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Boston Globe's Coverage of the Academy Questioned

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The release of *The Boston Globe's* most recent installment in its Spotlight series on sexual misconduct at the Academy has prompted discussion within the community surrounding the accuracy and intention of the article.

The Boston Globe's "Spotlight" Team released the article, titled "Phillips Exeter Still Reeling from Sexual Abuse Claims," on Dec. 27. It is the latest of eighteen news and opinions pieces that *The Globe* has published since late spring of last year, detailing cases of sexual misconduct at the Academy both past and present.

The piece told the stories of two sexual assault survivors who have come forward, reexamined the John Doe case, which was ruled on over a month ago, and the "Do Better Exeter" alumni donation boycott from six months ago, and scrutinized an Exonian's suicide which occurred over three years ago. The article contained misleading information and omitted relevant facts, raising questions among students, faculty and alumni of the Academy.

The Globe brought forth the stories of sexual abuse survivors Cecilia Morgan '82 and Beth Solowey '77. Morgan recounted her experience as a victim of Rick Schubart's and talked about the impact the abuse has had on her life, saying "what happened to me 35 years ago has been really devastating." She explained that she came forward in the hopes of preventing further misconduct. "I want this exposed so that future and current students are

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PEA Budget Strained By Response to Misconduct

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The Academy is projected to exceed its budget by 3.5 to 4 million dollars in legal and reformatory expenses this year as it responds to the sexual misconduct cases that have surfaced in recent months.

Last year, the school hired Attorney Holly Barcroft to serve as General Counsel overseeing attorneys and law firms working for the Academy, interim directors of student well-being Tina Sciocchetti and Jane Stapleton and the law firm Holland & Knight to conduct the external investigation into past and current cases of sexual misconduct.

In addition, the school is covering legal settlements and survivor therapy expenses, as well as implementing increased sexual culture education on campus. For example, two Assembly speakers, educators Cindy Pierce and Eric Barthold, visited Exeter in the fall to discuss how to cultivate open conversations about sex and amplify voices from all genders to end sexual violence. The Academy has also hired private investigators and public relations intermediaries.

Most of the spending regarding sexual misconduct reception is transitory, but some expenses will be ongoing. Legal dues will decline as the investigations come to a close. However, the General Counsel position currently held by Barcroft will be a

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Outkast and Precision perform during the opening keynote.

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MLK Day Sheds Light on Racial Injustice

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Exeter's annual observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day took place on Friday, January 13. The Academy showcased student voices in the keynote address, held a required speech titled "Strength for the Struggle" and offered a diverse range of additional workshops for students and faculty to attend in lieu of classes. Each of the day's events emphasized a reality that racial injustice still prevails in today's United States, and that the Exeter community has a responsibility to address it.

The theme of this year's MLK Day, "Racial Injustice: Reflective, Creative, Disruptive," conveyed the committee's goal: action. The workshops and speeches encouraged the Exeter community to face uncomfortable truths, to listen with an open mind and to do some serious self-reflection. Above all, it encouraged attendees to use their education to stand up to racial intolerance.

The MLK Committee kicked off the

weekend by inviting students to a screening of Ava DuVernay's award-winning documentary *13th*, a film that exposes America's staggering upsurge of mass incarcerations as a surreptitious form of modern-day slavery.

The film presents many a sobering statistic (in the first thirty seconds of the film alone, President Barack Obama explains that the U.S. accounts for a mere 25% of the world's prisoners), shows videos of police brutality and features an array of prominent voices at the forefront of social justice activism. The film elicited emotional responses from numerous attendees. Upper Molly Canfield was simultaneously amazed by the cinematic prowess of the film and shocked by its content.

She never thought about how a "little loophole" in the 13th Amendment allowed slavery to prevail in modern society. "I think it was an amazing way to start the weekend," she said.

On Friday, students attended the annual keynote address, "Activists, Allies

and Beloved Community: Voices of Hope and Struggle." This year's keynote address was unique in that the school chose not to bring in a professional speaker and instead looked to four seniors to talk about their own experiences.

Senior Aidan Wolff-King spoke about the importance of "owning up" and performed a rendition of RJ Walker's slam poem, "Said the Confederate Flag to the American Flag." Senior Nada Zohayr gave a speech on the significance of emotions. Zohayr believes that all too often, "we try to overlook our own feelings, deeming them illogical or insignificant." In her speech, Zohayr encouraged students "to succumb to their own emotions," and concluded that embracing our feelings is a crucial step in discussing topics of race and racial injustice.

Senior Kesi Wilson shared an anecdote from her childhood. Her story was a meditation on fear and strength, one which she conveyed to the community by narrating the moment in her childhood when teen-

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Students React to Impending Inauguration

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On Jan. 20, business tycoon and television personality Donald J. Trump will officially become the 45th president of the United States. The noontime swearing-in ceremony will be broadcasted live across the world as Trump places a hand upon the Bible and repeats the oath that every American president before him has taken: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Reactions to Trump's election and imminent inauguration have been varied across the Exeter campus. For some, it has brought up questions of safety. One senior, who wished to remain anonymous as he is currently in the process of applying for his green card, has wondered over the past few months about his situation as a non-American citizen studying at Exeter.

The student came to the United States through an H1B visa, a type of work visa that requires a sponsor. According to him, this visa has a preference for STEM workers, as well as students with outstanding academic achievements. While most foreigners who receive the H1B are college graduates, the senior is a special case, as he has lived in



Donald Trump speaks at a rally in Exeter on Feb. 4, 2016.

Diana Davidson/*The Exonian*

the United States for ten years. Given that Trump has "flip-flopped" on his position regarding the H1B, the student believes that it could possibly be in danger. "[The H1B visa] has a small quota, but the applicant number is going up exponentially," the source said. He listed the reasons behind a potential limit to these visas. "Trump criticized specifically the tech industry for using the visa to outsource jobs to countries such as India," he said. While the student is concerned for this specific visa, he acknowledged that the immigration process overall could become tougher during Trump's presidency, making it difficult to acquire any type of visa or green card.

Other students, such as upper Menat Bahnasy, emphasized the importance of keeping a positive outlook on the situation. As a co-head of the Democratic Club on campus, she noted that the result of the election created "unity and solidarity across the board," despite differences in party affiliation and opinion. After the announcement of Trump's victory, Bahnasy found that Exonians began to engage in more discussions. "I've seen very liberal students take the opportunity to sit down and chat with very conservative students asking questions such as, 'Why did you support/vote for Donald Trump?'" Bahnasy said. Although she

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