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Lower Leni Lemos and her parents stroll the fall strewn campus on their way to class during Family Weekend. Rachel Luo/The Exonian

Investigations of Misconduct Cases Explored, Defined

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While some alumni have voiced concerns about the independence of Exeter's investigation in response to the series of sexual misconduct cases reported in the past year, the Academy's external legal counsel, Nixon Peabody, has hired the law firm Holland & Knight to conduct a long-term and impartial investigation. After the conclusion of the investigation, the trustees will read Holland & Knight's report and determine what to release to the community, while preserving the privacy of those involved.

Exeter alumni and community members seeking to report past or current cases of sexual misconduct can make reports through the administration, Nixon Peabody or through an anonymous and confidential reporting line. Reports have ranged from vague rumors to allegations of sexual assault listing names and details, but all are reported immediately to the Exeter Police Department (EPD).

In September, a group of Exeter alumni who call themselves "Exeter Unafraid" released a petition encouraging victims of sexual misconduct at the Academy to refrain from participating in Exeter's current investigation while it remained "trustee-controlled." It also called for a more transparent report detailing the cases of sexual misconduct that have occurred over the course of the years to be visible to the public.

Since the petition's release on Sep. 22nd, 73 alumni have signed it. An asterisk accompanies six of these signatures, indicating alumni who were victims of sexual assault while at Exeter.

Later the same day, *The Boston Globe* published an article describing the petition. "Dozens of Phillips Exeter Academy alumni are urging abuse victims to boycott the prep school's investigation into sexual misconduct, calling it a 'trustee-controlled' **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, A2**

Exonians Enjoy Respite Over Family Weekend

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Over a thousand family and friends of students visited Exeter this past weekend to observe classes. Throughout this year's Family Weekend, family members had the opportunity to attend addresses from both Principal Lisa MacFarlane and the College Counseling Office, watch performances for many of the music, theater and dance groups and attend fall sports meets.

Each year, Family Weekend provides time for students to spend with family members on and off campus. Parents can also schedule appointments with their child's adviser and teachers to better understand the Exeter workload and how their child is performing at school, especially since midterms are published the prior Tuesday.

Lisa Weil, lower Tara Weil's mother, enjoyed watching her daughter play volleyball with the girls' varsity team against Deerfield Academy. While Lisa Weil noted the games are livestreamed online, she was glad to have

the chance to meet the coach and watch the game with other parents. She also caught up with her daughter's adviser, Director of Studies and English instructor Brooks Moriarty.

In addition to accompanying her daughter around campus, Lisa Weil especially loved taking her daughter off campus for a "couple days of fun." Tara Weil and her parents spent the weekend eating good food and shopping. They also visited colleges, or the "start of [their] Goldilocks tour," according to Lisa Weil.

For some parents, arriving on campus served as a return to Exeter. Alumna Lucy Schmitt, the mother of lower Katrina Schmitt, found comparing her life at Exeter to her daughter's particularly interesting. She also shared a special moment with her daughter in her modern language class as she had been taught by the same teacher, modern languages instructor Ming Fontaine, when she was a student at Exeter 27 years ago. "Seeing my daughter at the Harkness table brings back so many memories," Lucy Schmitt said.

Although the cold weather and rain indicated a potentially gloomy weekend, families were more excited about seeing each

other and did not feel too disrupted by the weather. "We arrived on Saturday afternoon, so we missed the rain and were able to enjoy two beautiful autumn days in Boston," Lisa Weil said.

Alumnus Eric Schmitt, Katrina's father, recalled taking a morning run through the woods on the same path that his daughter runs "I also enjoyed seeing my daughter's rehearsal and performance in the Bowld Music Hall," he said.

Similarly to Tara Weil, upper Milena DeGuere traveled to Boston with her mother. Since they only had one full day to spend together, DeGuere and her mother took a trolley tour that stopped in various places around the city. "We were able to see all the historic parts of Boston that we wanted to see with a guide explaining everything without having to figure it out for ourselves," DeGuere said. They also toured colleges in the Boston area and shopped together.

While Upper Olivia Lei's parent did not make it up for the weekend, she said she still appreciated the weekend as she felt well rested and got to spend time with her friends.

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Dance Studio Reduces Hours

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Due to recent administrative measures to ensure student safety, dance clubs are not permitted to practice in the dance studio of the Davis Center at nights or during the weekends. Director and dance instructor Allison Duke notified the dance club heads in an email of the new plan and potential solutions for each group. Many dancers expressed stress, frustration and confusion over the sudden changes.

In addition, students can't rehearse in the theatre or work in art studios without adult supervision.

On Thursday Oct. 20, Duke emailed dance club heads to bring awareness to the "campus-wide cultural shift" that impacted all of the groups that use Davis on as a rehearsal space. In order to prevent situations that could put any student in danger, unsupervised spaces on campus are prohibited to be used by clubs. "As a community we are trying to reduce student activity in unsupervised spaces," she said.

Chief Financial Officer David Hanson explained that over the past year, the Academy instituted an Institutional Risk Management program to examine risk across campus according to likelihood and severity. The school has five committees assigned to different categories of risks, including risks



Due to lack of supervision, the dance studio will close at night and over weekends. Steven Kim/The Exonian

related to student safety and having an "open campus." Factors such as routine adult supervision and location affect the level of risk on certain building on campus. "Our main goal is to prevent injuries from occurring. Student safety is of utmost importance to everyone on campus," he said.

In order to continue traditions such as pep rally and dance assembly performances, Duke worked with the Athletics Department to provide a temporary solution for the rest of fall term. Clubs that used Davis on Sundays such as Lionettes, Poms, In Motion and Shakti, will join Imani and Abs in us-

ing Squash Court #10 in the gym until Nov. 6. "I know this space is less than ideal, but for the interim, it will suffice," she said. Duke emphasized that these changes are not consequences of "misuse of the space" and should not be taken personally by the dancers. She said that she will be meeting with the administration this week to follow up with more information to clarify the situation and hopefully construct a plan for winter term.

Lower Paula Coraspe, a member of Lionettes and Poms, voiced concern over the changes. "When I heard

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Freedom of Press Examined Across Preparatory Schools

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In an effort to better understand freedom of press within the private high school setting, *The Exonian* has examined the policies and practices of several weekly newspapers of peer schools, including *The Phillipian* (Phillips Academy Andover), *The Deerfield Scroll* (Deerfield Academy) and *The Lawrence* (The Lawrenceville School). While all three serve as the official student-run newspapers of their respective schools, only *The Phillipian* maintains a truly uncensored status; *The Scroll* and *The Lawrence* are subject to prior review by their faculty advisors.

The bylaws of *The Exonian* are closely aligned with those of *The Phillipian*, as both state that the newspaper is not subject to prior review, prior restraint or censorship. While Exeter's publication guidelines dictate that the advisor assumes ultimate responsibility over the publication, *The Exonian* and *The Phillipian* by-laws both maintain that all final editorial decisions rest with the editor-in-chief. Thus, advisors to *The Exonian* and to *The Phillipian* serve primarily to help and guide student editors, rather than to censor. However, whereas *The Exonian* gives some articles to its advisors to read and provide suggestions prior to publication, *The Phillipian* does not.

According to Alexa Tsay, Executive Editor of *The Phillipian*'s Editorial Board, the role of their two advisors is limited to answering questions and providing help to the student editors. "On weeknights they come in and answer questions that we have and just help us out," she explained. However,

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she emphasized that “just like any other reader, they only see the paper once it has been printed.”

Tsay also noted that *The Phillipian* is lucky “because our headmaster is really supportive of free press. [The administration] have never threatened to take that away or to take disciplinary action when they see something they don’t like,” she said.

Susan Yun, a news editor at *The Phillipian*, agreed. “They [the administration] respect that we are an uncensored paper and they let us have that freedom,” Yun said. During her time on the board, she has never been instructed by the administration not to publish certain content. Yun further explained that the paper’s advisors “have never acted as a medium between us and the administration.”

Contrastingly, both *The Scroll* and *The Lawrence* must submit all articles for review by their faculty advisors before going to press. However, Editor-in-Chief of *The Scroll* Perry Hamm described this as “a collaborative process” rather than censorship. She stressed that most of the time, the two advisors are “there to edit and not to say yes or no to articles.” If the advisors were to have a concern about an article, Hamm continued, they would work together with the student editors to address it.

The Lawrence also has two faculty advisors who help the student editors make decisions regarding content and editing. Editor-in-Chief Michael Zhao acknowledged that this compromises the independence of the newspaper, given that the advisor must read through every article before it goes to press. Nevertheless, he explained that the only time the advisors have exercised their right to prevent publication of content has been when they believe it could bring harm to the community or result in disciplinary action against the editors. In general, he continued,

“they give us complete freedom to cover whatever we want and to tackle controversial topics.”

Zhao noted that the administration only becomes involved in the paper in cases where the content revealed could harm students or damage the school’s reputation. “In instances like those they do have the final say but everything else they kind of defer to us,” he said.

According to Tsay, *The Phillipian*’s own awareness of privacy issues renders this type of censorship unnecessary. “If we were ever to be in a scenario when the privacy of a student would be exposed in the article, I think the board ourselves would be conscious of protecting the student body because we want to report on what’s happening without harming anyone. This would be the job of the board, so hopefully it wouldn’t have to reach the administration,” she explained. “We always try to publish articles that are interesting to our readership and not in any way to invade an individual’s privacy,” Tsay added.

Likewise, Hamm felt that the board of *The Scroll* would not publish content that would potentially infringe on someone’s privacy, particularly regarding cases of sexual misconduct. “I personally would feel very uncomfortable publishing a sexual misconduct case that involves a student still at the school regardless of whether they were willing to be featured or not,” she said.

Given the sensitivity of reporting on issues such as these, editors from *The Phillipian*, *The Scroll* and *The Lawrence* expressed hesitancy to cover them. *The Phillipian* has tried to focus on news articles about “trends and student concerns rather than all news,” according to Tsay. However, *The Exonian* has sought to continue reporting in an accurate and sensitive way on even those issues which raise questions of privacy, in the hopes of keeping readers informed while also upholding high standards of journalistic ethics.

The Dance Studio to Close at Night and Over Weekends

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about the Davis situation, obviously, I was disappointed and sad because I use that space a lot for clubs and for Dance Company.” Coraspe added, “I think the administration had good intentions overall, but they could have handled how they supervised our space better because so many people rely on it.”

Many of the club heads felt that the administration failed to solve the solution because they did not provide a safer area that would serve the needs of the clubs. Senior Jaden Wood said that as a participant of several clubs that practiced in Davis and a choreographer for the end-of-term dance concerts, the restrictions of time and space will result in unnecessary stress and risks for dancers. Without mirrors, dancers cannot check their proper body position and placement, and the marley floor in the dance studio helped accustom performers to the texture of the floors that they perform on during the dance assemblies. She also said that the size of a squash court is “not safe enough for dancers to execute difficult moves on the hardwood floors and in the walled in space,” especially for groups such as Poms and Shakti that require room to execute large movements.

Although dancers were grateful for at least having a squash court to practice on, senior Kesi Wilson elaborated on additional problems. Squash is a winter sport, so this arrangement will only last until the end of fall term. However, many athletes practice on the courts year-round, making it difficult for both groups of squash players and dancers to work to their full potential. “Playing music in the courts is hard because groups receive complaints from those playing squash that the music is distracting, although we both have the permission to be there,” Wilson said.

Senior Ore Solanke, member of Abs, Imani, Poms and Precision, felt frustrated from the beginning of the year because all of the dance groups only had the dance studio in Davis. Before spending a year off campus with the School Year Abroad program, most of the dance clubs she performed with practiced in the Thompson Gym.

Once the school constructed the new fitness center, interim Director of Dance Sarah Duclos worked with dance clubs to work in Davis or the wrestling room. Now, dance clubs have to make more

adjustments that affect the future of the clubs until the Center for Theater and Dance is completed. “I don’t really know where or when else it would be possible for the dance clubs to practice, but I really wish that the administration understood what it took to organize all of this,” she said. Wilson agreed with Solanke, saying that many school-wide events such as pep rally would not be the same. “We take time out of our schedules to choreograph, teach, learn, perfect and perform these dances,” Wilson said.

Wood urged the administration to work with the dance community to find a better solution as soon as possible and to consider the students this change has affected. She also mentioned the recent and similar changes that the administration implemented in Fisher Theater and the Lamont Art Gallery that have affected many students. “I understand why the administration made this decision, but it’s obvious that they did not give much thought about how this will affect the many dance clubs who meet there. They did not come up with an adequate solution,” she said. “Previously, I haven’t seen a lot of thought given for dancers by the administration.” Coraspe agreed, saying she was “not very surprised” that the administration had not provided a long-term solution.

Wilson said that she plans to meet with Duke, Principal Lisa MacFarlane and a few fellow dancers about this decision. “I disagree with the actions of the administration, and I would like the chance to convey that in a direct and formal way,” she said. Wood stressed the importance of addressing the issue as a larger problem that does not have to rely on the responsibility of the dance instructors. “It also pains me to see how much stress has been placed on Ms. Duke and Ms. Darling who have had to face the outrage of this dilemma head on and have been forced to desperately find a temporary solution,” she said.

Duke hoped that the dance clubs and the dance department will work together to create long-term solutions that can ensure safety and benefit for the dance community. “I think the most important thing to remember is that we are all a community and on the same team. Although the logistics are less than ideal right now, and have direct impact on student groups at the moment, in the big picture, the Academy is acting in everyone’s best interest.”

Families Reunite Over Weekend, Visiting Classes and Performances

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“I spent Saturday afternoon watching Netflix in bed because my parents weren’t here, and it was actually really nice not to have to do anything for a while. I’m so grateful that several of my friends were kind enough to adopt me for the night so I got to meet their parents and have dinner with their families,” she said.

For students whose families could not come to campus, the school provided activities such as a Sunday trip to Boston sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Lei and her friends took the bus to Boston and got to shop and eat food. “I’m really glad they organized this trip because otherwise I probably would’ve been alone in my dorm room instead of bonding with some awesome people,” she said.

Even though the pressure of having parents attend classes added stress to some students and parents, history instructor Hannah Lim said that her first Family Weekend went smoothly, even though she had originally felt apprehensive from not knowing what to expect before classes.

“I don’t think that I was the only one in class who felt a bit nervous in class. The dynamics in each class felt slightly different than normal, but the students in all my classes dur-

ing Family Weekend worked hard at channeling this nervous energy into productive classes,” she said. She noticed that many of the more active participants “tended to yield the floor more” and some students who tend to sit back in class took “stronger leadership roles in shaping the conversation.”

Although upper Jackson Parell felt slightly overwhelmed because the sizes of some of his classes were nearly doubled, he was happy to have his parents involved in his life and daily routine at Exeter.

“I really enjoyed reconnecting with my parents. It’s been a long time since I last saw them and I am really happy to have three days to spend with them,” he said. Parell said that they stayed in Hampton Beach and visited colleges in Boston over the long weekend. He was grateful that his parents could help him begin the college process because of the opportunities that Family Weekend provided.

Parents, students and faculty enjoyed the time together on and off campus. “Once the weekend classes finished, I felt relieved that I now have a Family Weekend under my belt,” Lim said. She enjoyed meeting the several proud family members of her students, and like most members of the community, she is already looking forward to next year’s Family Weekend.

The Administration Discloses Investigative Process Followed For Sexual Misconduct Cases

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review that so far has contacted few victims,” they wrote.

To ensure a truly impartial investigation into cases dating back to the 1940s, Exeter and Holland & Knight established several protocols to guide their relationship. First, Holland & Knight checked their records to make sure that they had no previous relationship with Exeter, and Exeter did the same. The school also signed a document promising not to hire Holland & Knight for five years after the conclusion of the investigation, preventing the investigation from being conducted from a point of self interest. All of these proceedings were conducted by Nixon Peabody, who also hired Holland & Knight themselves.

The administration and trustees have played no role in the investigation: MacFarlane herself has only met the attorneys of Holland & Knight once. Exeter hired attorney Holly Barcroft to serve as General Counsel to oversee all outside attorneys or law firms performing work for the Academy. Currently, she acts as liaison between both Exeter and Nixon Peabody, and Exeter and the EPD. Nixon Peabody in turn makes reports to Holland & Knight.

To ensure that Holland & Knight can conduct the most thorough investigation possible, Exeter has given them full access to all the school’s information, documents and records. On occasion, the firm comes to campus to speak with current faculty or to learn more about the layout of the campus. During their visits, Holland & Knight are given a secure and confidential room where they can do their work privately.

President of the Trustees Eunice Panetta ’84 commented on the progress of the investigation. “Holland & Knight has been working for several months on the first group of allegations that were cleared by the Exeter Police, and, at this point, their investigators know our school well,” she said. “While they operate at an impartial distance from the school and from the trustees, their work product to date has been professional, thorough and fair.”

Some members of the Exeter community have expressed concern that Holland & Knight have not been efficient enough in their handling of the investigation.

Attorney and alumni Valerie Wagner ’83 said, “One of the concerns raised by the Exeter Unafraid initiative is that Holland & Knight only started interviewing victims in September, almost five months after being retained to do an investigation.” However, MacFarlane and Barcroft explained that by New Hampshire Law, all cases reported must go through the EPD before they may be investigated by Holland & Knight.

The school is also required to report all cases involving suspected abuse or neglect of a minor under the age of 18 to New Hampshire’s Department Division of Children, Youth, and Families.

The EPD must inform Barcroft that each case has been closed officially before she can report the cases to Nixon Peabody. In turn, Nixon Peabody reports the cases to Holland & Knight, who then conduct their own investigations, completely separate of the EPD’s. “Holland & Knight cannot begin an investigation and cannot have any contact with survivors or other witnesses until the EPD case has been officially closed,” Barcroft explained.

Though MacFarlane and Barcroft both expressed hope that the investigations could proceed more quickly, they commended the

EPD for their work. “We trust and believe that the Exeter Police Department performs its work very carefully,” Barcroft said.

She also acknowledged the challenge investigators face as they aim for both efficiency and thoroughness. “It is important to us that all investigations we commission be completed thoroughly and in a way that ensures accuracy of conclusions reached,” she said. “There is a balancing point where the investigative work is done thoroughly and carefully, but also at a speed which reflects a sensitivity for the desire of survivors and other concerned parties to reach a point of finality expeditiously.”

“It is not a perfect process or an easy process,” she continued. “But everyone involved is doing their best.”

Until recently, Exeter had not been allowed to have contact with any of the survivors who came forward until the case has gone through the EPD. However, the EPD has begun to let the school get in touch with some of these people, depending on the case. “The EPD has very graciously allowed us to contact survivors during the police investigation to offer our counseling program and to express concern and sympathy for the survivors,” Barcroft explained.

Once the case is in Holland & Knight’s hands, either MacFarlane or Panetta always contact those who have come forward personally, seeking to provide them with any support possible. This includes covering the cost of counseling and of any traveling expenses that the investigative process might incur.

Holland & Knight periodically sends the Academy summary notes and suggestions for best practices and precautionary measures, helping Exeter to design procedures conducive to a safe campus. “Holland & Knight’s findings will be used to assist us in making what amends we can for any harm done to Exonians as a result of sexual misconduct at Exeter,” MacFarlane said. “And to ensure that our current practices are the best they can be.”

Panetta echoed MacFarlane’s sentiment, saying, “We will very seriously consider any recommendations Holland & Knight have for improvements in how we can prevent these incidents and deal with them effectively when they do occur.”

Though the Exeter Unafraid petition had called for an entirely transparent report, how the findings will be conveyed to the community will be decided by the trustees after the conclusion of the investigation, taking into consideration the security of those involved.

When the trustees make this decision, MacFarlane is hopeful that certain principles will guide them, including the continued support and protection of survivors and any innocent parties involved. “What to make public is an important question,” she said.

She worried that publicizing the identities and stories of victims might serve only to retraumatize them and disrupt their healing process. MacFarlane also noted the risks of naming assailants without clear and compelling evidence against them.

“It harms innocent people when others speculate on their identity or ascribe feelings or actions to them that they themselves do not claim; or when someone is publicly accused who then turns out to be innocent,” MacFarlane said. “Those situations don’t happen often, but when they do, they do irreparable harm to people who are vulnerable.”

“We want to be fair, thoughtful, thorough and aware always of the consequences of our actions,” she said.

Stratford Seniors Report to PEA

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Dear Exeter,

Sending our warm greetings from Stratford! To the senior class—we miss you and are wishing you all the best of luck! This fall, 12 seniors—Nate, Jiwon, Raul, Aidan, Aden, Audrey, Raul, Zea, Liz, Ellena, Sammy, Miguel, and I (Carissa)—and Associate Director of College Counseling Cary Einhaus have been studying Shakespeare, architecture and British literature on a farm. In the past six weeks, we have traveled in a bus through different landmarks in England. Some of the highlights so far: hiking in the mountains of the Lake District; seeing Rothkos, Rembrandts, Vermeers and Turners in London museums; tearing up at the Globe's productions of "The Merchant of Venice" and "Dr. Faustus"; a week-long homestay with the Hereford Cathedral School; seeing a performance of Shakespeare's King John in the cathedral of King John's tomb on the 800th anniversary of his death; being in the background of BBC's live broadcast of the Globe's production, "A Midsummer's Nights Dream" (we were standing in the front row!); seeing an abridged show featuring all of the deaths in Shakespeare's plays; learning how to ring the bells in an 11th century church; seeing the White Cliffs of Dover and Stonehenge; and of course, trying Yorkshire pudding and seeing countless sheep! These are some of our reflections from our experience abroad:

"I've loved reading for longer than I can remember, and much of my reading has been connected, in some way, to England. As a child, while other boys followed their favorite Marvel superhero, I read comic book stories of Robin Hood and King Arthur, or devoured the Narnia tales of C.S. Lewis. As a young teen, my personal reading centered around historical fiction or fantasy that was inspired by English history and landscape. (Indeed, on our travels this fall driving through the windy hills and narrow lanes of the Cotswolds, one couldn't help think of the Shire of J.R.R. Tolkien.) In high school, my personal reading list grew more sophisticated—Austen, Waugh, James—but still remained heavily Anglo-accented. My love of England has always been intricately linked with its literature and history—which is why leading these 12 Exeter seniors on the Stratford 2016 program has been one of the highlights of my career." -Mr. Einhaus

"Throughout our time in Stratford, I've appreciated all of the new experiences we've been able to take part in. I've seen plays in London and Stratford that have completely changed my ideas about what a theatrical performance can do. We've visited places that I've spent years reading about, like Stonehenge and the city of Bath. For a week, we immersed ourselves in life with our host families at Hereford Cathedral School, and were able to make connections with students our age. Being in England this fall has changed my perspective in so many ways, and I'm so grateful that we've spent this term in such a historically and culturally rich country." -Liz Cleveland

"Here with such intelligent and genuine peers, in an enchanted land with mesmerizing sceneries and a full, action-packed schedule, I am so blessed. Every minute I'm a child opening presents one after another and another that will each surely be more breathtaking than the one before. Stratford has taught me everything, from the importance of preserving a millennium old building to noticing techniques of "copious diction" in both a 17th-century Shakespeare play and a 19th-century Lytton Strachey biography to understanding the balance between unity and individuality when traveling with 11 dynamic peers." -Ellena Joo

"In the Academy Center entryway, there hang two bulletin boards whose purpose seems only to be a source of entertainment for those who await the arrival of their chaperone, come to return them home. At least, that's how I thought of them one night my prep winter as I let my eyes wander lazily across the various flyers tacked haphazardly on their surface. That was the night I discovered Stratford. There, amongst torn-off corners and crumpled ads for the Wal-Mart bus, an image of Exonians beaming in front of rolling green hills stood out like the first blooms of spring amidst a sea of yellowed grass. I saw a glimpse of a life an ocean away. I wondered what that would be like—to live away from home and be self-sufficient, to study courses I loved and dedicate myself completely to them for 10 whole weeks, on top of being immersed in the culture and the lands that I was reading about. Now that I have been here in Stratford for seven weeks, I can honestly say that this has been the best experience of my life. Not only have I grown as a student, but as a well-rounded member of my community. I have accomplished so many firsts and learned an immeasurable amount about the English culture." -Sammy Merrill

"I've been pondering blame, chewing on hurt, consulting the stars. I'm feeling. That is what I've taken away from Stratford so far: feeling; at any given moment there is some ponderance—a thing sorely rare in the Stillwater of the Exeter bubble—on life flickering into and out of my head. The first few times this happened I promised myself I'd remember them—only to be interrupted by whatever adventure was on deck next—and promptly forget. Amongst the jumble of thoughts and medley of experiences and errands we partake each day, solitude is nigh nonexistent. Stories will not be in short supply on my return home." -Aidan Wolff-King

Sincerely,
The Stratford Family of 2016



Contributions from Cary Einhaus

Seniors abroad in Stratford visit the Chatsworth Estate in England.

Exonians Compete in the Head of the Charles

By ERICA HOGAN
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10 students represented Exeter at the 52nd Head of the Charles Regatta last weekend. Uppers Francis Baviera Maloney and JP Kim and seniors Stone Sulley, Jack Telman and Bennett Levy represented the Exeter crew team in the youth men's club fours race while seniors Maya Blake, Honor Clements, Zoe Marshall, upper Marie Leighton McCall and lower Christine Baker did so in the youth women's counterpart. The boys placed 24th in a race of 84 teams, while the girls placed 43rd in a race of 85.

Over 11,000 athletes compete in the Head of the Charles each year, with hundreds of thousands of people coming to the banks of the river to watch. The regatta features rowers and boats of all types with divisions for youth, collegiate, elite, masters and paralympic crews. Teams travel from all over the world to compete. The course is three miles long, from Boston University's DeWolfe boathouse to just before Northeastern University's Henderson boathouse.

Going into the competition, both teams were excited and looking forward to strong finishes. Only the girls' team had competed last year, as the boys had failed to earn a guaranteed entry the year before. "We want to improve on last year's finish," head girl's coach and classical languages instructor Sally Morris said. The girls hoped to place in the top 30, which would allow them to have a higher bow number, which is indicative of a crew's seeding, in next year's competition. "Our bow marker is 51, and we want to get into the twenties," Morris added.

Both crews prepared extensively to ensure that Exeter was sending its best crews to the competition. Team members on both teams underwent extensive seat racing, in which two rowers are switched in lineups to determine who makes a certain boat go faster, during the selection process. The boys varied their practices, doing a mix of shorter and longer pieces, to help the rowers shift from the shorter, 1500 meter races of the spring season, to the longer "head" style of crew racing. "The race is going to take over 17 minutes which is very different from 1500

meters in the spring," the boys' team head coach and instructor in chemistry Albert Leger said. The girls had double training sessions twice a week, outside of the club crew meeting schedule, and employed a workout regimen that graduated in toughness as the regatta date approached. The girls were optimistic going into the race, due to the strong connection between the four rowers. "I'm pretty excited about this four because they row together really really well; they have excellent connection, and they enjoy each other's company a lot and have fun while they're rowing," Morris said.

While the boys faced some setbacks during the race, they were pleased with their finish. Although their raw time would have placed them at 17th, they incurred a five second penalty after going over the buoy lines used to mark the course. In addition, one of the crews they started behind, St. Peter's, refused to yield and allow them to pass, which slowed the boys down.

Kim was frustrated because he felt that the boys could have finished with a higher ranking. "We could've done better ... The conditions we rowed in were not ideal, and other crews did not follow the rules, causing our boat to slow down."

Nevertheless, the boys enjoyed the regatta. "Today was a day full of adrenaline and anxiety as we prepared for the race, and just hectic all around, and we as a boat loved every minute of it," Telman said.

Leger expressed pride in the boys and all the hard work they had put in. "The guys have put in a lot of work, they've improved a lot, and I'm really proud of them," he said.

Telman said that carrying Exeter's banner at such a prestigious event was especially significant to him, as he had worked his way up to the top four over his years at Exeter. "As a senior in the boat it was a very meaningful experience for me to represent Exeter at such an amazing event," he said.

The girls battled difficult conditions, racing early in the morning on Sunday in water topped with white caps. Marshall emphasized the importance of maintaining focus despite the tough weather and any other distractions that may come up. "Don't become frantic when the boat is off set...The key is to stay with your boat, even when

you pass bridges with people screaming, stay calm, and get your blade in the water," Marshall said.

The girls were pleased with their overall finish, having moved up to 43rd from 51st in the rankings, but would like to have placed higher. They exhibited tenacity and fortitude as they battled the weather during the race which lasted over 22 minutes. "We nailed the turns and passed two boats. We definitely wanted to have placed a little better, but we raced hard and came together as a boat through the bad conditions," Baker said.

Members of the crews were excited to attend a regatta of such a scope as the Charles, not just to compete in but also to watch and experience the event as a whole.

Baker was glad that she reunited with friends from across the country who were also competing in or watching the Charles. "I got to see a lot of friends from around the country that I met in different crew programs over the summer," she said.

Kim was excited to be around so many others who were involved in the world of rowing. He had not realized the scope of people who did crew prior to the regatta. "The fact that so many people shared the same interest in rowing was eye-opening," he said.

Telman too enjoyed being fully immersed himself in the world of rowing and surrounding himself with rowers of all different kinds who share his love for the sport. "It is really humbling to watch the Head of the Charles as a rower because I realize how many people also love the sport, from novices to Olympians," he said. "There are over 250,000 spectators and over 15,000 rowers [at the Charles] all celebrating a unique and similar part of our lives that we share a passion and love for. What more can you ask for than that?"

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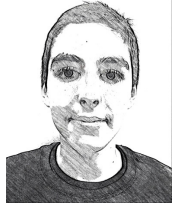


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On Trump's Trade Policy



WORLD COMPASS

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Trump calls for American independence in the face of rapid globalization. Though Trump's ambitious plan may appeal to some workers, his aggressive policies will hurt the majority of American consumers. It's easy for politicians to blame economic stagnation on trade deals, but it's harder to envision a viable alternative to them.

Developing nations like China and Mexico differ from the United States in the products that they most often produce. China and Mexico tend to

specialize in unskilled labor (i.e. simple manufactured goods), whereas the US generally specializes in sophisticated goods (i.e. commercial aircraft). In other words, only labor-intensive industries in the US will favor trade protectionism, as these industries are much weaker than analogous ones in developing countries. Since the US has few industries that use unskilled labor, trade protectionism will only favor a select group of producers. For example, the government's protection of American sugar has contributed to exorbitant prices. Ask yourself the question: Why should we raise prices for consumers in order to satisfy a few companies? Little do Americans know that they pay exorbitant prices for sugar every year, simply to benefit of handful of sugar producers in the South.

If America raises its tariffs on goods from one country, that country will implement retaliatory measures, perhaps by restricting American exports. Developing nations will have little financial incentives to buy America's medical equipment, machines, or air-

craft if we shut down their clothing, furniture, and agricultural produce. In the end, we damage our strongest industries in order to bolster a few interest groups. China's burgeoning economy gives it substantial bargaining power in world politics. Its businessmen will not hesitate to cut deals with Americans in favor of friendlier trade conditions in other nations.

When I hear Trump supporters proclaiming a stronger American workplace, I wonder whether they have considered the repercussions on most American consumers and businesses. I am not advocating for unfettered free trade. Rather, I am pointing out the importance of meticulous planning and broad considerations when making trade deals. Trump must consider the potential of the Chinese market for export-oriented producers in the United States and structure his trade policies accordingly. Instead of going for confrontation with the hawkish Chinese government, the United States must engage China in world institu-

tions while still strengthening ties with India and Vietnam to preclude Chinese aggression.

In the 1990s, the Clinton administration imposed tariffs on Asia's booming car industry. At that time, the three big car companies of Detroit faced bankruptcy. By subsidizing Detroit's failing auto industries, the US government placated their concerns but condoned their deterioration. If Clinton had forced the companies to withstand the Asian competition and improve their technology, perhaps we would see a much wealthier Detroit today.

I believe it is worth sacrificing the protection of our weakest industries for the prosperity of our strongest industries, happiness of our consumers and openness in global markets. If Trump truly hopes to "Make America Great Again," then he should turn to Reagan's insightful words: "The way up and out of the trade deficit is not protectionism, not bringing down the competition, the answer lies in improving our products and increasing our exports."

The Evolution of Bipartisanship

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Columnist

Since the beginning of our nation, there has been turmoil between the Federalist (Democratic) party and the Republican party. Disagreement between the two has always been inevitable due to different fundamental beliefs, but now more than ever we are at the brink of irreversible separation. Throughout time, American government has learned to work together and value the needs of the country over the motives of each party. Now, evident in the 2016 election, we have reached a point where if you are not far right or far left, you are not successful.

America was built upon the idea that bipartisanship would provide a proper, balanced view to every decision made, that the appointed officers of government would have loyalty to mixed parties so that one was never overpowering of the other. Until about now, that has worked. This weekend John Kasich gave a press conference at the White House on partisan

relations. Kasich practically predicted the downfall of the American political system if we cannot change the widening bipartisan gap that exists and grows as this election year continues. He expressed anger and frustration in candidates, as well as existing employees of the American government, because they continue to put politics over progress. The effect of this hyper loyalty leaves Congress divided between two extremes, with no room in the middle for agreement.

Kasich poses a valid concern that if government continues this way, there will come a time—an event horizon—a point of no return, that we will no longer be able to sew up the vast chasm existing between our parties. As apocalyptic as this may sound, there will come a day when we can no longer bridge the gap of bipartisanship. Republicans and Democrats must start working together, or else we will cling to

one side and we will never be able to return to our original design.

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Democrats to agree with Republicans, and for Republicans to agree with Democrats. Think about it—no one is losing in this situation. This is a free country by design, so politicians should be allowed to have moderate ideals without being mistrusted.

And so therefore I support a more moderate candidate, someone who has a grounded platform, but is wise enough to be able to see both sides of an argument. It is why I never truly believed in the success of Sanders or Trump, because they both lean so heavily on the walls of their parties that they lose perspective on the wholeness of issues. Both of them at the same time

theoretically would work, but we can only elect one president. I prefer a leader who can negotiate.

Our government could solve their problems so much more effectively if our parties would actually fuse and collaborate as one. Differing perspective and opinion is essential in government (and really in any successful representative system,) and that is why abolishment of bipartisanship all together is not the answer. To fill the gap been Democrats and Republicans right now, we can all try to broaden our perspectives and see a country for our future that employs this collaborative style. We can work back towards an even partisan representation in Congress, elect a president with more moderate views who knows how to negotiate, and go back to a more balanced judicial branch.

As Kasich put so well, "When partisanship trumps country, we drift." I would like to amend his statement to this: when partisanship trumps country, we break. Let's keep our pieces intact, America.

A Protest in Triplicate: Reflections on the Tank Man Photographs



QUIPS

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When an opinion diverging from a standard paradigm stirs up a community, people demonstrate. Going to protest, from the earliest of days, has been likened to going to war. With heightened distrust of police and protesters, riot suppressors may open fire and activists may destroy property. The goal, then, is to have protests where no one gets hurt, where the demonstrators behave themselves and the police do not kill anyone. Though these constructive protests rarely happen, when they occur, they resonate with the entire world.

In the late 1980s, student protesters in China gathered in major cities to protest the inflexible communist government which had dominated their political scene for decades. They hoped that the imminent fall of the Soviet Union, combined with their own protests, would compel leaders in Beijing to lessen the grip of communism on China and consider democracy. The Party leaders would not have it. On June 4, 1989, they sent military troops and tanks into Tiananmen Square, where a large gathering of student protesters had assembled, and opened fire. 10,000 people were arrested, and several hundred people were killed. The world mourned for the protesters, but the incident would have soon been forgotten had it not been for one image.

He is literally a nobody. No one knows his name, how old he is, or even if he was arrested after the event. But in the photograph, he blocks a row of tanks from barreling down the street all by himself.



He even climbs up on a tank to talk to its commander. In the West, the image is a representation of bravery and selflessness, of the power of one man to stand up to the corruption of an entire government. In China, the image is still heavily censored. There are few images of the massacre, and even fewer of Tank Man. The images that do surface, however, taken by photographers in different locations, affirm the singularity of Tank Man's actions. Every angle of the scene emphasizes his civil disobedience and his courage to defy an oppressive regime.

The first image, taken by photojournalist Jeff Widener, is the most well-known. In it, the Unknown Protester stands in the middle of a crosswalk, blocking the path of four tanks. He is dressed in a white shirt and slacks, and is carrying two bags. In the image, the man is dwarfed by the tanks weighing several tons. The tanks, so close to each other that they are almost on top of each other, display the brutality of the regime which has just mowed down hundreds of civilians. It is evident in the picture that he could be crushed under

the wheels of the war machines at any moment, and that the goodwill of the tank drivers is the only thing keeping him alive. Nevertheless, he stands calmly.

Another image, taken from farther away by photographer Stuart Franklin, is a wider shot which gives a little more context to the scene. There is a charred bus on the photo's left, and toward the top a line of protesters parts for the war machines to move through. And part they should, because the image shows a line of nearly twenty tanks filing down the avenue. Tank Man peacefully stands in the middle of the street, waiting for the tanks to arrive at the intersection. The protesters at the farther intersection are scared for their lives; they are outnumbered and easily scatter at the reminder of oppression. Tank Man holds a one-man protest at his intersection and shows no fear visible in a photograph.

The last image, taken by Terril Jones, differs still from the other photographs. While all the other journalists shot their photos from the balconies and terraces of

Beijing hotels, Jones was on the ground when Tank Man strode to the middle of the intersection. His picture reveals three more people who were present during the incident. They, however, are not as concerned with Tank Man's antics. Two men in the foreground are running from gunfire coming from the tanks. Crouching and ducking, they cannot see the Unknown Protester, but they do understand that they are being given the chance to flee. By blocking the tanks with his own body, Tank Man provides a distraction for them.

Tank Man did not end the oppressive governance in China. He didn't stop the tanks from crushing activists under their tracks. Whether he was shot by a firing squad, or is still living in mainland China, he probably does not even know the fame he has achieved in the years following his one-man blockade. China censors the image so heavily that it has been all but forgotten in recent memory. In these ways, his protest was a failure. However, the rest of the world has access to his image, and it, touted as one of the greatest scenes ever caught on film, reminds those who have seen it of the danger of a governing body gaining too much power. In this way, it is a wild success.

Someday you may be in a demonstration where the police are called in. Rather than return death with more death, nonviolence may make a more meaningful difference in the tone of the protest and how effective it is. You will not stop the police with your nonviolence. You may not even change the mind of your opposition. You may, however, send a message to those watching on the sidelines that though your effort seems futile, it is worth noticing. Your absence of violence may even carve a path to safety from speeding bullets for those standing near you.

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The Death of Binary Opposites

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Guest Contributor

What is a man? He is the opposite of a woman. What is a woman? She is the opposite of a man.

This mirroring way of defining semantic concepts, though it might seem totally irrational and superfluous to many of us, had actually been regarded as the most legitimate method for thousands of years, ever since Plato (427-347 BC). In the era of structuralism, binary opposites prevailed: light/dark, white/black, master/slave, civilized/uncivilized, masculine/feminine. They helped us make sense of the world. Many have gone so far as to proclaim that the binary system underlies most cultural, philosophical and linguistic manifestations, and are the fundamentals of metaphysical beings. For example, Ferdinand de Saussure, a prominent 19th-century Swiss semiotician, stated: "The binary opposition is the means by which the units of language have value or meaning; each unit is defined in reciprocal determination with another term, as in binary code." But dualistic thinking implies an endless mirroring that necessitates an ultimate element on which meaning can be built—hence the dominance of one term over the other in a binary pair.

And so back to the issue of gender. Because most societies started out as being patriarchal, masculinity assumed superiority, and the great world cultures scrambled to come up with traits that were synonymous with males (other than the possession of the phallus). They all agreed on what can be summed up using the term "Man Box," a term introduced to us Exonians by Mr. Eric Barthold during last Tuesday's Assembly. A man is strong. He is muscular, reliable, calm, stoic, courageous. A woman is

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everything that a man is not. You step one step outside of this "Man Box" and you freefall into that other category, the inferior one. Then all your neighbors, as good neighbors must, attempt to bring you back on the right track by labelling you a "pussy," or another similarly derogatory term.

For centuries, this binary system smoothly functioned as the sole governor

of social positions, not only regarding gender and sex, but also regarding race, ethnicity, religion, . . . and was accepted by all. Nobody dared to question its validity, knowing that in doing so he or she would challenge a long-standing tradition and risk being ostracized.

Yet the whole system is falling apart. It has been, ever since slaves demanded to be free, colored races demanded to be enfranchised, women demanded to be men and the LGBTQ community emerged, demanding stubbornly that they not be either women or men but somewhere in the middle of the spectrum. Fortunately for all of us progenies, we have inherited a world that is significantly more fluid, more accepting and more open to discussions than it ever was, thanks to the strenuous fights that our fathers and mothers fought, the many small acts of defiance that they executed. The age of post-structuralism has dawned, and it is our mission to facilitate the change.

But the question remains: After binary opposites, what? How do we navigate ourselves in this brave new world? How do we define and categorize people with different social identities? Is it at all possible to define and categorize people with different social identities?

Or is it ultimately impossible and dehumanizing to relegate people to biased one-word labels?



Privacy vs. Security

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Guest Contributor

Starting from Edward Snowden's disclosure of NSA's global surveillance in 2013, we more frequently see ourselves ending up in heated debates pertaining to the use of personal data for the facilitation of justice. These arguments resurfaced with the FBI's request for software capable of decrypting data on Apple's iPhones in the wake of the 2015 San Bernardino shootings. One of the suspects, Syed Farook, owned an iPhone that the FBI believed could provide information to illuminate who else was behind the shootings. After numerous failed attempts to hack into the phone, mostly unsuccessful due to Apple products' inbuilt precautions against such hacks, the FBI directly requested downloadable software from Apple that could install a "backdoor" into the iPhone. In such compromising situations, we may have to forsake our privacy to preserve the security of all at the expense of a skeleton proposal for an idea that could provide major roadblocks instead of advantages. The argument then boils down to what we value more: personal privacy or the communal safety of others? Is creating a backdoor really worth it?

From a legal standpoint, it's evident that the Fed's access to our private information is an affront to the Fourth Amendment, which outlaws unreasonable searches and seizures. Even with a valid warrant, the FBI's demand that Apple break the encryption on personal data is far from moral or even constitutional. The request for Apple's signature on the code for decrypting personal data on iPhones is compelled speech, rather than free speech. Nevertheless, the FBI has gone to great lengths to circumvent these rules by citing a 200-year-old act, the All Writs Act, that mandates a party to assist in a relevant federal investigation unless the request entails an "undue burden." However, it can be easily argued that Apple is a private company and does not share a direct connection to their devices after issuing, thereby definitely making the request for a backdoor an undue burden. The murkiness of the legal background of the FBI-Apple case and use of such outdated rules shows how unprecedented and immoral the idea of a "backdoor" really is.

Even if the cause for a "backdoor" into the iPhone can be considered noble, we can also call into question the actual efficacy of the approach. Can a backdoor

actually help us detain criminals in a fashion that trumps our current methods? The end can't justify the means if the achievement of the desired end cannot be guaranteed. In fact, creating software for decrypting iPhones or removing the feature of wiping all encrypted data after ten unsuccessful password attempts will just make it catastrophically easier for brute force password attacks to become successful. Such a trend for all devices could even result in an eventual facilitation of cyber espionage, and the practice of creating "backdoors" could exacerbate trends of censorship in other nations by providing those presiding oppressive regimes with an ultimate weapon that leaves the private data of all citizens vulnerable. It would be an excessive length to expose misconduct in a minority of criminals while prying into the private lives of a majority of innocent, honest people. As Apple's CEO Tim Cook notes, the crimes alluded to in monitored private data is like hate speech; it may be despicable and warrant counter-action, but it's protected by free speech.

The "backdoor" idea itself is ridiculous when we realize that there are other ways of getting into a specific iPhone. The FBI itself soon learned of a way, with the help of an unnamed third party, to acquire the data from the phone without Apple's assistance. A universal installation of a "backdoor" was just too risky when the immediate repercussions and future implications of such a practice are considered. We can't perpetuate a practice that poses the very endangerment of our security it's supposed to protect.

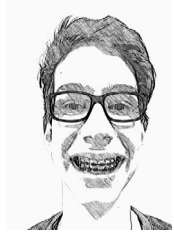
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The Mad Donald



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

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Columnist

Donald's a bit off the rails. Ask any Republican, Democrat, independent, whatever—chances are, they'll agree. He's said crazy stuff, incited violence at his rallies and has just been insulting and rude to his opponents. He is the figurehead of the crass, rude, dangerously-nationalistic American. Democrats and level-headed Republicans alike are despairing about the awful possibility of Trump's being in office. Yet I believe they shouldn't be; in fact, they should be rejoicing!

Ted Cruz was supposed to be the Republican nominee. He was charming, relatively polite and above all, he was educated and was, for the most part, a pretty sharp dude. The candidacy at least was in the bag—to anyone, he seemed like the perfect conservative. The GOP liked him, and more importantly, high-up members of his party liked him. Yet, to everyone's surprise, he lost even though he and Trump weren't all that different. In the end, they both had one distinct similarity that defined who they were. They were Republicans.

I personally believe that Republicanism is not the way to go; there are some who disagree with me, and that's alright. But conservatism has

definitely evolved and in this election, it has shown its true, ugly colors as a promoter of bigotry and fear. Conservatism in America is changing, but that's a piece for another time. For now, it is important to understand why Donald Trump is a blessing in disguise.

Republicans want to repeal Obamacare. They want to defund Planned Parenthood. They want to loosen our already-lax gun laws. Regardless of who the candidate is, that is still the end goal of most Republicans. I completely disagree with them on all these subjects, and thus, would find it

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tragic to see a Republican president. However, to the benefit of me and millions of other Democrats, Trump has basically ensured a democratic victory. Every time he makes a racist comment, maybe 50 republicans of color change their minds about him. Every time he makes a sexist comment, maybe 50 Republican women change their minds. The point is that the more Donald talks, the less likely people want to vote for him. He and he alone has brought down the Republican party,

and we should thank him for this.

Donald's rude. He's arrogant. He's insecure. He doesn't know when to apologize, and he doesn't know when to back down from a fight. He prefers to write bitter tweets at 3 a.m. than to have a face-to-face debate. When faced with a problem of his own creation, he never admits that he's at fault. Many of his conservative supporters who were unenthused by him are now completely terrified of what his presidency would be like (might I add with good reason). His being the Republican nominee is an incredible victory for the Democratic party; as support of Donald becomes less and less fashionable, many have no choice but to turn to Clinton (or not to vote at all, another huge problem this country will experience this election). Let's face it; most conservatives don't like Trump. The Democratic party's main goal should be to try and convince these middle-of-the-road conservatives to vote for Hillary. It is of paramount importance that these votes are cast; they can, without a doubt, change the course of the election for the better. It's incredibly good news for this country that Trump is as wacko as he is—he will be hailed as a hero by democrats for decades to come.

It's incredibly good news for this country that Trump is as wacko as he is. If he weren't, there would be a chance for him, a true conservative, to be elected. For all intents and purposed, Donald Trump is identical to Ben Carson and to Ted Cruz.

China's College Admissions Process

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Guest Contributor

The article "China's College Admission Crisis" published in last week's Opinion section of *The Exonian* provided a good analysis of China's college enrollment system. However, several points need to be clarified regarding what's actually going on behind the admission crisis.

It is true that the region-by-region test administration in China's college admission exam, *Gaokao*, has resulted in unfair circumstances; the students from the major cities in China usually receive an easier version of test than those in the rural areas. For example, the *Gaokao* test in Shanghai is normally easier than that of its neighboring provinces, Jiangsu and Zhejiang; a student in Beijing can go to a much better college than a student in Shandong province who achieved the same score. However, the main factor that leads to the problem is not bureaucracy or corruption. It is China's distinct feature of regional differences, which makes it very hard to unify the country with the same standard.

Unlike America, China has an extremely uneven physical distribution of its population. One example is that, in 1987, a Chinese demographer proposed that if we were to draw a line from a northeastern city (Heihe), to a southwestern city (Tengchong), we would discover that 94.4 percent of China's population lives on the eastern side of the line, while only 5.6 percent of the population inhabits the western side, which in fact takes up 57.1 percent of the total territory.

The imbalanced allocation of population, resulting from the differences in climate and geographic features, contributes to the uneven economic development and disproportionate distribution of educational resource among regions.

The majority of China's top universities are located in the economically developed cities, offering students in big cities more chances to receive a better education. In addition, it is becoming a new trend that families in big cities prefer to send their children to study abroad. The soaring number of students abroad considerably reduces the number of stu-

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dents taking the *Gaokao* test, forcing the administration to further lower the admission criterion in big cities.

In recent years, universities in China are paying more attention to students' overall development apart from their test scores. An increasing number of prestigious universities in China are now carrying out a policy called "Independent Recruitment." The overall excellent students are nominated by their high schools to attend an interview with the professors from the universities, the topic of which covers the analysis hotspot issues, literary classics, frontier technologies, etc. The admission officers now evaluate not only

a student's performance in school but also his (or her) performance during the interview, including the ability to quickly respond and think innovatively. If a student passes the interview, he (or she) still needs to take *Gaokao* to test academic proficiency, but the required admission score is greatly reduced. Chinese universities are now considering a student more as an individual "person" instead of a "test machine," which will gradually change the test-driven atmosphere in Chinese high schools.

In recent years, China's Department of Education has experimented *Gaokao* reform in several cities, aiming to reduce students' pressure upon taking the test. Students now need to take three elective subject tests and three major subject tests. Instead of sitting for all the subject tests in three days, students are now able to start taking the majority of the elective subject tests from the second year of high school, and two chances are available each year for the English test. In order to encourage students to participate in community service, 60 hours of voluntary work is now required for high school graduation. Many high schools in China are recognizing the importance of physical well being and putting more emphasis on improving the quality of physical education by renovating facilities, increasing the number of P.E. lessons and developing school teams.

While the inequality that lies in the distribution of educational resources in China still remains an alarming issue, it is worth noting that China's college admission system is undergoing drastic reform for the sake of its students.



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Senior Graham Rutledge and his father, Robert Rutledge, attend family weekend.

Rutledge Delivers Assembly During 2016 Family Weekend

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Dr. Robert Rutledge, a radiation oncologist specializing in radiation treatment for pediatric, prostate and breast cancer, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University and father of senior Graham Rutledge, delivered the Family Weekend assembly last Friday. He spoke of his experiences and spiritual well-being in cancer treatment. He also held a lunch in the Seabrooke Room and visited classes.

Though Dr. Rutledge began his career with solely physical treatments for his cancer patients, he came to realize his passion for charity and mental healing. Today, he devotes much of his personal time integrating physical cures and treatment with spiritual healing.

In his hometown of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dr. Rutledge leads weekend support groups to help teach patients diagnosed with cancer. He preaches healing in the body, mind and spirit. He is the co-author of *The Healing Circle*, a book based on these weekend support groups. In addition, he leads the Healing and Cancer Foundation charity organization. In 2006, Dr. Rutledge was presented with the Health Promotion Award by the Doctors of Nova Scotia. In 2010, he received Cancer Care Nova Scotia's Award of Excellence in Patient Care.

During the assembly, Dr. Rutledge discussed the power of positivity and appreciation in the times of adversity. He advertised this kind of mindset to cancer patients and Exonians alike. He also encouraged students to be more "authentic" with their emotions and to accept them.

The first idea that Dr. Rutledge stressed about confronting problems is acceptance. He defined acceptance as recognizing the reality of one's circumstances. "When you're feeling anxious, instead of saying that 'I shouldn't feel this way,' and kind of fighting with reality, let that be your starting place—and start working from there," he advised students. "Exonians have an upward trajectory, but they need to brace themselves and accept that some difficulties in life are inevitable. But once you accept that sadness, act on it, and go forth. The response to an event is more significant than the event itself."

Senior Lena Papadakis, one of the co-heads

of ESSO Just Keep Smiling, a club that creates projects to raise the spirits of pediatric patients, appreciated Dr. Rutledge's emphasis on healing the body, mind and soul. "The assembly spoke a lot to what I think a lot of doctors ignore, which is the other side of medicine—the more spiritual side. I am a firm believer that if you have hope you can get through most things," she said.

Prep Dawson Byrd reflected on how doctors should provide emotional support for their patients. "They're your care providers," he said, "and although they may never compare with your family, they are the ones that are going to be with you during those late nights, where, maybe understandably your family won't be there for you, because they have work."

Upper Anzi Debenedetto also appreciated Rutledge's acknowledgment of the humanity behind fighting cancer. "It was really interesting to see how Graham's dad introduced the 'people's side of cancer, rather than the disease itself. His speech could decrease some of the stigma we have around diseases like cancer, and make it more personal, highlighting the fact that the disease can affect any of us or our friends at any time." For lower Euwie Park, the assembly provoked thought on the importance of optimism. "At Exeter, which is a pretty challenging environment, people can tend to be really negative," Park explained. "This self-pity kills motivation, but I liked [Dr. Rutledge's] positivity. His speech made me think 'what if people were more optimistic and appreciative?'"

Graham Rutledge explained that he hadn't heard many of the anecdotes his father brought up during assembly. "It was moving to hear [those stories] for the first time with all my peers. Dad does bring a unique perspective to anything I do," he said.

Graham Rutledge said that the elder Rutledge's role as a father parallels his career. "If I have a problem he just listens to me without judgement or advice, but encourages me to go those hard places, like he talked about in his presentation," he said. He added that his father elegantly applies the philosophies he spoke of in his own life.

"I see a lot of what Dad has to deal with on a day to day basis," Graham Rutledge continued. "He comes home and sometimes he'll say that he saw a really sad case. But he accepts his reality and doesn't allow it to stop him from enjoying his family."

Transit to NYC and Boston To Be Offered at No Charge

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The Academy now offers free transportation for students to and from Boston, Connecticut and New York City during major breaks. In years past, students paid up to 50 dollars for one-way trips. The cost for medical chaperones in Health Services was also eliminated.

According to CFO David Hanson, the cost for transportation is now included in the mandatory student fees that families pay each year with tuition. This year's mandatory fee of 750 dollars for every student also covers linen, technology and health services. Hanson said some of the advantages of the change included efficiency in processing, less cash handled on campus and privacy for students on financial aid students. "Students do not need to come up with money to purchase tickets during a busy period in the term," he said. "Parents do not need to be concerned about ensuring students have money to purchase tickets."

For the airport transportation, Student Center/Transportation Coordinator Daisy Jobarteh will now email students information and links to reserve bus seats.

Currently, she is using the application Eventbrite to coordinate the registration process. However, she said that the process is in "a testing period," and if it is not the best application to use, she will adjust accordingly.

Jobarteh noted that although there are standard times for bus departures to airports, she can make travel arrangements for students whose flights do not correspond with those times. For example, at the start of Thanksgiving break coach buses will depart campus for Logan Airport every half hour from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

However, some international students' flights do not depart until 1 a.m. on Nov. 23, a day after fall term ends. As someone who has traveled internationally before, Jobarteh understands that some flights can be early in the morning and does not charge the students for the transportation. "I don't want [students] missing out on that," Jobarteh said. "I don't want [them] having to pay for transportation just because [their] flight is late."

She encourages any student who has a time conflict to email transportation so that she can arrange for either a Red Dragon or another passenger vehicle to take them to the airport free of charge. "I mean, you might as well use it," she said.

The only time a student would have to pay for his or her own transportation is when it is not the beginning or end of a major break. Jobarteh said she can make recommendations for car services but cannot cover the cost on behalf of the Academy.

International students who had to pay for the transportation tickets

in the previous years expressed their content with not having to pay the cost anymore and the convenience of the new system.

Senior Brian Choi was glad that the school is now providing free Academy shuttle services and was also pleased with the new online registration system. During previous years, students had to go to the Student Activities Office to pay for the tickets and sometimes, had to wait in long lines as the start of break approached. "Now that there is a new online registration, the process is a lot more simple and quick," he said. "I do think that it would have been better if this whole change had been implemented much earlier, considering that many students living across the country or internationally were paying hundreds of dollars every year."

As an international student whose flight departs late at night, lower Ursula Sze said, "My flight is usually around 1 a.m., so there weren't shuttles late enough to take all the people flying back to Hong Kong. I'm glad that now with this new change I'll be able to make free arrangements without having to look for other modes of transportation."

For students who regularly attend physical therapy sessions, the elimination of the cost for a chaperone each week has been a relief. Upper Milena DeGuere has been in physical therapy for several terms. "It's super helpful particularly for long-term PT students, like me, because those chaperone trips really added up," she said.

Some trips are still subsidized by the respective clubs or on-campus organizations that plan them. For example, on Sunday the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) sponsored a free trip to Boston for students who live far away of Exeter or do not have kindred visiting for Family Weekend. Students signed up on a first come, first served basis.

The trip lasted for nine hours, and students could spend their time however they liked in the city. International Student Coordinator Jennifer Smith, who chaperoned and organized the trip, described it as "a fun chance to get off campus."

Students who took part were glad that these trips were set up for them with free transportation. Upper Olivia Lei, for example, was glad that she had the chance to get out of her dorm and spend time with other students whose parents didn't come.

She had a great time, and I would otherwise have spent the day by myself," Lei said. "I'm really glad OMSA sponsored this trip and do hope they continue to do this because it was the highlight of my weekend."

Upper Pedro Sanson also had a fun time going to Faneuil Hall, Newbury Street to shop and Chinatown to eat sushi. "It was great to spend time with friends and leave Exeter for a bit," he said.

Cai and Manken '20 Elected As Prep Reps; Tie Results for Third

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Preps Benjamin Cai and William Menken were elected this Tuesday to represent the class of 2020 in Student Council (StuCo). Three other preps, Mai Hoang, Samuel Lew and Ayush Noori, were tied in votes for the third position. A run-off election will be held today from 10:10 a.m. to 7 p.m. to determine the final representative of the prep class. Sixty-eight percent of the prep class voted in the election, which followed a week of campaigning on the part of the candidates.

Cai was elated upon learning of his election, as he is now "one step closer to contributing to the Exonian society and addressing the various issues within the community." He stated gratitude toward the prep class. "I'd like to thank the Class of 2020 for electing me," Cai said.

Cai was also enthusiastic about collaborating with Menken to advocate for the prep class.

Like Cai, Menken was appreciative of the support from his classmates. "I'm thrilled to be a prep rep. Thank you class of 2020!" he said.

As prep rep, Cai hopes to "voice the concerns of the prep community" and create activities to "help preps transition into the Exeter community and/or foster the connections within the class of 2020." One of his ideas includes a

referendum or suggestion box to allow preps to present ideas for new policies.

While the school already has some policies to ease the transition to Exeter, Cai hopes to institute further systems. "The activities that I have suggested are designed to help the prep community develop relations with each other, the other grades and the town of Exeter," he said.

Menken would like to address other issues—alienation of preps, changes in Evening Prayer, indifference toward StuCo and general student stress. He intends to do so through his role in StuCo.

"Our school deserves a forum where representative students can discuss school policy and take initiatives," he said.

Those who have advanced to the run-off election expressed gratitude at still being in the running, and an intention to further prove themselves to their peers. "It was great to hear that I was still in it, and relieving that at least I still have a chance to become class of 2020's prep rep," Lew said.

Noori expressed some frustration at the outcome but was also happy to remain a potential representative. "While of course disappointed that I did not secure a position as prep rep, I am delighted to still have the opportunity to represent my class."

Lew intended on reaching out to members of his class as part of his elec-

tion efforts. "I still need to meet all my new prep peers ... I hope that if there are any preps unknown to me I get to meet them," he said. He went on to explain that meeting every prep was crucial to his ability to advocate for his class. He said, "Everyone is important in our class of 2020."

Noori also outlined his plan leading up to the election. "I will reiterate my campaign message, vast experience and firm goals, and encourage my peers to make the right choice on election day," he said.

Prep Nick Schwartz felt that Cai and Menken's election was expected due to the reaction the prep class had to their campaigning efforts. "The week prior to Election Day, it became clear that they had the strongest support," Schwartz said.


Some members of the class of 2020

felt that the election was based purely off of popularity, rather than the merits of the candidates. "It's a popularity contest, and prep rep elections are all about campaigning. Popularity and campaigning determine the outcome," said prep Kaleb Washington.

Others disagreed, and expressed that they had voted off of the merits of each candidate's plans. "Given that I didn't have much experience with each candidate, I voted for whoever I thought had the best candidate statement," prep Shaad Khalil said. "I took into account who was the most realistic."

The preps are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the third representative, to round out their contingent in StuCo.

"I am eager to find out who will be the third prep rep," prep Andrew Sun said.



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Cowboys vs. Aliens 45: Bigly Edition

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The sun rises over the Texas border. We hear a rooster in the background. Music starts to play.

The camera zooms in on a lone rider galloping across the open plain. As the camera zooms in, we see that the man is riding on another human. As we zoom in further, we see that the steed is Chris Christie. We then see that the rider is orange, and wearing a red cap with four white words written across the front. The camera zooms out as the music gets louder.

Voice over: "Bad Hombres."

TFW You Need a 120 on Your Math Test to Get That A

By ELIZABETH YANG
The Rest Become Invisible on Wednesdays



Grill Grace for Good Guidance

By GRACE DUISBERG

This Column is Like The Terminator Franchise
Dear Grace,

I've been having some trouble in Prep Spaz. I think the coaches are really hard. Just last week they made us run a whole quarter of a lap around the track! And then we had to change in time for assembly! I was so tired that I barely made it on time. What do you suggest I do?

-Unathletic Prep

Dear Unathletic Prep,

That sounds quite troubling. Four years ago, I was in this exact situation, and here's what I suggest you do. First, grab a buddy who also sees a problem. Then, whenever the coach tells you to work out, you and your buddy fall over on the ground and play dead. Wait until the practice is over, then go back to your dorm. Repeat until your coach gets the idea. Also, don't stress about going to assembly. It's not like it's a required appointment or anything.

-Grace

Dear Grace,

I have a history paper that's due at finals block, and we only just got the prompt! I'm so stressed! How am I ever going to get it done on time?

-Freaking Out

Dear Freaking Out,

Honestly, you have nothing to worry about. Here's my trick for getting my papers assigned far in advance done on time: Set aside some time every day to forget about the history paper and procrastinate. My preferred procrastination method? Snapchat. Try out every filter. Then, the night before the paper is due, remember it, then spend your entire evening thinking about ways to BS your way through it. This method WILL get you an A.

-Grace

Dear Grace,

My early app is due on November 1st! How can I write an essay that will guarantee me admission to Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Duke, Chicago, Columbia, and Berkeley?

-Forgot About Apps Until Last Minute

Dear Forgot About Apps Until Last Minute,

I'm in the same boat here. If I had a shred of advice this is where I'd put it.

-Grace

Dear Grace,

Do you have any interesting music recommendations? My Spotify playlist has been looking kinda sad lately.

-Sad Song Seeker

Dear Sad Song Seeker,

Darude Sandstorm. NEXT.

-Grace

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We'll be the judge of that.

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Cat Spotlight: Smokey Robinson

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE
Future Cat Lady



Smokey Robinson poses with less fortunate cats.

Elizabeth Yang/Photoshopaholic

While dogs have recently enjoyed attention from the Life section of *The Exonian*, cats have been busy being superior to all other beings.

This week's cat is Smokey Robinson Campbell, a majestic, black and white feline who is the proud owner of Megan Campbell, a local Latin nerd. Smokey Robinson enjoys long walks on the kitchen countertop and running after inanimate objects.

When not reminiscing about his past, Smokey Robinson manages his small business, Catfit, out of Manchester. Catfit is a workout and nutritional program for those cats who just can't stay away from the couch and the casserole. The program currently houses 249 members, the majority of which are working in a pyramid scheme to recruit more cats. "It's been going extremely well so far," stated Mr. Whiskers, a gold-star member of Catfit. "Though to be honest, that might be because of

the backdoor catnip operation."

Smokey Robinson also has a secret family. During the night he stays with the Campbells, ensuring that they don't do anything too stupid, but when the Campbells go off to work, he drives his motorcycle to Portsmouth in order to see his seven children. "It's actually a problem," said Mr. Whiskers. "He hasn't shown up to Catfit in weeks."

The cat also travels during his vacations to volunteer in places where cats are less fortunate. "I try my best to be a global citizen," stated Smokey Robinson. "Sure, it would probably benefit the starving cats in South America for me to just donate all my savings, but donations do not make for decent Facebook profile pictures."

Smokey Robinson used to be a household name. "In my younger years everyone knew who I was," Smokey Robinson said as he gazed out a window. "My smooth jazz

band, Smokey Vibes, had thousands of followers. We were even on Ellen once."

"He keeps talking about his band," complained friend Garfy. "His band is over. He needs to move on." According to Garfy, Smokey Robinson has been in a downward spiral these past few months. He has neglected to pay his bills, does not answer his mother's phone calls and though it hasn't been formally announced yet, has been released from his position at Catfit."

Smokey Robinson Campbell is currently accepting donations on his GoFundMe page to help pay rent.

If you have a cat who is as accomplished as Smokey Robinson, please submit his or her name to exonianhumor@gmail.com. Furthermore, Smokey Robinson would like to wish his most prized pet, Megan Campbell, a happy early birthday!

Hindsight Is 20/20

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE and EMMA JORDAN
Pulling Out Chunks of Hair



Family Weekend Goes Well for Some, but Decidedly Horrible for Others

By ELIZABETH YANG and MAJESTIC TERHUNE
Unfit for Office

Though Family Weekend was a highly anticipated event that caused 1074 little hearts to palpitate and squeeze with fear, it passed by smoothly with relatively few incidents.

"Besides having math twice due to the CBEG Saturday schedule, Family Weekend went well for me," said senior Hue Pacard. "My parents didn't embarrass me, I didn't embarrass my parents (except for those 100 minutes in the Academy Building basement) and neither of them forced me to get a haircut."

Unfortunately, some other students were not as lucky. "I've been sheared!" One prep baaaaa-ed, after removing his hat to show off a particularly bad 'do. "This will prevent me from ever getting an EP date again! Do my parents even realize

that bowl cuts aren't in anymore? All of my friends now call me 'Mushroom Boy.'"

Mushroom Boy also received his failed biology exam on Friday. He neglected to successfully answer questions such as "What is the powerhouse of the cell?" and "Can you name every member of this class?" Mushroom Boy's father, Mushroom Man, punished Mushroom Boy by emailing the prep's teachers and informing them that Mushroom Boy might need some extra help.

During his Spanish class, Mushroom Boy's Spanish teacher, Señora Mushroom told Mushroom Man that Mushroom Boy had a crush on her daughter. Unfortunately, the feeling was not mutual and the daughter forgot to tell Mushroom Boy that she would not

be able to attend the date at Penang, leaving Mushroom Boy to enjoy his scallion pancakes alone.

"Mushroom Boy really had a bit of a rough weekend," Mushroom Boy's friend, Tomato Guy, so named for his chronic hypertension, told *The Exonian*. "To make things worse, my parents absolutely despised him."

"It's true," Tomato Guy's father, Watercross Fellow, said. "Mushroom Boy and his family are from the Midwest, a region that I absolutely cannot condone."

Though that was a tough blow for Mushroom Boy, he was consoled by the fact that Watercross Fellow isn't really even Tomato Guy's father, a fact that Watercross Fellow is unaware of.

In summary, don't insult those from the Midwest.

Wrathful Winds

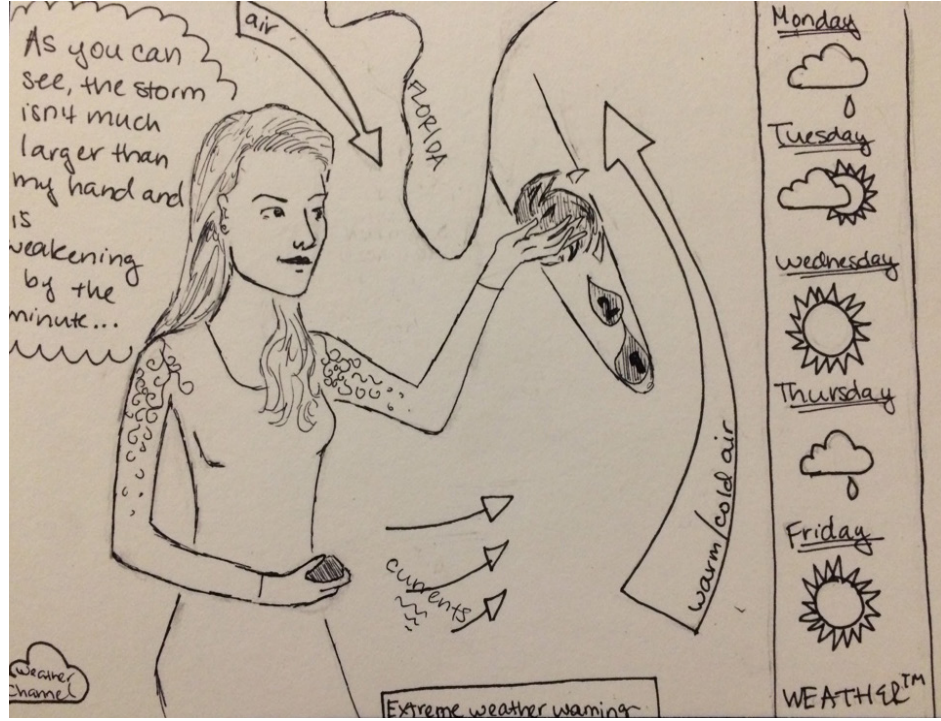
At 11:00 p.m. on Sept. 29, the National Hurricane Center in Miami posted a prediction for Hurricane Matthew after it started from a tropical wave that was pushed off the African coast on Sept. 28. Using the data collected from a reconnaissance aircraft, meteorologists predicted that the strength of the hurricane would only elevate slightly as time passed, implying that there was no dire necessity to take precautions. The actual results, however, proved them wrong.

Hurricane Matthew took its toll from the Caribbean to the United States. The hurricane was at its greatest intensity from Sept. 30 to Oct. 1 when it first reached the eastern Caribbean at a speed of approximately 160 miles per hour. It proceeded to create landfalls in Haiti and eastern Cuba three days later. The hurricane continued to travel through the Bahamas and came close to the coasts of Florida and Georgia.

Landfalls aside, the effects of flooding near U.S. ports and beaches were no less severe. The hurricane left its mark near Fort Pulaski in Georgia as it set a new record tide level of 12.57 feet above normal low tide. Even though it did not seem to exceed by much the old record of 12.2 feet set by Hurricane David in 1979, the effects were nonetheless devastating. In the afternoon of Oct. 8, the flooding unleashed destruction upon the Springfield pier in Myrtle Beach along with the Jacksonville Beach pier in South Carolina and a section of the Oak Island pier in North Carolina. Meteorologist Kaitlin Wright posted on her Twitter page pictures of what she described as “the basically gone Springfield pier in Myrtle Beach.”

Since the hurricane reached North America and ravaged cities in the United States and nearby countries, American meteorologists have been receiving a tremendous amount of criticism due to the inaccuracy of their predictions of Hurricane Matthew's rise in intensity. If they had not underestimated the destructive potential of the hurricane, precautions could have been taken to prevent at least some of the damage that was done. Hurricane Matthew caused the most number of deaths in countries around the Caribbean like Haiti where, as reported by the country's civil protection officials, at least 877 deaths took place. It was also curious to see that after the hurricane, Cuba refused any help offered by U.S. charity organiza-

tions. It was the only country that deliberately turned down any assistance the United States offered in an effort to remedy the current conditions. Personally, I find it to be a completely unreasonable action. In a country devastated by a natural disaster, taking care of the people in need of help should be placed as the top priority. It seems that the Cuban government refused assistance simply to spite the United States for its faulty predictions. This is just one example that il-



lustrates how furious the people and government of the devastated countries were. One can almost say that the victims of the hurricane were just as wrathful as the raging winds that tore their societies apart.

It may be time to look back and think about what might have gone wrong. First of all, it's worth noting that Hurricane Matthew wasn't the first instance that American meteorologists had underestimated the potential of a hurricane. Last year, Hurricane Patricia, originating near the Gulf of Tehuantepec south of Mexico, went through a similar intensification process as Hurricane Matthew that weather scientists never saw coming. The hurricane's intensity skyrocketed unexpectedly from a tropical storm to a Category 5 hurricane with winds traveling at about 215 miles per hour. Its strength exceeded that of Matthew, but the areas that it struck were less populated than

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the regions Hurricane Matthew laid waste to.

To get a better picture of the potential reasons for these inaccurate predictions, we may need to take a closer look at the process meteorologists go through in order to make the predictions in the first place. In order to make a forecast, meteorologists use a weather model, which is a program that runs on a supercomputer. They harvest atmospheric data from weather stations and satellites, and that data is fed to the weather model

not that mistakes were made when predicting Hurricane Matthew's path and potential. The main problem was that no lessons were taken away from mistakes made prior to Hurricane Matthew. As mentioned before, there were other occasions when the destructive potential of a hurricane was underestimated, but no one seemed to look back and analyze what might have gone wrong. Nobody questioned if the technology needed any enhancements or if their calculation and prediction methods needed any tweaking or improvements. No one questioned the true cause of the faulty predictions. Granted, mistakes happen, but the inability to analyze errors and make changes result in the repetition of the same mistakes.

Being a meteorologist requires hard work, and I admire the effort meteorologists put into their endeavors. Inaccuracies and errors are not uncommon in forecasting weather, but meteorologists should always keep in mind that sometimes a single inaccurate forecast can cause irrevocable damage and devastate the lives of millions of people. Knowing that miscalculations can happen easily and that their consequences can be drastic, meteorologists may want to try and find ways to improve the accuracy of their predictions from this point on.

Some may say that because the nature of hurricanes is extremely unpredictable to begin with, the meteorologists shouldn't be taking as much blame as they have been. Perhaps it's a matter of the nature of weather scientists' line of work and not a matter of their competence. I, personally, do not wish to condemn the meteorologists, and I agree that the unstable and unpredictable nature of these natural disasters is a major factor. Despite that, it's always good to find areas that can use improvement. It's also better to overestimate than to underestimate.

Lastly, the anger of the devastated people, in my opinion, is justified, for natural disasters like these are almost always a matter of life and death. However, complaining by itself certainly doesn't help with the rebuilding of a shattered society. Let's hope that if these complaints can accomplish anything at all, they can send a message to the weather scientists, informing them that certain changes need to take place to better avoid dire consequences that stem from false predictions.

to generate predictions on temperature and humidity as well as the direction and strength of wind. In that process, the two most common factors that potentially lead to faulty forecasts are flawed or insufficient data and improper methods of data assimilation or calculation. It's also worth mentioning that in order to generate a prediction, many equations of fluid dynamics, physics and chemistry have to be applied. Due to the complicated nature of the process of data integration, it is fair to say that mistakes are easily made when making a forecast. Lastly, hurricanes are one of the hardest natural disasters to predict. As they usually originate near large bodies of water where there are few weather stations, it's hard to generate forecasts of hurricanes' direction of travel and intensity.

I believe that the main problem was

Locker Room Talk

Many of you may have heard of the video obtained and distributed by the Washington Post, where Donald Trump was caught on a hot microphone bragging about having sex with, kissing and groping women. He bragged about his failed attempts at seducing a married woman, talking about her “phony tits” and how he “tried to f**k her.” He was having a conversation with Billy Bush, who has since been fired from his job on NBC's “Today” Show. They said a multitude of vulgar things, including: “when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab them by the p**y. You can do anything.”

After the release of this video, Donald Trump issued a response, saying that he's not a “perfect person.” “I've said and done things I regret, and the words released today on this more than a decade-old video are one of them. Anyone who knows me knows these words don't reflect who I am,” he said. And later, in a way to explain his actions, he dismissed this conversation as “locker room banter,” and that you hear these sorts of conversations “all the time.”

First of all, these words reflect exactly who Donald Trump

really is. He is a known sexist, to add to the list of being a bigot, racist and all-around jerk. He is known to have called women horrible things such as fat, pigs, slobs, disgusting animals and dogs; he said all these horrible things to women after the event in the video took place. So no, Donald Trump hasn't changed since the video. And, I'm willing to argue that the only reason he's apologizing for what he said is because he knows it will lose him a lot of voters, and his apology was a desperate attempt at trying to win them back.

Luckily, this was the last straw for some people, especially among the young voters Trump so desperately lacks and needs. It's sad that it's taken some people this long to finally say “enough is enough,” but at least they've come out of their dark shell of denial. A recent poll at Quinnipiac University taken almost immediately after the video was leaked on the Washington Post, found Trump trailing among likely voters aged 18 to 34, 48 percent to 27 percent. In another

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instance that took place also on a college campus, Liberty University President Falwell, to defend Trump regarding the “locker room banter” video, said, “We're all sinners,” as though sexual assault is no big deal, a problem we don't need to prioritize in eradicating. The students on his campus had a very different reaction. “Any faculty or staff member at Liberty would be terminated for such comments, and yet when Donald Trump makes them, President Falwell rushes eagerly to his defense—taking the name ‘Liberty University’ with him,” a group of Liberty students said in a statement condemning Trump's association with their school. The collision between the recent explosion of awareness for sexual assault on college campuses and the presidential election makes for a very bad mixture for Trump.

The students weren't the only ones condemning Trump. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, who has defended Trump on through many of his controversies, said, “No woman should ever be described in these terms or talked

about in this manner. Ever.” And House Speaker Paul Ryan, who has been campaigning for and with Trump, said the comments in the video “sickened” him, and also added: “Women are to be championed and revered, not objectified. I hope Mr. Trump treats this situation with the seriousness it deserves and works to demonstrate to the country that he has greater respect for women than this clip suggests.” That's funny, because I really think he doesn't have much respect for us women at all.

This isn't just “locker room banter.” The fact that he's condoning this, saying that it's normal to have these type of vulgar and horrible conversations about women in a “locker room” setting is disgusting. No one, no where, at any time should be having conversations like that. This incident is just a repeating and terrifyingly familiar pattern of denial that perpetuates the rape culture that our society subconsciously accepts as a part of our lives. But we can, and we have to, change this mindset. And our first step is to reject someone like Trump to represent and lead the United States.

Did Trump Rape a 13-Year-Old?

To discuss the Orange-Grinch-Who-Stole-Democracy is to dig through a veritable minefield of failed businesses, cheated employees, scammed students and battered women. Lawsuits, mismanaged money and tax evasion follow in the footsteps of this beast. One can find any number of horrendous and disturbing details about Trump, but this week I have chosen to zoom in on a story that few people are talking about, yet is more disturbing than almost anything we have ever heard about Trump.

In and among the waste of 4,056 lawsuits (as counted by USA Today), comes a frightful tale of pedophilia, abuse, rape and violence. Outside of the 11 brave women who have stepped forward to expose Trump's misogyny and explain their claims of rape by Trump, Jill Hearth and Ivana Trump have both already filed against Trump for rape. In the case of Ivana Trump, she explained a violent case of marital rape. In the case of Jill Hearth, one of Trump's business partners, he attempted to rape her during a business meeting. Trump settled out of court with both women to silence them, but he reneged on his own agreement, opening the door for Hearth to stand by her story publicly.

As reported first by *The Huffington Post*, an April 2016

case filed against Trump told the story of a girl raped by Trump at a Jeffrey Epstein party in 1994. At the time, the victim was 13 years old. Obviously, I cannot declare Trump guilty, but I can explore the facts surrounding the case.

By now, anyone with a smartphone and internet connection has heard Trump's abominable, jovial manner in which he discussed rape. We have all heard Trump's repeated uses of misogyny, and we know what Trump is like publicly. But on top of that, in the case, the victim states that Trump raped her at four separate events hosted by Jeffrey Epstein, with Epstein raping her as well. Jeffrey Epstein is a billionaire pedophile. This godless and depraved criminal is a convicted felon and a registered level three sex offender who has served time in federal prison for his criminal actions against underage children. Widely accused of holding extravagant orgies involving underage children, Epstein often used pre-teens as sex workers for his billionaire rape sessions.

In addition, the lead witness to this new accusation against Trump is Jeffrey Epstein's party planner from 1991-2000,

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who says that she witnessed the events in questions, and was involved in luring the victim to these parties, promising a lucrative modeling future if she let Trump and others use her for their sexual pleasure. The witness remarked that, “I swear to these facts under the penalty for perjury even though I fully understand that the life of myself and my family is now in grave danger.”

Finally, let us consider the manner of creature Trump associates himself with. Corey Lewandowski, his former campaign manager, forcefully grabbed and injured a female reporter at a rally, then refused to apologize. Roger Ailes, his new adviser, was forced out from his own company for a history of systematically preying on women and attempting to rape them by threatening them with the negative repercussions of quid pro quo situations (translation: “Let me rape you, or I'll fire you”). Surrogate Rudy Giuliani has a history of taking advantage of his employees and screwing his staffers in extramarital affairs while he served in public office. The Abominable Trumpman surrounds himself with men equally as abusive, immoral and licentious as himself.

Talking Potato Head Rush Limbaugh

actually attempted to defend Trump's care-free approach to consent, saying, “If the left ever senses and smells that there's no consent in part of the equation then here come the rape police.” If there's no consent in a sex act, then that is literally the definition of sexual assault and rape you thoughtless, feeble-minded simpleton.

I'll let the audience decide what to make of this case. But ask yourself, given Trump's history of misogyny, all the incidents of rape and sexual assault accused against him, and his campaign's seemingly willful ignorance of the laws of consent, is it really that shocking to find out that this slovenly, careless, baby-handed, whining, orange-furred baboon has stooped this low? Physically, Trump is akin to the result of Ebenezer Scrooge being bloated to the size of an industrial refrigerator. Donald Trump is as repulsive as the feces left by a dog on your front lawn. Trump is as visually disturbing as any version of Darth Vader's face under the mask. Mr. Trump is as terrible a businessman (how do you lose 18 billion dollars in the casino industry in Atlantic City during the boom of the 1990s?) as he is Neanderthalic in his actions and dialogue. Given that, would it really be that surprising that Trump raped a 13-year-old?



ExeterLife



An a capella group singing at the Family Weekend Showcase

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The Natural World of Winnie the Pooh

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As rain drizzled softly on the library windows, a crowd of friends, family and interested booklovers gathered within to listen to Kathryn Aalto—mother of upper Tess and senior August—share some of the magic behind her newest novel this past Saturday.

This is Aalto's second major work, titled "The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh: A Walk Through the Forest that Inspired the Hundred Acre Wood." The volume explores human intervention in nature using the example of the English countryside that inspired the Winnie-the-Pooh chronicles. She tells the true story of Christopher Robbins, the main character in "Winnie-the-Pooh," and of how the actual landscape written about in the stories has evolved to the present day.

Aalto grew up in California where she received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and then moved to Washington in 1992 to receive her master's degree in creative nonfiction and teach at a local community college. In 2007, she moved to Exeter, England, receiving a second master's degree in

landscape history from the University of Bristol. There, she raised her two children.

In her talk on Saturday night, she took us through her process of coming up with the idea for the book. Aalto shared stories and pictures about her favorite places to write, which included quaint British pubs and the inspiring countryside of southern England. But when asked what her true inspiration was, Aalto replied, "I wrote this book for my kids. And I wrote to tell the world about the changing environment of childhood."

Since the book's publication just over a year ago, "The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh" has been a huge hit in the literary world. It has received accolades from major presses like the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal* and *BCC Wildlife Magazine* as well as ratings on the *New York Times* bestseller list in 2015, a feature on *NPR* and an appearance in *People's Magazine*.

With the concern for her children and their futures in mind, Aalto expressed a sense of urgency with her message. "I write this in concern for the changing nature of childhood, and in curiosity of what will happen to the Christopher Robbins' of the 21st century," she said.

She summarized the style of her book

as "a piece of literary and natural history wrapped in a charming narrative." Aalto uses her background in both creative non-fiction and landscape history to tell a complex story. In her interview, Aalto spoke about the "dual narrative" that exists within her pages. Aalto uses dual narrative as a tool to broaden her readership and include everyone in her story. "I tell a classic and entertaining tale for young readers, and a fascinating geographical history for the adults. It is a visceral experience for people of all ages," she said.

In her talk, she explained that her book captures the beauty of the exquisite landscapes of nature. During the time she and her family spent in Exeter, England, Aalto was devoted to teaching her family to appreciate nature and to ground their independence in the world outside. Upper Tess Aalto explained that growing up with these ideals has helped her live a "fulfilled" and more "simplistic" life. "Growing up in the outdoors has made me more adventurous in all aspects of life and really appreciative of what I have," she said. Kathryn's son August echoed his sister. "I've melded together a quantitative and poetic appreciation of the natural world."

One of the main themes of Aalto's novel is to ensure that, through a healthy

connection to the natural world, humans maintain a sense of self appreciation, while also gripping onto precious memories of childhood. This message is deeply ingrained into her children. Tess said, "My Mom's message is particularly important at the time in life when we're all growing up. It's important to be aware and not lose a sense of who you are. I think that nature and place helps center us no matter where we are, and develops an appreciation for our free childhood that we are losing as we grow up."

Aalto looks forward to bringing her story to Exeter in hopes of teaching others in her children's generation about the beauty of the natural world and the importance of embracing childhood. August said that Exonians should value finding "quiet spots for reflection." "That meditative place can go long way to restoring both mind and body after the wear and tear of PEA," he said.

"The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh: A Walk Through the Forest that Inspired the Hundred Acre Wood" is now available at the Exeter Bookstore. Aalto encourages you to go experience all the things the book is designed to induce: nostalgia, enlightenment, appreciation and perspective.

Full Metal Jacket

By CHARLES SMITH
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I love the opening of "Full Metal Jacket." Backed by a folk tune lamenting the trip to Vietnam, we're led through short clips of recruits having their heads sheared for basic training. We get a glimpse at the faces of these recruits and see fear, laughter, annoyance, anger and apathy, all in the course of half a minute. It's a bouncy, fun opener, and one that sets in motion the juxtapositions of tone that last throughout the film, because it abruptly cuts to the same recruits being beaten down by their drill sergeant only a minute later. "Full Metal Jacket," directed by Stanley Kubrick, is a movie in two main acts. In the first, we follow two recruits, Joker and Pyle, through basic training; in the second, we see Joker enter the field as war correspondent during the Tet Offensive.

Like most art that deals with Vietnam, "Full Metal Jacket" is told through surrealist methods: Apart from sparse flashes of lucidity, the movie plays out as though the characters are moving through a dream. There are times when the acting is ridiculous, sounding as if the actors are reading their lines from a teleprompter, and it's puzzling that Kubrick didn't get his actors to do another take on these scenes. With his reputation as an exacting and meticulous director, maybe he intended it. In any case, the stilted acting furthers the sludgy, dreamlike feel of the film, and is remarkably unnerving. In contrast to this, R. Lee Ermey's portrayal of Hartman, the first act's drill sergeant, is electrifying. Ermey is a former drill sergeant, and this comes through with his biting insults (most of which were ad-libbed) and abusive tactics while train-

ing his character's recruits.

The movie is complimented by its strong soundtrack, drawing from the pop hits of the time period. It's lacking the standard "Fortunate Sun," but it works nonetheless. In one of the more ridiculous scenes later in the movie, Joker and his cameraman connect with a platoon of Marines, of one which poses for a picture with a dead Vietcong he had been keeping. The whole scene plays out to the psychedelic, looping tune of "Wooly Bully." It's scenes like these that demonstrate the main thrust of the film: the effect Vietnam had on naïve and reckless boys thrust into the jungle. The characters speak in the lingo of high schoolers, constantly trying to say something that might out-shock the last.

"Full Metal Jacket" came out in 1987, 12 years after the Fall of Saigon. This is one of the movie's main failings—by that time, there wasn't much that hadn't been explored about the Vietnam war. Some of the "set piece" scenes in the movie fall flat as they're reworked versions of tropes we have already seen. That being said, Kubrick finds ways to explore these themes in a way that keeps them interesting—if only visually so. The film often feels like a highlight reel of beautiful scenes, more like a book of short stories than a novel. This isn't exactly the worst criticism that can be levied at a movie, though.

The movie ends on the image of Joker and his patrolling burning city of Huế. They're singing the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse song, strolling through what looks like hell. Maybe Full Metal Jacket covers pre-trodden ground, but you can't deny it does so in style.

Trendwatch

Hello readers!

Vogue has recently announced that next year's much anticipated Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute is going to be a tribute to Rei Kawakubo, the creative director of Comme des Garçons. Ever since her debut in Paris in 1980, Kawakubo has blurred the line between fashion and art, challenging people's view on fashion and clothing. In her Fall 2012 collection, Rei wanted to make a statement about fashion in the internet age, so she made the models walk in robotic steps and made her flamboyant dresses and capes appear 2-D, making it seem like the models were a paper doll. Now that we know the theme of next year's Costume Institute, we can't wait to see what the a-list celebrities are going to wear to the MET Gala, which is the annual opening event for the exhibition that is the equivalent of the Oscars for the fashion world!

Now the temperature is cold enough for us to whisk out our fall coats, we have a list of fall 2016 coats for you! This fall is all about shearling. Whether it be it be long sweeping coat or a shorter peacoat, light neutral shearlings are going to be a trendy outerwear for this season. Style the shearling coat with a sweater, pair of culottes and loafers, and you'll be ready to go! Spring colors are also a big outerwear trend this fall. It is totally appropriate and quite trendy for you to wear bright spring colors during this fall. Love feeling like you are walking around with a huge blanket keeping you warm? Then the oversized coat trend might just be the thing for you! Whether it be a trench coat, fur coat or cocoon coat, the oversized outerwear trend is coming strong. When rocking this trend, make sure to wear for fitted base pieces so that you give your body some shape.

This week, **Elly Lee '18** looked cute in an a line denim skirt, knitted turtle-neck with shoulder cutouts, and a pair of white converse. **Janeva Dimen '19** stood out in a black printed bell-sleeve dress and mid-thigh leather boots. **Mak Orafidiya '19** looked stylish in his light blue sweater,

white dress shirt, navy blue bomber jacket and white pants. Sometimes known as "the highlighter," **Jimmy Liu '19** could not have more colorful shoes. Due to his cross country background, everything in his wardrobe must be bright. **Elaney Ortiz '17** has been looking stylish with all of the new clothes she bought in Spain this past year. **Timur Meyerbach '17** with his striped button down shirt could not be looking more fresh. Also, shout out to **Marvin Bennett '17** for wearing a dress to school. He has been trying to break the stereotypes of the man box. He is trying to make the point that men should comfortable wearing whatever they want and shouldn't be pressured into being a "real man."

There is this new trend on campus that you may not know about. On Tuesdays many students wear Dashikis to class. A Dashiki is "a loose, brightly colored shirt or tunic, originally from West Africa." Dashiki Tuesdays are now a thing, so follow the trend!

Stay Stylish,
Connor & Tanya



SeniorSpotlight

Nada Zohayr

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When asked to describe senior Nada Zohayr, her friends immediately think of her strong and warm personality: Inspirational, brave, committed, outgoing and selfless are only a few of the qualities they most value in her. Zohayr certainly lives up to their praise. As a co-head of Middle Eastern and Northern African Society, board member of Exonians Against Sexual Assault (EASA), co-head of Baraka, a discussion group centered around the Islamic faith, interim co-head of DRAMAT and head of the services committee in Student Council (StuCo), Zohayr has been an involved member of the Exeter community.

Zohayr's is passionate about social justice. With her Moroccan background and Islamic faith, she brings a unique perspective to Exeter, and wants to let others know about her faith and customs. "MENAS [Middle Eastern and North African Society] is so important to me because I love sharing my culture with my classmates," said Zohayr.

Senior Connie Cai, who has been close to Zohayr since the two were preps, commented on Zohayr's leadership roles within the community. "It's not easy to be a Muslim and Moroccan and second-gen girl at this school, but Nada does it with incredible grace," said Cai. "I think a lot of the time girls, especially girls of color, are taught to be quiet and nice and take the backseat, but Nada takes that stereotype and shoves it on its head—she's a leader in every sense of the word, and inspirational while at it."

Advocating for students of color



Steven Kim / The Exonian

on campus is one way that Zohayr said she "tries to make this world a little bit better." In the past year, Zohayr organized a spoken word event called "Unsilenced", and she helped to select artwork for the student gallery to form an exhibition called Change Agents. The spoken word event allowed students of color to speak freely and share their stories, while the art exhibition focused on social and political issues such as racism and gender discrimination.

Senior Kelvin Green, who has been a part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day committee with Zohayr, said that he admires her ability to match her words with actions. "As an ally, she isn't trying

to push her own agenda, but rather to support the agenda of her black counterparts," said Green. "This is very encouraging as a black student, for Nada not only encourages the inclusion of others, but acts on her word."

Zohayr's voice really stands out on campus. Senior Emily Robb shared that she is enthusiastic about everything and is more than willing to engage others in discussions or debates about almost anything. Not only is she an active student in and out of classes, but she shows her leadership through extracurricular activities and spontaneous discussions. "Whether she's giving speeches at Assembly, discussing foreign conflict

or helping lead discussions about sexual assault on our campus, she's helping to educate, listen to and learn from her peers," Robb said.

In addition to her dedication to social justice, Zohayr is a very active member of DRAMAT. She said that her "love for theater emerged from Exeter." As the interim co-head, she directs, writes, manages and produces plays for the theater group.

Although she has garnered numerous leadership roles, Zohayr still finds a way to make time for her dormmates. A resident of Hoyt Hall, she is well known in the dorm as a nurturing and encouraging upperclassman. "In the dorm we sometimes joke that Nada is our mom," said Cai. "I think that really shows how much she cares for us and takes time out of her day to make sure we're ok. She's the one who plans the surprise birthday parties for everyone in the dorm, and she's always there to cheer me up with a hug or Stillwells." Zohayr claims that dorm friendships have given her some of the most enduring memories of her Exeter career. "Some of my best memories are the all-nighters I've spent with my friends, midnight screams, eating a lot of Stillwell's ice cream and actually writing my 333," she said.

Zohayr's commitment to her friends is another admirable trait. Cai said that in addition to her work with social justice, her relationships with peers exemplify non sibi. Zohayr is known to be selfless and to spread an infectious cheeriness. Zohayr owns her personality with pride and confidence, positively impacting her own Exeter experience, as well as those of others around her. Robb said, "She's really giving with her smiles, so she's always someone I want to keep around."

INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL CHANGEMAKERS

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Trapped in the Exeter bubble? The new club Institute of Global Changemakers (IGC) brings global issues to campus, offering students the chance to engage as citizens of the world. Founded by senior Abigail Africa, with the help of fellow coheads upper Sophia Zu and upper Alexis Gorfine, IGC works to foster empathy, care and engagement by focusing on a problem in the world today and developing ways to bring about positive change.

Africa first conceived the idea for the club in seventh grade, after she began to notice how every part of history is connected and, in turn, how every part of life is connected. "I wanted to draw all these connections, but I was just so busy cramming for tests," she recalled. By sophomore year, she knew that she wanted to create a club centered around discussion-based community, working out harkness principles and learning about world events and "how we connect to everybody else," Africa continued. Working with her teacher, Africa developed a "Global Citizenship Club," which she hoped would "speed up the process of a global citizen's self-education." At that time, Africa also applied to Exeter,

and, when she arrived the next year as a new upper, brought her dedication to global leadership with her.

This past summer, Africa attended the Global Citizens Youth Summit, a nine-day residential program hosted at Harvard by the Global Citizens Initiative. There, Africa had the opportunity to learn the principles of global citizenship and get to know other global scholars. "I met kids from everywhere," she recalled. "You learn each other's stories, you learn to be empathetic." The summit also introduced students to Design Thinking, a process that allows people to design a solution to a problem based on the individual human need rather than the perceived broader need. The program required its attendees to do a nine-month global service project of their design. "It is a locally enforced project with a global impact," Africa explained. For her project, Africa decided to establish a network of clubs at Exeter and other schools, including Phillips Academy. This network, known as the Institute of Global Changemakers, works to bring global awareness to high school campuses and educate students on how to become global leaders themselves.

"Learning how to manage an international team has been tough," Africa explained. However, she noted that the club has been a success here at Exeter. In fact, IGC has already hosted an event during which they played a recording of her friend Saria Samakie's story of being kidnapped by the Syrian Free Army. According to Gorfine, it "had a really good turnout and everyone seemed to have a pretty positive attitude towards it. It was obviously an incredible story. I don't feel like anyone could have just imagined that."

Upper Chiara Perotti attended the event "because being an international student, I've always been interested in these kinds of projects and I thought hearing out a refugee's story was going to be amazing." Likewise, upper Pedro Sanson decided to go "because I think it is a very important global issue and I am really interested in it." Both will continue to be active in the club as a way of raising awareness of global issues on campus.

IGC has chosen the Syrian Refugee Crisis as their primary focus for this year. Africa hopes to help students become engaged on a "face to face level."

Samakie will be coming in February to give a talk about the work he is doing in Jordan to teach refugees English and how to use the internet so that they can research their own problems. "He doesn't want to tell them, he wants to help them to figure out on their own," Africa explained. "He wants to teach them enough English to tell their own stories, to give themselves a face. That's what we're all about, about sharing stories and having empathy for everyone."

IGC is partnering with Samakie to set up relationships between refugees and Exonians. "We have a lot of events that are going to be planned. We are trying to put together a panel on Syria, specifically the refugees in Jordan and in America." Upper Maya Kim expressed hope that the club will more events like their first one with Samakie "to help remind people of what goes on outside of the country." She said, "it can be easy to forget that there are important issues that are outside of the US and I think that this club reminds us."

IGC will be hosting a meeting this Sunday at 12:00 p.m. where attendees will have the chance to talk with Samakie over Skype.



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TwinSpotlight

Teddy and Traxler Scott

By ELEANOR MALLET
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This week, the Twin Spotlight falls on uppers Traxler and Teddy Scott. Teddy lives in Browning House and came to Exeter his prep year. Traxler joined him last year, as a resident of Knight House. The Scotts are originally from New York City and they look forward to sharing a little bit about themselves, including insights on their experience of being a twin at Exeter.

QUESTIONS

1. What is your favorite subject in school and what extra-curriculars are you involved in at Exeter?
2. What is your twin's favorite season and why?
 - a) What is yours?
3. What is your twin's favorite D-hall treat?
 - 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. If your twin could have any superpower, what would it be?
 - a) What would yours be?
7. What is your favorite part about being a twin at Exeter?
8. What is your least favorite part?
9. How would you say you are most similar?
10. How are you most different?

TEDDY SCOTT

1. My favorite subject would probably be English. I'm involved in lots of clubs around campus, but the ones that I devote the most time to would be DRAMAT, Fitness Club and Tea Club.
2. I would have to guess that his favorite season is summer because that is when he is able to be as lazy as he would like.
 - a) My favorite season is spring.
3. His favorite D-hall treat would definitely be vanilla soft serve.
 - a) My personal favorite is Erica Hogan's D-hall Apple Crisp, which is essentially diced apples, butter and cinnamon sugar stuck in the toaster oven with some apple juice to soften the apples.
4. I would put my money on him wanting to meet DJ Khaled, but I have absolutely no idea why he would.
 - a) I would personally want to meet Chance the Rapper.
5. He would probably want to be a sportscaster or something like that.
 - a) I want to be a doctor when I get older (pathology or neurology seem most interesting).
6. He would definitely want to be invisible.
 - a) Reading people's minds could be helpful.
7. I always have someone to sit down at dhall with.
8. When meeting new people, one of us will always be the other one's twin rather than just "Teddy and Traxler."
9. Even though we do it in very different ways, we both try and be the best possible and most loyal friends.
10. Anyone who knows us will know that I am the extroverted twin and he is introverted.

TRAXLER SCOTT

1. My favorite subject is probably physics or chemistry. I run cross country and am in an engineering club, also I might start going to Teddy's Fitness Club.
2. Teddy's favorite season is spring because winter is finally over, he likes the weather the most, and he rows crew.
 - a) Mine would be fall because I enjoy the weather the most. My birthday is in the fall and so are Thanksgiving and Halloween.
3. Teddy's favorite D-hall treat would probably be this weird apple, cinnamon, and ice cream desert he puts in the microwave.
 - a) Mine is the small berry smoothies that they serve everyone once in awhile.
4. The celebrity he'd most want to meet might be Chance, just because he loves his music.
 - a) I want to meet Christian Bale to hear his Batman voice in person.
5. A writer or an actor.
 - a) I have no idea what I want to be.
6. He'd want something like mind reading.
 - a) I want to fly.
7. I can take his hoodies and shirts when I'm running low, and then not give them back.
8. Always having to persuade people that he is actually my twin if they don't already know.
9. We have similar tastes in most things, like music (with a few exceptions) and TV shows.
10. Our personalities are completely different, he's talkative and loud while I'm not.

ESSO IN ACTION

By JOHN RAGONE
Contributing Writer

Hello, once again!

I'm back this week to interject some thoughts between club spotlights. If you are a prep, you are likely signed up for a swath of ESSO clubs. If you are a lower, you are probably settled into a groove with clubs. If you are an upper, you may be setting your sights on co-head and other leadership positions, and seniors are eagerly anticipating the spring. I wanted to lend a few words of advice for all ESSOnians as they go about their clubs.

Firstly, there is the management of which clubs to attend and which to drop. I wish that there were enough hours in the day to visit every club, but unfortunately you must make cuts. The most important part about Exeter is finding what makes you happy and putting all your efforts towards that field. With this in mind, check out clubs that you have never considered before. You may be surprised by the places your passion can manifest itself.

Once you have identified your interests, search for clubs that complement those interests. For example, Beach Cleanup goes very well with DORSAL, a club that discusses ocean systems, marine life and climate change. Let these clubs lend themselves to your passions. Expanding your knowledge on a club's mission outside of the club makes meetings more interesting and the extra understanding serves well for leadership posi-

tions. Do not be afraid of narrowing your range of clubs to suit yourself. If you find that you only want to focus on helping the elderly, then do that. An impassioned ESSOnian is infinitely more valuable than an apathetic Exonian.

If you want to get involved in ESSO, but cannot commit to a club, there are always events to sign up for. Whether it's blood drives in the fall or Kites Against Cancer in the spring, ESSO has an event for you. It is worth noting that if you have an idea for a club, perhaps volunteering at a local animal shelter, Ms. Reyes, the Community Service Coordinator, and Ms. Costello, the ESSO Program Assistant, are more than willing to aid you in making your dream club reality. This goes for all board members as well. If you ever spot one of us on the path, please do not hesitate to ask us questions, pitch us an idea, or voice concerns.

Lastly, participation in ESSO, no matter how small, goes a long way. Just one volunteer at Beach Cleanup can amount to 15 more pounds of trash and recycling. Non-Sibi is about having the generosity to give back to one's community even when it is easier to worry only of one's own interests. If time is money, do not spend your time in your room watching Netflix. Spend it on others. You have the capacity and willpower to achieve spectacular feats in ESSO, but it is up to you to employ those strengths.

GREEN CORNER

By MEG BOLAN
Contributing Writer

Farm and Garden Club is run by upper Meg Bolan, lower Sarah Ryu and senior Nate Bogardus. It's a club designed to get students to reconnect with the outdoors again and to cultivate nature's beauty with the land we have on campus. It's a very low commitment club, with meetings not take place every week, but we have big plans this year.

An upcoming event is Green Apple Day on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Here, various clubs involved in Sustainability will be running activities on and off campus. Farm and Garden Club will be helping out by either winterizing the community garden, or by constructing a small hoop house to experiment with growing projects through the winter and early spring. By winterizing the garden, we'll prepare it for the upcoming snow, and "save" the garden for when we can begin planting.

The hoop garden can be used to grow herbs or microgreens for dining hall, as well as provide samples for biology classes. We will be meeting this Thursday, Oct. 27 during department meetings. Come join us on the left side of Wetherell to give your opinion of what you would like to see! Anyone interested is welcome to join (and bring

friends—the more the merrier!).

As the year progresses, we plan on becoming more involved with the community garden. The maintenance staff have enough to handle, so by making weekly contributions to the effort when spring rolls around can make a huge difference to the community as well as the staff's lives. We make the meetings times flexible to work with club members, and we work closely with Mr. Janicki. It's also a great way to meet new people and get to know them while trying something new. The satisfaction of doing good for the community can make your day, and Farm and Garden Club is a simple, easy, stress-free way to achieve that success.

In the words of senior Connie Cai, "I'm really just looking forward to putting Farm and Garden Club on my college apps. It shows good character." Personally, we couldn't agree more. All in all the club is an effortless, gratifying way to get involved with the Exeter community and our local resources, take a deep breathe of fresh air, step away from the books and laptops and get some work done by joining Farm and Garden Club. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Meg or Sarah (our emails are mebolan@exeter.edu and sryu@exeter.edu)!

Field Hockey Falls to Tilton's Agression

Big Red's Squad Falters in 3-1 Loss

By TAYLOR WALSH
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On Wednesday, Oct. 19th, Exeter's field hockey team lost to Tilton 3-1. After getting shutout by NMH only four days earlier, Big Red's offense was thriving once again. Many of the Exeter girls agreed that their success against Tilton came from their team play and that they were truly working together. They needed the momentum and chemistry to take them into their game against Brooks on Saturday.

The game against Brooks was special because it was both Family Weekend and the annual breast cancer awareness game. With their bright pink uniforms, the girls took to the field on the gloomy Saturday afternoon. Parents lined up around the perimeter of the field to cheer on the team.

Prep Emma Watson said that "everyone was a little nervous and a little psyched" because of the big crowds. She also noted, "Being a little nervous is good, but being too nervous can cost you the game."

Exeter had a tough start to the game, partially due to that nervousness. However, the girls quickly calmed down and got to work. The team had already faced Brooks in the beginning of the season at the field hockey jamboree, so they knew to expect a tough game. Going into the game, Brooks had an impressive 6-4-1 season record and had beaten a handful of teams to which Exeter had lost.

As usual, Exeter played well on defense and stopped many of its opponent's advances. The Big Red goal keepers were the backbone of the team defensive line and had many saves during this game. Even though the girls continued to steal the ball, block shots and force other turnovers, Brooks's offense was relentless. Eventually, Brooks began to find its way through the ferocious Exeter de-



Exeter and Nobles battle it out on the field hockey turf.

Diana Davidson/The Exonian

fense and added goals to the scoreboard.

Watson explained the importance of timing during the game. "We have a strong goalie and strong defense, but even a seconds hesitation can cause a goal," she said. Unfortunately, Exeter found themselves trailing for the remainder of the game and could not close the gap.

Although Exeter was only able to score once during this game, they still had many chances. Their opponents

played well together on defense, but Exeter found ways to get shots off multiple times. The bounces just did not go Exeter's way during the game, and Brooks held off any other scoring attempts after the team's first goal.

The team was disappointed with the game's outcome because they knew they could have done better. Lower Catherine Griffin agreed that the team was frustrated and that they "need to work on maintaining momentum even after the

other team scores."

The team has two important games against Hotchkiss and Tabor this week. They will hope to rebound from the tough loss to Brooks and win both of their games this week.

In addition, Exeter's rematch against Andover draws closer, and upper Johna Vandergraaf said that the team will try to use these last couple games to improve and prepare to crush their rivals.



REACH BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

STUDY ABROAD WITH SYA:
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: HARRISON MONEY

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Senior Austin Scronce will always remember the time he first met Harrison Money. "It was prep year and some guys in our class were playing football on the quad," Scronce recalled. "[Senior] Jake Malasek threw him a pass. He jumped out three guys and made a one-handed catch—he never showed any emotion afterward. Meanwhile, we all looked at him, dumbfounded."

Money has played football consistently since fifth grade. He credits his father's affinity for football as a reason for his attraction to the sport. The game also appeals to Money because of its focus on teamwork. "Football is probably the best team sport, in that you need every single person on the field to do their job in order to succeed," Money said. "In other sports, you can have one or a couple of talented guys and they can take over the game. In football, you need everybody on every play."

Upper Noah Asch recognizes Money's commitment to the sport. "He lives the game—it is very apparent to everyone else," Asch said. "He is a natural leader."

Money's raw talent and dedication to football have continued to grow over his time here at Exeter. During his prep year, Money played on the JV team. From lower year until present, Money has been on varsity. He was voted in as co-captain by his teammates, joined by Scronce, senior Jack Farrell and senior David O'Donnell.

Money feels a responsibility in his position—if he does not put forward his best effort, the other players will do the same. "From my previous two years on the varsity team here, I know that all of the younger guys are looking at the captains to see what to do and how to act," Money said. "If the captains were goofing around or slacking off, we all felt we could."

Asch illustrated Money's dedication to each individual player, detailing his role in the pre-season training. "We went to the field and he tried to teach me all of the wide receiver routes to help me get ready for the season," Asch said. "He also held the ball to let me kick. That meant a lot to me, and it showed me how passionate he is about the game and his team."

Money described his style of leadership as leading by example. He emphasized the importance of motivating teammates



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through pre-game talks, but characterized his own role as the player who inspires others by his hard work on the field. "I'd rather get on the field and say, 'This is where the bar is set, who's gonna get here and who's gonna pass it?' And if you pass it, I'm right there with you to set a new standard," Money said.

Scronce commented on Money's efficiency in leading the team by example, citing Money's motivation and effort during every game and every practice. "His best captain qualities are his commitment to the team and his work ethic, which are also his best attributes as a player," Scronce said.

Farrell also admires Money's ability to keep the team in line and focused during practices. "He keeps everything very orderly. From the walk out to the warm-ups, it's all very tidy," Farrell said.

Several players praised Money for his modesty on the field. "He's not very flashy with the ball in his hands," Farrell noted. "He consistently gets the job done." Lower Harrison Murray agreed with Farrell, depicting Money as committed to scoring and completing passes, rather than showing off during plays. Although Money is serious about football, he also knows to enjoy himself during practices and games. "I like to have fun, as that is what playing sports is about," Money explained. Senior Kelechi Nwankwoala appreciates Money's positive attitude during practice, describing him as "playful yet inspiring."

Lower Ray Alvarez-Adorno described Money as "funny" and "approachable," but also a determined and committed player. Lower Alan Xie concurred with Alvarez-Adorno, saying, "He is serious when he

needs to be, but he's really funny—he's a great guy." Murray echoed these statements, commenting on Money's ability to both inspire the team and make them laugh.

Money also knows the importance of keeping a strong team bond. He described the E/a loss last year, saying, "We were all under the stadium, coming to terms with the fact that we just lost the game, and we started to realize that that was our last game together. And kind of all of a sudden, we were all crying. I don't know if I've ever been on a team that was that close in all of my years of sports."

He hopes to inspire that same closeness in the team this year. "I have to work harder than everybody on the field to show the guys that that's who we are as a team," Money said.

Girls' Cross Country Defeats Deerfield *PEAGXC Pulls off Win in Stormy Conditions*



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Senior Sydney Goyér streaks across the course.

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Rain beat the dirt and swelled in pools on the trails of the Exeter woods as runners hurdled gaping puddles and left their opponents splattered in the mud of their wake. Last Saturday was one of the most aggressive conditions that the Exeter Girls Cross Country team has competed in this season—including the hills of NMH and the mobs of runners at Codfish Bowl. Yet again, despite mother nature's wrath, Exeter prevailed and took home another win.

In contrast to some of their previous competition, Deerfield posed a greater challenge purely due to the talent on their team. Deerfield has been known for their highly competitive and historically successful cross country program, so the girls came prepared to meet this challenge.

Exeter expected a battle out of Deerfield, and that's what they got. Deerfield's top runner was a prospective Exeter student, but instead chose to go to Deerfield Academy. Senior Joanna Papadakis said, "She was good competition for our top runners, but both Christine [Hu] and Yoshiko [Lynch] ran great races and she ended up placing third."

Although the talent from Deerfield was fierce, there was another factor aiding the Exeter runners. This was their first home race in a while, which was highly advantageous. Knowing your own course can be very helpful, especially considering the given weather conditions. Upper Kate Lu explained, "Deerfield was strong as a team and they had a lot of great runners, but since we were racing at home we had the advantage." Because of this, parts of the race were in Exeter's control.

Lower Gracy Gray said that although she felt prepared going into the meet, "What

I love about racing is that something crazy can always happen. All we can do is give it our best effort and see how it plays out." Although the team had prepared to face the difficulty of Deerfield, the weather was a surprise to both teams. The one who could take advantage of the rain the best would have the power to win, and that's exactly what Exeter did; take advantage.

Papadakis mentioned a piece of advice that they were given by their captain Sarah Brown before the race. "She had advised us all to go straight through the puddles so that we don't slow down," Papadakis said.

Upper Sara Kopunova added another example of how Exeter took advantage of their home course. "There is a hill near the end which is a prime spot to speed up and pass a few people. I think Exeter handled that well," she said.

Beyond the physical conditions of the course, Papadakis noticed teamwork as an

outstanding quality in this race. "We have gotten better at racing with each other as a team; there is a new sense of support and competition to PR integrated with our goal of running in groups. It has most definitely pushed me to run harder than I ever have before," she said.

In addition to helping the Exeter runners, the weather conditions actually made the race more fun, according to some. Lu commented, "It was super wet and cold on Saturday, but that actually made the race so much more fun!" Gray echoed, "It was really great to have another race on our course, and the puddles in the trails made for a fun race."

With only the Exeter/Andover meet remaining before the big Interscholastic race on November 12, the team sets their sights on taking down the blue, and they encourage people to come out and support them since it will be a home meet. Good luck to the girls as they carry on their undefeated legend.



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WATER POLO TAKES DOWN DEERFIELD

Bear Polo Ends Five-Year Losing Streak Against Big Green

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Bear Polo defeated Deerfield 11-7 last weekend at home in a thrilling match, ending a five-year string of losses to the school. Exeter's boys overcame some initial setbacks and dominated with the help of their strong defense.

The team had almost two weeks to prepare for this game, and as a result were positive and confident in their abilities. "We felt very strong going into the game," senior and co-captain JP Mullins said.

The team got ahead early on. "We did very well in the first few quarters and played a solid game," upper Jackson Parell said. Mullins highlighted Parell's goal in the first 22 seconds of the match to show how the Exeter boys dominated early on. By the end of the first half, the team was up 4-1.

Although Exeter had to eject some key players as a result of foul trouble, the bench players proved to be up to the challenge, carrying the team to their victory.

Team members highlighted their defense as the deciding factor in the match. Upper Taylor Walshe explained how their defense allowed for a strong offense, and how the team managed to push back Deerfield. "For most of the game we made it really hard for them to score and our tough defense led to many offensive opportunities," he said. "We had a lot of great team goals that came from moving the Deerfield defense."

Mullins agreed with Walshe's assessment, and further highlighted the team's "lockdown defense" and their ability to "[force] the other team to make little mistakes which resulted in goals."

Walshe also highlighted the team's



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Senior and captain Liam Oakley passes around a defender.

depth as an asset. "I would say that we have a very well rounded team without a star player, which makes us all a threat," he said.

The Deerfield team's strength made the victory sweeter for the boys. "[It's a] big win. They have always been a tough team to beat and we really worked well together," Mullins said.

Walshe agreed, explaining how this

game served to end Deerfield's five-year winning streak against Exeter. "We feel great about the win because this is the first time in five years that we have beaten Deerfield," he said.

As the game was played over Family Weekend, Bear Polo enjoyed a larger audience than normal. "It was also great to have the stands packed with parents," Walshe said.

Although the boys were pleased with their success, they continue to look onwards and improve to ensure that they will be at peak performance for Interschols. "We are pretty happy with the outcome. [There is] still lots of work to be done if we want to win the championship," Mullins said.

Bear Polo will next play Loomis Chaffee at home on Saturday.

Weekend Scoreboard

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| Boys' Water Polo | 11 | Girls' Soccer | 0 | Girls' Cross Country | 20 |
| Deerfield | 7 | Brewster | 0 | Deerfield | 38 |
| Boys' Soccer | 0 | Girls' Volleyball | 3 | Football | 13 |
| Deerfield | 1 | Deerfield | 0 | Deerfield | 41 |

V-ball Beats Deerfield

PEA's Squad Brings Record to 6-3

By JACK BAKER
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The girls' volleyball team played at home against Deerfield last Saturday and easily defeated its opponent, winning all three sets by a considerable margin. The win raised the team's season record to 6-3.

The team stepped up this week and demonstrated their strong ability. Upper Margaret Kraus commented on the team's performance. "I was really proud of how we played on Saturday because even though Deerfield wasn't a super challenging team, we didn't play down to their level," she said. Kraus went on to commend her teammates for their confidence going into the game, mentioning that it "made the game more fun."

Senior and co-captain Rachel Luo echoed Kraus, and went on to describe Big Red's performance from a technical standpoint. "The passing was extraordinary—we passed something like a 2.8 in the first set. [Lower] Lizzy MacBride and [senior] Kat [Dumoulin] did a great job," Luo said.

Exeter's hitters also stepped up tremendously. One of the biggest challenges

Exeter faced against Deerfield was freeball execution, which means that if the team is given an easy pass, their goal is to get a kill on that same ball. "The girls absolutely executed, which you can see in all the stats. Chloe, Molly, Tara and Kyla all hit around 500/600 which is crazy impressive," Luo said. An average hitter can reach about 400.

Exeter knew that going into the game they were going to try to work on staying confident and supporting their teammates. Upper Molly O'Day acknowledged this goal. "Our focus for a while has been positive communication and we definitely achieved that in the game," she said. O'Day credited the victory to this success, as well as Exeter's ability to stay at a high level of play.

Next Saturday, the team will play away at St. Paul's. Exeter hopes to continue their success by maintaining their positive communication and high work rate. "The team seems to be coming together, and as long as we keep the teamwork and energy up I can see us continuing to have a great season," Luo said.



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Postgraduate Kyla Williams spikes the ball.

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Field Hockey



Moxie put up a good fight against Deerfield on Saturday. Read more on B4.

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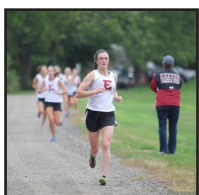
Athlete of the Week



Senior Harrison Money leads the football team for the 2016 season. Read more on B5.

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Girls' Cross Country



PEAGXC had a strong race against Deerfield on Saturday. Read more on B5.

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SATURDAY GAMES:

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| Field Hockey | Home | 4:45 pm |
| Football | Away | 6:00 pm |
| B. Soccer | Home | 3:30 pm |
| G. Soccer | Home | 3:30 pm |
| G. Volleyball | Away | 2:30 pm |
| B. Water Polo | Home | 2:00 pm |