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## Exonian Explores Freedom of Press At the Academy

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Staff Writers

In light of recent administrative directives restricting *The Exonian* from publishing certain content, the editors and faculty advisers of the newspaper have grappled with their understanding of freedom of press within a private high school environment. *The Exonian* staff have sought to maintain the uncensored status of the paper and uphold their standards of free press as a community responsibility, while ensuring that their content does not compromise student safety and upholds strong journalistic integrity. To this end, the editors have worked with the paper's advisers and members of the administration to address questions of whether the public's right to know certain information outweighs the potential damage it could cause. The Executive Board is also in the process of developing a set of guidelines for its relationship with the administration in a way that preserves *The Exonian's* mission of free press.

Like all student-run publications on campus, *The Exonian* is subject to both its bylaws and the Publication Guidelines outlined in the E-Book. These guidelines, drafted by the Publications Committee about 10 years ago, emphasize that the Academy depends on the "free expression of ideas and has a standing presumption in its favor," but that it is obligated to prevent the "publication of inappropriate or harmful content, including material that humiliates or disparages individuals or groups."

The E-Book guidelines detail the role of the adviser within a publication, specifically stating that, while the authority to prevent publication of objectionable material ultimately rests with the adviser, the exercise of such authority ought to be a last resort. *The Exonian's* bylaws, however, contradict this guideline: The faculty adviser is described as an instructor and a mentor, not a censor, and the editor-in-chief reserves final say on all editorial decisions.

*The Exonian* bylaws also assert that the newspaper is not subject to prior review, prior restraint, or censorship, and that "staff members claim a broad

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## NH Drought Stops Yearly E/a Bonfire

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The Exeter Fire Department (EFD) has placed the Town of Exeter under a fire ban and prohibited the Academy from holding its traditional bonfire at this year's Fall Exeter/Andover (E/a) Pep Rally due to the ongoing drought in southern New Hampshire. In light of the extreme dry conditions, all fire permits have been revoked and no new ones will be issued until conditions improve, according to Brian Comeau, Chief of the EFD and Town Forest Warden.

Comeau, who is responsible for issuing fire permits to Exeter residents, explained that the permit for the Academy's annual bonfire is issued as a "per-event type permit" and lasts for only 24 hours. In past years, the bonfire has been cancelled because of weather conditions, including high winds that could result in the fire spread to other properties. In other cases, the EFD has made the last-minute decision based on wind speed to remain on-site with an engine to pump water from the Exeter River. Due to the removal of the dam in the river and the low water levels that have ensued, this is no longer a possibility.

"Removal of the dam poses a number of problems for the Fire Department and the town," Comeau explained. "To maintain good fire protection and conserve water is a balancing act. Not issuing burning permits helps limit the possibility of accidental fires that use water resources."

Environmental Health and Safety Manager Tegan Vassillion drew attention to the dangers associated with having a bonfire, given these restricting factors. Noting the high risk of fire spread and the limited available resources to put the fire out in the case of emergency, Vassillion emphasized

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Author Nicole Dennis-Benn discusses her experiences as a black lesbian growing up in Jamaica. Gavin Hickey/The Exonian

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## Author Nicole Dennis-Benn Speaks on Identity

By WILLA CANFIELD and MADISON KANG  
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Author Nicole Dennis-Benn spoke about finding her voice as a member of the Jamaican middle class, a black lesbian, an activist and a writer at Friday's assembly. She also held a lunch in the Latin Study, attended English classes throughout the day and signed books at the Water Street Bookstore on Thursday night.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Dennis-Benn came to the United States to escape the more oppressive sides of her country and to attend Cornell University. Though she began her career working as a researcher at Columbia University, she realized eventually that her true passion lay in writing. She has an MFA in Creative Writing from Sarah Lawrence College and lives in Brooklyn with her wife.

At assembly, Dennis-Benn read excerpts from and discussed her first novel, "Here Comes The Sun," which she published in July and referred to as her "love letter to Jamaica." "Here Comes The Sun" has received a starred *Kirkus Review* and recognition from *The New York Times*, *NPR*, *BBC*, *Buzzfeed*, *Book Riot*,

*Bookish*, *Elle*, *Marie Claire*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Feminist Wire* and *Cosmopolitan*, among other publications.

Dennis-Benn discussed the importance of speaking up and self expression, as well as addressing issues of racial and social inequality and how the media propagates them. She also provided insight on how to solve them. She described the power of writing and of finding a voice.

*Here Comes The Sun* highlights Jamaica's complexities and documented the lives of people who are often silenced there. The novel reflected Dennis-Benn's own experience as a queer woman of color in Jamaica, a country often portrayed as a kind of paradise despite its reality of harsh classism, homophobia and misogyny.

According to Dennis-Benn, she wrote her novel in part to give voice to the silenced working class women in her home country. "I really want to shed light on stories and dispel myths that people have," she said. "I really wanted to capture the individuals who aren't usually capitalized on the page."

She also hoped to dispel the false perception many have of Jamaica as a dreamland. "When you think about paradise you don't

think about people shaming you or rejecting you," she said.

The passage Dennis-Benn read at assembly portrayed a 15-year-old character's hatred of her skin tone, describing "dark patches that need to be rubbed" away with bleach.

Following her reading, Dennis-Benn spoke about the dangers of silence and the importance of speaking up. She explained that she returned to Jamaica following the release of her book and found a more open dialogue about Jamaican women's identities and sexualities. "I come from a country of secrecy," she said. "[But] being a writer has empowered me to shed light on these issues. You never know who's listening."

She went on, referencing Audrey Lorde's belief that our silences do not protect us. "If you let your silences cripple you, that won't help. You're hurting yourself more by swallowing a lot of things," she said. "The minute we start speaking up we realize that we are not just liberating ourselves, we are liberating others."

Lower Gabrielle Brown, who lived in Jamaica until she was nine, commended Dennis-Benn's energy. "I liked that she spoke

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## Penang Opens After Months Of Inactivity

By ERICA HOGAN  
Staff Writer

Local restaurant Penang and Tokyo (Penang) reopened on Oct. 11, after closing its doors earlier this year. Following 17 years of business, Penang had unexpectedly stopped business on June 19, a decision many in the community believed to be permanent. Penang is well-known on campus for being the only restaurant to serve sushi in town and delivering when other restaurants shutter their delivery services. With the return of the restaurant, Exonians can once again enjoy the broad menu of Malaysian, Chinese and Japanese cuisines.

The restaurant had abruptly ended business, announcing its closure through a Facebook post made 10 days in advance.

"To our dear customers: Sunday, June 19, 2016 (Father's Day) will be Penang and Tokyo's last day of business. We would like to thank all of our friends and customers for the past 17 years. Sincerely, Penang and Tokyo Restaurant."

The message followed the closure of several local restaurants during the previous school year, such as Good Karma and Rogan's.

The wording had led many Exonians to believe the change was permanent. "I thought they closed down for good,"



Penang & Tokyo Restaurant reopened, after remodeling its interior design. Craig Celestin/The Exonian

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said senior Efa Nuako. However, the restaurant announced that the closure was not permanent in September, finalizing a reopening date on Oct. 7, again through Facebook. *The Exonian* also previously reported that Penang's closure had been permanent, leading to further confusion and miscommunication.

Upper Pa Sukhum speculated that the abrupt closing and reopening was intended to attract attention to the restaurant, bringing in more customers. "Honestly I think [the closure] was a publicity stunt, them opening and reopening, hence why they never sold the land. I guess it worked; there were lots of people when I went to eat there."

Many members of the Exeter community were overjoyed by the announcement

of the reopening. "I was very excited when I heard the news," upper Chiara Perotti Chorea said, as she had "been wanting to go [to Penang] ever since school started."

The restaurant's speedy and reliable delivery service had been missed in their brief closure.

"I'm happy Penang's reopening cause I used to order from there a lot," Nuako said.

Exonians also missed Penang's signature sushi, the only available in Exeter. "I was really happy about the Penang reopening because it's the only place I can get sushi in Exeter," upper Jacqui Byrne said.

While Penang was closed, the Exeter community had a lack of restaurant options after 10 p.m., causing a lack of late-

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# The Exonian Considers Its Role and Limits on Campus

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right to report and editorialize about all issues, including unpopular or controversial ones.” However, recent cases of sexual misconduct at Exeter and their subsequent media coverage have stirred administrative concerns about the potential harm that could be caused by publishing certain sensitive material in *The Exonian*—*The Exonian* board was told that it could not cover a recent lawsuit against the Academy involving a current student, and that it could not publish a letter from an alumnus in which specific members of the administration were disparaged. In turn, these measures have raised questions regarding the First Amendment rights of private school students, as well as the supposed uncensored status of *The Exonian*.

As a private institution, the Academy is not subject to the First Amendment the way that the government is, so it has the ability to censor content. In a situation where something is published that puts someone at harm or is libelous, an outside party gains the grounds to sue Exeter, arguing that the Academy could have exercised censorship. However, the academic integrity of the school relies on free and honest discourse, and, in support of this mission, Principal Lisa MacFarlane stated, “We at Exeter believe in freedom of speech—which means we believe also in the obligation to respect that right by using it responsibly.”

While senior Philip Kuhn, *The Exonian*’s editor-in-chief, acknowledged both the Academy’s concerns surrounding the two cancelled pieces and the school’s legal right to prohibit content, he felt the administration could have approached the situation without directly dictating the newspaper’s content.

“The Academy should have approached this situation as an open-dialogue. If they had brought their concerns about the pieces to us and explained any details without directly telling us not to run them, I would fully trust our ability

to make the right journalistic decision, while still considering student safety,” he said.

In a meeting with Assistant Principal Ron Kim and Chief Financial Officer David Hanson last week, both the advisers and several members of *The Exonian* discussed how the administration and *The Exonian* could better navigate similar situations in the future. Kuhn felt that a consensus was reached that addressed his concerns while also acknowledging *The Exonian*’s role to consider student safety and issues the administration may bring forth. *The Exonian* is currently working on drafting an amendment to their bylaws that better details to future boards of *The Exonian* the relationship between the administration and editors.

In regards to the legality of the situation, history instructor Michael Golay, a former adviser of the newspaper, recognized that a cautious reading of the law might suggest that students don’t have First Amendment rights. “But to apply that reading to Exeter sets a pretty low bar. We ought to aim higher. We always have aimed higher. The students deserve the best possible protections for freedom of expression.”

While history instructor and former *Exonian* adviser Bill Jordan acknowledged that the legal rights to free expression are not always clear for private school students, he argued that without freedom of speech, there is no academic integrity to an institution. “Exeter may not be bound legally by the First Amendment, but ethically it is,” he said. “If there were ever an institution that should stand up for the principle of freedom of expression, it is Exeter. And if we didn’t, I would feel really disillusioned.”

Likewise, senior and news editor Henrietta Reily pointed out that it is in the best interest of the school, particularly in the long term, to permit *The Exonian* to be as uncensored as possible. This, she believed, will demonstrate that the Academy “fosters free thought and encourages young journalists to learn by doing without constantly being manipulated or quieted.” Reily

continued, observing that “it would look like pretty poor posturing, I think, if we only published flippant, pro-Academy, happy articles. No one would be able to take that seriously.”

Nevertheless, Jordan acknowledged that there will always be limitations on the freedom of press within a school newspaper, but that it is up to the school to determine those limitations. Referencing organizations such as the Student Press Law Center and Journalism Educators Association, which advocate for students to have the final say in the content of student newspapers, Jordan argued that prior restraint places too much power in the censors. “It allows them to kill ideas before they see the light of day,” he continued.

However, Golay considered it very rare for the administration to exercise prior restraint. During his eight years as adviser to *The Exonian*, “it never happened once so it’s unusual, highly unusual.”

Interim co-Directors of Student Wellbeing Tina Sciocchetti and Jane Stapleton have worked with *The Exonian* to preserve this commitment to freedom of expression, while recommending that its coverage of sensitive topics involving sexual misconduct should not be directed at specific cases and specific people. “We feel strongly that singling out specific students on campus who are affected by sexual assault is harmful,” Sciocchetti said. “We ask *Exonian* writers to put themselves in the place of the students being written about and ask themselves, how would it feel to be written about in that manner?”

Noting the importance of protecting the wellbeing of students on campus, Reily explained that if an article were to have the potential to make a student feel attacked or uncomfortable, it would most likely not be worth publishing, “simply because we all live together in such a small, closed community.” She felt that in situations like these, administrators or advisers tend to “step in and ask us not to publish a piece.”

However, Golay questioned whether good

journalism would in fact cost a student’s wellbeing. “I think there’s a way of doing stories that would actually be positive and affirmative ... good journalism in my view is usually a force for good,” he said.

With this in mind, many members of *The Exonian* staff share a view that efforts should be directed towards instilling good journalistic practices, rather than censoring content. According to Jordan, if writers are taught about ethical journalism and laws involving libel and invasion of privacy, they will be responsible in their reporting. “I have always thought that one of the most impressive things about Exeter is the amount of faith we put in the students. I think that our students tend to be responsible because we respect them enough to give them responsibility,” he said.

In keeping with this objective, English instructor Erica Plouffe Lazure, an adviser to *The Exonian*, stressed that her role is to support writers and editors in making difficult decisions and to help make the newspaper the best it can be. While this often does include reading parts of the paper before it goes to print, she does not consider this censorship, but rather a way to ensure that students are exercising freedom of press with responsibility and in accordance with E-Book policy.

“And, of course, to minimize typos and make sure we are putting out the best newspaper possible,” she added. In *The Exonian* bylaws, the adviser is clearly stated to not be an agent of the school administration, but rather a source of advice and guidance to the editors.

While MacFarlane pointed out that not every paper will get it right all the time, she commended the efforts of *The Exonian* to balance rights and responsibilities when facing questions of how to best inform readers, promote thoughtful discussion and represent the facts fairly and accurately. “I trust, expect and believe that *The Exonian* struggles in the best Exeter way with these tough questions, and wants always to get it right,” MacFarlane said.

## Early Cum Laude Inductees in the Class of 2017

Bade, Divya  
Cai, Connie  
Chen, Carissa  
Eanet, Zea  
Hahn, Audrey  
Hu, Christine  
Huang, Catherine  
Kahan, Darius

Lew, Hoyeon “Kelly”  
Ma, Xiaoyu “Sally”  
Nemirovsky, Daniela  
Noyes, Samuel  
Papadakis, Joanna  
Papadakis, Lena  
Pierce, Maya  
Qi, Qi

Sun, Alec  
Tang, Eric  
Turer, George  
Zhang, Wei Xiao “Joanna”

The top 5 percent of the class is inducted early into the Cum Laude Society in the fall; the full 10 percent is announced in the spring.

## Dennis-Benn Explores Race, Sexuality and Identity

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with a lot of passion about issues that were important to her,” Brown said. Brown celebrated Dennis-Benn’s message about creating conversation and believed that the Exeter community could take away the message to “step out of our comfort zone” to talk about important issues.

For lower Isadora Kron, Dennis-Benn provided insight on the power of self expression. “She inspired me as a writer to put more meaning behind what I write,” Kron said.

Many appreciated seeing the school bring a woman so representative of diversity to the campus. Lower Mary Provencal-Fogarty ex-

pressed gratitude for this. “We talk about racism on campus, but not nearly enough,” she said. “A queer woman of color coming to campus was exactly what we needed to open our eyes. I was snapping along to almost everything she said.”

As a black Caribbean, upper Robyn Smith said it was powerful to get to hear a woman that she could relate to.

“There really aren’t that many role models in the media that are available to me, so meeting her and chatting with her made me feel empowered,” Smith said.

Brown also related with the juxtaposition that Dennis-Benn described of “being invisible in Jamaica,” but also feeling “self-conscious

about being black no matter your skin tone,” in the US.

For many, Dennis-Benn’s assembly seemed a fitting follow up to last week’s assembly, which addressed issues of race on campus.

Senior Cady Crowley found connections between Dennis-Benn’s speech and the stories Exeter’s students of color shared last Tuesday.

“Since a lot of Exonians are international, her speech relates to how they come here, and [how] it’s a different culture for them,” she said.

Religion instructor and Assembly Committee member Kathleen Brownback explained that intersectionality is one of the themes the Assembly Committee chose for the year. “It was

interesting to hear her describe that her racial identity is of course not an issue in Jamaica but her lesbianism is,” she said. “And race is an issue here but as a lesbian in Brooklyn she feels much more freedom.”

Smith too said that Dennis-Benn’s words reminded her of the idea of intersectionality. She emphasized the importance of reflecting on the diversity within the black community that Dennis-Benn brought up. “Often times people try to group everyone of a certain range of skin tones as one ethnicity, assuming that everyone is African-American,” Smith said. “But there are so many identities within the same race that are often forgotten.”

## E/a to Lack Annual Bonfire

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sized that “the decision to cancel the bonfire was made strictly for safety reasons.” She said, “As much as we would all like to see the tradition continue this year, mother nature is not acting in our favor and the safety of the students and the community that we live in must come first.”

Nevertheless, many students have expressed disappointment following the decision. Senior Alex Rothstein explained that she will miss how the bonfire “brought our school together in warmth and in spirit... [A]fter being here for almost four years now, I’m genuinely upset I can’t end my E/a fall tradition with the bonfire.”

Lower Kate Denny described the bonfire as the best part of the pep rally. “We’re all together and it’s kind of just a wonderful moment,” she said. Similarly, upper Michael Bamah felt that the bonfire helped bring the community together and that without it, “that same community aspect won’t be here this year.”

Upper Renaud recalled the bonfire to be “a big school spirit booster,” and expressed concern that school spirit might be diminished this year as a result. “[T]here’s something special about a huge fire and tons of people surrounding it...I’m very disappointed that it won’t be happening,” he said. However, other students maintained greater optimism. Though senior Bonnie LaBonté felt “sort of disappointed,” she pointed out that E/a is such a fun time already that the absence of the bonfire would take little away from the overall experience. “As much as I love the bonfire, not much happens at it so I don’t think it will really affect the pep rally,” she said. Like LaBonté, senior Graham Rutledge explained that when

people are cheering at games the following day, the lack of a bonfire would be “the last things on their minds.”

Lower Tara Weil recognized the importance of prioritizing student safety and felt that if the absence of a bonfire posed a great threat to school spirit, it would be more indicative of the school’s culture in general. “If your school pride can be threatened by not having a bonfire then there’s an issue,” she said.

Though senior Bella Edo, a co-head of Student Council’s Recreation Committee, recognized that the lack of a bonfire will feel odd, she revealed that her committee is in the early stages of developing ideas for other events to replace the bonfire. She suggested that one such possibility could be a powderpuff football game, although the idea has not yet been brought to Student Council. “It might be new and exciting enough to take people’s minds off of [the absence of] the bonfire,” Edo said.

Even amidst their varying degrees of disappointment, most students recognized that the decision was both logical and necessary. Though senior Yoshiko Lynch felt that not having a bonfire “ruins the tradition,” she acknowledged the good in saving water and preventing a forest fire. Upper Anzi DeBenedetto also believed that the school should not waste water, especially “if it wants to be a good neighbor to the town of Exeter.”

Though Vassillion reserved hope that a significant amount of rainfall in the next month could reverse the decision, she recognized that “the chances of this happening are slim.”

Campus Safety will work closely with the EFD to continue monitoring the situation, but Comeau noted that, with the extreme drought conditions that Exeter has experienced, the fire ban could be in effect well into the spring.

## After Four Months, Penang & Tokyo Restaurant Reopens

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night delivery and Saturday night hang out options. “[Penang] was the only restaurant in town that was open until 11 p.m. on Saturday and it was nice to go there later at night,” upper Pedro Sandon said.

Penang has brought Exonians together over the years. Nuako noted the unifying power Penang has had in her dorm, Amen Hall. By ordering food together, the girls of Amen Hall have forged connections with one another.

“[Penang] kind of brings my dorm together because a lot of the time we ask others in the dorm if they want to order and we eat together which is a pretty good bonding experience.”

Nuako also felt that the restaurant provided much needed stress relief. Their cuisine has become a comfort food for Exonians.

“I guess Penang kind of releases stress

because I usually order when I have a lot to do at night and scallion pancakes are a really good snack.”

The restaurant itself holds many memories for Exonians of meals shared with friends. For Perotti Choreia, dinner at Penang with friends was a weekly ritual, and the restaurant served as a shared space.

“It was the regular spot for Friday dinners with some of my friends.” She expressed joy at being able to return to that tradition. “I’m glad we can go back to that,” she said.

Byrne, too, felt an attachment to the restaurant, as it holds nostalgic value to her. “I have a lot of memories at Penang,” she said.

With the return of Penang comes the return of a gathering place for many Exonians. The restaurant serves as a stress-reliever, a unifier and a source of good food.

“Penang brings people together. It’s just a good place to eat some nice food and relax,” Sanson said.

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# Six Preps Vie To Represent Class of 2020

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Six members of the class of 2020 have successfully advanced to the next round of student council representative elections for the position of prep class representative, or “prep rep.” Ayush Noori, Benjamin Cai, Mai Hoang, Billy Menken, William Park and Samuel Lew have all fulfilled the requirements to officially run to be a prep rep. Members of the prep class will vote for three representatives on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The candidates have until then to campaign.

Those who were officially designated as candidates for prep rep are enthusiastic upon their appointment.

Lew was excited to potentially represent his class and to give them a smooth tenure at the Academy. “I hope to be the voice for our class of 2020. I know that all the preps have different issues that the preps face, so I want to be the one to address these issues and fix [them],” he said.

The prep rep nomination process hit some roadblocks before a sufficient number of the class of 2020 passed the candidacy requirements. The original deadline for candidacy was Oct. 11, but only one candidate, Ayush Noori, fulfilled the requirements at that date. Several other students failed to gather enough signatures and/or failed to submit a statement. To be eligible to run, potential candidates for prep rep had to collect signatures from 93 members of the class of 2020 and submit a candidacy statement to the Student Council elections committee. Members of the class of 2020 were then given another week to meet the standards of eligibility. Noori was allowed to begin campaigning a week before the other candidates as a reward. Typically, candidates are only allowed to begin campaigning when all students in the running are verified as candidates. In addition, the signing sheets for certain students were confiscated during an assembly, a practice that is not allowed.

All prep rep candidates may now begin campaigning. They have one week to garner support through posters, social media or whatever other medium they choose, so long as they stay within a budget of \$20.16.

The number of candidates for prep rep is much lower than it has been in previous years. Typically, anywhere from 15 to 20 candidates run for the position. Elections committee co-head and senior Kelly Lew attributes this shift and the inability of the class of 2020 to raise enough eligible candidates in the typical week-long period to a decline in popularity of the prep rep position. She felt that not enough members of the class took the role seriously, and thus didn’t attempt to fulfill the eligibility requirements. “Apparently, preps didn’t feel inclined to run, because they view the position as lame and ‘not cool,’” she said.

Prep Benjamin Wright noticed a similar trend among his class. “I feel like not that many people express interest in the prep reps,” he said.

In general, members of the class seemed to have little regard for the position and many did not think to run. “To be honest, I gave no thought into whoever’s paper I sign because I think it’ll probably be inconsequential anyways,” prep Jack Liu said.

Lew was upset by the idea that the position of prep rep was not worth pursuing. “I am very frustrated with the preps and their lack of motivation,” Lew said.

Some members of the prep class seemed to be unaware of what the position entails. “I honestly have no expectations in our prep reps. I don’t know what prep reps are supposed to do,” prep Andrew Sun said.

Prep Matthew Wabunoha agreed. “I don’t know what the purposes of prep reps are,” he said.

On the other hand, upper Pradyumn Dayal, who served as the representative for his prep class, felt that there was value in serving as a prep rep and that they are able to help members of their class. “I personally had a great time being prep rep. It’s a great chance to get to know all your fellow classmates, try your hand at organizing events and get to know how StuCo works,” he said.

Upper Jackson Parell, secretary of the Student Council, made clear that the position of prep rep was important to Student Council and to the prep class. “They are supposed to represent the voice of the prep class. Without them we do not have a full representative council,” he said. He further emphasized the important role prep reps play in uniting their class in their first year at the Academy. “They also plan events for the prep class which are essential in bringing the class together,” he said.



Jena Yun/The Exonian

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs hopes to bolster student support with new associate dean.

## OMSA Searches for a New Associate Dean

By JAMIE CASSIDY  
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The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) will hire a full-time Associate Dean of Multicultural Affairs, a new position in the department. A search committee narrowed down the candidates to three finalists who will come to campus and be interviewed by students, faculty and staff.

According to the Dean of Multicultural Student Affairs Rosanna Salcedo, the department hopes to hire the new associate dean this fall. The position was posted on the employment opportunities page of the Academy’s website this past summer. The search committee, which was comprised of six faculty and administrative members, read the resumes of each candidate and conducted phone interviews with them.

Salcedo said the team is searching for people who bring additional expertise to the community and show a commitment and desire to promote equity and diversity by working closely with students and colleagues.

English instructor Alex Myers, a member of the search committee, added that they were looking for someone who has had previous work in diversity and educational settings.

He said it was difficult to narrow down the “talented pool of applicants” and that the team spent a lot of time looking through, discussing and considering their options. “I think those who currently work in [the OMSA] do a fantastic job,” he said.

In his opinion, the amount of work for the OMSA has grown too large for the three current staff members, and the addition of this position will help distribute the work of program and project planning as well as the increas-

ing demand for student support on campus.

Having served five terms as the Interim Dean of Multicultural Affairs, religion instructor Russell Weatherspoon is familiar with many of the issues on campus, such as the lack of support for students from underrepresented groups. He explained that several students call the OMSA home and that several adults also pass through the office seeking guidance.

In his opinion, it has needed more staff for years. When it came to narrowing down the candidates, he didn’t find it difficult but acknowledged that several viable prospects emerged. “Several different types of people could be successful as associate dean, but passion for the work, enjoyment of high school students and a boarding environment and flexibility given the role’s demands are all important,” Weatherspoon said.

Regarding this role of “home” that the OMSA takes on, senior and student proctor in the office Kelvin Green explained that for him, it’s about being able to go into the office and speak with the dean and interns and ask them questions about life in general or about things on campus. “They’re always there to listen and to talk and to make you feel like this place is your home and create that comfortable space,” he said.

Green believes it’s important for faculty, administrators and students alike to really appreciate the office’s services, which are always working to make Exeter a more inclusive space.

Another member of the search committee was International Student Coordinator Jennifer Smith, who works in the OMSA. For several years, she has worked in diversity and international education, which included participating in similar searches at

other institutions. She agreed with Weatherspoon and Myers, as she also looked for individuals who have “passionate experience in social justice, equity and diversity work” and could share those passions on campus. She also thought it would be important to have a person who could relate to and work with the entire Exeter community.

A member of the International Student Alliance, upper Pedro Sanson added that the OMSA is a “great office” that aids many affinity groups and clubs.

“I am constantly in the OMSA with Ms. Smith, the International Coordinator, to plan events and activities. It is a great support for international students.”

Green also stressed the importance of adding a position in the OMSA. “I think that dean Salcedo is so dedicated and devoted to so many causes on campus that it is really hard for her to do everything to the extent that she wants,” he said.

He said that the additional person will allow the office to increase the breadth of their activities.

Smith said that when the committee came together to discuss the finalists, they all shared similar opinions. She said the group had “great energy” and praised her colleagues for their devotion and thoughtfulness during the search. She found it difficult to think of a reason why this position would not be important.

“We need to continue our work together as a community at Exeter around ideas of diversity, equity and social justice—working to become fully competent and inclusive. Diversity is not a box we can check. We must continually think about these matters in all aspects of what we do,” Smith said.

## Tradition Stands: E/a Kilts for Four-year Seniors

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During the fall Exeter vs. Andover (E/a) games in past years, four year seniors proudly wore their red tartan kilts, passed down from each senior class to the next. It has been a long tradition at both Andover and Exeter for four year seniors to wear kilts in their school colors at fall E/a. This tradition fell into jeopardy recently, prompting discussion in Student Council.

The conversation was prompted when a deficit in the number of kilts was brought to light. Student Council was charged with deciding whether to provide all seniors with kilts, or to not have enough kilts for all four-year seniors, as they were 60 kilts short of having enough for all the four-year seniors. The school wouldn’t pay for kilts unless they would be provided to the whole class.

“[The administration] see kilts for only four year seniors as discriminatory,” senior and Student Council President Matthew Robbins said.

When boxes of additional kilts were found, the problem was solved. However, students began to question whether the kilt tradition is exclusive or not. The discussion has spilled over from Student Council into the community Facebook forum “Bus Ride.”

Many in the community are sup-

portive of maintaining the kilt tradition. They believe that it unites four-year seniors and serves as a symbol of the unique experience they have, rather than isolating them from the rest of their class. “I think it’s a great thing that only four-year seniors get the kilts,” Robbins said. “It is a great unifying thing for four-year seniors and it keeps in place a good tradition.”

Senior Joel Lotzkar, the senior class president, voiced a similar opinion: “I am in full support of four year seniors receiving kilts. It is a longstanding tradition that should be continued,” he said.

Lotzkar went on to emphasize the unifying power of the kilts, saying, “I believe it is a nice token that helps connect the four-year seniors. It is great that we have enough kilts for all the four-year seniors!”

Other members of the community feel that the tradition of the kilts ultimately excludes more than they bring people together. Lower Junze Ye felt that the custom sidelined all other seniors and invalidated their experiences.

“Even though I will be a four year senior, I still feel that it’s marginalizing other non-four-year-seniors,” he said.

Upper Greg Miller felt that the tradition was clearly discriminatory. “I don’t understand how you can deny someone something based on some-

thing as arbitrary as year entering and not call that discrimination.”

StuCo advisor and health instructor Carol Cahalane disagreed with the council’s decision to not accept additional funding from the school in exchange for providing kilts to all seniors. “I understand why the council has made the decision that they have, but I disagree.”

She felt that the tradition contradicted the unifying spirit of E/a, and undermined the idea that all seniors, regardless of when they came to the Academy, can contribute positively to the community.

“At a time when we are celebrating our unity and school spirit, it seems a funny time to be highlighting only some of our seniors, as they all bring something special to our school,” she said.

Others in the community were indifferent towards the tradition and felt that rules dictating who can and cannot wear kilts were inconsequential.

Upper Ali Hassani said, “I don’t see a problem with four-year student wearing kilts. I think they’re ugly. Even if I were [a four-year student] I probably wouldn’t wear one.”

Only four-year seniors will be sporting the traditional red and gray kilts this E/a, but the future of the longstanding custom remains in question.



## Sports Game Scheduling Forces Students to Take PSATs Early

By **CLAIRE JUTABHA**  
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Before the sun rose last Saturday morning, student athletes were already out of their beds and getting ready to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). After nearly three hours of slouching at a desk while reading and bubbling in answers, varsity and junior varsity teams headed off to their games in the afternoon at Northfield Mount Hermon School.

Nearly all of the sports teams had to alter their game times to allow uppers and lowers to take the PSAT. Boys' and girls' cross country and soccer rescheduled their Saturday events as well as girls' field hockey and volleyball. Unlike last year's PSAT, which was scheduled on a no-class Wednesday, the school could only administer the test at Exeter High School last Saturday. Although the teams were given accommodations in the form of an earlier testing hour, many students felt that their potential success in both academic and athletic performance that day were hindered by the fatigue presented by the intense PSAT schedule.

Girls' varsity volleyball lost for the second time this season with a score of 1-3. Upper Bridgette Han explained that since uppers and lowers make up 11 out of 17 players on the team, many of the girls felt exhausted even before they started their game. Han got over eight hours of sleep and woke up at 5:30 a.m., but by the time she got on the bus to depart for NMH, she felt tired out.

Upper and fellow girls' varsity volleyball player Molly O'Day agreed with Han and noted that it "absolutely" affected the game.

"We found it hard to keep a positive attitude when things didn't go well, and overall, we just played at a slower pace," she said. Although inconvenient, she said that Saturday morning seemed to be the only time to take the test with the schedule presented. "I wonder why we didn't take them Wednesday like last year," she said.

Many of the athletes had trouble concentrating during their games because of the stressful situation of getting up earlier than a usual game day. Upper and junior varsity field hockey player Victoria Glidden slept for about six hours before the test. Although the team won 2-0 against NMH, she explained that she definitely felt tired during both her game and the test. She also noticed that many of her teammates were as exhausted as she was

while playing. She thought that the game should have been rescheduled, but NMH hosted their family weekend this past week. "There weren't even any families watching us, so at least from a JV perspective we did not need to be playing," Glidden said. She felt that the stress was not really worth it, but the team's win worked out in the end.

Despite the setbacks of an early start to the day, both the varsity and junior varsity girls' cross country teams did well against NMH. Head coach Gwyn Coogan was proud of the girls' success, and from what she saw, she did not feel that the aftermath of the PSAT negatively affected the runners. "The team did great at NMH. I did not really notice if anyone was extremely tired because of the test," she said.

Lower and boys' cross country runner Charlie Neuhaus felt that the test had not affected his performance at NMH. Lower and girls' cross country runner Gabby Allen felt "mentally tired at the meet," but she said that it only bothered her minimally.

Although boys' junior varsity soccer had a game at Exeter High School the afternoon prior that did not greatly affect their night before the test, players on the varsity football team expected themselves to be too tired the next day to get up for the test at 7:30 a.m. Their evening game at Suffield Academy and a five-hour round-trip drive caused the team to arrive back on campus at around 1 a.m.

Upper Liam Luddington planned to get up the next morning but decided not to. After feeling exhausted from the day before, he felt that he needed to rest instead of repeating a standardized test. "I didn't think it was worth losing the sleep and messing up the rest of my weekend to take a test I had already taken," he said.

Upper Abel Ngala had a similar experience to Luddington's. The most sleep they could have gotten was five hours. Ngala did not wake up to take the test and slept through it. He explained that he expected this to happen to him, saying that he "needed a miracle" for him to get up on time.

The exhausted athletes hoped that in future years, students would not have to face these issues of sleep deprivation and be forced to choose to prioritize academics or athletics. Although Han felt pressure from the PSAT and the game, she said that she was more anxious about the test and wanted to do her best because the PSAT "commenced the beginning to more standardized testing [uppers] will face throughout the year."

## Students Perceive Disparity Between Boys' and Girls' Teams

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While the athletics department works diligently to make sure that boys' and girls' sports teams receive equal opportunity in support, transportation, coaching and equipment, perceived discrepancies remain. Senior Daniela Nemirovsky, who is a captain of the girls' varsity soccer team and runs track, said that these differences are a concern for many female athletes. However, Athletic Director Shane LaPointe said that they are mostly misconceptions and misunderstandings.

LaPointe was named Athletic Director last year and said that the school works to give all teams equal opportunities. However, differences in equipment or recourse for certain teams can be mistaken for gender prejudice, while often it is due to requirement differences between sports. Football, for instance, due to a large team size and the need for expensive equipment, almost always requires more funding, LaPointe said. That being said, certain funding is out of the athletic director's hands, which can account for certain teams receiving gifts or food from parents, or large donations from outside donors who have given to certain teams in the past.

Nemirovsky cited the example that many of her girls teams travel by Red Dragon for games that are an hour and a half away, while the football teams travel by a more luxurious coach bus "wherever they go."

According to LaPointe, though, any team going an hour and a half away from Exeter to play will get a coach bus, and only teams going about half an hour away will get a Red Dragon.

Nemirovsky also said that she has heard that boys' hockey gets free pizza from the school after every game, whereas girls' hockey doesn't, and other girls' teams, such as soccer, rely on parents and coaches for any after game food. Nemirovsky said she wasn't "completely sure" about whether or not the boys' hockey team food is funded by the school, and did acknowledge that the perception was based in rumor. Also, girls sports teams usually have fewer attendees for their events than their male counterparts on the field, which Nemirovsky said can be hard to combat. She acknowledged that athletes "can't really fault people for what they like." However, she said that positive reinforcement can have a substantial effect on attendance. "If there's a lot of people [attending a game], then more are going to want to go; whereas we do have fans, but most of them, for soccer at least, are parents," she said.

Senior Matthew McShea, who plays hockey and lacrosse, said that one way

teams can support one another and boost attendance is if the boys' hockey goes to watch girls' basketball and vice versa.

Upper Charlotte Polk, who plays volleyball, basketball and lacrosse, also noticed an uneven distribution of fans at games, and that not many people attended games, even when the girls' basketball team won the championships her prep year. When there are fans, family and friends usually make up the crowd. While this is something Polk said is not easily regulated, there is usually a consistently lower crowd turnout for girls' sports.

Other athletes felt poor attendance was also impacted by games' schedules, during E/a games in particular. According to Nemirovsky, the girls' games are often put in the same hour and a half time slot, while boys' soccer and football have their own times.

"Last year girls' volleyball was undefeated and they still got [fewer] fans than football," Nemirovsky said. "[And] girls soccer always gets [fewer] fans than boys."

LaPointe said that she makes an effort to show that each individual student's participation in a team is important and respected, and herself attends varsity and junior varsity. If a student is showing up six days a week to a sport, that is a big commitment that the athletics department tries to honor, she said.

Separate perceived injustices lie in investment and coaching. Senior Bonnie LaBonté, who plays hockey, field hockey and lacrosse, said that girls' teams are often given less seasoned coaches, and that the athletics program for girls is overall less "intense" and "elite." History instructor Nolan Lincoln served as an assistant coach last year to the girls' soccer team, but according to LaBonté, he was moved to coach boys' soccer "when they found out that he was [a] good [coach]."

LaBonté also noticed a pattern of girls' coaches staying with their teams for shorter periods of time, and questioned why there aren't enough experienced replacements. LaBonté suggested Exeter hire more coaches who may not be from within the community, but who are "not new to [their] sport, have taught a club team and have been an assistant."

LaBonté also said that the girls' hockey team was trying to come to Exeter a few days before Thanksgiving break ends, something the boys' hockey team "has done for as long as [she] can remember," but it was met with resistance.

In her first year as athletic director, LaPointe has focused on making athletics more risk free, with the help of CFO David Hanson's risk management efforts, but also hopes to address these perceived inconsistencies.

## Exonians Receive Free Flu Shots for the Coming Winter

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The Lamont Health and Wellness Center set up its annual Flu Clinic in Grainger Auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 9. Every year it aims to keep students healthy for the coming flu season. Similar to last year, students lined up to receive the free shot during allocated times with their dorms.

About 680 students took the flu shot on Sunday, which did not include those who received the shot prior to coming to Exeter or students who received the shot with their primary care physicians (PCPs).

Associate Medical Director Benjamin Gardner stressed the importance of taking the flu shot. Although not foolproof, the purpose of the shots is to mitigate many effects of the flu, and the shots are highly effective. "You can occasionally feel a little bit off, but compared to the flu ... the best description of the flu is like getting hit by a truck for five days," he said.

Director of Nursing Nancy Thompson agreed with Gardner's strong emphasis on flu shots. "Once you have [had the flu], you will never not get your flu shot again," she said.

Although most students make a full recovery within five days, she mentioned that the intense work environment at Exeter makes having the flu more difficult. "Especially for Exonians, [being] out of commission for five days is not a possibility, it's not even an option," she said.

Although the flu shot is estimated to be only 60 to 85 percent effective, Thompson believes it is better than not getting one at all. "You're not guaranteed immunity. However, if you were to get the flu, your symptoms are likely going to be a lot less severe. You probably won't have as high a fever and you're

not going to feel as bad," she said.

The only major change in this year's clinic was the absence of flu mists, or nasal spray vaccine, which is a less invasive way of vaccination through the nasal cavity. This was not based upon the decision of the medical center, however.

"The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) did a study looking at the efficacy of that type of vaccine, and it was determined to be only about three percent effective, so they pulled it off the market," she said.

Thompson also explained the necessity for students to take the shot annually because the type of flu and its strains change each year. Unlike other viruses, such as chickenpox, the flu is ever-changing, and a shot won't provide lifelong immunity. "The flu is not a one shot deal," she said.

With the flu already circulating around New Hampshire, Thompson encourages all students to take the shot sooner rather than later.

"It takes two weeks to develop immunity, which is why everybody has to come and get the flu shot," she said. She hopes enough Exonians will have taken the shot to protect those who have not, a term referred to as herd immunity. "We're ready to be healthy this winter," Thompson said.

Most students have found the flu vaccination to be easily accessible, sanitary and efficient. Each dorm had an assigned time for residents to get the shot together, but senior Brian Choi said that "people who missed their scheduled times also had plenty of time to receive their shots at the Health Center."

Since the assigned times were spread out throughout the day, most students found the process to be very efficient. Upper Noah Asch said he went to Grainger "around 8 at night and

I was in and out in no more than three minutes."

Students also mentioned the convenience of getting the flu vaccination on campus, as there are no other locations close by. Upper Maria Lee said she doesn't "have to make an appointment somewhere else and find transportation to get there."

The flu shot was available for all students on campus, including faculty children and day students.

"Without the clinic, I would have had to go to Portsmouth to get the shot," Asch said.

Although the flu clinic was convenient for all, students' opinions were

divided on whether or not the flu shot was more painful compared to previous years. Upper Grace Khaner said, "Even though I felt like it hurt more than other shots have in the past, the fact that it was so quick and hassle-free made up for any little problems for me."

Others said that the shot didn't seem to have much of a difference compared to other years.

"My shoulder felt the same soreness as last year, but this year that discomfort went away relatively quickly; after a night I felt better," upper Brian Choi said. "It was overall a great success, super quick and super painless," Asch said.



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The band "Grupo Fantasia" performing at the Latin@ Music Festival.

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## Latin@ Music Fest

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Blaring instruments and reverberating footsteps emanated from the Phelps Academy Center this past Saturday as students danced and ate at the Latin@ Music Fest. Following a huge success last year, La Alianza Latina (LAL) decided to hold the dance another year. From 8 to 10 p.m., the Academy Center was transformed into a bubble popping with Latin American culture.

La Alianza Latina, in conjunction with the Dean of Multicultural Affairs Rosanna Salcedo (LAL's adviser) organized the event. The group's members saw it fit to do so as this month is Latin Heritage Month.

Upper Jaynee Anaya said that the

event was intended "to appreciate the rich culture that Hispanic/Latinx people bring to our campus." She believed it was successful in providing the Academy community with "a little taste different types of music, foods, dialects and dances" of Latin American and Spanish-speaking countries.

Salcedo asked the band "Grupo Fantasia," (featuring Angel Wagner) who performed last year, to perform again. The band described themselves as not merely a band but a "mobile seminar on Latin American Heritage." Its members have perfected various styles of Latin American music such as merengue, salsa, cumbia, bachata and vallenato; that night, they shared their talent with the PEA community.

"I didn't attend last year so I didn't know what to expect but it was quite a

new experience," lower Ella Parsons said, speaking on the event as a whole. "I can't say it's something I am used to but I will say that I enjoyed it."

From empanadas to churros, there was a greater variety of food this year as LAL tried to represent a wider range of culture within Latin America. "I know barely anything about Latin American culture, but one thing I did come to try was the food. It was actually really good," lower Amelia Lee said.

For people who didn't know how to dance to the songs, there were many students willing to help. "I really didn't know what I was doing but Camilla helped me. I still couldn't get it but she tried to help at least," Lee said. However, lower Gabby Brown said, "Honestly, I think it would've been better if they taught us some more moves."

In general, the event was just as well received as the one last year. However, the location was a double-edged sword. Agora is a fairly central location that is heavily frequented, which would encourage people to drop by. On the other hand, it is quite small and didn't leave a lot of space for people to move their bodies and get others there too. This is perhaps the reason for the lower turnout that Anaya mentions when recapping the night.

All in all, the festival provided a familiar space for the Latin American community on campus to enjoy and share their culture with their peers as well as be "in" it despite the Exeter bubble. The rest of the community enjoyed it as a Saturday night event to pass the time, and perhaps, as intended by the organizers, a fun learning experience.

## THREE SHORT FILMS IN REVIEW

By CLAIRE JUTABHA  
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For viewers who want a single-standing film but cannot afford to spend two hours enjoying one, a Disney short film serves as an enjoyable five-minute production. A collection of short films is available on Netflix and other online sources. Although some of the films are tacky commercial fillers, many of the recent ones are excellent in all aspects such as story, music and animation.

The Little Matchgirl: 3 stars

Based off of Hans Christian Andersen's original story from 1846, "The Little Matchgirl" depicts the last moments of a young Russian girl's life as she struggles to sell matches in the snow. There is no dialogue or sound besides a segment of Alexander Borodin's String Quartet No. 2 in D Major in the background. Walt Disney Animation Studios usually does not create movies with no musical numbers, a love story or humor, and the decision to create a short film instead of a full length feature fit this story well. Although younger children may not understand the transitions of the girl's reality into fantasy, I found the film extremely bittersweet.

Like most Disney short films, the animation is not the traditional two dimensional form of the full length features. The quality of animation and color transforms the viewer into the scene on the cold streets and the feast by the fire that she imagines as she lights her matches. It is a film worth taking the time to watch, but it is not one that warrants multiple viewings. It is a beautiful combination of visual and auditory components, but it is a downer compared to all of the other films a viewer could watch.

Frozen Fever: 1 star

Compared to other short films made by Disney, "Frozen Fever" was intolerable. Similarly to the movie's scene featuring Anna singing before her sister Elsa's coronation, this is a musical

style film featuring Elsa's preparation for Anna's surprise birthday. The short film, released two years after the original movie, lacks the magical aspect of the animation from the first.

The misunderstood logic of Olaf's abilities could pass when there was a cute song featuring him, but this new concept of tiny snowmen who appear when Elsa sneezes makes no sense and does not contribute anything to the story. Elsa wears a green dress and conjures flowers in this film which is aggravatingly inconsistent. Most of the major concerns with this film involved were reflected in the tons of merchandise that Disney marketed and sold as "new" Elsa, Anna and Olaf dolls. All in all, "Frozen Fever" is not an entertaining piece that provides any feelings of amazement that usually accompanies most Disney classics.

Feast: 4 stars

"Feast" tells the story of Winston, an adorable Boston Terrier, and his relationship with James, a person who accidentally drops a fry in front of Winston on the street. The most appealing aspect of this movie was the relatable connection between a loyal dog and human. Unlike most animated film that include talking and singing dogs, the animators created a character whom we can clearly envision in our own lives.

The story shows how the introduction of another person into a close friend's life can often feel like being pushed aside. Winston struggles with his jealousy, and when James ends up reverting into a sad and unmotivated person, Winston overcomes his personal issues and helps James—a lesson that a parent would want to teach their child. By the end of the film, Winston welcomes more additions into his owner's life and they both end up being happy. If you enjoy animated dogs and appetizing food, "Feast" supplies comfort during hours when you should be doing work.

## Trendwatch

Hey Guys,

Do you guys remember the pom-pom keychain trend that exploded after Fendi introduced its "monster" bag bugs in 2014? Well, put away your bag charms because 2016 is all about the removable bag straps. This trend started after Fendi (yes, Fendi again) introduced the removable "Strap You" bag straps in its Resort 2016 collection. After its release, the Fendi Strap You became an instant hit that other designer brands such as Rebecca Minkoff, Kate Spade and Valentino have released their own versions of. These straps normally have interesting colors and details on them; they will automatically change the appearance of your bag and make it stand out from the crowd.

Before, wearing white on white after Labor Day used to be a big fat *no* in the fashion world. However, nowadays, styling white on white during Fall and Winter has become widely accepted; it is actually quite trendy. The fabric and silhouette of your white clothes is really important when it comes to rocking white during the colder season. Instead of wearing linen and light cotton, go for heavier white materials such as denim, wool and cashmere. If you are afraid to wear all white, start off by pairing your white clothes with light neutral colors such as beige. Once you are comfortable with the light neutral and white pairing, then you might opt for the bold white on white pairing. Some popular white pieces that are currently fashion-forward and versatile are ruffled tops, long coats, turtle-necks, denim jeans/jackets, culottes and ankle boots.

This week, **Mary Woo '17** channeled a grunge-chic look in her oversized army jacket, gray sweater, black ankle boots and black leather tote. **Molly Canfield '18** stood out in her purple body-con dress, fringed kimono and ankle boots. **Teddy Scott '18** channeled a preppy vibe with his light blue dress shirt, red shorts and boat shoes. **Wynter Tracey '19** paired an interesting navy blue police uniform inspired jacket with a striped t-shirt, jeans and a pair of Doc Martens. **Kate Denny '19** rocked a all black outfit. She paired an oversized t-shirt

with leggings and finished her outfit with a unique hat and chunky heels. **Sebastian Bango '19** looked effortlessly cool in his oversized green bomber jacket, extended white t-shirt and white sneakers.

Earlier this week, Vetements, one of the most popular French designer/street wear brand, held a garage sale in the outskirts of Seoul, South Korea. Since South Korea is one of the largest market for Vetements and its knockoffs, Demna Gvasalia the creative director of the brand, launched an "Original Fake" collection, intended to imitate knock-off Vetements pieces. When asked about his feelings towards knock-off, Guram Dvasalia told *W Magazine*, "I think it's good to see, because it means that you're relevant and that people want it. I just don't like when people try to sell fakes saying it's real. That's not right." Despite being an all day event, all the items sold out in one hour (the most popular being the Vetements raincoat), a testament to the immense popularity of the brand.

Enjoy the wonderful weather and have a great weekend with your friends and family!

Stay stylish,

Connor & Tanya





## SeniorSpotlight

## Kelvin Green II

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As a co-head of Afro-Latino Exonian Society (ALES), Exeter's step team (OutKast) and Exeter's Gospel Choir, a member of Dem Club, Exeter's MLK Day Committee and the volleyball team and a proctor in the place he calls home—Main Street Hall, Kelvin Green II embodies what it is to be an Exonian, bringing goodness, and knowledge to the Exeter community.

Green came to Exeter from Houston, Texas as a prep. This fall marks his first time on campus in over a year; he went to China through the Student Year Abroad program (SYA). Though he had never planned on going abroad, a senior in his dorm recommended he apply for the rare opportunity, and he did. In China, Green grew close to his host family and attended school, becoming fluent in the language throughout the course of the year.

"SYA was a big opportunity I would not have gotten elsewhere," he said. "The teachers [were] awesome and picking up Mandarin has exposed me to a whole other world that makes me more compassionate and more understanding of different cultures."

Green's adviser, religion instructor Russell Weatherspoon, admired Green's desire to build on his understandings of the world. "He is a person who tries to keep his objectives clearly in mind while trying to become part of activities that can build him and strengthen and broaden his understanding," Weatherspoon said.

Weatherspoon went on to commend Green's ability to unite people. "He is a great collaborator ... interested in bringing people together," Weatherspoon said. "His tone and his desire to draw people together to do challenging things is particularly attractive."

Green's passion for rallying of the people has manifested in his role as co-head of ALES. Green joined the club as a prep and became co-head his lower year. "There are so many things on campus we can do to make the community more inclusive of us," he said.

His lower year, the club held a die in, where students laid on the quad to raise awareness on police brutality, and met with administration about diversifying faculty on campus. This activism inspired him to fully throw himself into the club. "From that moment I was all in. This was what I wanted to be a part of," he said.

Upper Athena Stenor, another co-



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head of ALES, described Green's passion at meetings. "Kelvin is unique in his ability to express and philosophize on the issues that are important to him," she said. "He's so good at articulating thoughts, but he's also very humble about it, and he encourages other people to express themselves freely as well."

She admires Green's ability to enact change. "He's taught me a lot about being an activist," she said. "He's always meeting with people, and he's always working on issues related to social justice."

Following in this vein, Green explained that he hopes to empower the preps and lowers of color on campus in the coming months. "I think a big goal for me this year is to try to encourage and empower students of color on campus to speak up and go for positions and be the heads of clubs and [not to feel] disadvantaged," he said.

Green also offers his voice in conversations at the MLK Day Committee, which plans events for Exeter's annual MLK day and thinks about how to actively make change surrounding issues of racial inequality.

Senior Charis Edwards, another member of the MLK Day Committee, described Green's excitement about getting the community involved in campus wide conversations. "I admire Kelvin's consistent dedication to the things he believes in," she said. "I admire his creativity and open-mindedness to listen to other perspectives, even if they are not necessarily on par with his own."

Green's close friend, Ore Solanke, also admired Green's open-mindedness, which she has seen develop significantly since he came to Exeter. "Just as much as he is willing to tell you what he's thinking, he is also very open to hearing what your side is, which wasn't really as obvious prep and lower year. Since then, he has become even more open to other opinions," she said.

Solanke also noted how interesting it was to hear Green's thought process. "I've noticed that his thoughts/opinions are uniquely his own, and he isn't easily swayed by public opinion, but rather forms his own arguments," she said.

In keeping with his socially active nature, Green has been interested in politics since his childhood, and he joined Dem Club as a prep. There, through phone banking, canvassing and engaging in conversation, he has found yet another way to make what he believes in happen.

"I get so passionate, because you're really constructing the future you want and playing an active part," he said. "Dem Club presents all these awesome opportunities, so being able to be passionate about all of this and inspiring other people to be involved is awesome."

Edwards, a co-head of Dem Club, celebrated Green's contributions to the club. "I really admire the fact that he's really interested in looking at politics as a way of enacting change, not just social reform," she said. "He has done a phenomenal job with organizing and

campaigning."

An artist as well as an activist, Green also serves as the co-head of Exeter's male step team, OutKast, alongside senior Marvin Bennett. He is so important to the club's success," Bennett said. "He has had the ideas for many of our steps and is a great guy to work with."

Green has played varsity volleyball since prep year, and this fall he resurrected Exeter's Gospel Choir. In addition, he was chosen to be one of Main Street Hall's proctors.

Upper Francis Baviera Maloney appreciated Green's dedication to the dorm. "Kelvin is very involved in the dorm. He's a caring guy, very empathetic with the new people. He's trustworthy," Baviera said. "It's impressive because he was abroad for all of last year, but he still got the position of proctor." Lower Max Murray agreed, saying simply of Green, "He is a god."

During his time at Exeter, Green has truly taken advantage of the Harkness style, embracing all the backgrounds and opinions that his fellow Exonians offer.

"The biggest thing I've learned at Exeter is the value of diversity and opinion, being at a table talking with different people who come from different parts of the world, different backgrounds," he said. "By the end, you unearth this understanding that you would not have been able to do on your own. I learned at Exeter how to connect with so many people even though we're all so different."

Moving forward, Green hopes to study to be a research scientist or a doctor, two careers he thinks can exist harmoniously with his desire to forge change. "I think that'll be a really interesting relationship and fluid with my interest in politics and my interest in empowering youth and people of color," he said.

Undoubtedly, Green will bring his fearless leadership skills with him to college and beyond. "I like offering a new voice and encouraging people to speak up," he said. "If lots of different people speak up, we can get a more inclusive and understanding environment."

Senior Livaslou Tanjong, another friend of Green's, commended Green for his ceaseless work to make the world a better place. "Kelvin also goes out of his way to help others and is constantly attempting to bridge gaps in understanding, whether it is in race or politics," she said. "Kelvin is extraordinary in his commitment to his community."

## PEER TUTORING

By JAMIE CASSIDY and  
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Staff Writers

Peer Tutoring, an invaluable resource for students, brings together Exonians of all grades to take part in one of the most non-sibi activities offered on campus: helping each other to learn. It meets five nights per week in the Academic Support Center, on the third floor of the Phelps Academy Center. There, from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday nights, you will find students sitting in groups of two and three, quizzing each other on vocabulary or working out difficult math problems.

Academic Support Counselor Pamela Parris started the peer tutoring system and now supervises it every evening it meets. Her dedication has cultivated the group into the thriving program that it is today, and she encourages every student to become involved. "Please give it a try! I think you'll find it's a very friendly atmosphere," Parris said, also emphasizing the importance of soliciting help. "Everyone needs help to get through Exeter—and life—so it's a crucial skill to determine when you need help and where to find it."

Peer tutors said that the most sought-after subjects are physics and math; however, discussing a complex biology reading with a tutor, or having "another set of eyes" look over an English paper can be very beneficial

for students as well. "I can say that peer tutoring certainly made a difference in my learning when I struggled with physics prep year," senior Daniela Nemirovsky, who now serves as a Head Peer Tutor.

Upper Kaleigh Conte also spoke highly of the group's services. "Peer tutoring has proved to be invaluable to my academic career at Exeter," she said. "I've learned how to, and where to get help when I need it. Ms. Parris has helped me so much, and everyone should have a chance to meet her!"

Although some students may feel that seeking help shows weakness, Parris considers it to be a wise decision. "We really encourage students to seek help," she said. "It actually shows you're strong and mature."

Additionally, Parris wants students to know that giving and receiving help are not mutually exclusive, because each student has different strengths and weaknesses. "One of the best aspects of peer tutoring is that many students both give and get help while they're here," she said.

Nemirovsky believes that the value of peer tutoring can be found in its student-to-student interaction. The club presents an informal and non-judgemental atmosphere that makes it easy for students to come whenever they need help. Nemirovsky noted that



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Upper Daniel Li lends a helping hand.

this kind of environment can be difficult to find in study groups or when meeting with teachers which, as a result, discourages students from asking the necessary questions for attaining a proper understanding of the material. Upper Sofia Yoon said, "A lot of people prefer to get help from a peer tutor because the tutors themselves had the same experience, so they understand a lot about the course and the process of thinking."

It's important to realize that peer tutors have often encountered similar experiences in terms of workload and the type of assignments that certain courses require. Thus, the learning experience becomes much more collaborative and personalized, which has often showed drastic improvement for students grappling with a topic of study.

With that being said, peer tutoring oftentimes also benefits the tutor. "As a peer tutor I have learned to be more patient and to understand how to explain solutions to peers, not just at peer tutoring, but also in class. This has made

me a more valuable participant around the Harkness table," Nemirovsky said. Additionally, when tutors are forced to recall material and teach it to someone else, the process helps reinforce one's own understanding of the topic.

Whether you're helping, receiving help or just finishing some homework in the peer tutoring environment, every student familiar with the kind and welcoming atmosphere of the club considers it to reflect the values Exeter holds most dear: devotion to helping others and devotion to learning.

Parris said that her favorite moments are when soon-to-graduate tutors come to her and say that peer tutoring helped them to see education as a real career possibility.

"I say 'hooray,' since education is the most rewarding field there is, and, I'll add, super non-sibi," Parris said. "It may not mean being a classroom teacher or professor; there are many ways to be an educator." Evidently, peer tutoring helps create community-minded Exonians with a passion for teaching others.



## TwinSpotlight

## Papadakis Triplets

By ERICA HOGAN  
Staff Writer

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## QUESTIONS

1. What extracurriculars do you do?
2. What's your favorite flavor at Stillwells?
3. What are your sisters' favorite ice cream flavors at Stillwells?
4. What's the best class you've taken at Exeter, and why?
5. What's your favorite subject, and why?
6. What did you do last summer?
7. What's your favorite part of being a triplet?
8. What's your least favorite part of being a triplet?
9. How has going to school with your siblings affected your Exeter experience?

JOANNA  
PAPADAKIS

1. I run track and cross country, am a co-head of ESSO Just Keep Smiling, ESSO Youth Dance Ensemble, club president for Empower 2 Play and an ESSO board member for the communications team. I also am a club attendee of ESSO Gal Pals!
2. My favorite Stillwells ice cream flavor is German Chocolate Cake.
3. Lena's favorite flavor is probably their Cookie Monster gelato and Alex's might be their black raspberry, but I'm not sure!
4. My best class at Exeter was probably Chemistry 220 with Mr. McTammany. It was G format and I had EF track before, so it was generally the format no one looked forward to, but our teacher made the class super interactive and fun.
5. My favorite subject is chemistry, and I love it partly because it was something I never thought I was going to enjoy.
6. I worked at Bottomline Technologies, a software company in Portsmouth, N.H., with their global marketing team as an intern. It was an amazing experience and I learned a lot!
7. I like that we never have to go anywhere truly alone. It's as though you have two automatic friends at your side no matter what!
8. I think sharing clothes—I know most siblings hate sharing clothes, but I think it's even worse for us because we are all so close to each other. It's like WWII if I go into Alex's closet!
9. I think the hardest part about Exeter is the competitive atmosphere, and then having to introduce each other into that atmosphere. I hate competing against anyone, especially my sisters, so I think we all have tried to really branch out and become interested in many different areas as a way to compensate for this.

LENA  
PAPADAKIS

1. I'm currently co-head of two science clubs (biology research and neuroscience), as well as co-head of the ESSO club Just Keep Smiling with my sister, Joanna. I'm a member of another ESSO club called Youth Dance Ensemble, which is run by my sister Joanna and my best friend since kindergarten, Bella Weissman. I also work as an IT proctor and at the library circulation desk.
2. I'd prefer a cupcake or a brownie over ice cream.
3. Alex: Purple Cow Joanna: Green Monster or Death by Chocolate
4. AP BIOLOGY! It was my favorite class because we always had a lot of fun inside and outside of class.
5. BIOLOGY! I've always been interested in the science of living things, so biology has always been on the forefront of subjects that I enjoy.
6. I spent 10 weeks as an intern in the Neurosurgical department of a cancer research hospital in California's City of Hope. During the last two weeks of summer, I also traveled to Greece with my family.
7. Always having two built in friends no matter where you go.
8. This mainly pertains to my identical sister Joanna, but my least favorite part is being confused for her because there are some days I just don't feel like correcting people or just don't even acknowledge people who may be calling her name after me on the paths.
9. It was helpful to go into prep year already knowing at least two people—that's always a plus! But, regardless, it's been great to have them on campus because you know that if you need help on something or if you're just too stressed out to even function that they'll be there for you, ready to help or at least ready to commiserate right along with you.

ALEX  
PAPADAKIS

1. ESSO Youth Dance Ensemble, ESSO Pen pals, ESSO Just Keep Smiling
2. Black Raspberry with chocolate jimmies in a plain cone is my standard order, but I can go for mostly any flavor.
3. Um ... cookie monster for Lena? If that's even a thing ... basically any flavor that you would have liked as a kid with a ton of random candy in it. And Joanna, maybe Rockie Road?
4. I'm really enjoying the senior English Multigenre elective with Lundy Smith right now—definitely up there as one of my favorites. But also Prep Bio with Mr. Matlack may take the cake.
5. Spanish, because I think it is the most engaging and exciting class when discussion goes well.
6. I worked at a Financial Software Company as their Recruiting Coordinator for most of the summer, but went to Greece to visit family for the last two weeks.
7. Always having two of your best friends going through the same things as you... like college applications!!!
8. The COMPETITION.
9. They've definitely made me smarter. Plus they're my own personal math tutors.



## UPCOMING

## ASSEMBLY

## DR. ROB RUTLEDGE

Friday, Assembly Hall

## PERFORMANCE

## A CAPELLA GROUPS

Friday, Music Center Lobby

## EVENT

## GAME NIGHT

Saturday, Phelps Academy Center

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## DYLAN YIN

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# DOG SPOTLIGHT

By ELEANOR MALLET and ROSE HOROWITZ  
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Playful howls and barks fill the quads and trails surrounding Exeter as faculty take their dogs for walks. Exeter is not only a home for over a thousand students and a faculty families, but also a place for their dogs. The stretches of green lawn and expansive river walks like Swasey Parkway provide the perfect running ground for dogs of all colors, ages, sizes and hair textures to thrive. This week in the Doggie Spotlight we will focus on the profiles and personalities of a few select dogs.

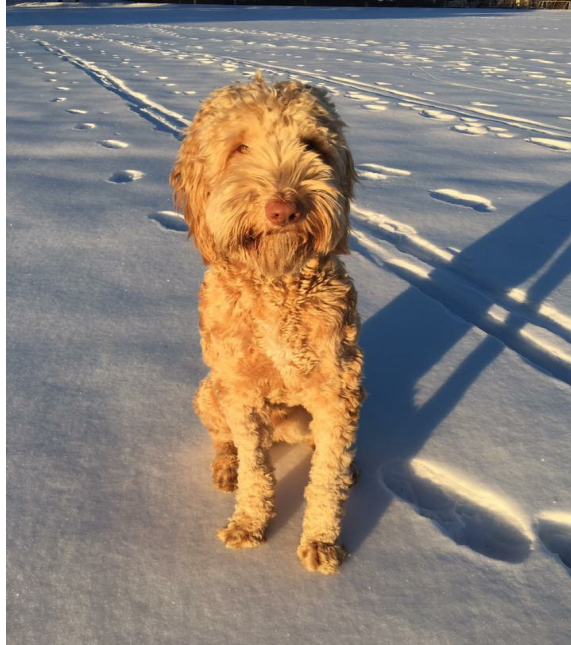


BREED: German Shepherd  
OWNER: Lundy Smith

## OLIVER

Faculty have praised Exeter as a wonderful environment to raise a dog. English instructor Lundy Smith said that for his dog Oliver, the campus is like "heaven." "Oliver loves the attention he gets from the kids, plus the Academy woods are a great place to explore." Oliver is a two and a half year-old German Shepherd who, like most German Shepherds, may appear rowdy and intimidating at first, but once you have adjusted to this, you will see Oliver's compassionate side.

Oliver is a dog who loves his owner, his little brother, playing with the girls of Langdell (where Mr. Smith is dorm faculty) and running on the beach. Smith added that he enjoys playing with Pete Flynn. Smith said that Oliver's love of Caldwell's dog is unrequited. "It's a herding thing, Smith said. "He's also terrified of Ms. Geer's white cat." Although Oliver and Smith are not dorm residents, Smith still emphasized how Phillips Exeter became a home to him. "There are lots of squirrels, plenty of food on the ground outside of Wentworth, lots of kids to throw his ball and pet him and he is getting a first-rate education," Smith said.

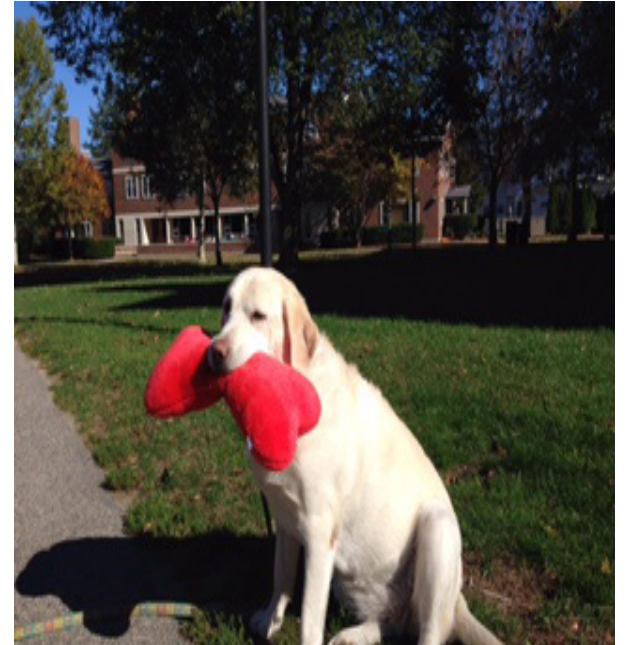


BREED: Australian Cobberdog  
OWNER: Joanne Lembo

## ANGUS

Director of Student Activities Joanne Lembo owns an Australian Cobberdog named Angus. Lembo said that the best part of having a dog on campus is the students. "Angus was the shyest dog in the litter. The breeder chose our family because we lived on campus and he would be well socialized," she said. Lembo enjoys the help from students when it comes to dog sitting. "I am able to come home and walk him and he has many student friends on campus who also walk him," she said.

Angus's shyness has been largely cured since living at Exeter, and now he even has frequent playdates with both students and other canines. For Lembo, having a dog on campus is fantastic not only for her and the students, and when asked if Angus likes being at Exeter, she responded, "He loves it."



BREED: English Labrador  
OWNER: Patty Burke

## DOLLY BUBBLES

Dolly Bubbles. You may have seen her frolicking on the quad or trotting next to her trusty partner English instructor Patricia Burke, who lives in Langdell Hall. Burke cherishes her 9-year-old English Labrador. "I love having a dog on campus, or rather, I should say Dolly loves being a dog on campus," she said. Burke also noticed that Dolly is a very social dog, "In fact, I think she's 75 percent human and thrives in the company of others. When we walk, she has to say hello to everyone, other dogs as well as people."

According to Burke, Dolly truly thinks of Langdell as a home. She is content to hanging in the common room to lick feet until the end of time. Dolly enjoys other pastimes. Burke said, "If all her dreams were to come true, she'd spend her days with facilities, riding around in trucks or cars or mowers with the wind blowing her ears back and people waving to her, shouting, 'Hello Dolly!'"

As far as socializing with other dogs, Dolly prefers hanging out with humans. "She doesn't really have playdates with other dogs," Burke said. "She'd rather go to the mailroom and see Emily or Joe or Dwight." Dolly also enjoys time with her brother, upper Gavin Hickey, and with the girls of Langdell, although she is careful not to overlap with Oliver whom she has had altercations with in the past.

## ESSO IN ACTION

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE  
Contributing Writer

Before they attend Hogwarts, wizards and witches have the opportunity to hone their athletic skills at ESSO's Quidditch with Kids. Children in grades K-5 and Exonians gather Sundays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the fall and spring to celebrate the magic of Harry Potter and an afternoon of friendly competition. Nestled in the land between Phillips Hall and the Academy Center, Quidditch meetings must be approved by the Ministry of Magic. This means that broomsticks are not allowed, but the amount of energy that gathers every Sunday makes up for the lack of flying. And, if you see how fast some of the kids can run, you'd be glad that they couldn't fly too.

I, senior Majestic Terhune, am a co-head of Quidditch with Kids along with Miranda Derossi. I originally joined the club three years ago because two upperclassmen in my dorm were the co-heads and had urged me to attend at least one meeting. There had never been a point in my life in which I took a few days to read an entire Harry Potter book. I hadn't even sat through one movie. To top it off, I had about zero experience with children. Quidditch did not seem like a great match but, after one meeting, I knew that I had to return the next week.

The best part of Quidditch is knowing that it's something that the

kids look forward to and seeing that displayed whenever we play. It's not uncommon for a couple of the players show up in Gryffindor robes or bring a wand to show their friends, and sometimes those friends end up finding a time to meet later in the week.

Moreover, one boy was three when his older brother first started playing and now, after gaining a couple years and adding on a few inches, he's now old enough to rival his sibling. Hearing his giggle when someone finds him hiding behind a tree or seeing him run to hug his mother during a water break always turns into a highlight of my week.

Overall, Quidditch is an easy and enjoyable way for you to involve yourself in the Exeter community and further understand your role within the neighborhood. The kids that attend look up to us and the parents wholly appreciate the time taken to spend an hour with their children, and it's in ESSO clubs like Quidditch where you further fathom the sense of community that you have the ability to foster.

To join the Quidditch email list or simply learn more about the ESSO club, contact Miranda at mderossi@exeter.edu or me at mterhune@exeter.edu. We'll see you and your friend when we meet next on Sunday, Oct. 30!

## GREEN CORNER

By ANNA CLARK  
Contributing Writer

Animal Rights Club meets on Sunday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Academy Center's Club Room B and welcomes anyone curious about ethics, environmentalism or animals. The club hosts discussions of issues both on and off campus and is excited about its plans for this year. These plans include two "VegFests," which are plant-based meals in Wetherell with music and tablecloths. This fall, VegFest will take place on Nov. 10 in Wetherell for dinner, so make sure to invite your friends if you are interested in trying out some delicious vegetarian options!

Along with the ethical reasons, there are also a lot of environmental reasons to try out a vegetarian meal. The Wall Street Journal estimates that producing just one quarter-pound hamburger requires 1300 gallons of water. The Scientific American states "Our diets and, specifically, the meat in them cause more greenhouse gases carbon dioxide (CO2), methane, nitrous oxide and the like to spew into the atmosphere than either transportation or industry." The animal agriculture industries waste huge quantities of water and produces greenhouse gases, so this meal will be saving the environment too. So bring your friends to VegFest to enjoy some delicious, animal-friendly, and eco-friendly dishes, such as a vegetarian shepherd's pie made with a soy crumble instead of meat and focaccia-style barbecue Gardeine pizza. Additionally, there will be artisan bread baskets on every table along with desserts such as Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavors, sorbet and possibly a chocolate avocado pudding. For drinks, we will be featuring a sparkling

pomegranate punch fountain. Be sure to come early so that you can sample all the popular dishes before they run out, as it was a huge success last year.

Animal Rights Club is also trying to schedule a visit to a local farm sanctuary called Live and Let Live, so that we can get a chance to interact with some animals such as cute pigs, cows, chickens and more. We are likely to go on a Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in going, please let us know so that we can give you more details about the trip.

Another one of Animal Rights Club's projects this year will be setting up a workshop for Climate Action Day. Last year, the club hosted a screening of the movie "Cowspiracy," which highlighted the environmental impact of the farm industry. The screening was followed by a panel discussion in which viewers could ask questions about the film and vegetarianism in general. This year, Animal Rights Club is seeking to host another informative workshop to educate the community on the impact livestock have on the environment.

Of course, you do not have to be a vegetarian or vegan to come to the meetings or get involved. Animal Rights Club welcomes people from all backgrounds and welcomes discussion on issues that affect animals. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact one of the co-heads, Anna Clark '19 (acclark1@exeter.edu) or Emmett Shell '18 (eshell@exeter.edu) to be added to the email list and informed about any upcoming animal rights-related events. We hope to see you at one of our meetings soon!

## A Message from Dean Coole:

"When we are satisfied with our life, we do not look for experiences of winning and losing to define our self-worth.

- Unknown



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Climate Matters



WORLD COMPASS

Mark Blekherman  
Columnist

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have spent a lot of time and energy eroding each other's Achilles Heels. The conservative front pounces on anything that could shed more light on Hillary's email scandal, while the liberal media baits Trump with provocative statements on immigration and his history of sexual misconduct. In this incessant exchange of insults, one might forget that neither candidate has addressed the issue of climate change and proposed a strategy for working with other countries to mitigate the brewing environmental disaster. Yes, Hillary, it's easy to call global warming an "overwhelming challenge" and pronounce your willingness to attend lavish international conferences that get nothing done. Sure, Donald, it's funny to proclaim environmental concerns as a figment of China's imagination and then point to the devastation Asian firms have caused in Detroit.

Mr. Trump, have you looked at pictures of northern Chinese cities drenched in smog, or listened to the unequivocal expertise of most scientists? The United States' hegemony rests not on its ability to force other nations to take responsibility for our problems and provide global public goods. Rather, our hegemony relies on our willingness to set an example for other countries.

The United States does not need leaders like George W. Bush, who refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol because of the asymmetric burdens it placed on developed and developing nations. Does Mr. Bush want Bangladeshi or Nepalese firms to increase their production costs and therefore hamper their

progress? Countries like the United Kingdom suffered most from pollution during their Industrial Revolutions and only became environmentally-conscious once they had reached a certain level of economic development. Only mature economic countries have the capacity to absorb the costs of environmental preservation without demanding

tional environmental negotiations, however, leaves much to be desired.

After the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, leaders from around the world—including Obama—retreated to their respective countries to proclaim their commitment to and success in fighting global warming. Really? Do they think that countries

the good.

Hillary Clinton will have to do more than sign agreements and write lengthy standards; she will have to provide economic incentives for reducing emissions to companies who have long ignored the externalities that their factories created.

The United States could learn from Europe, whose countries have remarkably high ratings on the Environmental Protection Index. In 2005, Europe implemented the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). Covering the dirtiest industries and thousands of factories throughout Europe, the plan allocates tradable allowances for greenhouse gases to each firm. To exceed the designated amount of emissions, a company must purchase credits from other firms. This system motivates firms to reduce their emissions without infringing on their profits. Every few years, ETS lowers the emissions cap, forcing firms to lower emissions but also increasing the value of the credit.

I believe the United States could create an analogous agreement with like-minded countries like Canada. However, I caution the United States from working in large coalitions, as smaller groups of countries often strike more meaningful concessions and can better monitor their commitments. Nonetheless, the next president must forge strong agreements not only with domestic companies, but also with other governments to build momentum.

Unfortunately, there are very few examples in which world leaders have cooperated to help the environment. Fatalists and pessimists like Donald Trump deny that anything can be done to alleviate the problem. Optimists point to the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol on chlorofluorocarbons in demonstrating the international community's capacity to act when it's urgent. But can we really wait until it's urgent?

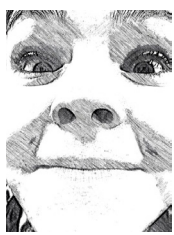


sacrifices from their citizens.

Obama has impressed many Americans with his commitment to protecting our natural wonders, safeguarding millions of acres of land. Indeed, he has bypassed Congress in many cases and used his executive powers to establish standards for energy efficiency and air/water pollution. His résumé on interna-

gresses Celsius? With no precision regarding the size of each country's contribution, and no enforcement mechanisms, the deal accomplishes nothing but create a guise of progress. The agreement will inevitably result in the collective action problem, a condition in which all actors defect on their commitments in anticipation that others will pay for the cost of providing

The Tradition of the Kilt



ERICA'S AMERICA

Erica Hogan  
Columnist

As a prep, I dreamt of the day that I would be granted the privilege of wearing the red and gray tartan kilts on E/a. Although I wasn't particularly fond of the print itself, the idea it embodied was tantalizing. To be granted the kilt would mean that I made it through the difficult transition and awkward fumbling of prep year, the more difficult workload of lower year, the infamous workload of the 333 history sequence and upper spring and the horrors of senior fall. It would serve as a mark of camaraderie between me and my fellow four-years and symbolize the unique experience we'd all shared after spending nearly a quarter of our lives together. It disappoints me that members of our community would want to strip

four-years of this beloved tradition. The kilts do not indicate that the four-years are better than other seniors in any way. They simply acknowledge the unique impact that being at Exeter for four years has on students here.

Four-year students at Exeter have a fundamentally different experience from other students. That's not to invalidate the careers of three-year, two-year or one-year students. Exeter is life-changing, and all students feel that effect and will be impacted by the culture and environment fostered here regardless of how many years they spend here. Spending four whole years here is certainly difficult, and being a new lower, new upper, new senior or postgraduate all have their difficulties. Nevertheless, the four-year experience is not the same as the three-year, two-year or one-year experience. It's silly not to acknowledge

that and acknowledging that doesn't mean that the four-year experience is any better or any worse than those of other students.

Plenty of things that we do on this campus are exclusive in arbitrary ways. Why is the tradition of kilts contested, while it's acceptable to have all four years pose for a picture, without having a three-year, two-year or one-year picture? If having only four years wear kilts at E/a damages the unity

**Four year students at Exeter have a fundamentally different experience from other students.**

felt in this community and drives people apart, wouldn't this picture apparently have the same effect? Dorms host exclusive events, requiring invitations for non-members. Should we abolish dorm teas too, to make those who don't get invited to any not feel marginalized by the event hosted with school funding? Yes, letting some people wear kilts provides a visual marker distinguishing four-year seniors

from other students but, non-four-years are not scarred or emotionally damaged by being unable to wear a skirt.

Observing the discussion around kilts, it seems to me that the only students who feel strongly about this tradition are those who wish to continue the tradition of four years wearing them. Not being able to wear a kilt is not damaging to non-four years in any fundamental way, but for many four years they hold a sentimental significance. It holds so much meaning to many four years. Is it really so awful to let us have this one thing? As many campus traditions have fallen to the wayside or changed recently, it's heartbreaking that four-year kilts may also no longer be a reality for my senior year. This tradition brings more joy to the campus than it hurts anyone. Most students either are in favor of it, or are indifferent. Let four-years have this one thing and feel the glory of having made it through four-years to finally become one of the seniors that we all looked up to as preps.

The Election's Reflection on America



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Jack Stewart  
Columnist

This week, I learned of something happy and hopeful that came out of this grueling election season. A Canadian Twitter account (named tellamericaitsgreat, @staygr8america) had nothing but positivity and joy to spread to their neighbors to the south; they took it upon themselves to remind America that we are perfectly good and that our somewhat unfriendly presidential race does not define who we are.

In a tumultuous season filled with vicious personal attacks, mean banter, and general unpleasantness, seeing this not-so-little Twitter account spurring forth cheerful messages made me smile. Finally, something to cheer us up as we look at inconsistent polls and angry protestors! The message that our friends to the north were trying to get to wasn't wrong; America

truly is a great country founded upon great values, and it is currently an incredible example of how inclusive and opportunity-filled a country can be.

Yet I believe that they were wrong in one big sense; this election does reflect badly upon the United States. This election does show the world that sometimes, even the leaders of thoughtful democracy can be caught flat-footed. It shows that the American people can be swayed incredibly-so by bigotry and fear. To be perfectly blunt, it shows how we can mess up and put two people whom we really don't like on the ballot.

American democracy finds its roots in Greece and France; from Cleisthenes to Montesquieu, it has never been one big idea. Instead, our democracy is (for all intents and purposes) just layers upon layers of ideas of different people and groups. Because of this, we have always been a model for the rest of the world. Even

more importantly, we have always been the role models for those who want to improve their own democracies.

Does this election correlate to that? Not one bit. Instead of images of incredible, passionate debates, we have weird mud-slinging popularity contests. Instead of reasonable discussion between supporters, we have unruly shouting and yelling. Instead of anticipating, hopeful voters, we have indifferent and begrudging ones.

Sadly, voters have done a poor job of shaping this election. A poll taken during the summer showed that a measly 23 percent of voters were excited for the upcoming election (not to say they weren't interested—a similar poll showed 65 percent were). This lack of excitement is, to be fair, understandable. Very few people who I have met are adamant about Trump or adamant about Hillary; in fact, most tell me up front that they are only going with

the lesser of two evils. That is exactly what a presidential race should NOT boil down to. The two candidates voters select should be qualified, supported and most importantly well liked. Unfortunately, that isn't the case; 54 percent of voters view Hillary negatively and that 58 percent view Trump negatively.

This all boils down to one big question; how could those two ever make it so far? How could our democracy have fallen short the one time we needed it most? I myself don't know how to answer this question. It probably has to do with the impulsive nature within all of us—choosing the most appealing candidate at the time without proper research can lead to unwanted decisions and in the long run, unwanted consequences. Or maybe it has to do with smooth talking to further one's reputation and fear mongering to scare Americans into a vote. Regardless, it's definitely something not too good. And without any doubt, next time round, voters should be more informed and more knowledgeable instead of going with the candidate who shouts the loudest or whispers the sweetest.

**Yet I believe that they were wrong in one big sense; this election does reflect badly upon the United States.**

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## Handing Out Nobel Peace Prizes Willy-Nilly

Arielle Lui '18

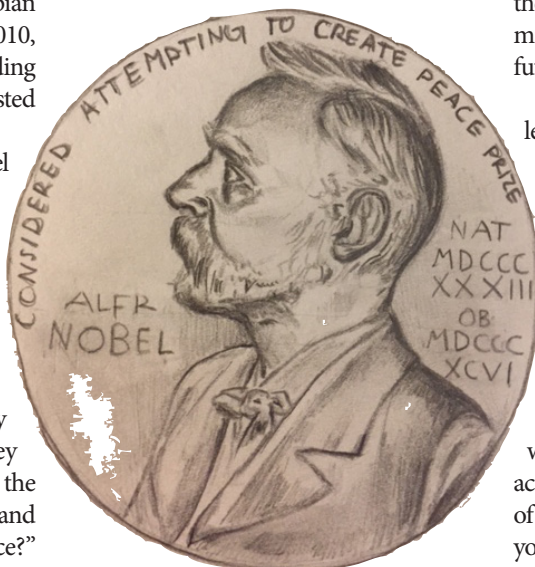
Guest Contributor

On Sept. 30, the Nobel Committee awarded Juan Manuel Santos, Colombia's president, the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize. The committee hoped that this would encourage the country to change their mind about voting against the peace treaty between the Colombian government and the rebels. Since 2010, Santos has dedicated his legacy to ending the Colombian civil war, which has lasted for nearly half a decade.

However, I question the Nobel committee in their decision to award someone a Nobel Peace Prize when a "Participation" or "Nice Effort" certificate seems more appropriate. Santos hasn't actually ended the war nor created peace within his country. The Colombian people rejected the peace deal because they didn't find the terms agreeable. They were simply asked, "Do you support the final agreement to end the conflict and construct a stable and enduring peace?" And more than half of them responded, "No."

Several people were upset that the rebels, who had kidnapped and murdered hundreds of thousands of citizens, were to be let off so easily. They wanted these criminals in jail. Of course they want peace, but they also want justice. Under the referendum the people voted against, the rebels would surrender their weapons and be granted amnesty. Santos and supporters of the referendum tried but haven't succeeded—yet.

There were nearly 400 candidates to pick from, so why did the committee choose him? That "yet," the possibility that one day there could be peace in Colombia and that he is at least trying, was the reason why Santos won the award. I would think that every country's leader would advocate for peace within their country, so is Santos really exemplary? Is



peace so distant from our globe's current state that we are awarding people for their failures?

This isn't the first time that a Nobel Peace prize has been awarded during a controversial time. In 2009, President Barack Obama won the prize "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples," according to the Nobel Committee. He had only been in office for a couple of months and barely had

time to do anything peaceful. After all, the war in Afghanistan was still in effect. He had made several promises to stop global warming and climate change as well as stop nuclear weapons production. However, the award caught even Obama off-guard. He had only made suggestions at the time. So is peace such a difficult subject to quantify that we are giving the award to people who seem like they might possibly do something in the future?

One could argue that giving these leaders a peace award encourages them to actually follow through with their promise to resolve issues in the world, but this logic is flawed. It just doesn't make sense to award someone for not accomplishing anything. In fact, it even allows for the winner to think they've done enough and that no more is required of them. Winning the Nobel Peace Prize is one of the world's most exclusive and honorable accomplishments in one's life as a citizen of the world. If you are awarded one, have you done enough or will the world still demand better of you?

Obama ended up sending an additional 30,000 additional American troops to Afghanistan two months after he received the award. He conducted drone strikes that killed civilians in places like Pakistan and Yemen and failed to honor a promise to close the American prison in Guantánamo Bay. I'm curious to see how things will play out in Colombia over the next month. While I hope there will be peace, most likely there will not be any.

## How Not to Solve a Problem



QUIPS

Année Reach  
Columnist

When I was younger I took ballet classes at a popular dance school in my hometown for many years. The school was located on the second floor of an old warehouse and consisted of two good-sized practice rooms, a small lobby/office space and a tiny changing room for the female dancers. In this 64-foot square space, we crammed our ballet backpacks and duffels against the walls to keep open valuable floor space.

Inevitably, all manner of miscellaneous dancer items spilled from the bags and mingled around the fringe of the room. Although many dancers waited for their classes and parents in the lobby area, the changing room was always packed with girls sitting on the floor playing cards, changing, watching videos and generally hanging out. All day, every Saturday from September through December, the school rehearsed its annual performance of "The Nutcracker," which was open to dancers from other schools and so doubled the number of parents and dancers in the limited space. The floor space in the lobby and even in the hallway was taken up by dozens of dancers eating, stretching and playing cards while waiting to rehearse their parts. The changing room during this time of year became essential in providing space for the extra dancers and their stuff. Though crowded, steamy and messy, it was a really fun place to relax. One year, however, an unforeseen problem presented itself into this semi-organized, pleasant, chaotic little room.

There are many ways to solve any given problem, and there can be many paths to obtain a right answer. I'm sure you've slaved through math questions and put your multi-stepped problem up on the board, only to have it solved in under three steps by that kid from Vancouver. Both methods do ultimately work, though one may work better than the other. That is why we sit at oval tables and tear each other's math problems apart for errors, so we can find the best solution to a question.

But what about open-ended problems? Things like English and history, where the answer is hidden under layers and layers of literary technique and primary source analysis? The solutions to those problems may never become clear, or if they do, they may have more than one angle and be ambiguous about their outcomes. You could argue for days about what would have happened had America helped the French peasants overthrow the aristocrats, but the

real consequences are still as unclear as they were back in 1805.

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The problem popped up when a pair of underwear appeared in the middle of the changing room floor. It had been worn. It had unicorns all over it. But no one would claim it, and so it stayed on the changing room floor for two whole months. Yes, two whole months. People stopped using the dressing room to lounge about. It became an area of business only; people put their bags there and changed but that was it. They waited in the lobby, which, tight as it was, became only tighter with the addition of all the additional bodies. It was impossible to walk from the window at one end of the room to the dance studios at the other without stepping on someone's fingers. It was quite a pickle.

Surely you wouldn't punch someone in the face for having a different opinion. It might serve its purpose, it might make them think or change their opinion, but it will also get you arrested. But each solution, even wild ones, have a time and a place. Punching someone in the face because they are stealing your money is an excellent solution. It's the same solution to the first problem, confronting someone with a different opinion. Even though they are the same solution, they are different problems and thus they require different thinking.

One day as the girls filed into the studio, they discovered that the underwear was gone. Immediately they began to put their bags down, pull out cards and reclaim their hang-out space. But one little girl, keener than the others, pointed to the lost-and-found box in horror. On the very top was the pair of underpants, in all its unicorn and rainbow glory. From that day on, nothing in the lost-and-found box was reclaimable. It overflowed, sweatshirts and water bottles spilling over its sides, but no one would go near it for the presence of the unicorn underroos. If your stuff went in the lost-and-found, it was as good as gone. And the box lost its usefulness as a last-minute source of hair pins, leos and toe tape. As it turned out, the secretary had been the one to sacrifice the lost-and-found box to the undies because, as she said to a crowd of angry bunheads, no one was using the changing room.

A solution may not be glaringly terrible. It may not cause the deaths of a dozen people, it may not cost you your job, but it can make your life more difficult. If you are facing a problem and you are worried about making a mistake, you shouldn't fear if you think a little. Solutions should be deliberated and thought about very carefully before they are made. No fix to any conundrum ought to be offered with faulty or incomplete thinking. There is a time and a place for any possible answer, but you have to think for two seconds about whether it's an appropriate one. Learning how not to solve a problem is just as important as learning how to solve problems in the first place.

I am still very upset about the underwear incident. I lost a really nice water bottle to the lost-and-found box.

## Welcoming Refugees

Eleanor Mallett '18

Columnist

For over 20 years, the world has struggled with how to welcome members of the great middle eastern migration across borders when their own countries have failed. Some people say that welcoming middle eastern migrants is dangerous because they are too commonly affiliated with terrorist groups, but others argue that taking in migrant workers strengthens the economy. While the threat of terrorism is serious and lingering, we must stop associating all middle easterners and especially Muslims as being dangerous people. The sooner we can accept that the benefits welcoming refugees far outweigh the concern of their allegiances, the better off we will be.

I would like to turn to the slightly scaled-down example of the city of Riace, Italy. In the last 18 years, they have brought in more than 6,000 refugees into their town. Domenico Lucano, the mayor of Riace said in an NPR interview that the migration of refugees actually revived what was soon becoming a ghost town. "To those who fear migrants bringing disease, taking away jobs and sense of security," he said, "they bring us their culture, their world, their colors and their knowledge." Since then, Riace has thrived in its economy, employment rates and tourism and has been strengthened in cultural diversity

and in connections between community members.

In the NPR piece, some of the refugees who have now become full Italian citizens were talking about their experiences with the brutality of their homelands and how the people of Riace had helped heal them. By sharing their stories with the locals, and the locals in turn helping the migrants begin new lives, the immigration of refugees

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arguably has taught the inhabitants a deeper understanding of world politics and empathy, as well as provided a backbone for their municipal economy.

Here in the United States, we speak of building a wall enclosing our untouchable society. We call for closer border control with Mexico to filter immigrants as we wish. This idea, to me, is extremely ironic. Ever since our primary settlement, this country is made up of other countries. "Americans" are really Irish, Puerto Rican, British, Chinese, Canadian, Welch, French, Italian and Mexican. We are built on the

spine of a collaborative and inclusive culture, one that iconically provides a welcoming harbor for migrants who left their home countries in hopes of a better life, a new start. We are a country of immigrants, that is just the reality. The notion that a literal wall must be built to exclude the immigration of people who are struggling in their home countries is backwards and selfish. If terrorism is really the pure concern, this is not the solution. Acts of terrorism, such as the tragic shooting at the Orlando night club, happen from the inside out. Gun violence exists everywhere, and in most cases it has nothing to do with our scrutiny of the borders. Terrorism doesn't infiltrate, it begins and infiltrates from there.

Associating an entire culture with violence and terrorism is not realistic, nor is it compatible with a history where the United States has welcomed the starving and sick at our borders. Frankly, it strikes me as a bit racist. These people are not gunman, they are carpet makers, farmers, quilt embroiderers and so much more. We have the opportunity to remain a country strong with cultural diversity, and we are staining this reputation with propositions like "The Wall." It is in everyone's best interest that we ditch the finger-pointing game, and defeat terrorism with a stronger plan. We can be the land of opportunity once again, if we open our minds to what is possible when we work together.

## Let's Talk About Race

Andrea So '20

Guest Contributor

As part of the Exeter community, we are all so lucky to have the opportunity to be here. We are constantly able to learn, not just from teachers and textbooks, but also from each other. That is why it is so imperative that we acknowledge that within our community, there can still be people who are more privileged than others. Last Tuesday, fellow Exonians came together to share their Exeter experiences during Assembly. The one recurring theme was how their race plays an important role in their lives. From having your ethnicity questioned to being attacked with racial slurs on the streets of Exeter to having your identity scrutinized, there are issues some of us face that others simply don't.

Race is an issue that many are uncomfortable with talking about. It often sparks controversy because we recognize the social implications of being called a racist. Many people are reluctant to talk about it as it is considered an "intense" or even taboo subject. One thing is undebatable though: There is a problem with race in this country. In America, people of color have been and continue to be subjected to oppression, so much so that it could be considered tradition. From the earliest unspeakable atrocities committed against Native Americans, to slavery, to the Chinese Exclusion Act, to modern day police brutality and anti-immigrant sentiment, can we really say

that our fight for civil rights is over?

Interestingly, people have come up with their own way to tackle this problem: simply not speaking about it. They believe that through not talking about race and proclaiming that they "don't see color," the issues pertaining to racism (which is itself a plague) will immediately go away. As a person of color, my race is important to me—it is a part of my identity, something that makes me

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uniquely me along with my sexual orientation and my interests. To strip me of my race is to deny that I am who I am. I don't want people to be blind to that part of me, but instead accept it and define their opinion of me by my merits and faults.

Not seeing someone's race also implies that we are dismissing the genuine struggles that they face because of their race. People are still persecuted every single day due to the color of their skin—for example, the stop-and-frisk policy and discrimination in housing.

The fact that some people can

choose not to talk about race stems from a place of privilege. Although it's easier to revert immediately back to more comfortable topics of school and social gossip, I encourage us to not stop talking about race. For people of color, race is often a thing that they have to battle: who they are versus other people's preconceived stereotypes of them due to that very aspect of themselves. It can transform into something you love and hate at the same time. Race isn't something you can shed at the door. It changes your perspective of the world and its perspective of you, coloring a reality that people have to live through every single day of their lives. For white people, there is a responsibility to advocate for every human's right to live without fear and the threat of persecution.

Someone once said that instead of being a melting pot, America should be a salad bowl. Everything exists together in harmony, but each piece retains its own individual texture and taste. It is our different cultures coming together that makes America worth celebrating, and to erase them all would be a shame.

Race is one of the hardest conversations to have with friends, family, strangers, but it's often the difficult conversations that are the most important and turn out to be the most rewarding.

By not being afraid to initiate conversations regarding race, through asking thoughtful questions, we can help make Exeter a more inclusive community.





# ExonianHumor



## Why the Nets Will Make the Playoffs

By BILLY O'HANDLEY  
*Drama Sporter*

Other basketball teams are good. Some will make the playoffs. But the Brooklyn Nets have tried to put together a professional basketball team out of community basketball players. They need seven teams to be worse than them in order to make the playoffs. Here's how it's going to happen:

- Knicks:** After the early season success of Derrick Rose, the New York Knicks will decide that they want as many players who have pending legal cases. That means picking up Ty Lawson, Iman Shumpert and Greg Oden. When they all simultaneously get arrested for being in Ty Lawson's car as he goes on another DUI, the Knicks don't have anyone who can play basketball. They finish lower than the Nets.
- Pistons:** The city of Detroit decides that a great way to get out of an economic slump would be to force the Pistons to leave their city, getting rid of millions of dollars in tourist revenue. The Pistons owner throws a hissy fit, and decides to not let his team win a game for their last season in Detroit.
- Magic:** Disney World declares sharia law. The Magic aren't allowed to play basketball anymore.
- Bucks:** The entire team dies of cheese poisoning. That's one of the dangers of playing in Milwaukee.
- Hornets:** No one on the team is allowed to go to the bathroom (they play in Charlotte). They all demand trades, and the Hornets trade them all for draft picks. They have no more players, so they don't win a game.
- Wizards:** It is discovered that they aren't actually Wizards after John Wall tests positive for fairy dust. They decide to change their name back to the Bullets, which is a mistake. The liberals in Washington decide to outlaw the team.
- 76ers:** They're the 76ers.

## TFW Your Mom Says You Need a New Haircut

By ELIZABETH YANG and MAJESTIC TERHUNE  
*RC McSHANE is a Witness*



## Families Flocking To Campus, Covers To Be Blown

By EMILY GREEN  
*Eternally Screaming*

A great scream of panic rang through campus on Tuesday evening, due to the fact that this year's midterm grades came out before Parents' Weekend.

"My mom is literally going to kill me. She's a doctor and I got a C in bio. Might as well write my eulogy now," one anonymous source commented.

Students are handling their fear in a multitude of ways. Church proctors have noted an increase in students coming to church at all hours of the day, kneeling and begging God to have some form of mercy on them. (Preferably in the form of an A on their next paper to appease their parents).

In another desperate attempt, students have been frantically signing up for ESSO clubs in order to give their lives more value than their estimated end-of-term GPA, which, lower than last term's, haunts their dreams.

Faculty members have admitted to being slightly confused at the panic, since midterms don't really mean anything except for being a mild kick-in-the butt to work a little harder and stay up a little later doing homework. But then again, they (probably) don't have Exeter Parents."

When we at *The Exonian* reached out to parents for commentary, one parent told us, "I'm so excited to see my baby! I can't wait to see all those straight A's."

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## Blemish Blemishes Student's Image

By ELIZABETH YANG  
*A Mark Against Her Family*

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016 at 7:29 a.m., prep Pip Kuehn woke and discovered that he had been stricken down by a case of Acne vulgaris, causing an objectively enormous closed comedo to form on the center of his otherwise smooth and relatively non-greasy forehead.

"I couldn't believe it," Kuehn told *The Exonian*. "There I was, less than 48 hours away from Family Weekend, and this giant, throbbing, pus-filled pimple decides to appear out of nowhere."

The closed comedo's timing was particularly disastrous for Kuehn because of his "special" circumstances. "The parents of my long-term girlfriend of nine days and 13 hours are

coming to Parents' Weekend," Kuehn stated. "This is the first time I'm meeting them and I was hoping to make a good impression. Now, though, once they see this whitehead, they're going to equate me with the neon-colored polo-wearing boys I've tried to distance myself from. I'm a Vineyard Vines boy, not a baggy khakis with pockets boy."

Though Kuehn's girlfriend, fellow prep Love Interest, has outwardly been nonchalant about the entire ordeal, she quietly expressed concern when questioned by *The Exonian*. "I've been telling Pip that it's no biggie and that it's barely noticeable at all, only visible when you really look for it, but that's a lie. That's always a lie."

Interest was unable to finish the rest of the interview due to the difficult circumstances of this event being the couple's second big hurdle in their relationship. (The first occurred on day two when Kuehn accused Interest of dabbing too much.)

"I'm really worried for them," one of Kuehn and Interest's friends said. "They've been together for so long that they've become the anchor of our prep class. Let's hope for their sake and ours too that this pimple goes away before Friday."

When the pimple was asked about when he was planning to heal, he said that he had every intention to stay and even planned to bring a couple friends out, too.

## Exeter Sleep Deficit (10/4 - 10/18)

By MARICHI GUPTA  
*How Do You Have Time to Do This????*

GRADE	Number of Responses	Avg. Sleep Deficit	Highest Deficit	Lowest Deficit	Total Sleep Deprivation of Survey Responders	Avg. Sleep Per Night	Night
SENIORS	26	10.2	23	-2	264.5 hours (11 days)	6.52	Tue-Wed
UPPERS	35	6.1	19.5	-14	213.5 hours (8.9 days)	6.45	Wed-Thur
LOWERS	20	4.7	18.5	-9	94 hours (3.9 days)	6.43	Thur-Fri
PREPS	5	7.5	31 (how?!)	9.5	37.5 hours (1.6 days)	8.01	Fri-Sat
<i>assumes that a teenager needs 8 hrs. of sleep // deal weekly total = 56 hrs.</i>						8.30	Sat-Sun
COOLEST NAME	MOST WORRYING NAME					6.88	Sun-Mon
"barry"	"I've been awake for over 30 hours. I am half amphetamine at this point."					6.33	Mon-Tue

## Helicopter Pads Now Available for Weekend

By N0T M@J3ST1C T3RHUN3  
*Pilot*

Unbeknownst to the majority of Exonians, renovations have been occurring atop the library, Wetherell, Phillips Hall and the playhouse outside of Hoyt. With family weekend approaching, the demand for local helicopter landing pads has increased, leading the administration to put in work orders for their construction on campus.

The renovations have been a source of annoyance and peril for faculty. "It was bad enough walking up five flights of stairs to get to my classroom," stated a German instructor on the top of Phillips Hall. "When the construction started, all the drilling drowned out my German heavy metal. How am I supposed to embrace German culture when I can't distinguish between the hammering

on the roof and the hammering in the music?" When asked about the ceiling tile that fell as a result of the renovation and ultimately gave a student a concussion, the German teacher responded, "Oh, yes. His screams also blended in with my music."

Overall, students are not pleased with this development. "First of all, I don't want people to know that my parents can afford a helicopter. The rich are a real minority here," said anonymous student Tim Smith. "Second of all, my parents have already done too much. Not only do they constantly email my adviser, but they FaceTime my friends every Tuesday night."

Tim Smith's friends were available for comment. "Yeah, Tim's parents are great. They pay us to tell them

if Tim's doing his homework, whether he works out, and whether or not he's eating his collard greens."

Families, on the other hand, are ecstatic about the change. "Now I can come up every weekend!" enthused parent Megan Campbell. Campbell is not only the president of her kids' PTA, but also the president of her nieces' and nephews' PTA, her dog-groomer's kids' PTA and Malia and Sasha Obama's PTA. "I'm sure that my respective child will be so happy to have me around more often!"

While the reactions to the construction of helicopter pads are mixed, it's the families who get the final say. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "At Phillips Exeter Academy, it's the parents who pay the tuition, not the students."



Elizabeth Yang/Is Being Scouted for Photoshop

## Removal of Annual Bonfire Sparks Heated Controversy, Tempers Flare

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE and RC McSHANE  
*It's Lit*

Due to the town's drought, 2016's E/A prep rally will not be preceded by a bonfire. This leaves many students feeling like they cannot fully celebrate the impending demolition by Andover. Nevertheless, a group of administrative members and faculty have determined the perfect replacement for the bonfire: 12 lesser fires. To also alleviate any safety issues due to lack of lighting, these smaller blazes will be held at 4:21 p.m., though they may begin sooner.

The bonfire's resemblance to cult activities has been cause for concern in the past. "I'm excited for the mini fires," stated lower Lylah Lemmons. "The giant fire mixed with the chanting really brought me back to my childhood that I do not want to re-

live."

Still, there are students who will miss the cult-like feel that the bonfire brings. "I'm not a part of crew," said sane senior Sally Simpson. "This is the only chance for me to feel like I belong somewhere. A series of fires instead of one giant fire will splinter the community. We'll all be divided, devoting ourselves to our respective fires. What if in one group they're making jokes? Sharing Snapchat usernames? I don't want to miss the action!"

Others are incredibly worried that the smaller fires will not adequately warm Cilley. "Few people know this," informed a six-year resident of Cilley, "but Cilley does not receive heating like all the other

dorms. The bonfire is supposed to sustain us for the entire year. Now we will be freezing throughout the entire winter. Just like everyone had hoped."

Experienced pyro and senior RC McShane expressed his self-centered, senior-fall, college-apps-are-due-soon mindset on the coming conflagration. "While I'm disappointed in the lack of a singular fire, I think this is an awesome opportunity for the school to open this up as an opportunity for seniors to improve their college apps. These could be senior-run activities, and could be used as fluff to fill up that last extracurricular space on the Common App," he said.

The bonfire was not available for comment.



# JV Field Hockey Remains Undefeated After NMH

By EMILY PELLICCIA  
Staff Writer

With a 2-0 win against Northfield Mount Hermon School (NMH) last Saturday, Exeter's JV field hockey team added yet another victory to its undefeated record this season. The team now has a total of eight wins and two ties, and is currently the Academy's only undefeated girls' team.

While the team came out on top in its game against NMH, many felt that it was their hardest match of the season. Describing it as "a rough game for a lot of players," upper and co-captain Vivienne Kraus said that she and her teammates "were playing sloppier than was ideal." Nevertheless, the team still managed to "go hard" and control the ball for the majority of the game, according to Kraus.

The strength of the team's defense has proven crucial to their success. With only four goals scored against them so far, the strong line of defense has been "the key to our good season," lower Camilla Pelliccia said. The girls have won game after game without giving up a single point, which is a direct result of the defense knowing "exactly what to do and where to be," upper Ellie Locke explained. In particular, she praised Kraus, a center back, who "does a great job guiding the defense's positioning on the field." For Kraus, the team's ability to win games without a single goal against them is a sign that the defense is working hard to keep the ball out and, of course, that "our lovely goalie Ellie Locke is making saves."

Upper and co-captain Victoria Glidden also pointed out that the team's

defense can be counted on to pass the ball up to the forwards, who then "work really hard in the circle by staying on the posts, goalie and stroke." Locke agreed, remarking that the forward line has done an "incredible job" scoring. "We scored 9 goals during our first game of the year, which is outrageous," she said.

Though this is certainly a testament to the raw talent of the girls, much of their success has come from their unrelenting work ethic and high energy throughout the season. "We all work really hard in practice and get really fired up before the games," lower Gracie Goodwin explained. For her, the best part about the team is "knowing when we really need to leave it all out on the field."

Both Goodwin and Glidden emphasized that part of this motivation arises from the continual support and encouragement from their coach, Sydnee Goddard. "She pushes us really hard with things like sprints and two-mile warm up runs that build up our endurance, which is one thing that really separates us from a lot of other teams," Glidden explained.

Kraus agreed, observing that Goddard challenges every player to improve, regardless of the skill level with which they came into the season. "Honestly our season has been this good because of our amazing coach," Glidden said.

This hard work has paid off all season, but especially so in the girls' game against Deerfield Academy three weeks ago. "We went into that game with a lot of energy, probably the most of any game thus far, and it really paid off," Locke said. Deerfield was an important game



Exeter's squad competes against Governor's.

Reina Matsumoto/The Exonian

for the team because, before last year, Exeter had not beat them in 25 years. "We knew that we needed to beat them and keep the streak from last year going," Goodwin added.

Given their unbroken winning streak, the girls are in a strong position for the rest of the season, as long as they continue to play with focus and energy. "We're so used to winning that we've lost a bit of excitement on the field, so

it's vital we work to bring that back," Locke said.

Going forward, the team plans to work on their ability to switch positions seamlessly and effectively, as well as their attitude and teamwork. "We can't just be complacent with where we are, even though we're winning," Kraus pointed out. "Every girl on the team has worked to keep us in our undefeated season, and we all want it to continue."

# Field Hockey Loses Against Tough NMH Team

By TAYLOR WALSH  
Staff Writer

Exeter's varsity field hockey team traveled down to Northfield Mount Hermon School (NMH) for another difficult match last weekend. NMH had only lost three games this season, posing a tough challenge for Exeter's team. Even though the girls gave their best effort, they fell 0-3, leaving them with a record of 4-6.

From the start of the game, there were two things that proved difficult for Big Red: a couple of skilled NMH players and the referee, about whom several of the girls complained. NMH had a couple of extremely talented opponents, but these players stood out immediately with their strong play. Luckily, the Exeter girls identified the talented players quickly and paid extra attention to defending against them.

As for the referee, there was nothing that the girls could do about it, despite the fact that several Big Red players thought the referees seemed to be calling a one-sided game. Lower Catherine Griffin noted that, "There were many complaints about the refs... A lot of people were frustrated by their calls." Even though the team was at first distracted by the seeming bias, they got used to it and refocused their attention on the game.

Similar to their game against Milton, the Exeter girls found themselves playing more defense than offense. While the team's goalies played very well, stopping numerous shots, the powerful NMH proved to be too much of a challenge and were able to get the ball past Exeter's stout defense three times. Still, the girls never gave up.

The majority of the goals scored against Exeter were from NMH's cor-



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

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ners. These set pieces proved to be challenging for Exeter's defense, according to Griffin. "We did well at recovering to play defense, but I think we need to work on our defensive corners because that is how they scored most of their goals," she said.

NMH's strong players proved to be a problem on both offense and defense, stopping many of the team's attacks. The scoreless game did not mean that

Exeter never took any shots. In fact, the team had many quality chances, but failed to translate them into goals. According to senior Michaela Corvi, one of the difficulties for the team this year has just been being a young team. "Playing together we are just a young team and I think if we played them again the outcome would be very different." This optimism is shared by the entire team, and they understand that this year's

young team has plenty of potential in the future.

This Wednesday, the team will play Tilton, but they are hopeful to win because they were victorious 2-0 last year. Once the girls pass Tilton, they have a home game against Brooks for parents weekend. Coach Pacific said it will be a big game. "Not only is Brooks is strong team, but it is also breast cancer awareness game," she said.



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# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: KAT DUMOULIN AND RACHEL LUO

By JAMIE CASSIDY  
Staff Writer

Two-time defending New England champions Kat Dumoulin and Rachel Luo, the co-captain duo of the volleyball team, have seen a lot of successes in their time here at Exeter. When asked what it's like to take on the role of captain for such a historically dominant team, Dumoulin said, "It's honestly terrifying. Everyone expects a lot out of us, and we expect that out of the team."

Oftentimes, this expectation motivates Dumoulin to push her girls when training. Luo also pointed out that the high expectations for a defending championship team come from how hard the team has worked over the past two seasons.

Dumoulin first took on the sport in her sophomore year of high school in her hometown. Although Dumoulin was initially committed to field hockey throughout middle school and freshman year as her fall sport, she couldn't get over how much she loved volleyball, having trained in many summer camps. "At first, I was awful. The only thing I had going for me was that I wasn't afraid to run full speed at a ball and throw myself onto the ground to get it up," Dumoulin said. She explained that her old coach only took her because she was "gutsy." However, that train of thought resonated with Dumoulin throughout the season, which ultimately got her onto the starting squad.

The following year, repeating as a lower at Exeter, Dumoulin made the varsity team. Coach Shang told her early in that season that she would rarely see the court as there were three upperclassmen playing over her, but Dumoulin knew she would find a way to play. Finding strength in her serve, Dumoulin became an important piece



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to a New England Championship team, playing in all three sets in the final game of the season. "To me, it revealed that hard work and fearlessness can conquer anything," Dumoulin said.

When Luo was introduced to the game in sixth grade, she immediately fell in love with the sport. For her, she has found her passion in the resilience of the game. "You can be down 24-10 and still come back to win the game," Luo said. Reflecting on her time as an athlete, she said, "It's crazy how far I've come; in

sixth grade I couldn't for the life of me serve a ball overhand. In comparison, now the goal has become to serve to specific spots on the court."

It's a certainty that Dumoulin and Luo can easily agree on one thing: Coach Shang has been a major factor in their impressive developments during their time here. "Shang's one of the most incredible coaches; I mean, the guy has two coaches of the year for a reason," Luo said. Luo expressed her gratitude for getting to play with him over the years,

saying that no one is more committed to a team than Shang, who has also served as a father figure over the last three years. "I can't even begin to say how much that means to me," Luo said. Dumoulin also asserted that Coach Shang is the best coach she's ever had. She explained that Shang is very unbiased and plays athletes solely based on efforts and performance in practice. A notable point for Dumoulin is that Shang doesn't put up with the team's drama, which has helped the two captains along with the team stay focused and primed in practice. "It's really refreshing because he's one of the main reasons for the past two years, the volleyball team was so close," Dumoulin said.

Upper Margaret Kraus said that Luo puts 100 percent into everything she does and is always there to listen or give advice. She added that Dumoulin is one of the most spirited girls during practice, who the team can count on to pick people up and push teammates to stay motivated. "Everyone would agree that we have a very positive team dynamic this year, and a lot of that is due to the atmosphere that Rachel and Kat established at the beginning of the season," Kraus said. Lower Jenny Yang agreed. "Both Kat and Rachel are very strong players, but my favorite thing about them is that they will always be there to support you," she said.

Upper Charlotte Polk admired their "fierce" devotion to the team and the sport. "They are incredible leaders and do a great job of bringing energy and enthusiasm to practice every day," she said.

As the season's end rapidly approaches, Luo said that she wants to "give back to the team."

"Exeter volleyball has given me so many amazing memories, and it's made my time at Exeter so much more worthwhile, and I just hope I can do the same for the girls on the team," she said.

## BXC Defeats NMH Boys Best Reigning Champs

By ASHLEY LIN  
Contributing Writer

After waking up to take the three-hour-long PSAT at the crack of dawn on Saturday morning, Big Red's boys' cross country team drove another two and a half hours to Northfield Mount Hermon for a rematch with last year's New England Champions. Stiff off the bus with a mere 20 minutes before the race, the boys laced up their spikes unaffected by the unadvantageous circumstances. As the gun went off, adrenaline filled their bodies and all that was on their minds was beating NMH.

Big Red took home the win by a large margin in both the varsity and junior varsity races with cumulative scores of 21-35 and 15-50 respectively, a big success for the team as a whole.

Senior Atticus Stonestrom managed to edge out NMH's top runner by a whopping 10 seconds, looking strong in the final grassy straightaway. He has been undefeated this season, inspiring all his teammates.

"Atticus, as always, did a great job leading the race," upper Alex Renaud said.

NMH is notorious for its dreaded cross country course which consists of steep, rolling hills that seem to never end. As they have much practice on their course, and since Big Red trains

on mostly flat surfaces, the runners from NMH were expected to dominate at the meet. However, fortunately for Exeter, Big Red still took home the win on NMH's home turf, as well as during their own Parent's Weekend.

"NMH lost some major talent with the graduating class of 2016," senior and co-captain Issay Matsumoto said.

Something that the boys noticed at NMH was that the team had outstanding sportsmanship, and genuinely congratulated the runners of the opposing team individually. Even during the race, NMH's coach shouted the mile splits for many Exeter runners. After the race, many of the boys exchanged uplifting remarks and handshakes that left Big Red in awe, that even a team who lost on their home turf could have such nice sportsmanship.

"This is one of the things I love about the sport," Renaud said. "No matter where you come in the race, you are respected for having gone through it."

After this race, all the meets will be at home. Coming for Exeter's Parent's Weekend this week will be Deerfield, and then E/a will take place a couple of Saturdays later.

"We have two more meets until Interschols," Matsumoto said. "So we will use those meets to get some fast times, gain some confidence and sharpen up."



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Seniors Garrett Pitt and Atticus Stonestrom streak down the course.





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## GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY DEFEATS NMH *Varsity Team Dominates, Placing Five Runners in Top Six*

By ELEANOR MALLET  
*Contributing Writer*

A cool breeze blew over the hillsides that flourished with autumn color as the Exeter girls' cross country team weaved through trails and climbed their way up the final hills of NMH's course. This was another banner week for GXC as they took home yet another win. Even though success seems constant at this point in their season, the team was sure to prepare thoroughly for the difficulties presented by NMH's course that they had not yet faced this season.

Senior Juni Terry called NMH's course "the most difficult in the league." If you've ever visited NMH, you will remember that it is a school atop a mountain, which is a recipe for a high difficulty race. Terry elaborated, "Exeter did really well at not being intimidated by NMH's course. We really pushed it on the hills. What makes their course so difficult is the countless hills from beginning to end." This rough terrain would be a challenge for any cross country runner, but it was especially so for Exeter due to the stark contrast to our very flat course.

Exeter spent a while training for these hills in practices and by going for a 10-mile team bonding hike last Saturday when there was no meet. This provided an opportunity for the team to get to know each other more closely, but also to be prepared for the mountainous challenge awaiting them at NMH.

Senior and co-captain Sarah Brown agreed that, "the course was full of hills and tough footing but everyone ran swiftly and had a great race." Brown also thought that what the course lacked in simplicity, it made up for in natural beauty. She said, "The course was very beautiful with amazing leaves and lots of woods."



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Girls' cross country runners compete at home.

Lower Grace Gray echoed Brown's words, "The course was really beautiful and wide, and it was almost entirely rolling hills, which is different than our flat course at home, so it was challenging and really fun." Gray noticed that the opposing team did a particularly good job at mastering these hills and at maintaining a friendly, but competitive attitude. She added, "I think that Exeter also did a good job of being friendly and respect-

ful to NMH and then going out there on the course and working together to give it our best effort."

Thankfully, the week of intense training and preparation paid off. Exeter triumphed over NMH and beat them on their own turf. Brown noted, "The course ended with three hills. I saw many fast finishes on Exeter's part which were even more impressive after such a hard last half mile." The final score for varsity was

16-47 (in this sport, the lower the score the better), and 16-46 for JV.

Next week JV will face Brooks, and the following week both sections of the team will go against Deerfield Academy. The team hopes to see more fans on their sidelines, especially leading up to the big interscholastic race at E/a that will be held here at home. Good luck to girls' cross country as they continue on their winning streak this season.

### Weekend Scoreboard

Field Hockey	0	Girls' Soccer	2	Girls' Cross Country	16
NMH	3	NMH	0	NMH	47
Boys' Soccer	1	Girls' Volleyball	1	Boys' Cross Country	21
NMH	3	NMH	3	NMH	35

## Football Falls Short Against Suffield Team *Big Red Struggles in Second Half*

By JOHN BECKERLE  
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Coming off a 24-7 loss to Loomis last week, Big Red's varsity football team traveled to Connecticut to play its fourth game of the season against Suffield Academy last Friday.

The score was 0-0 for most of the first half until Suffield scored a touchdown just before the buzzer rang. Exeter was only down 7-0 heading into the second half of the game, but a few big plays by Suffield put them up 27-7 and Exeter could not answer back. Exeter added yet another loss to its record.

"The team lost because we gave up a couple of big plays in the third quarter. Besides that, we played a great game against Suffield," senior and co-captain David O'Donnell said, adding, "The team took another step in the right direction over the weekend. Everyone put in 100 percent effort."

Overall, the team has been outscored in every game by 17 points or more. The team has struggled, especially in second halves.

O'Donnell noted that the team needs to "improve our pass coverage against Deerfield. We will do that by drilling against their offensive plays all week in practice." Senior and co-captain Jack Farrell said that this week, "We're going to play solid defense and get some points on the board."

Both Farrell and O'Donnell know that the team is ready for Saturday's game against Deerfield. This weekend is the Academy's Family Weekend and Deerfield is also one of the team's biggest rivals. Farrell acknowledged the magnitude of the game. "This week will be a big game and a fun one to watch. I know the whole team is excited for Saturday," he said.



Rachel Luo/The Exonian

Senior and co-captain Harrison Money lines up at the line of scrimmage.

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#### Field Hockey



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Big Red's varsity squad suffered a tough loss at the hands of NMH. Read more on B4.

#### Athlete of the Week



Bridgette Han/The Exonian

Seniors Rachel Luo and Kat Dumoulin captain the girls' volleyball team this year. Read more on B5.

#### Girls' Cross Country



Steven Kim/The Exonian

Exeter's team defeated NMH on Saturday. Read more above.

#### SATURDAY GAMES:

Boys' XC	Home	4:15 pm
Girls' XC	Home	4:45 pm
Field Hockey	Home	3:00 pm
B. Soccer	Home	4:30 pm
G. Soccer	Away	2:30 pm
G. Volleyball	Home	3:45 pm
B. Water Polo	Home	2:30 pm