



Academy Prepares for MLK Day Observance



Senior Perry Asibey-Bonsu performs a poem at an MLK preview assembly on Tuesday.

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PEA Alum Returns to Present Film

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Over the past week, faculty, students and alumni across campus have been preparing for Exeter's annual Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day workshops and celebration.

This Friday, Jan. 13, students will spend the day attending a keynote address as well as individual workshops, all of which will discuss how to confront racial injustice in today's divisive social and political climate, both within our own communities and on a national scale.

For student and faculty members of the MLK Committee, planning for Friday's events has been in the works since

last spring. Committee member Senior Charis Edwards characterized the theme of this year's workshops as, "responding to racial injustice." She elaborated, saying "we often feel really frustrated when presented with a lot of these problems and we need to find motivation to solve them and find concrete actions to take."

This year's events are in many ways a departure from long-standing traditions of MLK Day at Exeter. Edwards noted many of the changes the MLK committee has enacted stem from "a feeling... of a lot of division across campus." According to Edwards, the committee has shifted to a strategy of greater community-based interaction for this year's workshops. Additionally, the MLK committee has opted against bringing in an outside speaker for the keynote address, a hallmark of MLK day in past years. Committee member and Senior Nada Zohary explained the shift in the day's agenda. "This year we decided to look within ourselves and reach towards different members of

our Exonian community in hopes that students will allow themselves to be immersed in this day and listen to each other," she said.

In addition to the keynote speaker, this year's workshops will feature six different speakers, ranging from authors, filmmakers and professional activists, all of whom will address the different ways they combat racial injustice in the world. Onaje X. O. Woodbine, author of *Black Gods of the Asphalt: Religion, Hip-hop, and Street Basketball* and a former Yale basketball player, will lead the "Strength for Struggle" workshop. Diversity workshop facilitator, Cheryl Cofield, will discuss ways to combat tension and silence regarding race in the "Can We Talk About Race?" workshop. In his "Are There Two Americas?" workshop, "Inclusion" Workshop Facilitator, Kip Bordelon, will discuss the racial tensions that plague our country and the ways our division manifests itself, with special attention to cases of modern activism like Colin Kaepernick-

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Kim To Leave After 23 Years

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Assistant Principal Ronald Kim will be leaving Exeter at the end of this year, after 23 years of dedication and service to the Academy.

Originally, Kim had planned to come to New Hampshire for only a couple of years before returning to the West Coast. "I'm a West Coast guy," Kim said. However, he added, "It's taken me 23 years to get around to that. Exeter is a hard place to leave."

Kim is moving in order to work at a school in either San Jose or Seattle, both part of a network of schools on the West Coast, where he will take on the position of head of school. "These schools are very high achieving, very impressive schools. The results are really quite spectacular," Kim stated. The schools, located in urban areas, typically have around 1,000 students and start at either kindergarten or fifth grade and run through 12th.

Kim's role at the new school will be "more traditional" compared to his role at Exeter as assistant principal. The Head of School's job is to focus primarily on the educational aspects of

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Assistant Principal Ronald Kim

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StuCo President Revisits Re-vote Campaign Promise

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During his campaign, Student Council President Matthew Robbins promised his fellow students that he would hold a re-vote after his first term if he did not have the confidence of the council. As of now, the re-vote has not been held, but Robbins explained his reasoning.

The council has passed a referendum where students can petition for any question to be put on the ballot if it is signed by at least half of the council; this includes whether or not Robbins should stay in office. "I don't necessarily think there's a need for a re-vote to be initiated by me; with the new proposal, I've given both the student body and the student an outlet to kick me out of office as they see fit," he said. "That doesn't need to come by me in a mandatory vote."

Robbins acknowledged that he did not do exactly as promised, but he felt that his current method is advantageous.

"Now, students can choose whether to pursue this path or not. If they do, that's perfectly fine, but I'm giving them the option versus only sticking to one path," he said. Robbins went on to stress the constraints and limitations that the council faces. "There are many important things we're considering at StuCo now, and a recall/re-vote would take a significant amount of time and resources," he said.

Other than not holding a re-vote, Robbins has had to adapt his platform between the time he campaigned and the time he took office. "A multitude of changes that redefined the ways the reforms would be put in place," he said. "Let's take for example sexual assault, which was a big part of my platform. I could not have expected what happened over the summer." According to Robbins, the school administration implemented the policy ideas that Student Council was proposing, which include

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Shapiro To Take Two-Year Leave

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After 29 years of working at the Academy, Dean of Faculty Ethan Shapiro will pursue a career at St. Andrew's School in Boca Raton, Florida on a two-year personal leave. Shapiro's contributions to Exeter include work as a Spanish, Russian and history instructor; wrestling and JV soccer coach; the Director of Summer School and Dean of Students. He has touched and improved the lives of countless faculty and students.

"Having opportunities to do different jobs within a school has given me the chance to both work with different employees and sets of adults, and also to work with kids in different ways," Shapiro said when asked to describe both the challenges and highlights of having such a diversity with his jobs. He called his time at Exeter challenging but also "a fun and a great experience."

Shapiro described his future job as an interim head-of-school at St. Andrew's as an opportunity to experience and experiment with something outside of Exeter. Even after almost three decades of working for Exeter, Shapiro

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MLK Workshops to Be Held

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nick's recent national anthem protests. Danielle Lucero, a member of Future Indigenous Educators Resisting Colonial Education at Harvard University, will speak about the Dakota Access Pipeline Protests. PEA alumnus Paul Outlaw, an award winning actor, brings a new perspective to MLK day with the screening of his film *Shwar-faher*, in which he portrays a train rider forced to endure other passengers' racist jibes. Kameelah Rashad offers her unique perspective as a chaplain and a mental health counselor to address the connections between activism and mental health in her "Wellness and the Struggle for Justice" workshop.

Edwards emphasized that there are people who call themselves activists, who contribute more publicly to promote social injustice, but there are others who contribute with their own individual actions. The MLK Workshops this year are designed to inspire and include all types of activism. She said, "Each workshop I hope can be seen as an individual saying, 'this is what has worked for me.'" She hopes this exposure to different ways of interacting with social issues will raise awareness or spark conversation on campus. "And then we individually, as a community, can say 'is that realistic to my life?' just in a very practical way I guess." Zohayr agreed and said, "We looked for workshops and speakers that would truly hone into what it means to respond to the injustices of our world while being meaningful and proactive."

A noticeable absence in this year's agenda is the African Drumming Ensemble and PEA dancers. For the past two

decades, over 40 dancers and drummers have assembled on MLK day, performing in tribute to Reverend King and celebrating the tradition and culture embodied in West African rhythms. Recently, Exeter students have worked in collaboration with Babatunde Olatunji, a professional Nigerian musician. In addition to his mastery of African drumming, Olatunji is a civil rights activist in his own right, and through this collaboration has immersed Exeter students in the history and culture behind the civil rights movement, and Reverend King himself.

This year, African drumming and dancing is not on the schedule for MLK Day, sparking curiosity in the student body as to why. Music Instructor Randy Armstrong, who is also the teacher of the African drumming ensemble, provided his understanding of the committee's decision to exclude the performance. He said, "This year the MLK Day committee expressed a need to have a more serious tone to the MLK Day performances and workshops."

Armstrong expressed his intense disappointment in the decision to remove the drumming performance. He also stressed the importance of continuing dialogues about race and culture on campus. "The conversation shall continue and the increasing diversity of the student body is a testament of the need to keep on moving forward toward civil, equal and human rights and justice for all." He encourages all to attend a music and dance concert called "Sound in Motion" on Jan. 24, where the African drumming ensemble and PEA dancers will be performing.

Assistant Principal Kim Leaves

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the school: to oversee the teaching and learning, to hire the teachers, to make sure the teachers are trained and performing well and to make sure the students are succeeding in their studies. His work as the assistant principal, however, has been less standard.

"My job as the assistant principal has been about so many other things that go into the operation of a large school, having to do with so many areas of school life that typically you don't think about when you go to a school." Although he does focus on teaching and learning, Kim's job has led him to hold many other unconventional roles at Exeter.

Most dramatically, Kim's transition from Exeter to the West Coast will mean he is no longer part of a residential school community. Kim currently does dorm duty in Langdell Hall on Fridays. He can usually be found lounging on the couch with his iPad, greeting everyone who enters the common room with a smile. Reflecting on his tenure at Exeter, Kim said, "Being around the [girls] and enjoying [their] company is one of the best parts of the job. Dorm duty has never felt like work in all the years I've been here. I'll miss those moments."

Kim will be missed greatly by Langdell as well. Tina Wang, a lower in the dorm, said, "I will miss him so much. He is so funny and I love it when he's on duty in the dorm." Prep Izzi Robbins said, "I'm happy he's moving on to exciting new things. But I'll miss him in the dorm because he's very relaxed."

Seniors Alison Dowski and Meghana Chalasani both agreed that after four years in Langdell with Mr. Kim, they'll always remember him sitting on the couch on Friday nights watching basketball games, ready to make everyone laugh.

The faculty members in Langdell echoed students' sentiments—all were greatly saddened when told that Kim

would be leaving. English Instructor and Langdell dorm head Patricia Burke-Hickey was told in December of Kim's decision to leave and that Exeter was still unsure as to whether or not someone would replace him.

Burke-Hickey said she was sad to hear such a "wise and valuable resource" to her during her first two years as dorm head would be leaving. "It has been so incredibly valuable to have him on the dorm team," she said.

Other teachers and students have expressed disappointment that Kim will be leaving as well. Mathematics Instructor Stephanie Girard said, "I will miss him tremendously both as a colleague and friend."

Upper Greg Miller got to know Kim through his experience tutoring his son and his friendship with Kim's daughter, upper Maya Kim.

"I wish him the best," he said. Maya has appreciated having her father on campus for the past three years. She explained that he has been an invaluable resource for her, offering advice from years of knowledge of students at the Academy.

"I'm incredibly proud of him for finding a career that he enjoys and for being an amazing dad," she said. "He's taught me a lot, and I'll be sad to not see him around campus for my senior year."

Lower Grace Goodwin noted that the Exeter community will miss Kim and his "kind and smiling face." She went on, saying "I remember meeting him when I was first applying to Exeter and am glad I got to know him."

Kim, when asked if he had anything else to say, added, "I've been able to work here for twenty-three years, and it's been immeasurably important for me and for my family, personally and professionally. Thank you to all the students, faculty, staff and all the alumni who've made this a great experience."

Dean of Faculty Shapiro Appointed Interim Head of St. Andrew's

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Dean of Faculty Ethan Shapiro.

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has never had a sabbatical.

"This was really a chance for me to try something different, but also to preserve the potential for coming back to Exeter," Shapiro said. He stressed the fact that his choice to leave was a personal one, and it had no correlation with any negative attitudes about Exeter. "I have nothing but respect and positive feelings for both the school and my experience in it," Shapiro said.

He continued to emphasize that his time spent in Exeter has been for the vast majority of his working career. "I've basically lived more than half of my life at Exeter. I was 26 when I came," Shapiro said. Shapiro has raised his five children on campus — two of his sons, seniors Greg and Colin, attend Exeter with their sister Maddie, an upper. His two youngest sons, Dylan and Jake, attend middle school in town. "It's been a terrific place for me to both work and live in as a community," Shapiro said.

Colin commented on his father's presence around campus and how Shapiro plays a role in students' lives, even if his current job deals with the faculty more so than the students. Colin described how his father is always willing to help his advisees, reaching out to them whenever they are in need. "They love him," Colin Shapiro said. "He [will] give them advice with anything they come to him with." Colin went on to emphasize how Shapiro serves as a fatherly figure to his peers as well as his own children, as Shapiro is willing to make Exeter the best place it can be by contributing a lot to the community.

Greg admired the respected role that his father plays on campus. "He has worked at this school a long time," Greg said. "Whether it was as a coach, a teacher or a dean, it didn't matter because his personality has always been the same."

Assistant Principal Ron Kim, who has worked alongside Shapiro for 23 years, described many of the great qualities and characteristics Shapiro has brought to Exeter.

"The school will miss his thoughtfulness, his sense of humor and his common sense approach to solving difficult

problems," he said. Kim also touched on Shapiro's deftness in navigating both the "interpersonal and social fabric" in relation to running a boarding school successfully. "He has a genuine appreciation for all of the things people do here to make Exeter special."

Colin emphasized that while he is sad to see his father go, he knows that the school will always be a familiar and welcoming presence for him. "He will always be a part of the Exeter community," Colin said. "Just because you have moved on doesn't mean you are no longer a part of that." As Colin will be graduating this June, he emphasizes with his father's position. "We are both moving on from a place that's meant so much to both of us," he explained.

When Shapiro was first approached with the job offer, he came to his son to ask for his opinion. Colin did not hesitate to push his father to accept the job. "He's always trying to give me good opportunities in life, so the least I could do was to tell him how good of an opportunity I thought this was for him," he explained.

Maddie wished her father the best in Florida. Although saying goodbye will be a bittersweet moment for her, Maddie said that she remains confident in her father's talent at what he does. "I know that he will do an amazing job, and that he can thrive wherever he goes," she said.

Shapiro remains firm in his confidence for whoever will fill his role.

"There are so many qualified faculty members and people who could be a dean, and so I trust that whoever it is will bring their own skills and talents and point of view to what they do," Shapiro said.

He drew attention to the fact that Dean of Faculty is not an easy job, and that it required patience and a sense of humor.

"I would just say to the person coming in: remember that the folks who work here and live here almost always act out of good will and trying to do the right thing," Shapiro said, continuing to emphasize the importance of trusting in the talent and the collegiality of the entire faculty at Exeter.




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Students Depart For Winter Terms Abroad

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With packed bags and eager good-byes, many upperclassmen embarked on a broad range of winter term abroad programs, from Germany to Italy to Ecuador, to immerse themselves in different languages and new cultures, last week.

Senior Veronica Galimberti, who is currently abroad in Göttingen, Germany, described her first days there as exciting and shocking. "[It's] almost like you can't believe you're really there and that you'll be living here for two whole months," she said. According to Galimberti, people in Germany are also warmly accommodating of linguistic mistakes, and her trip has already improved her grasp of the language. "Although it's only been two days, my German feels like it's gotten exponentially better," she said.

As well as applying for single term off-campus programs, Exonians also had the opportunity to apply for a School Year Abroad (SYA) program. Exeter, along with Phillips Academy Andover and St. Paul's School, has sponsored SYA since its conception in 1964. Such year long trips allow for students to simultaneously experience living in a foreign culture while also fulfilling rigorous academic requirements.

After being accepted by the SYA program, Exonians may study and reside in France, Spain, China or Italy. The Spain and France programs are only open to qualified upperclassmen who have had significant exposure to Spanish or French. On the other hand, the programs in Italy and China are offered to all students, allowing for language novices to attend, as well as

Latin, Italian or Mandarin Chinese students who wish to further immerse themselves in the language.

Term abroad programs, however, are offered in England, France, Germany, Ghana, Italy, Russia, Japan and Taiwan, and faculty who are interested in a particular host school or destination organize the trips themselves.

Exeter also offers off-campus term programs located closer to home, at the Island School in the Bahamas, the Mountain School in Vermont and the Washington D.C. internship program. While the foreign studies are generally centered around language immersion, the Island School and the Mountain School are focused on sustainability and the environment, and the Washington internship program is designed to provide students a glimpse into working at the White House.

Each of these opportunities have competitive application processes, and many of them require essays and original work to be submitted from the students. All applications include sections to be completed by the student, their guardian and their adviser.

In addition to filling out supplements for certain programs, students interested in a SYA program must arrange an interview via Skype or in person with their assigned interviewer. Director of Global Initiatives Eimer Page, who organizes all off-campus programs, described the selection process. "The program directors own the selection of students, but the deans and health team can let us know if they think a student would be more successful staying on campus than going abroad," she said. Financial aid is also

provided for qualifying students.

Due to lack of student interest, as well as other complications, programs such as Russia and Ireland have been canceled temporarily in the past years. Some programs require a minimum of eight students to apply in order to run, while other programs can run even with only a few students. Page explained that the term abroad in Russia, which did not run this fall, was never officially canceled, but simply didn't have any applicants. However, she said that there "may be a few interested next year."

Regarding the trip to Ireland, Page revealed that external government inspection in Ireland actually barred the country from allowing minors to enter adult communities. "We can't guarantee that our applicants will be 18 by January when the program begins," she said. "[We] are trying to figure out if this is permanent or if there is a way to still make it happen."

According to many students, SYA and the term abroad programs provide excellent ways for students to escape the monotony of campus life while also furthering their studies. Prep Sarah Barrett is already looking forward to going abroad when she is a senior. "You're learning a language in depth and you're immersing yourself in another culture," she said. "That's really important to my life."

Students who have participated in a term abroad or SYA program speak highly of their experiences. For senior Oreoluwa Solanke, the promise of language immersion lured her to spend the school year in Zaragoza, Spain with SYA last year. She had originally planned on going abroad during winter

term to Ecuador, but she realized that an entire year abroad would greatly improve her language skills. "Once I realized the possibility of becoming fluent [in Spanish] and traveling throughout Spain for my upper year, I quickly changed my plans," she said. Although Solanke wishes she knew more about Spanish culture before she went, the beauty of the culture she saw when traveling throughout Spain and learning a new language allowed her to overcome her original barriers. "I can now connect with an entire group of people and it's thrilling," she said.

Prep Lhamo Dixey values the opportunity of going abroad for another reason. She lived in Bodhgaya, India for a year, and she values her experience because it taught her more about her own culture as well as exposing her to Indian culture. "It taught me about how privileged we are here in America, and how we take things for granted," she said. She now hopes to go to France her senior year to explore the arts.

Senior Kelvin Green, who participated in the SYA China program during his upper year, loved being able to discover hidden aspects of China. He noted that while the Great Wall is a must-see tourist attraction, his favorite activity was, in fact, visiting the rice fields in Yuanyang County.

While spending the year abroad, Green learned lessons about making a difference in others' lives that he could not have experienced so fully at Exeter. "I've learned that the real business of living is centered around understanding and respecting the different perspectives people bring to the table," he said.



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First Writes

139th Board of *The Exonian*

In the wake of a vitriolic election cycle fueled by intense media coverage and distorted news; on the threshold of the imminent Trump presidency; after a year-long series of revelations surrounding sexual misconduct at the Academy; and under the scrutiny of *The Boston Globe*, *The Exonian* enters its 139th year. Since its founding, it has provoked conversations around student culture and trends, reported on the events of our campus, welcomed a diversity of opinions, paid tribute to our sports teams, entertained readers and chronicled all facets of life at Exeter.

Even in this digital age, journalism has persisted as a force for change. Reaching wider audiences than ever before through Facebook posts, viral videos and tweets, news is no longer the commodity it once was. If measured in "likes," views and shares, then perhaps its impact has grown; but the nature of journalism has also shifted, as newspapers move away from print, and cater to readerships whose consumption of news is likewise changing. In the time of "fake news," "clickbait" and rampant misinformation, it is the role of journalists to protect the integrity of their work, to defend freedom of speech and safeguard against censorship, to hold our leaders accountable, to inform, challenge and inspire. It is the responsibility of newspapers to understand their own impact, to take on their journalistic endeavors with the gravity they warrant and to empower the readers they serve.

We, the 139th Executive Board of *The Exonian*, led by Editor-in-Chief Emily Pelliccia and Managing Editors Erica Hogan and Claire Jutabha, begin our tenure faced with questions of privacy, journal-

istic ethics and freedom of press. Guided by the mission of integrity, accuracy and quality that has defined *The Exonian* for over a century, we will strive throughout our term to strengthen the paper as a force for positive change by preserving and protecting its uncensored, unbiased voice. We take up the mantle with a profound respect for the gravity of our mission and for our community.

We are honored to do so.

As the 139th board of *The Exonian* endeavors to report important news with integrity and to inspire change within its community, so too will it promise to maintain the empathy essential to quality journalism. This year, as *The Exonian* reports on increasingly weighty news, I, the 139th board's Director of Writing, Willa Canfield, will work closely with developing writers to support the board's goal of fostering a supportive, nurturing and educational environment for aspiring reporters campus-wide. The 139th board and I will strive to demonstrate the power of *The Exonian's* relationship with the community, our most valued source of information and our most beloved audience. In the coming year, as the country faces a time of division and change, and as the Academy continues to grapple with its history and how to move forward into a new era of progress, *The Exonian* will listen to all more carefully than ever, hearing others both in the newsroom, as a board, and in the community, as a journalistic outlet. We will model the compassion that lies at the heart of every influential investigative article and at the heart of every successful board, and most of all, we will carry on and strengthen *The Exonian's* legacy by instilling in young reporters the love for journalism and the belief in its power that we, the 139th board of *The Exonian*, all share.

We, the News Team of the 139th board, will continue the legacy of journalistic integrity and investigative writing established by the inaugural *Exonian* board. After a divisive year of political unrest, we enter our term with enthusiasm for and dedication to the coverage of material both inside and outside the Exeter bubble. In light of the recent media attention our school has received, we also stress the importance of tact and sensitivity when reporting on high-profile and controversial content. As News Editors, we, Jamie Cassidy, Arielle Lui and Sophia Zu, vow to represent the Academy with thoroughness, accuracy and depth. We look forward to serving *The Exonian* for the next year.

We, succeeding Opinions Editors, move into the new year with high aspirations for the future of this page. Our duty set forth is to offer our readership refreshing and gripping viewpoints on worldly matters, upholding the far-extending legacy of this publication. What sets the Opinions page apart from other intellectual platforms is the obvious vacancy of objectivity. We believe that it is as essential as it is healthy for a community to contain an outlet for its constituents' concerns, assessments and judgements of this school, this nation and this world. Our second purpose services both community and self. The Opinions page seeks to further the intellectual discussions carried out in these Exeter classrooms and to remain a bolster for the academic stimulation that all Exonians have the privilege to experience. Finally, we seek to integrate a more diverse range of input every week that will benefit the vitality of our content and the unheard voices who help to build justice and conversation in our community. We, Eleanor Mallett, Jack Stewart and Annee Reach, hereby pledge to our readership a

bounty of forthcoming perspectives.

Life at Exeter can be quirky. Outside the Exeter bubble, many may not know what it means to go to "EP" or to "dick" a class. At the Life section, it is our job to discuss the people, organizations, events and the peculiarities that make Exeter such a unique community. We make sure that you know your classmates and teachers, and we bring to light those in the community whose contributions may often go unrecognized. We feature reviews of the exciting, memorable parts of life at Exeter: from concerts and clubs to plays and dances. As Life Editors, we, Joy Zhang, Alice Little and Will Soltas, hope to continue the Life section's legacy of keeping our readers updated on the lighthearted moments on campus.

As the Sports Editors of the 139th board, we, Jack Baker and Taylor Walshe, intend to represent the athletic accomplishments of each of our 33 Exeter sports teams, through student-athletes input. If you ever miss a home game, or are interested in reading more about an away game, our section appears at the back of every issue. We hope that you, the student body, will enjoy the updates that our writers work to provide every week.

It is with great joy that Billy, Emily and (kind of) Cedric take over the Humor Page's throne. With the shining crown of power on our heads, ruling over the most read section of *The Exonian*, we look forward to leading the Humor Page to greatness, as our predecessors did before us. We shall ride to prominence on the tailcoats of list articles and memes and be swept up to renown by the hand of long-form essays whining about insignificant annoyances. We hope to serve you well. If our mission sounds appetizing, send us an email and join the regime.

The Wrong Response: Facebook Rants Fan Flames

Emma Paltrow '18
Guest Contributor

On the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 27, I woke up to frantic texts from friends asking if I'd seen the most recent installment of *The Boston Globe's* spotlight on Exeter's sexual abuse scandals. Still half asleep, I clicked the link and watched the video of Cecilia Morgan sharing her account of the abuse she allegedly suffered at the hands of dorm parent and advisor Rick Schubart. I suddenly found myself alert, nauseated and confused.

I was shocked to learn further details of Exeter's checked history, especially the allegation that members of administrations past had stooped so low as to pay settlements to rape victims in return for their silence, in order to keep the victims from tarnishing the school's reputation.

In *The Boston Globe's* portrayal, I did not recognize the Exeter I have grown to love. I did not recognize the Exeter I have come to call home. This was not my Exeter. And yet, as I scrolled through the rest of the article, I began to realize how many issues persist in our school that still have yet to be resolved.

We need more organized, sensible and sensitive responses to sexual misconduct. We need more frequent and widespread dialogue about power dynamics, about consent, about what a rape culture really is and about what steps we can take to curtail it. Our teachers need training, and we, the

students, need guidance.

The reality is, we have a long way to go.

Here is where the waters get murky. How are we as students to voice our concerns without creating more problems along the way? What concrete actions can we take to effect change, even if the road ahead is long?

Facebook to voice their opinions. These Facebook posts all shared one thing in common — hate-driven speech. Each was laden with expletives and included language too crude to repeat in this article.

Some of the posters did in fact present valid arguments: for example, one student from last year's senior

and concluded the post with "I'm glad it's backfired on them." The same student, like many of his counterparts online, viewed the release of *The Boston Globe's* article as an impetus to criticize the deans and went so far as to frame one of his denunciations in terms of one dean's weight.

Body image! Is this really how we intend to remedy our school's shortcomings, by slamming the deans on the basis of looks and personality traits?

The nasty character of his commentary undercut what initially seemed like a sound argument. Angry posts to Facebook, especially those with the intent of vilainizing the deans, do not accomplish anything. Holding individuals accountable for their actions is imperative.

However, taking to social media to continually lambaste the deans with ad hominem attacks serves only to polarize and poison student relationships with the administration.

We don't need animosity. We should be trying to extend the lines of communication, not sever them entirely.

If Exeter students or alumni want to make PEA a safer space for generations of students to come, they should openly and civilly address the community as a whole by spelling out clear concerns and by proposing viable plans of action.

Alternatively, they may choose to engage the deans privately, rather than broadcast low blows from atop a social media high-castle. No matter what the approach, the online vitriol must stop.



I don't pretend to know how to fix these problems, but I do know how we can avoid making a bad situation worse.

As that fateful Tuesday ran its course, I began to receive more and more texts from friends. Soon, my phone was clogged with a slew of screenshots of posts from current students and alumni who had taken to

class highlighted the hypocrisy of a school preaching "Non Sibi" while simultaneously silencing students, allegedly, in an effort to escape potential PR crises. However, the way he articulated this point was hardly selfless — instead of providing a constructive solution, he intermittently clouded his expressions of discontent with f-bombs

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New Wave of Terrorism Adds to Uncertainty

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Columnist

Despite the holiday festivities, or perhaps because of them, a new onslaught of terrorist attacks spread across Europe and the Middle East. The assassination of a Russian ambassador, civilian murders and propaganda intended to radicalize and recruit new members all served to destabilize an already tumultuous global environment. The recent spike in Islamic State activity, combined with rising unrest and a reshaped political landscape, points to the attacks of this month setting the stage for an even more violent year to come.

Andrei Karlov, the Russian diplomat, was killed at an art exhibition in Ankara, Turkey on December 19, 2016. The assassin, an off-duty Turkish police officer, smuggled a gun into the museum. He used his badge to sidestep metal detectors, and shot Mr. Karlov, shouting, "Remember Syria! Remember Aleppo!" It remains unclear if the assailant was connected to a known terrorist organization. The attack was apparently in response to the Russian government's backing of the Assad dictatorship, which helped turn the tide of the Syrian Civil War against the rebels. Recently, the Syrian government retook Aleppo, wiping out one of the last rebel strongholds.

Despite the notion that the attack would endanger political ties between Turkey and Russia, the event seems to have had the opposite effect. Presidents Putin and Erdogan agreed to collaborate on the investigation, as well as counter-terrorism efforts. Following

raids and bombings in Aleppo, Russia and Turkey brokered a Syrian cease-fire between the government and most rebel groups.

The same night as the Ankara attack, a truck driver killed 12 people at a Christmas market in Berlin, Germany. Anis Amri, the 24 year old driver, murdered the original driver and hijacked the truck, then careened into a crowded market with the aim of killing as many as he could reach. Amri was later shot and killed by Italian police after managing to flee as far as Milan. The Islamic State later released a video of Amri pledging his allegiance to their cause. The attack left Germany devastated, not only by the act of terrorism but also by the knowledge that he was on a terrorist watch list and had already been held in six different prisons before entering Germany in 2015.

At approximately 1 a.m. on January first an Islamic State affiliated gunman shot a security guard and police officer at the entrance of the Reina nightclub in Istanbul and killed 39 people within, injuring many more. This marked the fourth attack in Turkey in under a month. The assault was sanctioned by the Islamic State, who released a video urging its radical, militant followers to "turn their happiness and joy [of Turkey and coalition countries] into grieves and their feasts into funerals." The attacker, though his identity is known, remains at large. As the search continues, further details about the suspected gunman point to guerrilla warfare training in Syria. The Syrian Civil War dragged many nations into the fray, including Turkey, Russia, Kurdish forces, the United States, and other Middle Eastern

countries. As a result, these countries have become targets of the Islamic State and other terrorist factions, but as of late, none more so than Turkey.

Still reeling from a failed military coup in July, Turkey has been subjected to multiple terrorist attacks, claiming hundreds of lives, civilian and otherwise. The epidemic is not helped by Turkey's long and porous Syrian border, which allows for militants and weapons to flow into the country. Internal struggles have also contributed to the ineptitude of Turkish security and counter-terrorism forces. Although the current government was democratically elected, there is a large Kurdish minority that opposes the present regime. There have been a number of armed conflicts between various Kurdish groups and Turkish military forces. Turkey therefore faces a foreign enemy in the Islamic State and also a domestic one in the form of the PKK, or Kurdistan Workers Party.

The inability of the EU and Turkey to prevent these attacks plays a central role in countries with upcoming elections. Ever since the United Kingdom severed its ties with Europe, more countries have been willing to follow suit, demonstrated by the popularity of one French presidential hopeful Marine Le Pen. Counterterrorism incompetence also raises questions about the effectiveness of state intelligence agencies and the need for a more unified Europe, despite talk of variations on "Brexit" by various European countries. A new White House administration, with radically different personnel and approaches to foreign policy, adds to the uncertainty

Rex Wrecks Relations

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In his eight years in office, President Barack Obama demonstrated to Americans how a soft stance towards Mr. Putin would subject the United States to Russian demands. Back in August, Obama failed to stop Putin from intervening in the US elections. Putin's vicious campaign in Ukraine, as well as his fight in Syria convey his apathy towards American interests and his willingness to ignore our President.

It's one thing for Trump to crave a reset in US-Russian relations, but it's a whole different story for him to appoint a Secretary of State with many ties to Russian oil companies.

As the CEO of ExxonMobil, Rex Tillerson worked closely with corrupt Russian officials to secure deals for his company. In fact, this past February Tillerson bragged to students at the University of Texas about his "very close relationship with Vladimir." In 2014, Tillerson opposed sanctions against Russian subjugation of Crimea, believing that they would hurt his profits in the country.

The flamboyant friendship between Tillerson and Putin conceals the Russian president's pragmatic and narcissistic approach towards the West. Tillerson received the Order of Friendship from Putin in 2013 not because of his efforts to strengthen relations between the two nations. Rather, he had succumbed to the preferences of Rosneft, Russia's largest state-owned oil company, and cooperated with nefarious oligarchs and business magnates. Putin sees Tillerson as a puppet that he can manipulate and exploit.

Now is not the time for the United States to pursue warm and subservient relations with the world's most assertive and virulent country. In the 1990s, Bill Clinton went on a disastrous honeymoon with former Russian president Boris Yeltsin.

While the leaders supported each other in the fight against Milosevic in Serbia and the expulsion of nuclear weapon facilities from former Soviet satellite states, the issues of NATO enlargement and Russian aggression in Chechnya aggravated their relationship. Bill and Boris shied away from direct confrontation and instead flattered each other at their unproductive meetings. During a conference in Washington, Bill broke out laughing (and crying) as drunken Boris attempted to make a

speech in front of a confused audience.

The Russian government receded—to the naïve surprise of most Western politicians and the ignorant amusement of former President Bill Clinton—into its quintessential authoritarian state.

The relationship exploded in 1999 when Yeltsin exclaimed that American-led "aggression against Yugoslavia deprived Clinton of the right to lecture Russia on how it should deal with terrorists within its own borders." Stunned and annoyed, Clinton placed his feet on the table and then left the room. The two clowns were no longer on speaking terms.

What did Bill accomplish through his phony friendship with Boris? Ignoring Yeltsin's meager poll numbers and his increasingly alcoholic tendencies, Bill bolstered his Russian friend during his 1995 re-election campaign, funneling billions of dollars into the Russian federation to quickly boost the economy. He turned a blind eye and fostered corruption in Russia, allowing the voucher privatization and loans-for-shares schemes to flourish.

No Western leader—including Mr. Tillerson and President-elect Trump—should condone Putin's impetuous choices in the same way that Bill excused Yeltsin's ignorance.

Russia recently admitted to instigating a doping program during the Sochi Winter Olympics, many months after the Olympic Committee indicted the Russians for their misconduct. Statistics from the World Bank show that the Russian poverty rate has been on the rise since 2012; their gross domestic product has fallen close to a trillion dollars in the past two years, reflecting the unsustainability of Russia's oil-dependent economy. Trump cannot pretend that the United States and Russia are equals in this relationship.

The GOP Remains in Crisis

Tim Han '18
Guest Contributor

The Republican Party now faces one of the greatest identity crises in its history. Through a campaign filled with lies and misinformation, Donald Trump swindled America into giving him enough votes to win the electoral college, and brought the Republican Party into power with him. But now that the Republican Party is in power, it is faced with the much harder task of governing. As Lin-Manuel Miranda's hit Hamilton taught us, "Winning is easy, governing's harder."

The Republican Party is now filled by leaders as conflicted as they are obstinate. Paul Ryan, the Speaker of the House, was overruled by his own party in their politically asinine campaign to gut the ethics office. The same goes for Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. Rand Paul, once the golden son of libertarians nationwide, has been thrown to the wayside. Mitch McConnell, after criticizing Democrats for opposing extreme Supreme Court picks, (a much tamer version of the 293 day boycott that

McConnell himself led on Merrick Garland), has been lambasted across the mainstream media for his hypocrisy. John McCain, the ideologically pure statesman, has said that while he could possibly eventually come to accept Trump's Secretary of State pick Rex Tillerson, "There's also a realistic scenario that pigs fly." Poor Chris Christie has lost all respect and political capital. Ditto for the Bushes. This raucous and divided crowd forced John Boehner, once the eighth most conservative man in Washington, into early retirement.

Roger Ailes has been dethroned from his right wing pulpit at Fox News. Megyn Kelly is leaving, and lecherous Bill O'Reilly is reeling from his latest sexual assault case. Granted, the role of legitimate news is facing a similar identity crisis. Nevertheless, the Republicans will not have a fully-staffed Fox News to protect them as they stumble through this first term.

With the whole world watching, it seems that Republicans have no idea what they are doing. Donald Trump spent December bumbling through his Cabinet picks. The Republicans are rushing nominees

through the door to start the confirmation process without facing any intensive background checks or vetting. The unruly majority overruled their leaders and tried to gut the ethics office in secret, demonstrating an incredible misunderstanding of how the internet works. Meanwhile, Trump and his underlings are leading Republicans to repeal the Affordable Care Act without any replacement in place. 74 percent of Americans oppose this plan of action. The Republicans will not even listen to pleas for increased background checks for gun owners, opposing the 90% of Americans who support them. In every step of the way, the Republican Party stands fundamentally opposed to most of America.

Who will emerge as the shepherd for the lawless Republican caucus? Boehner tried and failed. Ryan and McCarthy can't control their herd. Trump is not the answer. Rand Paul is fading into the background alongside McConnell and Lindsey Graham. Whatever happens, unless the party pulls its act together, its pigeon-toed, fumbling path will be a masochistically entertaining one to chart.

US-Russian Relations: A Ticking Time Bomb

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Guest Contributor

Throughout history, the political relationship between America and Russia hasn't always been the best—and that's a nice way of putting it. During the Cold War, tensions between the two countries reached their peak as they reached a time of political and military contention involving the Space Race and the development of nuclear weapons. Even though war was not physically fought, that was an unprecedented time in history. Stress was alleviated from the US-Russian relationship when the end of the Cold War came and the Soviet Union fell in 1991, but current relations have rapidly deteriorated again during Vladimir Putin's presidency.

According to Sergey Kislyak, Russia's ambassador to America, the quality of relations between America and Russia is at its lowest point since the Cold War. Igor Zevelev, former director of the MacArthur Foundation's Russia office said that it was even worse, calling it a "much more dangerous and unpredictable situation." At this point, Russia should hold partial blame for their actions. Vladimir Putin and the Russian government must stop their egregious violations of the unspoken and basic rules regarding international relations.

On July 22nd, WikiLeaks published approximately 19,000 leaked

emails and 8,000 attachments from the Democratic National Committee on its website. A hacker by the alias of Guccifer 2.0 took responsibility for the leaks, but cybersecurity firms like SecureWorks and CrowdStrike agreed that Russian intelligence groups committed the leaks. There is evidence to prove that someone with a senior position in the Russian government had a role in orchestrating the cyber attack. *The Washington Post* also noted that Trump and Putin deflected questions about the hack in the same way: by first questioning the ability of hackers to be accurately traced, then focusing on the content of the emails which contained messages disparaging the Bernie Sanders campaign. If it is true that members of the Russian government orchestrated or encouraged the DNC hack, a dangerous precedent is set, one that allows a country to interfere in the politics of another for its own benefit. Yes, the Russian government wanted Trump to become the next president because Clinton is known as one of the most outspoken officials when it comes to addressing Putin expanding his power and sphere of influence. Nevertheless, for them to try and rig the election through swaying public opinion is inappropriate and morally detestable. It is also ironic that Putin has stated his need to "safeguard our selves from this interference in our internal affairs," when there is proof that his government has meddled in

the affairs of so many countries, like the annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Another event that has caused conflict between America and Russia is the bombing of the Syrian city of Aleppo, which has been described by the BBC as "a key battleground in Syria's bloody five-year civil war." After a short-lived ceasefire, US ambassador to the UN Samantha Power called the bombing of the city "barbarism." Meanwhile, Russia claimed that its forces and Assad's forces were targeting terrorists in Aleppo while harming as few citizens as possible. On October third, the US government suspended talks with Russia on negotiating a ceasefire agreement on Syria, thereby effectively ending a chance to halt the violence in the country.

In the wake of bad relations, Russia could be preparing for war. According to *The Daily Star*, senior Russian officials with children or other relatives in foreign countries have been told to bring them back to the "Fatherland." Surely the American government and military are also prepared in case of an emergency, but if these strained relations aren't mended quickly, World War III could be ignited. A war fought on a scale never seen before, with new weapon technology emerging that can annihilate entire cities in a matter of seconds. To escape the prospect of a global war involving nuclear weapons, we need to fix US-Russian relations—now.

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PEA Students Surveyed

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and AIMEE HONG
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In collaboration with the Academy, the Center for the Study of Boys' and Girls' Lives (CSBGL) required the entire student body to participate in the Comprehensive Assessment of Student Life (CASL) on Wednesday, Dec. 14th. Information regarding this survey was sent out in an all-campus email by Dean of Academic Affairs Karen Lassey and Director of Studies Brooks Moriarty.

The CSBGL is dedicated to improving school culture and focuses on conducting Youth Participatory Action Research, a type of qualitative research that uses the experiences of youth in order to inspire change within a scholastic community. "We work by engaging school staff and students with university scholars in a research process that is responsive to the needs of each school," Moriarty said. He emphasized the importance of cross-school collaboration so that lessons learned by one school or survey might have an impact elsewhere.

According to Moriarty, Exeter was first introduced to this opportunity by Principal Lisa MacFarlane. After learning about the program through other heads of schools, MacFarlane asked Lassey, Dean Melissa Mischke and Moriarty to think about implementing it. "We saw it as a great way for students to be agents of change to improve student lives," Moriarty explained.

The CASL survey took a half hour to complete and explained to its taker that the results would be used to help Exeter become more "responsive to student needs." Data collected from students will also be compared to nine other independent schools taking the survey. Moriarty stressed that the survey responses will not only be used to both design research projects but also to evaluate future interventions and research studies at Exeter.

The study was composed of 66 questions concerning bullying, diversity, personal background, relationships, academic pressure and support from teachers and other faculty, as well as other aspects of life on campus. Students' failure to participate in the survey resulted in an unexcused absence.

Upper Jaynee Anaya, one of the students working with the CSBGL student-led study, joined because she was interested in the process of cultural study and the relevance of society system research in the PEA community. Anaya explained that the group—composed of eight students—meets twice a week and communicates frequently with a professor at the University of Pennsylvania who advises them.

Prior to the focus on the CASL study, Kron and the rest of the students involved with the CSBGL were tasked with researching problems that they believe Exeter faces and using the results from their research to create change in regards to those issues in the community. Last spring, with the help of mentors from the CSBGL, PEA students crafted their own survey, focusing their questions on gendered practices within the Exeter community, such as the visitations policy and the tradition of Evening Prayer. Once the survey results are collected, the group will use the information in a presentation at the University of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with the other schools involved in the project.

However, not all students' answers were compiled and studied. Instead of taking the results from all participants, Moriarty sampled 100 students by only sending the student-created survey to 25 Exonians from each grade.

"The survey results will be shared with the students involved in the CSBGL work in 2017-18, and they may design a new research topic for next year based on the results," Moriarty said. He emphasized that, as of now, there is no way to know what the responses to student answers will be. "Survey results identify aspects of student experience that need improvement," Moriarty said. He detailed an example of one such improvement—diversity in the curriculum teacher feedback as a result of end-of-term comments.

However, since this is the Academy's first year involved with the organization, the two surveys will not be examined in conjunction with each other.

Information gathered from the CASL will not only be available for Exonians involved with the project, but for the Georgetown Day School, Greenwich Academy, Miss Porter's School, St. Paul's School, the Shipley School, Green Farms Academy, Lawrenceville School and the Maret School.



StuCo President Matthew Robbins

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

Student Council President Matthew Robbins Explains Lack of Re-vote

ROBBINS, continued from A1

independent investigators come in and an addendum to the visitations policy wherein a student is granted immunity from illegal visitations punishment if there has been a sexual assault.

"All the things the school did was great—the council's job has now become to keep them accountable," Robbins said.

Vice President Hojoon Kim supported Robbins' statement, emphasizing that the decision to hold a revote belonged to the student body. He called the term "revote" a "bastardization of what Robbins promised."

Kim further stated that the revote condition of Robbins' candidacy was more of a recall mechanism that could have been brought forth, but it was never triggered.

He praised Robbins' work with the Student Council, confessing that although he tries not to hold bias as the vice president, Robbins' presidency made quite an impact compared to last year. "Matthew is a hardworking, funny president and friend," Kim stated.

Lower and Dorm Representative Yaseen Ahmed is satisfied with the current Student Council presidency. "I'd say it met my expectations. I think he has been performing his duties fine." Upper and Dorm Representative Emilio Karakey agreed. "It has satisfied me in every way. Matt Robbins is responsible; he knows what he's talking about—when he first arrived and switched up all the seating, that really showed maturity from him," he said.

Lower Representative Makinrola Orafidiya voiced a similar opinion, but acknowledged that there is room to improve. "I'm satisfied by the presidency, but I think there could be some improvements," he said.

"His attitude is not cocky, [but it seems] a little bit like he doesn't really care about people as individuals, and I think that's important if he wants to receive respect as the president," he said.

Orafidiya praised Robbins for offering a revote, but thinks that he should still follow through with his promises. "It is honorable

that he's willing to do a revote. I think that if he says it, he needs to stick to it." Lower and Dorm Representative Gavin Cotter agreed, saying, "If he promised [to hold a revote], I think he should follow through."

Even though the revote has not happened yet, Ahmed believes there is still time to complete his campaign promises. "Of course he hasn't done everything yet because it still hasn't been an entire term and a half. There's still another half year," Ahmed said.

Upper and Dorm Representative Gregory Miller disagrees with some parts of Robbins' platform, but believes that he has been doing a fine job as president.

"I personally don't happen to be in favor of limiting select members, but I do think that Matthew Robbins has been good at having us discuss these issues and bringing them to a vote cause we have voted on them," he said. Miller believes that a revote would not be helpful. "If it were to come to a vote, the process of finding a replacement would do more harm than good," he said.

The committee heads, appointed by Robbins himself, seem to agree that Robbins has done well as the leader of Student Council. Senior Bella Edo, a previous candidate for Student Council President and Recreation Committee co-head, said that Matt has led the council in the right direction.

"I think that Matt has really made a push to make the way that our Student Council runs as close to how a college student government might run or even how our national government might run."

In addition, Edo thought that Robbins has guided StuCo well despite some challenges. "It's a hard job and he's really doing a great job with getting everything done and making sure that we stick to an agenda," she said. She also believes Robbins' has in fact changed StuCo.

"I think a lot of it though was restructuring how StuCo works, and he has done that for better or for worse," she said. However, Edo believes that Rob-

bins should stick to his campaign promises. "If he's going to do [hold a revote] I think he needs to stick with that. It's a little disappointing that that's a thing that hasn't come up."

Upper Gautam Ramesh, a Constitution Committee co-head, shares a similar opinion of the fact that Robbins has completed things in Student Council. "I think Matt Robbins has in fact achieved a lot of the policies that he has promised," he said.

Like Robbins, Ramesh feels that there are tools in place to hold a revote if necessary.

"If people really want to have this recall election, [they could] start a referendum [and] get the requisite signatures needed to have a recall election," he said. "I think what's best for the school is Matthew Robbins remaining as president," he said.

"I fear that if we have a recall election, we're going to have a lot of people voting against him just because of kind of preconceived notions that they may have had from the early days when everything seemed to be going against him a lot of policies were passed, but I think that now is not the time for a recall election," he said.

Upper Charlotte Polk said that she had expected a more active approach from StuCo. "I feel like the student council hasn't really done anything this year to be honest, so I'm not sure it quite met my expectations," she said.

Although not all of Robbins' promised policy changes have been implemented, he is satisfied that at least the referendum policy has been passed. "We pushed very hard for these reforms but sometimes these things don't work out, and that's how a democracy works," he said.

Robbins believes his presidency thus far has stayed true to its word, given the limitations of the job.

"I think we've done a lot more than past councils which have zeroed in on one issue whereas we're pushing on multiple fronts and definitely making a lot of progress. Ultimately, I can say we presented a full platform," he said.



ExonianHumor



Top Ten Places to Dick Assembly (Theoretically)

By THE HUMOR EDITORS
Never Dicked

1. Dean Cos's office.
2. Grill.
3. In the middle of south side quad, yelling "I'm currently dicking assembly!"
4. Behind the assembly stage.
5. In a day student's car, with a NFL betting odds sheet and a plagiarized essay in the other, outside of the ten mile radius.
6. Hiding under Dean Cos's bed.
7. Water Street Municipal Parking Lot.
8. Djibouti.
9. Inside of Dean Cos's hair.
10. Just go to your room.

Donald Trump on Pheasants

By BILLY O'HANDLEY
Senior Political Analyst

They're ugly and they don't fly.
They eat scraps they find on the ground.
They're fat and they waddle.
You can hunt them for sport.
They make a squawk when you hit them.
They eat worms and other insects.
They get welfare from the Government.
I'm sorry, what?
OH!!! You said pheasant!
I thought you said peasant.
Well, I don't know too much about pheasants.
They're good cooked in oil, right?
Or am I thinking about peasants again?

That Feel When You're Shaken, Not Stirred

By THE HUMOR EDITORS
New Board, New Meme



Top Ten Perks Of Winter Term

By EMILY GREEN
Sees the Glass as Half Full

1. The bugs are dead.
2. You can hide your post-holidays body with fuzzy sweaters.
3. It's cold so you can say your D2 habit is "to stay warm."
4. It's cuddle season. :))
5. Principal MacFarlane will wear her art scarf even more than she already does.
6. You can preserve your honor via snowball duel.
7. If you're late to class, just say you slipped on the ice.
8. You can round up some faculty pets and dog sled to class.
9. The weather matches my soul.
10. You can force people to be your friend because they're stuck indoors with you.

Things to Do Before the Inauguration

By BILLY O'HANDLEY
On the Island

1. Go to the supermarket and buy non perishables.
2. Bring the non perishables back to your island fortress.
3. Burn all of the bridges connecting your island fortress to the mainland.
4. Set a kitchen timer for four years.
5. Close your eyes and plug your ears.
6. Shout "LALALA I CAN'T HEAR YOU!!!!!!!"
7. Wait.

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Wake Up, Exeter. We're Becoming a Communist Nation.

By EMILY GREEN
Russian Spy

Open your eyes, Exeter! Do not let the idealistic visions of the Soviet Union pull you into its grasp! Every day, our community functions more and more like a communist nation, and we are all in trouble. Don't believe me? You will soon. One of the core tenets of Soviet rule is the lack of free press. You may think we have free press here at Exeter, but that is a sick, twisted illusion. As of this year, you need to log-in online to access *The Exonian's* website, and there have been a number of further restrictions on writing. We can't even make jokes about xxxxxxxx anymore! Before

we know it, all our media is going to be government-centered. J. Smith will be running *The Exonian*, the English Department will be running *Pendulum*, and the Math Department will still be busy trying to get the chalkboards clean once and for all. Furthermore, although our school masquerades as a capitalist enterprise, we really are under a communist economy. You may think d-hall relies on supply-and-demand, you may think it relies on laissez-faire philosophy, but in truth, the food distribution is OUT OF CONTROL. If you don't be-

lieve me, I have proof! Wednesday during lunch, I went to Elm Street Dining Hall for lunch. Besides having to stand in a long bread line for the Portuguese sweet bread, when I asked for dumplings, I was told that the rule was only two dumplings per person. TWO DUMPLINGS! That is not enough to feed me! To support my family! To mend the nation's wounds!

We as a community need to put our foot down. I want free press and first-come-first-serve dumplings! I want shorter lines and a functional capitalist economy! I want a liberated Exeter!

NFL Playoff Betting Odds*

By CEDRIC BLAISE
His First Time (Be Gentle)

If you need help picking the winning teams of the Divisional Playoffs, you've come to the right place!

Seattle Seahawks at Atlanta Falcons
Seattle's Odds: Getting an A in English
Atlanta's Odds: Beating Billy in HFA (Very Likely)

Green Bay Packers at Dallas Cowboys
Green Bay's Odds: Finding Lucky Charms at Wetherell
Dallas' Odds: Someone accepting your desperate EP invitation

Houston Texans at New England Patriots
Houston's Odds: Having an assembly check
New England's Odds: Yes

Pittsburgh Steelers at Kansas City Chiefs
Pittsburgh's Odds: Your teacher rounding your 89,964 to a A-
Kansas City's Odds: Getting actual mail in P.O.

*Betting is not permitted on Phillips Exeter Academy premises

A Dank Meme

By THE HUMOR EDITORS
Another One



Several Students Incapacitated Over the Weekend as a Result of Hover Hand.

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE
Stayed Home From Winfo

Last Saturday, the Grainger Auditorium became packed in with well-dressed, contoured teenage bodies. The majority of students was in attendance, even the people whom I had asked to take as a date and responded, "Uh, sorry—I have a lot of homework." While this might have resulted in more fun for the attendees and concluded as a success for Winter Formal's host, WPEA, it also invited the return of mankind's worst foe: the hover hand.

"I didn't even feel this dead after watching Mariah Carey's New Year's Eve performance," stated lower Megan Campbell. "After checking out Winter Formal, I checked my Facebook and kept clicking refresh until pictures were posted and, when I finally found myself, I was mortified."

Campbell, who has straddled the line between vaguely-know-her-but-won't-acknowledge-her-on-the-path and I-guess-I-would-be-okay-doing-a-group-project-with-her since prep fall now feels that her reputation has been forever soiled. "Now my profile picture will never get over two-hundred likes," she sobbed.

Other students are concerned about their relationship status. Four-year senior Katy Swanson has undergone a breakup due to someone spotting her hover hand at Winter Formal. "Bernie and I started talking the summer before prep year," explained Swanson. "We've been dating ever since and I thought we were going to last forever. I had made a private wedding Pinterest and everything, but after I was outed as having

a hover hand, Bernie broke up with me." Since the occurrence, Swanson has not been able to find anyone—not even a prep, to go to EP with.

Still, there are those who are all for the notorious hover hand. "I don't want any teenage punk touching my son," proclaimed strict parent Adam Lamperti. "My son isn't allowed to date until he is in his mid-twenties. His touching leads to more touching, which leads to pregnancy which might even lead to more touching and his virtue and reputation mustn't be tarnished."

Hover hand has not been spotted since Winter Formal, but that does not mean that the conversation has to stop. If you or someone you know has been seriously affected by hover hand, please contact rmcshane@exeter.edu.

Joke of the Week

"Rain drop, drop top, I've been in the *Exonian* office for ten hours"
-Jack Baker, '18

We need friends. Add us on social media. @billyfromcilley, @green_beans or @senorblaise on Snapchat. @ced_blaise and @egreen2000 on Insta. DM us a funny joke or zesty meme. Or just DM us :)

Shedding Light on Climate Refugees

Elly Lee '18
Guest Contributor

The term "climate change" is beginning to appear more frequently with each day. It is a phrase of self-explanatory definition, but one that often fails to convey the magnitude of the issue. Whether or not you believe it to be a natural phenomenon or a hoax, humans continually contribute to global warming, and we, as a part of the developed nations' population, are privileged enough to remain unaffected in our daily lives. We may not see the consequences, but our carbon emissions, our non-reusable plastic water bottles and the light that we keep on in our rooms, are all creating severe droughts in Somalia, floods in Bangladesh and typhoons in Myanmar.

It's a bold statement, but one that I stand by. Extreme temperatures caused by global warming increase the likelihood of climate-related disasters. Catastrophes such as the current drought in the Androy Region of Madagascar, which has led to acute malnutrition of 1.3 million children, is just one of many tragedies. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that since 2009, one person has been displaced by a disaster each second, averaging to 22.5 million climate refugees

and migrants since 2008. To put it into perspective, that number is approximately 4.5 times greater than the number of refugees displaced by the crisis in Syria.

You don't have to believe in climate change to acknowledge that people are dying all across the world from climate-related disasters. The 1.3 million children in Madagascar may not be suffering as a direct result of failing to recycle that one piece of paper, but climate change is as real as a father hoping to sell off his 10-year-old daughter in hopes of guaranteeing her a meal for the first time in days. Climate change is as real as children waddling with swollen bellies, inflated by a protein deficiency or a lack of food at all. Most can agree that increase of carbon dioxide fuels what we know as global warming, but where debate occurs is whether this change is caused by humans through carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels. I am not here to argue the science of global warming or its causes. (That is saved for a later op-ed or for dinner discussions

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in the dining hall, but disagreeing over the science and facts does nothing to acknowledge or fix the many problems that are a result of climate change.)

Climate by definition is the long term average of weather in a number of years, and it is shaped by global forces in our atmosphere. A change in energy balances results in a change in our climate, and this can be caused by a tilt in the earth's axis, the amount of sunlight the earth reflects back to space and the concentration of greenhouse gases in the air—the most relative today. The short term fluctuations of climate result in our weather, which is the state of an atmosphere at a specific place and time. These are less predictable and conditions can differ drastically in the same week, explaining why it can spike from two degrees on a Monday to 50 degrees on Thursday. It is true that not all natural disasters are caused by climate change, but around 50 percent of all natural disasters can be directly linked to climate change as of 2015.

The growing concern of environmental migrants is the need for an action plan. The world recognizes that 22,773 people died and 98.6 million people were affected by a weather induced disaster alone in 2015, yet as an international community we spend less than 5 percent of the global aid budget preventing and alleviating the damages of natural disasters. What needs to be done is risk assessment and building of infrastructure in developing countries like Bangladesh or Myanmar where catastrophe often strikes. Japan has suffered from severe disasters of its own, but smaller typhoons that cause simple disruption in Japan can entirely destroy communities in the Philippines where buildings aren't built sustainably.

Climate change deniers and environmentalists can find common ground by recognizing that people are suffering from the repercussions of our warming planet.

They are forced to watch their homes ravaged by violent waters and winds, leave the only places they have ever known and eat cactus flowers as their only viable food source. Whether or not you choose to claim responsibility and reassess your life choices, is your decision.

Hopes for the Administration in the New Year

Jordan Davidson '19
Columnist

As we start to make our way into the new year, many of us strive toward positive change and we make our resolutions. This new year does not only represent a fresh start for the students at Exeter, but one for the administration as well.

As a school, we have faced many hardships over this past year on issues such as sexual assault, the acceptance of unpopular opinions and an overall lack of trust the students have for the administration. Nonetheless, my peers and I understand that our administration is attempting to create solutions to the issues that face our community.

I firmly believe that we, the students, need to be able to openly share our hopes for 2017's administration more effective

change to transpire.

The biggest issue that faces our school is undoubtedly the broken relationship between the student body and Exeter's administration. Time and time again individuals and the community as a whole experience situations in which trust is breached and delicate matters are mishandled.

Cases such as the John and Jane Doe sexual assault incident, in which our school told student John Doe that he would be required to leave the school for one term and return to campus having weakened our trust in the administration, as the school then told the student he would be forced to leave permanently. Another alumnus spoke to the *Boston Globe* recently about his girlfriend being sexually assaulted years ago. His re-

sponse to how the school handled the situation was, "Their effective lack of a response was as good as condoning the harassment." Sadly, that young woman committed suicide.

I have even found myself in a situation where confidentiality was breached. I had never had an issue at Exeter until last year, and I decided to talk to members of the administration about my problem. Within a day, the anonymity which I was promised was unmasked; my trust was broken.

With all of this in mind, I have hopes regarding trust for the administration. Firstly, I hope that students can get to know key members of the administration such as the deans under positive, low stress conditions. It seems as if there are mainly two ways for the deans

to meet students: through classes or situations that call for non-disciplinary or disciplinary action. If our deans and other members of the administration were to interact with students in different ways, it would be beneficial for everyone.

The student body would have more trust in our school if they knew more about the deans, and the administration would have a better idea of how to approach issues if they got to know more students.

This sums up my hopes for the administration in 2017. We are an incredible community, but we should strive to be even better. If we can live in a more trust based, accepting school, I know that everyone will be happier.

German Chancellor Seeks Ban of Face Veils

Bianca Beck '19
Guest Contributor

German chancellor Angela Merkel, weeks after she announced that she would run for her fourth term made headlines all over the world when she proposed a ban on the full-face veil in December. During her speech at a conference held by her party, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), she said "The full veil is not appropriate here, it should be forbidden wherever that is legally possible. It does not belong to us." Her proposal comes months after Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere also called for a ban on the full-face veil, stating that "It does not fit into our society and does not work for us, for our communication, for our cohesion in the society... This is why we demand you show your face."

These comments were all made after multiple terrorist attacks in Germany—including the recent attack in the Christmas market in Breitscheidplatz in December, the Brexit vote in Britain, and the election of Donald Trump in the United States. For Germany, these are very uncertain and unstable times. The German electorate will be looking

for stability in their next chancellor; however, because of Merkel opening the borders to migrants mostly from the Middle Eastern countries in war, many voters were angered by Merkel adding to the growing uncertainty of Germany's future. In the local elections in September, her party suffered a significant defeat, another marker of voters' displeasure with Merkel.

Germany isn't the first country to try to pass bans of these sorts in Europe. After recent terrorist attacks in France, the city Cannes banned religious swimwear, including burkinis, but the bans were later overturned. In April 2011, France was also the first country to ban the burqa, a full body covering that also includes a mesh over the face, and the niqab, a full face veil that has an opening for the eyes. When a 24 year old woman brought this case to court, and claimed that it violated her religious freedom, the law was upheld by the European Convention on Human Rights in 2014.

Religious freedom advocates strongly oppose these laws. However,

others who see the Islamic veil as degrading to women support the laws. Belgium and Switzerland have similar laws banning Islamic veils, and are just as controversial.

I think that the full-face veil should only be banned when an officer of the law, or authorities are identifying an individual. For instance, in airport immigration, the person standing before the immigration officer has to match their photo-identification in their passport. I think it would make perfect sense to ask the woman to remove her veil for a second, so that the officer can confirm that the person standing before them really are who they claim to be. This has to do with national security; if the person underneath the veil are not who they claim to be, then countries could be letting in terrorists, for all they know. Therefore, if a woman is asked to take her veil off solely for the purpose of identifying them, then I think it's perfectly reasonable for them to do so.

However, if one truly feels more comfortable wearing their veil or covering themselves in public, then they should be able to. If a woman is asked to take her veil off solely for the purpose of identifying them, then I think it's perfectly reasonable for them to do so. However, if one truly feels more comfortable wearing their veil or

covering themselves in public, then they should be able to. No one should tell them they can't wear covering clothing if that makes them more comfortable. I think that goes without saying, and can be applied not only to whether or not one can wear their veils.

And in terms of France, they're ban on the burqa and niqab directly opposes their claim of a rigorously enforced secularism; they are quite literally banning something that has to do with one's religion. And if wearing their religious garb makes them more comfortable and feel safe, then by all means, they should.

Angela Merkel's call for a ban on the full-face veil comes from a good place. She wants to give German citizens the stability that isn't reflected in the rest of the world in a time of great uncertainty and fear.

And I do believe that a woman should take off her veil when instructed to do so by an officer to confirm the woman's identity. But women, like everyone else, have a right to their religious beliefs and religious freedoms, and shouldn't be told whether or not they can wear their veils in public.

US-Russian Relations Face Future Strain

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Guest Contributor

In nine days, President-elect Donald Trump will inherit a strained political relationship between the U.S. and Russia. The two countries' ties in recent weeks have been exacerbated by confirmed Russian interference in the U.S. presidential elections.

As corroborated by a joint CIA, FBI and NSA investigation, the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, made direct orders to interfere in our election.

This was never a witch-hunt. This wasn't support for one candidate over the other. This was a direct and active interference with American Democracy. This wasn't meddling with the votes, this was meddling with the people.

And an act like that simply cannot be ignored. Our response can't be, as Trump has suggested, to just work toward preventing foreign meddling in the future. We must punish Russia now, for their violation of our election.

We do not know and we may never know the extent of Russia's influence in this past election. But whatever the extent, the result will remain the same. Russia got its way. That's all that matters here. Russia wanted Donald Trump to be the president of the United States, and Trump they got. This begs the hor-

rific question, what does it mean to have a U.S. President indebted to a foreign leader — especially one as important and controversial as Vladimir Putin?

This conflict of interest could and will manifest itself in a number of ways. Generally speaking, it will contribute to a quagmire between U.S. and Russian relations that could weaken the Trump administration and the United States as a whole.

In short, the election hackings create a direct contradiction for Trump. If he continues with his pro-Russian rhetoric and works with Putin to ally our two countries, he essentially invites and encourages foreign influence in U.S. Elections. If he breaks from his promise and condemns Putin's influence in the election, he looks weak and falters on a number of other policy promises (mainly working with Russia against ISIS).

The answer is easy — punish Putin. For Trump, however, Russia's actions have a deeply personal flair. Putin's influence in the election

was undeniably a blessing for Trump. The big question is how he will react when his administration takes over on the 20th. Will Trump see Putin's meddling as a token of trust? Will he backpedal on Obama's sanctions against Russia? Will he do the right thing

and reinforce the sanctions and confront Russia's interference for what it is, an act of war.

Either way, Trump's already sitting comfortably in the palm of Vladimir Putin. Whatever Trump does, whether it's condemn or forgive Russia, will be on the defensive. Putin is already moving him around like a pawn before Trump's even in office.

The situation gets even more complicated though. According to a recent *New York Times* article, we see Russia unexpectedly aiding Turkey in the fight on ISIS. Not only could this new partnership push the U.S. out of decision making on the future of the region, it also

manipulates us. If Trump wants to fight ISIS (like he's made clear he wants to), he's now going to be forced to do it with Russia at his side.

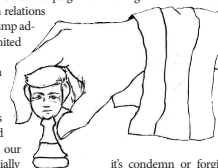
As discussed, that kind of U.S. Russian partnership means setting a precedent for foreign meddling in our elections. Therefore, if Trump wants to fight ISIS, he has to partner with Russia, and partnering with Russia means accepting Russia's meddling in the election.

Of course that's easy for Trump to do. It was the meddling that landed him in the White House in the first place. It's easy to forgive someone who helped you win.

But the problems with cozying up to Russia doesn't stop at accepting foreign interference in our elections. Befriending Russia means coming to terms with its annexation of Crimea and its unfounded love for the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Trump's conflict of interest between Putin and America will surely cause a headache for the country during the first few months of the new administration.

If nothing else, one thing is for certain; we can't forgive Russia for hacking our election. Let's just hope Trump realizes that before he cuddles up too close with Putin.





ExeterLife



Students pose for a photo at Winter Formal.

Rachael Luo/The Exonian

WPEA Hosts Second Winter Formal

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When students first walked into Grainger Auditorium for Winter Formal on Saturday, they were greeted by a swarm of Exonians eating, chatting and dancing. A group of students played jazz music at one end of the room, and dresses glittered in the swirling and flashing lights as people danced. Students waited in line to get their pictures taken by senior Rachael Luo at a staged photography station. When not dancing, students chatted with their friends, dates and dorm-mates.

The evening began with a student performance that elicited positive responses from all. The Big Red Blues, a student jazz band consisting of senior Ahmad Rahman on the tenor saxophone, up-

per Lucas Stevens on the bass, upper Oren Stern on the drums and Donald Dylan Yin on the alto saxophone, received rave reviews. Senior Sang Park found the jazz music especially fitting for the event. "The student band at the beginning was amazing," he said. "They really set a great mood for the rest of the evening." After The Big Red Blues' performance, professional cover band Ready in Ten, who played at both Winter Formal and Prom last year, took the stage.

Winter Formal was organized by WPEA, a noncommercial educational radio station run by Exeter students. The dance was first held last year, to much praise. This year, WPEA opened the doors of Grainger earlier than the officially announced time in order to avoid congestion. In addition, student bands performed in Grainger, whereas last year they played from the lobby instead.

WPEA members arrived two

and a half hours before the dance to start setting up. One member from WPEA observed that "wrapping the lights around the staircase railing took the most time to complete." According to lower Anna Clark, the radio's general manager, these efforts paid off. "When all the decorations came together, it looked really nice and wintry," she said. The successful advertisement from WPEA members appealed to a large crowd this year. They advertised to people they didn't know as well as to friends, and sent out Facebook invitations to as many Exonian students as possible.

The board members started planning the event several months in advance. They discussed whether or not there would be a live band and whether the WPEA members would invite Assistant Director of Student Activities Kelly McGahie to be the DJ for the dance. In fact, McGahie ended up playing a significant

role in the success of the evening. "The dance's success can largely be accredited to her [Ms. McGahie]," Clark said.

For the second year running, the WPEA Winter Formal was lauded by students and expected to continue in the coming years. Prep Sebastian Beck commended WPEA for their organization of the event.

"It was fun," he said. "I liked how it was a big get-together, and how in the beginning the students performed, then it changed to the live band." Lower Miranda Hall echoed Beck's sentiment, saying that she enjoyed the live band very much. Other students expressed enjoyment at the opportunity to dress up and have their pictures taken for social media. For Senior Audrey Hahn, Winter Formal is superior to other dances because students get to dress up and dance in a spacious auditorium.

Trendwatch

Hey guys!

We hope you all had a fabulous break and are ready to get back to the grind! As 2017 begins, we are seeing interesting trends around the fashion world. Calling all you emoji-lovers out there, this one is just for you! Brands such as Alice and Olivia and Michael Kors are releasing emoji-crazed lines. T-shirts, handbags and shoes are some of the most popular items to be decorated with whimsical features. Gucci has also released a line called "Taveugle par amour" or "blind for love," which features similar designs. Check out any of these brands if you want in on the emoji trend.

The OG whimsical brand is making a comeback—that distinct heart with playful eyes that you find on many shirts and shoes this season is up-and-coming. Comme des Garçons, meaning "Like Boys" in French, has actually been around since 1969. It is an ironic Japanese clothing company with a french cover. They are well known for both their heart and polka dot patterns. The company features many different designers such as Shirt and Play, and it incorporates different designers throughout each season.

One of the most featured products is the collaboration that they did with Converse. They have two simple designs. On each side of the shoes, the top half of the hearts stick out. Their eyes look up as if they are peeking out from the bottom of the shoe. They are very minimalist and come in only two colors: black and white. The canvas pieced shoes are up-and-coming. I am particularly interested to see what they have in store for 2017!

The Golden Globes kicked off the award show season with tons of good looks. Yellow seemed to be a common trend on the red carpet. Natalie Portman wore a 60s inspired Bohemian gown styled by Prada, and Reese Witherspoon wore a pale yellow fitted Versace dress. Emma Stone stole the show in a pale pink Valentino robe embel-

lished with silver stars.

Blake lively rocked a black velvet dress with sparkling silver details. Ryan Gosling and Donald Glover, both dressed in Gucci, won our hearts as the best dressed men.

At Exeter's own formal event, Winter Formal, Kate Haering '17 was shredding the dance with her extravagant moves. She was wearing a white dress with blue flowers that stood out from the rest. Winslow MacDonald '17 was looking classy as usual wearing a camel-hair overcoat and a turquoise bolo tie. On campus, Auden Barbour '18 has been rocking some nice colored dark jackets for a while. Eloise Shields '17 styles black Blundstones with sheer patterned tights under a corduroy skirt and a cozy scarf. RC McShane '17 dresses to impress in a navy patterned bowtie, a silver buckled belt, and a navy slip on vans. Nora Epler '17 goes for a monochrome look in an all black ensemble, with a cool pair of black tie crepe pants that adds variety to the look.

We hope you have a fun and fashionable week!

Stay stylish,

Caroline and Connor



Lupita Nyong'o At The Golden Globes
Courtesy of Google Images

Winter Break Quote Box

By SARAH RYU
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This break, I went to Korea and I played pool with a bunch of guys I met. When I got back to Canada after visiting Korea, I was so jetlagged that I was awake during the night and asleep during the day. I realized I'm doing the same thing now at Exeter except for the sleeping part.
- Sofia Yoon '18

I went to Korea to be with my family for the holidays, and I reunited with a friend I hadn't seen in five years. I was really happy that we were able to catch up and talk about our elementary school memories.
- Maria Lee '18

The highlights of finishing off 2016 and beginning 2017 was when I bit my champagne glass. I managed to spit the glass out but I cut my thumb on the broken glass!
- Elizabeth Williams '19

I went to London over the break and although pretty much everywhere I went was amazing, my favorite part was the view I got from the top of the London Eye.
- Sophie Faliero '19

I went to a Bruins game!
- Leah Jones '17

Over the break, I took a dance class at Millennium Dance Complex in Hollywood. At first, my parents told me that I should go but I was really nervous because I didn't think I'd be good at it. Eventually, they forced me to go and my heart was beating so fast right before, but I ended up having the best experiences in my life.
- Aaron Willard '19

I watched 3 seasons of Gilmore Girls.
-Sophia Oguri '18

It was a mixture of sleep and kind of talking to my family about everything I had missed while I was at school.
-Danielle Apple '18

I watched "La La Land" and went to an Escape Room.
-Brian Choi '17

Over break I trained for track and launched a non-profit organization with some great friends.
-Raj Das '19

My family went on a road trip out west. Did you think it was even possible to spend an entire day in Death Valley? John and Katie Friberg achieved the impossible with an eight-hour trek through the lowest land in the country.
-Julia Friberg '17

I watched a lot of Black Mirror and studied The Office like a true Exonian, so I could make "The Academy."
-Ori Evans '18

Over the break I went to Korea aton for the first time and it was pretty amazing. Also, my sister is obsessed with K-pop so I've been helping her learn Korean and so now she can actually say some sentences.
-Lulu Ezekwenna '19

Senior Spotlight

A Julia of All Trades

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Senior Julia Friberg runs down one of the cross country paths during practice as prep Jack Liu catches up to her. "Hey, you're Brandon Liu's brother, right? He gave me his fish last year. I kinda killed them," Friberg jokes, introducing herself. The four-year senior is well known on campus for her sense of humor, among many other aspects of her personality. While balancing her commitments as a proctor in McConnell Hall, a member of the cross country and varsity lacrosse teams and the Head of Accounting on *The Exonian* Business Board, Julia shines with her bright smile and inviting character.

These are just a few of the traits that made McConnell Hall elect her as proctor. Senior Henrietta Reily, prep Selma Unver and many other residents of the dorm have described Julia as incredibly kind and always willing to talk or listen to anyone in or outside of the dorm. "These are qualities I imagine a younger student would appreciate in a proctor, so I voted for her," Reily said. Friberg serves as a role model to many of the new students in the dorm. "She's always there when I have a question and she even helped me try to get my riding horses as a sport petition approved, which meant a lot to me," said Unver.

When Friberg herself was a prep, she joined *The Exonian's* Business Board and chose to work in the board's accounting department. By her lower year, she was already on the upper board as the



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Director of Accounting. Despite her fast success on the board and natural talent, Friberg disclosed to *The Exonian* that she "abhors accounting." Although she felt this way about her duties on Business Board, former Chair of the Board, senior Timur Luke remarked that, "She promoted a great work environment and completed all her tasks on time, despite the occasional schedule conflict." Outside of working with the Business Board, Friberg would also periodically treat her department to dinner or ice cream in town.

Friberg's bright and inspiring personality is acknowledged outside of the Business Board as well, having competed on the girls varsity lacrosse team since her lower year. Senior and teammate Hannah

Gustafson said, "She is one of the most positive people on the team. I don't think I have ever heard anything negative come from her mouth." Despite her lack of playing time during games, Friberg explained, she is always ready and willing to help out her teammates, pushing them in both practices and in games.

In the classroom, Friberg opted to participate in the Senior Research Seminar this term. The culmination to this course, a final research paper on a chosen topic, will discuss a Zionist political philosopher in Palestine. Her advisor, History Instructor Michael Golay, described Julia's avid interest in Judaism. "She has a great topic and I'm very enthusiastic about what she's working on."

Despite juggling clubs, sports and academics, Friberg manages to expertly manage all her responsibilities. She explains that she is missing an "it-thing," one topic or subject that really grabs her interest, to define herself. Consequently, she uses this lack of a defining feature of herself as motivation to explore and pursue her abundance of passions instead. Her love of biology which has led her to become one of the co-heads of the biology club here at Exeter. Ever since she was the age of seven, Friberg remembers wanting to be a surgeon. Following her passions, Friberg had the opportunity two summers ago to observe a surgery and hasn't looked back since. "I love science and I love people. Medicine is the perfect overlap of the two," Friberg said.

When asked about how Exeter had helped her evolve as a person, Friberg said that before coming she was "pretty naive" as she had "always lived in a wealthy and white rural New Hampshire town."

She described her prep year self as someone in her own bubble and totally self-absorbed. However, according to the man she jokingly calls her life coach and to whom she attributes most of her happiness, Michael Golay, Friberg has lost much of her selfishness while retaining her infectious sense of humor and good nature. "One of my colleagues, when I first got here, said to me that Exeter is a place where people come to grow up. And I think Julia really exemplifies that. She came here as kind of a wide-eyed ninth grader and she's leaving a very confident, a very accomplished young woman. And it's been a great pleasure to see that happen over the three and a half years so far."

ALBUM REVIEW: MODERN VAMPIRES OF THE WEEKEND

★★★★★

By ALAN WU
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While the glory of starting a band has not completely faded, it certainly doesn't carry the same weight or cultural pervasiveness as it did thirty years ago. In our current musical climate, young musicians would probably prefer producing hits for Beyoncé to starting a rock band. This time last year, Vampire Weekend's multi-instrumentalist and composer Rostam Batmanglij chose the former. His withdrawal from Vampire Weekend signified the end of a golden era for a great rock band and it marked the end of his partnership with the lead singer and songwriter, Ezra Koenig. The two of them were once a dynamic duo as vital as Lennon and McCartney, or Morrissey and Marr.

The reason why this matters is that Vampire Weekend is the best representative of a dying breed — the classic rock band in the vein of The Clash, R.E.M. and Radiohead. Not only did they score two number one albums in a row, their unique synthesis of historical references and infectious melodies also set them apart. In their three studio albums, Vampire Weekend grew better and better with no signs of stopping and finally reached their peak in the 2013 indie rock masterpiece "Modern Vampires of the City."

When Vampire Weekend first hit the indie scene, some critics and listeners derided the band for their preppy image, use of African music and knock of wordy lyrics. Fortunately, Vampire Weekend did not heed to such criticisms but instead turned their sound inside out, forcing the haters to reconsider their criticisms. Although "Modern Vampires" still retained some remnants of Vampire Weekend's previous sound, it was more nuanced and spacious. Jumpy guitars and African rhythms were replaced by keyboards and melodic synths. A tone of creeping ambience floated in the background of every song, giving the album an omnipresent darkness and moodiness. The production was meticulous. It helped highlight the intricacies within the album's sound. It was in these pockets of atmospheric tension when Vampire Weekend gradually

found its power.

They then decided to ground their sound in the pulsing beat of their hometown, New York City, for the first time. However, the band evoked less of the sleek, aggressive coolness of bands, like the Strokes, but more of the introspective eccentricity of the Talking Heads. Despite this, Vampire Weekend still found tasteful moments to inject danceable rhythms and lyrical wit into their songs. As a result, the record worked as a true reflection of modern life, instead of some edgy teenager's quasi-depressed poetry.

In the band's first two records, Ezra Koenig's songwriting sometimes seemed pretentious. His tendency to throw cultural references into every line made the listeners feel burdened rather than enlightened. Fortunately, like any great artist, he gradually learnt to control his impulse in his work. In his pre-Vampire Weekend days, Koenig ran a blog of his incoherent ramblings. In one post, he managed to string his friend's visit to Morocco, the history of the Strait of Gibraltar, a 1984 interview between Bob Dylan and Bono, the film "The Secret of Roan Inish" and National Geographic's famed Afghan refugee cover together, in a way that made perfect sense. His narrative was funny, perceptive and clever. Although his medium of expression has changed, from blog posts to songs, his omnivorous cultural appetite has not.

In the song "Step," one of the album's highlights, Koenig described his obsessive affection for music as being "entombed within boombox and Walkman." However, the song avoided being just a messy list of names. Koenig conveyed his infatuation with music through every element of the song. The chorus and the melody were both borrowed from Souls of Mischief's "Step to My Girl," a direct ode to Koenig's appreciation for 90s hip hop. The lyrics themselves are sung and rapped with such delicacy and grace that they float gorgeously without the extraneous weight of pretentiousness. Koenig also applied simpler lines of truth and insight into the lyrics. For example, "Wisdom's a gift but you'd trade it for youth / age is an honor, it's still not the truth." These

songs are no longer inconsequential. Koenig incorporated profound meaning behind every lyric. In songs like "Unbelievers" and "Ya Hey," Koenig directly spoke to the Big Man upstairs, confronting him with questions about life and implying his existence with desperate confusions about faith. His songwriting does not condemn or affirm any of these ideas; they are just being thought out loud. In the other songs, themes of mortality and time are also covered. Sometimes even the clock effect is applied to drive the point stronger.

Although the lyrics are thematically dense, Batmanglij's catchy melodies prevent the songs from drowning. The clarity of the music obliterates any sort of anxiety created by the ambiguous musings of the lyrics. Koenig and Batmanglij truly worked as one mind, pairing vocal melodies and harpsichord arpeggios in an infectiously delightful and natural way. Batmanglij, who usually decorates songs with thick layers of electronic beats, classical instruments, guitars and pitch-shifted vocals, did much of the same on "Modern Vampires," except this time, many of the songs thrive on what is not being done. The more minimalistic and precise approach of Batmanglij's compositions fit well with the album's overall maturity. There is room in these songs to breathe and to get lost in. This genius combination of music and lyrics comes to a peak in the album's centerpiece "Hannah Hunt." It fades in with the sound of hissing ambient wind and murmured chatter, a scene from everyday life. It then gives way to Batmanglij's gorgeous piano chords and the upright plucks of Chris Baio's bass. Koenig, almost whispering, tells a story about a couple on a cross-country road trip. The details of crawling vines, hidden eyes, men of faith, freezing beaches, torn up newspapers are all intimate, mystical and undeniably stunning. The music wails and weeps as the song soars to a heart wrenching conclusion. Screeching guitars and clashing piano keys roar as they give way to Koenig's best vocal moment. "If I can't trust you then damn it, Hannah / there's no future / there's no answer." Koenig sings, now screaming at the top of his lungs. The

song blooms with every element of Vampire Weekend's musical identity refined to perfection. For an album obsessed with time and fate, it is a moment when all is stopped for the universal power of emotions and memories.

Vampire Weekend posed many questions in the album "Modern Vampires of the City" without really answering any. But that's just how life is, completely uncertain and bound by the constraints of time. I believe Vampire Weekend is optimistic and resilient for the future, as they have always been. They may have been the last hope for a bygone era of rock music but their fate is not for anyone to decide. They will keep doing what they've been doing, of which "Modern Vampires" is an obvious sign. They will still be, to some degree, great, even with the loss of a crucial member. Most importantly, I hope they will continue to observe the mysteries of the human condition through simple truths of life. Maybe there will be a second coming of rock music, which may or may not happen in our lifetime. What we do know for sure is that Vampire Weekend are no longer just an encyclopedia for the past times but a powerful source of their own style. They don't have to be a great classic rock band anymore.

In that sense, they have beaten time.

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FacultySpotlight

Hannah Lim

By MADISON KANG and DON ASSAMONGKOL
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In History Instructor Dr. Hannah Lim's first term at the Academy, students and faculty have recognized her thoughtfulness and positivity on campus. Despite her recent introduction to the Academy and the Harkness pedagogy, she has quickly learned to fit in and excel in all aspects of Exeter life, from her work in the classroom to that in the dormitory.

Lim's relationship with the Academy started last year while she was finishing a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Southern California. That year, Lim was offered the opportunity to join the Exeter faculty that year, and she moved to New Hampshire the following August. "I knew that I wanted to be at an institution that really focused on student-centered learning," she said.

Lim discovered her passion for history in college when she realized the subject's depth beyond memorizing trivial dates and figures. "History is a way of seeing the world that constantly challenges me to self-reflect, talk with others about their opinions [and] keep researching," she said. "An insatiable curiosity comes from studying history."

This term, Lim is teaching the 400-level U.S. history sequence and an introductory course on Japanese history titled "Tradition to Modernity." She hopes her teaching will empower her students to analyze historical events through writing and discussion to question how and why they happened. "Something this school does really well is preparing students so that they don't need anyone to tell them this happened," Lim said. "They have the skills to be in dialogue with other people and come to a deeper understanding."

Lim grew up in Orange County, California, home to the third largest Asian population in the United States. At Exeter, Lim continues to embrace her capacity in Asian studies. "For the future, I'm really excited to rework the Asian history courses and hopefully develop new and different ones," Lim said.

Next year, Lim will be assisting English Instructor Christine Knapp in setting up a new English course in Korean literature, providing historical background related to the class. "I'm thrilled to talk with people outside of my department on material that I'm passionate about," Lim said.

In her own department, Lim's stand-out personality is as notable as her willingness to explore the possibilities of her position. History Instructor Cameron Brickhouse appreciated Lim's presence inside and

outside of the department. "Dr. Lim has an effervescent personality. Her energy and wonderful sense of humor are contagious," Brickhouse said. She saw Lim's positive personality at play after spending some time with her outside of the classroom. "After a very busy and tiring day, Dr. Lim encouraged me to go to the dog park to allow our dogs to burn off some steam. Chatting, brainstorming and laughing with Dr. Lim was one of the highlights of my week and just what I needed to reenergize. I'm sure Dr. Lim has injected fun into many other people's days at Exeter," Brickhouse said.

Focusing on her work in the classroom, History Department Chair William Jordan applauded Lim's background and the strength she brings to the department. "She is amazingly qualified to teach Asian history. Not only is her specialty Korean history, but she has also studied extensively in other areas of Asia, like China or Japan," he said. Jordan also recognized Lim's ability to teach effectively and bond with her students, noting the speed she has grown accustomed to the Harkness pedagogy on which she places much importance.

In addition to Lim's passion in the classroom, she "loves" being a dorm faculty member in Merrill Hall. Senior Yoshiko Lynch, a proctor in Merrill, referred to Lim as a mother figure, saying, "I love having her in the dorm! She always bakes for us whenever she's on duty, and she's really caring and fun to talk to." Lower Safa Firas agreed, saying, "[Lim] always has a smile on her face. She's always cheerful and has an incredibly positive influence on our dorm." Lim carries her demeanor across cam-

pus, warming and inspiring both students and faculty that she comes into contact with. Upper Gabby Sanders, who took U.S. history with Lim in the fall, remembered her for her geniality. "She was a very pleasant person to be around, always smiling," Sanders said.

After the announcement of the recent presidential election results, Lim organized a dorm meeting to help students come to terms with the how and why the results came to be. She explained the process of the presidential and electoral college process, utilizing her skills as a History Instructor. "Organizing this meeting was not something I had planned to do at the beginning of the year, but I'm glad I have the privilege to live and work with the residents of Merrill so closely," she said.

Upper Menat Bahnasy, another resident in Merrill Hall and one of Lim's advisees, expressed her gratitude. "There isn't one particular experience that has been the most meaningful for me, rather all of Dr. Lim's efforts to make my upper year experience more comforting," she said. "Whenever I have questions about who to go to or where to go for a particular reason, if Dr. Lim doesn't know the answer, she finds out! I'm very thankful to have Dr. Lim as my advisor — I truly lucked out!"

Lim leads her life with her philosophy, "This is where I am, make the best of it." From her experience thus far, Lim is enjoying her career at Exeter and positively influencing most she comes across. "I have no idea what I would be doing if I wasn't at Exeter. I am where I want to be right now," she said.

GREEN CORNER

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In May of 2016, Beekeeping Club established Exeter's first on-campus beehive. It is located across the bridge to the stadium, right in between the dog park and the community garden. While we originally had a colony of "Italian" bees (from Maine), part of that colony abandoned the hive this summer, so we blended them with a new colony of "Carniolan" bees.

One of the characteristics of our new breed of bees, the Carniolan, is that they are well adapted to surviving the winter. They cut down to a very small winter bee population, and form a very tight "cluster" around the queen to keep her warm. All honeybees utilize this cluster formation to keep the queen bee at about 95 degrees, but cluster size is important, because fewer winter bees means the hive is less likely to run out of food storage before the winter is over. A colony of bees needs about 40 pounds of honey during the winter months in southern states, but because extra energy is required to stay warm during cold winters, New England bees need 60-80 pounds of honey for winter. Our bees seem to have enough honey to survive this winter, but sometimes beekeepers put sheets of pollen or hard candy in the hive as emergency food stores for their bees.

During the winter, protecting the bees from wind is paramount, so we have placed hay bales on three sides of the hive. We also wrapped the hive in a Bee Cozy, which is a hive wrap developed by beekeepers in Canada to help bees stay warm during the winter. The polypropylene wrap is insulated with environmentally friendly fiberglass, and is reusable for many years. It is a relatively new product, and this is the first time any of us have used it, so we look forward to seeing its effects on our colony in the spring.

Beekeeping Club will meet infrequently throughout winter term, but as soon as pollen becomes available in the early spring, the number of bees in our hive will explode from their wintering population of about 20,000 bees to a summertime population of up to 60,000 bees. At that time, Beekeeping Club will resume our weekly hive inspections. We usually look to make sure that the bees are producing enough honey to sustain themselves, that there aren't too many drone bees and that the queen is laying brood in an even pattern and other indicators of hive health. Although some knowledge of beekeeping would be helpful at these hive inspections, anyone is welcome to join us. The inspections usually take place on Wednesday afternoons or Saturdays. We have several veils and pairs of gloves for anyone who wants to be physically involved in the inspections, but anyone can join us just to watch as well. If you would like to know more about the campus beehive, join us on an inspection or have other questions, email oliponis@exeter.edu.

Movie Review: La La Land

By SAMANTHA WEIL
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When I walked into the dimly lit movie theater with my buttered popcorn in hand, I had high expectations for "La La Land," a movie directed by Damien Chazelle and starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling. I had already heard about the film from many friends, who raved about its musical score and fantastic acting. I now understand why they were so excited. With an uplifting score and strong chemistry between the actors, my expectations were more than fulfilled.

Endlessly witty and charming, this film depicts Los Angeles in the perfect light, glossing over its flaws while illustrating the hardships that Mia (Stone) and Sebastian, or "Seb" (Gosling), endure whilst living in the city. These two main characters are young performance artists in their twenties, who are both pur-

suing their dreams in the so-called "city of stars." When we first meet Mia, she is working at a coffee shop in the Universal Studios parking lot, but she aspires to be an actress. Seb is a contrarian jazz pianist, passionate about his music, who is tirelessly fighting to keep classical jazz alive. "La La Land" follows the relationship that ensues between the two and the process in which they strive to obtain their respective careers.

While Mia goes through multiple failed auditions, she always has the strength and optimism to continue pursuing her dream, maintaining the hope that "someone in the crowd" will eventually help boost her career. Indirectly, this leads her to Seb. The rest of the movie goes through Mia and Seb's rollercoaster-like relationship, truly displaying the reality of love and the pursuit of dreams in the modern

world.

La La Land's greatest triumph is its revival of the musical. The performance of each character exudes confidence and whimsy. The movie's score threaded throughout the storyline and the energetic dance routines in every scene makes the film so much better than a boring "chick flick" about two attractive young people trying to make it in Los Angeles. The classical dance numbers were a salute to past cinematic musicals. However, each one was spiced with a modern twist. In these upbeat and flashy scenes, there is only a hint of reminiscence, setting the movie apart from musicals of the past and issuing a new wave of possibility for future cinematic musicals.

Despite their phenomenal acting, Stone and Gosling lack much talent for singing. As genius

reviving as La La Land is, the stars weren't quite able to belt out their biggest numbers. Though the songs themselves were vibrant and playful, the musical skills showcased could have been even better. What will be remembered, though, is the chemistry between Gosling and Stone—a relationship so natural and effortless that it carries the characters throughout the entire film. I also applaud the fact that the leads went to such ends to learn how to sing and dance.

If you need a movie to watch with your friends in your dorm room, with family at home, or even alone on your laptop, this is your movie. La La Land is suspenseful, yet relaxing. Its vivid scenes keep you rapt, and its message rings true for everyone: achieving your dreams and maintaining relationships never come easy.

UPCOMING

SHOW
MAGICIAN FOR NONBELIEVERS
Saturday, Academy Building
8 P.M.

PERFORMANCE
STUDENT SOLOIST
Tuesday, the Bowl
7 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EVENT
BUDDHIST MEDITATION
Friday, Phillips Church
7 P.M.

EVENT
MLK DAY KEYNOTE
Friday, Love Gym
9 A.M.

A Message From Dean Coole:

"Manage your attention, not your time."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: JOEL LOTZKAR

By BELLA ALVAREZ
Staff Writer

Two swimmers push off the spring on the wall of the pool and begin swimming their final lap of breaststroke. Senior Joel Lotzkar is neck-and-neck with his challenger in the adjacent lane. Together, they pass the halfway point and push through the burning pain in their bodies. His iconic white swim cap pops in and out of the water. From the pool deck his teammates cheer, encouraging their co-captain to edge out his opponent and win the race. Lotzkar takes one last stroke and glides into the wall, touching it at almost exactly the same time as the swimmer next to him. The two swimmers identically turn their heads to look for their times, which shows that lane four, Lotzkar's lane, has won by three one-hundredths of a second. The Exeter stands roar in excitement, and Lotzkar shakes hands with his opponent.

Lotzkar discovered his passion for swimming at the young age of six. After signing up for lessons in Vancouver, Canada, he found he had a natural buoyancy in the water and an intrinsic ability to master strokes. "I quickly developed good technique, so swimming was fun for me from the get go," Lotzkar explained. Since his foundation at the C-nadian Dolphin Swim Club, Lotzkar's repertoire of strokes has become vast and varied. He determined his favorite to be breaststroke, but Lotzkar also swims butterfly, long distance freestyle and medley.

According to Coach Don Mills, Lotzkar was on the list for potential swimmers to come to Exeter. He and Mills had exchanged emails intermittently prior to his acceptance. However, Lotzkar got in on his own merit, and as soon as he got to campus, Mills pushed for him to join the team.

When Lotzkar arrived at Exeter as a prep, he found it difficult to adjust to Exeter's meet style because he felt that he was not accustomed to its fast pace. However, he soon found a sense of kinship and community on the swimming team, which enabled him to adapt well. "Being on varsity was an exciting experience," he said. "I made a lot of great friends who were uppers and seniors."

Mills commented on Lotzkar's improved skills over his years at Exeter, citing pressure from older racers as a major factor in Lotzkar's athletic growth. "Each year he has been here, he has always been under a faster breaststroker who has pushed him and made him better," Mills said. However, Mills believed that Lotzkar, as a top breaststroker for the team, has a big season ahead of him because he has the chance to



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"come into his own as a senior and as a captain."

Lotzkar described being a co-captain as a rewarding experience. As he's been on the team for the past four years, Lotzkar has gotten to see each swimmer develop and help cultivate the incoming athletes' talent. This year, he wants to make sure he can create the same supportive environment for younger students that he was welcomed into during his first year at Exeter. "I enjoyed the team bonding experience prep year because the pool and my teammates were a second home to me," he said. "One of my personal goals this season is to be a good leader." Lotzkar also wants to get first place at the New England Boy's Swimming Championships in the 100 yard breaststroke, as well as earn personal best times in his other events. Finally, he hopes that the team will place in the top three at New Englands, which he believes with hard work, is possible.

Upper Harry Saunders admires both Lotzkar's hard work and pure talent, which have ultimately culminated in athletic greatness. "He has put in a lot of work over the last four years necessary to become captain," Saunders said. Upper Brian Rhee agreed, saying, "There has never been as day in practice when he

slacked off." Senior Andrew Bennett echoed Rhee and Saunders's statements, describing the infectious vigor that Lotzkar brings to the team. "He always comes to practice with positive energy," said Bennett. "We knew each other before we swam here, but he was really welcoming."

Saunders explained that Lotzkar's incredible speed motivates each swimmer to push themselves each practice. "He works so hard that we swim 80 percent, 90 percent speed—race speed, and then Joel speed," Saunders said. According to Saunders, this inspirational athleticism also comes into play during meets, as Lotzkar brings his all without jeering or boasting. "He showed me that you can be a very fierce competitor while also being a nice, respectful person," Saunders said.

Mills described Lotzkar's leading style as a quiet one, citing him as a co-captain who leads by example. Upper Evan Stanton reiterated this point, saying that Lotzkar reminds each team member to stay focused on the meet on bus rides and practices. However, Stanton remarked on Lotzkar's enjoyable presence, saying, "Everyone wants to swim in Joel's lane for practice because he is also really fun to be around and to swim with."

Girls' Swimming Crushes Milton Academy Team Optimistic and Invigorated After Dominating Multiple Events



Lower Ariane Avandi races down the pool.

Jena Yau/The Exonian

By BELLA ALVAREZ
Staff Writer

Exeter varsity girls' swimming performed well against Milton Academy during a meet at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. During the first event, which was a 200 meter medley relay, Exeter got off to a strong start and placed in 1st and 2nd. According to lower Issy Wise, this win inspired confidence in the rest of the swimmers and gave a boost of momentum which they used to their advantage. "[We] swam really fast for the rest of the meet's events," Wise said.

Big Red's performance was not easily achieved, as the team had to put a two-week pause on their high-intensity practices because of winter vacation. However, according to Wise, the swimmers have put in their best effort during every practice. "It paid off during our meet because we had some great swims," Wise explained. Senior and co-captain Emily LaRovere also pointed out that some of the major weaknesses of Milton allowed for swimmers to switch up their events and swim strokes they normally didn't.

LaRovere also detailed the disadvantages Exeter faced. The pool at the University of Massachusetts

in Boston was very different than the one at the Love Gym. According to LaRovere, the entire pool was only four feet deep, making it hard for divers to get a strong commencement. Since the starting blocks were the size of kick boards, it was difficult to start successfully and not scrape the bottom. However, Exeter was able to rise to the occasion. "Our divers stepped up big for us," LaRovere said. "We were able to bring up a few members from JV to dive." Upper Maddie Shapiro described the adaptation of each diver as being able to "dive flatter," which boosted their times and lead the team to win more events. "We had to practice our starts during warm ups because the pool was really shallow, but we had some great starts during their races, which led to fast times," Shapiro explained.

LaRovere also credited some of the team's success to the support from one another and the crowd. "There was lots of cheering for one another because we were swimming different events," she explained.

Lower Elizabeth Williams was a particularly important swimmer, winning the 200 meter individual medley and the 100 yard freestyle, two events which are not usually in Williams' repertoire. "They were both great swims," Shapiro said. Lower Samantha Gove won the 200 meter freestyle, as well as the 500 meter

freestyle races. Lower Tina Wang also won the 50 yard freestyle with the fast time of 25.99 seconds.

Many of the girls agreed that the 200 yard freestyle relay was also the highlight of the meet. Williams and LaRovere were both able to outdo the top Milton relay swimmers. All three swimmers on each respective relay team finished the last leg of the race within half a second of one another. This was especially valuable because relays are worth more points than individual events. Therefore, Big Red extended its already considerable margin to seize victory.

Big Red will face Deerfield in their next competition on Jan. 14. LaRovere remains confident in Exeter's ability, but emphasized that the opponent is a worthy rival. "Deerfield is a really strong team," she said. "They won overall last year, so we are excited to get down there, but it's going to be a tough meet."

Shapiro described her hopes for future practices, stressing the importance of focusing in order to further individual performances. Exeter will also compete against the Dana Hill School on Jan. 25 and Choate Rosemary Hall on Jan. 28. Big Red plans on going into each meet with a strong mentality of team chemistry, concentration and bringing forth the best from every swimmer.

Boys' Hockey Takes Down Defensive St. Paul's



Upper Bobby Murray skates toward defender.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

By ROSE HORWITCH
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Last Saturday, the boys' varsity hockey team defeated St. Paul's School at an away game. Big Red triumphed over its opponent in a crushing 5-2 win, raising its season record to 10-4.

Senior and co-captain Colin Shapiro scored one of the five goals, and his brother, senior Greg Shapiro, scored another of the goals. The other three goals were scored by senior Ryan Moore, upper Kyle Jadatz and lower Paddy Bogart.

In the first period, the team struggled to assert themselves over their opponent. Exeter only had four shots on goal and were not given the opportunity to score. Senior Nick Moore emphasized the difficulty of overcoming the team because of their athletic ability. "St. Paul's was a really good defensive team,

so scoring the first goal was important," Moore said. Lower Michael Pitts echoed this sentiment, saying that the first goal was "a real turning point." He explained this as a crucial moment to improve team spirit. "Everybody was fired up," said Pitts.

Exeter gained momentum and confidence following that first goal. "Things picked up in the second period as the bus legs started to wring out," Pitts said. According to Pitts, St. Paul's was not an easy team to defeat, stating that they were worthy opponents. "The game was tight," Pitts said. "St. Paul's played hard and leveled us with hits." However, the Phillips Exeter Academy team was able to pull ahead for a win.

Lower Gray Betts commented on the ability of each member to come together and cohesively use their strength. "There was an all around great team effort,"

said Betts.

The team's strong defense greatly contributed to their success. Exeter's goalie, prep Ryan Welch, had "an amazing game," according to Pitts. "He helped the team out many times," Pitts elaborated. Senior and co-captain Graham Rutledge also helped save a goal, hitting the puck out of the air on the goal line. At this point during the game, the score was very close. According to Nick Moore, this play was vital moment for Exeter's win. Betts recalled two more decisive diving blocks by Ryan Moore in the first period, calling Moore the player with the "most team spirit."

Another team member who helped improve the team's chemistry was Jadatz. Pitt described Jadatz's goal as another moment to inspire the team. "When the game was 3-2, Kyle scored a great goal," Pitts said. "It got the guys fired up." Bo-

gart scored an important goal as well. The opposing team took their goalie out of the net in order to make sure there was an additional player on the ice, and Bogart scored into the empty net.

Although Big Red had a number of impressive plays, Betts thought that senior Matthew McShea had the best play of the game—a backhanded pass to Ryan Moore to score a goal.

Pitts also credited the team's success to St. Paul's fan section, saying, "as the game went on the fan section grew larger, so we wanted to win in front of all of their students that came to watch."

Next Saturday, the boys' hockey team will first face Governor's Academy, and then play rival Phillips Andover. Big Red intends to maintain a high morale, and to get another regular season win against its rival.

Wrestling Defeats St. Paul's and Brooks at Dual Meet

By JARED ZHANG
Staff Writer

Despite snowy weather conditions, boys' wrestling traveled to Brooks School to face Brooks as well as St. Paul's School in a dual meet. Big Red came out on top against both schools by a considerable margin, and dominated its competition with decisive wins in most of its matches. They defeated Brooks and St. Paul's with scores of 60-15 and 51-16, respectively.

This dual meet improved Big Red's season record to 2-3. However, their current record isn't fully indicative of their current performance this season. Prior to this meet, varsity wrestling was forced to spread out their players to different meets in the region. One tournament the team attended did not allow five year seniors to compete. Another one took place over Thanksgiving break, and many members of the team were unable to attend. These competitions disadvantaged Exeter since the team couldn't compete to its full potential.

At the dual meet last Saturday, Exeter was finally able to come together and take a win against their first opponents from within the Class A New England league. Co-captain and senior Quinn Abrams noted, "Earlier in the season, we were going to a lot of different matches. This time, we were able to be a cohesive team."

Big Red athletes performed well at the meet—one of the major highlights of the meet was prep and newcomer

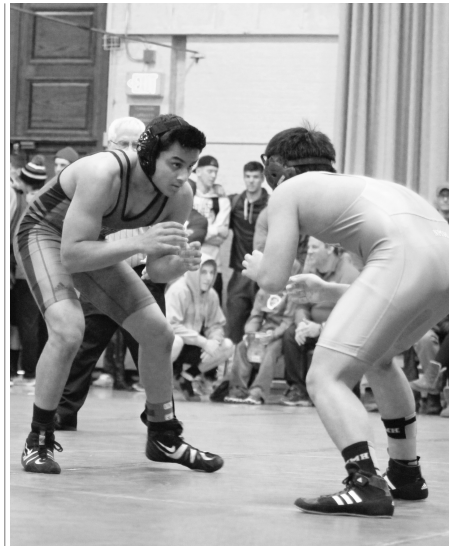
Tyler Morris' match. Morris pinned his opponent in the first period within 32 seconds, an astonishing feat. Abrams praised Morris' grit and resilience both in practice and in matches. "He dedicates a lot of time and effort to the sport—loves to be a part of the team," Abrams said. "He definitely puts 120% effort when he's in the match. It was fun to see him out there."

Morris attributes the team's success to the group's encouraging environment. "The team performed well, I thought that we showed a lot of camaraderie," he said. "We're just focused on making each other better. Everyone performed well and we supported each other."

Abrams described the mentality of the team as disciplined and diligent. "We're working hard no matter what the competition level is. We're always competing as if we have the toughest match of our lives," he explained.

When asked about an area of improvement for the team, Abrams suggested more team spirit, especially during meets. "Maybe we need to be louder when we're on the benches when we're cheering for our teammates," he said.

Exeter will be trying to carry their momentum from these two dominant wins into this weekend. On Saturday, Big Red will be traveling to Deerfield to compete in a quad meet. Even though it is early in the season, the varsity wrestling team is still looking to defeat their in-league opponents leading up to the New England wrestling tournament.



Upper Vinayak Kurup stares down opponent.

Rachel Luo/The Exonian



Senior Quinn Abrams, ready to wrestle

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WEDNESDAY SCORE REPORT

Boys' Hockey	3
Governors Academy	1
Boys' Basketball	73
Andover	49
Girls' Squash	5
St. George's	7

Girls' Hockey	0
Worcester Academy	2
Boys' Swimming	100
Milton Academy	82
Girls' Swimming	101
Milton Academy	70



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GIRLS' HOCKEY TOPPLES BREWSTER

Breaks Season Record For Most Goals



Upper Johna Vandergraaf surveys the ice for a teammate.

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By JO DE LA BRUYERE

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In their highest-scoring game of the season, Exeter girls' hockey defeated Brewster Academy 4-1 last Saturday. This game raises the team's regular season record to 5-4.

Despite the decisive win, the game started off rocky for Big Red. Senior and co-captain Brittani Chapman marveled at Brewster's remarkable resilience despite its small team. "They couldn't be underestimated. They were quick and had a lot of heart," she said. Lower Kathryn Kester noted that it took Exeter "a little bit to get their legs moving." Brewster took advantage of Exeter's slow start, scoring early in the first period. However, with a few minutes left in the

period, prep Ally DeCoste, assisted by senior captain Sydnee Goyer, tipped in a shot from senior and co-captain Bonnie LaBonté's power play to score her first Exeter goal. She tied the score 1-1. Goyer cited power plays as one of the team's strengths, and was thankful that the team had worked on them only days before. "Exeter did a great job controlling the puck and getting opportunities like Ally's," she said.

Exeter started the second period off strong. According to LaBonté, they shocked Brewster with their speed and "great puck movement across the ice." Kester agreed, stating that the team "quickly picked up its game." Chapman cited the team's "high morale" as an advantage for Exeter. Lower Lydia

Anderson capitalized on that advantage; she scored early in the second period, bumping the score up 2-1. Still, Exeter struggled against a strong Brewster defense. O'Brien stated that "we had a lot of great chances, but their goalie was making a lot of great saves."

It was in the third period that Exeter finally found its groove. Captains LaBonté and Goyer both cited standout performances from the new line of Anderson, DeCoste and prep Jill Cloonan. Chapman described the line as coming out of the gate "fast and hungry for a win," wearing down the Brewster goalie. Anderson and Cloonan both scored in the third period. Exeter kept the puck largely out of their zone, but Kester credited goalie Michaela O'Brien with

a "strong performance in net." O'Brien noted that "the defensemen unit as a whole played very well."

After what Goyer called "a few tough ties and a difficult loss earlier in the week" this win was especially exciting for Exeter girls' hockey. With a game at home against Worcester Academy this Wednesday, LaBonté hopes that the team maintains the "speed and willingness to pass and possess the puck" they found so successful against Brewster. "In addition, they will work on a stronger start to their game, meeting the ice with intensity from the first face-off," Kester said.

Following its game against Worcester the team will take on Deerfield Academy. Last year, Exeter suffered a 2-3 loss and hopes to win this time around.



Senior Mitchell Kirsch dribbles past a defender.

Rachel Luo/The Exonian

BOYS' BASKETBALL FALLS TO PROCTOR

By BELLA ALVAREZ

Boys' varsity basketball suffered a tough loss against Proctor Academy on Friday, losing by 14 points. This loss lowered the team's regular season record to 2-2.

After coming back from winter break, the team only had one practice before the game, which took place at Andover, New Hampshire. Post-graduate Kyle Copeland credited this as a major factor of the team's loss. During the second half, Exeter was able to hit shots outside and execute its offense, which allowed the team to make vital plays. "Our team ended up going on a really good run to cut Proctor's lead down to a few points," Copeland said.

Post-graduate Jacob Grandison commented on the team's dedication to focusing on the game, rather than on what Proctor Academy would do to break its concentration. "We knew that they were going to try and get in our heads, so as a team we talked about how we weren't going to let them take us out of our game," he said. Grandison also explained that Exeter implemented a new defense to block the offensive players, adding in the 1-3-1 formation in case they needed to change the pace of the game.

Copeland acknowledged Proctor Academy's agility and athletic abilities. "His point guard is committed to Holy Cross with me, and one of its other shooting guards is a high major player," Copeland said, describing the difficulty of playing a team of such a high caliber. Grandison shared Copeland's attitude towards the opposing team, emphasizing the fact that three out of its five starting players are already committed. Because Proctor Academy was up by twenty points at half point, it was not an easy feat to bring them down to a lead of only three points. "Give us a few more weeks, and I think we will win games like this,"

Copeland said.

However, Grandison described Proctor Academy as "disorganized," and highlighted Exeter's well-executed plays in the late first half. He also called attention to Exeter's limited time to hone in on its skills. "We've only had 9 practices," Grandison explained. "We have a lot of work to do."

With regards to the future, Copeland hopes to solidify the team chemistry and improve their offense. He explained that earlier in the season it was difficult for every team member to get adjusted to one another, since there were eight new players added to last year's roster. However, Copeland believed that with time, the Exeter team will be playing to its best ability. "Coach Tilton wants us to be playing our best basketball towards the end of the season, so we'll have to make that happen," Copeland said. Grandison echoed Copeland's views on future matches, noting that the team needs to work on its offense, rather than trying to go one-on-one early during the games.

Upper Emmett Shell highlighted that the upcoming schedule will be challenging for the team. "Every game is a dog-fight that we have to be ready to go for," he explained. "Hopefully we can shoot a little better in the future." He further reiterated Grandison and Copeland's words, pointing out the necessity of improving offense.

Big Red will face rival Phillips Andover at home on Jan. 11. Boys' varsity basketball will also compete with Choate Rosemary Hall and Bradford Christian Academy, on Jan. 14 and 17, respectively. Despite a disappointing loss against Suffield Academy in the Class A Winter Classic Bracket, as well as cancellation of the Seacoast Classic against Brunswick, the team has its hopes high for all upcoming games.

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