



Parell, Han, Yang to Lead Student Council

Community Mourns Loss of Beech Tree

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Exeter townspeople, Academy faculty and students alike gathered at the base of the great copper beech tree on the Southside Quad last Thursday. Those in attendance honored the tree's long history and prepared to bid it farewell: On Friday, the tree was chopped down. Children played beneath the tree, and at one point in the ceremony, a young girl ran forward to embrace its trunk, exclaiming, "Goodbye, tree!"

English instructor Todd Hearon opened the ceremony with a brief eulogy. "I tried to establish the context of the gathering," he said.

"Here we are, in front of this tree, that has been a member of our community for longer than any of us individually," Hearon told the crowd, welcoming all to the ceremony. When he had finished delivering his remarks, he introduced the Academy's Director of Facilities, Roger Wakeman, who explained to the community that the tree had been severely damaged in a storm, and that in order to ensure the community's safety from falling branches, the tree had to be removed. Wakeman also described the Academy's plans to keep the memory of the tree alive, perhaps by milling and seasoning the wood to build a Harkness table for the Library. He also explained

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Senior Alison Dowski attends Climate Action Day workshop.

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PEA Holds Annual Climate Action Day

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Exeter held its third annual Climate Action Day on Wednesday, an event that featured a variety of workshops and hands-on activities intended to educate and impassion students on issues of climate change and sustainability.

Before establishing Climate Action Day, Exeter had a long-standing Community Action Day, during which students and teachers would work together to clean up campus. Biology Instructors Elizabeth Stevens and Sydnee Goddard petitioned the administration to make

a day fully devoted to sustainability three years ago, and Climate Action Day was born in 2015. According to Sustainability Education Coordinator Jason BreMiller, Stevens and Goddard, "recognized the growing importance of climate change and wanted to arrange a day to really signal to our students how big of an issue this is, and to start to equip them with a framework for understanding just how serious climate change is."

Since then, Climate Action Day has been a half-day long event in which students can choose one or two workshops. The Climate Action Day Planning

Committee has brought a panel of guests and Exeter alumni who work in the sustainability sector to answer questions for students and faculty the night before Climate Action Day. BreMiller, co-chair of the Climate Action Day Planning Committee, has also "tried to create an influx of new workshops that we didn't have last year."

BreMiller says adding more workshops "provides students with as many different entrance points as possible." He added that the breadth of workshops aimed to "appeal to a variety of interests," and that the planning committee

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Arthur Peekel Offered Plea Deal in Sexual Assault Case

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Former Academy admissions officer Arthur Peekel has been offered a plea deal by New Hampshire prosecutors after he was accused of sexually assaulting a prospective student almost 45 years ago. According to prosecutors, the offer was compulsory, as Peekel continues to maintain his innocence. His plea and sentencing hearing is set for May 12.

Peekel, now 75, was working as an Academy admissions officer in 1973 when he was accused of assaulting the then 14-year-old Lawrence Jenkins, 77, while he was visiting the Academy as a prospective student. According to Jenkins, Peekel invited him to stay the night in his apartment, where he was screening a movie for students. After Jenkins went

to bed, Peekel allegedly molested him. While Jenkins immediately reported the assault to school officials, no police or legal authorities were contacted, and Peekel was allowed to finish the school year before being dismissed and quietly relocating. No record of the allegations were kept. Peekel then moved to Rolling Meadows, Illinois, where he continued his teaching career, and in 1991 was named Illinois Teacher of the Year.

If Peekel had remained in New Hampshire, the statute of limitations would have expired by the mid 1990s, and prosecutors would currently be unable to press charges. Peekel has been formally charged with two Class A misdemeanors, both of which are punishable by up to a year of jail time or a \$12,000 fine. Peekel currently remains free after posting a \$25,000 bail following his arrest.

Last May, when the *Boston Globe* Spotlight team uncovered a scourge of teacher-student sexual assault allegations in New England boarding schools—including Exeter—Jenkins spoke out about his own assault. The Academy first learned of the allegations through a Facebook post in late March of last year, when Jenkins recounted his assault and his disappointment with the Academy's reaction to his allegations. Peekel was then arrested by the Exeter Police Department, but he posted the \$25,000 bail. The Exeter Police Department opened a formal investigation on Peekel following Jenkins' statements. Since then, Jenkins has spoken publicly on several occasions as a survivor and advocate of sexual assault prevention.

Jenkins spoke to *The Exonian* after originally leveling the allegations, further detailing his assault and express-

ing an urgent need for the institutional culture around teacher-student sexual assault to change. He also expressed hope that, by sharing his story as a survivor of sexual assault, he could catalyze Academy efforts to ensure victims of sexual assault are rightfully protected by the school.

The May 12 hearing will determine whether or not Peekel accepts his plea deal. If he continues to plead not guilty, the case may go to trial. "I do hope that Peekel will accept the plea offered on May 12," Jenkins said. "In that case, I will be prepared to make a victim's statement to the court. If he doesn't accept the offer I am also ready to see this through any trial."

In his Facebook post, Jenkins spoke about the detrimental effects of Peekel's assault on his life. "I left Exeter with you

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2017-2018 StuCo Executive Board Elected by Student Body

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The 2017-18 Student Council (StuCo) Executive Board has been determined after several weeks of campaigning: upper Jackson Parell will serve as President, upper Tim Han as Vice President and lower Elizabeth Yang as Secretary. The voter turnout of 703 marks a significant increase from last year, when only 484 students, or 44 percent of the student body, came out to vote. The election also marks the end of the 2016-17 board's term. President Matthew Robbins, Vice President Hojoon Kim and Secretary Jackson Parell will vacate their positions this week.

For the coming school year, Parell proposes changes to help create a happier and more supportive environment on campus. Having been a part of Stu-

dent Council for three years, Parell said he saw the office of president as the role through which he could effect the most change. "I know what it means to be an Exonian; I know the simple wrongs that plague our system. In the coming year, the Exec board will fix those wrongs. We will create a community that is healthier, happier and more supportive," he said.

Some of Parell's proposed policies include bringing outside culture to campus, through Boston art shows, Boston entertainment and food trucks. He aims to provide amenities such as printers, ovens and water coolers to dorms, and he wants to reopen academic buildings past 6 p.m. Along with providing a better dining hall experience through "DHall-to-go" and extended hours, Parell hopes to create a panel of students to give input into the faculty hiring process, both to secure diversity and quality of instruc-



Yang, Parell and Han to assume new roles in StuCo.

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tion. Through realistic and concrete goals like these, Parell hopes to have a tangible impact on Exonians' daily lives.

Students who voiced their support for Parell described his strong dedication and commitment to StuCo as an important factor in the election. Senior Charis Edwards noted that Parell was very much fit for the position, based on

her own experiences with him. "Having worked with Jackson for a year in StuCo," Edwards said, "I know that he works hard, cooperates well with a team and understands the role of the president of student council." She also described Parell as passionate and said that "he will dedicate himself to the job fully."

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An article about faculty diversity in last week's issue (4/27/17) erroneously identified the status of Reverend Robert Thompson's employment at the school; he is still an employee of the Academy and is on leave.

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Community members mourn loss of PEA's oldest tree.

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Historic Tree Chopped Down, Community Reflects on Loss

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the community's plans to plant a new tree, a "teenage beech" that has since been planted in the old tree's soil.

Next, English instructor Duncan Holcomb read aloud an eloquent speech he had written in honor of the tree. He drew on his own memories and described sitting on a swing that hung from the tree with his wife, watching the sun set over the Phelps Science Center, and watching his children and other fac-brats playing tag at the tree's base. He wove tales of Exeter history into his piece, recounting the story of Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert, who attended the Academy 151 years ago. "Feed and foster, and hope and pray and work for the sake of posterity, so that what you plant will grow and flourish so well that you won't be around long enough yourself to see it all," he read.

"Robert outlived old Abe by sixty years, this tree by one hundred and sixty," he continued. "And for that, despite our sadness in losing this beautiful creature today, we should be happy."

Upper Alyssa Kuwana expressed appreciation for Holcomb's speech. "It encompassed the history of the tree, along with his personal reasons on why the tree is sentimental for him," she said.

During the ceremony, English Instructor Jason BreMiller read two selections from John Muir's writing, both

on the subject of wind and trees. Reverend Heidi Heath shared a poem she had adapted from a piece by Maya Angelou, and the Academy's archivist, Peter Nelson, described the Library's plans to gather stories of the tree for posterity's sake, encouraging all to check out the display that he is putting together. To conclude the ceremony, Heaton played the guitar and those in attendance sang along to the gospel song, "I Shall Not Be Moved."

Lower Christina Quinn was glad to get the chance to pay her respects to the tree. "I think everyone appreciated that there were Exonians from all different classes coming together to say a final goodbye to the tree," she said.

Senior Peter Chinburg, who also attended the ceremony, described the tree as a "distinguishing mark" of Exeter. However, he remained optimistic. "Life goes on," Chinburg said. "I just hope they do something cool with the space and the wood."

Heaton expressed gratitude for all who came to honor the life of the tree. "My favorite part was seeing the people who made time to come to the ceremony, for whom the tree has clearly been an iconic presence for many of the people," he said. "Many of the people were elders of the community who as children probably used to climb that tree, so they understood the importance of rootedness."

CCO Hosts NCAA Panel, Sports Recruiting Discussed

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The College Counselling Office (CCO) hosted a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) panel for students this past Thursday during department meetings. Panel members included Physical Education Teaching Intern Avery Reavill '12, Brandeis University Associate Head Coach of men's soccer, Gabe Margolis and Assistant Coach of field hockey at University of New Hampshire Ross Gorham. The panel members addressed the many aspects of sports recruiting for college and answered questions asked by CCO faculty and the audience. The panel was part of the CCO's efforts to inform prospective recruits about the process and experience both of being recruited and of being a college student-athlete.

Director of College Counselling Elizabeth Dolan explained the panel's potential benefits for interested students. "The NCAA Panel is designed for students who are interested in competing at the collegiate level," she said. "It is meant to give students an idea of the recruitment process, the competitive intercollegiate season, the demands of being a college student-athlete and the rules associated with the NCAA."

She explained that the college process for an athlete can be different from that of an application process for a non-athlete. For example, athletes often enter an earlier admission cycle and are reviewed differently.

CCO works with Exeter's varsity coaches to help athletes through the recruitment and admission processes. Dolan explained that the CCO can start working with student athletes starting when they are in tenth grade. From conducting a preliminary credential review with a coach and an admission liaison to making sure a student meets the NCAA core eligibility requirements, and many things in between, the college counselors are quite involved with the recruited student-athlete," she said.

Dolan emphasized the role of coaches in the process. "Coaches can best support student-athletes by being knowledgeable and being engaged with

a range of coaches at the division I, II, and III levels," she said. "Knowing the differences between divisions as well as individual college sport programs can make all the difference in finding the 'right' coach and program for a particular student-athlete."

Many students attended the panel in the hopes of gaining more information about a process that they were unfamiliar with. "I didn't know a lot about recruiting so I was curious to see what I could learn during this session," lower Elizabeth Williams said.

Prep Charlie Venci felt similarly. "I felt like it was something important to consider for my future," he said.

Throughout the session, the members of the panel addressed concerns expressed by and provided advice to the students. Reavill explained that he hoped to share his experiences as both an Exeter graduate and a former college athlete by shedding light "on what it's like to be a student athlete navigating the recruiting process."

Prep Andrew Sun found the advice on contacting college coaches especially helpful. "I learned how important it is to be proactive and persistent in contacting coaches because they can be very busy," Sun said. Venci agreed with Sun and described the importance of initiating conversation with college coaches. Williams also commented on Gorham and Margolis, who coaches a division one and division three college, respectively. "The two different division coaches were helpful in comparing and contrasting the two divisions' recruiting processes and general student-athlete life," she said.

Reavill reflected upon his own recruitment, crediting CCO and his coaches for guiding him along the process. However, he stressed the importance of students taking the initiative throughout the process. "In the competitive world of college recruiting, it is vital that the student-athlete advocate for themselves and makes sure coaches hear from them on a regular basis," he said. Dolan echoed Reavill's sentiments saying, "The best results for all involved is when the student-athlete drives the process."

Students Attend Workshops on Annual Climate Action Day

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"tried to strike a balance between action-based workshops and content-driven workshops," BreMiller said he hopes that the impact of the workshops extends beyond the day, and that "something sticks for the students, that they hear something or they encounter a leader that they're engaged by."

In order to "spur students' interest in the sustainability sector, Exeter brought back recent alumni Nick Devonshire '07, Sophie Robinson '07 and Devi Lockwood '10. BreMiller said that the alumni would "articulate exactly how and where in their Exeter career they began thinking about environmentalism and climate change," in the hopes that this "triggers something in our students, and maybe it turns into a passion or a career goal."

Robinson returned to Exeter to lead a workshop about how students can use their unique skills to enact change on the planet. Robinson said, "What I [wanted] to talk about in the workshop are some ways to start picking apart the system as a whole." She worked with students to determine angles in which individuals could solve big-scale societal issues that contribute to climate degradation. She hoped that at the end of the workshop students would have "a clearer picture" of how they wanted to spend their adult lives, and maybe even plan initial steps to achieve their goals.

In contrast with Robinson's discussion-based workshop, Biology Instructor Richard Aaronian's workshop used a hands-on approach to show students the impact they can have. He was proud of the student's hard work in planting dune grass in the Salisbury, MA sand dunes. Along with the tangible effect of maintaining the Salisbury ecosystem, the long-term goal of Aaronian's workshop was to help students focus on and learn how to solve the problems facing the environment. Aaronian said that the workshop "focused upon what those problems are, their effect and what we—students and adults—can do to try to correct the problem which we have, in effect, caused."

The workshop led by managing editor of "Inside Climate News", Jack Cushman, combined investigative journalism with sustainability. "Inside Climate News" is a non-profit news organization that reports on climate

change and the environment. Cushman implored students to put the needs of society first. He said that Exeter was "an incubator for social responsibility," and urged students to take advantage of their Exeter experience by not accepting the status quo. He said that although it will be challenging to solve the climate crisis, as the environment will soon be facing challenges that we cannot comprehend, "it's not beyond us."

In addition to Aaronian's workshop, another noteworthy opportunity for students to do hands-on work was in the Disruptive Design workshop, led by Laurence O'Neal, John Sakata and Max Kuo, an architect and teacher at the Harvard School of Design. The workshop allowed students to explore how sustainable design helps solve environmental issues. Kuo demonstrated to the participants how culture, social interaction and the environment impact each other through architecture. In the workshop, Kuo gave student teams the challenge of redesigning the library or Jeremiah Smith Hall by incorporating sustainable ideas from Kuo's presentation.

Upper Cameron Najafi, who helped plan the workshop, said that "Disruptive Design was not only about how we make a building carbon-neutral, but also about how we encourage/foster community and social interactions through the space." Sakata thought that the workshop was a success, saying, "It was exciting and impressive to witness this so wonderfully played out by each of the teams."

In addition to being attentive participants in their workshops, many students played larger roles in helping plan the day. This responsibility fell to members of Environmental Board, a group that seeks to both educate students about challenges facing our climate, and to actualize plans the Exeter community brainstorms to stop climate change. Environmental Board member Senior Joonho Jo said, "I wanted to get involved with Climate Action Day because of its impact not only in informing students and faculty about how to best fight climate change, but also in working with the Exeter community to materialize these ideas into concrete plans." Najafi joined the board for similar reasons. He added that he participated in the Destructive Designs

workshop to, "send a ripple through the administration to think about space in a different way. I hope that we also send the message that sustainability isn't just about trees and polar bears, but human well-being and happiness—that's what's central to sustainability."

Lower Catherine Griffin hopes that in addition to affecting the administration, Climate Action Day will inspire students to become active in the environmental clubs on campus. Griffin added that she wants to "make sustainability a priority on our campus throughout the entire year." History Instructor Amy Schwartz said it is important for all students to be interested in sustainability. She said, "I think we need to reach everyone — not just the environmentally committed students — and get across the message that climate change is going to shape all of us in the years ahead."

Both dining halls also contributed to the Climate Action Day events in their own way. Upper Emmett Shell noticed changes in the lunch served at both places. After attending Chris Hendrickson's workshop that emphasized the importance of reducing animal suffering, Shell headed to Wetherell to enjoy a wide array of vegetarian offerings. Wetherell and Elm Street's meat-free menus showed the tangible effect of Hendrickson's words. Hendrickson told students that, although it is challenging

to convince major corporations to lower fossil fuel emissions, students can make a meaningful impact by eating less meat. He said, "Each one of us has that choice three times a day, to choose what we put on our plate," adding that a simple way to enact change is to choose to eat plants over meat.

Biology Instructor Ebin Bein noted the limitations of the annual event, saying, "It's really hard to accomplish climate action in a day." Despite this, he hopes that this day will lead students to join teachers in lobbying the administration to set aside time in the daily class schedule that is devoted to sustainability. Bein says, "Until [sustainability] becomes part of the academic day and part of the academic responsibilities, I don't think much progress will be made on campus." Bein added that the day was successful in raising awareness and working toward change, but said, "This is the start, not the end of something." He wanted students to come away from the day understanding that, "It [the environment] does not have a voice, so you need to speak for it." Along with Bein, BreMiller tried to encourage students to take the inspiration they garnered from the day and continue working with sustainability. BreMiller attempted to accomplish this by, "[planting] a seed in our student's minds about maybe taking on something environmentally-minded in their studies, lives or careers."

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Reconstruction Reconsidered Series Informs PEA Campus

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Last week, the Academy's History Department hosted "Reconstruction Reconsidered," a multi-day conference series featuring presentations and a panel discussion by leading scholars and authorities on the subject. The speakers touched on the Civil War, African-American history, slavery, anti-slavery, Reconstruction and how discrimination and systematic slavery persists in current society.

History Instructor Kent McConnell organized the conference series, inviting four speakers—Reverend Michael Battle, Peter Carmichael, Deirdre Cooper Owens and John Stauffer—to the Exeter campus. "The conference started as a result of three forces coming together," McConnell said. "The first being the idea of how racial dialogue is happening on campus and thinking historically about what it means to live in an interracial democracy."

On Wednesday afternoon in the Latin Study, Reverend Michael Battle delivered a presentation called "Experiencing Apartheid as an African American" to students and faculty. Battle, who serves as Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at The General Theological Seminary in New York City, shared his experiences from his 1993 visit to South Africa. During his trip, he worked closely with African social rights activist and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a South African social rights activist, who helped him discover his own racial identity.

"The only way we can really know our own personal identity is by having a reference point," Battle said. "You can't know yourself by yourself." Despite the common assumption that Africans in South Africa are similar to African Americans, he explained, the two identities are completely different. He described at length the civil rights struggle in South Africa and compared it to the growing tension around and history of race in the United States, referring to Tutu as the "Benjamin Franklin of South Africa."

Lower Simone Harris enjoyed Battle's unique perspective on American discrimination. "I was interested in the idea of using other nations as a model for reconstruction in America, which was briefly discussed during the talk about apartheid in South Africa," she said.

Later that day, Deirdre B. Cooper Owens, assistant history professor at Queens College, spoke to Exonians in her presentation "Blueprint for Freedom: Black Women's Resistance Movements," focusing on black women and



Panelists engage in conversation during Reconstruction Reconsidered conference.

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their historic contributions to American society, from the resistance of 17th Century enslaved Gullah Geechee women, who weaved baskets to retain their heritage, to 21st Century initiatives like the Black Lives Matter movement, a global network founded by three women: Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi.

Owens spoke of the Freedom Rides sponsored by the Black Lives Matter movements, saying "The language that they use and they appropriate, and I'm saying appropriate in the purest sense... but they appropriate the language of the 1960s." She continued to emphasize her belief that history "animates our lives and helps us to understand the pitfalls to avoid in our society" by providing blueprints that people can refer to.

On Thursday, McConnell moderated a panel discussion in Phillips Church between the four speakers. The discussion focused on the attempted reparations made after the American Civil War and drew from Battle's knowledge of the South African apartheid. The panelists also discussed the reforms the government enacted to amend the damage of the war. The attempt at reconstruction, they explained, was dismantled by Andrew Johnson, who was regarded by some of the speakers as the worst president in United States history.

One of the major points raised at the panel was the importance of studying history. Carmichael spoke from his perspective as a teacher, saying, "For my students, I make it clear that history never repeats itself. Rather, it parallels, and out of those parallels come really important questions."

Carmichael also stressed that the study of history does not allow us to predict the future, but rather provides context for complex issues today. "Above all else, I'll say that studying the past should remind us all that we don't know everything and that our knowledge isn't perfect. It should humble us and if there's anything we need more than ever as a society, it's a

dose of humility," he said.

Owens described the importance of continuing the dialogue on historical and present day racial tensions, especially with those unaffected by or perpetuating such tensions. "For me, the study of history lays bare the kinds of truths and inconsistencies and even blueprints for what can be, based on what we know has happened in the past," she said. "The politics of guilt can be excised from that particular group of people who romanticize who their ancestors were and they can really come to terms with a multiracial society. We have to all be at the table coming up with the decisions about reparations and trying to fix the effects of the past."

On Friday, Stauffer, a professor of English and American literature, American studies and African-American studies at Harvard University, held a lunch in the Latin study, where he spoke of Frederick Douglass's activist legacies through rhetoric, journalism and photography. Stauffer pointed out that Douglass was the most photographed American of the nineteenth century, and his ever-changing experimentation with pose, facial expression, attire and facial hair in photographs symbolized the transformation necessary for personal and societal advancement.

"Frederick Douglass believed in the evolving self. A changing person will lead to a reformed society, fostering the continual flux and removal of iniquity from a community," Stauffer explained. "Douglass encouraged his audience and readers to have a voice and become activists for a multi-racial pluralist democracy, to become agitators for progression, because permanent racial hierarchy can not exist if people change."

After attending many of the conferences, upper Christian Flores realized that studying history is a powerful mechanism by which to learn empathy. "I loved the way Professor Carmichael put it, by saying, 'It isn't enough to know the story of Northern saints and South-

ern sinners," he said. "In order to have a firmer understanding of the world, we need to have a firmer understanding of those who disagree with us."

The guest speakers and McConnell all agreed on the importance of sparking discussion on classism. "I would say the real issue that is now being swept under the rug, is class," Carmichael said. "That is one of those ideas we don't talk about a lot, we don't talk about privilege beyond race and that binary between white and black is what troubles me for the future."

McConnell said that the taboo surrounding discussions of class has had grave implications for the future of the United States. "It's troubling to me that a society with such abundant wealth has such a small class that owns so much," he said. "It's not even a class, it's an elite fraction of this country."

He went on, describing the repercussions of class disparity. "Americans need to do something about that politically, otherwise the future is going to be a tough future and democracy will be tough to sustain," he said. "As economic pressures mount, racial discourse and fabrication of society happens and what we see is the middle class is being driven down and that is never good in U.S. history."

Nonetheless, Carmichael expressed his hope for the future of race relations and continued dialogue. "I have seen over time an improvement, meaning a recognition that slavery was at the heart of the Civil War, that slavery was not a benevolent institution," he said. "There is a tremendous amount of guilt that white southerners pass on from generation to generation but we as a whole are starting to come to terms with it in ways that I think are positive."

Flores commended the speakers for their unique viewpoints, saying, "I personally believe that we should have a combination of more visiting professors and teacher panels. Our academic curiosity often stops at the ring of the bell, and I think many students on campus want to see that extend beyond the Harkness table."

Dormitories Bid Farewell to Some Faculty, Welcome Others

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As the year comes to an end, dorms such as Wheelwright Hall, Soule Hall, Main Street Hall and Wentworth Hall will bid farewell to their current dorm heads and welcome new dorm faculty.

Across campus, many faculty members are now saying goodbye to their current residences as they prepare to move out of their dorms. Teaching intern Avery Reavill, who has been serving dorm duty in Williams house will be moving into Wentworth in the fall, saying that he has enjoyed the dorm culture he experienced in Williams house. "I look forward to bringing some of that with me to Wentworth," he said.

Current Wentworth dorm head and English Instructor Nathaniel Hawkins will be moving into faculty housing next year. Lower Dylan Yin expressed his gratitude for what Hawkins has brought to the dorm. "Mr. Hawkins has always been able to facilitate a casual yet appropriate environment inside of the dorm," Yin said. "Every time I go into his apartment, he is always open to discussion. He allows for the dorm to grow as a community while still guiding it in a good direction."

Not only did Hawkins fulfill his duties and more as a dorm head, he was also valued as an advisor in Wentworth. "He really takes time getting to know you and he really cares about you as a person," Hawkins advise and prep David Kim said. "If there's something going on with you, then he would make the effort to figure out what's going on."

English Instructor and dorm head

of Soule Hall Tyler Caldwell will also be leaving the dorm, his home of six years. "I moved into Soule when I first arrived at campus and I lived there for my first few years of teaching experience," he said. "A lot of my first memories in the working world started there."

Prep Griffin Brown remarked on Caldwell's ability to make the dorm a more welcoming place. "He kind of has this aura around him, which makes you really comfortable around him," he said. "With dorm meetings, he's really open, and he listens to everyone."

Caldwell will be replacing English Instructors Matthew Miller and Johnny Griffith as the dorm head of Main Street Hall.

Students in Wheelwright are also spending their last moments with their dorm head. History Instructor Molly MacKean, who is leaving Exeter as well as Wheelwright at the end of the term. "Ms. MacKean lives right across from me. She's one of the most supportive people in our dorm," upper Sofia Yoon said. "Not even as a dorm head, but as a person, she'll ask how you are and how you're doing and things like that."

Prep Audrey Vanderslice echoed Yoon's sentiment, recalling her first days at Exeter and MacKean's welcome. "Mrs. MacKean was on sabbatical winter term, but I remember her being really welcoming fall term when we all first came into the dorm," Vanderslice said. "She was so nice to all of us, and I know a lot of people in the dorm will definitely miss her when she leaves."

Although many are leaving, new and excited faculty will enter dorms. Since September, Photography Instructor Joseph Lambert has enjoyed being a dorm affiliate at Main Street Hall. Now,

he will replace MacKean as dorm head of Wheelwright Hall.

Lambert's wife, Modern Languages Instructor Caroline Meliones, will move in as well. "It is a kind of homecoming for me, having spent the year as a dorm affiliate getting to know the Wheelies," she said. Many students in Wheelwright are excited for the couple's coming. "They're very community oriented people, and always coming up with activities for us to do and everything," Vanderslice said.

These changes will have a profound impact on both students and faculty. Students have recounted several memories with their dorm faculty. For example, Yin recalled Hawkins's plans on Academy Life Day. According to Yin, Wentworth bonded as a dorm at an outdoor barbecue, for which dorm faculty such as Hawkins prepared food.

Yoon's favorite memory of MacKean was also during Academy Life Day. "Academy Life Day was a Harry Potter theme and we were playing Capture the

Flag," she remembered. "She was dressed as the Snitch from Quidditch, and one of the parts of the game was to capture her while she was running around."

Despite these losses, students still look forward to meeting new faculty members. "I'm looking forward to getting to know an entirely new personality in the dorm," Yin said. "And seeing how that personality interacts with different members. I also am excited to get to spend time with them and see how they are going to combine Mr. Hawkins's old values with their own."

For students and faculty alike, these new encounters will ultimately prove beneficial to the community. "I'm excited for new changes the dorm might be going through," Yoon said. "At Exeter, we always get new people and we always say bye to the old people. It's something that I think really shapes Exeter as a community because we're always welcoming to people coming in, but at the same time, we know how to say our goodbyes and maintain our contacts."

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Is Korean Unification a Possibility?

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As a South Korean native, I still remember my first grade teacher asking my class what we wanted to be when we grew up. "The president," a lot of us answered. "What do you want to do when you're president?" she asked. "Hanguk tongil"—Korean unification—was the most popular response. To the naive and blindly optimistic six-year-olds we were then, the prospects of living in a unified Korea were about as simple as the understanding that two halves made a whole.

What I have since realized with increasing clarity, however, is that our relationship with North Korea left our realm of control the moment the United Nations Command, China and the Soviet Union joined our fight.

The Korean Armistice Agreement itself, which resulted in the world's longest ceasefire and has kept my country divided to this day, was not a pact that the two Koreas were initially willing to agree on. While the United States exchanged talks of armistice with China, North Korean leader

Kim Il-Sung and South Korean president Syngman Rhee remained grounded in their beliefs that the war needed to end with a unified Korean peninsula, no matter the cost. Perhaps they foresaw the dire consequences we are observing today of such a prolonged civil conflict.

Unfortunately, the decision was not one for a couple of small countries to make, as is often the case in historical disputes. It is bitterly ironic (yet unsurprising) that the divided Koreans were little more than political figureheads in what was really a contest for dominance amongst the bigger global powers.

Admittedly, I lack a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of military logistics. Chances are that casualty rates and material costs were indeed too

high for the Korean War to continue until global tensions were boiling at a peak and half of the Korean civilian population had been wiped out. My country is indebted to the millions of soldiers, regardless of their nationality, who lost their lives defending our state. It is absolutely plausible that Korea might have become united under a communist regime had it not been for their intervention and the armistice agreement.

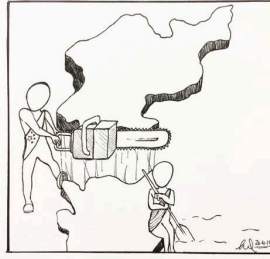
As a country still relying on the United Nations—

namely, the U.S.—for protection, the truth of the matter is that South Korea can no longer make any changes in its relationship with North Korea without the wholehearted approval of our guardian, even if those changes are headed in the direction of peace. The same can be said for North

Korea, which relies heavily on China for its economic and political support. Indeed, the ongoing development of their nuclear weapon arsenal and the unpredictability of their current leader Kim Jong-Un has recently made North Korea a much more formidable player in the global power game of the Korean peninsula. In a time of heightened tensions with North Korea, however, I still maintain that the U.S. and China are the two main players to watch.

With current hostilities being described as a "crisis" in the media, the two halves of our country seem to be farther apart now more than ever. But I remain hopeful. I don't know how realistic this hope may be, but I have no other option. It upsets me greatly that I can't go on family hikes up Mount Baekdu, a beautiful volcanic landmark that is mentioned in the very first line of my national anthem, simply because it lies north of the 38th parallel. It pains me to think about all the divided families whose chances of ever seeing their loved ones depend entirely on the mercy of two opposing governments. I can't bear the thought of Korea becoming a permanently divided nation after five thousand years of a shared history.

And so, even against my better judgment, I continue to hope for a miracle.



The Consequences of Attacking Syria

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On Aug. 13, 2013, the *New York Times* published an article about Obama's "abrupt" decision to halt a strike on Syria—after Assad used chemical weapons on his own people—in order to seek congressional approval. The proposed strike came after Assad killed 1,400 Syrian citizens in a chemical attack in Damascus. On Apr. 11, 2017, the *New York Times* published an article about Trump's missile strike against Assad, and simply posed the question, "What next?" Acting within the law, Trump bypassed the congress and handled the situation with initiative and strength.

Trump's bold, executive move was clear and calculated and struck back against Assad in an efficient and timely manner. By ordering the strike three days after it was discovered that Assad had employed chemi-

cal weapons, Trump managed to punish the regime and hold it accountable before the news moved onto other topics and brushed aside the clear and horrific violation of human rights.

Often I find myself scrolling through Facebook and watching videos showing the deplorable conditions that many Syrians have to face. I remember seeing a particularly graphic image of two children paralyzed from the sarin gas. Of course, I can share these posts with my friends or write a particularly poignant comment online, but this will do nothing to change the events in the long run.

After seeing Trump confidently push back against Assad and deliver a punishment, I felt much better about the United States' involvement in the war in Syria—we need more concrete, linear decisions like this which clearly strike back against the regime. And while the first strike was a good start, we must implement action which truly holds Assad accountable: an open refugee policy,

hand-in-hand cooperation with humanitarian organizations, and dialogue with the United Nations.

Of course, many critics of Trump's missile strike pointed out the hypocrisy of his travel ban, more popularly known as the "Muslim ban." I agree; if we truly want to help Syrians fleeing violence and harm, we must be able to welcome them and provide refuge. In order to do this, Trump needs to look beyond his hateful, empty rhetoric, look at the facts, and create a simple vetting process that emits Syrian refugees. America must also work closely with organizations like the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders to ensure that refugees are safe and healthy.

I also believe that the word "dialogue" encompasses what must happen with regards to the United Nations. At this point, with tensions high and no possibility of a negotiation with Assad, there is no time for ideological talk of a peaceful solution. If Trump is invested in the future of free Syrians and of the country itself, he must take military action

against Assad, while making sure to protect the citizens. The only way to achieve this is to be bold and assertive, both with regards to military pushback and the involvement of humanitarian agencies.

While organizations such as UNICEF are incredibly valuable, a peace treaty is impractical. Assad's regime of terror, if it is to be stopped, must be met with force and determination.

When the President fired Tomahawk missiles onto one of the Assad regime's military bases, he was not simply reacting to one instance of violence, terror, or mistreatment of Syrian citizens. Trump was taking a firm stance on America's view of the war in Syria, saying proudly, "Assad must be stopped!" If Trump continues to see from this viewpoint, he must enact with even more confidence and assertiveness, while ensuring the safety and well-being of those fleeing the situation.

Trump's missile strike was the appropriate measure which will hopefully be accompanied by much more concrete action to come.

En Marche! The Much-Needed Rise of Emmanuel Macron



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for them. The most shocking thing about this French election, however, is the rise of Macron.

Macron started his own party, titled En Marche! and was met with tremendous success. Prior to his presidential bid, Macron served as the country's minister of economy. His main agenda in his role under current president François Hollande was to cut red tape and free France's market. Before his federal position, Macron entered into the investment business with little prior knowledge. Nonetheless, he earned 3.1 million dollars in four years at his firm and was promoted to managing director.

His self-created political party and arguably centrist platform appealed to many French voters, sharply contrasting Le Pen's nationalist and inflammatory policies.

He is pro-European Union and his focuses seem to revolve around streamlining France's economy, entitlement programs and education. He also promises a return to the true meaning of French secularism, freedom of religion in contrast to Le Pen's advocacy for freedom from religion. He has promised to allow Muslim headscarves in schools and university as well as the enforcement of gender equality. Macron



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recognizes the importance of religious tolerance, unlike his rival who tweeted the following: "Islamism is a monstrous ideology which has declared war on our nation, on reason, on civilization." It seems as though Ms. Le Pen lives in ignorance of the true values of the world's second largest religion, yet 21.3 percent of French voters find her to be a suitable candidate for president. She also vows to reevaluate France's position in the EU, implying a

possible exit from the European community and the Eurozone.

Preceding the first round of the election, Paris was hit by the third terrorist attack in the past two years. A man armed with an automatic weapon shot three police officers, killing one instantly, on the Champs-Élysées. The others were severely injured. Two days prior, authorities arrested two men in Marseille after finding

explosives, weapons and Islamic State flags in their apartment, suggesting an imminent attack. Leading up to Sunday, the attack was predicted to boost Le Pen's votes, though Macron maintained a slight edge. The run-off election on May 7 will determine whether the French people are swayed by fear-mongering candidates or reasonable ones.

In response to concerns about future security of the country, in light of its recent

history of vicious terror attacks, Macron proposes bolstering the ranks of police officers and creating a united domestic anti-terrorism unit. The only wrinkles in his security plan are a proposed increase in defense budget and Macron's openness to a military intervention in Syria. He plans to raise military spending from 1.8 percent of GDP to 2 percent, though there are no assurances the money will be spent effectively. Furthermore, Macron should definitely be warier of intervening in a civil war with a myriad of foreign backers and foggy alliances.

Stock markets reacted positively to Macron's lead in the first round and projected win in the second. Investors seem to favor a sensible candidate that knows the risks of abruptly exiting from a common currency system and has a record of success in the financial sector. French pollsters, well known for their accuracy, predict Macron will seize the presidency with at least 62 percent of the vote. If he wins by a narrower margin, he will be hard pressed to project an image of a unified France. Following the first round election results, Marine Le Pen stepped aside as leader of the National Front party in an effort to portray herself as a candidate for the French people rather than a political party.

For those that would avoid the Continent being razed by harmful ideologies and intolerance, Emmanuel Macron is the best chance for a re-united Europe and better France. En Marche!

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People's Overreaction to the Pepsi Commercial

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Recently, Pepsi released a commercial featuring Kendall Jenner. In the commercial, Jenner models while protesters march holding signs. Halfway, she seems to notice the action and whips off her blond wig to join them. Making it to the front of the march, she grabs a can of Pepsi and walks in slow motion towards a line of police officers. She hands one of them the can and everyone, police and protesters, start laughing as if they were best friends who had forgotten about the importance of their protest. The commercial has received such severe backlash that Pepsi deleted the video from their channel. Viewers claimed the commercial was "tone deaf," and even went so far as to state that it undermines the importance of movements such as Black Lives Matter. The commercial was insensitive and succeeded in garnering attention, they say. These critics are all correct, but their time and anger would be better spent if directed away from the commercial and towards the injustices occurring on a global scale.

To begin with, Pepsi rightfully received a lot of criticism. Their ad imitated, one could even say mocked, Black Lives Matter and women's marches. The part that angered most viewers was when Jenner gave an officer a Pepsi. They claimed that it was a misrepresentation of how conflict is solved. In their apology statement, Pepsi said that they were attempting to "project a global message of peace, unity and under-

standing," adding that they didn't intend to "make light of any serious issue." They continued by admitting that they had "missed the mark." Although they implied that people seemed to have misunderstood the purpose of their commercial, Pepsi knew exactly what they were doing. They needed to create something that would garner a lot of media attention in order to promote their brand. So, they came up with the perfect attention grabbing formula—a Kardashian and a protest, two factors of our political and social climate. If they had created an ordinary, run of the mill commercial, then I wouldn't be writing this today. Although Pepsi is completely guilty of creating such an insensitive ad for attention, they weren't encouraging violence nor were they trying to undermine protest. They were just trying to get as much attention in order to advertise a can of Pepsi.

People should have channeled their anger at Pepsi into more serious issues occurring on a global scale. On its first day of release, the Pepsi commercial amassed over a million views before it got deleted. The version uploaded by a different party has around eight million views. For the past week, Twitter has been exploding with thousands of negative reactions, mainly confronting Jenner, who has 21.5 million followers on the platform. Jenner has been targeted by internet users, including other celebrities, on nearly every single social media network and there have been multiple articles published on the issue. It's clear that millions of people are outraged at the release of the commercial. Logic dictates that if a soda commercial could receive so much attention, then

media coverage on actual crime and injustice should be skyrocketing. As one could guess, this isn't the case. Here are some ongoing issues that are worthy of national and global outrage, but that have received little attention.

1.2 billion people on the planet won't ever find out about the controversial Pepsi ad. Why? Because they live without electricity. Other people who will probably never know are the millions of people who are being subjected to modern day slavery. Although contemporary slavery is outlawed, it's still practiced in secret. Approximately 22.8 million people are subjected to trafficking, child labour, child marriage, sex slavery and bonded labor. Last but not least, forget about watching Kendall Jenner—a billion people still don't have access to clean water.

These issues have existed since the birth of humanity. The Pepsi ad has been around for a week. The internet reacted with such aggression towards Pepsi for something so trivial in comparison to the injustices I just mentioned. To be frank, it's hypocritical. Instead of focusing their energy on real issues that shouldn't exist today, the internet users and celebrities chose to criticize a Pepsi ad. The ad was not righteous, but the same people tearing it apart should make as big an effort to protest issues that are impacting millions of people in the world as they did to condemn the ad.

While Pepsi should be ashamed of taking advantage of such tense, political matters in order to manipulate the public and promote their drink, viewers should direct their outrage at Pepsi's exploitation of very real issues towards more pressing concerns.

The Origins of Somalia's Pirates

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They are desperate savages on the hunt for gullible fishermen. They descend like a plague upon commercial vessels. They kidnap, steal, hijack and kill. They are called the "terror of the African sea," and from 2005 to 2012 pictures of their devilish, bloodthirsty bodies splashed the front page of newspapers worldwide. The media frenzy was so real that I still remember growing up four thousand miles away, in Saigon, and hearing their stories repeated again and again like modern lore. It is almost tragic how marine piracy is the main claim to fame for Somalia. For the millennial generation, and beyond, the small nation on the Horn of Africa is synonymous to pirates and nothing else; before I knew what admiralty law was, or how many goods seven billion dollars could buy, I internalized the concept that the Somalis were a dangerous people and their coast an epitome of brutality and chaos, to be avoided at all cost.

Yet, only two decades ago, Somalia was the subject of international concern, not because of piracy, but because of an ongoing civil war which threatened to violate the basic human rights of seven million citizens. The fighting grew out of resistance to the authoritarian regime of Siad Barre, who dominated the country in the '80s. As with the current crisis in Syria, nonviolent opposition forces quickly broke into clan-like militant groups contesting among themselves for power and territory. As of 2017, the civil war in Somalia has dragged on for 26 years without any signs of being resolved. A million people have been forced to flee their homes; at the same time, severe droughts have repeatedly hit the country and made life even more miserable for those who had not already sought refuge in other states.

Another consequence of the war is that Somalia's 3,000 kilometer coastline was left unprotected. The country's traditional armed forces disintegrated, and maritime trade, which had driven Somalia's economy since antiquity, collapsed. Foreign boats took advantage of these conditions to rob Somali fishermen of their lawful territorial waters; some outcompeted the locals with their advanced equipment, while others spoiled the ecosystem by dumping tons of toxic, radioactive waste in Somali waters. Its coast has become an international free-for-all. According to a United Nations report in 2006, these fleets stole around 300 million dollars worth of seafood, including shark, lobster and tuna, from the site. In order words, the first plunderers in the Somali sea were by no means Somalis; they hailed from Bahrain, South Korea, Japan and European nations. To ward off these unwanted intruders and regain their livelihoods, Somali fishermen had no choice but to unite, forming armed groups classified as "National Volunteer Coast Guards." To this day, when asked about their country's notorious pirates, many Somalis still maintain that they are courageous, patriotic badaadinta badahs, or saviors of the sea.

And that was indeed their function, when they first banded together at the turn of the last decade, after twenty years of neglect and abuse. However, as their hijacking operations became more successful and gained military expertise as well as weaponry from former civil war soldiers, the noble values of these armed forces disappeared. In an impoverished country, piracy offered an attractive alternative to living off meager foreign aid and remittances. Somalis pirates demanded millions of dollars from their captured hostages, and in isolated instances have been known to threaten, torture and kill when their demands were not met. In 2011, piracy in the region reached its peak, with 151 known attacks on fishing vessels as well as commercial boats. Shipping prices worldwide increased as the delivery of shipments was constantly impeded; insurance companies also raised rate premiums in anticipation of the risk.

What many do not realize, however, is that Somali pirates operate according to a specific set of codes. When they cause bodily damage to their hostages, their ransoms actually get deducted, and many pirates find it hard to stop because they are in debt at the end of a successful hijack due to the harm they've caused their captives. Most of the time though, the business is still profitable, and on average a pirate can earn from thirty to seventy thousand dollars per operation, excluding the money he has to pay to the local community which supported him. In larger expeditions, with advanced equipment and weapons, pirates may also have to share their earnings with individuals or organizations that provided them with funds, which may include transnational crime syndicates and militias affiliated with terrorist groups. Yet, a significant portion of ransoms also trickle down to businesses along the Somali coast, fuel micro-economies and create much-needed jobs.

These past five years, the number of hijacking incidents has drastically decreased due to collaborative efforts by regional governments like India and Russia. They have worked to launch navy interception missions that have penetrated deep into the network of piracy, stopping money from being transferred to the marauders. Their success caused shipping companies to become complacent, for a time. A month ago, however, the commercial vessel MT Aris 13 was boarded by Somali pirates while crossing from Djibouti to Mogadishu. Fortunately, its eight-person Sri Lankan crew had been released without ransom.

It is imperative that the international community does not disregard the issue of piracy in Somalia's waters. Although navy operations might temporarily paralyze these networks, the root causes must be addressed before we can consider the problem solved. The civil war in Somalia still continues. The newly-formed coalition government promised to rebuild the Navy in 2011, but virtually no progress has been made since then. Local fishermen still fear that if the "National Volunteer Coast Guards" permanently disband, their rightful waters will continue to be exploited by foreigners. They demand justice against international fishing companies.

Until their cries are heard, until the situation in Somalia is taken for what it really is, then seafaring vessels traveling through this region will likely never be guaranteed complete safety.

The Scope of Bioethics

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In 2000, the human genome was mapped in full, an achievement which laid the foundation for an entire movement. Since then, we've witnessed a flurry of clinical trials deciding on the efficacy of multiple gene therapies for the remediation of many high-profile diseases such as HIV/AIDS, or diabetes mellitus. Concurrent with these trials, an emergent field, bioethics,

The bioethics community consists of a plethora of established scientists who are only cautious of the implications of their own work.

has come into play. Next year, Exeter will sponsor an elective for bioethics and its implications in medicine in this technological era. With advanced technologies such as CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing, we would theoretically be able to genetically engineer babies to have specific attributes in the very near future. Without any current legislation in place, this power is unbridled in how we can

as easily correct potential defects as well as augment physical features. Though the medicinal uses are tantalizing due to their evident therapeutic efficacy, can we really dismiss the warnings that bioethics enthusiasts admonish?

Sometimes, religious and moral ideologies masquerade as bioethics to bar entire fields of research, such as cloning, from progressing. We actually need bioethics to determine what ventures are immoral and moral, clarifying our directions in research. The bioethics community consists of a plethora of established scientists who are only cautious of the implications of their own work. I'm a bioethics enthusiast myself, but I love to explore the medicinal uses of CRISPR/Cas9 editing. Some major scientific breakthroughs have stemmed from some of the most immoral acts. The "Little Albert" experiment, which utilized a nine year old as a test subject, was one of the major experiments that defined the fundamentals involved in classical conditioning for emotions. In current cancer research as well as in other developmental therapies, cells were extracted from a cervical cancer patient by the name of Henrietta Lacks (HeLa cells), all without consent. Science is advancing at a quick rate, but bioethics will be needed to slow down

these meteoric advances in favor of the preservation of some of fundamental human rights.

Yet, bioethics is not necessarily an opposition to the advancement of science and can even pose as a benefactor by promoting the necessary legislation. The bioethics community can function as a beacon for future scientific advancements and categorize which ones are the most pertinent and moral to carry out. Bioethics, by no means, limits creativity, but it can show aspiring scientists some of the most pressing matters in society that need to be addressed with as much creative force that can be allotted to the subject. In addition, the incorporation of opinions from bioethicists can improve the focus of scientific research to further bolster the popular reception of the specific concept.

Sharing and collaboration is a major ideal in the field of scientific research. Scientists should be open-minded to the opinions of bioethicists for the betterment of science and its ethical underpinnings. In this time of rapid advancements and rising debates regarding those advancements, we need bioethics as a consistent force to lead the way and allow for the most advantageous but simultaneously safest medicinal applications.

To Ink or Not to Ink

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Tattoos are considered the new grunge, along with piercings and colored hair. They're a bit different, though; you can always grow out your hair and cut off the colored parts, or take out an earring or piercing and cover it with makeup, but a tattoo is somewhat more permanent. Some people like the way tattoos look, and other are repulsed by them. In Japan, only members of the yakuza have tattoos; people with tattoos—even foreigners—aren't allowed into certain places without the tattoos being covered.

I think that there is not a point to tattoos if it's just a person's way of being "cool" or to do it as a dare. Sure, one can always get the tattoo lasered off, but it's a painful process that takes a lot of time and money; it would just be easier and better if one seriously contemplated the severity of marking one's body permanently first and whether one is ready to commit to that or not. However, if a tattoo is a person's way of healing and remembering or is a part of someone's culture, then by all means, one should get one if they so wish.

Recently, tattoo artist Pappy Seger became famous when she posted a picture of a tattoo covering

self-harm scars on Instagram, which she had done on her customer, Lydia. The picture, which Seger posted on her account poppysmallhandtattoo received 28,000 likes in only a few days, and has started a phenomenon of people with self-harm scars going to tattoo parlors to get a tattoo to not only cover the scars, but also to put a piece of their past behind them. Seger said about Lydia, "It was like a whole new type of confidence just came about her [after she laid the stencil]; she was

Some people like the way tattoos look, and other are repulsed by them.

smiling and laughing right from the start." Once the tattoo was complete, Lydia spend a while looking at it in the mirror, then expressed how happy she was that she could now wear whatever she wanted. "She could go swimming on holiday, something she hasn't been able to do for many years," Seger said.

If a tattoo helps one not only heal from the past and put it behind them but also restore their self confidence, then by all means, one should get a tattoo like Lydia did. If people need to get a tattoo not to just cover scars on the outside but on the inside as well, then

they have every right to as well. Leah Michelle, star of the show Glee and also an actress in *Scream Queens*, got a tattoo of her late boyfriend's name. This, according to her, was her way of healing and coming to terms with her boyfriend passing away, and she thought and still does think that she did the right thing.

In terms of culture, there are many places around the world in which receiving a tattoo is a right of passage and even expected of people. In the Maori tribe in New Zealand, it is customary for one to get a tattoo: facial and body markings called Ta Moko. Men get elaborate designs that cover their whole face, whereas women only get tattoos on their lips, chin and, less frequently, nostrils. The Mandala design, which is now a popular design people get for their tattoo, has its origins in Buddhist culture. Some monks even have the Mandala tattooed onto their heads.

If one is thinking about getting a tattoo as a dare or as a joke and not taking into account the fact that they are marking their bodies permanently then I really hope they reconsider. Your body is important and should be taken seriously. One can't just take a tattoo off whenever one wants; it quite literally becomes a part of one's body. One should remember that and get a tattoo if they genuinely want to commit to it.

Robbins and Kim Bid Farewell to StuCo Responsibilities

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As vice president, Han hopes to give back to the community and looks forward to working with his fellow board members. "Jackson and Elizabeth are both very confident, capable and visionary people. I believe that we will work well together, as our strengths will complement each other," he said. Similar to Parell, Han also hopes to improve the daily lives of Exonians, initially through small changes like the return of Elm Street Dining Hall's panini press. In addition, Han hopes that this board will play an important role in reforming existing school policies, like the visitations policy. Han has already begun to pursue changes, working with the administration to bring more U-Print printers to campus and to allow boarders to ride in day students' cars. Han also discussed the possibility of bringing an Alumni career fair to campus, an idea he borrowed from opponent Will Soltas' platform.

As the newly elected StuCo secretary, Yang said she is excited to be a part of the new executive board, and was especially honored to know that Exonians believed in her ideas and ability to make them a reality. Yang noted that the new board already has a great dynamic, as they are familiar with each other through their previous experiences in StuCo and other clubs. "What excites me are the commonalities within our platforms, like implementing dorm amenities, that will definitely help guide our goals and ensure a cohesive board," she said.

Yang hopes to maintain clear communication between the Council and the Exeter community. "Along with quick school-wide emails, more ideas have been introduced through the campaign process, like student council livestreams and an Exonian column. With these concrete actions on my

mind, I hope that throughout the year, the community is aware and supportive of the the platforms and actions the council pursues," she said.

Lower Tara Weil, a candidate for secretary, described each elected candidate as "incredibly capable." Although financial aid reform and faculty diversity (key issues in the platform of Parell's rival Menat Bahnsy) may not be the top priority of the new board, Weil hopes that they will still attempt to address these areas. She would also "love the new board to listen to ideas from the outside," noting that flexibility is something all Exonians care about. "I think this board had the potential to restore some trust between the administration and students," Weil said. Overall, Weil is optimistic about next year and the changes StuCo will make.

Unlike many previous elections, sensitive topics such as race, gender and socioeconomic status played an important role for many students when determining how to cast their vote. During the StuCo presidential debate, Parell was asked: "How much of a factor is race in the Exeter community?" Parell responded by declaring that inclusivity is important to him, but much to the dismay of many students, he quickly pivoted to criticizing opponent upper Menat Bahnsy's financial aid policy.

Upper Sarah Shepley noted that Parell had not directly addressed the question, instead using his own platform to go against Bahnsy's point. "I felt like Menat's platform addressed students who feel like they don't have much of a voice or an equal opportunity and Jackson seemed to completely ignore the problem about race. It seemed like everything that Parell said was representative of his entire platform—things like foodtrucks, things that financial aid students might not be able to afford."

After the assembly, many students discussed his response to this question.

Senior Kesi Wilson sent a mass email to the Afro Latino Exonian Society (ALES) expressing her opinion on the presidential debate. She urged all members to vote for Menat because she has "the relationship with the administration and the drivenness to get a lot done, particularly in regards to the black and brown experience on campus." She continued to explain that she was passionate about the election because "it seems awfully reminiscent of the recent presidential election—a white male candidate got up on stage today (during assembly) and acted ridiculously, in such a way that would be bitchy had it been the female candidate who is running against him."

The email received backlash from students, though Wilson later emphasized that she did not intend to compare Parell to Trump. "What I did mean to highlight was the role that gender was playing during the debate and how similar it was to the role gender played in our general election," she said. Furthermore, she noted how the topic of race and socioeconomic status did not appear in Parell's platform to the extent that it did in Bahnsy's. "When there was a question about race, instead of answering the question, and maybe cementing that part of his platform, he directed something at Menat instead of answering the question that was presented to him. That question was quite pertinent to me and a lot of my friends."

Senior Zoe Marshall agreed that issues of race and class polarized the election. "This rift was because of race," she said. Marshall attributed the divide to the debate assembly, saying that people viewed Parell's answer to the race question as linking minority students and financial aid.

However, some viewed Wilson's email as extreme. "I don't think it's fair for Jackson to be compared to Trump, especially because Trump has a very

negative connotation on this very liberal campus," prep Asha Alla said. "I see how people could connect it, but Jackson hasn't said anything racist."

Upper Nick Song echoed Alla's sentiments. "It is unfair to paint Jackson as a Trump-like figure, someone who spouts overtly racist rhetoric in public and then makes this comment an important part of his campaign." He added that he was frustrated by the drama surrounding the specific moment in a campaign which, according to Song, was primarily centered around the positive yet feasible changes StuCo can make.

When asked what he would do if able to change part of his campaign, Parell states that he "would have reached out to more demographics on campus to address what they see to be the flaws in student council and in our school." He acknowledged that he and Bahnsy had different ideas which appealed to very different demographics, and said that he would reshape his goals in the coming year to meet the needs of all students. "Next year, I will be reforming and reshaping my objectives so that they represent the entire student body; I will make sure that council works towards things that the Exeter community cares about most," he said.

Health instructor and StuCo adviser Carol Cahalane expressed her hopes for the Council to "think broadly about student need and look for opportunities to bring about positive changes in our community." She also saw parallels between this year's elections with those in previous years in that they follow themes that are prominent at that time. "One thing that remains true, year after year, is that we have many talented and hard-working candidates," Cahalane continued. "Sadly, they all can't be elected, but I hope those who try and are not elected find other ways to be a part of StuCo or another organization where they make a difference."

Hearing for Former Staffer Arthur Peekel's Plea Deal Set for May

Continued from **PEEKEL, A1**

all in 1977 with an excellent education, for which I remain grateful, but I also left as an adolescent on the verge of manhood with no sense of self-worth or confidence," he wrote. He also described the guilt he felt because he had not ensured that Peekel would be stopped from abusing other students. "I am still most tortured by the fact that I may have allowed him to do to someone else what he did to me," Jenkins wrote.

In response to investigations that revealed multiple past cases of sexual assault at Exeter, the Academy has created new positions and programming to improve student wellbeing and prevent future incidents. Such efforts are outlined in the Academy's official Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response

Action Plan. As detailed in the plan, the Academy believes that sexual misconduct can be prevented only by addressing campus sexual culture at its most fundamental roots. The introduction to the Academy's response plan reads, "We believe that the most effective approach to prevention is holistic, is rooted in the community, and engages the full participation of every member of our school family."

Past cases of sexual assault, however, are not unique to Phillips Exeter. More recently, Choate Rosemary Hall acknowledged cases of sexual molestation and rape committed by teachers dating as far back as the 1960's. As with Peekel's case, some of the teachers were allowed to resign and their actions went unreported, leading to more victims with stories like that of Lawrence Jenkins.

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Fun Ideas to Kill Time When You're Just Sitting in the White House Doing Nothing

By **BILLY O'HANDLEY**
Senior Political Correspondent

1. Prank call Russia while pretending you're Angela Merkel, then start a major Russian-German conflict.
2. Invite Bill O'Reilly down to Mar-a-Lago to compare notes.
3. Call into "Fox and Friends" under the name of the President's closest aide: "Ronald Brump"
4. Tell *The New York Times* that you're going to nuke the hell out of North Korea, then send out an official Presidential Press release saying "Lol Jk"
5. Learn to skateboard.
6. Wiretap every room in the White House so you can learn what people really think about you.
7. Go to Mar-a-Lago.
8. Actually start a nuclear war with North Korea, triggering the start of armageddon and the wiping out of every last trace of humanity.
9. Make a sandwich.
10. Go to Mar-a-Lago.
11. Have Melania make you a sandwich.

Things to Do When Your Roommate Gets (Illegal) V's

By **AVA HARRINGTON**
The "Best" Roommate

Place a whoopee cushion under the covers before they come into the room.

Make sure your roommate is logged into Netflix Kids—you wouldn't want any inappropriate scenes to come on.

Place a speaker under the pillow and start playing "Let's Get It On" or anything by Nickleback to up the romance.

Do homework quietly at your desk (scratching pencils and sobs of frustration are very romantic to Exonians).

Hang up a bunch of pictures of the prospective Vee on your roommate's side of the ceiling right before they enter.

Hang up a bunch of pictures of the prospective Vee on your side of the ceiling right before they enter.

Whisper "She's been preparing for this since lower fall" and leave the room before anyone can say anything.

Alert a dorm fac IMMEDIATELY because illegal V's are VERY WRONG.

TFW You Are a Suffering Upper™ Just Trying Your Best

By **THE HUMOR EDITORS**
Let it End



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Life Advice: The Ultimate Guide™ to Succeeding during Upper Year

By **EMILY GREEN**
Living Her Best Life

- As I'm sure you all know, I, Emily Green, am thriving. Upper year can be a very difficult time, so here are my top 50 tips to surviving and thriving throughout your 11th grade year.
- So here it is: The Ultimate Guide™.
1. Pretend you don't speak English. If you can't speak, they can't expect you to write.
 2. To save time, put a coffee IV straight into your veins instead of drinking it.
 3. Write your 333 about the Puritans. Everyone loves the Puritans; they're so zealous.
 4. Go soul searching.
 5. Sacrifice a lamb to the gods of chemistry.
 6. Drink milk, get STRONG bones.
 7. Sleep a minimum of 8 minutes every night.
 8. Open your heart to love.
 9. Just kidding, you don't have time for love.
 10. Open your heart to lust.
 11. Listen to Simon and Garfunkel and cry, just a little bit.
 12. Take up the banjo and write sad folk music about your experiences.
 13. Swim in the river and become one with the lampreys. Lampreys don't have to do work.
 14. Be exclusively nude. Nobody can say your dress isn't fingertip length if there is no dress. This will save time and societal pressure to be "trendy."
 15. Become an emo. Hamlet was an emo and it worked out for him. Right? I haven't gotten to the end of Hamlet yet.
 16. Sometimes, you gotta just take the L.
 17. Lock yourself in your room and don't come out until senior spring.
 18. Hiss at preps when you see them laughing. If you can't have fun, nobody else is allowed to either.
 19. Shave your head so you don't have to waste time brushing your hair.
 20. Join a cult centered around Tagg Romney, Mitt Romney's eldest son.
 21. Start a cult centered around Tagg Romney, Mitt Romney's eldest son.
 22. Consider dropping out and joining the Coast Guard. Someone's gotta guard those coasts.
 23. Learn guitar and join a roaming hippie street band to play away the pain on those gentle, twangy strings.
 24. Pay a prep to bring D-Hall food to your dorm room so you don't have to leave.
 25. Join a sport. It isn't too late to row your way to Harvard yet!
 26. Stare longingly out the window at people frolicking in the nice weather while you're inside writing your 333.
 27. Hop a freight train straight out of town. The nice assembly poets said to do it, so it's gotta be a good idea.
 28. Do yoga. Find your center.
 29. Think about how much you miss your cats and cry a little bit.
 30. Wear shades and block out the UV rays (and h8ers.)
 31. Go to the beach. Join the dolphins. Swim away.
 32. Apply for a position in the Trump administration. You don't need any qualifications.
 33. Join a punk band and write angry music about your chem grades.
 34. Succumb to capitalism.
 35. Learn to do interpretive dance. Use interpretive dance to express your feelings. Cry on stage while "Drops of Jupiter" by Train plays.
 36. Become Tagg Romney.
 37. Drink a tall glass of chocolate milk. To take the edge off.
 38. Write snarky humor articles to distract you from your intense suffering.
 39. Sleep for literally three days straight, then ask to combine the dickeres.
 40. Transfer to Andover.
 41. Don't fight your inner demons. Just let them win.
 42. Cry into a bowl of whole wheat, mildly soggy d-hall pasta.
 43. Make up an excuse to use the hot tub in the Athletic Trainer's Room. "It's good for my restless leg syndrome."
 44. Go to the library. Never leave.
 45. Do your best. Just kidding, that isn't enough.
 46. Become nocturnal, except also don't sleep during the day.
 47. Claim your puffy eyes are due to a pinkeye outbreak.
 48. Punch a canvas and call it modern art. Ask to be paid \$20,000 for it.
 49. Buy a sled and make lowerclassmen drag you to class, like a dogsled team. This way, you can read on the way to class.
 50. Hide in a cardboard box.

Parell Fulfills Campaign Promise to Win Election!

By **HARRY SAUNDERS**
Super PAC Proprietor

In other news:

- Administration faces lawsuit from *The Lorax* over removal of peace tree.
- Southside put on lockdown as search for fugitive panini press continues.
- Grill bans carbonated drinks before Climate Action Day citing CO2 emissions concerns.
- Shy preps' pockets deepen as proctors are chosen.
- Sustainability office pilots omnivore-shaming initiative.
- StuCo Presidential "Race" Roundup:
- Parell vanquishes rivals, eviscerates dumb blonde stereotype; Robbins leaves office, plans to use new free time to keep shoelaces tied.

Every Exonian's Biggest Fear

By **CEDRIC BLAISE**
Never Dicked



Quote of the Week

"I do not speak to the candidate, I do not coordinate with the candidate."
-Harry Saunders '18

We need friends. Submit a quote of the week. DM us a funny joke or zesty meme.
Or just DM us ;)



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Climate Action Day



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Senior Kesi Wilson and uppers Claire Melvin and Emily Cardenas perform a step routine.

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Hip-Hop Showcase

By BELLA ALVAREZ
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Various dance groups on campus came together this Friday evening to perform in the Hip Hop Showcase. The event, emceed by uppers Billy O'Handley and George Matheos, celebrated the hard work and skills of talented dancers.

The show started with a long piece performed by Imani, which showed the evolution of hip hop over several decades, beginning in the 1990s and ending in the 2010s. "I'm really proud of the idea that we had for the chronology of rap—it's the best way to celebrate the genre and how far it's come but how it has retained its similar elements over time," Senior Kesi Wilson, Imani co-head, explained. Lower Lulu Ezekwenna, an Imani member, expressed a similar sentiment, saying, "It was nice to see the audience enjoy many of the social dances that we included for Imani's performance. We really wanted to show multiple eras of hip hop dance and I'm glad people recognized and enjoyed them."

The routine lasted for eleven minutes, and Imani managed to put together the entire dance with only five rehearsals. "Everyone worked really hard to pull it together," senior Hannah MacKay said. Imani dancer and lower Alayna D'Amico loved when audience members sang and clapped along to songs they recognized,

which added to the interactive atmosphere of the showcase. "Not only did we have some really great choreography, but we [also] provided a nostalgic experience," D'Amico said.

Other highlights included the two step groups, Precision and Outkast. O'Handley appreciated the Precision/Outkast rivalry. "It's going to be fun to see how Outkast responds in their next performance," he said. Wilson detailed the time and effort that the girls of Precision dedicated to getting the pieces down. "A lot of the girls have just worked incredibly hard to master the craft and have progressed so much," she explained. "I love Precision and we truly do work hard, and our performance showed that." Lower Lulu Ezekwenna felt that the piece went well, describing the girls' stomps and claps as "crisp and clean."

For Ezekwenna, Wilson and MacKay's duet was one of the best performances of the evening. "Their routine demonstrated their abilities as amazing dancers," D'Amico gushed. The other three girls only recently started collaborating together. As co-heads of Imani, Wilson and MacKay inspired Ezekwenna to find joy in hip hop. "They've helped me to love dance more and to grow more in dance," Ezekwenna said.

For Wilson, the duet with MacKay served as a final testament to their shared love for dance and hip hop. "I think the showcase was a fun way to say, 'Look how far we've come,' and 'Look how much fun

dancing is,'" she said. "I'm just so proud of the both of us for how far we've developed over the years." As co-heads of numerous other dance groups on campus, such as Poms, MacKay and Wilson have spent the last three years performing and choreographing together. "We've just been good friends and incredibly collaborative as we've been growing as dancers together," Wilson elaborated. "It's great to find someone as passionate about dance as you."

Another duet, Lee Squared, received much praise from the audience. Uppers Alexis Lee and Mary Le danced to Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk" and Future's "Commas," which Wilson thoroughly enjoyed. Describing the dance as a "celebration of rap and hip hop," Wilson said, "Lee Squared is a group of amazing artists who have incredible talent."

After Beat Of Asia's elaborate routine, prep Ervin Williams shared an original rap with the crowd. Williams viewed his performance as a counter-narrative to the typical rap song. "When you look at the rap music of today, all you hear is mostly about killing this person and doing this and that drug," he said. "I don't feel the pain of the African-American community should be glorified in that way, which inspired me to write and perform the rap." After losing a close friend to violence, Williams knew he had to create a piece to express his grief. "I felt it was the right thing to do," he said.

MacKay also performed an impres-

sive solo to the song "River" by Bishop Briggs. "It was a heels hip hop choreo dance, which is something we don't teach here, but a style I've always taken at home that I really enjoy," she said, explaining the inspiration behind the piece. MacKay appreciated the positive reaction from the observers. "The energy from everyone watching was really amazing because it always is nice to have feedback from the audience when you are performing," she said.

As the showcase was, for many seniors, their final opportunity to dance at Exeter, Wilson reflected upon the experience with bittersweet feelings. "I just love performing with Hannah whenever I get the chance because we're each other's biggest cheerleaders, and she's always encouraging me to dance harder and better," she said. "We can be incredibly inventive when we collaborate and we just get to such greater heights when we work together to accomplish something." For those looking to continue the legacy of Exeter dance, there will still be plenty of platforms to display their creativity and support other dancers. D'Amico's reflection on the showcase sums up this growing trend of collective encouragement between dance groups well: "I think as of late, a lot of the hip hop dance teams on campus have become closer, so there was also a lot of inter-team hype that made every minute of performing even more worthwhile."

Trendwatch

Hey Trendsetters,

We're well into the spring and the weather has been wonderful this past week. It's midterms and we're still going strong. There's only a month and half left till summer! With this surprise in nice weather, we saw some fitting outfits.

Lilly Carden '18 flaunted a red fit and flare floral dress with a criss-cross front. She matched her dress with black platform heels. Her pulled up hair really emphasized the patterns on her dress. **Alexis Gorfine '18** wore a light blue denim dress embroidered with white flower patterns. She also wore a pair of brown sandals to complete her semi-bohemian look. **Grace Carroll '19** also showed off her lovely spring look in a white dress with blue floral patterns. She also matched the blue floral patterns with her light blue denim jacket. Floral patterns were not popular only among girls. **Will Stokes '19** wore a red hawaiian shirt with palm tree patterns. He matched his colorful shirt with a pair of plain white bermuda shorts.

Sophia Oguri '18 looked chic in her black off shoulder top and a brown suede A-line skirt. She matched her black top with her black birkenstocks. **Jack Baker '18** looked preppy with his Vineyard Vines light pink polo shirt and his light blue bermuda shorts. He also wore a pair of navy blue boat shoes, adding another shade of blue to his outfit.

Claire Jutabha '18 looked amazing

sporting a scalloped peasant blouse. She paired her gold-embroidered white shirt with a simple pair of black leggings and bronze-colored lace-up boots.

This past week, Victoria Beckham received her OBE from Prince William. The former Spice girl was honored for her services to the fashion industry. She arrived at Buckingham Palace ready to collect her award for her humanitarian work, and she played it safe but sophisticated in a long black dress of her own brand. The occasion was a very formal one, so a sleek black dress was definitely an easy go-to option. Great work V!

Stay Classy,
Sherry and Michael



Julia Goydan/The Exonian

Must Watch: Gossip Girl

By NIKITA THUMMALA and
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The show *Gossip Girl* has maintained enduring popularity among young adults ever since its debut on the small screen almost ten years ago. Taking place on the Upper East Side, it showcases the stories of students at an elite preparatory school, most of whom come from very affluent families. The students on the show live a very different life from that of normal teens of their age: drinking martinis, cutting class, smoking pot and frequent shopping sprees. Most of all, they gossip. The television series depicts the impact of social media on one's reputation as a high school student.

The show starts off with several main characters: Serena Van Der Woodsen, Blair Waldorf, Chuck Bass and Nate Archibald live on the Upper East side with vast amounts of money and power. These four youngsters rule their society through cell phones and limousines, but at what cost?

Serena Van Der Woodsen, played by Blake Lively, is the daughter of William and Lily Van Der Woodsen. Her mother has been divorced and remarried numerous times, which drove Serena to a lifestyle of drugs and partying. After one unfortunate incident, she leaves for boarding school, only to return home because of her brother's suicide attempt. Blair Waldorf, played by Leighton Meester, has a reputation for being the "Queen Bee." Like Serena, she only lives with her mom due to her parents' divorce. Blair tries to work her way up the social ladder through her bossy attitude and brutal honesty. Chuck Bass, played by Ed Westwick, grew up in the spotlight as the only son of a self-made billionaire and uses that money to party and manipulate others. Nate Archibald, played by Chase Crawford, was born to Howard and Anne Archibald. Howard, a successful businessman, pushes Nate

to go to Dartmouth, even though Nate has plans elsewhere. Later on, Nate learns that his father always maintains a calm demeanor because he is taking drugs. These kinds of problems lead the main characters to make risky decisions.

Gossip Girl also includes interesting secondary characters, like Dan Humphrey and his sister, Jenny. They are primarily looked after by their single father, Rufus, who has his own share of mixed experiences with the upper class. Together, they reside in Brooklyn and commute to school daily using public transportation, unlike their peers. The contrast of the characters' economic classes makes the show all too real. It underscores the barriers middle-class students face, and their immense struggle to fit in. Simultaneously, Dan serves as an underdog, who inspires the viewer with his academic success and hard work. His romantic encounters with Serena spice up the show, which effectively uses the one cliché that never goes out of style: that love can overlook anything and beat nearly impossible obstacles.

As if the characters' lives were not already dramatic enough, the show centers around *Gossip Girl* and their blog. *Gossip Girl* is an anonymous presence throughout most of the show, but their blogging is far from irrelevant. A single story from *Gossip Girl* can ruin a character's life and reputation. The show depicts how privacy and secrets are impossible to maintain with today's technological advancements. The blog helps exploit the "elite" of the Upper East Side, exposing their darkest secrets. *Gossip Girl* adds tension to the show. Nothing happens without *Gossip Girl* knowing about it.

Overall, *Gossip Girl* is an ideal show for high schoolers to binge-watch. The added mystery of trying to uncover *Gossip Girl*'s identity drives the show. Viewers not only gain insight into life as a student at a prestigious institution, but they also get to witness the dark side of the social media age.

Senior Spotlight

Joyful Jaden

By SUAN LEE
Staff Writer

For three-year senior Jaden Wood, art has never been just a hobby, but rather a crucial outlet in her life through which she expresses her emotions, shares her experiences and lets off steam. In her time at Exeter, Wood has established herself not only as one of the strongest artists and dancers in the Exeter community, but also as a valued friend and role model. Wood's love for dance shows through her commitments: she is a co-head of various clubs on campus, including the Lionettes Dance Team and Dancing with the Exonians, of which she is the founder. Wood's peers describe her as a "natural-born leader" who is "bright," "compassionate" and "hardworking."

As a day student from Atkinson, New Hampshire, Wood first heard about the private school experience from a friend, and she was enthralled by the genuine Exonian passion for learning. "A lot of people look at Exeter as just a stepping stone to getting into a good college, but that wasn't even on my mind. I didn't plan everything. I just wanted to come here and get a better education," she said.

Despite Exeter's rigorous academic curriculum, however, Wood was skeptical of the arts program at first and did not join Exeter's dance company until spring term of her lower year. As an experienced competitive dancer, Wood initially had difficulty adjusting to the major differences between the Exonian dance company and the intensive practices she had been used to in her previous dance studios.

Wood attributes her eventual change in perspective and newfound optimism to the motivation she received from senior Exonian dancers, many of whom were not only performers but choreographers as well. "I used to feel like a soldier in competitive dance because you always needed to look and act the same. It's easy to get lost in that. It was so interesting to be in an environment where I saw a student instead of a teacher find their way and show their own style," Wood said. She was so intrigued by the idea of being both a performer and a creator in the art discipline that, come senior year, Wood was inspired to try her own hand at choreography.



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She is now recognized in the Exeter Dance Company as a gifted choreographer, particularly in the genre of contemporary dance which Theater and Dance Instructor Allison Duke describes as "a fusion of many disciplines—jazz, modern, ballet and even some hip hop." Wood enjoys the technical flexibility that contemporary dance offers her as a choreographer. "Sometimes I like the way that dance moves can look ugly. Since there kind of aren't any rules in contemporary, it's more fun for me and it's easier to express what I'm trying to get across through my pieces," she said.

Duke described Jaden's choreography as "dynamic." "When Jaden is dancing in the studio or onstage, she expresses what is too precious to say in words," Duke said. Wood describes herself as "a strong believer in choreography that tells a story." She has found that "expressing something and showing that you're feeling the music and feeling the story makes a performance so much better." Others who have performed in or witnessed Wood's choreography agree that the messages Wood tries to convey through

her performances are what make her pieces so powerful. "Her choreography is very expressive. She lets her emotions shine through her pieces, and it's beautiful to watch," senior Kelsey Detels said.

MUSIC INSTRUCTOR and Wood's advisor Rohan Smith believes that, despite the heavy time commitment required to be such a dedicated artist, Wood's passion for dance has actually helped her to thrive in Exeter's busy and potentially stressful climate. "Jaden's art is a zone that she always seems to have protected. She's never made any compromises with it. I think that dance has always been a sort of oasis of calm in her life," he said. "Students at Exeter can very easily get swept into the bigness of this place. It's really important to have these small, individual connections with people and with certain things that you care for, like dance."

Wood now uses her multi-faceted dance experience to give back, both in and out of the Exeter community. As one of this year's dance captains, Wood has made it her goal to increase the level of interest and appreciation

that Exonians harbor for dance. "It's sad that there's been so little interest in going to the dance concerts because I know how much work goes into it. But it also feels really rewarding to know that what I've been doing is working because more people are coming and more people want to be in the dance company," she said. Wood has also made it a priority to foster a supportive atmosphere amongst the dancers and boost morale. Lower Abby Zhang felt that Jaden's nurturing attitude has strengthened the dance team. "Jaden has made me appreciate dance at Exeter more. She's always there for us and encourages us to give it our all and make the most of the dance program here," Zhang said.

Furthermore, Wood was previously involved in various ESSO clubs like Harris Family Children's Center Dance and the Youth Dance Ensemble, in which she taught dance to children in the local community. In the summer of her lower year, Wood also participated in an ESSO trip to Camphill Callan, a community in Ireland for adults with special needs, where she worked with other Exonian dancers to organize dance classes. "It was really interesting and eye-opening to see how movement could make them so happy," she said. "My idea of dance when I first started was ballet—everyone needed to be the same and you spent hours trying to perfect the smallest things. But there I realized that dancing can be as broad as simply moving and expressing yourself, no matter how it looks."

Despite the end of her Exeter career drawing near, Wood admits that she is still unsure about what exactly she envisions for herself in the future. "I just want to get out there and start doing something. I want to be an advocate for change, and I'll definitely try my hardest to make things better in whatever small ways I can manage. Hopefully, once I find my path, I'll be able to make bigger moves," she said. But if there's one thing Wood is absolutely certain about, it is that her art will continue to be a precious and integral part of her life. "I need art, whether it's choreographing, painting or drawing on my walls. I just don't know how someone could live without having some way to express themselves and make something that's either meaningful to them or to other people."

HOROSCOPE

By LAUREN LEATHAM and ALEXANDRA VAN DIJKUM
Columnists

Aries: This is your week to shine, Aries! With the sun in your sign, all your personality traits will be highlighted. You might notice the spotlight has been pointed in your direction this week—enjoy it! You can use this time to forge new connections with the people around you. You might be surprised by who you meet!

Taurus: Keep calm and carry on this week, Taurus! With Mars in your sign, you might be prone to overreacting. Just make sure to think before you react. Lead with your head; your sign is strong, and you will be able to handle anything that comes your way.

Gemini: Get your planners out this week, Gemini. With Mars in your sign until June, you might be more susceptible to spring fever on campus. Just make sure to stay on track with your work this week so you have lots of time to have fun.

Cancer: This is the week for your squad. Your sign is naturally loyal, and this is a great week to spend time with your friends. Ask them how they're doing. You might find out something new and become even closer with your loved ones this week, Cancer.

Leo: Go for the gold this week, Leo. Your sign is driven, and this week is the time to push for your goals. You are so close! Leo, you might notice others becoming inspired by all of your hard work. Be flattered and keep it up!

Virgo: This is your week, Virgo! With Jupiter in your sign, be prepared for great things coming your way! Enjoy how everything unfolds, but try not to overanalyze any situations this week. Everything is happening for a reason.

Libra: Get back to your roots this week, Libra. Meet up with an old friend

or start up again with something you used to love doing; it'll be surprisingly fun! Jupiter is in your sign this week so be sure that you settle into your work and give yourself some relaxing alone time.

Scorpio: Some things might be shifting in your life this week, Scorpio, but don't get too overwhelmed by it. You might feel a bit of jealousy in this shift, but be sure to think over the situation before overreacting. Near the end of this week, you will have a feeling of relief when things start to fall into place.

Sagittarius: Surround yourself with people this weekend, Sagittarius. Saturn is in your sign for the next few weeks, meaning that now is a good time to be socializing! Go to a dance or hang out at a new dorm. You never know when a fun time may turn up.

Capricorn: Get back to the books this weekend, Capricorn. Now is the perfect time to be focusing on your schoolwork. You will have a great opportunity to show your smarts this week so be sure to take advantage of it! After this week of focus, you'll have some time to relax and decompress.

Aquarius: You'll really feel like giving back to the community this week, Aquarius. Join an ESSO club, volunteer or just help out a friend! Embracing non sibi will reassure you of the goodness in the world and give you a great start to your next week!

Pisces: Use this next week to take a breather and calm down a little, Pisces. The moon is in your sign for the next few days so it's really important that you organize yourself in this downtime. You should also try to keep your life, and your emotions, as stable as possible while the moon is passing through your sign.

Feminist Union

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In the wake of a turbulent election cycle that ended with Hillary Clinton's loss to Donald Trump, and after a year-long series of revelations surrounding sexual misconduct at the Academy, Exeter's Feminist Union, also known as "Fem Club" held an influential role on campus, hosting multiple advocacy events on and off campus, inviting guest speakers and briefing weekly discussions in the Academy Center on Wednesday nights.

One of Fem Club's largest initiatives this year was the congregation and transportation of 45 students to attend the Women's March in Boston, Massachusetts this past January.

Exonians donned pink sweatshirts emblazoned with the Black, block-lettered word "Feminist" across their chests and held up homemade posters as they marched in solidarity and resilience in the face of Trump's inauguration.

Lower and co-head Isadora Kron noted the club's shift towards more tangible and politicized advocacy amidst the 2016 presidential election, and hoped to continue that progressive activism in the coming years. "This year because of the election we took a more action-based approach, doing more events and trying to make more concrete change versus just doing discussion," she said.

A few weeks ago, Fem Club members welcomed *New York Times* best-selling author, journalist and sex educator Peggy Orenstein to speak at a panel-style assembly and evening dinner, exploring the pressing and often inequitable sexual landscape that girls face during their high school and college years.

According to lower and co-head Reina Matsumoto, members watched a video of Orenstein's TED talk in preparation for her visit to the Academy, analyzing her stance on the objectification of girls' bodies and how they are exploited in a culture that many would argue benefits males, both in terms of the sexual encounters themselves and the consequences of those encounters.

Matsumoto believes that the club's onset of hookup culture conversation should broaden to the rest of the student body for a safer sexual atmosphere on campus. "There are so many women in the world who have to overcome injustices just because they identify as female, and I believe we should all do what we can to create a culture of mutual respect regardless

of sex," she said.

This year, the club also partnered with Exeter's science publication MATTER Magazine to present a panel featuring the stories of female faculty, alumni, community members, and students on their passions for science and mathematics—two subjects traditionally dominated by male peers. The panelists acknowledged the gender disparity in higher-level STEM courses at Exeter and discussed ways of challenging such disproportions with encouragement and mentorship.

Members also printed and placed consent posters on bulletin boards to remind students to foster a respectful environment at school dances like Dunbar Hall's Back in Black, and wrote letters to Congress members.

Along with participating in the aforementioned feminist activities, students gather every Wednesday night to discuss topics including abortion, intersectionality, pornography, misogynistic beauty standards, intimacy and female sexuality, and gender stereotypes.

Kron appreciated the diversity of perspectives at Fem Club's weekly gatherings. "My favorite thing about fem club is getting to know and learn a lot from different feminists because everyone has come from different walks of life and has experienced feminism in different ways," she said. "It's been really amazing to learn about everyone's points of view of feminism and it's really kind of influenced and helped me form my own opinions on feminism."

Lower Ingrid Bergill values the sense of community that the club harbors. "I like the community that fem club creates and having a space where people understand and want to grow and learn more about feminism," she said. "I remember after the election one night, a lot of us were feeling unsure of what it was going to be like in Trump's America. I just hope Exeter knows that you don't have to be a girl, or even a feminist, to come and talk. We are always there for each other."

Kron agreed, encouraging Exonians to join the feminist dialogue. "Fem club does really good job of welcoming all different types of opinions. If you have different views about feminism we are always excited to hear new perspectives and have a good discussion," she assured. "We welcome people of all beliefs and backgrounds who are welcome to talk."

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CampusSpotlight

Asian Night Market

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On Saturday night, fragrant Asian street food booths greeted Exonians as they filed into Grainger Auditorium for the annual Asian Night Market. The market was organized by a student group called the Asian Advisory Board, which dedicates time and effort each year to make sure the event is culturally informative and exciting for all. It began at 8 P.M. in Grainger Auditorium, but by 7:45 P.M. students were eagerly waiting to receive four blue tickets, which could be exchanged for food at the various booths free of charge. At 8:30 P.M., students left the food booths to watch their peers perform a variety of dances that celebrated their respective cultural backgrounds.

Each booth was set up and run by a club that represented a specific region or country in Asia. The clubs that were represented included Pinoy Society, Association of Southeastern Asian Nations (ASEAN), Subcontinent Society, Japanese American Society, Chinese Student Organization, Korean Society and an unofficial Thai Club. With such a large variety of clubs participating, there was an abundance of unique and tasty food. Exonians were overwhelmed by the colorful and lively environment of the market, as well as the enchanting aromas of fresh food. On the left side of the room, students were invited to try many different traditional Asian food dishes, from dumplings and sushi to Thai fried rice and bubble tea.

The Asian Advisory Board worked to



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make the environment of the market as authentic as possible. As said by lower Adrian Kyle Venzon, a member of the Asian Advisory Board, "the most memorable part of the night was the initial setup for the event." This feeling was echoed by lower Elizabeth Yang, another member of the Asian Advisory Board. "My favorite part is always watching the transformation occur, where Grainger goes from a completely empty space to an actual market—with a sea of Exonians milling about the colorful, elaborate booths," Yang said.

For Venzon, the night market provided an opportunity to connect with people with

a similar a love for their cultural background, and to share their respective cultures with the larger student body. "For me, the night market is a chance for me to share with others a literal taste of the Philippines as well as to celebrate my own culture," he said. "It was awesome being around so many people who shared a love for our individual Asian backgrounds, and we worked really hard to make the event happen." Yang felt similarly about the purpose of the event. "The aim of the Asian Night Market is always to unite and bond the Asian affinity groups within Exeter, and also spread our culture to the rest of the community," she said.

Venzon also said that the event went notably well this year, and that, despite the large turnout, crowds were under control and wait times were manageable. Yang echoed Venzon's sentiment. "With more spread-out booths, people were able to actually move through the crowd this year, without the sacrifice of a market-like environment," Yang said. "Also, the food lasted throughout the night and did not run out, rewarding those who stayed to enjoy the market longer with more food tickets. And finally, the tables outside, for calligraphy, origami and henna, were constantly full and very popular."

As for the future of the Asian Night Market, the board is determined to ensure that the tradition continues. Yang also said that the board hopes to use the night to share not just Asian culture and food, but also to address some of the more meaningful issues faced by the Asian community. "Asian Advisory Board hopes to use this night as an opportunity to talk about some more serious topics about Asians in this country," Yang said. "Ideas include bringing a speaker or showing a video that brings up some important issue Asians face," she said.

The Asian Night Market's success and impact on our community continues to grow year by year. The Asian Advisory Board hopes that, in the future, the market will continue to draw Exonians from all races together to celebrate and learn about Asian culture in a fun environment. "I think this event is a huge part of the community, and everyone is welcome to enjoy it," Venzon said.

ClubSpotlight

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

By ALAN XIE
Staff Writer

Founded last spring, Psychology Club is a relatively new club on campus. Every week, students who are interested in psychology gather to discuss how the brain works and why we think the way we do.

Both co-heads of the club, upper Wendi Yan and senior Jessica Zhao, have studied psychology on their own. They decided to found the club to share their personal interest in psychology with all Exonians. Yan said that one of the main motives for founding the club was to conduct experiments with others who were interested. "Since the only psychology course is a senior lottery course, both of us wished we could study psychology and even do some experiments alongside the normal academic workload, so we thought having a Psychology Club would be a great idea to just have buddies to learn psychology with," Yan said. Zhao hopes that Psychology Club can provide students with a platform to learn more about and discuss psychology. "I think it's important for everyone to explore something, and psychology is one of the things they can explore," she said. "That's what I value the most—if you want to explore something, you should have the opportunity to do that."

During the weekly club meetings, students get to discuss a specific topic in psychology that they have researched. "I really like that everyone in our club has very different interests and views of psychology," Zhao said. "For every meeting we try to do something different." Last week, they talked about the psychology of why people find cute certain things cute—for example, why our brains perceive puppies as adorable. Senior Richard Chen, one of the club members who joined the discussion, found the topic very intriguing, saying that, "It was a really interesting discussion and is

something worthwhile to attend." Two weeks ago, the club talked about the psychology of death. The discussion turned to how people think about death, especially people who have witnessed a death. After college acceptances, the club discussed how stress affects students' mental health. "A lot of times we tailor the meetings to the events or holidays in that week," Yan said. After the presidential election in last November, the club watched TED talks on moral psychology and discussed how psychology could affect the result of the election. "Psychology club is a great place to get together with fellow Exonians and discuss issues fundamental to human nature, ranging from the reason why we enjoy winning games to the thought of facing our own mortalities," club member and upper Keyu Cao said. "The coheads do a good job engaging members in conversations."

Apart from the regular club meetings, the club also organized a field trip to the neuroscience lab at Brandeis University at the beginning of this year and hosted a mental health forum last term. In the mental health forum, students, faculty and members of the administration came together to discuss the mental health climate on campus and envision what Exeter could do to improve. "There had been heated discussions online about mental health, but the topic was never brought to an offline, more formal conversation," Yan said. "We saw the need to do so and that was how the idea of hosting the forum came about." They invited Principal Lisa MacFarlane, Dean of Student Health and Wellness Gordon Coole, Jeanne Stern and Szu-Hui Lee from the health center, Science Instructor Townley Chisholm, English Instructor Barbara Desmond, Modern Languages Instructor Ellen Glassner, seniors Carissa Chen and Kesi Wilson to join the panel. "The forum became a giant Harkness discussion on the topic of mental health," Yan

said. "It was really great to hear so many wonderful ideas and voices from the different parts of the community!" Lower Dylan Yin who went to the forum last term agreed it was very necessary to have dialogues among students and faculty members on students' mental health issues. "The discussion was much needed especially for students because it allowed for them to understand the teacher's or faculty's perspective on different mental health issues present on campus," Yin said. "I really liked that it was an open conversation and safe space, because that made people [feel] comfortable to voice their concerns."

Currently, the club is trying to contact alumni to get internships for students in the field of psychology. They are also trying to work on a project to open more psychology courses available for lower-classmen and open more courses on psychology. "At Andover, we saw that they had more subjects on psychology open to the students, so we want that at Exeter as well," Zhao said. Despite the failure of past psychology experiments they tried to conduct on campus, the club decide to modify their experiments and look forward to putting more feasible ones on campus this year. "We had several social experiment ideas at the beginning of the school year, but they didn't get passed for various reasons," Yan said. "Looking back on them, I also felt like they were too ambitious and too hard to carry out. I definitely want to do some feasible experiments with the club next year."

No prior knowledge of psychology is required to join the club. "A lot of people come here with no understanding of psychology at all, which is totally fine," Zhao said. "Most of our members don't have a lot of background with it, so by learning more about psychology we are able to do more complicated things, like conduct research."

"SLIDE"

By JOHANNA MARTINEZ
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Earlier this year, Calvin Harris, a Scottish DJ and record producer, released his single "Slide." This sublime union of funk, disco, dance and R&B features Frank Ocean and Migos. The combination of these singers and rappers add texture to this upcoming hit. Considering the balmy weather Exeter's experienced lately, "Slide," with its breezy tone and carefree vibe, is the perfect track to jam to with friends.

The song opens with a fairly slow piano intro, setting a relaxed mood for the piece. Ocean's high-pitched altered vocals step in to signal a transition in the piece, and the funky beats in the background give the song an upbeat edge. The combination of Ocean's sultry, laid-back voice and the relaxed pace of this lightweight production can calm anyone. Ocean's deadpan is magnetic and catchy, especially on the hook as he sings, "Do you slide on all your nights like this? Do you try on all your nights like this? (I might)/ Put some spotlight on the slide/ Whatever comes, comes through clear."

Unlike other current hits, the rap sections of the track don't feel forced, and the words aren't slurred together. Migos adapted to this pop song with ease, and the rappers are integrated into the song without being superfluous. They come in for the second and third verses. Quavo, a member of Migos, delivers the second verse with catchy and simple repetitions that'll stick in your head all day. Offset, another Migos member, raps about the shallow victories and status symbols in life. The rap verses, as a whole, add layers to the simultaneously energetic and calm track about life's superficial joys.

Overall, this fun dance track by Calvin Harris is the perfect representation of the positive energy that will hopefully come with this summer. "Slide" has a killer groove, complemented well by Migos' memorable verses and Ocean's melancholy notes. Who knew that such diverse artists could come together to create a track that will surely be popular long into the warm summer days to come?

"Slide" is the first of ten singles Calvin Harris plans to release this year. One can only hope that this single's nine successors will exhibit an equally addicting hook and complimentary verses.




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Boys' Crew Team Successful at Invitational

By ERICA HOGAN
Managing Editor

This past Tuesday, Exeter boys' crew faced off against St. John's, Simsbury, Shrewsbury, Brookline and Hingham in the Exeter Invitational at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, MA. The first boat placed second, St. John's beating it out by five seconds, while the second boat placed first.

Big Red and St. John's shot up ahead of the rest of the competition early in the first boat race. Although they were neck and neck off the start, the Exeter boys failed to settle into a comfortable racing pace out of the start sequence and couldn't find the right rhythm for the remainder of the race. Around the 750 meter mark, Big Red began to fall back. While they made a move at the 1000 meter mark, tightening the gap, St. John's answered Exeter's attack with a move of its own, holding onto its lead.

The first boat sprinted valiantly in the tail end of the race, but it ultimately could not close the gap.

Although they won by significant margins against four of their competitors, members of the first boat were disappointed by the outcome of the race. Nevertheless, they intend to use the race to inform their training in the next week as they prepare to face off against their toughest competitor, Kent.

"We did not perform as well as we could have, but we learnt a lot from our mistakes," upper and co-captain Francis Baviera said. Kent, one of the best crews in the nation, has had about a month more of water time than Exeter. To prepare for the upcoming regatta, the first boat will be seat racing, prac-



Exeter's first boat races off the start line.

Gary Howe/The Exonian

ticing starts, settling and sprinting. In addition, they will be working to maintain control while racing.

Senior Alec Howe felt that the boys were "too frantic due to lack of race experience," on Saturday. "The team needs to work on retaining mental clarity throughout the race," he said.

The second boat dominated its race, winning with open water. Exeter was neck-and-neck with St. John's for the first few strokes. Senior Aidan

Wolff King commented on the skill of their start, saying "We started surprisingly strong, faster than we had in practice." St. John's rated higher than Exeter out of the settle, but the Exeter crew began to take seats on them.

Once the team found its rhythm, it cleared the St. John's boat in the adjacent lane. The crew continued to extend its lead throughout the race, and eventually won by five seconds. The next closest competitor, Simsbury,

finished fourteen seconds behind.

Wolff King was proud of the boat's performance. That said, he felt that the team had been unable to maintain its composure and strength throughout the race. "Going into next week, we're looking to build discipline as we get fatigued and [maintain] calm strokes through the body of the race."

This upcoming weekend, Exeter boys' crew will be facing off against St. Paul's and Kent at St. Paul's.

Boys' JV Lacrosse Remains Undefeated

Marrero's Last-Minute Goal Lifts Big Red to Victory

By SARAH RYU
Staff Writer

Boys' junior varsity lacrosse played New Hampton at home on Saturday, winning 5-4, making it its fifth victory in a consecutive streak. Though the game was its biggest challenge this season, the team rose to the occasion and continued its undefeated record, with lower Troy Marrero scoring the winning shot.

Marrero credits a big part of the team's success so far to their defense. Only letting up a total of 8 goals in 5 games, the team itself scored 46 goals against other schools. "Our goalie, upper Synclair Goyer, has been fantastic all season and without him and the rest of our defense we would not be doing nearly as well," he said.

Upper Michael Bamah added that the excellent team dynamic and motivation in the players contributed to their undefeated record. "We're undefeated this year because each person on the team comes to practice everyday and grinds. I've seen a lot more drive on this team than in previous years," he said.

Even for Saturday's game, players on the team were all in the mindset of not backing down. The team started the game with the first goal, and the score went up to 3-1 by halftime. However, New Hampton managed to tie it up later in the game, as Exeter's team slipped up a bit in the second half. "We were ahead for the majority of the game, but with about half of the 4th quarter left, they made it 4-4. We did not give up though, we continued to play our hardest and we got the win in the end," Marrero said.

Bamah noted that there was a lot of moving the ball and off ball movement, skills that the team had worked hard on



An Exeter mid-fielder dodges a slash.

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during the previous couple of days. "New Hampton was a big team and they came to play; biggest competition yet so far," he said. Bamah added that the team's support from the bench played a crucial role in their final, hard-earned victory. "What brought us the victory was our bench was fired up in the frigid rain. The guys who weren't playing were always yelling words of encouragement and support which was helpful," he said.

Marrero scored the winning goal, breaking the tie with New Hampton. After one of the team's middies, lower Aarsh Kak, received a pass from the goalie, Kak started running towards the offensive zone. He continued to run, despite two players from the opposing team coming at him. Marrero, who was standing to the right of the goal, slowly floated up, trying to get open for a pass. As Kak saw Marrero and threw it down, Marrero ducked under and around

the player who was covering him in front of the goal, and took a shot. The ball hit the goalie's foot, but as the ball bounced off his foot and out towards Marrero, he hit the ball with the head of his stick, scoring the winning shot.

With the team's excellent record and strong players, the boys can't wait to finish the season strong. "I'm proud to be a part of the team and hopefully we'll complete the rest of the season undefeated," Bamah said.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: GOLF CO-CAPTAIN CHARLIE DUBIEL

By ASHLEY LIN
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Immense coordination, strength and sustained concentration are all major components of golf.

Through the twelve years senior and captain Charlie Dubiel has been playing this sport, it has managed to embed its qualities into him. Dubiel, in his second year as captain, in his fourth year starting on the varsity team, shares the characteristics of the sport. He is reserved, composed and competitive—the perfect combination for a successful golf player.

Dubiel started his golf career inspired by the members in his family. His dad is an avid golfer, who picked up the sport up after college. Moreover, his grandfather has been playing the game since he was barely ten years old, and eventually worked for Titleist/Footjoy and Cobra, major equipment companies for golf. With even his brother playing the sport, Dubiel has always seen golf as a way of spending time with his family.

At the mere age of seven, Dubiel was introduced to the sport by playing once every two weeks in the summers for fun. After Dubiel moved to Florida two years later, he realized his love for golf and started taking the sport seriously.

He began spending more time on the course, and eventually quit playing his other sports, which included football, basketball and baseball. He dedicated his time to golf, and only golf.

"When I'm home, I spend all morning and usually a good portion of the afternoon practicing, and tournaments can be a full six days including travel," Dubiel explained. Through his hard work and commitment to the sport, Dubiel has consistently been one of the top players in varsity over the past four years.

Individually, he medaled at the Andover Invitational in his upper year, a prestigious accomplishment. In the last two years, Dubiel has led his team to success, guiding them to a 90-5 record. He led the team to a victory at the Kingswood Oxford Invitational in 2016. Finally, he will be continuing his golf career at Cornell, for their Division



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I golf program.

Some factors that have contributed to Dubiel's achievements are his ability to remain calm and composed under pressure. Dubiel expressed that it used to be easy for him to get frustrated with the sport but he's learned to play level-headed.

"The more I realize how fortunate I am to just be playing the game, the easier it is to keep my chin up and stay focused," he explained. Dubiel's change in attitude towards golf has not only allowed him to appreciate the sport more but also improved his results.

"I've really noticed a difference in my ability to laugh at myself every once in while, take a few deep breaths and shrug off a bad swing before continuing to play steady golf," he said.

Many of Dubiel's teammates have observed his calm presence during competitions. Senior Brian Choi reflected upon Dubiel's composure, "He always

seems calm and unflustered whether making a mistake or getting a good score. He just keeps his head down and plays the next shot," Choi said.

Prep William Huang echoed Choi's sentiments and expressed his admiration for Dubiel's "persistence and dedication to every shot."

Dubiel is also regarded as an athlete on more of the quiet side and embraces leading "through example." Choi recalled a specific memory when he struggled during a match and Dubiel reminded him to stay calm and play my own game. "He's never showy, but he'll always be there for you and speak up when it matters," Choi added.

Golf coach Robert Bailey commended Dubiel for the leadership skills that he displays, both as a senior and captain. "He is looked up to by his teammates and encourages his teammates day after day," Bailey said.

As one of the more experienced

members of the team, Dubiel consistently helps his teammates become better players.

Huang explained that Dubiel has helped the younger members by helping them with their swing and taking slow motion videos for them to further analyze. By putting focus on improving the golf skills of his teammates, Dubiel exemplifies the true meaning of "non-sibi."

Golf has been an essential part of Dubiel's life in the last twelve years. Dubiel sees golf as more than just a sport. It is a way for him to spend quality time with his family, as well as an opportunity to meet new people from different backgrounds and travel around the country. It has also taught him many valuable lessons and skills fundamental to his life.

"At the end of the day, I'm just appreciative of how the game has shaped my life," Dubiel said.

Boys' Varsity Lax Ousts Governor's Extending Team's Win-Streak to Six Games



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Upper AJ Bravo sprints down the field.

By ROSE HOROWITZ
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, the boys' varsity lacrosse team won its away game against the Pomfret School. The team scored ten goals to the Pomfret Schools two, dominating the game. The team also played Governor's Academy at the Governor's field on Saturday, and triumphed with eleven goals to the other team's eight.

This week held two challenging games for Big Red. In particular, its game against Governor's Academy was a test of their skill and ability to work together as a team. According to upper Jon Debonis, Governor's was the best

team Big Red had faced, and the team needed to play at its best in order to succeed. Big Red was winning in the first half, but Governor's started to come back in the second half of the game. Lower Matt Hawke said that the game was, "The first time we have had to play in a close game, and coming out with the win was huge for us." In addition to being against challenging teams, both games were away. Big Red's success shows that it's a strong team both at home and on the road as it goes into more challenging games in the rest of the season.

In their games this week, the team learned some important lessons that it will utilize in the rest of the season. Debonis said, "I learned that

we need to keep our momentum going even after we get a big lead, as things can change quickly in a half." Hawke said that playing an entirely strong game was a lesson he learned in the Governor's game. He said that at the half, "We let down a little bit and let them come back. We definitely learned that we have to play a full game to compete with the best teams."

Debonis added that Hawke helped the team keep up their momentum with his spirit, determination and skillful play. Debonis said that Hawke stole the ball from a Governor's player in the final minutes, leading to the team scoring. He added that this gave the team "the boost we needed to finish strong." Hawke also credits senior captain Bradley Ingersoll with

helping the team acquire and maintain a lead. He said, "In the first half Brad carried us a lot. He came out firing and had a hat trick pretty early into the game." Although Ingersoll played with exceptional skill, Hawke attributes the win to the entire team's ability to work together. He said, "Ultimately, we fed off of each other's hard work on both the offensive and defensive end which helped us win."

These games boosted the team's record to six wins and one loss, which it hopes to improve upon next week with two wins in its games. The team will be playing the New Hampton School in an away game on Wednesday and against the Loomis Chaffee School at home on Saturday.



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TRACK DOMINATES HUNT RELAYS

Shatters Many Meet Records and Personal Records

By **ASHLEY LIN**
Staff Writer

While many Exonians were huddled in the beds of their dorms during the only rainy day last week, the track team spent ten hours of last Saturday competing at the Hunt Relays Meet held at Deerfield. The meet hosted twelve schools including Andover, Loomis and Northfield Mount Hermon. All the events in this meet were relays. This meant that the team had to work together even more than usual, utilizing their teamwork skills to the fullest. Even the throwers used a combined average of all their scores as their total score, meaning that every member counted. As track is normally more of an individual sport, this meet was a game changer for the team.

To kick start the meet, the distance medley relay (DMR) on both the boys' and girls' side swept the competition. The boys' DMR, which included upper Greg Zhu and seniors Garrett Pitt, Isaac Fingerson and Issay Matsumoto, finished with nine seconds to spare until the second team. The girls' team consisted of lower Maggie Hock, upper Claire Melvin and seniors Margaret Coogan and Christine Hu. On top of winning, not to mention beating Big Red's biggest rival, Andover, the team broke the meet record in the DMR with a time of 12:15.85 seconds. The last meet record, a whole 15 seconds slower, was made last year by Andover. According to distance runner and senior Nicole Shi, the DMR team's ultimate goal was to qualify for the New Balance Nationals Outdoor meet at the end of the season. Though they were a mere five seconds short of the Championship time, the team was still well under the qualifying standard for the Emerging Elite race.

"It was an incredibly strong performance on their part, especially considering this is only our second meet of the season," Shi commented on the success of the event. Building off the DMR, the girls 4x4 team



Senior Craig Celestin leaps over a hurdle during his race.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

edged out the second place team, Worcester, by 0.02 seconds. The girls' victories continued onto the 4x8 team, which secured the first place position, while destroying the Andover meet record from last season.

Moreover, Big Red's girls thrived in the field events. Their shotput relay, long jump relay, and discus relay all were in first place, proving Exeter's depth in all of the events. Upper Chi-Chi Ikpeazu was a key member to the success of the throwing events, scoring the highest score for Exeter in both the discus and shotput.

Overall the team was very satisfied with their performances on Saturday. The main goal was for each member to try their hardest, run fast times and throw far distances, and most of all, concentrate on setting PRs.

"Throwing or running your best gives you the higher chance of winning, so the two goals go hand in hand," lower Harrison Murray explained. On top of accomplishing their goals, the meet also taught Big Red the true meaning of teamwork, not conventionally practiced much in the individual sport

of track.

"This meet switched the usual race mindset from running for a good individual time to running well for your team," Shi said.

"If someone has a bad race, you all have a bad race, so you need to trust that your teammates will get the work done," Zhu echoed Shi's sentiments.

Big Red's next meet will be this Saturday at home. They will be competing in a different league of competition with schools like EHS, Hebron, Hyde and Pingree.

Weekend Scoreboard

Golf	386	Girls' Lacrosse	8	Girls' JV Lacrosse	10
Loomis, Tabor	376, 433	Milton	7	Milton	6
Boys' Volleyball	3	Boys' Lacrosse	11	Boys' Swimming	5
NMH	0	Governors	8	New Hampton	4

Softball Looks to Improve After Cushing Game

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Despite a disappointing 8-1 loss against Cushing Academy on Apr. 19, girls' varsity softball remains hopeful for the rest of the season. With a cancelled game on the Apr. 22 and another cancelled match against Hebron Academy on Apr. 26, the team will have had plenty of time to regain their footing and prepare for double-header at Andover, against both BB&N and Tabor Academy.

Lower Maddie Moon commended senior and co-captain Brittani Chapman for her strong pitching. Moon also applauded other members of the team, adding, "[Upper] Abigail Garey had a really nice hit." However, with Chapman injured, prep Jill Cloonan will step in as a backup pitcher. "With some luck, I'll be back in pitching condition for this weekend," Chapman said, noting her ability to recover quickly.

Although Big Red did not win, Cloonan felt that Exeter held their ground despite Cushing's strength. "We stayed in it and didn't let them totally stomp all over us," she said. "Cushing was strong and consistent."

Cloonan believes that in the future, the team must form a more cohesive bond in order to dominate opposing teams. "I truly think our team has a lot of talent, but our only flaw is that we

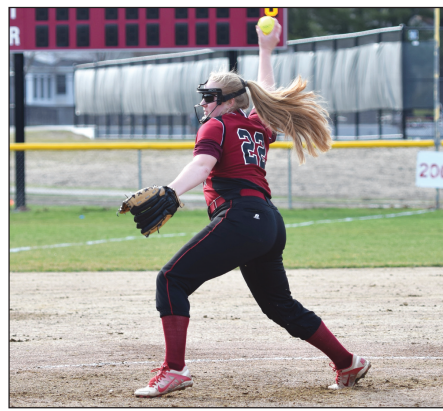
haven't found our connection yet," she explained. "We need to work on the way everyone clicks with one another [and] then we'll see it."

Moon saw some concrete team chemistry in the way that Exeter handled their composure throughout the game. "We did a good job with staying motivated and cheering one another on, as well as pushing ourselves," she said.

Chapman acknowledged Cushing's pitcher's strength, saying that Big Red did their best despite this challenge. "We got some solid hits off," she said. Cloonan named upper Ella Johnson's bunt as a highlight of the game.

Upper Sydnée Goyer hopes that the team will work on their batting and continue to clean up smaller mistakes throughout the rest of the season. Cloonan wants to improve on a personal level as well. "I am looking to improve my overall game and work as hard as I can this season to contribute as much as possible to the team," she said. In Moon's opinion, the team needs to work on their "bad innings," when Exeter typically lets in the most runs from their opponents.

With a view towards the future, the players generally concurred that Andover was the most exciting rival of all. "Andover is always a formidable competitor, so I'm really looking towards those games," Chapman said. Cloonan shared this same sentiment, comment-



Senior Brittani Chapman whirls the ball to the plate.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

ing, "I think our Andover game this season will be insane. They are a great team and should be really fun to beat."

This weekend, as Exeter heads to Andover in a difficult double-header, Chapman expects each player to put

their all into the games themselves, as well as practices. "I think focus and dedication will be huge for us these next few weeks," she said. "If we put in the work during practice, our gameplay will improve significantly."

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Boys' Crew



Gary Howe/The Exonian

Big Red's boat 1 and boat 2 placed 2nd and 1st respectively at opening race. Read more on B4.

Athlete of the Week



Reina Matsumoto/The Exonian

Senior Charlie Dubiel is one of the co-captains of the golf team this year. Read more on B5.

Boys' JV Lacrosse



Chiara Perrotti Correa/The Exonian

Boys' JV lacrosse keeps its undefeated season alive with 5-4 win over Hampton. Find out more on B5.

SATURDAY GAMES:

Softball	Away	1:00 pm
B. Water Polo	Home	1:00 pm
B. Volleyball	Home	2:00 pm
B. Lacrosse	Home	3:30 pm
Cycling	Away	3:30 pm
G. Tennis	Home	3:30 pm
B. & G. Crew	Away	4:00 pm