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PEA Reacts to Assault Policies

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The Exeter community continues to grapple with the aftermath of the two *Boston Globe* articles published over the summer revealing that the Academy mishandled a recent graduate's allegation of sexual misconduct. As the school works to move forward by addressing issues of sexual assault on campus, faculty, students and alumni alike have voiced varying opinions on the adequacy and efficacy of their efforts.

Given the short time frame for implementing changes before the start of the school year, the administration focused first on ensuring that the rules in the E-Book were more clearly aligned with New Hampshire state law. In response to a petition from students asking for greater clarity in the E-Book, Dean of Students Melissa Mischke and interim co-Director of Student Well-Being Tina Sciocchetti reorganized its structure to clarify policies regarding sexual misconduct and Principal's Discretion. For specific discipline cases, they amended the visitations policy, added sexual misconduct to the list of major school rule violations and outlined mandatory reporting procedures in the updated E-Book.

In addition, two new interim directors, Sciocchetti and Jane Stapleton, were hired to help with the prevention and handling of sexual misconduct. The faculty has received boundary training, while proctor and student listener training has been geared towards teaching student leaders ways to combat sexual assault. In the past week, social sexuality educator Cindy Pierce furthered these conversations about the sexual climate during her assembly.

Principal Lisa MacFarlane emphasized that a change in culture, not in policy, is what will truly make a difference. "We can have rules for every MISCONDUCT. A2

Pierce Discusses Sexual Culture

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Sexual educator Cindy Pierce spoke with Exonians about how to cultivate open conversations about sex during assembly on Tuesday and in other talks throughout the day and evening. She brought humor and frankness to the difficult subject, while aiming to educate the community about possible negative side effects of a hookup culture.

Pierce is the author of "Sexploitation: Helping Kids Develop Healthy Sexuality in a Porn-Driven World." Her second book, "Sex, College and Social Media: A Common Sense Guide to Navigating the Hookup Culture", is coming out this week. She has also worked as a teacher, ski coach and comedian.

Religion Instructor and Assembly speaker coordinator Kathy Brownback also applauded Pierce's ability to keep things light while acknowledging the importance of the topic. "Her sense of humor is so welcome, but underneath it she is deadly serious about an all-important subject," Brownback said. "I think she offers us a way to start to change the sexual culture on campus."

For the past 12 years, Pierce has done extensive research on college campuses, striving to understand the sexual culture of today's generation. She has interacted extensively with fraternities and sororities at Dartmouth College, which is near her home in Hanover, New Hampshire. She has also spoken frequently on college campuses about sexuality and sexual culture.

Dean of Residential Life AJ Cosgrove said that over the summer a group of Exeter deans and health educators attended a conference at St. Paul's School and saw Pierce speak as one of the featured researchers. They all came away feeling that Pierce's message and manner would resonate well with Exeter students. "Collectively, we felt that her ability to deliver a message about the hookup culture, teenage sex and sexual assault would be effective with our students," he said.

Brownback, who was integral to bringing Pierce to Exeter, explained that Pierce was among five other authors under consideration to PIERCE. A2



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Lower Selin Ferhangil bonds with her dorm, Amen Hall, through field day activities on Academy Life Day.

PEA Community Celebrates Academy Life Day

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As the clock struck nine on Monday morning, the unmistakable smell of pancakes wafted up the stairwell of Dunbar Hall. Yawning students gathered in common rooms all over campus to begin their day free of classes, club meetings and homework assignments. This Monday marked Exeter's annual Academy Life Day, a day off that gives Exonians the chance to relieve their stress and grow closer to their immediate communities.

Each dorm took part in varying activities over the weekend: Dunbar held a henna and T-shirt decorating session and cooked breakfast together, Wentworth played in a dodgeball tour-

namment and had a cookout, McConnell and Bancroft went apple picking, Soule Hall played soccer, some advising groups went camping and much more. Several residents such as Langdell, Webster, Will House and Cilley traveled to different beaches across the area to enjoy a day of sandcastles and football in the sun.

McConnell students spent the day apple picking at Cider Hilla Farm in Brentwood, New Hampshire. Throughout the afternoon, they scaled trees and posed for pictures on pumpkins while munching on apple cider donuts. Proctor and senior Emily LaRovere described the sentiments she felt returning to the same place as her Academy Life Day prep year.

"It was fun to be with the other four year seniors and reminisce about our

time there prep year," LaRovere said. She was excited to return to the same place this year with the new and younger girls in her dorm to make new memories. As they finished apple picking, McConnell students went back to the dorm for a flatbread pizza picnic. The girls were very pleased with having the day off to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather.

After two intense weeks of Saturday classes, wearying quizzes and late nights, many students felt the most rewarding thing about Academy Life Day was simply the chance to relax, even if only for an extra day. "I was really happy to get a break from classes and let the wind blow through my hair," upper Daisy Tichenor said. David Kim, a prep in Wentworth, agreed with Tichenor about the importance of Academy Life A.L.D. A2

Senior Alumni Dinner Begins Grad Process

By JACQUELINE CHO and ARIELLE LUI
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More than 400 alumni and seniors attended the annual Senior-Alumni Dinner in Love Gym on Friday. The dinner, which began at 6:30 p.m. and lasted over two and a half hours, marks the beginning of the Class of 2017's transition to graduation.

The evening included the presentation of the President's Award to Pablo Barrutia '92 David Rice '51 and Ed Mills '51. The award is given by the president of the General Alumni Association to members of the Alumni Council who have made contributions to the Academy within the past two years. Mills is a class officer, a PEA-defined volunteer role, whose class has had 100 percent participation in donations to the Exeter fund for the past decade.

The dinner also provided seniors with the chance to connect with older alums, many who shared similar experiences and passions with the seniors and were able to provide them with valuable advice.

Senior Class President Joel Lotzkar enjoyed talking to the four alumni at his table, which included Mills. The discussion topics varied from current issues on campus to the alumni's careers and lives. "It was a special feeling knowing that so many alumni were able to reconnect with their high school roots and attend the dinner to spend time with the seniors that night," he said.

After connecting with different alumni, several seniors noticed a common feeling and understanding between them, despite the age



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Seniors Joanna Papadakis and Bella Weissman converse with an alumnus.

gaps.

Senior Jesus Rivera spoke with an alum who described this feeling as being a part of "The Exeter Tribe." The dinner made Rivera excited about having the Exeter community to connect with and fall back on for the rest of his life.

"It seems to me that you experience Exeter with the people in your dorm, and people that you go to class with," Rivera said. "But then beyond that you also experience Exeter with the people that you'll meet in the future that might not have been at Exeter with you, but also went through the same process."

Several seniors used the night as an opportunity for networking. After graduation, seniors became part of an alumni network, allowing them to connect with each other at any time. Connections and Exeter, he felt, were synonymous to some extent due to the sheer number of people that had passed through the same doors.

Senior Matt McShea said that he enjoyed the event, not only because of the good food but

also because he was able to come back and meet the students at Exeter thirty, forty years later.

"I think it's awesome to set up these relationships," McShea said, "and not just in a networking perspective."

Senior Kesi Wilson initially felt intimidated by the large group of successful, established Exonians. However, she began to connect with them and saw how their Exeter experiences were parallel. She found it interesting to compare their stories with her own and hear about how the campus has changed.

"I think that pretty much everyone thinks that Exeter is like their home," Wilson said. "But once you leave they don't just throw you out back into the world. There's still a community that you're part of."

Megan Smith '16 did not attend her Senior-Alumni Dinner last year because she was abroad in France. However, through her job at D-Squared Java, she has noticed several Exeter alumni who live in the area that come SENIOR DINNER. A2

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Academy Hosts Cindy Pierce

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address today's sexual culture and how to improve it. She stood out to the faculty as an open and knowledgeable woman who would be ready to tackle the job. "When she and I talked, I instantly felt she'd be great here," Brownback said. Pierce came to Exeter to educate faculty during faculty week before the start of school on Aug. 31. Pierce's student assembly on Tuesday ran for the full 50 minute block, as opposed to the typical 35 minutes allotted for assembly. With a mix of humour and sensitivity, Pierce addressed the new challenges that the younger generation faces as they navigate social media, pornography and hookup culture, on top of the already murky realms of sexuality.

Lower Gordon Chi appreciated Pierce's delivery of the talk, finding it enlightening and amusing. "I thought it was eye-opening in terms of understanding teenage tendencies, whilst also being a good blend of humour and seriousness," he said. Cosgrove agreed. "Ms. Pierce has a unique ability to communicate in an engaging way with students," he said. "She is honest, relevant and her message is based on research."

Pierce covered extensive ground, discussing topics ranging from nude pictures to derogatory words such as "slut," "prude," "gay" and "fag," to the true definition of sexual liberation.

She also spoke about affirmative consent: the affirmative, voluntary and conscious agreement to engage in sexual activity every step of the way. She advocated for a culture of respect, intervention and a willingness to call people out on their misogyny or bigotry. It's a start, she said, to preventing sexual assault.

Pierce explained that a willingness to speak openly is a skill that can and should be applied to sexual interactions as well as social ones. "Social and sexual comfort is a lifelong process. You need to get yourself out there and make yourself vulnerable," she said.

Lower Aaron Willard commended Pierce's manner, which he thought made the difficult material more approachable. "The subject matter was more intense, but she talked about it in such a way that it didn't really make the situation seem as terrifying," he said. "She made it seem like something that was easy to openly talk about."

Willard supported the message of open communication that Pierce encouraged. "Right now in our society we have a problem with communication," he said. "[Pierce] was just really animated and really enthusiastic about what she was talking about, [and] while it's a serious issue, she created an atmosphere that was helpful in discussing the reality of the situation."

At an open lunch in the Latin study, Pierce answered questions about self love, positive versus negative pornography and how to engage healthily with social media. She recommended periodic social media detoxes and encouraged

Exonians to put their phones down occasionally and engage with each other face to face. She spoke again about sexual liberation and the importance, especially for girls, of familiarizing oneself with one's body.

Brownback commended the way in which Pierce drew her audiences in at Assembly and at lunch. "She has a wonderful ability to connect on a topic—sex—that most people aren't sure how to talk about, or avoid completely," she said. "She just puts it out there."

At her evening talk, which student listeners, proctors and team captains were required to attend, Pierce delved even more deeply into the specifics of sexuality and sexual culture. Again, she encouraged outspokenness and attention to listening to others. "You want to celebrate people speaking their minds in all situations," she said.

She spoke about what Exonians can do to strengthen the culture on campus, explaining what problematic bystander behavior looked like and speaking about the intentional vagueness of the term "hooking up." She also addressed the connection between seemingly small micro aggressions or moments of misogyny with sexual assault. "Addressing sexual harassment reduces sexual assault," she said.

According to Cosgrove, Pierce openly advocated for a number of important changes. "Ms. Pierce's frank assessment of an entitled culture that contributes to peer pressure and in worst case scenarios sexual assault was important for everyone to hear and to discuss," he said.

To conclude Pierce's busy Tuesday, which also included meeting with several classes and speaking with smaller student groups, Pierce attended Evening Prayer at Phillips Church and spoke to girls in Dunbar Hall from between 10 and 11 p.m., answering specific questions about how to navigate Exeter's sexual culture.

Kraus expressed gratitude for Pierce's words and the warm atmosphere she established to ask questions in.

"What's unique about her is her ability to articulate this wisdom in a light-hearted, matter of fact way that we can understand and relate to," Kraus said. "I think the topics she covered were things every girl needs to hear early on."

Brownback expressed hope that Pierce's extensive interaction with students throughout the day will have opened some eyes to productive ways in which progress can be made on campus.

Cosgrove echoed this sentiment. "I personally hope that Ms. Pierce's message begins to shift the culture that values or creates a perceived value on the hookup culture," he said. "Her message about students wanting to be in healthy relationships with one another, communicate with one another more honestly and to understand one another is critical to building a culture where people are treated with respect."



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Cindy Pierce spoke during a full format assembly and to student leaders.

Academy Life Day Grants Respite, Strengthens Community Relations

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Day, as it "gives students a nice day off, but also builds a sense of community within the dorm."

Prep and day student Eva Carchidi went to Boston and walked the Freedom Trail with her advising group. She noted that especially for boarders, it's a special treat to travel off campus and explore a new area with close peers.

"I think it's important because it's nice to give people a break from school. I know it's difficult for boarders when they can't really leave campus easily, so it's nice to go out and see the area," Carchidi said.

Every year, Academy Life Day typically serves the purpose of building dorm spirit and providing real opportunities for new and returning students to spend time familiarizing with one another.

Tichenor traveled to Jenness Beach in Rye with Langdell Hall on Monday. "I found myself thankful to be in a dorm of girls with whom I can connect with so easily," she said.

Prep Johanna Martinez, who lives in Dunbar, saw the value in getting to know the older students in her dorm, who she plans to later seek for support and advice.

"It definitely gives you the opportunity to bond more with people in your dorm and become closer so that in the

future if you need help, you can seek out the people you made connections with before," she said. "I really enjoyed connecting to the new Langdell preps too."

Each and every prep likely now has a story of an older dorm-mate seeking him or her out and making conversation, an experience that can be unique and meaningful to new students still trying to find their ground on campus.

Bennett Levy, a senior in Wentworth Hall, echoed Tichenor's sentiment, describing Academy life day as "a great way to encourage dorm bonding, especially... so early in the school year."

This year marked Levy's last dodgeball match, a particularly important event for him since dodgeball is held as a well-loved tradition in Wentworth.

Fortunately, Levy's team prevailed with a win for the first time in his four years playing, which he described as a "great way to go out."

Levy also mentioned the other positives of his Academy Life Day, "We got to work together in teams and establish great relationships through such a simple event," he said.

In interviews conducted by *The Exonian*, negative feedback was sparse to none. Whether it be atop a mountain, on the sand or in the orchard, Academy Life Day once again seemed to achieve its goal of relieving stress, strengthening student relationships and uplifting the Exeter community.

President's Award Given During Senior Alumni Dinner

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by to get coffee.

"I immediately feel some sort of connection with them, simply because of the shared experience," she said. "and I didn't realize how strong that it would be until I actually lived it. It's a powerful connection. You can totally tell that it's there."

Nick Devonshire '07 and Bry Kleber '09 have attended the event every year since they graduated. The couple met through the Environmental club while they were both at Exeter, and Devonshire proposed to Kleber at the end of the dinner last year. They are both in graduate school now. "Exeter is still definitely the most important school to us," Devonshire said. "We

support Exeter more than our colleges."

Rhona Nunez, wife of Charles Nunez '57, explained that her family comes back to Exeter every year for Exeter Leadership Weekend, especially because their children and grandchildren have attended the school. "The highlight of the whole weekend is to have that time with the seniors because they're so interesting and fun," she said.

Jonathan Peele '87 has come back for several years and several different reasons. "One is to learn more about what's going on at Exeter, to be a better ambassador for Exeter. Second is to interact with the students and give them the opportunity to ask questions, and I have an opportunity to learn certain things from them," he said.

The dinner also served as a reminder for seniors that their time at Exeter is soon coming to an end. The senior class representatives, secretary Alejandro Arango, vice president Charis Edwards and Lotzkar, are looking forward to their last three terms at Exeter. They have several plans for senior events throughout the year. "We've got a great team of class officers and honestly I think this is going to be a great year," Arango said. "We had an open mic night recently that was very popular—there's room for an encore."

Lotzkar mentioned that they are currently organizing Exeter/Andover gear, class gear and two social gatherings for the seniors per term. "We want this final year to be memorable for the Class of 2017, and will do our best to plan fun and successful events."

The trio are still in the process of deciding what they plan to do for the Senior Class Gift. They haven't decided whether to use the funds to bring something concrete and visible to campus or rather to establish a fund. "Both have their pros, and we want to weigh all our options before we settle on anything," Arango added.

Overall, many students were grateful for the opportunity to meet alums and receive advice for moving forward on the next few stages of their lives.

Senior Soren Rossi described the alumni as supportive and sympathetic, offering the seniors advice on the future. "They're really helpful in terms of what to think about after college, what we should be doing to stay in touch with Exeter and how that can help us in our futures," he said.

Community Discusses Admin's Response to Misconduct

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contingency but not fundamentally make our community better. We can spend all of our time legalistically diagnosing every detail of each rule but miss the larger purpose," she said.

However, many members of the community still have unanswered questions about the school's actions in past cases of sexual misconduct and for some, their disappointment and anger is still fresh, despite measures taken by the administration to move forward. In fact, the *Globe* articles have led certain members of the community to lose faith in the administration. According to history instructor Michael Golay, the articles suggest that "we've gone off the rails somehow, and that there were some fairly serious failures in our systems." While Golay recognized that the administration could not disclose the details of the sexual misconduct cases because they cannot comment on any specifics, he expressed concern that they were acting entirely independently of the faculty. "I don't think the administration can lay down the law about how we're going to live our lives here and be effective without the teaching faculty and the people in the dorms being intimately involved," he said.

For Michael Whitefield Jones '75, the reported actions of those who handled the case seemed to violate Exeter's mission of "non sibi." Jones pointed out that in spite of the school's stated mission of teaching goodness, "clearly

it was not goodness that was being practiced" during the handling of Henry's sexual assault allegation against another student. Noting that "Rev. [Robert] Thompson is not the only one at fault here," Jones explained that he was especially disturbed by the administration's reported delay with New Hampshire reporting laws when responding to Michaela Henry '16's allegation and called into question both the credibility and competence of those involved. "They are either telling a lie or they are incompetent. I think in this case it's both," he suggested. He argued that replacing school leaders would be the only way to address the "systemic and historic" problem of sexual assault on the school's campus and, in his opinion, because the school hasn't taken this step, it "remains recalcitrant."

Echoing these concerns, Tom Cronin '78 called upon the school to "take responsibility for decades of issues" and added that "certainly some or all of the deans need to be reassigned." He observed that the *Globe's* revelations over the summer have been "very difficult" for many because of Exeter's importance in their life. Nevertheless, both Jones and Cronin remained hopeful that the Academy will learn from the case and translate these lessons into positive changes in the campus culture. According to Jones, "the current faculty and students are living through what has the opportunity to be a historic turning point for the school in a very healthy way and time will tell whether that turns out to be the case or not."

Director of Studies Brooks Moriarty '87 said that Exeter will need to take time to heal and reform more fully. "I think it is safe to say that people are saddened. And it's safe to say that people want us to become a better school as we work through this."

Director of Institutional Advancement Morgan Dudley expressed a desire to reach out to any alumni who have lost faith in the administration. Though she recognized that some have "understandably been disappointed," she felt that "the vast majority of our alumni have been steadfast in their support, and trust that the school is handling these complex issues with compassion and integrity." She added that she hopes all alumni, regardless of their thoughts, stay connected to the school in order to help better it.

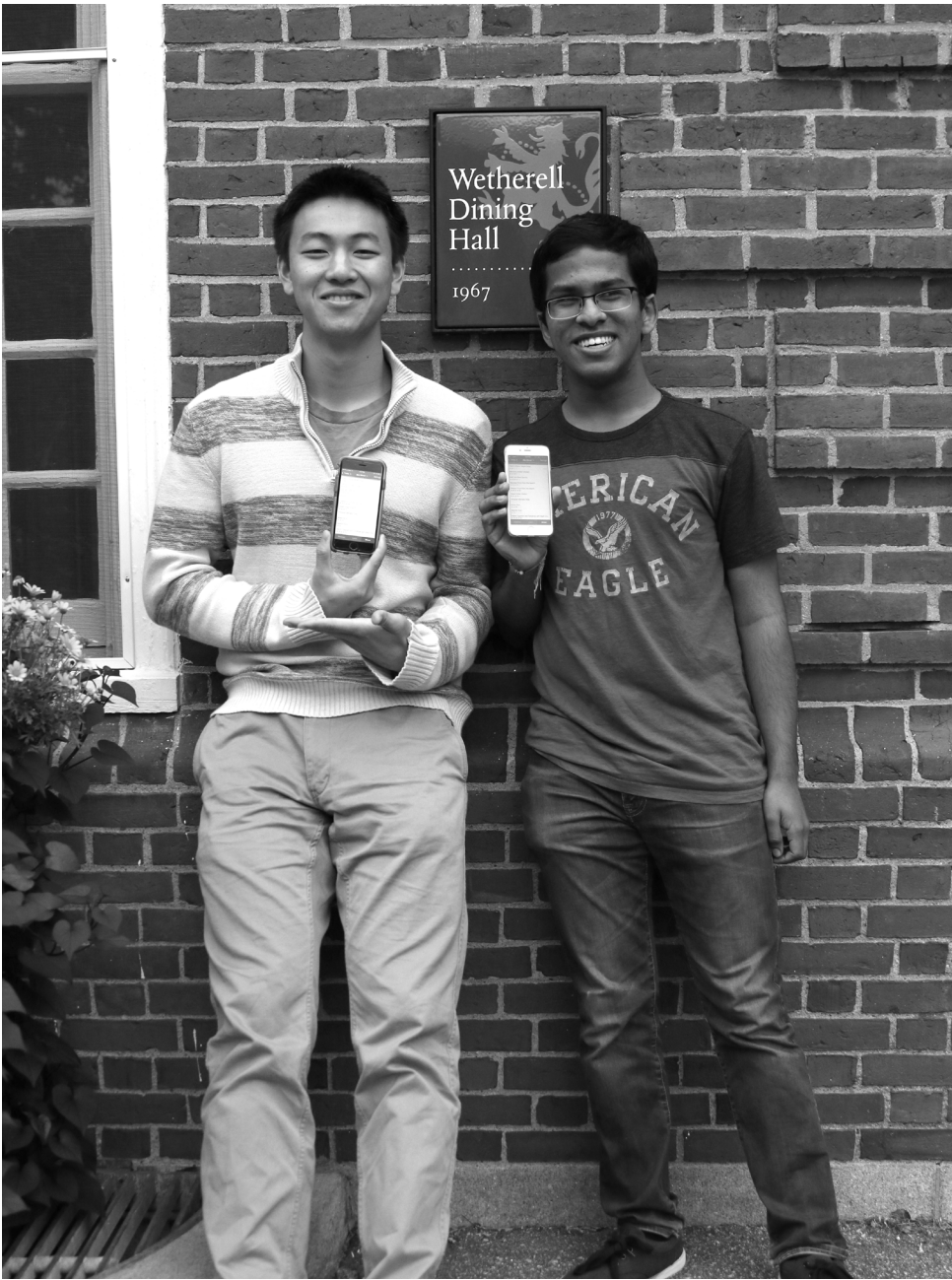
Similarly, MacFarlane empathized with the alumni who were angered by the *Globe* articles. "Their distress is an index of how much they love the school, and that's incredibly moving to me," she said.

Students, too, have shared in this distress and as a result, taken measures on their own to improve Exeter's campus culture. Senior Claire Dauge-Roth, who founded Exonians Against Sexual Assault (EASA) following the release of the *Globe* articles over the summer, noted that preventing sexual assault is no easy task. While she acknowledged that she does not have the authority to determine whether their efforts have been "adequate," Dauge-Roth felt that the

administration has certainly worked to improve the school in response to the articles.

For upper Auden Barbour, however, the reaction to the *Globe* articles seemed "exaggerated." Though she believes that "many mistakes were made," she expressed confidence that the decisions of the faculty members and administrators involved in Henry's case "really did have the intentions of helping the students involved." Adding that she does not wish to undermine the seriousness of sexual assault, Barbour expressed frustration that "many students lashed out excessively at specific people, overreacting and unfairly pointing fingers when many of the details were still blurry."

Given the wide range of reactions to the *Globe* articles and to subsequent changes on the part of the administration, rebuilding broken trust in the community will be an ongoing process. MacFarlane encouraged members of the community to embrace the turmoil as an opportunity for change. She said, "the last 50 years of Exeter's history have come to this extraordinary opportunity to transform our school into what we all aspire for it to be, what we all know it's real promise is, how it can fulfill, in the way that we all want it to, the values of the Deed of Gift and the spirit of Harkness. These are challenging times for everyone and I'm both humbled by that and encouraged that Exeter has the courage and the humility and the qualities of heart to move forward."



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Seniors Aivant Goyal and Eric Tang, the designers, launch the dining hall application.

Imre Leader Engages Students in Simple Combinatorics Problem

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The mathematics department invited Imre Leader, a British mathematician and Professor of Pure Mathematics at the University of Cambridge, to speak at Assembly on Friday, Sept. 23. He delivered a lesson on combinatorics, and later, he hosted hour-long sessions in the Academy Building. Leader attended St. Paul's School and Trinity College of the University of Cambridge. In 1981, he won a silver medal at the International Mathematical Olympiad representing the United Kingdom's team.

In the introduction of his Assembly, Leader posed one question to the audience: How should one vote? Though his mathematical solution relied on voting with the majority, he successfully engaged the audience in a mathematics lesson with an interesting problem. "I study mainly combinatorics," Leader said. "It's study of patterns if you like. It doesn't have a lot of structure to it, just beautiful, beautiful patterns."

Yannick Yao, senior and co-head of Math Club, greatly appreciated Leader's take on combinatorics because the mathematics department does not often invite speakers for assembly. "He presented a problem in a humorous and accessible way that didn't lose its rigor. I believe that this was a brand new experience for most Exonians, since math-related Assembly speakers are quite rare," Yao said.

Lower Fiona Ku also enjoyed the assembly for Leader's engaging style and seemingly hidden rigor. "Leader presented a seemingly simple problem that revealed an intriguing reality when taken apart," she said.

Ku also, appreciated how Leader kept the audience on its toes by asking for audience participation throughout his presentation. "When he asked the audience to vote on the range of numbers in his final answer, it got me really thinking," Ku explained. The voting was based off of guessing and assumptions, but students were still engaged when trying to pick the right answer.

Ku felt that Leader's presentation helped her to think about mathematics from a new point of view. "Usually, we as students just type big numbers into the calculator and wait for it to spit out an answer. But this time, Leader made us think about the actual value," she said.

Senior Eliza Khokhar found the delivery of Leader's assembly to be refreshing. "[It wasn't] too difficult to comprehend, yet it was engaging, especially since it was centered around voting."

Lower Alex Mangiapane enjoyed the inclusivity of Leader's presenting style. By working live on pen and paper that was projected onto a screen, Leader created understandable models and demonstrated the thought process behind each scenario. "The assembly was really cool on Friday. It was a new assembly directed towards math students, I also liked how he asked what other students thought the

answer was at the end," Mangiapane said.

Leader said that he has "always liked maths" and never had a specific moment when he became passionate about mathematics. "From what can I remember I liked maths as a child. I always felt a connection to it."

When describing what he does as a professor now, Leader explained that he mostly teaches theory, logic, combinatorics, groups, rings and "just bits of pure math." "You typically have lots of problems you're thinking about. You can't solve them and you're depressed. Occasionally you have a good idea and you're happy," he said.

Leader also held two one-hour sessions following his assembly on Friday night and Saturday morning. Yao described the general topics of the sessions. "His session on Friday was about chasing and evasion in different scenarios. His Saturday morning was a problem-solving session between quantities 'arbitrarily large' and 'infinite.'" Upper and Math Club co-head Kristy Chang added that the Saturday event, being designed towards groups three and four of Math Club, focused on more advanced topics and problems about chains and anti-chains.

A set of Leader's problems focused on how a predator could evade capture or create a strategy to entrap its prey. Leader's first set of problems described two scorpions trying to catch a beetle. With each problem, Leader changed the "playing field." The bugs started chasing each other on two-dimensional circles, eventually moving onto a three-dimensional tetrahedron.

Leader made the students think of new solutions while applying the same basic strategy. Eventually, he changed the setting to a court in Trinity College of the University of Cambridge. "How many people does it take to stop one person from leaving the circular field without anyone catching that person?" he asked. His problems ranging in difficulty, Leader hosted a fun and challenging activity for students of all levels.

Leader also visited Yao's real analysis class. After listening to the class discussion, Leader quickly came up with a related problem which was very non-standard and took a long time for the group to solve. "I was impressed by his wide breadth of knowledge and understanding of different math topics, and above all, I enjoyed his style of presentation," Yao said.

Ku felt that Leader encouraged passionate and curious students to challenge each conclusion in his presentation. "I loved that the problem appeared to be so straightforward at first, but became more complex the more I thought about it," Ku said. "Mr. Leader's message—that, often in mathematics problems that seem obvious are in reality not—came through loud and clear."

Long-Awaited D-hall App Released to Improve Meals

By SHAAN BHANDARKAR, ALICE LITTLE and ALAN XIE
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The Exeter Dining Hall smartphone app, which allows students to review the dining hall menu, has been available for download from the Apple App Store for about two weeks. Developed by seniors Aivant Goyal and Eric Tang, with the help of dining service staff and the IT department, the app is a convenient alternative to the current menu provided by the online schedule webpage, ols.exeter.edu. The dining hall app includes many helpful features; it even displays dining hall notifications about birthdays or other special events.

Unlike its counterpart, the online schedule webpage, the new dining hall app is meant to be interactive—students can rate a meal out of five stars and write reviews. So far, almost 400 different users have entered over 1000 ratings on various dishes. Luckily, the app creators incorporated a "geofence" into the code, meaning that only people within the Exeter vicinity can post reviews. This keeps non-Exonians (especially those from Andover) from spamming the app or writing useless reviews.

Goyal said that, while creating the app, he envisioned students using it in two ways: firstly, to check the menu for the day in order to decide which dining hall to attend and secondly, to rate dishes so that peers can know what dishes to try or not try. He mentioned that creating a user-friendly interface was a main focus for Eric and him throughout the designing process, and that students reacted positively to the app's design. "During beta testing, we got a lot of positive reviews about its easy-to-use interface and its usefulness," Goyal said.

Students also said that they really enjoyed the review feature of the app. Senior Julia Friberg said that, in reviewing dishes, she hopes to help the dining hall staff improve some dishes. "As someone who's really into cooking, I really want subtle feedback on what I'm eating, so I really enjoyed being able to say that something was a little too salty, or something was a little too sweet," Friberg said.

Tang said that he was impressed by the number of students already using the app to review dishes and the quality of the reviews submitted. "We've been pleasantly surprised by how detailed and thoughtful some of the comments on dishes are, and by the wide variety of constructive criticism users have sent in," Tang said.

Some students were hopeful that the app would strengthen communication between themselves and dining hall staff. "I think it's a really useful tool to actually communicate with D-hall to tell them what we think of the food and ways that they can improve," upper Emily Green said. "I think that it will make our meals a lot better and bridge the divide between D-hall and the student body."

Although many students reviewed the app positively, some expressed frustration at the discrepancy between what they read on the app menu and what the actual menu

is when they arrive at the dining hall. "It's pretty accurate," lower Inumidun Oyeboode said. "One thing is, it has the menu that also shows up on the ols [online schedule] app, except that's not always what they serve at D-hall." Others also mentioned that they were unhappy that they could not download the app onto their phone, since only certain types of phones are compatible with the app's software. "I would like to download the app on my phone, but I can't access the app on my Samsung," upper Anna Clark said.

Overall, students are very impressed with the app's design and are even more impressed with their fellow students for taking the time and effort to program the app. "I'm very proud of my classmates, Aivant and Eric, for putting the app together," Friberg said. "They're incredible."

Goyal and Tang did indeed put countless hours into the app's creation, which began in the summer of 2015. At the beginning of that summer, they took an online course in app development together. "By the end of July, we started brainstorming some possible projects for us to take our new skill for a test," Goyal said. "After a bit of deliberation, we decided it would be fun to take on the forever-rumored app for the dining halls."

By the time they returned to campus for their upper year, Tang and Goyal had created the initial version of their app, but many obstacles still stood in their way. "We got blind-sided by what could have been an app-killing surprise: Parse, the company that ran our backend server service, shut down!" Tang said. "This meant that we had to migrate our entire online database to a different server service and change all of our code to conform to this new server service."

Even though they had a few of these logistical challenges, Goyal and Tang had their first edition of the app available on the app store by the end of spring term in the 2015-16 school year.

The app's creators are excited about the future of the app. Tang seemed especially enthusiastic, outlining some "slick features" that he wants to incorporate someday. "We're hoping to add one last major feature: Favorites! Users can 'favorite' dishes that they really like—say, Oreo Brownies—and they'll be notified whenever one of the dining halls is serving that dish, so they can head right over to that dining hall," Tang said.

However, both he and Goyal were interested in getting more feedback from the community on the usefulness of the app. "They can't wait to incorporate new coders' ideas into the software. "We're also looking for some curious young coders to pass the app on to when we graduate, the next generation! They will no doubt have their own brilliant ideas and improvements," Tang said. "We look forward to seeing what they come up with."

Campus Safety Releases the 'CrisisManager' Application

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Campus Safety released CrisisManager last Thursday, a smartphone application that provides information about the Academy's response to possible serious events. CrisisManager is available on iPhone and Androids to all students, faculty and staff. The application features icons with information that range, scenario-wise, from situations involving an active shooter to winter storm to a hazardous material spill.

Two years ago, the dean of students at Phillips Academy Andover showed Dean of Students Melissa Mischke her plan for the CrisisManager app, hosted through the company SchoolDude. The plan featured all of Andover's information and protocols. Mischke then mentioned the set-up to Exeter's Campus Safety Services.

Director of Campus Safety Paul Gravel said it was a "no-brainer" when Mischke told him about the app. "It was a great idea," he said, "especially where we are really striving to work on better performing in our lockdown drills and in our mass movement drills."

Before CrisisManager, Campus Safety published binders that had all of the Academy's emergency protocols and distributed them to the Incident Response Team (IRT), which is comprised of Principal Lisa Macfarlane, Assistant Principal Ronald Kim, Dean of Faculty Ethan Shapiro and several other department directors. Campus Safety also used to provide a 30-page flipchart of protocols for every room and office. Students didn't have access to this information.

"In this day and age it seems silly to have a flipchart or some sort of poster when you can use an app which is what most people are used to using anyways," Mischke said. "It just seemed up with the times."

Gravel explained that his team only began researching the app a year ago because Gravel had just been hired as director when he was first told about it. He wanted to review and update the protocols and response plans. His team presented the new information as well as the app proposal to IRT for approval. Once approved, its members moved on to creating Exeter's plan within the same SchoolDude application system Andover uses. "It was very labor intensive," Gravel said. "We had to cut and paste and pretty much put in all of the information in manually, so it took us a lot longer than we thought it was going to take."

There are two versions of the plan—one that is available only to IRT, which has more detailed emergency response plans, and one that is available to everyone else. The detailed plans have limited access for safety concerns. Gravel doesn't want everybody to have the information. In the event that somebody wanted to cause harm or danger to the school, they would know where everyone would be and how they would react.

In addition to this app, Campus Safety is researching the possibility of an app that students can use to share their location and send alerts if they are in danger. "I'm always look-

The Importance of Representation in Hollywood

Grace Carroll '19

Guest Contributor

On Sept. 20, 1976 a new sitcom premiered on prime-time CBS. Called "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," it focused around titular actress Mary Tyler Moore (who had previously co-starred on the Dick Van Dyke Show) as a single, 30-something woman who moves to the city looking to reinvent herself. A premise that today, as the show celebrates its 46th birthday, sounds predictable and tired. Then, however, it was something revolutionary: a prime-time sitcom fully centered around a career-driven woman and devoid entirely of "housewife" character tropes that were commonplace throughout television in the sixties. Suddenly, broadcast television was projecting an entirely new kind of perspective: that of a well-rounded, ambitious woman with interests and goals beyond domestic life. In fact, that same fall heralded the premieres of three other shows all with similar premises, none of which made it beyond the first season. (*The New York Times* noted this shift in broadcast entertainment with the headline "Out of the Kitchen, Ladies"). Over the course of its seven-year run, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" shattered both glass ceilings and industry records, claiming an overall total of 29 Emmys, and would be remembered as one of the best-written sitcoms in the history of American television.

Much of the social impact of the show can be attributed to circumstances off camera. The premiere of the show came hand-in-hand with the rise of the "Women's Liberation" movement of second-wave feminism. Pressing social issues integral to the Women's Lib movement—equal pay, birth control, children, marriage—were often confronted through plot lines in the show. Additionally, the show made huge strides for women in the industry off-screen. CBS became the first major

network to appoint a female broadcast executive during the show's second season. By 1973, a third of the writing team for "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" was female, the highest proportion ever at the time.

The social impact of the show is undeniable, as it also broke ground for sitcoms centered primarily around women and even led to more well-rounded female characters in all genres of television. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" is one of the earliest examples of the importance of media representation. The entertainment industry has been a long-standing force in American pop culture, giving television writers a unique power to dictate our social dialogue. Hollywood has a particular responsibility to increase visibility and representation of all people in the

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media. American society is not the same as it was in the 1970s—I really do believe, even in just the last 30 years, we have made admirable progress for historically oppressed minorities in the US. Yet somehow, television today often fails to reflect this progress.

Under-representation in the media is by no means consolidated to any specific minority group. At the 2016 Academy Awards, every single actor nominated in the top four categories was white, prompting the #oscarssowhite movement as many prominent black or minority actors boycotted the awards. Furthermore, out of the highest-grossing films of 2015, 5 percent of speaking roles were played by black actors. This crisis of representation was highlighted again throughout the 2016 Emmy awards. The night honored a diverse group of actors, writers and directors. Rami

Malek became the first ever Egyptian-American to win Best Actor, and the first non-white actor to win since 1998. "VEEP" a show based around Julia Louis Dreyfus as the first female president of the United States, and "Game of Thrones," which boasts a diverse ensemble cast with powerful and complex female characters, both took home major awards. While the winning casts reflected the undeniable progress in Hollywood since the 20th century, their acceptance speeches left little doubt that there is still work to be done. Jeffrey Tambor, the lead of acclaimed series "Transparent," lamented the lack of opportunity for transgender actors in Hollywood. (Tambor is a cis male who plays a transgender woman, for which he won Best Actor in a Comedy Series). Tatiana Malsya took home best actress in a drama for "Orphan Black," in which she plays over a dozen different main characters, thanked her writing team for allowing her to finally work on a show "that puts women at the center". Lastly, Alan Yang—head writer for Netflix's "Master of None"—called out the industry for its historically poor and offensive portrayal of Asian-American characters.

Social rights activists have worked tirelessly to make countless strides for minorities, women, and lgbtq peoples since "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" premiered in 1970. Yet somehow, our entertainment industry continues to reflect many of the biases and inequalities of that era. Everyone deserves to find representation in mainstream media, to connect and empathize with characters on screen, and Hollywood has a responsibility to bring people who have long been marginalized by society into the mainstream. The television industry needs to take advantage of its opportunity to bring positive change to the lives of millions of people around America regardless of their gender, race, age, or sexual identity.

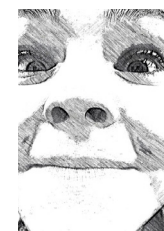
LETTER

To the Editor,

Like many members of the Exeter community, I have read with sadness the news reports of misconduct on campus, both recent and in the more distant past. I have also read with care the communications from Principal Lisa MacFarlane. My personal belief is that the administration at Exeter is making every effort to respond to the various situations in an honest, fair, and forthright manner. I respect and admire the approach that Principal MacFarlane is taking, which is aimed at confronting the past squarely, while also trying to keep this great school moving forward. I have worked in independent schools for nearly 30 years, 11 as a head of school. I know good leadership when I see it, and I believe that Exeter is in excellent hands.

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Sexuality is Natural



ERICA'S AMERICA

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Columnist

Girls in the modern era face an immense amount of pressure. We are told to police our bodies and save ourselves for marriage, yet we are shamed for being too prudish. We are told that to respect our bodies we must embrace our sexuality and refuse to feel ashamed for any sexual urges we may feel, but we are also told we should cover up and not sleep with whomever we want to. It's certainly fair to say that girls are pressured into sexual behavior and that girls may be motivated by a need for validation in their sexual endeavors. It's demeaning, however, to assume that girls have no sexual agency and would only have sex and be sexual because of outside pressure or low self-esteem. This kind of rhetoric is just as damaging to the sexual health of teenage girls as pressuring them into sex. Both tell girls that there is a specific way that they should interact with their bodies, and shame them for doing otherwise. While pressure on girls to have sex is very real and should be addressed, adults who assume that teenagers are only having sex due to a lack of self esteem and the desire to fit in are alienating the population they are seeking to protect by being condescending and judgemental.

Being sexually active isn't inherently bad. Sexuality is a natural part of animal behavior. The desire to have sex is what keeps species from going extinct. We crave sex for a reason. Despite this, sexual urges, especially in women, have been demonized. There are certainly clear risks to being particularly sexually active and engaging in sexual behavior at a young age. Sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancies can result from sex. Younger people who have less experience with the world are more likely to be in unhealthy sexual relationships, and are particularly vulnerable to being pressured into acting a certain way. It is entirely possible, however, for teenagers to be sexually active healthily as long as they engage in safe habits and clearly communicate with their partners. With comprehensive education on sexual health and communication, as well as the resources necessary to put ideas taught through such education into practice, teenagers can be happily and healthily sexually active. To demonize sexuality and to shame those who partake in sexual behavior is to shame someone for being human. It's ridiculous to try to scare and judge teenagers away from sexual behavior when alternatives to ensure health exist that aren't damaging to teenager's self esteems. Telling teenagers who are more "promiscuous" that they are stupid and only engage in such activity because they don't respect their bodies will only serve to actually damage their self esteem and to drive them away from adults and the resources that they provide, potentially putting such teenagers at greater risk.

Not all teenagers will be sexually active during their high school career, but some will. Teenagers will always want sex. It's hard-wired into most humans. Shaming those that choose to be sexually active is just as damaging as shaming those who choose not to be. Both take agency away from teenagers over their own bodies. Both attack and demean teenagers for choices they make with their bodies. Young people cannot have healthy relationships with their sexuality and their body if they are shamed for any and all choices they make. Boys are not shamed for partaking in hook-up culture in the same way that girls are. So-called feminists who insist that sexually active teenage girls hate themselves and are misguided are just as complicit in maintaining the patriarchy which polices womens' bodies as those who pressure girls into having sex, or shame girls for how their bodies look. Sexual behavior can be dangerous, and it's understandable to want to protect vulnerable teenagers from risks. Rather than demean girls, society should emphasize education and communication.

A Prep's Perspective on Sexual Assault at Exeter

Suan Lee '20

Guest Contributor

Sexual misconduct. It's been a hot topic lately here at PEA, reflected in the numerous *Exonian* editorials, passionate or perhaps cautious everyday conversation, as well as the posters about consent I've seen tacked on several bulletin boards around the campus.

This article is yet another student voice speaking up about her thoughts on the prevailing issue—this time, a prep at the very beginning of her PEA journey who has, in truth, spent far more time envisioning the Exeter community than actually being a part of it.

The email I received one sweltering July evening was, in a way, an utterly alarming wake-up call. Not to suggest this news was any less distressing for the rest of PEA, but for a very optimistic recent middle school grad, "A Message from Exeter" that included a link to the Boston Globe article about sexual assault at her soon-to-be second home was, in simple terms, frightening. I lacked the foundation of trust and understanding that returning students had already established with the faculty, students and the Academy itself.

Despite having gone through the extensive admissions process during which I was exposed to numerous positive accounts of life at Exeter, these experiences and opinions were not my own. As a native South Korean who, despite three years in the U.S., was still a foreigner to its culture, and as an only child who had no siblings to turn to for knowledgeable advice

about boarding school (or even high school, as a matter of fact), I was helpless and shamelessly gullible, and I gratefully soaked up any and all morsels of information I could find about my new home.

My response to the article was no different. My outlook on Exeter was already a fragile balance between "anticipation and terror," as Principal MacFarlane precisely articulated during her speech at Assembly, and an article that thoroughly vilified the PEA administration and support system did admittedly tip the scale the wrong way.

But I've been here for just about three weeks now, during which my faith in the Academy has only

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grown. The trust and reassurance I've obtained simply by observing the PEA community on a daily basis far outweighs any confidence I could possibly have gained from the numerous emails I received over the summer, the page on Exeter's website about the school's policies and procedures or even the new revisions in the E-Book. I am now positive that I'm in safe hands here, and while I know there is still a long road ahead, it seems to me that we are on an impressive highway when it comes to change. And it's all thanks to the activists I've decided to store my faith in: the students.

The short time I've been at PEA has been enough for me to appreciate just how much love and respect the students here have for our school. I've learned that one thing Exeter does not lack is school spirit, and I'm not just talking about the typical rah-rah pep that, in this case, compelled the entire student body to make loud hissing noises every time Andover was mentioned at the Opening of School Assembly (which, by the way, was to the utter bewilderment of this terrified prep). I'm talking about spirit as in *non sibi*—a mindset that everyone here is taught, but to a degree, already seems to share.

I saw spirit in the way one of the uppers in my advisory animatedly told us about the missions and plans of Exonians Against Sexual Assault (EASA), a new student-run advocacy group for which she is a board member this year. I saw spirit at the Harkness table of my health class where we discussed our responsibilities not only as Exonians, but as people: to give back to others and contribute to the greater community. And I see spirit every day in my peers—all determined scholars with a multitude of passions and talents, but above all, an admirable collective drive to spark positive change.

While it seems near impossible to excavate the whole truth from past events, we know regardless that there have been mistakes made at Exeter when it comes to sex. But as a new member of this community, I can say that I'm proud to be an Exonian. It feels great to stand alongside a thousand other community members with the common purpose of building a better, stronger and safer Exeter.

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America's Diagnosis: Crippling Corruption

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America, we have been the victims of a crippling illness. We have seen the symptoms unfold, slowly, painfully, and yet, seemingly inevitably. After the financial collapse of 2008, we thought that we would deal a parting shot to the terrors of corruption. We thought that "Hope" and "Change" would bring big banks to their knees and the corporate corruption and greed that destroyed the financial stability of millions of Americans to its death bed. We thought that the virus had gone dormant, that it was in safe remission. We were wrong.

Wells Fargo CEO, John Stumpf, has brought corporate corruption back to the front pages of our newspaper. He is not however, the root of our illness. Nor will he be the last case of corporate greed and abuse of power; of that we can be certain. That said, this latest scandal has reaffirmed America's mistrust in our financial system.

An ABC News report found that the incentive-based program Wells Fargo uses to "distinguish itself in the marketplace" led directly to this scandal. To reach unrealistic sales goals forced on them, company employees opened millions of accounts and credit cards in their clients names without their consultation or permission. Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), who has ironically spoken out against consumer financial protections in the past, said last Tuesday, "Wells Fargo customers were surprised to get debit cards in the mail, rack up fees on accounts that they didn't know existed, get calls from collection agencies over unpaid fees and see their credit ratings plummet."

Now Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) has joined the outcry of the American public, denouncing Stumpf and calling for his resignation. It is only natural that such a despicable example of avarice should be

fired. However, the irony of the situation is that Stumpf cannot lose. In a gross demonstration of corporate greed and power, even if he resigns, Stumpf would receive a \$195 million severance bonus. To put that in comparison, Wells Fargo would pay Stumpf more for his malicious actions than they have paid in penalties to the government. Along those same lines, another high-level executive directly in charge of this immoral program walked away with a \$100 million bonus recently.

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In no reasonable society should a man be rewarded hundreds of millions of dollars for cheating thousands of working class families out of their hard earned paychecks. In no thinking society should we have forgotten to be vaccinated against such terrifying acts of abuse of power. And yet, this terminal illness remains, as malignant and as crippling as ever.

American Capitalism relies on trust. Trust that we as consumers want reciprocated in every aspect of our interactions with capital. Institutions like Wells Fargo whose power and influence eclipse their moral obligation to the consumer continue to plague our nation. They ought to be reined in, to brought to task and to account for their actions. Instead, Wells Fargo was fined a mere \$185 million. A May 2016 *Forbes* report found that Wells Fargo was worth \$1.849 billion in assets and makes an annual revenue of \$91 billion. In other words, the amount this company, one that has committed a previously unthinkable breach of trust and

conduct, will be fined, is less money than it makes in 18 hours. Chump change and a slap on the wrist. The federal regulators who agreed to a \$185 million fine should have pushed much harder and made an example of Wells Fargo. They ought to have sent out a strong message that the American public will not stand for these injustices. Instead, they were content to let Wells Fargo off after almost no punishment. If we cannot hold big banks accountable, they will never cease to abuse their power. The officials who chose not to punish Wells Fargo to the appropriate extent enable corporate greed to create more scandals in the future.

However, despite everything infuriating about this case, somehow it gets worse. A new CNN Money report found that employees who called the company's ethics hotline to protest the breaches of trust and unethical practices were fired in retaliation. A former human resources official said that, "Wells Fargo would find ways to fire employees 'in retaliation for shining light.'" Methods included firing employees for 'tardiness' if they showed up just seconds late to work. This same report, corroborated by other sources, spoke to nearly a dozen employees who were fired for whistleblowing or witnessed co-workers fired for speaking out. Of course, this is illegal, as noted by Harvey Pitt, former SEC chairman. It is unclear whether or not Wells Fargo will face any punishment for this criminal activity either, but given the extremely light sentence handed down to the criminal corporation for its other crimes, we can expect no harsh example made out of this company. What a sorry state we are now in, subject to the whims and impulses of predatory businessmen with a strong deficiency in morals. Wells Fargo once again has shown us that it, and other big banks and corporations like it, should never be granted - and certainly don't deserve - our trust.



Kurdish fighters in the battle for Tel Tamer, Syria.

Privacy in the War Against Terror

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At 8:19 A.M. on September 11, 2001, flight attendants aboard Flight 11, a Boeing 767, alerted ground personnel that the flight had been hijacked. American Airlines quickly alerted the FBI; there were 92 people aboard. This was only the beginning of what is now known as 9/11, one of the most extreme terrorist attacks not only in the USA, but in the world. In total, that day, there were 4 planes hijacked by men associated with the Islamic extremist group, Al Qaeda. One of these planes crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, one crashed into the Pentagon, and the final two planes crashed in the Twin Towers in New York City. Around 10,000 people were injured and over 3,000 people were killed as a result of these vicious attacks; this day has gone down in history as one of the most devastating events America has ever experienced.

Since 9/11, Boston, Paris, France, Brussels, Belgium, Seaside Park, Chelsea and other places around the world have also become victims of terrorist attacks. On April 15, 2013, two bombs exploded near the finish line at the annual Boston Marathon. This attack killed three spectators and injured more than 260 people. On the night of November 13, 2015, bombs went off all across Paris, France and killed 130 people, and injured hundreds more.

Not much later, on March 22 of 2016, an act of terrorism occurred in Brussels, Belgium. The city was becoming "a fertile recruiting ground for jihadi fighters," months before the attacks, according to CNN. As the pressure became more intense, the security forces and efforts to catch people behind the previous terrorist attacks in Paris also rose. For some time before the actual attacks, Brussels citizens were living in fear, until their nightmares became a reality. On the 22nd, suicide bombers entered the crowded Brussels Airport, during rush hour; the bombs that went off killed many and injured over 300 people.

On September 17, 2016, on the course of the Semper Five charity 5K in Seaside park, New Jersey, a pipe bomb went off; fortunately, nobody was injured. On the same day, bombs went off in Chelsea, New York; 31 people were injured, and by the next day, all of those who had been admitted into hospitals were released. Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a news conferences, "We have every reason to believe this was an act of terror." The man suspected of responsibility for both the Jersey and NYC bombings, Ahmad Khan Rahami, was taken into custody on Monday after a shootout with law enforcement officers in Linden, New Jersey. He has now been charged with multiple accounts of attempted murder of law enforcement officers, second degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and second degree unlawful possession of a weapon; his bail has been set at 5.2 million dollars.

Rahami was born in Afghanistan but is a naturalized US citizen. As for his motives, it is said that an extremist Islamic ideology motivated Rahami, along with admiration for Osama bin Laden and other extremists. Infact, his father reported that he suspected his son was "involved with terrorism;" this was reported in 2014. This report prompted federal agents to investigate Rahami; however, his case was closed shortly after. We may now ask, why was this case closed and this man allowed to live freely, in this country, even though there was proof of his future intentions to harm American citizens?

Whatever privacy you think you may have, think again; the US government is recording every text message, social media post, email and phone call you make. There is no such thing as "privacy" anymore. If somebody were to even joke, threatening the US in any way, this person is going to be listed as a potential threat. With this in mind, there are millions of people, US citizens and noncitizens, who are marked as threats each year. Rahami, for example was one of these people; however, if there isn't viable evidence of a crime, these people aren't going to be arrested, after all this is a "free" country, isn't it?

At a certain point, the government can only take so much of our privacy in order to assure us security. In order to provide 100 percent security, the government would be depriving US citizens of their freedom, the basis of what this country is built on. We, as a country, have thrown ourselves into a vicious cycle; if we were to stop "terrorizing" other countries, would they stop? I believe the answer is no. If terrorist groups were to stop terrorizing us, would we stop? I believe the answer is no. At this point it isn't a matter of ending terrorism, it is a matter of controlling it, limiting it as much as a possible. It is hard to defend ourselves against people who are willing to die to prove a great point.

Is terrorism something we must become accustomed to? Seemingly, it is no longer a matter of whether there will be a terrorist attack, but a matter of when. President Bush said on 9/11, "The enemy of America is not our many Muslim friends. It is not our many Arab friends. Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists and every government who supports them. Our war on terror begins with al Qaeda, but it does not end there. It will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped, and defeated." This is war, and we, as a community, as a country, will keep fighting.

America's Skittles: Syrians Are People, Not Candy

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Guest Contributor

On Monday, September 19, Donald Trump Jr. tweeted this message to his audience of over 660,000 followers. The photo likens America's Syrian refugee crisis to a bowl of Skittles, some of which he screamed are deadly. It has since sparked much discussion on Twitter and has been retweeted over 17,000 times, mostly by critics of the analogy.

We believe that Trump Jr's logic is flawed, exaggerated, and not grounded in reality. The image implies that there is a significant chance of being a victim of a refugee-committed terrorist attack. However, the chance of being murdered in a terrorist attack committed by a refugee is just one in 3.4 billion a year. There have been only 20 refugee terrorists admitted since 1975, and they have only succeeded in murdering three Americans (most refugee terrorist attacks have taken place in Europe, not the United States). While all of these deaths are tragic, terrorist acts perpetrated by refugees are few and far between, and don't pose a significant risk to our public safety.

More often than not, today's terrorist attacks are committed by radicalized

Americans that have been brainwashed by extremist ideology. We should focus our efforts on stopping ISIS from recruiting even more followers. For example, Omar Mateen, the mass shooter who killed 49 and wounded 53 others in an Orlando nightclub several months ago, was not a refugee, but a radicalized local.

The tweet in question was originally written by former conservative Illinois Representative Joe Walsh. Walsh responded to Trump Jr. on Twitter, saying,

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"Hey @DonaldTrumpJr, that's the point I made last month. Glad you agree." Many people have blamed Trump Jr. for "stealing" Walsh's words. Soon after the tweet was posted, Jason Miller, a spokesman for the Trump campaign, issued a statement saying that the message was "speaking the truth," and that Trump Jr. is "a tremendous asset to the campaign."

In true Trump fashion, the campaign refused the opportunity to distance itself from this controversy despite the large number of liberals and conservatives alike criticizing the message. Hillary Clinton's campaign spokesman Nick Merrill responded to the tweet stating: "This is disgusting." Additionally, Wrigley Americas, the company that produces Skittles, disapproved of the post. They stated, "Skittles are candy. Refugees are people. We don't feel it's an appropriate analogy. We respectfully refrain from further commentary as anything we say could be misinterpreted as marketing."

We agree with the company's sentiment; not only is the tweet a gross exaggeration of how many refugees are actually affiliated with terrorist groups, but the analogy removes the humanity of refugees, and radically oversimplifies a very nuanced issue. The chance of being killed by a refugee in a terrorist attack is approximately 0.00000000029 percent per year. Trump Jr's tweet is only creating unnecessary fear among Americans—something that is vital to the success of the Trump campaign. This Skittles debacle is just the latest in Trump's string of controversies. It will simply further enrage his opponents, and do nothing to change the minds of his supporters.

The Definition of "Nonviolence" in America



QUIPS

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Columnist

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil rights activist in the 1950s and 60s. He led rallies and demonstrations of civil disobedience to protest the unfairness of black segregation in the southern United States. Though he is most famous for his 'I Have a Dream' speech, which he ad-libbed in front of a crowd of 250,000 people, he wrote several letters and essays about effective activism and treating people well. One of his books, "Strength to Love," contains a quote to which I have given some consideration: 'Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.' The quote, as well as some themes in the book, were taken from a sermon he preached in 1957 about loving one's enemies.

He offered nonviolence as an answer to the prejudice and hatred that proponents of the Jim Crow laws hurled at black citizens. Nonviolence was an incredibly hard path for blacks to take. Even after the American Civil War, blacks had been separated from normal American society by location, income, and freedoms, and as they pushed for universal suffrage, segregationists turned violent and began to physically accost protesters. It was

natural for those who had been harmed by the push-back to give an eye for an eye, to make them sorry for the harm they had caused the black community. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, however, saw the very risky drawbacks of violent protest, and the long-term positive effects of peaceful civil disobedience.

The quote can be dissected sort of like this: rooms are generally only useful if you have light in them. If you were to encounter a dark room, you would not close the door and shut the blinds.

With ugly confrontation on both sides, they might just be happier writing both off and continuing with their lives.

Doing so would not be useful to you, and would only hinder your use of the room. Instead, you would turn on the lights and throw open the shades so you could better use the room for its intended purposes. Similarly, entering a screaming contest with someone, similar to the ones you had with your siblings when you were little, is not going to do much good other than make an unnecessary amount of distressing noise.

The quote is not meant, though, for your opponent. It is meant for the people who have only slightly hateful opinions about your cause. King Jr. was saying that

your opinions may be valid, and you may win the ideological war you are waging, but you cannot alienate them. If you win through pulverizing the minds, bodies and emotional health of your objectors, they will be as useful to you as a darkened room. If your treatment of them does not crush them, it might justify their own actions in their minds, by making them realize that they are not nearly as destructive as you. If you do win the day, they will never cease to complain, and will find ways to get around your ideas. Violence does not just alienate your opposition, either. It turns those who are undecided against you, too.

Nonviolence, on the other hand, draws the undecideds to you. When your opposition responds to your peaceful resistance with violence, as they did during the Civil Rights protests, those who are not involved, or lean only slightly one way or another, have to think about who is in the right. With ugly confrontation on both sides, they might just be happier writing both off and continuing with their lives. Seeing your nonviolent response, however, will make them happier to live under a new code of law, or simply less angry.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's advocacy for fighting nonviolence with peace helped his movement gain traction in the favor of Americans who wished to help him and his cause. Darkness cannot fight darkness, and hate cannot fight hate. Many demagogues in today's political action would do well to remember this.

Alumni Return to Campus For PEA Leadership Weekend

By ALBA CLARKE, ASHLEY LIN and EMILY PELLICIA
Staff Writers

Alumni, parent volunteers and Academy staff gathered on campus for Exeter Leadership Weekend (ELW) this past weekend to participate in a series of conversations surrounding the current state of the school and how the community can best support it. In attendance were current class officers, members of the General Alumni Association (GAA), admissions representatives, regional association and reunion volunteers and Parent Committee members, as well as members of the classes interested in planning their 5 or 10 year 2017 reunions.

This year, the GAA directors held their annual meeting on the Thursday before the weekend of events began. Attendees were kept busy with a full schedule of meetings, talks and tours on Friday and Saturday. They had the opportunity to sit in on classes during Friday morning before taking a tour of the class of 1959 Music Center addition. That afternoon, alumni and parents heard from Chief of Planning and Facilities Roger Wakeman, who presented the plans and drawings for the south side of campus. Later, both a cocktail reception and an Alumni Leadership reception with the class of 2017 were held for the alumni, while parents of students were given the option to attend a parent committee reception. Alumni also attended the Alumni Leadership Dinner with the Class of 2017, where they joined the current seniors for dinner and conversation and celebrated the presentation of the 2016 General Alumni Association President's Awards to Pablo Barrutia '92, Ed Mills '51 and David Rice '51.

On Saturday, alumni and parents further reconnected over breakfast, while admissions representatives had a breakfast meeting led by Director of Admissions Bill Leahy. That morning, all attendees gathered for the Exeter Leadership Weekend Assembly in which trustee Tony Downer '75 presented the financial state of the Academy and Principal Lisa MacFarlane gave the principal's update. After some final business meetings for class correspondents, fundraising and regional volunteers, the weekend concluded with a closing lunch where several Exeter students performed live music.

For Emily Stone '03, the weekend was an opportunity to "bring alumni volunteers together, create connections, foster reunion planning and look to the year ahead for alumni relations and fundraising." As a volunteer for her class and GAA director, she learned a lot from the weekend and enjoyed meeting the senior class. "I love being back on campus and sharing happenings and updates with my classmates and fellow alumni from the weekend," she said. Likewise, Monique Hassel found it to be a "good opportunity to stay connected to the academy, a place I have come to call home."

Laura Shen, who serves as vice president for the class of 2007, felt that ELW allows the current administration and trustees to update the greater alumni network on recent initiatives, investments and vision for the Academy. It also serves as a forum to raise issues and ensure that alumni are connected to the school and its evolution. "Exeter is a special place and they [administration and trustees] do a great job of ensuring that alumni remain active as members of the community, through regional events, fundraising, alumni interviewing and reunion planning," Shen said. Describing ELW as a way to "gain a pulse on the Academy," she expressed amazement at how much Exeter has evolved in terms of the new opportunities in travel, courses and facilities available to current students.

Similarly, president of the class of 1957 Charles Nunez, who has been a class agent for over 40 years, felt that ELW allows him to learn more about the school and meet new staff and teachers. His connection to Exeter runs deep; he has four children who attended and two

grandchildren currently enrolled. "My wife was a townie I met while here," he added. According to Nunez, ELW is like "an annual booster shot." "My booster shot gives me some immunity from stupidity for another year," he said.

According to Hassel, the event made it possible to "connect the past with the present and the future," and to "meet current students and understand the financial and cultural health of the Academy." She particularly enjoyed eating dinner with the Class of 2017, which was cancelled when she was a senior due to an outbreak of swine flu. Stone listed the senior alumni dinner as a highlight and described the seniors as "an impressive group." While here, Stone also "got lucky" to have coffee with her "very favorite [English instructor] Ralph Sneeden." She came away with "a reinforced commitment to serving and volunteering for Exeter in the coming year as well as a wonderful weekend at home with classmates and friends."

Stone also attended the GAA Director meetings with Principal MacFarlane and Nicie Panetta, the Chair of the Board, and emphasized that both are "extraordinary leaders." She continued, saying "we are all grateful and fortunate to have them steering our ship and are excited for the future."

For Ragini Luthra, the weekend was a "way to remind everyone of the community that is built here and the importance of continued alumni and parent support in accomplishing that." Luthra serves as class correspondent for the Class of 2012 and is therefore in regular contact with her classmates, many of whom "have expressed huge disappointment and anger about the way Exeter has handled sexual assault cases." According to Luthra, it was "hard to hear the distrust towards and feeling of distancing from a place that was our home for four years," and she attended ELW to better understand how she could be a part of the solution to the challenges Exeter is facing. Echoing Stone's sentiment, Luthra found it "reassuring to see firsthand that Principal MacFarlane appears to be a very nurturing and thoughtful person." However, Luthra believed that there is much action that needs to be taken "to give value to her comforting words." She further explained, "while I think that she conveyed an understanding of this, I wish more concrete steps had been outlined."

For members of the parent committee, ELW provided insight into their children's school community. Through ELW, Susanna Krivulis "learned so much more about Exeter as an institution and made many new friendships with parents of current students and alumni alike." Noting that there was "a great sense of unity and community," she said, "I cannot wait to be back on campus for its energy and sparkle." Aradhna Gupta Dayal was equally inspired by her weekend on campus, saying "I met some great folks and made some of my best friends through the Parent Committee and it feels like one big close knit family." She added, "Perhaps that is why my suggestion of starting the lunches with Martinis and extending it to dinner was rather well received."

For many, simply being back on campus was what made the weekend so special. Luthra said, "It's always nice to just walk around campus and see familiar faces of teachers and former classmates and be reminded of the wonderful place Exeter was for me and has the potential to be for everyone." After taking part in many productive conversations and spending time with the leaders who help Exeter advance its strategic goals, most attendees felt ELW was a success.

"I left feeling reassured the Academy continues to have a bright future by attracting some of the most talented students across the globe and actively supporting their mental health and well being," Hassel said.

Students Explore Prospective Colleges at Fairs and Sessions

By ROSE HOROWITZ and SOPHIA ZU
Staff Writers

This past week, the College Counseling Office hosted over 50 colleges at a college fair and a score of evening information sessions, with many more to come as uppers and seniors prepare for the upcoming college application process. Although most seniors have already decided where they would like to apply, uppers who are looking to get ahead in the game have swarmed to the two events, and a fair number of them have attended the evening sessions, held by a score of colleges.

While the fairs are predominantly established for students to receive more information about the colleges in which they are interested, the College Counseling Office on campus hopes that these fairs and information sessions will also open students' eyes to the many lesser-known institutions that offer impeccable educations.

"The list has grown considerably," Director of College Counseling Betsy Dolan noted. "More colleges are offering tremendous undergraduate educations. Programs have been enhanced and the co-curricular opportunities at some institutions are just terrific."

"It's not about name brands anymore," Dolan added. "It's about educational opportunities that have both short and long term benefits for the student and can meet the ever-changing demands of our world."

However, Dolan acknowledged that the most-frequently visited booths are still those of Ivy Leagues and other top liberal arts colleges.

Upper Greg Miller complimented the wide selection of colleges represented. "The college fair really put some schools I hadn't thought about on the map. I plan on applying to Penn State now; before, I didn't even know Penn had a 'State' to apply to."

Many students visited the Marine Corps booth, where one could enlist. "Schools from pretty much everywhere were there," upper CJ Penn said.

For colleges, the fairs are a great way to attract a diverse group of prospective students. Typically, a university would purchase names from testing agencies such as the College Board or the ACT and run reports to see where

concentrations of high-achieving students are located. Those are the locations that admissions teams wish to target when touring the country. Additionally, many colleges run geodemographic searches on high-achieving low-income students and make efforts to recruit students who otherwise wouldn't have an opportunity to visit or hear about the school. Richard Nesbitt, Director of Admissions at Williams College, explained that the goal of these searches "is to balance our travel so we're also visiting schools with a high concentration of low-income [students] who are promising college candidates." Nesbitt has toured the country on behalf of admissions for 31 years.

On the part of Exeter, specific colleges aren't "chosen" to attend a college fair. Instead, the College Counseling Office invites all the colleges on students' prospective lists. Booths will be given to the colleges who sign up first, as space is limited in the fall. Evening information sessions, however, are typically given out to colleges who had a high number of applications the previous year, or have given sessions in the past. Unsurprisingly, these are often held by Ivy League and related universities. "I do appreciate the interest Exeter brings to campus, even though I wasn't too excited about the colleges that came out for this fair," upper Aum Bhuvu said.

As many campuses throughout America usually have a handful of Exonians attending, Exeter remains a popular destination for top-tier colleges. "If you're looking for a concentration of high-achieving students and not just from one area, but from a wide geographical range and socioeconomic background, it makes sense [for us] to look here," Nesbitt said.

Dolan said it is important to keep in mind that decisions on where a student wants to go should not be made solely by visiting these fairs, or attending evening sessions.

"We want students to be smart consumers by understanding what resources will provide the best and most accurate information about an institution," Dolan said.

Crisis Response Information Detailed in New Safety App

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ing for proactive ways to protect students," Gravel said.

Among the students, there were mixed reactions to the new app and whether it was necessary, or even worth downloading. Though she has not downloaded it yet, lower Gabby Brown thinks it will be worth it once she gets it. "In a real life emergency, people can panic and forget exact instructions, which can be very dangerous," she said.

Lower Troy Marrero pointed out that not every school is prepared for a crisis and that he feels "safe in the hands of Campus Safety with this new app."

On the contrary, upper Harry Saunders didn't feel obligated to download the app. "Adolescents feel like they're invincible, so they don't prepare for disasters," he admitted. "I also don't have any space on my phone."

Some students feel the app is an unnecessary reiteration of information students already know.

Lower Wynter Tracey, who downloaded the app after receiving the email, thinks the app is "extra" and said, "I looked at some icons, but it was mostly stuff they had already told us." Tracey said that since students do not find themselves in situations of crisis that often, the app is repetitive, seeing as students already know the overall procedures.

Brown agreed. "I also think the school does a good job of informing students of the procedures so most people on campus [already] have at least a general idea of what to do in emergency situations," she said.

Upper Brian Bae and senior Julia Friberg,

on the other hand, felt that the app will greatly improve the understanding of what to do in a crisis.

Bae said that if students didn't know what to do, the school would have to hold drills for every possible situation in order to prepare. He thinks the app is a much easier-access guide to how to handle a crisis. "Since we usually have our phones with us, a single-touch access through the app seems to be so much better than maybe a publication or a section in the school website," he said.

Friberg thinks it's being underutilized on campus. "[Our lack of preparation] is very evident during our once a year evacuation drills when no one knows what to do in emergency," she said. Friberg has witnessed situations during these drills when a student looks lost and confused until campus security guides them to the safety of their dorms. "It is ridiculous. We don't actually know what to do on campus, and especially because we live in America where there's a lot of guns, it's legitimately important for student to know what to do."

Campus Safety will still hold their annual drills as well as send out text alerts. Gravel said that although the drills have been running smoothly, he hopes students will do their part so the critique of each drill is accurate. "I can't stress it enough that students really need to take it seriously," he said. "Even if they get a notification that it is just a drill, they should be acting as though it is a real event. You're going to do what you do in a drill in real life, so we want to get it as close as possible to the real thing."


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Words of the Week

By BO'HANDLEY
Has Big Hands

In honor of Tuesday night's debate, I thought that I could make a new section called Words of the Week. Here are your words of the week.

Bigly (adverb)- A word to describe actions that aren't quite yuge, but aren't as small as certain people's hands. Example: "I'm going to cut taxes bigly and you are going to raise them bigly (Donald Trump, the debate)." Also an alternate pronunciation of the phrase "Big League."

Braggadocious (adjective)- A word that you use when you don't know the word braggadocio, but you want to sound like you have intelligence. Example: "I have a great company. I have a tremendous income. And the reason I say that is not in a braggadocious way (Donald Trump, the debate)."

Global Warming (Proper Noun)- A hoax perpetrated by the Chinese. Example: "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive (Donald Trump, 2012)."

Law and Order (Proper Noun)- An American Television show. Example: "Secretary Clinton doesn't want to use a few words: Law and order (Donald Trump, the debate)."

Wrong (Noun)- The mating call of the lesser orange Donald. Example: "Wrong. Wrong. Wrong. Wrong (Donald Trump, the debate)."

Fact (Noun)- Something that isn't true, but sounds like it might be.

Stamina (Noun)- Oh, we know exactly what you mean. Example: Clinton "doesn't have the stamina (Donald Trump, the debate)."

Health Center Offers New Treatment, Sparks Controversy

By GRACE DUISBERG
Illness: Thirsty

Over the years, the Lamont Health Center has been known for a variety of things, including prep and lower health classes, toast and a huge basket of *contraceptives* near the front door. However, the Health Center is perhaps best known for the fact that it treats all ailments, from paper cuts to mad cow disease, with a small dosage of Ibuprofen and sending students on their way.

This is the case no longer. Starting this term, the Health Center will be doing a trial run of a radical, cutting-edge treatment known as application of frozen dihydrogen monoxide. In the past, this remedy has only been used for the treatment of injuries that inhibit athletic performance and has just recently been approved for use in all patients at the Health Center. A representative of Health Services reported that they are "thrilled to announce that such a revolutionary treatment is coming to Exeter."

Although this dihydrogen monoxide treatment will surely rewrite history books for the better, there are many side effects that

have caused controversy around the idea of using it in Health Services. The biggest side effect is that everyone who has ever been exposed to the chemical has died. It is also incredibly addictive, and withdrawal symptoms can show up in as little time as a day. In the past, dihydrogen monoxide has even been used as a torture device, for the wrong sort of exposure to it can be harmful to the functioning of the body and cause death.

Health Services is aware of the concerns, and acknowledges that once a patient has been exposed to the chemical, they must continue its use. "We decided that the benefits outweighed the risks. After all, it is a simple treatment for all aches and pains, and even some illnesses. Besides, everyone dies anyway, so we might as well get the students some of this remarkable treatment so they can enjoy their time above the ground," said the representative.

However, when senior Leena Hamad was informed of the side effects, she was left stunned. "I can't believe that they would just

administer a treatment that kills people!" she said. Lower Wynter Tracey agreed with Hamad, saying, "Killing people is bad." Conversely, alumnus Stephen Hu '16 said that although he disagrees with the use of dihydrogen monoxide, he is "grateful that the school is at least trying to improve the lives of students." An alumnus who has chosen to remain anonymous (wisely) said that he was "too busy having [his] [censored] wife do [his] research for [him] to give a [censored] about those [censored] kids." Mark Zuckerberg, Exeter class of '02, probably declined to comment.

All controversy aside, the Health Center's plans will go forward. "Even for all its side effects, frozen dihydrogen monoxide could be a step toward even more advanced technologies. We are very excited to begin to implement this plan. Hopefully the parents won't mind the eventual death of their children," said the representative. So, expect to see the use of dihydrogen monoxide everywhere, and don't expect Health Services to be apologetic.

New DHall App A Hit at Exeter

By ELIZABETH YANG
Self-Diagnosed "Foodie"

< Today > Wetherell Settings

Hours: 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Steamed Vegetables	0 Ratings
Trustee Food	173
Chocolate Chip Cookies	1086
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies	0
Quinoa Burger	0
Sriracha	8
Dihydrogen Monoxide	7
The Last Grilled Cheese	1

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Upper Absorbs Habits of the Presidential Debate, Discussion Spirals

By MAJESTIC TERHUNE
Her Middle Name is Brock Bamuh

After witnessing the first debate of the 2016 presidential election, upper Brock Bamuh decided to employ strategies used by both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Bamuh hoped that this approach would make him seem like a more "practiced, respectful" Harkness student. Still, his peers found that Bamuh's positive intentions have only served to make him a loathed classmate.

The upper, for one, now has the habit of interrupting others. "I wasn't even making a point about the reading," said his teacher, a member of Bamuh's history class. "I had to switch formats and was in the process of introducing myself and suddenly he cut me off by saying 'That's great and all Hillary, but what were the economics of the dust bowl? I mean, we all know that

the elites caused it."

Bamuh also interrupts others in order to express his disagreement. He also makes an effort to disagree on statements no matter if they're opinions or just plain facts. His teacher reported, "Someone asked me what page I was quoting, and when I said page 23, he butted in saying, 'Nuh, uh. Wrong. That's wrong,' and I could see him staring right at the passage. On page 23."

"He told the class that he was live fact-checking everything that I said and provided a link to the website," complained a member of Bamuh's chemistry class.

In response, Bamuh shrugged and said, "I would've done that anyways. Pretty sure he hasn't done homework since last spring."

Other aspects of this Exonian have unsettled classmates. Bamuh

now rolls his eyes and gives a smirk-esque smile whenever someone else makes a comment. "He said that I am in my 'own reality,' but it looks like he's interacting with someone else the entire time."

Furthermore, Bamuh has taken to wearing single-color pantsuits. As a result, he has been consistently mistaken for inanimate objects such as giant bananas, shrubs, and Donald Trump wearing an orange shirt.

Bamuh intends on continuing his efforts to be more like the presidential nominees despite Exonians' outcry. "To put it simply," said the omniscient Michael George, "Brock set out to be like the two nominees in order to improve himself and ended up becoming the most hated person on campus. Don't you love politics?"

Some Questions I Have for Principal MacFarlane

By EMILY BLACK AND YELLOW
Very Beereaved

1. What is the meaning of life?
2. Who do you think will win the presidential election?
3. Is reality real or is it all an illusion?
4. Why are there so many dead bees?
5. Seriously there's so many??
6. Bees????
7. Who has it worse: an upper in the spring or a senior in the fall?
8. What's more important, Harambe or the idea of Harambe?
9. Why are the stairs in the science building so difficult to ascend?
10. What are you hiding under that art scarf?
11. Is it the solution to the Amen Hall dead bee epidemic?
12. Do we have free will?
13. Did the bees have free will before they dropped dead on the Amen devil's flooring (linoleum)?
14. Why does God do bad things to good people?
15. Why does God do bad things to good bees?
16. Bees?!
17. Bees?
18. Bees.

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Majestic did not come into the newsroom this week so we're exposing her because ~humor~

Nothing Wrong With Exeter

By TAJESTIC MERHUNE
"We Love Censorship"

As the beginning of fall term starts and students continue rolling into their new schedules and lifestyles, opinions are also becoming more pronounced and known on campus. Social media outlets like Facebook and Snapchat have encouraged students to talk more anonymously and privately about different matters concerning Phillips Exeter Academy. And, according to one recent polling, Exonians seem to all be in agreement about one thing: Exeter has no problems whatsoever.

"Wow, this place is great!" shouted all 1000+ Exonians in uni-

son last Thursday after the weekly singing of Kumbaya and discussion about how worry-free life is.

Average student Sheryl Crow stated, "I only have positive things to say about Exeter." Crow plays three varsity sports and does MUN, Debate, and 77 percent of ESSO clubs. "I can only imagine that everyone feels the exact same way that I do." (After interviewing other students it soon became apparent that they all had the same thing to say, word for word.) The only conclusion to draw from situation is that Exeter is the best place on Earth.

"All news is bad news," pro-

claimed many people throughout history, but that apparently is not the case at all. *The Exonian* is lined with pictures of smiling faces and titles that suggest that we are all joyous vegans. (Which is the case, of course.) There is no way that anything negative about Phillips Exeter Academy could arise in the future. And if something negative were to arise, Exonians would know about it first from *The Exonian* because it is a reliable, credible newspaper, right?

(If you do have "bad" or "concerning" news or opinions to share, please feel free to report them ONLY to your diary.)

Dorm vs. Dorm Final (!!!) Next Week: Ewald Against Cilley Against Wheelwright

Each week, two or three dorms will be pitted against each other. Members of the chosen dorms will submit a reply to the Humor section's weekly prompt. The funniest, most appropriate response will be published in the Humor Section and the dorm with the best response will win the round. Submissions must be emailed to exonianhumor@gmail.com before EP on the Tuesday following this edition of *The Exonian*.

This week's prompt: **5 Despicable Things About The Fall**

Kaepernick's Knee for Change

Paul James '19

Guest Contributor

When Colin Kaepernick, San Francisco 49ers quarterback, sat for the National Anthem during his first two preseason games, no one took notice. When he dressed for the third game and continued his silent protest, the nation caught fire. Many people misconstrued his protest as an attack on soldiers, our country and its ideals. He received death threats and was mercilessly attacked on social media. Videos of people buying his jersey and burning it sprang up all over the internet. The few that stood up for his cause early on were out-shouted by the raucous masses. To be clear, he has stated that his protest is in no way an attack on those that fight for our freedoms, rather that he cannot salute the emblem of a country that is denying its citizens those very freedoms. It is not an assault on the values of our country, but on the image we try to present of being a free country, while sweeping so many tarnishing issues under the rug. Kaepernick is using his influence as a celebrity to bring more attention to the rashes of police violence and racial inequality that continue to plague the United States.

Following his initial protest, players on other NFL teams have followed his example, often greeted by the same animosity. Their protests have taken many different forms, from showing solidarity with Colin, to raising a fist *in memoriam* (two runners at the Olympics), to speaking out against the same issues. Some athletes have been more vocal than others, but all are united in a common goal: to finally bring long overdue change to a hurting nation. The movement has spread to other sports as well. Megan Rapinoe, a NWSL player for the Seattle Reign, took a knee on the sidelines during the anthem to show support with Kaepernick and his NFL counterparts. During the next match, the opposing team scheduled the anthem to be played while the teams were in their locker rooms, to prevent her from protesting. Since then, high school football teams, college cheerleaders and an honor band have all followed suit in making their voices heard, their actions seen.

The main problem with these protests is that people have either twisted the message of the athletes, or rejected it outright as being unpatriotic, even treasonous. His opponents see him as disrespecting veterans and soldiers that have died to protect our freedoms. They see his actions as an assault on the time honored tradition of appreciating the benefits of living in a "great" country. Those who agree with his message have used it to attack the anthem as a symbol of our nation, on the basis that some of its unsung verses condone slavery. They too make a grave mistake in viewing the anthem as if it were a contemporary work, instead of realizing the context it was written in. When the Star-Spangled Banner was penned, it was intended as a chronicle of war and created at a time when slavery was

common practice, before any civil rights movements gained traction. We can only truly understand Kaepernick's message if we listen fully and without judgement.

When we consider the subject of Kaepernick's protest, we have to take extra care not to group all police officers into a singular category. This mistake has been made



time and time again with various ethnic and religious groups, leading to widespread fear and animosity, both enemies of change-making. Killing policemen in retribution for the murders of innocents will only lead to a vicious cycle and ensure the continuation of the very problems we are working to fix. It is easy to pass this judgement as an outsider who has not lost anyone to this violence. To those who grieve, however, remember the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

In the end, that is the very essence of the protest that was ignited by Kaepernick. The point is to effect change, not push around the blame for the state of the country. It's not to tear down a tradition that millions of American hold dear, rather to give everyone pause. First and foremost, it is an attempt by those who have influence to spark a national discussion. A discussion that will be carried out in the courtroom, in the streets and in our homes. A discussion that will hopefully fundamentally better our culture and return the freedoms that the United States of America stands for, to *all* of its people.

A Protest Gone Too Far?

Eugene Hu '20

Guest Contributor

This world is full of injustices, some more egregious than others, and everybody can express their discontent about them. However, what happens if we go too far to voice our opinion about an injustice? Colin Kaepernick, the quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, recently refused to stand during the national anthem in an effort to protest the unjust treatment of minorities in the United States, namely the treatment of African Americans by the police forces across the country. He has done so in multiple preseason games, and his latest refusal to stand for the national anthem took place before the 49ers' preseason loss to Green Bay on August 26.

"I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the streets and people getting paid to leave and getting away with murder." Kaepernick said during an exclusive interview after the game on August 26, claiming that he did not care if he can no longer play for the 49ers because he believes that he was doing this for a right cause.

The 49ers made a statement. They did not say anything about agreeing with Kaepernick's decision, but they did not condemn his action either. "In respecting such American principles as freedom of religion and freedom of expression, we recognise the right of an individual to choose and participate, or not, in our celebration of the national anthem."

Kaepernick's act attracted a lot of endorsement. In fact, a tidal wave of people started to mimic Kaepernick, choosing not to stand in any occasion where the national anthem was being played. Prominent examples include Janaye Ervin, a United States navy sailor, posted a Facebook post claiming that she felt like a hypocrite singing about "the land of the free" when so many people are stripped of their basic human rights. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf in the NBA also refused to acknowledge the flag and gave similar reasons as Kaepernick and Ervin. Lastly, multiple high schools have had students kneeling during the national anthem before football games, and Kaepernick himself openly supported the act by joining the protest started by a high school football team in Oakland, California.

This tidal wave was also met with disagreement and even outrage. A student at Kennesaw State University, Michael Schweinbeck said, "I think if you're in this country, you should support this country. There are men and women fighting for this country every day. You should stand up and put your hand on your chest to support them." A certain degree of opposition to the act was noticed, but in some cases, the results of the protest were even more severe. For example, Janaye Ervin lost her security clear-

ance and was threatened with a jail sentence after the comment she posted on Facebook.

I agree with the San Francisco 49ers when they say that enforcing people to stand during the national anthem goes against the core value of liberty as well as the freedom of speech and expression the United States attempts to maintain. At the same time, Kaepernick and every decent man and woman out there have the right to feel indignant about inequality and unfairness in the world. Even though the United States has become much more liberal and much less prejudiced against minorities over the years, it is still far from achieving perfect equality.

Moreover, the fact that Kaepernick understands how his contract may be terminated and that he may never play in the NFL again, the loss of Janaye Ervin's security clearance and the threat of prison sentence she received just went on to prove Kaepernick's point that justice has not been served and upheld in this country. Even though these results don't quite stack up to the severity of the loss of human life in cases of police brutality, their nature is, in some ways, similar to each other. They are all stories of disregard of people's right to live and their freedom of speech. Finally, the deprivation of life as well as other basic human rights is a crime that goes too far; perhaps it's only fair that people respond with something that also goes a bit too far.

However, at the same time, it would be unfair for us to ignore the other side of the story. People may no longer feel that the flag stands for truth and justice as some people are unable to enjoy the luxury of freedom as much as the others, but not standing during the national anthem is rather disrespectful. Racial inequality has gone on in United States for a long time, but the nation has taken initiatives to grant many groups of people freedom and opportunities. Nowadays, the society of the U.S. has become more open to all sorts of ethnic groups, offering them jobs and livelihoods, thus truly uniting the different people in the United States. President Obama, over the past couple of years, have done a lot to help African Americans by providing them with better education, economic opportunities, healthcare and more. Some people may think that what the U.S. did was not enough, but at least people are attempting to better the situation. Refusing to stand during the national anthem is a refusal to acknowledge the positive things that U.S. has done and its efforts to promote racial inequality, whether they have been successful or not. Not standing during the national anthem is almost to convey the message: "There's nothing worth respecting and loving about this country."

I find no reason to disagree with Kaepernick's opinion that the issue has gone on for long enough. Racial inequality is still a prominent issue today, and the government seem to have done little to address and combat the issue recently. Every man and woman has the right to raise his or her voice when they feel that justice is not being served, but there could've been a better way for Kaepernick to raise his voice. It has been said that if he had done something else like posting civil rights comments and messages on social media, it would not have attracted as much attention, and thus would have little to no effect. I'm sure, however, there must have been some other way. Another celebrity, Macklemore, helped with the Black Lives Matter movement with songs such as "White Privilege," which was unique and attracted a lot of attention. What Kaepernick did was unique and it had quite an impact, but it went a little further than too far. He chose the method that he assumed to be the quickest way to gain attention and voice his opinion. It was endorsed, but the disagreement and controversy that rose out of it might not make it any more successful than the other movements that have strived for equality for minorities. People may be imitating him now, but there are almost equally many people who object to this movement, which could mean that its effect would not last. I believe that disagreement is natural, but if handled poorly, it leads to conflict, and conflict is what brings out the worst in all of humanity.

Trump: The Creation of the Republican Party

Last Tuesday, *New York Times* columnist and Grand New Party: How Republicans Can Win the Working Class and Save the American Dream co-author Ross Douthat gave a speech during assembly. In his speech, he spoke at length about how the Republican party is one of traditional values and patriotism, and why America still needs conservatism.

Douthat argued that the Democratic party has shifted too far left for citizens to relate to its platform. According to NPR.Org, while white voters without college degrees are leaving the Democratic party, support for democrats is growing among "fast growing groups" like Hispanic and college educated people. Obviously that shows voters still support the Democratic party. As it continues to move left on the political spectrum, we should ask ourselves, is the shift really something to be perceived as negative? As humanity progresses, we should also progress in our views to become more tolerant and better ourselves. A lot of existing American programs are progressive- such as universal healthcare, and movements like

the women's suffrage movement helped to bring about positive change because people were willing to change with the times to become more inclusive. If that means shifting further left, then so be it.

However, contrary to many Republicans nowadays, Douthat was quick to separate himself and what he considers his party to be from their presidential candidate Donald Trump. In his opinion, the best option for president would be a "hybrid between Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio." That was a quirky comment, but what was truly shocking was how he was so quick to distance himself from Trump. The GOP establishment may not look favorably upon their presidential nominee, but it is undeniable that they created the environment that made it possible for someone like Trump to rise to power.

Anti-intellectualism runs rampant in the Republican party. For so long, they have denied the effects of issues such as climate change, which has been proved again

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and again by many different scientists and data like Vostok ice-core data. Organizations, such as NASA, have asserted that climate change is a real and imminent problem, and yet Republicans continue to cry out that climate change is a scam liberals invented. Conservative politicians have also long sided with "ordinary Americans" instead of the political establishment. Spiro Agnew, vice president under Nixon, stated that he did not agree with "an effete core of impudent snobs who characterize themselves as intellectuals." George W. Bush told students receiving C grades that they could be president instead of better performing students. Even though their words told a different story, they were still actually somewhat knowledgeable leaders. Trump would be the first president without any prior political experience whatsoever. He also proudly states that he doesn't read in his free time, and that he knows more about ISIS than military generals. His blatant lies and rejection of intellectualism are things that seem to be

widely admired.

In addition, the GOP embraced politicians such as Sarah Palin, who was John McCain's running mate in 2008. When asked about how Alaska's closeness to Russia grants her foreign policy experience, she replied, "As Putin rears his head and comes into the air space of the USA, where do they go? It's Alaska. It's just right over the border." Conservatives continue to shelter their own politicians, no matter how ridiculous their comments are. Perhaps one of the worst things about traditional conservatives in this election is their inaction- Speaker Paul Ryan repeatedly condemned Trump's comments, and politician Newt Gingrich called Trump's remarks about a Mexican judge a "mistake" and "inexcusable." However, both of them still support his bid for the presidency to this day. In the words of Stephen Hawking, Trump is "a demagogue who seems to appeal to the lowest common denominator." Ross Douthat and many other conservative leaders may agree with this statement, but they had a role in fostering his rise. As the old saying goes, "You reap what you sow."



ExeterLife



Members of Amen Hall participate in tug-of-war on Academy Life Day.

Rachel Luo/The Exonian

Back in Black

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The first thing that hit you when you walked into Grainger on Saturday night was the music. It reverberated in your chest, ricocheted around your stomach and buzzed out through your fingertips. Then the smell and the heat came in waves off the clump of sweaty dancers in the middle of the dance floor. *This* is Back in Black, the annual dance Dunbar Hall hosts.

Many traditional aspects of the dance remained the same this year. The planning, decorations and even the DJ were the same as last year. However, Rabbi Marx-Asch, Dunbar dorm head, mentioned that Dunbar residents decided to “open up the wall to use the whole of Grainger as it was too crowded last year only using half the room.”

Dunbar resident and upper Tri-

cia Moriarty was proud of the turnout at Back in Black. Dunbar members arrived in Grainger at 6:30 p.m. and spent two hours setting up the stage, decorations and lights. “Setting up was super fun, we all got together and sang and danced while putting up stars, streamers and blowing up balloons,” Moriarty said. Just like at Wheelwright Whiteout, Abbot Casino and Soule Tea, setting up for dorm-hosted events always provides an opportunity for dorm bonding.

Since last year, there have been concerns among the staff and students alike with the sexual climate of Back in Black. Grinding has been an issue in the past, so in anticipation of the dance, Feminist Club began spreading the “Ask First” campaign, which promotes consensual partner dancing. Dunbar met as a dorm several times in the last week to discuss what they could do as students to promote fun and safe dancing. Rabbi also sent an email to the entire dorm, with one section explicit-

ly saying that if anyone found herself in any uncomfortable situation, to ask help from an adult, friend or Dunbar proctor, and that school rules pertaining to unExonian-like conduct, drugs and alcohol still applied at the dance.

Even though measures were taken this year to avoid non-consensual grinding, some students still found the nature of the dance disrespectful. Upper April Murphy avoided Back in Black this year because of the discomfort she felt last year. “I think that at the dance, girls in particular face disrespect from the opposite sex. I know multiple girls including myself who experienced uncomfortable circumstances, mainly non-consensual grinding, even with measures taken by the faculty and Dunbar volunteers,” Murphy said.

On the other hand, when new students were asked what they had heard about the dance in advance, the reputation of Back in Black seemed to be a lot more scandalous than it turned out

to be. Prep Izzi Robbins explained that she “was expecting it to be a lot more provocative.” Prep Sebastian Beck, when asked whether or not the dance lived up to his expectations said, “The dancing was actually fun and good, and everything I expected. I heard you should ask permission before you grind on someone, and that the music is okay.”

One downside, several students mentioned, was the quality of the DJ. Beck also commented, “I didn’t like how the DJ never dropped the beat and kept switching to different songs.”

Despite the fact that some people were not entirely pleased with the feel of Back in Black, Dunbar has worked hard to try improve the atmosphere by creating an event that is both fun and safe. Many people, including upper Pedro Sanson, enjoyed the dorm unity aspect and walking over with his own dorm. “I liked to see people happy and having fun,” Sanson said.

ESSO in Action

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Every Wednesday at ESSO Junior Computer Programming, we teach kids how to play with turtles! Working with local middle schoolers, we introduce them to the wondrous world of computer science by starting them off with Pencilcode, a beautiful animation interface that lets them drag blocks of code into position, animating turtles that zip around the screen and draw pretty patterns, navigate mazes or shoot down asteroids. Our goal is to show all kids that computer science can be fascinating, fun and limited only by their imagination, so we work with students—almost all of whom have no experience in coding before JCP—to ease them into the basics of writing code. Pencilcode is an intuitive and aesthetically beautiful interface, so it’s a snap for tutors and kids alike to learn.

Here at JCP, we spend our days teaching students because we believe that coding is a vital skill for students in the 21st century. The field of computer science is rapidly expanding, and students who have some exposure to it early on will be more likely to stick with it as they grow up—maybe they’ll even build the next Facebook or Khan Academy!

Perhaps more importantly, teaching students how to code teaches them a far more valuable array of skills than knowing how to animate turtles. Coding teaches us how to break down our thoughts and plans into a series of logical steps. It teaches us persistence, when we have to hunt down the infuriating bugs buried in our programs

(shout-out to every computer science class I’ve ever taken). And coding teaches us how to think creatively—far from being a cold, clinical series of steps, grappling with a problem in code often leads us to brilliant, beautiful solutions that make us smile because of how clever they are.

At JCP, we really hope to show students how coding is for everyone: Oftentimes, people say in response to coding, “Oh, I’m not a numbers person!” or “I just don’t think in the same way as programmers,” to which we say—nuts! You just haven’t animated enough turtles yet! Time and time again, we’ve seen students who were totally dismissive of their own ability learn how to solve tough problems, and create some beautiful projects. We help them learn, but ultimately, students make the connections themselves.

If you’re curious about what we do, come check us out every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m., in Mr. Campbell’s room in the Phelps Science Center! If you’d like us to add you to the email list, hit us up at agoyal@exeter.edu and etang@exeter.edu.

No experience is needed to tutor: As we like to say, we’re often helping the kids by learning alongside them. And plus, remember what we just said about helping the kids believe in their own ability to learn? That goes for tutors, too. Remember, if you think you’re not a “numbers person,” or that you just don’t get coding, give it another shot—all it takes is typing, time and lots of turtles!

Green Corner

By **JOHN RAGONE**
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Hello! I’m John Ragone, a co-head of Beach Cleanup with senior Issay Matsumoto. You might have seen some of my articles I have written for ESSO. Today, I am writing for the Green Corner, and thus, I will be talking about how Beach Cleanup is sustainable.

The trash that covers beaches is often not the trash of local residents, but rather, the trash of humans potentially several thousand miles away. The oceans are a shared space, a commons, of which we are all global residents. When one pollutes a river upstream, the ecology not only at the site of pollution, but also downstream, is afflicted. We do not pollute as individuals; we pollute as a group. In oceans, currents and swells move trash across the globe, and sometimes the trash ends up at Seabrook Beach.

That is where Beach Cleanup comes in. The first Sunday of every month, Exonians get on a bus with our advisor, Mr. Trafton, and head to Seabrook Beach. There, we meet Ms. Schoene, the coordinator of the cleanups and a fantastic librarian on our campus. Ms. Schoene passes out trash bags for recycling and trash and clipboards for tallying what we pick up. The trash and recycling are properly disposed and the tallied information is sent to the Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation. The Blue Ocean Society runs cleanups along 13 miles of New Hampshire coastline, recording information on what washes up. Nonetheless, these beach cleanups will not resolve the escalating crisis of plastics that fill the ocean.

When we visit the beach, we find

everything from driftwood to lobster cages to fireworks to rubber bands. But we also find small plastic pellets, the size of a freckle or grain of sand. These are known as microbeads, or more colloquially, nurdles. Nurdles are the end result of plastic degradation. Plastic does not decompose, or if it does, it takes many centuries. Besides incineration, there are currently no methods to get rid of plastic. On the blue recycling bins, there are symbols indicating that plastic enters a perpetual circle of life, going from use to recycling to reuse and so on. However, plastics only have so many lifetimes of reuse before they reach a base form, nurdles.

The US dumps over eight trillion of these nurdles into the ocean every day, clogging the gullets of animals and oceans with plastic. No number of beach cleanups can contain our pollutants. But as citizens of the world we can change our behavior. Beach Cleanup cannot save the world, though it can raise the awareness to do so. When you visit a supermarket, bring a reusable bag. Look for items made of organic materials and continue to recycle. Only by acting not as individuals polluting at will, but as a group with the intention of eliminating our plastic use, can we hope to save our oceans. Think about parts of your life that use plastic, and remember that plastic will become the plastic of a beach cleanup, the plastic of your grandchildren and the plastic of the planet. Please recycle and keep it sustainable. Have a great week and I hope to see you at Beach Cleanup’s cleanup and cookout on Oct. 9th!

SeniorSpotlight

Charis Edwards

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Whether she's on stage performing "Macbeth," at the podium debating in Democratic Club, or helping out as a proctor in Hoyt Hall, senior Charis Edwards is strong, passionate and dedicated. As the one of the co-heads of Dem Club, a head tour guide for admissions and a leading soprano in four different singing groups, she is clearly engaged with Exeter beyond academics.

Edwards has been involved in politics since a very young age. At eight years old, when Barack Obama and Joe Biden won the election, a picture of her holding an Obama/Biden sign was published in the newspaper. Edwards likes to think of the moment as her introduction to politics. However, she describes Exeter as the place where she truly blossomed, taking and challenging her parents' ideas and discovering her own views as she became involved in Democratic Club.

"The thing I really love about Exeter politics is that you get people on all sides of an issue who know their stuff and who take debate and discussion really seriously," Edwards said.

Edwards is also an active member of Ethics Forum. Fellow member, senior Arjun Rajan, became close friends with Edwards through the club when they went to North Carolina together for Ethics Nationals last year. He noted that she had a very strong voice in discussion, constantly ready to bring up other viewpoints that had not been considered yet. "Charis' greatest quality is her ability to defend her views," Rajan said. "She is a vital asset to [Ethics Forum] and our friend group, as she forces us to view issues differently and she never lets us finish a discussion before we have considered the other



side of an argument."

Religion instructor Thomas Ramsey is an adviser to Ethics Forum, as well as a dorm faculty in Hoyt Hall and has known Edwards throughout her four years at Exeter. He described her as "smart as a whip," and that she also "has a big heart and strong principles, and she shares those principles gladly and openly."

As Rajan said, Edwards is especially known for her strong voice on campus, not only in Dem Club and Ethics Forum, but also as a singer and actress. She participates as a soprano in four choral groups on campus, In Essence, concert choir, Escalator and Gli Scalatori. She has also performed in multiple mainstage productions. Edwards has been singing for most of her life.

"Both my parents are pastors, so I grew up singing a lot in church. However, I realized I wanted to take it a lot more seriously than that, and I've always had a ready made group of people to perform for, which is the odd but wonderful thing about being at church," Edwards said.

She became more serious about singing in middle school, when she joined a local, private youth choir. When Edwards arrived at Exeter for prep year, she auditioned for the concert choir and signed up for voice lessons, both of which she has been doing ever since. For fun, she performs on campus at Evening Prayer and other solo concerts.

Music instructor Kristofer Johnson pointed out Edwards' vocalism and leadership as two

of her greatest qualities and said, "Charis is overwhelmingly kind and warm as a person, shrugging off the dour and weary spirit that can often descend into our days. When she sings, you can sense that she is utterly transported by making music, her expression beatific and unselfconscious." Johnson has grown to know Edwards as a friend, peer and pupil through the music that they make together. Edwards spends much of her time inside the entrance to the music building, "where she and her friends are eager to engage passersby in conversation—sometimes deep, sometimes hilarious," Johnson said.

Upper Emily Green, a soprano who stands alongside Edwards in the concert choir, said, "From a choir perspective, her voice just gets better every year, and it was already insanely beautiful when I first met her." Green also revered Edwards highly as a friend. "She is an amazing person—definitely one of the kindest, smartest, most talented and overall most amazing people I've had the privilege to know here at Exeter."

Edwards was recently and unanimously appointed one of the eight head tour guides on campus. Admissions Visit Facilitator Deborah Waleryszak said, "She, from the beginning, has possessed the unique qualities we look for in our Head Tour Guides." Edwards now represents the 400-plus tour guides who help out during the application season. When asked what Edwards' best attributes are, Waleryszak said, "Oh my, that's like asking, 'What is the best thing about a sunrise or a smile...' Charis is joyful, energetic, intelligent, creative and above all, kind."

Edwards' involvement in diverse clubs gives her a huge presence on campus, which will be greatly missed when she goes off to college. Green said, "I don't think Exeter will be quite the same once she graduates. I love Charis and look up to her in every way."

MOVIE REVIEW: TAXI DRIVER

★★★★

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"Are you talkin' to me? Well, I'm the only one here," is the second half of the quote that never gets quoted, yet it is the film's truest line. Travis Bickle, our "hero" in "Taxi Driver," struggles to find a connection with anything or anyone. He exists in his own world and navigates ours with stubborn cynicism. He views the world as a dark and hopeless place but never does he try to find the light. The film unfolds as a series of Travis' failed attempts at connecting, with each attempt going horribly sour. He tries to converse with fellow taxi drivers and only brings up the misery in life. He asks a girl out on a date and ends up taking her to a porno film. He meets a political candidate in his taxi but only manages to startle him. He tries to befriend a child prostitute and frightens her away. When he asks himself in the mirror, "Who you talkin' to?" it is cold and unnatural. He is so lonely that he doesn't even know how to emulate a normal human conversation.

It is this utter loneliness that lies at the core of "Taxi Driver." The film is not a glorified examination of a psychopath, but the tragic study of a painfully desperate and lost soul. A lot of the film's power comes from the sympathy we have for Travis, even if he appears to be such an alienating character. We have all felt as lonely and as confused as Travis, it's just that we are better at dealing with it than he is. Robert de Niro communicates this perfectly through his performance, perhaps one of his best, as Travis. De Niro displays a masterful amount of control in his use of facial and body language, especially in the way he uses his eyes to communicate meaning. His stares can evoke what's going on in Travis' head, whether it be fear or disgust. When the film calls for him to be more aggressive, de Niro avoids the tendency to become bombastic. Such nuance is rare in a leading performance, especially in a Scorsese film.

On a filmmaking level, "Taxi Driver" is exceptional. The film utilizes a very intrusive and emotional style of filmmaking. For the

most part, the camera looks out to the world through Travis. The opening sequence is hazy and in slow motion, exactly how Travis sees the world, as a murky and sinister place. There is plenty of light in the shot but the darkness is emphasized instead. Scorsese applies different levels of slow motion for different characters in order to portray varying degrees of heightened awareness. Most other characters perceive the world at its normal pace but for Travis the film slows down. His heightened awareness is made acute. He stares at pimps and hookers on the streets and we understand completely what he's thinking. One of the hardest things to accomplish for a film director is being able to communicate a character's interior thoughts without hokey dialogue or voiceovers.

The film is also notable in its use of abrupt pans, tilts and zooms. Whenever Travis gets irritated by something, the camera zooms in. It sharpens the discomfort we feel as an audience and it perfectly evokes how Travis feels. This is most notable in a scene at a diner. Travis drops a pill inside of a cup of water and it starts to fizz. Travis stares blankly as the camera zooms in on the cup for what feels like an eternity. The drawn-out timing, the hissing sound and the claustrophobic zooming all come together to communicate one message as efficiently as possible. That is great filmmaking.

I could go on and on about the various intricacies in the film's remarkable direction, cinematography and editing but the point is that "Taxi Driver" is truly a film. The film doesn't just use words but emotions, thoughts and visuals that leap the bounds of space and time in order to convey meaning. Through that sort of a mindset, the film's polarizing ending makes some sense. Was the ending real or was it just a fantasy scene? Can it be understood as truth? We don't have answers to these questions and that's because they are the wrong questions to be asking. The film ends on a philosophical and emotional note, not a literal one. It plays out like a piece of music rather than a novel. It doesn't matter whether or not Travis' redemption is real. His mind shapes his reality, and if that's what he thinks, then in some sense he has found inner peace. And thus finishes one of the greatest films in American cinema.

Trendwatch

Hey Guys!

Last week, Kanye released a new pair of Yeezy boost 350 V-2 that sold out in seconds! The "stegry/beluga/solred" colorway that Kanye released last Saturday was completely different from the other shoes that he launched last year because of the band of neon orange on the side of the shoes. Kanye has a huge fanbase of sneaker-heads who are willing to use bots and camp outside the store to purchase these shoes at retail price, making these Yeezys high covetable. Last weekend Kanye also showed up to Chance the Rapper's music festival in a pair of unreleased "white-based" V-2 Yeezys that certainly got the sneaker-heads all waiting in anticipation for more information on the release date to come out.

The glitter makeup trend also exploded during Milan Fashion Week Spring Summer 2016-2017. This glitter trend actually started during NYFW when Pat Macgrath created dark-red glittered lips for the models in the DKNY show. During MFW, Fendi models also strutted down the runway with bright glittered lips, Giamba models had glittered patterns painted on their foreheads and Versace models had silver glitters at the inner corners of their eyes, brightening up their look.

This week, **Kesi Wilson '17** looked cool in her black graphic t-shirt, oversized bomber jacket, black skinny jeans and white sneakers. **Emily Robb '17** kept it simple in her white collared shirt, black knitted sweater and Ray-Ban sunglasses. **Dylan Blackett '19** looked fashion forward in his black sweater and shorts. **Hanna Pak '19** stood out with her purple hair, black cut-out blouse, pointed ankle boots and bomber jacket. **JP Mullins '17** kept it classy in his blazer, neck tie, collared shirt and shorts. **Natalie Love '19** wore a red flannel, high top converse, clear framed glasses and black supreme cap.

Want a perfect fall transitioning piece? The trenchcoat might be just the right thing for you! Not only are trench coats perfect for the fall temperature, but they can also protect you from the rain that is predicted to fall everyday for the rest of the week. Trenchcoats are a classic fall piece that will

help you look chic and fashion forward with basic base pieces (such as a simple sweater and white sneakers). During New York Fashion Week Spring Summer 2017, we have seen a comeback of trench coats in the street style of many fashion show attendees. Whether it be a black leather trench coat, classic tan trench coat or an oversized trench coat, many NYFW fashionistas wore trench coats that all had different materials, patterns and silhouettes, suggesting that trench coats are going to be a big thing this fall.

Good luck to those taking the SATs and competing in a sports game this Saturday! We'll definitely keep you guys updated on the fashion and beauty trends all around the world.

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FacultySpotlight

Mr. McConnell

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In his eight years at Exeter, history instructor Kent McConnell has dedicated himself to his work both in and out of the history department. He's held positions as a residential faculty member in Webster Hall, an adviser for History Club, a member of the publications committee and a member of the curriculum committee. But where McConnell's true interests lie are in his work as a historian and teacher.

McConnell's interest in history traces back to his third grade social studies class, which exposed him to a world far beyond the confines of his rural surroundings. "I grew up in western Pennsylvania which was, at that time, farm and rusty steel country, and so to encounter a whole different world was really neat for me," he recalled. His fascination with the subject developed as he came to know an oral tradition within his household regarding a great-great-grandfather who fought in the American Civil War. Later stumbling upon documentation of his ancestor, McConnell conducted his own research and discovered that "a lot of it turned out to be true" but some was steeped in mythology. This in turn led him to his studies of the Civil War era.

In terms of schooling, McConnell has had, in his words, "a lot of it." After receiving a bachelor's degree in history from Westminster College, he earned both a master's in religion at Yale and a second master's in history, religion and philosophy at Princeton. McConnell went on to complete a third master's degree as well as a doctorate at University of Virginia.

While teaching at the college level

later on, McConnell came across an advertisement for Exeter and remembers being drawn to the school for two reasons: the Harkness method and the intellectually engaged student body. "You meet students here who are young but in many ways just as mature, if not more mature, than college students," McConnell explained. Furthermore, he enjoyed being "amongst most students who are conversational, will look you in the face as you speak, and are genuinely interested in what you're doing." He recognized that the culture of Exeter, in which students are willing to accept hard work and rigor, is "really special and unique." This was important for McConnell because he believes that history, like all subjects, requires discipline. "I always say this to my students—it's called a discipline for a reason."

McConnell applies this standard of discipline to his own research and writing pursuits outside of the classroom as well. His professors showed him that writing and teaching were equally important and both inform you in what you do. "Frankly, I can't see doing my job as a teacher any other way," he explained. And while he admitted that it takes "a ton of energy and time" to write, he pointed out that it allows him to honestly tell students that he has writing deadlines just like them—that he understands their challenges and can help them. Not only does he see his research as a fundamental part of his role as teacher, but he believes that "the best historians are ones who are writing because writing presents a host of problems in the way you understand history and teach history; so they're intimately related skills."

Thus, McConnell has succeeded in remaining an active researcher and writer while teaching at Exeter. In addition to giving professional papers on a regular basis, he currently has a prestigious year-long research fellowship concerning the Civil War and was invited to participate in a travelling scholars program for the New Hampshire Humanities Council. McConnell has two forthcoming articles and is finishing a book that the Cambridge University Press will publish.

Noting the depth of his academic undertakings, McConnell's colleagues in the history department expressed their respect for his work. Describing him as "thoughtful, immensely well-read and articulate," history instructor Michael Golay said, "I have the utmost respect for him."

History instructor Betty Luther-Hillman lauded McConnell's creativity. She said, "he isn't afraid to break out of the mold of the typical reading assignment and give his students a really challenging academic article or have them do their own primary source research and bring their results to class." Golay echoed her praise, adding that "he goes his own way, as I do, and I admire him for that." In the words of history instructor Amy Schwartz, "he is actually a space-time traveller from the 19th century."

Likewise, McConnell's students and advisees expressed their highest praise. Senior SP Agata observed that he has always been good at connecting with students "past his academic and adviser duties." Lower Greg Miller described him as "one of the nicest people on campus" and "one of the smartest people on campus, but he'd never say it himself." Lower

Alan Xie noted that he is "passionate about the subject that he teaches," while lower Ryan Miller commented, "without a doubt, Mr. McConnell is one of the coolest teachers that I have met here at Exeter." Greg Miller added "he's like a real life lumberjack but way smarter," and went on to compare him to a father figure. Similarly, the lower Miller said, "I love my dad, but if I had to have a dad who couldn't be my dad now, it would be Mr. McConnell because he's such an awesome and insanely smart guy."

For senior Leena Hamad, McConnell has been "really refreshing" because he "cares more about having students understand historical forces and their significance than just sticking to a curriculum." According to upper Joe Bridges, "he runs the best Harkness class in the school." Senior Isabel Bagger pointed out that he is not afraid to force his students out of their comfort zones and challenge them. "He seems to be an expert on everything he assigns us, and is able to guide the class very well but at the same time leave plenty of room for us to guide ourselves," she remarked.

Senior Camden Corso felt that McConnell has opened his mind to the "biased lens through which we view history," while senior Erik Lee simply described his class as "enlightening." Though senior Grace Duisberg found him "pretty intimidating" at first, she concluded, "he's brilliant and he's encouraging in a way that no other history teachers have been in my experience." She continued, "in the couple weeks of classes I've had him I've learned more than I did in any single history class before this."

ACADEMY LIFE DAY QUOTEBOX

By JAMIE CASSIDY
Staff Writer

"The beach was fun. Some of us got ice cream. Others did not. C-ball was electric. Milo and I won a lot."

- Lower Taylor Walshe

"I loved getting to share my advisory group with my dorm because my adviser is not affiliated with my dorm. I had so much fun and am happy the weather is getting cooler.

(How many days til hockey season?)"

- Upper Kaleigh Conte

"We climbed a tractor to take pictures."

- Upper Lili Hernandez

"I got thrown in the ocean with my clothes on."

- Senior JP Mullins

"It was hard to decide whether to take basic pictures with the pumpkins or the apples."

- Senior Emily LaRovere

"We spent an hour on the scavenger hunt and I still don't know which team won."

- Lower Issy Wise

"Sure, dodgeball was fun, but on this day of remembrance we could have done more to honor Phil Veale. (Congrats on the engagement by the way.)"

- Senior Morgan Himmer

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: JP MULLINS AND LIAM OAKLEY

By CHIMENUM TASIE-AMADI and
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Thrown by the opposing team, the ball rockets towards the goal. At the last second, senior JP Mullins propels himself out the water, arms extending out to his sides, and smacks the ball away. The pop resonates throughout the pool and the crowd roars. He picks up the ball and quickly passes to teammate and senior Liam Oakley who skillfully maneuvers around his defender. Oakley passes up as the team transitions to offense, making an assist as Exeter scores.

Oakley and Mullins are co-captains of the boys' varsity water polo team. In the pool, Mullins is a stalwart goalie and consistent passer that his teammates can rely on. Liam on the other hand, is a fierce defender and sharp shooter—one that can always be trusted with the ball. A "give and take" combination, as Mullins describes the pair, the two are great leaders and great players.

In sixth grade, Mullins decided to try out for football. Not finding the sport appealing, he was convinced by a group of friends to try water polo in seventh grade. He started his first two years in the sport as a field player with rudimentary skills. However, after a sudden four-inch growth spurt over the summer after sixth grade, he transitioned into a goalie. Arriving at Exeter as a new lower, he was double-rostered and played as the third-string goalie. But, with two seniors ahead of him, he knew that he would be the starter for the following year.

Oakley started playing water polo his prep year, following in the footsteps of his two older brothers who were on the team. Oakley recalled his first water polo memory during pre-season. "We were supposed to pair up with an experienced player and Nick DuPont '14, the captain at the time, picked me and practically drowned me," Oakley said. It may have been challenging at first, but the unity and brotherhood of the team have drawn him back year after year.

Teammate and upper Taylor Walshe described Mullins as "de-



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termined," "a strong leader" and "passionate." To Mullins, the title of captain is a large responsibility. The team will compete in 13 games over the course of the season, culminating in Interschols and hopefully, the championships.

Describing Mullins' leadership, upper Harry Saunders said, "JP stepped up as a captain who really stressed a team mentality, bringing people together. I think people really like that. He's a vocal leader in the huddle."

His guidance is especially visible during games. "JP plays goalie and with his view of the pool he yells out

commands or pointers to other players while they're playing," Walshe said.

To Oakley, the role of captain is nominal. "Being captain means nothing to me. Everyone on the team is just as valuable as the other. We can all look to each other when we need help, whether it be in the pool or out," he said.

Walshe describes Oakley as "funny, motivated and kind." This image of Liam seems to be shared by his teammates. "Liam has a lot of enthusiasm, and he can get people pumped up," Saunders said.

His teammates admire his reli-

ability in games. Saunders praised his skill. "Liam is a reliable guy to put the ball in the hands of; he is always a good shooter," he said.

Both Mullins and Oakley are known to be captains that are easy to get along with and care for the well-being of all the athletes on the team. Their teammates explained how they help everyone to stay focused and make sure to help any teammate who is struggling. During games, the team rallies around the two of them. Their teammates believe that the captains' positive mentality and actions are a reason for the team's success.

BOYS' WATER POLO CONTINUES WINNING STREAK



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Senior Jonathan Lee prepares to pass over a defender.

By ERICA HOGAN
Staff Writer

Boys' water polo continued its winning streak, ending this week 5-0 after matches against Andover last Wednesday and Williston and Hopkins on Saturday. The team beat Andover at home 16-7, and played Williston and Hopkins at Williston, winning 17-2 and 13-2 respectively.

Exeter went into this week having earned great success thus far into the season and continued to show their dominance. This week also provided non-starting players with valuable play time, helping to ensure depth on Bear Polo.

Upper Taylor Walshe highlighted the team's strong defense during the Andover match, saying, "Our hard press defense wore down Andover," he said. Exeter had a particularly strong second quarter, scoring nine points and allowing them to let in newer players to give them

experience.

The weekend games proved unchallenging for the boys of the Exeter water polo team. Captain JP Mullins said that the team "won both pretty easily." In the match against Williston, Exeter went in strong, playing all the starters. The team was up 10-0 at the end of the first quarter. Seven of those goals were scored by upper Jamie Cassidy. "We wanted to end the game after the first quarter and we did that," Walshe said. This early lead allowed the team to play bench players, just as in the Andover game. The team had each starter match up with a bench player, so that the more experienced members of Bear Polo could advise and mentor the next group of players.

The second game of the weekend against Hopkins went similarly to the other one, with the starters finding great success, allowing bench players to build skills. Unlike the Williston game, the match against Hopkins started slow, with

the opposing team scoring the first goal. By half-time however, Exeter was up 11-1, allowing less experienced players to enter the pool. The team continued to find success, showing the depth on Bear Polo. Prep Andrew Sun scored his first goal of the season in the second half, eliciting enthusiasm from the rest of the team. "We were all really excited," upper Jackson Parell said of Sun's goal. The team as a whole was delighted to see the strength of the newer players on the team. "It was awesome to see that even with the bench players in the game we extended our lead," said Walshe.

Team members highlighted a strong defense and fierce energy as contributing factors to the team's success. "In both games, we came out with some really good intensity," Mullins said. Upper Harry Saunders felt that the factors that defined the team's play "were a very strong press defense as well as an aggressive fast break." Mullins echoed

that sentiment, highlighting the team's "strong defense holding [Williston and Hopkins] to just two goals per game."

Even though the team has found great success at this point in the season, they continue to feel the need to improve and work harder. The relatively weak competition Bear Polo has faced thus far reminds the team that they must keep working to find success against harder teams, such as Brunswick, later this season.

"We feel confident about the outcome. However, these games were not against strong opponents; we still need to improve," Saunders said. Walshe highlighted the 6-5 play as a place for the team to polish, saying "We really need to work on our man-up play because we aren't scoring goals off of it and it's a waste of a great opportunity."

Next for Bear Polo is a match against St. John's Prep on Wednesday and a home game against Choate on Saturday.



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GIRLS' SOCCER BREAKS DOWN DOORS

Soxie Takes Home Refreshing 2-0 Win Against Deerfield

By **ARIELLE LUI**
Staff Writer

The girls' varsity soccer team brought home a 2-0 win against Deerfield Academy on Saturday. This was the first win of the season for the team, following three consecutive losses.

The girls came off the two-hour bus ride to Deerfield with a strong desire to win. Lower Ogechi Nwankwoala explained that several players were injured and that many girls stepped up into different positions. However, they kept "a scoring mentality" in their minds and consistently took shots. "The team has really wanted a win for a while now, and we all knew that the ride back from Deerfield would be extra long if we lost," Nwankwoala said.

Co-captain and senior Grace Pratt agreed. "We all came together as a team and said that we did not drive two hours to lose or to tie," she said.

Upper Anna Reaman scored the first goal of the game off a header. The assisting cross came from prep Abby Smith. Reaman knew Big Red how badly Big Red wanted the win. "Everyone on the team wanted to beat Deerfield," she said.

Nwankwoala mentioned how Smith's first assist "fired up" the team. "The key player in this game was Abby Smith," she said. "She constantly took the ball down the line and made crosses."

Prep Dennessa Rolle scored the second goal off a corner kick from co-captain and senior Daniela Nemirovsky. Nemirovsky was proud of the team's aggressive attitude, which allowed them to get the ball first and create opportunities.

"I think the team was able to learn from our last few games in realizing that we can't just go out, score and then lie back," Nemirovsky said. "Because of this everyone stayed strong throughout the whole game to not only defend



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Prep Abby Smith winds up for a shot.

our early goal, but to go after another one."

During practice the team has been working on defense and switching the field. Post-graduate Kat Cucullo explained how during this game, the girls applied their practice drills when midfielders cleanly passed to the forwards. However, she pointed out that the team was tired out by the second half. "We all have to work on our mental games when we aren't doing so hot," she said.

Cucullo admired senior Hannah Gustafson for her tough play as midfielder.

Pratt also praised Gustafson. "She works so hard in the midfield and even came back on after an injury," she said. "She's great at controlling the ball and distributing it where it needs to go."

Upper Samantha Weaver also applauded a center midfielder, upper Lauren Arkell, for her "key plays" during the game.

With goalkeeper and senior Veronica Galimberti out from a concussion, senior Eloise Shields took over the goal and faced Deerfield's offense. Other members of Big Red's defense also stepped up to the challenge.

Reaman described them as "a wall that could not be broken." She continued, "The back line was consistently solid throughout the entire game." Reaman praised Shields for her saves. Nwankwoala also credited the keeper.

"Deerfield took a decent amount of shots on her and every time she caught the ball," Reaman said. "She was also very calm and I think she kept everyone else calm as well, even when Deerfield was pressing against us."

The team's next home game will be Saturday, Oct. 8 against Milton Academy at 1 p.m.

Weekend Scoreboard

Field Hockey	3	Girls' Soccer	2	Girls' XC	2nd
Cushing Academy	2	Deerfield Academy	0	Codfish Bowl	
Boys' JV Soccer	1	Football	20	Boys' Water Polo	17
Holderness	1	Worcester Academy	46	Williston	2

Moxie Picks Up 2nd Win

By **TAYLOR WALSH**
Contributing Writer

The Exeter girls' field hockey team made the trip down to Cushing Academy this past Saturday. Earlier in the week, the girls lost a tough match to the very talented Governors team. Big Red picked up their second victory of the season with a 3-2 win over the home team and pointed their season back in the right direction.

The team started the game with fierce intensity and took the upper hand quickly. Exeter attacked the Cushing defense and got on the scoreboard first. Lower Catherine Griffin noted, "Cushing had a couple of strong players but as a team they weren't very strong defensively." Exeter took advantage of this opportunity and extended their lead to 3-0 with a pair of goals from lowers Lydia Anderson and Griffin.

With a comfortable lead, Exeter eased off, and Cushing came roaring back into the competition. The girls' lead quickly diminished as their opponents found the back of the net twice. Now only a one goal game, the girls picked up the pace and battled hard the rest of the game. In the end, Exeter was able to fend off Cushing's comeback and stayed on top. Exeter's offense is flourishing, and has already scored multiple times this season.

The productivity stems from the team's ability to quickly pass the ball around and finding an open player to set up for a shot. This ball move-



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Upper Johna Vandergraaf battles a Governor's defender for the ball.

ment generates many good shots that challenge the opponent's goal keeper. Similar to last week's game, the girls used the aerial pass, which flicks the ball up in the air to another teammate, making it hard to defend.

Coach Elizabeth Hurley agreed that the team's offense is stellar but added that the team's defense, as a whole, is an area that they are looking to work on. She explained that the team, "started a new defensive set up, which all the girls are working hard on, but they still need to clean it

up." Hopefully, the team can master the new defensive and make it nearly impossible for their opponents to score.

Now that the season is well under way, the girls have truly united together as a team. Although the team's goal is to improve their defensive unit as a whole, Senior Caroline Grace explained that each player on the team, "plans on improving [their] own individual defense skills." The girls' passion to improve their own skills for the greater good of the team will help them be

even more successful. Big Red has back to back home games this week as they play the Winsor School on Wednesday and then Deerfield on Saturday. Even though Academy Life Day was this Monday, the team held a captain's practice to make sure they would be ready for the upcoming games.

The last time Exeter played Deerfield the game ended in a 0-0 tie after overtime. The girls' prolific offense should help them score against Deerfield this time and take home the win.

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Water Polo



Bear Polo took down their opponents in their most recent match, bringing their record to 5-0. Read more on B5.

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Athlete of the Week

Seniors Liam Oakley and JP Mullins captain this year's water polo team. Read more on B5.



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SATURDAY GAMES:

G/B XC	Away	3:00 pm
Field Hockey	Home	5:45 pm
B. Soccer	Home	4:15 pm
Football	Home	5:30 pm
B. Water Polo	Home	5:00 pm
G. Volleyball	Away	5:00 pm