



Exonians Earn Perfect Scores In Mathematic Competitions

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Four members of the Academy's varsity math team, Phillips Exeter Academy Red Lions (PEARL), recently garnered accolades in major national and international mathematics competitions.

In the European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO) held last week in Zürich, Switzerland, senior Qi led the American team to victory over 44 other national teams. She also obtained a perfect individual score, one of only two achieved on the two-day exam.

In February, upper James Lin and seniors Alec Sun and Yuan Yao, known to teammates as "Yannick," each gained perfect individual scores and combined efforts to secure Exeter a perfect team score on the American Mathematics Competition 12 (AMC 12). The trio is among a handful of competitors to attain perfect scores from more than 60,000 participants.

Qi is no stranger to the international mathematics stage. In fact, she is only building off her accomplishments last year, when she became a silver medalist and the highest scoring female contestant in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). She is poised to return to the IMO in 2017, where she is likely to compete for the Canadian national team.

Yao also competed in last year's IMO as an integral member of the U.S. team, attaining a perfect individual score and winning the competition. The American team placed first out of a massive field of 109 countries. He will compete for the national team again this year.

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StuCo Primary Sets Field For Runoff Contest

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Various bulletin boards from Elm Street Dining Hall to Grill have been plastered with political signs throughout this past week, each one projecting the objective of the Student Council candidates for 2017. Through debates, ads and speeches, students campuswide have campaigned for student council representation.

The process of being considered for the role of Executive board is an arduous one, starting with the collection of signatures, moving on to campaigning and debates. The three positions on the Executive Board consist of President, Vice President and Secretary. Candidates first begin by obtaining 350 signatures from the student body. During last week's StuCo meeting, the elections committee counted signatures and determined the eligibility of applying candidates. Then, throughout the upcoming week, the qualified candidates had the opportunity to actually campaign. Secretary debates, presidential speeches and vice presidential speeches all gave the candidates a chance to share their ideas and promote their platforms.

For many years, Exeter has depended on StuCo to service the community with both small and large developments through policy and reform. "The dress code change, two years ago, was something that was key for student council. We created a referendum policy earlier in the year that I amended, the original draft was put up by Constitution Committee," vice presidential candidate Tim Han said. "So those are very

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Kinan Azmeh City Band performed for Exonians in The Bowl last Tuesday.

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Diversity of Exeter Faculty Investigated

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Following the Afro-Latino Exonian Society's (ALES) release of a proposal asking for the incorporation of more faculty of color, the Exeter community has engaged in conversations about how to support its students and implement more inclusive hiring practices.

Employing only one faculty member of color, the science department is among one of the least diverse departments. According to Chair of the Science Department Alison Hobbie, the department is working to increase its diversity. "I think we have to work harder as a department to find excellent teaching candidates who are people of color," she said. "That's work that we have done in the past, but we clearly have to work harder at it because we get very few candidates that are people of color."

She went on, describing the steps the department is planning to take to become more equitable. "We're hoping to do some work with the students of color on campus

but also need to do some work on our own with cultural literacy to identify whether there are any changes we can make to allow students of color here feel welcome in all our classes," she said. "We're already talking to the administration about getting support for going out and finding strong applicants."

She also highlighted the positive influence a more diverse faculty can have on the quality of teaching. "I think diversity of any kind absolutely brings different viewpoints and expands the possibilities for problem solving and that's what, at its core, a lot of STEM work is all about," she said. "The more people you have sitting around a table from very diverse backgrounds and very diverse perspectives, the more successful a group can be at solving problems, at learning together."

Instructor of Mathematics and ALES advisor Sami Atif cited the high turnover rate of faculty color at Exeter. "People who have been here for decades have connections with trustees, alumni, the faculty and the administration [so] that they have many people to rely on," he said. "Lots of faculty of color, since there's such a high turnover,

never have those connections and thus the power to make change."

Atif went on, explaining that the high rate of turnovers among faculty of color creates a sense of disenpowerment among them, especially with the recent departure of three senior faculty of color—former Reverend Robert Thompson, former Director of Admissions Michael Gary and former Interim Director of Institutional Advancement Harold Brown. "It's hard on numbers alone because if you lose just three faculty of color, that's a major decrease in the percentage of faculty of color at Exeter," he said. "And other faculty of color will be thinking to themselves, 'If those guys are going, what are the chances of me staying?' According to Atif, faculty of color are especially absent in higher administrative positions at Exeter. "The faculty of color who do stay here don't stay here with the real hope of being in a position of power," he said. "I don't know of a faculty of color who has been the principal/in the principal's staff except for Mr. Kim [current Assistant Principal Ronald Kim]."

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Percent Yield for Admitted Students At All-Time High

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Seventy-six percent of students accepted to Exeter this year have mailed in their enrollment papers to the Academy and will join the PEA community next fall. New students come from a wide range of regions and socioeconomic backgrounds. This year's 76 percent yield was the highest in Exeter's history. The admissions office also saw a record number of interviews, tours, inquiries to the school and applications this year, and all but 42 admitted students attended Experience Exeter.

According to Director of Admissions Bill Leahy, the number of students in the incoming classes is right on target. 51 percent of incoming students identify as male and 49 percent identify as female, which is the same ratio among the current student body. International students will make up 11.8 percent of the class of 2021, and the percentage of day students will hold steady as well at 20 percent.

41 percent of the new students are recipients of financial aid, and 37 percent of new students will receive a full scholarship. In total, incoming students will receive 5.7 million dollars in grants.

The 340 new students coming to Exeter originate from 38 states and 18



Lower Kojo Aduhene shows an admitted student around campus.

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countries. Of these students, 14.7 percent identify as Black, Hispanic, Latinx, Native-American or African-American, while the rest identify as White, Asian or multiracial. Recently, prospective students from central Europe and the South and Southwest part of the country have demonstrated a growing interest in Exeter. "These particular markets are being a bit more better represented in our applicant pool," Leahy said. "Interest in the Academy has never been higher."

He went on, describing the incoming students. "[There are] lot of generalists (people still deciding what their passion is) as well as an increase of specialists (people who know what they're passionate about and want to pursue)," he said.

Several siblings of current Exeter students will join the student body next year. The incoming class of 2021 includes Dylan O'Day, younger sister of upper Molly O'Day. "I am so thankful

and glad to be accepted to the Phillips Exeter community," Dylan said. "I am looking forward to the challenges, but I still am nervous about making such a big change." She went on, explaining that she takes solace in the fact that she will have Molly on campus with her for her first year. "She will be a senior, and I will be a prep, so I'm hoping for a little bit of guidance from her. I think having a sister at school with me will be comforting, and I look forward to it," Dylan said. "It will be like I already have a best friend going to school with me."

Molly echoed Dylan's excitement, especially because it will be their first time attending the same school. "I believe Dylan was accepted because of both her athletic potential and her creativity both in the classroom and out," Molly said.

Cooper Walshe, brother of prep Milo and upper Taylor Walshe, will also join

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Community Discusses Importance of Attracting More Faculty of Color

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History Instructor Molly MacKean shared Atif's sentiment regarding the need for more faculty of color. "I think that to serve our students well, and to become a diverse and inclusive community, we absolutely need to work to recruit and retain a diverse faculty," she said. "If we are having trouble retaining diversity among our faculty, we should investigate the causes for faculty departures and address the causes deliberately; we need to see those departures as critical losses, and remedying the causes

for them as a significant priority."

According to some teachers, however, the lack of a diverse body of faculty may also stem from a limited applicant pool. "The community needs to be committed to get a list of candidates for faculty of color," he said. "We can only pick from the pool given to us."

"We need to do a better job at finding people who may not know that we exist or that this job exists or that don't know if they want to work at a boarding school," she said.

According to Atif, Exeter is well-equipped to increase Exeter's diversity, but

it needs to take action to do so. "If you really value those experiences [that of Students and Faculty of Color] and Exeter truly cares, it will find a way. As a school, we need to require some level of fluency to appreciate the challenges—competency is a really low bar," he said. "Exeter has enough knowledge, money and connections to do whatever they want. So when we have external evaluators bringing up Exeter's culture and makeup, it's systemic."

Senior and former co-head of ALES Kelvin Green also emphasized the need for a diverse faculty body. "The main point is

that we have a very diverse student population, and so our faculty population should reflect that as well, to serve the needs of all students," he said. "It may be hard for non-students of color to understand, but this is a very real issue and the Academy needs to make addressing this a priority."

Current President of ALES Athena Stenor echoed Green's sentiment. "Students of color need to be able to trust the adults here, especially since we're at a boarding school and there's no home for us to go to," she said. "Part of that is having a faculty that can resonate with our experiences."

Exeter Math Team Earns Accolades In World-Wide Competitions

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Lin came away with a silver medal from the Romanian Master of Mathematics competition, along with a 6th place finish for the U.S. team. Last year, Lin, Sun and Yao all placed in the top 12 of the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO), the final round of AMC competition.

Qi reflected on her experience as one of a few top female mathletes. "I don't feel as much of a personal effort, but when I look at statistics, I see in the top 50 places [in the IMO competition], there are no girls," she said. "It was kind of depressing to see that, but I'm not really sure why this happens."

She fell in love with competitive mathematics at an early age, captivated by the problem-solving aspect of the subject. "I was drawn to competition math because

the problems are really interesting," she remarked. "I like to spend hours to find a solution to a difficult problem and then when you find it makes you really happy."

Qi remembered the intensive training she underwent over the summer and during the school year in preparation for the competitions. This summer, she was one of twelve students, selected from a national pool of contestants, to attend the Mathematical Olympiad Program, a summer program held at Carnegie Mellon University since 1974 to cull and train the next year's six members of the U.S. team for the IMO.

Every Sunday morning of her fall and winter terms, she made her way to the Academy Building for PEARL's weekly meetings, where members solved and discussed complex mathematical concepts, problems and solutions.

Qi expressed her gratitude for her passionate and perceptive peers. "I think Exeter is the best place to prepare you for Olympiads because there's this really great community of other mathletes," she said. "In my old school, if I wanted to talk about hard math problems to other students, I just couldn't find anyone. Here there are all these people I can discuss problems with, and Mr. Feng to help me if no one else can."

Feng Zuming, instructor of Math at Exeter and coach of the U.S. international math team, spoke about the preparation that goes into competitions, saying, "We try to study math well (and we do put in great effort consistently), and hope competition results come naturally." Speaking to the lack of many female mathletes, Feng said, "In high school level we are working at getting more and more female students involved in higher level math/science courses

and extracurricular activities (contests and research programs), which is great, and we (students, teachers, parents, and the whole society) shall keep working on this." He also cited Dr. Maryam Mirzakhani, the first female Fields medalist, as an example of the quality of top female mathematicians. In spite of the various successes of Exeter math students, Feng explained that his coaching approach isn't solely focused on scores. "We try our best to make math club a comfortable place for students to grow with a proper pace, and everyone knows that developing better study skills and learning habits are more important than scores and problem solving tricks. We have great pride in our work and our team," he said. Feng also lauded the dedication of his students, saying, "It is a great experience working with students who take pride in their work and their pursuit for excellence."

Student Council Executive Board to Be Elected Next Week

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real changes that the student council has done."

The referendum policy that StuCo enacted this year was an extremely important one, one that current runners would like to keep working with and improving. Upper and presidential candidate Menat Bahnsy explained that the new policy allows regular students to propose a policy change that they personally feel would benefit the community. According to Bahnsy, students only need about 300 signatures until their amendment can be added to the ballot and get passed. "This can be whatever ideas you have on campus," she said.

"As long as you have the support for it, and as long as students are up for it, you can do that." Along with aiding serious policies that affect the whole school, StuCo organizes activities for the student body to participate in. Lower and secretarial candidate Michaela Phan commented on the fun events and implementations that StuCo has arranged, including "the newly added

food truck Fridays and additions to d-hall, and other things like uprint, a policy that StuCo is currently trying to get running." Lower and secretarial candidate Elizabeth Yang agrees with Phan, saying "Even a small example is Jackson's food truck platform that we saw this last Friday actually become a reality."

Such ideas and goals will largely translate into the next board's agenda. However, fresh and different views will also be incorporated into their plans for the upcoming school year. "I want to personally focus on more student run initiatives rather than the big ideas like the V's policies," lower and secretarial candidate Tara Weil said. "I'd rather focus on what students bring to the table because that's what it's for." Yang expressed similar sentiments regarding what the role of secretary will bring to the table. "A big part of running for secretary is having your own ideas, but also being open to what the new president and vice president are hoping to accomplish in the next year," she said.

Upper and vice presidential candidate Michael Bamah's platform includes "having

more academic buildings open later, having more access to buildings, especially the art studio." He also believes that school spirit should be emphasized in the community through outlets such as selling food and merchandise in a more accessible manner.

Other platforms for candidates look towards long-term aims rather than the near future. Bahnsy's main interest in running for president is to diversify the student and faculty body to make campus more comfortable and inclusive. "I've experienced Exeter from a certain lens, and I'd like to see a certain aspect of Exeter change for the better. So for example, I'd like to see parts of the financial aid system reformed because I'm a financial aid recipient," she said. "Other peer institutions also pay for your class gear and dorm gear, and those are things that put a burden on a lot of families who already can't pay for tuition."

Many of the candidates agree that StuCo is beneficial to Exeter, although it may have faults. According to Weil, "Sure, student council is transparent, but that doesn't mean it's clear. And I think that there's a big

gap in information between people who go to student council every week and can afford to put in the time to do it [versus] people who can't. And there shouldn't be."

The importance of maintaining connections between students and faculty is valued among each and every one of the candidates. Bamah said, "Having students who can be the connection between faculty members and the rest of the student body helps create a better Exeter that's more equitable, financially hopeful and fun for every student of the community."

StuCo's significance at Exeter does not solely rely on the fact that it is a student run organization. The value of StuCo's work on campus is largely attributed to making changes within a boarding school that constantly needs to prioritize its students full-time wellbeing. "Our livelihood here is so affected by our administration and by our rules and policies that are put in place in student council," Yang said. "So for the people in StuCo being able to have an opinion, to change and make things better for all of us is incredibly important."

Learning Specialist to Be Hired

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The Academy has created the new position of learning specialist to replace current Academic Counselor Pamela Parris, who will be retiring at the end of this year. The new position will combine Parris's role with additional unique responsibilities.

The role of learning specialist was originally created several years ago when then Principal Thomas Hassan created a committee to examine the academic support Exeter offered. Dean of Academic Affairs Karen Lassey explained that the committee spoke with students and faculty, visited programs at other schools and some colleges and talked with specialists in the field. "We made a series of recommendations," she said. "One of the proposals was to hire a learning specialist, who could be a resource to both students and faculty in the area of cognition and learning differences."

According to the official job description, the learning specialist will continue Parris' work to strengthen academic support at Exeter for students, teachers and faculty. The learning specialist will have a college degree in special education, literacy, reading, learning disabilities, learning theory or in any other closely related fields. The job description also emphasizes the ideal qualities of the specialist, calling for "a minimum of five years of providing education, strong

interpersonal skills, excellent communication, strong presentation skills and presence and strong analytical and problem solving skills." Some of the learning specialist's key responsibilities will include coordinating resources to teach Study Skills, an annual course designed to help students develop stronger study skills, and to coordinate peer tutoring.

The learning specialist's responsibilities as an Academic Support Counselor. Parris, however, acknowledged that she and the new learning specialist will offer different unique skills. For example, Parris' fluency in French and Spanish has enabled her to provide help in those subjects, whereas the learning specialist may have specialties of their own. Parris also said that the learning specialist may choose to modify Peer Tutoring. "I'm here five nights a week," she said. "But I couldn't do that when my children were little. So they can't necessarily expect the learning specialist to do five nights a week."

Parris also expressed hope that the learning specialist will spend more time designing accommodations for students with learning differences. She elaborated on this process, saying that the learning specialist, the student and the teacher of each course would work together to devise ways to improve the student's learning experience.

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New Students Choose Exeter

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in the classroom and out," Molly said.

Cooper Walsh, brother of prep Milo and upper Taylor Walsh, will also join the class of 2021. Like Dylan, Cooper expressed great excitement to be coming to Exeter. Though he was originally hesitant to attend Exeter because he felt that he would be "following in his brothers' footsteps and not finding his own way," he now looks forward to having his brothers by his side. "I realized that they have the school figured out, they know all of the classes that I should take, all of the ways that I should use my four years," he said. "So now I am super happy that my brother

ers will be there."

Milo described Cooper as "a hard worker when it comes to school," and said that it would "be fun to spend more time with him."

"When I think of Exeter, I look forward to the discussions that I am going to have," Cooper said. He recalls a time during his tour at Exeter, when one of the Harkness discussions convinced him to choose the Academy. "In my current school my favorite part of English and history is open discussion," he said. "When I toured the classes at Exeter, it was a history discussion about the Catholic Church and their relationship with the King that made me decide on Exeter."

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Train-Hopping Brothers Share Poems, Stories, Documentary

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Poets, part time nomads, documentary filmmakers and brothers Anders and Kai Carlson-Wee spoke at last Friday's assembly about their freight train-hopping adventures across the country. In addition to reciting some of their poetry, the brothers also shared their short film "Riding the Highline," which documents their experience hopping trains in 2013 and which won the Special Jury Prize for Innovation in Documentary Short Film at the 2015 Napa Valley Film Festival.

Anders Carlson-Wee is a 2016 McKnight artist fellow, a *New Delta Review's* 2014 Editor's Choice Prize and the author of *Dynamite*, which received first place in the 2015 Frost Place Chapbook Competition. His brother, Kai Carlson-Wee, received his BA in English from the University of Minnesota and his MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has received fellowships from the MacDowell Colony, the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and the Sewanee Writer's Conference. Kai is currently a lecturer of poetry at Stanford University.

The brothers, who are Minnesota natives, first discovered their love for film through shooting skate videos. While filming videos of themselves rollerblading, Anders and Kai

begin studying literature and art, focusing on the aesthetics of their poetry and photos while keeping themselves open to the world around them.

English Instructor Jason BreMiller recalls first crossing paths with the brothers ten years ago at Holden Village, a small and quirky community in the North Cascade mountains of Washington. "They were just out of high school, and they were working as professional rollerbladers. Their whole (schtick) was removing rollerblading from an urban context and trying to place it in the wilderness," he said. "They would use natural features to navigate and do tricks, then film and write about it."

BreMiller and the Carlson-Wee brothers kept in touch over the years, even as the brothers left rollerblading to study and become full-time poets. Over the years, the brothers gained recognition and praise for their work, especially their poetry. Two years ago, they crossed paths with another Exeter English Instructor, Matthew Miller, at the Sewanee Writer's Conference.

The decision to invite the Carlson-Wee brothers to Exeter arose from the desire to promote writing on campus, and to introduce the student body to a different ideal of success. "Mr. Miller and I know that our students are very engaged in and thoughtful about writing in general. But we thought that Anders and Kai

would offer a different model of being in the world than what our students have been taught to embrace," BreMiller said. "Exeter tends to reinforce a pretty typical life path...what Anders and Kai have done is to cultivate a less predictable existence. They are also committed to seeking adventure, improvising, and using that spontaneity as their fuel, their catalyst for writing."

Miller also described the brothers as "talented poets and just good souls" and said that the thought that the brothers would mix well with the community and offer a fresh outlook on not only life but on literature. "They are evidence that art and literature can be living, breathing experiences, not just dusty relics on a shelf," he said.

The short documentary "Riding the Highline" portrays the spiritual elements and the lifestyle of train riding while highlighting the picturesque landscape of the country as the brothers write poetry based on their experience of train-hopping. Senior Athena Gerasoulis described the film as being "well done," and recalled feeling impressed that the brothers had managed to make such an interesting film with such minimal cinematic background. "It captured both of them really well because it made seemingly ordinary moments of them just sitting there, enjoying nature, and turned it into something really significant about adventure

and self-motivation and discovery," she said. "It also inspired me particularly, because I want to go into the film industry, and it's something that seems really daunting, to want to become a filmmaker. But they simplified it in a way that makes it all about personal passion, and enjoying nature."

The brothers also had a reading and re-screening of the film later that day in the Assembly Hall. Senior Majestic Terhune, who attended their poetry reading along with Gerasoulis, felt inspired by the brothers' poems because of their detailed retelling of intimate moments in their lives. "In terms of the poetry, I don't really understand poetry, or where it comes from. So I was interested in hearing about how they decided to format everything, and asking them about the process of writing poetry," Terhune said. "I really enjoyed that it was two people, two brothers doing it because they talked about writing their poems as a dialogue, which they showed in the reading."

Lower Tara Weil expressed her appreciation of the brothers' work as a different perspective much needed at Exeter. "I really liked it, because usually, we hear about these people who are trying to discover the cure for cancer, but this is just a group of people who are a little more (casual)," she said. "They have a different experience, a different perspective, and it's good to hear both sides."

Reverend Heidi Heath to Stay on at Exeter

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Reverend Heidi Heath, who has served as Exeter's interim minister this year, will continue in her role at Exeter indefinitely. Heath moved to Exeter three years ago with her spouse, Reverend Emily C. Heath, who had been offered a position as minister for the Congregational Church on Front Street.

As an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Heath's experience with faith and the dialogue around religion is vast. After receiving her BA in Psychology and Religious Studies from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, she completed her master's degree in divinity at the Andover Newton Theological School. Heath has served as minister in congregations across Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire for the last thirteen years, but she had never worked on a campus before. "I was excited to be part of an institution where people were excited about learning and thinking together about what it means to be a person of faith," she said.

When the Academy reached out to Heath, she was thrilled by the opportunity they offered her. "In a lot of different ways this is the dream of my life," she said. "I've always wanted the opportunity to work with children and youths, and the opportunity to be in a campus ministry, especially in a place like this, is very special."

Heath finds joy in the wide variety of faiths practiced among Exonians. She cited the advisors of the Muslim Student Association, Khadijah Campbell and Rabbi Jennifer Marx-Ash, as two colleagues she has particularly enjoyed working with.

Heath also acknowledged that there is still work to be done. "All of us know that there is more we can do to reach out to students together, especially the kids who don't identify as part of a faith community," she said.

Heath has also had to grow accustomed to some of Exeter's unique spiritual traditions, such as Evening Prayer. "I've been figuring out how to honor traditions like EP that are really a part of our experience at Exeter and who we are, and also do them in a way that have integrity to me and who I am," she

said. "It's always been a balance—I want to honor those traditions, but I also want to bring the whole of myself as a minister to them."

Heath does not work alone organizing Evening Prayer and other religious services. A small group of church stewards and occasionally the students of Christian Fellowship have helped Heath lead Sunday Mass, an much more. "[The church stewards] really helped me keep a pulse on things like how the services are going and what they're hearing," she said. "They've been really great with giving feedback on the new things we've tried out."

The church stewards, uppers Sarah Shepley and Oluwadara Okeremi and seniors Jada Huang, Kelvin Green, Mel Duenas and Elizabeth Cleveland, spend each Sunday with Heath, eating brunch and discussing upcoming plans for the Phillips Church. At the church service that follows, which is open to all, they help to distribute hymn sheets and read scriptures.

Shepley expressed gratitude for Heath, explaining that she often reaches out to her for advice. "She has helped me deal with tough teachers and just to navigate through obstacles in life," Shepley said. "Rev. Heidi is so bubbly and fun-loving."

Senior and active member of the Christian Fellowship, Eliza Khokhar also described Heath as a trustworthy and valuable figure on campus. "We have meetings at least once or twice a term to go over what our plans are, and she also checks in with us personally to see how we are doing," Khokhar said.

She also commended Heath for her willingness to help with the minutia of the club, such as the analysis of textual references in the Bible, and the care she puts into making the club a safe space. "She's proactive about the direction in which the club is going and she puts a lot of thought into it," Khokhar said. "I feel comfortable sharing all of my concerns with her."

Heath extends her wisdom, knowledge and approachability far beyond the religious community. She serves as an unofficial advisor for the Gender and Sexuality Alliance and is part of a group of faculty seeking to bring the LGBTQ+ community and the reli-

gious community into contact.

In pursuit of this goal, Heath, GSA and the Office of Multicultural Affairs recently screened the film "Out of Order," a documentary about LGBTQ+ "faith leaders" struggling to find support and love within their church community. Two of the film's subjects, Alex Patchin McNeil and Reverend John Russell Stanger, came to the event as well and answered questions for those in attendance.

Co-head of GSA and lower Adrian Venzon enjoyed the event. "That ended up being a very cool event," Venzon said. "It was, [to] our knowledge, the first ever collaboration between GSA and the religious aspect of Exeter, so I think it's something awesome that Reverend Heidi did, and it wouldn't have happened if she had not come this year."

Heath is also affiliated with Amen Hall and currently acts as advisor to a group of girls there. One of her advisees, prep Cristal Reyes, expressed appreciation for Heath's guidance and advice. "She seems like a very cheery and positive person," Reyes said. "I feel comfortable talking to her; we've frequently had one-on-one conversations after check-in."

Although she does not bear an official title, Heath acts as a coordinator for many religious aspects of campus life. She also seeks to be a voice for "moral leadership" in the Exeter community. "I'm a resource for all kids on campus even if they identify with a religious tradition or not," she said.

Heath sees religion both on and off the Exeter campus as a way of reckoning with big questions, like, "What am I?" and "What is my purpose in living?" she said.

Next year, she looks forward to continuing to help Exonians grapple with these questions. Despite the adjustment, Heath has loved her time on campus thus far and is excited to continue working at Exeter. "I thought I was prepared coming in for how smart and wonderful the people here would be, but in so many ways, you're even smarter and more wonderful than I anticipated," she said. "It's been a real joy, and also in some ways a challenge, getting used to the rhythm of campus life and campus ministry."

New Learning Specialist to Replace Parris

Continued from LEARNING SPECIALIST, A1

The Learning Specialist will also look for other ways to provide academic support for the students. "There's a writing center this year, [and] perhaps the learning specialist will be involved in hosting that," Director of Studies Brooks Moriarty said. He expressed hope that there will soon be a larger space for the learning center where both students and teachers can work together to study and learn because of the importance of Peer Tutoring in the community. "Mrs. Parris was instrumental in establishing the Peer Tutoring program where students are creating and collaborating their learning," he said, going on to explain that Peer Tutoring "fits the Harkness model" and provides students the support they need to stretch themselves.

Parris echoed this desire for a larger space. "When they renovate the library, they would like to create a bigger learning center," she said. "For example, the idea is to have little, glass wall rooms around the edge to encourage group study and projects."

Many students have emphasized the need for the new Learning Specialist to continue coordinating Peer Tutoring in Parris's absence. "Ms. Parris has been such an ardent proponent of Peer Tutoring that I worry about the future of Peer Tutoring without her," current head tutor and upper Stephen said.

Price believes, however, that next year's head tutors will do a good job maintaining Peer Tutoring and Parris's legacy. Head tutor and senior Yannick Yao said that there will be more duties for next year's head tutors, saying "the new head tutors will need to be more active in these responsibilities that Mrs. Parris has taken care of in the past years."

He described these responsibilities, which will be passed on to the new Learning Specialist, saying, "Mrs. Parris plays a critical role in organizing the logistics of Peer Tutoring, including talking with students coming for help, making everyone feel welcome [and] communicating with faculty in publicizing Peer Tutoring."

Global Health Initiative Teams Win First at Harvard

By HILLARY DAVIS
Staff Writer

ESSO's Global Health Initiative Club sent five Exonians to the Harvard Undergraduate Global Health Forum, which focused on climate change and the effect it has on public health, last Saturday. The students were split up into teams of two and three; lower John Beckerle and upper Jennifer Zecena worked together and upper Sofia Yoon, senior Matilde Liboni and upper Kate Fitzpatrick made up the other team. The two teams from Exeter won first and second place out of six teams for their proposals on reducing the negative impact that climate change has on the citizens of Boston.

Doctor Ramon Guinto opened the forum with a speech and presentation on climate change and global health, providing the students with a base for their proposals. Then, each group was allotted four and a half hours to deliberate and prepare a proposal. Yoon appreciated help from the advisors—professors and students at Harvard—who were present during the period to offer input on the planning process for each group. At the end of the preparation time, the teams handed their preliminary proposals to current Harvard professors and students who served as judges.

Despite their success, Beckerle and Zecena both initially felt that their proposal was poorly written. "Jen even said that she

thought our proposal was the worst one there and that we had just wasted our whole day writing this proposal for nothing," Beckerle said. This lack of confidence only increased their surprise when the judges announced that they were finalists. "(When) the judges announced our project name, 'Clean Air Means Better Care,' Jen and I both just sat there stunned because we couldn't believe we won."

Yoon's team found the time constraint imposed upon them to be one of the greatest challenges. "We were given the topic during the conference and we only had five hours to type our proposal, so the three of us—Kate, Matilde, and I—had to quickly bring out all the ideas we had," she said. Though the three girls worried that their unfinished proposal, which they wrote in the form of a letter to the mayor of Boston, was too raw, Yoon, Fitzpatrick and Liboni made it to the finals as well. Other groups were experiencing the same struggle, so the team had no knowledge of how their proposal compared to those of other groups until the judges announced the finalists.

During the finals, the teams presented their proposals to Guinto, as well as Harvard undergraduates and the other teams participating in the forum. Beckerle and Zecena proposed the installation of new ventilation systems in the Boston public systems to limit exposure to polluted air that would impact

physical health. "Currently, 10 percent of elementary school students in Boston have asthma," Zecena said. "As the quality of the air in the city is decreasing, the number of students with asthma is rising." In addition to finding a physical solution for the issue, the team included other aspects of their proposal in the presentation, emphasizing the importance of educating community members. "To combat climate change, we would be raising awareness to parents about how climate change could be causing their children serious respiratory problems and encouraged parents to have students take the bus, bike or walk to school," Beckerle said.

In their presentation, Yoon, Fitzpatrick and Liboni spoke about the benefits that green roofs would have on the city of Boston in combatting the urban heat island effect. They labeled themselves as the "Green Roofs Environmental Activists Team," or GREAT for short. According to the group, the benefits of green roofs extend far beyond their power to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. "Green roofs provide mental health benefits, increase the availability of produce in urban areas, and provide a means of water collection and filtration," Fitzpatrick said.

After five minutes of speech preparation leading up to the final presentations, the team felt confident. "During the five minutes that we were given to prepare a presentation, we

told ourselves that it would be just like Harkness so there was no need to be nervous," Yoon said. Fitzpatrick added that standing close together and smiling at each other and the audience allowed the group to calm their nerves and relax during their presentation.

After the final presentations, the judges deliberated and then announced the winners. Beckerle and Zecena won first place, with Yoon, Fitzpatrick and Liboni placing in close second. "That moment in itself was one of the greatest feelings I ever had, especially considering where I thought our group was going to place," Beckerle said, of hearing their proposal announced in first place.

In true Exonian fashion, those in second place maintained good sportsmanship, accepting Starbucks gift cards as a prize and congratulating Beckerle and Zecena.

The five participants hope to apply their proposals on a smaller scale in the Exeter community. "We are hoping to work with the PEAs members of the winning team to bring our ideas and perspectives together," Fitzpatrick said. Combining two brilliant proposals and the skills they learned at the forum, the five members of the Global Health Initiative Club look forward to improving the environment here on campus. "I hope we get to implement our proposals to the Exeter community," Yoon said. "No matter what the result was, I am glad I got to work on a solution to a real-world problem with my friends."



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Today in Future History

By MIGUEL PÉREZ-GLASSNER
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Plenty of Today in History websites can tell you April 20, 2017 marks the anniversary of, for an example, the invention of marijuana and the spawning of some old guy with a mustache. But here at The Exonian, we are about to do what no one since Nostradamus has dared to do. Behold, the world's first Today in Future History!

3,488,911,440: The Sun irresponsibly decides to take a nap during his shift, plunging the solar system into darkness and ending life on Earth.

69,367,435: The Second Coming of Jesus Christ occurs. Unfortunately, no humans are left to witness it.

1,200,411: Mount Rushmore awakens after millennia of slumber, and it is angry.

39,677: The Battle of Cleveland ends in a loss for humans, setting up for their brutal defeat in the Human-Algae War.

21,225: Pigs fly.

17,776: America signs the Declaration of Dependence. "It's been a fun 10 millennia, but it's time to go back," say America's Unfounding Fathers in an official statement.

9,997: Peace is finally achieved in the Middle East.

7,333: Ancient American Hieroglyphics are finally deciphered. Anthropologists believe that, in their time, they were called "Emojis".

4,565: Nothing happened. Absolutely nothing.

2781: Sherlock Season 5 premieres. Benedict Cumberbatch tries to renegotiate his contract forcing him remain alive, but it's to no avail, leaving him to endure centuries trapped in his frail, withered husk he once called a body. Sounds like somebody doesn't care about his fans...

2049: President Jackson Parel signs an executive order demanding that food trucks must be active and present in every single town at all times. This would become the first step in, as we all know, Parel's successful campaign to end world hunger.

2032: Phillips Exeter's faculty votes to change the school's motto to "Screw it, you're all here to be Sibi."

2025: Mark Zuckerberg releases his first album Like and Share. It's not good.

2019: McDonald's switches from using meat to plastic. Customers notice, but they don't complain.

2017: Somebody gets a major DC.

TFW You Have Two Pages Again and Upper Year has Gotten to You S0o You Decide to Just Write Really Long Titles Like This One

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Projected Acceptance Rate To Heaven For Class of '17 Plummets Below 5%

By HARRY SAUNDERS
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The first week in April marks the release of college admissions decisions for many seniors, while the College Counseling Office lets out a collective sigh of relief. Each year, Exeter's matriculation stats are impressive: more than half of our students go on to attend what are widely considered to be top-tier schools.

Easter weekend, however, can become an even more stressful time for seniors. This is of course when Exeter's Religious Counseling Office releases their afterlife matriculation projections. And the results this year are grim.

According to the report released this Monday, a mere 3% of seniors are slated to enter through the gates of heaven, while more than half are on track to spend eternity in the fiery depths of hell.

When pressed to account for the dismal projections, RCO Director Reverend R. E. Pent explained: "The college process can take a toll on God's view of many Exonians, who are essentially forced to sell their souls for four years to be accepted to an Ivy."

Senior golf captain Charlie Dubiel exemplifies this trend. While on a recruiting trip to Cornell this fall, Dubiel subtly poisoned a member of the school's golf team in order to open up another spot for himself. He committed to the school a week later.

"Looking back on that decision, I guess I could chalk it up to Exeter's culture of stopping at nothing to be accepted to college. But above all, it was clearly short-sighted," the spiritually jaded senior remarked. "Dubiel takes solace in the fact that according to the life expectancy of an American male, he has about 60 years to make up for his ruth-

lessness before his definitive afterlife admission decision is released. "I've been to prayer group 34 times since RCO released my projection, which gives me an 80% chance to end up in the underworld."

For the past few days, RCO counselors have been scrambling to schedule meetings with their newly assigned students. One counselor's outlook was not positive: "The problem with these seniors is that they have such an elevated sense of self after being accepted to top universities that when we ask them to form a preliminary afterlife list, all they put down is heaven. So we tell them that unless they are president of ESSO or StuCo, they must diversify their list so that they don't end up being waltzed by God, a result referred to by Christians as being sent into purgatory."

Justin Trudeau Unveils Recreational Marijuana Legalization Bill; Still is the World's Dreamiest Prime Minister

By EMILY GREEN
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Making headlines this week, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau launched a bill that would legalize the recreational use of marijuana. In doing so, Trudeau is fulfilling something he commonly promised on the campaign trail, and is trying to make Canada an even more chill place than it already was.

This being said, it is likely that the bill will pass, resulting in Canadians being even higher than the highest moose. One thing is for sure--maple syrup will no longer be the only edible thing being mass

produced in Canada.

Besides now officially being the coolest world leader (sorry, Angela Merkel), Trudeau still remains at the top of the looks list, being the #1 biggest heart throb Prime Minister out there.

In related news, damn, Justin Trudeau's eyes are still dreamy. His eyes are like the blue sky on a sunny summer day. His eyes are pools of crystalline water from the deepest, most magical crevices of Earth. His eyes are as intense and exquisite as the finest sapphires. His eyes hold ancient truths just

waiting to be uncovered. One of those truths, evidently, is that he supports marijuana use.

Similarly, Justin Trudeau's hair is as mystical and shiny as the moonlight glistening across the ocean. His hair is soft and gentle, like I imagine the tail of a unicorn might be. His hair twists and curls like the wild nature of the Amazon. Justin Trudeau is truly a dreamy specimen. On top of this, he always seems to take the moral high ground—literally and figuratively. Godspeed, Justin. Godspeed.

Quote of the Week

"We're getting censored on our censorship."
-Billy O'Handley '18

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DM us a funny joke or zesty meme.
Or just DM us :)



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Top 10 Things to Do Today (4/20)

By THE CENSORS
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1. Do homework.
2. Get some sleep!
3. Read the good book.
4. Eat your veggies!
5. Call mommy and daddy!
6. Tell them how much you love them.
7. Floss your teethies!
8. Brush your teethies!
9. Be happy!
10. Have fun!

3 333 Haikus

By EMILY GREEN
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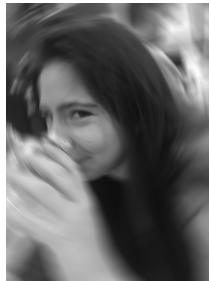
Oh, God, why did I
Choose such an early due date
For my first draft, ahhhhhh.

Coffee, redbull, tea.
Rotate through them just to be,
Awake for so long.

8 pages down but
Mr. Jordan said "have ten!"
I'll finish in class.

TFW it's April 20th and You Are the Humor Editor So You Feel Extra Pressure to Be Super Funny But Also You Have a Scary Chem Test Tomorrow and You're Suffering And Thermodynamics are Suffocating You

By THE HUMOR EDITORS
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Cut Directly from Presidential Candidate Billy O'Handley's Campaign Speech

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Greetings Citizens. I am President Billy O'Handley and I am running for Student Council President. I would humbly ask for your vote today, but I don't want to.

There are many things I should be talking about up here, but instead, I am going to bring up stuff I want to talk about. First: me. Hi, I'm Billy!

Second: Food Trucks. Yes, they are a success. I love them. Who doesn't love them? How did we survive all those friday nights without delicious trucks? This might be the only time you'll ever hear me say this, but let's look at this from a logical perspective.

Food trucks, good! Dining hall, rhhhhhhhh. That means I will replace Dhall with a fleet of nomadic food trucks. In my five point plan, which I don't have with me, but I probably have written down somewhere, I will demolish Wetherell and use the funds to pay for an armada of food trucks. Why Wetherell? According to my complex and highly logical calculations that I also wrote down somewhere, Elm is more accessible to the majority of the student body or something like that. Plus I live on South Side.

The third topic I would like to bring to your attention is fire drills. Don't you hate it when the fire alarm goes off at the crack of dawn, forcing you to be awake and clothed for no reason at all? When I'm president, you'll have a reason. There will be no fire drills. Instead, we'll just go around setting dorms on fire, triggering totally necessary evacuations. No longer will you be woken up by a meaningless fire alarm. From now on, every time you hear that noise you'll know that you are

about to have a legitimate brush with death. Sounds fun, right? But wait, there's more. Sometimes, we'll have other kinds of exciting emergencies, including flooding, helium leakage, termite infestations and reruns of The Big Bang Theory. All of this will bring an end to unnecessary fire drills here at Exeter, and bring about a new age of terror. Exhilarating!

Topic number five: the Exeter Bubble. Unpopular opinion, but I don't think we live in a bubble. I don't see a bubble. Do you? I didn't think so. But do you want to see this bubble? I think it sounds kinda nice. By the end of my first term as president, we will all live within a literal plexiglas Exeter Bubble once and for all. It is our only defense against reality.

Topic number seven: Prep rights. For too long, preps have been systematically neglected and isolated from the Exeter community. Instead of voting power in StuCo, they have health class. Instead of elected officials, they have Prep Reps. And instead of legal personhood, they have Spaz Preps, look to me for deliverance. For freedom. For equality. For attention. For validation! I alone can save you from the darkness. And here's how I'll do it. I will pass a bill through StuCo finally recognizing preps as human beings, each with their own wants, needs, and fears. I understand your pain. I too have suffered through health class, having to put a condom on a banana like I've never done it before. I too am slightly shorter than average. I too have a high pitched voice and a need for attention. For those reasons and more, I will help the voiceless prep class when

I am elected to the office of the Presidency. Because my voice is very loud.

Topic number ten: V's policy. Over the past two years, StuCo has fought to pass a V's policy that applies equally to every Exonian. But I am the only candidate who is committed to passing a V's policy that applies with perfect equity to all. In my new V's policy, 7-9 on weeknights and 7-10 on weekends are the only times you can be in a dorm room. Including your own. That's right. If you are caught getting illegal V's with yourself, your punishment will be fair and brutal. This new policy may create some problems for Exonians, but every problem can be worked around. If you want to sleep, you can do it in your room from 7-9 with the lights on and the door open. Or, you can fight for one of the seven sleeping squares conveniently located in the common room of every dorm.

In conclusion, the Twelve Points of my manifesto will form the bedrock of Exeter. A new Exeter free from sadness or sorrow or gloominess or melancholy, or dejection or despair or desolation or thesaurus or despondency or dolefulness, or heartache, grief, or the blues. What about woe, you may ask? And misery? I'm afraid they're here to stay. But vote for Billy, and vote for his sixteen points, and vote for his curly hair, and vote for his habit of speaking in the third person, and vote for love, and vote for peace, and vote for those sticky little goo strips you get in fancy magazines, and vote for all that is good and right in the world. Vote for Exeter. Vote for me. Thank you, and God bless America.

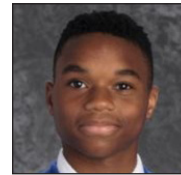
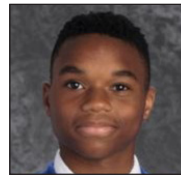
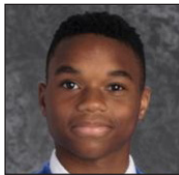
We Love Censorship



We're Not Allowed to Write About Drugs. So Happy Thursday Everyone!

By BILLY O'HANDLEY and CEDRIC B*****
We Can't Say His Last Name

Today is April 20th, a day of no particular significance. There used to be an article here, but there isn't anymore.



Quote of the Week #2

"I'm Amazed This Wasn't Cut"
-Emily Pelliccia '18

We need friends. *I'm Amazed This Wasn't Cut*, or on Snapchat. @ced_blaise and @egreen2000 on Insta. *I'm Amazed This Wasn't Cut* *I'm Amazed This Wasn't Cut* *I'm Amazed This Wasn't Cut*

Turkey's Turn to Totalitarianism



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Exactly twenty years later, Turkey stands at a critical juncture between democracy and authoritarianism. The liberal democracy that Erdogan envisioned while in jail has disintegrated into an increasingly intractable and autocratic state. Erdogan—a Turkish ver-

sion of Vladimir Putin—has imprisoned journalists, altered the judicial system to serve his party's interest, and waged a brutal war against the Kurds to appease nationalist Turks. Following the failed July coup attempt, Erdogan arrested more than 100,000 citizens and smothered all leftist news organizations. Media freedom has deteriorated at an alarming rate, with the authorities using intimidation, harassment, and financial leverage to silence dissent.

Despite this chaos and conservatism, Turkey has and will remain a vital partner for the United States. The U.S. has never been a proponent of democracy in the Middle East, as we have supported Wahhabism in Saudi Arabia and suppressed Arab spring uprisings in Bahrain. President Trump's cordial and lighthearted meeting with Egypt's dictator al-Sisi serves to demonstrate that democratization is only a peripheral priority for the U.S. government. The United States is much more concerned about extinguishing terrorism and ensuring oil price stability in the Middle East, and less worried about safeguarding democracy and

individual liberties in the region. During the Cold War, the United States was paranoid about the Soviet Union's foreign influence and supported any revolution, as long as it yielded a government devoid of communist tendencies. In 1979, Jimmy Carter backed the overthrow of the Pahlavi dynasty in favor of Ayatollah Khomeini. The fierce revolution ultimately destabilized the region and magnified Shia-Sunni tensions, leading to a long Iran-Iraq War. Just a year after the Iranian Revolution, the United States imprudently supported a coup d'état by the Turkish Armed Forces,

which resulted in years of arbitrary rule by a junta government. The strongmen and tyrants in charge of the Middle East today arose from inconsistent and ignorant U.S. involvement in the twentieth century.

Turkish hostility towards Western institutions is not unfounded. Like in the Cold War, Turkey must choose whether it will gravitate towards NATO or towards Russia. Erdogan views the European Union as a prejudiced institution that

refuses to assist his country with the refugee crisis. Although support among Turks for E.U. membership was high ten years ago, the government has lost enthusiasm about the issue and believes that Germany holds Turkey to a double standard. Even as a member of NATO, Turkey sees its role as nothing more than a buffer between Europe and the Middle East. President Donald Trump's ambivalence towards NATO has only reinforced the opinion that Turkey will have an insignificant role to play in the "free world."

Turkey is rapidly drifting away from the West and slipping away into a downward spiral of authoritarianism. Russia and Turkey are closer than ever, even after Turkey shot down a Russian plane on the Syrian border. Erdogan will have his way, no matter the outcomes of referendums or elections. Rumor has it that Erdogan will install his son-in-law—the current Minister of Energy and Natural Resources—as his heir. If the United States wants to save Turkey from its political demise, it must make a genuine effort to cooperate with Erdogan on refugee flows and terrorism. Otherwise, Turkey will be a textbook example of how democracy and Islamic culture cannot be reconciled.

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The Body Positive Movement: A Good Idea with Bad Execution

Don Assamngkol '19

Guest Contributor

Body image movements were created in hope of redefining the beauty norms in our society today, especially for women. As The Body Positive Movement wrote on its site, "We are creating a world in which people are liberated from self-hatred, value their beauty and identity, and use their energy and intellect to make positive changes in their own lives and in their communities." Although these movements are well intentioned in that they seek to make people happier, I wonder if they truly accomplish this goal. In fact, I believe they are misguided and will only prove the detriment of the masses that believe in their ways.

To be clear, there is nothing wrong with being "fat"—it would be better to call this term "pleasantly plump," as it rids the negative connotation. WebMD, an online publisher of news pertaining to human health and well-being, says so itself that people can still be healthy and slightly rounded. However, the foremost problem with the body image movements is that they overextend this scientific fact. The Body Image Movement writes on its site that it seeks "to embrace

and empower everyBODY," thus creating the pretext that everybody should be content with their bodies, but should they be? Should we be happy that our chances of getting obesity or diabetes increase threefold because some ad on the TV said everybody's fine and dandy? Should we be happy with blood clots in our arteries that impair everyday-life functions? Why is it okay to say health



is not important as long as we are happy with our body image? There isn't going to be a magical placebo that arises from positive thinking that will cure this.

This isn't a problem solely for those succumbing to this propaganda. It will prove the detriment to the individual and society for we will all have to bear the burden seeing see those dearest to us fall into this disillusioned trap and suffer from preventable health issues—late

nights at the hospital, longing for the "good ol' days" where we could freely frolic in the snow. We are bound to encounter more health problems should these body image movements continue growing, proving especially problematic for countries with democratic health care systems such as the U.S. or Canada. Taxpayer dollars will be going towards an unnecessary cause. I repeat, these

issues are preventable. In contrast, the "evil norms," in the media that activists complain about so fervently actually prove beneficial to the average consumer. I'll use myself as an example: If I see a male model on TV who's ripped and has a six pack, I'll want to be like him. And through constant exercise and controlled eating, I will be ultimately better off because of it. I won't be out of breath climbing the

spiral staircase in Soule, nor will I feel as fatigued throughout the day walking from class to class. This investment of self-care, of simply taking that extra half-hour everyday to exercise will prove valuable especially in old age where we reap the rewards. Most importantly, we'll be happy with ourselves.

The other facet the Body Image Movements have gained so much traction lately is the appeal to the emotions, namely love. By attempting to "redefine" the norms of society, they scam their consumers in believing that they can make anyone desirable. However, this sham is quick to unravel, unlike the preferences programmed into our DNA. Time and time again, certain traits have been proven attractive for men and women alike. For example, men like women with a certain waist to hip ratio, some random magic number around 0.7, while women prefer men with more muscular builds. No number of body image posters will change this, and so if you can't beat them, why not be them? Why not take the extra time to exercise for just a bit become more desirable to others, and more importantly to yourself? I simply do not understand the movements' logic and sincerely hope they will come to their senses for they are hurting the very people they sought out to protect.

Russian Terrorism and Islamophobia

Bella Alvarez '19

Guest Contributor

On Monday the 3rd, a bomb detonated in a metro station in St. Petersburg, Russia, killing 14 civilians and injuring dozens. Although no concrete evidence has completely singled out one particular suspect, Russian police have arrested eight people. Most believe the creator of the bomb to be a Kyrgyz man named Akbarzhon Dzhalilov, who was a Russian citizen. Another bomb, later defused by police, was also found in Dzhalilov's empty apartment. Law enforcement stated that remains of Dzhalilov's body were found alongside the tracks, with suspicions that he was a suicide bomber. The same report concluded that Dzhalilov had ties to "radical Islamists," although no group,

such as ISIL, a group better known as ISIS has claimed responsibility for the attack.

This wasn't the first time that Russia has been attacked by "radical Islamic" terrorists. Four years ago, 31 Russian citizens were killed by suicide bombers in the city of Volgograd, and in 2011, 35 people died in a bombing at Domodedovo International Airport Moscow. In 2010, 27 people were killed after a bomb exploded in a train traveling from Moscow to St. Petersburg.

With its close proximity to countries such as Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan, Russia is an easy target within ISIL's reach. However, with recent attacks on Sweden, France and Britain, it is difficult to ignore the growing breadth of global terrorism and what this means to the religion of Islam.

As the media reports on more and more attacks, it is natural that some feel unsafe or uneasy. And as the death

toll rises, it is also natural for some to want to point fingers—blaming a certain group, race or ethnicity helps relieve fear. From 9/11 onwards, many citizens, including some Americans, have found it easy to fear and hate the religion of Islam. This has led to global Islamophobia, with recent increases in hate crimes against Muslims.

Through hateful rhetoric and misconception, people from all across the world are misled about what Islam actually is and what Muslims truly stand for. Although now it is propagated and propelled by the media, Islamophobia needs to stop.

In the Qur'an (also spelled Koran), the prophet Muhammad writes about jihad. Although the word can be interpreted as a religious war, jihad also encompasses the figurative and internal struggles that all Muslims face. The text discourages violence, rather promoting diplomatic or economic battles as a way

to fight. The Qur'an specifies that no harm should come to innocent men, women or children, and that if the other side offers a peaceful resolution, the side of Islam is required to agree. The Qur'an also calls for Christians and Jews—two religions which ISIL and other "radical Islamic" groups have targeted—to be respected, as they all believe in the same prophets as Muslims. And in fact, war waged in the name of religion is certainly not a new concept—the Crusades are one bloody example of Christianity killing for God.

Although it is easy to get lost in what seems to be constant reports of deaths due to terrorists, it is vital that we separate the religion of Islam from so-called "radical Islamists" or "radical jihadists." In order to truly stop terrorism, we must not only stand up to those who fight in the name of religion and denounce them, but also find allies in those who condemn acts of terror.

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Student Council Candidate Q&A

Tim Han, Gould House



Why do you want to be StuCo vice-president?

Exeter is the only school I have ever called home, and I want to give back to this place as much as it has given to me. As Vice President, I would hope to enact the policy initiatives I have already been working on in order to make life here as wonderful as possible for every student.

What are the ideal qualities of the StuCo vice president and why do you think you fulfill these ideals?

The Vice President should demonstrate leadership, understanding of how to initiate and enact Policy, work in close conjunction with the administration, especially as it relates to the Dean's Council, and have a clear vision for a better Exeter. As the co-chairperson for the Student Council

Committee on Policy, I have been overseeing and directly working on the initiation of every single policy initiative I have proposed. As an observer in the Dean's Council, and someone who has given reports to the deans and worked closely with them as it relates to improving on the Visitation's Policy, I have had the incredible opportunity to work with the administration to improve student life. My platform is readily available and I am actively working with members of the administration to enact every single one of my policy initiatives. I would hope that I have demonstrated those qualities necessary in a Vice President, and I would appreciate your vote.

What policies do you hope to implement? Why?

I am actively working with the administration and Dean Cosgrove to improve on the V's policy. Once we have finished going around to the 18 dorms who signed up and hosting the day student meetings, we'll go back and use the student feedback to create a more open V's policy that will protect students while allowing them to use V's at more hours of the day in order to build healthy relationships and friendships on campus.

I am working actively with the administration to work towards bringing more U-Print printers to campus. We have found that with the implementation of U-Print, and greater accessibility of U-Print printers, the paper waste on campus has been reduced by 50% over the past few years. Making U-Print printers more accessible is not just a convenience, but also a sustainability issue and it is really important to push for more of them.

I am working actively with Dean Mischke, the policy team of Oluwadara Okeremi and Andrew Hong to allow boarders to ride with Day Students within the 10 mile radius around Exeter. I am working actively with the Alumni Relations office to discuss the possibility of bringing an Alumni Career Fair to campus next year and the details of how it could happen. It is really important to give Exonians a connection to careers after education and an opportunity to learn more about different career options and how to get into those fields. I would like to take advantage of the incredible alumni we have to make that a reality.

I have passed a motion in Student Council to clear Senior Skip Day dickets. We are awaiting discussion in a faculty meeting so we can present it and hopefully get it passed.

What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

I have worked very hard all year in Student Council and as a co-chair of the Student Council Committee on Policy to enact policy initiatives that will positively impact this school. I have already passed motions and proposals through student council, and I am actively working to implement each one of the policies that I believe in and am running on. I have been fortunate enough to have the experience working with the administration pushing policy change and I have made lots of progress already with the policy initiatives I am fighting for. I would just like to make my home, Exeter, as great as possible, and I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday.

Michaela Phan, Wheelwright Hall



Why do you want to be StuCo secretary?

I want to be StuCo secretary because I've been going to StuCo since prep fall and found a great community of friends. I want to be more involved with making substantial changes while meeting new people and having fun.

What are the ideal qualities of the StuCo president and why do you think you fulfill these ideals?

The StuCo secretary should be experienced and understanding. As a prep, I was not a select member, but I'm currently Lower Rep. I have gained experience from the role and understand the point of views of a rep and a non-select member.

What policies do you hope to implement?

Why?

I also have two main ideas for student life policies. I've already discussed and worked on these ideas with Alexis Gorfine, a Policy committee head, so that we can accomplish these goals next year: An extra day for students to recover/prepare after every break. I have already spoken with the Policy committee through Alexis about this. This idea would call for an extra day after breaks for students, especially international students, to recover from jet lag and to prepare for school. Also we need to increase the maximum number of dickets. Currently, the maximum number of dickets is 3, but I would like to increase it to 5. However, at 3 dickets, there would still be a form of communication such as having a talk with your advisor. At 5 dickets, you would then get the regular punishment. I would like to increase the max because since Mental Health Days are still being figured out, this would be a temporary fix.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I'm different from the other candidates because I am focusing on three main goals, two of which center around improving student life and the third focuses on more representation in Student Council.

Michael Bamah, Cilley Hall



Why do you want to be StuCo vice-president?

I want to be Student Council Vice President because I want to help create and foster a better Exeter. I want to work to create an Exeter that is fun, accessible and committed to student growth. Exeter needs leadership and results. Student Council needs leaders who can get things done. Although it is necessary to challenge policies suggested or put in place by the administration, it is not the role of the student council to finger point or look for someone to blame. As a school, we cannot fight toe-to-toe with the administration. Rather, we should look to work hand-in-hand with them.

What policies do you hope to implement? Why?

I believe my most important job will be to listen to the rest of the Exeter community, and work with the administration and the rest of the Executive board to ensure a better Exeter. I have concrete and feasible ideas that I'm sure will improve day-to-day life at Exeter.

Selling merchandise and food at athletic home games and advertising dance concerts and theater productions will create a community where students are proud to showcase their talents. Simply adding feminine hygiene products and gum in Grill will create a healthier and more accessible Exeter. Lastly, through keeping academic buildings specifically, the art studio, open later we can allow our students to further their passions and illustrate the notion of a school focused on self-discovery. As you can see, my policies are reasonable and can be accomplished. While having U-Print printers in every dorm and having the school day start at 8:30 would be great, it's simply too expensive and unfeasible.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The future depends on our ability to work together. Cooperation and teamwork will push the progress of this school further. Lets create a better Exeter! Vote Michael Bamah for VP!

Tara Weil, Bancroft Hall



Why do you want to be StuCo secretary?

One of Exeter's defining characteristics is the opportunity it provides for each of its students. My drive is generated from my debt to this school for the chance it has provided me, and will continue to provide for generations of students to come.

Friends of mine have little brothers and sisters are attending next year, and after meeting these siblings I want them to keep the same feeling of gratitude towards the school I myself felt when I first arrived. What keeps this sense of wonder are tangible policies which directly affect the quality of our Exeter experience. As secretary I can better align Student Council with what the greater student body wants most.

What are the ideal qualities of the StuCo secretary and why do you think you fulfill these ideals?

A secretary is the liaison between Student Council, the wider student body and the administration. Communication is essential in the StuCo process and its relationships on campus. It's highly regarded as one of the most important attributes of good representation and has serious repercussions if there is even a hint of doubt in the process. The secretary wrangles this divide when deciding just how much to include when summarizing an entire conversation into a short email or column, all the while knowing the impact of mistakes made while trying to communicate. That being said, just as much good can happen in the hands of a willing and able secretary. By listening attentively and remaining approachable, a secretary has the power to optimize interactions between Student Council with the entire Exeter Community. I've actively attended StuCo meetings for the past two years and have worked outside of these meetings on new initiatives. I carry experience when contacting the administration and hold positive relationships with my peers.

What policies do you hope to implement? Why?

As the bridge between Student Council and the entire Exeter Community, I plan to narrow the information gap between non-members and the council. As secretary, I would create a weekly column in *The Exonian* providing updates on new policies or discussions that *The Exonian* would publish.

Currently I am writing a proposal to allow day students to drive boarders within the ten-mile radius. I've been in contact with Dean Mischke and am setting up a meeting with the CFO David Hansen to solidify the research I've collected into feasible motion to be presented to the council.

To ease the financial stress of purchasing hundreds worth in books each semester, I plan to expand the Davis Center lending library, advertise its services and create an online catalog of its contents.

Auditing art courses is not possible due to material costs, and I've spoken with the Chair of Art, Ms. Lewis, about building an alternative art program dedicated to providing students with the space and materials they need for creativity. She has agreed to this idea, and we are in the early stages of discussing the logistics of what this program might look like.

Do you have any comments about the outgoing administration?

I believe that the outgoing administration was successful in organizing the council effectively, and provided a platform from which we can build.

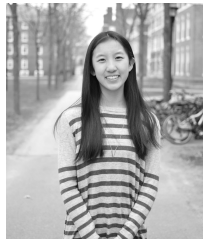
What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

Throughout my time at Exeter, I've proven myself to be a teammate, student and friend dedicated to my environment. I show appreciation for the Exeter community by working towards new policies which could service the student body. Compared to other candidates, my ideas are more specific and while entirely attainable can make large impacts on Exonians. I've taken the initial step towards accomplishing all the goals which I've mentioned; there are no doubts as to which ideas of mine are realistic. I've checked with members of administration or faculty about my plans to ensure that I'm not promising anything I can not follow through with. None of my plans require funding, but all of them address problems the student body faces.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No, thank you for the questions!

Elizabeth Yang, Dunbar Hall



Why do you want to be StuCo secretary?

The position of secretary provides unique opportunities to initiate and pursue beneficial changes for current and future members of the Exeter community. I also recognize the importance of improving awareness of the council's actions, a large part of the secretary's job, since the community should be informed and supportive of the motions we pass.

What are the ideal qualities of the StuCo secretary and why do you think you fulfill these ideals?

The student council secretary should be experienced, organized and have concrete goals for the future. I am very accustomed to how council works having attended for the past two years, and I am organized and capable of following through with the role's responsibilities. But I would also like to go beyond and pursue goals to better all of our lives here with the voice and leadership of this position.

What policies do you hope to implement? Why?

Being a two-year select member of recreation committee, I know the benefits and inner workings of improving student life. This is reflected in some of my ideas, which include concession stands at home games, discounted off-campus excursions to amusement parks or athletic games and dorm appliances like hot water dispensers. I would also like to focus on some policies to make student council more efficient and have better dialogue with the community. This would include select member distribution by committee needs and clearer disclosure of the policies council focuses on with quick school wide emails.

Do you have any comments about the outgoing administration?

I have a lot of respect for the outgoing administration and what they have accomplished, however, the Exeter community has not been well informed about the policies and platforms discussed. Some people remain unaware that we've passed some policies like Deans' Council and the amendment of select membership. I would work to prevent this unawareness with emails and other means. And on this note of select members, instead of having specific quotas, I would like to accept all willing select members to council, but just distribute them more effectively across the committees.

What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

I am the candidate who has concrete, feasible goals for how council can improve Exeter life and attain the best system for achieving them. Along with being an experienced member, I am able to voice your opinions to council, along with articulating council's messages to the community. I am the one candidate with the experience, voice and vision that fit the secretary position.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I would just like to ask that Exonians take the time to read and think about candidates' platforms and vote for who they think can do the job best, even if that person is a complete stranger.

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Student Council Candidate Q&A

Jackson Parell, *Wentworth Hall*



Why do you want to be StuCo president?

I have been a part of student council for three years, contributing to the Exeter community through policy. As Lower Representative and Secretary, I have strived to create new programs and new tools that benefit our decision-making entities. From the Deans' Council to a new referendum policy to Food Truck Fridays, the changes that I have helped to implement make a better Exeter, a Happier Exeter, yet there is still much to be done. If elected, I will make a healthier and more enjoyable experience for exonians through concrete changes to the Exeter daily life. As Secretary, I have become familiar with the ins and outs of the system and, most importantly, I know what can and cannot

be accomplished at the end of the day. I believe that we must redirect Student Council's focus to programs that are both feasible and beneficial for all.

What are the ideal qualities of the StuCo president and why do you think you fulfill these ideals?

We need a leader who will seek to restore transparency, integrity and temperament in our council. I will be this leader. I pledge to you strong direction, open-mindedness and, above all, experience. I have worked closely with the deans, faculty and students for the past year on policies that benefit our community. I know who to engage with and how to engage them when problems need to be addressed. Experience is what we need in student council: someone who is willing to work hard to implement your ideas, but also knows where our energy will be best spent to create the maximum result. If elected, I will do just that.

What policies do you hope to implement? Why?

If elected, I promise to:

- Bring more outside culture to the Exeter campus through Boston art shows, Boston entertainment and Food Truck Fridays
- Improve Dorm and Social Spaces by re-opening academic buildings and the art studio past 6PM and guaranteeing a set list of dorm amenities across the board such as printers, ovens, water coolers, and freezers
- Better your dining hall experience through DHall-to-go and extended hours;
- And create a panel of students to give input into the faculty hiring process, both to secure diversity and quality of instruction.

My policies are meant to bring about a better Exeter, a happier Exeter, not through idealistic proposals or dramatic alterations to the ebook, but through concrete changes to the Exeter daily life. That being said, I support any and all efforts to make broad, overarching changes that impact the Exeter system in positive ways, but policies such as these are more often than not dictated by the faculty rather than the students. Under these circumstances, Council gets bogged down in deliberation and, in the end, little is accomplished. It is for that reason that I say we must look inward at our community, we must find the simple wrongs that plague our system, and we must fix them.

Do you have any comments about the outgoing administration?

I may be bias, but I think that the current administration has done a very good job overall. Nonetheless, many of the changes that the Vice President and President proposed were more abstract than concrete, more idealistic than feasible. The intentions behind these proposals were sound and they did spark important discussion among students, but, in the end, the changes were often never implemented or they did little to benefit the daily lives of Exeter students. Therefore, if given the opportunity to lead, I pledge to redirect student councils focus to policies that are more concrete than abstract, more feasible than idealistic to make a happier and healthier Exeter experience for all.

What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

First of all, I would like to say that the candidates have done a wonderful job thus far with their campaigns. I congratulate them for making it to the runoffs and I wish them the best of luck in the coming week. Everyone in this race is very qualified; when you vote, however, I would encourage you to pay attention to the details that distinguish each of us. I am proud of my record with student council. I am proud of the fact that I have had the opportunity to serve the Exeter community both as Lower Class Representative and as Secretary. In these offices, I was able to implement concrete policy that has made the everyday Exeter experience brighter for all, an ideal that has defined my platform for the upcoming election. It is these two aspects of my campaign, my ideas and my experience, combined with my willingness to work hard and follow through that distinguishes me from the other candidates. If elected, I pledge to make a better Exeter, I pledge to make a happier Exeter, built on its students ideas. So, come next Tuesday, I encourage you to vote and remember: take action, vote Jackson.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Make sure to catch the presidential debate on Friday and vote next Tuesday!

Will Soltas, *Cilley Hall*



Why do you want to be StuCo vice president?

We have reached a major turning point in our school's life where the administration is prioritizing the Academy's reputation over the well-being and happiness of its students. This problem cannot be remedied instantly, and it is the job of Exeter's Student Council to see that the process of prioritizing the students begins now. I am fully devoted to this change as well as ensuring that the behind-the-scenes work runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

What are the ideal qualities of the StuCo vice president and why do you think you fulfill these ideals?

First and foremost, the StuCo vice-president must work well with the president.

As spokesperson and moderator of the Deans' Council, the vice president also needs to know Exeter's student body and its wishes. Finally, the vice president needs to be passionate about his or her work. Having the passion to see real concrete change through to its completion is what will ultimately make StuCo the transformative force I want it to become. I've had the chance to meet and become close with many of you on campus; I know what you want, and I know how to get it done.

What policies do you hope to implement? Why?

It is important to understand the viability of the desires of Exeter's students, and that is why I am looking for small, but meaningful changes. I will work with the Office of Advancement to establish an internship program that connects students to alumni so that Exonians can gain work experience in their fields of interest. We will push for an 8:30 start time and a 6:15 end of day. I will push for the development of an official textbook-trading application that helps students them the bookstore prices. Together, we will put pressure on the administration to devote more resources to Student Activities. These are just a few of my ideas for the coming year, but as vice president, I will be more involved with making your voices heard and not just promoting the agenda of the executive board.

Do you have any comments about the outgoing administration?

With the circumstances of this past year, the outgoing StuCo administration did as well as they could have done.

What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

I have worked with both presidential candidates in class and in multiple other clubs, and our already-established efficiency will promote cooperation and effective problem solving across student council.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via my Exeter email or over Facebook. Most importantly, though, I look forward to seeing the Exeter community exercise its right to vote on next year's StuCo Executive Board.

Menat Bahnsy, *Merrill Hall*



Why do you want to be StuCo president?

To be Student Council President, to me, gives me the opportunity to express my gratitude and pay my experiences forward, to the greatest peer Exonians, faculty and administration that I have enjoyed the pleasure of interacting with. With that, I have experienced, as well as witnessed within my peers, gaps in support throughout our times at Exeter. I wish to fill the role of Student Council President to assure that all Exonians' experiences are full of comfort, support and happiness!

What are the ideal qualities of the StuCo president and why do you think you fulfill these ideals?

In my opinion, there is not just one mold that one must fit to be our Student Council President, due to the plethora of qualities and values that we all embrace. In lieu of a mold, I believe the most important ideal that our Student Council President should hold is enthusiasm—enthusiasm about making all students' Exeter experiences several of the best that they will ever encounter—which can come in many forms! After enthusiasm, I believe our President should have experience interacting with others in an approachable, respectful manner. Ultimately, I believe our President should also either have leadership experience, or hold the potential to be an effective leader.

I believe that I fulfill these ideals due to my experiences with them! As a member of the leadership board of several clubs on campus, a student representative for other groups that interact with our administration, as well as a teammate, dorm-mate, and more, I have enjoyed my time sharing my consistent excitement, listening ears, and experiences with all types of peoples. I am always excited to do it all over again, or try something new!

What policies do you hope to implement? Why?

My priorities as our Student Council President would include creating the support networks necessary to assure that Exeter feels more like home, to many more of our students—our Exonians, through equity and inclusion.

To begin, I would like to work with all of my peers in improving the financial aid system here at Exeter. Exeter does an incredible job at assisting students with partial or full scholarships for the Exeter tuition. However, with over half of our students on some form of financial aid, the financial assistance must reach many more aspects of the Exeter experience.

While being an Exonian, there are many more necessary expenses that students must tackle apart from room and board and classes. For example, every year or season, much class/dorm/and team gear is up for sale. While making friends and spending time with each other, an occasional trip to Green Bean, Stillwells or the mall is vital in lasting friendships. If a student is interested in participating in an off-campus excursion, similar to the Thanksgiving/Spring/and Summer break trips, the minimum contribution is \$200 to participate. If you are attending a Debate Tournament or Model UN Conference, you must purchase the appropriate clothes for the event. There are expenses such as these in every aspect of Exonian life, that financial aid students are generally not given assistance for. Because these costs add up, they cause a burden on many families unable to afford allowing their students to embrace Exeter.

To counter the caused sense of exclusiveness, I wish to push for a new allocation of funds put forth supporting financial aid students, in all aspects of Exeter life. At our peer institutions, there are already systems similar to this in action. Particularly at Andover, students who qualify, receive weekly allowances to be used at their own discretion, alongside full payments for any other expenses as I listed previously. If students are in need of running sneakers, the financial aid office will buy a pair for them. If students wish to go out to eat with their friends, they can choose to use their allowance to do so. If students would like to partake in a spring break trip abroad, they, as well as their families, are not burdened by a minimum contribution.

These are just a couple of the ways that financial aid students can be more supported on campus. We all strive to experience Exeter to its fullest, and financial background should not limit that for any Exonians! Along the lines of assuring Exonian success in all aspects of life, I wish to push to implement a networking system between students and potential connections outside of Exeter. We are all aware of the possible opportunities that open up with just an email, a meeting, etc., with someone who has opportunities to offer to Exonians. As we all search for summer/break/and post-Exeter offerings, it becomes extremely important to have contacts to reach out to during those times. A system such as the one that I envision will also make a world of difference for Exonians without family or friend connections, which can ultimately set them at a disadvantage when it comes to discovering new possibilities!

The system that I can foresee being created is one that can put students in contact with alumni, in a safe manner, which would include a series of vetting, regulations and other means. This way, if Exonians are searching for summer internships in a lab, working for a campaign, studying abroad, etc., they can reach out to an alum doing the same type of work, to figure out if they have any student opportunities available. Alongside creating a network with alumni, Exeter has the potential to form partnerships with institutions in the broader area, including Boston, to allow students to explore various areas of "the real world" in order to gain perspective. Again, many of our peer institutions have similar systems already in place. Many of them coordinate trips for various groups of students, including financial aid recipients, first-generation students, etc., to assure that all students have the same opportunities to make connections, and meet people. Another area of Exeter where a support system should be implemented is within the faculty and staff, particularly when it comes to the diversity of these bodies. On campus currently, 43% of Exonians are students of color, whereas only 12% of the faculty are faculty members of color. With this huge gap, a lack of adult support for nearly half of our student body is present. To make these numbers more proportional will not only allow Exeter to grow, but it will also bring an even greater support system for many more than solely students of color. Diversity of our faculty should come in all areas. I wish to aim to welcome faculty with various political views, world views, experiences, etc. I wish to implement these policy changes to assure that all Exonians feel supported in all areas of Exeter life!

What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

As a candidate, I feel that I differ the most through my policy ideas. The ideas that I want to prioritize are fundamental changes to Exeter as an institution, not changes that can be passed during one Student Council meeting. They are changes that will benefit Exonians as long as Exeter stands, and they need to be pushed for! I want to push for them!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you all so much for the support that you have given me over the past several weeks! Words cannot express my gratitude! If you want to see yourself and your peers feel comfortable and supported at Exeter, vote Menat Bahnsy for Student Council President next Tuesday! I promise to work my hardest to allow Exeter to be home for all Exonians. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me about ANYTHING! Contact me at mbahnsy@exeter.edu!

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Students sing a traditional Jewish song at the Seder.

Chiara Perotti Corea/The Exonian

Passover and Easter Festivities

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Last week, Passover and Easter brought some spring excitement to campus. For Passover, Rabbi Jennifer Marx-Asch led two Seders—one traditional Seder and one special “chocolate Seder”—and a Shabbat dinner to wrap up the celebration on Friday, April 14. To celebrate Christian Holy Week, Reverend Heidi Heath organized three services for the Easter Triduum.

Many adults on campus worked together to make Christian Holy Week as special as possible. Heath led services for the community on Good Friday and Easter Sunday while Lavina Richter, advisor to Catholic Exonians, led the service on Holy Thursday. Phillips Church Steward Barbara Flocco, Staff Assistant Alexis Simpson and the Gospel Choir helped throughout the services. Catholic students also walked to Saint Michael’s Parish in Exeter for Easter Mass. “I loved the Mass at Saint Michael’s,” said prep Ginny Little. “It was great that so many Exonians showed up to worship.” Upper Alexis Gorfine also liked the community at Saint Michael’s. “I am not a usual at Saint Michael’s, but every time that I have gone, everyone has been so inclusive,”

she said. “I celebrated by going to Mass with friends and then going to brunch.”

The Seders were also a big success. The traditional Seder included a reading from the *Haggadah*—a Jewish book of prayers and blessings—and a kosher Passover meal. According to upper Josephine de La Bruyere, the purpose of the Seder was to “commemorate both the suffering of the Israelites in Egypt and the joy of their freedom.” Upper Theodore Jaffrey also gave a description of the Seder. “The Seders are, in essence, dinners with a story; we had about a dozen round tables of six people each and we alternated reading the story of Passover aloud to the entire congregation,” he said. Jaffrey especially enjoyed the chocolate Seder, which contained all the same rituals as the traditional Seder, except with a chocolate meal. “The chocolate Seder was also a great way to add a fun twist and make it a de-stressing and enjoyable experience,” Jaffrey said.

In many ways, students who celebrated Passover were able to replicate the observances of their ancestors. “What we are trying to do while we eat, sing and read is remember what it was like for our ancestors while they were enslaved by the Egyptians and then also their path to freedom,” she said. To help students keep kosher, Marx-

Asch spent time with the dining hall staff to create a menu for the week which included options in the hotline and incorporated more traditional dishes into the meals each day. The dining halls also offered matzah, a traditional Passover flatbread. Epler explained the tradition behind the unleavened bread. “The reason why we eat that is because when the Jews were fleeing Egypt, they could only let their bread rise for seven minutes before they baked it, so matzah is made in this same way to remember and so that we can eat what our ancestors ate.”

The religious leaders strove to make Passover and Holy Week celebrations and services open to all students and faculty alike, regardless of faith. Marx-Asch hoped that as a Jewish community, they promoted inclusivity for the Passover Seders and made it clear that community members of any religion were welcome to attend. Many students voiced their encouragement of non-Jewish students attending these Seders. Heath discussed how Exeter’s atmosphere created an amazing week. “One of the things I love about our work in religious services is its interfaith approach. It was a rich and meaningful week for both our Christian and Jewish students. I think,” said Heath. Jaffrey also agreed with Heath that religious services in the Exeter community are

a unique experience due to the diversity of faith. “It was really cool to have a Seder with the PEA community and be among others both of my own faith and other faiths,” he said. Senior Julia Friberg believed that celebrating this along with the Exeter community was one of the primary features of the week. “This is a great way for everyone, regardless of religion, to experience a really interesting Jewish holiday,” said Friberg. “The highlight was definitely getting to see people experiencing their first Passover. Our EJC [Exeter Jewish Community] here is so welcoming, which I think is a wonderful thing.”

When asked if she had anything else to add, Marx-Asch talked about how she encouraged her religion students that two “must-do” Jewish events are a Jewish Seder and a traditional Jewish wedding. “I encourage my non-Jewish students to shamelessly invite themselves to both of these events at some point in their lifetime to experience the richness and joy of Jewish life,” said Marx-Asch. Heath appreciated value of community induced by Passover and Easter and how these two celebrations allowed people to come together while celebrating respective religions. “For me personally, and I know for others, it helped make a more meaningful Holy Week and Easter.”

MOVIE REVIEW: ARRIVAL



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The film *Arrival* takes the genre of science-fiction into uncharted territory. The movie, directed by Denis Villeneuve (Scario, *Enemy*), tells the story of a bizarre extraterrestrial visit to Earth from the perspective of Doctor Louise Banks (Amy Adams), a linguistics professor hired by the U.S. government to aid in the translation of the aliens’ strange system of communication. *Arrival* avoids falling into the trap of having stunning CGI to compensate for a lacking plot, a formula all too typical of blockbuster science fiction movies. It’s a cerebral, engaging story that leaves the viewer in deep thought (if they can grasp the notoriously confusing ending.)

Arrival jumps right into the action with news reports broadcasting spaceships hovering over Earth. The enormous monoliths have an eerie and silent presence that sets the tone of the movie. The heroine, Dr. Louise Banks, cuts the class she’s teaching short in the ongoing chaos. She’s soon contacted by the United States Army, who seek her expertise in linguistics to help decrypt the aliens’ language. The film follows her and Ian Donnelly (Jeremy Renner), a dashing young theoretical physicist, on their quest to communicate with Earth’s visitors.

The aliens (or “heptapods”) have a written language which is significantly different from any on Earth. Each symbol (which the beings can materialize into thin air at will) represents an entire cohesive thought or sentence. The symbols are circular and are read without a beginning or an end—the entire complex idea is expressed simultaneously. This system is derived from the fact that the heptapods do not experience time in the same fashion as humans—time for them is a dimension which can be interacted with and traveled through, rendering beginnings and endings of

sentences useless.

This idea is reinforced when the film goes back and forth, following Louise throughout different events of her life which are shown non-sequentially, reflecting once again the fluid nature of time in the film. Louise interact with events in the future and the present, being aware of both actions at the same time. By having a conversation with her daughter in the present, she is able to help her with her homework in the future on the same topic. With the fate of both humanity and the alien’s race at stake, she is able to discuss a phone call she shared with the Chinese General Shang, while simultaneously having that conversation in the present. When the film features “flashbacks” on Louise’s present life, we’re in fact also getting a window into the future.

As the ending reveals, Louise has a choice to allow events to occur as she perceives them, or to alter them as they play out. She can actively play a part in determining her future, which she can conveniently predict. Louise poses a question to Ian at the end of the film: if he could see the whole story of his life, would he allow events to transpire exactly the same as they do? And this is the question that is at the heart of *Arrival*. If you had the ability to glance through your entire life, would you alter it?

Arrival is a must see if you want something to mess with your head. It explores mind boggling concepts, and your perception of the concept of communication and time will be frequently toyed with. If you can figure out the ending (a brutally difficult task), the film is brought together in a circular, cohesive arc. Nominated for eight Academy Awards including Best Picture, *Arrival* received positive reviews from notable critics and these two Exonian writers.

CityBand Concert

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On Tuesday evening, students, faculty and other members of the Exeter community entered the Bowld to watch Syrian born clarinetist Kinan Azmeh and the CityBand perform. The performance, presented by the music department and the Robbins Memorial Symposium, consisted of six songs along with an extra crowd-requested song during the night. The group of four musicians utilized their mastery of distinct yet complementing instruments to captivate the large number of audience members.

The members of the band, Kinan Azmeh on the clarinet, Josh Myers on the double bass guitar, John Hadfield as the group’s multi-talented percussionist and Kyle Sanna with his rustic hollow-bodied electric guitar, met in New York City around 2005. Initially, the band performed a gig or two a year until they grew in fame and began to receive praise from both audience and critic alike.

Azmeh’s musical background is rooted in classical clarinet playing, but somewhere down the line he took interest in jazz and started improvising and incorporating it into his music. He grew up in Damascus, Syria. Myers on the other hand, a Boston native, in his words, “played a lot of different types of music” and studied jazz in college, later taking on the guitar, the piano, the drums and his voice until finally ending up with the double bass. Sanna grew up in Oregon, studied jazz in college as well but grew up playing rock music. After graduation, he moved to New York City where he met Azmeh sometime after. John Hadfield, the group’s percussionist, who simultaneously serves as a member of the jazz faculty at New York University, explores a variety of styles in his music that one could describe as genre-bending.

The performers were praised by spectators for the exceptional skill that they demonstrated in their respective instruments. Senior RC McShane expressed his admiration for Hadfield and his mastery of the percussion instruments. “I really enjoyed the intricacy of the rhythm presented by the percussionist and his ability to cover so many different instruments,” he said. McShane also

complimented Azmeh for his clarinet skills, describing him as “spectacular” and applauding him for his “performance etiquette.”

One of the group’s unique characteristics is their tendency to improvise and alter their music during performances. Lower Samantha Gove noted the observations she made about their improvising skill: “They went off of the flow and feelings the musicians had,” she said. “The other musicians harmonized and followed along which was my favorite part.” Lower Hanna Pak shared similar observations of the group. She added that the group was able to create new pieces which allowed them to consistently play new melodies. “I loved seeing them communicate as improvisers because they created entirely new pieces from the ones they played at assembly,” Pak said.

Azmeh and the CityBand were admired for their compelling and unique style of music. Gove praised the group for incorporating a “mix of styles.” McShane shared similar sentiment of Gove, and he expressed his appreciation for the style of music the group presented. “When I went last night, I hoped to expand my musical horizons, and the performers did not disappoint. Each musician brought his talent to the mix and created a group dissimilar to any on the planet, one that creates their own style [of] music,” he said.

Before performing the final piece of the night, titled “Wedding,” Azmeh explained that he drew his inspiration from a small moonlit town in Syria. Azmeh has cited Syria’s current state as one of the primary influences in his music. “I know I am just a man, and I know that my clarinet cannot stop a bullet, but I hope it will cause people to take action.” Azmeh said. In introducing “Wedding” Azmeh dedicated the piece to his home country, ending the concert with a moving dedication that emphasized the power. “This is dedicated to the people of Syria, who in the last six years have managed to fall in love. Falling in love is one of the basic human rights that no authority should have the power to take away.”

SeniorSpotlight

Marvelous Marichi

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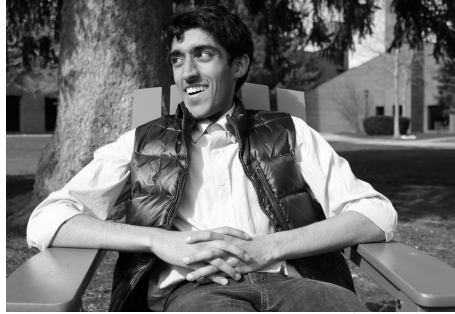
Whether he's leading one of Exeter's a cappella groups or freestyling in front of strangers, senior Marichi Gupta is regarded by many as one of the kindest, funniest and most determined students you can find on campus.

Gupta was finally admitted as a new senior for the 2015-2016 school year, after applying to Exeter for four consecutive years. However, ten days into his senior fall, Gupta suffered a brain hemorrhage. "The bleed happened at Choate during a cross country meet. After finishing the race, I noticed that my right leg was numb, and I felt kind of stoned. Things began to appear high-contrast and I felt delirious," Gupta explained. "[The doctors] took me away in an ambulance. They saw a massive brain hemorrhage in the CT scan and had me airlifted and put into surgery."

Senior Zoe Marshall vividly remembers her response to hearing the news of Gupta's stroke. She tried to inject some levity in the situation because it was the only way she could help her friend. "They weren't sure if he would make it. My friend, Cady Crowley, and I walked to Walgreens because we couldn't think of anything else to do and brought him a 'We Love You, Grandma' card, in the hopes it would make him laugh," she said.

When Gupta woke up, he was paralyzed on the right side of his body. Of course, he had to deal with the long-term repercussions of his condition. "I immediately went on medical leave because it was obvious I wasn't going to come back—at least not that term. I actually thought I was going to be fully recovered by winter term, but it turned out to be a little more serious than I thought," he said. Fortunately, Gupta suffered no cognitive damage, for which he is grateful. "My bleed was about two centimeters away from the frontal lobe of the brain. Had it shifted a little bit forward, I would have seen cognitive damage. In that way, I was pretty lucky," he said.

Still, Gupta did feel some resentment and sadness at his condition. "The biggest challenge was probably accepting what had



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happened to me," Gupta admitted. With admirable optimism and resilience, though, Gupta was able to overcome his negative emotions, and recognize how he has grown since his hemorrhage. He elaborated, "It took me some time to get over the brain hemorrhage. But so far, I think I've done better this year than I would've done last year as a student—having another year to develop helped."

Gupta's advisor, Alex Myers, praised Gupta's determination in the face of adversity. Myers described Gupta's outstanding contributions to their advisory group: "He's the oldest student in my advisory and he has been a great leader [and] mentor to the other students. His recovery from his stroke is a testament to his strength of character."

Lower Miles Mikofsky, who is also one of Myers's advisees, first met Gupta last year as a prep, when he and Gupta lived across the hall from one another in Webster Hall. Living so close to Gupta has given Mikofsky rare insight into the other side of Gupta's personality. "Though I think most people on campus could nebulously identify Marichi with singing, leadership, his stroke and phenomenal facial hair, I know him as even-keeled and contemplative, and one of the very few people I can be completely honest with," Mikofsky said. Gupta's thoughtfulness has

served him well this year at Exeter.

When Gupta returned to campus for the 2016-2017 school year, he had little trouble acclimating himself to the rigor of academics, especially in his English classes. Gupta credits Exeter with igniting his passion for writing, which he views as a kind of self-care. "I think being at Exeter has really helped bring out the writer in me. It was much more geared to the personal narrative, and, when I had my stroke, I guess there was something I could write about," Gupta explained. "Writing for me was a lot of self-exploration—essentially spending time with yourself—which is something I've always valued. I just think writing is a good tool for living."

Outside of class, Gupta quickly found a home in Exeter's musical clubs. Music instructor Kristofer Johnson praised Gupta's dedication and innovation. "Marichi has a great work ethic and quickly moved into a significant place of leadership in both the Concert Choir and Gli Scalatori. This is really remarkable for a one year student. He thinks carefully and creatively about chora and vocal music, and has done wonderful work as one of the co-heads of Exeter's," Johnson said.

Gupta is well-known for his musical prowess. He started singing at the age of ten and never stopped. His past experience in singing inspired him to center his attention

on a cappella groups when he came to campus, where he knew that he would be able to further develop his talents. Gupta detailed his goals for the a cappella groups, which he came up with at the start of the year: "A cappella was one of the biggest things I wanted to focus on because I knew that the level of musicianship at Exeter was high. I had mapped out a few things I wanted to focus on with my involvement in a cappella groups at Exeter: developing musicianship, getting a sense of balance and blending within each section, and getting the group to be invested in the music and give it some drive. One of the requirements for a good performance is that the singer must enjoy what they're doing; that was one thing I wanted to accomplish."

Gupta has certainly been successful in this endeavor. Senior RC McShane, a former member of the Exeter's, described Gupta's talent as a singer, beatboxer and leader. McShane said, "Marichi brings all of the vocal talent necessary for the Exeter's. Add onto that his exceptional leadership and happy demeanor, and you are confronted with one of the best co-heads the Exeter's have ever had."

Gupta is also extremely personable and friendly. During a choral trip to Coachella Valley earlier this year, Gupta acquainted himself with lower Dylan Yin. Gupta, Yin and a few other students joined a few other students to play a game of pick-up soccer. Yin relayed the memorable events that occurred next: "During one of the breaks, Marichi, a couple other students, and I ran into a group of kids, and spontaneously started a rap battle. I was providing the baseline and someone else provided the beat, and Marichi just started rapping out of nowhere, freestyling. All the kids were super impressed and started yelling and screaming his name. By the end of the night, he was a legend," Yin said.

Marshall perfectly summed up the legacy that Gupta will leave behind, despite his short time at Exeter: "He is a dedicated student and a thoughtful Exonian. He treats every experience as a learning experience, and there's no opportunity that he doesn't take. He has been close to death, and perhaps that makes him more attentive to life than most of us."

FacultySpotlight

Inna "Mama" Sysevich

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It's no wonder why everyone calls Modern Languages instructor Inna Sysevich by a different name. After years as a teacher and dorm head, few people on campus think of her as anyone but "Mama." Whether she's leading engaging Russian classes or spending Friday night dorm duty laughing with students, Sysevich has become a second mother to students, inside and outside of her classroom.

Born in the Soviet Union, in present-day Ukraine, Sysevich was 29 years old when she first immigrated to the U.S. to teach. She considered her profession as a way to maintain a youthful mindset. "I really wanted to be a teacher, always," said Sysevich. "This way you get to hide in high school all your life. You don't really need to grow up or anything." She was working at a day school in Dover, New Hampshire when a friend told her about an opening in the Modern Languages Department at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Sysevich's first visit to the school would set the tone for her future at the Academy. She had come to drop off her resume, but as she prepared to do so, she realized she had no idea how to spell the department head's name; hilarity ensued. "It was Mr. Reiter; he's the best man in the world," said Sysevich, "but I didn't want to embarrass myself. So I thought, 'I'll just go to the post office, drop my resume in his cubby, and ask how to spell his name while I'm there.' So I went in, and there was a man in the window, and I asked him, 'Will you please tell me how to spell Mr. Reiter's name,' and he said, 'I am Mr. Reiter!'" To this day, Sysevich is at a loss as to why the head of the Modern Languages Department would be working behind the post office desk. But despite her rocky first visit to campus, Sysevich left her interview determined to get the job. Simply put, she fell in love with the school. "Coming home after the interview, I thought, 'If they don't give me a job, I will have to die. I



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loved! I visited Mr. Shapiro's class and the kids were eating out of his hands, like little sparrows. And I really loved the table. I loved the quality of the kids, and the rapport they had with the teachers." When Reiter called a few days later, to tell her she got the job, Sysevich remembered that she responded so enthusiastically she was worried he'd retract the offer. "I was jumping up and down," she said, "This was around 1995, and I haven't looked back once."

Upon her arrival in 1996, Sysevich quickly adapted to Exeter's unique pedagogy. She recalled how, in her first few years as a teacher at the Academy, her teaching style was largely influenced by her students and colleagues. "I saw the classrooms. I learned from people in my department and I learned by listening to the interesting opinions of other faculty," she said. This period of observation allowed Sysevich to refine her teaching technique, and solidify her identity as a teacher.

Despite being at Exeter for over 20 years, her classroom has remained consistent, as Exeter has given her the freedom to develop and utilize her own unique teaching style. "I was

always able to be myself," she elaborated. "My first year, I was always asking Mr. Shapiro—who was the other Russian teacher—a bunch of questions, and he always said to me, 'We hire people and we let them teach. Use your instincts.'"


Sysevich's instincts have guided her well, even as she took on another full time job outside of the classroom when she became the dorm head of Abbot Hall, a position that she held for twelve years. She personally viewed her dorm head position as an opportunity to nurture students. Sysevich explained, "Everyone defines it differently, every dorm head has a different idea of what the job means. For me, if I had to put it into one sentence, my role is to help them grow up." Being dorm head also allowed her to spend more time with students—her favorite part of the job.

Mama has shared too many memorable moments with her Abbot students to pick a favorite, but she mentioned a particularly unforgettable night a few years ago, during winter term. One of her students begged her to accompany them on a trip across campus after check-in to return a computer to a student in

Kirtland House. While returning to Abbot Hall, they noticed lights on in the music center, and upon entering the building, received a private concert from Mr. Sinclair. To Sysevich, the experience really illustrated Exeter faculty's passion for their fields. "It's this amazing experience, when you just intend to hand over a computer and come back, only to end up with a private concert given to you by some Exeter teachers, because they love doing it," she said. "I think those guys remember that day, and I know I always will."

Currently, Sysevich is on duty in Abbot Hall every Friday night, but has stepped down from her role as dorm head in order to move into a house in town. Every week, Abbot Hall's residents eagerly await her arrival to see what topics she will discuss and what jokes she will make. Upper Joaquin Riojas described Sysevich's positive impact on dorm life: "When Mama is on duty in Abbot, the dorm seems to take on a new life. Whatever room she is in becomes the place to be; everyone crowds around her to hear what she has to say." Riojas added that spending time with Mama has become a Friday night staple. "Abbot's seeing Mama on Friday nights is like Christians going to church on Sundays, it's tradition," he explained.

Sysevich brings this same level of spirit and humor to her Russian classes. Perhaps one of the most distinctive aspects of Sysevich's teaching style is her frequent use of personal anecdotes. Many students find Sysevich's stories to be beneficial to their growth as Russian language learners. Lower Gracie Goodwin praised Mama for adding cultural context to her classes. "She tells us a lot about Russian culture in class, so not only do we get to learn about the language, but she also tells us about politics and what Russia was like when she was growing up," Goodwin said. Such stories have helped Goodwin connect with Sysevich. Because of her humorous and caring nature, Sysevich has become to Goodwin what she has become to countless other Exonians—a beloved instructor and an honorary mother.



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EXONIAN HOROSCOPE

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

Taurus: Look before you leap, Taurus! Mars has been in your sign for a while, and will be until Friday. This means you should make sure to create a strong foundation before launching any new ideas in order for them to come to fruition. Reflect on what you have accomplished this term. You might be surprised by how much you've done!

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

Cancer: This week is all about balance, Cancer. This is a good week to seek time with friends without ignoring your studies. Mercury's

retrograde is a great time to get your priorities straight and realize what is important to you.

Leo: Take things as they come this week, Leo. This month has been a tug-of-war between big and small. Listen to your heart and figure out what you want to accomplish this week. Tap into your confidence, Leo, and don't doubt your decisions.

Virgo: Don't be too analytical this week, Virgo. Jupiter is in your sign, signaling that you should let loose and let things happen as they will. All of the good you've been doing lately will pay off. Those closest to you will thank you for all the help you've given them. Keep your head low for a little while and work hard over these next few days. At the end of the week, you'll be able to take a well-deserved break!

Libra: Let go of your balance a little bit this weekend, Libra. After so much diligence this past week, it's your time to have fun! You'll have a great time if you hang out with your close friends. Don't be surprised if you meet someone new too. Treat yourself.

Scorpio: This is the week for you to slow down and reevaluate how things are going, Scorpio. The moon is in your sector, so it's time to give yourself some space to rest and recuperate. Take a break from your work and spend some quality time in the sun.

Sagittarius: Saturn is making its way to your sign, Sagittarius. Take this time to reach out and meet new people, even if you're not in the mood; it will pay off. Spend time learning more about other people's interests—they might surprise you. Really try to step outside your comfort zone this weekend.

Capricorn: Be sure to focus on the little details this week, Capricorn. Send out those last minute emails and clean your room. Now is the time to get the small tasks in order so that the rest of your life can fall into place! Later in the week, you will find an interesting new love interest, so keep your eyes peeled!

Aquarius: Take control of your inventive side this weekend, Aquarius! Go on a bike ride, or play spike ball on the quad. Do anything that keeps you in the sun. Later in the week, you will have to make an important decision regarding someone close to you. Be careful what you choose; it could have big consequences.

Pisces: A lot is going on this week, Pisces. Hold onto your hat! With Venus ruling your house of love and attraction this week, keep an eye out for a future tea date. It might take some work, though. So, get off the sofa and get going! Also, enjoy this week's sunny weather, but make sure not to get too caught up in the springtime daydreaming. Keep your eyes on the prize.

D-HALL CREATIONS

By JEREMY XU
Contributing Writer

HUMMUS PITA SANDWICH:

This classic is perfect for all: healthy, vegan, simple, filling and, most importantly, delicious. This D-Hall-made hummus pita sandwich will make you forget all about Exeter, and temporarily transport you to the sunny shores of the Mediterranean!

AVG Rating: 4.5 out of 5 stars
440 CALORIES
TOTAL TIME: 8 MINS

INGREDIENTS:
For Hummus:
A Half-Bowl of Chickpeas (130 Cal)
A Spoon of Balsamic Vinegar (14 Cal)
A Half-Spoon of Olive Oil (50 Cal)
Mustard and RedHot Hot Sauce, to Taste
Salt and Pepper, to Taste

For Sandwich:
Pita Bread (160 Cal)
3 Slices of Tomato (12 Cal)
A Half-Cup of Spinach (4 Cal)
A Spoon of Olives (20 Cal)
A Spoon of Feta Cheese (50 Cal)

DIRECTIONS

1. To make the hummus, mash the chickpeas with a fork in a soup bowl, and add all condiments.
2. Toast the pita bread in a toaster or panini press.
3. Spread the hummus onto the pita bread.
4. Add the tomato slices, spinach, olives, and feta cheese.
5. Enjoy!

REVIEWS:

"That tastes really amazing. It's savory and transformative."
- Jared Zhang '19 4.6/5
"At first I was turned off by the pale, brown color, (I didn't see the tomatoes!) but I was surprised by how tasty it was!"
- Madison Kang 4.5/5
"Feels good. Tastes Cool."
- Tim Han '18 4.3/5

LAMAR'S DAMN. ★★★★★

By HARRIL SAUNDERS
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Kendrick Lamar's fourth studio album, *DAMN.*, was released amidst discredited leaked track lists and lukewarm reactions to the album's simplistic cover art. The tensions surrounding Lamar's fourth studio album were also heightened by a long history of emcees failing to maintain inventiveness past their first few albums. Eminem's fourth and fifth albums, *The Eminem Show* (2002) and *Encore* (2004) were failed attempts to live up to the provocative and witty *Marshall Mathers LP* (2000). Eminem's third studio album, *Jay Z*, was unable to build upon the promise of his tour-de-force debut album, *Reasonable Doubt* (1996). Despite this stormy past, Lamar's new album *DAMN.* has delivered everything his fans could have hoped for.

DAMN. is a clear departure from the funk-jazz infused sound of the highly acclaimed *To Pimp a Butterfly* (2016). The album's production features a more standard

hip-hop sound reminiscent of his first full-length album, *Section.80* (2011). While much has changed in Lamar's sound over the past few years, one aspect of his music that remains the same is his beautiful storytelling and introspective themes. The album's twelfth track, "FEAR," is a reflection on how Lamar's anxiety has evolved since he was a kid growing up in Compton. Told from the perspective of Lamar at seven, seventeen, and twenty-seven years old, the songs novelistic nature is reminiscent of good kid, m.A.A.d city's "Sing About Me, I'm Dying of Thirst."

While *DAMN.* is less cohesive than Lamar's previous two projects, the style seems to fluctuate in the middle of the album. Still, the variety of intensities are sure to offer something enjoyable for everybody from the avid hip-hop fan to the casual listener. The tracks "LOYALTY" and "LOVE" are likely to get decent radio play, while the album's singles "HUMBLE" and "DNA" provide the proper bangers that any great rap record needs.

Many music fans rarely listen to en-

tire albums from start to finish anymore, but *DAMN.*'s final track is worth it. Titled "DUCKWORTH," the song tells the story of an altercation between Antony "Top Dawg" Tifith—the owner and founder of Lamar's label, Top Dawg Entertainment—and Lamar's father, Kenny "Ducky" Duckworth, at a KFC, which was diffused by an offering of free chicken. 20 years later, TDE is on top of the rap game and Kendrick is the label's star. Even more remarkable than the story itself is how long Lamar waited to tell it to the world. The last four lines of the "DUCKWORTH" are the album's most powerful. "Whoever thought the greatest rapper would be from coincidence? / Because if Anthony killed Ducky / Top Dawg could be servin' life / While I grew up without a father and died in a gunfight" Lamar raps. By acknowledging the feeble nature of his own success story and tying up the album eloquently, Lamar lives up to the humility he calls for in "HUMBLE" while assuming the title of "hip-hop rhyme savior" he predicts for himself in "The Heart Part 4."

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Senior Eloise Shields cradles the ball and attacks the net.

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By CHIM TASIE-AMADI
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, the girls' varsity lacrosse team competed against Northfield Mount Hermon on its home turf, in the Phelps Stadium. Despite some lackadaisical teamwork towards the latter of the first half of the game, the team still kept a constant lead, ahead of NMH, ending the game with a score of 19-12. This victory extends its winning streak to a 7-0.

Big Red dominated the game right off the whistle, characteristic of its intense style of play. The team started with a number of goals, building momentum till the score was 5-0. At that point, the

coaches made a decision to swap out a number of players on the starting lineup. It came as little surprise when NMH started to seem like it would make a comeback. At the end of the first half, NMH had brought the score to 11-7. In spite of this, the girls were not worried as to whether they would lose the game, but rather placed emphasis on the final score of the game. "I wasn't worried about us winning but rather about how much. So, just making sure they weren't going to come close to our score," Lower and starter, Chandler Jean-Jacques said.

Jean-Jacques commented on the defensive issues of the game. "Some of our weaknesses were on the defensive

end, allowing them to get a little farther downfield." One major challenge Big Red faced during the game was with the defense. Not enough care was given to staying on and marking the opposing player it intended to guard. A lot of the time, Exeter's defenders guarded their position from much too far away.

One could attribute these little faults to problems with teamwork. Lower and goalie Cammie Lavoie explained that these resulted from inserting a younger player into a line of older and more experienced players who know each other's style of play in and out. "It's when communication stops that things start to fall apart. In the game, that's because we

have a strong defensive line of all seniors who have been playing together for a long time and when someone else, like a prep or lower is added to that mix, it messes with their chemistry."

All in all, Big Red's shot percentage saw an increase within this last game and its performance of the draw has seen a rise as well. Lower Bella Hillman commented that all the team has to do is play together a lot more and in every game, as it aims for its perfect season, "just keep playing the whole fifty."

The team has a busy schedule ahead. Exeter girls' varsity lacrosse will play three games next week against Nobles, St. Paul's and Milton, respectively.

Boys' Volleyball Keeps Undefeated Season Alive

By ASHLEY LIN
Staff Writer

This Saturday, the Exeter's boys' volleyball team travelled 127 miles north to face-off against the Wilbraham & Monson School. Three hours later, the boys returned home without a sweat—victorious with its fourth win of the season. The team had annihilated Wilbraham & Monson by winning three consecutive sets, so they would not have to waste energy playing another two to win the best of five. The boys did not let the Wilbraham & Monson School come anywhere near them, defeating their opponents with 25-11, 25-8 and 25-19 point sets.

As the scores show, the game was won with ease. The first two sets were not close at all, so during the third set, the team relaxed a little bit by putting some of the younger, less experienced players on the court.

"I was happy to see some of the younger guys make big plays," co-captain and senior Mitchell Kirsch said.

Co-captain and senior Ben Swett commented on the slightly smaller score difference in the third set, "We experimented and played people at different positions so it was a little closer, but we were in control the entire time."

By varying the people in their positions, the team improved as a whole, with all the boys able to gain experience in non ideal circumstances in preparation for when Exeter plays more difficult opponents. As many say, "A team is only as strong as its weakest link."

Kerick Walker, a prep and a new member to the team, stood out as one of the key players of the game.

"Kerick Walker is just a winner," Kirsch praised. "He showed that by making keys blocks and kills down the stretch."

With four wins up its sleeves this season, including an easy victory against its arch-nemesis, Northfield Mount Hermon a couple of weeks ago, the boys are gunning for an undefeated season.

"We've played the other four teams and beaten each of them 3-0," Swett said. "So we are the favorite going forward."

In order to do this, the team will not rest on its laurels. It will be using every opportunity to train and get better, knowing that as the season goes on, other teams will also be improving their game.

"To be successful for the rest of the season, we're going to need to push ourselves to get be at our best every game," Walker said.

"As long as we stay competitive among ourselves we will continue to improve and become a better team," Swett agreed.

To prepare for the rest of the season, the boys have been training harder by focusing on the power of their serves, agility and the speed of their spikes so the opponent has less time to react. In the end though, the sport is not just about the end result, but more about the experience.

"The rest of the season looks like fun," Kirsch shared his sentiments about the true objective of the season. "Whenever you have a chance to compete with someone it's enjoyable."



Senior Ben Swett goes up to serve.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: ERIK CARLSON & JOSH HEMINTAKOON

By KENNEDY MOORE
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Cycling, a sport of grueling endurance and break-neck pace, never seems to draw the same viewership as other sports at the professional and amateur levels. Despite winning back-to-back New England Championships in 2014 and 2015, the Exeter varsity cycling team is one of the least discussed teams on campus. This year's cycling captains are much like the sport they love: quiet, humble, stoic and hard working.

Seniors Josh Hemintakoon and Erik Carlson are the co-captains of the varsity cycling team. Together they work to cultivate a culture of winning and a sense of family amongst the team. They have shared successful careers at PEA, winning 1st overall in their league four years ago and 2nd place overall the last two seasons.

The two captains are a testament to the opportunities that Exeter can give you if you take advantage of them. While Carlson touched a bike for the first time his prep year, Hemintakoon originally started out on the water rather than the asphalt. His prep year you could have found him in the stern of the Sanborn, one of the Exeter crew team's boats. However the next year he decided that he had outgrown the role of coxswain and took a shot at cycling. "I made the team and got to use one of the few loaner road bikes that the school provides to FA students," Hemintakoon said.

Hemintakoon continued to persevere through his second year at the academy to keep cycling. "I got a job at a local bike shop turning a wrench and doing sales. I saved up for my own road bike, a full carbon Trek Emonda; my parents wanted no part in the expenses of cycling," he said. On his days off he would go on rides to train for the upcoming season in the spring.

Now Hemintakoon and Carlson try to remember their beginnings, as they lead the team into their senior season. "A big part of being captain is helping the newcomers learn how to pump the tires and things like that," says Carlson.



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He went on to say that the largest part of being a leader is leading by example. "You work hard, so other people are incentivized to work hard." Hemintakoon also leads by example, running stairs in preparation for the season and having a superior mechanical knowledge of bikes from his summer job; however Hemintakoon also shows a more playful side on race day. "Every race since my first I've brought gummy bears for post-race nourishment. Nowadays I buy a couple two pound bags from Walgreens to bring to the races and share with my teammates," Hemintakoon said.

As well as they perform on the bike, what truly distinguishes Hemintakoon and Carlson is the impact they have had on their teammates. Upper Jamie Demo-

poulos said, "They are great friends who always help with stuff like homework on the bus."

Upper Nikita Ivanov noted Hemintakoon's generosity, "Never has he refused to help me out with my gear. Even when he was in a hurry himself, getting ready for practice." Ivanov also described the inspiration which Erik Carlson has been for him, "During pre-season, aspiring to be on boys A, I would repeat to myself: 'If Carlson could do it with his tiny thighs, I can do it.'"

Carlson encouraged his teammates with his words not just his actions. Upper Sarah Shepley talked about how before every race her lower year she would ask Carlson, "Is this race hard?" to which he would calmly respond, without

fail, "Nah, it's not that bad, this is my favorite race."

The two seniors have high hopes for their final season and beyond. Carlson sighted that the team will have five division A riders, as opposed to the typical three to four. Carlson also plans to ride in the U.S. Adult League this summer and into college possibly.

Hemintakoon doesn't plan on racing competitively in college, but looks forward to biking for the love of the sport. "Even though I've spent over a decade wrestling, I know that I won't be able to lace up and get on the mat in my 60's. I will, however, be able to cycle. I've made countless friends in the cycling world and I look forward to being a part of it for years to come."

Boys' Tennis Falls to Skilled Choate Squad *Team Still Confident It Can Turn Season Around*



Prep Carsten Bressel winds up to hit a forehand.

By JOHN BECKERLE
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Boys' tennis traveled to Choate Rosemary Hall last weekend to challenge the undefeated Wild Boars. The team lost its previous two games to Groton School and Loomis Chaffee School, respectively. Exeter lost the six out of their seven matches to Choate, falling to 0-3 this season.

After winning their scrimmage matches against St. Paul's School on Apr. 1, the boys gained confidence heading into the start of their regular season. The ladder set going to Choate ranked captain and senior Cameron Gruss as the team's number one seed followed by senior Sergio Escobar, upper Vinayak Kurup, upper Logan Gruss, upper Pedro

Sanson, prep Carsten Bressel, senior Liam Breen and senior SP Agata. So far, the team has yet to win more than two matches in a meet, and Choate held PEA to a single win from Breen.

Bressel complemented Breen—who ranks sixth on PEA's varsity ladder—for his tremendous play during his match on Saturday. "Liam Breen stepped up his game after winning the first set to win the only match for Exeter's A team. He got into his opponent's head to prevail," Bressel said, adding, "Personally, I didn't play as well as I would have liked to; however, while discounting the score, I didn't play terribly."

Despite Breen's match, Bressel and other players on the varsity team could not secure another victory. Despite this, Bressel felt that the players on Choate's

varsity A team played remarkably well.

Agata, however, thought the team was unready to face Choate. "We all struggled against Choate. They are a good team, as usual, and we just weren't sufficiently prepared," he said. Agata added that the team will need to concentrate its efforts more during practices if they would like to win more matches throughout the year. "We are focusing a lot on consistency and improving the quality of our rally ball," he said.

For Bressel, the team needs to win its doubles matches to start winning games—doubles matches are a best-of-three series in which the winner takes one point before the teams move onto six singles matches. "It is crucial to win the one point for doubles because it can improve the mindset going into the

singles matches, and the point can help if the match is close," Bressel said.

PEA's varsity A team travels to Roxbury Latin School on Apr. 21 to try and secure their first regular season win. Despite its record, Agata remains optimistic for the rest of this season. "The more time we get on the courts hitting and drilling the better our results will be. I think we will do well and continue to improve throughout the season," he added.

Bressel felt similarly to Agata. "The matches against Choate certainly weren't an exact representation of how we are as a team in regards to the scores, [and] I think that we have the potential to win a lot. We just have to practice more and get some wins under our belt," Bressel stated.

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GIRLS' CREW FARMS WATTS

Determined to Improve After Fast Scrimmage Against Groton



Seniors Maya Blake and Zoe Marshall glide up to the catch.

By BELLA ALVAREZ
Staff Writer

After a home scrimmage against the Groton School this past Saturday, girls' varsity crew is looking forward to facing its competitors in the regular season. The team's first official race will be on Saturday, Apr. 20, at the PEA Invitational at Worcester.

The competition with Groton felt skewed for most members of the team, as the opponents practice in four-seat boats instead of eight-seats like Exeter. Groton was not an easy competitor. "I know personally, I wasn't expecting Groton to be such a strong team since I didn't know a whole lot about them, but they were definitely good competition," senior Grace Duisberg said. "They were also a wonderful group, very close in their dynamic." Senior Zoe Marshall concurred with this statement, adding, "They had a certain

feistiness that we need to harness in our own racing."

For lower Christine Baker, the unusually strong winds that day also proved to be a challenge. "The conditions were windy and rough which was unexpected, but we had to push through and treat it as if there were normal racing conditions," she said. Senior Alex Rothstein also noted the challenging weather. However, she felt as though Exeter achieved despite this setback, saying, "I know that we all were pulling our hardest, given the really bad headwinds, and that was really nice to see."

The team as a whole agreed that the scrimmage gave the girls useful insight into what they need to improve both personally and as a group. "I think it showed us a lot of places we could do better," Duisberg noted. "We have a lot to work on and our afternoon with Groton made that very clear; we could definitely stand to work on our starts and continuing to keep our

pressure on." Senior Nora Epler pinpointed certain techniques that she wanted to focus on, such as her leg drive and pressure stroke. The scrimmage against Groton also helped her to see the importance of teamwork. "But I also have to think beyond what I need to work on and instead work on making the boat move fast," she acknowledged. "This means keeping my hands even on the recovery, catching with the rest of the people in the boat, swinging my body at the same time as everyone else and not contributing to the rush on the recovery. Once we get together as a boat improving individually will be a lot easier."

With a focus on the future, Marshall looks forward to seeing Exeter's top tier competitors at the invitational this weekend, while Baker anticipates an equal match in two races against both the Kent School and the Saint Paul's School later this month. "They are both very strong teams and that should be very competitive

and exciting," she elaborated. Duisberg, also eager to race Kent and Saint Paul's, described herself as "optimistic" for the upcoming regattas.

Senior Lena Papadakis hopes to improve the form and technical issues for the upcoming race. "When a boat full of powerful girls can't row with clean technique consistently doesn't move, it feels incredibly heavy and disheartening so this week we are focusing on refining our technique and have changed our lineups," she said. As the team has just begun to practice on the water, Papadakis noted that, while erg scores were high, it was more difficult for those skills to translate onto the boat. However, she remains optimistic. "The Groton scrimmage was not our strongest moment as a team but it was a necessary one because it brought to light the true issues which were holding us back, so now that we are addressing those, I can't wait to see what the team will bring!" Papadakis said.

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Boys' Baseball Competes in Doubleheader

By MADISON KANG
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Last Saturday, the Exeter boys' varsity baseball team contested Worcester Academy in a doubleheader on its home field. Exeter prevailed in the first game with a score of 10-7, its fourth win of the season, then faltered in the second game with a defeat of 18-0, the team's first loss

of the season.

Although the team's top two pitchers, senior Connor Singh and postgraduate Henri Pratt, are currently taking leave from the sport to tend to their arm injuries, pitcher and senior Nick Moore, known by his teammates as "Cookie," stepped up in their place to demonstrate his skill and determination. Upper Sam Stone described Moore's pitching as

"solid. Cookie is a force to be reckoned with on the mound," Stone said.

In addition to strong throwing, Exeter had impressive hits and plays in the field. Some standout hitters last Saturday were lower Alex Sweet, postgraduate Tim Kalinowski and senior and co-captain Greg Shapiro. Prep Luke Tyner remembered the nine run inning in the first game, calling it a "big high."

The first game was a thrilling, head-to-head match between the two teams, and Exeter triumphed with a victory. "It wasn't an easy game for sure," said Stone. "It went back and forth. We'd get runs, then they would get runs, but we had great defense."

However, Worcester players recovered quickly from their initial loss and played a strong second game. "The second game was tougher for the boys. Worcester is a very good team and we were hitting very well in the first game," admitted team manager Rachel Luo. "The second game, they picked themselves up, and we weren't able to catch up, especially with some tough calls."

Singh felt that Exeter hitters could have been more patient at the plate, reflecting on some of their regrettable swings at unfavorable pitches. Tyner agreed, saying "We had a few freak errors, a couple missed overthrows."

"There were also some calls against us, and we should have kept composure, but we got too emotional and that dip in mentality got to us," Singh said. "Baseball is a game where one small play changes a lot."

Despite the loss, Stone remembered the boys' unrelenting support for one another throughout the long doubleheader. "The team was doing a great job cheering each other on, picking each other up," he said. Tyner echoed Stone's sentiment. "[We had] pretty good team spirit. We didn't get down on each other when things weren't going well and everybody was pretty upbeat," said Tyner.



Senior Nick Moore delivers a pitch.

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The girls' lacrosse team scored 19 goals against NMH this past weekend. Find out more on B4.

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The boys' tennis team played a tough match against Choate. Read more on B4.

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