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## E/a Moved to Earlier Time

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As the end of the term approaches, Exonians excitedly anticipate the Exeter/Andover (E/a) games, regarded by many students as the ultimate determinant of the superior school, and a cause for celebration and displays of school spirit. The games, hosted this year by Andover on Saturday, Nov. 12, will begin with boys' varsity soccer in the mid-morning and culminate with varsity football in the early afternoon.

A few athletes had concerns over the order of the games and the overlapping times; in the past, the order and timing of games has been more spread out, ending with a football game in the evening. Some athletes reached out to Andover's Athletic Scheduling Officer and physical education instructor Karen Kennedy to better understand the reasons for the changes. The games are much earlier this year compared to previous fall E/a games. Exeter's Athletic Director Shane LaPointe explained that the schools have different approaches in scheduling the games. She said that Andover tends to condense E/a to a smaller period of time for games to occur, while Exeter spreads the day out, so that if athletes wanted to watch their friends play, they could visit many of the other games.

Two weeks ago, girls varsity soccer player and senior Veronica Galimberti sent an email to LaPointe expressing her curiosity toward the process of arrangements of the games. When she looked through the schedule, she noted that boys soccer and football were the two out of the five varsity games with their own time slots. "Meanwhile, the three girls games all take place during the span of an hour and a half," she said. Galimberti said she felt that attendance at the boys games was prioritized since there is no interference during their games. With all of the girls games scheduled so closely together, she said that

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## Due to Decay, Porter House Is Demolished

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Situated across Main Street and tucked quaintly among the trees, the demolished remains of an old New England home lie. Porter House has served as faculty housing at Phillips Exeter for almost an entire century, and was recently razed due to the rising cost of structural renovations.

Porter House has been unoccupied since the 2012-2013 school year; its inhabitants included English instructor Michelle Dionne. Dionne lived there with her family until the school asked her to relocate four years ago. She noted its architectural character and reminisced about the many happy years that she spent in Porter House with her family. "It was a charming old New England house, and I was really sad to see it bulldozed," she said.

Dionne was not just sad about having to move, but she expressed grief that such a historic site could not be preserved or maintained for future residents. "I understand the economics," she said, "but it's too bad that the school doesn't see fit to restore its old houses, even when it is expensive to do so. It's a shame to see all these bits of history and New England character lost."

The earliest photographs of Porter House date back to 1907, when it was located on Main Street near the administrative buildings. In 1931, Porter House

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Diana Davidson/The Exonian

The Teletubbies compete in the annual Halloween costume contest during Monday's assembly.

## Campus Political Clubs Lead Up to Presidential Elections on November 8: Clinton vs. Trump

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With less than a week to go until Election Day, campus political clubs and various student organizations have been participating in the political process by fostering discussion, helping students campaign for candidates and community members register to vote.

The Democratic Club has been focused on campaigning for Democratic candidates up and down the ticket, ranging from Hillary Clinton to local state Senate candidates. "Dem Club is in full spin getting ready for the upcoming election!" co-head upper Menat Bahnasy said.

The club focuses on taking specific action to produce votes for Democratic candidates. Rather than simply hosting discussions or advocating for Democratic policies in conversations on campus, the club seeks to take part in strategies employed by campaigns. "Dem Club demonstrates our support for our candidates by putting in a lot of work to the campaigns and through specific actions," co-head and senior Charis Edwards said.

The club and its members have been phone banking and canvassing in conjunction with the local Clinton campaign office throughout the fall, and intend to do so through election day. Their ultimate goal is to improve visibility for all Democratic candidates. "We try our best to get our

candidates' names, all the way down the ticket, known," Bahnasy said. Club adviser Jackie Weatherspoon noted the power of canvassing and phone-banking. "It takes less than 10 seconds to engage the public," she said.

While the club also creates opportunity for discussion on political topics by hosting debate watch parties, during election season the members divert their attention away from the typical discussion meetings to working primarily on electing Democratic candidates. "While we value discussion, when the opportunity presents itself, we focus on doing the work to get our ticket elected," Edwards said.

In addition, the Democratic Club has

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## Dr. Trimble '80 Awarded John Phillips Award

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The Academy Trustees and the Executive Committee of the General Alumni honored Cornelia "Connie" Liu Trimble '80 with the 2016 John Phillips Award during last Friday's assembly. Trimble is a doctor who has been recognized for her contributions to the field of immunotherapy and her work in cancer research and prevention. The assembly saw three standing ovations—two before she spoke about her experience living a "Harkness life" in a world without Harkness.

The award is given annually to an Exonian who exemplifies John Phillips' ideals of goodness and knowledge and who has contributed to the welfare of the Exeter community and the world since his or her graduation. According to Mitch Bradbury '78, chair of the 2016 Awards Committee, Trimble stood out from the candidate pool because of her "wonderful work" in medical science over many years.

As Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Cervical Dysplasia and Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Pathology and Oncology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Trimble's research focuses on developing and evaluating interventions to prevent cancers associated with persistent HPV. She is one of very few practicing physicians that conduct research.

Trimble never imagined going to boarding school, but when a family friend showed



Dr. Connie Liu Trimble accepts the 2016 John Phillips Award. Gavin Hickey/The Exonian

her an Exeter brochure, she was immediately interested. When she arrived at the Academy, she said that being an Asian American woman made her feel like she stood out, but also gave her motivation to prove her value and to try to work harder than her peers. After Exeter, she studied civil engineering and international relations at Princeton University at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She then obtained a medical degree from Vanderbilt University, before going on to earn a master's degree at the writing seminar at Johns Hopkins University. While there, she met surgeon and professor Donald Woodruff, who sparked her interest in pathology.

She accepted a pathology internship and residency at Cornell University. In 2015, Trimble became the seventh woman in Johns Hopkins' history to hold the title of full professor of pathology and obstetrics.

Bradbury said that this year's Awards Committee, which was made up of 13 alumni

ranging in graduation year from 1954 to 2004, met in Boston in January and spent a significant amount of time deliberating and discussing the candidates.

He acknowledged that the process was difficult because the school is "blessed with so many great alumni," and each year only one wins the prestigious award. They thought about the individuals and the issues that each has worked to change or fix. "Connie was just an individual who deserved to be this year's winner," he said.

In February, Trimble gave an assembly in which she talked about her work in cancer research. As she was leaving the Academy Building, she received a phone call from Bradbury. He told her that she was to be the recipient of the 2016 John Phillips Award. In response she said, "Dude, for real? Are you kidding me? Is this a prank call?" She felt validated and said that no recognition could have meant more to her.

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Courtesy of Academy Archives

Porter House in its original location on Main St. It was demolished last week.

## Unoccupied Faculty House Razed

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was moved to make room for the construction of Jeremiah Smith Hall.

In the 1960s, the house was moved once more, along with a number of other houses, to make room for Main Street Hall and Ewald Hall.

The house's history is extensive, and some say that it hosted famous politicians as they passed through Exeter. Dionne said that a neighbor told her that President Dwight D. Eisenhower once slept there.

Since the late 1960s, the structural support of the Porter House basement has been deemed inadequate. Facilities coordinator Anita Bailey, who is knowledgeable about the history of school buildings, discussed the house's structural defects: "The costs to rectify

the structural deficiencies would make the cost of the renovation prohibitive," she said.

When the house was demolished, the school was very mindful of preserving some of its historical aspects.

"We were able to salvage a number of elements from the house for donation to Habitat for Humanity," Bailey said. Habitat for Humanity is a global, nonprofit organization that seeks to provide affordable housing for families and accepts donations.

While there is not an official future plan in place for the land where Porter house once stood, it will likely become used for faculty condominiums.

As for Porter House, its century-long lifespan has finally come to end, and new history will begin again on the grounds of its remains.

## Students Engage Campus for Upcoming Presidential Election

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provided transportation for members of the Exeter community to attend Democratic events around the Seacoast area, including rallies for Hillary Clinton and dinners for New Hampshire and Seacoast area Democrats. Events such as those serve to rally students behind the Democratic cause. "We hope that all these experiences that the students have had this year will get them excited to want to really support the Democrats," Weatherspoon said.

She added that in activities the Democratic Club has been hosting in the past term, the club hopes to encourage its members to find candidates they can get behind, and to participate in the political process to get them elected. "It's about students getting involved and finding a candidate that they are passionate about," Weatherspoon said.

The Republican Club, on the other hand, has continued to keep its focus on fostering discussion rather than campaigning for Republican candidates. The club has continued to host its regular dinner discussions, and has not been involved with any phone-banking or canvassing. Their only election specific activity has been to co-host debate watching parties with the Democratic Club.

Senior Alec Howe, a co-head of the club, explained that the club doesn't participate in campaign activities as a group, and has a strict policy against endorsing any candidates. The club's leadership felt that doing so would alienate members of campus. "[Endorsing a candidate could] reduce the intellectual vitality of our conversations

and damage our club's reputation as a place where Exonians of all political backgrounds can meet to engage in respectful dialogue," Howe said.

Other political projects are currently in the works. The Exeter Political Union is working on hosting a mock election, and is planning on disseminating information on voter registration. The Democratic Club is trying to host a voter registration booth on campus, open to those affiliated with all parties. If the club is unable to put together a booth, they plan on sending busses to polls on Election Day, taking advantage of New Hampshire's same day registration.

In addition, the Democratic Club will be hosting its annual "Dem Club Fives" to encourage voters on Election Day. Any student will be able to join the Democratic Club as they deliver reminders on voting to area residents early that morning.

Bahnasy highlighted the event as her favorite of the year, as she felt that it allowed her to have a direct impact on the election. "It's so enjoyable and thrilling to know you can make a difference in the outcome of the presidential election," she said.

Two candidates in New Hampshire races are also connected closely to the Academy community. Governor Maggie Hassan, who is the wife of former PEA Principal Tom Hassan, is running for one of New Hampshire's U.S. Senate seats. And Alexis Simpson, who is married to religion instructor Tom Simpson, is running for New Hampshire's state senate in District 23. The Democratic Club is campaigning for both, and both are running as Democratic Party candidates.

## Trimble '80 Honored for Her Work in Cancer Research

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"I had been plugging along, doing my thing, trying to figure out how to get a person's immune system get rid of HPV pre-cancers," she said. "I did not think that my work was 'sexy' or ground-breaking; I thought it was common sense. I had been flying way below the radar, which was a survival strategy. Then there I was, way not below the radar."

After the Academy sent out an email to alumni about her recognition, Trimble heard from several people around the world—some who she had never met, some who she had not talked to since graduation. She said in light of the recent sexual misconduct cases, people were relieved to hear good news from the Academy.

"I realized that I wanted to remind everyone of what was fundamental and good about Phillips Exeter Academy," she said. "One of our common goals is to make PEA a safe place for

students." She then decided to give her acceptance speech not about her work but rather as a talk with the students, finding it important to tell them how much they are loved and cared for as members of the community.

As a member of an immigrant family, lower Adrian Kyle Venzon felt moved by her story and shared some of the experiences that she described during her assembly. He thought she was a good choice for the award because the work she does actively makes a difference in people's lives. "She is a role model for us because she came from the same place: Exeter," he said. "She calls this place her home, and it is ours too. She is one of us and that's what makes her so inspirational."

Upper Maya Kim, who said she was moved to tears of joy during the assembly, also found Trimble to be an inspiration. She felt comforted by Trimble's idea that "you don't have to have everything figured out," since she is someone who has been extremely successful

in her field. Kim thought Trimble truly shows what it means to be an Exonian in the "real world" as she is using what she learned from Harkness to contribute to cancer research. "She literally taught herself immunology," Kim said. "If that's not dedication, I don't what is. She is a woman in science, and she shows us all that we can do it too despite how hard it might be."

As an Asian American, lower Hanna Pak felt inspired by Trimble, all her accomplishments and her positive outlook on life. Pak said the assembly was amazing and that Trimble connected with the Exeter student body. "Seeing how passionate she was about her work made me hopeful for the future," Pak said.

While Trimble was at Exeter, there were not many Asian students or girls, so in her high-level math class taught by former mathematics instructor Rick Parris, she was an outlier. Trimble looked up to Parris as a mentor. Coordinator of Academic Support Services Pamela Parris, Rick Parris' wife, recalled times

when Trimble and her male math classmates would come to her faculty apartment in Merrill Hall to do homework together. Parris said that when the homework was done, the boys would leave, but Trimble would stay and help her feed their baby. Then the two would put the baby in the crib and read stories to her.

"When she was finally asleep, Connie and I literally crawled out of the room," Parris said. But by then it would be close to check-in and Trimble would rush back to her dorm, screaming "Sprinting time!" as Parris vividly remembers. Since she graduated, Trimble has come back regularly to visit faculty families who share similar memories with her.

"She cares about everyone she works with, and I can see how much she loves to connect with fellow Exonians," Parris said.

"She is a listener, and that's part of why she is so successful. She doesn't make it all about her; she shares the workload and the triumphs with others."

## Phillips Academy Decides to Condense E/a Game Schedule

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she is expecting low attendance at each event. She concluded her email stating that she felt that "women's athletics has been cast out of the spotlight for the benefit of our boys' teams."

In response to Galimberti's concerns, Kennedy explained that Andover's arrangement of games is a purposeful action made by the school to counter a "culture that leaves some teams with little peer support while a significantly larger number attend the other game playing at the same time."

But Galimberti insisted her comments were more about broad cultural facts and were not meant to be pointed toward Andover in particular. "Our move was in response to both of our communities favoring certain games over others and coincided with the 40th anniversary of Title IX," she said. She explained that the day always seems to start with boys soccer and end the day with football, with the girls teams sandwiched in the middle. While Andover's winter E/a, on the other hand, starts and ends with a girls team, winter E/a's are notoriously not as well attended as the one that takes place in the fall.

In order to put more focus on supporting all teams, Kennedy said that Andover also observed the prevalence of fans at Exeter's games. She explained that they "encountered the masses at the boys varsity soccer game even with an hour to go ... while the varsity field hockey game was tied and going into overtime with little peer support." These observations, made a few years ago, led them to move the times that Andover uses now.

According to Kennedy, since field hockey and football share the same playing space, and field hockey prefers the slot before football, not after, the school ends the fall games with football. She explained that although each soccer team has their own field, the school recognized that the "relatively new Smoyer field is one of the best fields in New England." If it is in good condition at the end of fall, they opt to play

both soccer games on Smoyer to keep all spectators on the east side of Main Street. "Both teams on Smoyer is relative to crowd control and safety as well as team support—safety by keeping the masses from having to cross Route 28."

However, the girls' soccer team usually plays at Graves, which was the better of the two varsity fields for decades and until Smoyer was built in 2007. "I schedule the girls on Smoyer for a number of home contests each year. However, Graves is considered the home for the girls team [at Andover]," she said.

In response to the idea of showcasing all of the sports games by creating individual playing slots, Kennedy said that it would be unreasonable. Stretching E/a to accomplish this goal would result in a 10 hour long day, which would be "too long for guests, athletic trainers and fans."

Lower and field hockey player Lydia Anderson agreed with Kennedy because she felt that anyone who wants to be at her team's game will make the effort to go and spectate even with the overlap. "I don't think it's reasonable to expect everyone to come see every single game. They're going overlap anyway even if E/a was set a bit later in the day so it's not realistic," she said.

Although many athletes expressed both the benefits and disadvantages of playing earlier in the day, some felt upset with potentially lower attendance at the games and the loss of a night tradition. "Although playing in the day time might take away from the intense atmosphere of previous E/a's, it will be warmer, which is beneficial for playing football. It is easier to catch, and it hurts less to get hit. I would still prefer to play at night, and I think many others would agree," said upper and football player Willie Swift.

Lower and soccer player Nick Tilson would prefer a more expanded schedule that began later in the day because it is more convenient for athletes and viewers. He said that he anticipates lower attendance at all of the games. "From the viewpoint of someone who likes to sleep, getting up to see a game later in the afternoon is better than getting


up for an early morning game," he said.

Most athletes said that the decreased attendance at some of the competitions may affect the electrifying support of the crowds that makes E/a so unique. "The number of spectators will drop definitely, and it totally affects our team energy," lower and volleyball player Tara Weil said. She explained that her team felt that they usually play better when more people come to support their games. "It's always nice to know people care about our sport or about the people on the team," Weil said. Lower Jenny Yang agreed with Weil, but she added that in general, volleyball "has a good amount of spectators, but other sports might not feel as appreciated."

Upper and volleyball player Chloe Scocimara did not mind the earlier schedule,

but she explained that she can never support her friends when all of the girls sports are around the same time. Fans must choose what games to attend, which, according to Scocimara, is not fair for teams. "We always preach about supporting all teams but with this early schedule it doesn't allow us to," she said. Unlike Weil, she is not concerned about the number of fans and described her team as their own cheerleaders. "There could be just my dad or the whole school and I would still be as nervous," she said.

Despite these issues, athletes are still excited to play against Andover at the end of the term and look forward to Exeter's support. "I think we will maintain a solid performance, but it would definitely make our jobs easier if more spectators watched games," Weil said.



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## StuCo Executive Board Proposes New Referendum

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The Student Council (StuCo) Executive Board introduced a referendum proposal at last Tuesday's meeting. The proposal states that if over half of the student body signs a petition requesting to have a certain issue be put to a vote, or the majority of StuCo votes in favor of having a campus-wide referendum on some issue, a referendum will be held. Whatever policy being proposed through the referendum would then pass if a majority of the student body votes in favor, with a voter turnout rate of over 50 percent. In addition, the proposal allows the student body to recall any elected official by earning over two-thirds of the vote in a recall referendum, which can be triggered through a petition signed by over two-thirds of students. The particulars of this plan were discussed by council members throughout the meeting.

The referendums would be held on one of three major election dates during the school year, the date of the Prep Class Representative elections, the Discipline Committee elections and the Executive Board elections. The referendum for a certain issue would be held on the election date closest to when all of the signatures on a petition have been verified or to when StuCo votes to hold a referendum. Any decision made through a referendum would be considered binding. However, the Executive Board will be given the discretion to rule any referendum question invalid despite having gained the requisite number of signatures for "reasons of blatant impracticality and sensibility," according to the proposal. Failed referendum questions may be raised again, within certain limitations. If less than one third of the student body vote for a certain referendum, the matter at hand cannot be voted upon again until one year after the voting day. If a referendum gains more than one-third of the student body's vote, but less than a majority, it cannot be raised for the next referendum date but can be voted upon for subsequent referendum dates. Referendum votes do not have the power to allocate or appropriate funds.

StuCo President Matthew Robbins ran on a platform last spring during the presidential elections which included this referendum proposal as part of his larger goal of democratizing StuCo and giving a greater voice to the student body.

The Referendum policy is intended to give students agency in campus politics. "Referendums are a way for the student body to directly put in place a policy," Robbins said. "This will allow for all students to have a say on matter of high importance to them."

In proposing this referendum policy, the Executive Board hopes to give more power to students and to encourage the general student population to participate in campus politics. "The referendum policy is meant to get the entire student body involved in political decisions," lower and Secretary Jackson Parrell said. "It allows students to bypass decisions made in StuCo by instead presenting policy changes to the entire student body."

There was some debate at StuCo on the threshold for the number of signatures necessary on the petition and for the voter turnout rate that must be met for an initiative to pass. Certain members of StuCo felt that both thresholds were too high, considering the historically low voter turnout rates for major campus-wide elections. The voter turnout rate for the final round of the 2015-2016 executive board election was 50.6 percent, while the voter turnout rate for the final round of the 2016-2017 executive board election was 44.6 percent.

Cade Napier, a dorm representative for Soule Hall, was in favor of the referendum policy remaining as it is. "I think that the [current] referendum [policy] is pretty reasonable, because if there are important issues being voted upon half of the student body will show up to vote. The referendum policy isn't designed to be overused," he said.

On the other hand, upper Will Soltas, a dorm representative for Cilley Hall, felt that the current proposal was impractical. He felt that the elections committee would not handle the logistics of hosting the proposed referendum. He thought the introduction of electronic voting for referendum proposals could improve the process. "While I do think the referendum process is important, I don't think the process, as it stands right now, is possible," he said.

The referendum amendment will be put to a vote in StuCo at a later meeting.



Exonians in Grenoble pose in front of the Palace of Versailles.

Contributions from Katherine Fair

## Bonjour! From the Students Abroad in France

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Sixteen seniors are spending their fall term abroad in Grenoble, France. They write to *The Exonian* about their experiences, diet and thoughts on French culture.

Hello from across the Atlantic! Coucou! Salutations de Grenoble! For those of you who are at all interested in hearing about our trip, here are a couple of our favorite moments from our stay here. And for those of you who aren't interested, we're sacrificing our kilts for this so read it anyway.

Grenoble is a small city (a little smaller than we were expecting, but that makes it harder to get lost) outside of Lyon, surrounded by the beautiful Alps. Our main focus here is to improve our French and immerse ourselves in the French culture—one baguette at a time. We each live with a host family, some in the heart of the city and others in the beautiful countryside.

While we learn the language in class, we are given more valuable lessons in our homes here. Our host families are very generous—often proposing hikes on the weekends, inviting us to meet their friends and teaching us the necessities of French life.

Our school here is situated along the river "L'Isère" and from the classroom windows we have a lovely view of the mountains encircling Grenoble, famous for their production of Chartreuse—an herbal liquor manufactured by local monks. We take our classes at a local university called "Université Inter-Ages du Dauphiné." You might be

confused with the words Inter-Ages; we were too. After timidly walking into our new school building the first day, excited by the prospect of meeting French students, we were pleasantly surprised to find ourselves surrounded by seniors of a different sense. We share the hallways with French retirees studying any number of things from Hieroglyphics to Spanish. It is sometimes amusing to hear an English lesson going on in the room next to us.

On class days, we study French literature, language, culture, film and art. Thursdays are known as "excursion days," when we explore various art around the city and the towns around us. We've also taken excursions to Lyon, Aix-en-Provence and Paris.

The visit to Paris has been a highlight for us. Though we left Grenoble under the veil of taking the ACT, our trip comprised of much more. Our youth hostel was in the historic Marais district, located in a part of 3<sup>e</sup> and 4<sup>e</sup> arrondissements on the right bank of the Seine. We loved strolling the narrow alleyways of the Jewish quarter, as well as enjoying some of the innovation of the up-and-coming district; namely the actress Scarlett Johansson's pop-up popcorn shop. Our days were filled with fabulous museum visits, guided tours of historic neighborhoods and even an organ concert at the famous Notre Dame cathedral.

We spent a day exploring the Palace of Versailles, which lies a few metro stops outside of the city. While the interior of Versailles was ornate and smothered in gold filings and cherub statues as expected, we found the gardens to be

a pleasant surprise. We were given two hours to explore the manicured estate, where we found classical music playing at every turn from hidden speakers in the greenery.

This weekend we'll be traveling to Geneva, Switzerland, to take the SAT. We considered ourselves to be far more cultured than when we arrived. Our appreciation of art and culture has blossomed, so get ready Exonians, campus will be much more colorful upon our return...

Keep in mind, apart from our long days of study, we've been engaging in classic French activities such as eating bread, eating cheese and eating croissants! We will all be returning to campus a little more plump than usual, just preparing ourselves for the chilly New England winter that awaits. Our claims of "diet szn starting Monday" haven't exactly worked out. But we aren't too worried, seeing as we have three more Mondays left to cut the carbs.

Aside from getting a sports credit from trudging up the Bastille, an ancient military fortification overlooking the city, on a gorgeous fall day, we have gotten steps under our belts after exploring the bountiful gardens of Versailles, dodging through excited tourists to enter the Louvre and running to catch the bus. Jenny Hunt and Isabel Bitman even walked 40,000 steps each one day in Paris!

In all seriousness though, rest assured that we miss all of you slaving away back there in the bubble. But all the same, if Trump wins, don't expect to see us again for the next four years.

## Renaming of Browning House Still in Limbo

By LUCY GILCHRIST,  
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Although the Academy decided last April that Browning House would be renamed, a new name has yet to be announced. The trustees decided to rename Browning House following a request filed by Louis N. Browning '50 asking to remove his family's name from the dormitory. While a sign bearing the name "Browning House" was removed from the building earlier this term, members of the administration contacted by *The Exonian* were unaware of any plans in place to determine the new name. The name "Browning House" or "Browning" is still used for all official purposes, including on Exeter Connect and on the school website.

In January of 2016, Browning wrote a letter to President of Trustees Eunice Panetta '84, asking that his family's name be removed from the dormitory, as he felt that the views of the school no longer aligned with his. He specifically objected to the lack of students from the Appalachians and Rocky Mountains, and Exeter's acceptance of "same-gender marriage and homosexual coupling."

After discussing the issue, the trustees decided that Browning had the right to have his name removed from the Dormitory. In an interview last April with *The Exonian* Panetta said, "The decision is, thus, not the trustees' decision to make; it is Mr. Browning's."

When asked about the status of the Browning name change as of this fall, Panetta said that any decisions on the topic were in the hands of the administration, which does not appear to have taken any actions to date. Attempts to contact Dean of Residential Life AJ Cosgrove, Dean of Faculty Ethan Shapiro, who also serves as a dorm faculty in Browning House, and Assistant Principal Ronald Kim, how-

ever, did not yield any additional information on the matter. Each stated that they were uninvolved in any discussions surrounding the Browning name change. Principal Lisa MacFarlane did not respond to a request for an interview by the time *The Exonian* went to press on Wednesday evening.

There has been no prior incident of a name removal by request of an Alumnus/a in the past, so there is little precedent for administrators to follow in changing the name. However, student and faculty residents of Browning, unaware of any plans set in place to rename their dormitory, seemed impatient for information on the change.

Prep Thomas Wang felt that since his arrival in the fall, the name of his dormitory has been a source of confusion. He said that he and other dorm members would like a greater degree of transparency as the name-changing process continues. "[Administrators] haven't really kept us informed, and they just took down the sign down one day, without telling us beforehand," he said.

Browning House faculty member and mathematics instructor David Huoppi acknowledged that neither he nor any other faculty affiliates have received additional information on the name's removal or change.

Upper Julian Perez agreed with Wang. He said he found it strange that there has been no conversation between members of the dormitory and the administration on the planned name change. "I think that it's weird that the school hasn't updated us on anything. Most of the guys in the dorm are confused because nothing has happened yet," he said.

Wang was frustrated by this lack of clarity. He said he believes that the residents of Browning are entitled to inclusion in the renaming process. "It's so unfair that they keep us, the residents of

Browning, outside of the loop," he said.

Although frustrated by the lack of transparency surrounding the name change, some members of the dorm feel that the renaming itself will have little effect on the dorm's identity and culture. "It's annoying, but I don't think them removing the sign is going to have any impact on how we refer to ourselves. Until the school changes the name, I think we're still going to call ourselves Browning House," senior Rohan Upadhyayula said.

Mulligan expressed a similar sentiment, saying that even if the official name of the dormitory is changed, the name "Browning House" would remain cemented in his memory. "It's always going to be Browning House to me so it doesn't really matter."



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# ExonianHumor



## Tips for Surviving This Election

By EMILY GREEN  
*Doomsday Prepper*

1. Cover your ears and scream so you can't hear any incoming results.
2. Google Joe Biden memes while you still can.
3. Stockpile non-perishables in your dorm room.
4. Buy tinfoil, for a hat and to wrap your non-perishable jerky in if you ever have leftovers.
5. Read about rebuilding periods after past authoritarian regimes so you have a plan if Trump wins.
6. Consider applying to Oxford for college. Remember that you'd never get in and look into Vancouver Community College.
7. Write a poem about Hillary Clinton and build a shrine around it, begging God to get her elected to save us from fascism.
8. Research what Aleppo is in case you ever run for president.
9. Write sad humor articles because you are afraid.
10. Ponder if those sad humor articles will get you assassinated if Trump wins.

## TFW Your Parents Ask About Regular Decision Apps

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE  
*Didn't Apply Early*



## Top 10 Reasons to Vote for Trump This Election Season

By BILLY O'HANDLEY and HARRY SAUNDERS  
*Trump Campaign Managers*

1. You agree with most of his fiscal policies and some of his social policies and are willing to overlook a few character blemishes so that a candidate that agrees with you will be in the White House for the next four years.
2. You'll use a golf pencil to fill out your ballot.
3. You're in his will.
4. You <sup>vote</sup> don't trust the liberal media, who's giving you <sup>for</sup> you subliminal messages <sup>Hillary</sup> to vote for Hillary.
5. You're on your deathbed and will not face the consequences.
6. Your last name ends in -ov, -ev, -ic, or -utin.
7. All of the surfaces on which you would fill out your ballot are padded.
8. You like a guy who will try out all the options before choosing a wife.
9. You do it ironically.
10. Your family tree is a circle.

## Top 10 Reasons to Vote for HRC This Election Season

By THE HUMOR EDITORS  
*Clinton Campaign Managers*

1. She vacations at the same lake in upstate New York as you. You've seen her in her favorite full-business pantsuit bikini.
2. You love calling people "deplorables."
3. Hillary goes to soup kitchens in \$2145 suits, just like you!
4. When you see an email you just don't like, your first instinct is also to delete it.
5. You are also a hip, young, bearded man with round, tortoiseshell glasses.
6. You have the perfect college diploma to cast your vote on.
7. You are the establishment.
8. You are a big fan of let-me-speak-to-the-manager haircuts.
9. She doesn't need affirmation of her big hands.
10. Your family tree is not a circle.

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## Diary Entry: The Serpent

By ATHENA GERASOULIS  
*Literally Submitted This for her Religion Class*

Dear Diary,

Okay, so maybe I have a crush on a girl. I've read all the magazines, searched for all the conversational tips, but I still feel like I mess up every time I try to approach her. There she is, living in this perfect Garden of Eden, with that perfect boyfriend of hers. What's his name? Adobe? Adar? Adam? I think that's it. What a stupid name!

Honestly, what does she see in him? I'm just as good. Sure, I'm green and scaly, and he's got this perfect olive skin that matches those big, brown eyes. But, I have character. Plus, doesn't she find it a little creepy that she was made out of his ribs? I don't know about you, diary, but that feels implicitly incestual to me.

I've tried to approach her, and tried to ask her out to hang out by the beautiful little pond with the lily pads. But every time I see her, skipping around, with all those curls and that wonderful smile, I melt. I choke up every time I want to talk to her.

How do people pick up women? I've been reading *Cosmopolitan* lately. I was reviewing a list that was titled, "10 Ways to Get a Girl to Notice You." According to the article, girls like guys who verge on

the "bad boy" side. I bet that's what Adam is. He's aloof and never really is conscious of anything he does. Maybe that's why Eve is into him. Because he's this mysterious dude that isn't really in the moment.

Damn it. I'm just too much of a nice snake. The other day, I was eating a Milky Way bar, and threw the wrapper into a blueberry bush, and literally cried with the most guilt I had ever felt. I'm so much of a goody two shoes: I went to prep school growing up, a boarding school nearby, where I got an unbelievable GPA in incredibly high courses.

But I was never athletic enough. I was never attractive enough. My skin was too green, or my scales were uneven, or my tongue was too forked. Don't we all have flaws? Shouldn't we learn to love each other beyond looks, especially in such a paradise like Eden? I bet Eve was voted most beautiful in high school.

Here, I think I'm going to actively try to verge more on the dangerous side. I mean, there's not so much that can go wrong. Hey, I think I'll try to bump into her tomorrow. She always goes to bathe next to the fountain next to the Tree of Knowledge of Good and

Evil. She rinses her hair with lavender and herbal oils that I can smell from a mile away, so she'll be easy to find.

Another interesting thing: So, I don't know the main details, but apparently God told Adam and Eve not to touch the fruit on that tree. Man, what type of high would that fruit give that even God doesn't want us to try it out? I mean, I never was really into drugs. I drank once at a party, and cried for three days after, but this is a new phase for me. If I want to be a bad boy, I need to take risks.

My plan tomorrow: Get her to take a ride on a wild side. I'll encourage her to eat the fruit. Once she gets that rush, she'll see how cool and nonchalant I am, and totally drop Adam for me! We could have little biracial children (half reptilian, half human, though I believe I had a great, great Native American ancestor). Man, I'm so excited.

Okay, diary. I'll keep you updated on how it all goes. Catch you later! I'm sure, by this time tomorrow, I'll have Eve wrapped around my little finger!

Love,  
Serpent

## Exeter Sleep Deficit (10/25 - 11/1)

By MARICHI GUPTA  
*"Jawline" -RC McLAME*

GRADE	Avg. Sleep Per Night	Least sleep on any night:	Most sleep on any night:	Avg. Sleep Per Night	Night
SENIORS	7.21	1 hour (Monday night) [EA/ED Deadline]	14 hours 45 min (Friday night)	6.56	Tue-Wed
UPPERS	7.23	2 hours 45 min (Sunday night)	10 hours 30 min (Friday night)	7.07	Wed-Thur
LOWERS	7.81	2 hours 45 min (Sunday night)	15 hours 30 min (Saturday night)	7.18	Thur-Fri
PREPS		preps don't have facebook...		8.79	Fri-Sat
93.1% of seniors who took the survey had an early application deadline				8.26	Sat-Sun
Q: "What would you trade for automatic admission to the college of your choice?"				6.67	Sun-Mon
"my exeter diploma"		"Hard work and talent just like every other person..."		6.4	Mon-Tue

## Lack of Fiber Leads to Napkins in Diet

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE  
*Part of the 72.43168 Percent*

The Lamont Health Center recently released a statement that concluded that approximately 72.43168 percent of Exonians lack fiber in their diet. Fiber, often found in nature in the form of bark, prevents diverticular disease and is even speculated to reduce the risk of colon cancer. In order to alleviate the fiber epidemic on campus, Wetherell has taken to placing the brown paper napkins, typically found on walls throughout the dining hall, on the hot line.

"This is great!" enthused lower Charles Bingley. "My mom used to make brown paper napkins at least once a week at home. This makes

me feel a greater sense of belonging at Exeter." Bingley explained that his family's personal recipe had been passed down for at least three generations. "It tastes exactly the same. Imagine that."

Still, others aren't satisfied by the taste. Several reviews of the napkins on the food rating smartphone application mentioned that the napkins had too much tang. "I can't handle it," said sensitive person Majestic Terhune. "I'd like to say that I have the average palette for spiciness, and these napkins are just too hot to handle."

Some believe that there are better solutions to the fiber crisis.

"Sure, serving napkins at the dining hall will encourage some to take on a healthier diet, but there's a way to kill two birds with one stone," stated genius Megan Campbell. "When you get a bad test back—heck, even when you're given a test to take in class, eat it. Ignore threats of ink poisoning. This way everyone's fiber is in check and people who want to avoid inevitable failure can do so."

Because early college applications can also be a cause of constipation issues, Elm will withhold from serving brown paper napkins until the Lamont Health Center releases another statement.

## Senior of the Week: Dolores Meyers

By EMILY GREEN  
*Has No Senior Friends*



Few at Exeter can say they've done more in their lives than Dolores Meyers has. (Although, admittedly, she's about seventy years older than your average Exeter student.) She has lived through WWII, seen America put a man on the moon, and has seen her own children and grandchildren grow up. Still an active citizen, she ran the Seniors for Sanders organization earlier in the election cycle and is the head of her retirement home's

knitting club, cookie baking society and grandchildren fan club.

Furthermore, she is an athletic goddess. She recently committed to *Yale* for lacrosse, and can bench twice her weight. Her teammates told us, "Dolores is a beast on the field. When we played Andover last spring, they didn't know what hit them. Dolores is by far the best player on the team."

Dolores is also incredibly academically gifted. She is on track

to graduate *cum laude*, received a Negley for her paper on the historical importance of flannel pajama sets and is enrolled in two different 999 courses. Famous physicist Dean Cosgrove himself said, "Man, I wish I was like Dolores."

We at the Humor Page agree. So next time you're struggling with the internal toil of deciding whether to get ahead in homework or go to bed, just ask yourself, "What would Dolores do?"



# ExeterLife

## Dog Spotlight



By ELEANOR MALLETT and  
ROSE HOROWITZ  
Staff Writers



BREED: Border Collie  
OWNER: Tyler Caldwell

### KIP

Our first featured dog this week is Kip, a six-year-old border collie. English instructor Tyler Caldwell owns Kip, but he frequently spends time in Webster Hall with his owner's twin sister, history instructor Alexa Caldwell. At his home in Soule Hall, Kip enjoys playing fetch and snacking on discarded pizza crusts in the common room. Although pizza is a favorite of Kip's, Alexa Caldwell said that really "anything he can find on the floor" will do.

More than anything, Kip enjoys being one with nature. "He loves to run through the woods. He also loves our parents' house in Vermont because he can be outside all day," Tyler Caldwell said.

When asked what other animals Kip likes to play with on campus, Alexa Caldwell replied, "The boys in Soule Hall." Kip does have a few canine friends on campus including Pete, English instructor Kelly Flynn's dog, and two features from the last "Dog Spotlight," Dolly Bubbles (owned by Patty Burke) and Oliver (owned by Lundy Smith). However, if he were given the choice, Kip would much rather spend time with humans. "He is an ideal boarding school dog," Tyler Caldwell said. "He loves seeing the students on campus."



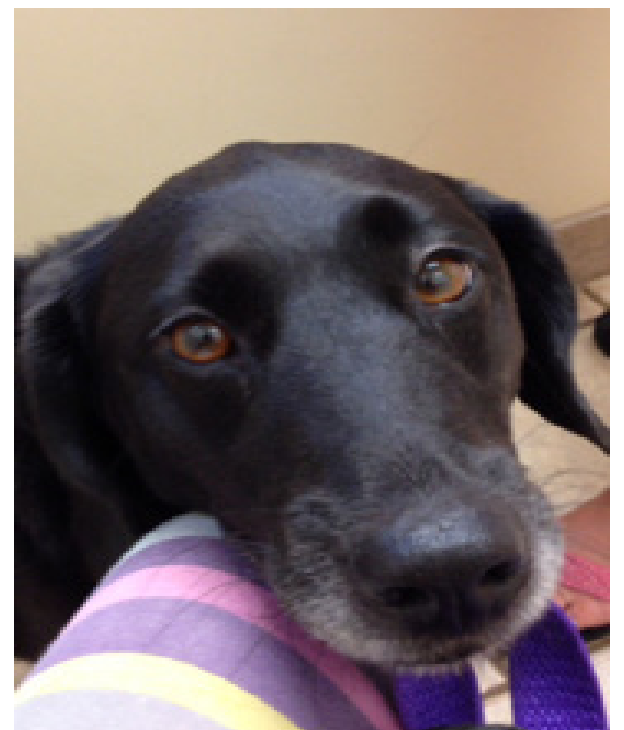
BREED: Terrier Mix  
OWNER: Jennifer Marx Asch

### OLLIE

Two more fluffy friends here on campus are Ollie and Luna. They are owned by Rabbi Marx Asch, and they live in Dunbar Hall. Both Ollie and Luna are rescue dogs, so Marx Asch does not know their exact age, but guesses they are both around eight years old. Ollie is a terrier mix and Luna is a black lab and chow chow mix.

Ollie and Luna's favorite thing to do around Exeter is "walk the South Quad, especially near Elm Street to look for discarded ice cream cones," Marx Asch said. She adds that "outside Wentworth and Webster is usually good for a pizza crust."

Marx Asch believes that having a dog on campus is different from having a dog away from school because here the dogs cannot be left unleashed inside of a yard with an invisible fence. They have to be walked. She said this leads to "never-ending arguments amongst my children about who's turn it is to walk the dogs."



BREED: Black Lab and Chow Chow  
OWNER: Jennifer Marx Asch

### LUNA

Ollie's favorite snacks are practically anything on the ground. "He loves eating cheese wrappers, paper napkins, empty peanut butter jars and other trash," she said. "He resembles a tater tot. Although, for a couch potato, he loves to play ball."

Marx Asch added that the crumbs on the floor of the Dunbar common room satisfy Luna and Ollie's voracious appetites. "Luna will stand at the door of our faculty apartment and whimper to go out into the common room when she hears students out there," Marx Asch explained.

Luna is also great at being a dog therapist. "Whenever I have a sad student talking with me in my study, Luna cuddles with her on my couch. Rubbing Luna's belly makes you feel better." She said that Ollie is "really sweet with his family, and a great snuggler." These two sweet Dun-dogs—dogs who live in Dunbar Hall—brighten up both their dorm and the Exeter campus!

## Trendwatch

Hey Guys!

Want to look chic and feel comfortable at the same time? Let us introduce you to the treggings, which is a hybrid between trousers and leggings. These bottoms are similar to leggings for they are stretchy and slim fitted; however, they are made with thicker material, making them easier to style. How to style these bottoms you ask? Just think of them like a pair of comfortable black skinny jeans and style them with a chunky-knitted sweater, oversized denim jacket and white blouse or your under a slip dress and turtle-neck on colder days.

We have good news for those of you who are in love with makeup. Shu Uemura recently released its collaboration with Japanese contemporary artist, Takashi Murakami. A party was held in Tokyo, Japan last Friday to celebrate this collaboration with William Pharrell as one of the attendees of this event. This collaboration includes makeup palettes, lipsticks, eye shadows, BB cushions and much more that all have the iconic smiling daisy printed onto the packaging. Make sure to check out this unique collaboration before it gets sold out!

This week, **Nolan Peacock '17** sported a color block-knitted sweater, dress shirt and black converse high tops. **Alejandro Arango '17** paired a black hoodie with a grey peacoat. **Meg Bolan '18** looked cool in her black leather jacket, ankle boots, skinny jeans and bold red lips. **Arielle Lui '18** channeled a retro look with a burgundy red-knitted sweater, white dress shirt and patched high-watched jeans. **Christine Baker '19** and her squad dressed up as the Spice Girls for Halloween. She wore a pink dress, black choker, knee-high white socks and white converse. **Raymond Alvarez-Adorno '19** donned a black leather jacket, white t-shirt, black denim pants and black sneakers.

Anti Social Social Club (ASSC), a streetwear brand that blew up last year, officially released its extremely limited and highly coveted collaboration with Nike. The two brands worked together to create a pair of Nike Air Force 1. The classic all white shoes are going to have a subtle ASSC logo at the side and "GET WEIRD" on its tongue. Only 24 pairs will be made. They will be raffled off at this year's two day ComplexCon that starts this Saturday.

Stay Stylish,

Connor & Tanya

## MOVIE REVIEW: THE SOCIAL NETWORK

By ALAN WU  
Contributing Writer



# the social network

"The Social Network" was an odd bet for director David Fincher, who was more well known for his production of disturbing psychological thrillers. His first foray in the genre of drama resulted in the disastrous "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." Fincher's impeccable direction worked against the film's bland script and soulless story. Fortunately, "The Social Network" is the complete opposite. Fincher's cold, precise and austere direction harmonizes perfectly with screenwriter Aaron Sorkin's rapid fire, witty dialogue. The end result is something that is completely emblematic of its time and place, which is what makes "The Social Network" one of the defining films of the 21st century.

On the surface, the film is about Mark Zuckerberg and all the troubles he faced in his journey to create Facebook. However, such a synopsis does the film no justice because it is much more than just "The Facebook Movie." At its core, "The Social Network" is a classic story with story elements that are as old as storytelling itself. Friendship, loyalty, jealousy, social structure and theft are all tribulations that humans have been writing about for thousands of years. And yet, the film still finds a clever way to incorporate those timeless story elements into a setting that is distinctly contemporary. The Internet hasn't so much altered or replaced human nature. Instead, the seemingly global communication network has amplified it.

The film's nature is reflective of the modern world's calculated methods of communication. Much like how

we self-edit and fine tune our texts for maximum efficiency, "The Social Network" is curated such that every aspect is swift and flawless. Fincher's digital camera pans and tilts in an unhumanly glossy way. Every cut and line of dialogue is refined and locked in as tightly as possible. Actors do hundreds of takes for every scene, giving the editors plenty of footage to take apart and use. They even applied an invisible split-screen technique, where they would juxtapose two different takes of the same shot into one seamless shot in order to use the best elements of both shots.

The film's opening scene is a perfect representation of these elements coming together, especially the dialogue. Designing dialogue is one of the most difficult tasks in filmmaking, because the best dialogue feels fluid and natural but not pointless. Most importantly, great dialogue simultaneously reacts to and creates drama. In the opening scene, Zuckerberg is on a date with his fictional girlfriend Erica, played wonderfully by Rooney Mara. They talk about finals, clubs and geniuses in China until Erica becomes too frustrated with Zuckerberg's social ineptness. She insults him and leaves. Throughout the entire scene, the dialogue subconsciously teaches us about our characters until the scene crescendos to a punctuating climax that brings the film to life. Fincher told his actors not to just react to the dialogue they hear, but to take note of the implication in each word, so that even the simplest of lines are injected with meaning.

Fincher has always had an affinity for outsiders, being one himself, and Zuckerberg is no exception. However, this is the first time that Fincher has placed his exploration of weirdos in something subtler and more grounded in reality. Unlike Tyler Durden's terrorist attacks on credit card buildings and capitalism in "Fight Club," Zuckerberg's revolution succeeded. With Facebook, he completely changed the social dynamic. Elite clubs and Harvard are old money. Zuckerberg is the future. Every Facebook user has the power to be the president of an elite club. No longer can the wealthy and privileged dominate in the same way. The film also hints at a psychological shift created by the information age, a new breed of impersonality. Facebook is a complete paradox, granting people the aura of intimacy while still maintaining the comfort of distance. Every person we communicate with has become a packet of information. In the film, Zuckerberg almost has a binary personality. Either you have information he wants or he doesn't care.

Despite Zuckerberg's coldness and unapproachability, Fincher and Sorkin, along with Jesse Eisenberg's nuanced performance, prevent his character from becoming one-dimensional. Every time he destroys a relationship, there is a quiver of regret in his lips. Ultimately, he's still human who grieves and desires. The film's ending plays out like that of "Citizen Kane." Zuckerberg is Charles Foster Kane and the desire for human connection is his Rosebud. And yet, all that's left is his empire and the refresh button.

## SeniorSpotlight

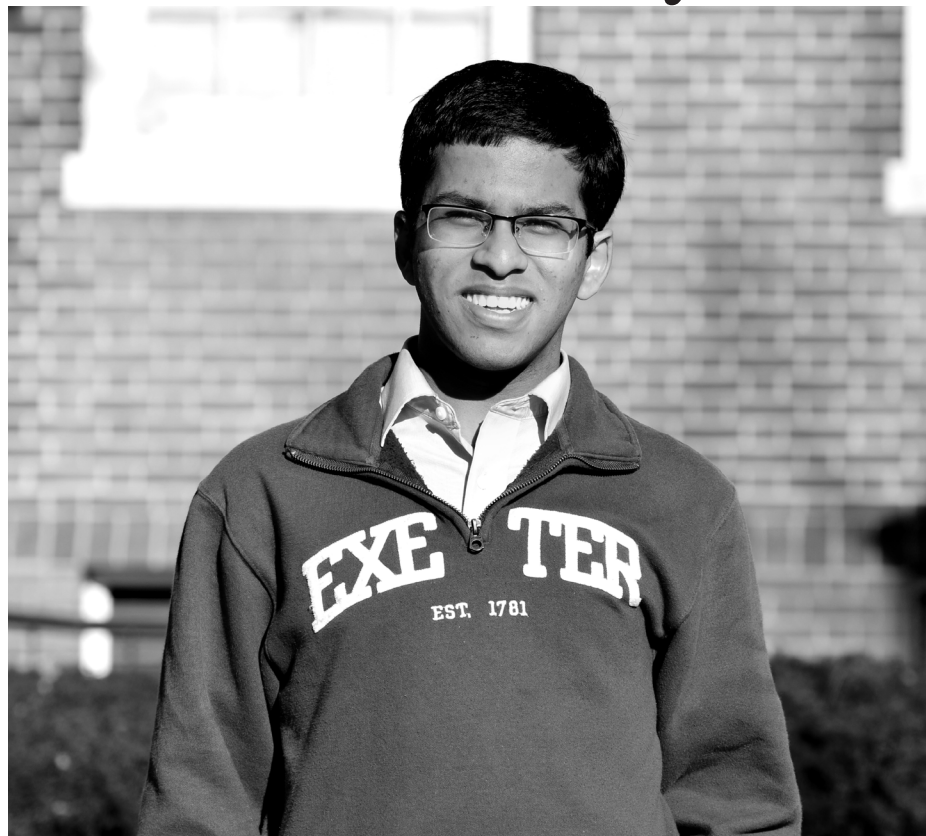
## Aivant Goyal

By ARIELLE LUI and  
ALICE LITTLE  
Staff Writers

Look for senior Aivant Goyal, and you'll probably find him at a club meeting. As an ESSO board member, co-head of Exeter Business Club, Exeter Computing Club and ESSO Robotics Club, Goyal has a full plate. Whether he's fiercely debating in the Daniel Webster Debate Society or teaching children to code in Junior Computing Club, Goyal weaves a common thread of kindness and empathy for others in everything he does. His intellectual brilliance—exemplified by an extensive knowledge of math, computer science and history—is complemented by his desire to connect with others and to improve their lives.

While he arrived at Exeter as a new lower knowing that math was one of his strengths, Goyal made a conscious decision to expand his interests during his first year here. He signed up for several clubs at his first club night, but instead of "whittling down" that number over the year, he "just kind of stuck with them" because he loves everything that he does. It was during his first year at the Academy that he realized his love for social service, debate and business.

Goyal's interest in computer science began in seventh grade. He was bored at math camp and began playing on his graphing calculator. That's how he accidentally taught himself how to program and code. Among his various computer science related clubs at Exeter, Goyal has also helped run an annual hackathon called "HackExeter." The hackathon is one of the only technology competitions in the area that is geared toward middle schoolers. Senior Eric Tang, a close friend who has worked with Goyal in both debate, HackExeter and ESSO Junior Computing Club, said that he admires everything about him. "He's always just incredibly funny, curious and insightful," Tang said. "He's always there to talk to whenever I'm going through a rough patch or just want someone to talk to."



Diana Davidson / The Exonian

Tang also praised Goyal for his leadership skills, saying he's an organized and charismatic coach to anyone who is learning to code. He also described him as "exceptionally curious," and said when he discovers something new he will pour in tremendous amounts of time and energy to learn about it. "I'm always telling him to go to sleep when he's coding some brilliant project at 3 a.m.," Tang said. He added that Goyal brings those same qualities to HackExeter and ESSO.

As the off-campus coordinator of ESSO, Goyal has embraced not only helping the Exeter community, but also the local community. He said that the ESSO board is the group of people who helps Exonians meet, structure and organize events with the community. They do this to help Exonians get involved in and out of the Exeter bubble. For him, ESSO is "fellowship with the community and with more than just Exonians."

Senior Connie Cai, a co-president

of ESSO, described Goyal as one of the most genuine people she has ever met. She recalled times when he would go out of his way to make her day better—whether it be through surprising her with chocolate or sending her a postcard over the summer. As a leader, she said he is dedicated, passionate and never accepts the status quo or anything as "good enough." She added that he is always looking for a new and creative solution. "I really admire how much he puts into his work, and how genuinely dedicated and passionate he is about his favorite things," she said.

In addition to all his clubs, Goyal is also an active resident of Soule Hall as a proctor and Student Listener. Health instructor and dorm faculty Elizabeth Hurley said that Goyal understands at a deep level all his fellow dormmates, helping younger students adjust to Exeter and older students cope with stress.

"He has kind of been a proctor in my eyes for the last two years," she said.

"Now as an official proctor, [he is] that link between faculty and the students in the dorm: letting faculty know if we should be aware of something."

The lowerclassmen in Soule agreed that Goyal is an essential asset in the dorm. Lower Adrian Venzon said he talks to him about anything. "His room is always open and I always feel welcome," he said. "I will definitely miss him after graduation, and I will miss his hugs the most."

Lower Charlie Neuhaus added that Goyal is a consistent source of advice. "You can tell that he really cares about everyone in the dorm, and that makes him a really good proctor," he said.

The broader Exeter community also finds solace in Goyal's presence. Upper Alexis Gorfine admired him for his ability to remain optimistic despite all the stresses of senior year. "And not only is he a happy person himself, but he is also always encouraging and cheering up others," she said. Senior Kaitlyn Kang agreed that Goyal can brighten anyone's day.

"I remember once I had mentioned briefly to him that I was going to pull an all-nighter, and the next morning he tracked me down and made me tea and gave me a nice big hug," Kang said.

Senior Abigail Africa said that Goyal is exceptional because he is generous in giving of himself, from helping with homework to college essays—everything with him is personal. "He always takes the time to tell you his thoughts, and I love the way he thinks," she said. "Something about it is so balanced. There's no other way to put it. It's logical and yet completely empathetic."

Africa recalled a time when he bought her "post-traumatic burgers" after she took the ACT. "He's an enduring friend who's inclined to serving others before he asks for anything himself," she said, and added that he rarely asks for things. "He's just kind, and he's good at thinking and talking and pretty much everything else, and he puts other people first consistently. I think all of this is why he fits in so well to the Exeter community," Africa said.



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## TwinSpotlight

## Sydney and Lauren Lamb

By ERICA HOGAN  
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## QUESTIONS

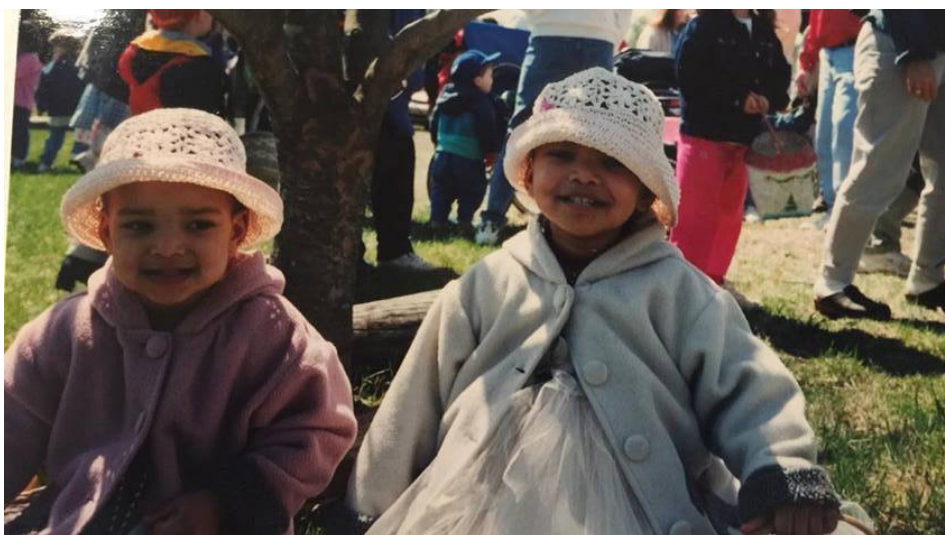
1. What is your favorite subject in school and what extracurriculars are you involved in?
2. What is your twin's favorite season and why?
  - a) What is yours?
3. What is your twin's favorite food?
  - a) What is yours?
4. If your twin could meet any celebrity, who do you think it would be and why?
  - a) Who would you most like to meet?
5. What do you think your twin's dream job is?
  - a) What is yours?
6. How does being apart affect your relationship?
7. What is your favorite part about being a twin?
  8. What is your least favorite part?
9. How would you say you are most similar?
10. How are you most different?

## SYDNEY LAMB

1. My favorite subject is definitely history. For extracurriculars, I am a proctor and student listener in Hoyt Hall. I play basketball and throw on the track team. I'm also a member of ALES and I am a part of the dance clubs Precision and In Motion.
2. I'm gonna say her favorite season is spring.
  - a) I'm really bad at favorites but I really like spring and fall.
3. I know that during cross country season she loves pasta and pizza.
  - a) Again, I'm not good with favorites but I really like fruit, especially mangoes. You can never go wrong with a burger though.
4. I think she would like to meet Rihanna because who wouldn't want to meet Rihanna and I feel like they would vibe well.
  - a) I would want to meet Zendaya (or Amandla Steinberg or Chris Evans).
5. Lauren has always said that she wants to teach something but I don't know what.
  - a) I don't really know, I've been considering going into law.
6. I think that because we only get to see each other during breaks it's made me appreciate being together more and that we may even be closer to each other even though we aren't even in the same state.
7. It's really nice having someone who'll always be there. Together in the womb together till the tomb! Sorry, I love twin puns.
8. I guess my least favorite part of being a twin would be the constant feeling of comparison, from myself and other people.
9. I think we're most similar in the fact that we both care a lot and we're a bit more reserved at first.
10. For differences I feel like Lauren's more outspoken than me.

## LAUREN LAMB

1. My favorite subjects are history and moral reasoning. I am one of the captains of the cross-country and track and field teams. I am president of Choate Slam Poetry Association and Choate Students for Animals. I am one of the Gold Key leaders (Gold Key is our tour guide society). I am involved with our yearbook and I am a prefect in a freshmen dorm.
2. She doesn't have a favorite season. She likes different parts of each of them: hot chocolate in the winter, skirts in the spring, the beach in the summer and crunchy leaves in the autumn.
  - a) I like autumn and winter—or spring.
3. She cannot choose a favorite food. But mangoes come pretty close for her.
  - a) I like cannoli, pizza and green tea Kit Kats.
4. She would want to meet Beyoncé for obvious reasons.
  - a) I want to meet Rihanna, Chanel Iman or J. Cole.
5. Her dream job is a photographer or art curator.
  - a) My dream job is in the works. But I wouldn't mind going into law or education.
6. Being apart is good for us so we can define our own identities without being defined by or compared by the other one. But at times it is difficult because I feel like we're growing up without each other.
7. My favorite part is having someone to tell anything to who won't judge me or tell anyone else. Also people's reactions when I tell them I have a twin.
8. My least favorite part is being compared to her or vice versa and feeling the pressure to compete.
9. We both have the tendency to put other people before ourselves. And we fight for the title of most indecisive person on the planet. We're both on the varsity basketball teams but we're really, really bad.
10. Our differences come in the fact that I have three ear piercings and she only has two. She is allergic to peanut butter and I eat it at least twice a day. She loves burgers and I don't eat red meat. I type two spaces after the period and she only types one. I am better at owning my awkwardness than she is.



Courtesy of Lauren Lamb

## Esso in Action

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Pen Pals for Haiti has been a part of my Exeter experience since prep year. The club really gives you a chance to connect with another kid who is around your age, but who has had a different experience than your own. Simply by coming to Exeter we are offered a privilege that most of these kids have never known.

We work with one class in Carrefour and we write to them in English to help them better their writing skills in a meaningful way. Pen Pals for Haiti is great because it helps Exeter kids reach out of the "bubble" and engage with other people their age.

We encourage everyone to support relief efforts that are going on right now to help people in Haiti overcome the devastating effects of the hurricane.

Our next meeting, half an hour long, is on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. around one of the big tables in the periodicals room.

-Claire Dauge-Roth

Pen Pals for Haiti is a club in which communication is key. I had attended the club for three years before becoming a club head and it was all because of the lovely

messages I received and was able to return to my pen pal. I remember being in a pen pal program with a local high school when I was in third grade and I thought that was the most amazing thing in the world. Imagine how these kids are feeling, writing to other kids like them in a totally different country. It is a huge privilege for us to get in touch with the students in Carrefour, Haiti. Pen Pals for Haiti strives to create friendship and a real human connection between students in different parts of the world. We try to teach our club members more about Haiti's history and part of their culture. During the year, students get to see in the letters they receive just how much they are doing to help these kids practice their English skills. You will have lots of fun coming to our club and you can practice your French too. The letters are written in English though, so if you don't have any previous knowledge of French, it is okay. We meet around four times a term to write/read our letters and talk about other things concerning what we want to do as a club. New members are welcome anytime and new ideas/perspectives as well! I hope you guys can attend one of our meetings.

-Francelis Suarez

## GREEN CORNER

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A multitude of fish darting to and fro among the rainbow hues of a coral reef. The majesty of a breaching humpback whale, sending up an icy spray in the polar seas. Walking down a beach and seeing the shells and scuttling crabs left behind by the retreating tide.

These are all scenes displaying the richness of our oceans. Covering over 70 percent of the Earth's surface and comprising 99 percent of its living space, oceans influence almost every aspect of life on our planet. The seas play a major role in driving the water cycle and weather patterns; phytoplankton living in the ocean produce over half of our atmosphere's oxygen. Not only did life evolve from the seas—it depends on them.

The importance of our oceans is undeniable, yet climate change and pollution threaten to throw off their delicate balance. At DORSAL, we are committed to learning about these amazing ecosystems and their preservation in a changing world. During our weekly meetings, we read articles describing the latest events affecting the ocean, such as Hurricane Matthew, and watch documentaries on diverse marine environments

and their impact on the world. We hold discussions on everything from overfishing to how polar bears get water.

In addition to our discussion meetings, we also take field trips to observe marine life and environments. In previous years, DORSAL has worked with UNH's Coastal Habitat Restoration Team to plant beach grass on Plum Island. Last year, we also visited the New England Aquarium in Boston. We are planning to make the aquarium trip again this spring, and hope to make trips to our local beaches as well.

On campus, we're also considering the start of some projects that would raise awareness of marine issues; some examples include making displays showing the effects of ocean acidification and the ramifications of eating certain fish. By pursuing these projects, we hope to show everyone that the ocean touches our lives more ways than we may think.

DORSAL meets every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Academy Center's TV Lounge. If you have any questions or would like to join, you can contact Keyu Cao (kcao@exeter.edu), Ben Ralston (bralston@exeter.edu), or Gabriel Byan (gbyan@exeter.edu).

## U.S.-Russia Relations: A Ticking Time Bomb

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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 development of nuclear weapons. Even though war was not physically fought, that was an unprecedented time in history. The US-Russia relationship became better with the end of the Cold War and the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, but current relations have rapidly deteriorated again due to the presidency of Vladimir Putin.

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." To me, this can partially be blamed on Russia for actions on its part. Vladimir Putin and the Russian government must stop their egregious violations of the unspoken but 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 web-



Secretary of State John Kerry shakes hands with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

site. 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 instead, which contained messages disparaging Bernie Sanders' campaign. If it is true that members of

the Russian government orchestrated or encouraged the DNC hack, it sets a dangerous precedent, one that allows a country to interfere in the politics of another for its own benefit. Yes, the Russian government wants 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 ourselves 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 a conflict between America and Russia is the bombing 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 3rd, the US government suspended talks with Russia on negotiating a ceasefire agreement on Syria, thereby also 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. It would be on a scale never seen before, with new weapon technology emerging that can annihilate entire cities in a matter of seconds and reduce them to ashes. To escape the prospect of a global war involving nuclear weapons, we need to fix US-Russia relations—now.

## Out with Comey



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Picture this: Hillary Clinton's valiant pursuit to the Presidency is ruined just days before the election by someone this country needs to trust most. Imagine on Nov. 8 the voters of our country choose to put Donald Trump in the Oval Office all because of a mistake.

Well, that day may be upon us. The Director of the FBI, James Comey, sent a letter to Congress regarding an email investigation of Clinton staffer, Huma Abedin. The ludicrous letter was supposedly necessary to send because the FBI obtained information relating to the original Clinton email incident. Comey claims that, "In connection with an unrelated case, the FBI has learned of the existence of emails that appear to be pertinent to the case." Not only is it unconventional for the Director of the FBI to write to Congress about an investigation, but there is no evidence that there is a connection between these emails and Secretary Clinton's. The message, sent less than two weeks from November 8, was uncalled for, illegal and only written to influence the outcome of the election. Because of this, James Comey should be removed as Director of the FBI.



The inquiry initially began when Abedin's ex-husband, Former Congressman Anthony Weiner, allegedly sent inappropriate pictures to a young girl. However, FBI investigators deduced that there is a possibility that the emails have some significance to the Clinton case. This doubt is reflected in a letter from Comey to his employees when he stated, "At the same time, however, given that we don't know the significance of this newly discovered collection of emails..." Not only does Comey himself imply that there is no evidence that the emails can be connected to the previous misconduct, he writes about the rarity of an FBI Director sending a letter to

Congress. "Of course, we don't ordinarily tell Congress about ongoing investigations..." Even Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said, "To throw out this kind of letter without more information, without really knowing what the facts are with respect to these additional emails, I think was a mistake."

Not only was it unfitting to send Congress a letter regarding such an underdeveloped investigation, but it was completely inappropriate to write it with political influence as Comey's motivation. Comey has a history of making rude comments toward Clinton such as calling her "extremely careless." Director Comey also investigated the

Clinton scandal himself, giving him a bias against her. In the memo to his employees, the Director claims that if he were to not supplement the record "it would be misleading to the American people..."

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If it is indeed true that Director Comey wrote the letter to influence the election, it would be a clear abuse of power and a violation of the Hatch Act of 1939. The Hatch Act "is a United States federal law whose main provision prohibits employees in the executive branch of the federal government, except the president, vice-president, and certain designated high-level officials of that branch, from engaging in some forms of political activity." Any official who breaks this law should be terminated from their position. It is clear that James Comey sent this letter to Congress to communicate his own political agenda. Not only did he break ethical code and standard FBI procedure, he broke a law. It is time for President Obama to pick a new Director of the FBI.

## Exonians Are Not the Best and Brightest

If you can stretch back far enough in the archives of your mind to remember the last time you went to Assembly (I know, it's hard for me too), then you might remember a common theme among a lot of assembly speakers. The speakers will start out saying, or at some point mention, that they are standing in front of a room full of The Best and the Brightest, and, my personal favorite, the World's Future Leaders.

Now, the World's Future Leaders line is particularly ridiculous because it's simply not possible. I for instance don't want to lead anyone anywhere, and instead like to entertain the idea that someday I could be a writer, living alone in a tiny house in the middle of nowhere. But I also know a lot of Exonians who want to be things like chemical engineers or journalists, which are not typically "leader of the world," kind of jobs. Now, if we stretch the idea of "leader" out far enough, we could probably say that "every Exonian will be a leader in anything they do," but that can be said of anyone who stays in a field or a job long enough, does their job well and climbs the career ladder. If we define it that way, then my brother is on track to be a Future Leader at the local Five Guys he works at. It suggests that we are already and automatically set to lead the world when we leave Exeter just by being Exonians, regardless of the fact that many Exonians will not go on to be leaders and that many who never attended Exeter will.

But I would also like to make the case that we are not, in fact, the Best

and the Brightest, and that actually, being constantly called such does more damage to us than good.

I don't deny that Exeter is made up of smart, hardworking kids. But it's not realistic that we have all of the smartest, most hardworking kids in the nation, and certainly not the world. Some of those kids applied to a lot of private schools, got into most of them, and probably picked Andover. Some of those kids are too poor, or too far away, or have too good of a relationship with their parents to attend Exeter. A lot of those kids didn't apply. Some of them did apply, but got rejected because all admissions systems are faulty and subjective. Some of those kids don't speak English. Some of those kids might have a passion for acting or dancing that Exeter wouldn't have given them time or credit for. The list goes on.

But more importantly, after being constantly called "the Best and the Brightest," so often and for so long, being the Best and the Brightest becomes part of our identity as Exonians and it becomes some sort of ultimate standard that we must reach. But it's impossible to reach, and so two things happen.

The first, which I've seen a lot of, is putting other people down. I've experienced this while standing in a group of

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**At the end of the day, Exonians are simply not the Best. We are overworked, we are tired, and we are fed dessert three times a day.**

Exonians watching a parade of Exeter High School kids go by and listening to the day student Exonians talk to the boarding Exonians about how dumb the kids who go to that school are. I've experienced it at a private school conference for a school club where most of the Exonians present talked for the majority of the conference about how stupid the questions the students from all the other schools had asked were. I hear this kind of stuff all the time at Exeter, even from the students I find

least elitist, and even, admittedly, from myself. Putting others down is one of the only ways we can feel secure in this Best and Brightest label. By pointing out others' flaws, we justify to ourselves why we deserve the "Best High School Education in America," and why it is that we (as individuals and a student body) are told that we are so high above everyone else.

The second thing that seems to happen is that we are afraid to fail and learn by making mistakes. When suddenly being the smartest is so important, and when you are told that everyone around you is the smartest in the world, taking a risk and falling on your face becomes something even more risky, because it endangers you the exposure of being stupid amongst

genius peers. I've noticed that often the students who come across the smartest are the students who are very good at figuring out what the teacher wants, rather than the students who think for themselves but sometimes end up looking foolish. And Exonians are obsessed with pleasing their teachers. If I had a dollar for every time I heard someone say that you'll get an A by writing about this thing for that teacher, or that someone got a bad grade because the teacher didn't like them, then I could probably afford to pay full tuition. But even worse is this obsession with impressing the other students around us, because one wrong step and we may fail the Best and Brightest label and fall into the category of the kids who Exonians look down on. We spend a lot of time thinking about scamming our way through the system, rather than just being interested, engaged and critical students.

At the end of the day, Exonians are simply not the Best. We are overworked, we are tired and we are fed dessert three times a day. If we were the best, we'd probably be better at being humble. We're just not, and that's okay. Not being the Best doesn't make us any less curious, diligent, thoughtful and interested about matters of the world. But I think we are selling ourselves short by buying into the idea of "the Best and the Brightest," rather than engaging fully and openly with the world around us, accepting it as full of people who want to learn and think just as much as we do.



# The Problem with Resume Padding

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"More extracurriculars and more leadership positions should grant me a better probability of going to the college of my choice." As the college acceptance arena becomes increasingly competitive year after the year and the prevalence of "helicopter parents" starts to come further to its front stage, this newly-founded idea of padding up resumes is becoming increasingly commonplace among the minds of high-schoolers and their families as well. Padding resumes promotes this notion that actions such as going to Third World countries and snapping a few pictures with the natives should make a huge splash even if there's no meaningful follow-up or insight from that adventure. On paper, it sounds like a masterful shortcut, but can such an inorganic padding of resumes actually boost chances of college acceptance?

Firstly, we shouldn't ignorantly assume that college admissions officers will not see through this: they are actually chosen especially based on their ability to do so. An emerging trend connecting to the padding resume hypothesis is the creation of non-profit organizations that are run by high-schoolers and are supposed to stand in for a bulk of a student's community service. According to *The New York Times*, Angel Perez, an admissions officer at the Trinity College in Hartford, stated that there were running jokes about non-profits or "mission trips" to less-privileged places in the world in the admissions office. Another

admissions official, Jennifer Delahunty from Kenyon College, stated that mission-trip application essays actually get sorted into their group. The topic has become cliché and admissions officers now hold that students should be well-aware of socio-economic divides that are prevalent across the globe. However, some mission trips are definitely going to be sincere, so how can they differentiate between padding and genuine initiative? The application essays are reasonably expected to reflect a much richer understanding of the inter-workings of the environment the student was exposed to. Admissions officers acknowledge that quantity does not necessarily amount to quality and we should take heed of that when budgeting our time to activities we strive for just for the sake of padding up our resumes.

The whole notion of padding resumes is also profitable for colleges and college preparatory programs and provides quite the fuel for legally approved, money-making scandals. Branching off from the notion of resume padding directly, comes the theory that applying and partaking in summer school programs at the specific school in question should significantly increase the chance that the student lands in that school. There's almost always some advertisement in famous magazines like *Time* or even online on academic-related sites that points to a summer enrichment program hosted at a big-name college as being the ultimate answer. The money raked in from these programs has exponentially increased in the past few years and even though the sponsors of these programs also created

these opportunities for genuine and predominantly amazing informational purposes, they're choosing now, notably the age of the "helicopter parents", to strike the hardest to maximize the returns. According to *The Guardian*, Dean Skarlis, president of The College Advisor of New York, himself noted that such summer schools programs are obviously "revenue streams" and that "students should only attend if they're really interested in the career area offered." There's no secret record of the students who apply for such programs at that school that's being kept by the school for reference for future admissions processes; these are just educational programs simply designed for enhancing our knowledge in specific topics and taking our money as compensation.

Padding resumes is evidently a cheap, last-ditch attempt that's even being utilized by summer enrichment programs sponsored by colleges and college preparatory programs to exploit families across the nation. It's still probably impressive that you were at a summer internship at a hospital or on a trip to a foreign nation for some noble cause or out of an interest of some kind. But, colleges are clearly not just looking for initiative; they are looking for authenticity and initiative behind those layers of padding. In summary, it is beneficial to strive for leadership positions and to display initiative, but it's better to do so in aspects where we feel an especially strong intrinsic calling to and not just a mere desire to blindly aim for the college we believe has the best brand.



Senator Kelly Ayotte with Democratic challenger Governor Maggie Hassan at their debate last month.

## Downballot Elections Matter Too



**ERICA'S AMERICA**

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Republicans tracking this election may have resigned themselves to four years of Clinton supremacy. With Trump so clearly headed to a resounding defeat, and the possibility looming that he'll take down many down ballot candidates with him, it's hard to be motivated to fight for a losing cause. All is not lost, however, as the presidency does not solely make decisions, and the Republicans currently hold a majority. While both the House and the Senate remain in play for the Democrats, the Republicans hold some advantage in those two competitions, as they are defending seats rather than trying to steal them. Particularly in the House race, the Democrats have a high threshold to surpass in order to gain a majority. American citizens unfortunately feel that their views are not represented in American government, as neither candidate is particularly popular. While the president is obviously important, they do not determine what policies government enacts alone. Those complaining about how detached the government is from the people but don't do any work to elect down ballot candidates with views that favor them are hypocrites. There are effective ways for moderate Republicans and others who feel they have no representation in the presidential election to have their voice heard. Down ballot candidates should not be neglected.

It's easy to feel like individual voters have very little impact on the policies that govern our lives. This is especially the case when it comes to presidential elections. One vote certainly won't make a difference in states like Massachusetts or Alabama for the presidential election, where certain

parties hold overwhelming majorities. In smaller races like those for the Senate, the House of Representatives, Governorships, and state legislative bodies on the other hand, individual votes can make a huge difference. Our nation places an enormous emphasis on the presidency, which is undoubtedly important, but the legislative branch and state governments also have the ability to impact our lives, and perhaps hold even more power than the presidency. Local politics

may not hold the glamour of national politics, but local politicians can have a greater impact on our day to day lives than national politicians. In terms of maximizing the ratio of effort to results when engaging with politics, operating through local politics rather than national politics is more effective. The legislative branch is also immensely powerful. We've seen time and time again how congress can completely derail the agenda of a president during the past two years. Senators and representatives can wield enormous influence, albeit less than that of the president.

It's frustrating to hear so many Americans complain about the inefficiency of government and the lack of representation they feel when voter turnouts in the United States are relatively low, and a proportionally small amount of the population participate in local politics. We are lucky enough to live in a country with a governmental system that allows us to have some agency. It's understandable why so many people would feel powerless in an election such as the current one. Nevertheless, the presidential election is not the only way to gain representation in government. Legislative elections, while more publicized than state elections, should be given more emphasis. Control of the Senate could be decided by the outcome of just six Senate races this election cycle. State politics should certainly be given more publicization, as many laws that govern our lives are made in the governor's mansion and the statehouse, rather than on Capitol Hill. Voters are not powerless in government. It's about time that people take advantage of their suffrage.

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## America's Decline

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According to a Gallup poll taken this July, only 52% percent of Americans are extremely proud to be American, having declined from a high of 70 percent in 2003. The largest contributors to the decline are young adults, becoming 26 percent less patriotic over the last decade. Considering recent events, this is unsurprising. After American patriotism spiked following 9/11 to bind the country together through a difficult time, it has steadily fallen. The economic crisis from 2007 to 2009 didn't help national pride. Nor have police brutality videos on social media, a new and dangerous Islamic terrorist group, and a presidential race that could be picked out of an extreme *Would You Rather?* book.

This election has people split into two distinct camps. However, many people feel they are voting for the lesser of two evils, without fully believing in their candidate. This is understandable considering we are choosing between a racist billionaire and a woman who has a new cover-up scandal every other week. Most of the campaign ads have been about attacking the competition and the debates are even worse. Both candidates often interrupt the moderator, dodged audience questions in the town hall debate, and spend most of the time fighting each other with precious little discussion of the issues that will

impact each of us for the next four years. If we cannot be invested in the future leader of America, how can we be invested in the future of the country?

America's decline has its roots in the way we educate new generations. The education system in this country has immense faults throughout and prevents America from having a future. Public schools are underfunded and teachers there are often not equipped to deal with their students. The alternative for those who want a good education is private institutions, where the costs are steep and competition rages. Policies are on the ballot this year that would divert even more funding from our public system to charter schools instead of fixing the problem at hand. Without a future generation of educated workers, we cannot trust ourselves to make the right decisions and move the country forward.

Fewer and fewer people are concerned with making a change; more are focused on how much money they can amass for themselves. Formerly the pinnacle of innovation, we now borrow things from other countries or rely on a select few visionaries to carry us forth. Silicon Valley used to be concerned with changing the way we interact as a species and revolutionizing industries. It is now more concerned with getting us to stay on a page longer so we see more ads.

On the foreign policy front, our relationships with the world are the worst

they have been in ages. We back Saudi Arabia, which recently bombed a Yemeni funeral, killing and injuring hundreds. Our relationship with Israel is now on rocky ground after we withdrew some support for the Israelis in the UN. We are entangled in a Syrian civil war, riddled with human rights abominations and pitting us against Russia, a major rival that we desperately need to establish better ties with. Both the USA and Russia independently have enough nuclear weapons to end human civilization but we are making enemies of each other. Domestically, ISIS terror attacks abroad spread fear and ignorant racism against Muslims across our country.

With a bleak future to look forward to and the present in a bewildered state, I wouldn't be surprised to see our patriotism fall even further. Just in the past year, we have had to deal with race issues, police brutality, over 300 mass shootings, sexual assaults on our school campuses and a truly deplorable presidential race. Jobs disappear overseas and innovations barely crawl along. The primarily American obsession with personal wealth will be our undoing. On top of everything, we are the singular generation tasked with avoiding mass-extinction of our species by climate change. God help us. Without drastic changes in culture and a massive effort by all of us to build a future for ourselves and our country, America may be declining into an unrecognizable shadow of its former greatness.

## Mixed Results of Slacktivism



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which poked fun at the Muslim prophet. In the following weeks, people from all over the world held vigils and promoted the hashtag #jesuis-Charlie to support the *Charlie Hebdo* victims. Demonstrators also wished to bring awareness to acts of terror so they could be prevented.

Despite the overwhelming response from people enraged by the tragedy, it happened again; in November of the same year, attackers in Paris killed one hundred and thirty people, including 89 at the Bataclan theater. Many people blamed France's lack of security, and its inability to prevent fatal terrorist attacks, on the serial shootings. Others, however, blamed another group of people who had a lesser role in the events: the demonstrators who showed support during the *Charlie Hebdo* attacks. Calling these people "hashtag activists," or the less positive "slacktivists," they claimed that, instead of using hashtags and vigils to promote change, the protesters were better off assisting victims and their families with "real" signs of solidarity, such as monetary and material donations. The phenom-

enon of the hashtag activist has arisen in reaction to recent tragedies and advancing technology, and its creation reflects the way people deal with large-scale tragedies and social controversies.

Slacktivism, or clicktivism, has drawn strong responses from many people. Just searching "slacktivism good or bad" on the Internet provides news articles and other opinion pieces detailing the pros and cons of putting a patriotic filter over a Facebook photo. People who view clicktivism as a positive force in society point out that with a lot of media coverage, especially from friends and family, people can be moved to help out the victims for themselves. The problem with such activism practices, however, is that they expect people to simply see the reaction from their communities and start volunteering. Without any real guidance as to where they can put their time and money, they might talk a lot about helping but never get around to donating.

In fact, clicktivism often just stops at hashtags; in a study directed by Michigan State University, when people give intangible things to support victims of tragedy, they are less likely to give material goods such as money, or services like volunteering. By wearing pink socks in October, they believe they have "filled" their kindness "quota," and after having done something that they thought was good for their community, move on with their lives. Meanwhile, the people who have lost family members and property still do not have things they need to enter normal life again.

Even when it does move beyond at-

tending vigils, this brand of activism only works as long as it is in the news cycle. The Flint water crisis is a very good example of this. The city's inhabitants have been drinking contaminated water from as far back as 2014, but did not receive any attention until it reached a state of emergency in January of this year. People were outraged at the incompetence of Flint's governors, and started petitions to arrest and impeach officials, uploaded videos expressing their anger and frustration with corruption in Michigan, and, yes, the hashtag #FlintWaterCrisis circulated for a while on the Internet. There were real donations this time, and for a few months church parking lots were bursting with pallets of bottled water. After the news was done with the story, the donations dried up. Nothing had been fixed; the water quality has not improved. The nature of hashtag activism is transient, and deeply depends on what the news is reporting. For change to really take place, it must be long-term and not superficial.

On occasion, though, hashtag activism really does help. The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which offered social media users a chance to either donate \$100 or pour a bucket of icy water on themselves, tore through media platforms in the summer of 2014. Many people opted to donate and torture themselves, and the challenge raised more than \$115 million for a cure for ALS. With the money donated, researchers found a gene which contributed to many cases of the muscle-deteriorating disability. Sometimes, with the right combination of ice and media, change can happen.

# Field Hockey Suffers 2-0 Loss to Tabor

## *Moxie Falls Flat Against Strong Tabor Squad*

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This past Saturday, the Exeter girls' field hockey team played a competitive game against Tabor, but ended up losing 0-2. Last year, Exeter lost to Tabor 0-6, so they hoped to improve and they knew that they had to bring their A-game. According to co-captain and senior Abby Yu, "the difficult thing about playing Tabor was the they used a similar game strategy as us."

The rain showers prior to the game caused the turf to be slippery and the moderate winds made the weather especially cold. The conditions were not ideal, but the girls made it work. Regardless of the weather, the girls on the field hustled from the very start and played with a lot of intensity.

The first half of the game was fairly equal between the two teams. Tabor was able to work the ball into Exeter's defensive end, and they kept the pressure on Big Red's defense. Luckily, Exeter's strong defensive unit and the team's rock-solid goalies stopped all of their opponent's early advances.

After some hard fought battles and winning a few 50-50 balls, the girls were able to string their passes together and march down the field towards the Tabor net. Great passing and earning fouls helped the girls maintain possession, and they got off a couple of great shots. Unfortunately, the team was not able to convert on these opportunities and the game continued on scoreless.

Lower Catherine Griffin noted, "Our defense did a great job, but we need to work on keeping the ball on the offensive end even after fouling." Many of her teammates shared this belief and the team will hope to improve on their offensive possession so that they can



A Big Red player competes for the ball.

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generate more shots in future games.

Before the end of the first half, Tabor was able to find a way through the Exeter players and added the first goal of the game. During half time, the girls were proud that they were keeping the game so close and continued to play hard in the second half.

Often, the team can become a little demoralized if they let in a goal, but that

was not the case for Exeter this weekend. Even after Tabor's second and final goal, the girls' quality of play was relentless. Although Exeter was not able to make a comeback and lost the game, they were still happy that they were able to keep the game close against a tough team. Upper and team manager Kaleigh Conte noted that, "Both goalies did a great job, and senior Michaela Corvi had a very

strong offensive game."

Lower Michaela O'Brien said that the team's goals for the rest of the season are to "beat Andover and get [their record] to 500." With the team's current record of 5-9, they will need to win their final five games of the season to meet their goals, but after their great performance against Tabor they feel optimistic.

# Boys' Soccer Deadlocks with Tabor

## *Vicious Saturday Game Ends in 0-0 Draw*

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The boys' varsity soccer team competed against Tabor Academy in a riveting game this past Saturday that finished in a 0-0 tie but showcased the team's best playing all season. After an astonishing 6-0 win against Berwick Academy on Wednesday, Oct. 26, the boys were in high spirits for their Tabor game. And though they didn't end up getting the result they had hoped for, the energy, determination and skill with which they played on Saturday demonstrated how much they have improved as a team over the past two months.

Upper Jack Baker described the game against Tabor as a testament to the team's strong work ethic. "Everyone on the field was ready to go from the first whistle, and we maintained that energy throughout the game," he explained. Senior and captain Quintin DiStefano agreed, and praised the team for "playing aggressively and working hard for the full 90 minutes." Likewise, lower Jonah Johnson observed that "everyone on the team was working as hard as they had all season." For the seniors, the game against Tabor was their last home game ever, and they were "giving their 100 percent to leave it all on the field," according to DiStefano. Despite the game resulting in a draw, upper Dolapo Adedokun felt that it had shown how much the team has developed, saying "we played

our best soccer of the season."

The boys proved particularly successful at moving the ball in the attacking third while remaining calm and relaxed. In addition, their defense was solid and they gave up almost no corners throughout the entire game. According to senior Collin Shapiro, the team was "very effective at pressuring the ball and forcing turnovers as well as our being creative on the ball." He continued, "I thought we did a good job of moving off the ball."

This aggressive pressure on the ball allowed the team to keep possession for the majority of the game and create scoring opportunities as they moved up the field, including some impressive, low-driven crosses across the box which were "really dangerous for Tabor," according to Baker. "We created a lot of great chances," he continued. Exeter also generated several corner kicks that were difficult for Tabor to handle.

However, despite creating around 10 chances to score in all, the team was unable to put the ball away due to a lack of finishing and a series of remarkable saves from Tabor's goalie. "Tabor had one of the best goalkeepers we have seen all season," Baker said. The goalie's ability in the air prevented many scoring chances on Exeter's crosses, while his deep kick challenged them in the back. "I think that we created good opportunities to score, but Tabor's goalie was nasty and he made a lot of great saves," Johnson further



Senior Colin Shapiro dribbles around an opponent.

Chiara Perotti/The Exonian

explained. Similarly, Adedokun noted that, "despite all of our good work, we struggled to score because Tabor has an insane goalkeeper."

Going forward, the team hopes to work on finishing these scoring opportunities and getting the ball in the back of the net, according to Johnson. Baker pointed out that the team has "really been clicking" in the past few games, and success will follow if

they maintain their positive energy. Shapiro echoed this and added, "I like the way we are playing right now and the goals will come." DiStefano also commended the team's hard work. "We are happy with the way we played, now we have to move on and get ready for the next game," he said.

Exeter is scheduled to play against Holderness School this Saturday and against Kimball Union Academy next Wednesday.



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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: KESI WILSON

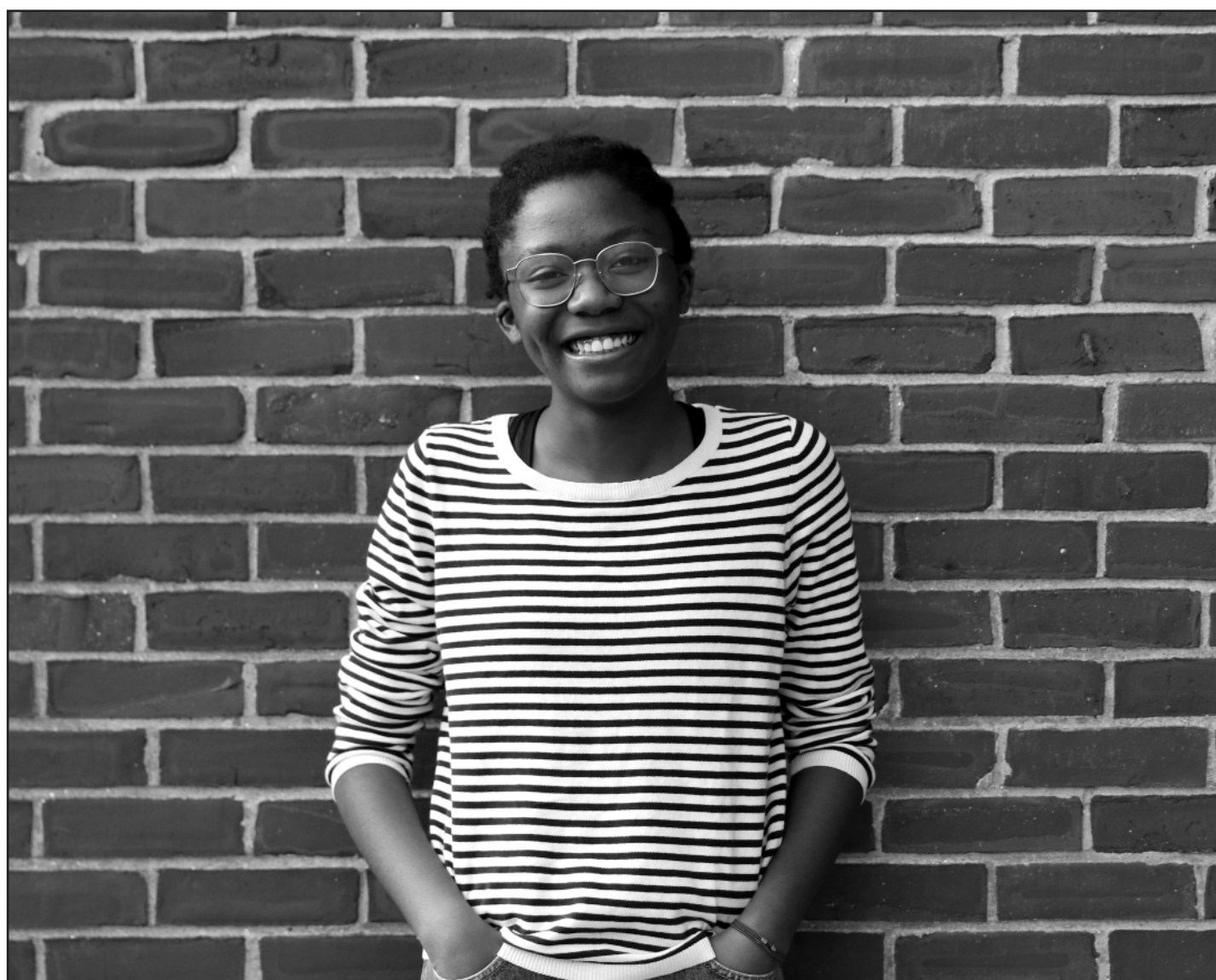
By **BELLA ALVAREZ**  
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For senior Kesi Wilson, dance is more than just a hobby. When she was five-years-old, her mother asked if she wanted to play a sport, but Wilson chose dance because she could read in between classes. "After a while, I just started to love it," Wilson said. "I've been dancing in one way or another ever since."

Before coming to Exeter, Wilson considered herself to be a more "technical" dancer: she took ballet, jazz and modern classes every week. Now, Wilson is involved with many different dance clubs on campus, where she pushes herself to try new styles. "I'm not very girly or graceful in the ballet sense, but I am more hip-hop than anything else," Wilson said. She explained that during her time at Exeter, she has developed choreography skills, creativity and has become more experienced technically. Wilson attributed her capacity for creating to the time she has to practice. "I am always learning from my fellow dancers and the dance teachers here, and I have lots of time to daydream about choreo and bring it to life; see what works, see what doesn't," Wilson said.

Wilson dances for POMS, Exeter's cheerleading team. She is a member of Illuminosity, a club that mixes dance, martial arts and fire. "I even tried break-dancing for a term," Wilson said. She is also the co-head of Imani, a hip hop group, and of Precision, the female step team. Being a co-head is not a position that Wilson takes lightly. Wilson dedicates her time and energy to experimenting with inventive ideas and moves and picking good songs. "I don't want each performance to just be okay," Wilson explained. "I want it to be really good." She described her style of teaching dance as one that focuses on repetition. "I drill and drill and refine forever before I am satisfied with something," Wilson said.

Wilson sees the rewards of her hard work whenever her clubs perform. "It's such a nice experience having an idea in your head and seeing it in real life," Wilson elaborated. "I'm enjoying being a co-head so much." Wilson continued, adding that if she hadn't spent a year abroad in China, she would've enjoyed being a co-head much earlier.



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Wilson was voted in by the co-heads who came before her. When asked how she felt about her appointment, Wilson said, "It feels good that I was chosen for this position, because I know that people support my ideas and think I am good enough at what I do to lead a group of people."

Senior Hannah McKay is one of those people who admires Wilson's skills and leadership. "Kesi is an amazing dancer," McKay said. "She presents a confidence which makes it so [that] no matter what movement she is doing, the audience is completely drawn into her." McKay and Wilson are both in charge of Imani, and create the audition routines for eager newcomers.

McKay recalled the process of auditioning earlier this year. "We decided we'd watch a video of a dance we liked

and then teach each other the one we picked," she explained. Wilson and McKay taught each other both dances in less than 15 minutes each, something very difficult to achieve. They planned to teach both dances within two hours, but could only get halfway through their first dance because they hadn't realized how challenging the dance was. "We are both very creative and can pick up choreography very quickly," McKay said. "When you put Kesi and I together, the things we come up with can seem impossible."

McKay credited Wilson's ability to memorize routines very quickly to the "intrinsic harmony between mind and body," which results in a fluidity of movement and coordination. "She is what you'd call a 'natural,'" McKay said.

Senior Jaden Wood can also attest

to Wilson's remarkable talent. Wood and Wilson have both participated in Dance Company and taken dance classes together, and are both active members of POMS. "Kesi has always brought so much energy to dance," Wood said. "No matter how she's feeling, whether she pulled an all-nighter or if she's just plain stressed, she leaves it all behind when she walks into the studio."

Wood described Wilson as "funny" and a "positive influence" on the dance community at Exeter. She also praised Wilson for how seriously she approaches dance, despite her light-hearted demeanor. "Kesi is extremely intelligent," Wood said. "She can always be counted on for advice, an educated opinion and a game plan when we're in times of trouble."

## Girls' Soccer Ties Against Tabor

*Soxie Optimistic Heading Into E/a*



Upper Sammy Weaver dribbles down the field.

Jena Yun/The Exonian

By **ARIELLE LUI**  
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The girls' varsity soccer team tied 2-2 against Tabor Academy on Saturday. This was its fourth tie of the season, leaving its record at 3-7-4. The team recovered from a 0-2 loss at Groton School last Wednesday.

Lower Ogechi Nwankwoala said that the girls noticed a significant improvement from their past games. She attributed this to a small fast-paced and clean scrimmage during Thursday's practice.

"We've just made a huge leap in our playing," she said. "At our game we were varying what we were doing with the ball and being creative, and that's where a lot of our opportunities to score came from."

The Tabor Seawolves scored its first

goal off of a cross in the first half. Shortly after, prep Dennesha Rolle scored for Big Red off a cross from senior Margaret Coogan. Tabor rebounded, and a few minutes later they scored their second goal off a header from a corner kick. This left the score 1-2 going into halftime.

In the second half, postgraduate Kat Cucullo sent a penalty kick into the back of the net after being fouled in the box. "I've taken the other penalty kicks this season, so we as a team decided I would do it again and it went in so that's always fun," she said.

Upper Louisa Bartkovich thinks that many games have resulted in ties because the girls have difficulty finishing. "Every game we have played we could have won," she said. Bartkovich continued by saying that against Tabor, Big Red passed well between forwards and midfield and

reacted well to the opponent's defensive players.

Nwankwoala agreed. "We are a strong team so we stayed in the game and compete with [other teams], but we don't finish our shots and put the game away early," she said.

Cucullo added that the girls have been "very reactionary" instead of heading directly towards the goal. She then outlined things the team did well, such as passing the ball, keeping possession and playing through the entire game, "which was something that we haven't always done in the past," she said.

The team is anticipating a close game during the annual E/a games next weekend.

According to upper Samantha Weaver, one way the team can improve is by controlling the ball in the air and

making strong passes to each others feet. They will continue working on their cohesiveness as a group and finishing on offense. Weaver said that each year the team gets closer to beating Andover. Last year, the game ended in a tie. "I think this year we will come out with a win," Weaver said. For this to happen, she thinks they need to create more scoring opportunities and win every ball in the air.

"I only believe if Andover thinks this is an easy win for them, they will be quite shocked come E/a," Bartkovich said.

The team's last home game will be Wednesday, Nov. 9 against New Hampton School. Many seniors who have been on the team since their prep year encourage fans to come and support them during their final game at Big Red.



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## WATER POLO EDGES OUT LOOMIS

*Big Red Heads into NE Championships with 12-1 Record*

By ERICA HOGAN  
Staff Writer

Boys' water polo continued to display its dominance this past weekend, beating Loomis Chaffee 8-7 at home. As a result, Bear Polo has now cemented its number two ranking going into Interschols.

The Exeter boys had been tracking Loomis' record prior to the game, and slid into the pool understanding that their opponents would be tough to beat. "We knew they were going to be our closest competition yet," co-captain and senior Liam Oakley said.

The boys went in with a solemn attitude, understanding that this would not be an easy win and that the team's regional ranking was at stake. "We are normally a pretty rowdy and obnoxious team, but as we got closer and closer to Saturday, we got nervous," Oakley said.

The captains helped to mitigate the nerves somewhat with their leadership. "We were nervous but the captains kept the team under control and we had confidence," upper Avery Giles said.

However, the team had also faced a rough week of practice prior to the game and were missing two starters. "We knew this game was going to be a battle, from start to finish," Oakley said.

Although Loomis showed their strength in the first quarter, things looked up for the Exeter boys from the second quarter. Starting the second quarter down 1-0, Bear Polo quickly picked it up, scoring early off a man-up play. The half ended with one of the goalies, senior and co-captain JP Mullins, pulling off a full court shot, an unusual move that "gave [the] team some extra momentum," according to upper Taylor Walshe, causing the team to finish the half up 4-2.



Upper Jackson Parell winds up for a shot.

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Loomis switched strategies for the second half, utilizing a M-drop defense, but the Loomis boys were no match to Exeter's tried and tested press defense. It was this defense, described by Oakley as "relentless," that made the difference in the game. "Our defense was ultimately what won us the game," Walshe said.

Exeter's offense also proved to be formidable. Upper Harril Saunders managed to get three goals in a row in during the

second half, sniping in from the perimeter of the pool to beat Loomis back.

Towards the end of the game, Bear Polo let down their guard, having secured their position. This allowed Loomis to come within a goal of the Exeter goals, leading to the final score of 8-7. Walshe noted that the team has had a tendency to become too complacent throughout the season. "This is no common occurrence as we have had this trouble in many of our past game," he

said. "Keeping up the intensity until the final whistle and not getting complacent is something we need to work on."

With Bear Polo having played their last regular season game against Andover on Wednesday, the team is now fully focused on Interschols, hoping to beat Brunswick, the one team that managed to defeat them this season, to claim the New England title. Interschols will be held at Hotchkiss over E/a weekend, Nov. 12 through Nov. 13.

### Weekend Scoreboard

Boys' Water Polo	8	Girls' Soccer	2	Field Hockey	0
Loomis Chaffee	7	Tabor	2	Tabor	2
Boys' Soccer	0	Girls' Volleyball	2	Football	7
Tabor	0	St. Paul's	3	Cheshire Academy	35

## V-ball Falls to St. Paul's

*Big Red Squad Falters On Saturday*

By JACK BAKER  
Staff Writer

Girls' volleyball played away against St. Paul's last Saturday. Exeter fought hard, edging its opponent out in the first two sets, but unfortunately lost the close game in the fifth set. This loss lowered its record to 6-4.

Exeter remained positive throughout the game, which showed in the first two sets. Its composure, however, faded as the game went on. Senior and co-captain Rachel Luo commented on the team's energy. "Our biggest struggle with away games is coming off the bus fresh and being ready to play, and that wasn't an issue this weekend," she said.

In the third set the momentum shifted. Upper Molly O'Day said that after the first two sets, they had become overconfident. "Once we started losing by even a few points, there was a mood change on the court and we started to play to not lose rather than to win," she said. After the second set, Exeter didn't maintain the high sense of energy and mental readiness they displayed in the prior two sets, which ultimately let them down.

Technically speaking, Exeter had a strong showing. "Our liberos were passing amazingly. We had a strong outside hit so we

just set them a lot. But we were also able to change the flow and set other hitters when St. Paul's figured us out," O'Day said.

Luo echoed O'Day, reiterating that it wasn't necessarily a lack of skill that caused the loss. "Passing and hitting stats were fairly decent, but we just didn't quite have the same spirit in the last three sets," Luo elaborated.

Going forward, Exeter aims to continue playing with high energy and to improve their composure. "As a team, we can use this game to remember that we can't let up until after the ref's whistle on that very last point," Luo said. Staying focused and being mentally prepared to play every point will be essential to Big Red's success moving forward.

Next Saturday, Exeter will play at home against NMH. If Big Red shows its mental toughness and maintain a high level of play in general, the girls will find success. "I absolutely believe in this team and that if everyone does their job, we can advance in the finals and win another championship," O'Day said, optimistic of her teammates' collective ability.



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#### Boys' Soccer



Chiara Perotti/The Exonian

The boys' team fought hard but ended up with a scoreless tie against Tabor on Saturday. Read more on 10.

#### Athlete of the Week



Rachel Luo/The Exonian

Senior Kesi Wilson has been dancing since she was five. Read more about her passion on 11.

#### Girls' Soccer



Jena Yun/The Exonian

Big Red tied against Tabor on Saturday, its fourth of the season. Read more on 11.

#### SATURDAY GAMES:

G. Cross Country	Home	4:00 pm
B. Cross Country	Home	3:30 pm
Field Hockey	Away	2:00 pm
Football	Home	6:00 pm
B. Soccer	Away	3:15 pm
G. Soccer	Away	3:30 pm
G. Volleyball	Home	4:30 pm
B. Water Polo	Home	2:00 pm