Dorm affiliation also offers practical solutions for day students in their everyday lives. During snowstorms, when the roads are blocked and day students can not drive back to their home, they can spend the night at their affiliated dorm without feeling like a guest burdening a host.

During school days, having a dorm space would provide day students a haven, more private than the day student lounge or the library, where they can relax between classes or drop off heavy textbooks and bulky sports equipment bags, usually strewn across the floor and crammed in the cluttered cubbies of the Agora, defenseless against theft.

Dorm affiliation is a long-anticipated and imperative initiative that will enhance day students' Exeter experiences by offering companionship, support and facility from the moment they step on campus and throughout their high school career.

Firing Comey: An Impeachable Action

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Guest Contributor

On May 9, President Donald J. Trump made the executive decision to fire Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation James Comey. In an official press release, the government said that he had acted under the advice of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein. The latter had written a paper encouraging Trump to fire Sessions due to his "mishandling" of the Hillary Clinton email scandal and the consequential clearing of her charges.

While the White House continues to deny that the decision to fire Comey was not influenced by his formerly ongoing investigation into the Russian interference in the election, it is clear that Trump had that in mind when he asked Comey to resign. Three days after Comey left his post, Trump sat down with the National Broadcasting Company and confessed the truth. "Regardless of recommendation, I was going to fire Comey, knowing there was no good time to do it. And, in fact, when I de-

ecided to just do it, I said to myself, I said, 'You know, this Russia thing with Trump and Russia is a made-up story. It's an excuse by the Democrats for having lost an election that they should have won,'" Trump admitted.

When our country is especially politically polarized, it is not only critical for our government to have complete transparency but also the moral standard to investigate possible corruption. The Russian interference investigation was legitimate and necessary, and if it doesn't continue under the new director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, we are headed down a path to corruption.

While Rosenstein's letter may certainly have played a part in Trump's decision to dismiss Comey, it is clearly not encompassing of the entire truth. The timing of an anonymous whistle-blower revealing a top-secret memo to Comey could not have come at a better moment. On May 16, *The New York Times* released an article detailing Trump's request to Comey to "let [the investigation] go," a dire warning which Comey very democratically did not heed. As Trump continues to insist publicly that the Trump/Russian relations are "fake news," it is imperative that we take a hard look at what

his recent firing of Comey means for democracy.

Many people within the White House have also begun to call for action. Republican Chairman of the House Oversight Committee Representative Jason Chaffetz called for the to hand over every document they had concerning conversations between Trump and Comey. Senator John McCain called for the special investigation to continue, while Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker reiterated that the firing would raise questions and concern. According to Politico, many members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were incredibly saddened by Comey's dismissal, praising his leadership, integrity and dedication to justice.

Furthermore, many concerned citizens and outraged politicians have begun to draw the connection between Trump and Nixon; when the Federal Bureau of Investigation began to investigate the Watergate scandal, Nixon removed the current special prosecutor Archibald Cox, something known in history as the "Saturday Night Massacre." This would later force him to resign before getting impeached. Now we must ask the question: is this not also an impeachable offense?

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In last week's issue (5/11/17), an article written by Bella Alvarez '19 was erroneously published a second time under the name of Jordan Davidson '19.

Students Enjoy Break From Classes on Relaxing Principal's Day

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At Elm Street dining hall, Exonians sat huddled around tables enjoying meals with their friends when suddenly the chorus of Cupid's Shuffle sounded on the loudspeakers, and faculty members started an impromptu flash mob. Many students stopped in their tracks, pulling out phones or tablets to record the dance. After two minutes, the music died down, and Principal MacFarlane stepped into the middle of the dining hall holding a loudspeaker. "It's Principal's Day!" she shouted, as screams of joy erupted from the students. News of the event quickly spread through Facebook and Snapchat; all around campus students were enthralled by the prospect of a day without classes.

Principal's Day has been an Exeter tradition for more than six decades. It began in with Principal William G. Saltonstall '24 (who led the school from 1946-63), and was initially called "St. Gurdon's Day," Gurdon being Saltonstall's middle name. Each year, the event is announced one day in advance, typically in unexpected and creative ways, such as with the appearance of new Adirondack chairs on campus last year, or the encoded Caesar Box on the Facebook page of The Da Vinci Code author Dan Brown '82

a few years back. Since the start of the second half of spring term, students have been anticipating the announcement, with many making travel plans with friends.

This year's method of announcing Principal's Day was unique in its own rights; though Elm Street dining hall has been used as the announcement venue before, the flash mob was a new addition enjoyed by many students. Upper Ellen Blackwell was disappointed that she couldn't catch the performance because she had to work in the library during H format. She, like preps Alexander Kish and Isadora Rivera-Janer, learned about Principal's Day through the email being sent a few minutes later to all students on campus. For Rivera-Janer, it was not much of a surprise—"I sensed people were expecting it to happen," she said.

The timing of this year's Principal's Day has been a source of controversy. Students appreciated the fact that it was a Thursday, as Rivera-Janer said, "between Wednesday and the last day of the week." According to Kish, this gave him the opportunity to finish his homework for the weekend and have even more free time. Senior Kristy Chang however, said that she would rather have a day off the following week, the week with Saturday classes. "The weather was also horrible, rainy and cold," she said.

Some of the faculty also disliked the

timing of Principal's Day. History Instructor Michael Golay admitted that his Principal's Day hadn't been his idea of a day off. "The History department had a retreat with an academic from Stanford, so I spent seven hours in meetings with him. It was alright as far as it went, but not my idea of a day off," he said. "I hope the students enjoyed theirs."

Overall, students still appreciated the chance to have a day off. Lower Dylan Yin spent his Principal's Day catching up on assignments that had been building up for the week. "Principal's Day was a good chance for students to de-stress. I was glad that I could have a day off to slow down, reflect on the week, and catch up," Yin said. "Honestly I just bought tissues from Walgreens and watched videos." Principal's Day also coincided with the farmer's market on Swasey; Blackwell went to the market with her friends, and had a good time looking at the fresh flowers and organic vegetables there.

Meanwhile, other students took the day off as a chance to escape Exeter's campus. Prep Rachel Won and a group of friends spent their day in Portsmouth and Hampton Beach. "We just hung out, ate food, and went shopping," Won said. "Not only was the day a good opportunity to bond with friends, it was also really helpful in terms of catching up on work and sleep."

Lower Ella Parsons, who also went to Portsmouth, described the experience as "relaxing, adventurous and [full of] great food."

She also commented on the weather. "The weather was better last year, but this year's Principal's Day was nice because it was earlier in the term," she said. "Last year's was too close to finals so I was too stressed to enjoy myself, but I felt like even with the bad weather I had a lot of fun this year."

Many students traveled even further and took the train to Boston. Lower Elizabeth Yang and her friends spent the day eating dumplings and drinking bubble tea in Chinatown, exploring Quincy market and shopping at Newbury Street. Yang agreed with Parsons that this year's Principal's Day has been more memorable, stating that, "Especially since it was my five class day, it was a great experience figuring out plans and getting off campus," Yang said.

Day students also spent their Principal's Day away from campus. Kish, who lives in Haverhill, Massachusetts, stayed home and spent time shopping at BestBuy. Similarly, senior Serena Michaels did not go to campus, choosing to binge-watch Netflix with her family and go out to dinner instead. Like many Exonians, she took advantage of the extra free time to get some "much-needed" sleep.

Peekel Pleads Guilty to Sexual Assault in Court

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enrolled at Exeter until after the event occurred, Jenkins still decided to attend the school for all four years. However, the self-doubt and anger he felt because of Peekel's crime against him marred his time at Exeter. "The question I struggle with most often is why I attended Exeter after this episode," he said. "I think the answer is that I needed to prove to everyone that 'it' didn't matter, that this one event had no lasting impact on me. In retrospect, it was probably not such a good idea to enroll at PEA, but I did."

However, since Peekel pled guilty, Jenkins more clearly appreciates all that he got out of Exeter. "I think what I gained from an Exeter education was invaluable," he said. "The resolution of this case allows me to see my experience at Exeter in a more balanced way."

However, Jenkins still maintains that the school needs to take initiative to better assist its victims and to prosecute offenders in a just way. Previously, when he attempted to confide in school administrators, no action was taken,

and he had "no idea then that there was any possibility of a prosecution."

Jenkins is confident that the school is currently moving in the right direction, after Principal MacFarlane reached out to him and offered to meet with the family. "I wrote about my experience on Facebook [after the prosecution of Rick Schubart]—PEA initiated the legal case by reporting my case to Exeter Police Department," he said.

The current problem, according to Jenkins, lies not in Exeter, but in the general culture regarding sexual assault across the country. "We need to make the consequences for sexual assault more serious—it is the only way to deter potential perpetrators," Jenkins said. "In the past there was very little in the way of consequences for abusers who could move on to new jobs and new potential victims."

For Jenkins, the trial presented an opportunity for him to come to terms with the incident that no one had responded to years before. "Peekel's guilty plea was for me both a vindication and closure—closure that I'm not sure I was aware I didn't have," he said.

Graves Speaks on the Power of Narrative in Post-Truth Era

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of surprised about it—here's a guy who's worked at the number one ad firm in New York and now he decides he wants to go into neuroscience." Miller enjoyed speaking with Graves about his work on advertising campaigns, and asked him how to be successful in the business. "He responded, 'Be a woman.' That stuck," Miller said.

Upper Peter O'Keefe, also in attendance, enjoyed Graves' Harkness-style discussion at the luncheon. "I liked that Mr. Graves, in true Harkness style, allowed students to do the vast majority of the talking," O'Keefe said. "We covered the broad question of what happens when there is no independent source of truth, and we moved on more specifically to talk about people's view on climate change."

Upper Matt Alburn also liked being able to contribute to the dialogue. "What struck me most was how he seemed to embody the Harkness discussion method," he said. "Not only was he well prepared to answer our very specific and sometimes daunting questions involving economics, human behavior and morals, but he acknowledged that his were not the perfect answers; he answered every question by looking at it from several perspectives."

Alburn felt as though he took away much from the talk; particularly, he acquired greater knowledge about marketing, behavioral analysis, morality and sociology. He highlighted Graves' extensive familiarity with every aspect of his field. "He kept bringing up all sorts of different studies done by different universities before discussing their relevance, motivations and results," Alburn said.

While reflecting on his time at Exeter, Graves credited the Harkness teaching method as the most valuable thing he took away from the experience. "I think that Harkness done right is not just a lecture around an oval table," Graves said. "Many schools get it wrong because they think they're doing Harkness by just putting in an oval table, but it's actually the pedagogy, the approach, the methodology that's the most important part of that, and that serves you well for the rest of your entire life... every situation you're in, it makes you much more driven, curious and self-sufficient. I think it's helpful at every level."

Alburn commended Graves for his wisdom and character, saying, "I truly believe that Mr. Graves set a shining example of what Exonians can and should be, even years after leaving Exeter."

New StuCo Board Looks To Future, Discusses Goals

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Following the election of the Student Council (StuCo) Executive Board, the newly selected candidates have begun their tenure as the President, Vice President and Secretary. Uppers Jackson Parrell, Timothy Han and lower Elizabeth Yang were chosen to fill these positions, respectively. As the newly elected candidates step into their positions, StuCo will focus on improving student life as the school year comes to a close, with an emphasis on class activities like food trucks and grade-wide survivor games.

The new Executive Board said that its first goal for the 2017-2018 school year is to reform the Academy's current visitations policy. Following a report by the Committee on Policy, Student Council released their proposed visitations policy, which was written in collaboration with key members of faculty and dorm life. The proposal aims to remove the heteronormative aspects of the current visitations policy, with the intention of creating a more inclusive, safe campus culture. "We aim to create a policy, based on trust, that allows students to build healthy relationships with their peers," the proposal states, "especially given the recent changes regarding gendered housing."

Another of the new board's key objectives is that of addressing racial inequity within the student body, which was one of the most discussed topics in the recent executive election. In pursuit of this goal, a Committee on Community, Equity and Diversity will be established in collaboration with ALES and other campus affinity groups. "This committee will work with the new Director of Community, Equity and Diversity to create policy that promotes inclusivity in every facet of Exeter life," the board said in an official statement to *The Exonian*.

The Executive Board elections saw an unusually high voter turnout with multiple extremely qualified candidates vying for only a few positions. "It is unfortunate that there are only three positions, but this board would greatly appreciate and welcome the contributions of every candidate in Student Council next year," the board said.

In addition to the election of the three executive members, each grade has either completed or is in the process of electing class representatives. Due to the unusually high number of candidates who qualified for position of lower representative, and the high voter turnout, the election essentially came to a tie between seven candidates—Jinwoo Kang, Eman Noraga, Audrey Vanderslice, Charlie Venci, Andrew Sun, Ryan Xie and Billy Menken. On Friday, a final election was held to select three candidates to fill the positions in which Kang,

Vanderslice, and Menken were ultimately chosen.

The senior class recently elected three class officials, electing Seniors Taylor Walshe as Class President, Winslow MacDonald as Vice President and Dara Okeremi as Treasurer. The senior class officials will be focused on ensuring a high quality of student life for the class of 2018 in their last year at the Academy. MacDonald outlined the three major goals for the newly elected trio. "We plan on continuing planning class activities and tournaments that help bond our class. Finally, we hope to work on alumni networking," he said.

MacDonald emphasized the importance of transparency and communication with the senior class. "By creating polls and surveys, we can accurately gauge how our class feels about certain issues," he said. "By frequently meeting with each other, Taylor, Dara and I can help ensure that our plans are successfully implemented." He also said that the incoming officials will be working with current upper representatives to prepare for their positions next year.

While upper rep elections also recently occurred, the process was slightly different this year. Six candidates submitted signatures to run for the positions, but only three had enough signatures to run. This caused some controversy within the current lower class, as it rendered voting ballots essentially meaningless, with three candidates qualifying for three positions. A small number of students in the lower class drew up a petition to have the date for submission of signatures pushed a little farther, so as to ensure that more candidates were able to run for the positions. The petition was signed by members of the lower class who agreed with the reasoning and it was presented to faculty, who decided that the original process was the most fair one. The original ruling was upheld.

Health Instructor Carol Cahalane was one of the faculty members involved in the decision. "Doing anything that the petition was suggesting was outside the bounds of the fair play that was outlined in the constitution," she explained. "Every person in the class was notified at the same time, with ample notice, as prescribed in the constitution, as we've done for decades." She went on to explain that it was explicitly suggested that students interested in running for the positions get additional signatures. "Every person had the opportunity to collect signatures if they wanted to, and every person was clearly warned that they probably should collect extra signatures," she said. With the rules upheld, Adrian Venzon, Michaela Phan and Samantha Resnick were elected the 2017-2018 school year upper representatives.

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Fun Things to Do Now That It's Finally Nice Out

By EMILY GREEN
Fun

1. Go sunbathing outside. Get a nice, even sunburn.
2. Prove how little hand-eye coordination you have by joining a frisbee game and never actually catching the frisbee, or delivering the frisbee properly to another team member.
3. Suffer inside doing homework while everyone else has fun outside because you're an upper.
4. Switch your insane caffeine intake to iced coffee instead of hot coffee.
5. Shave for the first time since October.
6. Sweat.
7. Have trouble sleeping because it's so hot.
8. Frolick through the sprinklers. Destroy the grass the Academy was trying to grow with said sprinklers.
9. Cry a little less.

333 Grind (Am I Allowed to Say Grind in the Newspaper?)

By CEDRIC BLAISE
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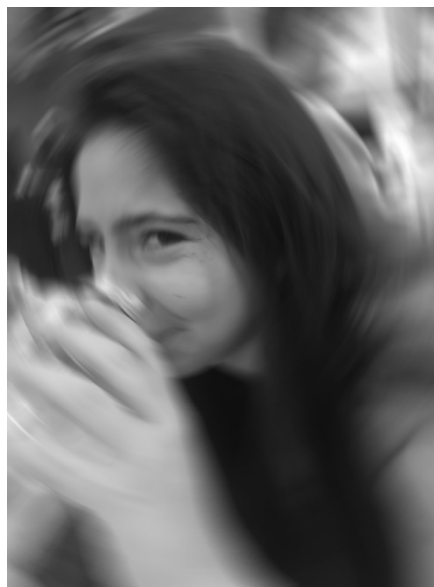
"Upper year isn't that hard"

Me: "UpPeR yEaR iSn'T tHaT hArD"



TFW It's Beautiful Outside But You're Stuck Inside Editing the Humor Page

By THE HUMOR EDITORS
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Macron Wins French Election, Looks Good Doing It, Controversy Ensues

By JIMMY LIU
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The French people have had their first non-surrender in recent history, completely and utterly changing the scope of European history. France has won a close battle against the Fascists, and have deleted all traces of Nazi WW1 and WW2 invasions.

Now, France's record is 1-100 (better than 0-8), and the media is producing better clickbait headlines than all of YouTube fidget spinner channels (they exist) combined. Reports have surfaced that Marine Le Pen has started a Skype

group call with Benito Mussolini and Kim Jong-Un to discuss further actions while Brigitte Macron has taken the Michelle Obama path to First Ladyship and has decided to visit all the high schools in France and teach sex ed and stranger danger. Apparently, she has been asked hundreds of times how she masterfully crafted the campaign that got her stepson, excuse me, fiance in charge of France. Brigitte Macron has also been applauded by the French film industry.

As the situation settles down,

resident hottie Emmanuel Macron realizes that he will actually have to get a law degree, and maybe read the French Constitution, which would make him more politically educated than half of the U.S. Executive Branch. With all of these stories flooding out from French and European media, Trump is angry that he is no longer the center of attention and has dictated from his Twitter: "It's a true disgrace that Macron was elected! If I had ran, I would have won by more! Pity that he didn't win by more! Sad!"

The Prom Date Manifesto

By EMILY GREEN
Desirable



Listen up, gentlemen of campus. Are you a senior boy who has two prom tickets but no prom date? Are you too nervous to ask the person you want to go with? Did somebody ask them already? Are you stuck between a rock and a hard place? Does your mom expect cute prom photos that you don't know how to provide at this point? Well I, Emily Green, have just the solution for you: take me, the campus heartthrob, to prom.

Think about it. I'll be on campus anyway for the *Exonian* grad issue, so it's no skin off my back. Plus, I may or may not already have a dress that I really don't want to save for Winter Formal. Going to prom would be of no inconvenience to me, especially since most of my friends are going, and I'm the most underutilized prom resource on this campus. I would be

an ideal prom date, for the following reasons.

1. The photos will be prime. I'm 5'1", so you'll definitely look tall next to me. I have hair which can be styled in a multitude of fashions to fit your vibe. I have moderately high cheekbones, so your mother will think I'm cute.

2. You will look cool. I'm an expert at making a fool of myself, so next to me, you'll look like a downright stud. Think about it: dancing next to me, people will wonder why you never joined a dance group in your time on campus.

3. I know how to have a good time. At any given moment, I know at least ten fun facts about Benjamin Franklin off the top of my head.

4. If you don't have friends, you'll get to sit with my friends,

instantly making yourself look a little cooler.

5. I'm enthusiastic.

6. We can p a r t y.

7. If you take me to prom, when people ask me about you in the future, I'll tell them you're a "great guy" even if you aren't. In today's society, you need good networking skills like that.

8. Please.

9. I'll give you a shoulder massage so you won't be tense after a long night of dancing.

10. If you don't have fun, you're graduating, so you never have to talk to me ever again.

11. I'll send you a thank you note.

12. Pls I wanna go to prom.

If these reasons have convinced you that I am the prom date for you, email me for prom date inquiries.

Donald Trump Supporters Still Support Him Despite Facts, Evidence

By BILLY O'HANDLEY
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Over the past week, President of the United States (oh, does it hurt to say that) Donald Trump has done everything from firing the head of the FBI, to giving classified information to one of the country's deadliest enemies, to literally committing the federal offense of obstruction of justice. But his staunchest supporters still stick by his side, even after seeing the mountain of evidence against him. So what would it take for them to turn against the Donald? As the American People are starting to find out, literally nothing. Here are some possible rationalizations and defenses

for some past Trump actions.

Trump leaked American secrets to the Russian Government: "Well, Hillary had an illegal email server."

Trump fired the head of the FBI after illegally interfering with one of his investigations: "At least he didn't have a private email server."

Trump bragged about grabbing a woman by specific body part: "He didn't grab her by the private email server. Because he didn't have one of those. But you know who did? Hillary Clinton."

Trump tried to pass a health care law even after he admitted that

it would only hurt his support base: "Health care law? More like email server. That was against the law. Boom."

Trump made Rick Perry the Secretary of Energy after he had literally forgotten that the Department of Energy existed: "LALALALALA EMAIL SERVER LALALALALA-LALA."

Trump held a nuclear strategy session in the public dining room of his Florida resort: "Wait, actually? That's a reprehensible and indefensible act... like having a private email server!"

Quote of the Week

"I didn't realize West Virginia was an actual state."
-Sophia Zu, '18

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Jeff Sessions's Racist New Drug Policy

Jordan Davidson '19

Guest Contributor

New orders given by the Attorney General Jeff Sessions are throwing us back in time to Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon's racist war on drugs. Sessions called for tougher sentencing when prosecuting non-violent drug crimes, bringing back policy reminiscent of George W. Bush's Administration, such as mandatory minimum sentencing. The memo Sessions sent to federal prosecutors is one of the first acts representative of Trump's strategy to restore "law and order." Yet, this attempt to reverse the work, which former Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. did to move toward a more circumstantial approach to non-violent drug crime cases, has more to do with race than anything else.

During the war on drugs in the 70s and 80s, crack and heroin were the main targets for legislators. The punishment for the usage or distribution of heroin and crack was significantly higher than pure cocaine. This difference in law was not accidental,

however. At the time, crack and heroin were primarily used by African-Americans, while cocaine was used mainly by whites. The attack on crack was more an issue about throwing black people in jail than ridding the streets of drugs. John Ehrlichman, Nixon's domestic

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policy chief, was recorded saying this in a private conversation. "We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black [people]. But by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt their communities."

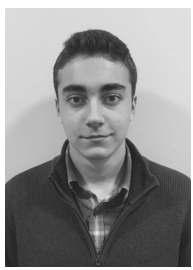
Attorney General Sessions' revival of extreme punishment for drug crimes is history repeating itself. He

is a known racist, and his new policy reflects this. As seen under Nixon and Reagan, there is a historical correlation between worsening punishment for usage and selling of drugs and underlying racist sentiment. In 1997, after the War on Drugs, there was a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice that concluded that 45.9 percent of non-violent offenders incarcerated were black, the highest percentage of any race. In 2014, another study was released by ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) that showed "as of 2012, the ACLU's research shows that 65.4 percent of prisoners serving life without parole for nonviolent offenses are Black." Throughout the last 50 years, we have seen a clear correlation between African-Americans and higher incarceration rates for non-violent crimes. This is knowledge surely known by high ranking officials like Jeff Sessions. Yet, instead of working to solve the problem, our president employs racists who mask their attempts at incarcerating blacks by calling their efforts being tough on crime.

If we step back to look at the bigger picture, Sessions' call for prosecu-

tors to go for the harshest punishment possible for non-violent drug crimes doesn't make sense, even if it was not about race. From a financial standpoint, higher incarceration rates are not optimal as rehabilitation actually costs less than it does to send someone to prison. Looking at this issue from a drug use perspective, it is nonsensical to support longer prison time as "95% of people return to drug use after incarceration", according to NADCP (National Association of Drug Court Professionals). Thinking logically about Sessions' approach has also led me to deem his ideas unreasonable. It should be common sense to us that locking people away in a prison for years like an animal for crimes that did not directly hurt anyone besides themselves is absurd. To deal with the issue of addiction, we should be encouraging rehabilitation, not incarceration. Sessions' attempts to derail the good system that Obama and Holder established is not to keep our children safer or lower drug usage across America: It is purely because of racist sentiments that have continued to get in the way of progress for decades.

Is the World Ready for Another Epidemic?



OUTSIDE THE EXETER BUBBLE

Paul James
Columnist

Since the outbreak of Ebola in 2014, various reports and investigations began to inspect the state of health crisis response organizations around the world. They all came to the same conclusion: "The world's preparedness and capacity to respond is woefully insufficient." That's according to the chair of a U.N. panel that led one of these investigations,

Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete.

The problems that caused a sluggish response first to Ebola and more recently Zika, come from a few areas: funding, global cooperation, preparation and scientific research. The World Health Organization was criticized for its inaction especially in 2014. Since then, it has made progress in some areas lacking improvement but has completely ignored others. Researchers on separate investigations urged nations to consider epidemics as security risks rather than conventional health problems. Countries should de-

vote significant energy and funding into preparing for such outbreaks and in the future, potential bioterrorism attacks, by developing vaccines in advance and upgrading local healthcare systems.

As soon as the first documented Ebola cases reached America, it sent out an international panic. According to models that track such outbreaks, however, there are far more contagious viruses that could have devastating impacts. For instance, a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation model found that an airborne influenza virus could spread to all major capitals within 60 days and claim the lives of 33 million people in 250 days. Eight months may seem like enough time to combat an epidemic, but when the bodies begin to pile up, it is not nearly long enough. Earlier this year, scientists finally created and tested a reliable Ebola vaccine, developed three years too late to help in the epidemic.

Another way of combatting future outbreaks is to build a system of accountability with major international players. If the recommendations of these reports are followed, unlike previous iterations, countries would be obligated to report on their compliance with WHO guidelines

annually, standardizing an international response system.

Along with increased oversight comes a need for increased funding. Valuable time is often wasted hunting for

When someone says something politically incorrect, it's not because they want to hurt or offend someone.

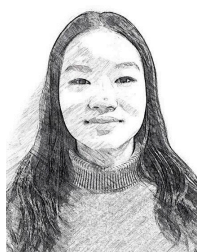
which country to blame for the outbreak rather than addressing more pressing issues. In addition to increasing contributions to the WHO, the world needs an emergency reserve of at least one billion dollars. This is an insignificant amount when compared to the cost of a reactionary system, like the current one, or estimates of future damage that reach into the trillions of dollars.

The major obstacle to all of this are, of course, political agendas. The Trump administration, in a ridiculous act of shortsightedness, plans to cut the budgets for foreign aid and scientific research. It plans

to halve the annual contribution to the United Nations and a repeal of the Affordable Care Act is expected to cost the CDC (Center for Disease Control) 891 million dollars, more than 10 percent of its current budget. This is money that could be spent on advancing immunization technology to prevent an epidemic before it even takes place. Or here's a novel idea, maybe the United States could work on getting help to those in destitute nations that need these cures the most.

It would be wrong to wholly blame politicians though. People have a tendency to react to issues only when they are threatened, regardless of how many other lives are lost. While there are many that feel passionate about such problems and work to solve them, a frightening majority won't lift a finger until the next disease knocks on their front door. The next time, the world may not be lucky enough to witness a containable virus. The next time, it may not even be a natural epidemic but rather an act of war. The next time, it may come for you instead of people that are easier to forget about. Our woeful unpreparedness for the next time leaves us asking the same question as always, "How many deaths will it take?"

Learning from History



ALL ANDREA

Andrea So
Columnist

"Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." This is a saying that can be found across all branches of the media, repeated by people whose political views encompass a wide spectrum. Although it is a generally acknowledged truth, few people in power seem to genuinely follow it. The meaning of this adage has never been so important as it is right now, and we have never needed to heed this advice as we do at this point in time.

According to the State Department, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has built a crematorium close to the

Saydnaya Military Prison, 45 minutes outside of Damascus, in order to dispose of the bodies of the prisoners executed daily. Nicknamed "the slaughterhouse," the prison executes at least 50 prisoners a day. While it was originally thought that the bodies were disposed of in mass graves, it is now evident that the crematorium was built to conceal the extent of the murders ordered by the Assad regime. Though these strategic executions are not nearly as large as the single genocide carried out against Jewish people in Nazi Germany, the building of crematoriums to cover up the killing of people is a striking parallel between Hitler and Syria's Assad.

It was also recently reported that in February, President Donald Trump had asked then FBI Director James Comey to shut down the FBI's investigation into Michael Flynn, who was later

forced to resign as national security advisor after it was revealed that he had lied to Vice President Mike Pence about conversations he had had with

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Russia. This is reminiscent of Nixon's "smoking gun" tape recording, which revealed to the public how Nixon had ordered the FBI to cease investigation into the break-in at the Democratic Party's offices. This later became a national scandal, and Nixon resigned as President. It is disturbing that the

current president of America reflects a disgraced former president more so than some of America's best.

We are at a time in history when things are beginning to seem strangely familiar. Let us not forget atrocities committed in the past that were introduced by people in power and ultimately perpetuated by the society at the time—slavery, the Holocaust, the rise of Hitler, Watergate—the list goes on. We, as a society, also hold some responsibility in making sure that events of those nature never happen again. If we are always comfortable with the state of affairs and never skeptical of warning signs, then ignorance of these events will come easy to us. We need to constantly inform ourselves of things happening across the world through reading global news and educating ourselves.

Uniforms from the Point of View of a Fashion Lover

Bianca Beck '19

Guest Contributor

As someone who enjoys fashion and expressing my individuality through the clothes I wear, I am completely against uniforms. Not only do I think they're a thing of the past, but I also strongly dislike how monochrome they look. Sometimes, the arguments people bring up in support of wearing uniforms are just blatantly invalid.

One argument for uniforms is that enforcing uniform policies keeps people who wear "nicer clothes" from imposing a hierarchy on their peers, with people that wear these clothes at the top of the hierarchy and people that don't wear "nice clothes" towards the bottom of the hierarchy. I think this argument is illogical and simply incorrect. People who wear "nicer clothes," if there even is such a thing, are not necessarily imposing a hierarchy simply because they are wearing "nicer clothes." People have different definitions of what "nice

clothes" are; some people think preppy is the way to go, while others despise preppy garments and prefer wearing bohemian-style clothing. And how can one put clothing styles into a hierarchy? No one can definitively say that preppy is better than bohemian and vice versa.

There is also the argument that with uniforms, students don't have to worry about what they wear and not have that extra pressure of picking a nice, cohesive outfit for school. Contrary to this opinion, most people do not have any trouble at all selecting clothes for school. I know many people, including myself, who enjoy picking out outfits in the morning and look forward to that part of our morning routine. Some people may not enjoy this part of their day, but then again, they can always just throw on a pair of jeans and a sweater and go to class. And nobody should judge them; as long as people are happy with what they're wearing, then they can wear whatever they want.

There's also quite frequently the argument that uniforms are less expensive than normal clothes. However, I did not

find this to be the case. When I went to a school where we were required to wear a uniform, my complete uniform was very expensive. Not only did I have to buy two separate uniforms to go to class for the cold and warm seasons, but I also had to buy a uniform for gym class. The United States makes millions of dollars every year from students buying uniforms for their schools. The argument that uniforms are less expensive than normal clothes is somewhat invalid, depending on how much money one uses on clothes and how much money a uniform costs. But the general notion that uniforms are all inexpensive is definitely invalid.

Uniforms frequently are also very sexist. There are male uniforms with shorts and a collared shirt and female uniforms with a blouse and a skirt, but rarely are there gender-neutral uniforms for those who don't identify as male or female. What are they supposed to wear?

Finally, and perhaps the most important point, is that uniforms restrict individuality. This does not apply to

all schools with uniforms, but in many schools, one is not allowed to wear jewelry, colored hairbands or colored socks; everyone has to look exactly the same. I never completely understood why this was the case, I don't think I ever will. What is so terribly wrong about restricting one's individuality to the point where one can't even wear colored hairbands?

It's fun to pick out outfits, and I like experimenting and testing out different clothing styles. Picking different outfits is a way in which I get to express how I'm feeling; on days I feel like a bum, I wear my most comfortable sweater and jeans, and on days I feel happy I wear colorful outfits with bright lipstick. I have fun with it! The fact that people feel the need to restrict people's experimenting and expression is just so mind boggling to me.

I have never liked uniforms, and I never will. Hopefully, at some point in the future, others will also see how gross uniforms are, and we can put a stop to wearing uniforms once and for all!



Lowers Tobias Abelmann and Hanna Pak, upper Oren Stern, senior Shekinah Davidson, prep Samuel Kim and lower Kate Denny perform at Spring Fling.

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Spring Flings When Particles Collide

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On Saturday night, students rushed to Assembly Hall in tank tops and shorts, eager for Spring Fling to begin. They were greeted by the sight of large beach balls being tossed in the air. Laughter and chatter filled the room as more and more students took their seats. A few minutes later, everyone quieted down as a student stepped onto the stage and announced the first performer, When Particles Collide. Students jumped up with fists pumping in the air to the beat of the songs. They threw beach balls at each other and hurled glow-sticks into the air. They cheered. The music blared.

Spring Fling was a major success. Although a rainstorm forced the event's organizers to switch to an indoor venue, students still had a great time. Exonians grinned as each band took the stage. To add to the joyous atmosphere, the audience even witnessed a promposal. Spring Fling showcased extraordinary talents throughout the night. The show kicked off with an intense set by When Particles Collide, a band that consists of Chemistry Instructor Sasha Alcott, the lead singer and

vox player, along with her husband, Christopher Viner, on percussion. Their songs, which had a Southern rock feel, got most of the crowd to stand up and let loose. "Fight" especially invigorated the crowd, although each song had an energetic beat and a fun arrangement. Alcott said that she enjoyed the audience just as much as they enjoyed her. "It's always fun!" she said.

When Particles Collide's performance was followed by several Exeter Association of Rock (E.A.R.) performances. The four student bands, LIVE, Upper Board Band, Rohan and Friends and Stepping Stones hyped up the crowd. "I wanted to be a part of Spring Fling because it gave the band and myself another opportunity to perform in front of people on a big stage," upper Bobby Murray said. The four bands each did a marvelous job playing music that helped Exonians unwind after a cold, busy week. The rock music they performed evoked a sense of belonging to a greater community. The music inspired chills and relaxation, and tapped into the crowd's eagerness for summer vacation.

For many of the performers, Spring Fling represented a final opportunity to play some music in front of a large group before summer. "I wanted to be a part of Spring

Fling because it's one of the best chances to work hard with a band and have a great performance experience," lower and performer Hanna Pak said.

Alumnus Robin Kim '10, or as most know him, DJ Uplifted, graced the event with his fresh techno and house music. His fast-paced beats got nearly everyone to wave their glowsticks and dance along. His mash-ups left the audience anxiously waiting for the next beat drop. He played several classic hits in funky new ways that added to Spring Fling's light and cheerful atmosphere.

Unsurprisingly, G Yamazawa's rap songs were a huge hit. Just as they had done at his previous performances at the Academy this past winter, most Exonians connected to his powerful bars. He rapped about social issues in a manner that got through to the listeners and made them more socially aware, and he delivered his rhymes with style. He also gave the audience a taste of his recently released album *Shouts to Durham*, which dropped on May 3 on iTunes. By the time he got the mike, virtually everybody was dancing. Not only were his songs meaningful, but they also had lively, memorable beats.

The audience gushed about Spring Fling afterwards. Even though Spring Fling's unique musical genres were not for every-

one, the event's other aspects made it entertaining for all. Prep Ayush Noori said, "It wasn't my kind of music, but I think it was really well done. The small details made it enjoyable, like the abundance of candy and the glow sticks." The ambiance definitely helped prepare the audience for a great evening.

In response to the rap finale, lower Gillian Alou said, "I talked to G Yamazawa backstage and he's a really cool guy. His performance was great last time, and this time too." Prep Serene DeSisso also enjoyed this particular performance and reflected on the unity it cultivated in the crowd. "Music has that thing that can just make all different people connect," DeSisso said. "And the guy was talking about really important social issues, and everyone agreed, which was great."

Audience members enjoyed watching all of their peers and teachers on stage. Upper Tricia Moriarty appreciated the fact that members of the Exeter community performed at Spring Fling, saying, "I always like E.A.R. concerts. It's always fun to see your classmates performing and your teachers too, like Ms. Alcott. She's my chem teacher and it was really awesome to see her having fun up there."

Trendwatch

Hey Guys!

After a rainy, cold week, we are finally seeing some nice sunshine outside! The weather seems like it's going to get hotter as we enter finals week. Hang on tight, Exonians, we are almost there! Only two weeks left until summer break!

The 70th Cannes Film Festival started off with a fancy opening gala in France this Wednesday. Many celebrities looked stunning, bringing out some of the most elegant gowns! Each celebrity showed off their fashion sense with dresses and tuxedos with all sorts of colors and designs. However, there seemed to be a trend among the celebrities who attended the gala. Bella Hadid and Emily Ratajkowski, along with many other celebrities, flaunted silk champagne-colored gowns, remaining simple yet elegant. Bella Hadid, who wore a stunning backless red gown at last year's gala, matched her strapless satin dress with silver high heels. Emily Ratajkowski also wore surprisingly similar pale gown. Her dress, featuring a low-cut neckline, showed off her long legs. She also

wore her hair in a classic updo, channeling the Audrey Hepburn look.

This week at Exeter, Exonians also started to show off their best spring looks. **Natalie Pang '19** looked chic in a blue floral crop top. She matched her top with distressed white denim jeans and white Tory Burch sandals. **Lauren Maguire '18** wore a black floral romper with sunflower patterns and a pair of black wedges. **Maya Kim '18** rocked a sheer black embroidered dress. The colorful floral patterns really contrasted her black dress. She also wore a pair of black ankle boots to complete her look. **Andrew Hong '18** showed off his excitement for the summer in a green Hawaiian short sleeve shirt. He looked comfortable in his Patagonia flip flops. We can't wait to see more amazing spring and summer looks!

Stay cool,
Sherry and Michael

Thrift Shop Review: Two Flights Down

By **JOY ZHANG**
Life Editor

Past Stillwell's ice cream shop along Main Street in downtown Exeter, there's a small alley with stairs leading down towards the Squamscott River. Walk down the stairs, and you will find a small clothing shop with a wooden sign that reads "Two Flights Down." Although the name does not suggest anything about the shop other than the fact that it is indeed located several steps down the street, it is in fact one of the greatest consignment shops you could find. The owner of the shop, Shirley, has been working in the thrift shop business since the 80s. After the owners of the thrift shop she used to work for—One Flight Up—moved away, she decided to start her own thrift shop to pursue her passion.

Inside of the shop, you can find quality women and men's clothes of all sorts, formal and casual, as well as antique jewelries, handbags and dress shoes. Whatever your style may be, whether it's trendy or classic, elegant or sporty, you are sure to find something that fits your look. Many of the goods in the shop are from authentic designer brands with timeless styles and quality fabric, and the amazingly low prices make them available to everyone.

Consigning and purchasing outfits in a thrift shop is also a very good way to reduce waste and protect the environment. It is estimated that the volume of clothing Americans throw away each year is going to double to 14 million tons (80 pounds per person) in the next 20 years, and according to the EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency), the waste created by those discarded textiles is equivalent to the amount of carbon dioxide emitted from 7.3 million cars. Often, we skim through the dazzling pictures of pretty clothes online, purchase an item of clothing from the

internet and then immediately toss it away or put it aside after taking pictures at an event.

We rarely control our impulses and think of the environmental consequences when we buy clothes. We think of nothing beyond short-term satisfaction. Many times, the clothes that we throw away are still in good condition and could be reused by a different owner. By giving clothes to a thrift shop, you will not only doing yourself a favor, but also making sure that the fabulous clothes you once loved continue to get the love they deserve.

Selling clothes to and purchasing clothes at a thrift shop is undoubtedly a rewarding experience. Not only will you be able to get some extra cash back if you sell, but you'll also clear your mind and clear your wardrobe. When you shop, you will learn to buy things with a purpose, knowing the things that you are looking for and the things you really need, instead of blindly taking in things that you might regret later on.

"My favorite part of having the store are the customers," Shirley said. "People come in with their own style, and they don't need a mall to tell them what to wear." By picking the clothes that you actually enjoy wearing and getting rid of the ones that are worn less often, you will gradually find your own style and realize what kind of outfits fit you the best.

Heading into the second to last week of the school year, as you pack before going back home, if you have any summer wear that you want to consign, you can bring it to Two Flights Down on May 31st. Shirley will be accepting no more than 10 items from each person. Start a green life by consigning and shopping in a thrift shop!



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SeniorSpotlight

Brilliant Bennett

By PAUL JAMES
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As a co-head of the step group Outkast, a member of the Afro-Latino Exonian Society, Young Brothers Society, a proctor in Browning House and a member of the varsity soccer and track teams, senior Marvin Bennett may seem to be everywhere at once. Luckily, he has practice with speed: as a captain of the varsity track and field team, he is skilled in the art of covering distances quickly.

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Bennett came to Exeter after applying through the A Better Chance program. His experiences at Exeter have helped him become an extroverted person who is grounded in his identity. "I've become a lot more confident for sure. In the beginning I was pretty introverted, but over time I became more comfortable and learned more about who I am," Bennett explained.

He also has enjoyed his leadership role on the track team. "It's good to be able to talk to the coaches and have a say in what happens on the team," he said. "A lot of that responsibility comes from being a senior as well, and the seniors on the team are role models for younger runners."

Track and Field coach Hilary Coder described the importance of Bennett's role as team captain. "Bennett has been a leader from the time he came onto the track, and his being voted as one of the captains was no surprise," Coder said. She recalled one moment in particular where Bennett had run a relay and moved on to the javelin competition. "Rather than have the team disqualified, and despite the fact that he had already run one relay leg for his own group, Bennett put his spikes back on and went to the line to run for the team that needed the extra runner," Coder said, adding that it was "a super selfless, tough-minded



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response to a problem."

"No one suggested this to him, he just took it on as a leader and a captain," Coder said. She believes that people like Bennett are great role models for younger runners. "He has left an indelible imprint for the younger guys to follow. It is people like Bennett that pass the strength and integrity of the program on to the next group," Coder said.

Members of the track team revere Bennett for his strong work ethic and fun-loving attitude. Upper Claire Melvin remarked on his natural leadership of the team. "Bennett is always charismatic at practice, and he has supported our team through highs and lows," she said. "He knows that skill alone doesn't cut it and works hard whatever the workout."

Upper Dolapo Adedokun spoke highly of Bennett's personality and commitment. "As a team member, captain and friend, Bennett is one of the greatest people I have met on campus," Adedokun said. "Wherever he is, he

always brings so much positive and warm energy. As a double varsity captain this year, Bennett has grown into a strong and reliable leader that we can always count on to get the job done."

Upper Abel Nagala echoed Adedokun's sentiments. "He's one of those people that when they aren't at practice, it doesn't feel the same," Nagala said.

Associate Director of Admissions and Bennett's advisor Porter Hayes also spoke about his impact on the Exeter community. "As an advisor, I have found him to be a great member of the Exeter community," Hayes said. "His family has also been a pleasure to know, and I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to work with them as well."

Bennett is also a member of the Young Brother's Society, an affinity group for men of color. As a member of this particular club, Bennett has continued to have a positive impact on his fellow Exonians. "Bennett has a

dynamic presence in YBS," senior and member of the Young Brother's Society Chudi Obiofuma said. "He's always cracking jokes and smiling and giving us lots of energy and positivity, but when things get serious, he's always the first to calm things down. Overall, he acts as a great role model for the younger kids."

Bennett also attributes some of his best experiences to time spent in the dorm or with friends. "Browning is great. Everyone's pretty close and the last couple years were great. We had great proctors," he said. Bennett's dorm mates have been equally appreciative of his presence in the dorm. Upper Stuart Rucker, a resident of Browning Hall, commended Bennett for his efforts to connect with his dorm mates. "Bennett is always positive and enthusiastic in the dorm," Rucker said. "He is concerned with how other people are doing, even if he doesn't know them well. He pushes everyone around him to strive for excellence—whether academic or social."

Although Bennett is looking forward to graduating and the fresh start that accompanies college, Bennett said, "I'm also going to miss the people here. I've also been trying to hang out more with friends." Whether encouraging his teammates on the track, playing Twister with his friends or chatting with his dorm mates, Bennett has proven himself to be an integral part of Phillips Exeter.

Lower Raj Das, a teammate and dorm mate, applauded Bennett's efforts as a role model. "He's one of the best friends and role models I've ever had, and he's just such an infectious, positive person," he said. Although Bennett will graduate this spring, Das emphasized that Bennett will have a lasting impact on him, saying, "He inspires me to try and be the best person I can be, and he's inspired me to try to have a similar presence as an athlete, leader and friend over the next two years."

EXONIAN HOROSCOPE

By LAUREN LEATHAM and ALEXANDRA van DIJKUM
Columnists

Aries: Take this week by storm, Aries! With the sun's vibrant energy in your sign, get out there and go exploring! Bring your friends along for the adventure. Try out a new restaurant or even visit a new place. You'll feel like it's summer!

Taurus: Focus on the little things this week, Taurus. With Mars in your sign, you may feel more detail-oriented over the next couple of days. Use this time as an opportunity to organize your room and put the finishing details on any projects you're undertaking.

Gemini: This is going to be a peaceful week for you, Gemini. You can relax as Jupiter exits your sign for the first time in two weeks, giving you a heightened sense of balance for the first time in a while. Take a breather and get some rest when you can. You'll thank yourself later!

Cancer: This week will test you, Cancer, so persevere through the storm. With the moon transitioning into your sign, you might see conflicts arise with those close to you. Don't worry too much, though, as things should stabilize after a couple days.

Leo: This is your week, Leo! You have put in all the hard work, and now it is time to show it off. With the sun briefly moving into your sign, all eyes will be on you as you display the fruits of your hard work. Don't be afraid to toot your own horn!

Virgo: This week is the week to crack open the books, Virgo. With Jupiter remaining in your sign this week, it's a great time to get ready for all of your final assessments. If you put in the hard work now, you will feel like you are cruising by the end of the year!

Libra: Take it easy this week, Libra. No need to stress, you've made it to the end of the year. Appreciate the time you have left here; it may go by faster than you realize. Slow down and relax.

Scorpio: Be careful what you wish for, Scorpio. You may get more than you bargained for. Just stay focused on your work and try to keep out of drama! If you do this, your last few weeks will be a breeze.

Sagittarius: Now is the week to really work hard, Sagittarius. Don't get distracted by the sun; it's not summer yet. If you take this next week to really focus, you'll be happy in the long run. Just a few more weeks until you can truly relax!

Capricorn: Close your eyes and imagine summer, Capricorn. You are almost there! Spend some time outside with

your friends and embrace the feeling of an impending vacation. Maybe even make some plans to see some other Exonians over break. It could be fun!

Aquarius: Take a deep breath, Aquarius. You'll be just fine. You've made it to the end of a long year! Just a few more days of hard work, and you'll be able to sunbathe and lounge all day. Use your last few days to spend time with those friends you won't see in a while. Strengthen these bonds before leaving Exeter for summer break or college. This is your time to have fun!

Pisces: Balance your last few weeks here, Pisces. Spend some time in the library studying for all of your finals. It'll pay off. But don't forget to have some fun! Toss a frisbee or play Spikeball. Hanging out outside with some friends will help you destress. It'll also be a fun way to spend your afternoons!

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FacultySpotlight

Megan Campbell

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Instructor of Classical Languages Megan Campbell arrived at the Academy in 2013, and through her contagious love of learning and hip sense of style, she has grown close to many members of the Exeter community. As a classics enthusiast, softball coach and affiliate of McConnell Hall, Campbell has formed bonds with students that run deep. In fact, many of her students and advisees consider her both a role-model and friend.

Campbell first became involved with the classics while studying archaeology and Greek history at the University of Texas at Austin, where she was an aspiring history major. She found herself excelling at both Latin and Greek and decided to seek a classics degree after two years of conducting her undergraduate studies. "I found something that I really loved so I just kept doing it," she said. She realized that she wanted to pursue a career as a high school Latin teacher during her Ph.D. program at the University of Toronto.

Although she had previously never visited New Hampshire and was unfamiliar with the boarding school environment, Campbell was drawn to Exeter because she found it to be "a place with amazing students and a fantastic Classics program" that offered both Latin and ancient Greek despite being a high school institution. "I didn't really know that places like this existed when I was

growing up," she said. "Exeter is truly a unique school."

"Supportive" and "thoughtful" are just a few of the words that students and faculty members have used to describe Campbell. "She's made a huge impact on her students because she's always willing to try new things. I really appreciate how she's so innovative while also being so grounded in her knowledge," classics instructor Nicholas Unger commented. "She's a deep scholar with an intellectual fire power as well as a great sense of humor. She brings those two qualities together to create a really dynamic package as a teacher."

According to Campbell, "without a doubt, the best part of teaching at Exeter

is being able to work with students who are excited about what you're teaching them." She expressed appreciation for the ever-present intellectual curiosity and creativity of her students. "They challenge you and keep you on your toes. There are so many times when students ask me questions that I had never thought of, and that's pretty exciting," she said. Prep and classics student Sophia Cho believes that the passion goes both ways for Campbell. "No matter the time of day, she's always into teaching students about Latin, Greek and Roman history," she explained.

Campbell organized a summer archaeology trip for classics students to Bibracte, France three years ago and has

since been leading it with great success. Upper Timothy Han, who went on the trip last year, expressed gratitude for her guidance, saying "she was an amazing trip leader and just a kind and wonderful person overall. I know a lot of the kids on the trip looked up to her as a great inspiration and a really kind mentor."

As head coach of the girls' junior varsity softball team, Campbell is admired and respected by her players. Senior and junior varsity softball captain Majestic Terhune described Campbell's role as a coach. "My favorite thing about her is her gentle concern. She's not overbearing when she looks out for you; she has this positive energy and she's just interested in how you're doing," Terhune said. "I adore her. If I made a list of my top five favorite people on campus, she'd be on it."

Outside the classroom, Campbell enjoys listening to music and attending band concerts in Boston. She first developed her taste in music when she started working in a record store at the age of fifteen. Campbell also enjoys traveling; she recently visited Egypt and France. Her enthusiasm for the Classics has only fueled her desire to see more of the world, especially sites with historic significance. "Seeing places that are infused with thousands of years of history and standing on the spot where civilizations were created is really the best way to feel a link with the past. I also love understanding the modern cultures that coexist with the ancient ones. I love the way that the flow of life feels different in different cultures," she said.

Summer Quote Box

By KIANA SILVER
Contributing Writer

"My mom and I are going to Peru in July. She had the crazy idea to not make any hotel reservations, so we're going to be homeless for three weeks in a foreign country. I'm excited because it's kind of sketchy, but I know it will be so much fun. The open-endedness of the trip will allow us to create our own adventure as we go."

-Maxx Murray '19

"I, along with some other Exeter students, will be staying with two different host families in Japan for two weeks: one host family with a child in middle school, and one with a kid in elementary school. We're going to attend the Sekeii School of Japan and take courses there in Japanese, including math and science. We're also going to help teach an English class. I'm super excited because I've wanted to visit Japan all my life, and I'm finally getting to go with some prior knowledge of the language."

-Kate Denny '19

"I'm really excited to be part of the Adroit Mentorship Program, which is a great opportunity for young writers to work with accomplished, published authors and poets—for free! I'm also so honored to be attending the Iowa Young Writers' Workshop, where I'll study alongside other students who love writing as much as I do! After that, I'm going to attend a course on human rights at the University of Chicago, which ties into my volunteer work in August at the Fundación Hogares Claret in Medellín, Colombia. There, I'll work with Father Mejia, a priest who serves abandoned, underprivileged youths by providing them with their basic needs, an academic education and an education in meditation and yoga."

-Bella Alvarez '19

"This summer, I'm attending the

Paideia Institute's Living Latin in Rome high school program. I'll be going with Thomas Mowen, another lower here. This program isn't affiliated with Exeter, but we heard about it from Mrs. Campbell, a Latin teacher here. We'll be in Rome for two weeks, from July 2 to 18, seeing historical sites in Rome and learning conversational Latin. I'm doing this because I want to be a Latin teacher at Exeter in the future, and I have a passion for Classics."

-Michaela Phan '19

"I am going to Uganda this summer, and I'm excited to see my family, learn new languages and taste new foods. It's a great opportunity for me to learn more about my parents' culture."

-Matthew Wabunoha '20

"For the beginning of summer, I plan to intern at a hypersonic research facility where they will be doing testing on a hypersonic wind tunnel and researching how to dampen the vibrations from the motion in order to create a more stable system."

-RC McShane '17

"I'm going to be a counselor at Camp Skylemar, which is an overnight camp that I went to for seven straight years when I was growing up. I'm going to be working at the waterfront teaching kids how to waterski. After that, I'm going to Turks and Caicos for a week to stay at the same resort that my family has been going to since I was little."

-Cory Mengden '17

"This summer, I have to be at Holy Cross for seven weeks for basketball, and I'm looking forward to building team chemistry. Besides that, my parents have some friends who live in Spain that we'll be visiting for three weeks. It'll be super fun!"

-Jacob Grandison '17

MOVIE REVIEW:
MAMMA MIA!

By SOPHIA ZU
News Editor

With an all-star cast headed by Meryl Streep and an all-ABBA soundtrack, it's difficult to understand how Phyllida Lloyd, the director of "Mamma Mia!" (2008), managed to produce a movie so undeserving of its fame — the movie grossed just over \$600 million dollars, making it the fifth highest grossing movie of 2008 and one of the highest grossing musicals of all time. The response from film critics, however, was overwhelmingly negative. "The legal definition of torture has been much aired in recent years," said acclaimed New Yorker film critic Anthony Lane. "I take "Mamma Mia!" to be a useful contribution to that debate." Unlike other tween movies such Mean Girls or The Princess Bride, "Mamma Mia!"'s fairy tale glamor is overpowered by its annoying positivity.

Adapted from the 1999 musical, "Mamma Mia!" stars Meryl Streep as Donna Sheridan, a hotel owner living on the Greek island of Kalokairi with her daughter, and Sophie Sheridan (Amanda Seyfried), who is getting married. Sophie reads about three of her mother's past lovers in Donna's diary and invites them, without her mother's knowledge, to the wedding in the hopes that one of them is her father. Donna is rightfully surprised when she sees three of her past lovers gathered on her tiny Greek island and confides in her friends that even she is unsure of who Sophie's father is. Thus, the movie's biggest question is this: Who is Sophie's father?


Unfortunately, the movie fails to address even the most basic of questions (it seems as though Greece has not quite caught up with DNA testing), and the identity of Sophie's biological father

remains a mystery. The three men decide to "share" claim to being fathers to Sophie, despite living in different corners of the world. The fact that the men, Sam Carmichael (Pierce Brosnan), Harry Bright (Colin Firth) and Bill Anderson (Stellan Skarsgård) dropped their "busy" lives to attend a stranger's wedding is completely ludicrous.

Meryl Streep is the true highlight of the movie. Her effervescent portrayal of Donna brings a much-needed sincerity to the campy mess that is "Mamma Mia!" Fans of her earlier movies might be surprised to see her in such a light-hearted role, but Streep leaves sunshine in her wake as she skips and traipses across her island.

Unfortunately, Streep did not share her talent and prestige with her castmates. Pierce Brosnan won a Golden Raspberry Award for the "Worst Supporting Actor" of 2008. Looking at critics' reviews, one would think that Brosnan was a walking, talking zoo. His singing has been compared to "a donkey braying" by *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, "a water buffalo" by *The New York Magazine* and a "wounded raccoon" by *The Miami Herald*.

"Mamma Mia!" Perfectly fits into the category of an incredibly mediocre movie made popular by its whimsical setting, fair-skinned cast and rippling blue waves. As the audience watches Seyfried sing "Honey, Honey" or "Dancing Queen" (both excellent songs), they are sucked into a vortex of too-polished laughter and too-golden hair. Watching the film is like watching a man pour a steady stream of sugar into his coffee. With cavity-inducing sweetness, Mamma Mia! force feeds the audience with its saccharine eye candy.



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Baseball Pummels Cushing Twice

By MADISON KANG
Staff Writer

Big Red's baseball team prevailed in both of its doubleheader games against Cushing Academy on its home turf last Saturday, adding two more winning scores of 10-4 and 5-2 to its season record, which stands at twelve wins and three losses. The team is currently seeded second in the Central New England Prep School League (CNESPL) play-offs this Saturday at Brown University.

Exeter's hitters were unparalleled by their Cushing opponents. At the start of the seventh inning of the first game, postgraduate Nick Hall's hit prompted three runs to extend Big Red's lead from 6-4 to 9-4, while senior Nick Moore hit twice in both games.

Hall was also a standout pitcher in the second game, pitching all seven innings, allowing seven hits and striking out eight. Teammates also noted younger pitchers stepping up to the mound. "Our prep Cade Thompson pitched very well coming in relief for us," said senior and co-captain Collin Shapiro.

In both games, the boys made some impressive plays in the field, including a catch by Shapiro in center field, senior and co-captain Harrison Money throwing out a base runner trying to steal second base, and postgraduate Henri Pratt picking a runner off of first base.

These critical plays, coupled with timely hitting, ensured Exeter's victories and boosted the players' morale. "Everything was in place for both games: hitting, pitching and fielding, which makes the game a joy to play," said senior Nate Bogardus. "Every-



Upper Kyle Jadatz sprints to home plate.

Rachel Luo/The Exonian

body's happy when you're winning as the result of everyone playing well."

Shapiro credited the boys' fortitude throughout the game to their relentless support for one another. "Team spirit is always good for us," he said. "We had to stay focused and keep our bats alive for the whole game."

Bogardus said that the victory felt especially rewarding because of Cush-

ing Academy's historically triumphant baseball team. "We played two games against Cushing, who our coach Dana Barbin likes to remind us 'has more league titles than anyone else,'" he said. "It feels good to have won two games against their program."

As the school year comes to an end, assistant coach Tim Mitropolous is thrilled about the team's past wins

and looks forward to the team's final games. "It is always a good weekend when you can go on the road and get two victories. The team played well and had some clutch moments to make sure we solidified the wins," he said. "This week we will continue to get better and compete at a high level everyday. This will put us in the best position to be successful."

Girls' Wopo Suffers Two Tough Losses

By JARED ZHANG
Staff Writer

On Saturday, girls' varsity water polo traveled to Choate Rosemary Hall and completed its final two games of the season against Choate and Suffield Academy. Unfortunately, Big Red fell to both teams in two hotly contested matches. Exeter lost to Choate and Suffield with scores of 2-7 and 4-5, respectively. After these two games, Big Red ends the season with a record of 5-8.

The two losses were disappointing for many members of the team, especially after defeating Choate earlier in the season. Lower Issy Wise explained that the team had high expectations heading into the games. "We expected to beat Choate, and we hoped to beat Suffield, so we were a little disappointed when we didn't," she said. Despite the loss, lower Sam Gove insisted that the team played to the best of their abilities. "They were just better than us. We played well, but we just weren't good enough," she said.

Senior and co-captain Emily LaRovere mentioned the fatigue the team felt from the long three hour journey to Choate as a possible factor in its results. "Our first game against Choate was a little slow at first, since we had just gotten off the three hour bus ride and everyone was tired," LaRovere said. However, LaRovere elaborated that the team still played valiantly despite Choate's strong defense.

In the game against Suffield, the girls began building upon their momentum. The second game ended up being closer and more competitive for both teams. "Our game against Suffield was a lot more fun, and I think we played a much better game," LaRovere said.

Despite recognizing the opportunity to improve some technical skills, LaRovere admitted that the team has vastly improved since the beginning of the season. "We can always work on our shooting and passing,



Lower Issy Wise passes the ball to her teammate.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

but we were in a much better place than we were when we first played Suffield," she said.

With these two losses, Exeter missed the opportunity to compete in the Liquid 4 Championships. LaRovere expressed her disappointment in being unable to attend the championship in her last season on the team. However, the younger members

of the team remained optimistic and motivated to redeem themselves in the following years. "We're disappointed in not making Liquid 4, but we plan on coming back stronger next year. We're getting some new recruits which will be good," Wise said. Lower Samantha Gove also expressed her confidence in the team qualifying for the championships next year.

LaRovere also expressed her faith in the team's ability to be more successful next season after she graduates. "I think this will just give the team even more motivation for next year to qualify, and hopefully they can work on the strong foundation that was formed this season. I wish them the best of luck next year, and I'm going to miss each one of them so much!"

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: THE BOYS' LACROSSE CAPTAINS

By SARAH RYU
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Staff Writers

The opposing team's player tosses the ball across the field to his teammate. Out of the blue, senior Mac Perry lunges through the air and swoops the ball away. Perry passes the ball to senior Tamer Sullivan who catches it and charges down the field. Sullivan swings his stick and passes the ball with precision to senior Bradley Ingersoll. Ingersoll dodges past defenders, outmaneuvering them at every move before throwing the ball to senior Myles Haigney. He snatches the ball away from the crowd of defenders and rips the ball into the goal, followed by the swooshing sound of the ball hitting the net.

Haigney, Ingersoll, Perry and Sullivan are the captains of the boys' varsity lacrosse team. The four lead a successful team of 39 players this season, running on a current record of 12-2.

Haigney first started playing the sport in third grade, when most of his friends had already started playing in the previous year. At the time, he played a variety of sports, including soccer and baseball, but once he picked up a lacrosse stick, he immediately fell in love with the sport. The combination of "game sense, teamwork and quickness" made it incredibly fun and competitive, at the same time.

Since coming to Exeter, Haigney explained that many of his best friends have been made on the lacrosse team. The senior credits the team's atmosphere for uniting the group together. "We've always had a playful atmosphere that makes everyone including the younger guys feel welcome," he said.

On the field, Haigney is an offensive force to be reckoned with. Upper Jack Pimental complemented Haigney for being one of the top goal-scorers on the team. Pimental also praised Haigney for his leadership abilities. "Through each drill, Myles is very vocal to make sure that we are all giving our all to get better," he said.

Ingersoll picked up the sport when he was in fifth grade, when one of his friends started playing. Since hockey was the only sport he was playing at the time and lacrosse was just growing in North Carolina, he thought he would give it a try.

Playing on the Exeter team, Ingersoll noticed the strong camaraderie between the players, compared to his previous team. "At Exeter, it is different because there is a real sense of family within the team. Living together with a lot of my teammates here at school and spending more time with them than I did before has allowed me to grow really close with them," he said.



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As a captain, Ingersoll tries to lead the team by example, making sure that the younger players have a smooth transition. Knowing that Exeter can be tough at times, Ingersoll enjoys being able to help them in any way.

Haigney described Ingersoll as being on the quieter side, but noted that he "leads by his example like no one else—that way whenever he gets on players to concentrate or focus up, his word carries extra weight."

Pimental mentioned that one of his favorite memories of playing was with Ingersoll during their game against Governor's, a consistent lacrosse powerhouse, earlier this season. "Within the first half, Bradley had already netted three goals and he finished the game with four of our team's eleven goals in the game. Without his outstanding play, I'm not sure we would have come out victorious against such a tough competitor," he said.

Perry, on the other hand, started playing the sport once he grew tired of standing around on the baseball diamond. He noted that playing on the Exeter team has been an incredible experience for him because they function much more as a complete team, spending more time with other players during classes, meals and practices.

"We all know each other so well both on and off the field that we're able to have an awesome dynamic when we're together, whether we're playing or not," he said.

Perry added how grateful he was for be-

ing part of such a strong, passionate team. "I'm lucky to be able to go out every day and play a sport I love with so many of my best friends every day. More than anything, I feel fortunate to be a part of this program and to have shared so many wonderful experiences with everyone in it," he said. Upper Wyatt Foster noted that Perry was one of the "most down to earth" members of the team.

Similar to the others, Sullivan started playing lacrosse for his local team in third grade. After watching his brother and his friends play the sport, he was inspired to join and started playing seriously when he was in eighth grade.

Sullivan agreed with his fellow co-captains about the close-knit environment of the lacrosse team. He recalled coming to Exeter as a prep and being taken under the wing of a lacrosse-playing senior who showed him the "ins and outs" of Exeter. "If you play lacrosse, as soon as you step on campus in the fall you are part of the team," he added.

As a co-captain of the team, Sullivan is described as a "vocal and emotional leader." Haigney praised Sullivan for the hard work and dedication he displays for the team. "He's giving everything he's got and more for every second of our practices and games so having him as the anchor of our defense is comforting," he said.

Upper Tanner McGowan explained that because all of them possess different skill sets and strengths, they make a great group of leaders. "Overall, as a group, they are great leaders in

every area, with each captain playing a different role. I will miss their ability to be serious when things need to be taken seriously and their ability to joke around when it is appropriate. I feel that they balance these two things very well," he said.

Pimental also remarked on with how easy it is to get along with all the captains. "Each of them has a great sense of humor and they are all great guys that I know would do most anything for me if I needed it. Once we step onto the field they recognize their jobs as role models for the younger kids on the team. They become more serious on the field and make sure that we give our all during each drill and rep in order to make ourselves and the team as a whole better," he said.

Senior Paul McDonald added that the captains are caring in every way, not just on the lacrosse team. "Not only are they incredible athletes, but they are responsible individuals and they care for not only the lacrosse community but the Exeter community as a whole. They're funny, easy going, fun to be around and genuinely good kids," he said.

Leading a successful season with having already had a winning six-game streak, the captains are ready to tackle their next schools in the upcoming games. As McGowan said, "The thing that stands out most for me is their ability to get the team fired and up and ready to play. No matter the weather, no matter the game, the captains get everybody amped to play."

Boys' Crew Obliterates Andover, Tabor



The men's first varsity eight pulls ahead of its competition going into the last 500 meters.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

By ERICA HOGAN
Managing Editor

Exeter took home the David Swift Points Trophy this weekend, with Big Red's top three boats coming in first against Andover and Tabor. The first boat beat Tabor by 0.7 seconds and Andover by 1.4 seconds in a close finish, with a time of 4:34.9. The second boat beat Andover by eight seconds and Tabor by thirteen seconds with a time of 4:42.0, finishing with two lengths of open water.

Upper and co-captain Francis Baviera Maloney was proud of the team's performance. "The team showed up and we did our job....we stepped our game up at Andover...the top three boys' boats won, and we are all very proud of that," he said.

The first boat came into the race hungry for redemption after a tough loss to Hanover the week before and a long week spent seat-racing and making technical improvements. Baviera Maloney credited the boat's success to the technical work they'd been doing, saying, "This work led us to victory as we honed in and improved our weaknesses, such as the start and the sprint."

The first boat started the race down on Tabor and Andover but quickly moved through Andover in the first 500 meters. Tabor remained up on Exeter until the 800 meter mark, when Big Red made a move and got ahead. "Once we were up, we never let them catch up," Baviera Maloney said. Although Tabor began to close the gap on the sprint, Exeter managed to hold them off.

Baviera Maloney highlighted coxswain JP Kim as a key player in the

boat's success. "We couldn't have done it without JP Kim, as he did an amazing job coxing us to victory."

Coming out of the race, the boys are feeling confident as they move into the end of the season. "The second and third boats continue to crush the competition, and first boat's victory at Andover shows that we are a serious contender for the NEIRA podium," senior Alec Howe said. Upper John Chen concurred, saying, "We are in great condition and just need to clean up our form."

Howe was happy with how the team had been improving and was enthusiastic about the regattas ahead. "I feel as though our season got off to a rough start, but we've been steadily gaining speed week by week and that has shown in our results. I'm feeling confident about the team, especially considering the passion that Coach Leger brings to

the sport," he said.

That said, the team is looking to improve on its sprinting as they reach the end of its season. "We shouldn't cut it so close versus a great team like Tabor and good teams like Andover," Howe said.

With their dominance at Andover, the boy's crew team has proved itself ready to take on the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Regatta in two weeks. This weekend, Exeter will be racing against St. Paul's at the Crum-packer Boathouse in Concord, NH, its last match-up before it heads to Lake Quinsigamond for the championship.

Exeter dominated St. Paul's earlier in the season during April, but the boys know not to underestimate their opponents. St. Paul's had been known to taper for its final race against Exeter, so there will be some fast races.



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Volleyball Wins 3rd Straight Championship Storms Past NMH in the Finals to Win 3-0

By JOHN BECKERLE
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Boys' varsity volleyball traveled to Choate Rosemary Hall for the New England Prep School Athletic Council championships. PEA won its third consecutive council title after defeating Phillips Academy Andover and Northfield Mount Hermon School.

Up until this point in the season, the team was 8-0 in the regular season, winning every one of its regular season games 3-0. The only falter in the team's perfect season was a loss in a scrimmage against Westfield School.

PEA played its first game of the tournament on Saturday against the four seed of the tournament, Andover. The team continued its streak with yet another 3-0 win, winning its sets with scores of 25-14, 25-12 and 25-4. The 25-4 set was the largest margin of victory the team has had all season.

The team moved on to the final match of the tournament to face Northfield Mount Hermon—who they had already bested twice before—for the third time this season. Again, the team won 3-0 with set scores of 25-19, 25-19 and 25-18.

Heading into Saturday's games, senior Mitchell Kirsch, who won his third New England Prep School Athletic Council championship on Saturday, did not worry much about the team's chances of winning. "We knew that if we played like ourselves we would win, so we stayed loose and had a good time while winning," he said.

Lower Sam Michaels appreciated the leadership roles that the older players on the team had in Saturday's wins. "The team played really well. Our seniors, Ben Swett, Mitchell Kirsch, Kelvin Green, Graham Rutledge and Jacob [Grandison], stepped up and carried the team



Senior Kelvin Green goes up for a spike.

Gracie Goodwin/The Exonian

to victory."

Emilio Karakey, a two year upper who played with the team last year, felt that this year's championship was much easier than last year's because of the plays made by the seniors on the team.

Prep Nathan James complimented Kirsch and Swett for their plays throughout the season, especially on Saturday. "Mitchell Kirsch and Ben Swett are a match made in heaven, like the Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively of volleyball. Saturday's games were some of the best

we've played all season," James said. "It was great to see our seniors win their third championship in a row."

The boys will host Andover on May 27 for its final game of the season. Although the boys demolished Andover on Saturday, James said that the team will have to continue to improve in the coming weeks. "We're still practicing hard to get better, and we aren't underestimating Andover either. Our result against them on Saturday didn't do them justice, and we'll have to be at our best, mentally and

physically, going into the game," he said.

Karakey felt that the team is prepared to take Andover on again. "I think we're ready. We just have to stay focused and not make silly mistakes." Michaels expressed a similar sentiment. "We're ready for our game against Andover. We still have another scrimmage before that, and we'll be practicing all week long to prepare for E/a," he said.

Kirsch remained confident in the team's abilities. "I'm not worried about us, [but] I hope Andover is ready."

Track Edges Out Deerfield and NMH Team Ready to Compete in Interschols This Week

By ROSE HOROWITZ
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This week, the track team had a meet at the Northfield Mount Hermon School (NMH) against Deerfield Academy and NMH. Led by Coach Hilary Coder, the team won the overall meet against arguably two of the strongest teams in NEPSA D1. Even though Exeter narrowly beat out its competition, the win was still an impressive feat. Also, the victory was a testament to the hard work and determination that the team has displayed throughout the season.

The athletes successfully supported each other throughout the meet, and worked selflessly in the team races. Lower Raj Das said that individual members performed strongly in almost all of the events.

Although the team was able to come away from the meet with a win, they faced some challenges. Lower Grace Gray said that the team has struggled in "really working together as a team and being our best in everything we can do."

Das said that the biggest struggle the team has had to overcome is "that a lot of people are pretty sick or injured right now." Das added that although the team has had to work harder in the face of this challenge, it has not let it hinder its season.

Das said that due to the absence of players, team members have stepped up and successfully taken on races and events that they had never tried before.

One of these injured players was senior Marvin Bennett, who is recovering from a hamstring injury. Das said that Bennett's 100-meter dash stood out most

in the meet.

"Bennett ran an amazing race," he said. Das added that, "There were a lot of other amazing individual performances as well, and overall it was a great meet for the team."

Das said that in addition to his hard work in his individual races, Bennett provided the team with encouragement. "He's an amazing leader and role model, both when he's stepping up to the blocks, but everywhere else because he's always looking out for everyone on every corner of our 100+ member team," Das said.

The team has left the week with important takeaways for the rest of the season. Although Das was not pleased by his individual performance this week, he learned that every competition can be a success, no matter the outcome, as long as the team stays in the right mindset.

Looking towards next week, the team will take this lesson with it in preparation to host Interschols on the Exeter track. This is the team's biggest meet of the season, and its last competition before facing Phillips Academy Andover.

Das is looking forward to seeing the team take on this challenging meet, saying, "I can't wait to see how every member of our team is going to step up the way we always do, but on the biggest stage." Das added that he thought interschols were "going to be great."

Gray is looking forward to the meet as well. "I'm excited for everyone to work together really well and have a great race," she said.

Come out and support the track team during interschols this Saturday, May 20. Help give the Exeter athletes the home team advantage that they deserve!



Prep David Kim attempts to clear a bar.

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Girls' Water Polo



Big Red battled hard, but unfortunately fell short to both Suffield and Choate. Find out more on B4.

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Athletes of the Week



The boys' lacrosse captains foster a good team environment both on and off the field. Read more on B5.

Chiara Perotti Correa/The Exonian

Baseball



The boys' baseball team won both of its games last weekend against Cushing. Read more about the team on B4.

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SATURDAY GAMES:

Boys' Track	Home	10:00pm
Girls' Track	Home	10:00pm
Boys' Tennis	Home	1:00 pm
Girls' Tennis	Home	3:00pm
Golf	Away	1:00 pm
Girls' Lax	Away	1:45pm
Boys' Crew	Away	3:10pm
Girls' Crew	Away	3:00pm